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March 1943

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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H. 100M 2/42

Unit 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Date and Time.—From 1st March '43. To 31st March '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ADELAIDE RIVER.	1		WEATHER Heavy rain throughout day and night. W/PARTIES Capt. GHS GRAHAM, Lt. NEWTON and Pioneer pl. working on STAPLETON - REYNOLDS RIVER TRACK.	
			TRAINING Morning; coys on route marches. Afternoon, coys in fieldcraft exercises, carrying out lessons as learnt in recent JUNGLE W'FARE lectures and demos. Maj. JA SMITH, Lt. WATSON, sig pl and RMO CARRYING OUT test loadings of men and donkeys. COMDRS CONF. Mjr HH McDONALD to 19 Bde for conference re test loading. MOVEMENT Lt. R.E. PAPE to 65. CORP SCHOOL OF ARTY & A.TK. 10.r. evac to 119 AGH. 10.r. rtu. ex 119 AGH. 1 o.r. t.o.s from NT Force Canteens. 23 o.r.'s return to lines from REAR HQ. (work party). 30.r.'s to No. 11 COOKERY school at WINELLE. Adm. Instr No. 5..... Appx. I.	
	2		WEATHER Cloudy. TRAINING Morning: coy route marches SNAKE CRK - STAPLETON area. Afternoon: two coys EAST and two coys WEST of camp area; Preparing to occupy posns. & holding posns occupied.	
			W/PARTIES Same as for 1 March. MOVEMENT 6 o.r.'s evacuated to 119 AGH. 1 o.r. trans to AASC.	
	3		WEATHER Cloudy and light showers. W/PARTIES same as for 1 March. TRAINING Morning: coy adm. Washing and mending clothes etc. Afternoon: Coys carry out weapon trg in lines. Lecturettes on discipline and Jungle w'fare.	
			MOVEMENT 3 o.r.'s evac 119 AGH. 10.r. trans to 116 Mobile Bath. 6 o.r.'s rtu. 3 ex AGH. 3 ex schools. 1 o.r. taken on strength ex NTFARD. Lt. LJ KENNEDY seconded to 19 Aust Inf Bde as from 8 Dec '42.	

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ADELAIDE RIVER.	4		WEATHER Cloudy, light showers in afternoon. W/PARTIES Same as for 1 Mar.	
			TRAINING Morning: all coys on route marches along SNAKE CRK - STAPLETON track. Afternoon: coys weapon trg in coy lines.	
	5		WEATHER Cloudy. W/PARTIES Same as for 1 Mar.	
			TRAINING Morning: coy route marches STAPLETON track. Afternoon: coy exercises EAST and WEST of camp area. Snipers firing snipers rifle on No 1 range.	
			MOVEMENT 6 o.r.'s taken off strength. 1 o.r. rtu ex Det Barracks 3 o.r.'s rtu ex II9 AGH. Lt. MUDGE taken on strength ex NTFARD.	
			APPENDIX. Adm Instr. No. 6 (Labour for works.).....	Appx. 2
	6		WEATHER Cloudy with light showers. W/PARTIES 2 offrs and 22 o.r.'s working on STAPLETON track. 5 o.r.'s guard on Bde Amn Dump. STAPLETON track.	
			TRAINING Morning: Bn route march along NORTH - SOUTH rd to PELL FIELD. Afternoon: coy exercises EAST and WEST of unit lines.	
			COMDR. Lieut Col W.S. HOWDEN taken on strength from 5 Aust Inf Bn. to be C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.	
			MOVEMENT 1 o.r. rtu ex II9 AGH. 1 o.r. trans to I2 DIVRECEPT-ION CAMP.	
			APPENDIX Training Syll. for week ending 13 Mar.....	Appx. 3.
	7		WEATHER Morning fine. afternoon showery. W/PARTIES Same as for 6 Mar.	
			TRAINING Nil. Church parade in unit lines.	
			MOVEMENT 2 o.r.'s rtu ex No.5 CAMOUFLAGE COURSE.	

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ADELAIDE RIVER.	8		WEATHER Heavy rain throughout night 7/8 Mar. Cloudy, with occasional showers during day.	
			W/PARTIES 2 offrs and 97 o.r's loading party at NOONAMAH. 2 offrs and 27 o.r's incl guard on AMN DUMP at	
			TRAINING H.Q. coy specialist trg in coy lines. B & C coys pl. exercises WEST of 66 Mile post. D coy pls. in attack and consolidation on WEST slopes of MT. SHEPHERD.	
			ARTY TRG Mjr.H.H. SMITH. Capts BRAHAM, DIFFEY, METCALFE, and Lieut ADAMS to 4I Fd. Bty for arty trg.	
		I730	AIR SUPPORT All offrs to AIR SUPPORT lectures at 2/4 Bn.	
			ROAD PATROL 4 o.r's recce HUMPTY DOO tracks from HUGHES FIELD and 42 Mile. (both tracks impassable approx 1 mile from Main rd.)	
			APPENDIX Adm Instr. No.7 "AIR RAIDS"	Appx. 4
	9		WEATHER Cloudy, heavy showers during afternoon.	
			W/PARTIES same as for 8 Mar. 10 o.r's to McMINNS LAGOON for Bde woodchopping party.	
			TRAINING B coy pl. exercises on WEST slopes MT. SHEPHERD. C & D coys pl. exercises WEST of 66 Mile post. A.TK. pl. carrying out tactical exercises in vicinity of GOODILLA.	
			ARTY TRG Remainder H.Q. coy specialist trg in coy lines. coy comdrs to 4I Bty for arty trg.	
			LECTURES All offrs to 2/4 Aust Inf Bn for AIR SUPPORT lectures.	
			G.O.C. Maj Gen. STEVENS visited unit lines.	
			APPENDICES DUTY OFFICER screed issued to all offrs	Appx. 5.
			Adm Instr. No.8 (exercises & schemes).....	Appx. 6.
	10		WEATHER cloudy with occasional light showers.	
			W/PARTIES same as for 9 Mar.	

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ADELAIDE RIVER.	10		<p>TRAINING H.Q. coy tactical exercises on WEST slopes of Mt. SHEPHERD. Rifle coys spend morning washing clothes. Afternoon: Weapon trg and Unarmed combat in coy lines. Coy comdrs to 41 Bty for arty trg.</p> <p>RECCE Lieut. Col. W.S. HOWDEN & Mjr H.H. McDONALD TO recce area for AIR SUPPORT demonstration (12 Mar.)</p> <p>OFFRS MESS A.I.L.O. & 4 offrs from 32 Sqdrn entertained at Mess.</p> <p>LECTURE Sqdr Ldr. gives lecture on AIR SUPPORT to officers.</p> <p>PICTURES Picture party from lines to ADELAIDE RIVER pictures.</p> <p>MOVEMENT 3 o.r.'s evacuated to II9 A.G.H.</p>	
	11		<p>WEATHER Light showers throughout day.</p> <p>W/PARTIES Same as for 10 Mar.</p> <p>TRAINING B & D coys vicinity 66 Mile; coys in attack. C coy. one pl carrying out "Test Exercise" remainder coy carrying out T.O.E.T. in coy lines.</p> <p>RECCE Officers attend AIR SUPPORT lectures at 2/4 Aust Inf Bn. Mjr H.H. McDONALD, Capt. S.C. DIFFEY, Lieut. W.B. DOWNING and SIG SGT. recce area EAST of 62 Mile Post.</p>	
		I400	<p>D.C.M. being held in recreation hut; Mjr H.H. McDONALD presiding.</p> <p>MOVEMENT 1 offr and 4 o.r.'s evac to II9 A.G.H. 3 o.r.'s rtu from II9 A.G.H. 4 M.T. drivers attending Bde school.</p>	
	12		<p>WEATHER Fine early, showers in afternoon.</p> <p>W/PARTIES same as for 10 Mar.</p> <p>TRAINING All offrs less one per coy, and all pl. sgts to "AIR SUPPORT" demonstration. 2/8 Bn provided skeleton bn; Mjr H.H. McDONALD comdr. Capt. S.C. DIFFEY coy comdr. Lieut. TURNBULL pl. comdr. AIR SUPPORT from 12 Sqdrn. All coys on route marches.</p> <p>MOVEMENT 1 o.r. rtu ex II9 A.G.H. 2 o.r. trans to 12 Div Rec Camp.</p>	

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ADELAIDE RIVER	13		<p>WEATHER Fine.</p> <p>W/PARTIES 2 offrs and 22 o.r.'s working on STAPLETON - REYNOLDS RIVER RD . 5 o.r.'s guard on BDE AMN DUMP . 10 o.r.'s Bde wood chopping party MCMINNS LAGOON.</p> <p>5 o.r.'s guard at 119 A.G.H.</p> <p>2 offrs 104 o.r.'s loading party at NOONAMAH.</p> <p>TRAINING B & C coys pl exercises WEST of 66 Mile Post. D Coy WEST of Camp Area- Platoon Exercises 2 pls H. Q. Coy RANGE PRACTICES.</p> <p>MOVEMENT 1 or r.t.u ex N. T. Force DETENTION BARRACKS 2 ors r.t.u ex 119 A. G. H. 1 sgt r.t.u ex Adv. H.Q. 5 ors evacuated to 119 A.G.H. 1 or transferred to 2/2 Fd Coy. 1 or " " 12 Aust Div Rec Camp.</p> <p>ROAD PATROLS- 2 ors PATROL -Track 42 mile - HUMPTY DOO</p>	ref Map DARWIN & ENVIRONS sheet .6.
	14		<p>WEATHER Fine</p> <p>W/PARTIES 2 offrs 104 ors NOONAMAH 2 " 22 " STAPLETON - REYNOLDS RIVER TRACK 10 " WOOD CUTTING MCMINNS LAGOON 5 " Curad Amn Dumps STAPLETON TRACK</p> <p>TRAINING NIL. Church Parade Unit Lines.</p> <p>MOVEMENT 4 ors r.t.u ex 119 A.G.H 1 or evac " "</p> <p>1 or transferred to 6 Aust Inf. Bn 2 ors to CAMOUFLAGE COURSE.</p> <p>TRAINING SYLLABUS ISSUED.....</p>	Appx .7.

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ADELAIDE RIVER	15		WEATHER Fine	
			W/PARTIES 2 offrs 104 ors r.t.u ex NOONAMAH Other Parties same as for 14 Mar. Guard on Amn Dumps (STAPLETON TRACK) to be relieved by 2/4 Aust. Inf. Bn.	
			TRAINING Trg hrs as per syllabus. (1400-1630 2000-2400 hrs) B Coy. L.M.G. Practice Morning. Compass March afternoon C.D.&H.Q. Coys Afternoon T.O.E.T's NIGHT Compass March	
			MOVEMENT 1 or trans to 2/11 Fd Regt 4 ors evac. to 119 A.G.H. 4 ors to D. & M. Course at Bde.H.Q. Lieut. J.C. WILSON r.t.u. ex 119 A. G. H.	
			TRAINING INSTRUCTION 2/43 - Platoon Exercises issued APPX .8.	
	16		WEATHER Fine	
			W/PARTIES 10 ors W'chopping MCMINNS LAGOON 2 offrs 22 ors STAPLETON - REYNOLDS RIVER TRACK 5 ors Guard on Bde Amn Dumps (STAPLETON TRACK)	
			TRAINING C & D Coys Pl Exercise with No.2. pl & CARRIERS as enemy A Coy fire L.M.G. Practice B & H.Q. Coys T.O.E.T's	
			NIGHT TRG 2 Coys EAST, 2 coys WEST of bn lines- FIGHTING PATROLS Lt.Col.W.S.HOWDEN, MAJOR.McDONALD, Capt.J.H.GRIFFITH, Lt.J.C.WILSON set course for Pl EXERCISES.	
			MOVEMENT 1 or r.t.u ex DETENTION 1 or r.t.u ex 119 A.G.H. 1 or evac to 119 A.G.H. 1 or 7 days COMPASSIONATE LEAVE	
	17		WEATHER Fine	
			W/PARTIES 2 offrs 22 ors STAPLETON TRACK 10 ors WOOD CUTTING McMINNS LAGOON.	

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ADELAIDE RIVER	17 (contd)		<p>TRAINING Afternoon: A & B Coys pl exercise at 125170 (Ref Map with 1. pl H.Q. coy as enemy. Remainer of coys WEAPON trg coy lines</p> <p>NIGHT: A&B coys EAST of lines. C&D coys WEST. FIGHTING PATROLS</p> <p>PL EXERCISES: Umpires as follows;— Lt. Col HOWDEN. MAJOR McDONALD MAJ. SMITH. CAPTS BRAHAM & GRIFFITH. Lt WILSON.</p> <p>MOVEMENT Lt. G. F. N. FISHLOCK r.t.u. 1 or r.t.u ex 119 A.G.H 5 ors r.t.u. ex Bde Arm Dump. 2 ors evac 119 A.G.H.</p>	BACHELOR ADELAIDE R.)
	18		<p>WEATHER Fine</p> <p>W/PARTIES 2 offrs 19 ors STAPLETON TRACK 10 ors McMINNS LAGOON 3 ors GURRD KKK 119 A.G.H.</p> <p>TRAINING B coy on exercise all day (Conducted by Bde) Coys GAS T.O.E.T's. H.Q coy Specialist trg MORTARS fire practice.</p> <p>NIGHT A,C,D, cots INFILTRATION exercises. Lt. Col HOWDEN, Capt GRIFFITH to Bde exercise.</p> <p>MOVEMENT 3 ors r.t.u ex 119 A.G.H. 2 ors evac. 119 A.G.H. 1. or transferred to 119 A.G.H. 1 or trans 19 Bde.H.Q.</p> <p>RECCE. Major McDONALD.H. & Lt WILSON. J.C. recce area per m/c for FIELD FIRING RANGE.</p> <p>TRAINING SYLLABUS for period 22-27 Mar issued</p>	Appx .9.
	19		<p>WEATHER Fine</p> <p>W/PARTIES 2 offrs 19 ors STAPLETON TRACK. 10 ors McMINNS LAGOON</p> <p>TRAINING ; Afternoon:- Coys Weapon trg & T.O.E.T's in lines</p> <p>NIGHT : A & C coys PATROLS EAST of Camp. C & D coys WEST. H.Q. coy COMPASS MARCHES & PATROLS.</p>	

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ADELAIDE RIVER	19		MORTAR SHOOT. 3" M. firing from A & H.Q. coy H.Qs by map. Lt. Col HOWDEN, Major McDONALD. Lt WILSON to FIELD FIRING RANGE. ADM/ INSTR No. 91 (Labour for Works issued..... Appx. 10. " " RANGE PRACTICES issued..... Appx. 11.	
	20		WEATHER Fine W/PARTIES 2 ofrs 19 ors STAPLETON TRACK 10 ors MCMINNS LAGOON. TRAINING : Morning; All coys in lines Afternoon: Coys practising 'Procedure for NIGHT ATTACKS' MOVEMENT Lt. TRETOWAN & 1 or r.t.u ex 119 A.G.H 3 ors evac to 119 A.G.H 3 ors detached to 19 Bde H.Q. 3 ors ration party STAPLETON. 4 ors D.&.M COURSE at Bde. " LESSONS FROM PLATOON EXERCISES " issued..... Appx. 12.	
	21		WEATHER Fine W/PARTIES 2 ofrs 19 ors STAPLETON TRACK 10 ors MCMINNS LAGOON. 1 offr 29 ors to BERRY SPRINGS (W/Party) TRAINING NIL. Unit Church parade attended by Brig. J.E. MARTIN and STAFF CAPT. Bn remainder of day in lines. MOVEMENT Capt METCALF, Lt FISHLOCK & 2 ors march out to 19 A.I.T.B Cpl TREWIN marches out to O.C.T.U. 1 or to No. 3. Int Course at WINELLIE 1 or to No. 11 S.B. Course 1 or r.t.u. ex 119 A.G.H 2 ors r.t.u ex CAMOUFLAGE COURSE.	
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ADELAIDE RIVER	22		WEATHER N Fine & Hot	
			W/PARTIES 10 ors McMINNS LAGOON 2 offrs 19 ors (pnr pl) STAPLETON TRACK 1 offr 60 ors NONAMAH (loading party) 1 offr 30 ors BERRY SPRINGS.	
			TRAINING A Coy RIFLE/PRACTICE No.1. Range all day C coy Bde JUNGLE ASSUALT COURSE Morning Pl JUNGLE TACTICS afternoon D Coy Platoon in ATTACK & DEFENCE all day. H.Q. Coy Soec. trg in lines all day.	
			MOVEMENT 1 or transferred to 12 Aust Div Proveset Coy 1 or A.A.P.C. ceases to be attached 1 sgt Instructor r.t.u. ex Rd ORD PK- ADELAIDE .R. 1 sgt to No.16 Map Reading Course.	
			TRAINING INSTRUCTION 3/43 issued.....	Appx .13.
			TRAINING INSTRUCTION 4/43 issued.....	Appx .14
			TRAINING INSTRUCTION Coy EXERCISE. No.1. issued.....	Appx .15.
			WEATHER Fine & Hot.	
			W/PARTIES As for 22 Mar.	
			TRAINING A Coy. Morning. Bde Jungle Assault Course Afternoon. Trg in coy lines B Coy Platoon in ATTACK WEST of Camp Area Trg in Coy Lines D Coy FIELD FIRING Area 121190-140202-145198-118178 ref map BATCHELOR 1 in. Bde Jungle Assault Course H.Q. Coy. Specialist trg in lines. One Sec M.M.Gs & one sec. Mortars on FIELD FIRING RANGE.	
	MOVEMENT Lt. HUDSON 7 1 or r.t.u ex Instructional duties at 14A L of C. 1 W.O.2 T.O.3. ex bde, marched to O.C.T.U & trans. to X list. 1 or r.t.u ex 119 A.G.H.			

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ADELAIDE RIVER	23		RECCE Lt.Col HOWDEN, Capt GRIFFITH, & "I" Sgt recce area for JUNGLE ASSUALT COURSE Lt WASTON & Capt COULSTON to FIELD FIRING Range with C.O.	
	24		WEATHER Fine & Hot W/PARTIES as for 22 Mar TRAINING A Coy FIELD FIRING Morning Trg in Lines afternoon C Coy RANGE PRACTICES all day D Coy Coy JUNGLR ASSUALT COURSE EXERCISE H.Q. Coy. Spec trh in lines. one sec mortars, one sec M.M.Gs at Pd FIRING RANGE. Det of CARRIERS & No2. pl as enemy Coy JUNGLE ASSUALT COURSE FIELD FIRING RANGE:- Major McDONALD i/c. SARTY OFFERS. Lts WILSON MUDGE CHAFFE McDERMOTT & COOPER. COY JUNGLE ASSUALT COURSE:) UMPIRES :- Lt.Col HOWDEN, Capts GRIFFITH, COULSTON & Lt WATSON. MOVEMENT Capt. G.H.S.GRAHAM b.t.u. ex STAPLETON w/party	
	25		WEATHER Fine W/PARTIES As for 22 Mar. TRAINING A Coy pl in attack in lines morning. Coy EXERCISE in afternoon Area 130208. Enemy A.A & CARRIER PLs Capts GRIFFITH, COULSTON Lts WATSON & COOMBS & 2 sgts as Umpires B Coy RANGE PRACTICES all day C Coy ROUTE MARCH morning. MAKE & MEND afternoon H.Q.Coy approx one pl coy exercise remainder Spec trg in lines. RECCE. Lt.Col HOWDEN, Major McDONALD recce area for AIR SUPPORT DEMONSTRATION on 29 Mar. MOVEMENT 2 ors r.t.u ex 119 A.G.H. 6 ors ex N.T.F.A.R.D 1 or LEAVE 2 Sgts EX Bongilla. 2 ORS EVAC 119 AGH	BATCHELOR ADELAIDE.R.MAP

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ADELAIDE RIVER	26		WEATHER Fine	
			W/PARTIES As for 25 Mar.	
			TRAINING A Coy Morning 2" Mortar shoot No.2. range afternoon in lines	
			B & C Coys WEAPON trg in coy lines.	
			D Coy ROUTE MARCH	
			H.Q. Coy Spec trg in coy lines.	
			AIR RECCE Lt.Col W. S. HOWDEN Air Recce of area	
			MOVEMENT 2 ors r.t.u ex 119 A.G.H. 3 ors evac to 119 A.G.H.	
			ADM INSTRUCTION No.10. issued Appx. 17
			TRAINING SYLLABUS issued Appx. 18
		AIR SUPPORT DEMONSTRATION Appx 18.	
ADELAIDE RIVER	27		WEATHER Fine	
			W/PARTIES As for 25 Mar. 10 ors reinforce NOONAMAH PARTY. (Total now 1 offr 70 ors.)	
			TRAINING A coy. Coy in ATTACK COMPASS WORK & MAP READING EAST of coy lines.	
			C Coy Burning of grass in coy area all day	
			D Coy Bn JUNGLR ASSUALT COURSE ref map BATCHELOR ADELAIDE R..	
			125272. Coy exercise EAST of lines in afternoon	
			H.Q. Coy Specialist trg in lines. A/TK pl firing on 103 AUST A/TK REGT RANGE.	
			MOVEMENT. 2 ors r.t.u. ex 119 A.G.H.	
			10 ors to NOONAMAH 4 ors marched out to DETENTION BARRACKS.	
			Capt DIFFEY Lts DOWNING LAIDLAW & 25 ors attend 2/6 Aust Cav. Regt. races. BAND also in attendance	
ADELAIDE RIVER	28		WEATHER Fine	
			W/PARTIES As for 27 Mar.	

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ADELAIDE RIVER	28		<p>CHURCH PARADE: Unit parade 0845 hrs.</p> <p>MOVEMENT: 2 csr to No 15 Fd Works Course. WILELLIE</p> <p>TRAINING: NIL, Coys in lines. All N.C.O's attend Lecture on AIR SUPPORT C.O's office 1030 hrs.</p> <p>AIR SUPPORT DEMONSTRATION SCREED ISSUED..... Appx 19.</p>	
	29		<p>WEATHER: Fine</p> <p>W/PARTIES: 1 offr 70 ors rtu ex NOONAMAH</p> <p>Lt. NEWTON 18 ors STAPLETON TRACK</p> <p>10 ors MCMINNS LAGOON</p> <p>TRAINING: A.E.S. Lecture in Coy lines morning.</p> <p>Coy route matches under coy C.S.M's rest of day.</p> <p>AIR SUPPORT DEMONSTRATION: All officers & N.C.Os attend demo. at 142308 (ref map BATCHELOR ADELAIDE RIVER)</p> <p>AIR SUPPORT By 31 7 12 Sqdns R.A.A.F(Beaufighters & Wirraways. Brewster Buffalos & Republic Lancers also took part, Lt.Col HOWDEN A/Bde Comd. Capt GRIFFITH A/B.M., Lt WILSON A/Bde .IIC for demo.</p> <p>NOTE DEMONSTRATION ONLY FOR 2/8 Aust Ing Bn.</p>	ref Appxs 18 & 19
			<p>ROAD PATROLS: This unit responsible for Patrols xxxxperx for week ending 3 Apr '43.</p> <p>2 ors on m/c recce track ADELAIDE .R.-STAPLETON-REYNOLDS .R.rdejunc.</p> <p>PICTURES: A.E.S. 16 mm film held in unit lines.</p>	
	30		<p>WEATHER: Fine</p> <p>W/PARTIES: 10 ors MCMINNS LAGOON. 1 offr 18 ors STAPLETON Track</p> <p>TRAINING: Bn Parade in morning. Bde Parade in afternoon</p>	

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ADELAIDE RIVER	30 (Contd)		<p>TRAINING: (Contd) in preparation for G.O.C's Parade on 1 Apr. ROAD PATROL: Lt WILSON & 1 or recce tracks;- 42 mile-HUMPTY DOO. HUGHES FIELD-HUMPTY DOO.65 mile-STAPLETON. MOVEMENT: 1 sgt & 1 or to P.A.T.U. 4 ors evac 119 A.G.H. 2 ors r.t.u 119 A.G.H. 6 ors r.t.u ex No 14 S.L.Course. D .C. M.; Held in 23/21 Aust Inf Bn Lines. Capt COULSTON member. Lt WASTON defending offr. 1 or as witness,</p>	
	31		<p>WEATHER: Fine W/PARTIES: 10 ors McMINNS LAGOON. 1 offr 18 ors STAPLETON TRACK 4 ors Bde Recreational Center. TRAINING: Morning : Make & Mend in preparation for G.O.C's PARADE Afternoon: 1 hrs Drill. Bn PARADE. MOVEMENT: 3 ors r.t.u. ex 119 A.G.H.</p>	
			<p>APPENDICIES :- MEDICAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH..... Appx. 20. ROUTINE ORDERS..... Appx. 21. FIELD RETURNS. Offrs & ors..... Appx. 22.</p>	

APPX No 1

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2/8 AUST INF BN ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 5

1 Mar 43

CONTROLLED STORES

1. During the past, examination of the above discloses serious inaccuracies of returns.
2. As from the month ending 19 March 43 instructions as set out herein will apply.
3. A return from all Coys will be submitted to reach Q.M. NOT later than 10.00 hrs on 19th day of each month.
4. Stores on charge to Coys as shown in Appendix "A" are the only stores affected by this return.
5. Coy Comds will forward with this return certificate of accuracy as shown in Appendix "B".
6. Certificate of Accuracy will be signed by Coy Comd and only in extreme circumstances will it be signed by Coy 2 i/c; then it will be stated that Coy Comd was not available.
7. Holdings only will be shown.
8. Controlled stores will not be transferred or loaned without the approval of the Q.M.

J.H. Griffiths Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "B" (To 2/8 Bn Adm Instn No. 5)

CENSUS OF WARLIKE STORES.

CERTIFICATE OF ACCURACY

I certify that ~~this~~ return is a true statement of the controlled stores in this Coy.

Holdings are correct and a physical stocktaking was conducted on..... Any variation in holdings between this and the last return has been accounted for in accordance with Admn Instn No. 5.

Controlled stores have not been transferred or loaned without approval or instruction from Q.M.

Registered numbers where required have been checked and are accurate.

.....
O.C.....Coy.

APPX No 7D

In the field,
5 Mar 43.

2/8 AUST INF BN ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 6

LABOUR FOR WORKS

1. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn is allotted the ~~mentioned~~^{under} duties on the dates shown - Loading and Unloading duties AASC N.T. Force.

2. NOONAMAH, 2 Offrs 97 O.R's 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
 1 Offr 60 O.R's 2/4 Aust Inf Bn

Tour of Duty 8 Mar - 14 Mar inclusive. To be relieved by 23 Aust Inf Bde on 15 Mar 43.

3. COMPOSITION OF 2/8 BN PARTY,

Lieut H.A. COULSTON is appointed O.C. NOONAMAH Works Party and will be directly responsible for Administration and discipline of the Combined Works Party.

"A" Coy will provide 2 Offrs (inclusive Lt. Coulston) 84 O.R's
"C" Coy will provide 1 Cpl 12 O.R's.

4. TENTAGE. Lieut COULSTON will arrange adequate tentage to include admn tentage as required.

5. RATIONS & COOKING GEAR. Unconsumed portion of ration for 8 Mar will be taken, thence D.I.D. NOONAMAH. "A" Coy will take Mobile Cooker and sufficient cooking gear for the whole party of 3 Offrs and 157 O.R's.

6. TRANSPORT. 6 x 3ton ~~xxxxxx~~ AASC vehs will report to "A" Coy lines at 0830 hrs 8 Mar 43. Party will move from "A" Coy lines at 0900 hrs. T.O. will provide 1 x 15 cwt veh for O.C. Party.

7. REPORTING. Lieut COULSTON will report to Camp Comd, NOONAMAH area prior to occupation of the camp site. Camp Comd is O.C. 29 Aust Emp Coy ADELAIDE RIVER.

8. RETURNS. O.C. Party will render daily parade states, arms and ammunition checks to Bn HQ daily by arrangements made by him with DRLS service.

9. ARMS & AMMUNITION. Personnel will carry normal arms and ammunition.

10. Coy A & B Echelon loaded per Tropical Vehicle Scale will move with "A" Coy.

11. CONVOY PROTECTION. O.C. Party will mount two AA LMGs for the road move.

12. SECURITY. O.C. Party will be responsible for normal security measures, of all arms, equipment and Govt property of this party.

DISTN: List "B"

H. Griffiths Capt.
Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Appx No 3

SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 13 MARCH 43 - 2/8 AUST INF BN

Serial	Unit	Date	Time	S.P.	Route or Direction	Area of Exercise	Type of Training	Remarks
1	2/8 Aust Inf Bn.	8 March	0930 - 1700	69 Mile		Training Areas (i) B & C Coys 66 Mile STAPLETON Track (ii) D Coy WEST Mt. SHEPHERD	Pl Exercise Attack and Consolidation	To be prepared by Coy Comds. Schemes to be submitted to Bn <u>24 hours prior</u> to exercise Lessons - As given by C.O.
2	do	9 March	0930 - 1230	do		C & D Coys as (i) B Coy as (ii) above	Pl Exercise	As Serial 1.
3	do	do	1400 - 1700	do		Coy lines	A/Gas Training Weapon "	Rifle, Bayonet, 2" Mortar, T.S.M.G., L.M.G.
4	do	10 March	0930 - 1230			Coy lines	-	Washing of clothes etc.
5	do	do	1400 - 1700	do		do	As Serial 3	As Serial 3 - Unarmed Combat
6	do	11 March	0930 - 1700	do		Training Areas as Serial 1. D & B Coys (i) C Coy (ii)	Coy Exercise Attack	As Serial 1.
7	do	12 March	0930 - 1700	do		As Serial 6.	Coy Exercise Attack and Consolidation	As Serial 1.
8	do	13 March	0930 - 1230	do		As Serial 1.	Pl Training	As Serial 1.
9	do	do	1400 - 1700	do		Coy lines	Weapon Training.	Lecture - Jungle Craft. Weapons as Serial 3.

NOTES: 1. HQ Coy will carry out Serial 1 on 10 Mar 43 WEST Mt SHEPHERD and submit spec training syllabus for remainder of week.
2. Air support lectures for all officers will be notified.

J.H. Griffiths
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. Capt.

7 Mar 43.

AIR RAID WARNING AND INSTRUCTION RELATIVE TO SAME WHICH WILL
BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE BN.

1. All previous instructions regarding Air Raid Warnings and action to be taken are cancelled and the following instructions will apply immediately.

2. The present system of notifying Air raids is based on the use of the Colour Code system as outlined below.

A. AIR RAID YELLOW. Aircraft have been detected within 50 miles approaching a certain area. Personnel in that area will not take any precautionary action but will be prepared to do so at short notice.

B. AIR RAID RED. Enemy Aircraft are within 30 miles and appear to be about to attack in the area indicated. Personnel will not take cover unless air attack is imminent, and then where possible controlled offensive action will be taken with Small Arms Fire and AA LMG's. Senior Offr or N.C.O. will control fire in any area.

C. AIR RAID GREEN. All Clear.

3. Air Raid Warnings when received at Bn HQ will be passed automatically by the Sigs to All Coys, QM and TO. Sirens will be sounded by Coys ONLY when the Air Raid RED is indicated by the words "BATCHELOR", "This Area", "Adelaide River" or any other term ~~signifying~~ implying that enemy aircraft are in this vicinity.

4. AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.

1. Each Coy will mount one AA LMG, suitably sited, in Coy area. To be mounted at ALL times during hours of daylight and will be manned when required by existing Coy fire picquets and or Light Duty personnel.

5. The G.O.C. directs that orders for lights to be extinguished will NOT be given at any HQ or unit unless, in the opinion of a responsible officer on duty at those HQ, the course of raiding aircraft indicated that bombing of the area is imminent. It is emphasized that lights will NOT be automatically extinguished on the receipt of "Air Raid RED" but only when the notified course of the hostile planes render such action desirable.

6. Impending air raids must not be allowed to cause any more than the minimum of dislocation to normal activities, and should result in only the least possible disturbance in the areas concerned.

7. Events today have shown that the JAPANESE are capable of varying their tactics in air attacks to a marked degree. In order to combat low straffing attacks all ~~units~~ ^{COYS} will immediately man all AA LMG's on the receipt of an Air Raid warning, and will be prepared to engage at once any target that may present itself.

8. AA LMG's will not engage any low-flying hostile aircraft whilst it is being immediately attacked by a friendly aircraft. Coys and Bn HQ to establish AA posts to be manned in event of attack by inlying picquets.

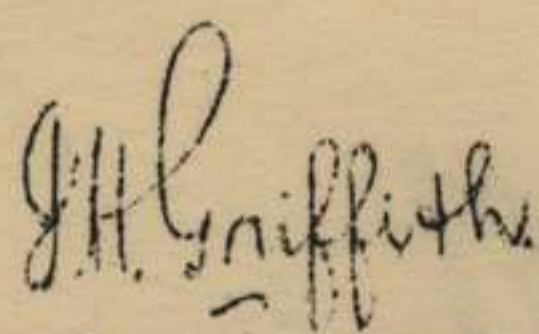
DISTR: List "B"

J.H. Griffith Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

10 March 43

BN DUTY OFFICER

1. Bn Duty Officer will mount half an hour before Retreat and will NOT leave Adjutant's Office, excepting where otherwise stated in these orders, until relieved, except to acquaint the C.O. and Adjutant of the alarm, other signals or unusual happenings. He will accept all messages and reports.
2. He will take action as laid down in Standing Orders paragraph 17 C 1,2,3, relating to the alarm.
3. He will check that all orderlies as laid down in paragraph 18 B Standing Orders, are at their post and acquainted with their duties. These orderlies will NOT leave their post without permission from either the Adjutant or Duty Officer.
4. He will familiarise himself thoroughly with Standing Orders, especially paragraphs 2 B,7,8,14,17,18.
5. He will be present at Bn Guard Mounting and will inspect guard and prisoners at Reveille. He WILL personally supervise the changing of the Bn Guard after the inspection.
6. He will be prepared for operational activities and will mount duty in Battle Order.
7. He will, in conjunction with RMO, inspect one Coy selected at random each day. Inspection will commence at 1015 hrs daily. He will report result of inspection to Adjutant on completion and render a report at 1200 hrs.
8. He will resume Coy or Bn training at 1400 hrs daily.


 Capt
Adjnt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Appendix 6 ^{VII D}

2/8 AUST INF BN ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 8

In the field,
10 Mar 43.

PREPARATION OF EXERCISES AND SCHEMES

To ensure uniformity in preparation of exercises the following sequence will be followed.

A. INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXERCISE.

DATE.....

(i) Area - Ref Map/.....

(ii) Tps taking part (Own)
(Enemy - if used)

(iii) ADMN.

(a) DRESS and EQUIPMENT OWN Tps
Enemy

(b) Representation of fire

(c) Meals)
(d) Tpt) if necessary

(e) Duration of exercise

(f) Any other relevant points

B. EXERCISE.

1. (i) OBJECT

(ii) Lessons to be taught

(iii) References

2. Opening Situation

(Brief, just sufficient to paint the picture)

3. NARRATIVES (as, or if, necessary)

4. Sequence of events

Time	Sub unit	Location	Action	Remarks
(approx)				Instructions to Umpires and Enemy - when necessary.

M. Griffiths Capt.

Adj t. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Appa No 7 WID

SYLLABUS 15 - 20 MARCH 43 2/8 AUST INF BN

Serial	Date	Time	Area	Training	Remarks
1	15 March	1400 - 1830	'A' Coy Range 'B' Coy Range	'A' and 'B' Coys L.M.G. Practice 'C' and 'D' Coys T.O.E.T. Bren.	5 rds app. to be fired in Respirators.
2	do	2000 - 2400	WEST CAMP AREA	Rifle Coys Compass March by pls.	Distance 10 miles - NCOs and Pl orderlies to act in rotation as leaders.
3	16 March	1400 - 1830	'C' and 'D' Coys Ranges.	'C' and 'D' Coys L.M.G. Practice. 'A' and 'B' Coys T.O.E.T. Bren.	As for Serial 1.
4	do	2000 - 2400	WEST CAMP AREA	'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' Coys. Night Occupation of defensive position.	Recess of Areas by day. To be combined with digging and wiring. Protective patrolling. Enemy recess. do. A.T.M. 18 Appx 'A'.
5	17 March	1400 - 1830	TO BE NOTIFIED	'A and 'B' Coys Pl Exercise. 'C' and 'D' Coys T.O.E.T. A/gas.	To be set by Bn.
6	do	2000 - 2400	'A' and 'B' EAST CAMP AREA. 'C' and 'D' WEST CAMP AREA.	'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' Coys. Fighting Patrol Exercises.	Enemy to be provided from within Coys. Roles to be changed halfway through Period. A.T.M. 18 Appx 'A'.
7	18 March	1400 - 1830	TO BE NOTIFIED	'C' and 'D' Coys Pl Exercise. 'A and 'B' Coys T.O.E.T. A/gas.	As for Serial 5.
8	do	2000 - 2400	TO BE NOTIFIED	'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' Coys. Infiltration Exercises.	'A' Coy v. 'C' Coy } All-round 'D' Coy v. 'B' Coy } defence by defenders.

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SYLLABUS 15 - 20 MARCH 43 2/8 AUST INF BN (Continued).

Serial	Date	Time	Area	Training	Remarks
9	19 March	1400 - 1630	-	REserved for completion Pl Exercises.	Pls already exercised at disposal of Coy Comds.
10	do	2000 - 2400		'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' Coys	As for Serial 9. Coys to change roles.
11	20 March	1400 - 1630	'A' and 'B' Coys EAST CAMP AREA. 'C' and 'D' Coys WEST CAMP AREA.	'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' Coys. Drill for night attack.	Explanation of schemes to all ranks. Preparations during daylight:- Approach to Start Line. Start Line and method of indicating. Attack. Action on gaining objective. Action if surprised. A.T.M. 3.
12	do	1930 - 2400	AS FOR SERIAL 11.	Coy night attack.	

- NOTES:** (i) O.C. H.Q. Coy will submit to Bn H.Q. by 1200 hrs 14 Mar 43 Syllabus of Spec. Trg to include --
- (a) Compass march as per Serial 2.
 - (b) Visual signalling night.
 - (c) Night occupation M.M.G. and Mors.
 - (d) Night firing drill and procedure M.M.G. and Mors.
 - (e) Range practice (night) M.M.G.
 - (f) Patrolling.
 - (g) Range practice Mor. 3".
- (ii) During this period Respirators A/gas will be worn for total of 2½ hrs.
- (iii) S.A.A. for range practices to be requisitioned for 12 hrs ahead.
- (iv) The following amn is available in addition --
- Mor 3" - 7 rds per Mortar.
 - Mor 2" - 5 " " " "
 - Aldershot Grenades - 30 per Rifle Coy.
- (v) Coy schemes to reach Bn H.Q. 24 hrs prior to Exercise.

J.H. Griffiths Capt
Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Adjt
Blank Am
Aldershot 20.

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Appx No. 8

2/8 AUST INF BN TRAINING INSTRUCTION No. 2/43 15 Mar 43

PLATOON EXERCISE - 17/19 Mar 43

1. AREA June SNAKE CK and NORTH-SOUTH Rd. Ref Map. BATCHELOR - ADELAIDE R.
435180 1 in to 1 mile.
135170
2. TPS TAKING PART. Own tps. All Pls 'A' 'B' 'C' 'D' Coys
As per Serials 5,7,8, Bn Syllabus.
Enemy. Will be provided by No. 2 Pl - R.Ps.
3. ADM. (a) Dress & Eqpt. Own Tps - Battle Order, Helmets Steel.
Enemy - Drill Order, Hats fur felt.
(b) Representation of Fire: Rifles - Blank.
LMGs - Rattles.
Mors. and Grens.-Aldershot Grenades.
(c) Duration of Exercise: 1400 - 1630 hrs on dated above.
(d) When in vicinity of SNAKE CK and while crossing this watercourse all ranks are to keep a sharp lookout for crocodiles.
4. OBJECT. To practice Pls in Jungle Fighting using "group" methods.
5. LESSONS TO BE TAUGHT.
(i) Organisation of Secs into necessary groups to permit of successful offensive and defensive action.
(ii) Method of attack.
(iii) Clearing of areas and reorganisation.
6. REFERENCES. Lectures by Jungle Fighting team.
ATM M. Appx 'A' (i) (ii) page 41.

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OPENING SITUATION

Patrols operating on NORTH - SOUTH Rd vicinity ADELAIDE R. reported the landing during the early hours of this morning of Japanese Paratps disguised in A.I.F. uniforms, SOUTH of MT CARR.

The apparent intention of this force was to carry out demolitions on the NORTH - SOUTH Rd and RAILWAY but the majority were rounded up before they could attain their object.

At 0830 hrs this morning it was learned however, that several small detachments were still at large.

NARRATIVE

At 1230 hrs a recon patrol from 2/4 Bn located a Japanese detachment, estimated strength 15 or 20 men, moving NORTH along axis of NORTH-SOUTH Rd.

Our patrol engaged the Enemy but were repelled with LMG and Mor. fire, suffering some casualties.

At 1245 hrs the Jap detachment was observed to move into thick country along SNAKE CK, EAST of N-S Rd, at 435180 apparently with the intention of awaiting nightfall to continue their move Northward.

PROBLEM

Your Platoon has been ordered to locate and destroy Japanese detachment.

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DISTRN: List "B".

Johnnie Hunt
Adjnt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn for Capt

Apper No. 9 I.O.

SYLLABUS -- 22 - 27 MARCH 43 -- 2/8 AUST INF BN

Serial	Date	Time	'A' COY	'B' COY	'C' COY	'D' COY	HQ COY	
1	22 Mar	0900-1215	Range Practices	Pl Exercise Jungle Tactics	Jungle Assault Course	Pl Attack Normal Tactics		
2	do	1345-1645	As Serial 1	Jungle Assault Course	Pl Exercise Jungle Tactics	Pl in Defence - to follow as sequence to Serial 1		
3	23 Mar	0900-1215	Jungle Assault Course	Range Practices	Pl Attack Normal Tactics	Field Firing Exercise		
4	do	1345-1645	Field Firing Exercise	Range Practices	Pl in Defence - to follow as sequence to Serial 1	Jungle Assault Course		
5	24 Mar	0900-1215	Pl Exercise (Jungle)	Field Firing	Range Practices	Coy Exercise (Set by Bn)		
6	do	1345-1645	Coy Exercise (Set by Bn)	Pl in Attack Normal Tactics	Range Practices	Make and Mend	Make and Mend	
7	25 Mar	0900-1215	Pl in attack Normal Tactics	Pl in Defence To follow as sequ ence	Coy Exercise (Set by Bn)	Range Practices	Jungle Assault	
8	do	1345-1645	Make and mend	Make and Mend	Make and Mend	Range Practices	Course	
9	26 Mar		B N EXERCISE					
11	27 Mar	0900-1215	Pl in Defence to follow as sequence Serial 7	Coy Exercise (Set by Bn)	Field Firing	Pl Exercise (Jungle)	Specialist	
12	do	1345-	Coy Exercise	Coy Exercise	Coy Exercise	Coy Exercise	Training	

SPECIALIST TRAINING

In the Field,
19 Mar 43.

2/8 AUST INF BN ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No 9

LABOUR FOR WORKS

1. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn will provide the undermentioned working parties on the dates shown.
2. NOONAMAH. 22-28 Mar inclusive. To be received by 23 Aust Inf Bde on 29 Mar 43.

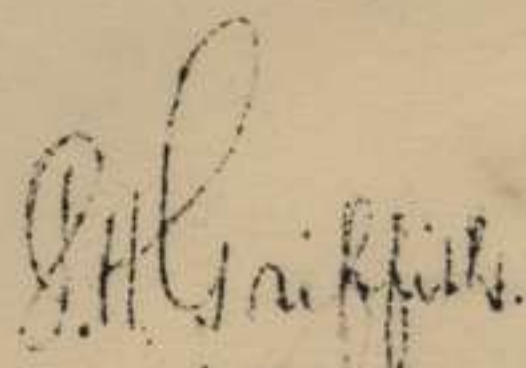
B.Coy will provide 1 Off 60 O.R's. 23/21 Aust Inf Bn are providing O.C. Party and Administrative Staff.
3. TENTAGE AND RATIONS. B.Coy will provide sufficient tentage for its own personnel. Unconsumed portion of rations for 22 Mar, thereafter rationed by D.I.D. NOONAMAH. Sufficient cooking gear for its own party will be provided by B.Coy.
4. TRANSPORT. 4x3 ton AASC vehs will report to B.Coy lines 0830 hrs 22Mar. O.C. Party will move in accordance with instructions from 23/21 Aust Inf Bn.
5. RETURNS. Arms and Amn Reports-Daily Parade States-Sit Reps, will be submitted by O.C. B.Coy party to Bn HQ daily by arrangements with DRLS Service NOONAMAH.
6. SECURITY. O.C. B Coy party will be responsible for Security measures as laid down in Bn Standing Orders.

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BERRY SPRINGS. C.Coy will provide 1 Offr 30 O.R's for a period of duty of one week commencing 21 Mar 43.

1. REPORTING. O.C. Party will report to Camp Comdt BERRY SPRINGS at 1200 hrs 21 Mar 43.
2. TRANSPORT. 3x3 ton AASC vehs will report to C.Coy at 0830 hrs 21Mar.
3. COOKING GEAR & TENTAGE. Sufficient tentage and cooking gear will be provided by C.Coy. Party to include 1 Cook, 1Clerk. Unconsumed ration for 21 Mar will be taken.
4. RETURNS. Normal returns as in Para 5 above, will be rendered daily
5. SECURITY. O.C. Party is responsible as in Para 6 above.

DISTN: List "B"

 Capt.
Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Order No. 11 **WD**

RANGE

PRACTICE

RIFLE

Serial	Rds	Range	Conditions	H.P.S.
1.	7	300 yds	Grouping. First two shots warmers	25
2.	5	300 yds	Application. Respirator worn.	25
3.	10	300 yds	Rapid, 60 secs. 5 rds in mag. 5 rds in pouch.	25

ALLOCATION OF RANGES

'A' Coy Range 1 Monday
 'C' Coy Range 3 Wednesday
 'D' Coy Range 4 Thursday

Bn H.Q. - Half with 'C' Coy, half with 'D' Coy.
 H.Q. Coy (A.A. Pl) - Arrangements to fit in with Specialist Training.

J.H. Griffiths Capt
Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

LESSONS FROM PL EXERCISES

1. The following comments embody, with some amplification, points arising from recent pl test exercises.
The criticism was contained in a circular from 19 Aust Inf Bde HQ.
2. The standard of leadership by platoon commanders was not up to the mark, that of section leaders, with some exceptions, disappointing.
3. It is suggested that a closer study of Infantry Minor Tactics, particularly by platoon commanders, is necessary.
4. The main faults requiring attention may be summed up as:-
 - (a) Control - absolutely VITAL, can be assisted by clear orders and understanding by all troops of task required, well practised drill, and above all the realisation by every man of his responsibilities to the rest of his group and section.
 - (b) Fieldcraft.
 - (c) Fire and movement.
5. Of the following minor, but important, matters, all do not apply to all platoons exercised but many do to most:-
 - (a) Inform the whole platoon of the information and intention.
 - (b) Issue orders firmly and in sequence.
 - (c) Introduce a clear drill to simplify orders but make it complete and be prepared to modify it to suit conditions.
The following jinglā may assist in this regard -

"They are -"	Infm (enemy)	Positions suspected and/or located, strength ditto, fire and support, i.e. etc.
"We are -"	Infm (own tps)	All infm about own tps. What we have, where they are, what we may expect in support from neighbouring units, coys, etc.
"We will -"	Intention	Clear and concise statement of what we intend to do.
"You will then -"	Method	Simple and clear details of plan to carry out INTENTION (Do not forget Adm details)
"I will be -"	Intercomn	Position of Comd, where reports are to come to, how they are to get there.
 - (d) Consider these points in your drill:-
 - (i) Formation adopted
 - (ii) Use of groups
 - (iii) Position of automatic weapons
 - (iv) Formation of groups and details of arcs of responsibility to each man for searching and watching front and flanks.
e.g. group of 3 men in inverted 'V' formation. Right hand man - FRONT and RIGHT flank; left hand man - FRONT and LEFT flank; centre man - TREES on 180 degrees arc.
 - (v) Detailing one man per group, to move slightly in rear, to look for snipers.
 - (vi) Define the position of individuals on platoon HQ, e.g. keep mortarmen together.
 - (vii) Responsibility for maintenance of pace, direction, and contact - e.g. by leading Bren gunners if nearest axis of advance - may be advisable to name a directing flank sec.
 - (viii) Fixing the rendezvous after meeting opposition.
 - (e) Watch for bayonets wagging in the air.
 - (f) Thoroughly searching ground, preferably with the bayonet.
 - (g) AVOID BUNCEING.
 - (h) Do not cross open ground unless necessary and then give covering fire. When open ground has to be crossed the old rule applies - "All over together and FAST."
 - (i) The location of snipers by all conceivable methods.
 - (j) Stalking.
 - (k) Mopping up.
 - (l) Rattling equipment.
 - (m) Field signals.

LESSONS FROM PL EXERCISES (Contd)

- (n) Taking over the automatic weapon and arm of casualties.
- (o) "Kill the dead."
- (p) Beware of ruses, e.g. grenades beneath dead.
- (q) Use of trees by attackers for observation.

6. Please take the necessary action to promulgate these points and constantly strive to improve the faults mentioned in para 4, which are urgent.

J. H. Griffiths Capt
 Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

COY EXERCISE- 24/25 Mar 43.

1. AREA. STAPLETON CK
132298 Ref Map. BATCHELOR - ADELAIDE R.
1 in to 1 mile.
2. Tps Taking Part. Own Tps; 'A' 'C' 'D' Coys - as per serials 5,6,7,
Bn Syllabus.
Enemy: Will be provided by No. 2 Pl R.Ps.
3. Adm. (a) Dress and Eqpt: Own Tps - Battle Order, Helmets Steel.
Enemy - Drill Order, Hats fur felt.
(b) Repn of Fire. Rifles- Bla nk.
LMGs - Ra ttles.
Mors and Brens - Aldershots if available.
(c) Duration of Exercise - 3 hours on date above.
(d) Coys will assemble at BR approx 300 yds NORTH of BUTTS
at 23/21 Range.
4. Object. To practise Coys in the attack in normal country.
5. Points to be stressed. :-
 - (i) Speed in action.
 - (ii) Use of Coy weapons.
 - (iii) Attack by "fixing and ~~xxx~~ manoeuvre".
 - (iv) CONTROL.
 - (v) Mopping up.

OPENING

SITUATION.

Owing the lack of success of Paratps in their attempts last week to demolish the NORTH - SOUTH railway in the vicinity of ADELAIDE R, further, landings have been reported in the MT GUNN area from which it is appreciated that an attack on ADELAIDE R STN and the adjacent landing strips may be attempted.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn has been located at NEW FARM for the past 48 hrs, and has been patrolling the STAPLETON CK - NEW FARM area.

NARRATIVE

A recce patrol from ~~which~~ your Coy which is bivouacked at THE SADDLE (p.o.g.) has just reported having seen about 50 JAPS in the vicinity of RANGE HILL (p.o.g.). The patrol was seen and fired on when withdrawing, and when last seen the Enemy appeared to be taking up positions in the above area.

PROBLEM

You are required to destroy the Enemy detachment.

Lt-col
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Appx. No. 14 W.D

TRAINING INSTRUCTION No. 4/43 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

PL FIELD FIRING EXERCISE

Ref Maps; Sketch Map atts
BATCHELOR - ADELAIDE R.
1 in to 1 mile.

1. Object: To practice pls in fire and movement with supporting MMG and Mortar.

- 2. Lessons: (i) Use of covering fire to cover movement of other portions of pl.
- (ii) Use of enfilade fire - MMG.
- (iii) Use of flanking fire MMG.
- (iv) Use of 3" Mortar in support of attack.
- (v) Economy of amm. (Fire discipline).
- (vi) Orders (clear and concise).

3. Opening Situation: At an early hour this morning a small Jap air-borne force was landed in vicinity of MT BUNDY STN. This force was later observed moving in direction of the CROSSING and thought to be making for the N.A. Rd.

Your pl with one det mortars and one sec carriers attached has been ordered to move to CROSSING + locate and destroy enemy encountered.

4. Narrative: (Phase I) As your pl reaches a point approx 200 yds EAST of N.A. Rd it is fired on by LMG and rifle from LEFT RIDGE. Pl cond orders an attack on feature supported by MMGs from right flank (tongue of timber). In his orders pl cond orders carrier sec to give right flank protection, during subsequent exploitation, by fire on observed targets.

(Phase II) During reorganisation on objective prior to further exploitation, movement is seen on RIGHT KNOLL and in ANT HILL area. A Jap MMG post is located at - (pointed out). Pl cond orders further attack and orders one sec to move through timber on left flank from where it will cover advance of the other two secs of pl.

Pl cond decides to use his 3" mortar to neutralise Jap MMG located. Carrier pl carries out task of flank protection by engaging enemy in vicinity of RIGHT KNOLL.

(Phase III) Reorganisation on limit of exploitation. Move back to S.P.

5. Adms (i) Troops to be exercised

'D' Coy	23 Mar	0900 - 1215 hrs.
'A' Coy	23 Mar	1345 - 1645 "
'C' Coy	27 Mar	0900 - 1215 "
Carrier pl cond	to arrange secs to be exercised.	
Mortar pl cond	"	" " " " "

(ii) Dress: Battle order, steel helmets. T.S.M.G. Nos. will carry rifles.

(iii) Ann: For each pl exercised:-
 Rifles 10 rds .303 each rifle.
 LMG 3 mags each LMG.
 MMG 3 belts each MMG.
 3" Mortar 10 rds H.E.

(iv) Safety:
 (a) Chief safety officer - Maj McDONALD.
 Other safety officers will be provided as follows:-
 Per rifle sec. Lieut WILSON
 Lieut MUDGE
 Lieut CHAFFE
 Carrier sec Lieut COOPER
 Mortar det Lieut McDERMOTT

(b) Signals. At commencement of each phase one green Verrey light.
 Safety officers to prevent any firing before this signal.

TRAINING INSTRUCTION No. 4/43 (Contd).

Cease firing - One red light. Safety officers will ensure safety catches, etc., applied.

- (c) 108 Sets will be carried with carrier sec, Mortar det, and Pl HQ for use by safety officers only.
- (d) Safety officers will ensure that safety catches of rifles and LMGs are applied before secs move from one fire position to another. Safety officers will inspect weapons before movement and on completion of phase 11. Safety officers will order CEASE FIRE when moving secs are likely to be endangered.
- (e) Safety angles as laid down on ground will be observed and safety officers will be responsible for stopping fire when limits of these reached by advancing troops.
- (f) Safety officers will not interfere with pl and sec comds' control unless for reasons of safety.
- (g) Safety officers will report to I.O. at Bn H.Q. at 1400 hrs 22 Mar 43 for recce of range.

Att' Donald Maj
21/c 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

2/8 Aust Inf Bn
23 Mar 43

COY EXERCISE No. 1.

UMPIRES are requested to give close attention to the following points:-

1. Leading Pl.

- (a) CONTROL.
- (b) Action when fired upon -
 - (i) Efforts made to locate and deal with opposition.
 - (ii) Endeavours to secure observation of Enemy posns. e.g. by ground scouts, use of trees, etc.
- (c) Action when finally held up -
 - (i) Observation maintained front and flanks.
 - (ii) Adoption of supporting fire posns to assist -
 - (iii) Manoeuvre of other Pls.
 - (iv) Attempts to locate Enemy flanks.
 - (v) Concealment of personnel from Enemy view.
 - (vi) Infm received by Pl Comd and its relay to Coy Comd.
 - (vii) Establishment of control to enable Pl to be used with out delay as soon as pressure relieved.

2. Coy and Pl Comds.

- (a) Initial orders - Clarity, Brevity, and Speed of Execution.
- (b) Subsequent ditto as battle develops.
- (c) CONTROL down to Secs at all times.
- (d) Plan adopted and speed of execution.
- (e) Use of Reserves - this includes supporting weapons (2nd Mor.)

3. General.

- (a) Most of para 1 applies generally to all Pls and Secs.
- (b) Dispersion and formations.
- (c) Use of cover, at all times, from viewwif not from fire.
- (d) Collection and dissemination of infm.
- (e) Are TROOPS right "in the picture".
- (f) Alertness of troops during advance and searching of ground covered.
- (g) Orders for action on capture of objective.
- (h) Subsequent mopping up.
- (i) Rapid reorganisation of Coy and preparations for exploitation or consolidation.

J. H. Griffiths, Capt. *for Lt-col*
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Appa No. 13⁰

SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 3 APRIL - 2/8 AUST INF BN

Serial	Date	Time	'A' COY	'B' COY	'C' COY	'D' COY	HQ COY	
1.	29 Mar	0900-1215	ROUTE MARCH	ROUTE MARCH	ROUTE MARCH	ROUTE MARCH	ROUTE MARCH	
2.	do	1345-1645	As for serial 1. To conclude with 30 mins smartening-up and Arms Drill and Foot inspection.					
3.	30 Mar	0900-1215	Sec. Trg 1. A/gas recognition, decontamination.	Coy Exercise 1.	Sec. Trg 2. A/gas recognition, decontamination.	RANGE		
4.	do	1345-1645	Platoon Exercise 2.	Sec. Trg 1. A/gas recognition, decontamination.	Coy Exercise 1.	PRACTICES.		
5.	31 Mar	0900-1215	Sec. Trg 2. T.O.E.T. A/gas.	Platoon Exercise 2.	Sec. Trg 2. T.O.E.T. A/gas.	Coy Exercise Defence.		
6.	do	1345-1645	MAKE	AND	MEND			
7.	1 Apr	0900-1215	Coy Exercise 3.	Coy Exercise 2.	RANGE	Sec. Trg 1. A/gas recognition, decontamination.		
8.	do	1345-1645	Coy Exercise 2.	Coy Exercise 3.	PRACTICES.	Platoon Exercise.	Coy. 2 Def. Exercise 3 Att.	
9.	2 Apr	0900-1215	RANGE	Sec. Trg 2. T.O.E.T. A/gas.	Coy Exercise 2.	Coy Exercise 3.		
10.	do	1345-1645	PRACTICE.	Platoon Exercise.	Coy Exercise 3.	Coy Exercise 2.		

SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 3 APRIL - (Contd).

Serial	Date	Time	'A' COY	'B' COY	'C' COY	'D' COY	HQ COY
11.	3 Apr	0900-1215	Platoon Exercise	RANGE	Observation Trg. Compass Work.	Platoon Exercise 2	
12.	do	1345-1645	Observation Trg. Compass Work.	PRACTICE.	Platoon Exercise 2.	Sec. Trg 2. T.O.E.T. A/gas.	

- NOTES:**
- (i) Range Practices. - Will be arranged by Lieut DOWNING - to include 2" Mortar, 4 rds per Mor. - Empty pistol practice. With rifle or LMG - 5 rds to be fired in respirators.
 - (ii) Coy Exercise 2. - Attack exercise in relatively close country - Bn scheme - will be against fully manned defences.
 - Points to be stressed -
 - (a) Clarity of orders and speed of execution.
 - (b) CONTROL down to individuals.
 - (c) Obtaining and dissemination of infn and use of O.Ps (this has been neglected and full use not made of natural features, trees, and good individual stalkers).
 - (d) Co-ordination of attack by sub-units - avoid the "sixpenny bundles" aspect.
 - (e) Consolidation and reorganisation - rapid preparation against possible counter-attack.
 - (f) MOPPING UP - use of reserve Pl.
 - (iii) Coy Exercise 3. - Defence astride track - Bn scheme - in conjunction with 2 above. Coys will change roles.
 - Points -
 - (a) Depth.
 - (b) All-round defence.
 - (c) Selection of areas and positions of weapons - ideal is to hold ground with fire rather than men.
 - (d) O.Ps and snipers.
 - (e) Routine in position down to Secs.
- IN THESE AND ALL EXERCISES MEN MUST BE "IN THE PICTURE" - (Fireworks and 63 Grenades available.)
- (iv) Platoon in Attack. - Bn scheme.
 - Points generally of (ii) apply.
 - Use of 2x 2" Mortar or rifle grenades (H.E. or smoke)
 - Mutual support.

NOTES (Contd)

(v) Sec Trg 1. - will include -

- (a) Indication and recognition of targets.
- (b) Fire orders - "Enemy in front" definitely discouraged.
- (c) Use of ground and cover.

(vi) Sec Trg 2. -

- (a) Field signals - hand.
- (b) Ground and formations - Sec comds and individuals must be ever alert to adapt formation to type of going.
- (c) Selection of fire positions.
- (d) Verbal messages and reports.

(vii) H.Q. Coy. - Syllabus of Specialist Trg (to include night firing practice MWSG) to reach Bn H.Q. 1200 hrs 28 Mar 43.

(viii) Coy Route March. - (Serials 1 and 2) Routes, selected by Coy Comds, to cover minimum distance of 15 miles. Midday meal to be carried on ~~the~~ the man. Coys will be comd by CSMS owing to Air Sup demonstration, Cffrs and NCOs.

(ix) Respirators. - To be worn for two periods of 30 mins.

W. Griffiths Capt. Lt-col
Commanding 278 Aust Inf Bn

APP 17 WD

2/8 AUST INF BN ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 10

19 MUST IN BDE RECREATIONAL CENTRE FOR ORs

1. GENERAL. The above recreational centre situated 300 yds South of Bde H.Qs and opposite Bde transport lines is at present in the initial stages of construction.

2. WORKING PARTIES. To complete the task within the estimated time of 3 months, units are supplying work parties, and this unit will supply same on the following basis :-

No. of men required	Date of commencement of work	Supplied by	Remarks
4	At present on task	"C" Coy	To be replaced by D Coy 29 Mar
4	31 March	HQ Coy	" " " " A " 5 Apr
4	29 March	"D" Coy	" " " " B " 5 Apr
4	5 April	"A" Coy	" " " " C " 12 Apr
4	5 April	"B" Coy	" " " " D " 12 Apr
4	12 April	"HQ" Coy	" " " " HQ " 19 Apr
4	12 April	"D" Coy	" " " " A " 19 Apr
4	19 April	HQ Coy	" " " " B " 26 Apr
4	19 April	"A" Coy	" " " " C " 26 Apr

NOTE: (i) Details for further parties will be notified later.
(ii) In addition to the above parties the following carpenters will report on 30 Mar for permanent work until completion of centre.

~~XX~~ VX 4911 Pte CAMPBELL W.
~~XX~~ WX 13899 Pte TRENTFIELD W.
~~XX~~ QX 16756 Pte NEWTH T.E.

3. TRANSPORT. All parties will be at Bn HQ entrance by 0845 hrs each morning where they will be picked up by a vehicle from 3 Coy AASC.

4. RATIONS. Parties will take rations each day and sufficient tea to be made on site.

5. TOOLS. Party from HQ Coy reporting on 31 Mar will take 4 picks and 4 shovels (large round mouth) as arranged with Q.M. These tools, and tools at present on task will remain until completion of work. Coys will ensure when they take over that the tools are intact. "C" Coy party at present on the job have 2 axes, four picks and 4 shovels.

DISTRN: List "B"

Rowland Lewis
for Capt.
Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

REF MAP Balchelor Adelaide Ridge

AIR SUPPORT DEMONSTRATION 29 MARCH 43

APPX 19 WD

DEMO	TARGET	MESSAGE	MAP REF	RECOGNITION	FROM	INDICATION	FROM	
1.	Ant Hills	150 infantry digging 900 yds EAST of HEATON'S HILL... 140311 150 infantry digging yds EAST HEATON'S HILL		WHITE VEREY, $\frac{1}{2}$ CHEESE A/C GREEN	BN HQ	T and gd Strips	KNOLE	Indication aids will be displayed on order from Bn HQ and left in open till final departure of A/C.
2.	GREEN RIDGE	6 guns in action not firing 12 Vehs at 157305 6 GNS TWELVE MET AT.....		Gd to Air: Lucas Yellow $\frac{1}{2}$ Cheese Air to Gds Green Verey	DO	R/T (108 Sets)	DO	
3.	CLEARING	30 Vehs Harboursing at 144302 30 MET Harboursing at 15.....		As for 2 plus 2" Mortar Red Star	DO	DISTANCE T and Gd Strips TARGET LINE 2" Mort Smoke	DO	As for 1.
4.	THE FLAT	200 Infantry preparing attack in open at 1534320 TWO HUNDRED INF PREPARING ATTACK IN OPN AT		As for 2 and Small T in direction of Coy HQ	DO	Recogn. WHITE Lucas T and gd strips. Mor 3" Smoke to delineate flanks of target.	A Coy HQ	As for 1. 3" Mor will be range prior to Demo 1. Live amm will be used for this practice OC Coy will arrange for targets to be displayed and two YELLOW strips to indicate fwd tps.
<p>R/F Frequency 7015 Code Letter - REPUBLICAN Non-carrying address " 6543 All msgs will indicate No of yds each bar represents; Bars will be placed at REAR of T first bar 6' - 12' remainder 3' intervals.</p>								<p><i>[Signature]</i> Lt. Col. Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf B</p>

2/8 Aust Inf Bn

AIR SUPPORT DEMONSTRATION - 29 Mar 43.

Map BATCHELOR - ADELAIDE RIVER - 1 in to 1 mile.

- (a) (i) Area - One mile EAST of 62 Mile.
(ii) Personnel to attend - Offrs and NCOs, 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
(iii) Time - 1300 hrs, 29 March 43.
(iv) Duration of demonstrations - 3½ hrs approx.

- (b) (1) Objects
(a) To provide practical demonstration of close support of Infantry by ground strafing.
(b) To test various means of obtaining ground-to-air co-operation and to ascertain the most practicable method of target indication.

- (c) Direction of aircraft and indication of target by normal methods viz., Map ref., ground strips.

Demo 1. Support aircraft and unit HQ recognition sigs by cartridges, illuminating.

(RAAF offrs have recently expressed opinion this may be suitable in case of low-flying aircraft.)

Demo 2 - Directing support aircraft to unit HQ by bearing (target indication by Radio 108 set).

Demo 3 - Direction of support aircraft to unit HQ as in Demo 1. Use of 2" Mor. star shell to identify ground HQ during approach of aircraft.
Indication of DISTANCE HQ to target by ground strips; DIRECTION flanks of target, i.e., target line - 2" Mor. smoke. (It is considered occasions may arise when 3" Mor. may not be available and 2" Mor. or grenades 63 will be only substitute)

Demo 4 - Direction support aircraft to unit HQ as in Demo 3 but actual delineation of target flanks by 3" Mor. smoke. Enemy Coy area to be represented by screens 4' x 2' in this demonstration.

- (d) It is not anticipated live amm will be used for demonstrations 1-3. Proposed for Demo 4 to indicate fire power of aircraft used.
(e) To indicate success of methods 1 - 3 aircraft will ~~describe~~ describe RIGHT hand turn over ground HQ.
(f) Explanation of demonstrations and air support generally to be given to all NCOs 28 Mar 43.

J.H. Ingham Capt. hon.
Lt-col
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

2/8 Aust Inf Bn
29 Mar 43

APPX 20

MEDICAL REPORT

February 43

Week spent at Berry Springs Rest Camp gave everyone a good rest and a complete change from Army routine. Definitely useful in keeping up the general morale.

Otitis Externa: Small increase of 12 to 33 cases of otitis externa after visit to Berry Springs.

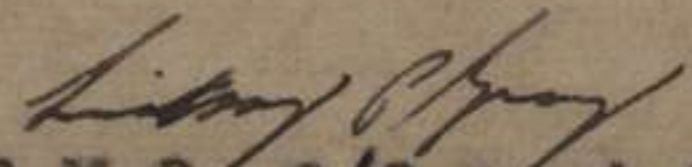
Hygiene: The best type of latrine for the "wet" appears to be one situated as high up a slope as economically possible re distance; watertight around the edges; and a trench just above the latrine, the trench being dug well down to bedrock to carry away both the surface rain water and soakage.

March 43

Several men from this Bn and other units have reported with headaches, sleeplessness, and other signs of worry and boredom. These men have largely settled down with reassurance. The numbers have been few and the general morale of the troops is good.

The "wet" now being nearly over, leaves the ground much drier, causing the mosquito menace to decrease.

Dengue - some 5 cases diagnosed as Dengue occurred in this month. No aedes aegypti found around camp site.

 Capt
R.M.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix 21

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE

ORDERS

BY

Major H.H. McDONALD Adm Comd 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
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Part 1

29/43

1 Mar 43.

• DUTIES: The following duties will Mount at Retreat 1 Mar 43 :

Bn Duty Officer
N.F.D.
Duty Coy
N.F.D.

Lieut H.B. MORAN
Lieut W.B. ATKINSON
"A" Coy
"H.Q." Coy

O.C. Adelaide River Pictures 3/3/43 Lieut E.A.W. DOUGLAS

• DAMAGE TO TIMBER.

1. Members will not, except for operational purposes, cut or authorise or direct the cutting of timber growing on private or public property (including forestry reserves) without first obtaining the consent of a person having power to agree to such cutting.

• HANDLING OF EMPTY 44-GALLON PETROL DRUMS.

1. A fire recently broke out in a vessel which was back-loading empty petrol drums. The fire originated from ignition of petrol vapour caused the handling of empty drums with loose bungs.
2. The following precautions must be observed before any empty drum is moved by rail, road, sea or air :-
 - (a) Bung washer in good condition to be used.
 - (b) Drum bungs to be tightly screwed with proper bung spanner.
3. No partly filled drums containing M.T. petrol, range fuel or aviation spirit may be moved by rail, ship or air.

• CHANGE OF NAME.

The name of VX 73835 Pte BATY John William of 2/8 Aust Inf Bn has been changed by Statutory Declaration to CRUISE John Edward.

• COURT MARTIAL (To be read on Coy parades by Coy Comds)

X 19821 Pte LEE I. McN. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn was tried by C.M. on 15 Feb 43.

Charge: (i) AA 15 (1) WOAS Absenting himself without leave
(0200 hrs 10 Jan 43 to 14 Jan 43)

(ii) AA 40 WOAS Conduct to the prejudice of good order and Military Discipline.

Finding: GUILTY of both charges.

Sentence: To undergo detention for one year and to be put under stoppage of pay until he has made good the sum of £6/14/- in respect of damage to Triumph Motor Cycle No 35488 mentioned in the second charge.

Date of Sentence: 15 Feb 43.

Number of days in custody awaiting trial 15 Jan 43 to 15 Feb 43 inclusive - 31 days.

Confirmed 22 Feb 43.

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Capt.

Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICE: Pictures 23/21 Bn lines Saturday 6 Mar 43.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE BY ORDERS

Major H.H. McDONALD, A dm Comd 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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Part 1 30/43 3 Mar 43

1. DUTIES : The following duties will mount at Retreat 3 Mar 43 :

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut W.N. GRAVENER
N.F.D.	Lieut E.L. WATSON
Duty Coy	"D" Coy
N.F.D.	"C" Coy

2. SERVICE CHEVRONS.

Service chevrons authorized under G.R.O. A.45/1943 (republished in Unit R.O's Nos 111/42 and 212/42) may be worn by officers and other ranks on shirts and safari jackets having long sleeves, greatcoats and cloth and drill jackets, but may not be worn on any other article of clothing.

3. PROHIBITION OF ENTRY OF ANIMALS ETC. INTO AUSTRALIA.

1. The entry into Australia of any animals or birds from places outside Australia is subject to strict regulations under the Quarantine Act, owing to the risk of the introduction of rabies, piroplasmiasis and other diseases.

2. Under no circumstances will permission be granted for the conveyance by sea or air from places outside Australia to the mainland of Australia (which includes Tasmania) of -

- (a) Animals or birds on the W.E. of a unit, whether allocated before or after re-embarkation from Australia.
- (b) Living mascots or pets (dogs, monkeys or other animals or birds) whether acquired before or after embarkation from Australia.

3. E.S.Os. and A.T.Os. are authorized to take action to have animals, living mascots, pets or birds, which arrive at a port or an aerodrome from outside the mainland of Australia, destroyed forthwith.

4. Disciplinary action will be taken in respect of any breach of this order.

J.H. Griffiths Capt.
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE

ORDERS

BY

Major H.H. McDONALD, Admn Comd 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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Part 1

31/43

5 March 43

1. DUTIES : The following duties will Mount at Retreat 5 March 43 :

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut C.W. BRIMAGE
N.F.D.	" R.J. McDERMOTT
Duty Coy	'B' Coy
N.F.D.	'A' Coy

O.C. ADELAIDE RIVER Pictures 6 Mar 43 Lieut W.N. GRAVENER

2. CHURCH PARADES

R.C. Mass	0930 hrs
Combined Service	0945 hrs
Markers to R.S.M.	0935 hrs
Coys March on	0940 hrs
Holy Communion	1015 hrs
(Salvation Army Hut)	

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J.H. Griffiths

Cap t.

Adj t 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICE : PICTURES

In future Picture Shows will be shown in this area as follows : SOUTH END PELLFIELD Friday 5 March and subsequent Friday s and at 23/21 Aust Inf Bn on Saturday 6 March and subsequent Saturdays.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE

ORDERS

BY

Lieut.Col. W.S. HOWDEN, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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Part 1

32/43

6 March 43

1. DUTIES : The following duties will Mount at Retreat 6 March 43 :

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut R.J. McDERMOTT
N.F.D.	Lieut L.C. COOPER
Duty Coy	'A' Coy
N.F.D.	HQ Coy

2. DRESS - SHIRTS - will be worn at ALL times except :

- i. When otherwise ordered by O.C. of a working party or fatigue involving manual labour.
- ii. By personnel engaged in the care of donkeys at stable - shirts WILL be worn by these personnel when exercising donkeys.
- iii. Whilst engaged in recreational sporting activities.

3. WEARING OF IDENTITY DISCS - The attention of ALL ranks is again drawn to BRO 193/42 and 18/43.

W.S. Howden
Adj't 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Capt.

NOTICE : A Community Song Service will be held in the Salvation Army Hut at 2000 hrs Sunday 7 March 43.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lieut-col W.S. HOWDEN, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
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Part 1

33/43

10 March 43

1. DUTIES: The following duties will Mount at Retreat 10 March 43 :

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut F.G. CHAFFE
N.F.D.	Lieut J.M. TRETOWAN
Duty Coy	'B' Coy
N.F.D.	HQ Coy

O.C. ADELAIDE RIVER Pictures 10 Mar 43 Lieut G.W. BRIMAGE.

2. PERSONNEL FOR TRAINING AS ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL ENGINEERS (RADIO) AND ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL ASSISTANT ENGINEERS (RADIO).

1. Applications are invited from personnel who desire to be trained for appointment to commissioned rank as E.M.Es. (Radio) and E.M.A.Es. (Radio) and who fall within any of the following categories:-

- (a) Men who have completed or partially completed a University course in which any of the subjects included in the course for the degree of Bachelor of Engineering have been studied.
- (b) Men who have educational qualifications not less than that of Leaving Certificate and who have been engaged in work involving the scientific aspects of radio or the manufacture of wireless equipment.
- (c) Men who have been trained as accountants or actuaries and who have a pronounced mathematical or scientific bent, or
- (d) Men who, while not falling within categories (a), (b) or (c) above, have special experience or abilities which might be thought to qualify them for training as Radio Officers.

2. Selected personnel will be given a course of training in radio-physics and, upon qualification, will be commissioned as E.M.Es. or E.M.A.Es. (according to their qualifications) in the Corps of Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. Personnel who fail to qualify may be retained as Armament Artificers (Radio).

3. Applications should reach Bn HQ NOT later than 1200 hrs 15 Mar 43.

3. PROHIBITED AREA.

The area within a radius of half a mile from the R.A.A.F. installation (Ref Map Darwin and Environs, 1 in to 1 mile, Sheet 5, 066736), is placed out of bounds to all ranks. This order will not apply to that portion of the road 36 mile-Southport Road Station, which passes by the installation.

4. PERSONNEL TRAVELLING TO 111 AUST. CON. DEPOT.

It is advised that the road from North Aust Road to Annaburroo via Groves Hill is impassable. Vehicles will not attempt to use this road during the wet season.

5. CONTROL OF ROAD TRAFFIC.

Serious concern is felt at the extent to which the control of road traffic and the standard of driving in the area have deteriorated recently.

It is obvious that, in spite of repeated instructions, proper control is not exercised in the use of unit transport, with the result that a large amount of unnecessary traffic continues.

5. CONTROL OF ROAD TRAFFIC (Contd)

...This has resulted in not only excessive wear on the roads but also considerable wastage of petrol and tyres. Strict measures will be taken in future to ensure that no vehicle leaves unit lines unnecessarily and that the use of transport is carefully planned so that as many jobs as possible are done on the one trip.

It is emphasised that the road is the only means of maintaining the field force and its conservation, particularly in the wet season, is a major task. Unless traffic is reduced drastically, the maintenance of the roadway in serviceable condition will be impossible.

Apart from such unnecessary traffic, the factors which contribute most to the deterioration of the road are the bad driving and excessive speeding which are only too prevalent. It will be impressed on all drivers that speeding and careless driving not only damage the road and cause excessive wear on vehicles, but have resulted recently in a disturbing number of accidents involving injuries and loss of life. Most, if not all, of these could have been avoided by the proper exercise of care and by observing normal road courtesy. In particular, drivers will be taught the common rules of road courtesy and the use of recognized ~~xxxx~~ driving signals.

The speed limits applicable within this Force are repeated for information and will continue in force in lieu of those notified in GRO 30/43 :-

Staff Cars and D.R's.....	40 m.p.h.
J.P 1/4-ton, cross country (Jeep).....	40 m.p.h.
15-cwt, 1-ton and 30-cwt vehicles.....	30 m.p.h.
3-ton vehicles.....	25 m.p.h.
Carriers.....	15 m.p.h.

All drivers will be notified of the above speed limits and will sign a copy of such notification as an acknowledgement that they know such limits. Such acknowledgement will be retained for record purposes by the Transport Officer of the unit.

6. LEAVE AFTER SERVICE IN N.T.

Leave under G.R.O. 559 at the conclusion of service in the Northern Territory will be granted in full, subject only to proper deductions as provided by that order.

Periods spent at Berry Springs' Rest Camp are not deducted from such leave.

7. HEALTH FOODS - BLUE PEAS AND WHEAT.

It will be explained to all ranks that the food essentials contained in fresh vegetables and fruit are provided also by blue peas, wheat grain and barley grain, and, where the former are unobtainable, the latter will be consumed in lieu, in accordance with the following daily scale of issues :-

1 oz dry peas; 1 1/2 oz wheat grain, or 1 1/2 oz barley grain.

To serve as an effective replacement for fresh vegetables and fruit, the above will be eaten only after the seeds have been germinated by spreading on moist sacking until the sprouts are at least half an inch long.

The seeds must be spread in single layers between the sacks, and water applied from above with sufficient frequency to keep the sacking moist.

Broken yellow and dead peas will be removed before spreading.

If ~~ix~~ during the process of germination there is a smell of fermentation peas should be thoroughly washed. Sacks will be thoroughly sterilised by boiling before use.

It will be impressed on all troops that it is during the germinating process that the protective vitamins, so essential for the maintenance of bodily health, are produced.

M. Manning
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. Capt.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE

ORDERS

BY

Lieut-col W.S. HOWDEN, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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Part 1

34/43

12 March 43

1. DUTIES: The following duties will mount at Retreat 12 March 43 :

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut A.W.J. TURNBULL
N.F.D.	Lieut J.S. LYONS
Duty Coy	'D' Coy
N.F.D.	'C' Coy

O.C. ADELAIDE ~~PICTURES~~ River Pictures 13 March 43 Lieut H.G. BERRY.

2. CHURCH PARADES

Combined Service	0900 hrs
Markers to R.S.M.	0850 hrs
Coys march on	0855 hrs
Holy Communion (Salvation Army Hut)	1030 hrs

3. DAMAGE TO MAILS BY WATER.

1. On 4 Feb 43, a quantity of mail matter for Army and Navy personnel in N.T. was damaged by water in a train accident between Townsville and Mt. Isa.

2. The damaged mail was from New South Wales and Queensland and would cover posting in those States from 24 Jan to 31 Jan 43.

3. The Army Post Office, Larrimah, is holding certain parcels and contents which are without wrappings to indicate the name and address of either the sender or the addressee.

4. Inquiries regarding missing parcels and registered articles posted between the above dates should set out a full description of the parcel and ~~xx~~ the contents and be forwarded to the Postal Cpl, 2/8 Aust Inf Bn, who will endeavour to identify the articles and forward them on to the addressees.

J.H. Griffiths
Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. Capt

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Part 1

35/43

15 March 43

1. DUTIES: The following duties will Mount at Retreat 15 March 43 :

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut W.B. DOWNING
N.F.D.	Lieut E.L. WATSON
Duty Coy	H.Q. Coy
N.F.D.	'A' Coy

2. BREEDING OF MOSQUITOES.

Attention is drawn to the fact that mosquito larvae have been found in fire buckets and tins around tents. These buckets will be emptied at least once per week.

3. SICK PARADE.

From 16 - 21 March inclusive Sick Parade will be at 1130 hrs.

4. CLOTHING.

1. Advice has been received that a serious shortage exists.
2. Some of the regular sizes in shirts, shorts, and boots are unobtainable at present.
3. Extra care must be given to clothing by all ranks, and only by complete co-operation by all concerned can a reasonable standard of turn-out be maintained.

5. ESCAPES OF PRISONERS OF WAR FROM ENEMY HANDS.

1. It is the duty of all soldiers if captured by the enemy to effect their escape at the earliest possible moment.
2. It is equally important that the soldier having completed his escape should not disclose the method by which he, or any companions he may have had, evaded the enemy and achieved freedom.
3. The disclosure of such information:-
 - (a) Prejudices the chances of other escapees;
 - (b) Prevents other members of allied forces from using the same or similar methods of escape;
 - (c) Endangers the lives of those who may have assisted the escapees at any stage of their escape.
4. Therefore, escaped prisoners of war will not, without the permission of G.S.I. of a corps of his formation, disclose any details of their experiences in connection with their escape:-
 - (a) Either verbally or in writing to any person or persons including friends and relatives;
 - (b) Either verbally or in writing to the Press or Broadcast Stations.
5. Full details, however, will be given by escaped prisoners of war at the earliest opportunity to the nearest Allied Military H.Q. from whence it will be transmitted to G.S.I. at L.H.Q. or Advanced L.H.Q. direct.
6. Disclosures of information regarding escapes, by any soldier whether concerned in the escape or not, is expressly forbidden except as provided in para. 5 above.
7. This order shall be read in conjunction with G.R.O. A.443/1942 regarding parole by officers and other ranks.

Adj. *W. S. Howden* Capt.
2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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Part 1

36/43

16 March 43

1. DUTIES: The following duties will Mount at Retreat 16 March 43 ;

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut E.L. WATSON
N.F.D.	Lieut W.B. ATKINSON
Duty Coy	'A' Coy
N.F.D.	'D' Coy

2. CONTROL OF TRANSPORT.

1. A "3 ton 'bus' service" will operate on and after 16 Mar 43 (excluding Sundays) to serve personnel travelling to and from 119 AGH, Norforce, (Rear) and units en route.

2. All ranks having duties with 2/4 Aust Inf Bn, HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde, 23/21 Aust Inf Bn, 2/8 Aust Inf Bn, 3 Sec R.A.E., Adelaide River (canteen etc.), 119 AGH (dental), Norforce (Rear), will use this "bus" service.

3. When there is no call for the "bus" to proceed beyond Adelaide River, to 119 AGH, the bus will park by the MP turn-off and await the correct time to start the return trip.

4. Personnel proceeding to "HQ Rear" on duty, may on application, have the route of the bus include Rear HQ, for the required number of trips.

5. Personnel proceeding to HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde, will move on foot unless gear or stores necessitate carriage by transport.

6. Route. From 2/4 Aust Inf Bn to Adelaide River or destination and return.

<u>Arrives or Departs</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>TIME TABLE</u>	
		<u>Morning</u>	<u>Afternoon</u>
Departs	2/4 Bn HQ	0900 hrs	1400 hrs
Arrives	Adel Riv (MP turn-off)	0929 "	1429 "
Departs	" " " "	0930 "	1430 "
Arrives	119 AGH	0950 "	1450 "
Departs	" " " "	1200 "	1645 "
Arrives	Adel Riv MP turn-off	1220 "	1705 "
Departs	" " " "	1225 "	1710 "
Arrives	Unit Lines Bn HQ	1255 "	1740 "

Unless load or weight of load necessitates the vehicle reporting to the unit QMs, personnel will be picked up and delivered to entrance of unit lines.

Personnel attending to Canteen supplies will also use the bus service.

3. PERSONNEL ATTENDING PICTURES.

1. The standard of dress of personnel attending pictures is far from satisfactory.

2. In future personnel attending ANY picture show will be inspected by Coy Orderly Officers at 1915 hrs. Personnel not suitably dressed will NOT be allowed to attend.

W.S. Howden
 Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
 Capt

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE BY ORDERS

Lieut.Col. W.S. HOWDEN, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
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Part 1 37/43 18 March 43

1. DUTIES: The following duties will Mount at Retreat 18 Mar 43 ;

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut J.C. WILSON
N.F.D.	Lieut MAXX COMBES G.A. COMBES
Duty Coy	C Coy
N.F.D.	B Coy

2. ROLLING OF TENT SIDES. Ends and sides of tents will always be rolled during the day time unless wet weather prevents same.

3. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS - WEAPONS RETURNED TO STORE OR W/SHOPS. All weapons before being returned to Stores or Workshops will be thoroughly examined to ensure that no live rounds are left in the breech or magazine.

4. SICKNESS OF OR INJURY TO MEMBERS OF THE A.M.F. ON LEAVE.
1. It is to be impressed on all members of the A.M.F. that it is necessary to inform the military authorities at once should they become sick or sustain injury whilst on leave. This responsibility rests with the individual in order to avoid the risk of being regarded "absent without leave" in the event of such sickness or injury preventing his return to his unit by the due date.

- 2. Any member who becomes sick or sustains injury whilst on leave will -
 - (a) Report at once to the nearest military hospital or, where this is impracticable, to the nearest area medical officer; or
 - (b) Report at once to the nearest public hospital, if a military hospital or area medical officer is not available; or
 - (c) If unable to attend or be taken to a military hospital (or public hospital where a military hospital is not available), then obtain private medical attention and immediately forward a certificate by the medical attendant to the nearest Headquarters of an L of C Area, which will take action to notify the unit and the DDMS.

3. When the state of health of members who are injured or become sick whilst on leave permits they will at once communicate with their unit advising the nature of injury or sickness, location whilst sick and the probable duration of treatment.

4. Members who become sick or sustain injury whilst on leave ~~will~~ without pay granted for the purpose of engaging in seasonal or industrial activities in a civil capacity are not entitled to treatment in military hospitals or at government expense. However, in order to maintain records it is necessary that such members should report particulars of any sickness or injury, and of the progress of their treatment, to the nearest medical (area) officer or administrative medical officer, who will then ensure that the member's unit is advised.

Maxwell
Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES. A silver plated wristlet watch encased in a watch cover was lost either in D Coy lines or upon road leading up to Bn HQ. Watch is engraved with name and number of owner VX 57995 McCARTHY W.B. Finder please return to D Coy office.

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AUSTALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE

ORDERS

BY

Lieut.Col. W.S. HOWDEN, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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Part 1

38/43

19 March 43

1. DUTIES: The following duties will Mount at Retreat 19 Mar 43 :

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut G.A. COMBES
N.F.D.	Lieut W.N. G RAVENER
Duty Coy	B Coy
N.F.D.	A Coy

2. CHANGE IN ROUTINE. The following times will become effective as from Monday 22 Mar 43

Reveille	0700 hrs	Evening Meal	1800 hrs
Breakfast	0800 "	Retreat	1830 "
Parade	0900 - 1215 hrs	First Post	2215 "
Midday-Meal	1230 hrs	Tattoo	2245 "
Parade	1345-1645 hrs	Lights Out	2300 "

3. CHURCH PARADES. 21 Mar 43.

R.C. Mass 1030 hrs
 Combined Service 0900 hrs
 Markers to R.S.M. 0850 hrs
 Coys March on 0855 hrs
 Holy Communion 1030 "
 (Salvation Army Hut)

NOTICES. Community Singing will be held in Salvation Army Hut at 2000 hrs Sunday 21 Mar 43.

COMFORTS FUND ISSUE. Receipt is acknowledged of the following goods from the AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND.

Tobacco	741 ozs	Soap Toilet	750 Cakes
Papers Cig's	741 Pkts	Soap Common	750 "
Cigarettes	741 "	Writing Paper	3000 Sheets
Biscuits	796 "	Envelopes	100 Pkts

J.H. Griffiths Capt.
Adjt. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

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Part 1

39/43

22 March 43

1. DUTIES: The following duties will Mount at Retreat 22 Mar 43 :

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut J.S. LAIDLAW
N.F.D.	Lieut F.G. CHAFFE
Duty Coy	'D' Coy
N.F.D.	'G' Coy

2. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL (To be read on Coy parades by Coy Comds)

QX 15408 Pte SMITH H.F. was tried by D.C.M. in the field on 12 Mar 43

President: Major W.A. CAPPER, 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

Charges: (1) W.O.A.S. A.A. 15 (1) A.W.L. in that he at Brisbane absented himself with out leave from 2300 hrs on 9 May 42 until returned to unit under escort on 1 Feb 43.

(11) W.O.A.S. A.A. 15 (1) A.W.L. in that he at 69 Mile Post N.T. when in lawful custody under open arrest absented himself without leave from 0730 hrs 2 Feb 43 until returned under escort at 1200 hrs on 16 Feb 43.

Plea : NOT GUILTY. Each charge.

Finding: GUILTY on each charge but the Court made a special finding that the period of absence on the first charge was from 9 May 42 until 31 May 42 and that the periods of absence on the second charge were from 2 Feb 43 until 8 Feb 43 and from 11 Feb 43 until 16 Feb 43 - a total period of 33 days. This special finding is within the Court's Powers.

Sentence: QX 15408 Pte SMITH H.F. to undergo detention for 60 days.

Forfeitures: 23 days awaiting trial

33 days A.W.L.

60 days detention

Total 116 days

Confirmation: Confirmed in the field 18 Mar 43 by Maj-General J.E.S. STEVENS Commanding N.T. Force.

3. TATTOO REPORTS:

The practice of Tattoo Reports being given in by NCOs will cease forthwith. Coy Duty Officer will PERSONALLY ring the Reports through to the Bn Duty Officer and such reports will be an accurate state of personnel in lines at Tattoo and those at pictures, etc.

Pictures - Attention is drawn to BRO 36/43.

David Lewis
 for Capt
 Adj 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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Lieut-col W.S. HOWDEN, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Part 1.

40/43

24 March 43

1. DUTIES : To Mount at Retreat 24 March 43.

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut G.W. BRIMAGE
N.F.D.	Lieut W.A. HUTSON
Duty Coy	"A" Coy
N.F.D.	"HQ" Coy

O.C. ADELAIDE RIVER Picture Party - Lieut BERRY H.C.

2. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL (To be read on parade by Coy Comds)

TX 5675 Pte GREAVES W.C. was tried by D.C.M. in the field on 12 Mar 43.
President: Major W.S. CAPPER, 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

Charges: (1) WOAS AA 15 (1) AWL in that he at WATSONIA Staging Camp absented himself without leave from 1800 hrs 3 May 42 until 1430 hrs 5 Sept 42.

(2) WOAS AA 15 (1) AWL in that he, when in lawful custody under open arrest and awaiting trial by Court Martial did absent himself without leave from 0730 hrs 2 Feb 43 until returned under escort at 1200 hrs on 16 Feb 43.

Pleas: NOT GUILTY on each charge.

Finding: GUILTY on each charge, but the Court made a Special finding that the periods of absence in the second charge were from 2 Feb 43 until 8 Feb 43 and from 11 Feb until 16 Feb 43, a total period of 135 days. This special finding is within the Courts powers.

Sentences: TX 5675 Pte GREAVES W.C. to undergo detention for 6 months.

Forfeitures: 25 days awaiting trial

135 days AWL

184 days Detn

Total 344 days

Confirmation: Confirmed in the field 17 Mar 43 by Maj-Gen J.E.S. STEVENS
Comd N.T. Force.

3. CLOTHING RATION COUPON BOOKS.

For information of personnel not yet issued with Clothing Ration Books Coupon books for year 1942/43, all unissued books for O.R.'s for this year have been recalled by Deputy Director of Rationing.

Ration Coupon Books for year 1943/44 will be on issue June 43.

4. SIGNATURES TO AGREE WITH PAYBOOKS.

On recent paydays several members have, when signing acquittance for pay, used signatures that do not agree with signatures in paybooks.

Paying officers will ensure that signatures are correct before payment is made.

4. CONSERVATION OF RUBBER.

1. Urgent attention is directed to the following. The principal use of rubber is in the form of types for mechanical vehicles. The instructions in regard to the conservation of rubber are not always being observed, and a very serious view is taken of this dereliction of duty on the part of Commanding Officers, Transport Officers and N.C.O's and drivers of mechanical vehicles.

4. CONSERVATION OF RUBBER (Contd)

2. The supply situation in regard to rubber is now so serious as to make it imperative that every ounce of rubber in use by the Army should be conserved to the utmost.

The use of vehicles is to be restricted to essential requirements.

3. When vehicles are used the following six points are to be rigidly enforced :

- (i) Dont speed, avoid rapid acceleration, harsh braking and fast ~~cornering~~ cornering.
- (ii) Check pressures daily with gauge to protect side walls and save tread wear.
- (iii) Keep brakes equalized, wheels true and watch for misalignment.
- (iv) Interchange tyres at proscribed intervals to keep wear even.
- (v) Closely inspect tyres daily, remove any stones, and repair minor cuts.
- (vi) Report defects immediately.

5. BLUE AND WHITE (SIGNALS) ARMLET.

1. The blue and white (Signal) armlet will be worn by the following personnel only :-

- (i) Officers of the Australian Corps of Signals and Regimental Signal officers.
- (ii) N.C.Os of all arms in charge of, or employed in, signal offices, and N.C.Os in charge of battery signallers.
- (iii) Despatch riders of the Australian Corps of Signals.
- (iv) Australian Corps of Signals personnel engaged in the construction and maintenance of lines.

2. The armlet will be worn on each upper arm and only while on duty.

3. Personnel wearing blue and white (Signals) armlets are engaged on urgent military duties and will be accorded assistance, in areas of congested traffic, by all concerned.

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[Handwritten Signature]
 Lt. Col. *[Signature]*
 Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

CONTINUATION OF REPORT

FOR INFORMATION OF PERSONNEL NOT YET ISSUED WITH SIGNALING SECTION

Signal Section books for year 1943/44, all unissued books for O.R.'s for this year have been received by Deputy Director of Signaling.

Signal Section books for year 1943/44 will be on issue June 43.

SIGNATURES TO AGREE WITH PAYBOOKS

On recent paydays several men have, when signing applications for pay, used signatures that do not agree with signatures in paybooks. Paying officers will ensure that signatures are correct before payment is made.

CONSERVATION OF RUBBER

1. Urgent attention is directed to the following. The principles of use of rubber in the form of tyres for mechanical vehicles. The instructions in regard to the conservation of rubber are not always being observed, and a very serious view is taken of this dereliction of duty on the part of Commanding Officers, Transport Officers and N.C.O's and drivers of mechanical vehicles.

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Part 1

40/43

26 March 43

1. DUTIES: The following Duties will Mount at Retreat 26 March 43:

Bn Duty Officer	Lieut H.G. BERRY
N.F.D.	Lieut J.S. ADAMS
Duty Coy	'D' Coy
N.F.D.	'C' Coy

2. CHURCH PARADES.

R.G. Mass	0930 hrs.
Combined Service	0830 hrs.
Coys march on	0825 hrs.
Markers to RSM	0820 hrs.
Holy Communion	1030 hrs.
(Salvation Army Hut)	

3. DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME.

Daylight Saving Time will cease throughout Australia on 28 Mar 43 and time designation will revert to Standard Time. All clocks will be put back ONE HOUR at 0200 hrs 28 Mar 43.

4. TRANSPORTATION TO AUSTRALIA OF WIVES, WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF MEMBERS OF THE FORCES WHO MARRIED DURING THE PERIOD OF THEIR ACTIVE SERVICE OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA.

1. The Commonwealth Government has decided -

- (a) that no further action will be taken by it towards arranging passages for the abovementioned persons until after the conclusion of the war;
- (b) that the Repatriation Commission shall continue to have discretionary power to consider applications from any eligible persons who arrive in Australia under their own arrangements and who later claim refunds, and to refund to them the equivalent of the normal third-class fare;

Provided that, if circumstances arise which in the opinion of the Minister for Repatriation render it imperative that this policy should be temporarily waived, the Minister may authorise such action as may be deemed expedient to meet the situation.

2. Commanding officers will inform all applicants for transportation of the above decisions.

3. No authority has been given by the Minister in pursuance of the proviso to paragraph 1 hereof but any such authority that may be given will be notified in General Routine Orders.

W. Howden
 Lt. Col. Capt
 Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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Part 1

42/43

28 March 43

1. DUTIES: The following Duties will Mount at Retreat 28 March 43:

Bn Duty Officer:	Lieut J.M. TRETOWAN
N.F.D.	Lieut E.A.W. DOUGLAS
Duty Coy	"A" Coy
N.F.D.	"D" Coy

2. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL (To be read on parade by Coy Comds)
 VX 55625 Pte SMITH R.G. was tried by D.C.M. in the field on 19 March 1943.
President: Major J.A.H. SMITH 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
CHARGE: WOAS AA 15 (1) AWL inthat he at WATSONIA Staging Camp absented himself without leave from 16 July 42 until 13 Oct 42.

Plea: NOT GUILTY

Finding: GUILTY; but the court made a special finding that Pte SMITH R.G. absented himself from WAYVILLE S.A and not from WATSONIA and that the period of absence was from 30 July 42 until 26 Sep 42, a period of 58 days. This special finding is within the Court's powers.

Sentence: VX 55625 Pte SMITH R.G. to undergo detention for a period of 120 days.

Forfeitures: 7 days awaiting trial.

58 "	AWL
120 "	Detention

Total 185 days

Confirmations: Confirmed in the Field Maj-Gen A.S. ALLEN Comd NT FORCE

M. Griffiths Capt
 Adj 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES.

Pictures: The feature "NEXT OF KIN" will be shown at 2/4 Bn lines on 2 Apr 43 and at 23/21 Bn lines on 3 Apr 43. An opportunity of viewing the above picture will be given to all personnel who have not seen it.

W.R. Serial
11/12/3
34 Offrs 858 ORs
Att 1 Offr 14 ORs

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/8 AUST INF BN (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
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1 Lieut.-Colonels			
3 Majors	2		
10 Captains	8		
20 Lieutenants	23		1
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
34 Totals	33		1

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	KENNEDY L. J.	2/8 Aust Inf Bn	8/12/42	Seconded to Bde List No. 40.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Appoint-ments Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Major	VX 49	McDONALD H.H.	2 1/c	Yes	
T/Major	VX 203	SMITH J.A.H.	D.C.'A' Coy	"	
Capt	VX 1451	BRANHAM D.	" " Coy	"	
Capt	VX 244	AUSTIN H.M.P.	" " Coy	No	Det for duty.
Capt	VX 6596	DIFFEY S.S.	" " Coy	Yes	
Capt	VX 9212	GRAHAM G.H.S.	" " Coy	"	
T/Capt	VX 6569	GRIFFITH J.H.	Adj	"	
T/Capt	VX 6568	GATELY J.C.	2 1/c A Coy	No	Compassionate leave
T/Capt	VX 5479	RUMLEY L.O.	" " Coy	"	Det for duty
T/Capt	VX 6513	METCALF E.C.	" " Coy	Yes	
Lieut	VX 6406	COULSTON H.A.	Pl Comd	"	
Lieut	VX 8791	BALFOUR E.	Q.M.	"	
Lieut	VX 6401	ADAMS J.S.	OC Carriers	"	
Lieut	VX 39724	FAPE R.E.	Pl Comd	No	School
Lieut	VX 27797	DONNING W.B.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX 6469	FEDERMOTT R.J.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 6405	COOPER L.C.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 9165	WATSON E.L.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 6300	TRETHOWAN J.N.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 35144	LAIDLAW J.L.	T.O.	"	
Lieut	VX 52878	DONCASTER H.	Pl Comd	"	
Lieut	VX 52854	DOUGLAS E.A.W.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 43514	ATKINSON W.B.	"	"	
Lieut	TX 4322	BRIMAGE G.W.	"	"	
Lieut	TX 4637	COMBES G.A.	"	"	
Lieut	SX 12814	BERRY H.C.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 38456	LYONS J.S.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 38604	CHAPPE F.C.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 13323	HUTSON W.A.	"	No	Det for duty
Lieut	VX 4879	MORAN H.B.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX 6530	NEWTON W.H.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 11725	GRAVENER W.H.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 138198	TURNBULL A.W.J.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX 11107	GRAY L.F.	2/7 Fd Amb	12.6.42	R.M.O.
Chaplain	VX 40920	McDONALD C.H.	A.A.Ch.D.	30.8.42	Chaplain

2/8 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

5 Mar 43

(Date of Despatch.)

Adm Comd

(Signature of Commander.)

19 Aust Inf Bde

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

NOTE: Ref Parts A & D of W 3009. "Reinfts RE'd Column". N.C.O. reinforcements will be supplied from within Bn. Ref Part B-5 cooks as asked for will be supplied from within unit: 3 Dr Mechs likewise (approx 16 potential Dr Mech are awaiting Trade Testing): 2 Storemen Tech will also be supplied from within unit. 3 Carpenters also will be supplied from within Bn. Ref Surplus column Part D. 1 Fitter M.V. will be transferred to A.E.M.E. and attached this unit in near future.

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Att 1 Offr 14 ORs

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/8 AUST INF BN (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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1 Lieut.-Colonels	1		
3 Majors	2		
10 Captains	9		
20 Lieutenants	22		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
34 Totals	34		

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lt-col	Howden W.	2/8 Aust Inf Bn	6/3/43	Ex 5 Bn A.I.F.
Lieut	Mudge R.Q.C.	2/8 " "	5/3/43	Ex 19 A.I.T.B.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Trethewan J.M.	2/8 Aust Inf Bn	11.3.43	Evac toll 9 A.G.H.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

NOTE: Ref Parts A & D of W3009. "Reinfts Regd Column". N.C.O. reinforcements will be supplied from within Bn. Ref Part D - 5 cooks as asked for will be supplied from within unit; 3 Dr Mechs likewise (approx 16 potential Dr Mech are awaiting Trade Testing); 2 stormmen Tech will be supplied from within unit also. 3 Carpenters also will be supplied from within Bn. Ref Surplus column Part D. 1 Fitter M.V. will be transferred to A.E.M.E. and attached this unit in near future.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3		4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.		Appoint Corps. ment.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-col	VX 14047	HOWDEN	W.S.	C.O.	Yes	
Major	VX 49	McDONALD	H.H.	2 1/c	"	
T/Major	VX 203	SMITH	J.A.H.	O.C. A Coy	"	
Capt	SX 1451	BRAHAM	D.	" B "	"	
Capt	VX 244	AUSTIN	H.M.P.	" C "	No	Det for duty.
Capt	VX 6596	DIPPEY	S.C.	" D "	Yes	
Capt	VX 9212	GRAHAM	G.H.S.	" HQ "	"	
T/Capt	VX 6569	GRIFFITH	J.H.	Adjt	"	
T/Capt	VX 6568	GATELY	J.C.	2 1/c A Coy	No	Compassionate leave.
T/Capt	VX 5479	RUMLEY	L.O.	" D "	"	Det for duty.
T/Capt	VX 6513	RETCALF	E.C.	" E "	Yes	
T/Capt	MX 3791	BALFOUR	E.	Q.M.	"	
Lieut	VX 6406	COULSTON	H.A.	Pl Comd	"	
Lieut	VX 6401	ADAMS	J.S.	OC Carriers	"	
Lieut	VX 38724	PAPK	R.E.	Pl Comd	No	School
Lieut	VX 27797	DOWRING	W.B.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX 6469	McDERMOTT	R.J.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 6405	COOPER	L.C.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 9105	WATSON	E.L.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 35144	LAIDLAW	J.L.	T.O.	"	
Lieut	VX 52378	DONCASTER	H.	Pl Comd	"	
Lieut	VX 52854	DOUGLAS	E.A.W.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 43514	ATKINSON	W.B.	"	"	
Lieut	TX 4322	BRINAGE	G.W.	"	"	
Lieut	TX 4637	COMBES	G.A.	"	"	
Lieut	SX 12814	BERRY	H.G.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 38456	LYONS	J.S.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 38604	CHAPPE	F.C.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 13323	HUTSON	W.A.	"	No	Det for duty.
Lieut	VX 4879	MORAN	H.B.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX 6530	NEWTON	W.H.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 11725	GRAVENER	W.N.	"	"	
Lieut	MX 138188	HAMBULL	A.F.J.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 722	WEDGE	R.O.C.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.		Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	WX 11107	GRAY	L.F.	2/7 Fd Amb	12/6/42	R.M.O.
Chaplain	QX 40920	McDONALD	C.H.	A.A. Ch.S.	30/8/42	Chaplain

2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

(Unit.)

Comd

(Signature of Commander.)

Lt-col

12 March 43

(Date of Despatch.)

19 Aust Inf Bde

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

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen	9		Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates	1		Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		1
Carpenter and Joiner		1	Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties		2	Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		8
Cooks		5	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		1
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		3	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
						General Duty Personnel		137
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								158

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

2/8 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

12 March 43

Date of Despatch.....

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Signature of Commander.
19 Aust Inf Bde

Lt-col

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

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34 Offrs 851 ORs
Att 1 Offr 14 ORs

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/8 AUST INF BN (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
1 Lieut.-Colonels	1		
3 Majors	3		
10 Captains	0		
20 Lieutenants	24	2	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
34 Totals	36	2	

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Wilson J.C.	2/8 Aust Inf Bn	15/3/43	EX 119 A.G.M.
Lieut	Picklock G.P.H.	2/8 " "	17/3/43	EX 19 A.I.P.S.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Appoint- Corps. ment.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-col	VX 14047	HOWDEN W.S.	C.O.	Yes	
Major	VX 49	MCDONALD H.H.	2 I/c	"	
R/Major	VX 203	SMITH J.A.H.	OC A Coy	"	
Capt	SX 1451	BRAHAM D.	" B "	"	
Capt	VX 244	AUSTIN H.M.P.	" C "	No	Det for Duty
Capt	VX 6596	DUFFY S.C.	" D "	Yes	
Capt	VX 9212	GRAHAM G.H.S.	" HQ "	"	
T/Capt	VX 6569	GRIFFITH J.H.	Adjt	"	
T/Capt	VX 6568	GATLY J.C.	21/c A Coy	No	Compassionate Leave.
T/Capt	VX 5479	RUMLEY L.O.	" D "	"	Det for Duty.
T/Capt	VX 6515	METCALP E.C.	" C "	Yes	
T/Capt	NX 8791	BALFOUR E.	Q.M.	"	
Lieut	VX 6406	COULSTON H.A.	Pl Comd	"	
Lieut	VX 6401	ADAMS J.S.	OC Carriers	"	
Lieut	VX 39724	PAPPE R.R.	P 1 Comd	No	School.
Lieut	VX 27787	DOWNING H.B.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX 7003	WILSON J.C.	I.O.	"	
Lieut	VX 722	MUDGE R.O.C.	Pl Comd	"	
Lieut	VX 6469	MCDERMOTT R.J.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 6405	COOPER L.C.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 9105	WATSON E.L.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 55144	LAIDLAW J.L.	P.O.	"	
Lieut	VX 6209	FISHLOCK G.F.	Pl Comd	"	
Lieut	VX 52873	DONCASTER H.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 52854	DOUGLAS E.A.H.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 43519	ATKINSON W.B.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 4322	BRINAGE G.W.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 4637	COOPER G.A.	"	"	
Lieut	SX 12514	DIBBY H.G.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 38466	LYONS J.S.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 32604	CHAPPE F.C.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 13323	HUTSON H.A.	"	No	Det for Duty.
Lieut	VX 4879	MORAN H.B.	"	Yes	
Lieut	NX 133133	TURNBULL A.W.J.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 6530	HEWTON W.H.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 11725	GRAVENER W.N.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX 11107	GRAY L.F.	2/7 th A and B	12/6/42	R.M.O.
Chaplain	QX 40920	MCDONALD C.H.	A.A. Ch. D.	30/8/42	Chaplain

2/8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

Comd

1943 19 March 43 (Date of Despatch.)

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

NOTE: Ref parts A & D of W 3009. "Reinfts Req'd" Column. H.C.O. reinforcements will be supplied from within Bn. Ref Part D - 1 Carpenter, 3 Cooks, and 1 storeman, Tech, will be supplied from within unit. Ref Surplus Column Part D - 1 Pitter M.V. will be transferred to AIMS and attached this unit in the near future.

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34 Offrs 861 ONS
Att 1 Offr 14 ONS

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/3 ASST INF BN (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
1 Lieut.-Colonels	1		
3 Majors	2		
10 Captains	9		
20 Lieutenants	25	1	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
34 Totals	35	1	

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Wetmore J.H.	2/3 ASST INF BN	20/3/43	EX 119 AGR.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
T/Capt	Wetmore E.C.	2/3 ASST INF BN	21/3/43	Seconded to 19 A.I.T.S.
Lieut	Finlock U.F.H.	" "	21/3/43	" " " "

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Appt- ment Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-col	VX 14047	HOWDEN W.S.	C.O.	YES	
Major	VX 49	McDONALD H.H.	2 i/c	"	
T/Major	VX 203	SMITH J.A.H.	OC A Coy	"	
Capt	SX 1451	BRAMAN B.	" B "	"	
Capt	VX 244	AUSTIN H.M.P.	" C "	NO	Det for duty
Capt	VX 251	SMITH J.A.H.	" D "	"	
Capt	VX 6596	DIFFYK W.S.C.	" D "	YES	
Capt	VX 9212	GRANAM G.H.S.	" HQ "	"	
T/Capt	VX 6562	BRIDGEMAN J.H.	adjt	"	
T/Capt	VX 6568	GATELY J.C.	2i/c A Coy	NO	Compassionate Leave
T/Capt	VX 5472	BURLEY L.D.	" D "	"	Det for duty.
T/Capt	NY 8731	RALFOUR E.	C.M.	YES	
T/Capt	VX 6406	COULSTON H.A.	Pl Cond	"	
Lieut	VX 6401	ADAMS J.S.	OC Carriers	"	
Lieut	VX 39754	PAPPE H.E.	Pl Cond	NO	School.
Lieut	VX 27757	DOWLING W.B.	"	YES	
Lieut	VX 7002	WILSON J.C.	I.O.	"	
Lieut	VX 722	KIDGE H.O.C.	Pl Cond	"	
Lieut	VX 6469	McDERMOTT R.J.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 6405	COOPER L.C.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 9105	HATSON H.L.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 6300	FRETHERMAN J.H.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 35144	LAILLAW J.L.	P.O.	"	
Lieut	VX 52973	DEMLASTER E.	Pl Cond	"	
Lieut	VX 52854	DOUGLAS E.A.W.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 43519	ATKINSON W.B.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 4322	WILLIAMS G.W.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 4637	COMBES C.A.	"	"	
Lieut	SX 12914	BERRY H.G.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 38455	LYONS J.S.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 38304	CHAPPE F.C.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 13323	MURSON W.A.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 4879	MORAN H.B.	"	"	
Lieut	NY 136183	TURBULL A.W.J.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 6530	NEWTON S.H.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 11725	GRAVNER W.N.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX 11107	ORAT L.P.		2/7 30 12 12/2/42	R.M.O.
Chaplain	QX 40920	McDONALD C.H.	A.A. Co. D.	30/6/42	Chaplain

2/3 Aust Inf Bde

(Unit.)

Comd

(Signature of Commander.)

26 March 43

(Date of Despatch.)

12 Aust Inf Bde

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

NOTE: Ref parts A and D of W 3009. "Reinfts Reqd" Column. N.C.O.
reinforcements will be supplied from within Bn. Ref Part D -
1 Carpenter, 6 cooks, and 1 storeman, Tech, will be supplied
from within unit.

