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**14/32 Infantry Battalion**

**May - August 1943**

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 14/32 Aust Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1943. To 31<sup>st</sup> May, 1943.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
Kuranda.	1 <sup>st</sup> May.	1405.	The Bde Major and Bde L.O. visited the camp area.	
"	"		The battalion strength is 360ffrs and 764 ORs.	Jb
"	"	0830-1630.	All coys took part in a cross-country jungle trek, returning to camp by road. At Tamborine school, they were told that in Gympie Gympie country, there was always to be found a lily called Conjevois, which could be used for relieving the sting, but in this vicinity we have found Gympie Gympie with no trace of the lily.	JUN 12 1943
			The battalion enjoyed fresh rations in full for the first time since leaving Woodford.	
			Paybooks are suffering considerably for want of good covers, from humid conditions and body sweat.	
			Weather. Eldest humidity with intermittent showers.	
			Points noted during the jungle trek were:-	Jb

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
Kuranda.	1 <sup>st</sup> May.		<p>(a) If cutters are unsharpened, they can cut rapidly and are not hindered by rifles being caught in vines etc.</p> <p>(b) Necessary to keep a constant check on direction, preferably with three compasses well forward.</p> <p>(c) Leather bars across the soles of boots are good for movement up or down steep inclines, but when moving across the incline, cause the feet to slip.</p> <p>(d) Movement can be quiet if speed is sacrificed—speed and noise are in direct ratio.</p> <p>(e) When moving with the coy, in two up formation in dense jungle, control is extremely difficult, particularly as regards keeping the forward pls in line.</p> <p>(f) If speed of movement is desired, cutters must be changed every half hour.</p>	

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Kuranda.	1 <sup>st</sup> May.		The C.O. took over Adm Comd of 6 Aust Inf Bde.	
"	"		The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt took over Adm Comd of 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.	
"	"	1600.	The battalion is now in wireless communication with 6 Bde, No 11 wireless set being used.	
"	"	1830	O.C.s coy's attended a conference at Bn H.Q. to discuss events of the day's trek. A coy O.C. was absent owing to the coy's late return to camp.	Sp
"	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	0830	R.C. Church Parade.	
"	"	0900-0930.	Church Parade of all other denominations.	
			Water tanks, supplied from 6 Bde, are now being used by the battalion.	
			A Horrocks Water Test of water in a well sunk in the creek bed near B coy's kitchen revealed that three parts of chloride make water fit for drinking.	Sp

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Kuranda	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	1000	R.M.O. continued with inoculations. Number in unit still to be completed, very few.	Sp.
"	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	0900-1300.	A lecture was given, by platoons, to A. Coy by the R.M.O. Subject. (1). Haemorrhage - its control, pressure points, improvised ligatures. - (2) Improvised splints & ties. Improvised stretcher carriage. - (3) Fd Dressing - when & how to use it Shell Dressing - when & how to use it. - (4) Snake Bite - outfit for each man. Emergency treatment of snake bite. - (5) Sterilization - of water by soldier's sterilizing outfit - (6) Dysentery - its importance in sick wastage & how to avoid. - (7) Malaria - how contracted, personal protection, care of mosquito net, use of repellent, isolation of infected patients. Control & destruction of mosquitoes	Sp.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Kuranda	3 <sup>rd</sup> May		<p>Re-assurance of personnel that malaria is not inevitable if they protect themselves as instructed &amp; that ultimate cure of deserving cases who contract malaria despite good personal malarial discipline, is possible.</p> <p>Boy carried out jungle training in area allotted to them. The morning was occupied by instruction and</p> <p>(1) practical jungle comfort. The most rapidly constructed bed and shelter was made by using a blanket as a hammock and the ground sheet as a roof. Time 10 mins.</p> <p>(2) Another quick method of making a shelter was to build a two man stretcher using forked sticks or tying the poles of the bed to trees with the use of vines then using two ground sheets as a roof. Time 30 mins.</p> <p>(3) A more permanent shelter, lean-to type was also constructed</p>	<p>See map of trg areas, attached. Appendix "A."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">JG</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Kuranda	3 <sup>rd</sup> May.		<p>but using two men to make a 3-man shelter, took approximately one hour. With practice, these times could be reduced.</p> <p>Obtaining water, it was found that White Beech, Moss, Lawyer Vine, Water Vine all give reasonably good drinking water. The water from Water Vine is tainted with sap. 5' of Water Vine, approx 1 1/2" in diameter yields from 1/4 to 1/2 pint of water. Water from White Beech and Moss is fairly pure, and water from Lawyer Vines is the purest. Water is obtained from the Lawyer Vines where the vine leaves the ground — a length of vine about 4' cut out of the curve in the vine, yields from 1/2 to 3/4 of a pint of water. White Beech averaged much the same as Water Vine. Moss does not yield very much water. Jb</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Kuranda	3 <sup>rd</sup> May.		<p>Hygiene — (a) Ips instructed to wash parts of body that perspire most, i.e., armpits, arms, feet, whenever able to.</p> <p>(b). How to remove ticks — one man was bitten by a tick.</p> <p>(c) Effort to camp near water</p> <p>(d) Latrines — as say will be long in pl. areas, within company area, pls. were instructed to mark latrines as follows — ringbark all trees around perimeter of latrine area, then make a fence of Lawyer's lines from the ring-barked trees.</p> <p>Personal camouflage was good, this being very hard to find, in many cases searchers were within 5' of camouflaged personnel before they were noticed.</p> <p>General. (a) A black snake 4' 6" in length was killed.</p>	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Kuranda	3 <sup>rd</sup> May.		Another one was seen, but it escaped. (b) Water from mines will be tested with water testing outfit at first available opportunity.	
"	"	1330-1630.	A coy found that the Murray booby trap which they used extensively in all positions <del>was</del> is of light construction and will not stand up to hard training but was otherwise quite successful.	Jb.
"	4 <sup>th</sup> May	0900.	The C.O. took over Adm Comd of 6 Bde. The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt took over Adm Comd of the 14/32 Aust Inf Bn. The Brig. failed to go on recce as planned on 1 <sup>st</sup> May, so did not relinquish Bde Comd until today.	Jb.
"	"	1000-2020	The C.O. accompanied by the <sup>1 AC. D Coy.</sup> I.O., carried out a recce of the area in which the American paratroop demonstration is to take place.	Jb.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Kuranda	4 <sup>th</sup> May	1000-1630	Sections constructed a footbridge of cane and vines. The lengths of the bridges varied from 30ft to 50ft. The time taken to construct the bridges varied from 2 to 3 hours. Various methods were adopted in building the bridges, and it is considered that having found the simplest and quickest method, a section could construct one in a matter of 1hr to 1½ hrs. They were exceptionally strong and when tested supported the weight of 24 men at the one time.	Sp.
Kuranda.	4 <sup>th</sup> May	1515-	B & C coys bivouaced in their training areas for the night.	
	5 <sup>th</sup> May	-0630.	Points brought out in the exercise were:- movement at night:- Although jungle is very thick and terrain very difficult, movement at night was attempted with reasonable success, moving on compass bearings.	Sp.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
Kuranda	4/5 <sup>th</sup> May	1515-0630	<p>Each pl and coy H.Q. was exercised. Estimated distances covered were from 100 to 400 yards by coy H.Q. and the pls. Estimated average rate of advance to be about 75' in 60 mins. This could be improved with practice.</p> <p>(a) Difficult to maintain direction, but glow-worms and phosphorescent twigs and leaves is help where they coincide with compass bearings</p> <p>(b) Noise of cutting is not as great as expected. Unless within 100' of cutters, noise will not be heard.</p> <p>(c) Maintaining contact very simple - phosphorescent twigs and branches fastened to mens' backs were easy to follow and could be seen for about 20-40 feet.</p> <p>(d) Experiments were tried using Lawyer cane as a "life line" during night march. Consider this method</p>	

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Kuranda	4/5 <sup>th</sup> May	1515-0630	<p>suitable as (1) it obviates casualties from sprains, (2) also facilitates quieter movement at night when secs returned to fl areas and other secs moved out to take their turn at cutting. (3) enables speedier movement.</p> <p>Method of cutting at night.— feel with bayonet about ground level for undergrowths, cut same and then work up to head level.</p>	Sp.
Kuranda	4 <sup>th</sup> May.		B. coy informed by R.M.O., according to scheme of lectures given to A. coy.	Sp.
"	5 <sup>th</sup> May.		<p>C. coy informed by R.M.O., according to scheme of lectures given to A. coy. Personal health, efficiency and freedom from disease depend on each and everyone of them.</p> <p>Further, personnel of both B &amp; C coys were informed that Malaria was NOT the inevitable reward of service</p>	Sp.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Kuranda	5 <sup>th</sup> May		in the tropics. If the individual used the equipment issued for his protection, the casualties from malaria and other insect-borne diseases will be considerably reduced. Personnel brightened visibly as a result of this re-assurance, though the severity of malaria when contracted was NOT minimised in the lectures.	
"	"	1400.	The C.O., I.O. and O.C. Coy, left camp to witness the American paratroop de landing demonstration. Personnel will not return until the night of 7 May. General:- A .303 inch fired from a rifle will penetrate both the She-Oak and White Beech trees, 1" in diameter at a range of 30 yards. A coy personnel had feet inspected today. Bottled beer from the sweet center was made available for troops tonight, it being	S/O

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Kuranda.	5 <sup>th</sup> May.		the first time the unit has ever had it served in this way.	
"	5/6 <sup>th</sup> May	1445-0700	A. D & HQ coys bivouaced in their respective jungle trung areas.	Sb
"	6 <sup>th</sup> May	1000.	The Brig. did not go on recce as planned on the 4 <sup>th</sup> day, so the C.O and 2/c resumed respective comds. The R.M.O. delivered a lecture to D. coy, in accordance with the scheme of lectures given to A coy.	
"	"	"	A & brown snake was caught and killed, by B coy personnel whilst moving through jungle this afternoon	Sb
"	7 <sup>th</sup> May	0900-1300.	The R.M.O. delivered a lecture to half of HA coy, in accordance with the scheme of lectures given to A coy.	Sb
"	7/8 <sup>th</sup> May.	1400-0715	A & B coy bivouaced tactically in the jungle and carried out an attack during the night on gun and section positions. The following interesting points were noted:-	Sb

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Kuranda	7/8 <sup>th</sup> May	1400-0715	<p>Movement and noise are the things which give away section positions — if no noise or movement, troops can NOT be located. Fire-control discipline must be strict. Grenades and knives are the weapons to use. Lines, if used for communication, must be carefully sighted to ensure that they do not move branches when tugged. A temporary bridge, (hand and foot rails only) can be constructed in 45 mins. This is for a bridge span 60 feet and allowing time for one man to make way across swift flowing streams. By placing another temporary bridge of same type side by side and then using light timber as decking, the temporary structure can be converted into a semi-permanent bridge capable of</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">J</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Kuranda	7/8 <sup>th</sup> May	1400-0715.	carrying 60 men at the same time. The temporary bridge was built solely of Lawyer Mine.	
			Heavy types were constructed with timber and vines, (a) trestle, (b) suspension. Neither were completed but would take approximately 3 hrs to build. The trestle bridge would be capable of carrying light M.T.	Sp.
"	8 <sup>th</sup> May.	0930.	All officers and N.C.Os. attended lectures given by two officers from 19 A.I.B. Further lectures were attended at 1330 hrs and 1530 hrs. The subject was: Amphibious Operations	
"	"	1100.	All officers O.C's coys attended a conference at Bn H.Q. to discuss Monday's exercise.	
"	"	"	The R.M.O. completed his lectures to H.Q. coy.	Sp
"	9 <sup>th</sup> May	0900-0930	Informal Church Parade	Sp



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Kuranda	10 <sup>th</sup> May	0830.	<p>The battalion left camp to march to bivouac area at map ref. Cairns 1" 648824. The leading coy, D, was followed at ¼ hrs intervals by C, B, A, Bn HQ, and H.Q Coy. All coys were in position by 1610 hrs.</p> <p>The object of the move was to enable the battalion to carry out 3 days amphibious training, which was conducted by 532 Engr. Amphib. Regt. (V.S.).</p>	<p>See map of area. Appendix "B" Attached.</p>
Kuranda	12 <sup>th</sup> May	1330.	<p>The battalion returned to camp.</p> <p>One result of the amphibious training of the past 3 days was a decided reversion of opinion amongst a number of troops, regarding the American soldiers. The contact revealed them to be friendly chaps and not the know-all type that many had imagined.</p>	<p>See appendix "C" (ORIGINAL) attached. J.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">J.</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Kuranda	13 <sup>th</sup> May		<p>In the afternoon the R.M.O. instructed personnel chosen by each coy. as the anti-mosquito squad for that coy. Personnel comprised 1 NCO. and 3 ORs all reliable and intelligent, as notified in G.O. 30 April, 1943. The squad was instructed in the theory and practice of the drill of mosquito control in the following:—</p> <p>(1) slit trenches (2) tents, (3) breeding grounds etc.</p> <p>The squad of each coy, will instruct, under coy. arrangements, the personnel who are chosen as the anti-mosquito man for each tent. This will be done immediately.</p>	Jb
Kuranda	14 <sup>th</sup> May	1645-1655.	<p>Gen Murray G.O.C. 4 DIV visited the camp area. He was impressed by our wireless amplifying system.</p>	Jb

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
Kuranda.	14 <sup>th</sup> May		12 hr leave to Cairns was commenced today, on the basis of 10% of the battalion at a time, and unit transport being used.	
"	14 <sup>th</sup> May		<p><del>Two</del> River crossings carried out during training, have been done without any great difficulty. (a) Several rafts were made but the only successful one was of bamboo. It was found that White Beech logs would not float. (b) A single span bridge approx. 90' across, was constructed and completed except for the decking. All materials for the bridge were obtained in the jungle. The timber used was hauled through the jungle to the river, then towed to the site of the bridge. The only other materials used were Lawyer Vine and vines. The "stringers" consisted of three strands of lawyer cane</p>	J.P.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Muranda	15 <sup>th</sup> day		planted together and the estimated carrying capacity of the bridge is 6 tons. Bridging operations continued until 0600 hrs, 15 <sup>th</sup> May, 43, no great difficulty was experienced working at night as the moon was shining until about 0230 hrs and the night was clear.	Jk
"	16 <sup>th</sup> day		The A.D.M.S visited the camp area today.	
"	16 <sup>th</sup> day		The usual church parades were held in the area.	Jk
"	17 <sup>th</sup> day		The S.O. has supplied the following information regarding <sup>No. 108.</sup> wireless <sup>sets</sup> in this area. "Range limited to approx 1 mile in present area, and working of sets considered impracticable on move in jungle or thickly wooded parts. Aerial experiments proved that range could be extended considerably, but interference was too great with longer aerials, practically useless	Jk

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Kuranda	17 <sup>th</sup> May.		<p>at night. Experiments are still being continued to find the aerial most suited for all occasions. 108 sets in fixed positions placed as far apart as possible to maintain communications on a 24 hr schedule (for 1 week) would prove many queries, also give operators excellent training.</p> <p>After experience with the 208 set, we consider that they would be most suited because of weight and range, providing operators were well trained.</p> <p>Wireless maintenance is heavy and difficult under present conditions, but is the most satisfactory method of communications over short ranges and under good conditions.</p> <p>The Bn. amplifying outfit is proving its worth, and</p>	

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Kurandoi	17 <sup>th</sup> May		<p>at night covers the whole Bn. areas, reports are received daily, at the sig. office, to show appreciation and many "special requests" are called for.</p> <p>The battalion strength is 37 Officers and 770 OR's</p> <p>Hot showers are now available within the camp area.</p> <p>Shower parades are held, each coy having the sole use of the showers for the day on which they do Bn duty.</p>	S
	20 May		<p>Grenades:—Preliminary examination has detected several faulty grenades, which would have proved fatal to the thrower, had they been thrown.</p>	S
	21 May		<p>The CO and OC's of A, B, C + D coys attended a demonstration by 25<sup>th</sup> Aust Inf Bde, on Jungle Scouts</p>	See Appendices attached (ORIGINAL) S
	22 May		<p>The CO and Transport Officer moved to Okareeba area on reconnaissance</p>	S

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Kuranda	22 May		The Battalion strength is 36 Officers 769 OR.	Jb
	23 May		The usual church parades were held in bn area. The 2 IC, adjt, GM, IO and OC of ABC & D boys attended a conference on plane tables. A conference was also held for officers interested in the demonstration for American officers all specialist and A Coy officers attended the conference.	Jb
	24 May		Seven American Officers from 532 Eng Amphib Regt visited the unit and inspected weapons, ammunition and equipment. The C.O. and Transport Officer returned from reconnaissance. B Coy built a P.T. course to raise the standard of physical fitness. The course is approx 100 yds in length and includes parallel bars, hurdles, climbing up, rockades and drops, bars, swinging over, bars, so vault, and a 14ft climb up a vertical rope then a 20ft descent.	Jb

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<i>Kuranda</i>	<i>24 May</i>		<p>down another rope. The course is designed to strengthen stomach, back and shoulder muscles as these are used most in the jungle.</p> <p>The Tank Attack platoon moved out and bivouaced for three days at Ref<sup>5</sup> Cairns <sup>Ref 570838</sup> and carried out Tank Attack shoot at moving targets.</p> <p>The camp was evacuated, 6<sup>th</sup> Amb under observation for Dengue Fever.</p>	
	<i>25 May</i>	<i>1200</i>	<p>Two <sup>21<sup>st</sup></sup> Tank Attack shells landed in vicinity of the Headquarters.</p> <p>a batallina flying boat flew over the area.</p>	<i>Sp.</i>
	<i>26 May</i>		<p>all Tank Attack practice ammunition was not used owing to ricochets into camp area. A reconnaissance was made for new area and suitable one was found in area 25 79.</p> <p>Ref<sup>5</sup> Cairns unit.</p> <p>Tank Attack platoon returned to area.</p>	<i>Sp.</i>



# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit *14/32 Aust Inf Bn*

Date and Time.—From *1 May 1943* To *31 May 1943*

(ORIGINAL)  
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>Muranda</i>	<i>26 May</i>		<p><i>Tank Attack shoot was highly satisfactory with excellent results considering that the majority of the platoon had not previously fired.</i></p> <p><i>CO went on reconnaissance for area for forthcoming bn exercise.</i></p> <p><i>Bn commenced inter coy exercises incorporating, ambush, attack, withdrawal and counter attack, and defence.</i></p>	<i>Ep</i>
	<i>27 May</i>	<i>1350-1515</i>	<p><i>Lt Col Sandover and the Brigade Major visited the camp area.</i></p> <p><i>The camouflage school which commenced within the area on 24 May was completed today.</i></p> <p><i>Inter coy exercises were continued today.</i></p>	<i>Ep</i>
	<i>28 May</i>		<p><i>Revised copies of instructions for routine first aid treatments of fractures, and routine for dressing of wounds at all stages, plus the components of the RAP kits, so far as they all concern the stretcher bearers were issued today.</i></p>	<i>Ep</i>



1500  
20  
SUBJECT: 25 AUST INF BDE JUNGLE SCOUT COURSE

RECEIVED  
H 0945  
16.5.43

HQ 6 AUST INF BDE (AIF)  
AUSTRALIA

(Ref 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp Trg Instn No 25/43 MAY 1943 Para 4 (a)).

1. GENERAL

- (a) At 1400 hrs on FRI 21 MAY 43 in the RAVENS HOE area, 25 Aust Inf Bde is to demonstrate to officers of this Bde, the use and purpose of a JUNGLE SCOUT COURSE. As a result of these demonstrations it is desired by the Bde Comd that units construct several similar courses in their own trg areas for coy use.
- (b) Duration of demonstration to be approx two (2) hrs.

2. OFFERS TO ATTEND

Allotment is as follows :-

14/32 Aust Inf Bn	5	offrs
38 Aust Inf Bn	5	"
19 Aust Inf Bn	5	"
12 Aust Fd Coy	2	"
6 Aust Fd Amb	1	"
14 & 15 Sup Depot Pls	1	"
3 Aust Div Carr Coy	2	"
HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde	3	"
Total	<u>24</u>	"

3. TPT

- (a) Tpt will be provided by units for mvt of own offrs as follows:-

14/32 Aust Inf Bn	one 1 tonner
38 Aust Inf Bn	one 1 tonner
19 Aust Inf Bn	one 1 tonner
12 Aust Fd Coy	one Jeep
6 Aust Fd Amb	Nil
14 & 15 Sup Depot Pls	Nil
3 Aust Div Carr Coy	one Jeep
HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde	one Jeep

- (b) 6 Aust Fd Amb and AASC offrs will move with 38 Aust Inf Bn and 19 Aust Inf Bn vehs respectively. Bns concerned will arrange mutually with sup units.

4. MOVEMENT

- (a) Vehs will RV at bridge (Ref Map CAIRNS SHEET, 1 inch 575818) at 0800 hrs Fri 21 MAY 43, and will move via KURANDA, MAREEBA, AHERTON and RAVENSHOE.
- (b) 25 AUST INF BDE guide is to be met at 1200 hrs at 7 AUST DIV TRAFFIC CONTROL POST (approx 4 miles short of RAVENSHOE) for piloting to demonstration area.
- (c) Return journey will be via the same road.

5. ADM

- (a) Haversack lunches and water bottles will be carried by all offrs and drivers for the midday meal. It is suggested that the evening meal be had at the Officers' Club AHERTON, on the return run.
- (b) Dress: Optional.

*F. J. Nicholls*  
F. J. Nicholls Major.  
BM 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.  
15 MAY 43

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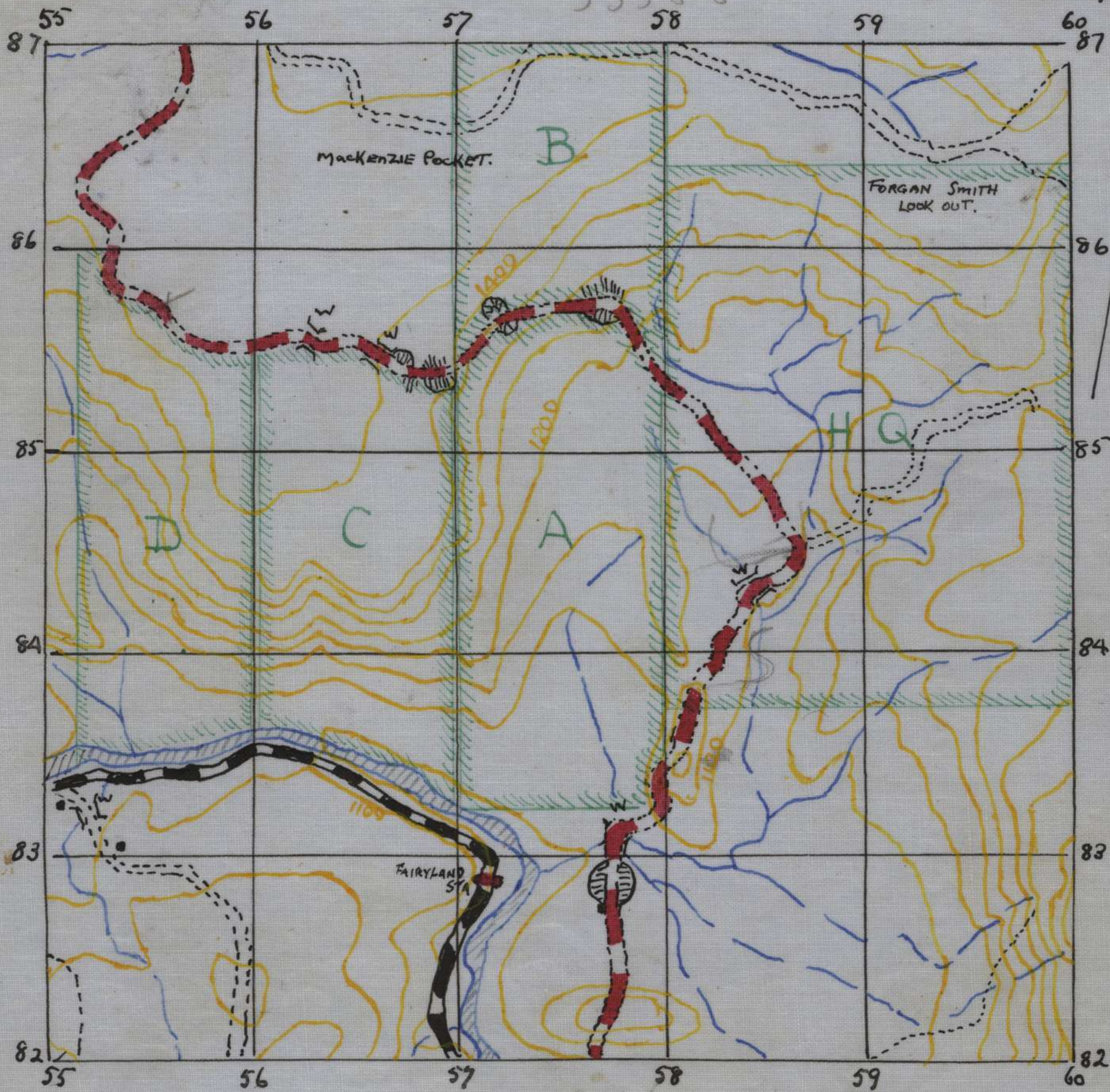
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14 & 15 Sup Depot Pls	1
3 Aust Div Carrier Coy	1
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25 Aust Inf Bde (for info)	1

14/52 BN. TNG. AREAS.

APPENDIX 'A'

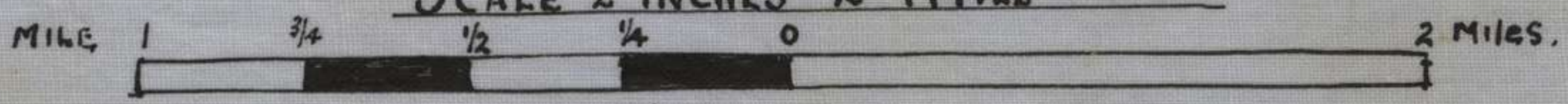
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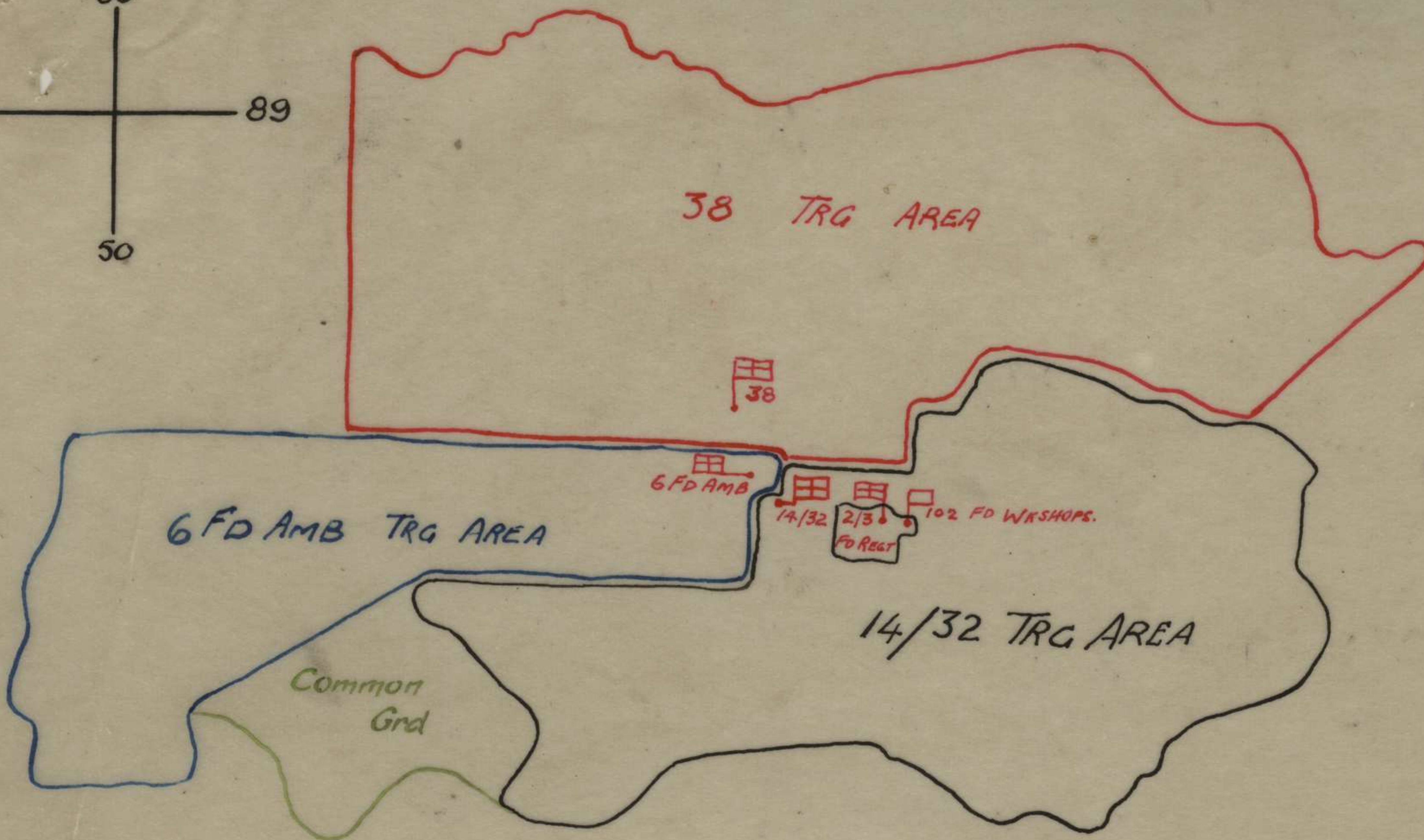
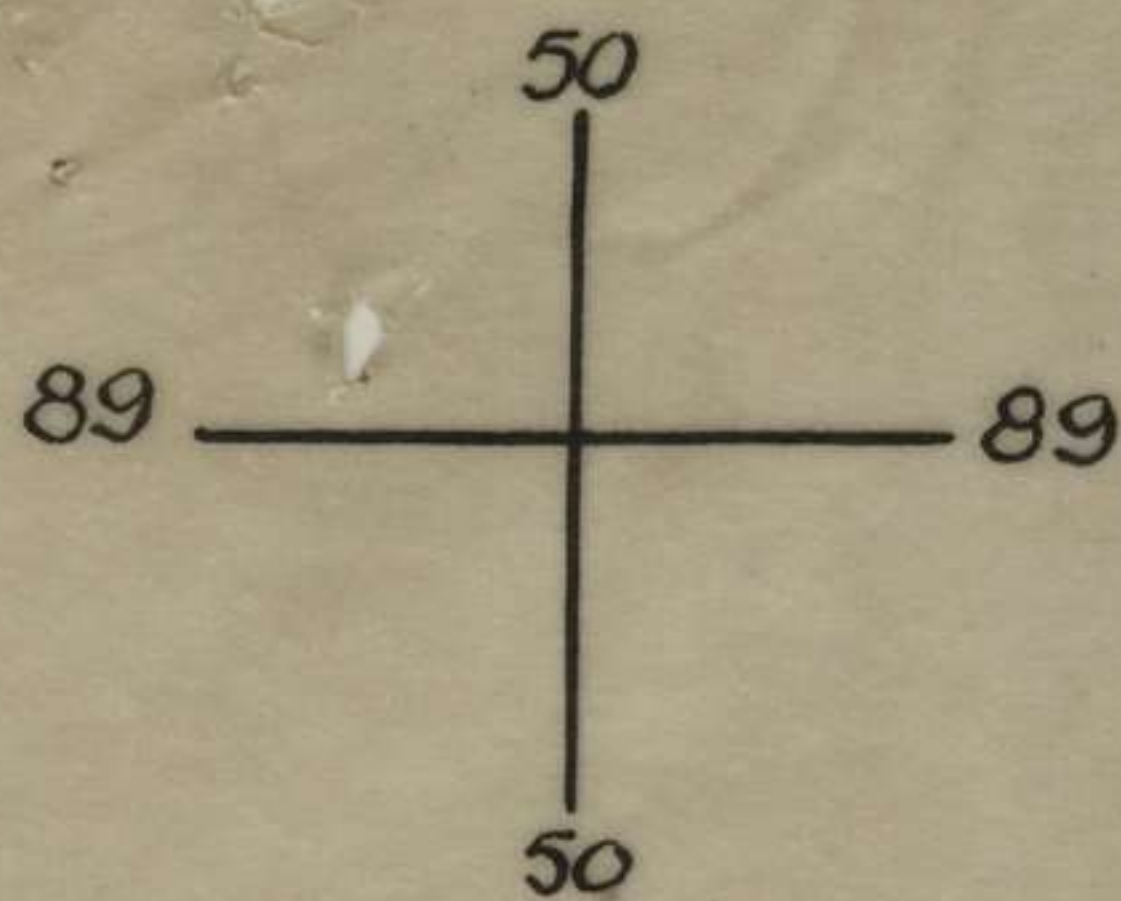
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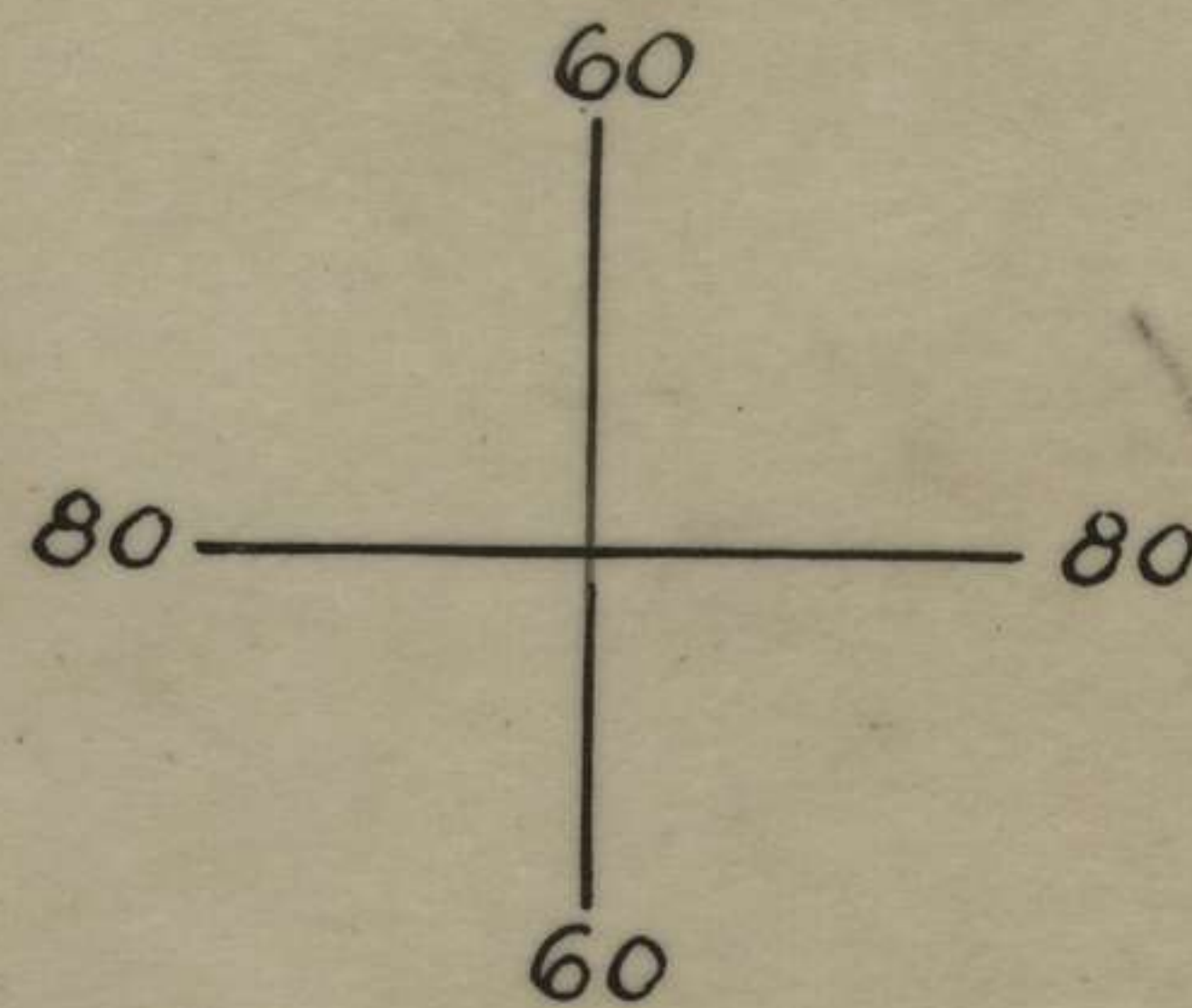
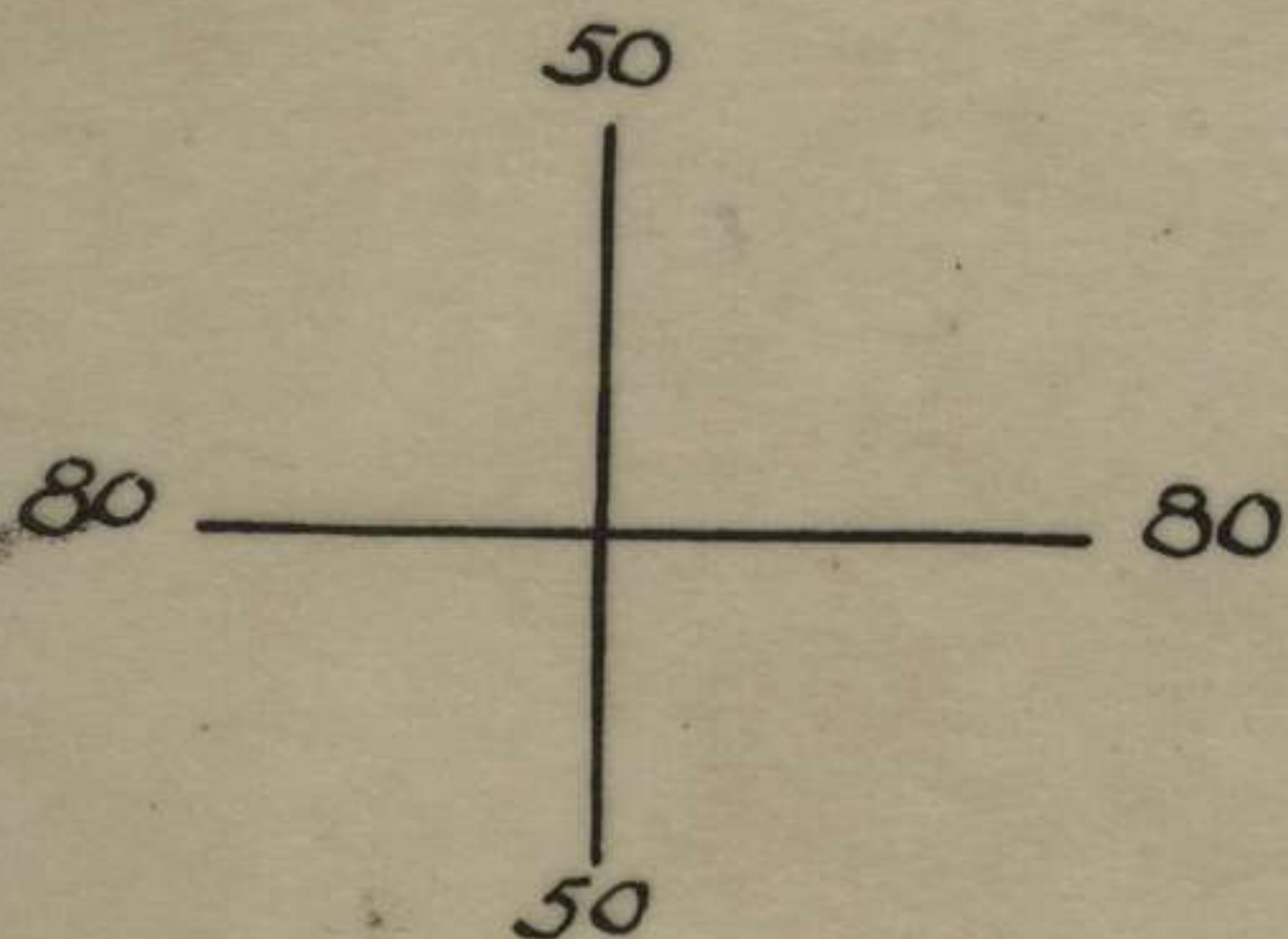
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TRAINING AREAS.

APPENDIX B.



Ref map. - Cairns - One Inch.

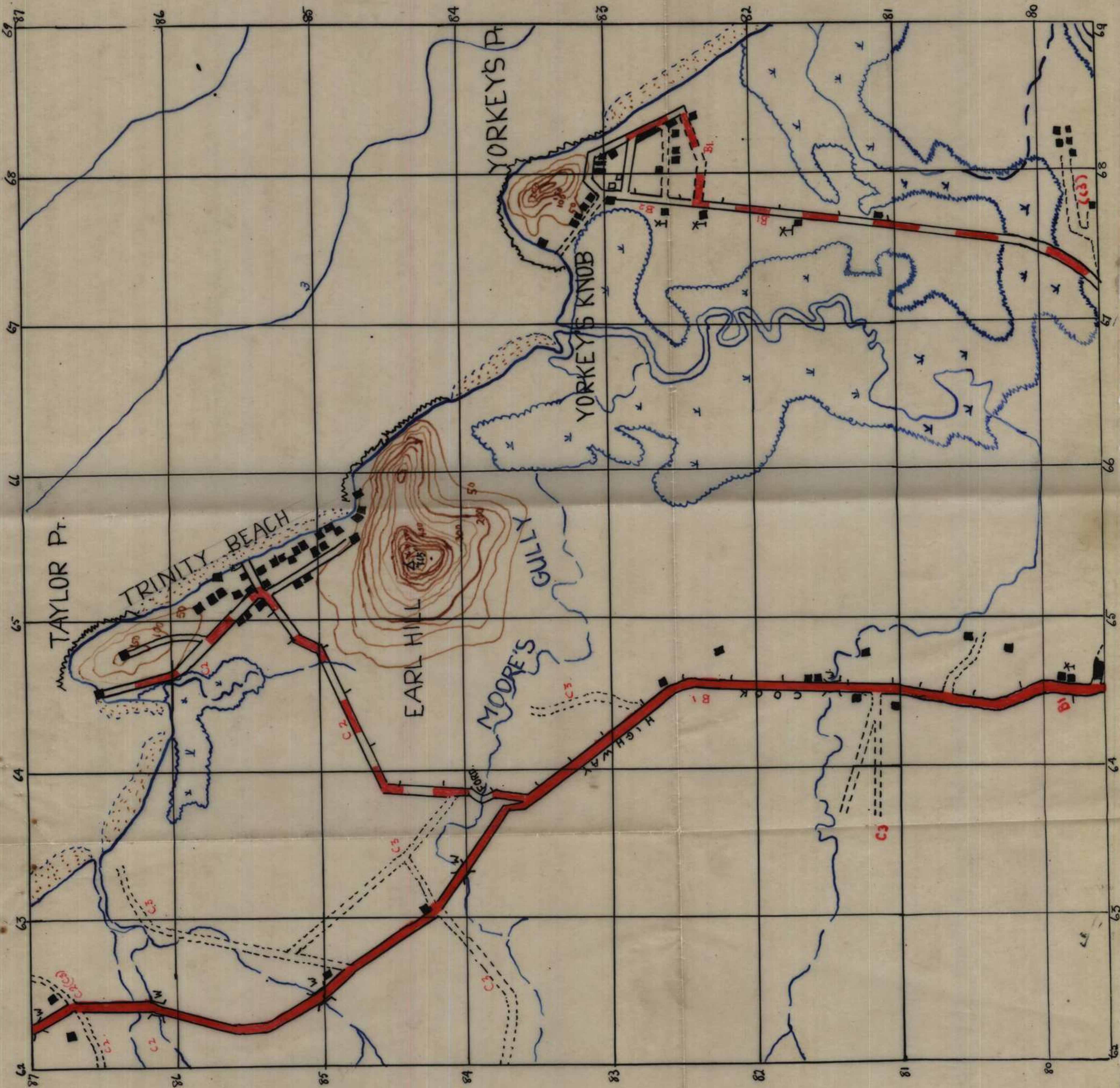


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14/32 Aust Inf Bn.  
29 May 43.

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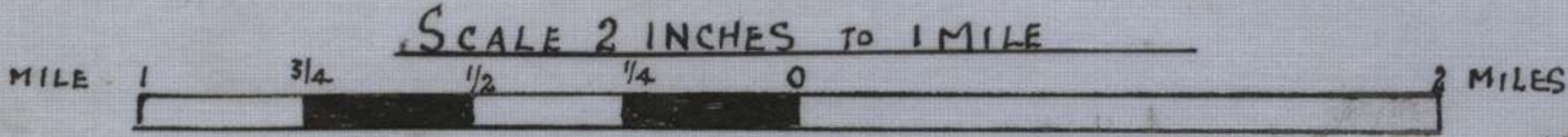
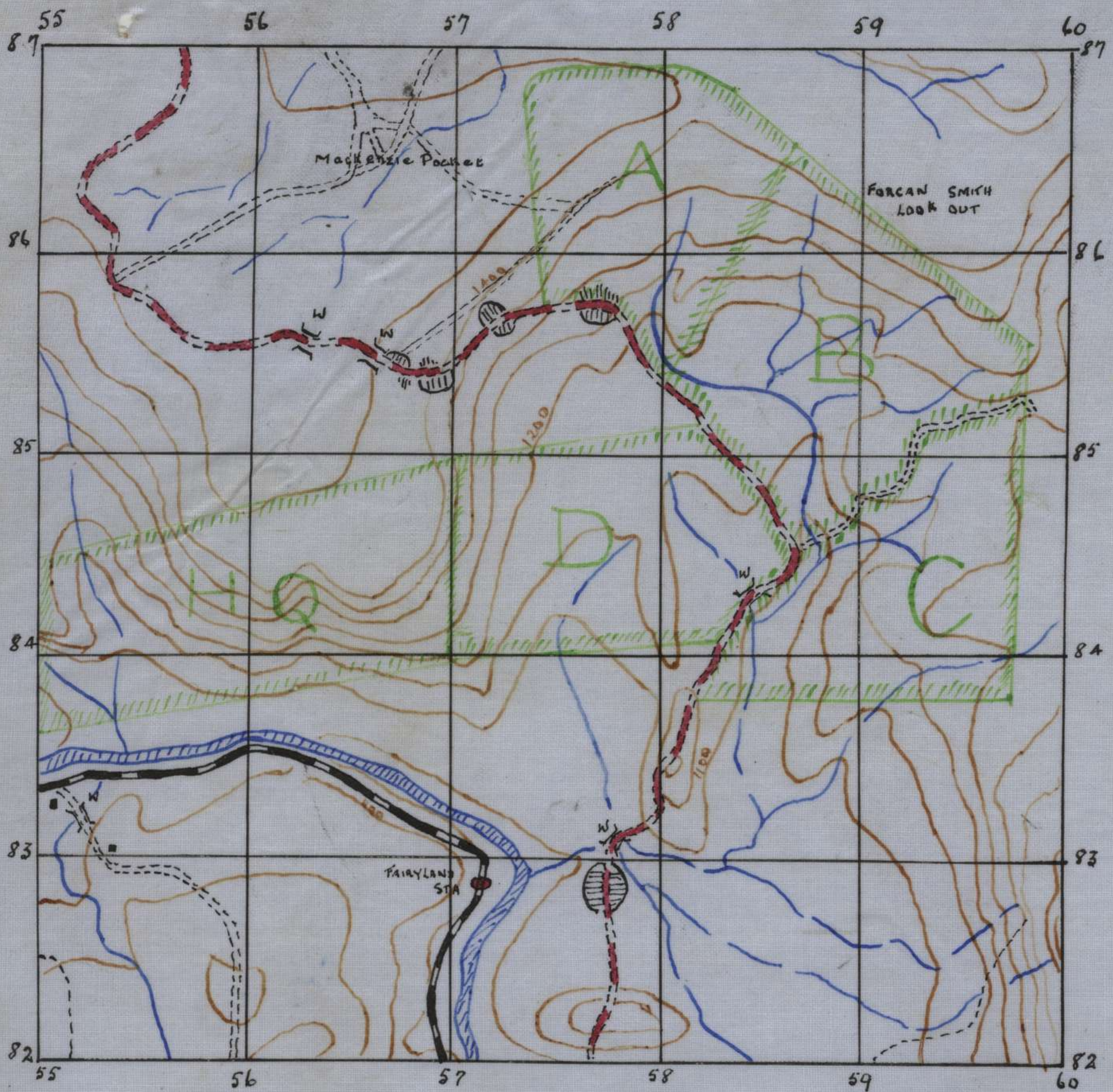
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14/32 BN TRG AREA

Appendix C

ENLARGEMENT OF PORTION OF CAIRNS 1 INCH



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*I Sec*  
31 Oct 1943.



REPORT ON AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING

APPENDICE "C"  
(ORIGINAL)

CARRIED OUT BY UNIT 10-12 MAY 43

The tng was carried out in two phases.

FIRST PHASE

15 officers from the unit proceeded by M.T. to 532 Engr Amphib Regt (U.S.) on morning of 10 MAY 43 and along with other officers of 6 Aust Inf Bde were guided to U.S. Officers Club at Trinity Beach (ref map CAIRNS 1" 6570).

Following lunch a demonstration of embarkation and landing by L.C.V. (Higgins Boats) was carried out by personnel of the 532 E.A.R., with a commentary by U.S. Officers.

Exercises were carried out from Trinity Beach to Yorkeys Beach, and return, spectator officers moving by L.C.V. closer inshore.

Evening meal and entertainment were provided at Officer's Club Trinity Beach.

A demonstration under cover of darkness was then witnessed, tps embarking at Trinity Beach and landing on Yorkeys Beach, following which Australian Officers returned to Units, 14/32 Aust Inf Bn Officer's proceeding to bivouac area, (see second phase).

SECOND PHASE

The Bn left camp to march to bivouac area on morning 10 MAY 43 in following order :- D, C, B, A, BN.HQ, HQ Coy, leading Coy at 0830 hrs, others following at  $\frac{1}{4}$  hr intervals. The route was via Forgan Smith Lookout by mountain track to Cook Highway by rd SOUTH-EAST to Yorkeys Knob Rd then NORTH to bivouac area at crossroads 678824 (ref map CAIRNS 1").

D Coy arrived at area at 1435 and all Coys were in position by 1610 hrs. The march tended to be rushed and several tps were unable to finish with the column. Heavy rain fell early during night, 10-11 May 43, making conditions of bivouac difficult.

11 MAY 43 - Reveille 0600 hrs. Bn assembled on Yorkeys Beach 0800 hrs and watched demonstration by 3 boatloads from 532 E.A.R., explained by amplified commentary.

Bn was then divided into pre-arranged waves and passenger lists compiled for each boat.

Embarkation and disembarkation was then practised for the remainder of the morning, faults being remedied in each successive practice.

Following lunch at the bivouac area the unit returned to Yorkeys Beach and carried out a tactical amphibious exercise, landing on Palm Beach in 4 waves and establishing a bridgehead. There were a few cases of sea sickness.

Exercise concluded at 1700 hrs.

Following the evening meal a similar exercise was carried out by night with a landing on Yorkeys Beach. Exercise concluded at approx 2200 hrs and tps returned to bivouac area.

Heavy rain again fell throughout night 11-12 MAY 43.

12 MAY 43 - Reveille 0630 hrs. Bn moved to Yorkeys Beach embarked tactically and carried out an opposed landing on Trinity Beach, elements of HQ Coy acting as enemy.

Exercise concluded at 1200 hrs, and the Bn was transported back to camp by U.S. Army convoy, arriving at 1330 hrs.

*J. Gallander Lewis*

14 JUL 1943

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Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)

(ORIGINAL)

Unit *432 Aust Inf Bn*Date and Time.—From *1 June 1943*To *30 June 1943*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>Nuranda.</i>	<i>1 June.</i>		<i>C.O. and Coy commanders attended a Bde. T.E.W.T. The Battalion strength is 36 Officers and 760 OR. The 10 III W.T. Set was returned from 44D. The construction of Scout courses is proceeding and the first exercises will be carried out in a few days.</i>	<i>Sp.</i>
	<i>2 June.</i>		<i>The I.O. and Pioneer Officer with members of the Ins Section and Pioneer platoon attended lectures and demonstrations on the planning and laying of a minefield at Bde HQ. The Bde commander and BM were present.</i>	<i>Sp.</i>
	<i>3 June.</i>		<i>Two members of the Field Security Wing visited the area and lectured all personnel on Security.</i>	<i>Sp.</i>
	<i>4 June.</i>		<i>The C.O., Adj., RMO, QM, and O.C. of C. Coy attended a demonstration on the preparation of dehydrated rations at 19 Bn.</i>	<i>Sp.</i>

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 1/32 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time. From 1 June 1943 To 30 June 43

(ORIGINAL)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
Kuranda	5 June		all section commanders attended a T.E.W.T. directed by the S.I.C.	S.
	6 June		the usual church parades were held within the Bn area.	
		1030	The Bde commander visited the area and inspected the coy scout courses	
			B & L coy and C coy played football at MAREEBA; B & L coy defeated C coy.	
			back rifle boy and Bn HQ. selected six men to compete in an inter-coy rifle shoot. The shoot comprised, 5 rounds application from lying prone, 10 rounds rapid in 1 min from lying prone, and 5 rounds kneeling application. Bn HQ. won the competition, and the trophy which was 9 hats of beer. H.Q. boy entered two teams in the competition.	S.
	7 June	1930	A coy held a very successful card party.	
	8 June		OC's of 2, 3 and 4 pls attended T.E.W.T on use of supporting arms, conducted by the Bde commander	S.



# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)

(ORIGINAL)  
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Unit 14/32 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 1 June 1943

To 30 June 1943

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
Karamnda	9 June		Five two men tanks were taken on charge by the Bn for maintenance. Maintenance was also carried out on seven .300 Browning MG's which arrived with the two men tanks.	Sp.
	10 June.		all coys marched out to their respective dry areas, from 8 to 14 miles from the camp area, as part of the three day exercise.	
		1230	The G <sup>ty</sup> visited the camp area	Sp.
	11 June		all coys carried out dry in fieldcraft in their allotted areas. Troops are in good spirits and enjoy this type of training.	
			The TK/A pl commenced a two day shoot held at Obap Ref 566771. Ref Obap CAIRNS 1 INCH.	Sp.
	13 June		boys continued dry in their allotted areas.	
			TK/A pl completed TK/A shoot.	Sp.
	13 June.		all coys moved from allotted areas to Brownac area at Obap Ref 509919.	
			MACALISTER RANGE Ref Obap CAIRNS 1 INCH.	Sp.

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Unit *14/32 Aust Inf Bn*

Date and Time.—From *1 June 1943* To *30 June 1943*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
<i>Muranda</i>	<i>13 June</i>	<i>1230</i>	<i>Bn HQ and HQ Coy under the 2 I.C. moved from camp area and joined ABC and D boys at camp Ref 309919 Ref O'BRYEN MACALISTER RANGE 1 INCH</i>	<i>Sp.</i>
	<i>14 June</i>		<i>Bn carried out exercise in CHRISTMAS POCKET The 2 I.C. left the bn area to attend L HQ Tactical School BEENLEIGH, Q'land</i>	<i>Appendix B attached this diary Sp.</i>
	<i>15 June</i>		<i>a demonstration of laying of TMA minefield was given to selected Officers and NCO's of the bn, by the Inf Offs and Pioneer Offs.</i>	<i>Sp.</i>
	<i>16 June</i>		<i>The Bn chiropodist carried out a foot inspection throughout the unit.</i>	<i>Sp.</i>
	<i>17 June</i>		<i>Weather: The days have been fine and warm with frosty moonlight nights.</i>	<i>Sp.</i>
	<i>22 June</i>		<i>The Battalion strength is 32 Officers and 763 OR's. 6 Officers attended Sand Table lecture at Bde HQ</i>	<i>Sp.</i>

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ORIGINAL  
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Unit 14/32 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 1 June 1943 To 30 June 1943

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Kuranda	22 June		at 1400 hrs, after which they attended a demonstration on tanks and infantry in attack. Three light tanks attached to the bn were used in conjunction with 18 pl <sup>y</sup> D Coy.	Sp.
	27 June		Bn marched out of camp area at 1230 hrs for three day exercise in vicinity of CHRISTMAS POCKET. Troops arrived at bivouac area at 1635 hrs and took up night defensive position.	Sp.
	28 June		Bn received notice for move and troops were ferried back to camp by M.T. at 1000 hrs. at 1500 hrs CO. called O' Group conference and notified Bn of move overseas. All tents were struck, all stores packed and ferried to CAIRNS wharves, the first load leaving camp area at 2000 hrs and last load at 0100 hrs 29 JUNE	Sp.
	29 June		at 0600 hrs heavy rain fell and continued until 1500 hrs.	

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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(adapted.)

ORIGINAL  
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Unit *1st/32d Aust Inf Bn*

Date and Time.—From *1 June 1943* To *30 June 1943*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>Karanda</i>	<i>30 June</i>		<p>Clearing and cleaning of area was hampered owing to rain but by 1800 hrs it was completed. Troops also had great difficulty in drying clothes. Bn strength is 704. Weather is fine and troops are remaining in camp awaiting warning order to move. At 1930 hrs orders were issued to the effect that remaining stores and priority equipment are to be loaded at 2100 hrs for movement to wharf. Ops were informed of details of move including ship's Standing Orders and Boat Discipline. The ship is to be S.S. TAROONA which is regarded as the most comfortable of troop ships. Reveille for 1 July was as usual. The first movement from area is expected to be at 1000 hrs. The news of the ship was met with mixed feeling, mainly owing to the fact that the destination is unknown but <i>Is</i></p>	<i>Sp.</i>

*Spencer* Capt  
for *1st/32d*  
14/22 Aust Inf Bn

~~MURSDEN ISLAND is considered the most likely.~~



7 JUN 43

ALL COYS

ADM INSTRUCTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL : WED 9 JUN 43

1. MOVEMENT TO POOL

Start Point: Bridge near church parade area.

Start Time: 0900 hrs.

Order of March: A, BnHQ, B, C, D, HQ. Coys will march in column <sup>100</sup> 50 yds between Pls, 200 yds between Coys.

Route: Main road to KURANDA.

Guides will pick up Coys bear entrance gate to old 26 Bn camp site, and lead them to Coy areas. A Coy will arrange guides.

2. DRESS

Greens, W/Belt, haversack with eating utensils, and ~~Australian~~ gaiters. *web*  
Togs need not be worn whilst competitors are in pool, but bodies will be covered when out of the water.

3. MIDDAY MEAL & EVENING MEAL

Coy arrangements. One vehicle will report to each Coy kitchen at 1030 hrs.

4. SWIMMING AREA

Troops will on no account be permitted to leave the area of swimming pool and Coy areas.

5. LATRINES

Sufficient picks and shovels for Coy latrines will be transported to Coy areas on ration vehicles.

6. LOUD SPEAKER SYSTEM

Lieut L J NOLAN will arrange for necessary equipment to be taken and also personnel to operate same.

7. R.A.P.

Capt C L COGHLAN will set up an RAP in close proximity to swimming pool.

8. Instructions to TO and arrangements for return to camp.

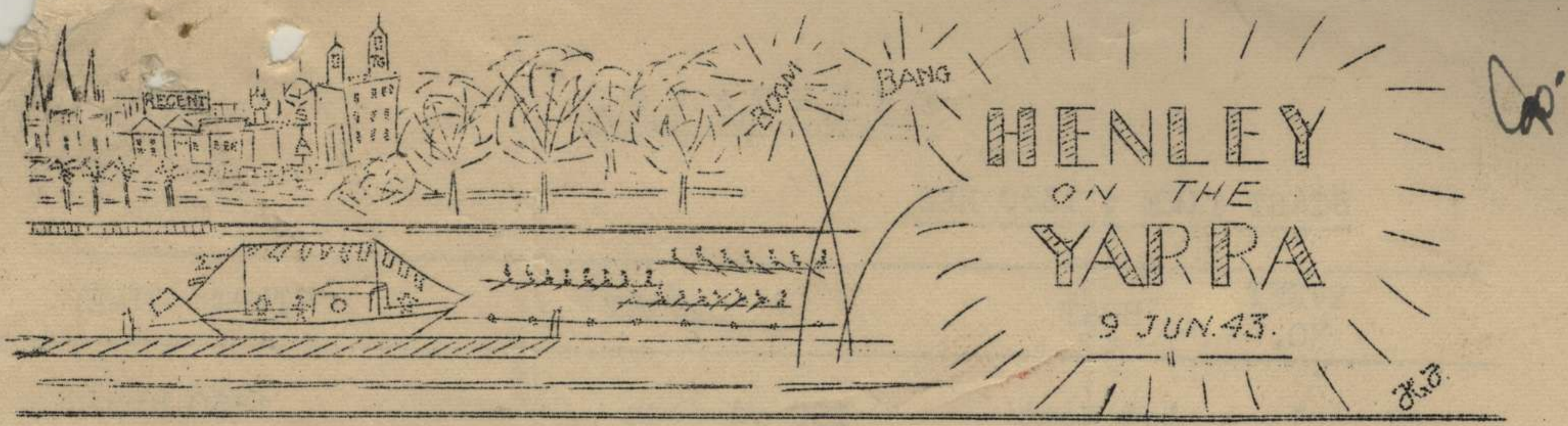
	<u>VEHICLE</u>	<u>TO REPORT TO</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
1.	15 cwt	Lieut L J NOLAN	Sig Office	0830 hrs
2.	15 cwt	Lieut J POHL	"A" Coy	0830 hrs
3.	3 tonner	Cpl Cook	"A" Coy kitchen	<del>1030</del> hrs 0830
4.	30 cwt	do	"B" " "	<del>1030</del> hrs 0830
5.	3 tonner	do	"C" " "	<del>1030</del> hrs 0830
6.	30 cwt	do	"D" " "	<del>1030</del> hrs 0830
7.	3 tonner	Sgt Cook	HQ " "	1030 hrs 0830

Return to Camp : All vehicles will be used to ferry Coys back to camp in same order as march down. ~~Coys will commence move along road home,~~ Start time will be notified after swimming events are finished.

9. All local leave for WED, THU, FRI and SAT is cancelled.

*0815 Sec comds of section race  
15 cwt A coy offic.  
0900 - truck for recu. to river  
with Lieut. Pohl.  
100' dash - 80' (across river)*

*G M Swan*  
Capt  
G M SWAN  
Adjutant 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.



OFFICIALS

ANNOUNCER - Lieut G GOLDSON  
+ 2 runners "C" Coy.  
@+@+@+@+@+@+@

RACES

STARTER - Lieut A L EASTWOOD  
& 1 "B" Coy Sgt.

JUDGES

Chief Judge	-	Capt J R LARKIN
Assistants 1st Place	-	WO.11 WALTERS A W
2nd "	-	WO.11 SKEEN C
3rd "	-	WO.11 HILL K V

2 Places only in Heats  
@+@+@+@+@+@+@

DIVING

JUDGES

Chief Judge	-	Capt D F WALKER
Assistants	-	WO.11 PASSMORE R E
	-	WO.11 ST ELLEN J J
	-	Sgt BALL A
	-	Pte FRANKS A J

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GREASY POLE

Umpires - Capt E B SINCLAIR  
Capt W H BAIN

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SCORE BOARD

Chaplain C H DUNCAN  
Capt H C MELLOR  
+ 2 batmen.

PROGRAMME

START TIME : 1330 HRS

EVENT NO.	HEAT	EVENT	START TIME
1	1st Heat	100 yd dash	1330 hrs
2	2nd "	100 yd dash	1335 hrs
3	1st "	50 yd Backstroke	1340 hrs
4	2nd "	50 yd Backstroke	1345 hrs
5		Standing Dive	1330 hrs
6		Running Swallow	to follow
7		Own Selection	on.
8		Under water swimming	1350 hrs
9		Section Race	1405 hrs
10	1st Heat	50 yd dash	1430 hrs
11	2nd "	50 yd dash	1435 hrs
12	1st "	50 yd Breaststroke	1440 hrs
13	2nd "	50 yd Breaststroke	1445 hrs
14		Greasy Pole	1445 hrs
15	Finals	100 yd dash	1515 hrs
16	"	50 yd Backstroke	1520 hrs
17	"	50 yd dash	1525 hrs
18	"	50 yd Breaststroke	1530 hrs
19		Relay Race	1550 hrs

File Appx "A"

HEADQUARTERS  
14/52 AUST INF BN  
AUSTRALIA

12 JUN 43

ADM INSTRUCTION BN EXERCISE NO.1

WITH TPS DIRECTED BY BDE COMD.

1. REFS

- (a) 6 Aust Inf Bde TEST No.1 TUE 1 JUN 43.
- (b) Macalister Range (1 in to 1 mile) Map.

2. OBJECT OF EXERCISE

To practice the Bn in deployment and the encircling attack.

- 3. Exercise No.1 will take place in the CHRISTMAS POCKET area, map ref 608916 on MON 14 JUN 43.
- 4. Coy Comds will RV at rd junc at the above map ref at 1130 hrs SUN 13 JUN 43, and will remain there until Coys arrive.
- 5. Adjt, OC HQ Coy and I.O. will move to CHRISTMAS POCKET by CO's vehicle, leaving Bn HQ at 1050 hrs. Cut lunches will be carried by all officers concerned.
- 6. Coys in the field will march from present training areas to CHRISTMAS POCKET and will arrive in that area at 1500 hrs 13 JUN 43.
- 7. Bn HQ and HQ Coy will move to CHRISTMAS POCKET area under command of 2 i/c. HQ Coy will follow BN.HQ who will leave BN Car Park at 1230 hrs.

8. EXERCISE INSTRUCTIONS

- (a) Duration. Controlled exercise commences 0815 hrs 14 JUN 43. Expected to conclude 1130 hrs 14 JUN 43. Expected time arrival in camp 1500 hrs 14 JUN 43.
- (b) A minimum number of personnel required to carry out adm and security duties will be left in camp.
- (c) Dress. Battle order (less respirators), Helmetssteel. Troops moving from camp will also carry horse-shoe over haversack consisting of ground sheet, one blanket and mosquito net. Rifle Coy equipment, such as packs, blanket rolls etc, will be carried and left in Coy dumps at CHRISTMAS POCKET area.
- (d) Enemy troops. will be wearing felt hats.
- (e) Weapons and Amn. All unit weapons will be carried with the exception of 2 Tk/A Guns. Front line amn will be taken including Tk/A, Mortar and Vickers. All SAA amn will be withdrawn before commencement of exercise and held under Coy Comds arrangements. Blank will be issued for exercise.
- (f) Stores. Picks, shovels and all necessary gear for action will be carried on MT to CHRISTMAS POCKET.
- (g) Meals. Fresh rations will be provided until midday meal SUN. Hard rations will be issued at CHRISTMAS POCKET for consumption SUN evening and MON morning and midday. One day emergency ration will be carried by all ranks.
- (h) Water. 44 gall drums will be set up in bivouac area CHRISTMAS POCKET. 2 per rifle coy, 4 HQ Coy and 1 for BN HQ.
- (i) Signals. Conclusion of exercise - three G's on the bugle. RSM will arrange for one bugler to travel with BN.HQ.

(j) Casualties. Empires will declare casualties. Troops will be instructed to "play the game" and if marked killed, remove hat and sit down, if marked wounded be evacuated through normal channels.

(k) Prisoners. Prisoners will be taken and will be returned to rear.

9. Coy Comds, OC supporting units and OC enemy will confer at the logs in CHRISTMAS POCKET at the conclusion of the exercise.

10. COOKS & KITCHENS

Cooks and all cooking gear will be returned after midday meal SUN, and they will be responsible for the setting up of kitchens and preparation of a hot meal for MON night.

11. TRANSPORT

Will report to HQ Coy at 1200 hrs for allotment as follows:-

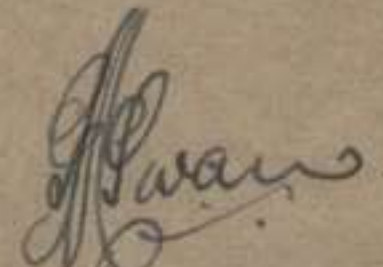
No.1.Pl	1 - 15 cwt	
No.2.Pl	1 - 3 tonner	) Two Tk/A guns will be attached to two of these vehicles.
No.3.Pl	2 - 3 tonners	
No.4.Pl	1 - 30 cwt	
No.5.Pl	1 - 15 cwt	

Tpt at present with Coys will be returned to T.O. before 1100 hrs 13 JUN 43.

The four heavier vehicles after having delivered HQ Coy weapons to CHRISTMAS POCKET will report, one to each rifle coy for return of kitchen stores to camp.

The same allotment of vehicles will report to CHRISTMAS POCKET at 1100 hrs 14 JUN 43 for return of HQ Coy stores to camp area.

A further 3 tonner will pick up required number of drums from Coy kitchens and transport same to CHRISTMAS POCKET. Duty will commence at 1200 hrs. This vehicle will return to camp for use of QM.



G N SWAY  
Adjutant 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.

Capt.

GM

MOST SECRET

HEADQUARTERS  
14/32 AUST INF BN  
AUSTRALIA

28 JUN 43

MOVEMENT INSTRUCTION 4/43

DAFFODIL

14/32 Aust Inf Bn will move overseas.

METHOD

The unit will move in two groups.

No.1 Ship 14/32 Aust Inf Bn less 2 Offrs, 2 Sgts  
46 rank and file from A Coy.

OC. Troops.

Lt-Col W B CALDWELL.

Total of 32 Officers, 8 WO's, 38 Sgts, 576 rank and file.

No.2 Ship From A Coy 2 Officers, 2 Sgts, 46 rank & file.

OC Troops OC Party - Lieut A F BAIRD.

Lt-Col FOSTER.

It is expected personnel will be moved to CAIRNS by rail. Details will be issued separately.

ADM

All stores will be transported to Decks on 28 JUN 43, and will travel on No.1 ship, with main body.

Proportion of cooking gear, 3 picks and 6 shovels per Coy will remain until troops are ordered to move, and will then be transported by road to wharf.

Other ranks will carry scale 1511. Additional blanket will be carried under Coy arrangement in "Sec Rolls".

RATIONS

Two days Field Operational Rations will be carried in bulk by Bn.

No.2 Ship : Two days Field Operational R tions will be carrædd in bulk under arrangement of Capt SINCLAIR.

ALL RANKS on both ships will carry three days "field emergency rations" each.

WATER All water bottles will be carried filled, and in addition all 2 gal containers (filled), will be carried with the Coys.

EQUIPMENT Rifle Coys will carry ~~maximum~~ normal war equipment with the exception of Tk/A rifles and 2" Mortars. Bren tripods will be carried uncrated with the Coy personnel.

HQ Coy equipment will be loaded into the holds.

AMN

All Bren magazines will be filled with 25 rounds and one box (1248) will be carried.

Rifles: 50 rounds per rifle.

NOMINAL ROLLS

Coy Nominal rolls will be carried by all Coy Comds. Personnel will be listed in order of rank down to Sgts, then rank and file, also in order numerically "by states".

A Serial number will be allotted each person by Bn and this number will be worn in the front of the hat when embarking.

INTER COMMUNICATION

Signal Pl will maintain comm by line in this area. On movement, cable and phones will be boxed for use by any advance party.



Capt

G M SWAN  
Adjutant 14/32 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

Coy Comds	5
I.O.	1
Q.M.	1
Lieut GOLDSON	1
14/32 Aust Inf Bn	2

Appx. "B"

*Lt Col. M. S. Baldwin*

*Boy bands will report on bar Park 1220 hrs. Dress. Trans W/Belt. Col. K.F. A/Sailors.*

PAPER NO 1

(Issued prior to T.M.T.)

HQ 6 AUST INF BDE (AIF)  
AUSTRALIA

29 MAY 43

6 AUST INF BDE T.M.T. NO 1 - TUES 1 JUNE 1943

DIRECTED BY BDE COMD

(Ref Adm Instns for T.M.T. dated 28 MAY 43 issued by this HQ)

1. OBJECT OF T.M.T.

To consider the tactics and drill for a Bn in the Deployment and Encircling Attack.

2. LESSONS

- (a) Rapid deployment drills.
- (b) Outflanking tactics.
- (c) Speed, surprise and simplicity.

3. STANDS

Stand I. - Position on edge of jungle; to be indicated by DS.

Stand II. - Position along track approx 120 yds short of river crossing and DEAD DOG village; to be indicated by DS.

Opening situation and solutions to Problem I will be given at Stand I, remaining Problems will be given at Stand II.

4. OPENING SITUATION

Enemy invasion para tps have failed to take CAIRNS and MAREEBA airfields.

The situation in the CAIRNS area is completely restored. However, a strong enemy force estimated to be 400 strong has managed to withdraw north, and is now located in the jungle north of CHRISTMAS POCKET (510920), astride the track, CHRISTMAS POCKET (507916) - RED CLIFF PT. (523971). Contact with the enemy has been lost temporarily.

14/32 Aust Inf Bn is pursuing and on the night 31 May/1 Jun occupied the area CHRISTMAS POCKET. 14/32 Bn is at present strength (Tropical Scale); is manhandling all weapons and is self-contained for two days. No supporting arms (e.g. Air support; Arty; or Mgrs) are available. No enemy AFV's have been encountered.

NOTE. Present locations of all units are NOT to be considered in this T.M.T.

5. NARRATIVE I

At 2100 hrs 31 May 43, CO 14/32 Aust Inf Bn issued orders to Bn for advance on 1 June 43.

6. PROBLEM I

As CO 14/32 Aust Inf Bn give your verbal orders for march.

NOTE. Offrs attending T.M.T. are to consider this problem individually, prior to Tues 1 June 43 and be prepared to give solution.



7. FURTHER NARRATIVE AND PROBLEMS

Further Narrative and Problems will be issued on the ground at Stand II.

8. PAPERS ISSUED

(a) All Adm Instns and Papers issued prior to this exercise to accompany offrs on the TEWT.

(b) Paper No 2 and DIAGRAM showing plan of attack will be issued during the TEWT.

*F. J. Nicholls*

F. J. Nicholls Major.  
BM 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

29 MAY 43

DISTRIBUTION

14/32 Aust Inf Bn	8
38 Aust Inf Bn	8
19 Aust Inf Bn	8
12 Aust Fd Coy	2
6 Aust Fd Amb	2
3 Aust Div Carr Coy	2
Bde Comd	1
BM	1
LO 1	1
SC	1
Bde "I" Sec	1
War Diary	2
File	2
Spare	6

*War Diary*

HEADQUARTERS  
14/32 AUST INF BN  
AUSTRALIA

17 JUN 43

REPORT ON BN EXERCISE 13/14 JUN 43

BN IN THE DEPLOYMENT AND ENCIRCLING ATTACK

1. The Bn moved to CHRISTMAS POCKET area (ref map MACALISTER RANGE 1 inch) in accordance with Adm Instr Bn Exercise No.1 (Appx A attached).
2. The exercise was based on 6 Aust Inf Bde TEWT No.1 carried out over the same ground on 1 JUN 43 (Appx B).
3. Coys spent the night 13/14 JUN 43 in tactical bivouac posns, and against an enemy provided by 4 Aust Div Carrier Coy the Bn commenced an advance on morning 14 JUN. Contact was made, the Bn deployed, and an encircling attack launched.
4. Valuable lessons were learnt and umpires provided helpful criticism.
5. Field Operational Rations were used for the first time within the unit and proved highly satisfactory.
6. Line and wireless comms were very effective.
7. Stretcher bearers gained valuable experience, using new fd kit.

*J. Vallander Lieut.*  
*1.0. 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.*

*T/sec*

WEEKLY CAMP MEDICAL REPORT

UNIT 14/32 AUST INF BN

WEEK ENDING . . . . .  
5/6/43

- (a) GENERAL
- (b) PHYSIQUE                    **Improving**
- (c) HEALTH SICKNESS & INJURIES                    **Improving**
- (d) HYGIENE & SANITATION                    **3 sprained ankles ? Fracture left elbow**
- (e) FOOD WATER & COOKING                    **Improving - recovered soon after heavy rain**
- (f) STATISTICS                    **2 days now on dehydrated rations - for 2 - meals for turnover of rations**

Total number of  
Troops served . . . . . Own Unit . . . . . Other Units . . . . .  
793

L D . . . . . 9 . . . . . N D . . . . . Evac Hosp . . . . . 7

R AP Attendances . . . . . 118 . . . . . Evacuation Hospital . . . . . 7

U R T I		U R T I	
DIARR	14	DIARR	1
SCABIES		V D	
V D		OTHER DISEASES	
OTHER DISEASES	18		4

TOTAL 32

TOTAL 7

*W. H. Magellan*  
 . . . . . Capt AAMC  
 R M O 14/32 AUST INF BN

Tues.

WEEKLY CAMP MEDICAL REPORT

UNIT 14/32 AUST INF BN

WEEK ENDING 12 JUNE 43

(a) GENERAL : Improving

(b) HEALTH, SICKNESS & INJURIES: 1 Case of Scrub Typhus evacuated 2/5 days ago - certified yesterday Since leave cancelled for exercises U R T I is less. 1 Case acute appendicit Improving

(c) HYGIENE & SANITATION:

(d) FOOD, WATER & COOKING: Improving - wholemeal has appeared at last.

(e) STATISTICS:

Total Number of Troops Served. 783 Own Unit 783 Other Units

Av Daily Sick Rate ( 47 / 783 x 100 / 7 ) 00.85%

L.D. 17 N.D. EVAC HOSPITAL 13

Table with 3 columns: R.A.P. ATTENDANCES, EVACUATED HOSPITAL, TOTAL. Rows include DENGUE, DIARRHOEA, DYSENTERY, MALARIA (Rec), MALARIA (Prim), SCABIES, TINEA (Feet), TINEA (Body), U.R.T.I., OTHER DISEASES, and TOTAL.

C L COGHLAN Capt AAMC RMO 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.

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WEEKLY CAMP MEDICAL REPORT

UNIT ... 14/32 AUST INF BN

WEEK ENDING ... 19 JUN 43

(a) GENERAL : Improving. "Mokka" mites found map ref 458938 (MacAlister Range 1")

(b) HEALTH, SICKNESS & INJURIES: 1 case lacerated Rt forearm - Machete  
1 " Lt thumb lacerated - Machete

(c) HYGIENE & SANITATION: Improving.

(d) FOOD, WATER & COOKING: Improving - water second cup Horrocks. Water is chlorinated and detasting tablets added as usual.

(e) STATISTICS:

Total Number of Troops Served. 1131 ..... Own Unit 781 ..... Other Units (1) 150 3 Aust Inf Bde (2) 200 12 Pd Coy

Av Daily Sick Rate (  $\frac{55 + 19 + 10}{781 + 150 + 200} \times \frac{100}{7}$  ) 1.06% (Per all 3 units)

L.D. ... 17 ..... N.D. ... NIL ..... EVAC HOSPITAL ... 10 + 2

R.A.P. ATTENDANCES		EVACUATED HOSPITAL	TOTAL
DENGUE	1	1	
DIARRHOEA	2	-	
DYSENTERY	-	-	
MALARIA (Rec)	-	-	
MALARIA (Prim)	-	-	
SCABIES	1	1	
TINEA (Feet)	-	-	
TINEA (Body)	-	-	
U.R.T.I.	8 + 1 + 3	1 + 1	
OTHER DISEASES	30 + 1 + Nil	6 + 1	
TOTAL	47	11	58

*C. L. Coghlan*  
Capt AAMC  
C L COGHLAN  
RMO 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.

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WEEKLY CAMP MEDICAL REPORT

UNIT 14/32 AUST INF BN

WEEK ENDING 23 JUNE 45

(a) GENERAL :

Improving. No symptoms from cases with the "scrub itch" who were treated with Ungh sulph. Short arm of whole unit

(b) HEALTH, SICKNESS & INJURIES:

reveals no ref in last weeks report as only area  
1 case of severe sprain /concerned.  
Rt ankle. 1 case lacerated left cheek.  
1 case lacerated Rt eyelid.

(c) HYGIENE & SANITATION:

3 cases involved in explosion of tk A grenade

(d) FOOD, WATER & COOKING:

Improving

(e) STATISTICS:

Total Number of

Troops Served. 1153 Own Unit 781

6 Aust Inf Bde 162  
Other Units 42 Pld Coy 210

Av Daily Sick Rate  $( \frac{62+7+11}{781+162+210} \times \frac{100}{7} )$

0.99% (For all ranks)

L.D. 0 N.D. 0 EVAC HOSPITAL 0

R.A.P. ATTENDANCES	EVACUATED HOSPITAL	TOTAL
DENGUE	-	-
DIARRHOEA	-	-
DYSENTERY	-	-
MALARIA (Rec)	-	-
MALARIA (Prim)	-	-
SCABIES	1	1
TINEA (Feet)	-	-
TINEA (Body)	-	-
U.R.T.I.	8 + 7 + 8	1 + 0 + 8
OTHER DISEASES	27	4 + 0 + 2
TOTAL	51	10

*C L Coghlan*

Capt AAMC

C L COGHLAN

RMO 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

11/120/2

14/32 AUST INF BN (Unit)

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	1		2
Captains	8		
Lieutenants	24	5	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

### SUMMARY OF AIF & AMF ENLISTMENTS

Rank.	ENLISTED		NURSES		AWAS		VAD		CIVILIANS		
	OFFRS	ORS	OFFRS	ORS	OFFRS	ORS	OFFRS	ORS	OFFRS	ORS	
AMF	-	246									
AIF	36	511									
	36	757	Officers QUITTED during week.								

*W B Caldwell* Lt-Col  
W B CALDWELL A.O.D.  
Commanding 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.

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

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

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

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

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



**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-Col	VX 82	W B CALDWELL	14/32 Bn	YES	
Major	VX 17	P M SHANAHAN	"	"	
Capt	VX 117005	G W BIDDLECOMBE	"	NO	HQ Sch of Hygiene
"	VX 117002	G H WEBSTER	"	YES	
"	VX 14100	J R LARKIN	"	"	
"	VX 111065	D F WALKER	"	"	
"	VX 117113	B B SINCLAIR	"	"	
"	VX 117001	R L JACK	"	"	
"	VX 117003	G M SMYTH	"	"	
"	VX 117004	R H BAIN	"	"	
"	VX 117013	L P SLUTSKIN	"	"	
Lieut	VX 117012	J POHL	"	"	
"	VX 117013	F L DEVINE	"	"	
"	VX 111055	B C T BURNS	"	"	
"	VX 117011	B Y WALKER	"	"	
"	VX 117015	C GOLDSOHN	"	"	
"	VX 117014	A L EASTWOOD	"	"	
"	VX 117009	A J CALLANDER	"	"	
"	VX 117016	G A ROBERTS	"	"	
"	VX 34459	T L J ALMOND	"	"	
"	VX 48475	T C RECHENBERG	"	"	
"	VX 111061	L J NOLAN	"	"	
"	VX 52220	A A STOATE	"	"	
"	VX 111050	J S D WINTER	"	"	
"	VX 111058	B C RAVENSCROFT	"	"	
"	VX 111057	L J ANON	"	"	
"	VX 85255	A W LEE	"	"	
"	VX 55002	G B SAGAR	"	NO	Det NT Sch SABARLAN
"	VX 51218	A F BAIRD	"	YES	
"	VX 46883	J V MCCONNELL	"	"	
"	VX 53230	G D FERRIS	"	"	
"	VX 53887	G O THOMPSON	"	"	
"	VX 111052	G S TINKLER	"	"	
"	VX 53334	S RICHARDS	"	"	
VX	VX 117008	B F CRAIG	"	"	

(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 112205	G L COOHLAN	A A M C	10/1/43	RMO
"	V 275240	R C MELLOR	Salv Army	10/2/43	Duty
"	VX 91395	G H DUNCAN	A A CH D	18/3/43	Chaplain

14/32 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.)      W B CALDWELL (Signature of Commander.) A.O.D.  
 5 JUN 43 (Date of Despatch.)      6 Aust Inf Bde - Q L of C Area (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)





# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

11/120/2

14/32 AUST INF BN

(Unit)

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Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	1		2
Captains	8		
Lieutenants	24	5	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

### SUMMARY OF AIF & AMF ENLISTMENTS

KXK	ENLISTED MALES		NURSES		AWAS		VAD		CIVILIANS	
	OFFRS	ORS	OFFRS	ORS	OFFRS	ORS	OFFRS	ORS	OFFRS	ORS
AMF	-	240								
AIF	36	511								
	36	751								

  
 Lt-Col.  
 W B CALDWELL  
 Commanding 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.

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

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

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### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-Col	NX 92	W B CALDWELL	14/32 Bn	YES	
Major	NX 17	P H SHANAHAN	"	"	
Capt	VX 117005	G W BIDDLECOMBE	"	NO	LHQ Sch of Hygiene
"	VX 117002	G H WEBSTER	"	YES	
"	VX 14100	J R LARKIN	"	"	
"	VX 111055	D F WALKER	"	"	
"	VX 117113	B B SINCLAIR	"	"	
"	VX 117001	R L JACK	"	"	
"	VX 117003	G M SWAN	"	"	
"	VX 117004	W H BAIN	"	"	
"	VX 117018	L P SLUTSKIN	"	"	
Lieut	VX 117012	J POHL	"	"	
"	VX 117013	P L DEVINE	"	"	
"	VX 111055	B C T BURNS	"	"	
"	VX 117011	R Y WALKER	"	"	
"	VX 117015	G COEDSON	"	"	
"	VX 117014	A L EASTWOOD	"	"	
"	VX 117009	A J CALLANDER	"	"	
"	VX 117016	G A ROBERTS	"	"	
"	VX 34458	T L J ALMOND	"	"	
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"	VX 111057	L J AHOE	"	"	
"	VX 85255	A W LEE	"	"	
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"	VX 53260	C D FERRES	"	"	
"	VX 53857	G O THOMPSON	"	"	
"	VX 111052	G S TINKLER	"	"	
"	VX 53334	S RICHARDS	"	"	
"	VX 117008	H F CRAIG	"	"	

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"	VX 91395	C H DUNCAN	A A CH D	18/3/43	Chaplain

14/32 AUST INF BN

W B CALDWELL

Lt-Co

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

12 JUN 43

6 Aust Inf Bde - Q L of C Area

(Date of Despatch.)

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







# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

11/120/2

14/32 AUST INF BN

(Unit)

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	1		2
Captains	8		
Lieutenants	25	6	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
Totals	36	6	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	F. W. BENSON	14/32 Bn	11/6/43	Rej Unit ex SMC-FRI Officers C'flage School and struck off I List.

### SUMMARY OF AIF & AMF ENLISTMENTS

	ENLISTED MALES		NURSES		AWAS		VAD		CIVILIANS	
	OFFRS	ORS	OFFRS	ORS	OFFRS	ORS	OFFRS	ORS	OFFRS	ORS
AMF	-	239								
AIF	37	512								
	37	751								

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks.
	W B CALDWELL		Commanding 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

11/120/2

14/32 ADST INF BN

(Unit)

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

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Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	F. W. BENSON	14/32 Bn	11/6/43	Rej Unit ex SMC-FRI Officers Coflags School and struck off X List.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-Col	WX 92	W B CALDWELL	14/32 Bn	YES	
Major	WX 17	P M SHANAHAN	"	NO	LHQ Tactical Sch BREN-LEIGH.
Capt	VX 117005	G W BIDDLECOMBE	"	"	LHQ Sch of Hygiene
"	VX 117002	G H WEBSTER	"	YES	
"	VX 14100	J R LARKIN	"	"	
"	VX 111035	D F WALKER	"	"	
"	VX 117113	R B SINCLAIR	"	"	
"	VX 117001	R L JACK	"	"	
"	VX 117003	G M SWAN	"	"	
"	VX 117004	W H BAIN	"	"	
"	VX 117018	L P SLUTZKIN	"	"	
Lieut	VX 117012	J PHEL	"	"	
"	VX 117013	F L DEVINE	"	"	
"	VX 111055	B C T BURNS	"	"	
"	VX 117011	B Y WALKER	"	"	
"	VX 117015	G GOLDSON	"	"	
"	VX 117014	A L EASTWOOD	"	"	
"	VX 117009	A J CALLANDER	"	"	
"	VX 117013	G A ROBERTS	"	"	
"	VX 34458	T L J ALMOND	"	"	
"	VX 48475	T C RECHENBERG	"	"	
"	VX 111061	L J HOLLAN	"	"	
"	VX 52220	A A STOATE	"	"	
"	VX 111050	J E D WINTER	"	"	
"	VX 111053	R G RAVENSCROFT	"	"	
"	VX 111057	L J ARON	"	"	
"	VX 55255	A W LEE	"	"	
"	VX 55002	G H SAGAR	"	NO	Det MT Sch CABARLAN
"	VX 51213	A P SAIRD	"	YES	
"	VX 46883	J V MCCONNELL	"	"	
"	VX 53260	C D FERRIS	"	"	
"	VX 53887	G O THOMPSON	"	"	
"	VX 111052	O S FINKLER	"	"	
"	VX 53334	S RICHARDS	"	"	
"	VX 52078	P W BERSON	"	"	
"	VX 117008	H F CRAIG	"	"	

(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 112205	G L COGHLAN	A A M C	10/1/43	RMO
"	VX 91395	C H DUNCAN	A A CR D	18/3/43	Duty
"	V 275240	R C HELLOR	Salv Army	10/2/43	Chaplain

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(Unit.)

19 JUN 43

(Date of Despatch.)

W B CALDWELL

(Signature of Commander.)

6 Aust Inf Bde - Q L of C Area

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

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

(Adapted)

11/12C/2

14/32 AUST INF BN

(Unit)

19 JUN 43

19

(Date).

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

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	8		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	4		
Serjeants	28		
Corporals	86		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	637		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>746</b>	*	*

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
2 Sgts	A A M C		
1 Cpl	A A O C		
1 Sgt	Postal Unit		
1 Sgt 1 Cpl	A A P C		
1 Sgt	A E N E		
1 OR	A A G H D		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
V139558	Pte	PRACOCK J W	14/32 Bn	A R D BORTHAN W.A.
V117586	"	HANNAWAY S	"	6 Psg Pn







# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

11/120/2

14/32 AUST INF BN

(Unit)

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	1		2
Captains	8		
Lieutenants	25	6	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

### SUMMARY OF AIF & ANP ENLISTMENTS

	ENLISTED MALES		NURSES		AWAS		VAD	CIVILIANS	
	OFFRS	ORS	OFFRS	ORS	OFFRS	ORS	OFFRS	OFFRS	ORS
ANP	-	232							
AIF	37	512							
	37	744							

*[Signature]*  
Lt-Col.  
W B CALDWELL  
Commanding Lt Inf Bn.

## 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).



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

11/120/2

14/32 AUST INF BN

(Unit)

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	1		2
Captains	8		
Lieutenants	25	6	
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Quartermasters	1		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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Major	NX 17	P M SHANAHAN	"	NO	LHQ Tactical School BARNLEIGH.
Capt	VX 117006	G H BIDDLECOMBE	"	"	LHQ Sch of Hygiene
"	VX 117002	G H WEBSTER	"	YES	
"	VX 14100	J R LARKIN	"	NO	Det 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
"	VX 111065	D F WALKER	"	YES	
"	VX 117113	R B SINCLAIR	"	"	
"	VX 117001	R L JAGE	"	"	
"	VX 117003	G M SWAN	"	"	
"	VX 117004	E H BAIN	"	"	
"	VX 117018	L P SLUTZKIN	"	"	
Lieut	VX 117012	J POHL	"	"	
"	VX 117013	F L DEVINE	"	"	
"	VX 111055	E C BURNS	"	"	
"	VX 117011	R V WALKER	"	"	
"	VX 117015	G GOLDSON	"	"	
"	VX 117014	A L EASTWOOD	"	"	
"	VX 117009	A J CALLANDER	"	"	
"	VX 117016	G A ROBERTS	"	"	
"	VX 34458	T L J ALMOND	"	NO	M.D.S.
"	VX 48475	R G RECHENBERG	"	YES	
"	VX 111061	L J NOLAN	"	"	
"	VX 52220	A A STGATE	"	NO	2/2 AGH
"	VX 111050	J R D NIXTER	"	YES	
"	VX 111058	B G RAVENSCROFT	"	"	
"	VX 111057	L J ARON	"	"	
"	VX 85255	A H JUNE	"	NO	2/2 AGH
"	VX 55002	G H SAGAR	"	YES	
"	VX 53219	M B SAUND	"	"	
"	VX 46883	J W McCONNELL	"	"	
"	VX 53260	C D FERRIS	"	"	
"	VX 53887	G D THOMPSON	"	NO	2/2 AGH
"	VX 111052	G S TINKLER	"	YES	
"	VX 53334	S RICHARDS	"	"	
"	VX 52078	F W BENSON	"	"	
"	VX 117008	R P CRAIG	"	"	

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Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
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"	VX 91395	C H DUNCAN	A A CH D	15/3/43	Chaplain
"	V 275240	R C WELLS	Salv Army	10/2/43	Duty.

14/32 AUST INF BN

(Unit.)

26 JUN 43

(Date of Despatch.)

W B CALDWELL

(Signature of Commander.)

6 Aust Inf Bde - Q L of C Area.

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

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
Sub Rank & Higher T/Rank	Army No.	Surname	Initials	Posting to which seconded	Date of Secondment
Major	VX104274	CHAPMAN	J B	33 Inf Trg Bn	1 MAY 42
"	V 81692	SUTTON	A J	Area Officer 4 Bde	14 AUG 42
"	V 8001	OLCADOW	H A	HQ Watsonia Vic.	14 JAN 43
Capt	VX8	OLDEAN	A G	GSO.11(S.D.) G Branch LHQ AAO 9/42.	17 FEB 42
Capt T/Maj	VX81129	BAGNALL	W E J	15 A I T B	22 SEP 42
Capt T/Maj	V 36032	LOVEJOY	V A	29/46 Bn	"
Capt T/Maj	VX102696	MILLER	E G	3 Aust Corps	CG.5/43
Capt T/Maj	V 80001	COLEMAN	W R	3 Aust Corps	CG.5/43
Lieut T/Maj	V 1629	FIELD	H B	D A Q M G S Comd	27 JUN 41
Lieut T/Maj	VX322	McKENZIE	K G	GSO.11 ops LHQ	28 NOV 41
Capt	V 36067	WILSON	N	5 Aust Dock Control N.A. L of C Area	15 OCT 42
Lieut T/Capt	VX111114	WALLER	H D	2 Aust Inf Bde	20 OCT 41
Lieut T/Capt	V 36204	BEAR	N J	DAPM 4 Aust Div	22 SEP 42
Lieut T/Capt	VX117006	Ogilvie	B H B	3 Aust Div Carr Coy	APR 43
Lieut T/Capt	VX111041	HAYNE	E L	3 Aust Corps	1 SEP 42
Lieut	VX117007	LEGG	A G	3 Aust Div Carr Coy	3 APR 43
Lieut	VX6518	GILL	K H	LHQ	"
Lieut	V 36036	COBB	D A	Aust Int Corps Vic	16 Nov 42
Lieut	VX8115	GRANT	H G	L of C	AG.33 5 FEB 43
Lieut	V 36170	McCARTHY	J F	6 Aust Inf Bde	"
Lieut	VX50853	DAHLSTROM	A A	12 Aust Inf Bde	"
Lieut	V 36016	McGREGOR	R D	Appt V.O.O.	29 JUN 41

Signature of Commander: *[Signature]*  
 (Unit): *[Unit]*  
 (Date of Despatch): *[Date]*  
 (Bde, Div, Area, etc., with which Unit is serving): *[Bde, Div, Area, etc.]*

**TABLE G**

**PART D.—NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS IN TRANSIT**

1	2	3	4	5	6
Sub Rank & Higher T/Rank	Army No	Surname	Initials	Unit or Posting to which offr is proceeding	Date of leaving Unit.
Capt	VX111042	TURNER	L R	Pending disposal. At present held 6 Aust Inf Bde.	19 MAR 43
Lieut	VX52074	HOSKING	G T		12 APR 43
Lieut	VX111066	OAKLEY	H S	On trial AND York Force pending disp.	19 MAR 43
Lieut	VX53667	HAYES	K	Pending disposal. At present 31/51 Bn	19 MAR 43
Lieut	VX117017	PUGH	J N	At present on ARL returning from sec to 3 Aust Army Sch of Mech	11 OCT 42
Lieut	VX67911	MITCHELL	L D	Pending disposal. At present 31/51 Bn	13 APR 43.

**TABLE H**

**OFFICERS EVACUATED TO HOSPITAL**

1	2	3	4	5	6
Sub Rank & Higher T/Rank	Army No.	Surname	Initials	Medical Establishment to which evacuated	Date of evacuation from Unit
Lieut	VX34458	ALMOND	T L J	N D S	22 JUN 43
Lieut	VX52220	STOATE	A A	2/2 AGH	20 JUN 43
Lieut	VX55255	LEE	A W	2/2 AGH	20 JUN 43
Lieut	VX53887	THOMPSON	G O	2/2 AGH	20 JUN 43

**TABLE I**

**VISITING & INSPECTING OFFICERS**

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Remarks
NIL.				

**TABLE J**

**OFFICERS NOT ON POSTED STRENGTH**

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Remarks
NIL.				

**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)
NIL.			

(Date of Despatch) \_\_\_\_\_ (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Commanding Officer) \_\_\_\_\_

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

R O U T I N E

O R D E R S

by

Lt-Col W B CALDWELL

HEADQUARTERS

14/32 AUST INF

AUSTRALIA

Commanding 14/32 Aust Inf Bn

3 JUNE 43

Part

1.

Camp Order No 15/43

1. BN DUTIES

Duty Coy mounts 1800 hrs on day shown and dismounts 1800 hrs the following day.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY COY</u>
4 JUNE 43	"D" Coy
5 JUNE 43	"HQ" "
6 JUNE 43	"A" "
7 JUNE 43	"B" "
8 JUNE 43	"C" "
9 JUNE 43	"D" "
10 JUNE 43	"HQ" "
11 JUNE 43	"A" "

2. GUNS, SUB-MACHINE, OWEN - ASSEMBLY

(a) It has been reported that quantities of the abovementioned weapons have become inoperative due to components and assemblies being inadvertently changed from one gun to another.

(b) The attention of all concerned is directed to the fact that the main components of the Owen SMG are not interchangeable and must remain with the gun to which they were originally fitted.

The barrel, bolt and trigger housing should all bear the same number as the body.

(c) O Cs of Coys will arrange an immediate inspection of these weapons to ensure that the components mentioned bear the same number as the body.

Return certifying guns correct or otherwise to be at this HQ by 1800 hrs 5 June 43.

(d) Trigger group will NOT be stripped unless under supervision of armourer.


3. IGNITER SETS - GRENADES No. 36M. SUSCEPTIBILITY TO MOISTURE

The .22 R F cartridge cap, as used in the igniter sets for grenades No 36M, is highly susceptible to moisture. Personnel handling igniter set containers will observe strictly the following procedure :-

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

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

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

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4. UNIT AUDIT BOARD

As from 1 JUNE 43, the unit Audit Board will consist of the undermentioned Officers.

Capt G H WEBSTER	President
Lieut F L DEVINE	Member
Lieut G O THOMPSON	Member

Para 6 of Unit R O Part 1 No 23/42 is cancelled.

5. UNIT CANTEEN ACCOUNTS

Lieut L J AHON is appointed canteen officer, and will be responsible to see that canteen accounts are checked at least once a week, and that a correct accounting system is enforced. Lieut AHON will inform Major SHANAHAN at least once per week of progress made by canteen over previous week.

6. INVESTIGATING OFFICERS - INJURY

2 i/c's Rifle Coys are hereby appointed investigating officers for injuries sustained by members of their respective Coys.

Lieut E C T BURNS is appointed investigating officer HQ Coy.

The above officers in particular, will acquaint themselves with GRC A392, with a view to adopting correct procedure upon injury to members of their Coy.

All personnel whose injury requires the making out of AAF D11 will be investigated immediately, and reports will be forwarded at same time as AAF D11.

7. POSTAL FACILITIES AND CENSORSHIP

Military post boxes which may be erected in recreation huts in some centres are provided as a facility for troops on leave or in transit. They are NOT intended, and will NOT be used for the posting of letters written in units, which must be despatched through unit channels.

8. POSTAL NOTES

Postal Notes are obtainable free of postage.

*G M Stan*

Capt

G M STAN

Adjutant 14/32 AUST INF BN

LOST

PAY BOOK V 180271 Pte FROTTER J W

Finder, please return same to Regimental Office.

*Office*

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Commanding 14/32 Aust Inf Bn

HEADQUARTERS  
14/32 AUST INF B  
AUSTRALIA

14 JUNE 43

PART 1.

Camp Order No 14/43

1. BN DUTIES

Duty Coy mounts 1800 hrs on day shown and dismounts 1800 hrs the following day.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY COY</u>
14 JUNE 43	"D" Coy
15 JUNE 43	"A" Coy
16 JUNE 43	"B" Coy
17 JUNE 43	"C" Coy
18 JUNE 43	"D" Coy
19 JUNE 43	"HQ" Coy
20 JUNE 43	"A" Coy

2. LOCAL LEAVE

Local Leave will continue on the following roster :-

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COY</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>COY</u>	<u>No.</u>
15 JUNE 43	"B"	80	19 JUNE 43	"D"	40
16 JUNE 43	"C"	80		"HQ"	30
17 JUNE 43	"HQ"	80		Bn HQ	20
18 JUNE 43	"A"	80	20 JUNE 43	"B"	40
				"C"	40

3. RESULT OF FCGM CONVENED BY C O on 26 MAY 43.

ACCUSED V 185216 Pte MARTIN K G 14/32 Aust Inf Bn

OFFENCE Desertion

PLEA Not Guilty

FINDING Not guilty of Desertion but guilty of AWL from 20 Mar 43 to 14 April 43.

SENTENCE Detention - 60 days.

CONFIRMED June 7 by Major-General J J MURRAY, Comd 4 Aust Div.

AUTOMATIC Period of AWL 25 days

FORFEITURE Period of Detention 60 days

Period of Close Arrest 47 days

Promulgated by Capt G H SWAN 14/32 Aust Inf Bn

Date of Promulgation 14 JUNE 43.

4. ARTIFICIAL DENTURES

All ranks, when going swimming, or in amphibious operations, will remove artificial dentures before entering the water.

over.

5. ZEROING OF RIFLES

The method of zeroing rifles in the field is set out in S. A. T. Vol I, Pamphlet I, Appendix I.

Rifles will be accepted as correct and will not require to be zeroed when they are known to be :-

- (1) New rifles from Small Arms Factory.
- (2) Rifles which have been tested and adjusted at a 4th Echelon A E M E Workshops.

6. IDENTITY PASS LOSS

Blue Field Security Wing Personnel Authority and Identity Pass No. 79 on issue to WX 19259 Sgt RENOUF H A has been stolen. Any person attempting to use this pass will be immediately arrested, and this HQ notified by signal.

7. ECONOMY IN MANPOWER, MATERIAL AND MONEY

It is a primary duty of every member of the Australian Military Forces to ensure that there is no avoidable waste in the use of material provided by the Australian Government for the armed forces.

Severe demands are, of urgent necessity, being made by the Government upon the financial resources of the nation, by both taxation and loan. The people who provide that money are entitled to be fully assured that so far as the Australian Military Forces are concerned, it is used with the greatest possible economy commensurate with the prosecution of the war to ultimate victory.

This economy involves the most careful examination of every item of expenditure and meticulous care in the employment of available manpower.

Any idea which may exist that unlimited funds are available for any and every purpose must be rigorously suppressed. Funds are available for any project that will contribute toward victory. None are available for unwarranted extravagance.

Care must be exercised in the expenditure of small accounts as well as of large outlays inseparable from National defence and the preparation of an offensive campaign.

Manpower must be conserved most carefully. Men should not be employed on duties for which women can be made available for such duties. Two men must not be employed on any duty which can be fulfilled by one. There is no "over-time" in the AMF. Officers and other ranks in non-operational areas must be prepared to complete a task efficiently when circumstances demand it, as much as if the presence of the enemy forces it upon them in the field of active operations.

A particular responsibility devolves upon all officers to ensure that facilities provided for war purposes are not diverted to the personal comfort and convenience of individuals.

Many inconveniences have been imposed upon the nation in order that resources shall be available to provide the fighting services with the men, material and munitions necessary to prosecute the war, not to enable members of the services to enjoy non-essential facilities denied to the civilian.

All members of the AMF must be ready, if the necessity arises, to adopt the spartan conditions of existence which circumstances have enforced upon the fighting soldier in the areas of actual battle.

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ECONOMY IN MANPOWER, MATERIAL AND MONEY. (Cont'd)

It is the special and immediate duty of every officer and soldier to take whatever action is within his authority to prevent wasteful/diversion of national resources, to avoid any extravagance in the expenditure of public funds, and to establish the Australian Army as a National model in wartime economy as well as in the already proven qualities of service and sacrifice.

8. RELEASE FOR SUGAR SEASON

A direction has been received from LHQ that NO release of serving personnel will be made to the sugar industry for the forthcoming sugar season.

9. DRESS

Chin straps will not be worn looped over the rear portion of hats ~~for~~ felt.

10. MITES - SCRUB ITCH

The attention of all ranks is drawn to the following extract from an Entomologist's report :-  
MITES (Species Trombicula) - Scrub Itch, found in New Guinea and parts of N Queensland.

Many of these Trombiculid larvae are very troublesome to men and are bloodsucking in habit. The mite punctures the skin with its mouth parts and may remain attached to the spot until gorged. Intense irritation is set up with intolerable itching, accompanied by a red rash. Wheals form at the place of attachment and later a vesicle. At the first sign of irritation on the body when troops have been working or training in damp dense rain forests or other places where these mites are found, the body, especially the lower limbs, posterior, stomach and the waist line, should be immediately examined and if any signs are found, are to be reported forthwith to the Medical Offr. Reports have reached this HQ of personnel complaining of a red irritating rash on the lower limbs after training in the jungle. This is no doubt due to personnel sitting on damp rotting logs which are the home and breeding place of the species of Trombicula mites.

All ranks will be instructed not to sit on damp rotting logs and vegetation.



Capt

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Adjutant 14/32 Aust Inf Bn

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15 JUN 43

P A R T . 1 .

Camp Order No. 15/43

1. CENSORSHIP

A considerable number of abuses of the privilege of the green envelope are occurring at the present time and a number of personnel do not appear to be aware of their primary use - that is, to permit correspondence on personal and private matters only, in accordance with a declaration that the writer has to sign.

Any discussion on matters which cannot be classified as personal and private (guarded hints as to Unit's location cannot be classified as such) is considered a breach of censorship regulations.

Cases where the writer has deliberately abused the privilege conferred by the green envelope will be cause for severe disciplinary action.

All ranks will be made thoroughly aware of the conditions governing the use of green envelopes (laid down in Army Field Censorship Instruction No. 22 para 5).

Continued abuse of the privilege of the use of the green envelope may result in the issue being temporarily restricted or withheld from Units concerned.

2. PRE-SELECTION OF OFFICERS (LHQ SM 8939 of 15 APR 43)

(1) In order to ensure the exploitation of the best material available to provide officers for the Australian Military Forces, the establishment of Officer Pre-Selection Boards has been approved to conduct psychological and other tests of personnel recommended or desirous of appointment to commissioned rank.

(2) As it is a fundamental principle of the scheme that every soldier who considers himself suitable for commissioned rank shall be interviewed by the Selection Board, steps will be taken to ensure that all other ranks know of this privilege.

(3) Coys will submit to this Headquarters NOT later than 1800 hrs 16 JUN 43, applications made by members of their Coy. Applications will be made out in ink on a respectable looking piece of writing paper, and will contain the following information:-

No., Rank, Name, Unit, Present Posting, Age, Educational Qualifications, Particulars of Service.

(4) Coy Comds will attach to nominations a list of applicants, together with remarks on character, personality, bearing and knowledge of each.

(5) Any personnel who have not applied, but are considered suitable by Coy Comds will be made the subject of a separate return, setting out particulars as required by applicants.

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Adjutant 14/32 Aust Inf Bn

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE

ORDERS

by

Lt-Col W B CALDWELL

Commanding 14/32 Aust Inf Bn

HEADQUARTERS

14/32 AUST INF BN  
AUSTRALIA

21 JUNE 43

Camp Order No 16/43

PART 1.

1. BN DUTIES

Duty Coy mounts 1800 hrs on day shown and dismounts 1800 hrs the following day.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY COY</u>
21 JUNE 43	"B" Coy
22 JUNE 43	"C" Coy
23 JUNE 43	"D" Coy
24 JUNE 43	"A" Coy
25 JUNE 43	"B" Coy
26 JUNE 43	"C" Coy
27 JUNE 43	"D" Coy
28 JUNE 43	"HQ" Coy
29 JUNE 43	"A" Coy
30 JUNE 43	"B" Coy

2. ENGINEERING CADETSHIPS

- (a) The provision of engineering cadetships (both Civil Engineering and Electrical and Mechanical Engineering) for a limited number of cadets, who may be drawn either from serving personnel or from civilian sources, is under consideration.
- (b) Although the scheme has not yet been finally settled or approved, applications will be invited forthwith for cadetships on the following basis :-
- (1) Cadets will be selected only from candidates between the ages of 17 and 20 years, who are medically Class A1, who are or become members of the A I F, and who have reached Leaving Certificate standard in English, Mathematics and Science or have equivalent qualifications. Parental consent to join A I F will be required in respect of any cadet who is not already a member of the A I F.
  - (2) Cadets selected from civilian sources will be enlisted in the A I F and all cadets will, during their cadetship, remain serving soldiers in the rank of private or sapper, with pay and allowances accordingly. Text books will be provided by cadets at their own expense.
  - (3) Engineering cadetships will cover a course of military training, courses at approved educational establishments and a final course at an OCTU, over a period of approximately 3 years. Successful cadets will receive commissions subject to vacancies existing. Pending appointment to commissioned rank, such cadets will be allotted to R A F or A E M F units in the ranks.
  - (4) Cadetships as such will terminate on the cessation of the war, but it is hoped to make arrangements for the completion of the courses which have been commenced, as part of a Repatriation scheme of vocational training.

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ENGINEERING CADETSHIPS (cont'd)

- (5) Cadets who prove unsatisfactory or become medically unfit or who are unsuccessful may have their cadetships terminated and be returned to normal army service.
- (c) (1) Applications will be made by serving personnel to their COs, and must reach this HQ not later than 23 June 43.
- G R O G 424.

3. LEAKAGE OF MILITARY INFORMATION IN PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CIVIL COURTS

- a. When giving evidence in a civil court, a soldier will merely give his number, rank and name, and state that he is a member of the AMF, without mentioning the name of his unit.
- b. In no circumstances will a soldier divulge in open court the location of his unit, unless the bench rules that a full answer is essential to the case, in which event he will offer to write the information on a slip of paper to be handed to the bench.
- c. The danger to security in disclosing the location of units cannot be too strongly impressed on all ranks.

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4. DRESS - SAM BROWNE BELTS

When not otherwise ordered, the following items of dress may be worn at the option of the member :-

- (a) The Sam Browne belt (without shoulder strap) may be worn by officers and warrant officers, Class I.
- (b) Other warrant officers may wear the belt, waist, brown, leather.

5. LINE COMMUNICATIONS

A very serious view is taken by this HQ at the lack of care being taken by personnel in this regard as regards damage to field telephone lines.

The Bde Signals line net is kept continuously on the road repairing lines broken by personnel felling timber and moving off the side of the roads either on foot or in vehicles, thus either breaking the line or dragging it to the centre of the road and leaving it to be damaged by following vehicles. The co-operation of all units is urgently required to maintain our communications at 100% efficiency.

Extract from 6 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) R/O Part 1 No 145.



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14/32 AUST INF BN  
AUSTRALIA

24 JUNE 43

P A R T 1.

Camp Order No 17/43

RESULT OF FGCM HELD ON 9 JUNE 1943

1. ACCUSED V 185112 Pte CLEASBY J R 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.
2. OFFENCE WOAS Desertion in being AWL 20 Mar 43 to 14 Apr 43.
3. FINDING Not guilty of desertion but guilty of AWL.
4. SENTENCE Detention 44 days.
5. DATE OF SENTENCE 9 June 1943
6. CONFIRMED Maj-Gen J J MURRAY G O C 4 Aust Div 20 JUNE 1943.
7. AUTOMATIC FORFEITURES (1) Period of AWL 26 days.  
(11) Period of Detention or Field Pun 44 days.  
(111) Period of close arrest under charge Nil.
8. OTHER STOPPAGES Nil

Promulgated by Capt G M SWAN 14/32 Aust Inf Bn

Date of Promulgation 24 JUNE 1943.

RESULT OF FGCM HELD ON 10 JUNE 1943

1. ACCUSED VX 111390 Pte O'BRIEN T W 14/32 Aust Inf Bn
2. OFFENCE (1) WOAS AWL 15 MAR 43 to 18 MAR 43.  
(11) WOAS AWL 19 MAR 43 to 25 MAR 43.  
(111) WOAS Desertion in being AWL 26 Mar 43 to 29 APR 43.
3. FINDING (1) Guilty.  
(11) Guilty.  
(111) Not guilty of desertion but guilty of AWL.
4. SENTENCE Detention 6 months.
5. DATE OF SENTENCE 10 JUNE 1943.
6. CONFIRMED Maj-Gen J J MURRAY G O C 4 Aust Div 20 JUNE 43.
7. AUTOMATIC FORFEITURES (1) Period of AWL 45 days.  
(11) Period of Detention or Field Pun 183 days.  
(111) Period of close arrest under charge. Nil
8. OTHER STOPPAGES Nil

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Date of Promulgation 24 JUNE 43.

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RESULT OF FGCM HELD ON 9 JUNE 1943

1. ACCUSED QX 23997 Pte HALL C E 14/32 Aust Inf Bn
2. OFFENCE WOAS Desertion in being AWL 23 APR 43 to 4 MAY 43.
3. FINDING Not guilty of desertion but guilty of AWL.
4. SENTENCE Detention 30 days.
5. DATE OF SENTENCE 9 JUNE 1943.
6. CONFIRMED Maj-Gen J J MURRAY G O C 4 Aust Div 20 JUNE 43.
7. AUTOMATIC FORFEITURE

Period of AWL	12 days.
Period of Detention or Field Punishment	60 days.
Period of close arrest under charge.	Nil
8. OTHER STOPPAGES Nil

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2. SECURITY OF INFORMATION

Under the above heading, a physical check will be made of all WF 5's and WF 5(a)'s Army Pay Books.

The following are possible breaches and the action to be taken in each case.

<u>BREACH</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
(a) Unit name on cover, first page or any other part of Pay Book.	Erase the ink with a razor blade and cover space with marking ink.
(b) Unit name on ACCF 9 (Record of issue of ration book)	Excise Unit Name
(c) Locations in cash payment column	As in (a)
(d) Locations in medical page	As in (a)
(e) Unit name on Blood Grouping slip.	As in (b)
(f) Pay Sgt and Cash Office receipts stuck in back of book.	As in (b)

Coys will take necessary action and forward certificate to this HQ no later than 1800 hrs 3 JULY 43, stating action complete or noting with reasons, pay books NOT finished.

3. TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE

Officers and other ranks staying in a Capital City on duty overnight, must avail themselves of rations and quarters provided at L T D's. Similarly, personnel travelling on duty in an area where troops are located, must apply to a staging camp, unit, or to the quartering claims officer for direction as to where rations and quarters may be obtainable. This instruction particularly applies to personnel moving independantly or on special duties. Travelling allowance will only be claimed in cases where rations and quarters are NOT available in a particular location.

4. GREEN DYEING OF WEB EQUIPMENT FOR JUNGLE WARFARE

The practice of dyeing web equipment green is to be discontinued forthwith.

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Adjutant 14/32 Aust Inf Bn

17 AUG 1943

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)

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ORIGINAL

Unit *14/32 Aust Inf Bn*

Date and Time.—From *1 July 1943* To *31 July 1943*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
<i>at Sea</i>	<i>1 July 4 July</i>		<i>The bn spends these days at sea.</i>	<i>Details in Appendix A attached this diary</i> <i>Sp</i>
<i>Port Moresby</i>	<i>5 July</i>		<i>The bn settled in new area and cut fire breaks around tents.</i>	
			<i>Weather is very hot and muggy</i>	<i>Sp</i>
	<i>6 July</i>		<i>Further consolidation was carried out in new area, also digging and erecting of hygiene facilities.</i>	<i>Sp</i>
	<i>7 July</i>		<i>The C.O., adjt, IO and coy commanders spent the day on reconnaissance of PORT MORESBY <sup>area</sup> with 11 Division G3 I, and also visited 11 DIV Operational Room.</i>	
		<i>2130</i>	<i>Bn was notified of move by air to BUNA area on the morning of the 9<sup>th</sup> July and all plane tables are to be completed by dawn.</i>	<i>Sp</i>
	<i>8 July</i>		<i>Stores for both plane and boat were packed</i>	
		<i>1000</i>	<i>Bn notified of no move before 10 July.</i>	<i>Sp</i>

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ORIGINAL

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Unit *14/32 Aus Inf Bn*

Date and Time.—From *1 July 1943* To *31 July 1943*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
<i>Port Moresby</i>	<i>July 9</i>		<i>area cleaned and packing of boat stores completed</i>	<i>Sp</i>
	<i>July 10</i>	<i>0220</i>	<i>Reveille</i>	
		<i>0430</i>	<i>Bn HQ, A boy, and B boy moved to 7 mile drome and emplaned by 0600 hrs. Two planes of Bn HQ and two planes of B boy reached DOBODURA drome but remaining planes returned from approximately halfway owing to an alert in the DOBODURA area. The 4 planes which arrived unloaded and personnel moved by M.T. and barge to GONA area the last load arriving by 1600 hrs</i>	<i>Sp</i>
<i>Gona</i>	<i>July 11</i>	<i>1030</i>	<i>Bn HQ, A boy and C boy moved to drome and emplaned at 1115 hrs. Eight planes took off but all returned to MORESBY after going approximately half way owing to dense cloud in the KOKODA PASS. The bn remained at airport and lunched at operations</i>	<i>Sp</i>



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ORIGINAL  
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Unit 14/32 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 1 July 1943 To 31 July 1943

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
Gona	July 11	1430	all planes unloaded, and unit returned to camp site as further flying was impossible	Sp
	July 12	0230 0415	Revielle Entire unit except rear HQ boy embused and moved to 7 mile drome arriving at respective planes at 0520 hrs. Planes were immediately loaded and first flight was in the air at 0600 hrs. The entire unit reached DOBODORA drome by 1200 hrs boys were ferried to CAPE KILLERTON by MT and then by barge. (near party) SO GONA BEACH, 162 Infantry Bn, of 41 U.S. Division were still in the area making immediate settling in difficult	Sp
	July 13.		Areas were cleared, tents moved and re-erected and coys generally settled in. Weather extremely hot and troops found they became fatigued very quickly	Sp

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ORIGINAL  
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Unit 1st/32 Aus Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 1 July 1943 To 31 July 1943

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Gona.	July 14	0600	10 platoon of B Coy left by barge for DOUGLAS HARBOUR to guard <sup>RDF Stn.</sup> <del>RDF</del> and patrol that vicinity	See Appendix B attached to this copy of diary. J.
			Consolidation of coy areas continued and all Bn HQ offices were erected and functioning.	J.
		20 30	Electrical storm with torrential rain fall commenced and continued practically throughout the night.	
			Numbers of tents were found to be rotting and were far from waterproof.	J.
	July 15	1000	The Brigadier visited the camp area	
			Weather heavy rain fell throughout the night but the day was fine and hot	J.
	July 16	2100	Heavy rain commenced to fall and continued throughout July 17.	J.
	July 18		Heavy rain fell practically throughout the night	

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Unit 1st/2nd Aus Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 1 July 1943 To 31 July 1943

DUPLICATE ORIGINAL

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Gona	July 18	2000	Air raid alert (yellow) was given	Sp
	July 21	0030	air raid alert (yellow) was given	Sp
	July 22	06 30	The CO and I.O. left BANUMI jetty for DOUGLAS HARBOUR	see appendix C attached to this copy of diary. Sp
		0800	air raid alert (yellow) was given.	Sp
	July 23	0830	air raid alert (yellow)	
		1330	The CO. and I.O. returned from DOUGLAS HARBOUR.	Sp
	July 28	1700	Bn was notified that a Mitchell Bomber had crashed and that parachutist was observed landing in vicinity	
			Ref Map BUNA EAST SPECIAL INCH Map Ref 1824. Patrols went out from C. Coy to search for parachutist but at 2000 hrs it was reported that he had arrived at Bona. He reported that other pilot had probably dropped into the sea within four miles north of GONA WRECK	Sp
	July 29	0600	A party under the CO. searched this area by launch	

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REPORT ON 14/32 AUST INF BN MOVE - CAIRNS TO PT MORESBY

1. The move was by sea in two groups - in accordance with MOVT INST 4/43.
2. The main portion of the Unit embarked on TSS TAROONA from CAIRNS WHARF on 1 JUL 43. Lt-Col W B CALDWELL was OC tps.
3. The remaining party under Lieut A F BAIRD embarked on SS CANBERRA from CAIRNS WHARF on 2 JUL 43 together with other elements of the Bde Gp. Lt-Col FOSTER 19 Aust Inf Bn was OC tps.
4. The two vessels left anchorage at CAIRNS at approx 0930 hrs 2 JUL 43 together with one freighter and an escort of one sub chaser and two corvettes. The weather was fine and the sea calm.
5. The tps were in good spirits, and all keen to know their destination. The latter was made known to them at Boat Stations at 1000 hrs 2 JUL 43.
6. A fair proportion of all ranks suffered from sea sickness.
7. A choppy sea and occasional rain developed on 3 JUL 43.
8. The convoy was within sight of N.G. early on morning of 4 JUL 43. The sea was calm and weather improving.
9. An early lunch was had on board after entering harbour at PORT MORESBY.
10. Tps were disembarked via the two corvettes to the wharf at approx 1230 hrs 4 JUL 43 and were thence transported by MT to camp site at BOI POM VALLEY.

*A J Callander*

Lieut

A J CALLANDER

I.O. 14/32 Aust Inf Bn .

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HEADQUARTERS  
14/32 AUST INF BN  
AUSTRALIA

13 JUL 43

OPERATION ORDER 1/43

INTENTION

No.10 Pl B Coy will move to PORT DOUGLAS, as protection for R.D.F. station.

METHOD

Movement will be by E.C.P.

Loading Point - BANUMI Jetty.  
Start Time - 0600 hrs.

ADM

All ~~xxxxxxxx~~ personal eqpt will be carried.

RATIONS

Coy Comd B Coy will ~~be~~ advise QM by 2100 hrs numbers for rationing. QM will arrange for one week supply rations and atebirin to be at Jetty before 0530 hrs 14 JUL 43. Coy will arrange for proportion of cooking gear to be taken.

AMN

Present scale will be carried and full scale will be made up as soon as available.

MEDICAL


One Stretcher Bearer will report to B Coy by 2100 hrs 13 JUL 43. S.B<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> will be attached for full period and will carry Coy Medical Kit.

INTER-COMMUNICATION

Two signallers and one No.11 set from 6 Aust Inf Bde will report to Jetty at 0545 hrs 14 JUL 43.

No.11 set will operate direct to 6 Aust Inf Bde.

One 14/32 Aust Inf Bn will report to Jetty at 0545 hrs 14 JUL 43 to be attached as Cypher operator.

  
G M SWAN  
Adjutant 14/32 Aust Inf Bn

Capt

HEADQUARTERS  
14/32 AUST INF BN  
AUSTRALIA

25 JUL 43

REPORT ON JOURNEY BY 14/32 AUST INF BN LAUNCH

BANUMI JETTY to DOUGLAS HARBOUR 22 JUL 43

Ref map BUNA 4 miles to 1"

1. Personnel - Lt-Col W B CALDWELL, Capt R L JACK, Lieut A J CALLANDER, Pte NEWTON and 2 AASC personnel.  
Weather mild, calm sea - heavy nimbus clouds to NE.
2. Departed BANUMI JETTY 0630 hrs and moved off stern of GOMA wreck.
3. From wreck, sailed on bearing of 338°M.
4. At approx  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile past WRECK, minor engine repair caused 10 mins delay.
5. Passed mouth of KUMUSI River 1-1 $\frac{1}{2}$  mls off shore at 0830 hrs. Wash of river reached well out to sea. Course altered to 346°M.
6. Passed GUMBORO HILL approx 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  mls off shore at 0945 hrs.
7. At 0950 hrs 52 B24s, B25s and 3 P40s passed over flying NORTH.
8. At 0950 hrs, course altered to 327°M.
9. Passed BLUFF 1 ml off shore at 1020 hrs. Course altered to 332°M.
10. Passed BLACK ROCKS  $\frac{1}{2}$  ml off shore at 1120 hrs.  
Course altered to 325°M.  
Easterly breeze causing jobbled sea.
11. At 1140 hrs 4 B26s passed overhead flying SOUTH.
12. Passed RED ROCK/PT  $\frac{1}{2}$  ml off shore at 1145 hrs.  
CAPE WARD HUNT and MITRE ROCK have been very clearly silhouetted for some miles.
13. Reached entrance to DOUGLAS HARBOUR at 1220.  
Turned into HARBOUR on course of 260°M.
14. Reached jetty 1240 hrs just bottoming on sand bar which stretches half way across the harbour on the NORTH side. Care had to be taken to avoid coral on SOUTH of jetty.
15. As the clearance at the jetty at low tide is only 2'6" the launch was moored about 200 yds out for the night.
16. High tide was between 2300 and midnight.

RETURN JOURNEYDOUGLAS HARBOUR to BANUMI JETTY 23 JUL 43

1. Personnel - Lt-Col W B CALDWELL, Capt R L JACK, Lieut A J CALLANDER and Pte NEWTON.  
Weather - fine. Slight sea. Good visibility.
2. Departed DOUGLAS HARBOUR 0650 hrs.
3. On clearing the HARBOUR, proceeded on course of 150°M.
4. Passed RED ROCKY PT 0740 hrs.  
Choppy sea and stiff SOUTH EASTERLY breeze caused slowing of headway.  
GUMBORO HILL and OPI clearly defined. OWEN STANLEY's visible in background.
5. Passed GUMBORO HILL 0940 hrs 1½ mls off shore. Have been passing through discoloured water for 4-5 mls.
6. At 0940 hrs US recce monoplane flew low overhead heading SOUTH.
7. Breeze has dropped - jobbled swell on water.
8. At 1045 hrs, 4 B25s and 6 B26s passed to starboard flying SOUTH.
9. Passed mouth of KUMUSI at 1115 hrs. Course altered to 158°M.
10. GONA WRECK just visible directly over bow at 1140 hrs.
11. Passed WRECK 500 yds to port side at 1300 hrs.  
8 B25s passed low overhead flying NORTH.
12. Reached BANUMI JETTY at 1310 hrs.

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14/32 AUST INF BN  
AUSTRALIA

by

Lt-Col W B CALDWELL

7 JULY 43

Commanding 14/32 Aust Inf Bn

P A R T 1.

Camp Order No 18/43

1. BN DUTIES

Duty Coy mounts 1800 hrs on day shown and dismounts 1800 hrs the following day.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY COY</u>
6 JULY 43	"HQ" Coy
7 JULY 43	"D" "
8 JULY 43	"C" "
9 JULY 43	"B" "
10 JULY 43	"A" "
11 JULY 43	"HQ" "
12 JULY 43	"D" "
13 JULY 43	"C" "
14 JULY 43	"B" "
15 JULY 43	"A" "

ORDERLY OFFICER & ORDERLY SERGEANT Coys will advise Bn HQ of names before 1100 hrs on day of mounting.

ROUTER 1 O R to report Bn HQ 1800 hrs & 0815 hrs.

BN GUARD 2 N C Os (1 full Cpl & 1 L/Cpl) 6 O Rs.

Guard will report to RSM 1530 hrs on day of mounting for training. Meals will be delivered to guard tent by 0715, 1215 and 1715 hrs daily.

Dress as per Bn R O Part 4 12/43 Para 1.

CANTEEN FATIGUE 3 O Rs will clean Canteen area, reporting at 0830 hrs daily, on completion they will report to Ord Sgt at Bn HQ for any further duties.

2. COY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CLEANLINESS OF AREA

Capt G H

WEBSTER will allot and make known to Coy Comds areas their respective Coys are responsible for.

3. OUT OF BOUNDS Area of Bn HQ, Officers Mess and Officers lines are out of bounds to all O Rs and tracks through will NOT be used as a thoroughfare.

4. RETURN OF EMPTY INSECT REPELLENT LOTION BOTTLES

In the near

future, Repellent Lotion for mosquitoes will be issued in bottles. These bottles will NOT be destroyed but will be retained and returned to A A S C for refilling.

5. SECURITY

NEW GUINEA, the Tropics or Tropical vegetation etc will NOT be mentioned in correspondence. The daily publication "GUINEA GOLD" will NOT be sent from N G.

6. WEARING OF SHIRTS

Shirts will NOT be left off or removed after 1700 hrs daily, unless the soldier is covered by a mosquito net.

RESULT OF DCM HELD ON 22 JUNE 43

7. ACCUSED VX 148940 Pte McVAY J P 14/32 Aust  
OFFENCE WOAS AVL 3 May 43 to 6 Jun 43.  
FINDING Guilty  
SENTENCE To undergo detention for 60 days.  
DATE OF SENTENCE 11 June 43.

CONFIRMED by Maj-Gen J J MURRAY Comd 4 Aust I

DATE OF CONFIRMATION 27 June 43

AUTOMATIC FORFEITURES (1) Period of AVL  
(2) Period of Det or Fd Pun.  
(3) Period of close arrest under the charge

OTHER STOPPAGES NIL

Promulgated by Capt G M SWAN 14/32

Date of promulgation 6 July 43.

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RESULT OF DCM HELD 22 JUNE 43

8. ACCUSED V 195227 Pte GILMORE F J 14/32 Aust  
OFFENCE WOAS AVL 0700 hrs 20 Mar to 1525 hrs  
FINDING Guilty  
SENTENCE To undergo detention for 90 days.

DATE OF SENTENCE 22 JUNE 43

CONFIRMED By Maj-Gen J J MURRAY Comd 4 Aust Div

DATE OF CONFIRMATION 27 JUNE 43

AUTOMATIC FORFEITURES (1) Period of AVL 53 days  
(2) Period of Det or Fd Pun 90 days  
(3) Period of close arrest under charge NIL

OTHER STOPPAGES NIL

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Date of Promulgation 6 JULY 43

9. MESSIES REF MISSING & COOKING UTENSILS All ranks will be instructed in the necessity for cleanliness in the care of messing gear and facilities for the cleaning and sterilisation of all messing and cooking utensils, before and after meals, before meals the mess gear being rinsed in a tub of boiling water immediately prior to serving and after meals using the rinse system. Mess gear will be protected from dust at all times between meals.

10. SCARCITY OF TOILET PAPER Owing to the extreme shortage of toilet paper the Scale of Issue has been temporarily reduced. It is essential that the necessity of preventing waste

11. USE OF MOSQUITO SPRAY

In Moresby Base Area and Aust Sub-Base MILNE BAY, all tents and huts shall be closed and sprayed with mosquito spray between 2000 and 2200 hrs on three nights a week. The tents should be closed during spraying and for 20 minutes after spraying. Half an ounce of mosquito spray is sufficient for one 12 x 14 tent. Coy Tent Mosquito Personnel will carry out this duty. O C Coy Mosquito Squad will give any instructions required.

12. WEARING OF SHORTS.

The wearing of shorts is forbidden in MILNE BAY, BUFA, ORO BAY, MORORE, BULLDOG AND WAU-BULGLO Sub Areas. Coy Comds will ensure that all shorts are withdrawn from personnel stationed in or moving to these areas.

13. UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF PARACHUTES

The continuous delivery of supplies and ammunition to certain forward areas is dependent on the quick return to Ordnance after use of parachutes supply dropping. The maintenance of fighting troops in the forward areas is being jeopardized by "souveniring" of parachutes. Any member of the Allied Forces who has now or at any time any parachute or part of a parachute will immediately return it to his Unit HQ for return to salvage. Unit will take disciplinary action against any member who is in possession of a parachute without lawful authority.

14. COURT OF INQUIRY - ILLEGAL ABSENCES

A Court of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned officers

Licut J POHL	President
Licut C FERRES	Member

will assemble at such time and place as the President may desire to inquire into and report on the illegal absences without leave of the undermentioned soldiers

V 155508	Pte BROMFIELD R E
W 62446	" BRANDIS E J

The Court will, without limiting the scope of the Inquiry, report on the following points in particular :-

1. Is the soldier an illegal absentee.
2. Are there any deficiencies in arms, ammunition or equipment.

Evidence will be taken on oath.

Court will report in accordance with A M R & O 445. Proceedings and report of the Court will be forwarded to Bn HQ no later than 1800 hrs 11 JULY 43.

*G M Swan*  
G M SWAN

Capt

14/32 Aust Inf Bn

LOST

Chrome Wristlet Watch, hexagon in shape and with broken black band, lost in vicinity of store dump on 5 JULY 43.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE

by

ORDERS

Lt-Col W B CALDWELL

Commanding 14/32 Aust Inf Bn

HEADQUARTERS  
14/32 AUST INF BN  
AUSTRALIA

15 JUL 43

P A R T. 1.

Camp Order No.19/43

1. WEARING OF SHIRTS

(1) Shirts will be worn at all times, with the following exceptions.

- (a) When troops are engaged in swimming on the beach only
- (b) When working in the open, away from scrub and long grass, and under the supervision of an officer.

(2) Sleeves will be rolled down and neck buttoned at 1730 hrs daily.

2. MOSQUITO DRILL

Mosquito nets will be erected and tucked under blankets by 1630 hrs daily. Nets will be inspected daily.

Lotion will be applied to all exposed portions of the body by 1700 hrs daily and renewed hourly whilst NOT under mosquito nets.

3. AMEBRIN

One tablet per day with the exception of Sunday, will be taken at the conclusion of the evening meal.

4. COY MOSQUITO SQUADS

Coy Mosquito Squads will see that breeding grounds within one half mile of Coy areas are sprayed on Wednesdays and Saturdays and drained where possible. Daily tent spraying as previously ordered.

5. BATHING

Swimming will be carried out in the sea only. Creeks will not be used for this purpose.

As Tropical Ear can be contracted in this area, endeavours will be made by all troops to keep heads out of water at all times.

Troops swimming will ensure that one person stands guard on the beach whilst other members of the party are swimming. Sharks are prevalent in this area and will be guarded against at all times.

Bathers will not enter water above waist depth.

Swimming or showering will NOT take place after 1730 hrs daily.

6. NATIVES

Natives will be discouraged and will be kept out of eating and living areas at all times.

7. MEALS

All drinking water will be drawn from wells, which will be at least 100x from latrines.

When not in use wells will be covered to avoid rats and mosquitoes.

Any wells not in daily use will be completely bailed out once per week.

Drinking water will either be boiled or chlorinated in individual bottles.

8. RATS

Rats are the chief carriers of scrub typhus mites.

- (1) Rat traps will be created in all tents. (Full details of traps will be obtained from Adjutant).
- (2) Keep complete area free from food scraps and waste at all times.
9. SLIT TRENCHES  
Slit trenches will be bailed out daily and sprayed if necessary.
10. SALT TABLETS  
Will be swallowed whole during midday meal, only after severe morning sweating.  
At present one tablet only per day will be taken.
11. SNAKES  
Snakes killed in area will be treated as set out below:-
- Remove head and proximal 4" of body.
  - Cut through the scales of the ventral aspect of the body.
  - Place severed head and proximal 4" of body in a clean container.
  - Forward to RAP with record of locality.
12. RESULT OF DCM HELD ON THE 22 JUN 43
- ACCUSED V185177 Pte GRIFFITHS F L 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.
  - OFFENCE AWL 9 APR 43 to 14 MAY 43.
  - FINDING GUILTY.
  - SENTENCE To undergo detention for 60 days.
  - DATE OF SENTENCE 22 JUN 43.
  - CONFIRMED By Maj-Gen J J MURRAY, Comd 4 Aust Div.
  - DATE OF CONFIRMATION 27 JUN 43.
  - AUTOMATIC FORFEITURES

(1)	Period of AWL	36 days.
(ii)	Period of detention or Fd Punishment.	60 days.
(iii)	Period of close arrest under the charge.	Nil.
  - OTHER STOPPAGES Nil.

Promulgated by Lieut A J CALLANDER 14/32 Aust Inf Bn

Date of Promulgation 11 JUL 43.

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14. RESULT OF DCM HELD ON THE 22 JUN 43

1. ACCUSED VX120633 Pte McLEAN R W - 14/32 Aust Inf Bn
2. OFFENCE AWL 3 MAY 43 to 6 JUN 43.
3. FINDING GUILTY.
4. SENTENCE To undergo detention for 42 days.
5. DATE OF SENTENCE 22 JUN 43.
6. CONFIRMED By Maj-Gen J J MURRAY, Comd 4 Aust Div.
7. DATE OF CONFIRMATION 27 JUN 43.
8. AUTOMATIC FORFEITURES
- |       |  |          |
|-------|--|----------|
| (i)   | Period of AWL                            | 35 days  |
| (ii)  | Period of Detention or Fd Punishment.    | 42 days. |
| (iii) | Period of close arrest under the charge. | Nil.     |
9. OTHER STOPPAGES Nil.

Promulgated by Lieut A J CALLANDER 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.

Date of Promulgation - 11 JUL 43.

RESULT OF DCM HELD ON THE 22 JUN 43

1. ACCUSED V68117 Pte ION H C - 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.
2. OFFENCE Desertion in being AWL from 18 MAR 42 to 2 APR 43.
3. FINDING Guilty except that he first absented himself without leave on the 21 MAR 42.
4. SENTENCE To undergo detention for one year.
5. DATE OF SENTENCE 22 JUN 43.
6. CONFIRMED By Maj-Gen J J MURRAY, Comd 4 Aust Div.
7. DATE OF CONFIRMATION 27 JUN 43.
8. AUTOMATIC FORFEITURES
- |       |  |           |
|-------|--|-----------|
| (i)   | Period of AWL                            | 381 days. |
| (ii)  | Period of Detention or Fd Punishment     | 365 days. |
| (iii) | Period of close arrest under the charge. | Nil.      |
9. OTHER STOPPAGES Nil.

Promulgated by Lieut A J CALLANDER 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.

Date of Promulgation - 11 JUL 43.

RESULT OF DCM HELD ON THE 22 JUN 43

1. ACCUSED V66347 Cpl VICARY A L 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.
2. OFFENCE AWL 19 MAR 43 to 8 MAR 43.
3. FINDING Guilty.
4. SENTENCE To be reduced to the ranks and to undergo detention for 100 days.
5. DATE OF SENTENCE 22 JUN 43.
6. CONFIRMED By Maj-Gen J J MURRAY, Comd 4 Aust Div.
7. DATE OF CONFIRMATION 27 JUN 43.
8. AUTOMATIC FORFEITURES
- |       |  |           |
|-------|--|-----------|
| (i)   | Period of AWL  | 51 days.  |
| (ii)  | Period of detention or Fd Punishment                     | 100 days. |
| (iii) | Period of arrest under the charge, NOT performing duties | Nil.      |

Nil.

RESULT OF DCM : V56847 Cpl VICARY A L (cont)9. OTHER STOPPAGES Nil.

Promulgated by Lieut A J CALLENDER 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.

Date of Promulgation - 11 JUL 43.

14. BN DUTIES

Duty Coy mounts 1800 hrs on day shown and dismounts 1800 hrs the following day.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY COY</u>
15 JUL 43	"B" COY
16 JUL 43	"C" "
17 JUL 43	"D" "
18 JUL 43	HQ "
19 JUL 43	"A" "
20 JUL 43	"B" "

BN GUARD

2 NCO's and 6 ORs.

DUTY OFFICER

1 Officer.

RUNNERS

2 ORs.



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*vi. see*

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE

ORDERS

HEADQUARTERS

14/32 AUST INT BN  
AUSTRALIA

by

Lt-Col W B CAIDWELL

21 July 43

Commanding 14/32 Aust Inf Bn

PART 1.

Camp Order No 20/43

BN DUTIES

Duty Coy mounts 1800 hrs on day shown and dismounts 1800 hrs the following day.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY COY</u>
21 JULY 43	"B" Coy
22 JULY 43	"C" "
23 JULY 43	"D" "
24 JULY 43	"HQ" "
25 JULY 43	"A" "
26 JULY 43	"B" "
27 JULY 43	"C" "
28 JULY 43	"D" "
29 JULY 43	"HQ" "
30 JULY 43	"A" "
31 JULY 43	"B" "

2. TRANSMISSION OF CASH TO AUSTRALIA

In view of the difficulty in obtaining currency from AUSTRALIA, restrictions on the transmission of cash to AUSTRALIA by personnel of NEW GUINEA FORCE are imposed.

The following arrangements have been made for transmitting funds to any address in AUSTRALIA :-

1. Postal Notes may be purchased from all Field Post Offices.
2. Cash may be paid to any Field Cash Office and instructions given for payment of the amount to any firm or person in AUSTRALIA. Full name and address of firm or person must be supplied.

Franking officers will see that actual cash is NOT forwarded from Australian NEW GUINEA in letters.

Personnel may allow their pay to accumulate in their paybooks and may also pay in cash to be credited in their paybooks. Pay personnel are instructed to bring to the notice of COs of Units cash deposits to paybooks or cash remittances exceeding £10. (11 Aust Div R/O 185/43)

3. PISTOLS, POSSESSION OF (NGF 136/43)

- (a) Pistols of any type or description shall not be sold, purchased or exchanged.
- (b) On or after 15 Apr 43 it will be an offence for any member of the AMF to have in his possession or custody any pistol other than one issued to him by Army authority or where he has the permission referred to in say the capture of such an article.
- (c) Permission may be granted by a Formation Comd to any member to have in his possession a pistol other than one issued to him; such permission to be in writing, signed personally by Formation Comd.
- (d) All ranks in possession of pistols not issued to them will forthwith surrender the same to Bn HQ Orderly Room by 1800 hrs 23 July in order that proper authority for holding may be obtained.
- (e) All ranks having pistols in their possession are held personally responsible therefore and will immediately report the loss of such pistol.



3. (contd).

(f) The loss of a pistol is to be regarded as an offence for which the offender is to be tried by Court Martial, unless the Formation Comd otherwise directs. In all cases of loss of pistols, the offender will be charged and a Summary of Evidence which will be forwarded to the Formation Comd, will be taken. (41 Aust Div Instns)

4.

DRIVING IN M.T.

Drivers are forbidden to smoke whilst on duty. Halts are the equivalent to the smoke-on period in normal trg.

Peeps will NOT be overloaded. Loads only as stated on dash board will be carried. No more than FIVE personnel will be carried incl the driver. Passengers will not hang all over the vehicle, but will be seated and will NOT allow any portion of the body to protrude outside the vehicle.

Drivers will be responsible to see that this order is adhered to.

Previous order is cancelled.

5.

ECONOMY IN MANPOWER, MATERIAL AND MONEY.

It is a primary duty of every member of the Australian Military Forces to ensure that there is no avoidable waste in the use of material provided by the Australian Govt for the Arm Forces.

Severe demands of urgent necessity, being made by the Govt upon the financial resources of the nation, by both taxation and loan. The people who provide the money are entitled to be fully assured that so far as the Australian Military Forces are concerned, it is used with the greatest possible economy commensurate with the prosecution of the war to ultimate victory.

This economy involves the most careful examination of every item of expenditure and meticulous care in the employment of available manpower.

Any idea which may exist that unlimited funds are available for any and every purpose must be rigorously suppressed. Funds are available for any project that will contribute towards victory. None are available for unwarranted extravagance.

Care must be exercised in the expenditure of small accounts as well as of large outlays inseparable from National defence and the preparation of an offensive campaign.

Manpower must be conserved most carefully. Men should not be employed on duties which women can be made available for. Two men must not be employed on any duty which can be fulfilled by one. There is no "overtime" in the AMF. Officers and ORs in non-operational areas must be prepared to complete a task efficiently when circumstances demand it, as much as if the presence of the enemy forces it upon them in the field of active operations.

A particular responsibility devolves upon all officers to ensure that facilities provided for war purposes are not diverted to the personal comfort and convenience of individuals.

Many inconveniences have been imposed upon the nation in order that resources shall be available to provide the fighting services with the men, material and munitions necessary to prosecute the war, not to enable members of the services to enjoy non-essential facilities denied to the civilian.

5. (contd) ECONOMY OF MANPOWER, MATERIAL AND MONEY.

All members of the AMF must be ready, if the necessity arises, to adopt the spartan conditions of existence which circumstances have enforced upon the fighting soldier in the press of actual battle.

It is the special duty of every Officer and soldier to take whatever action is within his authority to prevent wasteful diversion of national resources, to avoid extravagance in the expenditure of public funds, and to establish the Australian Army as a National model in wartime economy as well as in the already proven qualities of service and sacrifice.



Capt

G H SWAN

Adjutant 14/32 Aust Inf Bn

LOST

Paybook VX. 69636 Pte PAUL, C.C.  
Finder return same to Regimental Office immediately.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

2 / 43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 31 / 7 / 1943 14 / 32 AUG 21 1943 (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 120 / 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
	1	1 2	1 2 9 21 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A A M C	1							
	1	3	34			1							
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		35									35
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 31 / 7 / 1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-Col	NX 92	CALDWELL	W B	CO	YES		
Major	WX 17	SHANAHAN	P M	2i/c	NO	LHQ Tactical School	14 JUN
"	VX 117005	BIDDLECOMBE	G W	OC COY	YES	BRINLEIGH	
Capt	VX 117002	WEBSTER	G H	"	"		
"	VX 14100	LARKIN	J R	"	"		
"	VX 111066	WALKER	D F	2i/c	"		
"	VX 117113	SINCLAIR	E B	OC COY	"		
"	VX 117001	JACK	R L	"	"		
"	VX 117003	SWAN	G M	Adj	"		
"	VX 117004	BAIN	W H	2i/c	"		
"	VX 117018	BLUTZKIN	L P	Q M	"		
"	VX 117012	POHL	J	2 i/c	"		
"	VX 117013	DEVINE	F L	2 i/c	"		
Lieut	VX 111055	BURNS	E C T	T.O.	"		
"	VX 117011	WALKER	R Y	PL CMD	"		
"	VX 117015	GOLDSON	G	"	"		
"	VX 117014	EASTWOOD	A L	"	"		
"	VX 117009	CALLANDER	A J	I.O.	"		
"	VX 117016	ROBERTS	G A	PL CMD	"		
"	<del>VX 34458</del>	<del>XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</del>					
"	VX 34458	ALMOND	T L J	"	"		
"	VX 48475	RECHENBERG	T G	"	"		
"	VX 111061	NOLAN	L J	S.O.	"		
"	VX 52220	STOOTE	A A	PL CMD	NO	2/2 AGH	14 JUN
"	VX 111050	WINTER	J E D	"	"	Rear Party	9 JUL
"	VX 111058	RAVENSCROFT	R G	"	YES		
"	VX 111057	AHON	L J	"	"		
"	VX 35255	LEE	A W	"	"		
"	VX 55002	SAGAR	G H	"	"		
"	VX 51218	BAIRD	A F	"	"		
"	VX 46883	McCONNELL	J V	"	"		
"	VX 53260	PERRES	C D	"	"		
"	VX 53887	THOMPSON	G O	"	NO	2/2 AGH	14 JUN
"	VX 111032	TINKLER	G S	"	YES		
"	VX 117008	CRAIG	H F	"	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	VX 112205	C L COGHLAN	AANC	10/1/43	RMO
Capt	VX 91395	C H DUNCAN	A A CH D	18/3/43	Chaplain
Capt	V 275240	R C MELLOR	Salv Army	10/2/43	Duty

31 JUL 43

W B CALDWELL

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Lt-Col

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander



**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 31 / 7 / 1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	4	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivettors			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	2	1
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	24	17	7	Tailors	1		1
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.	688	663	25
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1					
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	4					
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	7	6	1	Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Blacksmith	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Fitter Gun	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Cooks TG.11	12	12	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Shoemaker	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AANC	4	2	2
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAPC	2	2	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Postal	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1		AACC.WO.11	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				AACC.SGTS	5	1	4
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				AACC.CPLS	5	4	1
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				AEME	1	1	
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	13	12	1	CARRIED FORWARD	43	35	8	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	773	731	42

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

31 JUL 43

W B CALDWELL

Signature of Commander

Lt-Col

Date of Despatch



**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 24 / 7 / 1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers	4	4	
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer	1	1	
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine	3	2	1
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II	1	1		Sawyers	31	17	7	Storemen, Technical	1		1
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				By. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers	6	6		Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners	12	11	1	Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)	1	1		Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator											
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman											
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker											
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator	7	0	1								
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties											
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners											
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman											
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals											
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers											
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal											
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood											
Pattern Maker				Masons											
Pharmacist				Masseurs											
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.											
Photewriter				Miners											
Plumber				Moulders											
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained											
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.											
CARRIED FORWARD	2	2		CARRIED FORWARD	27	25	2	CARRIED FORWARD	57	49	9	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	775	731	42

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

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Lt-Col

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander





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Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24 / 7 / 194. 3 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-Col	HX 92	CALDWELL	W B	CO	YES		
Major	HX 17	SHANAHAN	P M	2 1/0	NO	Lt Col Tactical School BEEHLEIGH	14 JUN
Capt	VX 117006	BIDDLECOMBE	G W	OC COY	YES		
"	VX 117002	WEBSTER	G H	"	"		
"	VX 14100	LARKIN	J R	"	"		
"	VX 111086	BAKER	D F	2 1/0	"		
"	VX 117113	SINCLAIR	E B	OC COY	"		
"	VX 117001	JACK	R L	"	"		
"	VX 117003	SWAN	G M	Adj	"		
"	VX 117004	BAIN	W H	2 1/0	2		
"	VX 117018	SLUTZKIN	L P	QM	"		
"	VX 117012	FOUL	J	2 1/0	"		
"	VX 117013	DEVINE	F L	2 1/0	"		
Lieut	VX 111058	BURNS	B C T	T.O.	"		
"	VX 117011	WALKER	R Y	Pl Cnd	"		
"	VX 117015	GOLDSON	G	"	"		
"	VX 117014	BASTHOOD	A L	"	"		
"	VX 117009	CALLANDER	A J	I.O.	"		
"	VX 117016	ROBERTS	G A	Pl Cnd	"		
"	VX 34458	ALMOND	T L J	"	"		
"	VX 48476	RECHENBERG	T C	"	"		
"	VX 111061	NOLAN	L J	S.O.	2		
"	VX 52220	STOATS	A A	Pl Cnd	NO	2/2 AGH	14 JUN
"	VX 111050	WINTER	J E D	"	"	Rear Party	9 JUL
"	VX 111058	DAVENSROFT	R G	"	YES		
"	VX 111057	ARON	L J	"	"		
"	VX 95255	LEE	A W	"	"		
"	VX 55002	SAGAR	G H	"	"		
"	VX 51218	HAIRD	A F	"	"		
"	VX 46883	McCONNELL	J V	"	"		
"	VX 53260	FERRIS	C D	"	"		
"	VX 53887	THOMPSON	G O	"	NO	2/2 AGH	14 JUN
"	VX 111062	TINZLER	G S	"	YES		
"	VX 117008	CRAIG	H F	"	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	HX 12303	I G V STARK	2/5 Arty	13/7/43	EXXV Attached for rations
"	HX 34807	D C POPE	3 Fld amb	13/7/43	Duty -- " only
"	VX 112205	C L COGHLIN	AANC	10/1/43	RMO
"	VX 91595	C H DUNCAN	A A CH D	18/3/43	Chaplain
"	V 275240	R C MELLOR	Salv Arty	10/2/43	Duty
Lieut	HX 31480	M P SHIDON	2/5 Arty	13/7/43	X Attached for rations onl

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Lt-Col

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

11/120/2

14/32 AUST INF BN

(Unit)

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

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

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-Col	VX 92	W B CALDWELL	14/32 In	YES	
Major	VX 17	P H SHANAHAN	"	NO	LHQ Tactical School
					BRUNSWICK
Capt	VX 117003	G W BIDDLECOMBE	"	"	LHQ School of Hygiene
"	VX 117002	G H WEBSTER	"	YES	
"	VX 14100	J R LARIN	"	NO	Det 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
"	VX 111066	D F WALKER	"	YES	
"	VX 117113	E B SINCLAIR	"	"	
"	VX 117001	H L JACK	"	"	
"	VX 117005	G H SWAN	"	"	
"	VX 117004	W H BAIN	"	"	
"	VX 117013	F L DEVINE	"	"	
"	VX 117018	L P SLUTSKIN	"	"	
Lieut	VX 117012	J POHL	"	"	
"	VX 111055	R C T BURNS	"	"	
"	VX 117011	B Y WALKER	"	"	
"	VX 117015	G GOLDSON	"	"	
"	VX 117014	A L EASTWOOD	"	"	
"	VX 117009	A J CALLANDER	"	"	
"	VX 117016	G A ROBERTS	"	"	
"	VX 34453	T L J ALMOND	"	"	
"	VX 49475	T C RECHENBERG	"	"	
"	VX 111052	L J MOLAN	"	"	
"	VX 52220	A A STOATE	"	NO	2/2 AGH
"	VX 111050	J E D WINTER	"	"	Rear Party
"	VX 111058	R G RAVENSCROFT	"	YES	
"	VX 111057	L J ANON	"	"	
"	VX 55255	A W LEE	"	"	
"	VX 55002	G H SACAR	"	"	
"	VX 51318	A F BAIRD	"	"	
"	VX 46383	J V MCCONNELL	"	"	
"	VX 53260	C D FERRIS	"	"	
"	VX 53367	G O THOMPSON	"	"	
"	VX 111052	G S TINKLER	"	"	
"	VX 117008	H F CRAIG	"	"	

(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 12303	L G V STARR	2/5 Arty	13/7/43	Duty
"	VX 34607	D G POPE	6 Fld Amb	13/7/43	"
"	VX 112205	C L COGHLAN	A A H C	10/1/43	R N O
"	VX 51395	C H DUNCAN	A A CH D	18/3/43	Chaplain
"	V 275240	H C WELLS	Salv Arty	10/2/43	Duty
Lieut	VX 31480	H F WHIDDON	2/5 Arty	13/7/43	
			W B CALDWELL		
		(Unit.)			(Signature of Commander.)
			6 Aust Inf Bde		N O Forces

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(Date of Despatch.)

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

11/12c/2

14/32 AUST INF BN

(Unit)

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

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

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<del>XXXXXXX</del> Lieut	S RICHARDS	14/32 Aust Inf	10/7/43	1 Aust Army Trg Bn
"	F W BENSON	"	10/7/43	"

## 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.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-Col	NX 92	W B CALDWELL	14/32 Bn	YES	
Major	NX 17	P M SHANAHAN	"	NO	LHQ Tactical School
					BRISBANE
Capt	VX 117006	G W BIDDLECOMBE	"	"	LHQ School of Hygiene
"	VX 117002	G H WEBSTER	"	YES	
"	VX 14100	J R LARKIN	"	NO	Det 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
"	VX 111065	D F WALKER	"	YES	
"	VX 117113	E B SINCLAIR	"	"	
"	VX 117001	R L JACK	"	"	
"	VX 117003	G M SWAN	"	"	
"	VX 117004	W H BAIN	"	"	
"	VX 117016	L P SLUTEKIN	"	"	
"	VX 117013	F L D VINE	"	"	
Lieut	VX 117012	J POHL	"	"	
"	VX 111066	E C T BURNS	"	"	
"	VX 117011	R Y WALKER	"	"	
"	VX 117015	G GOLDSOE	"	"	
"	VX 117014	A L EASTWOOD	"	"	
"	VX 117009	A J CALLANDER	"	"	
"	VX 117013	G A ROBERTS	"	"	
"	VX 34453	T L J ALMOND	"	"	
"	VX 48475	T C RECHENBERG	"	"	
"	VX 111031	L J NOLAN	"	"	
"	VX 52220	A A STOATE	"	NO	2/2 AGH
"	VX 111050	J E D WINTER	"	"	Rear Party
"	VX 111058	R G RAVENSCHROFT	"	YES	
"	VX 111057	L J ANGE	"	"	
"	VX 35255	A W LES	"	"	
"	VX 35002	G H SAGAR	"	"	
"	VX 51218	A P BAIRD	"	"	
"	VX 46883	J V MCCONNELL	"	"	
"	VX 53280	C D FERRIS	"	"	
"	VX 53887	G G THOMPSON	"	NO	2/2 AGH
"	VX 111052	G S TINKLER	"	YES	
"	VX 117005	H F CRATO	"	"	

(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 112205	C L COGHLAN	A A H C	10/1/43	R M O
"	VX 91395	C E DUNCAN	A A CH D	18/3/43	Chaplain
"	V 275240	H C MELLOR	Salv Army	10/2/43	Duty

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W B CALDWELL

10 July 43

(Unit.)

6 Aust Inf Bn

(Signature of Commander.)

Lt-Col  
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(Date of Despatch.)

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





# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

11/120/2

14/32 AUST INF BN

(Unit)

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains	1		2
Lieutenants	8		
2nd Lieutenants	25	6	
Quartermasters	1		
Totals	36	6	2

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
t-Col	NX 92	W B CALDWELL	14/32 Bn	YES	
Major	WX 17	P M SHANAHAN	"	NO	LHQ Tactical School
					BEENLEIGH
apt	VX 117008	G W BIDDLECOMBE	"	"	LHQ School of Hygiene
"	VX 117002	G H WEBSTER	"	YES	
"	VX 14100	J R LARKIN	"	NO	Det 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
"	VX 111066	D F WALKER	"	YES	
"	VX 117113	E B SINCLAIR	"	"	
"	VX 117001	R L JACK	"	"	
"	VX 117003	G M SWAN	"	"	
"	VX 117004	W H BAIN	"	"	
"	VX 117018	L P SLUTZKIN	"	"	
Lieut	VX 117012	J POHL	"	"	
"	VX 117013	F L DEVINE	"	"	
"	VX 111055	E C T BURNS	"	"	
"	VX 117011	R Y WALKER	"	"	
"	VX 117015	G GOLDSON	"	"	
"	VX 117014	A L EASTWOOD	"	"	
"	VX 117009	A J CALLANDER	"	"	
"	VX 117016	G A ROBERTS	"	"	
"	VX 34458	T L J ALMOND	"	"	
"	VX 48475	T C RECHENBERG	"	"	
"	VX 111061	L J NOLAN	"	"	
"	VX 52220	A A STGATE	"	NO	2/2 AGH
"	VX 111050	J E D WINTER	"	YES	
"	VX 111058	R G RAVENSCROFT	"	"	
"	VX 111057	L J AHON	"	"	
"	VX 85255	A W LEE	NO	NO	2/2 AGH
"	VX 55002	G H SAGAR	"	YES	
"	VX 51218	A F BAIRD	"	"	
"	VX 46883	J V MCCONNELL	"	"	
"	VX 53260	C D FERRES	"	"	
"	VX 53887	G O THOMPSON	"	NO	2/2 AGH
"	VX 111052	G S TINKLER	"	YES	
"	VX 53334	S RICHARDS	"	"	
"	VX 52078	F W BENSON	"	"	
"	VX 117008	H F CRAIG	"	"	

(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 112205	C L COGHLAN	A A M C	10/1/43	R MO
"	VX 91395	C H DUNCAN	A A CH D	18/3/43	Chaplain
"	V 275240	H C MELLOR	Salv Army	10/2/43	Duty

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(Unit.)

W B CALDWELL

(Signature of Commander.)

3 JULY 43

(Date of Despatch.)

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

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Unit 14/32 AUST INF BN Date and Time.—From 1 Aug 43 To 31 Aug 43

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Gona	1 Aug		<p>Sunday. Heavy rain fell during the night. Three protestant church parades were held at 0000 hrs attended respectively by Pn HQ and B coy, A and D coys, C and HQ coys. In two cases the parades were voluntary and the men appreciated the informality of the service. Padre Duncan and bapt Mellor of the Salvation Army are doing a worthwhile job for the unit. Bn strength 360 offns 728 OR</p> <p>During the day A coy worked to complete their section of the road. Sp.</p>	
Gona	2 Aug		<p>Fine after a damp night. Boys had to collect rations from the dumps</p>	Sp.

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ORIGINAL

2

Unit 14/32 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 1 Aug To 31 Aug 43

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>which is 500 yds beyond C Coy on the Tona Rd. Rations had to be carried by hand owing to the poor condition of the road due to recent heavy rain. Attempts to repair same have not been too successful but we are gaining experience. This morning Sgt Campbell, P.M. &amp; Co, WO II Passmore, Sgt Ball A boy, WO II Skeen, WO II Hady, B Coy, Sgt Best, D Coy and WO II St Allen, HQ boy were notified that they had received their commusions.</p>	
Tona.	3 Aug		<p>Fine, no rain. This afternoon, 15 Thunderbolt fighters, the new American planes, did some impressive manoeuvres over our area. Air activity here has been intense.</p>	Jb



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Unit 14/32 AUST INF BN Date and Time.—From 1 Aug 43 To 31 Aug 43

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Rona	4 Aug		<p>Fine, no rain. Owing to the shortage of MT and the condition of roads in the area, a number of horses and mules have been recruited into our transport service. We now have three horses, three small ponies and three mules "over strength" with three rather dilapidated carts.</p>	
Rona	5 Aug		<p>It rained last night and this morning. Despite the bad weather, the G O b 11 Div Maj. Gen. Blowes visited the area. Capt Devine and party left this morning on reconnaissance to Kumies Pt, some 1.5 miles north along the coast.</p>	
Rona	6 Aug		<p>Heavy rain fell last night and this</p>	Jb

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Unit 14/32 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 1 Aug 43 To 5 Aug 43

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>morning. This afternoon the 6<sup>th</sup> conducted a sand table exercise <sup>for Alpha</sup> taking as his subject the Varengeville diversion to the famous Dieppe Raid. The sand table was excellently constructed by the 2nd section. We were then notified of the projected move to Simeni West which is half way between Buna and Dobodura. We are taking over positions occupied by 29 Bde. The other bde of 11 div. Capt Devine returned this afternoon after a successful if tiring journey. Another party from D Coy made a recon of Ambaga R. and district during which they located a crashed</p>	Sp.

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Unit 14/3<sup>rd</sup> AUSTRALIAN INF BN

Date and Time.—From 1 Aug 42 To 31 Aug 43

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			Lightning fighter at Larata. for which search parties had been sent out some time ago. It appears that one member of the crew was escorted by a Police Boy to Dobodera while the other was killed.	
Gona	1 Aug		We commenced packing this morning and the advance party left for Jimeni West.	
		1000	A Mitchell bomber was seen to crash into the sea off Kellerton and it is believed that all the crew was killed.	
Gona	8 Aug		Sunday - no church parades. C coy commenced move to their new position at Buna	
		1800	located Campbell, Passmore, Skeen, & Gady. Best and St Ellen marched out to 29 Bde	

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Unit 14/32 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 1 Aug 43 To 31 Aug 43

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Simemi West	9 Aug	1200	Bn HQ closed at Buna	See appendix "B"
		1900	Bn HQ opened Simemi West.	movement inst 3/43
			A company are in position south of Cape Endiaderu and C Coy at Buna. The camp sites contain numerous thatched huts which are very suitable for offices or sleeping quarters. Bn HQ site is pleasant though low lying and damp and rats and mosquitoes abound. We have been fortunate in taking over from 29 Bde as there has been a lot of gear left behind in the area. Today, however was a bad one for the battalion as Pte Fred Priest, D Coy was accidentally	So

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Unit 14/32 Aust Inf Bn

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

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			drowned at Gona the unit's first fatal casualty in New Guinea, while Pt Neville Place, Percy was seriously injured while diving off a barge at the new area.	
Sinemui West	10 Aug		We spent today settling in at the new site. B. Co and HQ coys are still at Gona while a company of 19 Bn is taking over our positions there.	
Sinemui West	11 Aug		Fine and warm. Remainder of battalion still at Gona	
Sinemui West	12 Aug	0500	Air raid Red Day fine and hot	
Sinemui West	13 Aug		The staff of the R & Q store arrived this morning from Gona. Steady rain fell	26

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Unit 14/32 AUST INF BN Date and Time.—From 1 Aug 45 To 31 Aug 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Sumner West	14 Aug		<p>last night and this morning. We are spending one hour per day cleaning the area and filling in the slit trenches for which the Americans seem to have a liking. Body arrived from Gona.</p> <p>Air Raid Red this morning. We learnt also that the Glare A Coy had died at Pt Moresby on the 11th Aug.</p>	
Sumner West	15 Aug.		<p>D Coy arrived this evening from Gona Sunday. A small church parade was held at our picture theatre "Palm Grove". HQ Coy arrived from Gona today. after having had a certain amount of excitement there following reports of three Japs in the area. No shing however was seen</p>	26

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Unit 14/52 ASST INF BN Date and Time.—From 1 Aug 43 To 31 Aug 43

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Sunemi West	16 Aug		<p>of them. Bn strength 360 less 698 OR.                      Most of the rifle Coy and HQ Coy men are detached in working parties from Buna to Dobodura. Only those on essential guard and O.P. duties remain. Recce was made this morning by 10 of the area from Europa bk to a point south of Cape Endiaderne, preparatory to handing over responsibility to the occupants of the staging camp at Endiaderne.</p>	
Sunemi West	17 Aug		<p>This area was handed over to 24 Pde 9 Div this afternoon.</p>	
	18 Aug		<p>Major Shanahan today returned from Tactical School for Battalion Commanders.</p>	

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Unit 14/32 AUST INF BN Date and Time.—From 1 Aug 43 To 31 Aug 43

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			at Beentleigh, Q. He has been absent from the unit for nearly three months.	
		1400	Air Raid Yellow	
Semlin West	19 Aug.		It has been found that existing maps of the Buna area are very inaccurate particularly as new roads are rapidly being built and old ones diverted and remade. It is interesting to watch the development of Buna as a base while at present the unit is assessing to the best of its ability.	
Semlin West	20 Aug		Fine and warm. Despite the humid climate however a basket ball competition is proceeding at Buna Q and all ranks are participating with great vigour.	J.P.



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Unit 14/32 AUST INF BN Date and Time.—From 1 Aug 43 To 31 Aug 43

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Sinemit West	21 Aug.		Fine and warm.	
Sinemit West	22 Aug.		Today we were notified of the projected move of A and D coys to Morobe to take over from the 15 <sup>th</sup> Bn. At 1400 hours D coy moved out by boat from Buna their destination however being Nassau Bay. The b.o. accompanied them but is returning shortly. A coy have not yet moved. In strength 25 officers 697 OR.	See appendix "c" 11 DW, 14/32 O.O.
Sinemit West	23 Aug.		Fine and warm after a wet night. 10 PM B coy returned from Douglas Harbour after being relieved by a pl of 19 Bn.	
Sinemit West.	24 Aug.		At 1630 hrs 23 Aug A coy moved by boat to Morobe. B coy took over the area & vacated.	

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Unit 1432 POST INF BN Date and Time.—From 1 Aug 43 To 31 Aug 43

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
		1930	Air Raid Red.	
Simeni West	25 Aug		The CO today returned from Nassau Bay	
Simeni West	26 Aug		Fine and warm	
Simeni West	27 Aug	1900	Air Raid Red.	
		1915	All clear.	
			A picture show is being held tonight at Palms Grove which will provide a welcome break.	
Simeni West	28 Aug		Fine and warm	
Simeni West	29 Aug		Today was spent in recreation and make and mend. Voluntary church parade (protestant) at 1815 hr Palms Grove was attended by a representative selection of	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			of men from neighboring units	
			Bn strength 35 officers 695 OR.	
Sydney West.	30 Aug		Fine and warm	
Sydney West	31 Aug		Fine and very warm. During the last week we have had the longest dry spell so far.	
			Bn strength is 35 officers 695 OR.	
			Attached as Appendix A is a duplicate copy of Bn Intelligence Summary No 1.	
				<p><i>[Signature]</i> Adjutant 14/32 Aust Inf Bn</p>

HEADQUARTERS  
14/32 AUST INF BN  
AUSTRALIA

24 AUG 43

14/32 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 1  
BASED ON INFORMATION RECD TO 1200 HRS 24 AUG 43

1. OPERATIONS

PART I

OWN & ENEMY

(I) LAND

SALAMAUA AREA Continuous harrasing from the air and by our Arty, combined with increasing pressure from our ground tps has resulted in a general withdrawal by the enemy from his fwd posns toward SALAMAUA.

Our tps occupy commanding posns surrounding SALAMAUA and there is strong evidence of weakened Japanese morale.

Over 250 enemy graves were counted at MT TAMBU and 100 at BUIAMBUN, considered to be the result of our Arty and mortar fire and bombing.

In addition 376 enemy have been reported killed during the week ending 22 AUG 43.

Our casualties were reported to be 14 killed, 49 wounded and 16 missing.

OTHER AREAS Small pockets of enemy exist NW of ROOSEVELT RIDGE and in LAKE SALUS area. These are being mopped up.

GENERAL On 17 AUG 43, 24 Bn and 57/60 Bn were removed from Comd 3 Aust Div and came under Comd NGF & 5 Air Force.

(II) SEA

NEW BRITAIN In recent weeks the enemy has been sending supplies and reinforcements to RABUL on a much increased scale.

SOLOMONS A destroyer express service operates between RABUL and the SOLOMONS.

GENERAL With the exception of 20 barges off LAE, enemy barge activity has been negligible in recent weeks.

(III) AIR

SALAMAUA AREA Heavy attacks by our bombers were made on the KELA-SALAMAUA-LOGUI areas on 7 - 10 AUG 43 and again on 14 & 15 AUG 43.

On 14 AUG 43 our A/C bombed ROOSEVELT RIDGE in support of ground tps.

Enemy planes have not ventured into the fighting zone.

BOGADJIM AREA 11 Hy Allied bombers attacked the BOGADJIM-RAMU RD on 21 AUG 43. No hits were observed.

WEWAK On the morning of 17 AUG 43, 56 of our medium and 49 Hy bombers with an escort of 100 fighters attacked a concentration of Japanese A/C on the WEWAK, BORAM, BUT and DAGUA airfields.

The enemy was completely taken by surprise and his air and ground crews were caught with their planes. It is estimated that at least 120 enemy craft were destroyed or damaged.

On the following day 70 Allied bombers escorted by 99 fighters again attacked the WEWAK area. Numerous enemy fighters came up to intercept. Our bombers claimed 15 fighters shot down while our fighters claimed a further 14.

Further attacks were

made on the airfields on 20 & 21 AUG 43.

As a result of these actions, it is estimated that a total of at least 250 A/C were destroyed, damaged or shot down.

It is significant to note that this figure represents one quarter of the total enemy air strength in SWPA as at 16 AUG 43.

## PART II

### 1. SUMMARY OF AIR RECCES

- (i) OWN Recent activity covers searches for barges along the coast of N G, a coverage of RABAU HARBOUR on 2 AUG 43, and shipping sightings NW of NEW BRITAIN.
- (ii) ENEMY Recce planes were over GAROKA (10,11,16 AUG 43), KAINANTU (16 AUG 43), MT HAGEN (9,11 AUG 43) all in RAMU-MARKHAM VALLEYS area; MILNE BAY (11 AUG 43) BULOLO (12,15 AUG 43) and TAMBUBAY (13 AUG 43)

### 2. ENEMY O D B

(i) <u>LAND</u> as at 17 AUG 43	<u>SALAMAUA</u>		
		Base Tps	1775
		Field "	6880
			8655
	<u>LAE</u>		
		Base Tps	1640
		Field "	4620
			6260
		Total	14,915

#### Suggested disposns of field tps SALAMAUA AREA

NUKNUK	350
MT TAMBUBAY & ORODUBI	700
POCKETS	
KELA-BOBDUBI	1150
Perimeter	
BUANG RIVER	190
SALAMAUA	4490
	6880

### ENEMY EQUIPMENT

3.

- (a) New Type 20mm Cannon in Bomber A/C.

An examination of a Jap bomber which crashed at DARWIN on 20 JUN 43 revealed a 20mm cannon in an electrically operated gun turret.

- (b) Japanese 81mm Small Mortar Type 99

Characteristics are as follows :

Diameter of bore	3.313 in.
Weights - barrel	17.5 lb.
bipod	16.5 lb.
base plate	18 lb.
Total -	52 lb.
bomb	6.93 lb.
Traverse	16 deg.
Range	550-3280 yds.

- (c) Japanese 90mm Light Mortar Type 94

Characteristics are as follows :

Diameter of bore	3.56 in
Weights - barrel	74.5 lbs
recoil mech	104 lbs
bipod	73 "
base plate	885 "
Total	3340 lbs
Bomb	11.5 lbs
Traverse	10 deg
Range	610 -4150 yds (approx)

- (d) Japanese Armoured Picket Boat

See Appx A attached to this summary. This craft is employed as protection for barge convoys.

- (e) Japanese Pull Type Hand Grenade.

See Appx B attached to this summary.

4. GENERAL JAPANESE MORALE

In the past three months there has been strong evidence of a crumbling of the morale of troops in the battle zone.

On 17 MAY 43, an enemy Div Comd expressed disgust at the total lack of spirit displayed by both officers and men of his comd.

Such a phase as "the garrison is in the depths of misery" is reputed to have emanated from the enemy. Further reports exemplify panic and indecision on the part of certain Japanese Comds as a result of misplaced appreciation of our intentions.

PART III1. TOPOGRAPHY(a) ROADS AND BRIDGES

MADANG-LAE It is apparent that the enemy intends to develop a through road from MADANG via BOGADJIM to the RAMU VALLEY, thence along the existing road to RAMU and MARKHAM RIVERS to LAE.

Intense bridging activity is in progress on the numerous stream crossings, but it is considered that this work would take several months to complete.

PART IV

1. OTHER FRONTS No official infm has been received.


PART V1. SECURITY

The following extracts stress the need for security and timely destruction of maps and documents.

(a) A captured Japanese operation order reads - "On 8 (Jun 43) in the battle area on the right bank of the NAKA RIVER (South arm of the BITOI) a captured sketch map, together with records from enemy who were killed, and ~~security~~ *secret* activity, all indicate that the enemy is planning and in a position to attack.

Fortunately the enemy did not send the captured items back to a higher formation and full advantage was not taken of what they disclosed.

(b) 11 Aust Div REVISIT No. 194 of 18 AUG 43, referring to a Japanese raid on Allied gun posns. *stated briefly:*  
"LAKE SALUS AREA - - - - - some documents captured by enemy.

  
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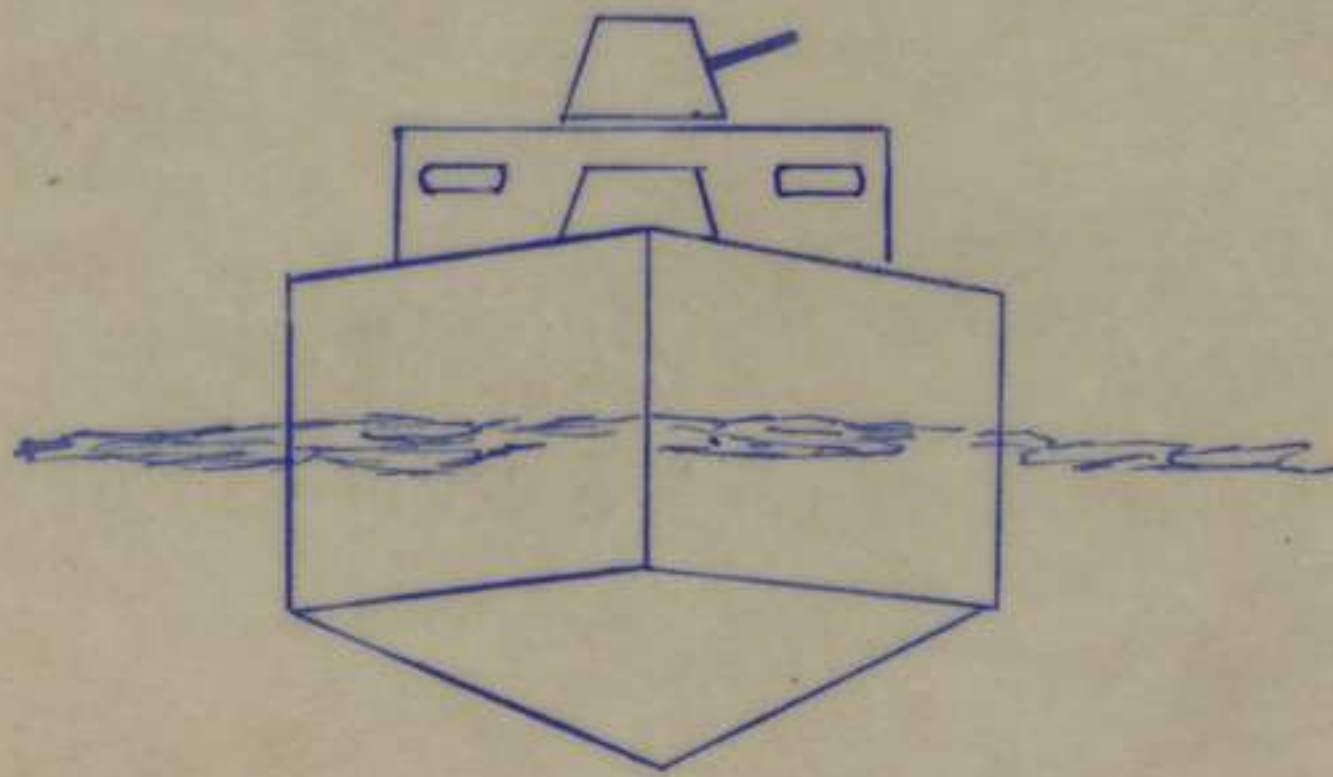
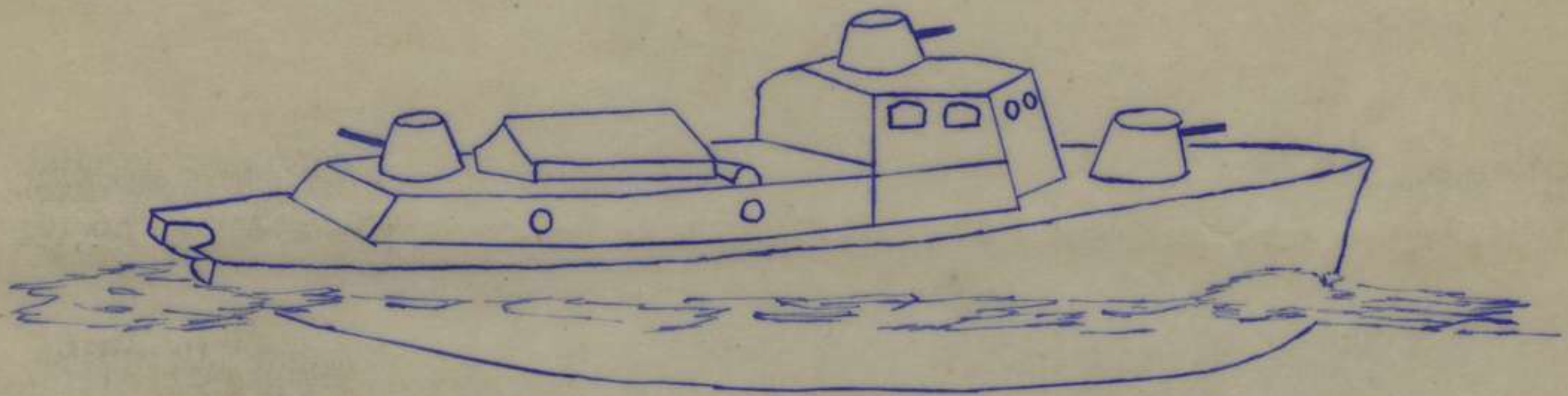
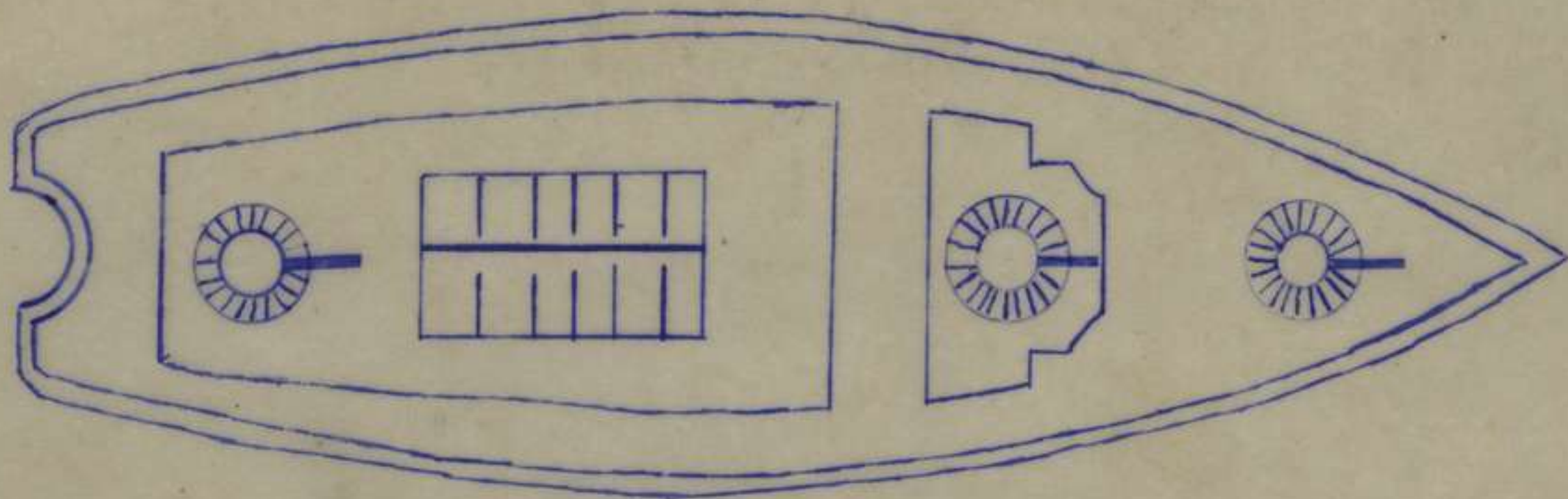
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24 AUG 43

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# JAPANESE ARMoured PICKET BOAT



ARMOUR  
Proof against small arms fire

ARMAMENT  
Probably 2 x 7.7 mm MG's in  
turrets on superstructure -  
1 x 20 mm or possibly 37 mm  
in turret on forward deck.

DIMENSIONS  
Length approximately 40 feet  
Beam " " 13 "

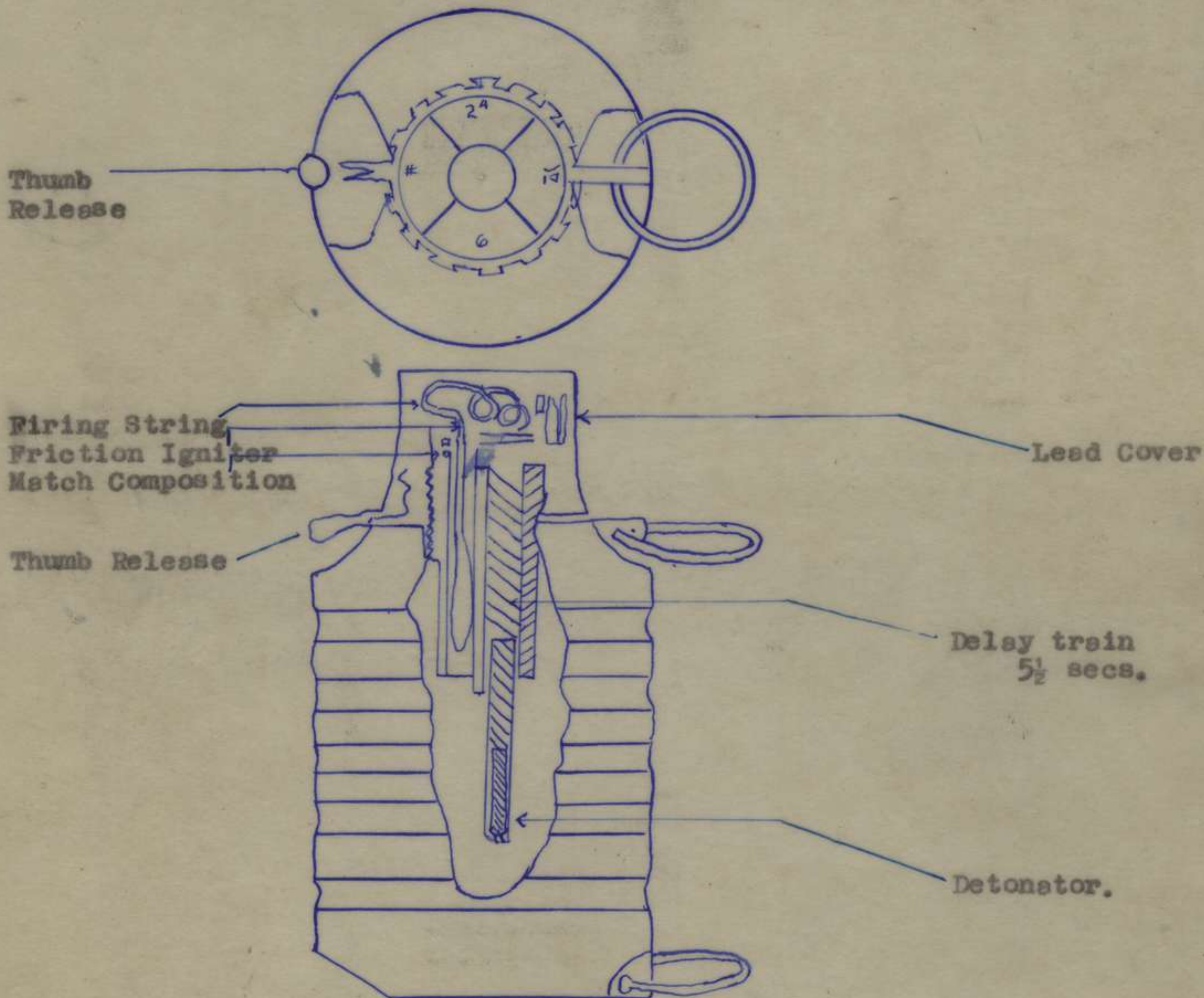
SPEED  
15/20 knots (possibly more).  
Constructed of steel plate.

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14/32 Aust Inf Bn.  
24 Aug 43.

JAPANESE PULL TYPE HAND GRENADE.

APPX "B" To 14/32 Aust Inf Bn INT  
SUMMARY No. 1

Overall Length	3 1/4 in.
Length of Body	2 1/4 "
Length of Cover	1 "
Diameter of Body	2 "
Total Weight	15.8 ozs.
Weight of Body	14.4 "
Explosive Filler	Granula TNT.
Body Material	Cast Iron.
Cover	Lead.



General Remarks.

The Grenade is easily distinguished by its outward appearance. It has no longitudinal serrations as with the Types 91 and 97 grenades, but has five transverse depressions. On one side fitted top and bottom are two metal rings which could be used for carrying or for anchoring the grenade for use as a booby trap.

Operation. To remove lead cover the cover thumb release at the side must be depressed. The cover then screws off in one and a half turns, exposing the firing string. When the firing string is pulled it draws a friction igniter between two pieces of match composition which ignites the detonator thus setting off the charge.

Drawn by I Sec  
14/32 Aust Inf Bn  
24 Aug 43



APPENDIX "B"

HEADQUARTERS  
14/32 AUST INF BN  
AUSTRALIA

MOVEMENT INSTRUCTION 5/43

14/32 Aust Inf Bn will move to BUNA area in accordance with the following instructions.

ADVANCE PARTY

Lieut A J CALLANDER and the following personnel will move to BUNA as advance party :-

- 1 Q Representative
- 1 Hygiene Representative
- Sig Sgt
- 1 Signwriter

Movement will be by launch leaving BANUMI at 1000 hrs 8 AUG 43 to KILLERTON. Bde tpt will pick party up at KILLERTON and move to 29 Aust Inf Bde headquarters.

MAIN BODY

Movement will be carried out in accordance with Appendix A.

Coy dispositions will be as follows on completion of move :-

"C" Coy map ref BUNA EAST Special 251261.

"A" Coy " " " " 288234

"B", "D" and "HQ" Coys vicinity SEMIMI EAST.

"Bn HQ" vicinity SEMIMI WEST.

ADMINISTRATION

Amunition - On the man and with Coy as already issued.  
Reserves as per Appendix A

RATIONS

With the Coy. Rations as issued for consumption up to & including Saturday 14 Aug 43. It is expected fresh bread will be issued at new camp site on Thursday 12 Aug 43.

TOOLS

Carry all available.

RAP

Personnel attached to Coys will remain attached. Remainder will travel with Bn HQ (serial 4)

TRANSPORT

No tpt will be made available for A & C Coys on arrival at destination. Tpt for remainder of Bn will be arranged by Bde to pick up each barge load and ferry stores and personnel to camp sites.

INTERCOMUNICATION

Bn HQ will close at this location at 1300 hrs 9 AUG 43 and re-open at new site at same time. Maj BIDDLECOMBE will remain until last boat as O C this area. Immediately Bn HQ closes down, rear switch will take over operation of line communication in the area. Rear switch will move on last barge.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

T O will remain in area until last barge and will be responsible for re-ordinating move out.

TENTAGE

Tentage to be taken by Coys is as follows :-

Coy	Pyramidal	Walled
"Bn HQ"	20	1
"A" Coy	18	2
"B" "	21	1
"C" "	3	1
"D" "	20	1
"HQ" "	25	1
"Q" Store	9	1

CARTS

HQ Coy will return one cart to Q store before leaving area.

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Capt

Adjutant 14/32 Aust Inf Bn

SERIAL	COY	No. of Personnel	Stores	Expected time of arrival at GONA	Approx Time for loading of stores	Approx time for loading of personnel and moving off	Place of embarkation	Special Instructions
1.	C	60	C Coy stores and tents	1700 hrs 8 AUG	1700 hrs 8 AUG	0630 hrs 9 AUG	BUNA Govt Station	
2.	C	23	Remainder of kitchen gear	1100 " 9 "	1100 " 9 "	1120 " 9 "	" " "	
	A	37	A Coy stores & 1/2 tents					289235 Map ref BUNA EAST Spec
3.	A	66	Remainder of tents A Coy	1530 " 9 "	1530 " 9 "	1545 " 9 "	" " " "	
4.	Bn HQ Sigs	46 8	Bn HQ Equip Sig stores of fwd switch. Comd cooking gear & Off Mess C O Jeep	2000 " 9 "	2000 " 9 "	0630 " 10 "	BUNA jetty	
5.	Q Store 22 HQ Coy Adv 6 party B Coy 16		Bn Q Stores Amm 1 jeep Q Store tents	1000 " 10 "	1000 " 10 "	1030 " 10 "	" "	B Coy will supply one Pl to assist Q Store in loading of Bn Amm
6.	B	65	B Coy stores and tents	1400 " 10 "	1400 " 10 "	1420 " 10 "	" "	
7.	D	60	D Coy stores and tents	1800 " 10 "	1800 " 10 "	0630 " 11 "	" "	
8.	D HQ	45 20	Small prep HQ cooking gear	1000 " 11 "	1000 " 11 "	1015 " 11 "	" "	
9.	HQ	45	1/3 HQ Coy stores & tents	1330 " 11 "	1330 " 11 "	1400 " 11 "	" "	
10.	HQ	45	1/3 HQ Coy stores & 2/3 tents	1730 " 11 "	1730 " 11 "	0630 " 12 "	" "	
11.	HQ	45	1/3 HQ Coy stores 1 jeep	1000 " 12 "	1000 " 12 "	1030 " 12 "	" "	

The above times are approx only and every effort will be made by Coys to keep ahead of schedule.

NASSAU BAY DIARY

APPENDIX 'C'

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS  
14/32 AUST INF BN  
AUSTRALIA

OPERATION ORDER 2/43

1. INFORMATION

- (a) Balance of 15 Aust Inf Bn less A Coy is moving from MOROBE to NASSAU BAY commencing night 20/21 AUG 43.
- (b) A Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn is moving from NASSAU BAY to MOROBE the same night to relieve A Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn which then moves forward to rejoin its Bn.
- (c) The adm situation at MOROBE demands that additional troops be sent from BUNA principally to provide additional labour.

2. INTENTION

A & D Coys 14/2 Aust Inf Bn will move from present location to MOROBE.

3. METHOD

A & D Coys will move to MOROBE by sea. Local movement and embarkation time will be notified later.

4. COMD ON ARRIVAL AT MOROBE

A & D Coys will come under Comd 3 Aust Base Sub Area.

ROLE: A & D Coys and A Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn will recon, maintain and be prepared to occupy three Coy areas vacated by 15 Aust Inf Bn, positions to be allotted by 3 Aust Base Sub Area.

5. ADM

If A & D Coys do not occupy tactical positions they will be allotted living areas by 3 Aust Base Sub Area close to their work.

AMV: Coys will carry scale A.

RATIONS: Rations to be carried will be notified later.

ATEBRIN: One weeks supply will be carried.

TOOLS & EQUIPMENT: WET only will be carried by Coys. No improvised stores will be taken. A Coy will take Rega spray on issue to them.

RAP: 2 RAP personnel will be attached to each Coy. Hospital evacuations will be made through local CCS under arrangements of Base Sub Area.

6. INTERCOMMUNICATION

Bn Hqs will not change location. 3 Bde Sigs and 1 14/32 Aust Inf Bn Sig will take No.11 set for communication direct to 6 Aust Inf Bde.

  
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 Adjutant 14/32 Aust Inf Bn

AUG 43

14/32 Bn.

SECRET.

20 Aug 43.

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11 AUST DIV OPERATION ORDER NO.9

Ref maps: BUNA EAST SPECIAL 1 in to 1 ml.  
MOROBE EAST SPECIAL 1 in to 1 ml.

INFORMATION.

1. (a) Balance of 15 Aust Inf Bn less 'A' Coy is moving from MOROBE to NASSAU BAY commencing night 20/21 Aug.
- (b) 'A' Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn is moving from NASSAU BAY to MOROBE the same night to relieve 'A' Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn which then moves fwd to rejoin its Bn.
- (c) The adm situation at MOROBE demands that additional tps be sent from BUNA principally to provide additional labour.

INTENTION.

2. Two Inf Coys of 14/32 Aust Inf Bn will move from present location to MOROBE.

METHOD.

3. Comd

On arrival MOROBE :-

- (a) The two Inf Coys of 14/32 Aust Inf Bn come under comd 3 Aust Base Sub Area.
- (b) 'A' Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn comes under comd 3 Aust Base Sub Area for ops and adm until the arrival at a later date of HQ 2/1 Aust MG Bn when it will revert to Bn comd.

4. Role:

- (a) The two Inf Coys 14/32 Aust Inf Bn will receive, maintain and be prepared to occupy two Coy areas vacated by 15 Aust Inf Bn. Posns need NOT be occupied as the role is mainly labour.
- (b) 'A' Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn will occupy one defended area vacated by 15 Aust Inf Bn.
- (c) 'A' Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn will hand over posns, documents and relevant infm to 'A' Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn before moving fwd.
- (d) Posns to be occupied by the three coys will be allotted by 3 Aust Base Sub Area.

5. Movement:

As arranged by 'Q' Branch 11 Aust Div.

6. Re-adjustment of Disposns BUNA area.

- (a) 14/32 Aust Inf Bn will withdraw the two Inf Coys in res at square 2619. Two Inf Coys fwd will remain.
- (b) Adv 24 Aust Inf Bde will detail two Inf Coys from combatant tps staging in 11 Aust Div area to replace the two Inf Coys withdrawn by 14/32 Aust Inf Bn but until further orders the 24 Aust Inf Bde coys need NOT move from their staging area.
- (c) Areas vacated by the two Inf Coys will be reserved and may if desired be occupied by the new res Inf Coys which will become Sector right flank res.

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- (d) Coys detailed by Adv 24 Aust Inf Bde will recon routes and deployment areas from their present locations to the res area.
- ( ) In the event of ops the right flank res comes under direct comd 11 Aust Div.

7. Beach Guns:

After firing practice on 23 Aug 43 the two 18 prs at WAITUTU POINT will be withdrawn, cleaned, greased and returned to Ord complete with stores.

8. GON. Det:

When above beach guns are withdrawn GON. det will be reduced to one pl.

ADM.

9. Accommodation:

If the two coys 14/32 Aust Inf Bn do not at present occupy tactical posns, living areas convenient to their work will be allotted by 3 Aust Base Sub area.

10. Stores to accompany coys moving fwd will be detailed by 'Q' Branch 11 Aust Div.

10(A) AMN. *Scale "A" - N.G. Force Staff Tables.*  
INTERCOMM.

11. (a) Sigs 11 Aust Div will plan for comms between right Sector res and HQ 11 Aust Div and when ordered to do so will establish such comms.

(b) 14/32 Aust Inf Bn is responsible for lateral comms.

12. HQ 11 Aust Div. 230159.

13. Code words:

'PLUM' all tps on 2 hrs notice.  
'APPLE' stand to.

ACK. ✓ I.157

Issued through Sigs.  
Time of Signature - 2300 hrs.

*[Signature]*  
Sgt Lt-Col.  
11 Aust Div.  
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ROUTINE

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HEADQUARTERS

by  
Lt-Col W B CALDWELL

14/32 AUSTRALIAN  
AUSTRALIA

Commanding 14/32 Aust Inf Bn

1 AUG 43

PART 1.

Camp Order No. 20A/43

REGIMENTAL FUND TRUST A/c

Set out hereunder is copy of Unit Trust A/c Pass Book showing operations made during month of JUN.

Line No.	DATE	PARTICULARS	DEBITS			CREDITS		
			£	s	d	£	s	d
	12 JUN 43	Balance from last month	1260	7	5	1583	18	4
79	17 JUN 43	Withdrawal for cash payments	100	0	0			
80	22 JUN 43	Percentage of Canteen profits paid to personnel this unit transferred to 4 Aust Div Carr Coy.	24	0	0			
81	22 JUN 43	Withdrawal for cash payments	12	0	0			
82	22 JUN 43	Cheque purchase Columbia gramophone records	20	0	0			
83	22 JUN 43	Cheque payment Jason Strops	25	4	0			
84	29 JUN 43	Withdrawal for cash payment	100	0	0			

This unit also has in operation a Cash payment account to which withdrawals shown on lines 79, 81 and 84 are paid into. Particulars of Purchases made from Cash payment account during month of JUN are as set out hereunder.

Balance of account at end of MAY

33- 10  
100- 0- 0

Cash withdrawals from Trust A/c

PURCHASES

Medical Kits	5- 0
Timber, Screws, Hinges, building materials for Coy kitchens. Latrine seats and boxes	44- 7- 9
Daily News Papers	6- 0- 0
Coy purchases: Including Games, Cards, Footballs	
Leather for machette holsters	13-19- 11
Prizes for swimming & shooting Carnival. Rations purchased for consumption at swimming sports	39- 6- 2
Sanitary paper	11- 6
Paybook covers, 1 per man	74-15- 0
Fishing gear	16- 4
Radio valves, shields and gramophone needles	6- 8- 6

Balance on hand at present time

£ 257- 9- 10

£ 257- 9- 10

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PART . 1

Camp Order No. 21/43

1. BN DUTIES

Duty Coy mounts 1800 hrs on day shown and dismounts 1800 hrs the following day.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY COY</u>
1 AUG 43	"D"
2 AUG 43	HQ
3 AUG 43	"A"
4 AUG 43	"B"
5 AUG 43	"C"
6 AUG 43	"D"
7 AUG 43	HQ
8 AUG 43	"A"

Bn Guard will report to RSM at 1750 hrs.

2. MALARIA RETURN

All Coys will submit nominal roll of personnel on Coy strength (X list on separate sheet) in the form hereunder shown, return to reach this HQ by 1200 hrs 8 AUG 43.

- (a) X lists will show the reasons for being so listed, e.g. 2/2 AGH, LHQ School, detention etc.
- (b) Only such personnel as have been evacuated to a Medical Unit and have received at least 7 days malarial treatment prior to returning to the unit will be shown as having had malaria.
- (c) Should information of X list personnel be unknown regarding Malaria, they will be shown as "Unknown".
- (d) Accuracy is essential.
- (e) The information of this return is for Operational and Control reasons only.
- (f) In the absence of any official record, sub units may submit information supplied by personnel. Sub Paras (b) (e) will be carefully explained before information is accepted.

..... COY

<u>NO.</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HAD MALARIA</u>		<u>REMARKS</u>
			<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	

3. REGIMENTAL TRUST A/C

Last published Credit Balance	-	£ 42. 6. 11
Canteen profit receipts APR	-	£ 82.10. 1
" " " MAY	-	£ 79.18. 8
Transfer from Cash Payment A/c	-	£ 50. 0. 0
Credit Balance at 31 JUL	-	£254.15. 8

4. FRAMING OF CHARGES UNDER AA.11 & AA.40

GRO A.493 is repeated hereunder:-

"When any act or neglect contrary to the terms of a GRO, an army, corps, formation or brigade routine order or of standing orders, other than camp or unit standing orders, is alleged, the charge will be laid under AA.40 and not under AA.11 unless the particular order has been repeated in the orders of the unit of the member to be charged."

5. USE OF AN FPO OR APO AS POSTAL ADDRESS

The use of an FPO as an address for private correspondence is forbidden.

The use of an APO address may be permitted as an accommodation address in special circumstances, but only by express authority of the ADAPS or DADAPS.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE

ORDERS

by

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Commanding 14/32 Aust Inf Bn

Headquarters  
14/32 Aust Inf Bn  
AUSTRALIA

18 AUG 43

PART 1

Camp Order No.22/43

1. AIRGRAPH SERVICE

1. This service is an arrangement under which letters written by senders in AUSTRALIA upon special forms are photographed in miniature in this country and the negatives thus obtained forwarded by air to the overseas country of address, where enlarged prints are taken, enveloped and delivered by post to the addressees.

2. The service now functioning from AUSTRALIA is available only for communications :-

(a) To civilians in :

Aden	Eire	Palestine
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan	India	Seychelles
Bahrein	Iraq	South Africa
British Somaliland	Kenya	Southern Rhodesia
Canada	Uganda	Tanganyika
Ceylon	Mauritius	Transjordan
Cyprus	Northern Rhodesia	United Kingdom
Egypt	Nyasaland	Zanzibar.

(b) To members of the forces of the Empire serving in :

The countries included in the list above, and

Syria	Madagascar
Persian Iraq Force	Somalia (Italian Somaliland)
Ethiopia (Abyssinia)	Occupied Territory of Britton;

and the charges payable are as follows :-

(i) For airgraph letters to member of the forces of the British Empire .. .. 5d

(ii) For airgraph letters to civilians .. .. 10d

3. Forms upon which airgraph letters may be written by senders are available from Army postal orderlies serving with units, from whom further details of the service can be secured by personnel.

4. Normal unit censorship arrangements will apply to airgraph letters lodged by personnel. The franking officer's signature will appear in the lower left-hand corner of the form (above the direction "This space should not be used"). Censorable matter will be obliterated and not excised. The unit censor stamp will be affixed in the space between the address panel and the single printed line directly thereunder; it will be placed as far to the left as practicable.

5. Detailed instructions covering preparation of the letters by senders are set out on the backs of the forms, which will, however, in every case following censorship be passed through unit channels by postal orderlies for onward transmission.

6. If one form be insufficient for the whole of a letter, two or more separate forms may be used, but in such case each form will be treated as a separate letter and a separate fee must be paid for each. Writing must be plain and preferably in black ink, to secure satisfactory photographic reproduction. Use of pencil is not recommended but, if used, it will be a soft black lead pencil; indelible pencil will not be used.

7. Names and addresses of addressees of airgraph letters will be written by hand in prominent block lettering (as large as practicable) and will be kept wholly within the panel provided on the form. The full address of the sender and the date of writing will be written at the top of the "Letter" portion of the form and at the foot of the letter the sender's full name will be written in block lettering followed by his signature.

8. The airgraph letter as delivered to the addressee overseas will be less than one quarter the size of the original lodged by the sender. The need for block lettering as above described and clear writing generally will therefore be readily understood.

## 2. TELEPHONE SECURITY

The telephone is most insecure and the greatest care will be exercised by all ranks wherever they may be as to what is said over it. Military secrets should never be discussed in telephone conversations. Should it ever become necessary to do so in case of emergency, every possible attempt should be made to mislead possible listeners-in. Telephone conversations will be kept as short as possible.

## 3. TRAINING PRACTICE SEAWARDS

Coy's desirous of conducting beach shoots incl AA will make application for approval to BN.HQ 4 days prior to required commencing time of shoot. Applications will show:-

- (a) Type of shoot
- (b) Date and times of shoot
- (c) Gun or weapon positions
- (d) Danger area.

## 4. INDISCRIMINATE USE OF FIREARMS

The indiscriminate use of firearms and grenades is prohibited and Coy Comds will personally ensure that this order is brought to the notice of all ranks.

## 5. MOSQUITO REPELLENT LOTION

(a) Mosquito repellent lotion is the greatest advance in anti-malaria measures since the last war.

(b) Its great value will not be realized until its correct use becomes automatic.

(c) It must be smeared on the face, neck, hands and wrists at dusk, and the application repeated at three hourly intervals, while the soldier is not protected by a mosquito net. If the soldier rises before sunrise, it must be applied immediately on rising.

*[Handwritten signature]*

(d) To ensure that this is carried out, Coy Comds will ensure that :

1. Every soldier carries a bottle of repellent in his pocket after dusk. This will be checked at the evening atobrin parade.
2. Every soldier will be inspected on the atobrin parade, to see that he has used the repellent. It can easily be detected on the skin for one half hour after application.

6. REPORTING OF UNEXPLODED BOMBS

The presence of unexploded bombs will be reported immediately to this HQ in the following form :

- (a) Location of bomb(s) giving map reference.
- (b) Time at which bomb(s) fell.
- (c) Diameter of chimney or hole made by bomb.
- (d) Whether near any important building or installation, giving distance in yards.
- (e) Any other relevant information of immediate importance.

7. SECURITY OF OPERATIONS AND MOVEMENTS

Examination of recently vacated camp sites in this area reveals gross carelessness in the observation of security regulations by outgoing units. All ranks will be constantly reminded that all papers, addressed envelopes and other items which might give an identification of their unit must be destroyed by fire prior to moving. To ensure that this order has been carried out a thorough check will be made by Coy Comds when any area is vacated.

8. REPORTING OF DAMAGE CAUSED BY AIR RAIDS

Damage caused by enemy air action will be reported immediately to this HQ. Details required are :

- (a) Number and location of bombs with map reference.
- (b) Time at which bombs fell.
- (c) Brief description of damage to installations, buildings, equipment etc.
- (d) Casualties.
- (e) Any other relevant information of immediate importance.

9. BUNA WHARF AREA - BOUNDS

- (a) The BUNA WHARF AREA is out of bounds to all ranks except those whose duty requires them to be in that area.
- (b) Comd 1 Aust Base Sub Area will police this instruction and will arrange for issue of passes as necessary.

10. TRAFFIC CONTROL

(a) The following are the MAXIMUM speeds for MT Vehicles using roads in 11 AUST DIV AREA and will NOT be exceeded :-

- (i) Light vehicles 30 MPH  
(i.e. Trucks  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton 4 x 4, Cars DS)
- (ii) All vehicles other than those specified in (i) above 20 MPH.

11. CHAINS NON-SKID

The unnecessary use of chains Non-Skid causes rapid deterioration of road surfaces and damage to tyres.

All MT personnel are to be instructed that chains are only to be fitted where definitely necessary and are to be removed as soon as the necessity has passed.

Vehicles with chains fitted will NOT be driven on any formed road having a gravel or sand surface.

**12. RODENTS**

The presence of rodents in large numbers in some sections of the general area under Div Comd, necessitates active measures of destruction to prevent outbreaks of disease particularly Scrub Typhus.

The following measures will be carried out by all Coys.

- (a) All undergrowth, dead wood and debris must be cleared in and around camp area.
- (b) All waste organic matter, food refuse, garbage must be incinerated.
- (c) All unopened rations must be protected from rodents.
- (d) No unburned food tins must be left unburied in the area.
- (e) Traps and poison baits must be used. (It is anticipated that rat poison will be available shortly.)

**13. DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL EQUIPMENT OF CASUALTIES (NGF O 122)**

The following extract from the above-mentioned NGF Order is repeated for the attention of all Coys.

"Personal equipment of casualties (i.e. all clothing, necessaries, respirators, arms, web eqpt, helmet etc) will be disposed of as follows :

- (a) From RAP to Medical Post servicing RAP:  
All personal eqpt will be taken, incl arms but arms will NOT accompany casualty beyond RAP.
- (b) From Medical Post to MDS 10 Aust Fd Amb:  
All personal eqpt will be taken excl arms. Arms will be collected by the Medical Post.

The following constitute Medical Posts:

MDS 8 Aust Fd Amb.

ADOS is responsible for the collection of arms from the a/c Medical Post. To effect this ADOS is arranging for a veh to collect the arms three times per week.

**14. ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS, ETC, BY OFFICERS**

GRO A.169/42 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:

"3. The officer taking the affidavit or declaration or witnessing the signature will write after his signature his full name and rank and the words "Australian Military Forces", but not his unit or the place at which the oath was administered, the declaration taken on the document attested."

**15. TROOPS IN TRANSIT : MESSING GEAR**

All personnel proceeding to the Mainland on leave or on duty will carry messing gear with them.

**16. JAPANESE GRAVES - DESECRATION**

- 1. Disint or burial of Japanese by unauthorised persons or other desecration of Japanese graves is forbidden. Severe disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.



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P A R T . 1 .

Camp Order No. 23/43

1. AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION : "THUNDERBOLT"

The P.47 (THUNDERBOLT) fighter aircraft is now being employed in operations. It will be noted from the description below that this aircraft resembles the JAP ZERO fighter in many particulars. It is therefore requested that the employment of the THUNDERBOLT within the tactical area should be made known to all ground forces concerned.

The description and dimensions of the P.47 are as follows :-

Single radial engine, low wing monoplane with retractable undercarriage.

The wings have a slight dihedral, with straight leading and elliptical trailing edges.

DIMENSIONS:	Span	-	40 ft 9 ins
	Length	-	34 ft 10 ins
	Height	-	12 ft 8 ins

ARMAMENT: 8 x .50 MMGs.

2. ENDORSEMENT OF TROOPS' MAIL

Mail from troops in forward areas or other places where stamps are NOT available may be endorsed "AIR MAIL - NO STAMPS AVAILABLE". When received from such areas mail endorsed in this manner will be forwarded by AIR MAIL throughout.

NO endorsement is required to gain advantage of free surface mail service from NEW GUINEA (up to 4 ozs per letter). All such mail is sent by air from NEW GUINEA to the mainland and from there on as surface mail.

The use of such endorsements as "FRONT LINE MAIL" and "IN FORWARD AREA", or similar phrases, is forbidden.

3. WEARING OF SHORTS

The wearing of shorts is forbidden in MILNE BAY, BUNA, ORO BAY, MOROBE, BULLDOG and WAU-BULOLO Sub-Areas.

QM will ensure that all shorts are withdrawn from personnel stationed in or moving to these areas.

4. DRESS - MALARIA CONTROL

In view of the fact that medical research has disclosed a malaria carrying mosquito which is active in daylight, it is directed that the following instructions be taken into use immediately and Coy Cmdrs will be held personally responsible to see that they are implicitly obeyed:-

(a) ALL ranks will wear SHIRTS, SLACKS, BOOTS and ANKLETS WEB, GAITERS or SHORT PUTTEES at ALL times;

(b) Shirt sleeves may be rolled up between the hours of 0630 and 1800 but SHIRTS will ALWAYS be worn and sleeves must be buttoned at all other times.

It is emphasised that the permission previously granted to members engaged in manual labour to remove their shirts is CANCELLED.

It is the plain duty of EVERY Officer, Warrant Officer and Non-commissioned Officer to ensure that these instructions are carried out at all times, whether the troops concerned are directly under his comd or not. Any failure in this regard will be treated as an offence.

Provost Patrols to police these instructions will be instituted throughout the area by HQ 11 AUST DIV. Should any breaches be reported the most severe disciplinary action will be taken NOT only against the members concerned but also against the Officer etc, responsible for the conduct of such members.

This order will be read out to ALL troops on parade on at least three separate occasions.

5. SAFE GUARDING OF PISTOLS

The loss, through stealing, of pistols while in the possession of authorised individuals, has increased to grave proportions, necessitating the provision of special measures. These measures as indicated below will inflict a certain amount of hardship on individuals, but must be accepted as the best possible solution to meet the circumstances.

All individuals who are entitled to have, or be issued with a pistol, and who are in possession of one, will, at all times when absent from their camp, bivouac, or other place of abode, carry such pistol on the person.

At all other times pistols will be:-

Kept at ALL times in the immediate personal possession or control of individuals referred to in the above, either suitably and safely disposed of under lock and key, or otherwise.

It is imperative that close attention be given in this matter with the object of impressing on all concerned their responsibility if loss is incurred.

The gravest view will be taken in regard to all losses of pistols and action will be taken to bring all cases to the notice of the Commanding Officer for his direction as to whether Court-Martial procedure or summary disposal is requisite.

6. NATIVE ADMINISTRATION-UNAUTHORISED SUPPLY OF EXPLOSIVES TO NATIVES.

The supply without authority of any arms ammunition or explosives to natives is prohibited. Severe disciplinary action will be taken in all cases of breach of this order.

7. MEDICAL PREVENTION OF SCRUB TYPHUS AND SCRUB ITCH

Until further orders, Insect Repellent Lotion will be used only as a mosquito Repellent. It will NOT be used as a mite repellent except under special circumstances and then only with the written approval of SMO Formation.

8. CARE OF MORTAR BOMBS AND FUZES

Mortar bomb fuzes, under certain conditions, may become armed through rough handling and consequently it is imperative that the greatest care be taken with mortar ammunition. Boxes of bombs should always be carried from place to place. They must NEVER be thrown.

All fuzes that are dropped from aircraft are labelled accordingly and when subsequently examined by technical Ordnance personnel are certified "Safe to Fire."

If a mortar fuze is fired and does not detonate, it will in any case become armed and therefore exceedingly dangerous. No attempt will be made to interfere with or move a blind bomb. It must on no account be fired from a mortar a second time.

Blind bombs will be destroyed in situ in accordance with the procedure laid down in GRO 407/43.

If any doubt is felt regarding the condition of mortar fuzes they should be set aside and reference made to an Inspecting Ordnance Officer or ammunition examiner.

9. PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE FORCES

Members are forbidden to communicate with the press or to give interviews for broadcasting or other media of publicity on military matters, whether by correspondence, personal interviews with press representatives or by any other means except in accordance with para 2 hereof.

2. Members who have been on active service may give interviews on first hand experiences in battle to uniformed accredited war correspondents, provided that every proposed statement of the nature referred to in this paragraph will be submitted before publication for the approval of an officer of the Directorate of Public Relations. The publication of names of members above the rank of lieutenant is prohibited unless specifically authorised.

3. No restriction is placed on members in regard to articles, stories or poems for publication in the press, in periodicals or other publications, provided that these do not deal with military matters and that no indication of the military rank or unit of the contributor is given.

10. TRAFFIC CONTROL - 11 AUST DIV AREA

The Comd 11 Aust Div directs that the following speed limits be imposed throughout the area forthwith.

ZONE "A": All roads south of the intersection of the BUNA, SOPUTA and ORO BAY Roads (BUNA EAST SPECIAL 1 in to 1 ml 194148).

Maximum permissible speed : 25 MPH all types of vehicles.

ZONE "B": All roads north of the intersection of the BUNA, SOPUTA and ORO BAY roads (BUNA EAST SPECIAL 1 in to 1 ml 194148). (This incl main rd DOBODURA - SOPUTA).

<u>Type of Vehicle</u>	<u>Maximum Permissible Speed</u>
Trucks $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton 4 x 4 or without trailers Trucks 15 cwt Staff and Comd Carriers	25 MPH
All other vehicles including Bren Carriers	20 MPH

NOTE. So far as possible, Bren Carriers will NOT travel on roads at all and will at all times avoid making sharp turns on roads.

ZONE "C": The section of the DOBODURA - BUNA Rd at present under construction (one way traffic) Max permissible speed 15 MPH.

It is further directed that Comds of all Aust units take immediate steps to impress the necessity for rigid adherence to these instructions on ALL members under Comd.

DAPM, 11 Aust Div will institute the necessary Provost Patrols to police this instruction. The most severe disciplinary action will be taken against the members responsible for such breaches.



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APPX TO PART 1 NO. 23/43 TO BE PUBLISHED ON ALL COY NOTICE BOARDS

COMMUNICATIONS IN WAR

1. Communication in war is so vital that it is the first duty of enemy paratroops and sabotage agents to cut lines used for the purpose.
2. The majority of communication required is provided by telephone or telegraph wires. The construction of lines involves a major problem in supply and transport of materials as well as in work required to construct the lines and keep them working.
3. If you cut a line, or by your thoughtlessness, allow it to be damaged, then you are as guilty as those who deliberately sabotage communications to help the enemy.
4. Some lines look unimportant because there is not sufficient labour available to construct them in accordance with their importance. All lines of communication are important, otherwise they would not be laid.
5. Compare some of the following possibilities with the importance of having a length of field cable for a clothes line or some similar purpose at the expense of a working line:-
  - (a) Isolation of a defensive area.
  - (b) Silencing a call for aid.
  - (c) Holding back a vital warning.
  - (d) Interrupting important preparations.These are only a few of the possible consequences of a cut line, damaged insulator or a broken pole.
6. Testing a line to find out if it is in use is a trained specialist's job; leave it to him.
7. Any type of interference to lines is a serious offence and severe disciplinary action will be taken against all offenders.
8. A little thought and obedience of simple rules will enable you to avoid the serious consequence which may follow interference with lines.

The rules are :

- (a) Don't cut or tamper with lines, poles or insulators.
- (b) Before you fell trees, light fires, dig drains, etc, make sure that there are no lines on the ground or in the air which will be damaged by what you are doing.
- (c) If lines are likely to hamper your work, notify the nearest Signal office; wherever possible signal personnel will shift their lines to let you do your job.
- (d) Avoid digging on routes marked "buried cable".
- (e) Do what you can to prevent damage (whether intentional, careless or accidental) to lines.
- (f) Report PROMPTLY to your headquarters any damage to lines which you see or think is likely to happen.



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P A R T . 1 .

Camp Order No. 24/43

1. REGIMENTAL FUND TRUST A/C

The following are transactions as carried out during the month of AUG.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PARTICULARS</u>	<u>DEBITS</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
	Credit balance at end of JUL.			254.15.8
14 AUG 43	Chq Nicholsons (records record albums & needles)	3.15. 0		
14 AUG 43	Chq Stanley Johnston (2 Trumpet Mutes)	3.19. 6		
14 AUG 43	Chq Patent Perforated Paper Coy (Toilet Rolls)	15. 0. 0		
14 AUG 43	Chq B Davis (1 trumpet 1 Saxophone)	48.10. 0		
14 AUG 43	Chq Nock & Kirby Ltd (Fishing lines etc)	10.10. 0		
14 AUG 43	Chq King & King (Decca recordings)	5.10. 6		
14 AUG 43	Chq W H Paling & Co (Records & needles)	15. 2.11		
14 AUG 43	Chq Kopson & Co (Primus parts)	3.12. 0		150.16.3
21 AUG 43	Canteen Profits (JUN)		139.14.6	290.10.9
21 AUG 43	Chq Colman Quick Lite (Parts for lamps)	3. 0. 0		
21 AUG 43	Chq Suttons Pty Ltd (1 Electric Guitar & 1 set Jazz drums)	61.18. 0		225.12.9
30 AUG 43	Chq Armstrong Liddle & Stillman (6 Aladdin lamps & spare parts)	18. 7. 9		
30 AUG 43	Shaw Lloyd & Co (New Gramophone Motor)	8. 2. 6		199. 2. 0

3. STANDING OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE INSTRUCTIONS

The following addition to Standard Operational Procedure Instructions has been received and will be adopted forthwith.

## "Expression of Time:-

(a) Time of day, which for operational or security reasons, cannot be specified will be expressed in relation to an "H-hour" which is to be subsequently designated. This expression is synonymous with the "Z-hour" or "Zero hour" at present used by Australian Forces.

(b) Time prior or subsequent to "H-hour" will be expressed as a difference in hours and/or minutes. A difference in hours or minutes only will be indicated by the appropriate abbreviation "hrs", or "min"; one of hours and minutes by abbreviations of both.

Example:

H plus 15 min  
 H plus 2 hrs  
 H plus 2hrs 10 min  
 H minus 25 min  
 H minus 3 hrs  
 H minus 3 hrs 55 min

The words "plus" and "minus" may be written in full where appropriate.

3. TIME

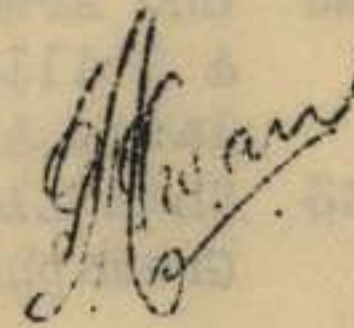
In future time within 11 Aust Div Area will be Eastern Standard Time as broadcast by ABC.

4. MEDICAL - PREVENTION OF SCRUB TYPHUS AND SCRUB ITCH

(a) Approval has been given by ADMS 11 Aust Div for the use of Insect Repellent Lotion as a mite repellent by tps under comd 11 Aust Div, in accordance with NGF Order A337/43.

5. PREMATURE EXPLOSIONS - GRENADES - RIFLE

Owing to the likelihood of premature explosions due to faulty assembly, Grenades rifle No.68 Mk 111 must NOT be used until further notice.



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**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 7 / 8 / 1943 .**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)					
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.			
			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assts.			G.P.O. Assistants					
Armament Artificer Fitter			Surveyors, E.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen					
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitchers					
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing					
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental					
Armament Artificer Instrument			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers					
Armament Artificer Radio			Watchmakers			Opticians			Rangetakers	4	4			
Armament Artificer Signals			Welders			Painters			Riveters					
Armament Artificer Wireless						Panel Beaters			Roughriders					
Artificer, Artillery						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers					
Artificer, Engine						Predictor Numbers			Saddletree makers					
Blacksmiths						Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer					
Bricklayers						Radlographers			Stevadores					
Computers						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine					
Cooks, Hospital			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical	3	2			
Coppersmiths			Armourers			Signallers	24	23	1	Tailors	1	1		
Dispensers			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Refitters					
Draughtsmen			Bakers			Telescope Identfn. Numbers			Tinsmiths					
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			Bty. Comd's. Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers					
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			Boilermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors					
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			Carpenters	6	6	Winchman			Whitesmiths					
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			Carpenters and Joiners			Wireman								
Electricians			Cooks			Woodturners								
Electricians (M.V.)			Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters			Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)			Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)			Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)			Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)			Fire Control Operators			GROUP III.			DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.	688	626			
Fitters (M.V.)			Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors				62				
Fitters, Railway Signal			Hatchman			Butchers	1	1						
Fitters, Signals			Height Taker			Clerks	4	4						
Grinder, Precision			Hello Operator			Clerks, Supply								
Mechanics, Instrument			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical								
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			Intelligence Duties	7	6	1	Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			Joiners			Concretors								
Mechanics, Radio			Lineman			Cooks			Blacksmith	1	1			
Mechanics, Typewriter			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies			Fitter Gun	1	1			
Mechanics, Wireless			Lithographers			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY W.E.					
Millwrights			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals			Cooks TG.11	12	10			
Operators, Excavator			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.			Shoemaker	1	1			
Pattern Maker			Masons			Driver Mechanics			AANG	4	2			
Pharmacist			Masseurs			Driver Tptn. Plant			AAPC	2	2			
Photographer, Wet Plate			Mechanics, M.T.			Engine Hands, I.C.			Postal	1	1			
Photewriter			Miners			Equipment Repairers	1	1	AACC. WO.11	1	1			
Pumber			Moulders			Farriers			AACC SCTS	5	1			
Raw Doctors			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates			AACC CPLS	5	4			
Surveyors			Observation Post Assts.			Gun Layers			AENE	1	1			
CARRIED FORWARD			CARRIED FORWARD	13	12	1	CARRIED FORWARD	43	41	2	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	773	698	75

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

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*[Signature]* Lt-Col 100

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008  
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3 / 43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7 / 8 / 1943 14/32 AUST INF BN (Unit)

W.E. 11 134 / 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 759 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 36 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.				
	1	1	1 2 9 27 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A A M C	1							
	1	9	40			1							
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		40									40
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

Unit  
14/32 AUST INF BN

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7 / 8 / 1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-Col	NX 92	CALDWELL	W B	CO	YES		
Major	WX 17	SHANAHAN	P H	21/cbn	NO	LHQ Tactical School BENLEIGH	14 JUN
"	VX 117005	MIDDLECOMBE	G W	OC COY	YES		
Capt	VX 117002	WEBSTER	G H	"	"		
"	VX 14100	LARKIN	J R	"	"		
"	VX 111066	WALKER	D P	21/c	"		
"	VX 117113	SINCLAIR	E B	OC COY	"		
"	VX 117001	JACK	R L	"	"		
"	VX 117003	SHAN	G H	Adj	"		
"	VX 117004	BAIN	W H	2 1/c	"		
"	VX 117018	SLUTZMAN	L P	CM	"		
"	VX 117012	POHL	J	2 1/c	"		
"	VX 117013	DEVINE	F L	"	"		
Lieut	VX 111055	BURNS	E C T	TO	"		
"	VX 117011	WALKER	R Y	PL CMD	"		
"	VX 117015	GOLDSON	G	"	"		
"	VX 117014	EASTWOOD	A L	"	"		
"	VX 117009	CALLANDER	A J	IO	"		
"	VX 117016	ROBERTS	G A	PL COMD	"		
"	VX 34458	ALMOND	T L J	"	"		
"	VX 48475	RECHENBERG	T C	"	"		
"	VX 111061	NOLAN	L J	SO	"		
"	VX 52220	STOATE	A A	PL CMD	NO	2/2 ACH	14 JUN
"	VX 111050	WINTER	J E D	"	"	Rear Party	9 JUL
"	VX 111058	RAVENS-CROFT	R G	"	YES		
"	VX 111067	ARON	L J	"	"		
"	VX 35255	LEE	A W	"	"		
"	VX 55002	SAGAR	G H	"	"		
"	VX 51218	BAIRD	A F	"	"		
"	VX 46883	McCONNELL	J V	"	NO	Det 11 Aust Div Staging Camp	1 AUG
"	VX 52230	FERRIS	C D	"	YES		
"	VX 52987	THOMPSON	G O	"	NO	2/2 ACH	14 JUN
"	VX 111052	TINKLER	G S	"	YES		
"	VX 117008	CRAIG	H F	"	"		
A/Lieut	VX 117591	PASSMORE	R E	"	"		
"	VX 61869	BEST	L D	"	"		
"	VX 117527	ST ELLIEN	J J	"	"		
"	VX 120319	CAMPBELL	D L	"	"		
"	VX 131159	SHEEN	C J	"	"		
"	NX 161651	CADY	A	"	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	VX 112208	C L COGHIAN	ARMC	10/1/43	RMO
Capt	VX 91395	C E DUNCAN	A A CH D	10/2/43	Chaplain
Capt	V 275240	R C MELLOR	Salv Army	10/2/43	Duty.

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Signature of Commander

Lt-Col

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**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 14 / 8 / 1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	4	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	2	1
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	24	23	1	Tailors	1		1
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.	688	626	62
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1					
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	4					
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	7	6	1	Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Blacksmith	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Fitter Gun	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Cooks TG.11	12	10	2
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Shoemaker	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AAMC	4	2	2
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAPC	2	2	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Postal	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1		AACC WO.11	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				AACC SGTS	5	1	4
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				AACC CPLS	5	4	1
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				AEME	1	1	
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	13	12	1	CARRIED FORWARD	43	41	2	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	773	698	75

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(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."  
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

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Signature of Commander

Lt-Col

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008  
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(Revised Jan., 1943)

4 / 43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 14 / 8 / 1943 3 14 / 32 AUST INF BN (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 120 / 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
	1	1 3	1 2 9 22 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A A N C	1							
	1	4	35										
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		36									36
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX117017	Lieut	J N PUGH	MT Trg Depot W A L OF D Area	12/8/43	Ceased to be seconded & rejoined unit. Auth A & P List No.33 of 19 JUL 45.

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX117591	Lieut	R E PASSMORE	29 Aust Inf Bde	8/8/43	Trans from Gen Reinf (Infantry).
VX81868	Lieut	L D BEST	do	do	These officers were shown on return week ending 7/8/43 under Part D.
VX117527	Lieut	J J ST ELLEN	do	do	
VX120319	Lieut	D L CAMPBELL	do	do	
VX131159	Lieut	C J SKRIB	do	do	Instructions received later to show as attached.
NX161651	Lieut	A CADY	do	do	

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 14/8/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Major T/Lt-Col	NX 92	CALDWELL	W B	CO	YES		
Capt T/Major	WX 17	SEANAHAN	P M	21/o Bn	NO	LHW Tactical Sqn	BRENLEIGH 14 JUN
Lieut T/Major	VX117005	BIDDLECOMBE	G W	OC COY	YES		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 117002	WEBSTER	G H	"	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 14100	LARKIN	J R	"	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 117018	SLUTZKIN	L P	Q M	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 117113	SINCLAIR	E B	OC COY	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 117001	JACK	R L	"	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 117003	SWAN	G M	Adj	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 117004	BAIN	W H	21/cCoy	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 111055	WALKER	D F	21/cCoy	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 117012	POHL	J	"	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 117013	DEVINE	F L	"	"		
Lieut	VX 117011	WALKER	R Y	PL CMD	"		
Lieut	VX 117015	GOLDSON	G	"	"		
Lieut	VX 117014	EASTWOOD	A L	"	"		
Lieut	VX 117009	GALLANDER	A J	I O	"		
Lieut	VX 117016	ROBERTS	G A	PL CMD	"		
Lieut	VX 111061	NOLAN	L J	S O	"		
Lieut	VX 52220	STOATE	A A	PL CMD	NO	Rear Party	8 AUG
Lieut	VX 111050	WINTER	J E D	"	"	11 Aust Div	11 Aug
Lieut	VX 111058	RAVENS CROFT	R G	"	YES		
Lieut	VX 34458	ALMOND	T L J	"	"		
Lieut	VX 49475	RECHENBERG	T C	"	"		
Lieut	VX 46883	McCONNELL	J V	"	NO	11 Aust Div Staging Camp	1 AUG
Lieut	VX 111057	ABON	L J	"	YES		
Lieut	VX 85255	LEE	A W	"	"		
Lieut	VX55002	SAGAR	G H	"	"		
Lieut	VX 31218	BAIRD	A F	"	"		
Lieut	VX 53260	FERRIS	C D	"	"		
Lieut	VX 53887	THOMPSON	G O	"	"		
Lieut	VX 117017	PUGH	J N	"	"		
Lieut	VX 117008	CRAIG	H F	"	"		
Lieut	VX 111056	BURNS	E C T	TO	"		
Lieut	VX 111052	TINXLER	G S	PL CMD	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	VX 112205	C L COHLAN	AAMC	10/1/43	RMO
Capt	VX 91395	C H DUNCAN	AA CH D	12/3/43	Chaplain
Capt	VX 275240	R C MELLOR	Salv Army	10/2/43	Duty

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W B CALDWELL

Signature of Commander

Lt-Col



**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 21 / 8 / 1943 .**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	4	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	2	1
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	24	23	1	Tailors	1		1
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.	688	627	63
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1					
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	4					
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	7	6	1	Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Blacksmith	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Fitter Gun	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Cooks TG.11	12	10	2
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Shoemaker	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AAMC	4	2	2
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAPC	2	2	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Postal	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1		AACC WO.11	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				AACC Sgts	5	1	4
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				AACC Cpls	5	4	1
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				AEME	1	1	
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	13	12	1	CARRIED FORWARD	43	41	2	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	773	697	76

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W B CALDWELL

Signature of Commander

Lt-Col

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008  
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5/43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 21 / 8 / 1943 14/32 AUST INF BN (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 20 / 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
	1		1 2 9 3 22 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A A M C	1							
	1	4	35			1							
		DETAIL		A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).		A.		36									36
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

24/32 AUST INF BN Unit

5/43 (Serial No.)

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH**

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 21/8/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Major T/Lt-Col	NX 92	GALDWELL	W B	CO	YES		
Capt T/Major	WX 17	SHANAHAN	P M	21/eBn	"		
Lieut T/Major	VX 117005	BIDDLECOMBE	G W	OC COY	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 117002	WEBSTER	G H	"	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 14100	LARKIN	J R	"	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 117013	SLUTSKIN	L P	QM	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 117113	SYNCLAIR	B B	OC COY	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 117001	JACK	R L	"	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 117003	SWAN	G M	Adj	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 117004	BAIN	W H	21/eCoy	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 111055	WALKER	D P	"	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 117012	POHL	J	"	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 117013	DEVINE	P L	"	"		
Lieut	VX 117011	WALKER	R Y	PL CMD	"		
Lieut	VX 117015	GOLDSON	G	"	"		
Lieut	VX 117014	EASTWOOD	A L	"	"		
Lieut	VX 117009	GALLANDER	A J	I O	"		
Lieut	VX 117016	ROBERTS	G A	PL CMD	"		
Lieut	VX 111051	NOLAN	L J	S O	"		
Lieut	VX 52220	STOATS	A A	PL CMD	"		
Lieut	VX 111050	WINTER	J E D	"	NO	11 Aust Div	11 AUG
Lieut	VX 111058	RAVENS CROFT	R C	"	YES		
Lieut	VX 34453	ALMOND	T L J	"	"		
Lieut	VX 43475	RECHENBERG	T C	"	"		
Lieut	VX 46883	MCCONNELL	J V	"	"		
Lieut	VX 111057	ANON	L J	"	"		
Lieut	VX 55255	LEE A	A W	"	"		
Lieut	VX 55002	SAGAR	G H	"	"		
Lieut	VX 51213	BAIRD	A F	"	"		
Lieut	VX 53260	FERRIS	G D	"	"		
Lieut	VX 53837	THOMPSON	G O	"	"		
Lieut	VX 117017	PUGH	J H	"	"		
Lieut	VX 117008	CRAIG	H F	"	"		
Lieut	VX 111056	BURNS	R C T	T O	NO	Hospital	15 AUG
Lieut	VX 111052	TINKLER	G S	PL CMD	YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	VX 112205	C L COSKLAN	AAMC	10/1/43	RMO
Capt	VX 91395	G H DUNCAN	AA CH D	18/3/43	Chaplain
Capt	V 275240	R C MELLOR	Salv Army	10/2/43	Duty.

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*W B Caldwell*  
Signature of Commander

Lt-Col





**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 28 / 8 / 1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, B.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	4	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	2	1
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	24	23	1	Tailors	1		1
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.	688	623	65
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers	1	1					
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks	4	4					
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	7	6	1	Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Concretors							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Cooks				Blacksmith	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Fitter Gun	1	1	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals				Cooks TG.11	12	9	3
Pattern Maker				Masons				Drivers, H.T.				Shoemaker	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Mechanics				AAMC	4	2	2
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAPC	2	2	
Photowriter				Miners				Engine Hands, I.C.				Postal	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Equipment Repairers	1	1		AACC NO.11	1	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Farriers				AACC Sgts	5	2	3
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Fitters' Mates				AACC Cpls	5	4	1
								Gun Layers				AEME	1	1	
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	13	12	1	CARRIED FORWARD	43	41	2	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	773	695	78

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

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Signature of Commander

Lt-Col

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

6 / 43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 28/ 8 /194 3 14/32 AUST INF B (Unit)

W.E. 11/120/ 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 739+ OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.				
	1	1 3	1 2 9 22 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A A M C	1							
	1	4	35			1							
		DETAIL		A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).		A.		36									36
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 28 / 8 / 194. 5 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Major T/Lt-Col	NX 92	CALDWELL	W B	C O	YES		
Capt T/Major	WX 17	SHANAHAN	P M	21/c Bn	"		
Lieut T/Major	VX 117005	BIDDLECOMBE	G W	OC COY	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 117002	WEBSTER	G H	"	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 14100	LARKIN	J R	"	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 117018	SLUTSKIN	L P	Q M	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 117113	SINCLAIR	E B	OC COY	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 117001	JACK	R L	"	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 117003	SWAN	G M	Adj	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 117004	BAIN	W H	21/c Coy	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 111055	WALKER	D F	"	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 117012	POHL	J	"	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX 117013	DEVINE	F L	"	"		
Lieut	VX 117011	WALKER	R Y	PL CMD	"		
Lieut	VX 117015	GOLDSON	G	"	"		
Lieut	VX 117014	EASTWOOD	A L	"	"		
Lieut	VX 117009	CALLANDER	A J	I O	"		
Lieut	VX 117016	ROBERTS	G A	PL CMD	"		
Lieut	VX 111051	NOLAN	L J	S O	"		
Lieut	VX 52220	STOATE	A A	PL CMD	"		
Lieut	VX 111060	WINTER	J E D	"	NO	11 Aust Div	11 AU
Lieut	VX 111053	RAVENSCROFT	R G	"	YES		
Lieut	VX 34458	ALMOND	T L J	"	"		
Lieut	VX 43475	RECHENBERG	T C	"	"		
Lieut	VX 46883	McCONNELL	J V	"	"		
Lieut	VX 111057	AHON	L J	"	"		
Lieut	VX 85255	LEE	A W	"	"		
Lieut	VX 55002	SAGAR	G H	"	"		
Lieut	VX 51218	BAIRD	A F	"	"		
Lieut	VX 53260	FERRES	C D	"	"		
Lieut	VX 53887	THOMPSON	G O	"	"		
Lieut	VX 117017	PUGH	J W	"	"		
Lieut	VX 117008	CRAIG	H F	"	"		
Lieut	VX 111055	BURNS	E C T	T O	"		
Lieut	VX 111052	TINKLER	G S	PL CMD	NO	Hospital	24 AU

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	VX 112205	C L COGHLAN	AANC	10/1/43	RNO
Capt	VX 91395	C H DUNCAN	AA CE D	13/3/43	Chaplain
Capt	V 275240	R C MELLOR	Salv Army	10/2/43	Duty.

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W B CALDWELL

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander

Lt-Col

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