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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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MILNE BAY	3		47 Aust Inf BN. less "A" Coy., embarked from MILNE BAY at 0730 hrs. BHQ, HQ, B & C, on MARAWA; D Coy., Fd. Amb. And A/A. on MULGRA.	JSP
GOODENOUGH IS.	4		Bn arrived VIVIGANI (GOODENOUGH IS.) at 0200 hrs. "A" Coy., immediately came under command again. Bn. and att. forces from now on will be known as "DRAKEFORCE". Unloading of ships commenced under great difficulties as landing facilities were very poor.	JSP
		0930	BHQ estd. VIVIGANI. remainder of Bn. occupied bivouac posns.	
	5	1030	Enemy Bomber Flew over VIVIGANI and attacked the shipping in the anchorage. Six bombs were dropped but all fell harmlessly into the sea some distance from the ship. Unloading of ships still in progress. C.O. made recce of VIVIGANI area .	JSP


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GOODENOUGH IS.	6	1000	<p>Enemy bomber flew over VIVIGANI area and was attacked by our fighters.</p> <p>The bomber was shot down into the sea and dropped its bombs many miles out. No wreckage was observed.</p>	
		1515	<p>Nine enemy bombers and twenty zeros attacked the strip and village of VIVIGANI. Although many bombs were dropped we suffered no damage or serious casualties. The planes made two runs dropping bombs on the strip on the first run and then attacked the village on the second run. Unloading of ships was still in progress but apparently the planes were not interested in the unloading.</p> <p>Minor casualties suffered by Bn. OX 33725 A/S/sgt. Cullen D.D. - Injury to back.</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">S59949 Pte. Barnett R.D.- shrapnel in right leg, and left instep.</p> <p>Coys. still engaged in moving stores from shore to Coy. areas.</p>	

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GOODENOUGH IS.	7	1845	Natives reported that a number of Japanese had landed near KWAIBOGA MISSION. This was later substantiated by a Cpl. off the R.A.E. It was later established that the landing occurred at WATIBULA.	
		2120	Lieut. Baker was stationed at the R.D.F. and instructed by C.O. to take a patrol consisting of 1 Officer, 1 Sgt. and 20 OR's., "A" Coy., would supply the same no. of personnel from VIVIGANI to reinforce the no. left at R.D.F. Station. The above no. of personnel left under comd. Capt. McWatters at 2130 hrs.	
		2227	5 Aust. Div. informed C.O. DRAKEFORCE that it was most important that immediate and vigorous action be taken.	
		2300	A/A were instructed to man and O.P. at VIVIGANI ANCHORAGE. C.O. then issued instructions to the party guarding the R.D.F. station that the no. stationed there would be not less than one Pl. and that R.D.F. would only be evacuated as a last resort.	

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GOODENOUGH IS.	8	0001	5 Aust. Div. informed DRAKEFORSE that a CATALINA and 6 BEAUFORTS BOMBERS would be making an early mornign recce. over the area.	
		0150	Capt. McWatters and party pass through WATALUMA.	
		0440	" " " " arrived at R.D.F., on their arrival Lt. Baker left with his patrol for WAIBZULA.	
		0530	R.D.F. station closed down fearing that their engines would give their position away.	<i>J.P.</i>
		0545	"C" Coy., stationed at VIVIGANI were instructed to prepare to move. H.Q. Coy., were ordered to prepare CARRIERS for action.	
		0630	"C" Coy moved to forward area on Nth. Coast.	
		1045	C.O. and Adj. left for WATALUMA by launch.	
		1250	Enemy recce. bomber flew over V IVIGANI area: A/A engaged for the first time firing 17 rounds, no hits observed.	

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GOODENOUGH IS.	8 contd.	1440	The following report was recd. from Lt. Baker's patrol. Have reced. WAIBULA, cannot estimate enemy strength. Village seems to be unoccupied but natives state that Japs. are in huts. the patrol is now acting as a fighting patrol".	J.P.
		1730	Lt. Baker's patrol surrounded WAIBULA; 42 Japs. occupying the village, 34 were killed, 3 prisoners were taken. 6 to 8 escaped. Patrols were searching for the escapees. Col. Daly (G.S.O. 1.) left for MILNE BAY.	
		2000	Capt. McWatters reported having arrived at WAIBULA, one Jap. killed. 3008's & 3009's.	
	9	0900	Capt. McWatters reported that at 0645 hrs. 1 Jap. was killed while attempting to search landing craft. Rifle and ammunition were found in the craft and were destroyed.	J.P.

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BOODENOUGH IS.	9 contd.	0935	A no. of Japs. were sighted on a raft between WAIBULA and WATALUMA. G. Coy. were instructed to investigate.	
		1100	Capt. Muddle (G. 3. I.) arrived VIVIGANI by plane, and conducted a search of captured documents and equipment.	
		1131	Prisoners arrived VIVIGANI.	JSP
		1240	Another party consisting of 8 Japs. sighted on a raft out to sea, shore patrols kept raft under observation.	
		1359	Capt. Muddle completed his search, and left for MILNE BAY, taking with him one Jap. prisoner.	
		1545	Capt. McWatters reported having searched the barge, and examined the lifebelts, and found thereon the name "TAIMEI MARU".	
		1715	2nd. landing by Japs. resulted in all 7 Japs. being killed. Considerable amount of equipment and documents obtained.	

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GOODENOUGH IS.	9 contd.	1725	3 rd. landing reported 2 to 4 miles west of WAIBULA. A Patrol of 1 Off. and 6 OR's investigating.	
		1730	Lt. Baker reported that 16 corpses were missing from WAIBULA; no trace could be found of these.	
		1730	5 Aust. Div. informed DRAKEFORCE that if possible prisoners are to be taken for intelligence purposes.	SP
		1805	The following message was received from Brig. Moynihan 29 AUST INF BDE. "Nice work keep it going".	
	10	0930	Capt. McWatters reported searching NUAMA IS. by launch, no result yet to hand.	
		1030	22 Japs landed 2 miles Nth. VIVIGANI. D. Coy sent out patrols, B Coy. took up a defensive posn. around B.H.Q.	

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GOODENOUGH IS.	10	1310	D Coy reported that the Japs. who landed Nth. of VIVIGANI offered some resistance, resulting in nine killed and 13 prisoners being taken. We suffered one minor casualty, namely, M265391 Pte. Condie H.G., who received a scalp wound when attacked, with an oar.	
		1315	Capt. Lewis reported that his patrol had killed 6 Japs. no prisoners being taken.	JP
		1320	13 prisoners arrived under escort.	
		1700	G.O. and Adj. returned from WATALUMA.	
	11	0800	P.O.W's (12) left by GEORGE PEAT for MILNE BAY. B Coy. under comd. Capt. Muston left VIVIGANI to search Eastern side of the Island, from VIVIGANI to WATALUMA.	
		1515	Capt. McWatters reported that three Jap. landings had occurred on the Nth. Coast during the morning. 5 landed at WAIBULA, - 1 killed, 4 captured. 5 landed near G. VARIETA, all were killed. 7 landed near MONONOYA, all were captured.	

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GOODENOUGH IS.	12		During the morning considerable air activity was noticed.	
		1720	Capt. McWatters reported that a Jap. had given the following information, "That they were from the OIGAWA MARU, which had 2000 on board. There were 14,000 in the whole convoy."	
		1835	5x Barges were sighted 5 objects resembling barges were sighted N.E. of VIVIGANI. These later proved to be petrol drums.	J.P.
		1915	Lt. Baker reported that three Japs. were sighted in MONONOYA VILLAGE.	
		2030	Reported that the above Japs. were all killed.	
		2035	Capt. McWatters reported that the patrol which had searched NUAMA IS. had found 11 Japs. on the Is., 3 were killed, and 8 were captured. "COORABIE" left VIVIGANI for MILNE BAY, with 15 P.O.W's on board.	
		2150	C.O. DRAKEFORCE sent a message to 5 Aust. Div. requesting that he be allowed to extend his searching at to neighboring Is. This was later granted.	

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GOODENOUGH IS.	13	1030	Launch left MONONOYA for VIVIGANI, with 8 P.O.W's. Capt. MCWatters also returning.	
		1605	Capt. Grehan reported sighting 2 rafts on the horizon, and was investigating.	
		1740	Capt. Grehan reported that 2 exhausted Japs. had been taken from the raft. The other raft being empty.	JP
		1745	B Coy returned after having patrolled the Eastern Coast, and reported that no contact had been made with the Japs.	
		1900	C Coy reported having picked up an empty collapsable raft. Four more craft were sighted on the horizon, but were not expected to reach land until morning.	
	14	0840	Capt. Grehan reported that 3 craft were now in sight, 3-5 miles north of his position. Investigations will be carried out by launch.	

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GOODENOUGH IS.	14	0930	Ship containing Air Force personnel arrived BELI BELI.	
		1420	1 Jap. captured by O.P. at WATALUMA. Capt. Grehan reported that the launch was searching the sea Nth. of his position. The launch later ret'd., found many rafts, and 3 prisoners were taken.	JGP
		1915	13 Pl. B Coy. under comd. Lt. Proctor arrived VIVIGANI after having been relieved of duty on NORMANBY IS.	
		2130	Launch conveying P.O.W's. arrived from WATALUMA.	
		2259	WATALUMA O.P. reported 2 Japs. sighted in their vicinity. A patrol was being sent out.	
		1	Throughout the night considerable air activity Nth. of the Is. was reported by R.D.F.	

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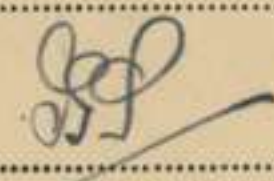
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GOODENOUGH IS.	15		<p>5 Aust. Div. informed G.O. DRAKEFORCE that the G.O.C. would be visiting VIVIGANI during the day and would make an inspection of the Island.</p> <p>Activity on the North coast of the Is. was becoming very slight, all patrols reported the situation to be normal.</p>							
		1530	<p>Capt. Graham reported that he had further captured documents to send down, this would be done at first available launch departure.</p> <p>G.O.C. arrived VIVIGANI but owing to weather conditions he was unable to leave and stayed the night at B.H.Q.</p> <p>3008 and 3009</p> <p>The composition of DRAKE FORCE is to date is:-</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">47 Aust, Inf. Bn.</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Det. 104 Workshops</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Det. 101</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 Coy 4 Aust Fd. Amb.</td> <td>Det N.G.F. Camouflage Unit.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Det 4 Bde Workshops.</td> </tr> </table> <p>6th Tp. 2/10 Bty 2/5 Fd.Regt.</p> <p>8th Tp 2/17 Lt. A/A Bty.</p> <p>1 Sec 11 Aust Fd. Coy.</p> <p>Det. 5 Aust Div. Sigs.</p> <p>1 sec. L.H.Q. cipher.</p>		47 Aust, Inf. Bn.	Det. 104 Workshops		Det. 101	1 Coy 4 Aust Fd. Amb.	Det N.G.F. Camouflage Unit.
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GOODENOUGH IS.	16		<p>It was reported that QX 40470 A/ W.O. ILL HANLON A.F. was wounded in action. He received a wound in the left thigh.</p> <p>Patrols were still operating along northern coast but no reports had come to hand.</p>	
		1215	<p>Wataluma O.P. reported that four Japs were reported in NATIVE GARDENS between R.D.F. and WATALUMA. It was was later reported that Lt. Edwards patrols had followed the Japs for approx. 1 mile until coming to the WATALUMA track where sight of the Japs was lost. The patrols was was making an extensive search of the area.</p> <p>G.C.C. left by plane for MILNE BAY.</p> <p>Bn. I.O. and S.O. made a recce of BELI BELI and WAI WAI O.P.</p> <p>During the night the R.D.F. reported considerable air activity, the Air Raid "REDW" was sounded during the night but no enemy planes appeared over the area.</p>	

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GOODENOUGH IS.	17	0030-0120	Considerable air activity. Planes approached Island, but did not make any contact.																										
		0130	O.P. on WATALUMA PT. reported a bright light flashing towards FERGUSON IS. A patrol investigated, but with no results.																										
		0830	'C' Coy. reported their patrols had searched Northern Coast but without results.	<i>JP</i>																									
		1750	'C' Coy. reported having again searched WHAMA IS., but were also unsuccessful.																										
		1950	Capt. McWatters reported that a patrol would be near WATUTU PT. to watch for the light which was seen early previous morning.																										
	18	0600	strength State. Evacuated beyond R.A.P. <table style="margin-left: 20px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Transfers</td> <td>-</td> <td>"</td> <td>-</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total strength</td> <td>24</td> <td>"</td> <td>645</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Att.</td> <td>1</td> <td>"</td> <td>14</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Att. Not W.E.</td> <td>3</td> <td>"</td> <td>11</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Det.</td> <td>16</td> <td>"</td> <td>185</td> <td>"</td> </tr> </table>	Transfers	-	"	-	"	Total strength	24	"	645	"	Att.	1	"	14	"	Att. Not W.E.	3	"	11	"	Det.	16	"	185	"	
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GOODENOUGH IS.	18 contd.	0830	"COORABLE" arrived VIVIGANI with personnel for A/A; Rations and mail also aboard.																					
		1005	Report recd. from G. VARLETTA stating that natives report number of Japs. sth. of O.P. A patrol from 'C' Coy. was ordered to investigate.																					
		1800	A native report that further well armed Japs. had landed at WAIBULA was being investigated by 'C' Coy.	SS																				
		2240	A/A report seeing red 'Verey' light in direction of BELI BELI. All O.P. along the coast were questioned but none of them have seen the light. All O.P's. were instructed to keep careful watch for further lights.																					
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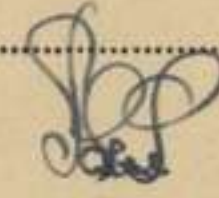
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GOODENOUGH IS.	19 contd.	0330	A request for a 2" Mortar was received from patrol who were investigating xxxxxx alleged Jap. landing at C. VARIETTA; this was sent up by launch at first light.	
		0710	"COORABIE" left VIVIGANI for MILNE BAY with 14 P.O.W'S. and escort aboard.	
		1750	Natives reported eleven Japs. landed on Sunday one half mile North of spotting stn. C. VARIETTA. Capt. Pascoe's patrol reached the spotting stn. at 2230 hrs. after travelling overland from WIABULA. No contact made; natives report 11 Japs. moved Sth. 3 hrs. ahead of the patrol. Still no contact at 1200 hrs. Second patrol with 2" mortars arrived at the spotting stn. by launch at 1100hrs. Third patrol combing the area Sth. west of WIABULA. Natives reported second party of Japs. landed from two boats five miles south of spotting stn. also on Sunday reported to be armed with M.M.G. Spotting station personnel have been contacted by two patrols. Patrols will continue until mopping up completed. Two maps were found	

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		2150	Message recd. from Capt. Pascoe as follows, "Bring launch under direction bearer. Made contact, unable estimate strength, weapons etc. if unable to come to-night, first thing morning.. Have decided proceed on foot to-night.	<i>JP</i>
		2230	Capt Pascoe reports made contact with Japs. Lieut Edwards patrol moving Sth. from C. WARIETTA to join Capt. Pascoe by first light.	

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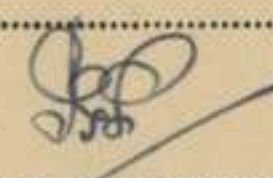
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		1715	C.O. DRAKEFORCE sent message via 5 Aust. Div. to Capt. Pascoe, asking for information.																																
		1915	Following SITREP sent to 5 Aust. Div. - "No reports received from patrols at C. VARIETA. A patrol of 1 Off. 9 O/R's will proceed N. along coast to VARIETA.																																
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		0830	Following message received from Capt. Pascoe - Information sent by runner this afternoon. Mopping up operations. 22 killed, our casualties nil.																																
			No prisoners. None injured. Lieut. Edwards patrol returning in morning.																																

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 47 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.																				
GOODENOUGH IS.	21 contd.	1010	Brig MONAGHAN 29 Aust. Inf. Bde. arrived GOODENOUGH IS. Maj. Carstairs was also a visitor.	JSP																				
		1900	Conference at B.H.Q. C.O. DRAKEFORCE introduced Maj. Carstairs who would act as C.O. during the Lt.Col. Tasker's absence at MILNE BAY.																					
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		0930	Brig. Monaghan, Lt/Col. Tasker left by plane for MILNE BAY.	JSP																				
		1030	DESIKOKO arrived from MILNE BAY.																					
		1620	ANGAU brought in a Jap. prisoner whom they captured off a raft 2½ miles S. of GOODENOUGH IS.																					
		1835	Vessel "MIENA" arrived from TROBRIAND IS. with 35 P.O.W's. under escort of Lieut. Taylor of HUNTFORCE. 3 P.O.W's were taken to hospital, the remainder placed in compound.																					

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Unit 47 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 1 Mar. 43.

To 31 Mar. 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GOODENOUGH IS.	23	0060	Strength State: Total Strength 24 Offrs. 662 O/R's. Att. 1 " Att. Not W.E. 3 " Det. 16 "	SP
		0050-0330	Considerable air activity.	
		0515	A recde. party which had been searching the sea for a reported raft, advised that the objects sighted were oil drums.	
		2320	Considerable air activity.	
		24	0600	
0010-0230	Considerable air activity.			
1600	"C" Coy. is now disposed over the island as follows - 14 Pl. guarding R.D.F. MONONOYA. 15 & 16 Pls. in defensive posn. around VIVIGANI.			

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Unit 47 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 1 Mar. 43.

To 31 Mar. 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GOODENOUGH IS.	25	0600	Strength State: Total strength 24 Offrs. 665 O/R's. Att. 1 " 14 " Att. not W.E. 3 " 8 " Det. 16 " 163 "	
		0920	U.S. Army reported having sent a patrol to investigate a light seen near WATUTU PT. during the night. No results.	<i>J.P.</i>
		1545	DESIKOKO left VIVIGANI for MILNE BAY.	
		1744-1808	Considerable air activity over the Island.	
	26	0600	Strength state: Evacuated beyond R.A.P. = Offrs. 1 O/R. Total strength 24 " 666 " Att. 1 " 14 " Att. Not W.E. 3 " 8 " Det. 16 " 162 "	
		0600	Natives reported submarine near WAI WAI. Investigations proved fruitless, as no further sight of the sub. was observed.	<i>J.P.</i>

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Unit 47 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 1 Mar. 43. To 31 Mar. 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GOODENOUGH IS.	27	0244- 0345	Air Activity over the island.	
		0600	Strength State: Evacuated beyond R.A. P. - Offrs. 4 O/R's. Total Strength 30 " 661 " Att. 1 " 14 " Att. not W.E. 3 " 8 " Det. 10 " 170 "	
		0855	American Dive Bomber (A 24) landed on new Air Strip; this is the first fighter plane to land on the new strip.	<i>J.P.</i>
		1940	Unidentified A/C approaching Is. Too high to observe. Air Raid 'RED' sounded at 1942 hrs., 'All Clear' at 2010 hrs.	
	28	0600	Strength State: Evacuated beyond R.A.P. - Offrs. 3 O/R's. Total Strength 29 " 660 " Att. 1 " 14 " Att. not W.E. 3 " 8 " Det. 11 " 171 "	
0840		GEORGE PEAT arrived BELI BELI en route to MWANANOYA Anchorage to unload new American Radio Gear.	<i>J.P.</i>	

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Unit 47 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 1 Mar. 43.

To 31 Mar. 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GOODENOUGH IS.	29	0600	Strength State: Total Strength 29 Offrs. 659 O/R's. Att. 1 " 14 " Att. not W.E. 3 " 8 " Det. 11 " 172 "	
		0940	G.O. Lt/Col. Tasker returned to VIVIGANI by plane. Major Carstairs returning by same plane to MILNE BAY.	<i>JP</i>
		1015	Arty. commenced to range on various targets.	
		1025	Master of 'GEORGE PEAT' reported a submarine 4 miles N.N.W. of his position at MWANANOLA. 5 Div. were informed and later sent following message:- 'Air search being arranged 0 Advise time sub. sighted.	
		1112	Unidentified A/c over Island.	
	30	0600	Strength States Total Strength 28 Offrs. 659 O/R's. Transfers - " 12 " Att. 1 " 14 " Att. not W.E. 3 " 8 " Det. 12 " 160 "	<i>JP</i>
		1108	8 Unidentified A/C/ over the island. RAAF at BELI BELI sighted 4 A/C. about 30,000 ft. which they identified as ZEROS.	

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Unit 47 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 1 Mar. 43.

To 31 Mar. 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.															
GOODENOUGH IS.	30 contd.	1630	'COORABLE' arrived VIVIGANI ANCHORAGE with 61 O/R's for 47 Bn.																
	31	0600	<p>Strength State: Total Strength 28 Offrs. 720 O/R's.</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Att.</td> <td>1</td> <td>"</td> <td>14</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Att. not W.E.</td> <td>3</td> <td>"</td> <td>8</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Det.</td> <td>12</td> <td>"</td> <td>99</td> <td>"</td> </tr> </table> <p>The following launches are operating about VIVIGANI.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KOKOKIKA, COORABLE, and GEORGE PEAT.</p> <p>MEDICAL REPORT</p> <p>3008 + 3009</p>	Att.	1	"	14	"	Att. not W.E.	3	"	8	"	Det.	12	"	99	"	<p><i>J.P.</i></p> <p>APP. No 3</p> <p>" " 4+5</p>
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			<p><i>W.P. Jester</i> Lt/Col.</p> <p>Comd. 47 Aust. Inf. Bn.</p>																

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DRAKE FORCE
DETACHMENTS UNDER COMD O. C. DRAKE FORCE

SERIAL NO 32

DET.	S/SQTS	SGTS	CPMS M. BORS	PTES	TOTALS
4 AUST FD AMB. B Coy	1	2	4	51	58
BTP 2/14 AUST L. AA BTY.		1	3	31	35
11 AUST FD COY. + W'SHOP ATTACHED FD COY.		2	4 1	43	49 1
L. SEC. SIGS 5 AUST DIV.			1	3	4
1, HQ CYPHER SEC		1	1		2
TOTAL	1	6	14	128	149

ATTACHED UNDER COMD DRAKE FORCE

104 IND BDE GR. W'SHOP			1	1	2
101 IND BDE GR. W'SHOP			1		1
TOTAL			2	1	3

LT COL
COMD. DRAKE FORCE

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

W.E. Reference A.I.F. _____
A.M.F. 4/26/1

DRANEFORCE
4488ST 4th BN

(Unit) 6/17/28 1923 (Date)

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

W.E. 34 X 236

Attached Allowed by W.E. 1 X 14

AIF 282

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail and W.E.	Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	
Serjeants	<u>26</u>		
Corporals	<u>17</u>	<u>1</u>	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	<u>410</u>		<u>4</u>
TOTALS	836	2	5

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Personnel Attached Against W.E.

Other Attachments Not Allowed by W.E.

Detail and W.E.	Unit or Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit or Corps to which they belong.
<u>1 SGT 1 CPL</u>	<u>AA PG</u>		
<u>1 SGT</u>	<u>AA PS</u>		
<u>2 SGTs 2 PTEs</u>	<u>AA MG</u>		
<u>2 CPLs 4 PTEs</u>	<u>AA ME</u>		
<u>1 CPL</u>	<u>AA DG</u>		
TOTAL 14			

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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

AIF PERSONNEL SERVING WITH 44 AUST INF BN.		SURPLUS TRADESMEN	
TRADE	WO I	WO II	S/SGTS
	1	5	3
			21
			34
			218
TOTAL 282			
10 PAINTERS CONSIST OF 2 CPL AND 8 PTES			
6 CARPENTERS " " 4 CPLS 2 "			
AIF PERSONNEL BY TRADE (SURPLUS)			
PRINTER 1 PTE			
PAINTERS 1 CPL 2 PTE			
CARPENTERS 1 CPL			

Notes: (a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back. (b) Authorized trades or specialties not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided. (c) Non-specialists required to be shown in their respective trades or duties in accordance with W.E.

Signature of Commander

Date

File of Report

Date of Report

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PART D. NOMINAL ROLL OFFICERS
UNDER COMD D.C. DRAKEFORCE

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RANK	NO	NAME	APPOINTMENT	IF PRESENT WITH UNIT	REMARKS IF NOT PRESENT
CAPT	DX20843	PETCHELL JH	OC R COY DET 4th AUST FD AMB	YES	
LIEUT	VX104316	GRIFFITH LS	2IC B COY DET 4th AUST FD AMB	YES	
LIEUT	VA54134	JONES CH	OC R TP 241 LT HA. BTY DET.	YES	
LIEUT	Q13609	CALDON D	OC 11 AUST FD COY. DET.	YES	
LIEUT	QX40484	WARIMAN D	OC 5 AUST DIV. 6 SEC SIGS DET.	YES	

ATTACHED UNDER COMD DRAKEFORCE

LIEUT	NX30858	KING W	OC NGF CAMPING TAG UNIT DET.	YES	
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W. J. ... Lt Col
COMD DRAKE FORCE

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

DRAKE FORCE (44 AUST INF BN) (Unit) 6 MAR 43

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		1
Captains	10	1	
Lieutenants	20	6	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1 A/LIEUT		
Totals	34	7	1

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	UNIT OR Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	COOKE HJ	44 AUST INF BN	16-2-43	LEASES TO BE SECONDED AS INSTR FIRST AUST ARMY WEAP TRG SCH. AUTH 5 AUST DIV. A/655 OF 25 FEB 43

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	UNIT OR Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	WADNER JF	44 AUST INF BN	2-3-43	TO 10 AUST CGS FOR MEDICAL BOARD
"	EVANS AC	"	2-3-43	TO 4 AUST FD AMB

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	UNIT OR Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
LIEUT	HOFFMANN WIV	44 AUST INF BN	3 AUST DIV. REC. DEPOT
"	WALTERS EA	"	"
"	STAFF CH	"	"

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.
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	VX 47927	TASKER H MOK	C.O.	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	VX 47928	TAUREANT ND	UNPOSTED	NO	DET. G.D.D.
LIEUT	VX 47929	FELTON HP		NO	
LIEUT	VX 47930	HALP WGA		YES	
LIEUT	VX 47931	VATES WA	OC D COY	NO	SUB UNIT F.DRS (SEE BEENLEX)
LIEUT	VX 47932	LEACH LA	OC HQ COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	VX 36382	MCWATERS HW	OC A COY	YES	
LIEUT	VX 36383	TOWNSEND G	UNPOSTED	NO	DET. G.D.D.
LIEUT	VX 35469	KING WJ	ADTT	YES	
LIEUT	VX 36422	MUSTON PC	OC B COY	YES	
LIEUT	VX 42201	MASCOE JC	SIG B COY	YES	
LIEUT	VX 35402	GREHAM BJ	OC C COY	YES	
LIEUT	NPX 4894	WINDSOR G	A OC D COY	YES	
LIEUT	VX 3445	LEWIS EA	SIG A COY	YES	
LIEUT	VX 34426	STEWART WDP	SIG D COY	YES	
LIEUT	VX 34425	RUSSELL HARPER JR	4 PL	YES	
LIEUT	VX 35466	LOVELLY MWP	14 PL	NO	5 AUST DIV. REG CAMP
LIEUT	VX 34434	TURNOCK WG	SIG OFF	YES	
LIEUT	VX 34424	BENN NJ	14 PL	YES	
LIEUT	VX 44158	GRIFFITH DH	4 PL	YES	
LIEUT	VX 33468	STAFF GA	SIG B COY	NO	5 AUST DIV. REG CAMP
LIEUT	VX 34424	SHARPLEY IG	10	YES	
LIEUT	VX 35465	MULHALL AEG	6 PL	YES	
LIEUT	VX 44157	ANDERSEN CI	70	YES	
LIEUT	VX 34423	LADNER JF	3 PL	NO	10 AUST CCS
LIEUT	VX 45124	EVANS HC	16 PL	NO	1 AUST FO AMB
LIEUT	VX 43161	PARSONS T	5 PL	NO	5 AUST DIV. REG CAMP
LIEUT	VX 34431	EDWARDS N	9 PL	YES	
LIEUT	VX 42364	PERSHOUSE TR	19 PL	YES	
LIEUT	VX 34429	MICKENZIE DC	13 PL	NO	HTT 29 AUST INF BDE
LIEUT	VX 34436	BARNETT LA	4 PL	YES	
LIEUT	VX 44156	BURTON WA	15 PL	NO	5 AUST DIV. REG DEPOT.
LIEUT	VX 34428	HOFFMANN WN	18 PL	NO	
LIEUT	VX 40100	WALTERS EA	10 PL	NO	
LIEUT	VX 36384	DAVIES GF	UNPOSTED	NO	ARD CANUNGRA
LIEUT	VX 34430	PROCTOR ME	11 PL	NO	DET. SPECIAL DUTIES
LIEUT	NP 2634	LESLIE RJ	2 PL	YES	
LIEUT	VX 41334	SHEA PC	3 PL	YES	
LIEUT	VX 34436	BAKER C	13 PL	YES	
LIEUT	NP 4906	COOKE HJ	UNPOSTED	NO	NGFARD SEWHEIM

(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.
LIEUT	VX 43562	MILPHEAT W	29 AUST INF BDE	24-9-42	CAPTAIN
LIEUT	VX 33670	WOODBURN JW	ARMG	19-5-42	RMO.

DRAKE FORCE (44 AUST INF BN)
(Unit.)

W. J. Drake
(Signature of Commander.)

6 MAR 43
(Date of Despatch.)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

DRAKEFORCE (44 AUST INF BN) Unit 13 MAR 43

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		1
Captains	10	1	
Lieutenants	20	6	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1 ALIEN		
Totals	40	7	1

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	UNIT OR Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	UNIT OR Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	SHEA	PC 44 AUST INF BN	11-23-43	DET TEMPORARILY DTC POW

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	UNIT OR Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
LIEUT	HOFFMANN WN	44 AUST INF BN	5 AUST DIV RESEP DEPOT TOWNSVILLE
"	WALTERS EA	"	"
"	STAFF CH	"	"

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.
		TANNER MARK	G.O	YES	
		THURLETT V.D.	UNPOSTED	NO	DET G.D.D.
		FELTON H.P.	"	NO	"
		MALM W.G.A.	216	YES	
		YATES W.H.	DC D COY	NO	SUB UNIT LEADERS USE BEEN LEADER
		LEACH I.A.	DC H COY	YES	
		MCWATERS A.W.	DC A COY	YES	
		TOWNSEND G.	UNPOSTED	NO	DET G.D.D.
		KING W.T.	ADTT	YES	
		MILUSTON P.G.	DC B COY	YES	
		PASCOE T.C.	DC C COY	YES	
		GREHAN B.J.	DC C COY	YES	
		WINDSOR G.	DC D COY	YES	
		LEWIS E.A.	DC A COY	YES	
		STEWART W.D.P.	DC D COY	YES	
		MUSSELY-HARPER JR	4 PH	YES	
		LEVELY-H.V.P.	11 PH	NO	5 AUST. DIV. REC. DEP.
		TIENDCK W.G.E.	SIG OFF	YES	
		BELL N.J.	14 PH	YES	
		GRIFFITH D.H.	4 PH	YES	
		STAFF G.H.	DC B COY	NO	AUST DIV REC DEP
		SHARPLEY I.G.	TO	YES	
		QUINNAN REC	6 PH	YES	
		ANDERSON G.T.	TO	YES	
		LADNER T.F.	4 PH	NO	10 AUST G.C.S.
		EVANS H.G.	16 PH	NO	11 AUST G.C.S.
		PARNOW T.	5 PH	NO	5 AUST DIV REC DEP
		EDWARDS N.	7 PH	YES	
		PERSHOUSE T.R.	19 PH	YES	
		MCKENNE D.C.	13 PH	NO	PT 37 AUST INF BDE
		BARNETT L.A.	7 PH	YES	
		BURTON W.A.	15 PH	NO	5 AUST DIV TEL DEP
		GOFFMANN W.V.	17 PH	NO	
		WALTERS E.A.	10 PH	NO	
		DAVIES G.F.	UNPOSTED	NO	ARD CANUNGRA
		PROCTOR M.E.	11 PH	NO	DET SPECIAL DUTIES
		WESLIE R.V.	Q.M.	YES	
		SMER P.C.	3 PH	NO	DET D.I.C. POW.
		SARER G.	13 PH	YES	
		COOKE H.T.	UNPOSTED	NO	NGFA ROSELHEIM

(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	DX43562	MC PHEAT W.S.A.	AUST INF BDE	24-4-43	CHAPLAIN
"	DX33690	WOODBURN J.W.	ARMY	19-5-42	RMD
LIEUT	DX40489	WARMAN D.	6 SEC SIGS	24-2-43	SIG OFFR
			AUST DIV		

44 AUST INF BN (DRAKEFORCE)
(Unit.)

W.M.K. [Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)

13 MAR 43
(Date of Despatch.)

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

SERIAL No 33

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47 AUST INF BN.
AUSTRALIA.
29 MARCH 43.

WEEKLY REPORT: 21-28 MARCH 43.

A.D.M.S.
5 AUST DIV.

1. GENERAL HYGIENE REPORT.

There has been an increase in the weekly evacuation rate, largely due to an increase in Malaria. The incidence of severe diarrhoea and clinical dysentery has decreased. I expect both Malaria and Dysentery to show a steady decrease from now on. Hygiene and anti-malarial measures are generally well attended to in all Coys.

There has been an increase in the number of Tinea cases attending the S B's for treatment.

C and B Coys, in my opinion, are both camped too close to native villages; but I am waiting for a final decision by Capt Allison A.A.M.C.V. on this matter.

Incineration is difficult in many areas due to shortage and unsuitability of fire wood.

The recent patrols have a very high incidence of Septic sores on legs and ankles.

2. MEDICAL STORES.

No shipment has been received by A.D.S. since our arrival, and there is a large demand because of the great number small scattered outposts.

3. MEDICAL BOARDS

I have about four men I would like to have boarded. Major May will probably be able to advise us on this matter when he arrives.

4. SUGGESTIONS

- (a) Many men are complaining of toothache and a visit by a dentist would be appreciated.
- (b) A bacteriological test *of streams in the area* would be of great interest.
- (c) Two men with broken spectacle frames have asked to have them repaired. I would appreciate any help in this matter.

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Please show this number when replying:

Date:
Address:

Australian Military Forces

[Signature]

CAPT.

R.M.C. 47 Aust Inf Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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47 BATTALION

WEEKLY MEDICAL REPORT

Submitted in accordance with 5 Aust. Div. Med. Adm. Instr. No. 1 for period ending 2359 hours, Sunday. *28 Nov.*

- (1) LOCATION..... *Viviani (Goodenough Is.)*
- (2) STRENGTH..... *Total 584*
- (3) REINFS RECD. DURING WEEK..... *nil.*
- (4) ATTACHED UNITS FOR MEDICAL SERVICE.....
 - ① *47 Aust Inf Bn 2 apts. 714*
 - ② *2/5 Flt. Regt. 9 apts. 63*
 - ③ *2/7 Lt Altd Bn. 4 apts. 59*
 - ④ *11 Aust Flt Coy. 48.*
- (5) TOTAL NEW SICK..... *93*
 - P. Malaria: 9*
 - R. Malaria: 2*
 - C. Dysentery: 1.*
- (6) TOTAL EVACUATED FROM R.A.P..... *22*
- (7) TOTAL NO DUTY PERSONNEL..... *13*
- (8) TOTAL LIGHT DUTY PERSONNEL..... *32*
- (9) AV. DAILY SICK RATE $(\frac{5}{2}) \times \frac{100}{7}$ *1.5*
- (10) DETAILS OF NEW SICK:

Detail	HQ	A	B	C	D	E	Tot	Detail	HQ	A	B	C	D	E	Tot
Wounded								Veneral Disease							
Accid. Wounded								Scabies							
Malaria (Prim) ?	4			3	3		10	Tinea	1	6		2			13
Malaria (Rec)					1		2	Foot Ailments			1	2			6
Clinical Dysentery	1						1	Dengue							
Non-spec diarrhoea	8		3	1			12	Uruti							1
Morbilli								Influenza							
Rubella															
Rarotitis(E.P.)															
Diphtheria								Other ailments	17	8	6	2	1	2	50

- (11) DETAILS OF INOCULATIONS ETC REQUIRED (specify).....
List in your hands.
- (12) GENERAL COMMENT, DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED, RECOMMENDATIONS ETC
Report attached.

(Sgd).....
[Signature]

War Diary

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

Army Form W.3008
(Page 1.)
(Adapted.)

SERIAL NO 34 (34)

WE 11/20/11 TROPICAL

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

34X836

ATT 1X 14

DRAKEFORCE (4Y AUST INF BN) Unit 20 MAR 43

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		1
Captains	10	1	
Lieutenants	20	6	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1 (A/LIEUT)		
Totals	40	7	1

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	UNITOR Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	COOKE HJ	4Y A. INF BN	18-3-43	FROM NG FARD SELWHEIM
"	PROCTOR ME	"	14-3-43	FROM SPECIAL DUTIES

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	UNITOR Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	SHEA PG	4Y A. INF BN	13-3-43	JUNIOR LEADERS CSE NO. 8. PORT MORESBY

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	UNITOR Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
LIEUT	HOFFMANN	W.N. 4Y AUST INF BN	IN 13 AUST PERS STG CAMP
"	WALTERS EA	"	DONDONBA "
"	STAFF CH	"	"
"	BURTON WA	"	"
"	LOVELY HWP	"	"
"	MARLOW T	"	"

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.
MAT/ILT(04)	VX47025	TASKER H.M.A.	CO	YES	
CAPT/MAJ	R24606	THURGOOD N.D.	UNPOSTED	NO	DETACHED G.D.D.
MAJ	DX10111	FENTON H.P.	"	NO	"
CAPT	RX35403	WALKER W.G.A.	216	YES	
"	RX36383	YATES W.H.	200 B COY	NO	SUB UNIT LEADER USE BEENLEIGH
"	DX10104	LEACH I.H.	16 H B COY	YES	
LIEUT/CAPT	RX36382	W. WATERS A.W.	16 H B COY	YES	
"	R24614	TOWSEND C.	UNPOSTED	NO	DETACHED G.D.D.
"	RX33459	KING W.T.	ADJUT.	YES	
"	RX34422	MILSTON H.G.	16 B COY	YES	
"	RX44301	MASCOE J.C.	216 C COY	YES	
"	RX35402	GREENAN B.T.	16 C COY	YES	
"	VPX0904	WINDSOR G.	M.D.C. D COY	YES	
"	VX51435	LEWIS E.A.	216 A COY	YES	
LIEUT	RX34426	STEWART W.D.P.	216 D COY	YES	
"	RX34425	RUSSELL-HARPER J.R.	4 PL	YES	
"	RX35466	LINLEY H.W.D.	14 PL	NO	13 A PERS STG CAMP
"	RX34434	TURNOLK W.G.E.	SIG OFFR.	YES	
"	RX34424	DEWITT N.T.	14 PL	YES	
"	RX44158	GRIFFITH D.H.	4 PL	YES	
"	RX33428	STAFF C.H.	216 B COY	NO	13 A PERS STG CAMP
"	RX34424	SHARPLEY I.G.	10.	YES	
"	RX33429	MILLER H.E.C.	6 PL	YES	
"	RX44154	ANDERSEN C.I.	70	YES	
"	RX34423	LADNER J.F.	2 PL	NO	HOSPITAL
"	RX45125	EVANS A.C.	16 PL	NO	211 AUST CCS
"	RX43161	MARSHLOW T.	5 PL	NO	34 PERS STG CAMP
"	RX34431	EDWARDS N.	7 PL	YES	
"	RX42364	MERSHOUSE T.R.	10 PL	YES	
"	RX34429	MCKENZIE D.C.	12 PL	NO	ATT 29 AUST INF BDE
"	RX34436	BARNETT L.A.	8 PL	YES	
"	RX44156	BURTON W.H.	15 PL	NO	13 AUST PERS STG CAMP
"	RX34428	HOFFMANN W.N.	19 PL	NO	
"	RX40300	VALTERS E.A.	10 PL	NO	
"	RX36364	DAVIES G.F.	UNPOSTED	NO	ARD CANUNGRA
"	RX34430	PROCTOR A.E.	4 PL	YES	
ALIEUT	RX9634	LESHIE R.T.	10 PL	YES	
LIEUT	VX11234	SEAR N.S.	3 PL	NO	JVR LDERS CSE NO 8.
"	VX3436	BAKER G.	13 PL	YES	
"	NP4406	COOKE H.T.	A PL CMD	YES	
			16 PL		

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	UNIT OR Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.
LIEUT	NX30858	KING W.	NGF CAMP LG T.4	25-3-43	CAMP LG OFFR.
CAPT	Q143563	MC PHEAT W.	29 AUST INF BDE	24-9-43	CHAPLAIN
"	RX33680	WOODBURN J.W.	AA MC	19-5-42	RMO
LIEUT	RX40439	WARMAN D.	2. SEC SIGS	24-2-43	SIG OFFR.
			5 AUST DIV		

44 AUST INF BN (DRAKEFORLE)

(Unit.)

LT COL

(Signature of Commander.)

20-MAR-43

(Date of Despatch.)

5 AUST DIV

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

SERIAL NO 34

DRAKEFORCE
44 AUST INF BN

Unit. **20 MAR 43**

Army Form W. 3009
(Adapted) (May, 42)
(page 2)

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers	1	
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers	1		G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner	2		Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers	1	
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks		2	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationery Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		6	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters	8		LYNATYPE OP.	1	
						SLAUGHTERMAN.	1	
ALL TRADESMEN SHOWN AS SURPLUS HAVE BEEN TRADE TESTED						REINFTS REQ		15
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	3	8	C.F	11	8	TOTALS	15	23

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

DRAKEFORCE (44 AUST INF BN)

Unit.

LTCOL

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch **20 MAR 43**

5 AUST DIV.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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WE 11/120/1 TROPICAL
34X 836.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

ATT 1X14.

DRAKE FORCE (4Y AUST INF BN) Unit 24 MAR 43

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		1
Captains	11	1	
Lieutenants	25	6	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1 ALIEN		
Totals	40	7	1

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	UNIT OR Corps.	Date.	Cause.
MAJ	CARSTAIRS JD	42 AUST INF BN	21-3-43	AS A/C.O.
LIEUT	EVANS AC	44	22-3-43	FROM 241 AUST CCS
"	STAFF CH	"	26-3-43	FROM 13 A. PERS STG. CAMP
"	HOFFMANN WIV	"	26-3-43	"
"	PARSLOW T.I	"	26-3-43	"
"	BURTON WJ	"	26-3-43	"
"	LOVELY HWP	"	26-3-43	"
"	WALTERS EA	"	26-3-43	"

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	UNIT OR Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LT COL	TASKER H MCK	4Y AUST INF BN	22-3-43	DET. 5 AUST DIV. SPEC (SE
ALIEUT	LESLIE RJ	"	21-3-43	" " SPEC DUTIES
LIEUT	WARDMAN D	5 AUST DIV SIGS	25-3-43	HOSPITAL (4 AUST FDAMB)
CAPT	LEACH IA	4Y AUST INF BN	26-3-43	DET 5 AUST DIV SPEC CSE

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.	APPOINTMENT Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
MAJ(T/1LT(COL))	VX44025	TASKER H. NICK	CO	NO	DET. 5 AUST DIV
CAPT(T/1MAJ)	QX44604	THURECHT ND	UNPOSTED	NO	DET. G.D.D.
MAJ	QX19111	FELTON HP	"	NO	"
CAPT	QX35403	NICK WGA	2IC	YES	"
"	QX36383	YATES WA	OC. D. COY	NO	SUB UNIT LEADERS CSE BEENLEIGH
"	SX10194	LEACH IA	OC HQ COY	NO	DET 5 AUST DIV.
LIEUT(T/1CAPT)	QX36382	MILWATERS AW	OC H COY	YES	"
"	QX44613	TOWNSEND C	UNPOSTED	NO	DET G.D.D.
"	QX35169	KING WJ	HQTT	YES	"
"	QX34422	MUSTON PC	OC B COY	YES	"
"	VX112301	MASCOE JC	2IC C COY	YES	"
"	QX35402	GREHAN BJ	OC C COY	YES	"
"	NPX4924	WINDSOR G	A/DC D COY	YES	"
"	VX5145	LEWIS EA	2IC A COY	YES	"
LIEUT	QX34426	STEWART WDP	2IC D COY	YES	"
"	QX34425	RUSSELL HARPER JR	A PL	YES	"
"	QX35166	LOVELY HWS	14 PL	YES	"
"	QX34434	TURNOK WGE	SIG OFFR.	YES	"
"	QX34434	BELL NJ	14 PL	YES	"
"	QX44158	GRIFFITH DH	4 PL	YES	"
"	QX33428	STAFF CH	2IC B COY	YES	"
"	QX34424	SHARPLEY TG	10	YES	"
"	QX33465	MULLALLY AEC	6 PL	YES	"
"	QX44154	HANDERSEN CT	T.O.	YES	"
"	QX34433	LADNER JF	2 PL	NO	HOSPITAL
"	QX45125	EVANS AC	16 PL	YES	"
"	QX43161	PARSLOW T	5 PL	YES	"
"	QX34431	EDWARDS N	9 PL	YES	"
"	QX42364	PERSHOUSE TR	19 PL	YES	"
"	QX34429	MCKENZIE DC	12 PL	NO	ATT. 29 AUST INF BDE
"	QX34432	BARNETT LA	8 PL	YES	"
"	QX44156	BURTON WA	15 PL	YES	"
"	QX34428	HOFFMANN WN	18 PL	YES	"
"	QX40900	WALTERS EA	10 PL	YES	"
"	QX36364	DAVIES GE	UNPOSTED	NO	ARD CANUNGRA
"	QX34430	PROLTOR ME	11 PL	YES	"
ALIEUT	QX42634	LESLIE RT	12 PL	NO	DET 5 AUST DIV
LIEUT	VX11334	SHEA PC	3 PL	NO	JNR LDERS CSE NO. 8
"	VX3426	BAKER C	13 PL	YES	"
"	NP4906	COOKE HT	A/PL (CMD)	YES	"
			12 PL		

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	UNIT OR Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.
LIEUT	NX30558	KING W	NGFCAMFLG TRG	4-3-43	CAMFLG OFFR
CAPT	QX43562	MCPHEAT W	29 AUST INF BDE	24-9-43	CHAPLAIN
"	QX33690	WOODBURN JW	AAMC	19-5-42	RMD
LIEUT	QX40489	WARDMAN D	5 AUST DIV SIGS	24-2-43	SIG OFFR (HOSPITAL)
MAJ	VX5423	CARSTAIRS JD	42 AUST INF BN	31-3-43	A/CO.

DRAWN UP BY (Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

24 MAR 43
(Date of Despatch.)

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

SERIAL No. 35

25 MAY 1943

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required)

Unit DRAKE FORCE (47 Bn.)

Date and Time.—From 1 April 1943

To 30 April 1943

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.																												
GOODENOUGH ISLAND	1	0600	<p>Strength State:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Transfers</td> <td></td> <td>120</td> <td>/Rs</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Re-inf.</td> <td></td> <td>8</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total strength</td> <td>28</td> <td>Off</td> <td>713</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Attached</td> <td>1</td> <td>"</td> <td>14</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" Not on W.E.</td> <td>2</td> <td>"</td> <td>8</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Detached</td> <td>12</td> <td>"</td> <td>114</td> <td>"</td> </tr> </table>	Transfers		120	/Rs	Re-inf.		8	"	Total strength	28	Off	713	"	Attached	1	"	14	"	" Not on W.E.	2	"	8	"	Detached	12	"	114	"	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>APP No. 1</p>
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Detached	12	"	106	"																												
<p>1800 Catalina on patrol passed over is; and</p> <p>1950 Wataluma O.P. reported white flare observed north of their position.</p> <p>2005 Transport platoon reported a light flashing on hills behind their posn.</p> <p>Although O.P. were warned to keep look out for further lights none were observed</p> <p>Routine Orders No 14</p>																																

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required)

Unit DRAKE FORCE (47 Bn.)

Date and Time.—From 1 April 1943

To 30 April 1943

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.		
GOODENOUGH IS.	3	0600	Evac. beyond R.A.P.	2 O/Rs		
			Strength State:—Transfers	1 "		
			Total Strength	27 Offs 712 "		
			Attached	1 " 14 "		
			" Not W.E.	2 " 9 "		
				0920	Capt. Rutledge (ANGAU) arrived from TROBRIANDS IS with parcel of Jap. documents and equipment found on the islands.	
				1935	Probable signal lights were observed from MUD BAY and on FERGUSON IS. Proposed sending patrol to investigate.	<i>[Signature]</i>
					Following a report received from CAPE VINALL (FERGUSON IS.) that eight Japs. had been killed and three escaped, the C.O. informed Div. and that he intended to send patrol to search AMPHLETT GP.	
					3008 and 3009	APP. No. 3.
			4	0600	Evac. beyond R.A.P.	1 O/R.
			Strength State:—Total Strength	27 Offs 711 "		
			Attached	1 " 14 "		
			" Not W.E.	3 " 11 "		
			Detached	12 " 106 "	<i>[Signature]</i>	

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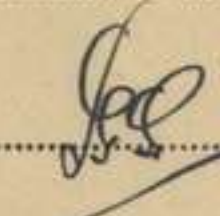
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GOODENOUGH ISLAND.	4	0600	<p>owing to trouble in obtaining permission to use 101 Wireless sets the patrol going to AMPHLETT GP. was postponed for 24 hrs.</p> <p>DRAKE FORCE O.O. No. 1</p> <p>R.M.O's report.</p>	<p>APP.No.4.</p> <p>APP.No.5.</p>																										
			5	0600	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;"></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Total Strength</td> <td style="text-align: center;">290</td> <td style="text-align: center;">offs</td> <td style="text-align: center;">715</td> <td style="text-align: center;">O/Rs</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Strength State:-Attached</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">"</td> <td style="text-align: center;">14</td> <td style="text-align: center;">"</td> <td style="text-align: center;">"</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">" Not W.E.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">"</td> <td style="text-align: center;">11</td> <td style="text-align: center;">"</td> <td style="text-align: center;">"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Detached</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10</td> <td style="text-align: center;">"</td> <td style="text-align: center;">102</td> <td style="text-align: center;">"</td> <td style="text-align: center;">"</td> </tr> </table>		Total Strength	290	offs	715	O/Rs	Strength State:-Attached	1	"	14	"	"	" Not W.E.	3	"	11	"	"	Detached	10	"	102	"	"	
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0930	<p>Catalina landed VIVIGANI ANCHORAGE carrying Air Force Officials</p>																													
	1745 & 1930	<p>Reports were received that signal lights were observed out to sea north of VIVIGANI</p>																												
	1935	<p>Four red Verrey lights seen north FERGUSON IS. bearing 54 deg. from BELLI BELLI. Div. were informed by message .</p> <p>SITREP. Sig. lights thought to be morse sighted due north from VIVIGANI</p> <p>Four red Verrey lights observed from BELLI BELLI to N. FERGUSON IS. bearing 54 deg. from BELLI BELLI.</p>																												

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GOODENOUGH IS.	6	0600	Evac. beyond R.A.P. 2 O/Rs		
			Strength State:- Total Strength 29 Offs 715 "		
			Attached 1 " 14 "		
		" Not W.E. 3 " 11 "			
		Detached 10 " 102 "			
				Further message was received from CAPE VINALL that they had encountered eight more Japs; three were killed and five escaped. C.O. informed 5 Div. that the patrol leaving at 0800 on 6 April to investigate AMPHLETT GP. would contact CAPE VINALL and if possible clear up stray Japs.	
			0845	One platoon of "D" Coy. (Comm. Lieut Pershouse.) plus three Sigs. one "I" and two native guides left VIVIGANI by power barge for AMPHLETT GP.	<i>PP</i>
			1520	Seven Japs were captured at 1440 hrs. at UFAUFA VILLAGE by personnel from R.D.F. guard.	
	1750	Police boy "Charlie" captured three more Japs. at VEDAKALA, one escaped			
	1830	Routine Order No. 15 SITREP. GOODENOUGH IS. UFAUFA. Patrol from R.D.F. platoon captured seven Japs. at UFAUFA VILLAGE. at 1440 hrs; no arms no resistance given. VEDAKALA. Police boy captured three Japs at VEDAKALA VILLAGE 1700 hrs. one escaped. No reports from AMPHLETT patrol.	APP.No.6.		

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GOODENOUGH IS	7	0600	<p style="text-align: right;">Total Strength 29 Offs 715 O/Rs</p> <p>Strength State:- Attached 1 " 14 "</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">" Not W.E. 3 " 12 "</p> <p>Detached 10 0 102 "</p>		
			1350	<p>ANGAU reported that natives had buried three Japs. near the spot where three were captured yesterday.</p> <p>Special course of training for N.C.Os commencing</p>	APP.No7.
				<p>In order to make commun. with patrol at AMPHLETT GP the Bn. I.O. left by launch to make contact.</p>	See APP Nos. 8 and 9
			1930	<p>To bring home the prisoners from the R.D.F. the "AERO" left VIVIGANI at 1300 hrs.</p> <p>SITREP.AMPHLETT GP. Patrol reached KOTOITA IS 1620 on 6th. Natives report Japs on is;and. Patrol investigating. Comm bad as CAPE VINALL off the air.</p> <p>I.O. visiting CAPE VINALL tomorrow to investigating Jap. landings; return following day.</p>	See APP. No.10.
	8	0600	<p style="text-align: right;">Evac. beyond R.A.P. 3 O/Rs</p> <p>Strength State:- Total Strength 31 Offs 709 "</p> <p>Attached 1 " 14 "</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">2 Not W.E. 3 " 12 "</p> <p>Detached 8 " 108 "</p>		

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GOODENOUGH IS.	8 (comtd)		After making contact with patrol AMPHLETT GP. the I.O. returned to VIVIGANI at 1600 hrs.	
			SITREP. GOODENOUGH IS. Eight P.O.s leaving VIVIGANI per "MULCRA"ETD. 0700 K/9 Of seven captured UFAUFA one died of exposure. Escapee from VEDAKALA recaptured but committed suicide. Small quantity documents being despatched safe hand. No report yet from AMPHLETT patrol.	
			Routine Order No.16	APP.No.11.
	9	0600	<p>Evac. beyond R.A.P. 2 O/As.</p> <p>strength State:- Total Strength 31 Offs 707 "</p> <p>Attached 1 " 14 "</p> <p>" Not W.E. 3 " 12 "</p> <p>Detached 8 " 110 "</p>	
		1235	2 Japs. captured 6 mls S. R.D.F. by patrols.	<i>[Signature]</i>
		1915	3 P.O.s arrived from R.D.F. at VIVIGANI.	
			SITREP. GOODENOUGH IS. Three Japs. captured by native police boy. head WAIBULS today arrived VIVIGANI 1900 hrs. and placed in compound.	
			AMPHLETT GP. Patrol still investigating native report re Jap. landings on AMPHLETT and CAPE VINALL areas. No results so far.	

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GOODENOUGH IS.	10	0600	Transfers	3 O/Rs.	
			Strength State:- Total Strength	31 Offs 703 "	
			Attached	1 " 14 "	
			" Not W.E.	3 " 10 "	
				Detached	8 " 111 "
		1900	Natives report flashing lights N. FERGUSON IS. Unable to trace.		
		2345	2 Planes flew over the area, with landing lights showing.		
			3008 & 3009's.		
		11	0600	Strength States: Evacuated beyond R.A.P.	1 O/R.
	Total Strength			30 Off. 703 "	
Att.	1 " 14 "				
Att. Mot. W.E.	3 " 10 "				
			Det.	6 " 111 "	
	1915	Patrol which searched the AMPHLETTS retd. to VIVIGANI.			
	2045	Lt. Barnett at KILIA, reported having contacted Japs. in the area Nth.			
		of TALEBA BAY. (see Sitrep). <i>13 japs. were killed</i>			
	2105	WAI WAI O.P. reported that the line between BELI BELI and WAI WAI had been cut. 'B' Coy. were instructed to send out a patrol on the following morning to investigate.			
		R.M.O's report.			

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GOODENOUGH IS.	11	2030	<p>Sitrep . AMPHLETT Patrol ret'd. VIVIGANI 1830 hrs. Located 2 Japs. at village near MASI MASI . One was very sick and died on way back to base. The other attacked the patrol, and was killed. No documents or equipment.</p>	
	12	0600	<p>Strength States: Evacuated beyond R.A.P. 1 O/R. Total Strength 30 Offrs. 703 " Att. 1 " 14 " Att. Not W.E. 3 " 10 " Det. 6 " 111 "</p> <p>Routine order No. 17</p> <p>'B' Coy. report on search of area. See Sitrep.</p>	App. 14.
		1900	<p>Sitrep. Patrol of WAI WAI area showed signs of recent occupation. Unable to contact any enemy, so now using native police. Sigs. lines being patrolled at night. TALEBA patrol continuing.</p>	
	13	0600	<p>Strength State: Total strength 30 Offrs. 703 O/Rs. Att: Not W.E. 1 " 14 " Det. 6 " 111 "</p>	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.																						
GOODENOUGH ISLAND.	13.	1900	SITREP:- BELI BELI. The area between WAIO WAIO O.P. and BELI BELI systematically search with native assistance. No trace of enemy sighted found ☉																							
		14.	0600		Strength state:- <table style="margin-left: 20px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Total strength</td> <td>30</td> <td>Off</td> <td>704</td> <td>O/Rs.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Attached</td> <td>1</td> <td>"</td> <td>14</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" Not on W.E.</td> <td>3</td> <td>"</td> <td>10</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Detached</td> <td>6</td> <td>"</td> <td>110</td> <td>"</td> </tr> </table>	Total strength	30	Off	704	O/Rs.	Attached	1	"	14	"	" Not on W.E.	3	"	10	"	Detached	6	"	110	"	
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1240	Large formation of enemy planes flew over the area heading North. Apparently returning from the raid on MILNE BAY. No enemy action took place over the Island																									
1900	SITREP :- Enemy planes flew over area returning from MILNE BAY raid ☉ 3 P.O.Ws left on "GEORGE PEAT" ETA MILNE BAY 1600 hrs. 15th. BELI BELI. Patrol again searched the area with native assistance but failed to obtain any information concerning Japs. in the area/																									

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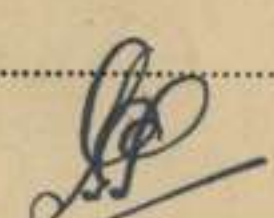
Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GOODENOUGH ISLAND.	15	0600	Re-in. 2 Offs 1 O/R. Strength State:- Total Strength 30 " 705 " Attached 1 " 14 " " Not W.E. 4 " 10 " Detached 7 " 110 "	
			SITREP. SITNOR.	
			Total Strength 31 Offs 707)/rs Strength State:- Attached 2 " 14 " " Not W.E. 4 " 10 " Detached 6 " 108 "	
			0805 Unidentified twin engined bomber flying overhead. 0830 DC3 landed on strip. This was the first heavy plane to land on new temp. strip. 1555 Unidentified plane passed overhead disappearing in SW. direction.	
GOODENOUGH ISLAND.	17	0600	Transfers 3 O/Rs. Strength State. Total Strength 31 Off 707 " Attached 1 " 14 " " Not W.E. 4 " 10 " Detached 26 " 105 "	
			0630 "WANNON" sailed for MILNE BAY.	

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GOODENOUGH ISLAND	1525 17	1525	"KOOMEELA" arrived BULU-BULU wharf. 3008 and 3009	App No15
	18	0600	Evac. beyond R.A.P. 5 O/Rs. Strength State:- Total strenght 31 Offrs 702 " Attached 1 " 14 " " Not W.E. 4 " 10 " Detached 6 " 110 "	
		0550	Unidentified aircraft over island	
		0900	QX21935 Lieut. Stewart J.T.. and NQX175 Lieut. Grove L.B. arrived from N.G.F.R.D. as re- inforcements R.M.O. report	
	19	0600	Total strength 31 Offrs 702 O/Rs Strength State:- Attached 1 " 14 " " Not W.E. 4 " 10 " Detached 6v " 110 "	APP. No.16
			Slight air activity over island.	

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GOODENOUGH ISLAND	20	0600	<p style="text-align: right;">Re-in 2 Offrs.</p> <p>Strength state:- Total Strength 32 " 696 O/Rs.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Attached 1 " 14 "</p> <p style="text-align: right;">" Not W.E. 5 " 13 "</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Detached 5 " 116 "</p>	
			<p>Corvette on reconnaissance arrived BELI-BELI wharf.</p>	
		1330	<p>Two Jap. airmen P.O.W.s captured on FERGUSON IS. brought to VIVIGANI on vessel of Small Ships Section, and were placed in compound</p> <p>SITREP. Two Jap airmen captured on FERGUSON IS? Picked up 16 Apl. Details shortly</p> <p>Routine Order No.18</p>	APP.No.17
	21	0600	<p style="text-align: right;">Total strength 32 Offrs 699 O/Rs</p> <p>Strength state:- Attached 1 " 14 "</p> <p style="text-align: right;">" Not W.E. 5 " 13 "</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Detached 5 " 13 "</p> <p>Two Dragon Rapides and one Moth plane visited the island in the morning and left in the afternoon</p>	

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GOODENOUGH ISLAND	22	0600	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 35%;">Total Str ength</td> <td style="width: 20%;">32 Offrs</td> <td style="width: 45%;">699 O/Rs.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Strength state:- Attached</td> <td>1 "</td> <td>14 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" Not W.E.</td> <td>5 "</td> <td>13 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Detached</td> <td>5 "</td> <td>113 "</td> </tr> </table>	Total Str ength	32 Offrs	699 O/Rs.	Strength state:- Attached	1 "	14 "	" Not W.E.	5 "	13 "	Detached	5 "	113 "	
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		0210 - 0230	Aerial activity over GOODENOUGH & FERGUSON IS.													
			SITREP. GOODENOUGH IS. 2 Offrs and 142 O/Rs disembarked BELI- BELI 0800 hrs today. Present location 352512 Ref. Map. GOODENOUGH IS S.E. Section 1/25000													
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		0945	"PULGANBAR" left BELI- BELI and is now berthed at VIVIGANI.													
		11 20	Lockheed Loadstar landed on strip.													
		1 640	Corvette arrives BULU-BULU escorting two vessels, and left again almost immediately.													
		1 630	"SWARTENHONDT" arrived BELI-BELI.													

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GOODENOUGH	23	1900	SITREP. Following units arrived BELI-BELI to-day. DET 201 Aust. Supply Coy. A.S.C. DET 2/2 Aust. Coy. A.S.C. DET. 2/2. Fd. Bakery all ab present in Buouac area ab BELI-BELI. 2/6 Sect operating Coy. Det 29 Aust. Line Sec. Sigs. both in Buouac area ab VIVIGANI.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	24	0600	Strength State: Total strength 32 offrs. 6930 Pts. att. 1 " 14 Pts. att. No. 6. W.E. 7 " 18 Pts. Det. 5 " 119 Pts.	
		1630	DCS. landed on strip and left again ab 1715 hrs.	<i>[Signature]</i>
		1945	AIR-RAID. YELLOW. unidentified planes in N.W. ALL CLEAR ab 2000 hrs. 3008 + 3009	

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GOODENOUGH.	2/5	0600	Strength State: Total strength: 32 offrs. 694 O/Rs.	
			atb. 1 " 14 O/Rs.	
			atb. incl. W.E. 7 " 13 O/Rs.	
			Det. 5 " 118 O/Rs.	
		1540	'KOOMEELA' arrives VIVIGANI anchorage. During the day there was much aerial activity over the Island and at 1145 AIR RAID. YELLOW was given. This was cleared at 1215.	
		1840	'MARGARET THWAITES' arrives BOLU-BOLU.	
		1800-2000	Waucis lights were observed, appearing on and about FERGUSON Is. From investigations made it was concluded that these were from Waucis boats in and about Island at this particular time.	

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GODDENOUGH IS.	25	2020	Personnel for GUMASI Is. transferred in B. Coy. area. See Operation Instr. No 2. SITREP. Location of units. Cancel 29 aust. line Sec. Sigs. and insert AUST. L. of C. sigs. TOTAL STRENGTH 3 officers. 76 O/R's 0 22 O/R's arrived to day R.M.O.'s report	app. No. 19 app. No 20
	26	0600	Strength State: Total strength 33 officers. 694 O/R's att. " 14 O/R's att. No T. W.E. 7 " 16 O/R's Det. 4 " 90 O/R's	
		0905	SWARTENHONDT left BELI-BELI anchorage for MILNE BAY. 47 AUST. INF. BN. OPERATION INSTR. No 3	App. No 21

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GOODENOUGH IS.	26	0940	'MARGARET THWAITES' now at VIVIGANI anchorage	
		1755	'KOOHEELA' left VIVIGANI for MILNE BAY.	
	27	0600	Strength State: Total strength 33 offrs. 6950/Rs.	
			att. 1 " 14 "	
			att. not W.E. 7 " 16 "	J.P.
			Det. 4 " 88 "	
		1930	SITREP. AMPHLETT IS. Patrol searching more islands. So far no results. Patrol continuing search.	
	28	0600	Strength State: Total strength 31 offrs. 6960/Rs.	
			att. 1 " 14 "	
			att. Not W.E. 6 " 21 "	
			Det. 6 " 82 "	

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GOODENOUGH IS.	28	0935	Reports recd. that men working on road in vicinity of ANGAU saw a person on side of road. They fired on him, and chased him. Although voices could be heard afterwards they could not be located.	
		1850	TALEBA Pt. reported unidentified vessel in TALEBA BAY. Being kept under close observation.	
		2020	Various lights observed from Sth. end FERGUSON IS. and also from direction MUD BAY. Investigations carried out reveal lights appear to come from vessels in TALEBA BAY.	
			ROUTINE ORDER No. 18	APP. 22.

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GOODENOUGH IS.	28	2030.	SITREP @ AMPHLETT GROUP @ Patrol found evidence of Jap. occupation but so far have been unable locate any Japs. Search continuing. MWANANDIA. P6. from A. Coy relieved P6. from C. Coy guard at R.D.F. Str.	
	29	0600	Strength State: Total strength 31 off. 6960/R att. 1 " 14 " att No 6 W.E. 6 " 21 " Det. 6 " 82 "	
		0646.	Cargo vessel approaching BELI-BELI from MUB BAY. This vessel evidently the one sighted in TALEBA BAY last night	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GOODENOUGH IS.	29	1510	<p>Native boy who works on Hackney Scheme on WATALUMA R.D. advises that his wife, who lives at VEDEKALA, has reported that there are five Japs. in vicinity of VEDEKALA. They are reported to be armed with two rifles and each carry- ing a bayonet. The natives have spoken to the Japs on various occasions, and have asked them to live in the village, but the Japs have refused. Lieut. Lovely in charge of Pl. at R.O.F. Str. instructed to investigate</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2000.</p> <p>Lt. Lovely has sent out a patrol consisting of 1 Sgt. and 6 men to investigate the above report.</p>	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
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Unit 47 AUST. INF. BN. (DRAKE FORCE) Date and Time.—From 1 APR. 43 To 30 APR. 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GOODENOUGH IS.	29	2030	<p>SITREP @ VEDEKALA @ Natives report 6 Japs. hiding in native gardens near VEDEKALA @ reported to be armed with bayonets @ Patrol from protective platoon at R.D.F. is investigating and will report @ AMPHLETT IS @ Patrol has ret'd. but were unable to locate any Japs although an amount of Jap equipment was found @ a detailed report of the patrol will be forwarded by first mail.</p>	
	30	0600.	<p>Strength stati: Total Strength 82 offrs. 694 offrs. att. 1 " 14 " att. Not. W.E. 6 " 21 " Ub. 3 " 84 "</p>	
		0630	<p>'KATOORA' left VIVIGANI heading for MILNE BAY.</p>	

WAR DIARY

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS
PART 1

SERIAL NO 1
ORDER NO 2
(DRAKEFORCE)
ORDER NO 18
47 AUST INF BN.

by
LT/COL H. MCK. TASKER (47 AUST INF BN) COMD. DRAKEFORCE.
1 APRIL 43

62. LAUNDRY

The bulk of men's laundry would appear to be carried out with cold water, the creek being used for the purpose. This practice must cease. CO's will make available suitable receptacles for the boiling of clothing.

63. DRESS

Sleeves of Shirts will be rolled down and gaiters worn by 1730 hrs daily or at evening mess parade, whichever is the earlier. Bathing will be prohibited after 1730 hrs daily except in the case of duty personnel where CO's may give special authority for personnel to bathe up to 1800 hrs.

64. TRANSPORT-CONVEYANCE OF NATIVES

Natives will NOT be carried in the front seat along side the driver. All natives will be carried inside the back of the vehicle, in no circumstances will natives be allowed to ride on the running boards. CO's will ensure that all drivers are instructed accordingly.

65. BADGES OF RANK

It has been noticed that some officers and NCO's are not wearing their Badges of Rank. This practice must cease forthwith. All Officers and NCO's will wear their appropriate badges of rank at all times whilst in uniform. Recent reports on operations in NEW GUINEA have emphasised that badges of rank should be worn during operations both from the point of view of leadership and morale.

66. TRUCKS FWD

The front wheel drive of FWD vehicles will only be used under difficult conditions. It must be disengaged immediately this condition is passed, under no circumstances will the front wheel drive be engaged on formed roadsides. All drivers will be instructed accordingly.

67. CARE OF TENTAGE

The wastage of tentage in NEW GUINEA is high and owing to the shortage of raw materials replacement is difficult. Units will take all steps to preserve tentage and in particular will ensure that;

- (a) Friction does NOT occur between the tent and fly. This is caused by faulty erection and slack ropes.
- (b) Mosquito net poles, boxes, etc do NOT touch the canvas inside tents.
- (c) Nails, safety pins, wires etc are NOT pushed through the canvas for the purpose of hanging mosquito nets etc.
- (d) Tent guys etc are slackened and tightened during and after rain.

H. Tasker
CAPTAIN.
ADJUTANT.
DRAKEFORCE.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS
PART 1

SERIAL NO 1
ORDER NO 3
(DRAKEFORCE)
ORDER NO 14
47 AUST INF BN.

by
Lt/Col. H. McK. Tasker (47 Aust Inf Bn) Comd. Drakeforce
2 April 43

68. INDISCRIMINATE USE OF SMALL ARMS.

1. Fire Arms will not be used except for Military purposes. The indiscriminate firing of SAA is to cease forthwith.
2. Severe disciplinary action will be taken in case of non-compliance of this order.

69. SPRAYING OF TENTS

1. CO's will ensure that tents and huts in their unit lines are thoroughly sprayed with fly spray immediately after reveille and at dusk. The tents should be closed for 20 minutes after spraying.
2. Hygiene inspectors will report cases of neglect of this order to DAD of Hygiene 5 Aust Div.

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SHORTAGE OF CORDIALS.

1. Owing to a shortage of supplies during the period between seasons, it has been necessary in AUSTRALIA to ration the supply of fruit cordials.

Supplies to NEW GUINEA are being given first priority, but it is anticipated that until the end of June 1943 there may be temporary shortages of fruit cordials in NEW GUINEA.

A D.C.M. was held at Headquarters, NEW GUINEA FORCE on 8 Feb 43 for the trial of QX2466 Dr SMITH J, 141 Aust Gen Tpt Coy, NGF.

The accused was convicted of the offence of:

A. A. Sec 41; WOAS committing a civil offence, that is to say, stealing, in that he, in the field on 2 Jan 43, stole one hundred and sixty (160) 2 ozs tins of "Log Cabin" tobacco, the property of Aust. Defence Canteen Services.

Sentence: The Court sentenced the accused to be imprisoned with hard labor for twelve (12) months. The Court recommended the suspension of the sentence.

The accused had not been in custody awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 21 February 43.

A D.C.M. was held at Headquarters, NEW GUINEA FORCE, on 8 Feb 43 for the trial of N150952 Dr McBride F. J. 9 Aust Coy ASC.

The accused was convicted of the offence of:

A. A. Sec 18 (4): WOAS stealing public property, in that he, in the field on 18 Jan 43 stole eight (8) tins of Camp Pie, value five shillings and four pence (5/4), public property, from 11 Mile Base Supply Depot.

Sentence: The Court awarded no punishment.

The accused had not been in custody awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 21 February 1943. and promulgated to the accused in the field on 25 February 1943.

A D.C.M. was held at Headquarters, NEW GUINEA FORCE, on 9 Feb 43 for the trial of V50499 Sgt HANSEN A. F. W. 15 Aust Sup Pers Coy (AIF) ASC

The accused was convicted of the offences of:

1 A. A. Sec 18 (4): WOAS stealing public property in that he, in the field on or about 11 Jan 43 stole 146 Elsmere double-edged razor blades, public property from 17 Mile Bulk Sup Depot.

2 A. A. Sec 40 WOAS conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he, in the field on or about 12 Jan 43, wrote and enclosed in an envelope for posting... a paper on which he wrote "My new depot is at WAU 120 miles from MORESBY".

Sentence: The Court sentenced the accused to be imprisoned with

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hard labor for twelve (12) months.

The accused had not been in custody nor in arrest awaiting trial. The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 21 FEBRUARY 1943. and promulgated to the accused in the Field on 25 February 1943.

A D.C.M. was held at Headquarters, NEW GUINEA FORCE, on 15 Feb. 43 for the trial of NX115036 Gnr Harry BRYAN, 156 Aust Lt AA Bty, Aust AA Gp.

The accused was convicted of the offence of :

A.A. Sec 18 (4): When on active service stealing public property in that he at 156 Aust Lt AA Bty HQ PORT MORESBY, between the 9th and 18th of January 1943, when on active service, stole one .380 Smith and Wesson Revolver No 955069, one cases pistol, one ammunition pouch, one pistol lanyard, and 12 rounds of .380 ammunition, the public property of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Sentence: To suffer Field Punishment for sixty (60) days and to forfeit all ordinary pay for that period.

The accused was nil days in custody awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 20 February 1943, and promulgated to the accused in the Field on 25 February 1943.

John R. Chapman
Capt
Adj. Drakeforce

SERIAL NO 36

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

DRAKEFORCE (44AUST INF BN) Unit 3 APR 43

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		1
Captains	11	1	
Lieutenants	24	5	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1 ALIEN		
Totals	39	6	1

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	UNIT OR Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LT COL	TASKER H MCK	44AUST INF BN	29-3-43	CSE COMBINED OPS MILNE BAY
LIEUT	LESLIE RJ	"	29-3-43	SPEC CSE 5AUST DIV "
	WARMAN D	5AUST DIV SIGS	29-3-43	FROM 4AUST FD AMB

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	UNIT OR Corps.	Date.	Cause.
CAPT	MACK	WGA 44AUST INF BN	29-3-43	AIR SUPPORT CONTROL CSE
T/CAPT	McWATTERS RW	"	29-3-43	MILNE BAY "
T/CAPT	KING JW	"	29-3-43	"
LIEUT	BELL NJ	"	1-4-43	TRANS. OUT TO 4AUST ING BN
		TRANSFER TO DATE 10 MAR 43. (5AUST DIV A1012, OF 30 MAR)		
PLAT	CARSTAIRS JD	42AUST INF BN	29-3-43	TO UNIT.
LIEUT	KING W	HQF 44AUST INF BN TRG UNIT	30-3-43	TO UNIT

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.	APPOINTMENT Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
MAJ (T/LT COV)	VX44925	TASKER H M L K	G.O.	YES	
CAPT (T/MAJ)	VX4604	THURECHT N D	UNPOSTED	NO	DETACHED G.D.D.
MAJ	VX1011	FELTON H P	.	NO	
CAPT	VX35403	MACK W G A	2IC	NO	USE AIR SUPPORT M.B
"	VX36383	YATES W H	OC D COY	NO	USE UNIT LEADERS USE BEEN MEIGH
"	VX10194	LEACH I A	OC HQ COY	NO	USE AIR SUPPORT M.B
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	VX36382	M W WATTERS A W	OC A COY	NO	
"	VX46124	TOWNSEND C	UNPOSTED	NO	DET. G.D.D.
"	VX35460	KING W J	A.D.J.T.	NO	USE AIR SUPPORT M.B
"	VX34422	MILSTON P C	OC B COY	YES	
"	VX112201	MASCOE J C	OC C COY	YES	
"	VX35403	GREHAN B J	OC C COY	YES	
"	NPX0894	WINDSOR G	A OC D COY	YES	
"	VX3745	LEWIS E A	2IC A COY	YES	
LIEUT	VX34426	STEWART W D P	OC D COY	YES	
"	VX34425	MUSSELL HARPER J N	4 PL	YES	
"	VX35466	LOVELLY A W P	14 PL	YES	
"	VX34434	TURNOK W G E	SIG OFFR	YES	
"	VX44158	GRIFFITH D H	4 PL	YES	
"	VX33428	STAFF C H	2IC B COY	YES	
"	VX34424	SPARROLEY T G	10	YES	
"	VX33465	MULLALLY A E C	6 PL	YES	
"	VX44154	ANDERSEN C I	70	YES	
"	VX34423	LADNER J F	2 PL	NO	42 HUST INF BN B
"	VX45125	EVANS H C	16 PL	YES	(AWAITING DISPOSAL (CLASS))
"	VX43161	PARSLOW T	5 PL	YES	
"	VX34431	EDWARDS N	9 PL	YES	
"	VX42364	MERSHOUSE T R	19 PL	YES	
"	VX34420	MCKENZIE D C	14 PL	NO	ATT 41 HUST INF BDE
"	VX34436	BAR-YETT L A	8 PL	YES	
"	VX44156	BURTON W A	15 PL	YES	
"	VX34428	HOFFMANN W N	18 PL	YES	
"	VX40800	WALTERS E A	10 PL	YES	
"	VX36364	DAVIES G F	UNPOSTED	NO	ARD CHUNGRA
"	VX34430	PROCTOR H E	11 PL	YES	
ALIEUT	OP 3634	LESHE R J	001	YES	
LIEUT	VX41334	SHEA P C	3 PL	NO	JNR. LDERS USE NO 8
"	VX34436	BARER C	13 PL	YES	
"	NP4906	COOKE H J	14 PL	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	UNIT OR Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT	2143562	MR PHEAT W.	29 AUST INF BDE	24-9-42	CHAPLAIN
"	RX-33080	WOODBURN J V	ARMY	19-5-42	RAID
LIEUT	RX40489	WARMAN D	5 AUST DIV SIGS	24-2-43	SIG OFF

DRAKE FORCE (44 AUST INF BN)

(Unit.)

CHAPMAN R. R. LT COL

(Signature of Commander.)

3 APR 43

(Date of Despatch.)

5 AUST DIV

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

SERIAL NO 36.

Part A of Army Form W. 3009
Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcement
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Section I
 War Dead

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1	5	6	25	45	229						
TOTAL = 311											
SUMMARY SURPLUS TRADESMEN											
8 PAINTERS MADE UP OF 2 CPLS 6 PTES											
2 CARPENTERS " 1 CPL 1 PTE											
NOTE 2 CARPENTERS IN HOSPITAL AWAITING T'FER TO											
XLIST ON R.O'S THIS WILL GIVE NO SURPLUS											
CARPENTER WHEN COMPLETED											
REINFORCEMENT SHOWS AS SURPLUS											
HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED											
TOTALS TO AGREE WITH COLUMNS 2 AND 4 OF PART A.											

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

Date of Despatch: 3 Apr 45
 Unit: 6888 Central Postal Directory
 Signature of Commander: [Signature]

DRAKEFORCE OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 1

REF MAP : FERGUSON ISLAND - 4 miles to 1 inch.

H.Q. DRAKEFORCE
4 APR 43

Information

1. An unknown number of Japanese are known to have landed on Islands of the AMPHLETT GROUP.

INTENTION

2. One platoon will search the AMPHLETT ISLANDS and clean out all enemy.

METHOD

3. Tps taking part :-
(a) 19 Pl (Comd Lieut PERSHOUSE)
(b) One Medical Orderly
(c) One member "I" Sec.
(d) Capt SCOTT and two signallers - all of "C" Troop 17 Bty 2/5 Fd Regt). The availability of these personnel is subject to approval by Comd 2/5 Fd Regt and will be used for signal ops only.
(e) one native guide ; one native interpreter.

- 4. Starting time : 0800 hrs Mon 5 Apr 43.
- 5. Starting line : VIVIGANI ANCHORAGE
- 6. Transport : Patrol will be transported in Japanese Barge J1.
- 7. Return : Patrol will return to VIVIGANI by 1800 hrs Wed 7 Apr 43.

ADM.

- 8. Arm : (i) 50 rds .303 on man and 50 rds per rifle reserve
(ii) 1000 rds per Bren and one box reserve
(iii) 200 rds per Owen S.M.G. and 2000 rds reserve.
(iv) 200 rds per Boyes Rifle and 50 rds reserve.
(v) 2 Boxes 2 in Mortar
(vi) 2 Grenades per man.
- 9. Rations : (i) 2 bivouac rations
2 Operation rations
1 Emergency (dehydrated)
(ii) 40 Gals reserve water will be carried. Water bottles will be carried full and every opportunity will be taken to refill. Sterilising and detasting tablets will be used at all times.
- 10. Special Head nets will be carried by five members of patrol as follows :
1 Officer, 1 N.C.O., 3 ptes.
- 11. Anti-malarial precautions will NOT be relaxed.

Medical

12 R.M.O. will ensure that Medical Orderly is fully equipped.

Intercomm

13 By 101 set supplied and manned by C Tp 10 Bty 2/5 Fd Regt.
One set to be established at B.H.Q. one set on launch by 0800 hrs 5 Apr 43.
Reports hourly as from 0800 to 1800 daily. R.T. Code No 3 to be used.

ACK

Signed at 2100 hrs
Issued by *Adjt*

[Signature]
Capt
Adjt DRAKEFORCE.

DISTRIBUTION.

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WEEKLY MEDICAL REPORT

Submitted in accordance with 5 Aust. Div. Med. Adm. Insta. No.1 for period ending 2359 hours, Sunday. 4 Nov.

- (1) LOCATION..... *Virigani - Goodenough Is.*
- (2) STRENGTH..... *Total 953*
- (3) REINFS RECD. DURING WEEK..... *nil*
- (4) ATTACHED UNITS FOR MEDICAL SERVICE.....
 - (a) 47 Bn *767*
 - (b) 2/17 Lt A.A. *59*
 - (c) 2/18 Flt Regt *61*
 - (d) 11 Flt Coy *66*
- (5) TOTAL NEW SICK..... *61*
- (6) TOTAL EVACUATED FROM R.A.P..... *7*
 - Clinical malaria 6*
 - Clinical Dysentery 1*
- (7) TOTAL NO DUTY PERSONNEL..... *8*
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- (9) AV. DAILY SICK RATE $(\frac{5}{2}) \times \frac{100}{7}$ *0.9*
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Detail	HQ A B C D E Tot							Detail	HQ A B C D E Tot						
	HQ	A	B	C	D	E	Tot		HQ	A	B	C	D	E	Tot
Wounded								Veneral Disease							
Accid. Wounded								Scabies							
Malaria (Prim) ?	2	1	1				6	Tinea	3		2			5	
Malaria (Rec)								Foot Ailments							
Clinical Dysentery				1			1	Dengue							
Non-spec diarrhoea	3			1			4	Uruti							
Morbilli								Influenza							
Rubella															
Parotitis (E.P.)															
Diphtheria								Other ailments	9	43	25	8	45	22	

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47 AUGUST INF BN
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NOTES ON MALARIA

DESCRIPTION.

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RECOGNITION.

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Eggs take 10 days to hatch. After biting a carrier of malaria the mosquito cannot transmit the disease to another person until a period of 10 days has elapsed.

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SYLLABUS
N.C.O.'S SCHOOL

7 APR 43

0800 - 0900 1330 - 1415	0905 - 0950 1430 - 1505	0955 - 1040 1510 - 1555	1055 - 1140 1600 - 1630	1140 - 1200
FIRST DAY 0800 - 0930 C.O.'s. Fall In and Inspection Loading and unloading, charge mag.	0935 - 0935 Range-Initial Firing M.I. Intro & Char.	0940 - 1025 Intro & Char Rifle Drill	1040 - 1125 Strip, halfcock, jaws, trigger proc.	1130 - 1200 Drill
SECOND DAY Fall in & Insp - Accuracy of Aim M.I. Loading lying Less 13	Loading lying Less 13 Incl & Rec of A & D Targ.	M.I. Vocab & Meth of Searching Ground. Loading unloading	Loading lying Less 14 Handling	C.O.'s Lecture.
THIRD DAY Fall in & Insp - M.I. I & R of A and D Targets. M.I. M.I. Vocab & Meth of seac Cd.	Loading standing F.C.O. art & snap	F.C.O.'s Brief & Manual Snapshooting	Recapit Loading unloading Handling	Drill
FOURTH DAY WASTING PARADE TAKEN BY ONE INSTRUCTOR Rest				
FIFTH DAY Fall in & Insp M.I. F. & C.O.'s Complete M.I. Loading lying Less 14	Rapid Fire Firing Behind Cover	Range Cards Recapit I.R. of A & D Targets	Recapit Accuracy of Aim M.I. Accuracy of Aim Handling	Drill
SIXTH DAY Fall in & Insp M.I. Snapshooting M.I. Int Char & Mag Filling	B. Intro & Char & Mag Filling Stripping & Piston Group	Loading & Unloading stripping-Barrel, Butt, Body & Bipod Groups	Handling, aiming & Firing Handling	C.O.'s Lecture
SEVENTH DAY Fall in & Insp - M.I. M.A. & Firing M.I. Loading & Unloading	Recapit. Stripping (Complete) Mechanics	M.G.D. One Acting Alone M.I. F.C.O.'s	Bayonet B-On Guard, High Port Handling	Drill
EIGHTH DAY Fall in & Insp M.I. Mechanism M.I. M.G.D. 1 Acting Alone	Addit Stripping Stoppages	M.I. Standing Load Overt Intro Char Loading and unloading	Bayonet -1 & 2 Points Handling	Drill

NINTH DAY (Continued on Next Page)

MARKS
Fall in & Discharge Stoppages

Tripping, Searching &
Dismounting a Gun.

Over; Firing, Care and
Closing.

Receipt Stoppages

Drill

M.I. Mechanism

Fixed Lines

Firing Behind Cover

Handling

MARKS

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DRAKEFORGE OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 2 (A)

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7 Apr 43.

REF MAP - FERGUSSON IS. - 4 Miles to 1 inch.

1. Instructions for journey by D2 to CAPE VINALL on 8 Apr 43 are cancelled.
2. R.A.A.F. Launch "KELVIN" will leave VIVIGANI Anchorage at 0800 hrs.
8 APR 43 to CAPE VINALL
3. Composition of party :-

 R.A.A.F. Crew
 Lieut SHARPLEY (I.O.)
 CPL (Movement Control)
 Native Pilot.
4. Launch will proceed to CAPE VINALL where an endeavour will be made to contact patrol at KOTOITA IS - using 108 Set.
5. Launch will then proceed to KOTOITA IS on instruction from I.O. who will remain at CAPE VINALL.
6. At CAPE VINALL, I.O. will make inquiries into ANGAU report that Spotters were responsible for escape of Japs; collect all documents equipment etc., held by Spotting Station; assist patrol leader by giving all available information to him; be responsible for guarding of launch.
7. On arrival at KOTOITA IS, Lieut PERSHOUSE will be contacted and Launch will remain at KOTOITA IS till patrol task is completed.
8. Kelvin will then transport Patrol to CAPE VINALL towing Barge J1.
9. After Patrol which will remain at CAPE VINALL has disembarked Kelvin towing J1 will return to VIVIGANI anchorage.
10. On a date to be notified by Lieut PERSHOUSE launches will be despatched to CAPE VINALL to bring Patrol to VIVIGANI Anchorage.
11. Rations: Four days rations will be carried by Launch Party. 7 Days rations will be carried for Patrol.
12. 1 Charging Motor will be transported to CAPE VINALL. This will return with Patrol.

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| | 8 | OFFICER IN CHARGE "KELVIN" |
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H. G. DRAKEFORCE
7 APR 45

INSTRUCTIONS FOR D2 TO CAPE VINALL
TBA 8 APR 45 - 9 APR 45

1. D2 will depart VIVIGANI 1200 hrs for CAPE VINALL.
2. Rations for patrol for four days will be placed on board by G.M. by 1130 hrs.
3. Crew of D2 will carry 3 days rations and water, in addition to reserve at present held on launch.
4. One Spl (Movement Control) will accompany launch.
5. Lieut SHARPLEY will accompany launch and will :-
 - (a) ensure that above instns are carried out
 - (b) Make inquiries into ANGAU report that spotters were responsible for escape of Japs.
 - (c) Collect all documents, equipment etc., held by spotting station.
 - (d) assist patrol leader by giving all available information to him.
 - (e) ensure that launch D2 is NOT left unguarded during daylight and that it stands off shore, with crew on board, during night 8/9 Apr.
6. D2 will await arrival of patrol from AMPHLETTS. If D2 is unable to leave CAPE VINALL in time to reach VIVIGANI in daylight the departure will be postponed until 10 Apr 45. However, every effort is to be made to return on 9 Apr 45.


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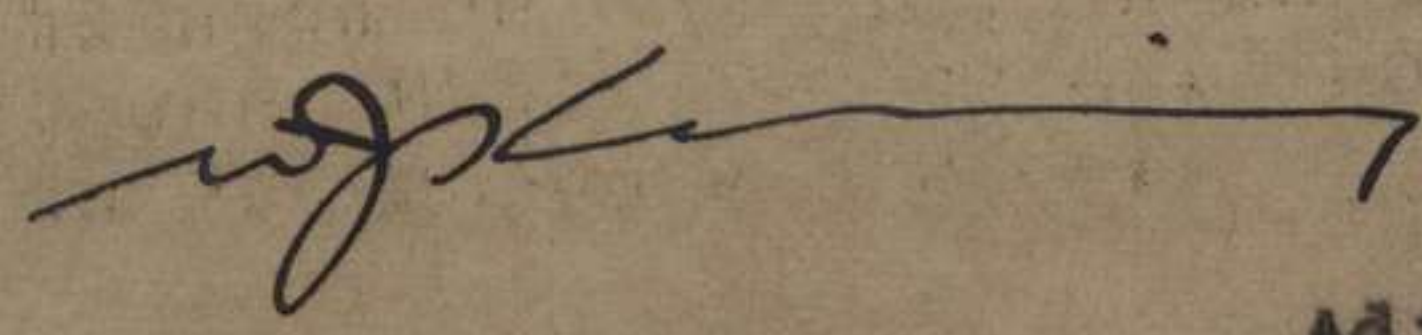
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"AERO" TRIP TO MONONOYA

H. Q. DRAKEFORCE
7 APR 43

1. "AERO" will take rations to 14 Pl today, leaving VIVIGANI not later than 1300 hrs.
2. CAPT GREHAN will go with launch and will take an escort of three (unless there are suitable personnel returning from MONONOYA)
3. As many prisoners as can be conveniently taken on board will be brought back on "AERO".
4. Remaining prisoners will be brought to MONONOYA anchorage under escort from 14 Pl by 1300 hrs 8 Apr 43. Prisoners will be handed over to "MALAYA", when 14 Pl escort will return to R.D.F.
5. "AERO" will leave MONONOYA (for return to VIVIGANI) not later than 0830 hrs 8 Apr 43.
6. While at R.D.F. CAPT GREHAN will:-
 - (a) Check layout of new defensive positions
 - (b) Interview Lieut. LAYCOCK (US ARMY) re co-ordination of defences.
 - (c) Check rations, stores, equipment etc., of 14 Pl.



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(A Coy to supply guards etc)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1

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Lt/Col. H. McK. Tasker (47 Aust Inf Bn) Comd. Drakeforce.

SERIAL NO 1
Order No 5
(DRAKEFORCE)
Order No 16
47 AUST INF BN

8 APRIL 43

74 WATER PURIFICATION

Gases have occurred whereby persons who have drunk unsterilized water have contracted Typhoid.

Immediate action will be taken to ensure that all troops under Comd. Drakeforce are issued with Water Sterilizing & Detasting Tablets and are instructed in the use of same.

Only water that has been superchlorinated & detasted will be used for cooking & drinking purposes.

75 Use Of Atebrin.

All ranks will be warned that failure to take Atebrin can be positively detected by a chemical test and those failing to take Atebrin will be severely punished.

The taking of Quinine instead of Atebrin will afford NO defence to a charge of failing to take Atebrin.

Cases of refusal or neglect to take Atebrin regularly will NOT be disposed of summarily but will be submitted for court-martial.

This order will be read to all persons on at least one parade on each of the next three successive weeks. In addition it will be displayed on all Unit notice boards for a period of at least 7 days.

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

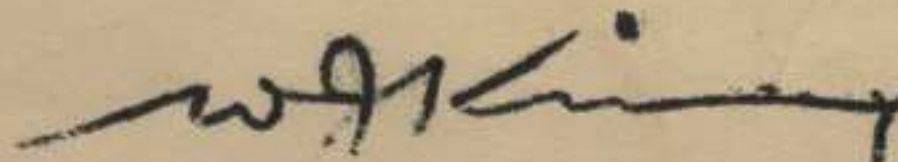
The Commonwealth Government has decided -

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

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

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

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

 CAPT.

NOTICES

1 CURATOR FOR SPORTS OVAL.

A Curator is required for Sports Oval in this area. Units are requested to submit to Amenities Officer HQ, 5 Aust Div, particulars of personnel suitably qualified to hold the position. Applicants should have experience in top dressing.
(This area refers to Milne Bay).

2 LOST -POWER UNIT

A Power Unit type PE-75-B has been missing from the 15th Weather Squadron since 19 February 1943. Recovery of said unit is a vital necessity to the operation of the Air Corps Weather Squadron.

A search of all unit areas is to be conducted in an effort to locate this Power Unit and HQ 5 Aust Div notified the result thereof by signal.

3 FOUND.

The undermentioned articles have been found, and are in possession of 27 Coy ASC:

1 Respirator, branded - "N15809, G. Forbes"

(found in a vehicle of this Coy after troop lift).

1 Gold Watch, with leather band,

(found on No 1 Route, near No 1 Air Strip).

4 FOUND.

The undermentioned articles have been found, and are in possession of 27 Aust Coy ASC:-

1 Bayonet, Scabbard and Frog.

2 Basic Pouches.

2 Straps Supporting.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

DRAKEFORCE

44 AUST INF BN

Unit 10 APR 43

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	UNIT OR Corps.	Date.	Cause.
CAPT	MALCOLM WGA	44 AUST INF BN	4-4-43	FROM CSE AIR SUPPORT
"	MICHAEL WATERS AW	"	4-4-43	M.B.
"	KING WJ	"	4-4-43	"
"	LEACH IA	"	4-4-43	"

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
MAJ	FELTON H.P.	44 AUST INF BN	3-1-43	PLACED ON REG. SUP. LIST FIRST AUST ARMY A+P LIST NO 24 + CAG 50 A/43
"	PAUL BERT N.D.	44 AUST INF BN	11-12-42	SECONDED IN UNIT TO ADMINISTER COMD 29 AUST INF TAG BN (L HQ A+P LIST NO 28)
LIEUT	DICKENSON D.C.	44 AUST INF BN	16-2-43	SECONDED TO 29 AUST INF BDE AND APPOINTED S.C.(L) (NGF A+P LIST NO 20)

CAPT PASCOE JC 44 AUST INF BN 4-4-43 TO BOOBY + EXPLOSIVE CSE FLYING FOX FORD

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	APPOINTMENT Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
MAJ (T) / LT COL	VX 44025	TASKER M. MK	CO.	YES	
CAPT	OX 35403	DRAKE WGA	216	YES	
	OX 36383	VATES WH	PL. B COY	NO	SUB UNIT LEADERS CSE BEENLEIGH
	OX 10104	HEATH IA	PL. A COY	YES	
LIEUT (T) / KAPT	OX 36382	MC WATTERS AW	PL. A COY	YES	
	OX 34612	TOWNSEND C	UNPOSTED	NO	DET G.D.D
	OX 35460	KING WT	ADTT	YES	
	OX 34722	HUUSTON PC	PL. B COY	YES	
	VX 44201	PASCOE JC	216 C. COY	NO	BOOPY & EXPLOSIVE S.M. FLYING FOX FORD
	OX 35402	GREHAM BT	PL. C COY	YES	
	NPX 9824	WINDSOR G	AJOC D COY	YES	
	VX 5145	LEWIS EA	216 A COY	YES	
LIEUT	OX 34726	STEWART WOP	216 D COY	YES	
	OX 34425	MUSSELL-HARPER JA	4PH	YES	
	OX 35466	LOVELY HWP	11PH	YES	
	OX 34784	TURNOCK WGE	SIG OFFR	YES	
	OX 44159	GRIFFITH DH	4PH	YES	
	OX 34728	STAFF GH	216 B COY	YES	
	OX 34724	SHAPPEY IG	T.O.	YES	
	OX 34765	SMEEHAY AEO	4PH	YES	
	OX 44154	ANDERSEN GT	T.O.	YES	
	OX 34723	LADNER JF	3PH	NO	12 AUST ENR COY AWAITING DISPOSAL (CLASS B)
	OX 45735	EVANS RE	16 PH	YES	
	OX 43161	PARSLON T	3PH	YES	
	OX 34721	EDWARDS N	2 PH	YES	
	OX 44364	PERSHOUSE TR	12 PH	YES	
	OX 34736	BARNETT LA	8 PH	YES	
	OX 44156	BURTON WA	15 PH	YES	
	OX 34728	HOFFMANN WN	18 PH	YES	
	OX 40800	WALTERS EA	10 PH	YES	
	OX 36364	DAVIES G	UNPOSTED	NO	ARD CANUNGRA
	OX 34730	PROCTOR ME	11PH	YES	
ALIEUT	GP 7634	MESLIE RT	Q11	YES	
LIEUT	VX 44334	SHEA PC	3 PH	NO	TNR LEADERS CSE NO 8 1ST INDRSBY
	VX 3436	BAKER C	13PH	YES	
	NP 4906	COOKE AJ	14PH	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	UNIT OR Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT	OX 49926	DE PHEAT W.	29 AUST INF BDE	24-9-42	CHAPLAIN
	OX 33670	WOODBURN JW	RAAFC	19-3-40	RMO
LIEUT	OX 40489	WARMAN D	3 AUST DIV SIG	24-3-43	SIG OFFR

DRAKE FORCE (44 AUST INF BN)

(Unit.)

W. H. Drake Lt Col

(Signature of Commander.)

10 APR 43

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(DRAKEFORCE)
ORDER NO 17
47 AUST INF BN.

Lt/Col H. McK. Tasker (47 Aust Inf Bn) Comd. Drakeforce
by
12 APRIL 43

77 COURT MARTIAL

A FGCM convened by Comd Drakeforce was held in the Field on 22 March 1943 for the trial of QX 33583 Cpl J.A. Neilsen, 47 Aust Inf Bn.

The accused was charged with:-

"When on active service absenting himself without leave from 0630 hours 1 January 1943 to 2100 hours 6 January 1943".

The Court found the accused guilty of the charge.

Sentence: To be reduced to the ranks.

The accused was not in custody awaiting trial. The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 5 April 1943 and promulgated to the accused, in the field on 12 April 1943.

78 WITHDRAWAL OF PAYBOOKS.

Attention is directed to the following. The practice of withdrawing paybooks (AF WF5) from personnel evacuated through medical channels is to cease.

Men who arrive at Hospitals without paybooks cause great inconvenience to Hospital Staff and there is a consequent delay in providing pay for such personnel.

Pay books should be carried by the man at all times and only withdrawn for specific purposes and returned as soon as possible thereafter.

79 DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL EQUIPMENT OF CASUALTIES.

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

Personnel evacuated from units to Fd Amb, etc.

(a) Clothing, necessaries, helmets, respirators will accompany the man to a Fd Amb and during the whole period he is away from his unit.

(b) Web Equipment and arms will be sent with the man to the Fd Amb and withdrawn before passing MDS.

(c) Ammunition on personal issue will be removed from the man's possession before leaving RAP.

(d) Formations of areas will make arrangements to collect arms and equipment from field medical units which evacuate direct to COS or hospital. These will be returned to Ord under formation arrangements".

(e) In all cases in which personnel are evacuated direct to camp or general hospitals, clothing, necessaries and respirators will accompany the man. Arms and web equipment will be retained by unit QM and returned to nearest Ordnance Depot or as directed by ADOS formation concerned.

(f) Personnel returning to units from camp or general hospital will be re-issued with arms and web equipment at 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp.

80 PISTOLS POSSESSION OF

1 Pistols of any type or description shall not be sold, purchased or exchanged.

2 On or after 15 April 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 para 3 hereto.

3 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.

4 All ranks in possession of pistols not issued to them or not provided for under the last para will forthwith surrender the same to the QM or HQ Orderly Room of their unit.

5 All ranks having pistols in their possession are held personally responsible therefor and will immediately report the loss of such pistol.

6 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.

81 LEAVE-EASTER, 1943.

1 Subject to operational requirements and such parades as may be deemed necessary for administrative purposes, Easter Friday (Good Friday) 23 April 1943 will be observed as an additional rest day. Sufficient personnel will be retained for duty on Easter Friday to enable all Headquarters to function.

2 Personnel retained for duty on Easter Friday may be permitted to take Easter Saturday, 24 April 1943, or Easter Monday, 26 April 1943 as a rest day in lieu.

82 CONSERVATION OF RUBBER

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

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

2 When vehicles are used the following six points are to be rigidly enforced:-

- (1) Don't speed, avoid rapid acceleration, harsh braking and fast cornering.
- (2) Check pressures daily with gauge to protect side walls and save tread wear.
- (3) Keep brakes equalised, wheels true, and watch for misalignment.
- (4) Interchange tyres at prescribed intervals to keep wear even.
- (5) Closely inspect tyres daily, remove any stones, and repair minor cuts.
- (6) Report defects immediately.

83 VEHICLES-WASHING OF.

1 When vehicles are driven into a stream for the purpose of washing drivers will ensure that the water level is not higher than the lowest point of the brake drum.

2 If Brake drums become submerged or partially submerged damage to Brake linings very quickly ensues.

84 COURT OF INQUIRY.

By Order of Lt/Col H. McK. Tasker, Commanding Drakeforce a Court of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned Officers will assemble at Force HQ at a time suitable to the President of the Court for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting on the loss of 16, 38 revolvers, 8 Binoculars, 20 Prism. Compasses, 10 Compasses Magnetic by 47 Aust Inf Bn at Field on night of 1/2 March 43.

PRESIDENT.....NX12638 Capt Scott W.P.L. 2/5 Fd Regt.
MEMBER.....QX46999 Lieut Callon. 11 Aust Fd Coy.
MEMBER.....NX54137 Lieut Jones C.M. 2/17 A.A. Bty.

85 CENSORSHIP

Green Envelopes:

The use of ordinary envelopes in lieu of Green Envelopes continues, most troops apparently consider the endorsement "No Green Envelopes available" sufficient to evade unit censorship. This is not the case however and all mail so endorsed is held and returned to unit.

A more recent innovation is the practice of posting letters enclosed in a second envelope direct to the Base Censor.

All mail should be censored within the unit excepting Green envelopes which are subject to censorship only at Base. The scale of issue allows for one Green Envelope every ten days, or three per month, and any other communication with Base Censor is in contravention of AFCI No 22. No envelopes or package can be used as a substitute for Green Envelopes.

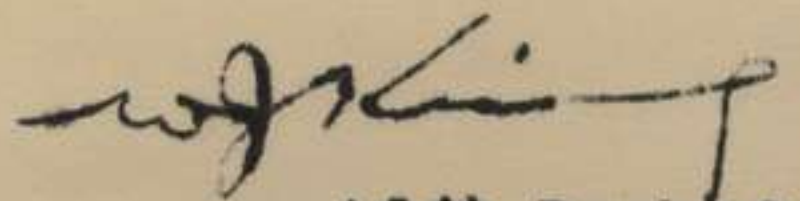
(HQ NGF Intelligence Summary 115)

Use of Codes in Correspondence

Attention is directed to the alarming number of cases which have been detected wherein personnel, particularly in operational areas, have been communicating with their location and unit etc. Many instances have also come under notice wherein civilians are endeavouring to communicate also by code with military personnel in operational areas, asking them to indicate their location by means of a prearranged code. One method which seems to be particularly prevalent is the practice of writing under the stamps.

All cases in which civilians have been concerned have been referred to Security Service for appropriate action. The use of codes in correspondence is strictly forbidden under Field Censorship Regulations. The seriousness of this breach should be impressed on all concerned.

Military personnel who disclose their unit location are jeopardising their own safety as well as the safety of their comrades.

 Capt.
Adjt Drakeforce.

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

Army Form W.3008
(Page 1.)
(Adapted.)

SERIAL No. 38

WE 11/120/1 TROPICAL

34 X 836

ATT 1 X 14

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

DRAKEFORCE

44 AUST INF BN Unit 14 APR 43

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	WE		
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		3
Captains	10		
Lieutenants	20	6	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1 LIEUT		
Totals	34	6	3

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

NOTE 6 SURPLUS LIEUTS INCLUDES 2 REINET OFFERS ON STRENGTH

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	UNIT OR Corps.	Date.	Cause.
CAPT	YATES WH	44 AUST INF BN	15-4-43	FROM SUB UNIT LDRS (SE BEENLEIGH)
CAPT	GODING GA	AAMC	13-4-43	AS R.M.O. 44 AUST INF BN
LIEUT	LAMOND WM	5 AUST DIV SIG	15-4-43	SIG OFFR (DRAKEFORCE)
"	STEWART J	44 AUST INF BN	1-4-43	REINET OFF (DET NGF REC DEP)
"	GROVE LB	"	1-4-43	"

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	UNIT OR Corps.	Date.	Cause.
CAPT	WOODBURN JIV	AAMC	16-4-43	TRANS TO 44 AUST FOAMB
LIEUT	WARMAN D	5 AUST DIV SIG	15-4-43	ATTACHED SIG OFFR (DRAKEFORCE)

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	APPOINTMENT Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
MAJ(TLT(2))	VX 44925	TASHER H MK	CO	YES	
CAPT	OX 35403	BLACK WGR	2IC	YES	
	OX 36383	VATES WA	OC B COY	YES	
	SA 10194	LEACH IA	OC H COY	YES	
LIEUT(T/CAPT)	OX 36383	DK WATERS AW	OC A COY	YES	
	OX 35469	KING WJ	ADJT	YES	
	OX 34432	MUSTON PC	OC B COY	YES	
	VX 112201	PASCHE JC	2IC C COY	NO	COY 7 EXPLOSIVE SA FLYING FOX FORD
	OX 35402	GREHAN RJ	OC C COY	YES	
	NP 4804	WINDSOR G	2IC	YES	
	VX 5145	LEWIS EA	2IC H COY	YES	
LIEUT	OX 34436	STEWART WDP	2IC D COY	YES	
	OX 34425	MUSSELL-HAMPER JR	2IC E COY	YES	
	OX 35466	LONGLY HWR	14 PL	YES	
	OX 34434	TURNACK WGE	SIG OFFR	YES	
	OX 44154	GRAFFITH DH	14 PL	YES	
	OX 33449	STAFF CH	14 PL	YES	
	OX 34434	SHARPLEY IS	10	YES	
	OX 33465	MUMFORD REC	6 PL	YES	
	OX 44154	ANDERSEN CI	10	YES	
	OX 34423	LADNER JF	14 PL	NO	DET 32 AUST EMP COY AWAITING DISPOSAL (CLASS B)
	VX 45125	EVANS AC	16 PL	YES	
	OX 43161	PARSONS T	7 PL	YES	
	OX 34431	EDWARDS N	9 PL	YES	
	OX 43264	PARSONS TR	10 PL	YES	
	OX 34436	BARNETT WA	9 PL	YES	
	OX 44156	BURTON WA	15 PL	YES	
	OX 34428	HOFFMANN WN	18 PL	YES	
	OX 40900	WALTERS EA	12 PL	YES	
	OX 36364	DAVIES GF	UNPOSTED	NO	TRD CAMPORA
	OX 34430	PARSONS ME	11 PL	YES	
ALIEUT	NP 2634	WESLIE RJ	Q III	YES	
LIEUT	VX 11334	SHEA PC	3 PL	NO	INR LEADERS (SE NO 9 PORT MORESBY
	VX 34436	BAKER C	13 PL	YES	
	NP 4006	COOKE HJ	4 PL	YES	
	OX 44135	STEWART J	REINFT OFF	NO	NG F REC DEPOT
	NGX 115	GROVE UB		NO	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	UNIT OR Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT	OX 48926	M PHEAT W	20 AUST INF BDE	24-9-43	CHAPLAIN
CAPT	VX 104320	GODING GA	ARMY	13-4-43	PMO
LIEUT	RA 14881	LAMOND WM	5 AUST DIV	15-4-43	SIG DEPT (DRAFFORCE)

DRAKE FORCE (BY AUST INF BN)

(Signature of Commander.)

14- APR 43
SERIAL NO 38
(Date of Despatch.)

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

Serial No. 38

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

W.E. Reference A.I.F. ORANGE FORCE
A.M.F. 11/20/11 TROPICAL 44 FAUST INF BN (Unit) 14 APR 19 43 (Date).

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

W.E. 34 X 836 Attached Allowed by W.E. 1 X 14

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1		2	3	4
Detail and	W.E.	Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	1		
W.Os. Class II.	4	4		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants				
Staff Serjeants	5	4	2	
Serjeants	36	36		
Corporals	44	49	2	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	410	682		28
TOTALS	836	812	4	28

* 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.

Personnel Attached Against W.E.

Other Attachments Not Allowed by W.E.

Detail and	W.E.	Unit or Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit or Corps to which they belong.
1 SGT 1 CPL		AAPC	5 FAUST DIV.	1. SEC SIGS
1 SGT		AAPS	SIGS	1 CPL 3 ORS
2 SGTs 2 PTES		AAMC	CYPHER	= 1 SGT 2 CPLs
2 CPLs 4 PTES		AENIE	HQ. NG AMENITIES	= 1 PTE
1 CPL		AAOC		
TOTAL	14			TOTAL = 8.

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

DRAKE FORCE
44 AUST INF BN

Unit.

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
				B/F		2	6	B/F		10	6
Ammunition Examiners				Fitters, Railway Signal				Riggers			
Armament Artificers				Fitters, Signal				Rivetters			
Armourers				Grinders				Saddlers			
Artificers, Artillery				Gun Layers				Saddle Tree Makers			
Axemen				G.P.O. Assistants				Saw Doctors			
Bakers				Gun Operators				Sawyers			
Battery Surveyors				Hammermen				Shoemakers			
Battery Comdrs. Asst.				Height Takers				Signallers			
Blacksmiths				Helio Operators				Signwriters			
Boilermakers				Instrument Mechanics				Stokers, Stationery Engine			
Bricklayers				Instrument Mechanics, Surgical				Storemen, Technical			
Butchers		1		Instrument Operators				Surveyors			
Camouflage Modeller				Intelligence Duties				Surveyors, Engineering			
Carpenter and Joiner				Joiners				Tailors			
Clerks				Leather Stitchers				Telescope Identification Numbers			
Clerks, Engineering				Linesmen				Textile Refitters			
Clerks, Supply				Linesmen, Signals				Tinsmiths			
Clerks, Technical				Lithographers				Toolmakers			
Coachmakers				Machinists				Turners			
Computers				Masons				Vulcanizers			
Concretors				Masseurs				Wagon Erectors			
Cooks				Mechanics, Dental				Watchmakers			
Cooks, Hospital				Mechanics, M.T.				Watermen			
Coppersmiths				Mechanics, Typewriter				Welders			
Dental Clerk Orderlies				Mechanics, Wireless				Well Borers			
Despatch Riders				Millwrights				Wheelers			
Dispensers				Miners				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen				Moulders				Wiremen			
Draughtsmen, Architectural				Nursing Orderlies				Woodturners			
Draughtsmen, Mechanical				Nursing Orderlies (Mental)				(b)			
Draughtsmen, Signal				Nurses, Trained				PRINTER			
Draughtsmen, Topographical				Observation Post Assistants				LYNCHTYPE OP			
Driver Mechanics			6	Operating Room Assistants				SLAUGHTERMAN			
Driver Operators				Operators, Signal				(c) Non-Specialists			
Drivers, Transportation Plant				Opticians				REINFTS. REQ			
Electrical Fitters				Painters		8					
Electricians				Panel Beaters							
Electricians, Eng. Units				Pattern Makers							
Electricians, Signal				Pharmacists							
Engine Artificers				Photographers, dry plate							
Engine Hands I/C				Photographers, wet plate							
Equipment Repairers				Photo-Writers							
Farriers				Plate Layers							
Fire Control Operators				Plumbers							
Fitters				Predictor Numbers							
Fitters and Turners				Printers							
Fitters, Cycle				Radiator Mechanics							
Fitters, Drivers				Radiographers							
Fitter's Mates				Range Takers							
Fitters, M.V.											
C/F		2	6	C/F		10	6				
									TOTAL	13	34
									Totals to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.		
									Deficiency in ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.		

Notes--(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Non-Specialists required to be shown in their respective trades or duties in accordance with W.E.

DRAKE FORCE (44 AUST INF BN)
Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 14-APR-43

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

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47 BATTALION

WEEKLY MEDICAL REPORT

Submitted in accordance with 5 Agst. Div. Med. Adm. Instn. No.1 for period ending 2359 hours, Sunday... 18. Apr. 48.

- (1) LOCATION... *Good Enough Island*
- (2) STRENGTH... *Officers 31 ORs 702 + 5 Officers 24 ORs attached*
- (3) REINFS RECD. DURING WEEK... *Nil*
- (4) ATTACHED UNITS FOR MEDICAL SERVICE... *2/17 Lt AA. 10 Officers 58 ORs
11 Fld Coy Engineers 1 Officer 50 ORs; 2/5 Fld. Regt.
2 Officers 58 ORs*
- (5) TOTAL NEW SICK... *20*
- (6) TOTAL EVACUATED FROM R.A.P... *17*
- (7) TOTAL NO DUTY PERSONNEL... *5*
- (8) TOTAL LIGHT DUTY PERSONNEL... *28*
- (9) AV. DAILY SICK RATE $\left(\frac{(5)}{(3)} \times \frac{100}{7} \right)$... *1.7*
- (10) DETAILS OF NEW SICK:

Detail	HQ					Tot	Detail	HQ					Tot		
	A	B	C	D	E			A	B	C	D	E			
Wounded							Veneral Disease								
Accid. Wounded							Scabies								
Malaria (Prim)	1			1		3	Tinea	2	4	3	9	4	1	23	
Malaria (Rec)				1		1	Foot Ailments								
Clinical Dysentery		1				1	Dengue								
Non-spec diarrhoea				1		1	Urti					1		1	
Morbilli							Influenza								
Rubella															
Rarotitis (E.P.)															
Tiphtheria							Other ailments	6	7	18	11	4	6	8	60

- (11) DETAILS OF INOCULATIONS ETC REQUIRE (specify).....
- (12) GENERAL COMMENT, DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED, RECOMMENDATIONS ETC
Over Page.

(Sgd) *G. G. G. G.*

Report + Recommendations

Incidence of Typhoid still high but improving. Several control measures recommended (more thorough inspection, early treatment etc)

Hygiene Generally good except for cookhouses which were dirty and contained numerous flies.

Rations. Adequate. Numerous cases of beriberi, but care is being taken in detecting these. Vitamin shortage e.g. Blue Peas in short supply.

Cooking Good. Insufficient use of stocks for soup.

Malaria control Good. Greater protection needed for troops on patrol.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS
PART 1

SERIAL NO 1
ORDER NO 6
(DRAKEFORCE)
ORDER NO 18
47 AUST INF BN.
20 April 43

BY
Lt/Col H. McK. Tasker, 47 Aust Inf Bn Comd. Drakeforce.

86 MOVEMENT OF LAUNCHES

To BELI BELI, MUD BAY, KELLIA AND TALEBA.

Depart 0830 hrs each Monday.

Return each Tuesday.

To WATALUMA, MWANANOLA.

Depart 0830 hrs each Thursday

Return same day.

T.O. to be advised of movement of personnel and stores at least 12 hrs before departure of launches. Only in exceptional circumstances will the above time table be altered or increased.

87. TRANSPORT

(a) No more than five persons including driver will ride in Jeeps.

(b) Two persons only to ride in front seat of any vehicle.

(c) Motor bikes will not be ridden through streams but will be pushed through by the rider.

88. INCINERATION OF GARBAGE

Petrol will not be used to aid in the incineration of garbage. This practice is not only wasteful but is dangerous and has been responsible for casualties.

89. INFORMATION REGARDING LOCATION OF GRAVES .

Letters sent to next of kin should not disclose the location of particular units by referring specifically to the place of burial of deceased members.

Letters of condolence will refer only to the actual burial service and contain no information regarding the location of the graves.

90. PISTOLS, POSSESSION AND LOSS OF.

(1) The following is republished from NEW GUINEA FORCE Orders:

(1) Pistols of any type or description shall not be sold purchased or exchanged.

(11) On or after 15 April 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 Para 3 hereof.

(111) Permission may be granted by a Formation Comd. to any member to have in his possession ~~or~~ pistol other than one issued to him; such permission to be in writing and signed personally by Formation Commander.

(1V) All ranks having pistols in their possession not issued to them or not provided for under the last Para will forth with surrender the same to the QM or HQ Orderly Room of their Unit.

(V) All ranks having pistols in their possession are held personally responsible therefor and will immediately report the loss of such pistol.

(VI) 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.

(VII) NEW GUINEA FORCE ORDER 55/42 is cancelled.

(2) When a member is charged with losing by neglect any equipment on issue to him, the onus lies upon him of proving that he has taken all reasonable precautions.

(3) All ranks will exercise the highest possible standard of care both when the pistol is carried on the person, which should be done when possible and at all other times. Members should make all arrangements for the proper safe custody and/or guarding of pistols when not in use.

91 MALARIA CONTROL

(a) Dress Discipline.

It is noticed that ~~XXXXXX~~ trouser legs are being rolled up by personnel.

This and other evasions of dress discipline are viewed most seriously and strict disciplinary action will be taken in the event of any further attempt to circumvent dress discipline orders.

It is appreciated that dress discipline is irksome but troops should understand that the restrictions are imposed in their own interests and must be carried out in the spirit as well as in the letter.

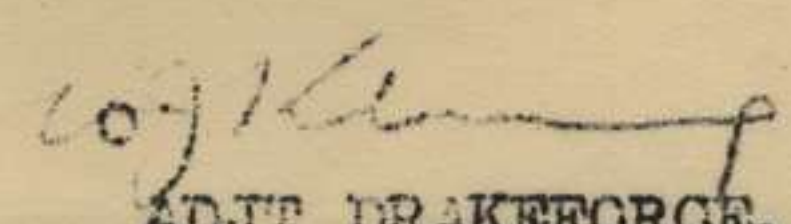
(b) From dusk to sunrise shall mean from 1800 hrs on one day until 0600 hrs on the next succeeding day.

92 CONSERVATION OF RUBBER

Attention of all drivers will be drawn to the necessity of removing any stones lodged between tyres of vehicles fitted with twin rear wheels.

93 RATIONS, STORAGE OF.

Many instances have been noted where canned rations on delivery to unit lines are allowed to remain in the open sun for some hours before being stored under cover. This practice must cease forthwith.


ADJT DRAKEFORCE.

Capt.

NOTICES

BARCOO BY-ELECTION.

Attention is directed to the provision of Q'ld law whereby electors absent from the State are entitled to complete in Form W the appointment of a person to sign on their behalf a claim for enrolment at the due time.

Personnel whose home address is in the Barcoo Electorate and who desire to exercise this right in the forthcoming By-Election should communicate with Electoral Register Barcoo Electorate, for Form W.

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

Army Form W.3008
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(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

SERIAL No 39
WE 11/12C/1 TROPICAL
34 x 836
ATT 1 x 14

DRAKEFORCE

47th INF. BN (Unit) 24 APR. 43.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	WE		
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels	1	1	
Majors	3		3
Captains	10	10	
Lieutenants	20	25	6
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters		1 A/LIANT	
Totals	34	37	3

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

NOTE 6. SURPLUS LIANTS INCLUDES 2 REINFT OFFRS ON STRENGTH

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	UNIT. DR.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
PILOT	STEWART	J	47th INF. BN	17.4.43	FROM NGF REC DEPOT
LIANT	STEWART	J	47 th INF. BN	17.4.43	FROM NGF REC DEPOT
LIANT	GROVE	L.B.	"	17.4.43	"

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIANT	EVANS	47 th INF. BN	17.4.43	NO 9 INDRS CSE PORT. MORES BY

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Appointment. Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
MAJ (T/CAPT)	VX44925	TASKER H. MCK	C.O.	YES	
CAPT.	QX35403	MACK W.G.A	2.I.C	YES	
"	QX36383	YATES W.H.	O.C. 3 COY	YES	
"	SA10194	LEACH I.A	O.C. HQ COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX36382	MCWATERS A.W	O.C. A COY	YES	
"	QX35769	KING W.J	ADJUT	YES	
"	QX34722	MUSTON P.G	O.C. B COY	YES	
"	VX112201	PASCHE J.C	2.I.C. C. COY	NO	BOOBY & EXPLOSIVE SH. FLYING FOR FORD
"	QX35402	GREHAN B.J	O.C. C COY	YES	
"	NP9897	WINDSOR G	4 PL	YES	
"	VX5145	LEWIS E.A	2.I.C. A COY	YES	
LIEUT	QX34726	STEWART W.D.P	2.I.C. 2 COY	YES	
"	QX34725	RUSSELL-HARPER J.R.	2.I.C. B COY	YES	
"	QX35766	LOVELY H.W.P	17 PL	YES	
"	QX34737	TURNER W.G.E	SIG OFFER	YES	
"	QX44158	GRIFFITH D.H	4 PL	YES	
"	QX33728	STAFF C.H	12 PL	YES	
"	QX34727	SHARPLEY I.G	1.0	YES	
"	QX33766	MULLALLY A.E.C	6 PL	YES	
"	QX44157	ANDERSON C.I	T.O	YES	
"	QX34723	LADNER J.F	14 PL	NO	DET. 32. AUST. ENGR. COY
"	QX45125	EYANS A.C	16 PL	AWAITING	DISPOSAL (CLASS B)
"	QX43161	PARSHOW T.	5 PL	YES	NO. 9. JNR. LDRS. CSE
"	QX34731	EDWARDS N	9 PL	YES	PORT MORESBY
"	QX42364	PERSHOUSE T.R.	19 PL	YES	
"	QX34736	BARNETT L.A	8 PL	YES	
"	QX44156	BURTON W.A	13 PL	YES	
"	QX34728	HOFFMANN W.N	18 PL	YES	
"	QX40800	WALTERS E.A	10 PL	YES	
"	QX36364	DAVIES G.F	UNPOSTED	NO	ARD. CANUNGRA
"	QX34730	PROCTOR M.E	11 PL	YES	
A/LIEUT.	QP8634	LESLIE R.J	9 M	YES	
LIEUT.	VX11334	SHEA P.C	3 PL	NO	JNR LDRS CSE NO. 8
"	VX3436	BAKER C	10 PL	YES	PORT MORESBY
"	NP4906	COOKE H.J	2 PL	YES	
"	QX21935	STEWART J	REINFT. OFF	YES	
"	NGX175	GROVE L.B	"	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	UNIT. OR. Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
QX48926	CAPT	MCPHEAT W	29 AUST INF BDE	24.9.42	CHAPLAIN
CAPT	VX1043RD	GODING GA	A.A.M.C	B.4.43	K.M.O
LIEUT	QX17881	LAMOND W.M	5 AUST DIV SIGS	15.4.43	SIG OFFER (DRAKE FORCE)

DRAKE FORCE (47 AUST INF BN)
(Unit.)

CAPT
(Signature of Commander)

24 APR 43
(Date of Despatch.)

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

SERIAL NO 39.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

Serial No.

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W.E. Rate (Date) (Unit) (Date)

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarters units)

Part A Strength Surplus or Reinforcements required

Detail and	W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficit on establishment)
W.O. Class I.	1			
W.O. Class II.	1			
Summary of A.I.F. on Posted Strength				
Private	240			
Corporal	48			
Sergeant	20			
S/Sgt	8			
WO2	1			
TOTAL	320			

WO2. 1
 WO2's 7
 S/Sgts 8
 Sgts 20
 Cpts 48
 Ptes 240
TOTAL 320

These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3000.

Part B Other Ranks attached from other Corps

Summary SURPLUS TRADESMEN

Detail and	W.E.	Unit or Corps to which they belong	Unit or Corps to which they belong
8 PAINTERS MADE UP OF 2 CPT, 6 PTES			
1 CPT			
1 CPT			
2 Sgts			
2 Cpls			
1 Cpl			
TOTAL IN			

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

Army No.	Rank	Name and initials	Unit or Corps	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known)

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Serial No. 39

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

W.E. Reference A.I.F. DRAKE FORCE
A.M.F. 41201 TROPICAL 47 AUSTRALIAN INF BN (Unit) 17 APR. 19 43 (Date).

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

W.E. 34 836 Attached Allowed by W.E. 1 X 14

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail and W.E.	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.	7	1	
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	5	1	
Serjeants	36		
Corporals	77		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	710		27
TOTALS	836	3	27

* 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.

Personnel Attached Against W.E.

Other Attachments Not Allowed by W.E.

Detail and W.E.	Unit or Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit or Corps to which they belong.
1 SGT 1 CPT	AAPG	5. AUSTRALIAN DIV	L. SEC SIGS.
1 SGT	AAPS	SIGS	1 CPT 3 ORS
2 SGTs 2 Ptes	AANC	CYMER	1 SGT 2 CPTS
2 CPTS 4 Ptes	AEME	HQ NG AMENITIES	1 PTE
1 CPT	AADC		
TOTAL	14	TOTAL	8

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

DRAKE FORCE 47 AUST INF BN Unit.

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners				B/F		2	-	B/F		10	
Armament Artificers				Fitters, Railway Signal				Riggers			
Armourers				Fitters, Signal				Riveters			
Artificers, Artillery				Grinders				Saddlers			
Axemen				Gun Layers				Saddle Tree Makers			
Bakers				G.P.O. Assistants				Saw Doctors			
Battery Surveyors				Gun Operators				Sawyers			
Battery Comdrs. Asst.				Hammermen				Shoemakers			
Blacksmiths				Height Takers				Signallers			
Boilermakers				Helio Operators				Signwriters			
Bricklayers				Instrument Mechanics				Stokers, Stationery Engine			
Butchers		1		Instrument Mechanics, Surgical				Storemen, Technical			
Camouflage Modeller				Instrument Operators				Surveyors			
Carpenter and Joiner				Intelligence Duties				Surveyors, Engineering			
Clerks				Joiners				Tailors			
Clerks, Engineering				Leather Stitchers				Telescope Identification Numbers			
Clerks, Supply				Linesmen				Textile Refitters			
Clerks, Technical				Linesmen, Signals				Tinsmiths			
Coachmakers				Lithographers				Toolmakers			
Computers				Machinists				Turners			
Concretors				Masons				Vulcanizers			
Cooks				Masseurs				Wagon Erectors			
Cooks, Hospital				Mechanics, Dental				Watchmakers			
Coppersmiths				Mechanics, M.T.				Watermen			
Dental Clerk Orderlies				Mechanics, Typewriter				Welders			
Despatch Riders				Mechanics, Wireless				Well Borers			
Dispensers				Millwrights				Wheelers			
Draughtsmen				Miners				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen, Architectural				Moulders				Wiremen			
Draughtsmen, Mechanical				Nursing Orderlies				Woodturners			
Draughtsmen, Signal				Nursing Orderlies (Mental)				(b)			
Draughtsmen, Topographical				Nurses, Trained				PRINTER		1	
Driver Mechanics				Observation Post Assistants				LYNXTYPE OP		1	
Driver Operators				Operating Room Assistants				SLAUGHTERMAN		1	
Drivers, Transportation Plant				Operators, Signal				(c) Non-Specialists			
Electrical Fitters				Opticians				REINFT. REQ			37
Electricians				Painters		8					
Electricians, Eng. Units				Panel Beaters							
Electricians, Signal				Pattern Makers							
Engine Artificers				Pharmacists							
Engine Hands I/C				Photographers, dry plate							
Equipment Repairers				Photographers, wet plate							
Farriers				Photo-Writers							
Fire Control Operators				Plate Layers							
Fitters				Plumbers							
Fitters and Turners				Predictor Numbers							
Fitters, Cycle				Printers							
Fitters, Drivers				Radiator Mechanics							
Fitter's Mates				Radiographers							
Fitters, M.V.				Range Takers							
C/P		2	-	C/F		10	-	Totals to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.		10	37
										Deficiency in ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.	

Notes-- (a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
 (b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.
 (c) Non-Specialists required to be shown in their respective trades or duties in accordance with W.E.

47 AUST INF BN (DRAKE FORCE) Unit.

Meach
 Signature of Commander
 Adm Comd.

Date of Despatch *24. 4. 43*

5. AUST DIV
 Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

SERIAL No 39.

H Q DRAKEFORCE.
21 Apr 45.

1. **INFORMATION.** An unknown number of Japanese are suspected of having landed on IS GUMASI.
2. **INTENTION.** A Pl. will search IS and will capture all prisoners. None are to escape.
3. **METHOD.** (1) Troops taking part.
 - (a) 11 Pl B Coy limited to 30 personnel. (Comd Lt Proctor)
 - (b) Lieut Perahouse advisory capacity.
 - (c) One member 'I' Sec.
 - (d) One medical orderly.
 - (e) Two Sigs from 47 Aust Inf Bn. Sigs operational duty only.
 - (f) One native guide and one native interpreter.
 (2) **TIME.** Patrol on two hours notice as from 1200 hrs 22 Apr 45.
To land on IS not later than 1500 hrs D1.
Remain on IS at night. It is expected to be a 24 hr patrol D2.

NOTE. Detailed explanation required should killing of enemy be necessary.
4. **START TIME.** To be notified later.
5. **START LINE.** BELLI BELLI anchorage ships side.
6. **TRANSPORT.** Launch A S 7.
7. **RETURN.** (1) R V and time of departure by mutual arrangement Comd A S 7.
(2) Patrol will return to VIVIGANI by 2200 hrs D5.
8. **ADMIN.** (1) 50 rounds .303 per man, 50 rounds per rifle. Reserve.
(2) 1000 rounds per Bren and box reserve.
(3) 200 rounds per Owen or Austen S M G 2000 rounds reserve.
(4) 20 rounds per Boys rifle, 50 rounds reserve.
(5) 2 boxes 2 in mortar.
(6) 2 grenades per man.

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9. RATIONS.

- (1) 2 Bivouac Rations.
- (2) 2 Operational Rations.
- (3) 1 Emergency Ration (dehydrated).
- (4) 40 gals reserve water will be carried. Water bottles will be filled. Every opportunity taken to refill.
- (5) Sterilizing and detasting tablets in bulk in addition to individual issue. To be used at all times.
- (6) Atebrine, Salt tablets and head nets will be taken.

10. MEDICAL.

R M O will ensure that medical orderly is fully equipped. Anti malarial precautions will NOT be relaxed.

11. INFER COMM.

By one 101 set supplied and manned by Sigs of C Tp 2/10 Bty. 2/5 Fd Regt. To remain at C Tp H Q. One set on launch prior to S T. One set 101 2 Sigs 47 Aust Inf Bn. Reports hourly as from 0800 hrs to 1800 hrs daily. R T Code No 5 Appendix to be used. Sigs to be on call as from 1800 hrs 22 Apr 43.

ACK.

Signed at.

Issued by.

W. Drakeford
 Capt
 Adm Comd DRAKEFORDE.

DISTRIBUTION.

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- 1. Lieut Proctor.
- 2. Lieut Pershouse.
- 3. O C B Coy.
- 4. R M O
- 5. T O
- 6. I O
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- 8. C O
- 9. File
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War Diary

47 BATTALION

WEEKLY MEDICAL REPORT

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Submitted in accordance with 5 Aust. Div. Med. Adm. Instrn. No.1 for period ending 2359 hours, Sunday.

- (1) LOCATION.....
- (2) STRENGTH.....
- (3) REINFS RCD, DURING WEEK.....
- (4) ATTACHED UNITS FOR MEDICAL SERVICE.....
- (5) TOTAL NEW SICK..... **98**
- (6) TOTAL EVACUATED FROM R.A.P. **12**
- (7) TOTAL NO DUTY PERSONNEL..... **16**
- (8) TOTAL LIGHT DUTY PERSONNEL..... **23**
- (9) AV. DAILY SICK RATE $\left(\frac{(5)}{(2)} \times 100 \right)$ **7**
- (10) DETAILS OF NEW SICK:

Detail	HQ	A	B	C	D	E	Tot	Detail	HQ	A	B	C	D	E	Tot
Wounded								Venereal Disease							
Accid. Wounded								Scabies							
Malaria (Prim)								Tinea	5	1	2	2		5	10
Malaria (Rec)								Foot Ailments							
Clinical Dysentery								Dengue							
Non-spec diarrhoea	1		3	1			6	Urti	1		7	3			11
Morbilli								Influenza							
Rubella															
Rarotitis(E.P.)															
Diphtheria								Other ailments	22	5	17	6		9	66.5

- (11) DETAILS OF INOCULATIONS ETC REQUIRED(specify).....
- (12) GENERAL COMMENT, DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED, RECOMMENDATIONS ETC

General Health: Good. Tinea improving slightly. Malaria:

(Sgd) *G. Goding Capt* *figures*

figures very satisfactory, largely due to lack of mosquitoes.

Small outbreak of U.R.T.I. at B Coy., 5 out of 6 in one tent.

Hygiene: Improving. Still too many flies in cookhouses and bins not being crushed after burning.

Rations: Good, though numerous blown tins. Moderate amount fresh fruit.

Cooking: good.

Medical supplies: Still long delay in obtaining supplies from Fall River. Inadequate supply of tinea powder: only 26 oz. in 2 weeks and at least 60 oz. weekly needed.

G. S. Goding

R.M.O. 478

47 Aust. Inf. Bn. OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 8

Ref. MAP

INFORMATION

1. Enemy In the event of an enemy attack on GOODENOUGH IS. the following threats are to be anticipated :-
- (a) Agents, recon or sabotage parties landed from submarines
 - (b) Commandos and raiding parties of varying strength landed from fast motor craft
 - (c) A force of all arms having the object of seizing and holding tactical features
 - (d) Air-borne tps landing on aerodrome or other suitable areas
 - (e) Any combination of the above.
2. Own Tps
- (a) DRAKEFORCE is disposed to defend air base at VIVIGANA.
 - (b) One Coy is occupying a defensive posn covering BOLU BOLU to prevent enemy approach from the SOUTH
 - (c) One Pl is defending RADAR station at MWANAOIA
 - (d) One Pl will continue HACKNEY Scheme
 - (e) 5 M.W.S. (R.A.A.F.) is preparing and maintaining a Coy defensive area on WEST side of air base
 - (f) 6 Docks Op. Coy is preparing and maintaining a Coy defensive area at VIVIGANA ANCHORAGE.

INTENTION

3. 47 Aust Inf Bn will maintain a mobile column of one Coy group to counter any of the methods of attack as in para 1.

METHOD

4. Tps taking part :-
- (i) C Coy (Comd Capt. B. Grehan), with under comd
4 Dets Mortar, Mobile
One Pl M.M.G's., Mobile
 - (ii) Supporting arms : C Tp., 2/5 Fd Regt.
5. Transport
- (a) The column will be transported in vehicles of DRAKEFORCE. These vehicles will be specifically detailed and drivers trained in their special duties
 - (b) Mortars and M.M.G's. will be mounted on Carriers which will harbour in separate areas but adjacent to C Coy's defensive area, but will NOT come under comd C Coy unless an emergency arises as set out in para 1 above.
6. O.P.'s will be maintained as follows :-
- | | | | |
|-----|--------------------|----|----------|
| (a) | MATAPULLA | .. | A Coy |
| (b) | VIVIGANA ANCHORAGE | .. | Duty Coy |
| (c) | WAI WAI | .. | B Coy |
| (d) | COCONUT PT. | .. | A Coy |
| (e) | KILIA | .. | A Coy |
| (f) | TALEBA | .. | A Coy |

Note :- A Coast watching station is posted near CAPE VARIERA, under comd Sigs, N.G.F.

7. Action on receipt of warning

On receipt of warning of imminent enemy attack on this Island the following action will be taken :

- (a) T.O. will immediately send tpt to a previously arranged site near C Coy area.
- (b) Mobile column will stand-to, prepared to move on immediate notice.
- (c) Duty Offr will inform all O.P.'s.
- (d) C.O. 47 Aust Inf Bn will issue any orders as may be considered necessary to despatch the column, but in the absence of the C.O. or his representative Comd Mobile Column will act on his own responsibility.
- (e) A Coy (less one Pl) will stand-to ready to occupy defensive posn when vacated by C Coy.

8. Supporting wps sited in C Coy area will remain and will come under comd A Coy on occupation by that Coy.

ADM

- 9. Weapons Full W.E. scale will be carried
- 10. Ann.
- 11. P.C.L. Sufficient for 100 miles will be provided by T.O.
- 12. Supplies Two days operation ration will be held by C.Q.M.S. and loaded onto trucks at stand-to. Rations will include drivers and additional personnel mentioned in paras 4, 14 and 15.
- 13. Dress Battle Order - Respirators to be carried in trucks.
- 14. Medical
 - (a) R.M.F. will remain present location.
 - (b) Two additional Stretcher Bearers will be provided by R.M.O.

INTER COMN

- 15.
 - (a) L/T - by toe-ing in on existing lines.
 - (b) One M/O D.R. to be supplied by No. 1 Pl.
- 16. Reports This H.Q. is to be informed of progress and results of all action against enemy tps, every endeavour being made to get information back as frequently and speedily as possible.
- 17. Bn. H.Q. Will remain present location unless otherwise notified.

ACK

Signed at _____ hrs
Issued by _____

Cooke *Lieut*
Capt.
Adjt. 47 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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Capt. Grehan	Copy No. 1	R.S.M.	Copy No. 10	11 Aust Fd Coy	Copy No. 19
H.Q. Coy	" " 2	R.M.O.	" " 11	2/17 Lt. A.A.	" " 20
No. 1 Pl.	" " 3	Comd.	" " 12	4 Fd. Amb.	" " 21
" 3 Pl.	" " 4	2 I/O	" " 13	C.O.S.C.	" " 22
" 4 Pl.	" " 5	Adjt.	" " 14	5 Aust. Div.	" " 23
O.C. MG's	" " 6	A Coy	" " 15	5 M.W.S.	" " 24
T.O.	" " 7	B Coy	" " 16	43 A.O.B.	" " 25
I.C.	" " 8	D Coy	" " 17	War Diary	" " 26
Q.M.	" " 9	C Tp 2/5 Fd Regt	" " 18	" "	" " 27
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2 WAR DIARY

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.
ROUTINE ORDERS
PART 1

SERIAL NO 1
ORDER NO 7
(DRAKEFORCE)
ORDER NO 19
47 AUST INF BN.
28 April 43

by ^{nom} Capt. I. A. Leach, 47 Aust Inf Bn, Comd. Drakeforce.

93. PISTOLS, POSSESSION AND LOSS OF.

(1) The following is republished from NEW GUINEA FORCE Orders;

- (1) Pistols of any type or description shall not be sold purchased or exchanged.
- (11) On or after 15 April 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 Para 3 hereof.
- (111) 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 and signed personally by Formation Commander.
- (IV) All ranks having pistols in their possession not issued to them or not provided for under the last Para will forthwith surrender the same to the QM, or HQ Orderly Room of their Unit.
- (V) All ranks having pistols in their possession are held personally responsible therefor and will immediately report the loss of such pistol.
- (VI) 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.
- (VI1) NEW GUINEA FORCE ORDER 55/42 is cancelled.

94. LOADING OF MT VEHs.

- 1 A number of heavy filled amm boxes have been found recent-ly lying on roadways.
- 2. This would indicate that insufficient care had been exercised in the loading of the vehicles or alternatively that the vehs. had been driven with tail-boards down.
- 3. Either case is a breach of Standing Orders for the operation and maintenance of mechanical Vehs.
- 4. Disciplinary action will be taken against future offenders.

95. UNIT EQUIPMENT.

Watches, Binoculars, Compasses and Pistols are Unit equipment and Not a personal issue. In the event of transfer from Unit by holder, such equipment will be returned to store.

96. COURT OF INQUIRY

By order of Capt. I. A. Leach, Adm. Comd. Drakeforce a Court of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned Officers will assemble at Force HQ. at a time suitable to the President of the Court for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting on the loss of 1 Binoculars by QX44156 Lieut. W. A. Burton, at ~~Field~~ on Jan. or Feb. 43.

~~PRESIDENT~~.....NX12638 Capt. W. P. Scott. 2/5 Fd. Regt.
~~MEMBER~~.....QX46999 Lieut. Gallon. 11 Aust Fd. Coy.

97. COURT OF INQUIRY.

By order of Capt. I. A. Leach, Adm. Comd. Drakeforce, a Court of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned Officers will assemble at Force HQ. at a time suitable to the President of the Court for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting on the loss of 1 Pistol No 852474 by Q25500 Pte De Serio. C. at Field on 13 March 43.

PRESIDENT.....NX12638 Capt W. P. Scott 2/5 Fd Regt.
MEMBER.....QX46999 Lieut Callon 11 Aust Fd Coy.

Brooke LIEUT.
Asst. Adjt. 47 Aust Inf Bn.
(Drakeforce).