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	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	VX104468	Sergeant MALONE Thomas	<u>NEW GUINEA THEATRE</u> SAIDOR - RAMU - MARKHAM VALLEY area - FOR VALUABLE SERVICES ON THE STAFF DURING OPERATIONS AGAINST THE ENEMY IN THE FISISTERRE RANGES, MARKHAM AND RAMU VALLEYS FROM MAY 1943 TO JUNE 1944. In the SAIDOR area from May to June 1944 Sergeant MALONE was Battalion Orderly Room Sergeant. During that period besides manning outpost positions in the SAIDOR area, unit patrols operated in the FINISTERRE RANGES to YOGA YOGA and MEBU, clearing pockets of Japanese resistance. In addition the Battalion was called on to handle all movements of Australian personnel to and from SAIDOR by both sea and air. Due to Sergeant MALONE's efforts, involving continuous duty for long hours without a break, the unit was able to deal satisfactorily with all administrative duties for both operations and movements. In the MARKHAM and RAMU VALLEYS from May 1943 to April 1944 Sergeant MALONE displayed commendable initiative in organising unit administration under very adverse conditions. From May to September 1943 as WAMPIT FORCE the Battalion operated over an area of 600 square miles with companies extended from SALAMAUA to the MARKHAM RIVER. As Orderly Room Sergeant, Sergeant MALONE organised a system of administration which enabled the widely dispersed force to act speedily and efficiently. During the BOANA - SANAM VALLEY operations from October to November 1943 Sergeant MALONE was again called on to deal with administrative details of a line which extended over a Line of Communication of more than 50 miles. Later in the RAMU VALLEY from January to April 1944 he showed further great devotion to duty in his handling of administrative details whilst the unit was in action at CAMERON'S KNOLL in the FINNESTERRES. During the whole of the period Sergeant MALONE has by his keenness, diligence and application, maintained an exceptionally high standard of administrative ability. His cheerfulness under adverse conditions and his willingness to work long hours daily without a break was a splendid example to all and constituted a valuable service to the unit during the whole of it. (over)	Lt-Col Bn (AIF) Comd 24 Aust Inf Bn	"Per"	
	Decorations	NIL					
	N O K Mrs Margaret Mother 6 Bancool Ave, KEW VIC		Maud MALONE				
	D O B	6 May 1907					
	Enlisted AIF CMF	23 Jul 42 5 Aug 41					

operations in NEW GUINEA

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	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	VX104151	Lieutenant BUNSELL Aylmer William Campbell	<p><u>NEW GUINEA THEATRE</u> FOR VALUABLE SERVICES ON THE STAFF IN ACTIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST THE ENEMY.</p> <p>From May 1943 to July 1944, Lieutenant BUNSELL has rendered valuable service as Intelligence Officer and as Adjutant of the 24 Aust Inf Bn.</p> <p>From 20 April 1944 until 24 June 1944, Lieutenant BUNSELL as Adjutant showed administrative ability of a high order in moving his battalion by air from the RAMU VALLEY to SAIDOR.</p> <p>Through tact, courtesy and devotion to duty in the SAIDOR area, he established very cordial relations with the American Fighter Groups, Bomb Wings and US Patrol Torpedo Boat Squadrons there stationed. This paved the way for the utmost liaison with the US Forces and culminated in the evacuation by air of 29 Indians who had escaped from the enemy to the RAMU - SEPIK River areas. Lieutenant BUNSELL's interrogation gained extremely useful information which materially helped our cause.</p> <p>He organised many long patrols into the FINISTERRE RANGES to mop up enemy stragglers. He organised and accompanied patrols carried by Patrol Torpedo Boats to BAM and BLUP BLUP Islands opposite the mouth of the SEPIK RIVER.</p> <p>In the MARKHAM VALLEY, between May and Sep 1943, Lieutenant BUNSELL worked with little rest to complete the mapping of tracks of an area of 600 square miles. This involved weeks of marching in hostile country, often accompanied only by a batman.</p> <p>At all times, Lieutenant BUNSELL has shown loyalty, devotion to duty and an example of physical endurance which has been an inspiration to his men.</p>	Lt-Col 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"Per"	
	Decorations	NIL					
	N O K	Mrs Frances Agnes BUNSELL Wife 54 Connell Street, HAWTHORN. Vic					
	D O B	10 Jan 1912					
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	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	VX70719	Corporal (Lance Sergeant) GRANT Alan John Montgomery	<p style="text-align: center;">NEW GUNIEA THEATRE</p> <p>FOR VALUABLE SERVICE IN ACTIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST THE ENEMY</p> <p>In the SAIDOR area from 11 to 22 Jun 44 Lance Sergeant GRANT was platoon Sergeant of a patrol which operated into the FINISTERRE RANGES mopping up enemy stragglers. His splendid leadership enabled the patrol to successfully traverse the mountains and to destroy the enemy found in the area.</p> <p>At HOTE in the SALAMAUA area on 19/20 May 43 Lance Sergeant (then Lance Corporal) GRANT was section leader of one of two sections which, with one Vickers gun from 2/3 Ind Coy beat off the attack of 120 of the enemy for seven hours killing approximately 60 of them and forcing the remainder to withdraw. In this action Lance Sergeant GRANT not only distinguished himself as an aggressive leader under fire but later carried a wounded machine gunner back up the mountain track to DAHO until a strained back forced him to hand the wounded man to others. During the remainder of the SALAMAUA campaign Lance Sergeant GRANT consistently exhibited splendid qualities of leadership under fire.</p> <p>In the SANAM VALLEY operations during October 1943 Lance Sergeant GRANT was a section leader of the force which operated through the SARUWAGED RANGES mopping up enemy troops who were evacuating from LAE. By his careful management of the men and his splendid leadership he was able to complete the operations in the mountains killing many of the enemy without suffering any casualties to his own men.</p> <p>In the RAMU VALLEY, from 28 Jan to 11 Feb 44 Lance Sergeant GRANT was a section leader of three patrols into enemy occupied territory forward of CAMERON'S KNOLL. In two contacts on 29 Jan and 4 Feb Lance Sergeant GRANT</p>		"Per"	
	Decorations	NIL					
	N O K - Wife	Mrs Sheila Mary GRANT 1 Station St, SUNSHINE W 10 Vic					
	D O B	13 Dec 20					
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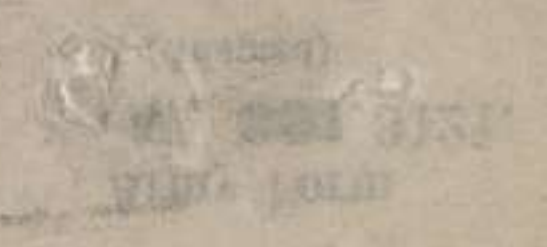
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24	Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	VX70733	Corporal (Lance Sergeant) LECKIE Ian Campbell	<p>NEW GUINEA THEATRE</p> <p>FOR ALUABLE SERVICES IN ACTIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST THE ENEMY</p> <p>In the SAIDOR area from 11 to 22 June 44 Lance Sergeant (then Corporal) LECKIE led a long range section patrol into the FINISTERRE RANGES to mop up enemy stragglers. By outstanding leadership he nursed green reinforcements over heart breaking tracks and destroyed all enemy encountered.</p> <p>During the SALAMAUA operations May to Sep 43 Lance Sergeant LECKIE showed outstanding leadership as a section commander. On 7 July 43 after his patrol had been ambushed he went forward under fire into the ambush position to evacuate a wounded comrade.</p> <p>In the SANAM VALLEY during Oct 43 Lance Sergeant LECKIE was a member of the force which mopped up enemy stragglers retreating from LAE through the SARUWAGED RANGES. His leadership enabled his section to destroy all enemy encountered without loss to his own men.</p> <p>In the RAMU VALLEY from 28 Jan 44 to 11 Feb 44 Lance Sergeant LECKIE was again section leader and with continuous success led many patrols into enemy occupied territory.</p> <p>At all times Lance Sergeant LECKIE has shown outstanding qualities of leadership both under fire and during normal training.</p>	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)		
	Decorations	NIL					
	N O K -	Mrs Bronwyn Ann LECKIE Wife 19 Amery St, GLEN IRIS	Vic				
	D O B -	13 May 1913					
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	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	VX104520	Corporal STEVENS, Frederick William	<p>NEW GUINEA THEATRE</p> <p>FOR VALUABLE SERVICE IN ACTIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST THE ENEMY</p> <p>In the SAIDOR area from 9 to 20 May 44 Corporal STEVENS led his section with distinction on a patrol into the difficult FINISTERRE RANGES to YOGA YOGA, in mopping up operations against the enemy. Through his determined leadership in mountainous country his section was able to exterminate an enemy party without loss to themselves.</p> <p>From May 43 to Feb 44 Corporal STEVENS at all times gave valuable service. At SALAMAUA from May to Sep 43 he led many fighting and reconnaissance patrols into enemy occupied territory with outstanding success.</p> <p>At ASINI CREEK in Aug 43, after his patrol had successfully ambushed an enemy party, Corporal STEVENS remained in the position and single handed, dealt with returning enemy.</p> <p>In the RAMU VALLEY in Jan 44 Corporal STEVENS acted as a Platoon Sergeant of the company which captured CAMERON's KNOLL. He displayed great qualities of leadership in rallying the men after two attacks on the enemy position had failed and casualties had been suffered by the platoon. By his tireless energy he inspired the men to the third and successful attack. After the capture of CAMERON's KNOLL Corporal STEVENS led a number of successful patrols which maintained contact with the enemy. His splendid leadership and determination under trying circumstances was an example to all the men of his Company.</p>	Lt-Col 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Comd	"Per	
	Decorations	NIL					
	N OK -	Mr Frederick William STEVENS Father 22 Kendall St, RINGWOOD	Vic				
	D O B -	11 Jan 21					
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	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	VX106331	Private OUTHRED Graham Reeve	<p>NEW GUINEA THEATRE</p> <p>FOR VALUABLE SERVICES IN ACTIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST THE ENEMY</p> <p>In the SAIDOR area during June 44 Private OUTHRED was Intelligence Private attached to a fourteen day patrol which operated in the FINISTERRE RANGES to YOGA YOGA clearing out Japanese stragglers who had been murdering natives. By his devotion to duty Private OUTHRED successfully guided the patrol through the indifferently mapped mountain ranges thus enabling it to reach it's objective and complete it's mission.</p> <p>In the RAMU VALLEY operations at CAMERON'S KNOLL in Jan 44 Private OUTHRED was Intelligence Private attached to the Company which attacked and captured that feature. His prior reconnaissance of the enemy positions his accurate sketches and sand table models of the area enabled artillery support of the attack to be brought to bear on the Japanese strongposts with great accuracy. He operated as a guide to the forward platoon in the three attacks made on the position and showed commendable coolness under fire. After the relief of the company to which he was attached, Private OUTHRED remained in the area and guided fresh patrols into territory still occupied by the enemy.</p> <p>Private OUTHRED at all times rendered valuable service by his devotion to duty under fire and his complete disregard for his own safety.</p>			
	Decorations	NIL					
	N O K -	Mr E C OUTHRED, Father 7 Ash Grove, EAST MALVERN Vic					
	D O B	23 Aug 23					
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	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	VX115548	Acting Staff Sergeant CAFISO Joseph Morris	<p>NEW GUINEA THEATRE</p> <p>FOR GALLANTRY AND FOR VALUABLE SERVICE IN ACTIVE CAMPAIGNING AGAINST THE ENEMY IN THE SAIDOR AND RAMU VALLEY AREAS</p> <p>In the SAIDOR area during May&Jun 44 Acting Staff Sergeant CAFISO carried out the duties of company quartermaster Sergeant and Company Sergeant Major in a most efficient manner. His untiring work in preparation for long patrols over difficult country was outstanding and ensured the successful cleaning out of enemy stragglers in this area.</p> <p>In the RAMU VALLEY on 8 Feb 44 Acting Staff Sergeant CAFISO was a member of a patrol moving towards a Japanese occupied village. The patrol ran into an ambush and the two leading scouts were killed. The patrol withdrew to cover. Acting Staff Sergeant CAFISO then volunteered to lead his section around the right flank to try and get the scouts who were lying on the track in full view of the enemy.</p> <p>Acting Staff Sergeant CAFISO led his men over a small spur and immediately came under heavy fire from the enemy. His men returned the fire and Acting Staff Sergeant CAFISO showed great courage, coolness and determination, personally accounting for several of the enemy and maintaining the fire of his section.</p> <p>Although unable to extricate our own killed owing to enemy fire, he secured and returned with their weapons. He continued to engage the enemy with fire until his Bren Gunner was wounded, then ordering the men to retire, he covered them while they withdrew.</p> <p>At all times Acting Staff Sergeant CAFISO has shown outstanding devotion to duty, and in action, his courage, coolness and disregard for personal safety was an inspiration to his men.</p>	Lt-Col 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Comd	"Per"	
	Decorations	NIL					
	N O K -	Mr R CAFISO Father 111 Peel St, North MELBOURNE Vic					
	D O B	18 May 12					
	Enlisted	ADF 4 Nov 42 CMF 1 Apr 39					

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	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	QX33921	Lieutenant MATHAMS Robert Harry	<p>NEW GUINEA THEATRE</p> <p>FOR GALLANTRY AND FOR VALUABLE SERVICE IN ACTIVE CAMPAIGNING AGAINST THE ENEMY</p> <p>In the SAIDOR AREA between 9 May 44 and 20 May 44 Lieutenant MATHAMS ably led a patrol in mopping up operations against the enemy. Through his leadership and determination, he reached areas of the FINISTERRE RANGES previously inaccessible to the forces in the area. Although only five enemy were killed, the presence of our patrols, forced the enemy to avoid the area and enabled the starving natives to return from the hills to resume village life.</p> <p>In the RAMU VALLEY in CAMERON'S KNOLL area, in Feb 44, Lieutenant MATHAMS showed utmost gallantry in driving the enemy from their position. When a brother officer fell close to the Japanese lines, Lieutenant MATHAMS personally led three attempts through intense fire to rescue him.</p> <p>Only when it was found that the officer was dead and after the loss of several wounded did Lieutenant MATHAMS withdraw to allow artillery fire to be brought down on the position.</p> <p>Lieutenant MATHAMS then drove the enemy from the positions, pursuing them to their inner defences. Through his courage and leadership the object of the patrol was achieved and the information gained was of vital importance in subsequent operations.</p> <p>Lieutenant MATHAMS' conduct is at all times an inspiration to his men</p>	Lt-Col Cond 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"Per"	
	Decorations	NIL					
	N O K -	Mrs Sadie Wife	MATHAMS				
		160 Oxdale Drive, NEWFARM	Bris				
	D O B	18 Jul 20					
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	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	VX78952	Sergeant KELLY William Warwick	<p style="text-align: center;">NEW GUINEA THEATRE</p> <p>FOR GALLANTRY AND FOR VALUABLE SERVICE IN ACTIVE CAMPAIGNING AGAINST THE ENEMY IN THE SAIDOR - RAMU VALLEY - SANAM VALLEY and SALAMAUA AREAS</p> <p>In the SAIDOR area between 1 May 44 and 24 Jun 44, Sergeant KELLY was a member of a successful patrol against the enemy. His leadership and initiative enabled his section to move over the difficult terrain of the FINISTERRE RANGES and mop up enemy stragglers.</p> <p>In the RAMU VALLEY during January 44, Sergeant KELLY took an active part in operations in CAMERON'S KNOLL area, during which he showed outstanding resource and initiative.</p> <p>During operations in the SANAM VALLEY, Sergeant KELLY again displayed great initiative and leadership. In October 1943 in an attack on BAMBOK village, with disregard to personal safety, he led his section to a position enabling them to pin down the enemy and support his Platoon Commander to successfully gain his objective.</p> <p>Throughout the SALAMAUA campaign in the HOTE area, Sergeant KELLY at great personal risk repeatedly obtained vital information of the enemy strength and dispositions, enabling his Platoon Commander to successfully attack the enemy positions with the least possible casualties.</p> <p>Throughout all operations Sergeant KELLY has at all times in the face of the enemy displayed courage and determination while his initiative and leadership has inspired his men to even greater efforts.</p>	Lt-Col Cord 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"Per"	
	Decorations	NIL					
	N O K	Mrs H I KELLY Wife Church Street MALDON Vic					
	D O B	25 Apr 12					
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	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	V320466	Lance Corporal HUMPHRIES Henry Lloyd	<p>NEW GUINEA THEATRE</p> <p>FOR GALLANTRY AND FOR VALUABLE SERVICE IN ACTION AGAINST THE ENEMY</p> <p>Lance Corporal HUMPHRIES, from 11 to 22 Jun 44, led a small patrol from the SAIDOR area into the FINISTERRE RANGES in search of enemy stragglers. His determined leadership and devotion to duty overcame all the difficulties of long patrols in difficult terrain and led to the disposal of all the enemy encountered in the area.</p> <p>From May 43 to Feb 44 Lance Corporal HUMPHRIES has at all times shown coolness and courage above the ordinary, when under fire. On 25 Aug 43, at GIBSONS RIDGE SALAMAUA Lance Corporal HUMPHRIES was the Bren Gunner of a Platoon which made five unsuccessful attacks on an enemy position. Although two men were killed immediately beside Lance Corporal HUMPHRIES and his number 2 on the gun was wounded, Lance Corporal HUMPHRIES remained until the last at his post to cover the evacuation of the wounded.</p> <p>In the SANAM VALLEY operations during Oct 43 Lance Corporal HUMPHRIES was a Bren Gunner in a company which had the task of mopping up the retreating force of Japanese from the LAE garrison. He killed 15 of the enemy out of his platoon's total of 50.</p> <p>In the RAMU VALLEY at CAMERON'S KNOLL from 28 Jan to 11 Feb 44 Lance Corporal HUMPHRIES was Bren gunner on six separate patrols, three of which made heavy contact. When casualties had been suffered by his patrol in an ambush at O'BRIEN'S AMBUSH on 8 Feb 44 Lance Corporal HUMPHRIES again remained at his post and gave covering fire until the casualties had been evacuated and the remainder of the patrol withdrawn.</p> <p>At all times Lance Corporal HUMPHRIES has shown outstanding devotion to duty both in action and during normal training. His aggressive spirit, determination and expert marksmanship is at all times an inspiration to his men.</p>	Lt-Col Cord 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"Per"	
	Decorations	-	NIL				
	N O K -	Mrs Adeline McDONALD Mother St James Post Office, St JAMES Vic					
	D O B -	23 May 16					
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	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	VX109130	Corporal (Acting Sergeant) LESLIE James Bolton	<p style="text-align: center;">NEW GUINEA THEATRE</p> <p>FOR GALLANTRY AND FOR VALUABLE SERVICES IN ACTIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST THE ENEMY.</p> <p>In the SAIDOR area from 15 to 22 Jun 44, Acting Sergeant LESLIE led his section with determination into the difficult FINISTERRE RANGES in mopping up operations against the enemy. Through his inspiring leadership and determination, his men were able to overcome the many difficulties of terrain encountered and to complete the patrol successfully.</p> <p>In the SALAMAUA area from May to Sep 43 Acting Sergeant (then Corporal) LESLIE led numerous patrols into enemy occupied territory with outstanding gallantry. In Aug 43 after first removing 500 yards of Japanese telephone cable he successfully ambushed an enemy Headquarters killing eight of them without loss to his own men.</p> <p>In Jul 43 he reconnoitred and established an observation post known as KELA OP, well within enemy lines, at the junction of the ASINI and BOBDUBI tracks. Although ambushed on two occasions by the enemy whilst guiding reliefs to the position he successfully evacuated his dead and wounded without disclosing the location of the post. He maintained the post for approximately three weeks finally guiding relief parties from both 58/59 Aust Inf Bn and 2/7 Aust Inf Bn to the spot.</p> <p>His gallantry, outstanding leadership and steadiness under fire, together with his continued cheerfulness under most adverse conditions were at all times an inspiration to his men.</p>	Lt-Col Cond 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"Per"	
	Decorations	NIL					
	N O K	Mrs Dorothy Mother 28 Byron St, KEW E 4	Claire LESLIE Vic				
	D O B	27 Nov 22					
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	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) NX57168		Lieutenant EGAN Clyde Josenia	<p>NEW GUINEA THEATRE</p> <p>FOR GALLANTRY AND FOR VALUABLE SERVICE IN ACTIVE OPERATIONS IN THE SAIDOR - RAMU - SALAMAUVA AREAS AGAINST THE ENEMY</p> <p>As company Commander of the 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) in the SAIDOR area between 1 May 44 and 24 Jun 44 Lieutenant EGAN rendered valuable service in conducting patrols against the enemy. He showed determination and initiative in penetrating through the gorges of the FINISTERRE RANGES in mopping up operations against enemy stragglers. He ably handled native carriers and overcame all difficulties of supply attendant to long range patrols.</p> <p>In the RAMU VALLEY between Feb and May 44 he infused a fine fighting spirit into his company.</p> <p>As a Platoon Commander in the SALAMAUVA CAMPAIGN between 1 Aug 43 and 15 Sep 43 Lieutenant EGAN led his platoon with great gallantry against the enemy. On KOMIATUM TRACK? SANDY CREEK and KELA HILL areas he persistently harassed the enemy leading his Platoon with dash and determination.</p> <p>His conduct at all times is an inspiration to his men.</p>	Lt-Col Comd 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"Per"	
	Decorations	NIL					
	N O K -	Mrs Sarah Ann EGAN Mother 181 Church St, GLEN INNES NSW					
	D O B -	13 Aug 18					
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	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	VX41023	Lieutenant LOOKER Leslie Walter Anzac	<p style="text-align: center;">NEW GUINEA THEATRE</p> <p>FOR GALLANTRY AND FOR VALUABLE SERVICE IN ACTIVE CAMPAIGNING AGAINST THE ENEMY IN THE SAIDOR - RAMU VALLEY AND SALAMAUA AREAS</p> <p>In the SAIDOR area between 1 May 44 and 24 Jun 44 Lieutenant LOOKER rendered valuable service in leading patrols against the enemy. With initiative and determination he overcame all the difficulties of terrain encountered in long range patrolling in the FINISTERRE RANGES. Through his organisation of native carriers and supply, he was able to mop up areas formerly out of reach of the forces in the area.</p> <p>In the RAMU VALLEY from 31 Jan to 5 Feb 44 Lieutenant LOOKER led a patrol in the SAIPA area with dash and determination. In extremely difficult terrain of the FINISTERRE RANGES, he brilliantly navigated his patrol through the jungle for three days. By avoiding tracks, he located new enemy positions overlooking the MINDJIM VALLEY. He personally led his patrol in a surprise attack against superior enemy forces, inflicting heavy casualties without loss to our own troops.</p> <p>During the SALAMAUA Campaign, Lieutenant LOOKER led his platoon with distinction. At HOTE on 19 May 43, he withstood for seven hours repeated attacks by an enemy force which outnumbered his platoon by three to one. Only after destroying 60 of the enemy or half their force did he withdraw to a new position.</p> <p>In the GIBSONS KNOLL area on 25 Aug and 26 Aug 43, Lieutenant LOOKER gallantly led his platoon in repeated attacks against strong enemy positions.</p> <p>His leadership is at all times an inspiration to his men.</p>	Lt-Col Lt Col Cord 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"Per"	
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	N O K -	Mrs P M LOOKER Wife 173 Buckley St, FOOTSCRAY Vic					
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	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	VX104443	Corporal (Acting Sergeant) GREGORY Raymond Howe	<p>NEW GUINEA THEATRE</p> <p>MARKHAM - RAMU - HANSA BAY areas FOR SPECIALLY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE OF A HIGH STANDARD AND FOR BRAVERY WHEN NOT IN ACTIVE CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY.</p> <p>During operations in NEW GUINEA from May 43 until Jul 44, Corporal Acting Sergeant GREGORY has rendered outstanding service as Aust Army Medical Corps NCO attached to Regtl Aid Post of 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)</p> <p>During the attack on MARKHAM POINT in Sepn 43 Acting Sergeant GREGORY was medical assistant in an emergency operating theatre established close to the enemy lines.</p> <p>His efficiency and devotion to duty materially assisted in the successful operations performed on our wounded by the Regtl Medical Offr. The post was in constant danger of encirclement by the enemy.</p> <p>In the RAMU VALLEY in Jan 44 Acting Sergeant GREGORY established a forward Aid Post deep in the enemy held area of the FINISTERRE RANGES. Owing to the weakness of our forces, Acting Sergeant GREGORY was compelled to operate his Aid Post with little or very light protection. He showed complete coolness in this dangerous situation.</p> <p>In May 44 Acting Sergeant GREGORY volunteered to parachute down to a party of Indian soldiers who had escaped from the Japanese and had reached an area between the SEPIK and RAMU Rivers. However, a small landing field was discovered and Acting Sergeant GREGORY was flown in with medical supplies. After 2 1/2 days search in the difficult swamp country of the SEPIK - RAMU areas Acting Sergeant GREGORY found the escapees and led them back to the landing field. With outstanding ability for a man of his limited training he nursed back to health the HINDUS who suffered severely from malaria and dysentery.</p>	Lt-Col Comd 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"Per"	
	Decorations	NIL					
	N O K	Alice M GREGORY Sister Rankins Rd, BORONIA					
	D O B	21 Apr 1908					
	Enlisted	AIF CMF	23 Jul 42 5 Aug 41				

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He showed outstanding initiative in recruiting native labour to build shelter huts, and to effect improvements to the landing ground. The presence of light planes continually in the area evacuating the escapees, attracted enemy attention. Friendly natives reported that the Japanese were sending patrols to locate them. As most of the Indians were too sick to gain escape Acting Sergeant GREGORY organised the area into a stand or die defence. Acting Sergeant GREGORY remained until the last escapee was evacuated.

Through Acting Sergeant GREGORY's bravery, our forces were enabled to evacuate 29 escapees. The information they gave of enemy dispositions and plans was of immediate and invaluable importance to our cause.

The American Air Force Group at SAIDOR conveyed to Sgt GREGORY's commanding officer their high praise for Sergeant GREGORY's work in this action.

Observations performed on one wounded by the enemy Medical Officer. The post was the efficiency and devotion to duty materially assisted in the successful

close to the enemy lines. In an emergency operating theatre established during the attack on MANKHWA POINT in 1943

1st BN (VIL) Corps HQ attached to 1st BN VIL Post of 1st BN landed on 1st BN VIL as 1st BN VIL Medical Officer. During operations in MANKHWA POINT 1st BN VIL

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1st BN

Rank	CML VIL	2 AUG 41 23 JUL 43	
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M O K	BOBOMIA MANKHWA RD SAIDOR VILICE M GREGORY		
Decorations	MIT		
BN (VIL)	SAIDOR 1st BN VIL		
		Belonged Home GREGORY (acting sergeant) Colonel	

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Army Number	VX120994	Recommended by		Honour or Award
Rank	Corporal			"Per"
Christian Names (in full)	John Patrick		Lt-Col	
Surname	CARNEY		Comd 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	
Decorations	NIL			
Unit	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)			
Next of Kin	Mr William Patrick CARNEY			
Relationship	Father			
Home Address	70 Burnell Street, WEST BRUNSWICK VICTORIA			
Date of Birth	30 January 1917			
Date of Enlistment: AIF	24 December 1942			
PMF	CMF December 1940			

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RAMU VALLEY area

For bravery in action.

During attack on enemy positions in the SAIPA Area on 24 January 1944, the thickness of timber and narrowness and steepness of approaches and flanks of the razor back made observations or our artillery fire impossible by normal methods.

When, owing to the steep nature of the country the zone of our shell fire caused rounds to fall among our troops on the start line. Corporal CARNEY of the mortar platoon volunteered to take a telephone closer to the enemy posts, pinpoint them and direct our artillery fire until rounds fell into the enemy weapon pits.

From within the beaten zone of our artillery he directed fire accurately into the enemy posts.

Although dazed and shaken by our shell fire, he moved forward with the assaulting platoon, and was one of the first into the enemy defences. His accurate direction of fire permitted saturation of the enemy with our shells, and saved heavy casualties with the assault.

Cpl CARNEY's coolness and courage inspired the rest of the attacking company.

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Between 24 January 1944 and 1 May 1944 Corporal CARNEY continued to display outstanding leadership. After the capture of CAMERON'S KNOLL he organised Mortar positions which prevented enemy counter attacks and enabled our forces to move forward under Mortar support. To achieve this much rain forest had to be cleared overhead. Corporal CARNEY showed outstanding resource and initiative in overcoming all difficulties of terrain in the execution of his tasks.

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15	Aust Inf Bde (AIF) attached 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	VX 111284	Chaplain (Class 4th) ENGLISH James Columbus	During operations in the RAMU VALLEY and MINDJIM valley from 1st Jan 44 to 20 Apr 44 Chaplain ENGLISH showed outstanding devotion to duty in ministering to the spiritual needs of the troops in the forward areas. Accompanied by only one escort he frequently subjected himself to risk of ambush when visiting isolated posts. In Dec 43 he crossed the dangerously swollen MARKHAM RIVER in a native dug-out canoe to conduct a service over the dead at MARKHAM POINT. During the SALAMAUA campaign from Jul to Aug 43 he was the only Chaplain in the area. This entailed exhausting and dangerous travel over wide distances. Chaplain ENGLISH's presence and cheerfulness was at all times an inspiration to the troops.	Lt-Col Comd 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"Per"	
	Decorations	NIL					
	N O K	Mrs May ENGLISH Mother 27 Main St, TIPPERARY, EIRE					
	D O B	4 Jul 1913					
	Enlisted	AIF 3 Sep 42 CMF 20 Jan 42					

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Army Number	VX104147	Recommended by	Honour or Award
Rank	Captain	<i>J. F. Smith</i>	MBE
Christian Names (in full)	Ronald Simpson	Lt-Col	
Surname	ISHERWOOD	Comd 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	
Decorations	PTT		
Unit	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)		
Next of Kin	Mrs Elsie Jane ISHERWOOD		
Relationship	Wife.		
Home Address	5 Goodwood Road, SURREY HILLS VICTORIA		
Date of Birth	25 January 1914		
Date of Enlistment: AIF	25 July 1942		
PMF	CMF July 1938		

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NEW GUINEA THEATRE

For outstanding supply arrangements and meritorious service during extensive operations in the MARKHAM VALLEY, BOANA and the RAMU VALLEY in continuous operations against the enemy from May 1943 to May 1944.

Captain ISHERWOOD was Quartermaster of the 24 Australian Infantry Battalion (AIF), and of WAMPIT FORCE.

In the RAMU VALLEY between Jallary and May 1944, Captain ISHERWOOD showed initiative and ability of an exceptionally high standard, in successfully overcoming the difficulties of supply in the precipitous FINISTERRE RANGES. He successfully maintained isolated companies operating in the heart of the enemy positions and in constant danger of having their lines of communications severed.

These operations had a considerable effect on the subsequent enemy retreat in the BOANA - SANAM RIVER VALLEY operations in October - November 1943. Captain ISHERWOOD contributed in a great measure to the success of the operations against the retreating enemy garrison from LAE. Through his organisation of supply, we were enabled to exterminate and capture 186 of the enemy in territory well beyond the limits of normal supply.

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In the MARKHAM VALLEY and BUANI RIVER operations from May to September 1943, Captain ISHERWOOD showed initiative and resource far beyond the average in supplying a force scattered over an area of one thousand square miles and divorced from motor transport.

By his intelligent handling of native labour lines, horse transport and the organisation of air dropping grounds, the forces in these areas were enabled to patrol against, and contain enemy forces three fold their strength.

Captain ISHERWOOD has at all times shown a devotion to duty involving long hours and exhausting travel in supervision of activities covering long periods and great distances in most difficult terrain.

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Army Number VX104156	Recommended by <i>G. F. Smith</i> Lt-Col	Honour or Award "Per"
Rank Lieutenant	Comd 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	
Christian Names (in full) Adrian Russell		
Surname BEATTIE		
Decorations NIL		
Unit 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)		
Next of Kin Mr Aaron BEATTIE		
Relationship FATHER		
Home Address 89 Illawarra Road, HAWTHORN E 2 VICTORIA		
Date of Birth 21 March 1920		
Date of Enlistment: AIF 23 July 1942		
PMF CMF 11/Jan 1938		

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NEW GUINEA THEATRE.

For meritorious service in the field whilst engaged as signal officer in active operations.

Between May 1943 and May 1944 Lieutenant BEATTIE was signal officer of the 24 Australian Infantry Battalion (AIF) and of WAMPIT FORCE operating in NEW GUINEA.

In the RAMU VALLEY between January and May 1944, Lieutenant BEATTIE maintained signal communications under the most difficult conditions of terrain in the FINISTERRE RANGES. This at times involved the laying of cable at night across swollen mountain streams and along dangerous tracks on the mountain sides. Lieutenant BEATTIE's tenacity of purpose inspired his platoon to overcome all the difficulties of establishing line to companies isolated deep in the heart of the enemy positions, and in maintaining and replacing the cable when cut by enemy patrols.

In the MARKHAM VALLEY between May and September 1943 and in the SANAM RIVER VALLEY in October 1943. Lieutenant BEATTIE organised and maintained 170 miles of line communication with a battalion signal platoon designed to handle cable for 8 miles. This involved exhausting line patrols for months on end. Owing to the efficiency of

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communications our forces were enabled to overlook the enemy at LAE and north of the MARKHAM RIVER and to give immediate reports of his activities. He also organised observation Post communications in the MARKHAM VALLEY which gave immediate warning to our fighter planes of approaching enemy air forces.

In the SANAM RIVER VALLEY efficient signal communication enabled our forces to quickly surround and exterminate 186 remnants of the retreating LAE garrison.

Lieutenant BEATTIE's personal supervision during these activities necessitated hundreds of miles of travel, on foot in NEW GUINEA's worst terrain. His cheerfulness and devotion to duty was at all times an inspiration to his men.

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Army Number **VX144576**
 Rank **Private**
 Christian Names (in full) **Walter Thomas**
 Surname **BROWN**
 Decorations **NIL**
 Unit **24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)**
 Next of Kin **Mr Horace Thomas BROWN**
 Relationship **Father**
 Home Address **1(a) Butler Street,
 CAMBERWELL VICTORIA**
 Date of Birth **15 May 1921**
 Date of Enlistment: AIF **1 September 1943**
 PMF **CMF 5 August 1941**

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**Lt-Col
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The meritorious service of the highest standard whilst in the field engaged as a signaller in active operations.

In the RAYU VALLEY between January and May 1944 Private BROWN frequently came under notice for outstanding work as a signaller. In the difficult FINISTIERRE RANGES he took part in the laying of cable which involved the crossing of swollen and dangerous mountain streams. He patrolled and repaired lines cut by the enemy between our base and out-post companies. He was in constant danger of ambush and worked without escort. Whilst carrying a wireless set, on patrol, Private BROWN showed coolness and courage when ambushed. Under fire he moved coolly and slowly when the patrol was forced to leap to safety and break bush. He thus saved from damage valuable and delicate wireless gear and was enabled to wireless the enemy positions to our forces.

In the SANAM RIVER VALLEY in October 1943, Private BROWN accompanied the patrols which exterminated 186 of the enemy garrison retreating from LAE. Much of the success of these operations was attributed to the efficient maintenance and operation of his wireless set in the rain forest and mountain gorges of the SARUWAGED RANGES, In terrain where

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wireless communications were seldom possible, he kept constant touch with the main force working long hours after the remainder of the patrol had gone to sleep.

In the BUANE RIVER operations in June - July 1943 Private BROWN accompanied dangerous section patrols which infiltrated into the lines of a battalion of enemy along the LAE - SALAMAU coast.

Although these patrols were three days away from possible assistance, Private BROWN was at all times cheerful, resourceful and devoted to duty in the service of his country.

Under fire he moved coolly and bravely when the patrol was forced to leap to safety and break down. He thus saved from damage valuable and delicate wireless gear and was enabled to wireless the enemy positions to our forces.

In the BAHAM RIVER VALLEY in October 1943, Private BROWN accompanied the patrols which exterminated 100 of the enemy garrison retreating from LAE. Much of the success of these operations was attributed to the excellent maintenance and operation of his wireless set in the rain forest and mountain gorges of the SARAWAK RANGES. In certain areas

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	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	VX106341	Corporal Acting Sergeant SPENDLOVE Norman Joseph	<p>RAMU VALLEY AREA</p> <p>For distinguished conduct in action.</p> <p>During an attack on positions in precipitous country near SAIPA on 24 Jan 44, A/Sgt SPENDLOVE rallied his platoon and led them on after they had suffered casualties and shock from moving too closely behind their supporting artillery.</p> <p>Although himself dazed and shaken, under heavy enemy fire, he led his platoon in three unsuccessful attempts to capture the enemy platoon position, situated on a narrow razor back with unscalable flanks.</p> <p>While still under heavy fire, he reorganised his platoon, and led them in a bayonet charge which captured the position. He was the first man to reach the objective.</p> <p>His success allowed the rest of his company to move up the defile and pursue the enemy.</p> <p>Before the result he led a reconnaissance party to examine the position. Although ambushed at point blank range, he coolly extricated the party with its wounded.</p> <p>Throughout the days operations, his conduct was distinguished by complete disregard of his own safety in pursuing his objective, and his determination and courage were an inspiration to his men</p>	Lt-Col Comd 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"Imm"	
	Decorations	NIL					
	N O K	Annie SPENDLOVE Mother Adeney St, CAMPERDOWN	Vic				
	D O B	16 Jul 20					
	Enlisted	AIF 16 Aug 42 CMF 16 Sep 38					

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	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	VX 113467	Cpl HOLLIS Henry Warneford	Throughout the SALAMAUA and SANAM Valley operations, Cpl HOLLIS consistently showed a great devotion to duty, courage in the face of the enemy and a high degree of leadership which inspired the men of his section. At SALAMAUA Cpl HOLLIS volunteered on several occasions to reconnoitre enemy defensive positions. The information Cpl HOLLIS gained often at great personal risk assisted materially, his platoon Commander in formulating plans to drive back the enemy and gain his objective without suffering casualties. During the SANAM Valley Operations, the enemy had destroyed a bridge over the river and taken up a position on the far side. Cpl HOLLIS armed with an OSMG waded chest high across the swiftly flowing river, drove back the enemy and established a bridgehead and enabled his platoon commander to reconstruct the bridge and eventually gain his objective. Cpl HOLLIS has at all times displayed a fearlessness in the face of the enemy and initiative which has inspired his men.		MILITARY MEDAL "per"	
Decorations already held:-			NIL				
Next of Kin:-			WIFE Mrs Isobel Frances HOLLIS Springvale Road Forest Hill VICTORIA				
Date of Birth:-			2 Mar 1919				
Date of Enlistment:-			AMF 18 JAN 39 AIF 1 SEP 42				

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	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	VX 78952	Acting Sgt (then Cpl) KELLY William Warwick	Throughout the SALAMAUA operations Acting Sgt (then Cpl) KELLY displayed outstanding leadership as a section commander. On re- connaisance, at great personal risk Sgt KELLY repeatedly obtained information of the enemy strength and dispositions enabling his Platoon Com- mander to successfully attack the enemy pos- itions. During the SANAM Valley operations Sgt KELLY again displayed great initiative and leader- ship. In the attack on the village of BAM- BOK, Sgt KELLY at great personal risk, led his Section to a position enabling them to pin down the enemy and support his Platoon Commander to successfully gain his objective. Throughout the entire operations Sgt KELLY has at all times in the face of the enemy displayed displayed a high devotion to duty, courage, initiative and his leadership has been an inspiration to his men.		MILITARY MEDAL "per"	
Decorations already held:-		NIL					
Next of Kin:-		WIFE Mrs H I KELLY Church Street, MALDON Vic.					
Date of birth		25 Apr 1912					
Date of enlistment:-		7 Apr 1942					

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	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) VX104144	144	Captain WHITELAW Sydney Holland	SALAMAUA - SANAM VALLEY - RAMU VALLEY 1 Oct 43 - 31 Mar 44 For devotion to duty and determined leadership during the SANAM VALLEY - RAMU VALLEY operations. Throughout the SALAMAUA and SANAM VALLEY operations, Capt WHITELAW led his company with distinction. His company was responsible for the destruction of 160 enemy and the capture of 11 prisoners without loss to themselves. In emergency Capt WHITELAW personally led his HQ personnel in a raid and captured 5 prisoners. In most difficult country Capt WHITELAW's leadership inspired his tired troops to a relentless pursuit of the enemy and his personal example of endurance under the conditions of the operations was an inspiration to his men.	Lt-Col Comd 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"Per"	
	Decorations	NIL					
	NOK	Mrs Rita WHITELAW Wife Box 164 BARMERO P O S A					
	DOB	17 Oct 05					
	Enlisted	AIF 23 Jul 42 CMF 12 Feb 24					

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	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	VX137560	Lance Corporal JACKSON Charles Richard	<p>SANAM VALLEY AREA 1 Oct 43 - 31 Mar 44</p> <p>L/Cpl JACKSON has consistently displayed outstanding ability as a forward scout.</p> <p>His exceptional application of field craft and ready appreciation of the situation enabled L/Cpl JACKSON to penetrate the enemy lines and return with vital information for his platoon commander.</p> <p>During the SANAM Valley operations L/Cpl JACKSON displayed great courage in the face of the enemy a devotion to duty and his capable leadership was an inspiration to his men.</p>	Lt-Col 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"Per"	
	Decorations	NIL					
	Next of Kin	Charles Searle JACKSON Father 15 Clifton Grove, COBURG Vic					
	D O B	27 Mar 23					
	Enlisted	AIF 19 Feb 43 CMF 2 Feb 42					

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	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	VX 106352	Private Acting Corporal LANGFORD Donald Arthur	SANAM VALLEY - RAMU VALLEY areas 1 Oct 43 - 31 Mar 44. For loyal performance of duty in SANAM VALLEY and RAMU VALLEY operations. During the SANAM VALLEY operations Cpl LANGFORD was with the leading company as intelligence Cpl in pursuit of enemy retreating from LAE up the SANAM VALLEY. He volunteered for a dangerous patrol to find the track over the SARAWAGGED RANGE to SIO and several times contacted enemy parties. He was nevertheless untiring in his efforts to produce sketches, track plans and natives reports as giving a clear picture of the retreat of a large part of the enemy LAE garrison to SIO via the SANAM VALLEY. When the battalion entered the RAMU VALLEY in the absence of available officers, he assumed duty of intelligence officer, and went with the forward company on reconnaissance for attack on the MINDJIM R enemy L of C and worked tirelessly until evacuated to hospital. His work was always executed with fidelity and careful attention to detail and disregard for personal safety in excess of demands made on him.	Lt-Col 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Comd	"Per"	
	Decorations	NIL					
	N O K	J M LANGFORD Mother 12 Boston Rd, BALWYN Vic					
	D O B	8 May 23					
	Enlisted	AIF 29 Aug 42 CMF 31 Dec 41					

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	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	VX15196	Sergeant COWEN Douglas Carlisle	<p>SANAM VALLEY - RAMU VALLEY area 1 Oct 43 - 31 Mar 44</p> <p>For devotion to duty and determined leadership in the SANAM VALLEY-RAMU VALLEY operations.</p> <p>During the SANAM VALLEY operations Sgt COWEN was in charge of Regimental Signallers providing line communication forward from battalion HQ to the leading company.</p> <p>In addition to personal gear and weapons he carried cable over precipitous country in exhausting conditions, and often at night, laid and maintained line communication to the rapidly advancing company pursuing the enemy.</p> <p>With a small party of the forward platoon, he undertook an arduous patrol to find the route to SIC from the SANAM VALLEY near the SARAWAGGED RANGES.</p> <p>In the RAMU VALLEY he again laid line communication to the forward company in its approach through rugged mountains to the BAGADJIM ENEMY L of C.</p> <p>Sgt COWEN's work at all times on active operations was characterised by determination in exhausting conditions to ensure reliable communications to forward troops and his example and outstanding leadership of his signallers were factors in the success of the operations.</p>	Lt-Col Comd 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"Per"	
	Decorations	NIL					
	N O K -	Mrs Edith Wife	May COWEN				
		22 Charles St KILDA	St Vic				
	D O B -	6 Dec 17					
	Enlisted AIF CMF	16 May 40					

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	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	VX104160	Lieutenant ROBINSON Edward Roland	SANAM VALLEY - RAMU VALLEY AREA 1 Oct 43-31 Mar 44 For devotion to duty and outstanding leadership in the SANAM VALLEY-RAMU VALLEY operations.	Lt-Col 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"Per"	
	Decorations	NIL		During the SANAM RIVER VALLEY operations in Oct 43, Lt ROBINSON showed outstanding leadership in the pursuit of the defeated LAE garrison. He showed great initiative in recruiting native carriers and guides from the kanakas hiding in the enemy territory. Under the most difficult campaign conditions he cleared the enemy from numerous villages.			
	N O K -	Mr R A ROBINSON Father "GULISTON" Lewis Rd. WANDIN Vic		His energy and personal example spurred his men on to perform forced marches, often at night, in successful sorties which destroyed many of the enemy. His leadership is at all times an inspiration to his men.	Comd		
	D O B -	27 Mar 23					
	Enlisted	AIF 23 Jul 42 CMF Feb 39					

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	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	VX109125	Sergeant JACKSON Alan Francis	During the action in the SANAM RIVER VALLEY, NEW GUINEA, 9-24 Oct 43, Sgt JACKSON displayed determined leadership when in command of a platoon engaged in mopping up the remnants of the enemy garrison of LAE. His relentless pursuit was responsible for the destruction of 49 of the enemy and in the capture of 2 prisoners, With tireless energy he cleared village after village and by the skilful disposition of his force, accomplished this without loss. He led his men with initiative resource and an ability which was an inspiration at all times.	Lt-Col Comd 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"Imm"	
	Decorations	NIL					
	N O K -	Mr F W JACKSON Father 195 Victoria St, ASHFIELD	Sydney				
	D O B -	6 Mar 09					
	Enlisted	AIF 30 Jul 42 CMF 5 Aug 41					

24 Aust Inf NX6612 Lieutenant
Bn (AIF) BABER
Edward Colborne

In NEW GUINEA during the period 1 May 43 to 11 Sep 43 Lt BABER led his platoon with conspicuous ability. He successfully patrolled a thirty mile front along the MARKHAM RIVER. With a handful of men, he frequently harassed the strong defensive positions at MARKHAM POINT.

"Per"

Decorations NIL

Next of Kin - Mrs E BABER
Wife
7 Joffre St,
Sth HURSTVILLE NSW

Although often caught in ambushes he maintained a lookout in the enemy lines. By reason of this, much valuable information was obtained of enemy movement at NEW LABU ISLAND. During the action at MARKHAM POINT 3 Sep to 11 Sep he led reconnaissance patrols into the enemy lines. Whilst on a patrol of this nature, he met his death from a booby trap.

Date of birth - 12 Nov 12

Date of enlistment - AIF 5 May 41
CMF -

His leadership was at all times an inspiration to his men.

Lt-Col
Comd 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

24 Aust Inf VX143969 Lance Corporal
Bn (AIF) PAXINO
Harold James

During the operations at the BUANG RIVER in NEW GUINEA in Aug 43, L/Cpl PAXINO acted with coolness and courage in the face of the enemy. On 15 Aug 43 when his patrol was caught in an ambush, under fire, he assisted a mortally wounded officer to safety. He dressed the officers wounds, remaining with him until he died. Every movement brought a hail of fire. He subsequently led his section with marked ability.

"Per"

Decorations NIL

N O K - Pora Katrina PAXINO
Wife
104 Pt NEPEAN Rd,
ELSTERNWICK Vic

D O B - 30 May 09

Enlisted AIF 28 Jul 43
CMF 4 Apr 42

Lt-Col
Comd 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

24 Aust Inf VX104145 T/Captain
Bn (AIF) CHANDLER
George Edward

During the operations in NEW GUINEA from Apr until Jun 43, Capt CHANDLER's company patrolled over a 30 mile front. A veteran of 1914-1918 he was instrumental in instilling an aggressive spirit into his Coy, Entirely due to his personality, his patrols changed a static front into one of active harassment of the enemy.

Lt-Col "Per"
24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
Comd

Decorations NIL

N O K - Mrs Emily May CHANDLER
Wife
BELGRAVE Vic

This activity had much to do with the security of his front and the valuable observation posts therein contained. It successfully concealed the weakness of his force.

D O B - 16 Oct 1897

Enlisted AIF 23 Jul 43
CMF Jan 43

24 Aust Inf VP46495 Corporal
Bn (AIF) Acting Sergeant
BLUNDELL
Harold Norman

During the action at MARKHAM POINT 4 - 8bSep 43, Acting Sergeant BLUNDELL showed outstanding bravery when his section attacked the strongly fortified enemy positions. Sgt BLUNDELL was the first man to reach the enemy holes. Quickly killing the first two enemy he met, he raced into the inner defences. Taking the enemy by surprise he gained the trench system. Flanking machine guns cut him off from the remainder of his section. He fought the enemy off single handed for several hours before being forced to retire. With his platoon commander and platoon sergeant both wounded, he re-organised the platoon.

Decorations NIL

N O K - Marjorie Joyce BLUNDELL
Wife
6 Hearn St,
MANIFOLD HEIGHTS
GEE LONG Vic

His conduct throughout was marked by cool courage and determination in the face of overwhelming odds.

D O B - 11 Aug 17

Enlisted AIF -
PMF 14 Mar 40

Lt-Col
24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) "Imm"
Comd

24 Aust Inf Bn NX57501 Lieutenant
(AIF) CHILDS
Frederick

Decorations NIL

N O K MF CHILDS
Father
7 Challis Ave, DULWICH HILL
NSW

D O B 21 Feb 14

Enlisted AIF 15 Jul 40
CMF -

During the action at MARKHAM POINT 4 - 8 Sep 43 Lt CHILDS gallantly led his platoon with great dash and determination ON 4 Sep 43, he penetrated the enemy's strong defences and gained the inner line. Although wounded in both legs, he continued to direct the operations of his platoon under heavy fire. The position was held for seven hours before it was overrun. Lt CHILDS then assisted one of his badly wounded men to crawl through the enemy lines. Although unable to rise from the ground, Lt CHILDS shot an enemy soldier who attempted to despatch the crawling men. After crawling for four days with badly fly-blown wounds and without water. Lt CHILDS, with his man, reached his own lines. Lt CHILDS throughout made careful notes of the enemy dispositions. His example was an inspiration to his men.

"Imm"

Lt-Col
24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
Comd

24 Aust Inf V255944 Private
Bn (AIF) WALKER
James

Decorations NIL

N O K - Mr G A WALKER,
277 Middleborough Rd,
BOX HILL Sth Vic

D O B - 26 Mar 23

Enlisted CMF 13 Feb 42
AIF -

During the action at MARKHAM POINT 4 - 8 Sep 43, Pte WALKER took part in the early morning attack on enemy positions. After gaining entry into portion of the defences his section fought on until nightfall, causing many enemy casualties. Pte WALKER fought on with them and is the only survivor. Pte WALKER remained with his wounded platoon commander, until he, himself became severely wounded. The officer and he were unable to rise from the ground. They assisted each other to crawl through the enemy lines reaching safety after four days of crawling and in constant danger of discovery. Pte WALKER showed great courage and fortitude throughout the action.

Lt-Col
Comd 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

"Imm"

24 Aust Inf V265240
Bn (AIF)

Private
Acting Corporal
STEVENS
Robert James

During the action at MARKHAM POINT 4 - 9 Sep 43 Acting Corporal STEVENS under heavy enemy fire, maintained his own to cover the withdrawl of his platoon commander who was wounded in both legs. Under fire, he then carried his platoon commander's orders to a neighboring section and returned under fire. Under withering fire, he dragged a wounded comrade to safety through the enemy barricades. He then led a neighboring platoon to support his own position. When the enemy overwhelmed the position, he led patrols through the enemy lanes of fire in search of wounded and missing men. His conduct throughout was distinguished by a complete disregard of his own safety in the service of his platoon and comrades.

Decorations NIL

N O K - Eileen STEVENS,
Mother
WANGRABELLA
via ORBOST

D O B - 25 May 22

Enlisted AIF -
CMF 8 Jan 42

Lt-Col
24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) "Imm"
Comd

NOMINAL ROLL OF DRAFT

Roll 5 MUST STAGING CAMP MADANG

To SAIDOR

June 20

REG NO	ARMY NO	NAME	UNIT	AUTHORITY
1	4443919	Capt Lee son K	M. ANN Coy	M. NG ANN Coy MADZAB
2	4443920
3	4443921	...	"	RTW for School
4	4443922	...	"	Street RTW

Res. Lists
CC STAGING CAMP

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

EMBARKATION CARD

To be issued to all officers and other ranks ordered to embark as individual passengers, and to be handed to the Movement Staff at the port before embarkation.

UNIT..... 10 DR Section

ARMY NUMBER..... Yx 122852

RANK..... SIG

NAME..... SHEFFIELD RG

PORT OF EMBARKATION..... MADANG

DATE..... 20 June 44

NAME OF VESSEL..... H.S. 11

DESTINATION OVERSEAS..... SAIDOR

UNIT JOINING..... COURIER

AUTHORITY FOR EMBARKATION.....

(Sgd.)..... *Hamilton* Rank

O.C. 19 Aust. D.R. Sec. (A.I.F.) Appointment

..... 20/6/44 Date

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

EMBARKATION CARD

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UNIT..... 10 DR Section

ARMY NUMBER..... NX 40076

RANK.....

NAME..... WILLIAMS

PORT OF EMBARKATION..... PIADANG

DATE..... 20 June 44

NAME OF VESSEL..... AS-11

DESTINATION OVERSEAS..... FINCH

UNIT JOINING..... COURIER

AUTHORITY FOR EMBARKATION.....

(Sgd.)..... *Thomson* Lieut. Rank

O.C. 19 Aust. D.R. Sec. (A.I.F.) Appointment

..... 20/6/44 Date

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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UNIT..... Movement Control, Madang

ARMY NUMBER..... NX 152275, ~~SX 27005~~ VX 123050

RANK..... Sgt. Pte.

NAME..... Drayton R.J. Phillips DT.

PORT OF EMBARKATION..... Madang

DATE..... 20 June.

NAME OF VESSEL..... AS 11

DESTINATION OVERSEAS..... Saidor

UNIT JOINING..... Movement Control

AUTHORITY FOR EMBARKATION..... DAQMG (M) 8 AUST MC Gp.

(Sgd.) *[Signature]* Rank

[Signature] Appointment

20 Jun 44 Date

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UNIT..... *Cipher Sec. N.G.F.*
ARMY NUMBER..... *VX. 7127*
RANK..... *Capt*
NAME..... *Growth. G.M.*
PORT OF EMBARKATION..... *NIADAN*
DATE..... *20 June 44*
NAME OF VESSEL..... *AS. 11*
DESTINATION OVERSEAS..... *Saidon*
UNIT JOINING..... *NGF.*
AUTHORITY FOR EMBARKATION..... *NGF. 0242*
(Sgd.)..... *[Signature]* Rank
DAAMG (M) Appointment
20 June 44 Date

NOMINAL ROLL OF DRAFT

FROM SAIDOR To MADANG (5th Div Rec Cp)

SERIAL
F W V

No.	RANK	NAME	REMARKS
VX 39295	Bow	Baconche J A	2/14 7a Reg. RTU.

Officer Conducting Draft

Officer Despatching Draft

Officer Receiving Draft

14 JUNE M.L. Du

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Angau Detachment,
US Forces, APO 321.
9 June 44.

MLO.

MOVEMENT ORDER.

PX 157 Burnet JW - WOII

~~NX 70596 Gnr Ishango~~

NX 44223 Joycey DC

Accompanied by ~~12~~ natives.

1½ tons equipment etc.

2 TONS

to Madang

~~to Madang~~

to Madang

for Duty.

~~for Duty.~~

for Duty

Angau.

~~Angau~~

Angau

L.G.R. Kyngdon

(L.G.R. Kyngdon) Capt
OC Angau Det.

AAFTSI

SUMMARY OF STRENGTH RETURNS

Summary of Strength Returns (AAFTSI) of
Personnel embarked at SAIDOR per LCM on 14 June 44

UNIT	Personnel			DESTINATION	ON DUTY
	Officers	OR's	TOTAL		
AAFC		1	1	MADAN	RTU
2/14 FD Regt		1	1	"	ON DUTY
ANGAU		2	2	NATIVES ACCOMPANY ANGAU TO MADAN	
TOTAL		4	4	NATIVES	

ER ROBINSON

14 June 44
Lieut

NOMINAL ROLL.

15 AUST. FD. AMB (HIF)

16 June 44.

VX. 82145. Div REEVES, R. 15 Aust. Fd. Amb.

for onward movement
to MADANG.

Johnson

NOMINAL ROLL OF DRAFT

Re Form No 3

29/6/44

FROM SAIDOR per L.M. TO MADANG

SERIAL	ARMY NO	RANK	NAME		REMARKS
1	QX13409	Cpl	HAYNE	D	ON DUTY
2					
3					

Officer Conducting Draft

Officer Receiving Draft

E. Holman
Officer Despatching
Draft

Pro Forma

From MADANG To FINSC HAFEN via SAIDOR

QX 31765 Sgt Conagha n FB

23 May 1944

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Signature of Offi

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Signature of Draft Conductor

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Signature of

22 MAY 44

NOMINAL ROLL OF DRAFT

FROM 5 DIV REC. CAMP MADANG TO 24 MUST INF BN

SER. No	ARMY No.	RANK	NAME
1.	VX104160	LIEUT	ROBINSON E.R.
2.	VX104531	CPL	WALKER J.L.
3.	VX10441P	PTE	CHILDS W.
4.	N207322	"	O'ROURKE R.
5.	VX106341	Sgt.	SPENDLOVE J.J.
6.	V155731	PTE	RUSSELL F.R.
7.	VX70733	CPL	LECKIE L.C.
8.	VX113463	PTE	WHITE L.G.

R. Blackley
Dy/ 5 Just. Sec
Rec Camp
Madang

Lading Lists
etc

May

1	11/12/33
2	11/10/33
3	11/22/33
4	11/18/33
5	11/15/33
6	11/12/33
7	11/10/33
8	11/8/33
9	11/5/33
10	11/3/33

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SUMMARY OF STRENGTH RETURNS

This Summary relates to the Strength Returns (A.A.F. T. 51) of Units, Portions of Units, and Drafts which embarked at MADANG per M/L 817 on 22 May 1944

(NOTE.—The total number of Personnel who embarked as Individual Passengers will also be entered on this Summary.)

UNITS, Etc.	Personnel		Animals	H.D. Vehicles	Guns, Carriages, Limbers, etc. (Describe)	Ammunition Wagons and Limbers.	Mechanical Vehicles (describe) and Trailers				Bicycles	*Tons, d.w.			REMARKS
	Officer	Other					S.A.A.	A.A.F. 2 Eqt.	Baggage						
24 AUST INF BN	1	7													
7 Doc.		1													
2/1 AGH DET.	1														
TOTALS	2	8	10												

Instructions:—

- (i) *In these columns will be entered the weights of accompanied stores—equipment, etc., which are not shipped loaded in vehicles and which will, therefore, require transport on landing.
- (ii) One copy of this Form should accompany the A.A.F.'s. T.51. rendered from the Ports of embarkation to L.H.Q.

(Signed) Gene Hunt ESO
Date 23 May 1944

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

A.A.F. T.51—Sheet 1
(Revised July, 1943)
(To be prepared in sextuple)
(a)

1. STRENGTH RETURN on Embarkation and Disembarkation of 24 Aust Inf Bn Details (Complete unit, portion of unit or draft) (b)

(Serial No. (c).....) on moving from Ris Rampaging on 130 Bay 1944 to Southern

To be rendered by Officers Commanding Units for complete Units, Portions of a Unit, or drafts (of a strength of 5 or over (d)) for Embarkation. A separate form to be rendered for all Parties. If Advanced Party this should be stated.

DETAIL	Personnel (of which a complete nominal roll must be rendered with this Form).								Animals		Tons, d.w. (e)			REMARKS (including Full Particulars of any Casualties)
	Officers	Warrant Officers	S/Sgts, and Sgts.	Corporals	Privates	Total Other Ranks	Nurses (A.A.N.S.)	Total All Ranks			S.A.A.	A.A.F.F.2 Equipment	Baggage	
Strength Authorised to be Embarked	1		1	2	4	7		7						
Strength as Entrained for Port of Embarkation														
Casualties en route for Port of Embarkation														
Strength actually Embarked	1		1	2	4	7		8						
Casualties during the Sea Voyage														
Strength actually Disembarked for Service														

Extreme accuracy is to be observed in the compilation and amendment of this return.

It will be signed as follows:—

- (i) By O.C. furnishing return. (ii) By Embarkation Staff Officer at the Port of Embarkation. (iii) On Disembarkation by O.C. Unit or by O.C. Troops on Board.
(iv) By Embarkation Staff Officer at Port of Disembarkation.

The particulars required below will be entered by the Embarkation Staff Officers.

EMBARKED at 130 Bay per Mr Simpson on 23 May 1944

DISEMBARKED at on 19.....

SIGNATURES:

R Blackell
.....
O.C. Furnishing Return
James Neil
.....
E.S.O. (Port of Embarkation)
Johnston
.....
O.C. Troops (for Signature on Disembarkation)
.....
E.S.O. (Port of Disembarkation)

- (a) To be disposed of as set out overleaf. (b) Delete as necessary.
(c) On Embarkation from Australia, if Unit is allotted to Expeditionary Force this number (as laid down in Order of Battle) should be given.
(d) For Parties of less than Five, A.A.F. T.50 Embarkation Card will be used.
(e) In these Columns will be entered the weights of accompanied stores, Equipments, etc., which are not shipped loaded in vehicles, and which will, therefore, require transport on landing.

NOTE.—THIS FORM IS IN A SET OF THREE SHEETS AND IS TO BE SUBMITTED AS A COMPLETE SET.

SUMMARY OF STRENGTH RETURNS

This Summary relates to the Strength Returns (A.A.F. T. 51) of Units, Portions of Units, and Drafts which embarked at Madang per M/L 874 on 23 May 1944.

(NOTE.—The total number of Personnel who embarked as Individual Passengers will also be entered on this Summary.)

UNITS, Etc.	Personnel		Animals	H.D. Vehicles	Guns, Carriages, Limbers, etc. (Describe)	Ammunition Wagons and Limbers.	Mechanical Vehicles (describe) and Trailers						Bicycles	*Tons, d.w.			REMARKS
	Officer	Other					Total	S.A.A.	A.A.F. 2 Eqpt.	Baggage							
2/4808 INF BN	1	7	8														
7 DEC.		1	1														
2/1 AGH DET		1	1														
TOTALS	2	8	10														

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(Signed) Gonies Lewis ESO
Date 23 May 1944

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

A.A.F. T.51—Sheet 1
(Revised July, 1943)
(To be prepared in sextuple)
(a)

1. STRENGTH RETURN on Embarkation and Disembarkation of 24 Aust Inf Bn Details (Complete unit, portion of unit or draft) (b)

(Serial No. (c).....) on moving from Ree Bay Madang on 23 May 1944 to Southern

To be rendered by Officers Commanding Units for complete Units, Portions of a Unit, or drafts (of a strength of 5 or over (d)) for Embarkation. A separate form to be rendered for all Parties. If Advanced Party this should be stated.

DETAIL	Personnel (of which a complete nominal roll must be rendered with this Form).								Animals		Tons, d.w. (e)			REMARKS (including Full Particulars of any Casualties)
	Officers	Warrant Officers	S/Sgts, and Sgts.	Corporals	Privates	Total Other Ranks	Nurses (A.A.N.S.)	Total All Ranks			S.A.A.	A.A.F.F.2 Equipment	Baggage	
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Casualties en route for Port of Embarkation														
Strength actually Embarked	1		1	2	4	7		8						
Casualties during the Sea Voyage														
Strength actually Disembarked for Service														

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(iv) By Embarkation Staff Officer at Port of Disembarkation.

The particulars required below will be entered by the Embarkation Staff Officers.

EMBARKED at Madang per M.L. 814 on 23 May 1944

DISEMBARKED at on 19.....

SIGNATURES:

R. Blackley
O.C. Furnishing Return

James Reid
E.S.O. (Port of Embarkation)

O.C. Troops (for Signature on Disembarkation)

E.S.O. (Port of Disembarkation)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

EMBARKATION CARD

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UNIT..... 2/1 AGH DET.

ARMY NUMBER..... 1433

RANK..... Major

NAME..... BURNETT DH

PORT OF EMBARKATION..... MADANG

DATE..... 22.5.44

NAME OF VESSEL..... M/L 814

DESTINATION OVERSEAS..... SAIDOR

UNIT JOINING..... UNIT

AUTHORITY FOR EMBARKATION.....

(Sgd.)..... Rank

..... Appointment

..... Date

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FROM MADANG To FINSCHAFEN via SAIDOR

QX 51765 Sgt Conogha n FB

25 May 1944

Urgent Return
to Unit

R.R. Ryan Capt
.....
Signature of Officer Despo taking

.....
Signature of Draft Conductor

.....
Signature of Officer Receiving

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NOMINAL ROLL OF DRAFT

FROM 5 DIV REC. CAMP MADANG To 24 MUST INF Bn

SER. No	Army No.	RANK	NAME
1.	VX104160	LICUT	ROBINSON E.R.
2.	VN04531	CPL	WALKER J.L.
3.	VX104417	PTE	CHILDS W.
4.	N207322	"	O'ROURKE R.
5.	VX106341	Sgt	SPENDLOVE J.J.
6.	V155731	PTE	RUSSELL F.R.
7.	VX70733	CPL	LECKIE L.C.
8.	VX-113463	PTE	WHITE L.G.

Blackley
Adj 5 Aust. Div.
Rec Camp,
Madang

SUMMARY OF STRENGTH RETURNS

This Summary relates to the Strength Returns (A.A.F. T. 51) of Units, Portions of Units, and Drafts which embarked at Madang for Suidor per A.S. 11 on 20 June 1944

(NOTE.—The total number of Personnel who embarked as Individual Passengers will also be entered on this Summary.)

UNITS, Etc.	Personnel		Animals	H.D. Vehicles	Guns, Carriages, Limbers, etc. (Describe)	Ammunition Wagons and Limbers.	Mechanical Vehicles (describe) and Trailers						Bicycles	*Tons, d.w.			REMARKS	
	Offs	Others					TOTAL									S.A.A.		A.A.F. 2 Eqpt.
HQ. NG. A.W. Coy		1	1															
10-D.R. Sec		2	2															
8 Aust. M.C. GP		2	2															
NGF		1	1															
TOTALS		15	6															

Instructions:—

- (i) *In these columns will be entered the weights of accompanied stores—equipment, etc., which are not shipped loaded in vehicles and which will, therefore, require transport on landing.
- (ii) One copy of this Form should accompany the A.A.F's. T.51. rendered from the Ports of embarkation to L.H.Q.

(Signed) Shunter Sgt. ESO
 Date 20 June 1944

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

EMBARKATION CARD

To be issued to all officers and other ranks ordered to embark as individual passengers, and to be handed to the Movement Staff at the port before embarkation.

UNIT..... *21 AGH Det.*

ARMY NUMBER..... *1433*

RANK..... *Major*

NAME..... *BURNETT J W*

PORT OF EMBARKATION..... *Padang.*

DATE..... *29.5.44*

NAME OF VESSEL..... *Mr 817*

DESTINATION OVERSEAS..... *SARAWAK*

UNIT JOINING..... *UNIT*

AUTHORITY FOR EMBARKATION.....

(Sgd.)..... *Burnett J W* Rank *Major*

..... *Quartermaster* Appointment

..... *22.5.44* Date

STAGING PERSONNEL

DATE IN	DATE OUT	Regt. No.	RANK	NAME	UNIT	FROM	TO	Remarks
7.6.44	8.6.44		Lt.	McDonald	AMRO	Madang	R.T.U.	
8.6.44	9.6.44		Lt.	Sprachan	A.S.C.	^{D.I.P.} B.H.Q.	Madang	R.T.U.
9.6.44	10.6.44		Cpl	Elles A.D.	24 Bn	B.H.Q.	Finsohafen	air ON DUTY
			Cpl	Wallace N.				
			Cpl	Wetton J.O.				
			Cpl	Walsby				
11.6.44	14.6.44	NX 9702	Cpl	D.C. Frost	aaP.C.	B.H.Q.	Madang	ON DUTY
12.6.44	14.6.44	VX 39295	Cpl	Macconchie	2/14 7d Reg	Finsohafen	Madang	R.T.U.
16.6.44	19.6.44	VX 82145	Lt	Reeves R.	15th Amb	Saidor	Madang	R.T.U.
	16.6.44	Q 42258	Cpl	Gall G.D.	24 Bn	Saidor	Finsoch	36 Bn
	17.6.44	VX 12785	Lt	Sheffield R.	10th Recy 3rd Aust Coy	Finsoch	Madang	R.T.U.
17.6.44	18.6.44	74550	Lt	Swan M.B.	78 wing R.A.A.F.	Cape Gloucester	Hollandia	air
19.6.44	19.6.44	QX 13409	Cpl	Hayne D.	NGF A.W.N.	B.H.Q.	Madang	Duty
21.6.44	21.6.44	9elson K	Cpl	VX 143919	NGF A.W.N.	Madang	R.T.U.	Duty
		Sheffield R.G.	Cpl	VX 12285	10 D.R. Sec			
		Williams	Cpl	NX 40076				
21.6.44	EVACIST	NX 7127	Lt	Drayton R.	movement control	MADANG	EVAC 15 FO Amb	Duty
		NX 125050	Pte	Phillips S.J.		"		
22.6.44	24.6.44	Cpl Sadler R.G.	Cpl	Sadler R.G.	19 Aust Lt C	FINSCH.	MADANG	R.T.U.
		Lt Clavarino A.L.	Lt	Clavarino A.L.	" Sigs			
24.6.44	25.6.44	Buseon A.J.	Lt	NX 148760	19 Aust Lt C	FINSCH		
25.6.44		Pte Collins	Lt	Parkinson J.W.	19 Aust Lt C			
25.6.44		NX 161841	Lt					

RATIONS

	22				23				24				25				26				27				28				29							
SUBUNIT	A	B	C	T	A	B	C	T	A	B	C	T	A	B	C	T	A	B	C	T	A	B	C	T	A	B	C	T	A	B	C	T				
STAGING STAFF	7	7	7	21	7	7	7	21	7	10	10	27	10	10	10	30																				
STAGING PERSONNEL	2	4	4	10	3	3	3	9	3	3	4	10	4	1	1	6																				
W.S. A.A.P.	4	4	4	12	4	4	4	12	4	2	2	8	2	2	2	6																				
POSTAL	4	4	4	12	4	4	4	12	4	4	4	12	4	4	4	12																				
Sigs	3	3	3	9	3	4	4	11	4	12	12	12	12	12	12	36																				
S Coy	6	6	8	21	8	8	8	24	9	5	5	14	5	5	5	15																				
Misc.	1	4	5	10	10	3	3	16	4	4	4	12	4	4	4	12																				
M.G.									15	15	30	45	7			15																				
	87	88	109	284	104	205	470	729	455	37	170	662	170	133	436																					

Ration																																
in motion	81				587				344				123																			
Red.	600																															
used	94				243				221				145																			
Ration over	587				344				123																							

RATIONS

Week Ending 21/6/44

SUB UNIT	15 th				16 th				17 th				18 th				19 th				20 th				21 st							
	A	B	C	T	A	B	C	T	A	B	C	T	A	B	C	T	A	B	C	T	A	B	C	T	A	B	C	T				
STAG IN & STAFF	7	7	7	21	7	7	7	21	7	7	7	21	7	7	7	21	7	7	7	21	7	7	7	21	7	7	7	21	7	7	7	21
STAGING PERSONNEL									2	2	1		2	1	-	1									2	2	2	2	6			
R.A.P.	4	4	4	12	4	5	5	14	5	4	4	13	4	4	4	12	4	4	4	12	4	4	4	12	4	4	4	12	4	4	4	12
POSTAL	4	4	4	12	4	4	4	12	4	4	4	12	4	4	4	12	4	4	4	12	4	4	4	12	4	4	4	12	4	4	4	12
Sigs	3	3	3	9	3	3	3	9	3	3	3	9	3	3	3	9	3	3	3	9	3	3	3	9	3	3	3	9	3	3	3	9
D. Coy.	29	29	29	87	29	29	29	87	29	29	28	86	28	32	30	90	30	30	60	120	60	60	60	180	60 ⁸⁶	60 ⁸⁶	60 ⁸⁶	180 ²⁵⁸				
Miscellaneous		1		1				1	1	1	1	3		3		3		5		5												

TOTAL	47	48	47	142	47	48	51	146	50	49	47	146	47	53	48	148	48	53	78	179	78	78	80	236	233 ²³⁶	86 ⁸⁶	86 ⁸⁶	258 ²⁵⁸
RATIONS ON HAND	240				193				144				95				46				250				171			
Received																	250											
USED	47				49				49				49				60				79				90			
RATIONS OVER	193				144				95				46				250				171				81			

RATIONS

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 6 = 43 7 = 40 8 = 36 9 = 46 10 = 62 11 = 69 12 = 13 = 14 =

SUB UNIT	0 MEALS			1 MEALS			2 MEALS			3 MEALS			4 MEALS			5 MEALS			6 MEALS			7 MEALS			8 MEALS														
	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C									
M.L.O. Co.	1	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1			
R.A.P.	4	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4			
D. Coy.	10	10	10	30	12	12	36	12	14	40	14	14	44	14	14	44	11	8	44	50	50	44	50	14	50	29	29	108	29	29	29	29	29	87	29	30			
Sigs.	4	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4			
STAGING STAFF	9	9	9	27	9	9	27	9	9	27	9	9	27	9	9	27	9	9	27	9	9	27	9	9	27	9	9	27	9	9	27	9	9	27	9	9	27	9	9
POSTAL	4	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4
STAGING	3	2	4	9	4	.	4	1	.	4	1	.	4	1	.	4	1	.	4	1	.	4	1	.	4	1	.	4	1	.	4	1	.	4	1	.	4	1	.
MISCELLANEOUS	4	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4	12	4	4
TOTAL	39	131	131	48	39	34	121	36	38	34	107	87	82	62	37	62	58	66	18	65	71	71	209	27	50	51	172	51	51	55	157	51	53	149	153				

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