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62 Infantry Battalion
February - April 1943

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 62 AUST INF BN A.I.F.

Date and Time.—From 1 Feb 43

To 0029Z 5 Feb 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MERAUKE	1 Feb 43		62 Aust Inf Bn A.I.F. landed from S.S. 'ISLANDER' at MERAUKE and proceeded to dispersal area pending movement to camp sites.	
	2 Feb 43	1255Z	'ISLANDER' departed. Some stores and mortar bombs NOT unloaded. Int. Sec. took over duties of operations.	
	3 Feb 43	0800Z	Officers conference held. Areas and tasks allotted. Mosquito protection and water sterilization equipment ordered.	
	4 Feb 43		Conference held between C.O. Force, O.C. R.D.F., O.C. U.S.A., R.A.A.F., 62 Sig. Offr. and I.O. re communications. R/T installed in Ops. Room for communication with OKABA.	
	5 Feb 43	0017Z	Red Alert.	
		0029Z	All Clear. Plane NOT identified. Bn. H.Q. moved into quarters vacated by U.S. R.A.A.F. requested to supply copies of messages re recent movement also Navy.	

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 Lt. Col.
 C.O. 62 Aust Inf Bn A.I.F.
 Lt. Col.

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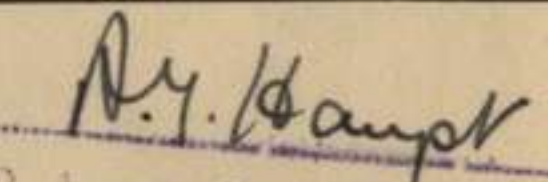
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Date and Time.—From 0029Z 5 Feb 43 To 9 Feb 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MERAUKE	5 Feb 43		Report from cyphers that Jap R/T was picked up by their operator.	
			Ops. Room W/T investigating.	
		2205Z	Jap W/T again picked up for few minutes on 4730 k.c's.	
	6 Feb 43		'Walrus' plane arrived.	
	7 Feb 43		'Walrus' departed. Suspected Jap intercept mentioned HOCHA and ASAR frequently.	
	8 Feb 43		N.E.I. held mortar shoot.	
		0145Z/	Red Alert. Two bombs dropped. Damage NIL. Casualties NIL. Plane NOT identified.	
		0230Z/	All Clear. Plane flew over STRIP and town for several minutes.	
	9 Feb 43		'C' Coy had mortar and battle practice on range.	
		0440Z	Red Alert	
	0442Z/	All Clear. Plane identified as 'Beaufort'. RADAR - firing practice.		


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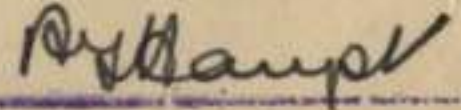
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Date and Time.—From 10 Feb 43

To 0249Z 13 Feb 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
MERAUKE	10 Feb 43	0930Z	Message received that one enemy F/plane bombed a small N.E.I. vessel 'HARMEN' at TANAHMERAH at 0200Z. Damage NIL.		
	11 Feb 43			C.O. and officers reced for site for Battle H.Q.	
		0958Z		RADAR off the air. Gale blowing and causing strain on motors.	
				Troops introduced to ZEBU meat for first time - general opinion uneatable.	
	12 Feb 43	0509Z		Yellow alert.	
		0516Z		All clear. Plane identified as 'Beaufort' patrol.	
	13 Feb 43	0136Z		Red Alert.	
		0207Z		All clear.	
		0230Z		Red Alert. Plane overhead ENEMY plane.	
0231Z			One bomb dropped corner 13 Street. Casualties - ⁵ natives killed ⁴ wounded. Military damage NIL.		
		0249Z	All clear		

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Date and Time.—From 0705Z 13 Feb 43 To 1400Z 15 Feb 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MERAUKE	13 Feb 43	0705Z	62 Bn supplied funeral guard for native burial.	
	14 Feb 43		OKABA reported O.K. Unidentified plane reported by RADAR later identified as 'Beaufort' patrol.	
		1300Z	Ball of fire in air - discovered as R.A.A.F. weather ballon.	
		1555Z	U.S. Gun D Bty. reports explosions approx. 2M. up river - reports not heard by RADAR, C Coy or Dutch O.P.1. Investigation by Capt. Mackenzie.	
	15 Feb 43	0415Z	Red Alert.	
		0417Z	All clear. Plane LOCKHEED which dropped parcels on STRIP.	
		1227Z	Yellow Alert.	
		1130Z	All clear.	
		1400Z	Force comdrs. conference. Appreciations distributed. O/O read.	Operation Order No.1
			Operation Instruction No.1 plus appendicies A-F issued.	Appendicies A-F attached

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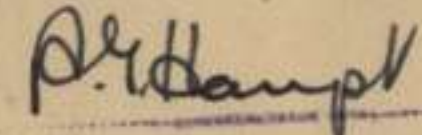
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Unit 62 AUST INF BN A.I.F.

Date and Time.—From 0333Z 16 Feb 43 To 0448Z 16 Feb 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MERAUKE	16 Feb 43	0333Z	Red alert.	
		0349Z	All clear. RADAR reports object lost. May have been cloud.	
		0055Z	Red alert.	
		0527Z	All clear. Friendly plane - possibly patrol. From sergeant of 26 Port Hospital U.S. report that Jap plane circled over a swamp approx 7 miles from MERAUKE on bearing of 110°. The ? plane was NOT very high. Int.Sec. investigated. Nothing to report except that open strip of swamp could be used as pointer to MERAUKE for identification.	
		0550Z	RADAR reported small ship 180° 4 miles.	
		0845Z	Ship identified as 'HARMEN' proceeding to anchorage off O.P.1.	
		0442Z	Red alert.	
		0448Z	All clear. Friendly plane - possibly patrol.	

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Date and Time.—From 2135Z 17 Feb 43 To 2120Z 18 Feb 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MERAUKE	17 Feb 43	2135Z	Yellow Alert.	
		2145Z	All clear - possibly patrol plane.	
	18 Feb 43	0133Z	Red Alert. Jap plane came in at erratic heights 5,000 to 6,000 feet, climbed to 12,000 - small bombs dropped near M.V. 'HARMON' NO damage. A/A opened fire. Plane identified as single engined float plane similar 'JUDY'.	
		0222Z	All clear.	
		0235Z	N.E.I. report plane dropped bombs from 200/300 metres.	
		0750Z	RADAR reports 'HARMON' steaming ^{away} over horizon on bearing 270°.	
		2115Z	Yellow alert.	
		2119Z	All clear. Beaufort patrol.	
		2120Z	Plane flew over STRIP dropped ? packet(s) which were not located Sig sent to T.I. re particulars. Result was that one packe t mail later discovered by R.A.A.F. personnel.	

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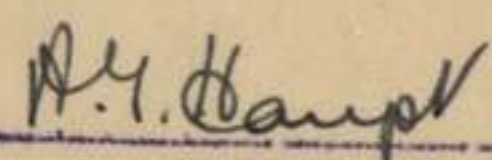
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Date and Time.—From 2145Z 18 Feb 43 To 0450Z 21 Feb 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MERAUKE	18 Feb 43	2145Z	'Beaufort' dropped parcels on STRIP.	
	19 Feb 43	0001Z	Small ship at mouth of river.	
		0100Z	Capt. Miller I.O. T.S.F. and 'I' Sgt. arrived per 'SOEDOE'.	
		0500Z	Bofors practice fire.	
	20 Feb 43	0655Z	'SOEDOE' returns to wharf.	
		2143Z	'Beaufort' dropped mail on STRIP.	
			'SOEDOE' unloaded by Coys. of 62 Aust Inf Bn in rotation. A quantity of beer was pillaged. A Court of Inquiry was held as promulgated in R.Os.	Force R.O. Part I No. 4/43
	21 Feb 43	0256Z	Red Alert.	
		0323Z	All clear. Indication of plane only. RADAR report plane lost.	
		0446Z	Yellow alert.	
0450Z		All clear. Plane NOT identified. Believed to have been 'Beaufort'.		

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Date and Time.—From 0205Z 22 Feb 43 To 1715Z 23 Feb 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MERAUKE	22 Feb 43	0205Z	Yellow alert.	
		0206Z	Red alert. Plane identified as ZERO. Circled area at between 12-15,000 feet.	
		0233Z	Yellow alert continues.	
		0415Z	All clear.	
		1130Z	O.P.3 reports hearing small motor boat one mile out to sea. RADAR unable to see or hear anything. Only report was large ship at range of 8 miles.	
	23 Feb 43	0215Z	R.A.A.F. notified Ops. that 'Beaufort' will drop mail and medical supplies at approx. 0445Z.	
		0438Z	'MIMI' arrived at jetty.	
		0447Z	'Beaufort' dropped supplies and mail.	
		1715Z	'SOEDOE' left for T.I.	

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Date and Time.—From 0805Z 23 Feb 43 To 2242Z 26 Feb 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MERAUKE	23 Feb 43	0805Z	O.P.5 confirmed by O.P.3 heard A/A fire and what was apparently smoke coming from 'SOEDOE'. Nothing further. Probably clearing A/A guns.	
		1630Z	Ops. informed by R.A.A.F. that 'Beaufort' will be dropping 4 bags mail on STRIP at 1735Z.	
		1746Z	Plannedropped mail.	
	24 Feb 43	1625Z	O.P.5 reported plane looked like 'Beaufort'. RADAR off the air for maintenance so could NOT report.	
		1735Z	Plane disappeared in a NW direction flying on route in direction of normal patrol.	
	25 Feb 43	0030Z	Boat coming up river identified as 'MIWI'.	
		0125Z	O.P.5 report freighter (?) on horizon.	
	26 Feb 43	2242Z	R.A.A.F. report 'Beaufort' will drop one bag mail 0500Z/27.	

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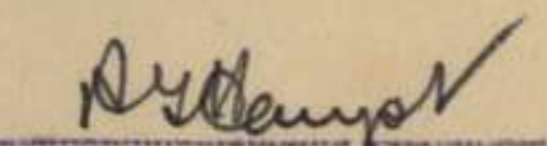
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Date and Time.—From 0031Z 27 Feb 43 To 0225Z 28 Feb 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MERAUKE	27 Feb 43	0031Z	ENEMY plane came in very fast from bearing of 300° circled area three times. Thought to be 'NELL'.	
		0032Z	Yellow alert.	
		0033Z	Red alert.	
		0125Z	All clear. NO bombs dropped. Recce only. U.S. HQ think plane 'SALLY'.	
		0139Z	Yellow alert.	
		0200Z	All clear. RADAR reported indications only.	
		1730Z	Force informed that 'Beaufort' will drop mail 2350Z.	
	28 Feb 43	0200Z	Yellow alert.	
		0201Z	Red alert. ENEMY F/Plane. Two bombs dropped on STRIP. Damage NIL. Casualties NIL.	
		0225Z	All clear.	

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Date and Time.—From 1649Z 28 Feb 43 To 1705Z 28 Feb 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MERAUKE	28 Feb 43	1649Z	O.P.5 report ship approaching river mouth on bearing 240° at	
			5½ miles.	
		1705Z	Ship entering mouth of RIVER. May be CORVETTE ?	

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

LT. COL A.G.K. HAUPT.

by

C.O. 62 AUST INF BN. AIF.

No.17.

3 Feb 43.

I. ALARM - AIR RAIDS.

Air Raid Siren has been erected at Bn H.Q.
Reference is made to R/O Pt I No.12 of 16 Jan 43 and No.16
I Feb 43.

Yellow - Air Raid Alert. The siren will not be sounded.
Work will NOT cease.

Red - Air Raid Alarm. Series of 5 sec blasts with 2 sec
intervals on siren.

On sounding of this alarm personnel will not immediately
proceed to cover but will wait until guns open fire or
bombs fall in immediate area.

All Clear. One continuous blast on siren.

2. ANTI MALARIA PRECAUTION.

The following precautions will be taken against the
contracting of Malaria.

(a) Personnel will bath between the hours of 0800 and
1800 hrs.

(b) Shirt & Jacket sleeves will be rolled down and
buttoned at wrist.

(c) Long slacks will be worn at all times with gaiters
or short puttees.

(d) One 6 Grain Quinine Tablet will be consumed daily by
all personnel. The tablet to be taken at night and
consumption supervised by Pl Comd.

(e) If resting mosquito nets will be drawn and securely
tucked in around bed.

3. TRESPASSING.

Troops will not enter private property unless instructed
to do so in the course of duty.

4. WATER MELONS - CONSUMPTION OF.

The growth of local Water Melons is fertilised with
material likely to cause Typhoid Fever.

Personnel, therefore, will not eat Water Melons.

5. MAIL - OUTWARDS.

Personnel will show address on letters as laid down in
R/O Pt I viz;

QX2222 Pte T. Atkins

A Coy

62 Aust Inf Bn AIF

Torres Straits Force.

Air Mail Postage is 3d. Stamps may be obtained from
Postal Sjt. Mails are NOT free.

Outward mail will be forwarded to I Sec, after censoring,
for despatch.

Inward. Inward mails will be delivered to Coy areas after
sorting has been completed.

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3 Feb 43

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Adjt. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

NOTICES.

FOUND. Offrs Lavatory on Ship.
Fountain Pen.

Men's Lavatory on Ship.
Wristlet watch.

On Deck of Ship.
Set False Teeth.

A Coy Area.
Rifle No. 78768.

Personnel claiming ownership of three former articles may apply to this H.Q.

LOST. Respirator with identity disc attached QX15843 Pte
Parker, G.A. Pay Book inside haversack. Finder please
return to this H.Q.

ALLIED LAND FORCES IN SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Lt. Col. A.G.K. HAUPT - COMMANDING ALLIED FORCES MERAUKE AREA

No. 1/43

5 Feb 43.

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1. AUGUSTA FORCE Routine Orders will apply to all Allied forces in MERAUKE area.
 2. BATHING & SHOWERS will only be taken between 0800 hrs and 1800 hrs daily.
 3. GAITERS will be worn on all occasions. Troops without gaiters will draw their socks over the bottom of trouser legs.
 4. SHIRTS: Long sleeved shirts will be worn and will be buttoned at the neck after 1800 hrs daily.
 5. ANTI-MALARIAL MEASURES: All units AUGUSTA FORCE will be responsible for anti-malarial measures in their own camp areas. Action will be taken to oil or fill in stagnant water pools. Wells tanks etc will be inspected for larvae.
 6. LATRINES: All units, with the exception 26 Portable Hospital, will site and dig trench latrines of a minimum depth of 8 ft. Latrines will not be closer than 100 ft. to nearest well or water supply.
 7. REFUSE: All refuse will be incinerated in suitable incinerators. Further information may be obtained from Hygiene Officer, at present attached to FORCE H.Q.
 8. PRIVATE PROPERTY: Private property will not be entered except on duty and with proper authority.
 9. DUTIES: 62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will provide sentries at following posts continuously.

1. FORCE H.Q.

2. FORCE Ops. Room.

W. Shoburn MAJOR
I/c. Merauke Force.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDER PART I.

LT. COL A.G.K. HAUPT.

by

C.O. 62 AUST INF BN AIF.

No.18.

5 Feb 43.

I. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 5 Feb 43 to Retreat 6 Feb 43.

ORDERLY CPL'S DUTIES : A/Cpl. R. Kenyon.
Next for Duty : A/Cpl D.W. Stewart.
" " " : A/Cpl. O. Pitman.

2. CENSORSHIP.

No reference will be made in letters of anything to indicate or suggest the location of this Unit. Personnel will not mention Merauke, N.G. or D.N.G. or describe air raids and their results. It is imperative that strict censorship be constantly maintained.

3. CHURCH PARADE.

The following Church Parades will be held 7 Feb 43.

0800 hrs C Coy Area. C and B Coy.

0930 hrs Area previously occupied by H.Q. Coy.

All ranks will be present at these parades.


4. WATER.

All water in this area is considered contaminated and will not be consumed unless sterilization precautions are taken prior to consumption.

5. DESTRUCTION OF TIMBER AND FOLIAGE.

For obvious reasons timber will not be cut and foliage destroyed unnecessarily.

The natural camouflage offered by standing trees is invaluable.


Capt.
Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF.)

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NOTICES.

CANTEEN. New establishment within H.Q. Coy Area.

Lt. Col. A.G.K. HAUPT

by

COMMANDING ALLIED FORCES MERAUKE AREA.

No. 2/43

6 Feb 43.

1. AIR RAID WARNING.

Yellow - air raid alert. This will merely be considered as a preliminary warning to the various Head Quarters. Work will not cease. A.A. guns will be warned and prepared for action.

Red - Warning will be given in sub-unit areas by means of sirens or gongs. Personnel will not move to slit trenches and similar cover until A.A. guns open fire or bombs fall in the vicinity.

2. TRAFFIC CONTROL. Strict traffic control will be exercised in vicinity of the various H.Q. No vehicle other than that of Unit O.C. will remain halted nearer than 100 yards from any headquarters. All stationary vehicles will be under cover from air observations.

3. TRANSPORT. Non-army personnel will not be conveyed in army vehicles except when being conveyed to or from work under army or civil control.

4. CUTS AND SCRATCHES. All cuts and scratches will be reported to nearest aid post as soon as possible and treatment obtained. Very serious infection are possible from untreated cuts and scratches in this area.

5. BATHING. A complete body wash must be made by each man at least twice in a week.

6. DYSENTERY CONTROL.

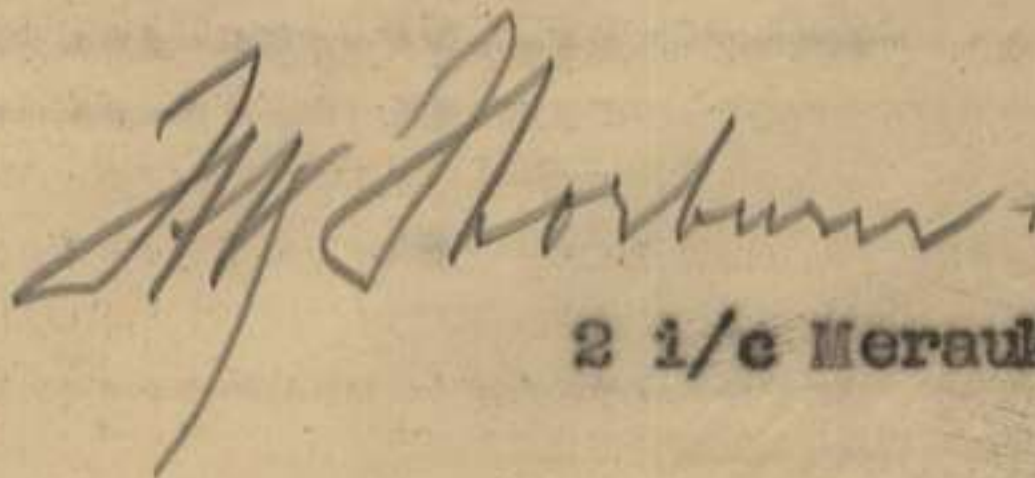
(i) Properly sited deep latrines will be prepared in all unit areas. It is essential that all latrines are made fly proof.

(ii) Drip bottles containing lysol for sterilization of hands will be maintained at all latrines and kitchens.

7. WATER SUPPLY. All water in this district is considered to be contaminated and is not fit for human consumption, until sterilized. Strict Water discipline will be maintained. Sterilization may be carried out by (i) Boiling; (ii) Chlorination - wait 30 minutes after addition of water sterilizing powder; (iii) Iodine - Addition of iodine until water has a pinkish appearance - wait one hour.

8. PURCHASE OF FOODSTUFFS. Bread rolls or other food that does not require cooking by the purchaser will NOT be bought from the natives. This order does not apply to such foods as bananas, custard apples, paw-paws, limes &c. Water melons will NOT be bought from the natives as they are fertilized with human excreta.

9. SECURITY. Postal address members of Units at MERAUKE must NOT include reference to name of place.



Major.

2 i/c Merauke Force.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

LT. COL A.G.K. HAUPT.

by

C.O. 62 AUST INF BN AIF.

No. 19.

8 Feb 43.

1. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 8 Feb 43 to Retreat 9 Feb 43,
- ORDERLY CPL'S DUTIES : A/CPL. M.G. Dingwall.
 Next for Duty : A/CPL. D. Devir.
 " " " : A/CPL. G. Hannam.
2. TRAFFIC CONTROL.
 Strict traffic control will be exercised in vicinity of the various H.Q.s. Vehicles, with the exception of that of C.O.s of Units, will not approach closer than 100 yds to any H.Q. Stationary vehicles will be parked under cover from air observation.
 Regtl Police will ensure this order is carried out in it's entirety.
3. TRANSPORT.
 The practice of carrying non-army personnel in vehicles without authority. will cease forthwith.
4. ATTENDANCE - R.A.P.
 Personnel suffering from cuts and scratches, irrespective of how minor they may be considered, will report to R.A.P. for attention without unnecessary delay.
 The risk of serious infection in this area from small cuts is great and early attention is essential.
5. BATHING.
 Each man will wash his body completely at least twice a week.
6. PURCHASE OF FOODSTUFFS FROM NATIVES.
 Food, such as bread rolls and other food which does not require cooking, must not be purchased from the natives.
 This order does not apply to fruits, with the exception of Water Melons which are fertilised with human excreta.
7. COLOUR PATCHES.
 All colour patches will be removed from Hats, Tunics etc forthwith.
8. CENSOR STAMPS.
 All Censor Stamps in possession of Coys will be handed to I Offr. 10 Feb 43 for registration and re-issue.
9. MAILS - OUTWARD.
 Outward mails may be handed to I Sec. daily.

[Signature]
 Capt.
 Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

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LT. COL. A.G.K. HAUPT.

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No. 20

10 Feb 43.

I. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 10 Feb 43 to Retreat 11 Feb 43.

- A. ORDERLY OFFICER ; Lieut. P. McHugh.
Next for Duty : Lieut. G.A. Clarke.
- B. ORDERLY SJT : Cpl. J.J. Craig.
Next for Duty : Sjt. M.H. Hawkins.
- C. ORDERLY CPL : Cpl. E.R.G. Florence.
Next for Duty : A/Cpl. A.L. Clothier.

2. SHAVING.

Troops will shave daily. The excuse of not being in possession of blades, or blades being blunt, will not be accepted from unshaven personnel.

3. REMOVAL OF SHIRTS.

For protection against mosquitoes shirts must be worn and will only be removed when doing work which calls for great exertion and will be replaced immediately on completion of job.

4. GUARDS AND SENTRIES.

A. Coys supplying Guards will ensure that all members of the guard are conversant with their duties and know the Allied Badges of Rank.

B. Personnel will not engage any sentry in conversation.

5. TROOP MOVES.

A. All moves will be made tactically.

B. Troops passing any H.Q. shall do so in an orderly manner.

6. CARRYING OF ARMS AND EQUIPMENT.

A. Officers will at all times carry personal weapon and following equipment;

1. Belt, Shoulder Braces, Ammunition Pouch and Pistol Ammunition, Prismatic Compass (if available) and Compass Pouch.

11. Full equipment consisting of Water Bottle, Haversack etc, will be carried on Patrol, Battle, or Tactical Exercises.

B. Other Ranks.

1. By day arms, equipment and ammunition will be carried by O.R.s when over a distance of 150 yards from their quarters. This instruction applies to Mess Parades if over 150 yards from quarters.

Respirators will not be carried unless by instruction.

Working parties will at all times have arms and

equipment in a handy position and under observation.
11. By night - All ranks will carry arms, ammunition and equipment when proceeding outside of their quarters, excepting when proceeding to lavatory or urinal.

7. GAS ALARM.

Respirators will be carried by all ranks every Saturday morning between 0800 hrs and 1200 hrs. During that period a Gas Alarm will be given. All ranks will preform their usual duties for a half hour wearing respirators.
Gas Alarm - Gongs or Rattles.

8. STANDING ORDERS.

The attention of all Comds. is drawn to the following paras of Standing Orders (11) (12) (13) (14) and (23).

9. STEEL HELMETS.

Steel Helmets will be worn by all ranks moving outside a radius of 150 yards of quarters.

It is the duty of all personnel to don steel helmets immediately Red Air Alarm is given.

10. REGIMENTAL TRUST FUND.

<u>Receipts.</u>		<u>Expenditure.</u>
Balance as at 31 Dec 42	148.4.7	1943
1943		Jan 31 By Balance 331.16.2
Jan 6 Canteen Profits (Sep 42)	69.1.2	
Jan 25 Canteen Profits (May 42)	37.17.9	
Jan 25 Canteen Profits (Oct 42)	76.12.8	
	<u>£331.16.2</u>	<u>£331.16.2</u>

Canteen Profits £37.17.9. received 25 Jan 43 represents profit for May 42 received after considerable delay.

[Signature]
Capt.
Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

DISTRIBUTION.

- C.O. H.Q. Merauke Force.
- 2 i/c Padre.
- Adj. Postal Sjt.
- A Coy. Hygiene Officer.
- B Coy. I Sec.
- C Coy. War Diary (3)
- D Coy. File.
- H.Q. Coy.

NOTICES.

Canteen will be open daily as follows;

- 0730 - 0800 hrs.
- 1230 - 1400 hrs.
- 1630 - 1700 hrs.
- 1800 - 2030 hrs.

FOUND. H.Q. Coy Area. Identity Discs QX27319 Pte. Thompson,
R.D. Apply Bn. H.Q.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

by

LT. COL A.G.K. HAUPT.

C.O. 62 AUST INF BN AIF.

No.21.

13 Feb 43.

I. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting retreat 12 Feb 43 to Retreat 13 Feb 43.

- A. ORDERLY OFFICER : Lieut. H. Williamson.
Next for Duty : Lieut. W.R. Pechey.
- B. ORDERLY SJT. : Sjt. A.A. Goodwin.
Next for Duty : Sjt. G.F. Broom.
- C. ORDERLY CPL : Cpl. G. Hannam.
Next for Duty : A/Cpl. M.C. Dingwall.

2. CENSORSHIP.

(i) The attention of all ranks is drawn to the following extract from R/O Pt I No.17 of 3 Feb 43;

"Personnel will show address on letters as laid down viz:-

QX22222 Pte. T. Atkins,
A Coy,
62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.
Torres Straits Force.

And also the following extract from R/O Pt I No.18 of 5 Feb 43:-

No reference will be made in letters of anything to indicate or suggest the location of this Unit. Personnel will not mention Merauke, N.G. or D.N.G. or describe air raids and their results.

It is imperative that strict censorship be constantly maintained.

(ii) The attention of all Officers is drawn to the following instructions contained in G.R.O. (G561) 20 Nov 42 which reads:-

"The attention of all ranks should be directed to the fact that the communication to any person, otherwise than in the course of official duty, of any naval, military or air force information is an offence under the Defence Act punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both.

An infringement of Army Field Censorship Instructions is an act of disloyalty which may incalculably harm the Allied cause. This fact will be impressed on all ranks. Rigorous steps will be taken to punish every detected offender, irrespective of rank.

An Officer is responsible if a letter, after being franked by him, contains military information. By aiding and abetting the commission of an offence, the officer himself commits an offence and is liable to punishment accordingly. This will not, however, absolve the writer of the letter from responsibility for the breach.

Penalties imposed for breaches of security will be notified in formation etc. Part I Routine Orders, and, where practicable, such notifications will be read out to troops on parade within the formation etc.

Contravention of this order if committed by an officer will be reported to L.H.Q. so that, if thought necessary, the individual concerned may be called upon to show cause why his commission should not be cancelled!"

(iii) The importance of maintaining a rigid standard of security of information cannot be over stressed.

(iv) Officers Commanding Coys will hold a muster parade daily for 6 days commencing Sun 14 Feb and will ensure that this Routine Order is read to all personnel. A note will be taken of personnel detached, on guard, working parties etc and have steps taken to acquaint them with this order as outlined above.

(3) COURT OF INQUIRY.

A Court of Inquiry constituted as under will assemble at a time, date, and place to be arranged by the President to inquire into, and report upon, circumstances surrounding injury to QX25295 Pte. Clear, L.R. at Merauke on 4 Feb 43.

President - Capt. P.A. Hargrave.
Member - Lieut. J. Pender.

Proceedings to reach this H.Q. within 7 days of the sitting of the Court.


(4) CHURCH PARADES.

Church Parades Sun 14 Feb 43.

B and C Coy - C Coy area 0800 hrs.

A, D, H.Q. Coy - Carrier Pl area 0930 hrs.

All ranks, with exception of R.C.s, will attend.


Capt.
Adjt. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

DISTRIBUTION.

C.O. H.Q. Merauke Force.
2 i/a Padre.
Adjt. Postal Sjt.
R.S.M. Hygiene Offr.
A Coy, I Sec.
B Coy. War Diary/(3)
C Coy. File
D Coy.
H.Q. Coy.

NOTICES.

LOST. Water Bottle and carrier. H.Q. Coy area 11 Feb 43.

FOUND. Hat Khaki Fur near H.Q. Coy area 11 Feb 43. No identification marks. Apply Bn H.Q.

ALLIED LAND FORCES SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREAROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Lt. Col. A.G.K. HAUPT

- COMMANDING ALLIED FORCES MERAUKE AREA.

No. 3/43

13 Feb. 43.

1. CARE OF TELEPHONES.

Attention of all ranks is directed to the necessity for care of tele-
phones. Telephones should at all times be protected from the effect of
weather conditions in order to maintain their efficiency. Personnel will
report to Force H.Q. any lines seen broken or otherwise out of order.

2. MOVEMENT.

2nd Lieut. H.F. Merklin O-452355 Bty. D 104 Sep. C.A. is relieved from
special duty Force H.Q. and returns to duty with Bty. D 104 Sep. C.A. from
1200 hrs. 5 Feb 43.

3. T/Corp. Anderson R.C. 39086433 Det. Port Detachment A is temporarily
attached for duty with Force H.Q. from 1200 hrs. 5 Feb 43.

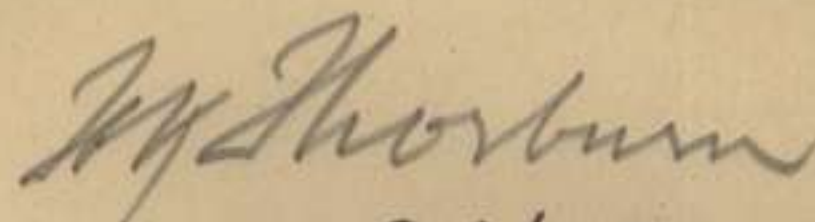
Pte. 1st Class Levy M.J. 19004921 is attached to Bty. D 104 Sep. C.A.
from Det. Port Detachment A for duty, rations and quarters from 1200 hrs.
8 Feb 43.

T/Sgt. Lehr G.E.	37083205)	} Are to be rationed by H.Q. Coy 62 Aust. Inf. Bn. from 1200 hrs. 5 Feb 43.
Sgt. Stiern E.F.	37130941)	
T-4 Plumb R.V.	33111875)	
T-5 Bryan H.T.	35270221)	

3. Movement of M.T. during period of RED ALARM will cease. Units and sub-
units will warn personnel concerned.

4. BLACKOUT LIGHTS.

All vehicle headlights will be blacked out to show the minimum light
at night consistent with safety. T.Os. of units will arrange a suitable
uniform procedure.



Major
2 i/c Merauke Force.

DISTRIBUTION

Gp. Comd.
62 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.)
R.A.A.F. SIG. Stn.
U.S.A. HQ.
N.E.I. HQ.
Port Det. A
26 Port. Hosp.
File
War Diary (3) ✓

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

LT. COL A.G.K. HAUPT.

C.O. 62 AUST INF BN AIF.

No. 22.

16 Feb 43.

I. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting retreat 16 Feb 43 to retreat 17 Feb 43.

- | | | |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------|
| A. ORDERLY OFFICER | : | Lieut. J.R. Whalley. |
| Next for duty | : | Lieut. B.C.P. Douglas. |
| " " " | : | Lieut. H.G. Williamson. |
| B. ORDERLY SGT | : | Sjt. G.W. Rathbone. |
| Next for duty | : | Sjt. A.A. Blake. |
| " " " | : | Sjt. J.M. Cain. |
| C. ORDERLY CPL | : | Pte. H.J. Smith. |
| Next for duty | : | Appl. A.E. Lloyd. |
| " " " | : | L/Cpl. W.D. McAndrew. |

2. FIRST FIELD DRESSING.

First Field Dressing will be carried by all ranks at all times.

3. MAILS.

All inward mails will be handled by Postal Sjt through Coy Orderly Rooms. Personnel will NOT make enquiries re shipping or mail planes of the Postal Sjt.

4. AMMUNITION AND RATION DUMPS ETC.

Strict disciplinary action will be taken against any unauthorised person interfering with Ammunition or Ration Dumps or Cookhouses.

5. CHANGE OF LOCATION.

Coys will notify this H.Q. of change of location as follows;

Coy H.Q. will close at present location at.....hrs on.....and reopen at.....at.....hrs on..

6. CAMOUFLAGE.

- (a) Result of air reconnaissance over area on 15 Feb 43 height 1200 ft;

C & B Coy areas almost perfect.

D & A Coy areas excellent.

Odd tents discernable.

Observer suggests palm fronts or muddy water over tents likely to be exposed to sunlight.

- (b) All uncamouflaged tents will be camouflaged immediately.

A. J. Lightbody
Lieut.
for Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

NOTICES.

LOST. Blue "Swan" fountain pen. Finder please return to this H.Q.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

LT. COL A.G.K. HAUPT.

by

C.O. 62 AUST INF BN AIF.

No. 23.

18 Feb 43.

I. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 18 Feb 43 to Retreat 19 Feb 43

A.	ORDERLY OFFICER	:	Lieut. H.N. McR. Yeates.
	Next for Duty	:	Lieut. N.F. Fox.
	" " "	:	Lieut. J.W. Pender.
B.	ORDERLY SGT.	:	Sjt. J.M. Cain.
	Next for Duty	:	Sjt. G.W. Rathbone.
	" " "	:	Sjt. F.A. Blake.
C.	ORDERLY CPL.	:	L/Cpl. W.D. McAndrew.
	Next for Duty	:	Pte. D. Donnan.
	" " "	:	A/Cpl. D.E. Stewart.

2. SHIRTS - WORSTED.

The shirts recently on issue (pocketless type) are not, repeat, are not to be boiled or washed in hot water. These shirts, containing a large percentage of wool, will disintegrate if boiled.

3. MOSQUITOES.

All Coy Comds. will ensure that all slit trenches containing water, and all waterholes, in their area are treated weekly with Petrol. Amount to be used - 2 ozs to 20 square feet of water surface.

4. PRACTICE - LIVE AMMUNITION.

Coy Comds. will notify this H.Q. 24 hours prior to firing of live ammunition.

The information furnished will contain:-

- (a) Danger area and Target area.
- (b) Time of commencing and finishing shoot.
(This to be strictly adhered to)
- (c) Type of practice.
- (d) Estimated quantity of ammunition to be expended.

Upon approval being granted for the shoot, the Officer in charge will be responsible for safety precautions.

5. ANTI-MALARIA PROTECTION.

Reference R/O Pt. I No. 17 of 3 Feb 43. Shirt or Jacket sleeves will be rolled down and buttoned at the wrist between 1700 hrs and 0800 hrs.

Strict disciplinary action will be taken against any offender of this order.

6. NATIVES IN CAMP AREA.

Natives will not be permitted within any camp area between Retreat and Reveille.

This also applies to those natives in possession of a

pass issued by Coy Comds. for purpose of collecting and delivering washing, which must be done outside the hours stated above.



Capt.
Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

DISTRIBUTION.

C.O.	H.Q. Coy.
2 i/c	H.Q. Merauke Force.
Adj. 1	Padre.
R.S.M.	Postal Sjt.
A Coy.	Hygiene Offr.
B Coy.	I Sec
C Coy.	War Diary (3)
D Coy.	File.

NOTICES.

LOST. H.Q. Coy area 16 Feb 43. Money belt containing sum of money. Finder please return Bn, H.Q.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

LT. COL A.G.K. HAUPT.

by

C.O. 62 AUST INF BN AIF.

No. 24.

20 Feb 43.

I. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 20 Feb 43 to Retreat 21 Feb 43.

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|----|-----------------|---|-----------------------|
| A. | ORDERLY OFFICER | : | Lieut. J.W. Pender. |
| | Next for Duty | : | Lieut. P.J. Sullivan. |
| | " " " | : | Lieut. A.J. Bradshaw. |
| B. | ORDERLY SGT | : | Sjt. F.A. Blake. |
| | Next for Duty | : | Sjt. J.M. Cain. |
| | " " " | : | A/Sjt. A. Biggam. |
| C. | ORDERLY CPL | : | A/Cpl. D.E. Stewart. |
| | Next for Duty | : | A/Cpl. J.H. Cox. |
| | " " " | : | L/Cpl. R.F. Backman. |

2. CHURCH PARADES.

Church Parades Sun 21 Feb 43.

B and C Coy - C Coy area 0800 hrs

A, D, H.Q. Coys - Carrier Pl area 0915 hrs.

3. M.T. VEHICLES - CONTROL OF. (F.A.A. A15)

It has been reported, as the result of investigations by the Chief Inspector of Administration, that laxity is apparent in the control of M.T. vehicles.

The report indicated that the worst type of offences are:-

- (a) M.T. vehicles unattended.
- (b) Incorrectly made out A.A. Forms G2.
- (c) Vehicles unlocked.
- (d) Drivers not in possession of A.A.F G11.
- (e) Three persons in the front seat.
- (f) Dangerous driving.
- (g) Drunk in charge of M.T. vehicles.
- (h) Illegal use of M.T. vehicles.
- (i) Unauthorised civilian passengers.
- (j) Failure to observe civilian laws.

Attention is directed to the following relevant M.B.I.s G.R.O. and First Aust Army Orders:-

M.B.I.s Q15, Q35 - 1941
G.R.O. 23, 150, 324 - 1942.
F.A.A. Orders 54, 66, 164, 397, - 1942.

It is essential that the strictest supervision of the use of Mechanical Vehicles be exercised, and that the necessity for the conservation of rubber and petrol be impressed on all concerned.

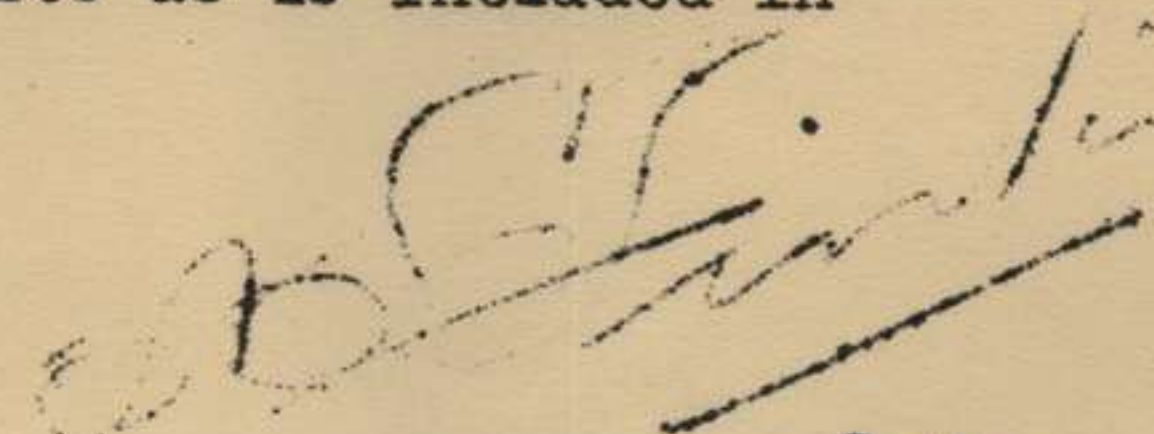
4. MAINTENANCE OF M.T. (G.R.O. G70)

1. Driver's routine maintenance of all mechanical vehicles, except tanks, will be carried out by the Group System as set out in Mechanical Vehicle Training Pamphlet No.1.

2. The special fighting and protective equipment of wheeled armoured fighting vehicles will be maintained in the manner prescribed by the relevant Australian Army instruction book or by instructions issued by L.H.Q. from time to time.

3. The daily task system of routine maintenance will not be used in Australia. All publications and leaflets issued to unit personnel or carried in vehicles which relate to the daily task system will be withdrawn from use forthwith.

4. Mechanical Vehicles Training Pamphlet No.1 will be carried in all wheeled vehicles, carriers (Aust) and with all motor cycles, and will be accounted for on handing over or taking over vehicles as if included in the vehicle outfit list.



Capt.
Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

ALLIED LAND FORCES IN SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

Lt. Col. A.G. HAUPT - COMMANDING ALLIED FORCES MERAUKE AREA.

No. 4/43

21 Feb 43.

COURT OF INQUIRY - BY ORDER LT. COL. A.G. HAUPT COMMANDING MERAUKE FORCE.

1. A Court of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned officers will assemble at MERAUKE Force H.Q. for the purpose of inquiry into loss of stores conveyed to MERAUKE by s.s. 'BORDOE' on 19 Feb 43.

PRESIDENT Captain J. Baird, 62 Aust. Inf. Bn. A.I.F.

MEMBER Lieut. H.F. Merklin, 104 Sep. C.A. - A.A.(U.S.)

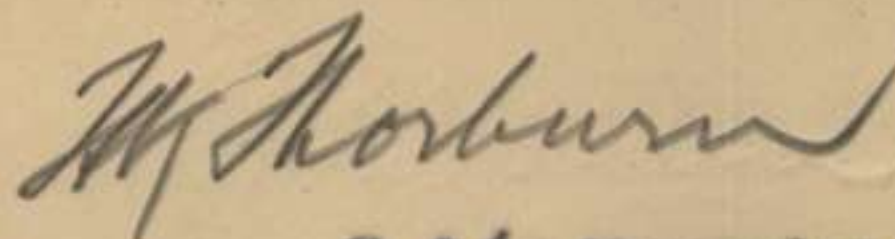
MEMBER One officer N.E.I. Fusilier Coy. to be nominated by
O.C. N.E.I. Fusilier Coy.

2. All evidence will be taken on oath.

3. The Court will assemble at times to be fixed by the president, but the initial assembly will not be later than Monday 22 Feb 43.

4. The Court will submit a report to the Convening Authority. The Court will report on the following points.

- (i) Date and time of the loss.
- (ii) A summary of losses.
- (iii) The value of the missing stores.
- (iv) Place where loss occurred.
- (v) The ownership of the missing goods.
- (vi) From whom were goods consigned.
- (vii) Whether loss was due to neglect of duty or other offence on the part of any person.
- (viii) Personal liability of Commanding Officer.
- (ix) Units responsible for losses.
- (x) Did Unit or Units to whom goods were consigned take reasonable care to guard the goods after they were landed?
- (xi) Any other information the Court may consider relevant.



Major.
2 i/c Merauke Force.

DISTRIBUTION.

Gp. Comd.
62 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.)
R.A.A.F. Sig. Stn.
U.S.A. H.Q.
N.E.I. H.Q.
Port Det. A.
26 Port. Hosp.
File
War Diary (3)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

LT. COL A.G.K. HAUPT.

by

C.O. 62 AUST INF BN AIF.

No. 25.

23 Feb 43.

I. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 23 Feb 43 to Retreat 24 Feb 43.

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|----|-----------------|---|-----------------------|
| A. | ORDERLY OFFICER | : | Lieut. T. Rodham. |
| | Next for Duty | : | Lieut. W.P. Stratton. |
| | " " " | : | Lieut. H.J. Reid. |
| B. | ORDERLY SJT. | : | L/Sjt. Murray, E.J. |
| | Next for Duty | : | A/Sjt. Biscoe, A.H. |
| | " " " | : | Sjt. Hitchcock, E.J. |
| C. | ORDERLY CPL. | : | Cpl. Crofts, F.I. |
| | Next for Duty | : | A/Cpl. Dopson, J. |
| | " " " | : | A/Cpl. Taylor, J.W. |

2. TRANSPORT.

(a) Until additional transport is available, the present transport will have to be organised to obtain the maximum of running, with the minimum of waiting time.

(b) Officers and all N.C.O.s i/c of working parties will not keep transport waiting for a longer period than the delivery of stores, tools and personnel, unless the job to be done is only of a short duration of not more than approximately one hour.

(c) Coys are instructed to use the following services for inter-unit transport of small parties, gear, etc as much as possible;

- (1) R.A.P. truck departs from Bn. H.Q. 0900 hrs daily. Route - through all coys to C Coy. Returns after a waiting period at C Coy of from 15 to 45 minutes.
- (2) Ration truck departs from Bn. H.Q. 1430 hrs daily. Route - D, B, & A Coys. Returns on same route immediately after delivery of A Coys rations.

(d) Personnel requisitioning transport will state the task etc.

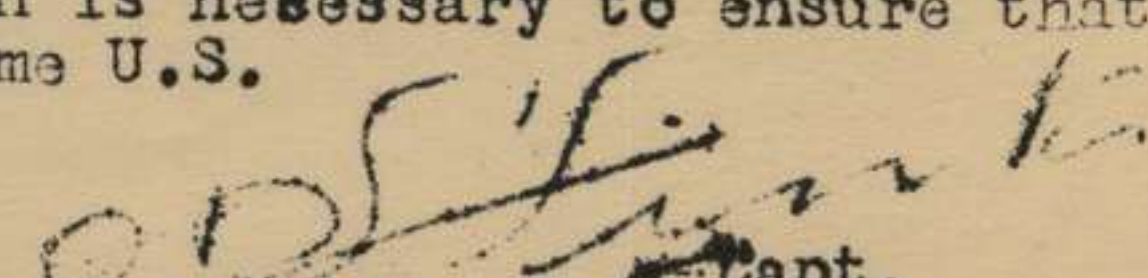
(e) Transport Officer will co-ordinate transport demands as much as possible and endeavour to utilize one vehicle only for more than one run on the same route.

3. SPECTACLES.

Coys will advise this H.Q. particulars of personnel who have been tested for spectacles and are awaiting supply. Address at time of testing will be included.

4. BOOT REPAIRS.

Coy Comds. will ascertain condition of boots of personnel. Those requiring repair will be sent to unit Boot Repairer immediately. It is essential that boots be kept in a good state of repair and periodical inspection is necessary to ensure that boots are not worn until they become U.S.


Adjt. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

LT. COL A.G.K. HAUPT.

by

C.O. 62 AUST INF BN AIF.

No. 26.

26 Feb 43.

1. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 26 Feb 43 to Retreat 27 Feb 43.

A.	ORDERLY OFFICER	:	Lieut. J.W. Pender.
	Next for Duty	:	Lieut. H.N. McR. Yeates.
	" " "	:	Lieut. J.R. Whalley.
B.	ORDERLY SGT.	:	L/Sjt. C.A. Gibbs.
	Next for Duty	:	A/Sjt. C.H. O'Reilly.
	" " "	:	A/Sjt. A. Biggam.
C.	ORDERLY CPL.	:	A/Cpl. N.C. Egan.
	Next for Duty	:	L/Cpl. R.K. Bloxson.
	" " "	:	A/Cpl. T.W. Taylor.

2. SICK - EVACUATION OF TO C.D.S.

Coys will ensure that when personnel are evacuated to C.D.S. they will take the following;

- (1) Blanket.
- (2) Mosquito net.

3. LOSS OF EQUIPMENT.

Instances have occurred where men have left Rifles and equipment behind after being on work parties etc. Coy. Comds. will take disciplinary action against future offenders. Loss of articles will be debited against persons concerned.

4. CAMOUFLAGE.

All tents NOT camouflaged will be treated with mud. This is best carried out by mixing mud to the consistency of thin paint with a small quantity of flour, or rice water, if available. Object is to obtain MATT surface to prevent reflection.

5. HELMETS - STEEL. REF R.O. 1/20 Para 9.

Helmets (steel) will not be worn except on the following occasions;

- (1) Red Alarm.
- (2) Field Exercises.

They will be carried on patrol and work parties.

(COPY)
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
Vacancies for Diplomatic Staff Cadets, £120-522
Department of External Affairs,
CANBERRA

Applications are invited from British Subjects (male and Female) for temporary appointments to the abovementioned positions. Actual salary payable is:-

Minors £137 to £185 according to age.

Adults £268 to £556.

A special allowance will be granted in the case of minors until reaching 21 years of age.

Applicants must have at least matriculated or hold the Leaving Certificate, and be not under 17 years of age as on 1st of January 1943. A University degree in Arts, Law, Commerce or Economics is desirable, but not essential. Applicants must, however, show a general aptitude to understand international and constitutional affairs from the Australian aspect, and have a competent knowledge of an approved foreign language and a capacity for English composition. Applicants should indicate whether they have been passed as fit for military service. Those who have had active combatant service in the present war will receive first considerations.

Applicants at the time of personal interview should be prepared to undergo an oral examination in:-

- (i) the language they have selected.
- (ii) current affairs, especially Australian affairs.

and will be required to write an essay in English and a precis.

Successful applicants will be engaged on probation for nine months during which time they will receive the salaries mentioned, but will be required to undertake at their own expense a specially approved course of study at Sydney or another Australian University covering the following subjects:-

- (a) Contemporary world history since 1914.
- (b) Asiatic and Pacific History.
- (c) A modern language.
- (d) Political Science.
- (e) Diplomatic practice and procedure.

At the end of the course, applicants will be further examined and on a satisfactory certificate will receive a temporary post in the Department of External Affairs, and the question of permanent appointment to the Commonwealth Public Service will receive consideration at a later date.

Applications should reach Force H.Q. by 2 March 43.

7. CHURCH PARADES.

Church Parades Sun 28 Feb 43.

A, B & C Coy - C Coy area 0745 hrs.

D & H.Q. Coy - Carrier Pl area 0900 hrs.

R.C. Tpt will leave C Coy 0650 hrs.
A Coy personnel will be picked up
at B Coy.

8. MAIL BAGS.

As there is a shortage of mail bags Coys will return same to Postal Sjt with least possible delay and ensure that they are returned in the same condition as they were received. It has been reported that bags have been returned wet and dirty. Ref. ~~S.S.~~O. Army Postal Services Para 26.

9. TRACK DISCIPLINE.

Coys will ensure that strict Track Discipline is maintained.

10. BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

Coys are requested to ask personnel if they have no further use for books or magazines would they hand same to Coy Officer. This literature will be collected and used in Recreation Hut.

J. Stewart

Capt.
Acting Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

ALLIED LAND FORCES IN SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREAROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Lt. Col. A.G. HAUT

COMMANDING ALLIED FORCES HERAUKA AREA

No. 5/43.

26 Feb 43.

1. LOOTING

Property including furniture etc. will not be removed from any building or its precincts by any member of HERAUKA FORCE without written authority from FORCE H.Q. Any offence against this order will be treated as looting within the meaning of the Army Act or equivalent law of allied troops.

2. CAMOUFLAGE

All Units will check existing roads and tracks and where necessary take steps to close any that are not necessary or would give an indication of a H.Q. to an air recce.

3. ROADS

5 Avenue which is at present under repair will NOT be used until permission is given by FORCE H.Q.

J. J. Shorburn
Major,
S 1/c Herauka Force.

DISTRIBUTION

Gp. Comd.
62 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.)
R.A.A.F. Sig. Stn.
U.S.A. HQ.
N.R.I. HQ.
Port Det. A.
26 Port. Hosp.
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War Diary (3)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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).
Lieut	Cameron A.G.T. (QX14256)	62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	At Joint Overseas Operational Tng School, Course 6(11) (After completion of school)

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.	Comp. Posting	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
T/Lt. Col.	SX1475	Haupt A.G.K.	C.O.	Yes	
Major	VX102613	Thorburn H.K.	2 1/c	"	
Lt. T/Major	Q135020	McCoy P.	O.C. C Coy	"	
T/Capt	Q16354	Young A.A.	Detached to Torres Strait Force	"	
T/Capt	Q123359	Wightman R.A.	do	do	do
T/Capt	Q135225	Mackenzie A.A.	O.C.HQ Coy	Yes	
T/Capt	Q120163	Finter A.S.	Adjt.	"	
T/Capt	VX104334	Baird J.R.B.	O.C. D Coy	"	
T/Capt	VX104337	Butterworth K.W.	O.C. A Coy	"	
T/Capt	VX104349	Turner E.W.	O.C. B Coy	"	
T/Capt	VX102612	Stewart A.D.	2 1/c D Coy	"	
T/Capt	VX102605	Hargrave P.A.	2 1/c B	"	
T/Capt	Q41360	Taylor E.A.S.	Q.M.	"	
Lieut	QX16129	Pechey W.R.	Pl. Comd C Coy	"	
Lieut	QX16123	Turbayne K.G.	O.C. C Coy	"	
Lieut	QX17629	Sullivan P.J.	Mortar Pl	"	
Lieut	QX3622	Gray-Duchanan J.I.	O.C. Carrier Pl.	"	
Lieut	QX14256	Cameron A.G.T.	2 1/c/A Coy	No	School
Lieut	Q137267	Eyers W.	Detached to Torres Strait Force	"	
Lieut	QX17332	Stratton W.P.	Pl Comd D Coy	Yes	
Lieut	QX16325	Cheesman R.S.	" " D	"	
Lieut	QX21020	Fox N.F.	2 1/c Carrier Pl	"	
Lieut	QX16376	Bradshaw A.J.	Pl Comd D Coy	"	
Lieut	QX2974	Rodham T.	Sig. Pl. Comd	"	
Lieut	QX16518	Hall J.W.	Pl Comd B Coy	"	
Lieut	QX12745	Lightbody M.A.	T.O.	"	
Lieut	QX11309	Reid H.J.	Pl Comd A Coy	"	
Lieut	QX15360	Ross W.F.G.	" " A	"	
Lieut	QX16841	Douglas B.C.P.	" " B	"	
Lieut	QX19523	Yeates H.N.McR.	" " C	"	
Lieut	QX21849	Tedford K.	" " C	No	School
Lieut	QX11600	McHugh P.	" " B	Yes	
Lieut	NGX76	Clarke G.A.	A.A. Pl. Comd	"	
Lieut	QX20318	Pender J.W.	Pl Comd A Coy	"	
Lieut	VX102621	Williamson H.G.	Pioneer Pl Comd	"	
Lieut	QX40243	Whalley J.R.	Attached C Coy	No	Hospital
REGIMENTAL SUPERNUMERARY LIST					
T/Major	Q16983	Stead C.J.			
Lieut	QX17998	Gillingham A.S.			

(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.	Q112206	Townsend A.R.	A.A.M.C.	9 Jul	R.M.O.
Capt.	Q119719	Compton C.M.	A.A.C.D.	29 Jan	Chaplain
				43	

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

(Unit.)

W. Dampier

(Signature of Commander.)

Lt. Col.

6 Feb 43

(Date of Despatch.)

Torres Strait Force.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps XXX Posting	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
T/Lt. Col	SX1475	Haupt A.G.K.	C.O.	Yes	
Major	VX102613	Thorburn H.K.	2 1/c	"	
Lt. T/Major	Q185020	McCoy P.	O.C. C Coy	"	
T/Capt	Q16354	Young A.A.	Detached to Torres Strait Force		
T/Capt	Q123359	Wightman R.A.	do	do	do do
T/Capt	Q185225	MacKenzie A.A.	O.C. HQ Coy	Yes	
T/Capt	Q120163	Finter A.S.	Adit	"	
T/Capt	VX104334	Haird J.R.B.	O.C. D Coy	"	
T/Capt	VX104337	Bitterworth K.W.	O.C. A Coy	"	
T/Capt	VX104349	Turner E.W.	O.C. B Coy	"	
T/Capt	VX102612	Stewart A.D.	2 1/c D Coy	"	
T/Capt	VX102605	Hargrave P.A.	2 1/c B Coy	"	
T/Capt	Q41860	Taylor E.A.S.	O.C.	"	
Lieut	QX16129	Peohay W.R.	Pl Comd C Coy	"	
Lieut	QX16123	Turbayne K.G.	2 1/c C Coy	"	
Lieut	QX17629	Sullivan P.J.	Mortar Pl.	"	
Lieut	QX8622	Gray-Richanan J.L.	O.C. Carrier Pl	"	
Lieut	QX14256	Cameron A.G.T.	2 1/c A Coy	No	School
Lieut	Q187267	Eyers W.	Detached to Torres Strait Force		
Lieut	QX17532	Stratton W.P.	Pl Comd D Coy	Yes	
Lieut	QX18325	Cheesman R.S.	" " D	"	
Lieut	QX21020	Fox H.F.	2 1/c Carrier Pl	"	
Lieut	QX16276	Bradshaw A.J.	Pl Comd D Coy	"	
Lieut	QX2274	Bodham T.	Sig Pl Comd	"	
Lieut	QX16518	Hall J.F.	Pl Comd B Coy	"	
Lieut	QX12743	Lightbody M.A.	T.O.	"	
Lieut	QX11309	Raid E.J.	Pl Comd A Coy	"	
Lieut	QX15360	Ross W.F.G.	" " A	"	
Lieut	QX16341	Douglas B.C.P.	" " B	"	
Lieut	QX12523	Yates H.M. McR.	" " C	"	
Lieut	QX1849	Tedford E.	" " C	No	School
Lieut	QX11600	McHugh P.	" " B	Yes	
Lieut	QX76	Clarke G.A.	A.A. Pl Comd	"	
Lieut	QX20318	Pender J.W.	Pl Comd A Coy	"	
Lieut	VX102621	Williamson H.G.	Pioneer Pl Comd	"	
Lieut	QX10248	Whalley J.R.	Attached C Coy	"	
REGIMENTAL SUPERNUMERARY LIST.					
T/Major	Q16983	Stead C.J.			
Lieut	QX17998	Gillingham A.S.			

(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	Q112206	Townsend A.R.	A.A.M.C.	9 Jul 42	R.M.O.
Capt	Q119719	Compton C.M.	A.A.C.D.	29 Jan 43	Chaplain

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

(Unit.)

A.G. Haupt Lt. Col.

(Signature of Commander.)

13 Feb 43

(Date of Despatch.)

Torres Strait Force

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

62 Aust Inf Bn(AIF) (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps Posting	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
T/Lt. Col.	3X1475	Haupt A.G.K.	C.O.	Yes	
Major	VX102613	Thorburn H.K.	2 1/c	"	
Lt. T/Maj.	Q185020	McCoy P.	O.C. C Coy	"	
T/Capt	Q16354	Young A.A.	Detached to Torres Strait Force		
T/Capt	Q123359	Wightman R.A.	do	do	do
T/Capt	Q185225	MacKenzie A.A.	O.C. HQ Coy	Yes	
T/Capt	Q120163	Finter A.S.	Adjt	"	
T/Capt	VX104334	Raird J.R.B.	O.C. D Coy	"	
T/Capt	VX104337	Butterworth K.W.	O.C. A Coy	"	
T/Capt	VX104349	Turner F.W.	O.C. B Coy	"	
T/Capt	VX102612	Stewart A.D.	2 1/c D Coy	"	
T/Capt	VX102605	Hampgrave P.A.	2 1/c B Coy	"	
T/Capt	3X 041860	Taylor E.A.S.	O.M.	"	
Lieut.	QX16129	Pechey H.R.	Pl. Comd. C Coy	"	
Lieut.	QX16123	Turbayne K.G.	2 1/c C Coy	"	
Lieut.	QX17629	Sullivan P.J.	O/C Master Pl.	"	
Lieut.	QX8622	Gray-Richanson J.I.	O/C Carrier Pl.	"	
Lieut.	QX14256	Cameron A.G.T.	2 1/c A Coy	"	
Lieut.	Q187267	Byers W.	Detached to Torres Strait Force		
Lieut.	QX17832	Stratton W.P.	Pl. Comd D Coy	Yes	
Lieut.	QX12325	Cressman R.S.	" " " "	"	
Lieut.	QX21020	Rox H.F.	2 1/c Cavalry Pl.	"	
Lieut.	QX16076	Bradshaw A.J.	Pl. Comd B Coy	"	
Lieut.	QX2974	Rodham T.	O/C Sig Pl	"	
Lieut.	QX16518	Hall J.P.	Pl. Comd B Coy	"	
Lieut.	QX12743	Lightbody M.A.	T.O.	"	
Lieut.	QX11309	Reid H.J.	Pl. Comd A Coy	No	Hospital
Lieut.	QX15360	Boss W.F.G.	" " A	Yes	
Lieut.	QX18341	Douglas B.C.P.	" " B	"	
Lieut.	QX19528	Yeates H.H. McR.	" " C	"	
Lieut.	QX21849	Tedford K.	" " C	No	School
Lieut.	QX11600	McHugh P.	" " B	Yes	
Lieut.	30X76	Clarke G.A.	O/C A.A. Pl.	"	
Lieut.	QX20318	Pender J.W.	Pl. Comd A Coy	"	
Lieut.	VX102621	Williamson H.G.	O/C Pioneer Pl.	"	
Lieut.	QX40248	Whalley J.R.	Attached B Coy	"	
REGIMENTAL SUPERNUMERARY LIST					
T/Major	Q16933	Stead G.J.			
Lieut	QX17998	Gillingham A.S.			

(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	Q112206	Townsend A.R.	A.A.M.C.	9 Jul 42	R.M.O.
Capt	Q119719	Compton C.M.	A.A.C.D.	29 Jan 45	Chaplain

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

(Unit.)

Ally Boyd Lt. Col.

(Signature of Commander.)

20 Feb 43

(Date of Despatch.)

Torres Strait Force.

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

W.B. 11/12/3

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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Att. 1/14

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	2		1
Captains ...	8		2
Lieutenants ...	20	3	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
Totals ...	31	3	3

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
T/Capt	Young A.A.	62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	3/2/43	Marched out to Qld. L of C area G.D.D. Instruction Torres Strait Force.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
T/Capt	Young A.A.	62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	3/2/43	Marched out to Qld. L of C area G.D.D. Instruction Torres Strait Force.
T/Capt	Wightman R.A.	DO	14/2/43	do

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps. Posting	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
T/Lt. Col.	SX1475	Haupt A.G.K.	C.O.	yes	
Major	VX102613	Thorburn H.K.	2 1/c	"	
Lt. T/Major	Q135020	McCoy P.	O.C. C Coy	"	
T/Capt.	Q135225	MacKenzie A.A.	O.C. HQ Coy	"	
T/Capt.	Q130183	Finter A.S.	Adjnt.	No	Hospital
T/Capt	VX104334	Baird J.A.	O.C. D Coy	Yes	
T/Capt	VX104337	Butterworth R.W.	O.C. A Coy	"	
T/Capt	VX104349	Turner R.W.	O.C. B Coy	"	
T/Capt	VX102512	Stewart A.D.	2 1/c D Coy	"	
T/Capt	VX102605	Hargrave P.A.	2 1/c B Coy	"	
T/Capt	Q41360	Taylor S.A.S.	Q.M.	"	
Lieut	QX16129	Pechey W.R.	Pl Comd C Coy	"	
Lieut	QX16133	Turbayne R.G.	2 1/c C Coy	"	
Lieut	QX17629	Sullivan P.J.	O/C Mortar Pl.	"	
Lieut	QX3622	Gray-Buchanan J.I.	O/C Carrier Pl	"	
Lieut	QX14286	Cameron A.G.T.	2 1/c A Coy	No	School
Lieut	Q137267	Evers W.	Detached to Torres Strait Force.		
Lieut	QX17832	Stratton W.P.	Pl Comd D Coy	Yes	
Lieut	QX18325	Cheesman R.S.	" " D	"	
Lieut	QX21020	Fox H.F.	2 1/c Carrier PL	"	
Lieut	QX16976	Bradshaw A.J.	Pl Comd D Coy	"	
Lieut	QX2974	Nodham T.	O/C Sig. Pl.	"	
Lieut	QX16519	Hall J.F.	Pl. Comd B Coy	"	
Lieut	QX12743	Lightbody M.A.	T.O.	"	
Lieut	QX11309	Reid H.J.	Pl Comd A Coy	"	
Lieut	QX15360	Ross W.F.G.	" " A	"	
Lieut	QX16941	Douglas B.C.P.	" " B Coy	"	
Lieut	QX19523	Yeates H.N. McR.	" " C	"	
Lieut	QX21849	Tedford R.	" " C	No	School
Lieut	QX11600	McHugh P.	" " D	Yes	
Lieut	NGX76	Clarke G.A.	O/C A.A. Pl.	"	
Lieut	QX20318	Fender J.S.	Pl. Comd A Coy	"	
Lieut	VX102621	Williamson H.G.	O/C Pioneer Pl	"	
Lieut	QX40249	Whalley J.R.	Attached B Coy	"	
REGIMENTAL SUPERNUMERARY LIST.					
T/Major	Q16983	Stead C.J.			
T/Capt	Q16354	Young A.A.			
T/Capt	Q123359	Wightman H.A.			
Lieut	QX17993	Gillingham A.S.			

(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	Q112206	Townsend A.R.	A.A.M.C.	9 Jul 42	R.M.O.
Capt	Q119719	Compton C.M.	A.A.C.D.	29 Jan 43	Chaplain

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

(Unit.)

H. Campbell Lt. Col.

(Signature of Commander.)

27 Feb 43

(Date of Despatch.)

Torres Strait Force.

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

Serial No. 4

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

W.E. Reference A.I.F. _____
A.M.F. II/12/3

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit)

6 Feb 43 19... (Date)

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

W.E. 34 X 861

Attached Allowed by W.E. 1 X 14

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., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I. <u>1</u>			<u>1</u>
W.Os. Class II. <u>7</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>1</u>
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants <u>5</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>2</u>
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants <u>36</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>7</u>	
Corporals <u>77</u>	<u>76</u>		<u>1</u>
Troopers, Privates, &c. <u>735</u>	<u>646</u>		<u>89</u>
TOTALS <u>861</u>	<u>767</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>94</u>

* 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 Sjt (Post Ord) 1</u>	<u>Postal Services</u>	<u>1 Cpl (R.A.P.ORD)</u>	<u>A.A.M.C.</u>
<u>1 Sjt</u>	<u>A.A.P.C.</u>		

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).
<u>QX26377</u>	<u>A/cpl</u>	<u>Williams N.N.</u>	<u>62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)</u>	<u>All at First Aust Army W.T. School - Carrier Wing</u>
<u>QX24086</u>	<u>L/cpl</u>	<u>Miscamble H.G.</u>		<u>(return after completion of school)</u>
<u>QX24471</u>	<u>L/sjt</u>	<u>Murry P.J.</u>		
<u>QX18455</u>	<u>Sjt</u>	<u>Ross W.J.</u>		

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				B/F			
Ammunition Examiners				Fitters, Railway Signal				Riggers			
Armament, Artificers				Fitters, Signal				Riveters			
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				Instrument Operators				Surveyors			
Camouflage Modeller				Intelligence Duties	9		3	Surveyors, Engineering			
Carpenter and Joiner				Joiners				Tailors	1		1
Clerks	10		2	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.	3		2	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							
Draughtsmen, Topographical				Observation Post Assistants							
Driver Mechanics	27		27	Operating Room Assistants							
Driver Operators				Operators, Signal							
Drivers, Transportation Plant				Opticians				(c) Non-Specialists			
Electrical Fitters				Painters				M/C Orderlies			3
Electricians				Panel Beaters				S. Bearers			5
Electricians, Eng. Units				Pattern Makers				Drivers M.T.			32
Electricians, Signal				Pharmacists				LMG & Riflemen			13
Engine Artificers				Photographers, dry plate							
Engine Hands I/C				Photographers, wet plate							
Equipment Repairers				Photo-Writers							
Farriers				Plate Layers							
Fire Control Operators				Plumbers				Totals to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.			89
Fitters Gun	1		1	Predictor Numbers				Deficiency in ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.			
Fitters and Turners				Printers				1 Sjt Hygiene A.A.M.C.			1
Fitters, Cycle				Radiator Mechanics				1 " A.A.M.C.			1
Fitters, Drivers				Radiographers				2 Ptes A.A.M.C.			2
Fitter's Mates				Range Takers				5 Fitters M.V. ABMB			5
Fitters, M.V.											
C/P				C/F				TOTAL			9

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.

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Unit.

Allyson Lt. Col.
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch

6 Feb 43.

Torres Strait Force.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

W.E. Reference A.I.F. _____ A.M.F. 11/12/3 62 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.) (Unit) 13 Feb 43 19___ (Date).

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

W.E. 34 X 861 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.	7	6		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5	4		1
Staff Serjeants				
Serjeants	36	36	6	
Corporals	77	76		1
Troopers, Privates, &c.	735	646		89
TOTALS	861	768	6	93

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

Above totals include A/Tk 21 personnel in transit 33 O.R.

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 Sjt (Post Ord)	1	Postal Services	1 Col (R.A.P. Ord)	A.A.M.C.
1 Sjt	1	A.A.P.C.		

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).

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) 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)
Ammunition Examiners				B/F				B/F			
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				Instrument Mechanics, Surgical				Storemen, Technical			
Camouflage Modeller				Instrument Operators				Surveyors			
Carpenter and Joiner				Intelligence Duties	9		3	Surveyors, Engineering			
Clerks	10		2	Joiners				Tailors	1		1
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.	3		2	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							
Driver Mechanics	27		27	Observation Post Assistants							
Driver Operators				Operating Room Assistants							
Drivers, Transportation Plant				Operators, Signal				(c) Non-Specialists			
Electrical Fitters				Opticians				W/O Orderlies			3
Electricians				Painters				S. Bearers			5
Electricians, Eng. Units				Panel Beaters				Drivers M.T.			32
Electricians, Signal				Pattern Makers				LMG & Riflemen			11
Engine Artificers				Pharmacists							
Engine Hands I/C				Photographers, dry plate							
Equipment Repairers				Photographers, wet plate							
Farriers				Photo-Writers							
Fire Control Operators				Plate Layers				Totals to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.			87
Fitters				Plumbers				Deficiency in ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.			
Fitters and Turners	1		1	Predictor Numbers				1 Sgt Hygiene A.A.M.C.			1
Fitters, Cycle				Printers				1 W A.A.M.C.			1
Fitters, Drivers				Radiator Mechanics				2 Ptes. A.A.M.C.			2
Fitter's Mates				Radiographers				5 Fitters M.V. ARME			5
Fitters, M.V.				Range Takers							
C/F				C/F				TOTAL			9

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.

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Unit.

A. J. Kemp Lt. Col.
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 13 Feb 43.

Tonnes Street Force
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

W.E. Reference 11/12/3 A.I.F. 68 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit) 20 Feb 43 (Date).
A.M.F. 11/12/3

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

W.E. 34 X 861 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.	7		6			1	
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		5				
Staff Serjeants							
Serjeants	36		36		5		
Corporals	77		75			2	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	735		646			89	
TOTALS	861		768		5	93	

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.
Above totals include A/ik Personnel in transit 33 O.R.

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 Sjt (Post. Ord.)	1	Postal Services	1 Cpl (R.A.P. ORD.)	A.A.M.C.
1 Sjt.	1	A.A.P.C.		

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).

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) 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)
Ammunition Examiners				B/F				B/F			
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				Instrument Mechanics, Surgical				Storemen, Technical			
Camouflage Modeller				Instrument Operators				Surveyors			
Carpenter and Joiner				Intelligence Duties	9	3		Surveyors, Engineering			
Clerks	10		2	Joiners				Tailors	1		1
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.	3	2		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							
Driver Mechanics	27		27	Observation Post Assistants							
Driver Operators				Operating Room Assistants							
Drivers, Transportation Plant				Operators, Signal				(c) Non-Specialists			
Electrical Fitters				Opticians				N/C Orderlies			3
Electricians				Painters				S. Bearers			5
Electricians, Eng. Units				Panel Beaters				Drivers M.T.			32
Electricians, Signal				Pattern Makers				LMO & Riflemen			17
Engine Artificers				Pharmacists							
Engine Hands I/C				Photographers, dry plate							
Equipment Repairers				Photographers, wet plate							
Farriers				Photo-Writers							
Fire Control Operators				Plate Layers							
Fitters Gun	1		1	Plumbers				Totals to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.			98
Fitters and Turners				Predictor Numbers				Deficiency in ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.			
Fitters, Cycle				Printers				1 Sjt Hygiene A.A.M.C.			1
Fitters, Drivers				Radiator Mechanics				1 " A.A.M.C.			1
Fitter's Mates				Radiographers				Ptes. A.A.M.C.			2
Fitters, M.V.				Range Takers				Fitters M.V. AMMS			5
C/F				C/F				TOTAL			9

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(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.

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Unit.

H. Campbell Lt. Col.
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 20 Feb 43.

Torres Strait Force
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Serial No. 6

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

W.E. Reference A.I.F. 11/12/3 62 Aust Inf Bn(AIF) (Unit) 27 Feb 1943 (Date).
A.M.F.

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

W.E. 34 X 861 Attached Allowed by W.E. 1 X 14

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail and W.E.	2 Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I. <u>1</u>			<u>1</u>
W.Os. Class II. <u>7</u>	<u>7</u>		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants <u>5</u>	<u>5</u>		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants <u>36</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>4</u>	
Corporals <u>77</u>	<u>77</u>		
Troopers, Privates, &c. <u>735</u>	<u>382 644</u>		<u>91</u>
TOTALS <u>861</u>	<u>769</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>92</u>

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

Above totals include A/Tk personnel in transit - 33 O.R.

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 Sjt(Post Ord)</u> <u>1</u>	<u>Postal Services</u>	<u>1 Cpl (RAP Ord.)</u>	<u>A.A.M.C.</u>
<u>1 "</u> <u>1</u>	<u>A.A.P.C.</u>		

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).

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) 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)
Ammunition Examiners				B/F				B/F			
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				Instrument Mechanics, Surgical				Storemen, Technical			
Camouflage Modeller				Instrument Operators				Surveyors			
Carpenter and Joiner				Intelligence Duties	9		3	Surveyors, Engineering			
Clerks	10		2	Joiners				Tailors	1		1
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.	5		2	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							
Driver Mechanics	27		27	Observation Post Assistants							
Driver Operators				Operating Room Assistants							
Drivers, Transportation Plant				Operators, Signal				(c) Non-Specialists			
Electrical Fitters				Opticians				M/c Orderlies			3
Electricians				Painters				S. Bearers			5
Electricians, Eng. Units				Panel Beaters				Drivers M.T.			32
Electricians, Signal				Pattern Makers				LMG & Riflemen			15
Engine Artificers				Pharmacists							
Engine Hands I/C				Photographers, dry plate							
Equipment Repairers				Photographers, wet plate							
Farriers				Photo-Writers							
Fire Control Operators				Plate Layers				Totals to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.			91
Fitters	1		1	Plumbers				Deficiency in ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.			
Fitters and Turners				Predictor Numbers				1 Sgt Hygiene A.A.M.C.			1
Fitters, Cycle				Printers				1 W A.A.M.C.			1
Fitters, Drivers				Radiator Mechanics				Pte A.A.M.C.			2
Fitter's Mates				Radiographers				Fitters M.V.			5
Fitters, M.V.				Range Takers							
C/P				C/F				TOTAL			9

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.
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62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Unit.

A. H. Campbell Lt. Col.
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 27 Feb 43

Torres Strait Force.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

15 Feb 45.

OPERATION INSURECTION NO. 1

By SX 1475 Lt. Col. A.G. HAUPT, COMD. MIRAUKE FORCE.

Ref. Maps Sketch Map 4" to 1 Mile.
Enlargement PIRM BASE 12" to 1 Mile.

INFORMATION

1. Enemy:-

(a) Nearest enemy base is at KAKHIAU, approx. 325 miles N.W., strength unknown, but estimated 450. Work on strip at NIME, ceased since 18 Jan. (Air recce reports).

(b) Frequent enemy air recce this area with nuisance bombing. Occasionally heavy bombing.

2. Own Troops.

- (a) MIRAUKE force consists of following:
D Bty. 104 Sep. C.A. = A.A.(U.S.)
68 Aust. Inf. Bn. A.I.F.
N.E.I. Fusilier Coy.(Heavy inf. weapons coy.)
Port Det. A (U.S.A.S.O.S.)
R.D.F. Group
R.A.A.F. Sigs. Group
Details H.C. Torres Force
86 Portable Hospital (U.S.)

(b) Nearest other own troops TORRES FORCE, approx. 200 miles S.E. by sea.

MISSION

3. To hold MIRAUKE AIR STRIP and DOCKS AREA.

METHOD

Note For definitions of SECTORS, localities, and PIRM BASE, referred to in this order, see "App. A."

4. PIRM BASE will be held with two Coys. forward and two Coy. groups in mobile reserve.

5. H.C. Coy. 68 Aust. Inf. Bn. less details will be responsible for defence of Bottle H.C. area, and thickening up fire in PIRM BASE.

6. No.2 Locality will be held by N.E.I. Fusilier Coy., less
Two (2) 37 m.m. A/Tk. Guns
One (1) Pl. E.M.G.

N.E.I. Coy. will be responsible for outposts and patrols in this area. Detach. Pl. to hold O.P. No.1 and outpost in area 297542.

7. No.3 Locality will be held by 3 Secs. "C" Coy. 68 Aust. Inf. Bn., R.D.F. personnel, plus 2 .50 cal. Brownings.

8. No.2 Sector, "C" Coy. 68 Aust. Inf. Bn. will be responsible for outposts and patrols in this sector.

9. No.3 Sector, "B" Coy. 68 Aust. Inf. Bn. will be responsible for outposts and patrols in this sector.

10. PIRM BASE

- (a) Troops allocated
"C" Coy. 68 Aust. Inf. Bn., less 2 Secs.
"B" " " " " " "
"HQ" " " " " " " less No.1 Pl. (Sigs)
" 2 deta. No.3 Pl. (H)
" No.4 Pl. (Carrier)
" 1 Sec. No.5 (A/Tk)
R.A.A.F. Sigs.

10. FIRM BASE (Cont.)

(b) Weapons available

- 2 2 Pdr. A/Tk Guns
- 3 .50 cal. Brownings
- 4 .55 A/Tk Rifles
- 3 .303 L.H.G. Lewis
- 6 .303 L.H.G. Bren
- 3 .303 L.H.G. Bren (A.A. and ground)
- 3 Light Combat Tanks

11. "C" Coy. 62 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.) less two secs.

Role Holding FIRM BASE, and maintaining outposts and patrols in No.2 Sector.

Area Road junc. incl. 308514, SOUTH to a point approx. 313504, road junc. 316503, junc. track and swamp line at 323505, thence junc. road and swamp line 316513.

Tasks a. To cover outer edges of Coy. area with fire power.
b. Maintain protection of P.O.L. and ration dumps in area.
c. Outposts and patrols as in Para. 8.

12. H.Q. Coy. 62 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.) less details as in para. 10.

Role Defence Battle H.Q. area, and assist in thickening up fire in FIRM BASE.

Area Excl. SOUTHERN boundary "C" Coy. to incl. junc. track and No.1 strip 315498, incl. junc. tracks 319503.

Tasks Defence Battle H.Q. area and dumps therein.
b. Assist "C" Coy. and "B" Coy. in thickening up fire plan for FIRM BASE.
c. Detail two fighting patrols, each 1 Officer 15 O.Rs. to be ready at immediate notice.

13. "B" Coy. 62 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.)

Role Defence FIRM BASE, and maintaining outposts and patrols in No.3 Sector.

Area Exclusive SOUTHERN boundary of "H.Q." Coy. to incl. junc. No.1 and No.2 strips, N.E. to junc. No.2 strip and swamp line 326502, junc. track and swamp line at 323505.

Tasks a. To cover outer edges of Coy. area with fire power.
b. Close protection of main ammo dumps in area.
c. Outposts and patrols as in para. 9.

14. "A" Coy. 62 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.) plus 1 Det. M (3")

Role Mobile Reserve. track

Area Concentrated in area, junc. 319503, junc. track and No. 2 strip 323496, to junc. No.2 strip and swamp line 326502.

Tasks a. Be prepared at 5 mins. notice to attack in direction of:

- Primary A. No.3 Sector.
- B. MAIN street in direction of SALIRA.
- C. EAST towards MANGATRIK.

Secondary: as for primary tasks "D" Coy.

b. One Pl. to be ready at immediate notice.
c. Liaise with "B" Coy. for close patrolling of swamp line in "B" Coy. area with "B" ech. personnel.

15. "D" Coy. 62 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.) plus 1 Det. M (3")

Role Mobile Reserve.

Area Concentrated in area junc. road and swamp line 316512, track junc. 316503, to junc. track and swamp line 323505.

Tasks a. Be prepared at 5 mins. notice to attack in direction of

- Primary No. 1 Sector
- No. 2 Sector
- O.P. 1

Secondary As for primary tasks "A" Coy.

15. (cont.)

b. Liaise with C Coy. for close patrolling of swamp line in C Coy. area with B coh. personnel.

16. H.E.I. MULLIER COY less 2 37 m.m. A/Tk. Guns
1 Pl. L.H.G.

Role: Defence No.2 Locality

Area: No.2 Locality

- Tasks:
- a. All round defence No.2 Locality
 - b. Prevent enemy M.L.C.'s landing A.P.V.'s in JETTY Area.
 - c. A/Tk. defence
 - 1. Junc. MAIN Street and 2 Avenue
 - 2. Alternate: road junc. 298534
 - d. If attacked, force enemy into KING or QUEEN field.

17. A/A DEFENCE

D Btry. 104 Sep G.A. -A/A (U.S.)

- a. Will maintain present positions until ordered to withdraw.
- b. Until further orders, in the event of withdrawal - Gun Secs. No's. 5, 6 and 8 will destroy Bofors guns only.
- c. On general alarm, mobile reserve gun sec. will move to vicinity of BONTI village, 278492.

Task. Anti DIVE BOMBER defence BEACH area.

- d. D Btry. will construct alternate positions in firm base area for 40 m.m. Bofors and .50 Cal. Brownings, for A/A and ground defence as follows:

No.1 Gun Sec.	area 310511
No.2 " "	area 315509
No.7 " "	area 317493 to 317491
No.8 " "	area 319494

- e. On general alarm O.C. D Btry. will report to Battle H.Q.

18. 18 PDR. BEACH DEFENCE GUNS

a. One Gun area 298549

- Tasks.
- 1. prevent landing craft entering MERAUKE river.
 - 2. engage river craft approaching down NORTH ARM
 - 3. defensive fire No.2 Locality.

b. One Gun area R.D.F. defiladed from seaboard to the WEST

- Tasks.
- 1. to prevent enemy craft entering mouth of MERAUKE river.
 - 2. defensive fire BEACH area
 - 3. opportunity targets to sea.

19. A/TK DEFENCE

a. 37 m.m. A/Tk. guns H.E.I.

One gun area 297517

- Tasks. Primary covering road block junc. 5 Ave. and MAIN Street
Secondary road block at road junc. 296524

One gun area 307520

- Tasks. Primary junc. 12 Ave. and C Street
Secondary road from O.P. 1 ground defence KING'S FIELD

On withdrawal to come under command of C Coy.

C Coy. will sight alternate positions covering road approaches to C Coy.

b. A/Tk Pl., 62 Aust. Inf. Bn.

One gun area 346459

- Tasks. Primary Road blocks junc. MAIN Street and road 347457
Secondary MAIN Street from N.W.

Alternate position. area 322480

- Tasks. roadjunc. at 323478.

One gun area. 334467

- Tasks. Primary junc. 5 Avenue and MAIN Street. 335466
Secondary MAIN Street from N.W.

B Coy. will recon alternate positions covering approaches to B Coy. area.

20. MORTAR (3") PL.

- a. 1 det. under command A Coy.
- 1 det. under command B Coy.

20. (cont.)

- b. 1 det area 311513
- 1 det 315513
- 1 det 323496
- 1 det 319408
- c. Tasks: 1. defensive fire - FINN BASE
- 2. opportunity targets
- d. O.C. N. Pl. to produce fire plan map showing areas that can be reached.
- e. Alternate positions to be selected in area 323506.

21. CARRIER PL.

- a. 13 M.H.G.'s to be mounted for beach defence when ordered.
- Area excl. R.D.P. to incl. O.P. 5
- Task: to prevent landing and engage enemy in BUNCH area
- Method:
 1. By night occupy single gun posts on fixed lines.
 2. By day withdraw into section areas on wide arcs.
 3. In the event of withdrawal being ordered, those in No. 2 Sector will come under command C Coy; those in No. 3 Sector under B Coy.
- O.C. Carrier Pl. to liaise with those Coys for alternate positions.
- b. 2 M.H.G.'s under command O.C. B Coy.
- Task: close defence B Coy. area.

22. OUTPOSTS

Small outposts will be established at following points

No. 1 Sector

- Post No. 1 395511
- No. 2 EASTERN edge of QUINN's field
- No. 3 Approx. 374536

No. 2 Sector

- Post No. 4 371496
- No. 5 Village of BONNI
- No. 6 385485

No. 3 Sector

- Post No. 7 396474
- No. 8 306468
- No. 9 319458
- No. 10 junc. A Street and B Avenue
- No. 11 junc. B Avenue and MAIN Street

Outposts will contact each other at irregular hours.

23. BEACH LIGHTS

- a. One in vicinity of each outpost
- b. T.O. 68 Aust. Inf. Bn. to be responsible for maintenance of batteries.
- c. Three at present in area to be taken over by B Coy.

24. OBSERVATION POSTS

- | | | | |
|------------|--|---|----------|
| O.P. No. 1 | present location established by N.F.I. | | |
| O.P. No. 2 | vicinity Post 1 | " | " H.F.I. |
| O.P. No. 3 | R.D.P. lighthouse | " | " C Coy. |
| O.P. No. 4 | BONNI village | " | " B Coy. |
| O.P. No. 5 | present location | " | " B Coy. |

25. .50 CAL. MOUNTAINS

- Two to be taken over by C Coy.
- One to be taken over by B Coy.
- Task: Ground defence in FINN BASE

26. PRIORITY OF WORK

- a. Sighting of weapons for close defence of FINN BASE
 - b. Clearing of fields of fire for sub-para. a.
 - c. Construction of Battle H.Q. areas.
 - d. Sighting of outpost position.
 - e. Construction of weapon posts for sub-para a.
 - f. Construction of road blocks.
 - g. Construction of outpost positions
 - h. Wiring.
 - i. Road destruction and MINE fields.
- off table and allocation of work as appendix B to follow.

27. DEMOLITIONS

- a. Sub-units will be responsible for destruction of all materials and information of use to the enemy, when ordered. Sub-unit comds, will advise this H.Q. of schedule and anticipated timings not later than 25 Feb.
- b. Detailed demolition plan for destruction of civilian property, food, etc. to follow as Appendix C.

28. LIGHT COMBAT TANKS

- a. Will remain under command Force H.Q.
- b. Will recon approaches
 - 1. Towards SALIRA
 - 2. " No.2 locality
 - 3. recon circuit - junc. B Avenue and MAIN Street, along MAIN Street to junc. MAIN Street and B Ave., junc. C Street and 12 Ave., junc. D Street and 12 Ave., along D Street, junc. D Street and 12 Ave., thence junc. C Street and 12 Ave.
- c. Will harbour in area 317502.

29. Port Det. A (U.S.) will command and supervise supply.

30. MEDICAL

- a. 26 Port. Hosp. (U.S.) will be established in area 319496 and will deal with all casualties in FIRM BASE.
- b. R.M.O. 68 Aust. Inf. Bn. will establish R.A.P. in area 317502. All casualties from No's. 1, 2, and 3 Sectors will pass through R.A.P.
- c. M.O. of N.E.I. Fusilier Coy. will establish aid post in No.2 Locality
- d. C.C.Ps. will be established in vicinity
 - 1. Junc. B Ave and MAIN street
 - 2. " " " " " "
- e. W.N.C.Ps. will be adjacent to C.C.Ps.

31. AMMUNITION

- a. Main reserve dumps will be in B Coy. area. Force H.Q. will sight and number these dumps and advise Port Det. A.
- b. Sub-dumps of required ammo will be established towards outer edges FIRM BASE handy to road systems for rapid movement ^{to} forward operating groups.
- c. Staff table of allocation of 1st and 2nd line ammo, reserve dumps to be arranged by Force H.Q. and to follow as Appendix D.

32. TRANSPORT

- a. On being ordered, transport will be pooled and report as in App. E.
- b. D Btry. will establish small running repair workshop in area 316509.

33. P.O.L.

- a. Sub-dumps in assembly areas for transport secs.
- b. Main dumps in areas adjacent to road running from 314513 to 314508.

34. RATIONS

- a. Emergency rations on the men.
 - 2 days "D" rations (U.S.)
 - 2 days Aust.
- b. With Coys. or equivalent sub-unit
 - 4 days "C" rations (U.S.)
 - 1 day "D" rations (U.S.)
- c. 68 Aust. Inf. Bn., N.E.I. Fusilier Coy., D Btry., will hold 21 days reserve in own areas and advise H.Q. of location. Port Det. A will hold similar reserve for other sub-units.
- d. Remainder in dumps in categories generally astride road loop in area 319503.

INTERCOMMUNICATION. (see diagram Appendix F)

35. LINE

- a. Outposts and O.P.'s in each sector will be connected by party line, thence sub-unit H.Q. thence direct to Battle H.Q. In case of No.1 Sector this will include 18 pdr. post at 298549.

35. LINE (Cont.)

O.P. No.1 direct to Battle H.Q.
Each sector to be separate circuit.

b. In firm base following only will be connected by line.

- Battle H.Q.
- Coy. H.Q.s 68 Aust. Inf. Bn.
- Port Det. A ammo, petrol, supplies.
- 26 Port. Hospital
- R.A.P. 68 Aust. Inf. Bn.

c. D Bty. 104 Sep. C.A. to maintain own gun loop thence Battle H.Q.

36. 108 SETS (Aust.)

Allocated for communication on outer edges of sectors only.

No.1 Sector	2
No.2 Sector	2
No.3 Sector	5

37. 109 SETS (Aust.)

Details TORRES FORCE SIGS - communication with T.I.

38. TELERADIOS

Allocated for communication between sectors and Battle H.Q.

Battle H.Q.	1
No.1 Sector	1
No.2 "	1
No.3 "	1

39. S.C.R. 194 (U.S.)

Local mobile communication

C.O.	1
Battle H.Q.	1
Mobile Coys.	2

40. LIGHT SIGNALS

These must be fired from O.P.'s only.

Enemy approaching	3 RED
Enemy contacted	3 RED
Enemy strength 0 - 40	2 GREEN
Enemy strength 40 -	3 GREEN
Holding attack	RED WHITE RED
Reinft. required	GREEN WHITE GREEN
Enemy repelled	3 WHITE
S.D.F.	RED WHITE GREEN

41. LOCATIONS OF H.Q.s

Battle H.Q.	area 318504
H.Q., 68 Aust. Inf. Bn.	ditto
D Bty. 104 Sep. C.A.	315512
A Coy	322499
B "	
C "	
D "	
H.Q. "	

42. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Atkins
Lt. Col.
COMD. MIRAUKI FORCE.

issued verbally at MIRAUKI 1400 hrs. 15 Feb. 43.

DISTRIBUTION

	<u>Copy No.</u>	<u>Method of Despatch</u>
H. C. Coy. 68 Aust. Inf. Bn.	1	Safe Hand
A. " " " " "	2	" "
B. " " " " "	3	" "
C. " " " " "	4	" "
D. " " " " "	5	" "
C.H. " " " " "	6	" "
T.O. " " " " "	7	" "
I.O. " " " " "	8	" "
COMM.	9	" "
N.E.I. Fusilier Coy.	10	" "
D Btry. 104 Sep. C.A.	11	" "
Port Detach. A.	12	" "
26 Port. Hosp. U.S.	13	" "
TORRES FORCE	14 & 15	" "
FILES	16	" "
WAR DIARY	17 & 18	
Spare	19 & 20	

LIST OF APPENDICES

- App. A Definitions of PIRI BARR, LOCALITIES, & SECTORS.
- B WORK TABLE
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- F SIGNAL PLAN
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Note As weapons, transport, etc. increase alterations will be issued as amendments.

APPENDIX "A" to Operation Instruction No. 11. NO. 1 SECTORRight Limit

A line drawn from INDEPENDENT KNOLL, incl. WESTERN edge KING's FIELD, to road junc. 318514.

Left Limit

A line drawn through OUTPOST No. 3, incl. junc. B Avenue and TRACK, 379506, thence road junc. 308514.

2. NO. 2 SECTORRight Limit

A line drawn incl. O.P. 3, junc. B Avenue and MAIN Street, to road junc. 308514.

Left Limit

A line drawn incl. P. 6, incl. junc. 4 Ave. and MAIN Street, thence road junc. 308514.

3. NO. 3 SECTORRight Limit

A line drawn excl. P. 6 to GRAVEL PIT, 317493.

Left Limit

A line incl. junc. B Avenue and MAIN St. to GRAVEL PIT.

4. NO. 1 LOCALITY

O.P. No. 1, incl. road thereto, junc. 13 Avenue and G Street, 13 Avenue and MAIN St. N.E. and No. 3 Strip. In depth to incl. edge of SWAMP line.

5. NO. 2 LOCALITY

to include WESTERN edge of KING's FIELD, DOCKS area, EASTERN edge of GIBBY's Field. In depth to incl. to SOUTHERN edge of HERAUKS village in a line with B Avenue.

6. NO. 3 LOCALITY

Incl. R.D.P. station and installations area.

7. FIELD BASE AREARight Limit

Road junc. 308514
Road junc. 318514
Road junc. 315513
Junc. track and swamp line 316513

Left Limit

Incl. junc. No. 1 and B Strip
Road junc. 319491
Along No. 3 strip to junc. No. 2 Strip
And swamp line at 337502

Forward Limit

Western edge No. 1 Strip

Rear Limit

Incl. swamp line from 316513 to 337502.

R. H. H. H.

Lt. Col.
CO HERAUKS FORCE

APPENDIX "B"

SECRET

Copy No. 17

Serial No.	No. of Hours	No. of Working Men	Unit Providing Party	Tools	Task	Officer Responsible for work	Remarks
1	9	30	B Coy.	10 axes 10 slashing knives	Clearing field of fire B Coy. <i>area</i>	O.C. B Coy.	To borrow 4 axes from A Coy.
2	8	30	B Coy.	10 axes	Cutting and tipping logs. for w. pits B Coy. area	O.C. B Coy.	To borrow 4 axes from A Coy.
3	15	50	A Coy.	30 shovels 10 picks	Constr. w. pits B Coy. area	O.C. B Coy.	Concurrent with serial 2. Borrow 10 shovels from A Coy
4	9	30	B Coy.	10 shovels 5 axes	Constr. outposts B Coy. area	O.C. B Coy.	
5	27	30	B Coy.	10 axes 10 slashers	Thinning out outside No. 1 & 2 strip B Coy. area	O.C. B Coy.	To borrow 4 axes from A Coy.
6	21	30	C Coy.	10 axes 10 brush hooks	Clearing field of fire C Coy. area	O.C. C Coy.	
7	24	30	C Coy.	12 picks 12 shovels 6 axes	Constr. of weapon pits	O.C. C Coy.	Estimated pits 8 (by O.C. C Coy.)
8	10	30	C Coy.	12 picks 12 shovels 6 axes	Constr. of outpost positions	O.C. C Coy.	Estimated no. fire positions by O.C. C Coy - 5.
9	6	15	Hq Coy.	5 picks 10 shovels 3 axes	Excavations in Force H.Q. area	O.C. Hq Coy.	Refer to Lt. Hall for details
10	8	15	Hq Coy.	5 picks 6 shovels 4 axes	Constr. of cover for Force Hq.	O.C. Hq Coy.	
11	8	30	Hq Coy.	20 shovels 10 picks	Constr. of weapon pits	O.C. Hq Coy.	

Serial No.	No. of Hours	No. of Working Men	Unit Providing Party	Tools	Task	Officer Responsible for work	Remarks
12	8	30	A Coy.	20 shovels 10 picks	Constr. weapon pits	O.C. A Coy	
13	8	30	D Coy.	20 shovels 10 picks	Constr. weapon pits	O.C. D Coy	
14	6	5	D Coy.	4 shovels 1 pick	Excavating pits R.A.A.F. Sigs.	O.C. D Coy	Refer F/O Bolton
15	9	12	D Coy.	4 shovels	Filling and laying 1500 sand bags for Serial 14	O.C. D Coy	F/O Bolton to arrange for sand bags.
16	12	20	Mortar Pl.	10 shovels 5 picks 2 hammers 3 saws	Constr. Mortar pits and O.P.	O.C. Mortar Pl.	
17	30	30	Bty. D or 26 Port. Hosp.	20 shovels 10 picks 5 hammers 4 axes nails etc	Preparation U.S. Hospital accomodation	O.C. U.S. Group	To contact Force H.Q. for final details of sighting and grouping of works.
18	20	30	A Coy.	20 shovels 10 picks 2 axes	Accomodation for stores (foodstuffs etc.)	O.C. A Coy.	Refer Lt. Cloud U.S. Army

W. Hamp. Lt Col

APPENDIX "C" - DEMOLITION PLAN

All sub-units will destroy the following items on the alarm being given.

1. Files, documents, pamphlets liable to be of value to the enemy. This will be done by burning.
2. Destruction by breaking or fire of any Q.M. gear or goods which cannot be moved.
3. Destruction of any other stores such as cook-house gear etc. that cannot be moved.
4. Native dwellings in close proximity to Coy. area which it is not proposed using in the defence.
5. Parties for the above tasks will be allocated by name and their duties carefully explained to them.
6. Units will make individual checks to see that no unnecessary papers are carried by individuals, which would give information to the enemy.
7. All sub-units will have tabulated lists at hand and kept up to date showing details of
 - (a) Stores or papers to be destroyed.
 - (b) Names of personnel detailed for each duty.
 - (c) Estimated time for each phase of destruction. (Various destruction parties should be working concurrently)
 - (d) Method of destruction.
8. An engineer scheme for the destruction of roads, building of road blocks and laying of A/Tk mines will be issued separately.

Althamp. Lt Col.

APPENDIX E

Ref. enlargement FIRM BASE 12" to 1 Mile.

TRANSPORT

1. When ordered transport will report to assembly areas as shown below.
2. Each group to be in command of an N.C.O.

Force H.Q. Group

Assembly area - vicinity Battle H.Q. in area 318504.

Vehicles = 2 1 Jeep ex Force H.Q.
 1 Recce Car ex N.E.I. Coy.
 2 M/Cs. (B.S.A.) ex 62nd.

3 Light Tanks will harbour in area 31705014. T.O. 62nd to be responsible for this group.

Mobile Coy. Group

Assembly area - area 31755026.

Vehicles - 2 3 ton G.S. Inter. ex 62nd
 1 3 " F.W.D. Chev. " "
 1 30 cwt. G.S. Dodge " "
 2 15 " F.W.D. " "
 2 B.S.A. M/Cs. " "

T.O. 62nd to be responsible for this group.

Fighting Patrol Group.

Assembly area - area 317503.

Vehicles - 1 Jeep ex R.D.F.
 1 " ex R.A.A.F.
 2 " ex D Bty.
 1 " ex 26 Port. Hosp.

Port Detach. A. (SUPPLY)

Assembly area - area

Vehicles - 2 15 cwt. G.S. ex 62nd (Supply in FIRM BASE only)
 1 1½ ton Chev. ex Port Det. A
 1 ½ ton Dodge ex " " "
 1 1½ ton Chev. ex 26 Port. Hosp.

TRANSPORT POOL (Force Reserve)

Assembly area - area 317500.

Vehicles - 2 Chev. 1½ ton Cargo ex D Bty.
 1 Chev. 2½ ton Dump " "
 1 Chev. 1½ ton Cargo " " (after movement of mobile A/A Sec)
 1 B.S.A. M/C.

T.O. 62nd to be responsible for this group.

R.A.P.

Assembly area - R.A.P. in area 318502.

Vehicle - Dodge 1½ ton ex 26 Port. Hosp.

Under control R.M.O. 62nd for service to 26 Port. Hosp. and W.W.C.Ps.

Mobile A/A Sec.

Assembly area - to be advised by D Bty.

Vehicles - 1 Jeep ex D Bty.
 1 1½ ton Chev. " " with winch (to transport pool when task complete)

Under command O.C. Mobile A/A Sec.

D Bty. H.Q.

Assembly area - D Bty. H.Q., area 314502.
Vehicles - 1 Jeep ex D Bty.
1 1/2 ton Dodge Pick up " "
1 Harley Davidson M/C " N.E.I.

Workshop

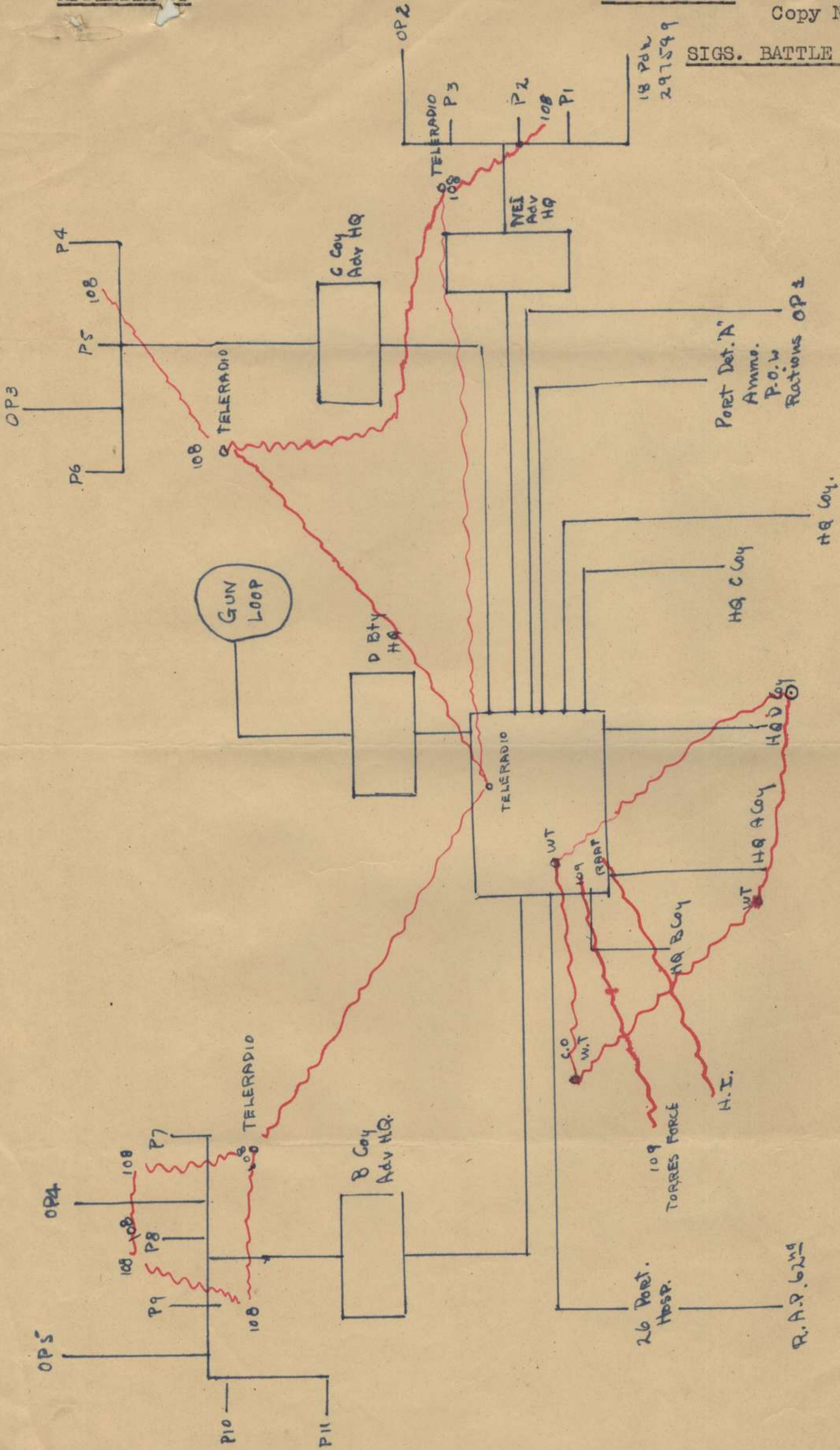
Assembly area - vicinity D Bty. H.Q. with work shop.
Vehicle - 1 1 1/2 ton Chev. Cargo with winch ex D Bty.
Under control D Bty.

N.E.I.

Assembly area as indicated by O.C. N.E.I. Coy.
Vehicles - 1 Jeep ex N.E.I.
1 1 1/2 ton Chev. " "
1 Harley Davidson M/C " "

M. M. M. Lt. Col.
C.O. MERAUKE FORCE.

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REMARKS BY C.O.

62 AUST INF BN AIF. (ONLY)

A. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.

1. From general observations his action and routine is consistent, almost mathematical. It is more than mere assumption that Jap plane is on it's way when first bearing from R.D.F. is in the vicinity of 3000 T.B.
2. His action is confined to recce generally at height of plus 10,000ft, rarely getting below 8000ft - he has a wholesome respect for the Bofors 40mm.
3. Considering the locations of his bombings, he has very little, if any, idea of the lay-out of camps in this area. He has not seen any of the ships that have delivered increased weapons and stores to this area. The maintenance of careful road and track discipline and natural camouflage may account for this. Coys are well concealed.
4. The enemy does not recce in bad weather. Consequently the dispatch of ships to this area at times when heavy rains are expected, delaying departure for a day or so if necessary, may be a considerable contribution to security of information until such time as all stores, etc, required are delivered.

B. A.A. DEFENCE.

1. Restricted to original protection of D Bty, 104 Sep C.A. - A.A. (U.S.) and A.A. Pl. covering Force and Bn. H.Q. Balance of force passive.
2. Object is to conceal increase of force - would be betrayed by large increase in small arms A.A. defence.

C. MORALE.

1. Excellent. Unit is considerably uplifted by idea of being "abroad."
2. Spirit during enemy air recce, all that could be expected.
3. This is further increased by visible increase in equipment - first occasion on which this unit has had reasonably modern weapons.
4. Morale will be even better when clothing and entertainment during off periods are improved.

D. RELATIONS BETWEEN ALLIED TROOPS AND CIVILIAN POPULATION.

1. Relations between U.S. and Aust. troops are first rate - they have settled down excellently together.
2. Between N.E.I. Fus Coy and Aust. troops, friendly and are interested in each other.
3. Relations between "civilians" quite satisfactory - some trading for fruit and souvenirs etc. Troops picking up a smattering of Javanese and Malay. Security would appear to be excellent in this relationship. No natives are allowed in camp areas.
4. The Dutch assist-administrator is helpful and liason is excellent - he is liked by Aust. troops.

E. HEALTH.

1. Considered satisfactory in total. Someworry about prophylactic * medical stores for Malaria. These are vital.
2. R.M.O. is satisfied about % of Malaria cases which are mild, but there would be a sharp increase if prophylactics ceased. This is a definite Malaria area and the anapholes mosquito is very prevalent and also active during daylight.
3. No Dengue or Dysentery.
4. Many minor skin complaints - "Dhobies itch, ring worm, tinea, Guinea worm."

Controlled boiling of clothes should decrease the first three, and orders have been given that troops will NOT lay down on grass etc unnecessarily.

5. Route marches of up to 17 miles in swamps in water over waist high and up to arm pits have been accomplished. Route marches of 30 miles over mixed going have been done.

F. TRAINING.

1. Sec. Tnr Instruction No.1 attached.
2. This was accomplished and standard is improving out of sight.
3. Three weeks in every five are given to tnr. at present.
4. Considerable instructions in tactics, quick decisions, etc necessary for Officers and N.C.O.s

G. GENERAL.

- I. Several serious shortages exist in the Bn, mainly confined to clothing and accomodation stores - they are as follows;
 - a. Ground sheets or capes tropical. Ground sheets at present held by troops are old and mainly U.S.
 - b. Gaiters - web or American pattern - urgently required as only cloth gaiters are on issue - these are useless in swamps and boggy roads.
 - c. Tentage - many are U.S.
 - d. Fly wire urgently required for fly-proofing kitchens etc.
 - e. Lighting - needs improving at C.H.Q.s, B.H.Q. and recreation hut.
2. Entertainment of troops is a problem - wireless sets, small film projector (36mm sound), gramophones would be invaluable.

NOTE. These remarks cover only 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF. Merauke Force War Diary will come into existence as from 1 March 43.

H. H. H. H. Lt. Col.
C.O. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO. 1

62 AUST INF BN.

1. FORECAST OF ALLOTMENTS OF WEEKS TO COYS.

Based on present rate of work.

Coy	Week 7-14 Feb	Week 15-21 Feb	Week 22-28 Feb	Week 1-7 March	Week 8-14 March
A	Roads	Training	Training	Duty Patrols	Training
B	Duty Patrols	Training	Training	Roads	Training
C	Training	Roads	Training	Training	Patrol Duty
D	Training	Patrol Duty	Roads	Training	Training
HQ	Training	Training	Patrol Duty	Training	Roads

2. During the above period the following training will be carried out by those Coys allotted to training.

3. FIRST TRAINING WEEK.

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| A. Route march, normal going | $\frac{1}{2}$ day |
| B. Route march, across swamp | " |
| C. Church parade, make and mend | 1 " |
| D. Weapon Training | 2 days |
| E. Section training | $1\frac{1}{2}$ " |
| F. Lectures | day |
| G. Night training | 2 Nights(1900-2200 hrs) |

A. Route march, Normal Going.

- i Coy. to move in open formation, Point Pl., C.H.Q., remainder of Coy.
- ii March discipline to be strictly observed, water consumption to be controlled, men drinking only when instructed - on this march no other drinking will be allowed.
- iii All Coy. weapons to be carried.

B. Route march across swamp.

- i Coy. comds. select own areas, this march to be preliminary training in swamp warfare.
- ii Troops will change clothing on return to Coy areas.

C. Church Parade - Make and Mend.

- i Church Parades - All officers and O.R. will attend Church parades excepting R.Cs. for whom arrangements will be made, as soon as possible.
- ii Make & mend - Advantage is to be taken of Sundays in this respect. When tasks are completed time will be set aside for recreation, sports, etc.

D. Weapon Training.

To be devoted to rapid revision of weapons. Where personnel are found to be weak, Coy. comds. will arrange for special instruction outside the training syllabus.

E. Section Training.

Lessons to be covered as follows.

Training week 1.

- | | |
|--|-------------------|
| Demo. organisation & equipment of a section | I.M.T. p32. |
| Field signals & formations | I.M.T. Ch. X |
| Weapons - their characteristics, supporting arms | I.M.T. ChVI |
| Section formation applied to ground | I.S.L. Chs.IV & V |
| Adv. handling L.M.G. - Sec. Trng. | I.S.L. Sec 52 |
| Section as a recce patrol (day) | S.A.T. Pam 4 |
| | I.S.L. Sec 56 |
| Sec. as a recce patrol (night) | I.M.T. 69, 70. |
| | I.S.L. 56 & 57 |
| | I.M.T. 69,70. |

F. Lectures.

The following subjects to be covered.

1. Censorship and security as applied this area and reasons for.
2. Relations between Allied troops, natives etc. I.O. has full inform.
3. Jap tactics.
4. Role of 62 Aust Inf Bn at MERAUKE and tasks involved.

G. Night training.

1. One night to be spent on elementary movement by night in Coy area.
2. One night on recce patrol. Coy. Comd. to select area, course, etc. as in sketch attached.

4. 2nd WEEK TRAINING.

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|------------------------------------|------------------|
| A. Movement across country | 1 day and night. |
| B. Church Parade and make and mend | 1 " |
| C. T.O.E.T. | 1/2 " |
| D. Weapon Tng. | 1 " |
| E. Section Tng. | 3 1/2 " |
| F. Night Tng. | 1 night. |

A. Movement across country.

1. Main body of Coy. to pass start line at 0730hrs.
2. Movement to be as for contact with enemy forces.
3. Coy. Comds. may arrange small enemy patrols to harass movement.
4. Mid-day and evening meal to be carried on the man.
5. All weapons to be carried, but if enemy used, ammunition will not, repeat not be carried.

B. Church Parade and make and mend.

As previously.

C. T.O.E.T.

Coy. Comds. will commence T.O.E.T. in all weapons. This must be thoroughly organised and the object is to test all men as soon as possible in all weapons which apply to them.

D. Weapon Tng.

As previously.

E. Section Tng.

1. Patrol competition I.T.Sec. 36(12); I.S.L.Secs 69-72&79
2. Occupation of a defensive position and routine in position I.M.T. Secs. 109-112.
3. Attack - infiltration I.M.T. Sec. 97
4. Mopping up and consolidation I.M.T.Sec102. I.S.L. Sec 67
5. Section as recce patrol (day) I.M.T.Sec69,70. I.S.L. Secs 55-6
6. Siting and construction of road blocks I.M.T. App.C, I.S.L.Sec 84.
7. Adv. handling L.M.G. and Sec tng. S.A.T. Vol.1. pam 4.
8. A.A. Defence I.S.L. Sec 82.
Demonstrations.

F. Night tng.

Remaining night to be allotted to patrol competition as per I.T. Sec 36. In place of lamps, use a wire raised about 4-5 feet, to which tins are suspended. Exercise must be carefully arranged and flank limits laid down. Trip wires with blank cartridges etc may be used.

5. 3rd TRAINING WEEK.

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|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| A. Movement across country | 1 day (0500-2359hrs) |
| B. Church Parade and make and mend | 1 " |
| C. T.O.E.T. | 1/2 " |
| D. Section training | 1 1/2 " |
| E. PL. training | 3 " |
| F. Night training | 1 Night. |

A. Movement across country.

As for second week, but period extended. Early breakfast to be arranged. Hot tea on return.

B. Church parade and make and mend.

As previously.

C. T.O.E.T.

As previously.

D. Section training.

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|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Section in withdrawl | I.M.T. Sec.74, I.S.L. Sec 85 |
| 2. Section as a standing patrol | I.M.T. Sec.72, I.S.L. Sec 59 - 60 |
| 3. Patrol Hunt. | |
| 4. Laying of minefields | I.M.T. App. D. |
| 5. Routine in defensive position
by night. | I.S.L. Sec.79, I.M.T. Sec 110. |

E. Pl. Training.

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| Pl. organization | M.T.P. 33 Sec 35 |
| Rapid Deploy | I.M.T. Ch.X |
| Pl. in attack | I.S.L. Ch.1V, M.T.P. 33 Sec 37. |
| Pl. as protection fighting patrol
covering party, night attack | I.T. Sec 85, M.T.P. 33 Sec 36. |
| Pl. as protective fighting patrol
in withdrawl. | I.T. Sec 76, I.M.T. Sec 73-74 |
| Pl. in immediate counter attack | I.T. Sec 74 (ii) |
| Patrol versus patrol | M.T.P. 37 Sec 9 (6) (ii) |

F. Night training.

1. Dummy Jap strong post to be built inside timber on WESTERN edge of No.2 strip.
2. Practice attack by night, by Pls. from distance of 600yds.
3. Ammunition or grenades will not be used on this occasion.

6. GENERAL.

- (a) Training. Every effort will be made to speed up training. Pl. Tng. to be completed at end of this period. A high standard of physical fitness must be developed and troops accustomed to operate by day and night under local conditions.
- (b) Designing exercises and training. Every effort will be made by Officers and N.C.O.s to obtain realism in training and exercises. This will mean long hours of work and recce.
- (c) Smoking. During training periods smoking will not be allowed, except during rest periods. Smoking will not be permitted during Night Training exercises, and disobedience of this instruction is to be considered as a serious offence. Men may smoke before and during discussion after exercises.
- (d) Training periods as per following schedule -

0730 - 0745	Pl. inspection and close order drill (daily)
0745 - 0815	Recap. weapon training (daily)
0815 - 0855	Training period.
0935 - 1015	" "
1015 - 1025	Smoke.
1025 - 1105	Training period.
1105 - 1145	" "
1200	Midday meal.
1400 - 1440	Training period.
1440 - 1520	" "
1530 - 1555	Smoke
1535 - 1615	Training period.

O.C. H.Q. Coy will conform to general line of training laid down. Suitable detailed syllabus will be submitted to this H.Q.

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SEE SEC G2.

1. Coy. Comd. selects course approx square.
2. Patrol X departs 10 mins before Patrol Y.
3. Patrol Y must not see Patrol X depart.
4. Patrol Y takes opposite course on inside route.
5. Points A.B.C.D. are control points at which N.C.O.s are placed to observe. They do not interfere, but can create diversions.
6. At intervening points, Coy. Comds. can arrange diversions.
7. Hold discussion afterwards, firstly two patrols giving their version, then observers.

LAYING OF MINEFIELDS.

Amend I.M.T. Appendix D as follows;

1. Delete reference to "Close spacing" and "open spacing!"
2. Delete Sec. 2. Laying and taking up mines.
Sec. 3. Times for preparing and laying mines.
Sec. 4. Some methods of laying minefields.
3. Delete any reference to ANTI-TANK MINE. Mk.IV.

The standard ANTI-TANK MINE on issue is a G.S. mine issued filled. It is known as Mk 11 and contains an explosive charge of 8lb ammonal. It is fired by a spring cover and striker actuating a fuse. The detonation weight is 40lbs. A diagram is appended.

- A. explosive.
- B. fuse.
- C. Thin copper sheeting.
- D. Cover.
- E. Springs.

Although not reputed to be watertight, mines laid in marsh or other damp situations will probably function correctly for considerable periods. They should not be laid in streams unless attack is expected within 48 hours.

Spacing should not be less interval than 5yds to prevent possibility of sympathetic detonations. In Libya spacing of 10yds - 10 rows deep proved satisfactory. Geometrical regularity in laying minefields should be avoided, but the pattern must be such that a simple accurate record of the position of each mine can be made. Accurate records of all minefields must be kept. All units concerned in the area must know the exact locations of minefields.

Mines should be firmly bedded and the cover buried to depth of $1\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

Concealment of minefields from air and tanks is easy and care must be taken to avoid tracks made by personnel laying mines or by vehicles which might indicate position of minefields or of safe lanes within minefields to the enemy. Under no circumstances should vehicles be allowed on the minefield area.

Prodedure.

1. Stores required;
 - A. A/Tk. mines Mk.11 according to area.
 - B. Picks and shovels G.S.
 - C. Triangular tracing tape 30yds length

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- (a) Offr. i/c works decides on known reference point handy to area and checks bearing and distance to point of commencement of area.
- (b) A complete crossed traverse of the mined area will then be taken and the area taped off.
- (c) Remainder of party off-load mines (boxed of 5 - 2 man load) at known reference point and carry to commencement of area.
- (d) If 10yd spacing is to be adopted first mine is laid 5yds inside point of commencement of area on same bearing from known reference point. Using this point triangular tape is placed with one peg on side of first mine and points at corners of triangle marked. Triangular tape is then moved forward and sideways until boundaries of area are reached, each corner of triangle being marked.
- (e) Digging party then digs at marked places, excavation being 8 - 10" deep and only large enough to admit mine, care being taken to retain top sod, which will afterwards be replaced. Digging commences at part of area nearest enemy and party works back.
- (f) Remainder of party lay mines along side marked positions and fuse by removing base plug and inserting fuse contained in lid of box. (N.B. Base plug will be replaced in box lid in place of fuse) Box will be used to remove all surplus excavated spoil.
- (g) Mines will then be laid and covered to a depth of 1 - 1½ ins and top sod replaced. Mines are laid from enemy back and care must be taken that personnel do not walk over laid area.
- (h) All tape, tools and boxes will be removed from area.

O. i/c and N.C.O. i/c will be responsible that H.Q. be supplied with the following information;

1. Reference point (map reference)
2. Bearings and paces (distances)
3. Markings.
4. No. of mines and spacing.
5. Type.
6. No. and a system of booby traps, if any.
7. Time and date.
8. Name of O. i/c or N.C.O. i/c.

Diagram of minefield.

Figures given for example only.

MERAUKE





MERAUKE AREA

Scale bar showing 0 to 5000 yards.

1/15840
4" To 1 MILE.

- ROADS ———
- TRACKS - - - -
- SWAMP LINE ~~~~~
- EDGE OF CLEARINGS - - - -

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19 MAR 43.

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Unit... 62. Aust. Inf. Bn. A.I.F.,... Date and Time, From 0036.1. Mar. 43... To... 0348.4. Mar. 43..

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries
MERAUKE	1 March 43	0336	Yellow alert.	
		0339	Red alert.	
		0407	All clear - no enemy sighted.	
		0427	"KOHEN HOEY" unloaded by Coys of Bn in turn. Rate of unloading 17½ tons per hour.	
	2 March 43	0015	Yellow alert	
		0145	All clear - indications that cloud bank caused plot.	
	3 March 43	0458	B Coy reported that shot fired from approx. 500yds South of their H.Q. Force informed - investigated.	
		2330	18prds shoot from Jetty towards mouth of river.	
	4 March 43	0335	Yellow alert	
		0348	All clear - plane identified as BEAUFORT.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries
MERAUKE	4 March 43	0730	O.P.3 and O.P.5 reported small ship proceeding South, West from them respectively. Later identified as "LILY"	
		1407	Guard at O.P.5 reported white light seen going on and off for several seconds few degrees off mouth of river. O.P.3 saw nothing, nor did Patrol at O.P.5. Nothing eventuated.	
	5 March 43	0001	Pioneer Pl commenced demolition of old Dutch Barracks. Several loud explosions from town area.	
		0928	O.P.3 reported fire on North bank of river. On investigation found to be KAJI KAJI fire.	
		1945	O.P.3 reported seeing white light flashed on and off twice within five minutes - possibly torch. Not seen by O.P.5.	

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Unit..62 Aust. Inf. Bn A.I.F....

Date and Time, From 0100 6 Mar 43...To...2356 7 Mar 43..

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries
MERAUKE	6 March 43	0100	Bn advised to supply road recce report weekly to Force H.Q. by Friday.	
		1400	Native approached A Coy patrol at O.P.3 with note written by Dutch Police prohibiting lighting of fires on the beach. Police informed patrol of natives, possibly KAJI KAJI, keeping fire alight. Considered that he should be arrested and brought into MOPA. Interviewed by Lieut. Bakkar - result was that KAJI KAJI only making mosquito fire and Malay Police had tried to get our patrol to assist. Everything settled satisfactorily and native promised not to make any further fires.	
	7 March 43	0118	Yellow alert	
		0122	Red alert - raid No.17. One bomb dropped. Nil damage or casualties. Plane thought to be JUNE.	
		2356	B Coy commenced tactical company exercises using blanks.	

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Date and Time, From 0605 6 Mar. 43...To 2115 10 Mar. 43..

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries
MERAUKE	8 March 43	0605	Demolition of 4 Ave. by B Coy personnel.	
		1830	Bn. I.O. left by DORNIER on visit to TANAH MERAH.	
	9 March 43	0446	O.P.3 reported dark object in water. Appeared to be lugger, but subsequently identified by O.P.5 as large floating palm.	
		0525	Col. Langford visited various Coy areas and defended localities.	
		2325	B Coy move their H.Q. - 150yds East of previous position.	
		2330	Bn. H.Q. submitted, with report, names of officers holding censorship stamps and the numbers thereof.	
	10 March 43	0845	A Coy advised that they would be firing 3 flares between 0830 - 1030.	
		1115	O.P.5 reported light South of them, later discovered to be torch flashing.	

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Unit... 62 Aust. Inf. Bn. A.I.F.

Date and Time, 1155 10 March 43 To 0335 15 Mar 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries
<u>MERAUKE</u>	<u>10 March 43</u>	<u>1155</u>	<u>Shot reported. R.P. Sgt fired at dog.</u>	
	<u>11 March 43</u>	<u>0017</u>	<u>Yellow alert.</u>	
		<u>0020</u>	<u>Red alert - plane identified as B.17 either off course or in trouble.</u>	
		<u>2255</u>	<u>Bn. I.O. returned on DORNIER after 4 days at TANAH MERAH.</u>	
	<u>12 March 43</u>	<u>0037</u>	<u>O.P.3 reported black object out at sea rising and falling. Believed to be launch making for mouth of river.</u>	
		<u>0426</u>	<u>Yellow alert</u>	
		<u>0430</u>	<u>All clear - plane identified as BEAUFORT.</u>	
		<u>0530</u>	<u>Jetty Guard report that launch sighted by O.P.3 now identified as KAJI KAJI canoe with cover over it.</u>	
	<u>15 March 43</u>	<u>0335</u>	<u>O.P.3 reported sail on the horizon. Later identified it as KAJI KAJI lugger entering mouth of river, with sail up.</u>	

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Unit... 62 Aust. Inf. Bn. A.I.F.

Date and Time, From 1030.15.Mar.43 To... 0255.17.Mar.43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries
MERAUKE	15 March 43	1030	O.P.3 reported seeing flashing light on other side of river - light lasted about 30 minutes - then 5 flashes in rapid succession supposed to have been seen. RADAR were informed - investigated, but no suitable solution found.	
	16 March 43	0625	All Coys and O.P.s advised that flares were to be fired from Force H.Q. at 1100z/16 and were to report to Force what they saw. Results: D Coy: No observations. C Coy: 4 flares, red, white, green, red. B Coy: 1 flare, red. A Coy: 1 flare. O.P.3: 1 flare, white. O.P.5: 1 flare.	
	17 March 43	0150	R.S.M. notified that flares will be tested on strip all day.	
		0202	Yellow alert.	
		0203	Red alert - bomb dropped vicinity No.3 Bofor. No casualties - no damage. Plane recognised as float plane RAIA No.18.	
		0255	All clear.	

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Unit... 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF. Date and Time, From 0415 17. Mar. 43. To... 0230 22. Mar. 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries
<u>MERAUKE</u>	<u>17 March 43</u>	<u>0415</u>	<u>Mortars fire on strip.</u>	
	<u>18 March 43</u>	<u>1020</u>	<u>Vickers M.M.G. Pl. commenced practice shoot on beach.</u>	
	<u>21 March 43</u>	<u>1130</u>	<u>Unloaded NINJAK TANAH, taken from Dutch, completed by Bn. Coys.</u>	
	<u>20 March 43</u>	<u>0950</u>	<u>O.P.3 saw green light S of W from them - cannot make out size or distance away. One hour later O.P. still reported light moving slowly toward mouth of river. Bn. Sigs sent to Lighthouse with LUCAS lamp in an endeavour to contact boat - with no results. C.O. ordered all men back to camp at 1340hrs and left guards at O.P.3.</u>	
	<u>22 March 43</u>	<u>0015</u>	<u>O.P.3 reported large launch or ship - later identified as MARMEN.</u>	
		<u>0230</u>	<u>Bn. I.O. showed officers of 59 Fd. Bty over defended localities.</u>	

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Unit... 62 Aust. Inf. Bn. A.I.F....

Date and Time, From 0001. 23. Mar. 43. To... 0239. 26. Mar. 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries
<u>MERAUKE</u>	<u>23 March 43</u>	<u>0001</u>	<u>Yellow alert.</u>	
		<u>0002</u>	<u>Red alert.</u>	
		<u>0012</u>	<u>All clear - RADAR indications have failed.</u>	
		<u>0410</u>	<u>Heavy explosions vicinity of 4 Avenue. Later discovered to be Pioneer Pl. experimenting with landmines during training.</u>	
	<u>25 March 43</u>	<u>0410</u>	<u>Lieut. Williamson, of Pioneer Pl, demolished some Mortar bombs on No.1 Strip.</u>	
		<u>1800</u>	<u>2 Bn. I.O. plus 2 other members of "I" Sec attached left on SYLVIA for BOEPOEL.</u>	
		<u>2243</u>	<u>Yellow alert</u>	
		<u>2246</u>	<u>Red alert.</u>	
		<u>2255</u>	<u>All clear - plane identified as BEAUFORT.</u>	
	<u>26 March 43</u>	<u>0239</u>	<u>Yellow alert.</u>	

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Unit. 62 Aust. Inf. Bn. A.I.F. Date and Time, From 0243.26.Mar.43 To 1750.28.Mar.43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries
<u>MERAUKE</u>	<u>26 March 43</u>	<u>0243</u>	<u>Red alert. Raid No.19 by 7 light bombers type BETTY → dropped 37 bombs and 8 unexploded ones docks area - also strafed MAIN ST. No casualties slight damage to Jetty, administration buildings and road. Jetty repairs soon effected. A.A. did not open owing to planes not coming lower than 15,000ft.</u>	
	<u>27 March 43</u>	<u>0050</u>	<u>O.P.3 sighted something like boat on horizon - later identified as KAJI KAJI fishing boat.</u>	
		<u>2210</u>	<u>C Coy reported that they could hear plane for 5 minutes. Proved to be B 17 flying around for something. Later Capt. Butterworth reported that plane had dropped propaganda pamphlets - possibly sample of those dropped over Jap occupied areas.</u>	
	<u>28 March 43</u>	<u>0630</u>	<u>O.P.3 reported ship on horizon due West and appeared to be going South. O.P.5 said boat had 2 masts. Later pulled into wharf - proved to be DOUGLAS MCARTHUR.</u>	
		<u>1750</u>	<u>Bn. Coys assisted by 59 Fd.Bty helped unload DOUGLAS MCARTHUR.</u>	

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Unit...62 Aust Inf Bn AIF....

Date and Time, From...0046 29 Mar 43..To...0630 31 Mar 43..

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries
MERAUKE	29 March 43	0046	Yellow alert.	
		0048	Red alert.	
		0050	All clear - plane identified as B 17	
		0051		
		1115	Col. Wills D.D.M.I. visited Ops room - particularly in tides and general routine.	
		2135	18 pounder shoot after 0430/30.	
	30 March 43	2010	O.P.S reported ship on horizon about 4-5 miles out thought to be moving fast.	
		2250	Ship identified as MARMEN arrived at Jetty.	
	31 March 43		During the day visits were made to the Ops room by Brig. Finnigan, Maj. Stewart, Maj. Thorburn, Capt. Townsend, Capt. Hull.	
		0630	Jetty Guard reported SYLVIA with "I" party returned from BOEPOEL.	

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

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62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

(Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	2		1
Captains ...	8		2
Lieutenants ...	20	4	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
Totals ...	31	4	3

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
T/Lt. Col.	SX1475	Haupt A.G.K.	C.O.	Yes	
Major	VX102613	Thorburn H.K.	2 1/c	"	
Lt. T/Maj.	QX44586	McCoy P.	O/C C Coy	Yes	
T/Capt	Q185225	MacKenzie	O/C HQ Coy	"	
T/Capt	Q124163	Finter A.S.	Adjt	No	Hospital
T/Capt	VX104334	Baird J.R.	O/C D Coy	Yes	
T/Capt	VX104337	Butterworth K.W.	O/C A Coy	"	
T/Capt	VX104349	Burner E.W.	O/C B Coy	"	
T/Capt	VX102612	Stewart A.D.	2 1/c D Coy	"	
T/Capt	VX102605	Hargrave P.A.	2 1/c B Coy	"	
T/Capt	QX44602	Taylor E.A.S.	Q.M.	"	
Lieut	QX16129	Pedley W.R.	Pl Comd C Coy	"	
Lieut	QX16128	Furbayne K.G.	2 1/c C Coy	"	
Lieut	QX17629	Sullivan P.J.	O/C Mortar Pl.	"	
Lieut	QX8622	Gray-Buchanan J.I.	O/C Carrier Pl	"	
Lieut	QX14256	Cameron A.G.T.	2 1/c A Coy	No	School
Lieut	Q137267	Byers W.	Detached to Torres Strait Force		
Lieut	QX17932	Stratton W.P.	Pl Comd D Coy	Yes	
Lieut	QX18325	Cheesman R.S.	" I.O. "	"	
Lieut	QX21020	Fox H.P.	2 1/c Carrier Pl	"	
Lieut	QX16876	Bradshaw A.J.	Pl Comd D Coy	"	
Lieut	QX2974	Rodham T.	O/C Sig Pl	"	
Lieut	QX16518	Hall J.F.	Pl Comd B Coy	"	
Lieut	QX12743	Lightbody M.A.	T.O.	"	
Lieut	QX11309	Reid H.J.	Pl Comd A Coy	"	
Lieut	QX15306	Ross W.F.G.	" " A	"	
Lieut	QX16941	Douglas B.C.P.	" " B	"	
Lieut	QX19523	Yeates H.M.McR.	" " C	"	
Lieut	QX21849	Tedford K.	" " C	"	
Lieut	QX11600	McHugh P.	" " B	"	
Lieut	NG376	Clarke G.A.	O/C A.A. Pl.	"	
Lieut	QX20318	Pender J.W.	Pl Comd A Coy	"	
Lieut	VX102621	Williamson H.G.	O/C Pnr Pl.	"	
Lieut	QX40248	Whalley J.R.	Attached B Coy	"	
Lieut	QX19051	Shes R.E.	A/Tr Pl.	"	
REGIMENTAL SUPERNUMERARY LIST					
T/Major	Q16983	Stead C.J.			
T/Capt	Q16354	Young A.A.			
T/Capt	Q123359	Wightman R.A.			
Lieut	QX17998	Gillingham A.S.			

(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	QX47028	Townsend A.R.	A.A.M.C.	9 Jul 42	R.M.O.
Capt	QX44605	Compton G.M.	A.A.C.D.	29 Jan 43	Chaplain

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

(Unit.)

A.G. Haupt

Lt. Col.

(Signature of Commander.)

6 Mar 43.

(Date of Despatch.)

Torres Strait Force.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

W.E. II/12/3
34/861
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62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	2		1
Captains ...	25 7		22 3
Lieutenants ...	22 20	21 5	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
Totals ...	222 30	21 5	22 4

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Hamilton L.K.	62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	3/3/43	Retd. from X List

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
T/Capt	Finter A.S.	62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	5/3/43	Med. Evac. Transf. to X List

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).
T/Capt	Finter A.S.	62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	Adjutant. at present 2/14 A3G.H.

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 XXX Posting	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
T/Lt. Col.	SX1475	Haupt A.G.K.	C.O.		yes
Major	VX 102613	Thorburn H.K.	2 1/0		"
Lt. T/Major	QX44536	McCoy P.	O/C C Coy		"
T/Capt	QX17023	McKenzie A.A.	" HQ "		"
do	VX 104531	Baird J.R.	" D "		"
do	VX104537	Rutterworth K.W.	" A "		"
do	VX104540	Turner E.W.	" B "		"
do	VX102612	Stewart A.D.	2 1/0 D Coy		"
do	VX102605	Hargrave P.A.	" 2 "		"
do	QX44602	Taylor E.A.S.	Q.M.		"
Lieut	QX16129	Fedney W.R.	P1 Comd C Coy		"
do	QX16128	Farbaine K.G.	2 1/0 C Coy		"
do	QX17629	Sullivan P.S.	O/C Mortar Pl		"
do	QX3622	Gray-Buchanan J.I.	O/C Carrier Pl		"
do	QX14256	Cameron A.G.T.	2 1/0 A Coy		"
do	QX17633	Stratton H.R.	P1 Comd D Coy		"
do	QX18525	Cheesman R.S.	I.O.		"
do	QX21026	Fox H.F.	2 1/0 Carrier Pl		"
do	QX16876	Bradshaw A.J.	P1 Comd E Coy		"
do	QX2974	Rehman T.	O/C B1 Pl.		"
do	QX16518	Hall J.P.	P1 Comd F Coy		"
do	QX12743	Lightbody M.A.	C.O.		"
do	QX11309	Reid H.J.	P1 Comd A Coy		"
do	QX15360	Ross W.F.G.	" " " "		"
do	QX16841	Douglas B.C.P.	" " " "		"
do	QX19529	Yentes H.N. MGR.	" " " "		"
do	QX21849	Tedford K.	" " " "		"
do	QX11600	Holligh P.	" " " "		"
do	NRX76	Clarke G.A.	O/C A.A. Pl.		"
do	QX20318	Pender J.W.	P1 Comd A Coy		"
do	QX19657	Hamilton L.K.	" " " "		"
do	VX100601	Williamson H.C.	O/C Pnr Pl		"
do	QX40240	Shalley J.R.	Attached B Coy		"
do	QX19051	Shea R.E.	O/C A/Pl Pl		"
do	Q187267	Byers W.	Detached to Torres Strait Force.		

(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	QX47023	Townsend A.R.	A.A.M.C.	9 Jul 42	R.M.O.
Capt	QX44605	Compton G.M.	A.A.C.D.	29 Jan 43	Chaplain

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
(Unit.)

Ray Campbell Lt. Col.
(Signature of Commander.)

13 Mar 43
(Date of Despatch.)

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

W.E. 11/12/3
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		1
Majors ...	2		3
Captains ...	7		
Lieutenants ...	20	5	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
Totals ...	30	5	4 4

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
T/Capt	Finter AS (Qx47024)	62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	ADJUTANT: at present 2/14 A.G.H.

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 Corps Posting	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
T/Lt. Col	8X1475	Haupt A.G.K.	C.O.	Yes	
Major	VX102613	Thorburn H.K.	2 1/c	"	
Lt. T/Major	QX44526	McCoy P.	O/C C Coy	"	
T/Capt	QX47023	MacKenzie A.A.	" HQ Coy	"	
do	VX104354	Baird J.R.	" D	"	
do	VX104357	Bitterworth K.W.	" A	"	
do	VX104549	Turner E.W.	" B	"	
do	VX102612	Stewart A.D.	2 1/c D Coy	"	
do	VX102605	Bargrave P.A.	" B	"	
do	QX44602	Taylor E.A.S.	OM	"	
Lieut	QX16129	Pichey W.R.	Pl Comd C Coy	"	
do	QX16128	Turbayne K.G.	2 1/c C Coy	"	
do	QX17629	Sullivan P.J.	O/C Mortar Pl	"	
do	QX8622	Gray-Richanan J.L.	O/C Carrier Pl	"	
do	QX14256	Cameron A.G.T.	2 1/c A Coy	"	
do	QX17332	Stratton W.P.	Pl Comd D Coy	"	
do	QX18325	Cheesman H.S.	I.O.	"	
do	QX21020	Fox H.P.	2 1/c Carrier Pl	"	
do	QX18373	Bradshaw A.J.	Pl Comd D Coy	"	
do	QX2974	Rodham T.	C/C Sig Pl	"	
do	QX13519	Hall J.F.	Pl Comd B Coy	"	
do	QX12743	Lightbody M.A.	T.O.	"	
do	QX11309	Seld H.J.	Pl Comd A Coy	"	
do	QX15360	Ross W.F.G.	" " A	"	
do	QX16841	Douglas B.C.P.	" " B	"	
do	QX19523	Yeates H.N. MCR.	" " C	"	
do	QX21849	Tedford K.	" " C	"	
do	QX11600	McHugh P.	" " B	"	
do	NGK76	Clarke S.A.	" " A.A. Pl	"	
do	QX20318	Pender J.W.	" " A Coy	"	
do	QX19657	Hamilton L.K.	" " " "	"	
do	VX102621	Williamson H.G.	O/C Pioneer Pl.	"	
do	QX40243	Whalley J.R.	Attached B Coy	"	
do	QX19051	Shea R.E.	C/C A/Tk Pl.	"	
do	Q187237	Byers W.	Detached to Torres Strait Force.	"	

(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	QX47023	Townsend A.R.	A.A.M.C.	9 Jul 43	R.M.O.
Capt	QX44605	Compton C.M.	A.A.C.D.	29 Jan 43	Chaplain

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

(Unit.)

H. G. Haupt Lt. Col.
(Signature of Commander.)

20 Mar 43

(Date of Despatch.)

Torres Strait Force.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	2		1
Captains ...	7		3
Lieutenants ...	20	5	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
Totals ...	30	5	4

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
T/CAPT	WINTER A.S.	62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	ADJUTANT - at present 2/14 A.C.H.

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.	Posting	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
T/Lt. Col.	SX1475	Haupt A.G.K.	C.O.	Yes	
Major	VX102513	Thorburn H.R.	2 1/2		
Lt. T/Major	QX44586	McCoy P.	O/C C Coy		
T/Capt	QX47023	Mackenzie A.A.	" B Coy		
do	VX14534	Faird J.R.	" B "		
do	VX104387	Catherworth R.W.	" A "		
do	VX104349	Turner R.W.	" B "		
do	VX102612	Stewart A.D.	2 1/2 B Coy		
do	VX102605	Margrave P.A.	" B "		
do	QX44602	Taylor R.A.S.	" "		
Lieut	QX16129	Pechey W.R.	P1 Comd C Coy		
do	QX16128	Furbayne R.G.	2 1/2 C Coy		
do	QX17629	Sullivan P.J.	O/C Mortar Pl		
do	QX8622	Gray-Richardson J.I.	O/C Carrier Pl.		
do	QX14256	Cameron A.G.T.	2 1/2 A Coy		
do	QX17832	Stratton W.P.	P1 Comd D Coy		
do	QX18325	Cheesman R.S.	I.C.		
do	QX21020	Fox W.F.	2 1/2 Carrier Pl.		
do	QX16876	Bradshaw A.J.	P1 Comd D Coy		
do	QX2974	Rodham T.	O/C Sig Pl		
do	QX16518	Hall J.P.	P1 Comd B Coy		
do	QX12743	Lightbody M.A.	I.C.		
do	QX11309	Reid H.J.	P1 Comd A Coy		
do	QX15360	Ross W.P.G.	" " A "		
do	QX16841	Douglas B.C.P.	" " B "		
do	QX19528	Yeates H.N. Mch.	" " C "		
do	QX21849	Teaford R.	" " C "		
do	QX11600	McHugh P.	" " B "		
do	MX76	Clarke G.A.	" " A/A Pl		
do	QX20318	Fender J.W.	" " A Coy		
do	QX19657	Hamilton L.K.	" " "		
do	VX102621	Williamson H.G.	O/C Pioneer Pl		
do	QX10248	Whalley J.R.	Attached B Coy		
do	QX19051	Shea R.E.	O/C A/Tk Pl		
do	Q187267	Byers W.	Detached to Torres Strait Force.		

(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	QX47023	Townsend A.R.	A.A.M.C.	9 Jul 42	R.M.O.
Capt	QX44605	Compton G.M.	A.A.C.D.	29 Jan 43	Chaplain.

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

(Unit.)

27 March 43.

(Date of Despatch.)

W. Thorburn Major for Lt. Col.

(Signature of Commander.)

Torres Strait Force.

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

Serial No. 7

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

W.E. Reference A.I.F. II/12/3 A.M.F. 62 Aust Inf Bn(AIF) (Unit) 8 Mar 43 1943 (Date).

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

W.E. 34 X 861 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.	7	7		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5	4		1
Staff Serjeants				
Serjeants	36	36	3	
Corporals	77	77	1	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	735	643		92
TOTALS	861	xxx 767	4	94

* 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 Sjt (Post Ord)	1	Postal Services	1 Cpl(R.A.P. Ord)	A.A.M.C.
1 "	1	A.A.P.C.		

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).

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				B/F			
Ammunition Examiners				Fitters, Railway Signal				Riggers			
Armament Artificers				Fitters, Signal				Riveters			
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				Instrument Operators				Surveyors			
Camouflage Modeller				Intelligence Duties	9		2	Surveyors, Engineering			
Carpenter and Joiner				Joiners				Tailors	1		1
Clerks	10		2	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.	32		1	Watermen			
Coppersmiths				Mechanics, Typewriter				Welders			
Dental Clerk Orderlies				Mechanics, Wireless				Well Borers			
Despatch Riders				Millwrights				Wheelers			
Dispensers				Miners				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen				Moulders				Wiremen			
Draughtsman, Architectural				Nursing Orderlies				Woodturners			
Draughtsmen, Mechanical				Nursing Orderlies (Mental)				(b)			
Draughtsmen, Signal				Nurses, Trained							
Draughtsmen, Topographical				Observation Post Assistants							
Driver Mechanics	27		25	Operating Room Assistants							
Driver Operators				Operators, Signal							
Drivers, Transportation Plant				Opticians				(c) Non-Specialists			
Electrical Fitters				Painters				M/C Orderlies			3
Electricians				Panel Beaters				S. Bearers			5
Electricians, Eng. Units				Pattern Makers				Drivers M.T.			32
Electricians, Signal				Pharmacists				LMO & Riflemen			19
Engine Artificers				Photographers, dry plate							
Engine Hands I/C				Photographers, wet plate							
Equipment Repairers				Photo-Writers							
Farriers				Plate Layers				Totals to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.			90
Fire Control Operators				Plumbers				Deficiency in ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.			
Fitters				Predictor Numbers				1 Sjt Hygiene			1
Fitters and Turners				Printers				1 " A.A.M.C.			1
Fitters, Cycle				Radiator Mechanics				Pte A.A.M.C.			2
Fitters, Drivers				Radiographers				Fitters M.V.			5
Fitter's Mates				Range Takers							
Fitters, M.V.											
C/F				C/F				TOTAL			9

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.

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Unit.

Redempt Lt. Col.
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 6 Mar 43.

Torres Strait Force.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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

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Serial No. 7

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

W.E. Reference A.I.F. II/12/3 62 Aust Inf Bn(AIF) (Unit) 6 Mar 43, 1943 (Date).
A.M.F.

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

W.E. 34 X 861 Attached Allowed by W.E. 1 X 14

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail and W.E.	2 Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I. <u>1</u>			<u>1</u>
W.Os. Class II. <u>7</u>	<u>7</u>		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants <u>5</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>1</u>
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants <u>36</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>3</u>	
Corporals <u>77</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>1</u>	
Troopers, Privates, &c. <u>735</u>	<u>643</u>		<u>92</u>
TOTALS <u>861</u>	767 <u>767</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>94</u>

* 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 Sjt (Post Ord)</u> <u>1</u>	<u>Postal Services</u>	<u>1 Cpl(R.A.P. Ord)</u>	<u>A.A.M.C.</u>
<u>1 "</u> <u>1</u>	<u>A.A.P.C.</u>		

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).

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				B/F			
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				Instrument Mechanics, Surgical				Storemen, Technical			
Camouflage Modeller				Instrument Operators				Surveyors			
Carpenter and Joiner				Intelligence Duties	9		2	Surveyors, Engineering			
Clerks	10		2	Joiners				Tailors	1		1
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.	32		1	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							
Driver Mechanics	27		25	Observation Post Assistants							
Driver Operators				Operating Room Assistants							
Drivers, Transportation Plant				Operators, Signal				(c) Non-Specialists			
Electrical Fitters				Opticians				M/C Orderlies			3
Electricians				Painters				S. Bearers			5
Electricians, Eng. Units				Panel Beaters				Drivers M.T.			32
Electricians, Signal				Pattern Makers				LMG & Riflemen			19
Engine Artificers				Pharmacists							
Engine Hands I/C				Photographers, dry plate							
Equipment Repairers				Photographers, wet plate							
Farriers				Photo-Writers							
Fire Control Operators				Plate Layers				Totals to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.			90
Fitters				Plumbers				Deficiency in ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.			
Fitters and Turners				Predictor Numbers				1 Sjt Hygiene			1
Fitters, Cycle				Printers				1 " A.A.M.C.			1
Fitters, Drivers				Radiator Mechanics				Pte A.A.M.C.			2
Fitter's Mates				Radiographers				Fitters M.V.			5
Fitters, M.V.				Range Takers							
C/F				C/F				TOTAL			9

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.

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Unit.

[Signature] Lt. Col.
Signature of Commander.

Torres Strait Force.

Date of Despatch 6 Mar 43.

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

Serial No. 8

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

W.E. Reference A.I.F. 11/12/3 62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit) 13 Mar 43 19... (Date).
A.M.F. _____

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

W.E. 34 X 861 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. <u>1</u>			<u>1</u>
W.Os. Class II. <u>7</u>	<u>7</u>		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants <u>5</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>1</u>
Serjeants <u>36</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>5</u>	
Corporals <u>77</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>2</u>	
Troopers, Privates, &c. <u>735</u>	<u>648</u>		<u>87</u>
TOTALS <u>861</u>	<u>772</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>89</u>

* 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</u> Sjt(Post Ord)	<u>1</u> Postal Services	<u>1</u> Cpl(RAP ORD)	<u>A.A.M.C.</u>
<u>1</u> "	<u>1</u> A.A.P.C.		

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).

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				B/F			
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				Instrument Mechanics, Surgical				Storemen, Technical			
Camouflage Modeller				Instrument Operators				Surveyors			
Carpenter and Joiner				Intelligence Duties	9		2	Surveyors, Engineering			
Clerks	10		2	Joiners				Tailors	1		1
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.	3		1	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							
Driver Mechanics	27		25	Observation Post Assistants							
Driver Operators				Operating Room Assistants							
Drivers, Transportation Plant				Operators, Signal				(c) Non-Specialists			
Electrical Fitters				Opticians				W/cyc Orderlies			3
Electricians				Painters				S. Bearers			5
Electricians, Eng. Units				Panel Beaters				Drivers M.T.			32
Electricians, Signal				Pattern Makers				LMG & Riflemen			11
Engine Artificers				Pharmacists							
Engine Hands I/C				Photographers, dry plate							
Equipment Repairers				Photographers, wet plate							
Farriers				Photo-Writers							
Fire Control Operators				Plate Layers				Totals to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.			82
Fitters				Plumbers				Deficiency in ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.			
Fitters and Turners				Predictor Numbers				1 Sjt Hygiene A.A.M.C.			1
Fitters, Cycle				Printers				1 " A.A.M.C.			1
Fitters, Drivers				Radiator Mechanics				Ptes. A.A.M.C.			2
Fitter's Mates				Radiographers				Fitters M.V. A.A.M.C.			5
Fitters, M.V.				Range Takers							
C/F				C/F				TOTAL			9

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.

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Unit.

H. J. Campbell Lt. Col.
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 13 Mar 43.

Torres Strait Force
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Serial No. _____

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

W.E. Reference A.I.F. _____
A.M.F. II/12/3 2 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit) 20 Mar 43 19____ (Date).

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

W.E. 34 361 Attached Allowed by W.E. 1 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. 7	7		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants 5	4		1
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants 36	36	5	
Corporals 77	75		2
Troopers, Privates, &c. 735	652		83
TOTALS 861	774	5	87

* 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 Sjt (PostOrd) 1	Post Services	1 Cpl (RAP ORD)	A.A.M.C.
1 " 1	A.A.F.C.		

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).

62 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)

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)
Ammunition Examiners				B/F				B/F			
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				Instrument Mechanics, Surgical				Storemen, Technical			
Camouflage Modeller				Instrument Operators				Surveyors			
Carpenter and Joiner				Intelligence Duties				Surveyors, Engineering			
Clerks	10		2	Joiners				Tailors	1		1
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.	3		1	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							
Driver Mechanics	27		25	Observation Post Assistants							
Driver Operators				Operating Room Assistants							
Drivers, Transportation Plant				Operators, Signal				(c) Non-Specialists			
Electrical Fitters				Opticians				M/G Orderlies			3
Electricians				Painters				S. Bearers			5
Electricians, Eng. Units				Panel Beaters				Drivers M.T.			32
Electricians, Signal				Pattern Makers				MSG & Riflemen			13
Engine Artificers				Pharmacists							
Engine Hands I/C				Photographers, dry plate							
Equipment Repairers				Photographers, wet plate							
Farriers				Photo-Writers							
Fire Control Operators				Plate Layers				Totals to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.			82
Fitters				Plumbers				Deficiency in ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.			
Fitters and Turners				Predictor Numbers							
Fitters, Cycle				Printers				1 Sgt Hygiene A.A.M.C.			1
Fitters, Drivers				Radiator Mechanics				1 do			1
Fitter's Mates				Radiographers				2 Ptes. do			2
Fitters, M.V.				Range Takers				5 Fitters M.V. AMSE			5
C/F				C/F				TOTAL			9

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.

62 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)

Unit.

M. Haugh

Lt. Col.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 20 Mar 43

Torres Strait Force
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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Serial No. 10

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

W.E. Reference A.I.F. _____
A.M.F. 11/12/3 62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit) 27 Mar 193 (Date).

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

W.E. 861 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. <u>1</u>			<u>1</u>
W.Os. Class II. <u>7</u>	<u>7</u>		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants <u>5</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>1</u>
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants <u>36</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>5</u>	
Corporals <u>77</u>	<u>76</u>		<u>1</u>
Troopers, Privates, &c. <u>735</u>	<u>661</u>		<u>74</u>
TOTALS <u>861</u>	<u>784</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>77</u>

* 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 Sjt</u>	<u>Postal Services</u>	<u>1 Cpl</u>	<u>A.A.M.C.</u>
<u>1 "</u>	<u>A.A.P.C.</u>	<u>1 Sjt</u>	
		<u>2 Cpls</u>	<u>2 Aust Water Tpt.</u>
		<u>3 O.R.</u>	<u>Op. R.A.E.</u>

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).

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				B/F			
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				Instrument Mechanics, Surgical				Storemen, Technical			
Camouflage Modeller				Instrument Operators				Surveyors			
Carpenter and Joiner				Intelligence Duties				Surveyors, Engineering			
Clerks				Joiners				Tailors	1	X	1
Clerks, Engineering				Leather Stitches				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.	3		1	Watermen			
Dental Clerk Orderlies				Mechanics, Typewriter				Welders			
Despatch Riders				Mechanics, Wireless				Well Borers			
Dispensers				Millwrights				Wheelers			
Draughtsmen				Miners				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsman, Architectural				Moulders				Wiremen			
Draughtsmen, Mechanical				Nursing Orderlies				Woodturners			
Draughtsmen, Signal				Nursing Orderlies (Mental)				(b)			
Draughtsmen, Topographical				Nurses, Trained							
Driver Mechanics	27		24	Observation Post Assistants							
Driver Operators				Operating Room Assistants							
Drivers, Transportation Plant				Operators, Signal				(c) Non-Specialists			
Electrical Fitters				Opticians				M/C Orderlies			1
Electricians				Painters				B/Bearers			6
Electricians, Eng. Units				Panel Beaters				Drivers M.T.			30
Electricians, Signal				Pattern Makers				LMG & Riflemen			9
Engine Artificers				Pharmacists							
Engine Hands I/C				Photographers, dry plate							
Equipment Repairers				Photographers, wet plate							
Farriers				Photo-Writers							
Fire Control Operators				Plate Layers				Totals to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.			72
Fitters				Plumbers				Deficiency in ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.			
Fitters and Turners				Predictor Numbers				1 Sgt Hygiene A.A.M.C.			1
Fitters, Cycle				Printers				1 " A.A.M.C.			1
Fitters, Drivers				Radiator Mechanics				2 Ptes A.A.M.C.			2
Fitter's Mates				Radiographers							
Fitters, M.V.				Range Takers							
C/P				C/F				TOTAL			5

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.

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Unit.

M. Shorburn Major for Lt. Col.
Signature of Commander.

Torres Strait Force.

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

Date of Despatch 27 Mar 43

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

by

LT. COL A.G.K. HAUPT.

C.O. 62 AUST INF BN AIF.

No. 27.

1 Mar 43.

1. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 1 Mar 43 to Retreat 2 Mar 43.

A. ORDERLY OFFICER	:	Lieut. T. Rodham.
Next For Duty	:	Lieut. H.J. Reid.
" " "	:	Lieut. M.A. Lightbody.
B. ORDERLY CPL	:	L/Cpl. A.G. Stein.
Next for Duty.	:	Cpl. W.H. Byrne.
" " "	:	L/Cpl. E.A. Reaves.

2. LOOTING.

Property including furniture etc will not be removed from any building, or it's precincts, by any member of Merauke Force without written permission from Force H.Q. Any offence against this order will be treated as looting within the meaning of the Army Act or equivalent law of Allied troops.

3. CAMOUFLAGE.

All Coys will check existing road and tracks and, where necessary, take steps to close any that are not necessary or would give an indication of a Coy location to an air Recce.

4. ROADS.

5 Avenue, which is at present under repair, will NOT be used until permission is given by Force H.Q.

5. OUT OF BOUNDS.

The town of Merauke North of 10 Avenue is out of bounds to all troops other than duties and working parties.

S. H. H. H.

Capt.
Acting Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

by

LT. COL A.G.K. HAUPT.C.O. 62 AUST INF BN AIF.

No. 28.

4 Mar 43.

1. ORDERLY DUTIES Mounting Retreat 4 Mar 43 to Retreat 5 Mar 43.

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|----|-----------------|---|-------------------------|
| A. | ORDERLY OFFICER | : | Lieut. W.R. Pechey. |
| | Next for Duty | : | Lieut. H.G. Williamson. |
| | " " " | : | Lieut. H.F. Fox. |
| B. | ORDERLY CPL. | : | Cpl. M.J. McClanachan. |
| | Next for Duty | : | Cpl. A.O. McClosky. |
| | " " " | : | L/Cpl. E. Else. |

2. LEAVE.

No leave of any kind outside MERAUKE Area will be granted until further notice.

It is pointed out that this area is an operational theatre and it is the duty of every soldier to remain at his post.

Enquiries are being made regarding compassionate leave, but while sympathetic with these cases, it is pointed out that this is an A.I.F. UNIT on ACTIVE SERVICE in a FOREIGN OVERSEAS COUNTRY. The granting of this type of leave would mean the loss of the soldier's service for at least 6-8 weeks.

3. UNLOADING OF "KHOEN HOEA"

All ranks who worked on the unloading of the above-named vessel are to be congratulated. The speed under adverse conditions; the orderliness of the work, and the obvious co-operation given N.C.O.'s and Officers by the men indicate a rapid development of a healthy 62nd spirit.

4. BADGES OF RANK.

Coys will ensure that N.C.O.'s wear badges of rank.

5. COY. SECURITY OFFICER.

Coys will nominate one Officer to be Coy Security Officer. Names to be submitted to this H.Q. by 1700 hrs 5 Mar 43.

6. EXPENDITURE OF AMMUNITION.

Coys will render a C 7, or certificate, on occasions when BALL or BLANK ammunition is used. Return will be submitted as soon as possible on completion of firing.

7. TIMBER AND IRON FROM MERAUKE.

Coys will NOT remove timber and iron from MERAUKE unless under the supervision of the Pioneer Pl. Comd.

J. Stewart

Capt.
Acting Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

LT. COL A.G.K. HAUPT.

by

C.O. 62 AUST INF BN AIF.

No. 29.

8 Mar 43.

1. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 8 Mar 43 to Retreat 9 Mar 43.

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|----|-----------------|---|------------------------|
| A. | ORDERLY OFFICER | : | Lieut. G.A. Clarke. |
| | Next for Duty | : | Lieut. W.P. Stratton. |
| | " " " | : | Lieut. P. Sullivan. |
| B. | ORDERLY CPL. | : | L/Cpl. Ebrington, E.M. |
| | Next for Duty | : | A/Cpl. Long, J.W. |
| | " " " | : | L/Cpl. Pocock, O.H. |

2. SALT TABLETS.

Coys will ensure that when out on route marches all personnel will be issued with two salt tablets. These will be taken as follows: One in morning, one in afternoon. In the event of tablets not being available, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful of salt may be added to water in water bottles. One R.A.P. attendant will move with Coys on all route marches.

3. SECURITY AND CENSORSHIP. (Extract from T.S.F. Intell Summary No. 15)

An analysis of reports from many sources indicates that officers and troops generally do not appear to understand their responsibilities in so far as it concerns security of information.

Soldiers mail compares very unfavourably with mail from Naval and R.A.A.F. personnel. Troop dispositions and movements are freely discussed and security is poor.

The standard of franking by officers is generally low, and in many cases franking displays either negligence or ignorance of the relevant instructions - AFCEI No. 22, etc. The percentage of letters written by Army personnel and posted in civil boxes which requires treatment by censorship is no higher than the percentage of franked letters which require similar treatment.

Attention has had to be drawn many times to the numbers of franked parcels containing captured enemy material; and the privilege of the use of green envelopes is being abused.

To deny information to the enemy the hearty and willing co-operation of all ranks is essential. It is apparent that unit Security Officers should concentrate on educating their units, both officers and men, on security of information and censorship.

4. OUT OF BOUNDS..

Officers quarters are out of bounds to all ranks, except those on duty.

5. RIFLE PRACTICE.

Rifle Practice will take place on BOETI RIFLE RANGE on each day during the week 6th - 13th March. Personnel are warned to keep clear of the area unless on duty. Butt Officers will ensure that natives from BOETI VILLAGE are advised of the practice and warned to keep clear of the target area. Red flags are provided, one for erection on Sand Street south of Rifle Range and one between butts and BOETI VILLAGE.

6. TRAFFIC CONTROL "D" STREET.

Pending the completion of 3 Avenue, 5 Avenue will be used in alternate directions in hourly periods.

62 Aust Inf Bn AIF will place a notice board in a prominent position at either end of 5 Avenue showing the following schedules -

MAIN STREET END.

Vehicles will only move via 5 Avenue to A Street during the following times;

0600 - 0645
0800 - 0845
1000 - 1045
1200 - 1245
1400 - 1445
1600 - 1645
1800 - 1845
2000 - 2045

SAND STREET END.

Vehicles will only move via 5 Avenue to Main Street during the following times;

0700 - 0745
0900 - 0945
1100 - 1145
1300 - 1345
1500 - 1545
1700 - 1745
1900 - 1945
2100 - 2145

Main Street (9 Avenue) is closed to all traffic until further notice pending all repairs. 3 Avenue is also closed to all traffic pending corduroy being laid.

7. COY SECURITY OFFICERS.

The following officers are nominated as Coy Security Officers.

A Coy	Lieut. W.F.G. Ross.
B Coy	Capt. Hargrave.
C Coy	Lieut. H.N.McR. Yeates.
D Coy	Capt. Baird.
H.Q.	Lieut. Rodham.

8. GUARD COMPETITION RESULTS.

1. D Coy.	627
2. C Coy.	624
3. B Coy.	600
4. H.Q.	561
5. A Coy.	524

D. Stewart
Capt.
Acting Adjt. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

by

LT. COL. A.G.K. HAUPT.

C.O. 62 AUST INF BN AIF.

No. 30.

11 Mar 43.

1. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 11 Mar 43 to Retreat 12 Mar 43
 - A. ORDERLY OFFICER : Lieut. A.J. Bradshaw.
Next for Duty : Lieut. R. Shea.
" " " : Lieut. B.C. Douglas.
 - B. ORDERLY CPL : L/Cpl. A.P. Neilsen.
Next for Duty : L/Cpl. H.C. Brayshaw.
" " " : L/Cpl. J.J. Young.
2. CHURCH SERVICES.

Protestant Church Services will be held with same arrangements as last Sunday.
3. POSTAL NOTES.

Members who desire Postal Notes can either be paid by them in lieu of cash, or they can be purchased from the Pay Sjt.
4. 5th AVENUE.

The above road will be closed to all traffic, Sat, Sun, & Mon for the purpose of repairs to bridge.
5. IDENTITY DISCS.

Identity discs will be worn by all ranks at all times. Neglect to obey this instruction will be treated as a breach of discipline.
6. DRIVING OF MILITARY VEHICLES BY OFFICERS.

Under normal circumstances Officers will NOT drive military vehicles. In the following circumstances only will an Officer drive;

 - (a) When the driver is incapacitated.
 - (b) In an emergency.
 - (c) To afford relief to the driver on long journeys.
7. TELEPHONE TRAFFIC.

During a Red Alarm all telephone traffic will cease.
A telephone orderly is to be in attendance at the phone.
8. ARMS AND EQUIPMENT.

It has been noted that men are still leaving the Coy areas without arms and equipment. This practice will cease.

J. Stewart
Acting Adjt. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF. Capt.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

by

LT. COL. A.G.K. HAUPT.

C.O. 62 AUST INF BN AIF.

No. 31.

16 Mar 43.

1. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 16 Mar 43 to Retreat 17 Mar 43.

A. ORDERLY CPL : Cpl. Craig, J.J.
Next for Duty : L/Cpl. Hawker, D.A.
" " " : Cpl. Dingwall, M.C.

2. QUARANTINE REGS. FOR ANIMALS, BIRDS ETC.

No animals or birds will be taken out of this area by troops moving to Australian Territory. It is pointed out that quarantine laws in Australia are stringent in this respect, and will only result in their destruction.

3. SHAVING.

All personnel will shave daily except where medical officers have directed otherwise for medical reasons. This is of particular importance in connection with morale and personal pride of the individual.

4. TRAFFIC SCHEDULE ON 5 AVENUE.

This must be adhered to. Excuses such as watches being incorrect etc constitute disobedience.

5. WORKS OFFICER.

Lieut. Williamson, O.C. Pioneer Pl. is appointed supervisor of all roads, works etc, and all jobs will be carried out to his satisfaction.

6. RIFLE SHOOTING.

The following shoots will take place during week ending 20 Mar 43;

1. On 16 Mar between 0900 and 1100hrs Vickers M.M.G. will fire a test. Location of shoot will be between RADAR and C.P.5. Shoot will be along the beach. One red flare will be used.

2. On 17 Mar Mortars 3" will fire a practice between 0800 and 1700hrs. Firing position No.1 strip at 312504. Target area South end of No.1 strip between C Street, 12 Avenue and D Street. Traffic on D Street will not be interrupted.

3. On 18 Mar 60mm Mortar practice will take place between 0900 and 1100hrs. Target area as in (2) above.

4. On 18 Mar Vickers M.M.G. will carry out a test occupation between 1600 and 2359hrs. Target area will be the beach.

5. On 18 Mar 60mm Mortar practice between 1400 and 1600hrs. Target area as in (2) above.

6. On 19 Mar A/Tk mine demonstration will take place between 0800 and 1700hrs. Area 4 Avenue.

7. On 19 Mar A/Tk sub calibre shoot will take place from firing position at junction of Main St and 5 Avenue. Target area - N Field.

8. On 19 Mar A.A. practice - area strip D Street. Time 0800 to 1230hrs. Sub units will advise personnel to keep of target areas during practice.

9. Coy Comds. will furnish a return showing analysis of results, on completion of shoot, together with recommendation for repeat and other types of practice desired.

10. Rifle practice will take place on BOETI RIFLE RANGE each day of the week 15 to 20 March. Para 3 R06/43 will

11. Jungle training course on north side of No.2 strip be in use from 15 to 20 March. Personnel will keep clear of this area except when on duty. Firing will be in direction of river across swamp.

7. REGIMENTAL TRUST ACCOUNT COMMITTEE.

Owing to transfers, and absence, of the last committee consisting of;

Q185010 Capt. J. Lang.
QX47024 Capt. A.S. Finter.
QX8622 Lieut. Grey Buchanan.

this committee has been dissolved,

A new committee consisting of the following has been appointed;

VX104334 Capt. Baird.
VX102612 Capt. Stewart.
QX44602 Capt. Taylor.

8. PROMULGATION OF ORDERS.

All Orders and Instructions are to be promulgated to all personnel in Coys on first parade after receipt of

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Capt.
Acting Adjt. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

DISTRIBUTION.

C.O.	H.Q. Merauke Force.
2 i/c	Padre.
Adjt.	Postal Sjt.
R.S.M.	Q.M.
A Coy.	I Sec.
B Coy.	War Diary (3)
C Coy.	File.
D Coy.	
H.Q. Coy.	

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

by

LT. COL. A.G.K. HAUPT.

C.O. 62 AUST INF BN AIF.

No. 32.

20 Mar 43.

1. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 20 Mar 43 to Retreat 21 Mar 43.

- A. ORDERLY CPL : A/Cpl. Dingwall, M.C.
- Next for Duty : L/Cpl. Hawker, D.A.
- " " " : Cpl. Guttormsen, W.R.

2. PERSONNEL ON RIFLE RANGE.

Attention is drawn to Unit Standing Orders para 11 (d)
It has been observed that this instruction is not being carried out.

3. PAYING OF COMPLIMENTS.

- (a) Compliments will NOT be paid on tactical exercises.
- (b) Working and training parties outside Coy Areas will NOT "STAND FAST" on the approach of an officer, but the senior member of the party will salute.

4. REPORT ON LOSSES.

When losses are reported to Coys a report will be submitted to R.Q.M.S. without delay.

5. ANTI-MALARIA PRECAUTION.

Attention is again drawn to B.R.O. 1 No. 17/43 para 2.
This instruction is NOT being carried out.
It has been observed that men are wearing shorts and this is to cease forthwith.

6. CHURCH SERVICES.

Same arrangements apply for Church Services.

7. CARE OF ARMS.

Rifles and T.S.M.G. are being returned in a damaged condition. It appears in some instances that men have not received sufficient instruction in the care of arms.

J. Howard
A/Adjt. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF. Capt.

NOTICE.

LOST in H.Q. Coy area between 0900-1700hrs on 16 Mar 43;
One silver engraved watch (less band)
Finder please return to H.Q. Coy office.

A set of officers equipment was removed from the vicinity of 3 Avenue between 1000-1130hrs of 16 Mar 43.
Will any person having any knowledge as to who removed this equipment, please report to this H.Q. as soon as possible.

Left in tpt 13 Mar 43: 1 helmet, steel.
Finder please return to this H.Q.

JSM *wjc*
W J. L.
W. J. L.
M.P.D.
P. H.
W. J. L.
W. J. L.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

LT. COL A.G.K. HAUPT.

by

C.O. 62 AUST INF BN ALF

No. 33.

24 Mar 43.

1. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 24 Mar 43 to Retreat 25 Mar 43.

A. ORDERLY OFFICER : Lieut. T. Rodham.
Next for Duty : Lieut. H.J. Reid.
" " " : Lieut. M.A. Lightbody.

ORDERLY CPL. : A/Cpl. J.H. Cox.
Next for Duty : L/Cpl. B.G. Mugridge.
" " " : A/Cpl. D.W. Stewart.

2. JETTY AND DOCKS.

During and subsequent to berthing of ships at MERAUKE no personnel other than those actually required there on duty shall proceed on to either jetty or the immediate vicinity thereof. Transport other than that actually required on the wharf shall not proceed further than road at side of Dutch warehouse.

3. TRAFFIC CIRCUITS.

The orders promulgated regarding traffic circuit IN Main st - Bomb Alley, OUT B Street - Chauncey Boulevard are not being observed. These orders must be strictly observed.

4. VEHICLES ON BEACH.

The beach will be used by vehicles carrying reconnaissance parties only.

5. RECREATION HUT.

The Recreation Hut is now available for the use of all personnel. The Hut is NOT to be used during parade hours.

6. WEARING OF BOOTS.

All members will at all times wear boots or some other form of foot covering according to the task on which they are employed.

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A/Adjt. 62 Aust Inf Bn ALF. ^{Capt.}

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No. 31.

27 Mar 43.

1. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 27 March 43 to Retreat 28 March 43.

- A. ORDERLY OFFICER : Lieut. J. Pechey.
Next for Duty : Lieut. H.G. Williamson.
" " " : Lieut. P. McHugh.
" " " : Lieut. K. Tedford.
- B. ORDERLY CPL : A/Cpl. K. Heath.
Next for Duty : L/Cpl. W.D. McAndrew.
" " " : L/Cpl. R.C. Brummel.
" " " : L/Cpl. Schultz.

2. DUTIES.

Duty Coy will supply 2 O.R.s commencing 0600hrs for duty at 26 Portable Hospital on the following dates;

Monday 29 March 43.
Tuesday 30 March 43.
Wednesday 31 March 43.
Thursday 1 April 43.
Sunday 4 April 43.

3. WATER.

All troops are warned that the drinking of swamp water is forbidden. Drinking this water will lead to diarrhoea and dysentery as well as more serious diseases. Sub-units will promulgate this order to all ranks.

4. INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION.

It is imperative that any information of the above nature be reported to Force Intelligence IMMEDIATELY.


5. TRAFFIC.

Traffic regulations regarding Bomb Alley and Chauncey Boulevard are not being observed. Strict adherence to these regulations is necessary in order to maintain roads in trafficable condition. Drivers must particularly in Bomb Alley, avoid breaking away or damaging the sides of the road. No traffic into side streets off Bomb Alley is permitted.

6. CHURCH SERVICES.

All services, same arrangements as previous. Communion will be held at the Padre's hut at 1000hrs.

NOTE: Padre Compton's hut is now situated next to the Recreation Hut.


A/Adjt. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF. Capt.

NOTICE.

LOST: Chromium wrist watch and band, make MITA, between Bn. H.Q. and turn off U.S. Camp on 24 March 43. Finder please return to Bn. H.Q.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

by

LT. COL. A.G.K. HAUPT.

G.O. 62 AUST INF BN AIF.

No.35.

31 Mar 43.

1. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 31 March 43 to Retreat 1 April 43.

- A. ORDERLY OFFICER : Lieut. W. Stratton.
Next for Duty : Lieut. K. Tedford.
" " " : Lieut. N. Fox.
" " " : Lieut. G. Clarke.
- B. ORDERLY CPL : L/Cpl. R.C. Brummel..
Next for Duty : L/Cpl. A. Bostock.
" " " : L/Cpl. W.F. Horne.
" " " : L/Cpl. H.N. Turbin.

2. WEARING OF EQUIPMENT.

ALL RANKS will wear braces of equipment UNDER the shoulder straps of shirts etc.

3. REPORTS.

All ranks, when making written reports, will write legibly. The habit of writing hastily in individual styles leading to difficulty in reading will cease. All reports will be written as though they had to be read in bad light under adverse conditions.

4. TOOLS.

(a) Lack of care and skill in the handling of tools is evidenced in the recent Physical Check.

(b) The following instructions are promulgated;

- (i) Broken axe handles will not, repeat, WILL NOT, be burnt out of axe heads.
- (ii) All axe heads containing broken handles will be returned to Bn. Q.M. for refitting by Pioneer Pl.
- (iii) Coys will not be supplied with spare axe handles, except when on detached duty at a distance from Bn. H.Q.
- (iv) Axes will not, repeat, WILL NOT, be used for cutting of wire, iron, nails etc, or for driving in stakes, pickets or wedges.
- (v) Tools becoming U.S. through misuse or lack of care will be charged against the person responsible.
- (vi) It will be the duty of all Coy Q.M.S.s to complete a weekly Physical Check of all tools on issue to the Coy, and notify Bn. Q.M. of any deficiencies. All U.S. tools will be returned to Bn. Q.M. immediately for replacement.
- (vii) Os.C. Coys will ensure that lost tools are made a charge against the person responsible.
- (viii) It is stressed that tools are difficult to replace and irresponsible handling of same must cease.

5. AIR MAIL LETTERS.

- 1. The air mail fees not payable unless correspondence is routed over the air mail link Townsville - Brisbane.
- 2. Generally speaking little is gained by sending letters air mail route unless the destinations are well South of Townsville.
- 3. As mail matter is carried from Merauke to the mainland by Service transport no air mail fee is involved.

4. If letters are then conveyed over the Commonwealth Internal Air Mail Service the appropriate fee of 3d. per half oz is payable.

J. Stewart

Capt.
A/Adjt. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

NOTICE.

LOST. Between B Coy and Main Jetty on March 22 -23, gold watch "Regent" Initials H.E.O. on back cover. Finder please return to this H.Q.

WAR DIARY OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
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Unit... 62 Aust. Inf. Bn. A.I.F. ... Date and Time, From... 1. April. 43. To... 6. April. 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries
Merauke	1 April 43	0447Z	Yellow alert.	
		0452Z	I.O. and party proceeded to river entrance in M.V. Sylvia to sound bar.	
		2215Z	Bn. O.C. and I.O. on preliminary recce of proposed new Bn. area.	
"	2 April 43	0430Z	1st Avenue demolished.	
		2245Z	Road demolition demonstrations to troops 1st and 2 Avenues commencing 0130Zhrs.	
"	3 April 43	0158Z	Shot heard on beach by O.P.3. subsequently reported as Bren carrier Pl. testing guns.	
		0700Z	Frank Hewlitt, U.S. War Correspondent, conducted over area by I.O.	
"	4 April 43	0407Z	Yellow alert.	
		0415Z	All clear - cloud bank formation.	
"	5 April 43	0525Z	Beach defense exercises commencing 2300Zhrs be conducted by Carrier Pl.	
"	6 April 43	0100Z	Detailed recce of proposed new Bn. area by I Sec	Appendix No 1

A.T. Hampel
C.O. 62 Aust. Inf. Bn. A.I.F.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
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Unit.....62 Aust. Inf. Bn. A.I.F.....Date and Time.- From.....7 April 43.....To.11 April 43.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Merauke	7 April 43	0500Z	Bn. Sig officer conducted Sig. O.T.S.F. over signal layout and communications of area.	
		0503Z	BARALABA arrived from Thursday Island. Unloading commenced immediately by Coys of 62 Bn AIF working in rotation.	
		2000Z	BARALABA broke stern line due to swift flowing current at low tide and swung against jetty doing considerable damage. Unloading was proceeded with by the use of luggers whilst Bn. Pioneer Pl repaired damage.	
		2200Z	Working parties completed gravelling of Chauncey Boulevard and 12 Avenue.	
"	9 April 43	1105Z	Shots heard and reported by O.C. B Coy. Proved to be fired by U.S. Area guard.	
"	10 April 43	0500Z	Report of unexploded shell in Bn. area, investigated with negative results.	
		0938Z	No.15 Pl C Coy rang for information concerning missing man from C Coy.	
		2315Z	Bn. O.C. and I.O. investigated report of blood signs on 12 Avenue. Also rumour that man was seen at SARIRE.	
"	11 April 43	0150Z	I.O. received movement order for recce patrol trip to OKABA-WAMAL-KINAAM.	
		0330Z	C Coy notified Bn. of practice blank shoot.	

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C.O. 62 Aust. Inf. Bn. A.I.F.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
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Unit....62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.....Date and Time.- From...11 April 43...To...12 April 43...

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c
Merauke	11 April 43	0435Z	N.E.I. reports missing soldier may be one as sighted O.P.I. Investigations by 15 Pl. C Coy proven incorrect, footsteps were found, but no trace of soldier.	
		0850Z	Missing soldier reported as being in KELAPA LIMA area. Investigation again proves unsuccessful.	
		2130Z	O.P.3 left unmanned from 2130Zhrs time to 0230Z/12th due to 2/59 Bty registration shoot.	
"	12 April 43	0610Z	Major Blair and two Int. Sec personnel left for MOETING on recce by boat M.V. Coochee.	
		0630Z	Int. Sec asked for sketch map of recce'd MERAUKE area.	
		1427Z	Missing soldier QX30826 Pte. Walker, H.R. located as walked aboard M.V. Lily. Returned to jetty in weakened state and placed in C.D.S. by M.O. for observation.	
		2350Z	C Coy furnished report on missing soldier QX30826 Pte. Walker, H.R. Last seen Coy area 1130Zhrs 9 April 43. Regtl. Provost notified 1700Zhrs and C Coy patrol proceeded to KELAPA LIMA where Walker was last seen. His discarded clothes were found and further patrols sent out and thorough search made. Pte. Walker located at 1427Zhrs 12 April and removed to C.D.S. for observation.	

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C.O. 62 Aust. Inf. Bn. A.I.F.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
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Unit..... 62 Aust. Inf. Bn. AIF..... Date and Time.- From... 13 April 43.... To... 19 April 43....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Merauke	13 April 43	0152Z	New map MERAUKE area, prepared by Bn. I Sec, issued to Lt.Col. Haupt.	
		1120Z	M.V. Lily left with O.C. 62 Bn AIF and party for KIMAAN.	
		2350Z	Party contacted Bn. by radio.	
			4 officers 84 O.R.'s reinforcements for 62 Bn AIF arrived on BARALABA, Lieuts. Cameron - Wilson Buchanan - Hamilton.	
"	14 April 43	1035Z	B Coy finished beach exercises commenced at 0440Zhrs.	
		2330Z	I.O. recieved movement order to Thursday Island, to proceed to S.M.I. Brisbane.	
"	15 April 43	0330Z	M.V. Lily patrol contacted. No report rendered.	
		2115Z	B Coy informed of mail being dropped in area by Beaufort.	
		2225Z	BN. unloading party started on boat. Coys working in rotation.	
"	16 April 43	0900Z	Bn. I.O. marched out to Thursday Island on S.S. Subigo.	
"	18 April 43	2358Z	Yellow alert.	
"	19 April 43	0002Z	Red alert.	
		0010Z	All clear.	
		0230Z	Red alert. 1 ZEKE recce plane at 20,000ft. No bombs.	
		0243Z	All clear.	
		0619Z	M.V. Lily report enemy aircraft over KINAAM.	

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C.O. 62 Aust. Inf. Bn. AIF.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
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Unit.....62 Aust. Inf. Bn. A.I.F.....Date and Time.- From..20 April 43.....To..24 April 43.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Merauke	20 April 43	0230Z	Three rounds fired in HQ Coy area at C.O.'s instructions for practice air raid alert.	
		0240Z	C.O. B Coy notified I Sec of demolition locations on 1st Avenue for G.O.'s map	
		2345Z	A/Tk guns carried out practice shoot.	
"	21 April 43	0530Z	D Coy carrying out tactical exercises. All coys informed.	
"	22 April 43	1445Z	Bn. personnel finished unloading S.S. Douglas McArthur.	
		2255Z	B Coy personnel withdrawn from strip (awaiting mail delivery)	
"	23 April 43	0110Z	Red alert. One (1) twin engined enemy plane, possibly new type fighter, recce'd area for about 20 mins at between 20/25,000ft. No bombs.	
		0208Z	All clear.	
		0830Z	QX28676 Pte. Wason, J.C. was found in bush C Coy area. Thought to have shot himself about 2030Zhrs/22	
"	24 April 43	0045Z	Reported unknown person firing in area near 26 Port Hospital (U.S.A.) Bn. Regtl. Provost informed and investigating.	
		0530Z	Pte. Wason buried.	
		0930Z	More shots in direction 4 Avenue. All patrols and Regtl. Provost warned.	

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C.O. 62 Aust. Inf. Bn. A.I.F.

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Unit..... 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF..... Date and Time.- From... 24 April 43... To... 28 April 43...

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Merauke	24 April 43	2040Z	Shots fired by unknown person. Regtl. Provost failed to solve mystery.	
		2045Z	Notified cancellation Bn. Anzac Parade due to inclement weather.	
"	25 April 43	1450Z	2 pontoon barges broke away from jetty. R.S.M. sent working party with M.V. Sylvia to have barges retied. This was done by 1655Zhrs.	
		2100Z	Bn. Sig Sec supplied 2 sigs to operate from lighthouse on arrival of ships.	
"	26 April 43	1005Z	Red alert. Signal given to all units and Coys in 2½ mins. Blackout within 20secs in all areas after receipt of order.	
		1021Z	All clear. Regtl Provost reports no lights in areas.	
		2315Z	Bn. unable to work, or train, in area from BOETI to Lower 5 Avenue from 0530Z/28hrs to 0730Z/28hrs as 2/59 Bty registering targets along beach.	
"	27 April 43	0001Z	G Coy crossed Merauke River. 24 hour exercises, march to East side of KOEMBE river - returning. 2030Z	
		0112Z	Yellow alert.	
		0115Z	Red alert.	
		0121Z	All clear. Probably interference on cloud bank.	
"	28 April 43	0021Z	Yellow alert.	
		0029Z	All clear. Probably interference.	
		0850Z	All T.S.M.G. held by Bn. were returned. Owen 9mm S.M.G. Mk143 issued with 200rds ammo in their place.	

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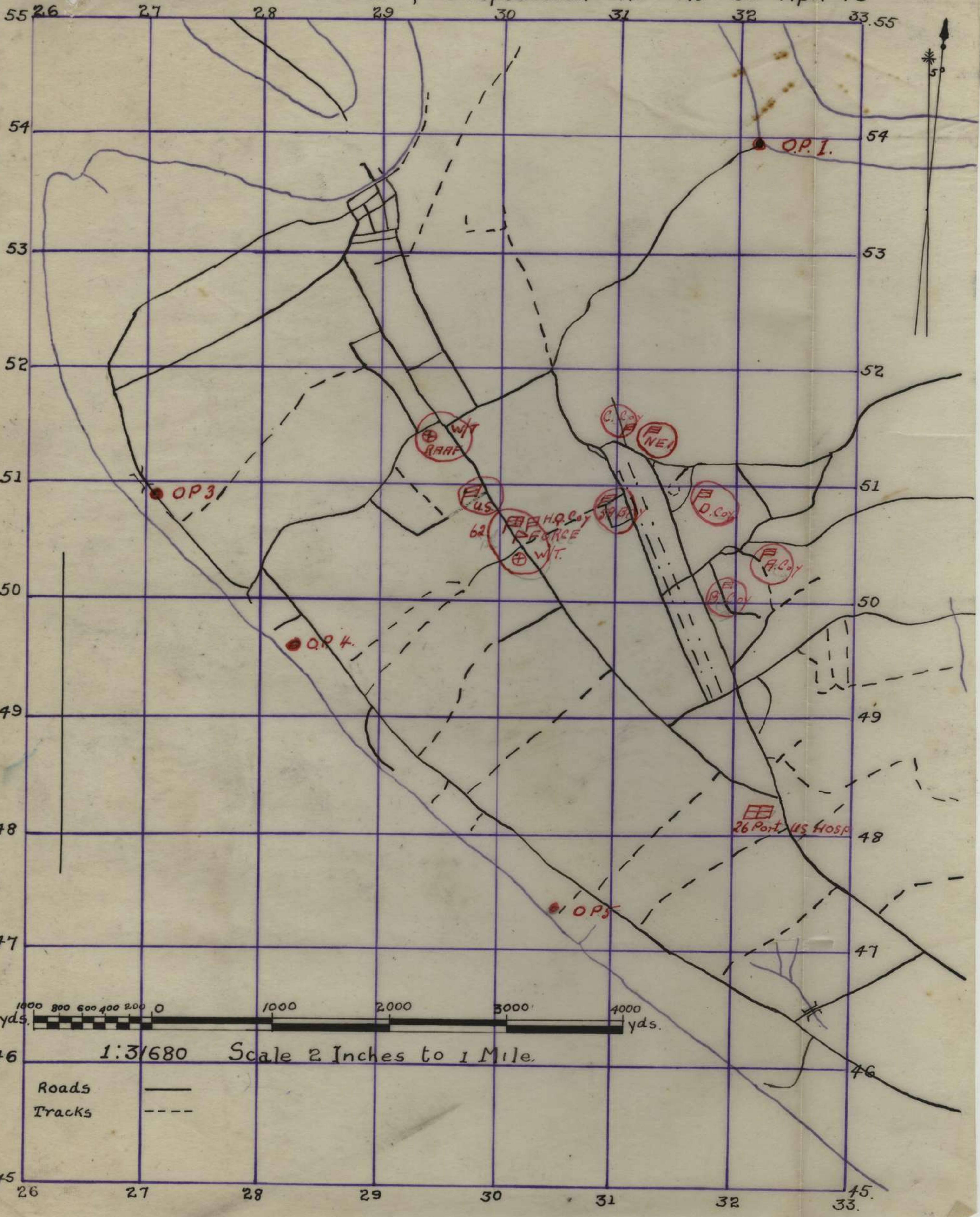
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Unit....62.Aust.Inf.Bn.AIF.....Date and Time.- From..29.April.43....To..30.April.43....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Merauke	29 April 43	0230Z	A/Tk carried out a practice shoot with 40rds ammo towards mouth of Merauke River.	
		0330Z 103LZ	Lt. Col. Mander Jones G.I.I.F.A.A. visited Bn. I Sec. Bn. HQ recieved instructions that new Bn. area would not be utilised by 62 Bn. AIF and that Bn. would commence to move to a newly chosen area. A strip running parallel with beach from RADAR to Lower 5 Avenue by 2230Zhrs. Conference by Coy O.C.s held by C.O. and all informed of move.	
		2300Z	Recce of new area by Bn. 2 i/c, Adjnt, R.Q.M. and C.O. HQ Coy sites tentatively chosen.	
"	30 April 43	0005Z	HQ Coy, with exception of Carrier Pl, Transport, A/Tk Pl, Pioneer Pl, moved from old Main St area to new locality. Bn. I Sec to remain and carry on until Bde. Sec arrives.	
		1000Z	HQ Coy established in new area. Coy areas allotted and Coys to move in as soon as possible. B and C Coys to move first. Bn. HQ sited vicinity BOEPI village, but to remain in present position until suitable huts are erected in new area.	

[Signature]
C O. 62 Aust. Inf. Bn. A.I.F. Lt. Col.

MERAUKE AREA, Disposition As At 30 Apr. 43



SECRET.

PATROL ROUTES AND TIMES.

From and including night of Monday 5 April 43.

- (1) Duty Coy will provide 4 Recce Patrols of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men.
- (2) Duty of Patrols will be;
 - (a) to report any circumstances of a suspicious nature, by a runner, to the nearest phone.
 - (b) give the alarm, if necessary, by the firing of 3 shots rapid.
 - (c) in event of attack, fight a delaying action to the nearest post, and place themselves under the command of the local commander.
- (3) Patrols will be numbered 1 - 2 - 3 and 4.

ROUTES and times.

No.1 Patrol, from B Coy H.Q. via D Street, No.8 Bofor, MAIN st to junction Main st and 5 Avenue. Distance approx. 2 miles. This route, and return, will be covered twice nightly. Total travelling distance approx. 8 miles.

No1 Patrol times.

1900hrs leave B Coy H.Q. proceed to No.8 Bofor, remain as standing patrol at No.8 Bofor until 1945hrs.
1945hrs proceed from No.8 Bofor to junction Main st and 5 Avenue, remain there as standing patrol until 2100hrs.
2100hrs proceed to No.8 Bofor, remain there until 2200hrs.
2200hrs proceed to B Coy, report and retrace to junction Main st and 5 Avenue, remain there until 2400hrs.
2400hrs, proceed to No.8 Bofor, remain there until 0130 hrs, proceed to B Coy, report, and return to No.8 Bofor, remain there until 0230hrs.
0230hrs proceed to junction Main st and 5 Avenue, remain there until 0400hrs.
0400hrs proceed to B Coy, report, and return to Coy Area.

NOTE. During periods when patrol remains at No.8 Bofor and junction Main st and 5 Avenue, it will become a standing patrol. Arms and equipment will not be discarded and a sentry will be posted.

- (4) No.2 Patrol. Starting point junction Main st and 5 Avenue.

ROUTE. 5 Avenue. A Street. Lower 5 Avenue to beach, distance approx. $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

Patrol will cover route and return twice nightly. Total distance covered by patrol approx. 6 miles.

1900hrs proceed to junct A St & Lower 5 Ave, remain till 2000hrs.
TIMES. 2000hrs proceed to beach, remain there until 2100hrs.
2100hrs proceed to junction Main st and 5 Avenue, remain there until 2230hrs. 2230hrs proceed to junction A Street and Lower 5 Avenue, remain there until 2315hrs. 2315hrs proceed to beach, remain there until 0030hrs. 0030hrs proceed to junction A Street and Lower 5 Avenue, remain there until 0115hrs.
0115hrs proceed to junction Main st and 5 Avenue,

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remain there until 0230hrs. 0230hrs proceed to Coy area.

NOTE. During stops at junction Main st and 5 Avenue, A St. and Lower 5 Avenue, and at beach, Patrol will act as a standing Patrol. Arms and equipment will not be discarded and a sentry will be posted.

- (5) No.3 Patrol. Commencing point junction Lower 5 Avenue and beach.

ROUTE. via beach to JOBAR. Distance approx 2 miles. Patrol will cover route and return twice nightly. Total distance covered by Patrol approx. 8 miles.

TIMES. 1900hrs proceed to JOBAR, remain there until 2100hrs. 2100hrs proceed to junction Lower 5 Avenue and beach, remain there until 2300hrs. 2300hrs proceed to JOBAR, remain there until 0100hrs. 0100hrs proceed to junction Lower 5 Avenue and beach, remain there until 0400hrs. 0400hrs return to Coy area.

NOTE. No.3 Patrol will report at No.5 O.P. each time of passing. During stops at junction Lower 5 Avenue and beach, and at JOBAR, patrol will act as a Standing Patrol. Arms and equipment will not be discarded and a sentry will be posted.

- (6) No.4 Patrol.

ROUTE. No.3 O.P. via beach to JOBAR. Distance approx. 2 miles. Patrol will cover route and return twice night. Total distance covered by patrol approx 8 miles. Starting Point: RADAR.

TIMES.

1930hrs	proceed to	No.3 O.P.	remain there until	2030hrs.	
2030hrs	"	"	JOBAR	"	2230hrs.
2230hrs	"	"	No.3 O.P.	"	0030hrs.
0030hrs	"	"	JOBAR	"	0300hrs.
0300hrs	"	"	RADAR	"	0415hrs.
0415hrs	return to Coy area.				

NOTE. No.4 Patrol will report from O.P. 3 each time of arrival and departure. When stopping at JOBAR, RADAR and O.P.3, patrol will act as a Standing Patrol. Arms and equipment will not be discarded and a sentry will be posted.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

by

LT. COL. A.G.K. HAUPT.

C.O. 62 AUST INF BN AIF.

No. 36.

8 April 43

1. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 8 April 43 to Retreat 9 April 43.
 - A. ORDERLY OFFICER ; Lieut. B. Douglas.
Next for Duty : Lieut. R. Shea.
" " " : Lieut. T. Rodham.
" " " : Lieut. H.J. Reid.
 - B. ORDERLY CPL : Cpl. J.H. Cox.
Next for Duty : L/Cpl. R.K. Bloxson.
" " " : L/Cpl. A.A. Bostock.
" " " : L/Cpl. C.J. Kennedy.
2. TPT ORDERLY OFFICER.

In future Coys supplying Orderly Officer will make transport available for a period so as to enable the Orderly Officer to carry out his tour of duty.
3. INTER-COY TRANSFERS AND PROMOTIONS.

No further inter-Coy transfers or promotions are to be made until further notice.
4. COLOUR PATCHES.

Ref. B.R.O. No.19 para 7. This instruction has not been completed. All colour patches are to be removed immediately.
5. APPLICATIONS E.M.E. AND E.M.A.E. (RADIO)

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

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

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

Applications to reach this H.Q. 10 April 43.

6. DISPOSAL OF WASTE FOODS ETC.

Coys are not paying sufficient attention to the disposal of waste foods etc. These dumps are excellent breeding grounds for flies, and this matter is to receive immediate attention.

7. CHURCH SERVICES.

Same arrangements as for last Sunday.

J. J. Stewart

A/Adjt. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

NOTICE.

LOST. Between 1730hrs - 1830hrs 5 April 43 in vicinity of R.P. hut, a gun metal wrist watch stamped D.M.F. on back. Finder please return to this H.Q.

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

LT. COL. A.G.K. HAUPT.

C.O. 62 AUST INF BN AIF.

No.37.

15 April 43.

1. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 15 April 43 to Retreat 16 April 43.

- A. ORDERLY OFFICER : Lieut. J. Pechey.
Next for Duty : Lieut. N. Fox.
" " " : Lieut. K. Tedford.
" " " : Lieut. J. Pender.
- B. ORDERLY CPL : A/Cpl. J.H. Cox.
Next for Duty : L/Cpl. R.S. Backman.
" " " : Cpl. W.G.H Holmes.
" " " : L/Cpl. J.A. Harris.

2. FLY CONTROL.

A high incident of fly breeding is at present evident in tent lines. This is due to body fat from ablutions, and clothes washing water being thrown over the ground near tents, providing a breeding ground for flies. Central ablution areas with proper provision for sullage disposal, will be erected immediately in Coy and Pl. areas.

3. DISINFECTION.

Bottles of disinfectant have been placed at all latrines and urinals for disinfection of hands.

4. GUARDS.

It has been noticed that Guards of late have not been up to standard. Coys are to instruct Guards as to procedure, duties, paying of compliments etc.

5. CHIN STRAPS.

Owing to losses of Hats felt and Helmets steel, in future chin straps will be worn. This instruction cancels previous order.

J. Haupt
Capt.
Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

by
Lt. Col. A. G. K. Haupt.

Commanding 62 Aust Inf Bn A.I.F.

Formation: Torres Straits Force.
Date: 21 April 43.

1. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 21 April 43 to Retreat 22 April 43.

A. ORDERLY OFFICER : Lieut. J.R. Whalley.
Next for Duty : Lieut. B.C.P. Douglas.
" " " : Lieut. A.J. Bradshaw.
" " " : Lieut. H.N. McR. Yates.

B. ORDERLY CPL : Cpl. J.C. Cormack.
Next for Duty : Cpl. E. Lloyd.
" " " : Cpl. G.B.D. Simpson.
" " " : Cpl. W.E.S. Abell.

2. MAIL.

Mail will in future close daily at 1500hrs at Operations Room. Mail arriving late will not be accepted for day of arrival at Operations Room. This applies to AUST. Units only.

3. PETROL AND OILS.

No P.O.L. will be drawn by sub-units except upon advice to Port Detachment A, and then only from such dumps as are indicated by Port Detachment A. Strict compliance with this order is necessary to enable an accurate record of reserve supplies to be kept.

4. CANTEEN.

As Unit bulk requirements have been satisfied, Canteen will open for retail trading at 1630hrs 21 April 43.

5. LOST EQUIPMENT.

Several instances have occurred recently of loss by theft of Officers' equipment. Articles lost are as follows;

Pistols	455	2.
Compass Prisms		1.
Belts, waists		2.
Braces & attach. braces		4.
HOLDERS, pistol		2.
Pouches, compass		2.
" amm.		2.

Units will hold a check kit inspection of personnel and advise this H.Q. the result thereof on or before 26 April 43.

6. BN. PARADE.

A Bn. Parade will be held on Sunday 25 April 43. (Anzac Day)
Place to be notified later.

7. CAMOUFLAGE.

TENTAGE

No difficulty should be experienced in siting tents in this area for merging into background to conceal easily recognised shape.

- (a) Flat oil paint is unsuitable for the following reasons;
 - (i) Causes canvas to rot.
 - (ii) Paint cracks when canvas rolled and folded.
- (b) Use an emulsion paint in which diluting fluid is water.
- (c) Bituminous emulsion paint does not rot tents if applied correctly.
- (d) Application of paint hinders mildew.
- (e) Tents should be treated before being sent to forward areas.
- (f) Inside of tents flaps should always be darkened or flaps rolled inwards.
- (g) Where possible entries should face south on the side most frequent in shadow.
- (h) Towels and blankets should not be aired for longer than necessary as obvious to air view.
- (i) Tracks and trenches should be located between tent and object against which sited.
- (j) Tents should be struck for painting.
- (k) Paint 1 color only - khaki green.
- (l) Add 40% water to emulsion available from Camflg. Offr.
- (m) Mix well and apply when tent is dry.
- (n) Allow paint to dry before exposing to wet climatic conditions.
- (o) Apply with brush, broom or swap. Rub well in and allow pigment to penetrate texture of tent.
- (p) Quantity - approx 2 galls of mixture per tent.

8. BN. R.O.s.

Paras in Bn. R.O.s will be referred to as serial numbers. This instruction will be carried out as from the publication of this Order.

J. H. ...
Capt.
Adjt. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

by
Lt. Col A.G.K. Haupt.

Commanding 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

Formation: Torres Straits Force.
Date: 25 April 43.

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9. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 25 April 43 to Retreat 26 April 43.
- A. ORDERLY OFFICER : Lieut. R. Shea.
 Next for Duty : Lieut. R. Wilson.
 " " " : Lieut. L.K. Hamilton.
- B. ORDERLY CPL : Cpl. C.R. Hockings.
 Next for Duty : Cpl. A.H. Tucker.
 " " " : L/Cpl. A.K. Beer.
10. JETTY GUARD.
It has been noted that sanitation and hygiene conditions of the Jetty Guard are far from satisfactory. Coy Comds will ensure that this matter is adjusted forthwith.
11. AMMUNITION AND RATION DUMPS.
It is brought to notice that BRO No.22 para 4 is not being complied with. Coy Comds are to take action immediately to check this matter.


Capt.
Adjt. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

by
Lt. Cpl. A.G.K. Haupt.

Commanding 62 Aust Inf Bn A.I.F.

Formation: Torres Straits Force.
Date: 27 April 43.

12. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat ²⁸ 27 April 43 to Retreat ²⁸ 28 April 43.

A. ORDERLY OFFICER : Lieut. H.J. Reid.
Next for Duty : Lieut. R. Wilson.
" " " : Lieut. W.R. Pechey.

B. ORDERLY CPL : Cpl. W.R. Cunningham.
Next for Duty : Cpl. W.D. McAndrew.
" " " : Cpl. D. Thomas.

13. R.A.P.

It has been reported that unauthorised persons have been interfering with medical supplies during the absence of RAP Orderlies. This is a serious matter and is to cease forthwith.

14. COURT OF INQUIRY.

A Court of Inquiry constituted as under will assemble at a time, date and place to be arranged by the President to inquire into and report upon the circumstances surrounding the death of QX28676 Pte. Wason, J.C.

President ; Major. Blair. NX34988
Member : Capt. Mullins. NX819
Member : Capt. P.A. Hargrave. VX102605

Proceedings to reach this HQ within 7 days of the sitting of the Court.

15. 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 relatives and friends by means of a code indicating their location 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 for appropriate action. Coy Commanders should seriously impress upon their troops that the use of codes in correspondence is strictly forbidden under Field Censorship Regulations. The seriousness of this breach should be impress on all concerned.

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

16. CAPTURED MAPS ETC.

It is equally important that all copies of maps, marked or unmarked, captured by our own troops be sent to HQ with the minimum of delay. In the past valuable information has been withheld owing to maps being selfishly retained by forward troops. Remember, retention of souvenirs often results in causing casualties which would be saved by the knowledge thus wilfully withheld.

A. Stewart
Adj. 62 Aust Infⁿ AIF. Capt.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	2		1
Captains ...	7		3
Lieutenants ...	20	5	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
Totals ...	30	5	4

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
T/Capt	Pinter A.S.	62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	absent at present 2/14 A.G.H.

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 Posting	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
T/Lt. Col.	SX1475	Haupt A.G.K.	C.O.	Yes	
Major	VX102613	Thorburn H.K.	2 1/c	"	
Lt. T/Maj	QX44586	McCoy P.	O/C C Coy	"	
T/Capt	QX47023	Mackenzie A.A.	" HQ "	"	
do	VX104334	Baird J.R.	" B "	"	
do	VX104337	Butterworth R.W.	" A "	"	
do	VX104349	Turner E.W.	" B "	"	
do	VX102612	Stewart A.S.	2 1/c D Coy	"	
do	VX102605	Hargrave P.A.	" B "	"	
do	QX44602	Taylor E.A.S.	QA	"	
Lieut	QX16129	Pechey W.R.	Pl Comd C Coy	"	
do	QX16128	Turbayne R.G.	2 1/c C Coy	"	
do	QX17629	Sullivan P.J.	O/C Mortar Pl	"	
do	QX3622	Gray-Buchanan J.I.	O/C Carrier Pl	"	
do	QX14256	Cameron A.G.T.	2 1/c A Coy	"	
do	QX17832	Stratton W.P.	Pl Comd B Coy	"	
do	QX18325	Cheesman R.S.	L.O.	"	
do	QX21020	Fox M.F.	2 1/c Carrier Pl	"	
do	QX16876	Bradshaw A.J.	Pl Comd D Coy	"	
do	QX2974	Hodham T.	O.C. Sig Pl	"	
do	QX16513	Hall J.F.	Pl Comd B Coy	"	
do	QX12743	Lightbody M.A.	T.O.	"	
do	QX11309	Reid H.J.	Pl Comd A Coy	"	
do	QX15360	Ross W.F.G.	" " A "	"	
do	QX16841	Douglas B.C.P.	" " B "	"	
do	QX16523	Yeates H.N.McR	" " C "	"	
do	QX21849	Tedford K.	" " C "	"	
do	QX11600	McHugh P.	" " B "	"	
do	QX76	Clarke G.A.	" " A.A.Pl "	"	
do	QX20313	Pender J.W.	" " A "	"	
do	QX19657	Hamilton L.A.	" " " "	"	
do	VX102621	Williamson H.G.	O.C. Pioneer Pl	"	
do	QX40248	Whalley J.R.	Attached B Coy	"	
do	QX19051	Shea R.E.	O.C. A/Tk Pl	"	
do	Q187267	Byers W.	Detached to Torres Straits Force	"	

(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	QX47023	Townsend A.R.	A.A.M.C.	9 Jul 42	R.M.O.
Capt	QX44605	Compton C.M.	A.A.C.D.	29 Jan 43	Chaplain

62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

(Unit.)

3 April 43

(Date of Despatch.)

A. H. Haupt Lt Col

(Signature of Commander.)

Torres Straits Force

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

17 Apr 43

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Detail of Ranks & W.R.	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		3
Lieutenants	20	2	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	34	2	4

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

NOTE: Apparent deficit in ranks of Major and Captain is filled by surplus of Lieutenants; therefore no actual reinforcements are required.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
QX35767	Lieut. WILSON, R.J.	62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	13 Apr 43	Transferred from 47 Aust Inf Bn.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Corps	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
T/Capt	Finter, A.S.	62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	AIF at present 2/14 A.S.H.

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	Posting Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
T/Lt-Col	3X1475	Haupt, A.O.R.	C.O.	Yes	
Maj	VX102613	Thorburn, H.A.	2 1/c	No	At School
Lieut-1/Maj	QX14536	McCoy, P.	20 3 Coy	Yes	
T/Capt	QX17023	McKenzie, H.A.	" HQ "	"	
"	VX104334	Palra, J.A.	" " "	"	
"	VX104337	Battersworth, R.W.	" " "	"	
"	VX104349	Turner, R.W.	" " "	"	
"	VX102612	Stewart, A.D.	AdjT	"	
"	VX102605	Hargrave, P.A.	2 1/c 3 Coy.	"	
Lieut.	QX14602	Taylor, H.A.S.	"	"	
Lieut.	QX16129	Feehey, W.R.	Pl Comd 3 Coy	"	
"	QX16128	Furphyne, R.S.	2 1/c	"	
"	QX17629	Sullivan, P.J.	20 Mortar Pl	No	Hospital
"	QX1622	Gray-McGinnis, J.L.	" Carr	Yes	
"	QX14256	Cameron, A.O.S.	2 1/c A Coy	"	
"	QX17632	Stratton, W.F.	" "	"	
"	QX15323	Cheesman, R.S.	I.O.	No	At School
"	QX16120	Fox, H.F.	2 1/c Carr	Pl Yes	
"	QX16376	Bradshaw, A.J.	Pl Comd D Coy	"	
"	QX2374	Wodham, T.	20 Sig Pl	"	
"	QX15513	Hall, J.F.	Pl Comd B Coy	"	
"	QX12743	Lightbody, W.A.	I.O.	"	
"	QX11309	Held, H.J.	Pl Comd A Coy	"	
"	QX15360	Ross, W.F.O.	" " "	"	
"	QX16341	Douglas, B.O.F.	" " "	"	
"	QX13523	Yeates, H.S.Mch.	" " "	"	
"	QX21349	Redford, A.	" " "	"	
"	QX11600	McLaugh, P.	" " "	"	
"	QX176	Clarke, G.A.	" " AA Pl	"	
"	QX20318	Fender, J.S.	" " A Coy	"	
"	QX15637	Hamilton, L.A.	" " "	"	
"	VX102621	Williamson, H.G.	20 Inf Pl	"	
"	QX10243	Whalley, J.A.	Pl Comd B Coy	"	
"	QX15051	Thea, R.S.	20 A/Tk Pl	"	
SUBSIDIARY					
Lieut	QX17237	Byers, W.	Detached to Torres Strait Force		
"	QX35767	Wilson, R.J.	Att. 2 Coy.		

(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.	QX17023	Townsend, A.R.	A-NG	9 Jul 42	NHO
"	QX211605	Compton, C.H.	A-CHD	29 Jan 43	Chaplain.

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

(Unit)

17 Apr 43

(Date of Despatch)

A.G. Haupt

LT-Col

(Signature of Commander)

Torres Strait Force

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

24 Apr 43

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

NOTE: Apparent deficit in ranks of Major and Captain is filled by surplus of Lieutenants, therefore no actual reinforcements are required.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Unit/Corps	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
T/Capt	Finter, A.S.	62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	Adjt - at present 2/14 A.S.N.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
T/Lt-Col	SX1475	Haupt, A.G.K.	C.O.	Yes	
Maj.	VX102613	Thorburn, H.K.	2 1/3	No	At school
Lieut T/Maj	QX44586	McCoy, P.	OC C Coy	Yes	
"	VX104334	Baird, J.R.	" D "	"	
"	VX104337	Bitterworth, K.W.	" A "	"	
"	VX104349	Turner, R.W.	" B "	"	
"	VX102612	Stewart, A.D.	Adjt	"	
"	QX47023	McKenzie, A.A.	OC HQ Coy	"	
"	VX102605	Hargrave, P.A.	2 1/3 B Coy	"	
"	QX44602	Taylor, R.A.S.	C.O.	"	
Lieut.	QX19051	Shea, R.E.	OC Wk A Pl	"	
"	VX102621	Williamson, H.R.	" Rm Pl	"	
"	QX16129	Pachay, W.H.	Pl Comd C Coy	"	
"	QX16128	Turbayne, K.G.	2 1/3 C Coy	"	
"	QX17829	Sullivan, P.J.	OC Mortar Pl	No	Hospital
"	QX8622	Gray-Buchanan, J.I.	" Carr Pl	Yes	
"	QX14258	Cameron, A.G.T.	2 1/3 A Coy	"	
"	QX17832	Stratton, W.P.	" D "	"	
"	QX18325	Cheesman, H.S.	I.O.	No	At school
"	QX21020	Fox, W.P.	2 1/3 Carr Pl	Yes	
"	QX16876	Bradshaw, A.J.	Pl Comd D Coy	"	
"	QX2274	Rodham, T.	OC Sig Pl	No	At school
"	QX16518	Hall, I.F.	Pl Comd D Coy	Yes	
"	QX12743	Lightbody, M.A.	T.O.	"	
"	QX11309	Feld, H.Y.	Pl Comd A Coy	"	
"	QX15380	Ross, W.W.G.	" " " "	"	
"	QX16341	Douglas, H.C.P.	" " B "	"	
"	QX13523	Yates, H.V.M.R.	" " C "	"	
"	QX21849	Wadford, K.	" " " "	"	
"	QX11600	McHugh, P.	" " B "	"	
"	WQX76	Clarke, G.A.	" " A Pl	"	
"	QX20318	Pender, J.V.	" " A Coy	"	
"	QX13657	Hamilton, L.H.	" " B "	"	
"	QX40248	Whalley, J.R.	" " B "	"	
SURPLUS:					
Lieut.	QX27267	Egans, W.	Detached to Torres Strait Force.		
"	QX35787	Wilson, A.J.	Adj HQ Coy.		

(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.	QX17023	Tomson, A.R.	RMC	9 Jul 43	RMO

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(Unit)

24 Apr 43
(Date of Despatch)

A.G. Haupt
(Signature of Commander)

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

Serial No. 11

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

W.E. Reference A.I.F. _____ A.M.F. 11/12/3 62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit) 3 April 43, 19____ (Date).

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

W.E. 34 X 861 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. 7	7		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants 5	4		1
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants 36	36	5	
Corporals 77	75		2
Troopers, Privates, &c. 735	673		57
TOTALS 861	800	5	61

* 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 Sjt 1	Postal Services	1 Cpl	A.A.M.C.
1 " 1	A.A.P.C.	1 Sjt)	
5 Fitters 5	A.E.M.R.	2 Cpls)	2 Aust Water Spt Group
		2 O.R.)	R.A.E.

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).

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) 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)
Ammunition Examiners				B/F				B/F			
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				Instrument Mechanics, Surgical				Storemen, Technical			
Camouflage Modeller				Instrument Operators				Surveyors			
Carpenter and Joiner				Intelligence Duties				Surveyors, Engineering			
Clerks				Joiners				Tailors	1		1
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.	3		12	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							
Driver Mechanics	27		22	Observation Post Assistants							
Driver Operators				Operating Room Assistants							
Drivers, Transportation Plant				Operators, Signal				(c) Non-Specialists			
Electrical Fitters				Opticians				M/C Orderlies	5		1
Electricians				Painters				Drivers M.T.			11
Electricians, Eng. Units				Panel Beaters				L.M.G. &			
Electricians, Signal				Pattern Makers				Riflemen			19
Engine Artificers				Pharmacists							
Engine Hands I/C				Photographers, dry plate							
Equipment Repairers	1		1	Photographers, wet plate							
Farriers				Photo-Writers							
Fire Control Operators				Plate Layers				Totals to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.			56
Fitters				Plumbers				Deficiency in ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.			
Fitters and Turners				Predictor Numbers							
Fitters, Cycle				Printers				Ptes A.A.M.C.			2
Fitters, Drivers				Radiator Mechanics							
Fitter's Mates				Radiographers							
Fitters, M.V.				Range Takers							
C/F				C/F				TOTAL			

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.

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Unit.

[Signature]

Lt. Col.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 3 April 43.

Torres Strait Force
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

W.E. Reference A.I.F. II/12/3 62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit) 10 Apr 43 19... (Date).

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

W.E. 34 X 861 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. <u>1</u>			<u>1</u>
W.Os. Class II. <u>7</u>	<u>7</u>		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants <u>5</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>1</u>
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants <u>36</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>5</u>	
Corporals <u>77</u>	<u>75</u>		<u>2</u>
Troopers, Privates, &c. <u>735</u>	<u>678</u>		<u>57</u>
TOTALS <u>861</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>61</u>

* 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 Sjt</u> <u>1</u>	<u>Postal Services</u>	<u>1 Cpl</u>	<u>AAMC</u>
<u>1 "</u> <u>1</u>	<u>AAPC</u>	<u>1 Sjt)</u>	
<u>5 Fitters</u> <u>56</u>	<u>AEME</u>	<u>2 Cpls)</u>	<u>2 Aust Water Tpt</u>
		<u>2 OR)</u>	<u>Gp RAE</u>

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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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)
Ammunition Examiners				B/F				B/F			
Armament, Artificers				Fitters, Railway Signal				Riggers			
Armourers				Fitters, Signal				Rivetters			
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				Instrument Mechanics, Surgical				Storemen, Technical			
Camouflage Modeller				Instrument Operators				Surveyors			
Carpenter and Joiner				Intelligence Duties				Surveyors, Engineering			
Clerks				Joiners				Tailors	1		1
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.	3		1	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							
Driver Mechanics	27		22	Observation Post Assistants							
Driver Operators				Operating Room Assistants							
Drivers, Transportation Plant				Operators, Signal				(c) Non-Specialists			
Electrical Fitters				Opticians				M/C Orderlies	5		1
Electricians				Painters				Drivers MT			11
Electricians, Eng. Units				Panel Beaters				Gen Duties			19
Electricians, Signal				Pattern Makers							
Engine Artificers				Pharmacists							
Engine Hands I/C				Photographers, dry plate							
Equipment Repairers	1		1	Photographers, wet plate							
Farriers				Photo-Writers							
Fire Control Operators				Plate Layers				Totals to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.			56
Fitters				Plumbers				Deficiency in ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.			
Fitters and Turners				Predictor Numbers				Ptes AAMC			2
Fitters, Cycle				Printers							
Fitters, Drivers				Radiator Mechanics							
Fitter's Mates				Radiographers							
Fitters, M.V.				Range Takers							
C/F				C/F				TOTAL			

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.

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Unit.

A. Campbell Lt.-Col.
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 10th Apr 43

Torres Strait Force.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

W.E. Reference A.I.F. II/12/3 62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit) 10 Apr 43 (Date).
A.M.F.

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

W.E. 34 X 861 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. <u>1</u>			<u>1</u>
W.Os. Class II. <u>7</u>	<u>7</u>		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants <u>5</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>1</u>
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants <u>36</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>5</u>	
Corporals <u>77</u>	<u>75</u>		<u>2</u>
Troopers, Privates, &c. <u>735</u>	<u>678</u>		<u>57</u>
TOTALS <u>861</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>61</u>

* 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 Sjt</u> <u>1</u>	<u>Postal Services</u>	<u>1 Cpl</u>	<u>AAMC</u>
<u>1 "</u> <u>1</u>	<u>AAPG</u>	<u>1 Sjt)</u>	<u>2 Aust Water Tpt</u>
<u>5 Fitters</u> <u>5</u>	<u>AEME</u>	<u>2 Cpls)</u>	<u>Gp RAE</u>
		<u>2 OR)</u>	

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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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				B/F			
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				Instrument Mechanics, Surgical				Storemen, Technical			
Camouflage Modeller				Instrument Operators				Surveyors			
Carpenter and Joiner				Intelligence Duties				Surveyors, Engineering			
Clerks				Joiners				Tailors		1	1
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.	3		1	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							
Driver Mechanics	27		22	Observation Post Assistants							
Driver Operators				Operating Room Assistants							
Drivers, Transportation Plant				Operators, Signal				(c) Non-Specialists			
Electrical Fitters				Opticians				M/C Orderlies	5		1
Electricians				Painters				Drivers MT			11
Electricians, Eng. Units				Panel Beaters				Gen Duties			19
Electricians, Signal				Pattern Makers							
Engine Artificers				Pharmacists							
Engine Hands I/C				Photographers, dry plate							
Equipment Repairers	1		1	Photographers, wet plate							
Farriers				Photo-Writers							
Fire Control Operators				Plate Layers							
Fitters				Plumbers				Totals to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.			
Fitters and Turners				Predictor Numbers				Deficiency in ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.			
Fitters, Cycle				Printers				Ptes AAMC			2
Fitters, Drivers				Radiator Mechanics							
Fitter's Mates				Radiographers							
Fitters, M.V.				Range Takers							
C/F				C/F				TOTAL			

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.

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Unit.

A. H. Campbell Lt-Col
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 10 Apr 43

Torres Strait Force.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

W.E. Reference A.I.F. 52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit) 17 Apr 43 1943 (Date).
A.M.F. 11/12/3

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

W.E. 34 X 361 Attached Allowed by W.E. 1 X 14

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail and W.E.	2 Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		1 (3)
W.Os. Class II.	7	7	
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6	4	1 (3)
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	36	33 (3)	2
Corporals	77	77	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	735	683	50
TOTALS	861	800	52

* 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.

(a) will be completed from unit strength
(b) includes 2 Spts filling vacant appointments of 10 and 11 Spts
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 Spt	AS 1028 3	1 Spt) 2 Aust Inf Bn 528 33	
1 "	AS 1022	2 Cpls) 2 "	
1 "	AS 1030		

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).

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) 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		6	-	B/F		6	-
Ammunition Examiners				Fitters, Railway Signal				Riggers			
Armament, Artificers				Fitters, Signal				Riveters			
Armourers				Grinders				Saddlers			
Artificers, Artillery				Gun Layers	11	1	-	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				Instrument Operators				Surveyors			
Camouflage Modeller				Intelligence Duties				Surveyors, Engineering			
Carpenter and Joiner				Joiners				Tailors	1	1	
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							
Draughtsmen, Topographical				Observation Post Assistants							
Driver Mechanics				Operating Room Assistants							
Driver Operators				Operators, Signal				(c) Non-Specialists			
Drivers, Transportation Plant				Opticians							
Electrical Fitters				Painters							
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				Totals to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.		6	50
Fitters Armament	1	5		Predictor Numbers				Deficiency in ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.			
Fitters and Turners				Printers							
Fitters, Cycle				Radiator Mechanics							
Fitters, Drivers				Radiographers							
Fitter's Mates				Range Takers							
Fitters, M.V.											
	C/P	5	-		C/F	6	-	TOTAL			6

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.

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A. Campbell

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 17 Apr 43

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

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

Detail of Supplies or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.				Detail of Specialist Treatment, etc.			
W.E.	(S)	Quantity	Description	W.E.	(S)	Quantity	Description
			Reinforce Station:				
			Reinforce Station:				
			Surplus:				
			Ptes (Tailors)	...	...	1	
			Ptes (Riflemen or Gun Layers)	...	...	49	
			Ptes (Gen Duties)	...	...	2	(S.W. in non-ordnance engines)
			Ptes (Gun Layers) TG III	...	...	1	
			(Fitters Armament T/O I)	...	...	5	

The 5 Fitters Armament T/O I referred to were included in reinforcements marched to this unit 13 Apr 43; unit W.E. provides for 1 Fitter Armament T/O I, which appointment is already filled; also for 5 Fitters S.V. T/O I attached from AMBA.

ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.

Signature of Commander

Unit

Date of Report

Date of Dispatch

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

W.E. Reference A.I.F. _____ A.M.F. 11/12/3 62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit) 24 Apr 43 19____ (Date).

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

W.E. 34 X 861 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 (X)
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		1 (X)
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	36	33 (XX)	
Corporals	77	70	7 (X)
Troopers, Privates, &c.	735	632	51
TOTALS	861	801	60

* 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.

Notes: (X) will be completed from unit strength
(XX) Includes 2 Sjts filling vacant appointments of WO II and COMS
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 Sjt	AA Post C	1 Sjt)	2 Aust Water Tpt Op RAE
1 "	AAPG	2 Cpls)	
1 "	AANC	2 O.R.)	

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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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		5		B/F		6	
Armament, Artificers				Fitters, Railway Signal				Riggers			
Armourers				Fitters, Signal				Riveters			
Artificers, Artillery				Grinders				Saddlers			
Axemen				Gun Layers	11	1		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				Instrument Mechanics, Surgical				Storemen, Technical			
Camouflage Modeller				Instrument Operators				Surveyors			
Carpenter and Joiner				Intelligence Duties				Surveyors, Engineering			
Clerks				Joiners				Tailors	1	-	1
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							
Driver Mechanics				Observation Post Assistants							
Driver Operators				Operating Room Assistants							
Drivers, Transportation Plant				Operators, Signal				(c) Non-Specialists			
Electrical Fitters				Opticians				Gen Duties		7	50
Electricians				Painters				(LMO or Rifle-men)			
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				Totals to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.		13	51
Fitters Armament	1	5	-	Plumbers				Deficiency in ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.			
Fitters and Turners				Predictor Numbers				AAAC Sjt (Hyg Inspr)			1
Fitters, Cycle				Printers				AAAC Fitters MV TG I			5
Fitters, Drivers				Radiator Mechanics							
Fitter's Mates				Radiographers							
Fitters, M.V.				Range Takers							
C/P		5		C/F		6		TOTAL			6

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Unit.

N.Y. Haupp. Lt Col
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 24 Apr 43

Torres Strait Force
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

