

**AWM52**  
**2nd Australian Imperial Force and**  
**Commonwealth Military Forces unit war**  
**diaries, 1939-45 War**

**Item number: 8/3/63**

**25 Infantry Battalion**

**January - February 1944**



## WAR DIARY

AF C2118.

25 AUST INF BN

From 2359 hrs 31 Dec 43 to 2359 hrs 7 Jan 44.

Place	Date 1944	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and ref to appx, diaries, etc.
KAIRI CAMP (AREA C-E)	Jan			
	1	0912	Trg Syllabus - 25 Aust Inf Bn - 28 Dec 43 to 1 Jan 44. W3008 and W3009 - 1 Jan 44.	Appx A Appx B
		2000	Weather report to 2000 hrs. Fine, clear, visibility good, wind NE. Visibility 2000 hrs 200 yds.	
	2	2000	Weather report to 022000L. Fine, cloudy, visibility good, wind NW. Visibility at 2000 hrs 300 yds.	
	3		25 Aust Inf Bn Int Summary No 39  Extract from Bde Instn:- Location Statements (HQ only) as at 2359 hrs on the 7th and 22nd of each month will be despatched to reach Bde HQ not later than 0900 hrs on the 8th and 23rd of each month. The location statement will contain following infm:- Serial number, War Office serial number, veh number, unit, location, map ref, remarks and projected moves.	Appx C
		2000	Weather report to 032000L. Fine, clear, wind NE, visibility good. Visibility 2015 hrs 200 yds.	
	4	1630	Bn ROs Part I No 1 dated 4 Jan 44.	Appx D
	1840	Weather report to 2000 hrs. Fine, clear, wind NE, visibility good. Visibility at 1840 hrs unlimited.		
	5	2000	Weather report to 052000L. Fine, scattered clouds with light shower at 1100 hrs. Visibility good. Visibility at 2000 hrs 200 yds.	
	6	2000	Weather report to 062000L. Heavy storm at 0400 hrs; day fine, clear; light shower at 1645 hrs; visibility good; visibility at 2000 hrs 150 yds.	
	7	1945	Weather report to 071945L. Fine and clear up to 1700 hrs, visibility good. From 1700 to 1915 hrs rain. Wind NE. Visibility 1845 hrs 200 yds.	

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## WAR DIARY

AF C2118.

25 AUST INF BN

From 2359 hrs 7 Jan 44 to 2359 hrs 15 Jan 44.

Place	Date 1944	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and ref to appx, diaries, etc.
KAIRI CAMP (AREA C-E)	Jan			
	8	1030	W3008 and W3009 25 Aust Inf Bn Int Summary No 40	Appx E Appx F
		2000	Weather report to 082000L. Fine, clear, and hot. Slight NE wind. Visibility good. Visibility 2000 hrs 200 yds.	
	9	<del>2000</del>	Weather report to <del>08</del> 2000L. Fine, hot, visibility good. Visibility at <del>2000</del> hrs 200 yds.	
	10	2014	Weather report to 102000L. Fine, clear, visibility good, wind NE. Visibility 2014 hrs 50 yds.	
	11	2000	Weather report to 112000L. Dull, cloudy day with light scattered showers; wind SE; visibility fair. Visibility at 2000 hrs 150 yds.	
	12	2000	Weather report to 122000L. Fine, clear, wind NE, visibility good. Visibility 2000 hrs 250 yds.	
	13	1400	Standing Orders for Fire Bn ROs Part 1 No 2 dated 10 Jan 44.	Appx G Appx H
		2000	Weather report to 232000L. Fine, wind NE, visibility good. Visibility 2005 hrs 175 yds.	
	14	2000	Weather report to 142000L. Fine, clear, visibility good, slight NE wind. Visibility 2000 hrs 200 yds.	
	15	0930	W3008 and W3009	Appx J
		1315	25 Aust Inf Bn Int Summary No 41	Appx K
		2000	Weather report to 152000L. Fine, clear, visibility good, wind SE. Visibility 2000 hrs 200 yds.	

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## WAR DIARY

25 AUST INF BN

From 2359 hrs 15 Jan 44 to 2359 hrs 23 Jan 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and ref to appx, diaries, etc.
	1944			
	Jan			
KAIRI CAMP (AREA C-E)	16	2000	Weather report to 162000L. Fine, clear, visibility good. Visibility at 2000 hrs 250 yds.	
	17	2000	Weather report to 172000L. Fine, clear, hot day, visibility good. Visibility at 2000 hrs 200 yds.	
	18	2000	Weather report to 182000L. Fine, visibility fair to 1400 hrs. Severe storm accompanied by rain and lightning about 1430 to 1530 hrs. From then on cloudy.	
	19		Bn ROs Part 1 No 3.	Appx L
		2000	Weather report to 192000L. Fine, clear, visibility good, scattered clouds. Wind NE. Visibility 2000 hrs 180 yds.	
	20	2000	Weather report to 202000L. Fine, visibility good, wind NE. Visibility at 2000 hrs 250 yds.	
	21	2000	Weather report to 212000L. Night 20/21 light showers. Day, light showers, slight NE wind, visibility fair. Visibility 2000 hrs 200 yds.	
	22.		W3008 and W3009 25 Aust Inf Bn Int Summary No 42	Appx M Appx N
		2000	Weather report to 222000L. Night 21/22 light showers. Day dull with light showers; wind NE, visibility fair. Visibility 2000 hrs 200 yds.	
	23	2000	Weather report to 232000L. Dull, rainy day. Heavy showers from 1600 hrs to 1800 hrs. Wind NE, visibility fair. Visibility at 2000 hrs 150 yds.	

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## WAR DIARY

AF C 2118.

25 AUST INF BN

From 2359 hrs 23 Jan 44 to 2359 hrs 31 Jan 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and ref to appx, diaries, etc.
	1944			
	Jan			
KAIRI CAMP (AREA C-E)	24	2000	Weather report to 242000L. Fine, cloudy, visibility good, wind NE. Visibility 2000 hrs 180 yds.	
	25	1000	Bn ROs Part 1 No 4.	Appx O
		2000	Weather report to 252000L. Fine, clear, visibility good. Light showers from 1800 hrs to 1930 hrs. Wind slight NE. Visibility at 2000 hrs 150 yds.	
	26	2000	Weather report to 262000L. Light showers until 1000 hrs. Overcast but clearer in the afternoon. Visibility fair; wind NE. Visibility at 2000 hrs 150 yds.	
	27	2000	Weather report to 272000L. Fine, overcast in morning, clearing in afternoon. Visibility at 2000 hrs 150 yds.	
	28	2000	Weather report to 282000L. Fine, overcast, wind SE strong in afternoon. Visibility at 2000 hrs 150 yds.	
	29		W3008 and W3009 25 Aust Inf Bn Int Summary No 43.	Appx P Appx Q
		2000	Weather report to 292000L. Fine, wind NE, visibility good. Visibility 2000 hrs 200 yds.	
	30	2000	Weather report to 302000L. Fine, cloudy, wind SE. Light shower 1915 hrs. Visibility 2007 hrs 150 yds.	
	31	2000	Weather report to 312000L. Overcast, light showers 1500 hrs. Visibility fair to 1900 hrs. From then heavier showers. Visibility 2000 hrs 75 yds.	

*J. W. Mathison* Capt

Adm Comd 25 Aust Inf Bn.

*K.M.D.*



## 25 AUST INF BN - TRAINING SYLLABUS

SECRET

28 DEC 43 - 1 JAN 44

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App A

- (a) Trg Periods - 6 hr day 5 days per week. Saturdays organised sport.
- (b) Inspection period daily 0815 to 0830. Dress, turnout, arms and eqpt will be rigidly checked. ALL pers will attend this parade.
- (c) Spl instn for offrns will take place daily between 1030 hrs and 1200 hrs.
- (d) Spl NCO instn daily between 1400 and 1500 hrs.
- (e) During (c) above, Coy etc instn will be carried out by WOs and NCOs, and during (d) by offrns.

PERIOD	LESSON	REMARKS
<u>TUE - 28 DEC 43</u>		
0830-0915	Rifle Exercises	
0920-1000	Pl and Coy Drill	
1015-1050	Bren - stripping & assembling	
1100-1125	OSMG	
1130-1200	Smartening Up	
1400-1450	Map Reading - elementary	
1500-1525	Bren Stoppages	
1530-1630	Route March	
OFFRS	Compass - practical	Capt R.D. McInnes
NCOs	" "	'I' Sgt
<u>WED - 29 DEC 43</u>		
0830-0915	Rifle Exercises	Attention to timing. Part to be done on march.
0920-1000	Pl and Coy Drill	Attention to smart turnout.
1015-1050	Bayonet Trg	
1100-1125	Bren - recapitulation	Attention to sequence
1130-1200	Holding, aiming & firing rifle.	
1400-1450	Map Reading - progressive.	Draw maps from 'I' Sec. B & C Coys war talk by 'I' Sgt.
1500-1525	Compass - description & use	
1530-1630	Route March	To incl track-going map for NCOs. March to attention in Bn area.
OFFRS	Air co-operation - incl ground to air sigs	Capt B.T. Ryan
NCOs	do	" "
<u>THU - 30 DEC 43</u>		
0830-0915	Pl and Coy Drill	Smartness
0920-1000	Talk - jungle patrols	
1015-1050	Fieldcraft	HQ Coy war talk by 'I' Sgt
1100-1125	OSMG	
1130-1200	Grenade throwing	Various posns.
1400-1450	Map reading - progressive	Maps from 'I' Sec.
1500-1525	Talk on discipline & saluting	
1530-1630	Route March	To incl track-going map for NCOs. March to attention & rifle exercises in Bn area.
OFFRS	Explosives - booby traps - setting & delousing.	Pnr Sgt (Sgt Deller)
NCOs	do	" "
<u>FRI - 31 DEC 43</u>		
0830-0915	Pl and Coy Drill	Attention to Smartness.
0920-1000	Booby traps (incl plan)	Setting & delousing.
1015-1050	Bayonet Trg	A & D Coys war talk by 'I' Sgt

OVER



PERIOD	LESSON	REMARKS
<u>FRI 31 DEC 43 - CONT</u>		
1100-1125	Bren - stripping & assembling	Blindfold
1130-1200	Rifle exercises	Attention to detail
1400-1450	Ambush	Explanation & practical
1500-1525	OC's discretion	
1530-1630	Route March	As for Thu 30 Dec.
OFFRS	Preparation of tents	Maj Weppner
NC Os	Patrol Reports	Sgt McKee
<u>SAT 1 JAN 44</u>		
	Organised Sport (tabloid)	Other by Sports Offr

DISTRIBUTION  
List "B"

Capt  
Adj 25 Aust Inf Bn

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

.../.../... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 / Jan / 1943 25 (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 120 / 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s 754 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 35 ATT. BY W.E.

Appendix B

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arms or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels					
NR	1	-	2	Majors					
NR	1	-	7	Captains					
-	-	4	23	Lieutenants	AAIC	1	-	-	-
-	-	-	1	Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
1	2	4	34			1	-	-	-

DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	..	TOTAL.
A.	27	8								35
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

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

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
016110	Capt.	MCKINNON. D.	Hosp. 2/6 AGH	23/12/43	X List

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

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



*Appn*  
*B(12)*

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Capt/Lt-Col	OX36371	MILNE W.S.		CO	Yes		
Capt/Maj	OX40879	WHIPPLE R.		2 1/2	"		
Lieut/Maj.	OX34430	JACKSON W.J.	R.	OC D COY	"		
Lieut/Capt	OX35080	STREL P.J.		OC A COY	"		
"	OX21001	RYAN E.F.		OC 2d COY	"		
"	OX36184	DUGGAN J.E.		-	NO	A/SG 7 AUST INF BDE	
"	OX21972	HARRISON T.E.		OC 2 COY	NO	Recreation Leave	
"	OX36182	WHITE R.C.		ADJ.	Yes		
"	OX36183	JUST H.E.		2 1/2 D COY	"		
"	OX35350	O'NEILL F.E.		OC	NO	ROAD party New Guinea	
"	OX 53202	KEITHES R.D.		2 1/2 A COY	YES		
LIEUT	OX 36185	JEFFERSON R.D.K.		2 1/2 B COY	"		
"	OX 40070	MARLTON D.H.	J.	PL COND A COY	NO	ROAD party New Guinea	
"	OX 43374	BAKER T.D.		2 1/2 C COY	YES		
"	OX 35359	GREEN H.S.		TO	NO	Recreational Leave	
"	OX 21974	LEADBETTER C.F.		PL COND B COY	NO	do do	
"	OX 35089	WILMOTT D.R.		PL COND C COY	YES		
"	Q 22888	BAKER A.T.		B COY	YES		
"	OX 43164	PHILLIPS F.J.		B COY	NO	ROAD party New Guinea	
"	OX 34433	SCHLEDER H.L.		A COY	YES		
"	OX 45300	HARRIS H.A.		B COY	YES		
"	Q 22004	BATHURST J.F.		B COY	"		
"	OX 34431	MONROE R.N.		TO	"		
"	OX 51715	NELSON W.E.		PL COND B COY	"		
"	Q 21387	SMITH A.T.		D	"	awaiting move to 20 AITB	
"	Q 21941	COLLINS T.J.		D COY	"		
"	OX45299	SCHLEDER A.R.		B COY	"		
"	OX 51716	DEUBLE L.H.		"	"		
"	Q 22003	STANLEY S.D.		B COY	"		
"	OX51714	HILL P.V.		D COY	"		
"	OX 68272	SHAW B.A.		A COY	"		
"	OX 69188	DANSON A.E.		"	NO	Recreational Leave	
"	OX 58773	PINCH L.A.		Relief's off	YES		
"	OX 1977	WARRING L.S.		COY	YES		
LIEUT/MAY	OX 34489	KESTER J.S.			NO	A/SG APT (NSL)	
" / CAPT	OX 36181	FOSTER J.H.A.			"	CO 1 7 AUST INF BDE	
"	OX 35551	COFFE J.A.			"	COL CO CO	
LIEUT	Q 21898	HATH R.			"	ROAD party	
CAPT	OX 18110	HARRISON D			"	2/8 AGE	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT	OX 168148	AIKEN J.E.	AANC	18.10.43	ROAD
HON CAPT	B 287	REES I.S.	SALVATION ARMY	20.11.43	

Date of Despatch 1 Jan 1944

Truth—7/43.

*W. J. ...*  
Signature of Commander  
25 AUST INF BN.











**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 1/ Jan/1944.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitches			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	1	NR
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	26	26		Tailors (See below)	3	3	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners	6	6		Wireman				Wailors			
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				S/Sgts		1	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Sst	1		1
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Cpl	1	1	
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1					
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	9	9					
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	9	9		Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.	3534	1	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				See back page 1			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				TOTALS	96	24	2
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		2		See duties	693	645	51
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1					
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	15	15		CARRIED FORWARD	52	54		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	789	739	53

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

1 Jan 44  
Date of Despatch

Adj. *White*  
Signature of Commander CAPT



1. OPERATIONS. nil

2. MOVEMENTS.

(a) 3 Aust div int course No.1.

On 30 Dec 43 Lieuts R. McDonald and D. Willmetts departed for 3 Aust Div Hq where they will instruct at the 3 Aust div int course No.1 of 14 days duration, starting 2 Jan 44.

(b) 3 Aust div jungle warfare course No.2.

On 30 Dec 43 Capt S. G. White (AdjT) attended last day of 3 Aust div jungle warfare course No.2 to observe demonstrations.

(c) Hospital.

On 25 Dec 43 Capt D. McKinnon (O.C. C Coy) was admitted to hospital.

(d) Working parties

On 30 Dec 43 Capt J. Steel as O.C. party, Lieuts P. V. Gill and E. L. Schlyder with 37 O.R. departed for 2/2 and 2/3 A.O.B. where they will work at tasks allotted to them. At the same time, a working party of 1 NCO and 20 OR departed for work at 13 A.O.B. and another party of 1 NCO and 10 OR departed for work at 3 Aust div reception camp at Telga.

(e) Home Leave

On 25 Dec 43, 14 OR rejoined the Bn from Home Leave.

(f) courtesy calls

On 26 Dec 43 Lt-Col R. S. Miles accompanied the Bn; Maj Mahoney, on a visit to the div camp, Maj Gen Savidge, in response to an invitation.

On the same day, Lieut T. Abernethy ex 25 Bn, visited the unit.

3. PATROLS. nil

4. RECCO. nil

5. WORKS.

(a) Mess huts

The A and B Coy mess huts have been completed during the week and are now in use. Coy D Coys huts still require roofing.

(b) Miscellaneous

17 mess table sets were prepared, and nine of them assembled and put to use.

One serving bench was also completed during the week.

Seven loads of firewood, five loads of gravel and ten loads of green timber for bed construction were obtained.

One ash dump was dug and digging of another one commenced.

(c) Drainage

One grease-trap was set, junction and inspection pit was completed and another dug and set.

The works programme will be continued by reorganised working parties while bulk of Bn is away on ARL.

6. EXERCISES.

Along with the works programme in progress, general trg has been undertaken by all pers not engaged in working parties and normal Coy duties.

Trg included handling of weapons, smartening up drill, route marches, bayonet trg and grenade throwing.

Lectures were given as follows; 28 Dec Lecture and practical demonstration on compass given by Capt R. P. McInnes to Bn offrs.

The same lecture was given by 1 Sgt to Bn NCO's.

29 Dec Lecture on Army Air Force Co-op, including ground to air signalling given by Capt B. T. Ryan to Bn offrs in morning and NCO's in afternoon.

30 Dec Lectures on explosive s and booby traps to Bn offrs and NCO's given by pnr Sgt.

The 1 Sgt lectured all Coys throughout the week on the war situation on all fronts.

7. INTERCONN.

Lines were laid to all Coys during the week, no line having been laid from Bde, a P.M.C. phone having been installed for outside calls.

The two 50 lb line and the 6 line boards were damaged during

over



transit, and have been sent away to be repaired. Some therefore are not satisfactory. Also these switch boards have been declared US on previous occasions and are waiting replacements. These boards are old and even if repaired, good intercomm can not be guaranteed.

8. MAPPING.

I pers have mounted available maps of operational areas.

9. MORALE. good

10. ROUNTERS AFFECTING MORALE. nil

*E. Mules*  
.....Lt-Col  
25 Aust Inf Bn

*H. F. McKee Sgt*  
.....  
A/10 25 Aust Inf Bn



War Diary

Logbook

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4 JAN 44

NO 1

**AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.**

**ROUTINE ORDERS PART I**

**LT-COL E.S.MILES DSO**

**CO 25 AUST INF BN.**

**1. CHANGE OF COMD.**

QX 36371 Lt-Col E.S.Miles DSO ceased adm comd 7 Aust Inf Bde 0800 hrs 22 Dec 43 and resumed comd 25 Aust Inf Bn.  
QX 40879 Maj.R.Weppner ceased adm comd 25 Aust Inf Bn 0800 hrs 22 Dec 43.

**2. BDE HQ QUARTER GUARD.**

Mounting 2000 hrs	4 Jan	-	25 BN
" " "	7 Jan	-	25 Bn
" " "	10 Jan	-	25 BN
" " "	13 Jan	-	25 BN
" " "	16 Jan	-	25 BN

**3. THE HIGH COST OF LIVING.**

The following article which appeared in MGO Eqpt Memorandum No. 7 is reproduced for the purpose of impressing on troops how, with a little forethought, they can assist in their immediate physical and ultimate financial welfare by exercising proper care and maintenance of weapons and other eqpt in their charge:-

(a) There is seldom any necessity to impress upon battle experienced soldiers the need for proper care and maintenance of their weapons. Experience has taught them that their lives depend on the proper functioning of their eqpt and anyone in the forward areas cannot fail to be impressed with the way the men strip, clean and oil their weapons several times a day; how they look after their ammunition and protect it from dirt and moisture, and how they overhaul their personal eqpt and clothing because they know if it fails, replacements in the jungle take a long time. But many members of the Australian Army have not yet been in actual combat and have not learned the lessons of Care and Maintenance the hard way. They are learning by instruction but naturally have not the same urge to apply these lessons as the man who knows that in the next few minutes his very existence may depend upon his preparation. Many obvious reasons why eqpt should be cared for are constantly promulgated, but to help impress it on the, as yet, unblooded soldier so that he will appreciate the importance of protecting his eqpt, a line of thought on the "High Cost of Living" as it effects each man may be beneficial. For the Nation's future and the future of each one of us we must have Victory. Besides the fighting calibre, skill and sacrifices of our men, Victory will follow tremendous expense to ensure that we have ample quantities of weapons and that those weapons are better for their purpose than those which the enemy can bring against us. When the war is won the cost has to be paid. The cost in money is only a measure of the manpower and materials poured into this War, but it still has to be paid, and what is more, each one of us will then face the future with the knowledge that the way of our life henceforth will be controlled by the task of making these repayments. Therefore, it behoves each one of us to make sure that there is no waste- eqpt thrown needlessly aside, because what we waste now we surely each have to pay for in the long run

(b) And the cost will be high. For our eqpt is good- it may not be as fancy as some but its general standard is much higher than that of our enemies. It is largely the result of design by skilled British and Australian Engineers, combined with the hard-learned lessons of four years of actual fighting. It is essentially practical and designed for a purpose, not as a combination of gadgets. Simplicity of design and the complete filling of operational requirements are major features.

OVER.



### 3. THE HIGH COST OF LIVING (CONTD).

(c) All eqpt needs manpower and materials in production- that in turn means cost. Remember next time you discard a Bren 30 round magazine you are throwing away 30/-. A blanket dropped because you cannot be bothered carrying it a few more yards to hand into a store means 17/-, each empty 25 pr cartridge case tossed aside is 10/- lost; each empty 25 pr cartridge box not returned means a loss of 15/-. The slightly tangled mile reel of signal cable that you are too tired to rewind will eventually cost you £7; a box of small arms amm thrown in the mud means £12..10/ if ball, £23 if armour piercing, £25 if tracer, and £44 if incendiary; the bren tripod being a highly finished article costs £26, so that if you cannot carry them at least pass them back to Depots; some one else will need them.

(d) All this is apart from the tremendous tpt efforts required to produce anything at the battle front. In future remember how costly is real good Army Eqpt. Remember you will have to pay for what you waste, and remember that apart from the cost it will mean to the manpower and material to replace what you have wasted are the very things that produce the reinfts and new types of eqpt you need.

(e) The cost of living in the War is high in blood and money. It is so easy for you to do your share and save at least the waste of money.

### 4. RESTRICTION ON TRUNK LINE CALLS.

The Telephonic Communications Control Order made under the National Security Regulations prohibited as from midnight 8 AUG 43:-

(a) The use of a telephone for the purpose of communicating with person outside the area referred to in para iii hereunder,

(b) The use of a telephone outside that area for the purpose of communicating with a person within that area.

(i) Such prohibition does not extend to Official Calls made on an official telephone by members of the Forces acting in the course of their duties as such.

(ii) The area referred to may be briefly described as the area of QUEENSLAND north of the northern boundaries of the shires of BARKLY TABLELAND, CLONCURRY, MCKINLAY, WYANGARIE, FLINDERS, DALRYMPLE and THURINGOWA.

(iii) All ranks will comply with the terms of the abovementioned order, and any breach will immediately be reported to HQ 1 Aust Corps.

### 5. AMENITIES- GOLF.

Arrangements have been made at ATHERTON Golf Club for all military pers to avail themselves of facilities as honorary members. AA Amenities Service has supplied a quantity of golf clubs to the club and these may be hired for a charge of 2/- for 18 holes (ladies 1/-). Balls may also be purchased at the club.

### 6. TRAIN TRAVELLING - INTOXICATING LIQUOR.

No member of the forces, when in uniform, will carry, or cause to be carried, on to any train on which he is travelling or about to travel, or have in his possession or control or ~~consum~~ whilst travelling in any train, any intoxicating liquor, unless it is consumed by him as part of a meal supplied in a dining car in the train in which he is travelling.

### 7. SALVAGE.

Units are advised that ADCS is in urgent need of beer bottles. Steps will immediately be taken to organise the collection of all bottles and advise respective Salvage Depots who will arrange collection. Unit canteen pers will carry out above instructions.

DISTRIBUTION.  
LIST "A".

.....Capt  
Apt 25 Aust Inf Bn.







FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

ATTACHED ON WE.

DETAIL	ARM OR CORPS	POSTED STRENGTH	SURPLUS WE	DEFICIENT WE	REINFTS REQD
WO CLASS I	-	-	-	-	-
WO " II	A/CC	1	-	-	-
COMS	-	-	-	-	-
S/SGT3	-	-	-	-	-
SGTSA	A/AMC	1	-	-	-
	" HYG				
	INSPECTOR	1	-	-	-
	A/PC	1	-	-	-
	POSTAL UNIT	1	-	-	-
	A/ME (ARMOURER)	1	-	-	-
	A/CC	7	2	-	-
CPLS	A/AMC	2	1	-	-
	A/AC	1	-	-	-
	A/PC	-	-	1	NR
	A/CC	5	-	2	NR
TPRS, PERS ETC	A/ME	2	-	1	NR
	A/CC	13	1	-	-
	A/AMC	-	-	1	1
		34	4	6	1



**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 8 / 1 / 1944.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	1	NR
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	3	-
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	26	26	-	Tailors	see below		
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners	6	6	-	Wireman				Tailors			
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				S/SOTS	-	1	-
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								SOTS	1	-	1
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								OPLS	1	1	-
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-				
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	9	9	-				
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	9	9	-	Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.	35	34	1
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				see back page			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	-	2	-				
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				TOTALS	93	94	2
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-				
Plumber				Moulders				Farrriers				cen duties	693661	41	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	15	15	-	CARRIED FORWARD	52	54	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively	789755	43	*

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

Date of Despatch

Adm Comd Signature of Commander



**FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS**

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

.../.../44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8 / 1 / 1944. 25 AIB (Unit)

W.E. 11/120/2. OFFRS. 52 O.R's. 758 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels					
NR	1	-	2	Majors					
NR	1	2-	7	Captains					
-	-	3	22	Lieutenants					
-	-	-	1	Quarter-masters	AANC	1	-	-	-
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
1	2	3	33			1	-	-	-

DETAIL.	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	..	TOTAL.
A.	26	3								34
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

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

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

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

**OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.**

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

**OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.**

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX 35589	LIEUT	GREEN	H.S. 3 Aust camp Hosp	22.12.43	X LIST

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

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



PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3/1/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
capt/Lt-col	QX 36371	MILES E.S.		CO	NO	Adm, 7 Aust Inf Bde	7 Jan 44
capt/maj	QX 40879	WRPNER R.		"2 1/c	NO	REC LEAVE	
Lieut/maj	QX 34430	JACKSON W.J.E.		OG D	COXIES	ADM COMD 25 AUST INF BN	" "
" capt	QX 35560	STRELL P.J.		OG A COY	YES	ACTG/2 1/c	" "
" "	Q 21681	RYAN B.T.		HQ COY	NO	REC LEAVE	
" "	QX 36184	DUGGAN J.E.		"	NO	ACTG 3/capt 7 Aust Inf Bde	
" "	Q 21972	MATHISON T.E.		" B COY	NO	REC LEAVE	
" "	QX 35182	WHITE E.G.		ADJT	YES		
" "	QX 36183	JUST M.E.		2 1/c DON COY	NO	" "	
" "	QX 33838	O'NEILL E.J.		GM	YES		
" "	QX 355202	MCINNES R.D.		2 1/c A COY	NO	" "	
LIEUT	QX 36185	JEFFERIES R.D.K.		OG C COY	YES		
"	QX 45878	MARLTON D.H.J.		pl comd A COY	YES		
"	QX 43074	BAKER T.D.		2 1/c C COY	NO	REC LEAVE	
"	Q 21974	LEADBETTER C.F.		pl comd HQ COY	NO	REC LEAVE	
"	QX 35089	WILMOTT D.R.		pl comd C COY	YES		
"	Q 22885	BAKER A.T.		pl comd B COY	NO	REC LEAVE	
"	QX 43164	PHILLIPS P.J.		pl comd B COY	YES		
"	QX 34428	SCHLYDER E.L.		pl comd A COY	YES		
"	QX 45300	HARRIS H.A.		" " HQ COY	NO	" "	
"	Q22004	BATHERSEY J.T.		" " B COY	NO	" "	
"	QX 34431	MCDONALD R.N.		IO	YES		
"	QX 51713	NELSON W.R.		pl comd D COY	NO	" "	
"	Q 21857	SMITH A.V.		" " D COY	YES	Awaiting movement 29 AITB	
"	Q21941	COLLINS T.J.		" " " "	NO	REC LEAVE	
"	QX 45299	SCHINDLER A.J.		" " HQ COY	"	" "	
"	QX 51715	DEUBLE L.H.		" " HQ COY	YES		
"	Q 22003	STEELE S.D.		" " C COY	"		
"	QX51714	HILL F.V.		" " D COY	"		
"	NR 68272	SHAW B.A.		" " A COY	NO	REC LEAVE	
"	NR 68188	DAWSON A.E.		" " C COY	"	" "	
"	NR 58776	PINCH L.A.		reinf off	"	" "	
"	NR 1977	WARING B.C.		pl comd HQ COY	"	" "	
X LIST SECONDED ETC.							
LIEUT/MAJ	QX34429	WEBSTER G.S.			NO	2/9 AGH RSL	
" CAPT	QX 36181	FOSTER J.R.A.			"	LO I 7 Aust Inf Bde	
" "	QX 35561	CORFE J.E.			"	SC L do	
"	Q21628	BAIN E.			"	OGTU WOODSIDE en route to unit	
CAPT	QX16110	MC KINNON D.			"	2/6 AGH	
LIEUT	QX 35559	GREEN H.S.			"	3 AUST CAMP HOSP	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
MAJ	166148	AIKEN J.E.	AANC	18.10.43	RMO
NON CAPT B	287	REES I.S.	salvation ARMY	29.11.43	

*[Signature]* Capt.  
Adjutant 25 Bn. / BY MAJ  
ADM COMD 25 AUST INF BN  
Signature of Commander

8 JAN 44

Date of Despatch



War Diary

25 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 40  
for week ending 0600 Hours 8 Jan 44.

Appn F

HQ. 25 Aust Inf Bn,  
Australia

Construction of mess tables and roofing of mess  
tables were completed.

1. OPERATIONS. Nil.

2. MOVEMENTS .

(a) Recreational Leave.

At 0700 hrs 2 Jan 44 leave draft No 1 comprising 11 offrs,  
and 339 ORs departed by truck for INNISFAIL from where it  
will continue south by train. Major Weppner was appointed OC  
of train, Capt Ryan OC of train, and Capt Corrie OC of convoy. Prior to  
proceeding on leave, the draft was addressed by the CO Lt-Col  
E.S. MILES, D.S.O.

At 2130 hrs Leave Draft No 2 comprising 27 ORs departed  
for TOLGA on route south via CAIRNS.

At 0600 hrs 4 Jan 44 Leave Draft No 3 comprising 3 offrs  
and 77 ORs departed for INNISFAIL.

At 1620 hrs Leave Draft No 4 comprising 1 offr 61 ORs  
departed for TOLGA on route south via CAIRNS.

On 2 Jan 11 ORs, 4 Jan 5 ORs, and 6 Jan WO I Barnett K.C.  
rejoined the unit from Recreational Leave.

Hon Capt Rees rejoined the unit from TOWNSVILLE where he  
delayed his movement to equip huts in Bde Area.

(b) Move to Mainland

At 1810 hrs 7 Jan 1944, Rear party consisting of Capt F.J.  
O'NEILL, Lieuts F.J. Phillips and D.H.J. Marleton and 87 ORs  
arrived at Bn HQ, 1 OR remaining in CAIRNS i/c of stores,  
thus completing the movement of the 25 Bn to Mainland, leav-  
ing only 44 ORs with 61 Bn Rear details at MORESBY and 1 OFFR  
and 9 ORs in Hospital in New Guinea.

(c) Working parties.

On 1 Jan, 19 NSW pers departed for 2/2 and 2/6 AGH to  
relieve Q'd pers on working parties.

On 4 Jan Capt Steel, Lieuts Schlyder and Hill plus 23  
ORs returned from working parties at 2/6 AGH.

On 5 Jan working party comprising Lieut Smith and 8 ORs  
departed for 2/1 con camp.

At 1400 hrs 5 Jan, a working party of 3 ORs reported  
to 7 Bde S/C Learner.

(d) 3 Aust Div jungle warfare school course No 2.

On 5 Jan Lieut R.D. Jefferies and 3 NCOs returned to  
unit from the above school.

(e) Postings.

On 6 Jan Lieut R.D. Jefferies assumed comd of C Coy.  
From 1000 hrs 7 Jan during absence of Brig Field. J.,  
LT-COL E.S. Miles 25 Bn adm comd 7 Bde gp. Maj W.J.E. Jackson  
adm comd 25 Aust Inf Bn.

(f) Courtesy calls.

Courtesy calls were received by the CO from the follow-  
ing:-

On 3 and 7 Jan the BM (Maj Mahoney).

On 3 Jan S/sgt Rough from pd security.

On 7 Jan Brig J. Field, D.S.O.

(g) Bde Guard.

On 4 and 7 Jan, 1 NCO and 4 ORs mounted Bde guard at  
2000 hrs, and were relieved at 0630 hrs the following day.

3. PATROLS. Nil.

4. RECCE. Nil.

5. WORKS.

Owing to shortage of labour, very little progress was  
made with Bn works. Work was continued on the drainage sys-  
tem. Two loads of earthenware pipes were carted from KAIRI.  
5 kitchens are now connected to pits and system is in op-  
eration. Offrs' mess, Sgts' mess, offrs' shower pipes now  
being laid.

One load of firewood, and unit quota of amm carted  
from KAIRI.



*Handwritten notes at top right.*

5. WORKS (CONTD)

The construction of mess tables and roofing of C and D Coy mess huts were ~~completed~~ completed.

6. EXERCISES Nil

7. INTER COMM

Line comm was maintained between Bde and Bn throughout the week by PMG phone direct to Bde switch. Line comm was also maintained between coys. In operation early in the week, gave a lot of trouble and had to be sent for repairs. It was replaced by 6 line UC.

8. MAPPING

All intelligence course No 1 on 3rd Aust Div intelligence course. This course is being attended each day by two "I" pers. As there are only 2 "I" pers left in camp, "I" duties have been confined to office work.

9. MORALE

Good. Rumours affecting morale.

10. RUMOURS AFFECTING MORALE

At 1210 hrs V Jan 1944, Rear party consisting of Capt R. J. O'Neill, Lieut F. J. Phillips and D. H. J. Marston and 87 ORs arrived at Bn HQ. 1 OR remaining in GAINES 1/2 of stores, this completing the movement of the 25 Bn to Mainland, leaving only 440 ORs with 61 Bn Rear Details at MORSEBY and 1 OR in hospital in New Guinea.

(e) Working parties. On 1 Jan, 12 NEW ORs departed for S/S and S/E AGH to

On 2 Jan, 12 NEW ORs departed for S/S and S/E AGH to

On 3 Jan, 12 NEW ORs departed for S/S and S/E AGH to

On 4 Jan, 12 NEW ORs departed for S/S and S/E AGH to

On 5 Jan, 12 NEW ORs departed for S/S and S/E AGH to

On 6 Jan, 12 NEW ORs departed for S/S and S/E AGH to

On 7 Jan, 12 NEW ORs departed for S/S and S/E AGH to

On 8 Jan, 12 NEW ORs departed for S/S and S/E AGH to

On 9 Jan, 12 NEW ORs departed for S/S and S/E AGH to

On 10 Jan, 12 NEW ORs departed for S/S and S/E AGH to

On 11 Jan, 12 NEW ORs departed for S/S and S/E AGH to

On 12 Jan, 12 NEW ORs departed for S/S and S/E AGH to

On 13 Jan, 12 NEW ORs departed for S/S and S/E AGH to

On 14 Jan, 12 NEW ORs departed for S/S and S/E AGH to

On 15 Jan, 12 NEW ORs departed for S/S and S/E AGH to

On 16 Jan, 12 NEW ORs departed for S/S and S/E AGH to

On 17 Jan, 12 NEW ORs departed for S/S and S/E AGH to

- 3. PATROLS
- 4. RECS
- 5. WORKS

Owing to shortage of labour, very little progress was made with Bn works. Work was continued on the drainage system. Two loads of earthenware pipes were carted from KAIRI. 5 kitchens are now connected to gas and system is in operation. Office mess, Sgt's mess, Officer's shower pipes now being laid.



Ward

19 Appn G

FIRE PRECAUTIONS.

STANDING ORDER FOR FIRE

COPY NO.....  
25 Aust Inf Bn,  
AUSTRALIA.

1. All tps will be informed of the necessity for taking all precautions against fire in their individual tents and in Bn Lines.
2. All grass and undergrowth will be cleared from around tents and camp buildings to a radius of at least 20 yards.
3. Except in cases of ordinary cooking duties, no fire will be lit without the permission of an officer.
4. No fire will be left unattended in any place where there is any possibility of the fire spreading or causing damage. Kitchen fires and incinerators will be put out before kitchen pers go off duty.
5. No petrol or spirit will be used to light a fire or be thrown on a fire.
6. No combustible spirit will be kept in a tent or building except such as are erected for the specific purpose of storage of such spirits.
7. Each tent will be provided with a receptacle for cigarette butts, matches etc. Such items will NOT be disposed of except by being put out and placed in these receptacles.
8. Live matches (wax) will be kept in tins.
9. No naked lights will be used in tents or buildings.
10. Each tent or building will be provided with a fire beater and will have a bucket or some such receptacle at hand filled with water. Contents of such receptacles will be changed every three days to obviate mosquito breeding or stagnation.
11. Motor vehs and tents or buildings used for housing spirits will be equipped with fire-fighting appliances of foam type. Non-supply of such will be reported to Bn HQ.
12. If available, soda acid extinguishers will be placed in places accessible to more important establishments. (These are for use in extinguishing fires other than petrol & oil).
13. In the event of fire occurring, immediate action will be taken to suppress it by pers near to it. Senior offr or NCO in the vicinity will take charge of operations. At the same time, word must be passed to Coy Orderly Room, which will in turn notify Bn HQ.
14. RSM, if present at the fire, or failing him, an NCO appointed by offr i/c operations will organise system of continuous water supply to fire.
15. Material or eqpt likely to be damaged will be removed from the danger area. Picquets will be posted to prevent unauthorised interference with these.
16. Pers will stand by tents and buildings in the vicinity of the fire in case the fire spreads through sparks.
17. O.S.C. Coys will be individually responsible for naming fire picquets in their areas.
18. Senior offr or NCO present at a fire will take all steps after firefighting ops are completed, to take names of all witnesses, or ascertain any facts who and which may assist subsequent enquiries into the cause of the fire.
19. These orders will be promulgated to all tps forthwith, and posted on Coy notice boards.

ACK.

.....Capt.  
Adjnt 25 Aust Inf Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

MAJ W.J.E. JACKSON

ADM COMD 25 AUST INF BN.

8. CHANGE OF COMD.

As from 000 L QX 36371 Lt-Col E.S. Miles DSO  
 Adm Comd 7 Aust  
 As 000 L QX 34430 Maj W.J.E. Jackson  
 Adm Comd 25 Aust

9. 25 AUST INF BN- REGT TRUST FUND.

Financial Statement for period 1 Dec 43- 31 Dec 43.

BALANCE 30 NOV 43

£150...18...6

Receipts during month

(i) representing portion of CANTEEN SERVICES  
 profits - Oct 43. 60...15...3

(ii) Transfer from NGF Amenities for entertainments in Field 25.....

REFUND- A/m drawn for  
 (iii) purchase of photographic goods NOT supplied (see Financial Statement Oct 43) 14...1

(iv) Purchase of Puggarees by Offrs' Mess 4..17...6

(v) Sale of 2 Keena Sharpeners) 2...0  
 " " 2 Puggarees ) Offrs 6...0

(vi) Refund Cordials NOT used at DONADABU entertainments and sold to Offrs' Mess (see Financial statement for Oct 43) 12...4...3

(vii) Refund Sports money unallocated DONADABU SPORTS (see Financial Statement for Oct 43) 2..10...0

£ 20..13..10

Expenditure during month

NIL

BALANCE 31 DEC 43

£257..8/

10. FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 25 AUST INF BN- CANTEEN A/C  
Period 8 Dec 43 - 31 Dec 43.

Cash and Stock on Hand

£815..16..0

Purchases during month  
Discounts allowed

386 11 0  
20 4 0

Cash in bank 31 Dec 43

2454.....

Cash on hand pending banking 31 Dec 43

236..5..11

Stock on hand 31 Dec 43

146..13..6

PROFIT EARNED DURING PERIOD UNDER REVIEW £21..3..5

11. LOSS OF EQPT BY PERS DURING TRANSIT THROUGH LTD BRISBANE

To eliminate loss of eqpt a section of Aust Kit Store is now available for use by pers during transit through LTD BRISBANE.

The provision of this facility for safe guarding personal gear and eqpt is to be brought to the notice of all concerned.

OVER.



12. SALUTING, ( 3 Aust Div RO of 5 Jan is quoted)

Appropriate courtesies are not being paid, in this area, to Comd's car flags. Tps will be educated in the meaning of these flags, and instructed as to the courtesies they should pay.

Saluting, generally, in this area, is lax, and especially so in the vicinity of permanent establishments.

GOS 3 Aust Div desires that Comds pay particular attention to this subject in order to gain expeditiously the desired improvements.

13. CORRECT USE OF LIGHTS WHEN APPROACHING ONCOMING TRAFFIC.

(a) Accidents involving army vehs have occurred due to lack of road courtesy of drivers who fail to dim their headlamps when approaching oncoming traffic.

(b) In order that pers in control of vehs may appreciate their responsibility in this regard, the action to be taken is set out hereunder:-

(i) When approaching oncoming traffic, the driver of veh will ensure that his headlamps are dipped and will keep as near as practicable, having regard to all the circumstances, to the left-hand edge of the roadway.

(ii) If the headlights cannot be dipped, they will be dimmed. If they cannot be dipped or dimmed, the driver will switch to his parking lights. In either case, he will reduce the speed of the veh so that he can stop within his lessened limits of vision.

(c) The driver is responsible for checking the correct operation of all lights and for reporting immediately (on AAF G17) all defects which he is not permitted to rectify.

DISTRIBUTION  
LIST "A".

*E. G. White*  
..... Capt  
Adjnt 25 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

FOUND - in veh, on return of rear party from MORESBY, one hat, size 7, with AIF colour patch and goggles.  
Owner please call at Bn Orderly Room.



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

...../..... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday <sup>15 1 4 25 AIB</sup> / / 194 (Unit)

W.E. <sup>11 120 2</sup> / / OFFRS. <sup>32</sup> O.R's. <sup>734</sup> + OFFRS. <sup>2</sup> O.R's. <sup>35</sup> ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
-	-	-	-	•					
HR	1	-	1	•					
HR	1	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels					
-	-	-	-	Majors					
-	-	-	-	Captains					
-	-	-	-	Lieutenants					
-	-	-	-	Quarter-masters	AANC	1	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
-	-	-	-	Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	2	2	32			1	-	-	-

DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	••	TOTAL.
A.										734
E.(1)	25	8								33
E.(2)										

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

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
GX 51715	Lieut	DEUBLE	L.M. HQ cas school	12 Jan 46	X List

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

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



*Appa J(i)*

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25 / 1 / 1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Capt/Lt-col	36371	MILES E.S.		CO	NO	Adm comd 7 Aust Inf Bde	7 Jun 44
" Maj	40879	WEPNER R.	B 1/c		NO	Rec Leave	
Lieut/Maj	34430	JACKSON W.J.E.		OC D COY	YES	Adm comd 25 Aust Inf BN	"
" /Capt	35560	STREEL P.J.	OC A COY		YES	Actg S 1/c	"
" "	21621	RYAN E.T.	" HQ COY		NO	Rec Leave	
" "	36184	DUNGAN J.K.			NO	Actg S Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde	
" "	21972	MATHISON T.W.	OC B COY		"	Rec Leave	
" "	36182	WHITE E.G.	ADJT		YES		
" "	36183	JUST M.E.	B 1/c D COY		NO	" "	
" "	33835	O'NEILL P.J.	QM		YES		
" "	55202	HOYMAN R.D.	B 1/c A COY		NO	" "	
LIEUT	36185	JEFFERIES R.D.	OC C COY		YES		
"	48878	MARLTON D.H.J.	PL Comd A COY		YES		
"	43074	BAKER T.D.	B 1/c C COY		NO	" "	
"	21974	LEADBETTER C.F.	PL Comd HQ COY		NO	" "	
"	35089	WILMOTT D.R.	" " C COY		YES		
"	28885	BAKER A.T.	" " B COY		NO	" "	
"	43164	PHILLIPS F.J.	" " B COY		YES		
"	34428	SCHLUBER E.L.	" " A COY		YES	" "	
"	43300	HARRIS H.A.	" " HQ COY		NO	" "	
"	28004	BATHERSEY J.T.	" " B COY		NO	" "	
"	34431	MCDONALD R.W.	IO		YES		
"	51713	NELSON W.R.	PL Comd B COY		NO	" "	
"	21887	SMITH A.V.	" " D COY		YES	Awaiting movement 29 AITB	
"	21941	COLLINS T.J.	" " " "		NO	REC Leave	
"	45299	SCHINDLER A.J.	" " HQ COY		"	" "	
"	28003	STEELE S.D.	" " C COY		YES		
"	51714	HILL F.V.	" " D COY		YES		
"	86872	SHAW B.A.	" " A COY		NO	" "	
"	86818	DAWSON A.E.	" " C COY		NO	" "	
"	58776	PINCH L.A.	REPT OFFR		NO	" "	
"	1977	WARING B.C.	PL Comd HQ COY		NO	" "	
X LIST SECONDED SERG							
Lieut/MAJ	34429	WEBSTER C.S.			NO	B/S AGH RSL	
" /Capt	36182	FOSTER J.H.A.			"	10 17 Aust Inf Bde	
" "	35561	CORPE J.E.			"	SC L do	
" "	21628	BAIN R.			"	OUTR WO BSIDE en route to unit	
CAPT	41611	HOKINSON D.			"	B/S AGH	
LIEUT	35559	GREEN H.S.			"	3 Aust camp hosp.	
"	51715	DEUBLE L.H.			"	INQ GAS SCH CADARLAN	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT	100148	AIKEN JTR.	AANC	10.10.43	RMO
HON "	B 237	REES I.S.	Salvation Army	29.11.43	

15 JAN 44  
Date of Despatch

*Jacques*  
Adm Comd 25 Aust Inf  
Signature of Commander











Appa J (iii)

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 25 / 1 / 1944

Table with columns for Details of Tradesmen (GROUP I, II, III), W.E., Posted Strength, and Reints. Required. Includes rows for various trades like Ammunition Examiners, Surveyors, and Electricians, with handwritten numerical data.

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

15 Jan 44

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

CAPT



25 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 01

for week ending 0600 hrs 15 Jan 44.

*Appx K*

HQ 25 Aust Inf Bn,  
Australia,  
15 Jan 44.

1. OPERATIONS. NIL.

2. MOVEMENTS.

(a) Schools.

On 12 Jan, Lieut Deuble departed this HQ en route to CABARLAN to attend Unit Gas Offr and NCO's School Course No. 27.

Lieuts E.L. Schlyder, F.V. Hill, S.D. Steele, WOI Barnett K., WOII Hilton R.C., Sgt Eldridge H.W., Cpl Stuart C.H., Cpl Gaske C.C., Cpl Thorpe F.S. and three batmen left to attend 3 Aust Div Jungle Warfare School Course No. 3 on 12 Jan 44.

(b) Leave and Hospital.

During the week 5 ORs returned from Recreational Leave, 4 ORs ex Hospital New Guinea, rejoined Unit on 12 Jan 44.

3. PATROLS NIL.

4. RECCE. NIL

5. WORKS

Due to shortage of labour, progress has been restricted on Bn works. The Unit drainage scheme and erection of Bn buildings have occupied all available men.

Ammunition dumps remain to be covered and this will be done when labour is available.

During the week working parties have been supplied as follows:-

2/1 Con Camp 1 Offr and 8 ORs

2/1 Reception Depot Tolga 2 ORs

7 Inf Bde 1 OR

In addition working parties have been engaged in cleaning area, wood parties and general Bn duties.

6. EXERCISES.

(a) Demonstration.

On the 8 Jan, Maj W.J.E. Jackson attended Pd Arty Demonstration at WALSH RIVER Range.

(b) Lecture.

Pd Security pers addressed all Leave Draft pers on 14 Jan

(c) Bde Guard.

The Bn supplied Bde Guard comprising 1 NCO and 4 ORs on 10 and 13 Jan, relief being effected at 0630 hrs the following day.

7. INTER COMM.

Line Comm was maintained between Bde and Bn throughout the week by PMG phone direct to Bde switch. Line com was also maintained between Coys.

8. MAPPING.

As there have been only two Int Pers in camp, I duties have been confined to office work.

9. MORALE. GOOD.

10. RUMOURS AFFECTING MORALE. NIL.

*Jacobs*  
.....MAJ.  
Adm Comd 25 A st Inf Bn

*A.F. McKee*  
.....SGT  
for IO 25 AUST Inf Bn



NO. 3.

## AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

## ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

MAJ. W. J. E. JACKSON

ADM COMD 25 AUST INF BN.

14. PRESERVATION OF STANDING TIMBER,

The felling or removal of timber for any purpose, or stripping of bark from trees, will be confined to areas specified by Camp Staff Officer KAIRI.

15. EDUCATION-CORRESPONDENCE COURSES-UNIVERSITY TUITION (1 Aust Corps RO 92/43).

- (a) The University of Melbourne is prepared to make available by external study to Service pers, through the Army Education Service, certain subjects in the facilities of Arts, Law, Commerce, Education and Science.
- (b) The enrolment of students is subject to acceptance by the University. The University reserves the right to reject, after consultation with the Army Education Service, any student whom for any reason it does not wish to accept.
- (c) Service pers who were undergraduates of the University prior to enlistment or who are qualified for matriculation to a University and have passed the necessary pre-requisites of the Faculty they wish to enter, shall be eligible for enrolment as students in the subjects through the University of Melbourne and shall be exempt from attendance at lectures. In general, candidates should enrol in the University at which they ultimately desire to qualify.
- (d) No fees for tuition, examination or admission to degree or diploma will be charged. The matriculation fee of £2..2/ is charged, but may be deferred until the Matriculation Roll is signed.
- (e) Students who wish to enrol for correspondence tuition in 1944 must enrol not later than the last day of February 1944. Late entries may, however, be received up to 31 Mar 1944. Applications received after the later date will only be considered as special cases.
- (f) For fuller infm application should be made to any Education Offr.

16. OUT OF BOUNDS.

Swan's Barber Shop, Main Street, Atherton, is out of bounds to all tps.

17. MALARIA- MEASURES FOR CONTROL (1 Aust Corps RO 110/43).

- (a) Attention is drawn to the fact that CAIRNS, INNISFAIL, BABINDA, MOSSMAN etc, and surrounding districts are potentially malarious areas as defined by GRO A404 of 24 May 43, para 3 (d).
- (b) There is grave danger that these areas will become fully malarious by the pass age of infection to the mosquito from members who have served in malarious areas.
- (c) In consequence, the precautions outlined in the a/n GRO will be rigidly observed, and particular attention will be paid to the provisions of para 8 i.e., that members of the Unit when in these areas mentioned above take all precautions as laid down in NG.
- (d) Numerous cases of non-compliance with ordered malarial precautions in these areas have been referred to Bde HQ; and tps are warned that disciplinary action will be taken in respect of any future disregard of GRO A404/43.

18. BOOKS OF VIEWS.

Many instances have been detected recently of tps forwarding books of views through the post. All tps are warned that this practice is contrary to Censorship Regulations and will cease forthwith.

19. HEADDRESS- OFFERS.

At all times while on duty Offrs will wear hats K.F and NOT caps. When off duty (e.g. in the evening) caps may be worn.



20. HEADDRESS - ORs.

Caps will be worn by drs and M.C. orderlies to whom they are issued, only when engaged in their duties as drs or M.C. orderlies. At all other times hats K.F. correctly worn, will be the headdress for other ranks. Cloth fatigue hats may be worn within Unit lines by order of CO.

21. PHOTOGRAPHY.- APPROVED PROCESSORS.

(a) Subtended hereunder are names of film processors approved by HQ Q'ld L of C Areas.

(b) Attention is drawn to LHQ Field Censorship Instruction No. 4 Appx D.

BRISBANE	S.A. Best Pty Ltd Crammond Radio Manfg Co E.F. Doyle Camera Tdg Co H.B. Green & Co T.B. Harte Kodak (Aust) Pty Ltd Thiel Studio Pty Ltd P. Victorson A uto Studio Pty Ltd	Slipps Street, Valley. Queen Street. Adelaide Street. 130 Queen Street. McGrath Street, Toowong. 250-252 Queen Street. 234 Queen Street. Central Bldg, Edward Street. 219 Adelaide Street.
WARWICK	J. Armitstead N.L. Topping	Chemist " Palmerin Street.
MALENY	D. J. Barker	"
ROCKHAMPTON	Mrs. A.M. BYRIEL Kodak (Aust) Pty Ltd Studios Pty Ltd	15 Fitzroy Street. East Street. East & Fitzroy Streets.
IPSWICH	Cribb & Foote Ltd Jock Thomson studio	Merchants Ellenborough Street.
KILCOY	J. Chapman	Newsagent, Box 86.
BUNDABERG	Cunningham Studios Chippindall Pharmacy	126 Bourbong Street. Bourbong Street
MURGON	L.P.F. Collet V.G. Tickle	MCAlistar Street. Chemist
REDCLIFFE	Darragh's Pharmacies	Esplanade.
SOUTHPORT	Allan Ellis	Chemist, Nerang Street,
TOOWOOMBA	K.W. Graham R.W. Harmer Kodak (Aust) Pty Ltd	384 Ruthven Street. Margaret Street. Ruthven Street.
EMERALD	J.F. Goggin	Chemist
MACKAY	Edward T. Grant Holyoakes Pharmacies	71 Sydney Street. --
KINGAROY	J.G. Johnston	Chemist, Box 38.
TOWNSVILLE	Kodak (aust) Pty Ltd	Flinders Street.
CAIRNS	do do	Abbott Street.
GLADSTONE	H.D. Knudsen	Box 106
CABOOLTURE	J.E.H. MILLAR	Chemist King Street.
NANANGO	E.C. Hannaford	---
MURGON	T.E. Whitton	Newsagent
	and all Kodak Agents.	

22. TRUST A/CS. (Ref GRO F819/43 para 5

The following are appointed unit committee of management, appointed by the CO, for control of Unit Trust A/cs:-

MAJ W. J. E. JACKSON.

23. CAPT P. J. STEEL

CAPT MCKINNON.

23. AUDITORS.

The following are appointed auditors of Unit Trust A/cs as from 1 Jan 44:-

LIEUT A. V. SMITH

LIEUT D. H. J. MARLTON.

LIEUT L. M. DEUBLE.

24. ESCAPES OF AUSTRALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR FROM ENEMY HANDS.

(a) It is the duty of any soldier, if captured by the enemy, to effect his escape at the earliest possible moment.

(b) It is also his duty- any breach of which is a serious offence- not to communicate to unauthorised persons any infm about the means employed by him or his companions to escape from enemy hands.



24. ESCAPES OF AUSTRALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR FROM ENEMY HANDS.  
(Contd).

(c) The disclosure of such infm

1. Prejudices the chances of other escapees.
2. Prevents other members of Australian or Allied forces from using the same or similar means of escape.
3. Endangers the lives of those who may have assisted the escapees at any stage of their escape; therefore, except as provided in paras d and e below, an escaped prisoner of war is forbidden to disclose particulars of his escape directly or indirectly to any person whatever, either by word of mouth or in writing.

(d) An escaped prisoner of war will disclose full particulars of his escape only to officers authorised by the Director of Military Intelligence to interrogate such an escapee. No officers, except those authorised by the DMI, are permitted to interrogate any escapee on the circumstances of his escape.

(e) Should it be considered desirable for an escaped prisoner of war to lecture on his experiences, the script of the proposed lecture will be submitted to the DMI for approval. No lecture will be arranged until approval of the DMI has been obtained.

(f) GRO G 192/1943 is cancelled.

25. BDE HQ QUARTER GUARD.

Mounting	2000 hrs	19	Jan	44	25	BN
"	"	22	"	"	"	"
"	"	25	"	"	"	"
"	"	28	"	"	"	"
"	"	31	"	"	"	"

DISTRIBUTION.  
LIST "A".

..... Lieut  
for Adjt 25 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

VIC L OF C AREA CONCERT PARTY.

The above concert party will perform on the following dates, in NO. 1 theatre:-

18- 22 Jan 44 - First Programme.

24- 28 Jan 44 - Second Programme.

Not more than 20% of men in Coys may attend such programmes.  
Unit tpt may be used.  
Show commences 2000 hrs.



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/1 /194 4 . 25 AIB (Unit)

W.E. 11/129 2 . OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 754 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
NR	1	-	0	Lieut.-Colonels					
NR	1	-	2	Majors					
NR	1	-	7	Captains					
-	-	-	19	Lieutenants					
-	-	-	1	Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.	AAMC	1	-	-	-
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
-	3	-	29			1	-	-	-

DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	..	TOTAL.
A.										
E.(1) <i>7</i>	23	7								30
E.(2)										

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX 36371	Lt-Col	MILES	E.S. 2/6 AGH	17.1.44	X 1st Hosp
QX 34428	Lieut	SCHLYDER	E.L. 2/2 "	18.1.44	do
Q 21857	"	SMITH	A.V. 29 AITB	21.1.44	To 29 AITB

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

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



25 AUST INF BN

Unit

.../.../44 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/1/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

*Appn M(i)*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Capt/Maj	QX 40879	WEPNER R.	2 1/c		NO	Rec Leave	
Lieut/Maj	QX 34430	JACKSON W.J.E.	OC Don Coy		"	"	
" /Capt	QX 35560	STEEL P.J.	OC A COY		"	"	
" "	Q 21621	RYAN B.T.	" HQ		"	"	
" "	QX 36184	DUGGAN J.E.	-		"	Actg S Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde.	
" "	Q 21972	MATHISON T.W.	OC B COY		"	Rec Leave.	
" "	QX 36182	WHITE E.G.	ADJT		"	"	
" "	QX 36183	JUST H.E.	2 1/c D COY		"	"	
" "	QX 33835	O'NEILL F.J.	QM		YES	Adm Comd 25 Aust Inf Bn.	
" "	QX 53202	McINNES R.D.	2IC A COY		NO	Rec Leave	
LIEUT	QX 36185	JEPPERIES R.D.	K.OC C COY		"	"	
"	QX 49878	MARLTON D.H.J.	Pl Comd A COY		"	"	
"	QX 43074	BAKER T.D.	2 1/c C COY		"	"	
"	Q 21974	LEADBETTER C.F.	Pl Comd HQ Coy		"	"	
"	QX 35089	WILMOTT D.R.	" " C		YES	Actg Adjnt 25 Aust Inf Bn.	
"	Q 22885	BAKER A.T.	" " B		NO	Rec Leave	
"	QX 43164	PHILLIPS F.J.	" " B		"	"	
"	QX 45300	HARRIS H.A.	" " HQ		"	"	
"	Q 22004	BATHERSEY J.T.	" " B		"	"	
"	QX 34431	McDONALD R.H.	IO		YES	"	
"	QX 51713	NELSON W.R.	Pl Comd D Coy		NO	"	
"	Q 21941	COLLINS T.J.	" " " "		"	"	
"	QX 45299	SCHINDLER A.J.	" " HQ		"	"	
"	Q 22003	STEELE S.D.	" " C COY		YES	<del>XXXXXXXX</del>	
"	QX 51714	HILL F.V.	" " D		"	"	
"	NX 68272	SHAW B.A.	" " A		NO	Rec leave	
"	NX 68188	DAWSON A.E.	" " C		"	"	
"	NX58776	PINCH L.A.	Reinft offr		"	"	
"	NX 1977	WARING B.C.	Pl Comd HQ		COYNO	"	
<u>X LIST SECONDED ETC.</u>							
Capt/Lt-Col	QX 36371	MILES E.S.			NO	2/6 AGH	
Lieut/Maj	QX 34429	WEBSTER C.S.			"	"	
Lieut/Capt	QX36181	P <sup>r</sup> STER J.H.A.			"	LO I 7 Aust Inf Bde	
" "	QX 35561	CORPE J.E.			"	SC L do	
CAPT	QX/16110	McKINNON D.			"	2/2 AGH.	
LIEUT	Q 21622	BAIN E.			"	OCTU WOODSIDE on route to Unit	
"	QX 35559	GREEN H.S.			"	3 Aust Camp Hosp.	
"	QX 51715	DEUBLE L.H.			"	LHQ Gas Sch CABARLAN	
"	QX 34428	SCHLYDER E.L.			"	2/2 AGH.	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT	NX 168149	AIKEN J.E.	AAMC	18.10.43	RMO.
RON CAPT	B 287	REES I.S.	Salv-ation Army	29.11.43	

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*[Signature]*  
Adm Comd Signature of Commander  
25 Aust Inf Bn

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25 AUST INF BN

Unit

.../.../44 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/1/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

*Appn M(i)*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Capt/Maj	QX 40879	WEPNER R.	2 1/c		NO	Rec Leave	
Lieut/Maj	QX 34430	JACKSON W.J.E.	OC Don Coy		"	"	
" /Capt	QX 35560	STEEL P.J.	OC A COY		"	"	
" "	Q 21621	RYAN B.T.	" HQ		"	"	
" "	QX 36184	DUGGAN J.E.	-		"	Actg S Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde.	
" "	Q 21972	MATHISON T.W.	OC B COY		"	Rec Leave.	
" "	QX 36182	WHITE E.G.	ADJT		"	"	
" "	QX 36183	JUST H.E.	2 1/c D COY		"	"	
" "	QX 33835	O'NEILL F.J.	QM		YES	Adm Comd 25 Aust Inf Bn.	
" "	QX 53202	McINNES R.D.	2IC A COY		NO	Rec Leave	
LIEUT	QX 36185	JEPPERIES R.D.	K.OC C COY		"	"	
"	QX 49878	MARLTON D.H.J.	Pl Comd A COY		"	"	
"	QX 43074	BAKER T.D.	2 1/c C COY		"	"	
"	Q 21974	LEADBETTER C.F.	Pl Comd HQ Coy		"	"	
"	QX 35089	WILMOTT D.R.	" " C		YES	Actg Adjnt 25 Aust Inf Bn.	
"	Q 22885	BAKER A.T.	" " B		NO	Rec Leave	
"	QX 43164	PHILLIPS F.J.	" " B		"	"	
"	QX 45300	HARRIS H.A.	" " HQ		"	"	
"	Q 22004	BATHERSEY J.T.	" " B		"	"	
"	QX 34431	McDONALD R.H.	IO		YES	"	
"	QX 51713	NELSON W.R.	Pl Comd D Coy		NO	"	
"	Q 21941	COLLINS T.J.	" " " "		"	"	
"	QX 45299	SCHINDLER A.J.	" " HQ		"	"	
"	Q 22003	STEELE S.D.	" " C COY		YES	<del>XXXXXXXX</del>	
"	QX 51714	HILL F.V.	" " D		"	"	
"	NX 68272	SHAW B.A.	" " A		NO	Rec leave	
"	NX 68188	DAWSON A.E.	" " C		"	"	
"	NX58776	PINCH L.A.	Reinft offr		"	"	
"	NX 1977	WARING B.C.	Pl Comd HQ		COYNO	"	
<u>X LIST SECONDED ETC.</u>							
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Lieut/Maj	QX 34429	WEBSTER C.S.			"	"	
Lieut/Capt	QX36181	P <sup>W</sup> STER J.H.A.			"	LO I 7 Aust Inf Bde	
" "	QX 35561	CORPE J.E.			"	SC L do	
CAPT	QX/16110	McKINNON D.			"	2/2 AGH.	
LIEUT	Q 21622	BAIN E.			"	OCTU WOODSIDE on route to Unit	
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CAPT	NX 168149	AIKEN J.E.	AAMC	18.10.43	RMO.
RON CAPT	B 287	REES I.S.	Salvation Army	29.11.43	

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*W. J. Steel*  
Adm Comd Signature of Commander  
25 Aust Inf Bn

Capt











**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 22 / 1 / 1944.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	1	NR
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivettors			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	3	-
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	26	21	-	Tailors See Below			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners	6	7	-	Wireman				Tailors	-	1	-
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				SGTS	1	-	1
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								GPLS	1	1	-
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator											
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman											
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker											
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	9	9	-								
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners											
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman											
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals											
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers											
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal											
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood											
Pattern Maker				Masons											
Pharmacist				Masseurs											
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.											
Photowriter				Miners											
Plumber				Moulders											
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained											
Surveyors				Observation Post Assis.											
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	15	16	-	CARRIED FORWARD	52	49	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively	78975542		

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

22 Jan 44

Date of Despatch

Adm Comd 25 AUST INF BN

Capt

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander



War Diary

Appen N

25 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 42  
for week ending 0600 hrs 22 Jan 44.

HQ 25 Aust Inf Bn.  
AUSTRALIA.  
22 Jan 44.

1. OPERATIONS. Nil

2. MOVEMENTS.

(a) Lieut-Col E.S.Miles was admitted to 2/6 A.G.H. on the 17 Jan.

(b) Leave. At 0715 hrs on 15 Jan, 17 men departed on Recreational Leave via TOLGA. Capt E.G.White, Capt P.J.Steel, Lieuts R.D.K.Jefferies, D.Marlton, F.Phillips and 94 O/Rs left at 1300 hrs on the same day for similar leave via INNISFAIL.

Two leave drafts, one comprising 10 pers and travelling via TOLGA, the other consisting of 9 pers and travelling via INNISFAIL departed on 17th Jan.

The Adm Comd, Maj W.Jackson, departed on Recreational leave on 19th Jan. Lieuts C.Leadbetter and L.Dawson and 14 O/Rs rejoined the unit, having completed their Recreational Leave.

(c) Schools. On 17 Jan., Lieuts R.McDonald and D.Wilmott returned from 3 Div where they have been conducting an Intelligence School.

The two Int pers who were attending the 3 Div Int school returned to the unit on 16 Jan.

On 21 Jan Lieuts F.V.Hill, S.D.Steele, W.O.L Barnett and 6 O/Rs returned from 3 Aust Div Jungle School.

(d) Transfer. On 20 Jan, Lieut A.V.Smith was marched in from 2/1 A.G.H. where he was O.C. of a working party, and on 21 Jan departed for 3 Aust Div Reception Camp pending fwd movement to 29 A.I.T. Bn.

(e) Hospital. Lieut E.L.Schlyder m/o to 2/11 Fd Amb from 3 Div Jungle School on 18 Jan. Two pers returned to the unit from hospital during the week.

(f) D.C.M. Capt F.J.O'Neill attended a D.C.M., of which he was member, on 17 and 18 Jan.

(g) Unit postings. Consequent to the departure of the Adjt, Capt E.G.White, on the 15 Jan, Capt F.J.O'Neill took over the posn of Adjt.

Following Maj W.Jackson's departure on 19 Jan., Capt F.J.O'Neill was posted to Adm Comd 25 Aust Inf Bn, and Lieut D.Wilmott to Adjt from that date.

3. PATROLS. Nil.

4. RECCE. Nil.

5. WORKS.

(a) Working parties. During the week working parties have been as follows:-

2/1 con camp. 1 offr and 3 O/Rs for the week.

7 Bde. 1 O/R has been occupied at Bde during the week.

C.C.C. Camp site. 1 N.C.O. and 6 men were engaged in burying for dumps on the 18 Jan.

(b) Bn Works. Despite restricted number of men available, progress has been made on Mess Huts in Bn Area.

(c) Guard. The Bn provided Bde Guard consisting of 1 N.C.O. and 4 men on nights of 16 and 19 Jan.

In addition 4 men were assigned to guard duties in the 8 Bde area, commencing on 17 Jan for an unspecified time.

OVER.







Appendix O

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NO. 4

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

CAPT. F. J. O'NEILL

ADM COMD 25 AUST INF BN

26. BDE H.Q. QUARTER GUARD.

Mounting	2000 hrs	3	Feb	44	25	BN.
"	"	6	"	"	"	"
"	"	9	"	"	"	"
"	"	12	"	"	"	"

27. CHANGE OF COMD.

As from 191000L QX 33835 Capt F.J.O'Neill Adm Comd 25 Aust Inf Bn.

28. INCOME TAX- LIABILITY OF MEMBERS RELEASED ON LEAVE FOR SEASONAL OCCUPATIONS.

A member holding a rank not higher than that of sergeant, who has been granted leave without pay for the purpose of enabling him to engage in seasonal occupations, will be issued, on behalf of the Commissioner of Taxation, with a certificate which will exempt him from liability for tax deductions on wages earned by him during the period of such leave.

29. TRAFFIC CONTROL.

Many instances of vehs travelling in excess of 20 m.p.h. speed limit within 8 Aust Div area are noticed. All drs are to be instructed to adhere to this limit. Pro patrols will apprehend any offenders against this instr and disciplinary action will be taken. Speeds must be reduced to 10 m.p.h. in vicinity of kitchens and through camp sites.

30. UNIT CENSORSHIP.

The recent GRO(G835/43) which relaxed unit censorship regulations in certain areas does NOT affect units of 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp. Commanders should make it clear to their offrs that their responsibilities regarding censorship are unchanged. All ranks must be warned that all mail must pass through army postal channels. The use of civil letter-boxes or other unauthorised means of sending mail is not only an offence but may cause dangerous breaches of security.

31. PRE-SELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Pre-selection of offrs is a continuous process and the following details are published for infm.

(i) It is a fundamental principle of the scheme that every soldier who wishes to do so should be given the opportunity of appearing before a Divisional Pre-selection of Offrs Bd.

(ii) Such a board will be set up in the near future, for the purpose of interviewing and classifying candidates.

(iii) Classification comprises:-

GROUP "A" Those recommended to appear before LHQ Pre-selection Board.

GROUP "B" Those recommended to appear before LHQ Board at a later date, after further regimental experience.

GROUP "C" Not recommended.

Units will advise as soon as possible:-

(a) Those already classified "A" by a Pre-Selection Board available to appear before the LHQ Board.

(b) Those who have not yet appeared before any Board and wish to do so.

All candidates appearing before Pre-selection Boards should be in charge of an offr or NCO, who will be in possession of nominal roll of draft, together with lists showing statement of service and CO's confidential report.

Dates of sitting of Divisional, and LHQ Pre-selection Boards, will be advised later.

*[Signature]*  
Lieut  
Actg Adjt 25 Aust Inf Bn.

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LIST "A"



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

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...../.....(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ...../...../194..... (Unit)

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W.E...../..... OFFRS..... O.R's..... + OFFRS..... O.R's..... ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Area or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
NR	1	-	-	Lieut.-Colonels					
NR	1	-	2	Majors					
NR	1	-	7	Captains					
-	-	-	19	Lieutenants					
-	-	-	1	Quarter-masters	AANC	1	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
-	-	-	-	Civilians Counting as Offrs.		1	-	-	-
-	3	2-	29						

DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	..	TOTAL.
	23	7								30
A.										
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

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

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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



PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29 1 / 194 4 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Capt/Maj	OX 40070	WEPNER R.	B 1/0		NO	Rec Leave	
Lieut/Maj	OX 34430	JACKSON W.J.R.	OO	Don Coy	"	"	
" / Capt	OX 35360	STEEL P.J.	OO	A Coy	"	"	
"	Q 21021	RYAN D.P.	"	HQ	"	"	
"	OX 35104	DUGGAN J.E.	"		"	Actg SC 7 Aust Inf Bde.	
"	Q 21972	MATHISON T.W.	OO	BCOY	YES	Adm Comd 25 Aust Inf Bn	
"	OX 36182	WHITE E.C.	ASjt		NO	Rec Leave	
"	OX 36183	JUNT M.E.	B 1/0	Don Coy	"	"	
"	OX 33835	O'NEILL P.J.	QM		Yes	"	
"	OX 53202	McINNES R.D.	B 1/0	A Coy	NO	"	
LIEUT	OX 36185	JHERRIES R.D.K.	OO	C Coy	"	"	
"	OX 48878	HAMILTON D.H.J.	Pl Comd	A Coy	"	"	
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"	OX 51714	HILL P.V.	"	D "	"	"	
"	OX 68272	SHAW B.A.	"	A "	NO	"	
"	OX 60188	DAWSON A.E.	"	C "	YES	"	
"	OX 58776	PINCH L.A.	Reinf't	offr	NO	"	
"	OX 1977	WARING B.C.	Pl Comd	HQ Coy	"	"	
<b>X LIST SEPARATED ETC.</b>							
Capt/Lt-Col	OX 36571	WYLLIE H.S.			NO	2/3 AGH	
Lieut/Maj	OX 34429	WEBSTER C.S.			"	"	
" / Capt	OX 36181	FOSTER J.H.A.			"	IO I 7 Aust Inf Bde	
"	OX 35561	CONFE J.E.			"	SC I do	
CAPT	OX 16110	MORRISON D.			"	2/3 AGH	
LIEUT	Q 21628	BAIN E.			"	OCTU WOODSIDE en route to Unit.	
"	OX 35559	GREEN H.S.			"	5 Aust Camp Hosp	
"	OX 51715	DEUBLE L.H.			"	LHQ Cas Sch CARARAH	
"	OX 34423	SCHIEDER H.L.			"	2/3 AGH	

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Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT	OX 160140	AIKEN J.E.	AANC	18/10/43	RMO.
HON Capt	B 297	REES I.S.	Salv-ation Army	29/11/43	

29 Jan 44

Adm Comd

*J.W. Mathison*

Capt

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander











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Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitches			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters	4	1	NR
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	26	21		Tailors	3	3	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners	6	7		Wireman				Tailors	-	1	-
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Sgts	1	-	1
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								OFIs	1	1	-
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians, (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator											
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman											
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker											
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	9	9	-								
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners											
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman											
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals											
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers											
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal											
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood											
Pattern Maker				Masons											
Pharmacist				Masseurs											
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.											
Photowriter				Miners											
Plumber				Moulders											
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained											
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.											
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	15	16	-	CARRIED FORWARD	52	49	-	TOTALS	96	89	2
												Gen Dut	693653	51	
												TOTALS	789742	53	

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

29 Jan 44  
Date of Despatch

Adm Comd

*J.W. Matheson*  
Signature of Commander Capt



1. OPERATIONS - Nil.

2. MOVEMENTS -

(a) unit postings - Capt T.W. Mathieson was posted to Adm Comd of 25 Aust Inf Bn on 25 Jan 44 and Capt F.J. O'Neill resumed the duties of QM.

(b) Leave - On 23 Jan 44, 14 pers returned from recreation Leave. Additional returns from leave were Capt T.W. Mathieson and one OR on 24 Jan and 4 OR on 25 Jan.

(c) schools - Lieut T.A. Dawson and three OR left to attend 3 Aust Div Jungle school on 25 Jan 44.

3. PATROLS - Nil.

4. RECONNAISSANCE -

On 27 Jan 44, members of the Int sec made a recce of the 25 Bn Trg Area.

5. WORKS -

(a) work parties - During the week work parties have been as follows:-

2/1 con depot - 3 OR for the week.

7 Aust Inf Bde - In addition to one OR being occupied at Bde for the week, a working party consisting of four OR has been utilized by Bde since 24 Jan and a further party of three OR was called for on 28 Jan.

The small numbers of men in camp during the week have curtailed Bn works except for essential Bn duties and the completion of a mess hut (offrs).

(b) guard - A Bde guard consisting of 1 NCO and four OR was provided by the Bn on the nights of 22 and 25 Jan.

The four 25 Bn pers who had been on guard duties in the 8 Bde area were relieved on 23 Jan, and another four men from the 25 Bn took over their duties in the 8 Bde area on the same evening.

6. EXERCISES -

A member of the P3 sec visited the Bn during the week and discussed unit security generally.

7. INTERCOMMUNICATION -

Comm between Bde and Bn throughout the week, both by line and DRLS, has been satisfactory.

8. MAPPING -

With a view to mapping the Bn Trg Area, members of the Int sec have made a recce to determine the best methods of accomplishing same.

In addition, the compilation of a mosaic of the Trg Area from air photos provided by Bde has been commenced.

9. MORALE - Good.

10. RUMOURS AFFECTING MORALE - Nil.

*T.W. Mathieson* Capt  
Adm Comd 25 Aust Inf Bn

*H.M. Donald* Lieut



25 AUST INF BN

From 2359 hrs 31 Jan 44 to  
2359 hrs 12 Feb 44.

PLACE:- KAIRI CAMP (AREA C-E).

DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS ETC.
1944			
Feb			
1	2000	Weather report to 012000L. Fine, overcast towards evening. Very heavy rain at 2000 hrs. Visibility 2000 hrs 75 yds.	
2	2000	Weather report to 022000L. Fine, cloudy to 1400 hrs, then storm to 1500 hrs, afterwards fine and cloudy. Wind SE.	
3	2000	Weather report to 032000L. Fine, scattered clouds, wind SE. Visibility good. Visibility 1950 hrs 200 yds.	
		RO Part I No 5	Appx A
4	2000	Weather report to 042000L. Overcast, light scattered showers. Steady rain 1600 hrs onwards, visibility fair.	
5	2000	Weather report to 052000L. Overcast, light scattered showers, wind SW, visibility fair.	
		W.3008 and W.3009 Intelligence Summary No 44	Appx B Appx C
6	2000	Weather report to 062000L. Fine, cloudy, wind NE, visibility good. Visibility 2000 hrs 250 yds.	
7	1500	IX60 to ALL COYS. Coys will submit by 0830 hrs daily TRG STR STATE AND LOCATION STATEMENT to the INT OFFICE. the returns will be by prescribed pro forma printed copies of which will be issued to coys when available. coys will strictly observe time required at this office	Appx D
	1640	A122 to ALL COYS. Bayonet trg area suitable for the provision of approx eight dummy stands will be selected by each coy in their trg area	
	2000	Weather report to 072000L. Overcast, light showers to 0930 hrs, then fine, visibility good. Wind NE. Visibility 2000 hrs 250 yds.	
		TRG SYLLABUS 8/12 FEB 44.	Appx E
8	2000	Weather report to 082000L. Fine, visibility good. Visibility 2000 hrs 150 yds.	
		RO Part I No 6	Appx F
9	2000	Weather report to 092000L. Fine, cloudy, light showers from 1745 hrs to 1830 hrs. Visibility 2000 hrs 250 yds.	
10	2000	Weather report to 102000L. Shower mid-PM, otherwise fine and cloudy, visibility fair. Visibility 2000 hrs 100 yds.	
11	2000	Weather report to 112000L. Heavy shower 1130 to 1215 hrs, otherwise fine, cloudy, visibility fair. Visibility <del>2000 hrs</del> 2010 hrs 90 yds.	
12		W.3008 and W.3009 Intelligence Summary No 45 Trg Syllabus 14/19 Feb	Appx G Appx H Appx J
	2000	Weather report to 122000L. Fine, showers towards evening. Wind SE, visibility fair. Visibility 2000 hrs 150 yds.	

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25 AUST INF BN

From 2359 hrs 12 Feb 44  
to 2359 hrs 25 Feb 44.

PLACE:- KAIRI CAMP (AREA C-E).

DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS ETC
1944			
Feb	2000	Weather report to 132000L. Fine to 1200	
13		then light showers until heavy rain commenced 1930 hrs. Visibility 2000 hrs 60 yds.	
14	2000	Weather report to 142000L. Night 13/14 Feb and day 14 almost continuous rain with several heavy showers. Visibility poor. Visibility 2000 hrs 50 yds.	
15	2000	Weather report to 152000L. Light rain night 14/15 Feb, day fine, overcast except light shower 1630 to 1700 hrs. Visibility fair.	
16	2000	Weather report to 162000L. Fine, scattered clouds, visibility good. Visibility 2000 hrs 150 yds. Ø During afternoon WO II Lindsay lectured 40 members of the Bn on "Living off the Land". Demonstrations were given of lighting fires without matches and cooking of wild foods.	
17	2000	Weather report to 172000L. Fine, clear, wind SE, visibility good.	
18		The following were appointed sports offrs within their coys:- A COY Lt Schlyder, B COY Lt Phillips, C COY Sjt Wren, D COY Lt Hill, HQ COY Lt Schindler.  RO Part I No 7	Appx K
	2000	Weather report to 182000L. Light shower 172030L to 172100L. Day, fine, cloudy, wind SE. Visibility good. Visibility 2000 hrs 250 yds.	
19		W3.008 and W.3009	Appx L
	2000	Weather report to 192000L. Fine, cloudy to 1400 hrs. 1400 to 1475 light showers, afterwards fine and cloudy. Visibility good. Visibility 2000 hrs 200 yds.	
20		Intelligence Summary No 46. Trg Syllabus 21/26 Feb 44	Appx M. Appx N
	2005	Weather report to 202000L. Fine, cloudy to 1315 hrs then showers to 2000 hrs. Visibility fair. Visibility 2000 hrs 100 yds.	
21	2000	Weather report to 212000L. Fine, cloudy, wind SE, visibility good. Visibility 2000 hrs 100 yds.	
22	2000	Weather report to 222000L. Fine, cloudy, wind NE; visibility good. Visibility 2000 hrs 200 yds.	
23	2000	Weather report to 232000L. Light shower 1000 to 1100 hrs, otherwise fine, visibility good. Wind NORTH. Visibility at 2000 hrs 150 yds.	
24	2000	Weather report to 242000L. Fine, cloudy, visibility clear, wind light SE, Visibility 2000 hrs 200 yds.	
25	2000	Weather report to 252000L. Fine, cloudy, wind SE, visibility good. Visibility 2000 hrs 150 yds.	

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25 AUST INF BN

From 2359 hrs 25 Feb 44

PLACE: - KAIRI CAMP (AREA C-E). to 2359 hrs 29 Feb 44.

DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS ETC
1944			
Feb		W.3008 and W.3009	Appx O
26		Intelligence Summary No 47	Appx P
		Trg Syllabus 28 Feb/4 Mar	Appx Q
	2000	Weather report to 262000L. Fine, clear, wind NE, visibility good. Visibility 2000 hrs 400 yds.	
27	2000	Weather report to 272000L. Overcast, showery throughout day. Heavy shower 1615 hrs, visibility poor, wind NE. Visibility 2000 hrs 75 yds.	
28		RO Part I No 8	Appx R
	2000	Weather report to 282000L. Rain during night 27/28 Feb. Day fine, cloudy, wind SE, visibility good. Visibility 2000 hrs 150 yds.	
29	2000	Weather report to 292000L. Fine, clear, wind SE, visibility good. Visibility 2000 hrs 175 yds.	<i>all.</i>

*R. Weppner*  
Maj  
(R. Weppner)  
Adm Comd 25 Aust Inf Bn.



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

*Appendix A*

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

CAPT T.W.MATHISON ADM COMD 25 AUST INF BN.

32. EDE HQ QUARTER GUARD.  
 Mounting 2000 hrs 15 Feb 44 25 BN  
 " " " 18 " " " "  
 " " " 21 " " " "

33. CHANGE OF COMD.  
 As from 251100 L Q21972 Capt T.W.Mathison Adm Comd 25 Aust Inf Bn.

34. PRECAUTIONS AGAINST BUSH FIRES.  
 The lighting of open fires by tps on manoeuvres will be restricted to the absolute minimum consistent with the provision of essential meals, and such fires are to be controlled with the utmost care.

35. FINANCIAL STATEMENT 25 AUST INF BN CANTEEN A/C- PERIOD 1-31 JAN 44

CASH & STOCK ON HAND		£836	19	5
Purchases during month	£399	1	8	
Discounts allowed	20	19	11	
Cash transferred to Regt Trust Fund		200		
" in Bank 31 Jan 44		254		
" on hand pending Banking 31 Jan 44		200	6	8
Stock on hand 31 Jan 44		205	9	5
Profit earned during period under review		22	16	8

36. 25 AUST INF BN REGT TRUST FUND- FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD 1 Jan to 31 Jan 44.

BALANCE	31 Dec 43	£257	8	0
<u>RECEIPTS DURING MONTH.</u>				
(1)	Representing portion Canteen Services profits Nov 43	64	11	3
(2)	Tfr Cash Unit Canteen Surplus	200		
<u>EXPENDITURE DURING MONTH.</u>				
(1)	Purchase of Lamps(Aladdin),freight, Salea Tax and spare mantles	101	1	6
(2)	Purchase of pig, poultry and cream (T.Pink & Sons)	18	12	9
(3)	Purchase of Poultry and eggs( Messrs Stockman & Richards)	10		
(4)	" " Mangoes	2	7	6
(5)	Petty Cash withdrawal(balance on hand 11/10)	1		
(6)	AA Amenities Sporting Material	103	12	0
BALANCE	31 JAN 44	£285	5	6

37. DECLARATION OF INVESTIGATING OFFICER AS TO ILLEGAL ABSENCE.

- (a) The Declaration of the Investigating Offr as to the illegal absence of a soldier, pursuant as to AMR & O 445 A (GRO 813/43) must be made before an offr of the rank of Capt or over.
- (b) Declarations purporting to be made before an offr below the rank of Capt, will NOT be effective, and any so made should be re-declared before an offr of the required rank.
- (c) Attention is directed to GRO 169/42 and 540/43, The offr taking the declaration should print, type or stamp legibly below his signature:
  - (i) His name and rank, and
  - (ii) The words "Australian Military Forces" but NOT his Unit or place at which the declaration was taken.



38. DISPOSAL OF RUBBISH.

- (a) All rubbish, excepting wet kitchen refuse, will be burnt and any residual tins etc are to be flattened and buried in Unit Area.
- (b) Under no circumstances will rubbish be carted away and dumped.
- (c) Wet kitchen refuse will be placed in fly-proof containers and removed as usual.

39. MILK PASTEURISATION.

All fresh milk other than that supplied through AASC will be pasteurised, by a process in accordance with FSR Vol 1 Sec 145 (iii).

40. CANTEEN STORES.

The supply or posting of any articles sold by Aust Army Canteen Service, to civilians, is NOT permitted. The attention of censoring offrs is drawn to this restriction. A close check will be kept on all parcels posted.

41. MINIATURE COLOUR PATCHES.

Miniature colour patches will NOT be worn on head-dress.

*R. M. Donald* Lieut  
Actg Adjt 25 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTRIBUTION.  
LIST "A".

NOTICE.

CINEMA SCREENINGS FOR WEEK ENDING 6 FEB 44.

"CRACK UP"	4 Feb	No 1 Theatre Site
	5 Feb	No 2 " "
	6 Feb	Area P.

CONCERT PARTIES

"30 CLUB CONCERT PARTY"	1-5 Feb	No 1 Theatre.
	8-12 "	No 2 Theatre.



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

6 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5 / 2 / 194 25 AIB (Unit) *Appu B*

W.E. 11 1/2c 2 OFFRS 32 O.R's 755 + OFFRS 1 O.R's 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10						
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.							
NR	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels												
NR	1		2	Majors												
NR		1	7	Captains												
			20	Lieutenants												
			1	Quarter-masters												
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.	AAMC	1										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.												
	8	1	31			1										
				DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	..	TOTAL.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for completion of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.	25	7								32		
				E. (1)												
				E. (2)												

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
<del>IX 33371</del>	<del>Lt-Col</del>	<del>MILES</del>	<del>E.S.</del>	<del>2/6 AIB</del>	<del>1/2/44 From X List</del>
IX 34428	Lieut	SCHLYDER	E.E.	2/2 "	2/2/44 From X List
SX 3709	LT. COL	MCKINNA	J.G.	2/27 Aust Inf. Bn	11.1.44 Vide L.H.Q. Memo 6111

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
DX 36371	LT. COL	MILES	E.S.	-	11.1.44 Relinquished Comd. Vide L.H.Q. Memo. 6111.

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

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



25 AUST INF BN Unit

6 44 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

*Approv B(i)*

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5/2/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
MAJ/Lt Col	5x2709	MCKINNA J.G	C.O.		NO	En route to Unit	
Capt/Lt-Col	QX 36371	NILES E.S.	CO		NO	Adm Comd 7 Aust Inf Bde	
" Maj	QX 40879	WEPPNER R.	2 1/c		"	Rec Leave	
<del>MAJ</del>	<del>QX 35560</del>	<del>STEEL</del>	<del>P.J.</del>	<del>CO A COY</del>	<del>"</del>	<del>"</del>	<del>"</del>
Lieut/Maj	QX 34430	JACKSON W.J.	E. CO D COY		"	"	
" Capt	QX 35560	STEEL P.J.	CO A COY		"	"	
" "	Q 21621	RYAN B.T.	" HQ "		"	"	
" "	QX 36184	DUGGAN J.E.	-		"	Actg SO 7 Aust Inf Bde.	
" "	Q 21972	MATHISON T.W.	CO B COY		YES	Adm Comd 25 Aust Inf Bn	
" "	QX 36182	WHITE E.G.	Adjnt		NO	Rec Leave.	
" "	QX 36183	JUST M.E.	2 1/c D COY		"	"	
" "	QX 33835	O'NEILL F.J.	QM		YES	"	
" "	QX 53202	McINNES R.D.	2 1/c A COY		NO	"	
LIEUT	QX 36185	JEFFERIES R.D.K.	CO C COY		"	"	
"	QX 48878	HARLTON D.H.	J. Pl Comd A COY		"	"	
"	QX 43074	BAKER T.D.	2 1/c C COY		"	"	
"	Q 21974	LEADBETTER C.F.	Pl Comd HQ Coy		YES	"	
"	QX 35689	WILMOTT D.R.	" " C COY		NO	Rec Leave	
"	Q 22885	BAKER A.T.	" " B COY		"	"	
"	QX 43164	PHILLIPS F.J.	" " " "		"	"	
"	QX 34428	SCHLYDER E.L.	" " A "		"	"	
"	QX 45300	HARRIS H.A.	" " HQ "		"	"	
"	Q 22004	BATHERSEY J.F.	" " B COY		"	"	
"	QX 34431	McDONALD R.N.	IO		YES	"	
"	QX 51713	NELSON W.R.	Pl Comd A COY		NO	"	
"	Q 21941	COLLINS T.J.	" " D "		"	"	
"	QX 45299	SCHINDLER A.J.	" " HQ "		"	"	
"	Q 22003	STEELE S.D.	" " C "		YES	"	
"	QX 51714	HILL F.V.	" " D "		"	"	
"	NX 68272	SHAW B.A.	" " A "		NO	"	
"	NX 68188	DAWSON A.E.	" " C "		YES	"	
"	NX 58776	FINCH L.A.	Reinft offr		NO	"	
"	NX 1977	WARING B.C.	Pl Comd HQ COY		NO	"	
X LIST SECONDED ETC.							
Lieut/MAJ	QX 34429	WEBSTER C.S.			NO	2/6 AGH	
" WAPT	QX 36181	POSTER J.H.A.			"	LOI 7 Aust Inf Bde	
" "	QX 35561	CORPE J.E.			"	SCL " "	
CAPT	QX 16110	McKINNON D.			"	2/2 AGH	
LIEUT	Q 21628	BAIN E.			"	OCTU WOODSIDE, en route to Unit	
"	QX 35559	GREEN H.S.			"	5 Camp Hosp	
"	QX 51715	DEUBLE L.N.			"	LHQ Gas Sch CABARLAN	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT	NX 168148	AIKEN J.E.	2AMC	18/10/43	RMQ
HON CAPT	B 287	REES I.S.	Salvat- ion Army	29/11/43	

5 Feb 44  
Date of Despatch

*J.W. Mathison* Capt.  
Adm Comd Signature of Commander











25 AUST INF BN

Unit

Appro B(iii)

Army Form W 3009  
(Adapted) (Page 2)  
(Revised Jan., 1943)

Serial No.

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 5 / 2 / 1944.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	1	NR
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1	-					Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		1	-					Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	26	24	NR	Tailors	4	4	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	7		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.							
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1					
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	12					
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	10		Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.		2					
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1					
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2		CARRIED FORWARD	17	19		CARRIED FORWARD	56	59		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively	789	734	5

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

5 Feb 44  
Date of Despatch

H. M. Donald  
Actg Adjt Signature of Commander  
Lieut







1. OPERATIONS - JIM NIL

2. MOVEMENTS -

(a) Change of Comd - On 11 Jan 44 QX36371 Lt-Col E.S. Miles DSO relinquished the appointment of Comd, 25 Aust Inf Bn, and SX3709 Lt-Col J.G. McKinna was appointed to comd 25 Aust Inf Bn.

(b) Visit of Adm Comd 7 Aust Inf Bde - On his return from hospital on 4 Feb, Lt-Col E.S. Miles, Adm Comd 7 Aust Inf Bde, visited 25 Aust Inf Bn.

(c) Leave - Lieut D.R. Wilmott and 12 OR departed on 29 Jan 44 on recreational leave.

During the week the following members have returned from ARL:-

3 OR	returned on	31 Jan
3 OR	"	" 1 Feb
14 OR	"	" 3 Feb
12 OR	"	" 4 Feb
130 OR	"	" 5 Feb

(d) Schools - Lt A.E. Dawson and 2 OR returned from 3 Aust Div Jungle Trg School on 3 Feb 44.

Two NCOs departed on 2 Feb 44 to attend Course 11c, JL Wing, First Aust Army Regt Trg School.

(e) Hospital - Lt E.L. Schlyder returned to the unit from hospital on 2 Feb 44.

(f) Unit Postings - Lt R.N. McDonald was posted to the position of Acting Adjt on the departure of Lt D.R. Wilmott on 29 Jan 44.

3. PATROLS - NIL.

4. RECONNAISSANCE - NIL.

5. WORKS -

(a) Within the Bn, work parties have been engaged in enlarging mess huts, building mess tables, and installing refrigeration unit.

Work parties have been supplied as follows:-

1 NCO and 7 OR at C.C.C. Camp Site since 1 Feb 44.  
2 OR at 2/1 Aust Con Depot for complete week.

(b) Bde Guard consisting of 1 NCO and 4 OR was mounted by 25 Bn on the nights of 31 Jan 44 and 3 Feb 44.

Four OR have maintained guard duties in 8 Aust Inf Bde area during the week.

6. EXERCISES -

Trg films were shown to all pers on the nights of 31 Jan, 1, 3, and 4 Feb.

7. INTERCOMMUNICATION -

Comm between Bde and Bn throughout the week both by line and DRIS has been satisfactory.

8. MAPPING

A member of the Int Sec, in co-operation with Bde Int Sec, spent three days during the week in mapping Bde Trg Area.



W.D.

- 9. MORALE - GOOD.
- 10. RUMOURS AFFECTING MORALE - NIL. OPERATIONS - NIL. MOVEMENTS - NIL.

*J.W. Mathison* Capt  
Adm Comd 25 Aust Inf Bn.

*A.M. Donald* Lt  
IO 25 Aust Inf Bn.

(a) Change of Comd - On 11 Jan 44 Lt Col E.S. Miles was relieved of Comd 25 Aust Inf Bn and Lt Col A.E. Dawson was appointed to the position. Lt Col A.E. Dawson visited 25 Aust Inf Bn on 4 Feb 44.

(b) Leave - Lt Col A.E. Dawson and 12 OR departed on 29 Jan 44 on recreational leave. During the week the following members have returned from ARL:-

3 OR	returned on 31 Jan
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130 OR	" " 5 Feb

(c) Schools - Lt A.E. Dawson and 2 OR returned from 2 Aust Div Jungle Training School on 3 Feb 44. Two BCOs departed on 2 Feb 44 to attend courses in 11 Wing, First Aust Army Regt Training School.

(d) Hospital - Lt E.L. Schlyder returned to the unit from hospital on 2 Feb 44.

(e) Unit Postings - Lt R.H. McDonald was posted to the position of Acting A/Lt on the departure of Lt D.R. Wilcott on 29 Jan 44.

- 3. PATROLS - NIL.
- 4. RECONNAISSANCE - NIL.
- 5. WORKS - NIL.

(a) Within the Bn, work parties have been engaged in engineering mess huts, building mess tables, and installing refrigeration units.

Work parties have been supplied as follows:-  
1 WCO and 7 OR at G.O.G. Camp since 1 Feb 44.  
2 OR at 2/1 Aust Con Depot for complete week.

(b) The Guard consists of 1 WCO and 4 OR was mounted by 25 Bn on the nights of 31 Jan 44 and 2 Feb 44. Four OR have maintained guard duties in 8 Aust Inf Bn areas during the week.

- 6. EXERCISES -
- 7. FILMS - The films were shown to all personnel on the nights of 31 Jan, 1, 2, and 4 Feb.

8. INTERCOMMUNICATION - Good between Bns and Bn throughout the week both by line and DRLS has been satisfactory.

9. MAPPING - A number of the Int Sec, in co-operation with the Int Sec, spent three days during the week in mapping the TIG Area.



COY TRAINING STRENGTH STATE  
as at 0830 hrs

Appendix D

A		B		C		D		E		F	
NORMAL ADM AND DUTIES		SPECIAL COY DUTIES		BN DUTIES		SICK PARADE		TRAINING		TOTAL	
Offr	OR	Offr	OR	Offr	OR	Offr	OR	Offr	OR	Offr	OR

LOCATION STATEMENT

SERIAL	PERIOD	SYLLABUS	LOCATION	OFFR OR NCO I/C
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25 AUST INF BN - TRAINING SYLLABUS

SECRET.  
COPY No. 14

8 - 12 FEB 44.

- (a) Trg periods - 6 hr day 5 days per week - 1 day organised sport.
- (b) Inspection period daily 0815-0830. Dress, turnout, arms and eqpt will be rigidly checked. ALL pers will attend this parade.
- (c) Spl instn for offr's will take place daily between 1400 hrs and 1525 hrs.
- (d) During (c) above, coys etc instn will be carried out by WOs and NCOs.

PERIOD	REMARKS					
<b>Day 1.</b>						
0830 - 0915 Rifle Exercises	HQ Coy to provide instr and stores.					
0920 - 1000 3 in mortar						
1015 - 1050 Lecture - Ambushes						
1100 - 1125 Grenade Booby Traps						
1130 - 1200 MMG.						
1400 - 1450 Bayonet Trg.						
1500 - 1525 Compass and protractor.						
1530 - 1630 Route March.	Explanation and demo MT 23 part XX. HQ Coy to provide instr and stores.					
<b>Day 2.</b>						
0830 - 0915 Close order drill.	I sec to provide instr.					
0920 - 1000 Lecture. Track going Maps.						
1015 - 1050 Bayonet Trg.						
1100 - 1125 Lecture. Selection and preparation of areas for night halts and perimeter def.						
1130 - 1200 Grenade Booby Traps (practical)						
1400 - 1450 MMG.	MTP 23 part XX. HQ Coy to provide instrs and stores.					
1500 - 1525 3 in Mortar						
1530 - 1630 PT.						
<b>Day 3.</b>						
0830 - 0915 Rifle Exercises.						
0920 - 1000 Lecture, Sanitation, water treatment, and anti-malarial precautions.						
1015 - 1050 Discussion - "patrolling in jungle."						
1100 - 1125 Bayonet Trg.						
1130 - 1200 Bn Organisation and Battle Procedure.						
1400 - 1450 Bren recapitulation.						
1500 - 1525 OSMG. recapitulation.						
1530 - 1630 Route March.						
<b>Day 4.</b>						
Musketry - Miniature Range. Zeroing and miniature range practices. (Between firing details will be given instn in holding, aiming etc).	Usual safety precautions under supervision of an officer.					
<b>Day 5.</b>						
organised sport.						
DAY	DUTIES	A	B	C	D	HQ
Tue	B	D4	D3	D2	D1	D5
Wed	C	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1
Thu	D	D1	D5	D4	D3	D2
Fri	HQ	D2	D1	D5	D4	D3
Sat	A	D3	D2	D1	D5	D4

over



Officers.

Tue	1400 - 1450 1500 - 1525	MMG. Track going Maps.	Lieut Leadbetter C.F. Lieut McDonald R.N.
wed	1400 - 1450 1500 - 1525	Operation orders. MMG.	Maj Weppner R. Lieut Leadbetter C.F.
Thu	1400 - 1450 1500 - 1525	Operation orders Patrol Reports.	Maj Weppner R. Capt McInnes R.D.
Fri	1400 - 1450 1500 - 1525	Operation orders. Aerial photographs.	Maj Weppner R. Capt Ryan B.T.
Sat	1400 - 1450 1500 - 1525	Message writing. 2 of Tk. A Gun.	Lieut McDonald R.N. Lieut Harris H.A.

DISTRIBUTION.

COPY No. 1	-	HQ Coy
" " 2	-	A "
" " 3	-	B "
" " 4	-	C "
" " 5	-	D "
" " 6	-	CO
" " 7	-	2 i/c
" " 8	-	Adj't
" " 9	-	RSM
" " 10	-	QM
" " 11	-	HMO
" " 12-13	-	7 Bde
" " 14-15	-	War Diary
" " 16	-	File.

*McDonald*  
Actg Adj't 25 Aust Inf Bn. Lieut



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9 Feb 44

**AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.**

**ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.**

**MAJ. R. WEPPNER**

**ADM COMD 25 AUST INF BN.**

**42. CHANGE OF COMD.**

As from 061000 L QX40879 Maj. R. Weppner Adm Comd 25 Aust Inf Bn.

**43. PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE AMF.**

No member of the AMF shall, save in pursuance of his military duty, write for publication in any form any matter dealing with or referring to any military subject, whether fact or fictional, unless preparation and publication thereof have been approved by the Director General of Public Relations.

**44. INCLUSION OF CENSORABLE MATTER IN CORRESPONDENCE**

All ranks are forbidden to include in their correspondence information classed as censorable matter under current Field Censorship Instructions, notwithstanding that such correspondence is to be submitted to a franking officer or a censorship authority.

**45. VENEREAL DISEASE- EFFECT ON PAY.**

Preliminary.

1. Approval has been given for the amendment of War Financial (Military Forces) Regulation 25 to provide that no forfeiture of pay will be incurred by a member-

- (a) for the first 35 days of his absence after the 31 Jan 44, as the result of venereal disease acquired by him on the first occasion as defined in para 3 hereof and including any days of absence as a result of a relapse from a disease acquired on any such first occasion, provided that the total number of days of absence as a result of such first occasion and any such relapse does not exceed 35 days;
- (b) Acquiring venereal disease while acting in the course of his duty; or
- (c) who is suffering from a congenital form of venereal disease.

Commencement

2. The approval so far as it relates to sub-para (a) of para 1 of this order will take effect on and from the 1st Feb, 1944, and so far as it relates to sub-paras (b) and (c) of that paragraph will operate as from 6 Oct 1939.

Interpretation.

3. For the purpose of this order, the term "first occasion" when used in connection with venereal disease will mean-

- (a) the first occasion on which a venereal disease is diagnosed after 31 Jan 44;
- (b) in the case of a member who was on 1 Feb 1944, absent from duty by reason of the disease diagnosed prior to that date- the venereal disease for which he is being treated; or
- (c) in the case of a member who, subsequent to the 31 Jan 44, is absent from duty through a relapse from the venereal disease diagnosed prior to the 1 Feb 1944- the relapse from which he is then suffering whichever first occurs.

Transfers and Re-enlistment

4. No account will be taken of any absence through venereal disease so of a member-

- (a) whilst serving with the Royal Australian Navy or the Royal Australian Air Force, or
- (b) during any previous period of service with the AMF under an earlier appointment or enlistment.

Records.

5. Directions regarding casualty advice to be submitted by medical units will be included in an amendment to "Instructions to Medical Officers". Instructions regarding method of promulgation in ROs, Part II, will be issued by the Officer-in-charge, 2nd Echelon, LHQ.



**46. CENSORSHIP- WOMEN'S SERVICES.**

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2. Where a member of the Women's Services desires her correspondence to be franked only by a female officer, she shall either-

(a) enclose the addressed unsealed envelope containing her correspondence in an outer sealed envelope unaddressed and marked-

"Mail for female only censorship", or

(b) hand it personally to a female officer with a request that it be franked by a female officer only.

**47. RECORD OF SERVICE BOOK- AAB 83.**

Every member shall be in possession of an AAB 83. Any member who has not been issued with an AAB 83 will report that fact immediately to the orderly room.

The loss, destruction or defacement of an AAB 83 by a wilful act or by negligence or the unauthorised alteration of any info contained therein is an offence in respect of which a charge will lie under AA 40.

**48. PRE-SELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

Unit RO I No.31 of 25 Jan 44 is amended as follows:-

Particulars required vide second last para will include

(a) Medical classification;

(b) A rm of the service to which applicant desires to be commissioned.

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Approved G

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

...../.....(Serial No.) 7 44

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18/2/1944 25 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 12c OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 755 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
NR	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels					
NR	XXX		2	Majors					
NR			8	Captains	AAMC	1			
			19	Lieutenants					
			1	Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
			31						

DETAIL.	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	..	TOTAL
A.	25									32
E.(1)	26	7								33
E.(2)										

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

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
1611	Capt	McKinnon D.	2/2 Aust Gen Hosp	11.2.44	FROM X List.

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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



*Appn G(1)*

25 AUST INF BN Unit

7...44 (Serial No.)

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12/2/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Maj/Lt-Col	OX 3709	McKIRNA J.G.	CO		NO	En route to Unit.	
Capt/MAJ	OX 40379	WEPPNER R.	2 1/c		YES	Adm Comd	
Lieut/Maj	OX 34430	JACKSON W.J.B.	OC B COY		NO	Rec Leave	
" Capt	OX 35580	STEEL P.J.	OC A COY		"	" "	
" "	Q 21621	RYAN B.T.	" HQ "		YES		
" "	OX36184	DUGGAN J.F.	"		NO	Att 7 Aust Inf Bde	
" "	Q 21972	MATHISON T.W.	OC B COY		YES		
" "	Q X36182	WHITE E.C.	Adj		NO	Rec Leave	
" "	OX 36183	FUST H.E.	2 1/c D COY		YES		
" "	OX 33235	O'NEILL P.J.	SN		"		
" "	OX 54202	McDUNN R.D.	2 1/c A COY		"		
" "	OX 16110	McKINNON D.	OC C COY		"		
LIEUT	OX 36185	JEFFERIES R.J.	2 1/c B COY		NO	" "	
" "	OX 40378	HAMILTON D.H.J.	Pl Comd A COY		"	" "	
" "	OX 43074	BAKER T.D.	2 1/c C COY		"	" "	
" "	Q 21974	LEADBETTER C.F.	Pl Comd HQ COY		YES		
" "	OX 35088	WILMOTT D.E.	" " C COY		NO	REC LEAVE	
" "	Q 22525	BAKER A.T.	" " " "		"	"	
" "	OX 43184	PHILLIPS P.J.	" " " "		"	"	
" "	OX 34428	SCHLYDER E.L.	" " A COY		YES		
" "	OX 45300	MARRIS E.A.	" " H " "		"		
" "	Q 22004	BATHERSEY J.T.	" " " "		NO	REC LEAVE	
" "	OX 34431	McDONALD R.H.	IO		YES		
" "	OX 51713	NELSON W.R.	Pl Comd A COY		"		
" "	Q 21941	COLLINS T.J.	" " D "		"		
<del>" "</del>	<del>OX 45292</del>	<del>SCHINDLER A.J.</del>	<del>" " HQ "</del>		<del>NO</del>	<del>" "</del>	
" "	Q 22003	STURIE S.D.	" " C "		"	Att 3 Div Jungle Sch.	
" "	OX 51714	HILL F.V.	" " D "		YES		
" "	OX 60273	SHAW P.A.	" " A "		NO	REC LEAVE	
" "	OX 68168	DAWSON A.E.	" " C "		YES		
" "	OX 58776	PITCH L.A.	Rel mit offr		"		
" "	OX 1977	WARING B.C.	Pl Comd HQ Coy		NO	" "	
<u>K LIST SECONDED ETC.</u>							
Lieut/Maj	OX 34429	WHESTER C.S.			NO	2/6 ADM.	
" Capt	OX 36181	FOSTER J.H.A.			"	LOI 7 Aust Inf Bde	
" "	OX 33331	COPE J.B.			"	SCL	
LIEUT	Q 21622	BAYE S.			"	COTU WOODSIDE, en route to Unit	
" "	OX35559	GREEN E.S.			"	5 Camp Hosp	
" "	OX 51713	DEURIE L.E.			"	1st Gas Sch CABALLAN	
	OX 45299	Schindler A.J.				2/4 ab H	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT	OX 133148	AIRN J.E.	AANC	18/10/43	RMO
HON CAPT	B 237	REES I.S.	Salvat- Ion Army	29/11/43	

12 Feb 44  
Date of Despatch  
Truth—7/43.

*R.M. Donald, Lt. (Acty. Adj't)*  
for Adm Comd  
Signature of Commander  
RMS N.A.















Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0800 Hours Saturday 12 / 5 / 1944

PART E Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in

**WARRANT OFFICERS AND N.C.O.s.**

TRADE	WE					POSTED STRENGTH					REINFTS REQD
	WOI	WOII	S/SGT	SGT	CPL	WOI	WOII	S/SGT	SGT	CPL	
I duties				1	2				1	3	
Sigs					2					2	
clerks				2	5				2	6	
Tailors				1	1			1		1	
Tech storomen				1				1			
LMG & R/men					36					35	NR
MMG					3					4	
MOR					5					5	
pnrs					4					3	
Pro				1					1		
SBS				1	2				1	2	
Tk.A				1	4				1	4	
RSM	1						1				
RQMS		1						1			
CSM		5						5			
CQMS			5						5		
Sgts, pl				24				5		24	
<u>Attached pers.</u>											
AANC (Chiropodist)					1					1	
(HYG duties)				1						1	
(Med ord)				1					1		
AAOC (shoemaker)					1					1	
ARME (Armourer)				1					1		
AAPS (postal duties)				1					1		
AACC (caterer)		1									
Cook s				5	5		1		7	1	
AAPC (pay clerks)				1	1				1		NR
<b>Total.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>69</b>	

Date of Report: 12/5/44

Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Rank: *[Handwritten Rank]*

Unit: *[Handwritten Unit]*



1. **OPERATIONS - NIL**

**MOVEMENTS**

2. **Unit Postings.** On his return from A.R.L. Maj R. Weppner was posted to Adm Comd 25 Aust Inf Bn on 6 Feb 44, replacing Capt T. W. Mathison who resumed comd of B Coy.

(b) Lt H. A. Harris, OC TKA Pl, was assigned the additional duties of QM (Ir) on 8 Feb 44.

3. **Leave.** During the week the following drafts have returned from A.R.L.:-

(a) Maj R. Weppner, Capt B. T. Ryan, Capt M. E. Just, Capt R. D. McInnes, Lt H. A. Harris, Lt W. R. Nelson, and 62 OR on 6 Feb 44.

(b) 30 OR on 7 Feb 44.

(c) 18 OR on 8 Feb 44.

(d) Lt T. J. Collins and 9 OR on 10 Feb 44.

(e) Lt L. Finch and 42 OR on 11 Feb 44.

4. **Schools.** (a) On 7 Feb Lt S. D. Steels MM and two OR departed for 3 Aust Div Jungle Trg School to act as instrs.

(b) Four OR departed for ATHERTON en route to Provost School on 8 Feb 44.

5. **Hospital.** Capt D. McKinnon returned from hospital on 11 Feb 44.

6. **PATROLS - NIL**

**RECONNAISSANCE**

7. All members of the Int Sec who recently returned from leave made a recce of the Bn trg area on 8 Feb 44 in order to familiarize themselves with the area.

**WORKS**

8. Within the Bn work parties have been engaged in enlarging mess huts, Bn drainage scheme (pipe laying), constructing assault course, making trg dummies, collecting wood, clearing grass from Coy lines, and transferring orderly rooms and CQMS stores from grass huts to tents. The amv dump is nearing completion and only the flooring remains to be completed.

9. The Bn supplied additional working parties as follows:-

(a) 1 offr and 17 OR at TOLGA unloading amm on 5 Feb 44.

(b) 1 NCO and 7 OR at CCC camp site on road work on 5 Feb 44.

(c) 1 NCO and 6 OR to 7 Aust Inf Bde since 9 Feb 44.

(d) 2 OR to 2/1 Aust Con Depot on 5 Feb 44.

(e) 2 OR to LHQ Offrs' Preselection Board since 5 Feb 44.

(f) 2 cooks to 3 Aust Div Jungle Trg School since 5 Feb 44.

10. (a) Bde guard consisting of 1 NCO and 4 OR was mounted by 25 Aust Inf Bn on the nights of 6 and 9 Feb 44.

(b) Four OR have maintained guard duties in 8 Aust Inf Bde area during the week.

**EXERCISES**

11. **Training.** During the week all coys had 5 days of trg and 1 day of organized sport. The trg consisted of rifle exerci explanation and demonstration of grenade booby traps, 3 in Mortar, MMG, bayonet trg, compass and protractor, route marches, PT, Bren and Owen SMG recapitulation.

12. **Musketry.** Zeroing and miniature range practice was held during the week. Each coy spent a day on the 30 yds range (ref 483382 GORDONVALE 1 in). Between firing, details were



13. Lectures and Discussions. The following lectures were given to all coys during the week:— (a) Ambushes, (b) Selection and Preparation of Areas for Night Halts and Perimeter Def, (c) Bn Organization and Battle Procedure, and (d) Track-Going Maps. In addition, all coys took part in a discussion entitled "Patrolling in the Jungle".

14. NCOs' Cadre. Lt E. L. Schlyder has conducted an NCOs' cadre during the week consisting of two NCOs from each rifle coy and 4 NCOs from HQ Coy.

15. Special instn for all offrns took place daily between 1400 hrs and 1525 hrs, lectures being given by Maj R. Weppner, Capt B. T. Ryan, Capt R. D. McInnes, Lt R. N. McDonald, Lt C. F. Leadbetter, and Lt E. A. Harris.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

16. Comm between Bde and Bn both by line and ERLS has been satisfactory.

MAPPING

17. (a) Int pers have completed a tracing of B Trg Area 4 ins to 1 ml. It is proposed to dye-line further copies from this tracing.  
(b) A member of the Int Sec in conjunction with Bde Int Sec spent three days in B Trg Area traversing tracks and adding detail to the existing map.  
(c) All Bn Int pers made a recce of B Trg Area during the week with a view to further mapping.  
(d) Lectures on Track-Going Maps have been given to all coys, NCOs' cadre, and to all offrns during the week by Bn Int Sec.

18. MORALE - GOOD

19. RUMOURS AFFECTING MORALE - NIL.

Adm Comd 25 Aust Inf Bn

Lt R. N. McDonald  
TO 25 Aust Inf Bn.

The Bn supplied additional working parties as follows:—  
(a) 1 offr and 10 OR at TOGA unloading area on 8 Feb 44.  
(b) 1 NCO and 7 OR at GOC camp site on road work on 8 Feb 44.  
(c) 1 NCO and 8 OR to V Aust Inf Bn since 9 Feb 44.  
(d) 2 OR to 2/1 Aust Cav Depot on 8 Feb 44.  
(e) 2 OR to 1st Bn, 1st Cavalry Division since 8 Feb 44.  
(f) 2 cooks to 3 Aust Div Jungle Trg School since 8 Feb 44.

(a) Bde guard consisting of 1 NCO and 4 OR was mounted by 25 Aust Inf Bn on the nights of 8 and 9 Feb 44.  
(b) Four OR have maintained guard duties in 8 Aust Inf Bn area during the week.

EXERCISES

11. Training. During the week all coys had 5 days of trg and 1 day of organized sport. The trg consisted of rifle exercise and demonstration of grenade body traps, 3 in mortar, MGC, bayonet trg, compass and protractor, route marches, PT, Bn and GOC reception.

12. Marketry. Trg and marketry practice was held during the week. Each coy spent a day of the 30 day range (ref 483382 GORDONVILLE I (a)). Between firing, details were



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APPX J

25 AUST INF BN- TRAINING SYLLABUS.

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14 - 19 FEB 44.

- (a) Trg periods- 6 hr day 5 days per week- 1 day organised sport.
- (b) Essential camp works and calls for work parties prevented Coys from mustering large parades for last week's trg. This coupled with the fact that more men have now returned from leave has made it desirable to repeat some of the previous syllabus.
- (c) Danbulla classification range may not be available. However, if available Coys using same will concentrate on pers NOT qualified. (See Rifle Classification practices SAT Vol 1 Pam/4). Offrs conducting shoots must be conversant with the instructions laid down for use of this range.
- (d) All rifles must be zeroed on miniature range. Coys requiring same for this purpose will apply to the adjt.
- (e) Offrs must pay particular attention to Sports Day. This day requires as much preparation as normal trg days.
- (f) Special instn for offrs will take place daily between 1400 & 1525 hrs.
- (g) During above (para f) coy instn and supervision of duties will be carried out by WOs and NCOs.

PERIOD	REMARKS.
<u>DAY 1.</u>	
0830- 0915	Rifle Exercises
0920- 1000	3 " Mortar HQ Coy to provide instr & Stores.
1015- 1100	Lecture- Ambushes
1110- 1200	Crehade Booby Traps Explanation and demo MTP 23 Part XX
1400- 1440	Bayonet Trg
1450- 1530	Compass & Protractor.
1540- 1630	Route March
<u>DAY 2</u>	
0830 -0915	Close Order Drill
0920- 1000	Lecture. Track going Maps - I Sec to provide Instr,
1015-1100	Bayonet trg.
1110 -1200	Grenade booby traps (practical) MTP 23 Part XX.
1400 -1440	MMG. ) HQ Coy to provide instrs and
1450 -1530	3 in Mortar. ) stores.
1540 -1630	PT.
<u>DAY 3.</u>	
0830 -0915	Rifle exercises.
0920 -1000	Discussion -"patrolling in Jungle"
1015-1100	Bayonet trg.
1110 -1200	Bn Organisation and Battle Procedure.
1400 -1440	Bren(recapitulation).
1450 -1530	OSMG( " )).
1540 -1630	Route March.
<u>DAY 4.</u>	
0830 -0915	Close Order Drill.
0920 -1000	Map references and orientation.
1015 -1100	CAB Discussion.
1110 -1200	Prep and conducting of perimeter def.
1400 -1440	Use and mtce of DV ) HQ Coy to provide instrs and stores.
1450 -1530	MMG. )
1540 -1630	PT.

DAY	A	B	C	D	HQ
Mon	Range "x" D3	D1	Duty	D2	D4
Tue	D1	D2	Range "x" D3	Range "x" D4	Duty
Wed	Sport	D3	Sport	Duty	Range "x" D1
Thu	Duty	D4	D2	D1	D3
Fri	D2	Duty	D1	D3	Sport
Sat	D4	Sport	Duty	Sport	D2

"x" To be carried out if Range unavailable.



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

MAJ. R. WEPPNER

ADM COMD "25 AUST INF BN

49. BDE HQ QUARTER GUARD.  
 Mounting 2000 hrs 24 Feb 44.  
 " " " 27 Feb 44.  
 " " " 1 Mar 44.

50. AMENITIES - MOBILE CANTEEN - LAKE EACHAM.

1. Ref 1 Aust Corps Routine Order 85/43.
2. From and including Saturday 5 Feb 44, the Mobile Canteen will cease to operate on Saturday afternoons.
3. The Canteen will continue to operate on Sundays in the Other Ranks' area but not in the Officers' area.

51. OFFICIAL PHONE CALLS TO MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

A phone has been installed at the Signal Centre, ATHERTON, for the use of military personnel and may be used for official phone calls to military installations.

52. DISCIPLINE - DRESS IN 17 L OF C SUB-AREA.

The following requirements as to summer dress have been promulgated by 17 L of C Sub-Area. Members leaving the Tableland and entering this sub-area will comply strictly with these requirements wherever this is possible:-

A. OFFICERS.

Jacket and Trousers

- (i) Hat (turned down) or cap or beret if authorised; Jacket, KD, with khaki drill belt or Sam Browne belt; shoulder strap with Sam Browne belt will be worn or not in accordance with GRO 0794/43.  
Trousers, KD.  
Boots (or shoes) with khaki socks.  
Shirt, collar and tie, khaki.

Shirt and Trousers.

- (ii) Hat (turned down) or cap or beret if authorised.  
Shirt, military, khaki, or safari jacket.  
Trousers, KD.  
Boots (or shoes) with khaki socks.  
Belt, khaki drill, or Sam Browne, as approved for wear with Jacket, KD (or web belt when ordered).

B. OTHER RANKS.

Shirt and Trousers

- Hat (turned down) or cap or beret if authorised.  
 Shirt, Military khaki.  
 Trousers, KD.  
 Boots, AB, with socks.  
 Belt (as issued).

OFFICERS.

- (i) Sam Browne belt may be worn with a single shoulder belt on formal occasions. The shoulder belt will pass over the right shoulder.
- (ii) Tie is obligatory with (A) (i), will be worn when ordered with (A) (ii) shirt only.
- (iii) Embroidered rank badges and titles "Australia" may be worn on shirts, Khaki drill, and safari jackets, but not on jackets officers pattern KD.
- (iv) Badges of rank will be worn with waterproof overcoats furnished with shoulder straps or epaulets.

ALL RANKS

- (i) Shorts will NOT be worn North of parallel 20 degrees South. This parallel is South of Townsville.
- (ii) Anti-malarial protection - sleeves will be rolled down between sunset and sunrise.
- (iii) Rank badges will be worn on shirt when the latter is used as an outer garment. Warrant Officers' rank badges and NCO's chevrons will be of standard pattern and worn on the sleeve.

(OVER)



In the case of Warrant Officers when sleeves of shirt or safari jacket are rolled up, the badge of rank will be worn above the elbow.

(iv) Colour patches will NOT be worn on Jackets KD, Safari jackets or shirts. The right shoulder colour patch will be worn in the centre of the hat-band on the right side of the hat. Miniature colour patches of previous units will NOT be worn on the hat.

(v) Service chevrons may be worn on Jackets KD, shirts worn as an outer garment, and on Safari Jackets with Long sleeves (GRO A153/43).

(vi) Jackets KD or Safari where these have been issued, may be worn by other ranks in lieu of Shirt Military, Khaki, when ordered.

(vii) Jerseys, pullovers, khaki will be worn when ordered. They may also be worn optionally if worn not as an external garment.

2. Personnel proceeding on leave will be inspected by an Officer or responsible NCO who will ensure that they are correctly dressed and instructed to remain correctly dressed during the period of leave.

3. All working parties will be inspected by an Officer or responsible NCO prior to moving off to duty, and Officers and/or NCO's in charge of such parties will be responsible that all personnel remain correctly dressed during their tour of duty.

4. Personnel proceeding to or from bathing places will be correctly dressed. Bathing trunks etc., will NOT be worn to or from bathing places.

5. Frequent inspections will be held in Units to ensure that clothing is clean and kept in proper repair, to obtain full "life" from all articles.

6. Disciplinary action will be taken by Unit Comds in all cases of infringement of this Order.

7. Provost personnel have been instructed to insist on a high standard of personal appearance and dress of all troops under command of this HQ.

53. FEEDING OF TROOPS IN TRANSIT - MESSING GEAR.

Paragraph 8 Section VIII of "Standing Orders for Movements within Australia and its Territories - 1942" is repeated for necessary action by all units:-

"Messing gear: Troops must be prepared at all times to use their own messing gear during movement by rail."

54. LOCAL LEAVE TO TOWNS ON COAST.

Units will NOT send any leave party to CAIRNS, MOSSMAN, INNISFAIL or BABINDA without first obtaining approval through this HQ, from 17 Aust L of C Sub-area.

55. BOTTLED LIQUORS.

Members of units 3 Aust Div or within 3 Aust Div area will NOT be permitted to have in their possession, bottled liquor, other than that purchased through Unit canteen sources.

DISTRIBUTION:-  
1ST "A".

*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
A/Adjt. 25 Aust Inf Bn.



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

8 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ..... / ..... / 194..... (Unit) Appn 2

W.E. 11 / 129 2. OFFRS 32 19 O.R.'s 755 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10							
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.							
NR	1		1 2 8 22 1	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1										
	1	3	34			1										
				DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	..	TOTAL.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.	27	8								35		
				E.(1)												
				E.(2)												

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX35559	Lieut.	Green, H.S.	5 Camp Hosp.	17/2/44	From X List
QX45299	"	Schindler, A.J.	2/4 Aust Gen Hosp.	17/2/44	"
Q21628	"	Bain, E.	Hosp ex C.S.P.	10/2/44	"

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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



Unit

25 Aust Inf Bn

... 8 / ... 41 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

*Appendix L (i)*

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19 2 / 194 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Maj/Lt-Col.	8X5709	McKINNA, J.C.	C.O.		No.	En route to Unit	
Capt/Maj.	8X40879	WREPPNER, R.	2 i/c		YES	Adm Comd	
Lieut/Maj.	8X34430	JACKSON, R.J.E.	OC D Coy		No.	Rec Leave	
" / Capt.	8X35500	STEEL, P.J.	OC A Coy.		"	"	
" / "	821621	RYAN, B.T.	OC HQ		YES		
" / "	8X36184	DOUGAN, J.E.			No.	Rec Leave	
" / "	821972	MATHISON, T.W.	OC B Coy		YES		
" / "	8X36182	WHITE, R.S.	Adjnt.		No.	Rec Leave	
" / "	8X36183	JUST, H.B.	2 i/c D Coy		YES		
" / "	8X53835	O'NEILL, P.J.	Act. Adjnt.		"		
" / "	8X16110	McKINNON, D.	OC C Coy.		"		
" / "	8X53202	McKENNES, R.D.	OC A Coy.		"		
Lieut.	8X36185	JEFFRIES, R.D.E.	2 i/c B Coy.		No.	Rec Leave	
"	8X48878	HARLTON, R.J.	Pl. Comd. A Coy		"	"	
"	8X43074	BAKER, T.D.	2 i/c C Coy.		"	"	
"	8X35559	GREEN, H.S.	Act. Adjnt.		YES		
"	821971	LEADBETTER, R.C.F.	Pl. Comd. HQ Coy.		Yes.		
"	8X35099	WILMOTT, D.R.	Pl. Comd. C Coy.		No.	Rec Leave.	
"	823685	BAKER, A.T.	" B Coy		"	"	
"	8X43164	PHILLIPS, F.J.	" B Coy		"	"	
"	8X34428	SCHLYDER, E.L.	" A Coy.		Yes.		
"	8X45300	HARRIS, E.A.	" HQ Coy.		"		
"	822004	BATHURST, J.T.	" B Coy.		No.	Rec Leave	
"	8X34431	McDONALD, R.H.	I.C.		No.	Rec Leave	
"	8X51713	NELSON, W.R.	Pl. Comd. A Coy.		Yes.		
"	821941	COLLINS, T.J.	" B Coy.		"		
"	821638	DAVE, B.	" B Coy.		"		
"	8X45299	SCHINDLER, A.J.	" HQ Coy.		"		
"	822003	STEELE, S.D.	" C Coy.		No.	Att 3 Div Jungle School.	
"	8X51714	HILL, F.V.	" B Coy.		Yes		
"	8X68272	SHAW, B.A.	" A Coy.		"		
"	8X68238	DANSON, A.E.	" C Coy.		"		
"	8X58776	PINCH, L.A.	Reinft Offr.		"		
"	8X1977	WARING, B.C.	Pl Comd M.G. Coy		"		
X LIST RECORDED ETC							
Lieut/Maj.	8X34429	WEBSTER, C.E.			No.	2/6 AMH (RSL)	
" / Capt.	8X36181	FOSTER, J.E.A.			"	LOI 7 Aust Inf Bde	
" / "	8X35561	CORPE, J.E.			"	SCL	
Lieut.	8X51715	DEUBLE, L.W.			"	THQ Gas Sch Canberra.	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt.	8X168148	AISEN, J.E.	AMC	13/10/43	HMO
Hon. Capt.	8227	RAES, I.S.	Salv. Army	29/11/43.	

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander

Maj.

Date of Despatch  
19 Feb, 44.

Truth—7/43.

Adm Comd, 25 Aust Inf Bn.











*Appn L(iii)*

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 19 / 2 / 1944.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	4	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		1						Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	26	26	NR	Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	7		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				<b>NON-SPECIALISTS</b>			
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Batmen	34	34	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Gen Duties (Mess)	3	3	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Hyg Dut	4	4	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								LMOR Men	397	297	100
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								MMG	23	23	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Ord	32	32	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								<b>DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.</b>			
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				MoP	73	73	
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Pro	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1		RP	6	6	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	11		Storemen	6	6	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				SBs	21	21	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Tk/A Gun	19	19	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	10		Coach Trimmers				Water Duty	2	2	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				RSM	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				RQMS	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				<b>ATTACHED BY W.E.</b>			
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				CSM	5	5	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				CQMS	5	5	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Sgts Pl	24	24	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		2		<b>Att(see back)</b>			
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant					34	31	1
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1					
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2		CARRIED FORWARD	17	19		CARRIED FORWARD	56	60		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively	7896	91	101

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

19 Feb, 44.

Date of Despatch

*[Signature]*  
A/Adjt. Signature of Commander Capt.







*Upper M*

1. OPERATIONS - Nil.

MOVEMENTS

2. Officers.- (a) Maj R. Weppner and Lt C. F. Leadbetter (OC MG Pl) attended a demonstration of carrying board equipment at 7 Aust MG Bn on 12 Feb.

(b) Maj R. Weppner attended a DCM at 2/8 Aust Fd Regt daily on 14 and 15 Feb.

(c) Maj R. Weppner departed at 170630L for BRAMBLE BEACH where he witnessed 6 Aust Div combined ops exercise, and returned 181730L.

3. Unit Postings.- (a) Lt T. J. Collins adm comd B Coy during absence of Capt T. W. Mathison on leave in CAIRNS.

(b) Lt H. S. Green took over duties of QM from 18 Feb, in place of Lt H. A. Harris.

4. Leave Drafts.- (a) Capt T. W. Mathison and 32 OR departed 130600L for leave in CAIRNS and returned 161600L.

(b) The following drafts returned from home leave during the week:-

(i) 5 OR on 15 Feb

(ii) 2 OR on 16 Feb

(iii) Capt J. E. Aiken (RMO), Lt H. S. Green, Lt A. J. Schindler MC, Lt B. A. Shaw, and 42 OR on 17 Feb.

(iv) Lt E. Bain, Lt B. C. Waring, and 17 OR on 18 Feb.

(c) Lt R. W. McDonald and 6 OR departed on home leave on 16 Feb.

5. A mortar det i/c Sjt Cunningham departed on 17 Feb for 3 Aust Div Jungle Trg School to take part in an attack exercise from 17 to 19 Feb.

6. PATROLS - Nil.

7. RECONNAISSANCE - Nil.

WORKS

8. Unit Works.- (a) Work has continued on the assault course which is nearing completion.

(b) Camp Drainage.- As a result of recent heavy rains it became necessary to dig drains around sullage pits to divert storm waters. Work on pipe laying was continued.

(c) The erection of a shelter shed for the 2-pr Tk A Guns has been commenced.

9. The following working parties were supplied by the Bn during the week:-

(a) 1 NCO and 7 OR to "Table Tops" office on night 12/13 Feb.

(b) 2 OR picketing 11 Aust Fd Amb old area for whole week.

(c) 6 OR picketing 8 Aust Inf Bde area for whole week.

(d) 1 NCO and 6 OR daily to HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde.

(e) 2 OR to LHQ Offrs' Preselection Board for whole week.

(f) 2 OR to 3 Aust Div Jungle Trg School for whole week.

(g) DANBULLA RANGE.- A Coy provided a working party on 14 Feb to erect targets and put the range in order for firing. Ten targets have been completed. A further ten frames being made by the Pnr Pl in the Bn area will be completed in about 7 days time.

EXERCISES

10. Training.- Last week's syllabus was largely repeated as calls for working parties had prevented the mustering of large numbers for training.

(a) Lectures on ambushes were followed by practical instrn on grenade booby traps by Pnr Sjt.

(b) Lectures were also given on the following subjects:- Compass and Protractor, Track-Going Maps, Bn Organization and Battle



Procedure, and Map References and Orientation.

(c) Discussions on Patrolling in the Jungle and on CAB subjects were held.

(d) Rifle Coys received instrn on 3" Mortar, MMG, and Use and Mtce of D MK V Telephone.

(e) Daily periods in close-order drill, PT, and bayonet trg were incl in the syllabus.

11. Musketry.- (a) Rifles were zeroed by D Coy (15 Feb), C Coy (16 Feb), and A Coy (18 Feb) on 30 yds range.

(b) Classification practices were fired on DANBULLA RANGE by A Coy on 15 Feb and by HQ Coy on 16 Feb.

12. Instn to Offrs.- Lectures to offrs were given daily from 1400 to 1530 hrs, lecturers being Maj R. Weppner (Adm Comd), Capt B. T. Ryan, Capt R. D. McInnes, Lt R. N. McDonald (IO), Lt C. F. Leadbetter, (OC MG Pl), and Lt H. A. Harris (OC Tk A Pl).

13. NCO's Course.- The unit NCO's course conducted by Lt E. L. Schlyder was completed on 12 Feb and a new course commenced on 14 Feb conducted by Lt P. V. Hill.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

14. Comm between Bde and Bn both by line and DRIS has been satisfactory.

15. MAPPING - Nil

16. MORALE - Good.

17. RUMOURS AFFECTING MORALE - Nil.

*R. Weppner*  
Maj  
(R. Weppner)  
Adm Comd 25 Aust Inf Bn.

*F. J. O'Neill*  
Capt  
(F. J. O'Neill)  
A/Adj 25 Aust Inf Bn.

8. Unit Works.- (a) Work has continued on the assault course which is being completed.  
(b) Camp drainage-- As a result of recent heavy rains it became necessary to dig drains around various pits to divert storm waters. Work on pipe laying was continued.  
(c) The erection of a shelter shed for the R-yr Tk A Guns has been commenced.

9. The following working parties were supplied by the Bn during the week:-  
(a) I HQ and V CR to "Table Top" office on night 12/13 Feb.  
(b) 2 CR plating 11 Aust Inf Bn area for whole week.  
(c) 2 CR plating 8 Aust Inf Bde area for whole week.  
(d) I HQ and 8 CR daily to HQ V Aust Inf Bde.  
(e) 2 CR to HQ CR's' Translation Board for whole week.  
(f) 2 CR to 2 Aust Div Jungle Trg School for whole week.  
(g) DANBULLA RANGE-- A Coy provided a working party on 14 Feb to erect targets and put the range in order for firing. The targets have been completed. A further ten frames being made by the HQ PI in the Bn area will be completed in about 7 days.

10. Training.- Last week's syllabus was largely repeated as calls for working parties had prevented the carrying of large numbers for training.  
(a) Lectures on ambushes were followed by practical instrn on grenade body traps by HQ PI.  
(b) Lectures were also given on the following subjects-- Company and Platoon, Track-bay traps, In Organisation and Battle



*War Diary*

*Appx N*

SECRET.  
Copy No. 6  
Date 20 Feb 44

25 AUST INF BN TRAINING SYLLABUS

21 FEB 44 - 26 FEB 44.

- (a) Trg periods 6 hr day 5 days per week - 1 day Organised sport.
- (b) All rifles must be zeroed on miniature range. Coys requiring miniature range for this purpose will apply to Adjnt.
- (c) Offrs must pay particular attention to sports day. This day requires as much preparation as normal trg day.
- (d) Instns for offrs will take place daily between 1400 and 1530 hrs. (See Appx A).
- (e) During above (Para (d)) coy. instn and supervision will be carried out by WOs and NCOs.
- (f) Coy Comds will make recce of suitable area for period 1400-1630 hrs on Day 4.

Note : A Coy will arrange for discussion on trg film before commencing sport on Tue 22 Feb.

PERIOD	SUBJECT	REMARKS				
<b>Day 1.</b>						
0830-0915	Discussion - Recent Trg Film	HQ Coy to provide instr and stores.  MTP 23 Pt XX				
0920-1000	3 in Mortar					
1015-1100	Lecture - "Ambushes".					
1110-1200	Grenade Booby Traps					
1400-1440	Assault Course					
1450-1530	Compass and Protractor					
1540-1630	Route March					
<b>Day 2.</b>						
0830-0915	Discussion - Recent Trg film	I Sec to provide instn  MTP 23 Pt XX HQ Coy to provide instrs and stores.				
0920-1000	Lecture. Track going maps					
1015-1100	Bayonet Trg.					
1110-1200	Grenade booby traps (practical)					
1400-1440	MMG.					
1450-1530	3 in Mortar					
1540-1630	PT and Swimming.					
<b>Day 3.</b>						
0830-1200	Patrolling in Jungle incl patrol reports.					
1400-1440	Discussion - Recent Trg film					
1450-1530	OSMG (recapitulation)					
1540-1630	War Situation. Lecture by I Sec					
<b>Day 4.</b>						
0830-0915	Assault Course	Preparation and conducting of 24 special trg grenades perimeter def incl setting of grenade booby traps. available at Q Store.				
0920-1000	Map references and orientation					
1015-1100	CAB Discussion					
1110-1200	MMG					
1400-1630						
DAY	HQ	A	B	C	D	Duty Coys will mount in rotation, HQ Coy leading.
Mon	D1	Duty	D2	D4	D3	
Tue	D2	Sport	Duty	D3	Sport	
Wed	Sport	D2	D4	Duty	D1	
Thu	D4	D3	Sport	Sport	Duty	
Fri	Duty	D4	D3	D1	D2	
Sat	D3	Suty	D1	D2	D4	
<b>APPX A. OFFICERS LECTURES.</b>						
Mon	1400-1440	Tutorial Discussion, Recapitulation previous subjects.				Maj R. Weppner
	1450-1530					
Tue	1400-1440	Operation Orders				Maj R. Weppner
	1450-1530	MMG				Lieut Leadbetter
Wed	1400-1440	Preparation Cloth Model				Maj R. Weppner
	1450-1530	Message Writing				Lieut Waring
Thu	1400-1530	Sub Calibre Shoot 2 pr Tk.A				Lieut Harris
Fri	1400-1530	Issue of Orders. Demo (right and wrong)				Maj R. Weppner
Sat	1400-1530	Prep Cloth Model. I Sec to				Maj R. Weppner

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

.....44..... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 28 / 2 / 194 25. Aust Inf Bn. (Unit)

*Appn O*

W.E. 1 / 20 / 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s 55 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.					
			1	Lieut.-Colonels										
			1	Majors										
32	1	2	7	Captains	AASC	1								
			21	Lieutenants										
			1	Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
3	2	2	21			1								
				DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
				A.	24	8								32
				E. (1)										
				E. (2)										

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

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
M450	Maj	JACKSON W.J.B	Hosp	30/2/44	To "X" List
M3660	Capt	STEEL P.J.	"	19/2/44	" " "
M4403	Lieut	SCHLIDER E.L.	"	24/2/44	" " "

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

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



25 Aust Inf Bn

Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

*Appn 0(i)*

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26 / 2 / 1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Maj/Lt-Col.	5X3709	McKERRA, J.G.	C.C.		No.	En route to Unit	
Capt/Maj.	5X40879	WSPNER, R.	B 1/c		Yes	Adm Comd	
Lieut/Capt	021621	RYAN, B.T.	CO HQ COY		Yes		
"	0X35184	DUGGAN, J.R.			No	Rec Leave	
"	021972	MATHISON, P.W.	CO B COY		Yes		
"	0X36182	WHITE, R.C.	Adm		Yes		
"	0X36183	JURY, M.B.	B 1/c D Coy		Yes		
"	5X38335	O'Neill, P.J.	CO		No	Det to 2/1. HQ Control	22 Feb 44
"	0X35302	McINNES, R.D.	CO A COY		Yes		
"	0X16110	McKINNON, D.	CO B COY		Yes		
Lieut	0X36185	JEFFRIES, R.P.	B 1/c B "		Yes		
"	0X45873	HARLSON, D.S.	PL Comd. A Coy		Yes		
"	0X43074	BAKER, T.D.	B 1/c C Coy		Yes		
"	0X 35359	GREEN, I.S.	Act on		Yes		
"	021042	LEDBETTER, C.F.	Pl. Comd. B Coy.		Yes		
"	0X35389	WILCOFF, D.R.	Pl. Comd. C Coy.		Yes	NO Rec Leave	
"	0X35395	BAKER, A.T.	"		"	"	
"	0X43184	PHILLIPS, F.J.	"		"	"	
"	0X45300	HAERIS, E.A.	"		"	Yes	
"	022004	BATHURST, J.T.	"		"	"	
"	0X34431	MCDONALD, R.H.	I. S.		"	To Rec Leave	
"	0X51713	WELSON, W.R.	PL. Comd		"	"	
"	021941	COLLINS, T.J.	"		"	Yes	
"	021528	BAIN, R.	"		"	"	
"	0X45899	SCHINDLER, A.J.	"		"	"	
"	022003	STRELS, S.D.	"		"	"	School
"	0X51714	HILL, P.V.	"		"	"	
"	0X68272	SHAW, B.A.	"		"	Yes	Att 3 Div Jungr
"	0X59158	DANSON, A.E.	"		"	"	
"	0X55778	PINCH, L.A.		Reinf Offr.	"	"	
"	0X1977	WARING, B.C.	"	"	"	"	
X LIST SECTORED ETC.							
Lieut/Maj	0X34429	WEBSTER, G.S.		NO 2/S		AGH (RSL)	
" /Capt	0X36181	POSTER, J.H.A.		" 1/c		7 AUST INF BDE	
" /Capt	0X35581	CORNER, J.E.		" 1/c			
Lieut	0X51713	DRUID, L.H.		" 1/c		Gas Sch CANBERRA	
Lieut/Maj	0X34430	JACKSON, W.J.E.		" X List		113 ACH.	
" /Capt	0X35580	STEEL, P.J.		"		Hoop	
Lieut.	0X34423	SCHLYDER, S.L.		"		2/2 ACH.	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	0X168148	AIKEN, J.E.	AAMC	18/10/43	RMO
Adj. Capt	02287	HOWS, I.S.	Army.	29/11/43	

26 Feb. 44

Date of Despatch

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander











*Appendix (iii)*

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 26 / 2 / 1944.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	1	NR
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1	-					Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers	-	1	-					Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				<b>GROUP II.</b>				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	-
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	26	25	NR	Tailors	2	2	-
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Reftters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	7	-	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								<b>NON-SPECIALISTS</b>			
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Batmen	34	34	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Gen Duties			
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								(Mess)	3	3	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Hyg Duties	4	4	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								LMG & R/men	397	273	124
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators								MMG	25	25	
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				<b>GROUP III.</b>				Orderlies	32	32	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers	1	1	-	Pnrs	32	32	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks	11	11	-	Mortars	75	75	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply				Pro	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	10	-	Clerks, Technical				Reglt Police	6	6	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers				Storemen	6	6	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Concretors				SBS	21	21	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Cooks				Tk. A Gun	10	10	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Water Duty	2	2	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Riders				RSM	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Pattern Maker				Masons				Drivers, H.T.				RQMS	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Mechanics		2	-	CSM	5	5	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Driver Tptn. Plant				COMS	5	5	
Photewriter				Miners				Engine Hands, I.C.				SGTS, PL	24	24	
Plumber				Moulders				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-	ATT ON WE.			
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Farriers				(See back)	34	29	1
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Fitters' Mates							
								Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2	-	CARRIED FORWARD	17	19	-	CARRIED FORWARD	56	59	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively	789	660	121

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

26 Feb 44.

Date of Despatch

Adjt

Signature of Commander

Capt



Army Form W.309  
 (Revised 1944)  
 Part A of Army Form W.309 at 0800 Hours Saturday 22/1/44

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART E Detail of Present Strength and WGs AND WOIs.**

TRADE	WE					POSED STRENGTH					REINFTS	
	WOI	WOII	S/SGT	SGT	CPL	WOI	WOII	S/SGT	SGT	CPL	REINFTS	REQUIRED
I Duties				1	2				1	2		
Vignallers					2					2		
clerks				2	5				2	6		
mailers				1	1			1		1x		NR
Tech Storemen				1				1				
MG and R/men					36					34		NR
MG					3					4		
Mortars					5					5		
trns					4					3		
tro				1								NR
IBs				1	2				1	2		
Trk.A					4					4		
ISH	1						1					
IQMS		1					1					
ISMs		5					4					
IQMS			5					4				NR
Sgts, Pl			24						23			
ATT ON WE.												
AAMC												
Chiropridist					1							NR
Hyg Duties				1					1			
Med Orderlies				1					1	1		
AACC												
Shoemaker					1					1		
AEME												
Armourerx				1					1			
AAPS												
Postal Duties				1					1			
AACC												
Caterer		1					1					
Cooks				5	5				6	1		
AAPC												
Pay Clerks				1	1				1			NR
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>-</b>	

*[Signature]*  
 Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch



1. OPERATIONS - Nil.

2. VISITORS - Brig J. Field DSO visited the 25 Aust Inf Bn on 24 Feb and inspected the unit assault course and the improvements to the bivouac area.

3. Officers - (a) Capt T. W. Mathison visited 3 Aust Div Jungle Trg School on 19 Feb and witnessed an attack exercise.  
(b) Capt F. J. O'Neill departed on 22 Feb and is attached for one month's trial to 2/1 Aust (Mv) and Tpt Gp.  
(c) Maj R. Weppner (Actg Comd) and Lt B. C. Waring (Actg Adj) attended a conference on trg at HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde on 22 Feb.  
(d) Lt E. L. Schlyder was admitted to hospital on 24 Feb.

4. Leave Drafts - The following drafts returned from home leave during the week -

- (a) Lt R. D. K. Jefferies, Lt D. H. F. Marilton, Lt F. J. Phillips, and 12 OR on 19 Feb.
- (b) Capt R. G. White and 2 OR on 22 Feb.
- (c) Lt T. D. Baker and 56 OR on 23 Feb.
- (d) Lt B. C. Waring on 25 Feb.

5. Unit Postings - (a) Lt B. C. Waring (Sig Co) was posted Acting Adj on 22 Feb on the departure of Capt F. J. O'Neill.

(b) Capt R. G. White resumed duty as Adj on 23 Feb.

6. Instras 3 Aust Div Jungle Trg School - (a) Lt S. D. Steele MM and one OR returned on 19 Feb from duty as instras at 3 Aust Div Jungle Trg School. Lt F. V. Hill and one OR reported to the school on 20 Feb for duty as instras.

(b) The mortar det 1/c Sgt Cunningham, which took part in an attack exercise at 3 Aust Div Jungle Trg School, returned to the unit on 19 Feb.

7. PATROLS - Nil.

8. RECONNAISSANCE - Nil.

9. Unit Works - (a) The unit assault course (map ref GORDONVALE 1 in to 1 ml 488365) was made available for trg from 21 Feb. The course is still incomplete, work being held up owing to lack of wire for river hazards.

(b) Work on the camp drainage scheme was continued during the week.

10. The following working parties were supplied by 25 Aust Inf Bn during the week -

- (a) 2 OR picketing 11 Aust Bd Amb old area until 23 Feb.
- (b) 3 OR picketing 8 Aust Inf Bde area for whole week.
- (c) 1 NCO and 6 OR daily to Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde, and an additional party of 1 NCO and 6 OR on 25 Feb.
- (d) 2 OR to LRG Officers' Pre-selection Board for whole week.
- (e) 2 OR to 3 Aust Div Jungle Trg School for whole week.

EXERCISES

11. Owing to the continued demand for working parties only small numbers attended trg parades during the previous week; therefore the syllabus was again repeated, with some alteration. There were improved attendances on trg parades on the last three days due to the return of 70 OR from home leave. There was one day's organized sport during the week.

12. Training - (a) Sections were exercised in jungle patrolling, incl patrol reports, in the BARRON RIVER area EAST of unit lines.



(b) Each Coy carried out a half-day exercise in the preparation and conduct of a perimeter def which incl practice in the setting and recording of grenade booby traps.

(c) A lecture on ambushes was followed by a demonstration of grenade booby traps, and a later period during the week was given to practice in the setting of booby traps with the 36M grenade.

(d) Rifle coys received instrn on 3 in mortar and MMG from HQ Coy instrs.

(e) The part completion of the unit assault course enabled its use by all coys in the week's trg.

13. HQ Coy Specialist trg. - Wood (Pk A) Fl held a sub-calibre shoot on the 30 yds range on 24 Feb.

14. Lectures and discussions. (a) Trg incl lectures on the following subjects: Track-going Maps, map references and orientation, Compass and Protractor, and The War Situation. (b) Each Coy held a CA discussion.

15. Training Films. - "Shoot to Kill" and "Platoon Flanking Attack" were shown to all ranks on 19 Feb. Discussions on these films were held during the week. (a) Lt R. D. Steele (a) (b) On 21 Feb the first two of a series of seven films entitled "Why We Fight" were shown; the second two were shown on 24 Feb.

16. Instrn of Offrs. - Lectures to offrs were given daily from 1400 to 1530 hrs by Maj R. Weppner (Adm Comd) and offrs and specialist pls of HQ Coy. A lecture by Maj Weppner on the preparation of a cloth model will be followed next week by practice in the preparation of a set model.

17. NCOs' Course. - The unit NCOs' course conducted by Lt F. V. Hill finished on 19 Feb. The third course, conducted by Lt B. D. Steele, commenced on 21 Feb.

18. Communications. - The unit NCOs' course conducted by Lt F. V. Hill finished on 19 Feb. The third course, conducted by Lt B. D. Steele, commenced on 21 Feb. Communications between Bde and Bn and within the unit were maintained satisfactorily during the week.

MAPPING

19. A member of the Int Sec spent one day in trg area "B" with the Bde Int Sec mapping tracks in the area (ref map GORDONVALE 1 in to 1 ml, squares 5248, 5348, and 5349).

20. Unit Works. - (a) The unit assault course (map ref GORDONVALE 1 in to 1 ml, squares 5248, 5348, and 5349) was completed for the first time on 21 Feb. MORALE - Good.

21. RUMOURS AFFECTING MORALE. - Lack of wire in the area. (a) The course is still incomplete, work being held up owing to lack of wire. (b) Work on the camp drainage scheme was continued during the week.

*[Signature]*  
Maj R. Weppner

*[Signature]*  
Lt B. D. Steele

Adm Comd 25 Aust Inf Bn. for IO 25 Aust Inf Bn. on ARL

10. The following working parties were supplied to the Bde on 25 Feb: (a) 1 Coy, 2 Coy, 3 Coy, 4 Coy, 5 Coy, 6 Coy, 7 Coy, 8 Coy, 9 Coy, 10 Coy, 11 Coy, 12 Coy, 13 Coy, 14 Coy, 15 Coy, 16 Coy, 17 Coy, 18 Coy, 19 Coy, 20 Coy, 21 Coy, 22 Coy, 23 Coy, 24 Coy, 25 Coy, 26 Coy, 27 Coy, 28 Coy, 29 Coy, 30 Coy, 31 Coy, 32 Coy, 33 Coy, 34 Coy, 35 Coy, 36 Coy, 37 Coy, 38 Coy, 39 Coy, 40 Coy, 41 Coy, 42 Coy, 43 Coy, 44 Coy, 45 Coy, 46 Coy, 47 Coy, 48 Coy, 49 Coy, 50 Coy, 51 Coy, 52 Coy, 53 Coy, 54 Coy, 55 Coy, 56 Coy, 57 Coy, 58 Coy, 59 Coy, 60 Coy, 61 Coy, 62 Coy, 63 Coy, 64 Coy, 65 Coy, 66 Coy, 67 Coy, 68 Coy, 69 Coy, 70 Coy, 71 Coy, 72 Coy, 73 Coy, 74 Coy, 75 Coy, 76 Coy, 77 Coy, 78 Coy, 79 Coy, 80 Coy, 81 Coy, 82 Coy, 83 Coy, 84 Coy, 85 Coy, 86 Coy, 87 Coy, 88 Coy, 89 Coy, 90 Coy, 91 Coy, 92 Coy, 93 Coy, 94 Coy, 95 Coy, 96 Coy, 97 Coy, 98 Coy, 99 Coy, 100 Coy.

11. Training. - (a) Sections were organized in jungle patrolling. (b) Patrol reports in the GORDONVALE area were submitted.



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25 AUST INF BN TRAINING SYLLABUS

28 FEB 44 - 4 MAR 44.

1. Trg for this week will be recapitulation of previous weeks subjects.
2. Coy Comds may vary syllabus and select <sup>subjects</sup> / most needed by their respective coys. variations will be notified to the Adjt either daily in adv or for the week in adv.
3. Duty coys will continue in present rotation, i.e. :-

Mounting Retreat.

A Coy	25 Feb 44.
B "	26 Feb 44.
C "	27 Feb 44.
D "	28 Feb 44.
HQ "	29 Feb 44.
A "	1 Mar 44.
B "	2 Mar 44.
C "	3 Mar 44.
D "	4 Mar 44.

Trg periods for offrs will be Mon, Wed and Fri as follows :-

Mon 28 Feb 44	Air photography (pts important to Inf offrs)	Capt B.T. Ryan
Wed 1 Mar 44	Appreciations (cloth Medal)	Maj R. Weppner
Fri 3 Mar 44	Iss ue of orders (demonstrating right and wrong methods)	Maj R. Weppner

6. Lieut S.D. Steele will arrange for course for NCOs cadre.

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28 Feb 44.

MAJ R. WEPPNER

ADM COMD 25 AUST INF BN

56. DUTIES.

<u>Bn Duties</u>	:	Mounting Retreat	28 Feb 44	D Coy
"	"	"	29 Feb 44	HQ "
"	"	"	1 Mar 44	A "
"	"	"	2 Mar 44	B "
"	"	"	3 Mar 44	C "
"	"	"	4 Mar 44	D "
"	"	"	5 Mar 44	HQ "

57. INCLUSION OF CENSORABLE MATTER IN CORRESPONDENCE.

It is considered an offence under the Defence Act section 73A to include any correspondence other than in the course of official duty any Naval, Military or Air Force information or any censorable matter classified as such under current field censorship instructions.

The submission of censorable matter in correspondence to a franking officer to use his discretion as to whether it is censorable or NOT does NOT relieve the writer of the liability of being charged under the above section of the Defence Act.

58. OFFICIAL ADDRESSES.

Attention is drawn to GRO 174/42 and LHQ Field censorship instruction No.4 section 29.

Censorship has revealed that military personnel are arranging for money to be telegraphed to them at civil post offices in the area, thus revealing the location of the unit.

Personnel desiring money forwarded to them by civilians have available Aust Army pay Corps facilities for this purpose.

59. DISCIPLINE : POWERS OF A CO AND COY COMD.

1. Attention is drawn to recent amendments to AMR & O 418 and 423.
2. A CO may now reduce a substantive corporal to the ranks, by way of punishment of an offence.
3. Before making such award, the CO must give the accused the right to elect to be tried by court martial.
4. The punishment may be awarded conjointly with an award of deduction of pay to make good loss etc not exceeding £5, but not with any other punishment.
5. A Coy Comd may now impose a fine up to £3 for drunkenness on a private soldier. The scale of fines for drunkenness in AMR & O 444 does not now apply to troops on active service.
6. This punishment can only be awarded separately and not conjointly with any other punishment. If therefore, the soldier is charged and found guilty of any other offense, in addition to drunkenness, the fine cannot be imposed.

60. DISCIPLINE.

1. Soldiers who have been released from imprisonment, detention or field punishment, under a suspended sentence, are virtually under a bond to be on good behaviour, so long as the sentence remains suspended. Although suspended sentences are reconsidered by the appropriate authority formation etc Comd every three months, there is no limit to the time a sentence may remain suspended ; and the suspension may be revoked and the soldier recommitted to serve the balance of the sentence, at any time before the balance of the sentence has been remitted by the formation etc Comd.

Soldiers released under suspended sentence should realise that any misconduct on their part will be reported to the formation etc Comd, and, as a result, they may be recommitted to serve the balance of the sentence.

(OVER)



2. When a soldier under a suspended sentence commits a further offense, the CO of the soldier should immediately inform the Formation etc Comd, and forward him a copy of the soldier's conduct sheet, together with a comprehensive report of the soldier's conduct, and the recommendation regarding the suspended sentence.

3. If the conduct of a soldier under a suspended sentence warrants it, whether or not an offence has been committed, the CO may commit the soldier into military custody, pending reconsideration of the suspension by the Formation etc Comd.

When a soldier is so committed, the CO will forward to the Formation etc Comd, the information referred to in para 2 hereof.

In any such case, if the suspension is subsequently revoked, the balance of the suspended sentence will begin to run from the day on which the soldier was recommitted into custody by the CO (AMR & § 594 (c)).

4. Attention is directed to the action to be taken by COs on review of suspended sentences, at the end of three months after the date of release of a soldier upon suspension of his sentence. (GRO 444/43 para h).

**61. PAY, PAYBOOKS ETC.**

1. All paybooks should show, on page 1, the date of last disembarkation from NEW GUINEA. Paybooks not thus endorsed should be handed to Coy Orderly Rooms for attention of pay Sgt.

2. Deferred pay of members who embarked for MILNE BAY without 6 months previous continuous service commenced on and from the date of embarkation from Australia. As these dates have been promulgated in Routine orders Part II, members affected should see pay Sgt immediately.

3. Members should see that all pages of paybooks are secure. The loss of these pages may have the same effect as the loss of the paybook itself - withholding of any credits due for a period of three (3) months.

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**NOTICES.**

**LOST** : At No. 2 Theatre on Thursday night 24 Feb 44, after screening of educational film - one K.F. hat with puggaree and unit colour patch. Finder, please return to Bn HQ.

**FOUND** : Pages 11 to 14 of a paybook which appear to belong to a paybook of a member of the old E(MG) Coy. Held at pay office.