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42 Infantry Battalion
November - December 1943

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	1	0800	Strength 27 Offrs 292 O/R's. Attached 3 Offrs 47 O/R's.	AB
			Sitre po Sitnor	AB
		0835	Patrol No 27 moved out from A Coy at 0830 hrs.	AB
		0842	Patrol No. 29 left MISONI 0830 hrs to investigate new track vic KWUPSANIK @ Patrol strength 1 Off 3 O/R's.	SEE PATROL REPORT AB
			P.I.B. under comd 42 BN were accused of interfering with the 24 BN carrier train by taking away their natives. It appears that the only natives taken by P.I.B. were those who throughout the LAE-SALAMAU campaign showed strong Japanese sympathies. Four "boys" were taken on information given by local TULTUL (Chief of village).	AB
		1325	Native carrier train operating with this BN ⁽⁴²⁾ numbered 230.	AB
		1335	WARNING ORDER sent to 9/C "C" Coy @ No further supplies to KENTEN @ Activities will be ordered to ensure that Coy is	AB

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LAE			withdrawn when supplies are exhausted reserving sufficient supplies to maintain Coy until arrival former Coy area. Probable date of commencement withdrawal will be signalled this HQ by 2000 hrs L/2.	B
		1400	Patrol No 29 reported in. and at 1300 hrs patrol No 24 reported in "A" Coy.	B
			W.D. J. LATIMER R. H.E.E. and 22 O/S marched in from X List. LATIMER takes over duties R.S.M.	B
	2	0600	Strength: 27 Offrs 391 O/S. Attached 3 Offrs 47 O/S.	B
		0700	Sitrepo Sitnor.	B
		1300	B.M. arrived Bn H.Q.	B
		1310	Major GREGORY (L.D. 5 Div) and Capt HOOPER (A & Q Learner 5 Div) visited Bn area.	B
		1900	7 PI reported in GAWAN 1515 L/2 after repairing track GAWAN-KWUPSAVEK.	B

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	3	0600	Strength: 27 Offrs 390 O/R's. Attached 3 Offrs 47 O/R's.	AB
		0700	Sitrep- Sitnor.	AB
		0845	8 Pl left for MUSOM for MILALUGAN to guard ration dump being formed there.	AB
		1230	Patrol No. 22 reported MUSOM.	AB
	4	0600	Strength: 27 Offrs 407 O/R's. Attached 1 Offr 24 O/R's.	AB
		0700	Sitrep to 0700 L/4. Our patrols report the NIMBA TUENB valleys eastwards to N/S. line BUNGALUMBA clear of enemy. No. of enemy dead and graves 42. Enemy killed by P.I.B. whilst under command this H.Q. 8.	AB
		0900	2/L (Maj Carstairs) left for MILALUGAN.	AB
	5	0600	Strength: 27 Offrs 410 O/R's. Attach. 10 Offr 25 O/R's.	AB
	6	0600	Strength: 30 Offrs 408 O/R's. Attach 10 Offr 25 O/R's.	AB
		1940	"C" Coy advised that 22 "boys" will report "C" Coy for	AB

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			purpose carrying Coy 9 east to new area.	
			Capt F.R.M. GREER, Lieut J. COLLIER & J.W.L. RAMINI rejoined unit from hospital.	B
		1530	Posted strength unit 33 & 454. Embarked A.I.F. Bn H.R. 7 & 17. No Coy 5 & 84. A Coy 7 & 12. B Coy 4 & 22. C Coy 4 & 2. D Coy 6 & 20. Total 33 & 157. Attached 10 Offr & 18 O/R's.	B
		2035	C Coy advised defer mvt for one day.	B
	7	0600	Strength: 30 Offr 394 O/R's. Attach. 1 Offr 25 O/R's.	B
		0820	C Coy reported lightnings intercepted Jap planes over KEMEN. Two enemy planes seen brought down.	B
		0852	Raid on NADZAB arome by 12 bombers. 3 fighters later struffed. 1 P39 destroyed 12 damaged.	B
		0940	Two members Wg Sec left for Mulsom to take up Wg duties with A Coy.	B

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	8	0600	Strength 30 Offrs 405 O/R's. Attach 10 Offr 250 O/R's.	B
		1200	Bde comd (Brig Hammer) & Bn (Capt Strom) arrived Bn HQ	B BORNA 1 INCH to
		1355	Coy reported crashed M/C approx posns #548744 + 536755.	1 MILE. B
		1530	1 Offr (Capt Jenks) and 30 O/R's ordered to concentrate "Bech area to proceed to 5 Aust Div Reception to go to AUSTRALIA on leave. This was the first leave granted unit since arrival in N.G. in Jan. 43	B
		1545	Maj Gregory (Lt. 5 Aust Div) arrived Bn HQ area.	B
		1800	Malaria evacuation figures for week ending 5 Nov 4. Bde rate of evacuation 9 per 1000.	B
		1110	5 Aust Div asks arrangements be made Capt J. CONDIE report to that H.Q. for temporary duty.	
			Order from 5 Div states too much petrol being used	B JP

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			In LAE area, BN advised BDE minimum requirements	
			60 gals per week.	AB
	9	0600	Strength: 30 Offrs 400 O/R's. Attached 10ff	
			25 O/R's.	AB
		0900	C.O. Maj Gregory, Capt Greer moved out from	
			BN HQ for "A" Coy with Padre BALE.	AB
		1110	Sounds of air battle over head. Enemy plane seen	
			diving to North of area.	AB
		1210	C.O. and party arrived GAWAN.	AB
		1330	C.O. and party arrived MISONI.	AB
		1700	C Coy on move back to BN HQ area arrived	
			MISONI.	AB
	10	0600	Strength 30 Offrs 395 O/R's. Attached 10ff 25 O/R's.	AB
		1130	C.O. & 2/3 return BN HQ. with Capt CONNIE.	AB

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		1225	5 Aust Div advised Capt J.F. CONDIE'S ETA 1000/12.	LB
		1305	C Coy arrived Bn HQ area.	LB
		1500	C.O. 2 1/2 left to rece. sight Beck for Bn. CO intended returning next day leaving Maj CURSTAIRS to prepare sight for arrival Bn.	LB
	11	0600	Strength: 29 offrs 382 O/R's Attached 3 offrs 40 O/R's	LB
		0700	During the night 10/11 Nov. heavy rains caused a flooding of the BUSU R. The new bridge over the BUSU washed away and communications between Beck & Bn HQ were dislocated. C.O. & 2 1/2 were on Beck side of river and unable to return to Bn HQ.	See Appx "J"
			C.O. was concerned to hear whether his hut had been washed away and was relieved to hear it was O.K.	LB

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	12	0600	Strength 29 Offrs 382 O/R's. Attach. 30 Offrs 42 O/R's.	AB
		1815	Earth tremor 5 seconds duration.	AB
	13	0600	Strength: 29 Offrs 413 O/R's. Attached 30 Offrs 42 O/R's.	AB
		0800	Fwd coys patrolling. Training other coys.	AB
	14	0600	Strength: 29 Offrs 416 O/R's. Attached 4 Offrs 42 O/R's.	AB
	15	0600	Strength: 29 Offrs 413 O/R's Attach. 4 Offrs 52 O/R's.	AB
		1400	I.O. (Lieut R. Burton) AC "C" Coy moved to B	AB
			echelon to be prepared to move with Bde recce	
			party to SINGHUA PLANTATION.	AB
			Bn malaria figures for week ended 12 Nov. - 8.	AB
	16	0600	Strength 27 Offrs 411 O/R's. Attach. 4 Offrs 52 O/R's.	AB
		0830	B Coy moved out for MISONI.	AB
		0900	D Coy moved to posn 699496	Ref Map MISONI 25000
		1000	Bn HQ closed moved to 699498	"

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	17	0600	Strength: 27 offrs 411 O/s. Attach 4 offrs 52 O/s.	AB
		0830	A Coy left NUSOM to move to 700501.	AB
		1100	C Coy in posn 700500.	AB
		1800	Coy comds conference Bn HQ. to discuss Bde Op Instr re DEFENCE OF LAE.	AB
	18	0600	Strength: 28 offrs 414 O/s. Attach. 4 offrs 43 O/s.	AB
		0700	Bde recce party to SINGUM PLANTATION. Bn party comprised C.O. 2/c E Coy C Coy I.O.	See Bde role. AB DEFENCE OF LAE.
		1830	Recce party returns.	AB
	19	0600	Strength: 27 offrs 432 O/s. Attach 30 offrs 44 O/s.	AB
			Natives were engaged in hut building for the Bn. Camp site. NCO cadre was conducted with Lieut Johnston C.I.	
		1600	Bn made a free issue of caribeen goods from regimental funds.	AB

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		1600	B Coy less one pl ordered to return to Bech area by 21 Nov.	<i>B</i>
		1655	2/c discusses lig with Coy comds & RSM.	<i>B</i>
	20	0600	Strength: 27 oftrs 432 O/R's. Attach. 1 oftr 32 O/R's.	<i>B</i>
		0800	Recce party under comd 2/c recce LAE wharf area	See Bde policy Defence
			Nty Luramin mouth BUSU Rg and track through	OF LAE.
			MILAPANG DRONE. Coy comds & I.O. comprise party.	<i>B</i>
		1730	Recce party returned.	<i>B</i>
	21	0600	Strength: 27 oftrs 433 O/R's.	<i>B</i>
			Training continues.	<i>B</i>
	22	0600	Strength: 27 oftrs 431 O/R's. Attach. 1 oftr 32 O/R's.	
			"D" Coy suffered outbreak diarrhoea. Reason for outbreak not established.	<i>B</i>
			Bn received several issues fresh meat since arrival.	<i>B</i>

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			<i>new area.</i>	
			<i>GARY COOPER & UNQ MERKEL visited LRE 21 Nov. Bn advised</i>	
			<i>could attend, but having to work to MALAHANG</i>	
			<i>STRIP AREA for entertainment deferred for from</i>	
			<i>attending.</i>	<i>AB</i>
		<i>1230</i>	<i>8 Coy less 10 pl arrived Bn area from Muroa.</i>	
			<i>Bn malaria figures for week ending 19 Nov. - 4.</i>	<i>AB</i>
		<i>1750</i>	<i>Malaria committee met.</i>	<i>AB</i>
	<i>23</i>	<i>0600</i>	<i>Strength 27 Offrs 431 O/R's. Attached 2 offrs 32 O/R's.</i>	<i>AB</i>
		<i>1700</i>	<i>CO. left for Bde HQ to spend night. Brig R.F. Monaghan</i>	
			<i>returned to Bde HQ after absence in Australia and hosp</i>	
			<i>in Port MORESBY.</i>	<i>AB</i>
	<i>24</i>	<i>0600</i>	<i>Strength: 27 Offrs 431 O/R's. Attach. 2 offrs 32 O/R's.</i>	<i>AB</i>
		<i>1230</i>	<i>CO. returned from Bde HQ.</i>	<i>AB</i>

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		<i>2045</i>	<i>Bde advise one pl 42 Bn will relieve 15pl 47 Bn</i>	<i>See 29 BOE OP INSTN</i>
			<i>NOPOI. FRI 26 Nov.</i>	<i>No. 39.</i>
	<i>25</i>	<i>0600</i>	<i>Strength 27 Offrs 432 O/R's. Mch 2 offrs 320 O/R's.</i>	
		<i>1100</i>	<i>Bde Comd addressed available offrs & N.C.O's. Congratulated Bn on part it played in LAE-SALAMAU campaign and explained leave policy for NG tps. Stated Bde was held in high esteem and would see more action in near future.</i>	
		<i>1200</i>	<i>"D" Coy ordered to send pl for relief 47 Bn pl at NOPOI.</i>	
		<i>1400</i>	<i>Lecture delivered to "D" Coy by A.E. Offr.</i>	
		<i>1540</i>	<i>C.O. left Bn to proceed to AUSTRALIA on leave</i>	
		<i>1900</i>	<i>A.B.C. broadcast that Capt R.B. COLE had been awarded M.C. & Cpl F.S. DEAL the M.M.</i>	

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	26	0600	Strength 27 offrs 428 O/R's. Attach 2 offrs 32 O/R's.	XB
		0700	16 pl D Coy 10 offr 29 O/R's moved out for HOPOL.	XB
		0900	Warning order. 42 & 47 Bns will exchange locations & roles Noj before 0800 hrs 1 Dec. Basis exchange walk in walk out. Recce to be completed by 231000 L.	XB
		1130	Coy's advised that practice stand to's cancelled. Future rehearsals for alarm will be ordered by Bde HQ.	XB
	27	0600	Strength: 26 offrs 431 O/R's. Attach. 2 offrs 32 O/R's.	XB
		0900	Lieut Harvey, Sig Offr, QM, left to recce 47 Bn area.	XB
		1030	Maj. A.W. Mackay rejoined unit from duties as DAQM6.	XB
			(L) 5 Aust Div. Maj. Mackay will act as P/2 1/2 unit	XB
		1100	Inspection party from 47 Bn visit bn area.	XB
		1200	Offrs returned from Photo Interpretation School at Bde HQ.	XB
		1400	Conference offrs to discuss Manning charts & cook posn.	XB

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LME		1400	Capt JF Franny left for 5 Aust Div for duties as DAAG (earner).	DB
	28	0700	Strength: 28 Offrs 436 O/R's. Attach. 2 Offrs 31 O/R's.	DB
	29	0700	Strength: 28 Offrs 431 O/R's. Attach. 2 Offrs 30 O/R's.	DB
		1100	FSS personnel deliver lecture to NCO's.	
			At 0800 Lieut L.W. Byrne + 25 O/R's left for Salamau.	See Op. Order.
			(17418 pls D" Coy made composite pl)	DB
	30	0700	Strength: 26 Offrs 431 O/R's Attached 2 Offrs 34 O/R's.	DB
		1000	BOE Comd visited Bn area. Bn parade was held at which citations were read and ribbons were presented to Capt R.B. Cole + Cpl F.S. DEAL for NIC + M.M. respectively.	DB
		1230	WARNING ORDER to All Coys, Q.M. R.S.M. - Bn will relieve 4th Aust Inf Bn. "C" Coy will move independently to Reception Camp for duty as working party. Reveille 0630 hrs.	
			Start time 0830 hrs 1 Dec 43.	DB

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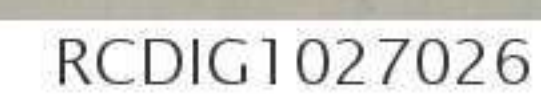
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			APPX "A" - OVERLAY PATROL ACTIVITIES	
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			" " "C" - ADMA INSTN No. 1.	
			" " "D" - OPERATION INSTN No. 3.	
			" " "E" - W 3008	
			" " "F" - POSTING OF OFFERS.	
			" " "G" - PATROL REPORTS.	
			" " "H" - LOCATION STATEMENTS	
			" " "I" - OPERATION INSTNS Nos 1 & 2	
			" " "J" - THE CROSSING OF THE BUSU.	
			<i>James D. Houston</i> Major ADMA COMD 42 PLUST INF BN.	

OVERLAY 42 AUST. INF. BN. PATROL ROUTES
SHOWING AREA COVERED BY PATROLS DURING PERIOD 17 OCT. - 3 DEC.



SYLLABUS RIFLE COYS

Day 1

1. 0830 - 0910 - C.S.M. parade - Close order drill.
2. 0915 - 0955 - Section Contact drill - Lecture Pl Comds.
3. 1000 - 1040 - (Contact drill - Practice Sections,
4. 1055 - 1135 - (concentrating on sec. leaders in following
5. 1140 - 1220 - (situations - Sniper, wood pecker, ambush,
6. 1400 - 1440 - (enemy patrol encounter, enemy defended
7. 1445 - 1525 - (locality.
8. 1530 - 1610 - General discussion conducted by Pl Comds.
9. 1615 - 1630 - P.T.

Day 2

1. 0830 - 0910 - C.S.M.'s parade - Close order drill etc.
2. 0915 - 0955 - Section Ambush - Lecture & discussion.
- 1000 - 1220 - (ambush - practice sections in both deliberate and
- 1400 - 1525 - (immediate ambush. Run it as an inter sec
- (competition. Include countermeasures.
- 1530 - 1610 - General discussion conducted by Pl Comds.
- 1615 - 1630 - P.T.

Day 3

Range practices - Rifle, Bren Gun.

Day 4

- 0830 - 0910 - C.S.M.'s Parade.
- 0915 - 0955 - Problems likely to be met by sec out on patrol.
- Methods of gaining info. Valuation to place on
- info gained. Lecture Coy Comd.
- 1200 - 1220 - (Practice to be conducted by Pl Comd in form of
- 1400 - 1525 - (Tutorial exercises. The Pl Comd. to select suitable
- ground, halt his pl. Inform them that each individual
- (is to place himself in the position of (1) leading
- (scout (2) second scout (3) sec leader etc according
- (to the problem and then question individuals. Select
- (a good plan in case of sec problems and appoint its
- (author to lead the patrol and put it into practice.
- 1630 - 1610 - General discussion conducted by Pl Comd.
- 1615 - 1630 - P.T.

Day 5

- 0830 - 0910 - Lecture Booby Traps.
- 0915 - 1220 - Setting and concealing Booby Traps.
- 1400 - 1630 - Make and Mend.

WORKING PARTIES

1. A large supply base is being established at LAE and the handling of stores arriving in this area at the present time is beyond the capacity of the staffs at the various installations. It has been necessary to call on Infantry working parties to cope with this extra work and enable the base to be built up quickly.
2. To ensure that all tasks allotted by Bde are carried out efficiently and in a manner that will reflect credit on the working parties and the Bn the following instructions have been prepared and will be strictly adhered to by all Officers and NCOs in charge of working parties:-

(i) OCs working parties will obtain personally from the Adjt full particulars of the task to be performed as outlined below:-

Unit demanding working party:
 Rendezvous (map reference or some easily recognisable landmark):
 Time of reporting:
 Duration of task:
 Nature of task:
 Officer or NCO in charge of the work:
 Transport & No. of vehicles and time and place of reporting for forward and return journeys:
 Mess arrangements.

(ii) OC party will contact the Adjt by phone without delay, in the event of arrangements outlined in para 2 (i) miscarrying, report the matter, and await directions.

3. Discipline and Bearing: (a) All personnel will be dressed correctly
 (b) The senior NCO will form up the working party and hand over to the OC who will explain the nature and duration of the task.
 (c) The party will march off as a formed body and correct embussing and debussing will be carried out.
 (d) On arrival at the location of the task the party will be formed up, standing at ease, while the OC reports to the Officer in charge of the work.
 (e) OC working party will then if necessary detail personnel into gangs, appointing an OC for each gang, and place the gangs on the different jobs.
 (f) OC working party will keep in contact with the OC of the work and shortly before the finishing time advise that officer that he will be leaving the job. This is essential particularly in the case of shift work.

4. A brief report on the work carried out will be submitted to the Adj within 12 hours of the completion of the task.
5. It must be borne in mind that work other than that laid down in the original instruction may be carried out as required by the Officer in charge of the work.

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H. H. H. H.
 Adjt 42 Aust Inf Bn

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28 NOV 43

42 AUST INF BN OPERATION INSTRUCTION No 3

INFORMATION

1. (a) RADAR is being installed in the SALAMAUA area.
- (b) ENEMY submarines are known to be operating in HUON GULF and the possibility of raids on installations is ever present.
- (c) One Pl 47 Aust Inf Bn is at present providing protection for RADAR SALAMAUA.

INTENTION

2. One Pl 42 Aust Inf Bn - strength 26 all ranks including medical orderly will relieve Pl 47 Aust Inf Bn at SALAMAUA L29.

TASK

3. O.C. Protective detachment will:
 - (a) Plan and construct defences for protection of RADAR from organised enemy attack.
 - (b) Maintain such sentries as are considered necessary to guard against surprise.
 - (c) Employ frequent recce patrols to cover possible lines of ENEMY approach to SALAMAUA.

COMMAND

4. In emergency O.C. Protective detachment will assume command of all Air Force personnel for defensive action and plan for their inclusion in defence scheme of installations vide para 3 (a).
5. Except in emergency he will not interfere with Air Force personnel in the performance of their normal duties.

ADMINISTRATION

6. RMO will supply one medical orderly and necessary equipment.
7. Movement (a) QM will arrange movement by M.T. departing present area 0800hrs L29.
(b) Pl will embark on AM45 LAE WHARF 291000L.
8. Maintenance Ex LAE by AM45 monday of each week.
9. Tools Proportion of Coy tools will be carried.

TRAINING

10. Pl Comd will carry out training, submitting a report on training weekly.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

11. Communication with 5 Aust Div will be kept to a minimum. When necessary messages will be passed through RADAR channels to 18 FIGHTER SUB-SECTOR LAE for relay to 5 Aust Div.

12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Time of Signature hrs.
Distribution by: Runner

R B Cole
Capt
Adj 42 Aust Inf Bn

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APPX . " E "

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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67.....(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6/11/1943 42nd Anti-Aircraft Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/1202 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 739 + 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			
NIL.	3	1	1	Lieut.-Colonels	ANMC.	1						
			4	Majors								
			5	Captains								
			22	Lieutenants								
			1	Quarter-masters								
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.								
	Civilians Counting as Offrs.											
	3	4	33			1						
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).	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.		34									34
	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.
DX907	Capt	Green JRM	42 Anti-Air Bn	5 Nov 43	Rel'd from Hospital
RX45073	Adjutant	Ramm JWL	do	5 Nov 43	do
VAS760	Lieut	Collins JA	do	5 Nov 43	do.

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).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 / 11 / 1943. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt (3/10/43)	4X33852	Baylison	W	W	Yes		
Major	4X34022	Crosswell	CA	Adjutant	Yes		
	VX5423	Constantin J de	Wile	2nd	Yes		
Cpl (2/10/43)	4X40610	Musker	W	of C Coy	No	5 Aust Div	15-10-43.
	4X33854	Reynolds	JB	of H Coy	Yes		
Capt	4X40809	Thomson	JB	of A Coy	Yes		
	4X34023	Cole	RB	Adjutant	Yes		
	4X33853	Condie	J	QM	Yes		
	4X42360	Smiley	AG	2nd B Coy	Yes		
	4X40807	Jones	AE	of D Coy	Yes		
	4X907	Evans	RM	of B Coy	Yes		
Lt	4X34025	Freund	GC	2nd A Coy	Yes		
	4X53505	Anderson	MA	2nd C Coy	Yes		
	4X40838	Wright	J	of 7 Pl	Yes		
	4X53506	McLaughlin	ER	TO	Yes		
(P)	4X33856	Joyce	SA	of 15 Pl	No	29 Aust Inf Bde	
	4X34027	Richmond	LJ	of 13 Pl	Yes		
	4X40804	Hammerton	AL	of 1 Pl	Yes		
	4X43158	Winter	RH	of 14 Pl	Yes		
	4X44168	Harvey	CV	of 3 Pl	Yes		
	VX54197	Garland	PJ	2nd D Coy	Yes		
	NX6X125	Butcher	WGC	of 2 Pl	Yes		
	4X51619	Althamer	PL	of 16 Pl	Yes		
	4X51119	Birch	FS	of 5 Pl	No	29 Aust Inf Bde	28-10-43.
	NX164421	Courtney	DL	of 4 Pl	Yes		
	4X2317	Price	DR	of 5 Pl	Yes		
	4X44164	Harvey	CS	of 15 Pl	Yes		
	4X46875	Johnston	RW	of 9 Pl	Yes		
	4X34030	Burton	RN	TO	Yes		
	4X4234	Byrne	LS	of 11 Pl	Yes		
	4X311	Turner	KA	of 12 Pl	Yes		
Adjutant	VX5750	Collier	JA	of 10 Pl	Yes		
	4X45073	Ransom	JWH	of 17 Pl	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	NX122978	Roberts RVW	A AMC	10/10/43	RMO.
Lt	4X45897	Thomas WJ	7th Amb	22/10/43	Rear R.A.P.

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Truth—7/43.

Comd. 42 Aust Inf Bn

Lt-Col

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
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6x / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13 / 11 / 1943 42nd Ant. Lf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12 / 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 739 + 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.			
				Lieut.-Colonels								
				Majors								
	3	1	4	Captains	AAMC	1						
		2	5	Lieutenants								
			21	Quarter-masters								
			1	A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.								
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.								
	3	3	32			1						
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).												
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.			33									33
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.
9440207	Capt	Jones A.E.	42 Ant Lf Bn	10/11/43	Leave.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
9440207	Capt	Jones A.E.	42 Ant Lf Bn	10/11/43	Leave.

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

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

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Unit

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13/11/1943. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lieut (7/15/60)	QA 13852	Davidson	Col	CO	Yes		
Major	QA 34022	Crosswell	Col	Supplementary	Yes		
	VA 5423	Christians	John	24th	Yes		
Capt (4/1/43)	QA 40810	Mackay	Col	O.C. 1st Coy	No	5 Aust Div	15-10-43
	QA 33854	Reynolds	1st	Supplementary	Yes		
Capt	QA 40509	Robinson	1st	O.C. 1st Coy	Yes		
	QA 34023	Col	RB	Adjutant	Yes		
	QA 33853	Condie	1st	O.C. 2nd Coy	Yes		
	QA 40230	Santner	1st	24th B Coy	Yes		
	QA 40807	Jones	RE	O.C. 13 Coy	No	Leave	10/11/43.
	QA 907	Grav	1st	O.C. 8 Coy	Yes		
Lieut	QA 34025	Freund	1st	24th A Coy	Yes		
	QA 53505	Anderson	1st	24th C Coy	Yes		
	QA 40638	Wright	1st	24th D Coy	Yes		
	QA 53506	McLoughlin	1st	TO	Yes		
	QA 34027	Richmond	1st	O.C. 13 Pl	Yes		
	QA 40804	Hampstead	1st	O.C. 1 Pl	Yes		
	QA 4355	Monte	1st	O.C. 14 Pl	Yes		
	QA 44168	Harvey	1st	O.C. 3 Pl	Yes		
	VA 54197	Garland	1st	O.C. 15 Pl	Yes		
	QA 4125	Buttner	1st	O.C. 5 Pl	Yes		
	QA 51619	Steinhilber	1st	O.C. 5 Pl	Yes		
	QA 509	Burch	1st	-	No	29 Aust Inf Bde	28-10-43
	VA 164421	Conitney	1st	O.C. 11 Pl	Yes		
	QA 2317	Puce	1st	O.C. 6 Pl	Yes		
	QA 44164	Harvey	1st	O.C. 16 Pl	Yes		
	QA 45575	Johnston	1st	O.C. 17 Pl	Yes		
	QA 34030	Burton	1st	1st	Yes		
	QA 4234	Byrne	1st	1st	Yes		
	WA 30	Johnson	1st	O.C. 10 Pl	Yes		
	VA 8780	Collins	1st	O.C. 9 Pl	Yes		
Officer	QA 45073	Ramm	1st	1st	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	QA 122978	Robert RVN	NAME	10/10/43	R.M.O.
Lieut	QA 45597	Thomas WJ	7th Amb	22/10/43	Ran R.A.P.

Date of Despatch

Truth—7/43.

Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

69 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26 / 11 / 1943 3. 02 Unit (Unit)

W.E. 11 12 2 OFFRS. 92 O.R's. 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 3 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.
				Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
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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.
1811132	Lieut	McBean HVB.	23/21 Am	14 Nov	Transferred to 42nd
Q1 26359	Lieut	Stimmons JG.	42nd Unit	12 Nov	Relief from Hospital

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
Q1 36359	Lieut	Stimmons JG.	1st Unit	14 Nov	for disposal
Q1 35063	Capt	London S.	5th Unit	16 Nov	for duty
Q1 44164	Lieut	Hannay G.D.		19 Nov	Transferred to Hospital
1016421	Lieut	Courtney W.L.		16 Nov	Transferred to Hospital

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).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30 / 11 / 1943. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt Col (30/11/43)	QX335112	Davidson	CD	OC	Yes		
Major	QX340112	Connors	CD	Infantry	Yes		
	VX5423	Carstairs	CD	2nd	Yes		
Cpt (12/11/43)	QX40810	MacLay	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes	5 Aust Div	15-10-43
	QX335114	Reynolds	CD	Infantry	Yes		
Capt	QX40309	Adams	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340113	John	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX335113	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes	5 Aust Div	16-11-43
	QX340110	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340111	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes	Leave	10-11-43
	QX340115	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
Lt Col	QX340116	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340117	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340118	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340119	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340120	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340121	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340122	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340123	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340124	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340125	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340126	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340127	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340128	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340129	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340130	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340131	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340132	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340133	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340134	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340135	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340136	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340137	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340138	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340139	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340140	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340141	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340142	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340143	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340144	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340145	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340146	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340147	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340148	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340149	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340150	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340151	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340152	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340153	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340154	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340155	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340156	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340157	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340158	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340159	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340160	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340161	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340162	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340163	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340164	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340165	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340166	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340167	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340168	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340169	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340170	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340171	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340172	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340173	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340174	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340175	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340176	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340177	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340178	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340179	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340180	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340181	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340182	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340183	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340184	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340185	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340186	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340187	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340188	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340189	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340190	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340191	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340192	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340193	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340194	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340195	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340196	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340197	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340198	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340199	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340200	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340201	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340202	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340203	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340204	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340205	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340206	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340207	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340208	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340209	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340210	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340211	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340212	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340213	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340214	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340215	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340216	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340217	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340218	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340219	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340220	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340221	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340222	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340223	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340224	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340225	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340226	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340227	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340228	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340229	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340230	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340231	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340232	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340233	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340234	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340235	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340236	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340237	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340238	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340239	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340240	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340241	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340242	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340243	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340244	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340245	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340246	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340247	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340248	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340249	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340250	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340251	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340252	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340253	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340254	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340255	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		
	QX340256	Condie	CD	OC 1st Coy	Yes		

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27/11/1943. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lieut (Plt Col)	QA33662	Amundson Col	Co	Yes	Yes	Leave	25/1/43
Major	QA34022	Graham Col	Co	Yes	Yes		
	VX5423	Carstairs Col	Co	Yes	Yes		
Capt (Plt Major)	QA40810	Mitchell Col	Co	Yes	Yes	5th Aust Div	15/1/43
	QA33554	Reynolds Col	Co	Yes	Yes		
Capt	QA40809	Fahmy Col	Co	Yes	Yes		
	QA34033	Cole Col	Co	Yes	Yes		
	QA33683	Condie Col	Co	Yes	Yes	5th Aust Div	16/1/43
	QA42360	Santos Col	Co	Yes	Yes		
	QA40807	Jones Col	Co	Yes	Yes	Leave	10/1/43
	DX907	Brace Col	Co	Yes	Yes		
Lieut	QA34025	Fairclough Col	Co	Yes	Yes		
	QA33505	Anderson Col	Co	Yes	Yes		
	QA40838	Wright Col	Co	Yes	Yes		
	QA33506	McIntyre Col	Co	Yes	Yes		
	QA34027	Richmond Col	Co	Yes	Yes		
	QA40804	Isomwood Col	Co	Yes	Yes		
	QA43158	Winter Col	Co	Yes	Yes		
	QA40813	Harvey Col	Co	Yes	Yes		
	VX54097	Garland Col	Co	Yes	Yes		
	QA4215	Butler Col	Co	Yes	Yes		
	QA34019	Sturges Col	Co	Yes	Yes		
	QA34019	Brick Col	Co	Yes	Yes	29 Bde	25/10/43
	QA42317	Price Col	Co	Yes	Yes		
	QA40814	Harvey Col	Co	Yes	Yes	Hospital	19/1/43
	QA408575	Johnston Col	Co	Yes	Yes		
	QA34030	Finlay Col	Co	Yes	Yes		
	QA4234	Byrne Col	Co	Yes	Yes		
	WA311	Leahy Col	Co	Yes	Yes		
	VX5750	Collins Col	Co	Yes	Yes		
Adjutant	QA408073	Ramsey Col	Co	Yes	Yes		
Lieut	VX114132	McLean Col	Co	Yes	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	WA42978	Roberts RVW	HAME	10/1/43	AMO.
Chaplain	VX117234	Eyes J J	HACD	5/6/43	Chaplain

Date of Despatch

Truth—7/43.

Signature of Commander

James D. ...
Adm

Comd. 42 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Lt Col

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27 / 11 / 1943 42nd Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12 / 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
				Lieut.-Colonels									
				Majors									
	2	1	4	Captains	AAMC	1							
			6	Lieutenants									
			20	Quartermasters									
			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.				33									33.
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.
Q133882 Lt-Col		Davidson CW	42nd Aust Inf Bn	25/11/43	Proceeding on Leave

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).

POSTING OF OFFICERS

B.H.Q.

G.O.	Lt-Col	G.W.	DAVIDSON
2 i/c	Major	J.D.	CARSTAIRS
Adj't	Capt	R.B.	COLE
I.O.	Lieut	R.N.	BURTON
	<u>Supernumerary</u>		
	Major	C.N.	CROSSWELL
	Major	J.F.	REYNOLDS
	Capt	H.	MacDONALD

H.Q. Coy

O.C.	Major	A.W.	MACKAY
No 1 Pl Sigs	Lieut	A.L.	HOMEWOOD
No 2 Pl MMGs			
No 3 Pl Mortars	Lieut	C.N.	HARVEY
No 4 Pl Tk/A			
No 5 Pl Pnr	Lieut	W.G.C.	BUTTNER
No 6 Adm Pl	Lieut	D.R.	PRICE
T.O.	Lieut	L.K.	McLAUGHLIN

A Coy

O.C.	Capt	J.F.	FRANEY
2 i/c	Lieut	G.C.	FRIEND
7 Pl			
8 Pl	Lieut	P.E.	STEINHEUER
9 Pl	Lieut	J.A.	COLLIER

B Coy

O.C.	Capt	F.R.M.	GREER
2 i/c	Capt	A.G.	GANTER
10 Pl	Lieut	R.A.	TURNER
11 Pl	Lieut	D.A.	COURTNEY
12 Pl	Lieut	D.F.	HUTTON (hospital)

C Coy

O.C.	Capt	J.	CONDIE
2 i/c	Lieut	M.A.	ANDERSEN
13 Pl	Lieut	L.T.	RICHMOND
14 Pl	Lieut	R.B.	WINTER
15 Pl	Lieut	S.W.	EDWARDS (hospital)

1 st Reinforcements
Lieut J.W.L. RAMM

D Coy

O.C.	Capt	A.E.	JENKS
2 i/c	Lieut	J.W.	WEIGHT
16 Pl	Lieut	G.S.	HARVEY
17 Pl	Lieut	R.W.	JOHNSTONE
18 Pl	Lieut	B.J.	GARLAND

1 st Reinforcements
Lieut L.W. BYRNE

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B Coy
C Coy
D Coy

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE TRACK TO AND FROM
VILLAGE OF SAMANZING.

1. TRAVELLING TIME:- BUNGALUMBA - SAMANZING - 2 hours
RETURN - 1 1/2 hours
2. TRACK:- Govt bench track in good repair, crosses MELAMBI RIVER by bridge approx 766686 thence climbs to estimated 6500 feet and passes over saddle 780657. SAMANZING is 15 minutes down slope towards SANKWEP Valley.
3. ENEMY:- Natives state 6 Japs passed through some time ago. In hurry, carried only immediate requirements but obtained food.
4. GENERAL:- Natives confirm report of track from SAMANZING via BREMAN, TIMBIA to LAE. They state it is one day to BREMAN, on top of range, one day down to TIMBIA, 1/2 day to NARMBIS on coast near mouth of BUSU RIVER thence 1/2 day to LAE. Natives use track via MILALUGAWAN as being shorter and quicker.

Burton

Lieut
I.O. 42 Aust Inf Bn

10 Nov 43

PATROL REPORT

Strength - 2 Officers 2 OR's
 Task - Recce track KEMEN to MILALUGWAN via KALANDWONG.
 Time Out - 0830 L/29. Time reached MILALUGWAN 1640 L/31. Reported in at MUSOM 1330L/1.

Report on route and tracks. Enemy information.

Route Place names & ref pts.	Time taken	Estimated time return journey	Comments track	Information gained at village
<u>MUSOM</u>				
KEMEN 613682	360	270	Time given as guide. Lunch hours not included in any case.	
NINBA X'ing 614687	35	90	Good gov't track well graded.	"C" Coy platoon camp, old Jap staging camp.
BAMBOK (C Coy trace)	35	35	Good track undulating	Jap equipment in evidence.
KUTING (C Coy trace)	25	15	Steep in parts. Fair track junction to MARKHAM Valley close to KUTING	Used as dropping ground, grass still being cleared. Evidence of Jap equipment.
BANGDAP (C Coy trace)	150	110	Very steep, poor track, along SANEM Valley. Track junction to HANOBMAIN at BANGDAP, 30 minutes walk.	Jap equipment in evidence. Compass readings from BANGDAP - to - MANAKASAT approx 255°, GILWOK (top of razor back West bank of SANAM) 285°, ORIN 320°, HANOBMAIN 360°, Gap on track to KALANDWONG 150°.
Gap on track to KALANDWONG 626714	60	40	Good govt track, well graded.	Bearings taken from Gap to - KEMEN 190°, MARKHAM RIVER VALLEY 190°, BAIM (small village in valley near KEMEN) 183°, BANGDAP 330°, ORIN 315°, TOOUP (small village above TOOUP river) 328°, HANOBMAIN 340°, KALANDWONG approx. 100°.
KALANDWONG 634714	15	25	Good govt track. junction, poor track KEMEN.	reached 1530 hrs camped. 40 huts 3 Japs died in village.
Top of Hill	100	60	Very steep, track good at bottom but poor at top	3 Jap graves on hill, very cold, Constant cloud. Light moss country.

Place Names & ref points	Time Taken	Estimated Time for Return	Comments on track	Information gained
O.P. Knoll approx 662729	35	35	Excellent track, flat, along razor backs.	All round view, cloud prevented observation.
MIBALAMBAMA 658739	30	90	Very steep down into TUENBI GORGE.	30 hut village. Bearings taken to QUAMBALAN (small village above HANOBMAIN) 290°. BAINDUANG approx 330°. MALIMAN (small village) 342° (both latter high up on opposite bank of TUENBI GORGE.)
FALLS (small ck no name) 667739?	15	25	Steep, track only fair.	Reached 1200 hrs
DAKALON 687747	55	35	30 mins up steep hill then good track	Japs passed through commencing MONDAY 10 Oct finished FRIDAY 14 Oct. Heading towards AVIN. Guttered gardens. Small 20 hut village in open tree fern & grass country.
KASONOMBEN 728767	45	45	Excellent govt red clay track. Junction tracks MILALUGWAN. AVIN. The latter one days march	Information confirmed. Same timings given. Japs camped in village. Inf. after leaving AVIN Japs heading for SIO. Half moved via HANOBMAIN - BAINDUANG - AVIN, half via KALANDWONG - DAKALON - KASONOMBEN - AVIN. Natives know very little of SIO tk. but report very difficult, large land slides. Big Village 50 odd huts, could recruit plenty carriers in this area. Very cold day and night. Camped in hut with fire.
Gap - Water Shed 727742 NIMBA & TUENBI	110	70	Excellent govt track very well graded and in good condition	Highest point reached, close on 7,500. Stunted trees, thick moss, very heavy cloud. Leeches in evidence. Extremely cold when not moving.

Place Names & Ref points	Time Taken	Estimated time for return	Comments on track	Information gained
NIMBA River X-ing	95	240	Extremely steep, almost sheer in places, track bad and poorly graded after 1st mile and half. X'ing dangerous after rain.	Inadvisable for troops to attempt return journey. No Japs have passed this way.
DIMINT 735724	15	10	Steep short climb, good track	Small 2 hut village. Native information indicates little or no habitation in upper NIMBA Valley. Very rugged country. D Coy patrol met here at 1200L/31.
HILL TOP & TK JUNG 737708	115	70	Steep in parts but fair track many roots and thick moss near top, track deteriorates towards top, Tk Jung MILALUGWAN BUNGALUMBA	Traffic appears to use BUNGALUMBA track in preference to MILALUGWAN. Neither track much used.
RAZOR BACKS via trig 7100	70	70	Track barely visible in parts, dangerous razor backs 2' wide with 1000' drops on either side. Stunted trees and masses of thick moss. Enter track a tangle of roots.	Leeches make this track dangerous to weak troops. It is impossible to stop between Jung and MILALUGWAN. Heavy cloud obscured excellent O.P's. Extremely wet, impossible light fires, leeches make camping impracticable, without hut & fire. At least 3 blankets required.
MILALUGWAN 695687	130	210	Extremely steep, poor track, roots, land slides and thick moss banks which collapse. Track ill defined until last mile. Track junction in MILALUGWAN direct govt track to BUNGALUMBA and track to KWUPSANEK.	40 hut village set on saddle facing watershed to MARAMBE CK running 40° and PINKISA CK running 210°. Other reading to MT SALEWACKET 32°. WUPSANEK approx. 250°. Track BUNGALUMBA 4 hrs - MARAMBE 3 hrs - MT SALAWAKET - SIO. Unable to ascertain if Tks AVIN - SIO and MARAMBE - SIO junction before X-ing ranges. Instructed D Coy patrol to try for this inf at MARAMBE and BUNGALUMBA. 25 Japs, apparently lost KEMEN track at GAWAN moved on to BUNGALUMBA, NO dates.

Place Names & Ref Points	Time Taken	Estimated time for return	Comments on track	Information gained
PANKISA CK	65	95	Fair to good track, steep towards bottom.	Evidence of recent land slides but not dangerous.
KWUPSAN EK	35	35	Very bad, recent rains have washed out tracks, dangerous near rivers in wet weather X'ing precarious bridge.	Evidence of work on new tracks will improve this track.
GAWAN-MUSOM JUNC.	35	50	One dangerous landslide otherwise good track.	New track now open from village to GAWAN-MUSOM TRACK.
MUSOM	35	45	Times included for comparison reasons only.	

GENERAL:-

It appears certain that all enemy are now cleaned out of TUENBI & NIMBA valleys, and that they were moving via AVIN destined probably for SIO. A fairly large force appears to have escaped in this direction but unable to obtain any accurate idea of numbers.

(Sgd) J. James D. Carstairs... Major.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM NATIVES RE
TRACE OVER MT. SALAWAKET

1. The following information is based on oldest inhabitants' knowledge. They remember track as boys and state that natives have not crossed mountain for at least 20 years.

2. ESTIMATED TRAVELLING TIMES:-

MELAMBI	-	MT SALAWAKET	3 days
MT SALAWAKET	-	KILARA	1 day
KILARA	-	ELEKA (ILOKI?)	1 day
ELEKA	-	GILLO	1 day

3. Description of tracks by days:-

D1. Track - Pig track only; liable to be broken by landslides.
Bridges - One bridge has to be rebuilt each time before crossing.
Leeches - Abound in large numbers and prevent halts for lengthy periods.
Huts - None exist.
Fires - Difficult to light if possible at all.
Climate - Very cold; natives state too cold to sleep.

D2.

D3. Track - Progressively worse; very steep and dangerous.
Bridges - Two exist; condition not stated.
Huts - None exist.
Fires - Impossible to light fires.
Climate - Intensely cold at night; almost constant rain.

D4. Track - Pig track only crosses Mt SALAWAKET. Southern side almost sheer; ground loose and very liable to landslides. Northern slopes to KILARA more gradual than Southern.
Track crosses and re-crosses deep gorges.
Climate - Bitterly cold. Lulual at MELAMBI states that even hill natives would die of cold on top of mountain. Only boys dressed in trousers and shirts should be taken.

D5

D6

No information concerning track from KILARA via ELEKA to GILLO could be obtained. It is thought that ELEKA might possibly be identical with ILOKO.

4. ENEMY:- Lulual at MELAMBI states that MADANG boys accompanied Jap party and that they didn't understand cold and would die.

5. GENERAL:- When questioned about track to SEAMARAN thence FINSHU marked on Jap sketch, natives stated that they had no knowledge of track or village.
Ten natives from MELAMBI have volunteered to cross mountain to act as guides, rebuild bridges and carry if supplied with trousers and shirts.

Durton

Lieut
I.O. 42 Aust Inf Bn

10 Nov 23

PATROL REPORT BUNGALUMBA - SAMANZING by 42 AUST INF BN.

1. STRENGTH: Cpl R. Beal and 4 O/R's.
2. TIME OUT: Left MILALUGWAN 0900 hrs 30 Oct.
TIME IN: Arrived " 1400 hrs 2 Nov.
3. ENEMY: NIL enemy were sighted. Previous report of movement 2 Jap parties through to MT SELAWAKEL confirmed by natives.
4. ESTIMATED TRAVELLING TIMES:

BUNGALUMBA - MELAMBI - 2 Hrs.
BUNGALUMBA - SAMANZING - 3 Hrs.
5. VILLAGES: (BUNGALUMBA - 30 huts 1 church.
(MELAMBI - 6 huts.
(SAMANZING - 61 huts 1 church 1 school house
1 mission.
6. NATIVES: 70 natives at BUNGALUMBA. Numbers at other villages not known.
7. TRACK OVER SALAWAKET MT:

Natives state it is 3 days' travel from MELAMBI to foot of the mountains and then one day's travel over mountains to KILARA. There are no gardens beyond MELAMBI. Track almost sheer and very rough. Not clearly defined as it is only pig track. In some places ground is loose and land slides have occurred caused by continuous rain. Owing to cold climate natives would not be able to cross mountain without clothing. The journey from the foot of the mountain would have to be carried out in one day as it is impossible to stop on track.

8. GENERAL: According to Iuluai at MELAMBI Japs went on to KILELA which is 3 days' trip from MELAMBI. Natives state district beyond MELAMBI known as SIO district.
There is no track from MELAMBI to SAMANZING. About 300x from SAMANZING there is a clearly defined track which according to natives goes to BREMAN - one day's walk from SAMANZING. It leads then to TIMBIA, one day's walk, then another day to beach. From where this track hits beach it is one day's walk to LAE. (See Terrain Handbook No.4 Map oppos. page 23). The area from SAMANZING to beach is known as the GASIA (KAISIA?) district. The district embracing MILALUGWAN, BUNGALUMBA, MELAMBI and SAMANZING is known as the WAIN district.

LOCATION STATEMENT.
42 AUST. INF. BN. AS AT 1400 HRS 14 NOV. 45.

<u>Sub Unit</u>	<u>Map Ref.</u>	<u>Ref. Map.</u>
Bn. H.Q.	674565	Nadzab 1"
H.Q. Coy	674556	"
A. Coy H.Q.	661645	"
7 Pl.	694643	"
8 Pl.	701693	Mt. Salawaket. 1"
9 Pl.	768697	"
B Coy.	673566	Nadzab. 1".
C Coy.	676550 ⁴	"
D Coy.	676550	"

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42 AUST INF BN OPERATION INSTRUCTION No 1.

Ref Maps - LAE, NADZAB, MT SALAWAKET, BOANA.

1. General

The Bn will be concentrated for training. At the same time present patrol responsibilities will be maintained. SINGAUA PLANTATION will come within the zone of Bn responsibility. Separate operation instruction will be issued to implement.

2. Outline Plan.

B Coy will relieve A Coy by 1800hrs L/16. A,C,D,HQ Coy, BHQ will concentrate present "B" echelon area. Concentration at "B" echelon will be effected when and as river crossing situation permits. O.C. A Coy will concentrate the Coy at MUSOM forthwith and on relief by B Coy move to "B" echelon area.

3. Patrols.

B Coy will maintain the following routine patrols weekly:

MUSOM - BUNGALUMBA.
MUSOM - KASANOMBEN.
MUSOM - KEMEN.

4. Rations.

Ration holdings at outlying centres will be concentrated at MUSOM and handed over to B Coy. A Coy will obtain signature for details of rations handed over. Following Movement Scale of Rations will be adhered to:

- (a) A Coy will arrive new Bn area rationed to breakfast L/18.
- (b) C,D,HQ Coy, BHQ will arrive at new area rationed to breakfast L/16.
- (c) B Coy will arrive MUSOM rationed to evening meal L/17.

Rations at Bn Maintenance Centre will remain for the present.

5. Maintenance.

Future maintenance of forward troops will be from Bn maintenance area.

6. Ammunition.

Scale "A" ammunition will be maintained at MUSOM. O.C. B Coy will arrange the necessary exchange to obviate double carriage.

7. Tools.

Tools held by A Coy will be handed over on signature to B Coy.

8. Medical.

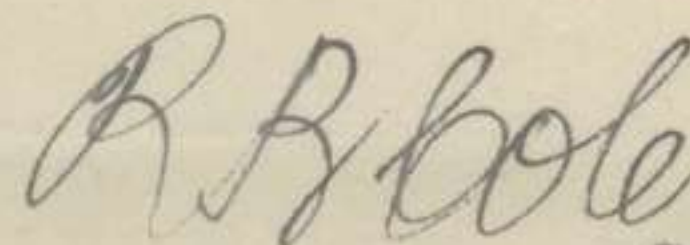
R.A.P. will establish new BN area. R.M.O. will make necessary medical arrangements to service B Coy.

9. Signals.

Sig Officer will maintain signal post with exchange unit present BHQ area.

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Signed at:



Capt
Adjt 42 Aust Inf Bn

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42 AUST INF BN OPERATION INSTRUCTION No 2.

Defence of LAE FORTRESS - Preparatory Measures

Ref Maps LAE PROVISIONAL

INFORMATION

1. Defence of LAE FORTRESS has been assigned to:

- (a) Base and L of C Units:
 - (i) LAE HSASOS Adv Base
 - (ii) LAE BASE, SUB AREA.
- (b) 29 Aust Inf Bde and attached troops.
- (c) 14 Aust Fd Regt and A.A.Units.

2. Allotment of Roles

- (a) LAE HSASOS ADV BASE:
Defence of beaches MARKHAM R excl BUTIBUM R.
- (b) LAE BASE SUB AREA:
Defence of beaches incl BUTIBUM R and BUSU R.
- (c) 29 Aust Inf Bde and A Coy PIB will constitute a mobile reserve and will be prepared:
 - (i) To attack enemy landings east of BUSU R as far as SINGAUA PLANTATION or enemy advancing towards LAE from the east.
 - (ii) To counter attack on the beaches between MARKHAM and BUSU RIVERS.
- (d) 14 Aust Fd Regt will be prepared to fire east of BUREP R and to cover beaches between MARKHAM R and BUREP R.
- (e) MMG pls 29 Aust Inf Bde will supplement beach defence U/c 29 Aust Inf Bde.

PREPARATION

3. 42 Aust Inf Bn will make all necessary preparations for carrying out assigned role.

METHOD

4. Reconnaissance Reces by all sub unit comds down to Sect leaders will be carried out as instructed by this HQ, of the following area:

- (a) SINGAUA PLANTATION
- (b) Coast line vicinity track junction 742402.
- (c) MALAHANG ANCHORAGE 720392.
- (d) Coast line and vicinity VOCO POINT 700388.

Detailed recce instructions will be included in recce plan.

5. PATROLS (a) 42 Aust Inf Bn will continue patrolling from GAWAN MUSOM area along S 10 track.

(b) Patrols of area SINGAUA PLANTATION - SANKWER R will be carried out as ordered by this HQ.

6 STAND TO

Practice stand-to's will be carried out at times ordered by this HQ. On receipt of order to stand to Coys will immediately fall in in Coy areas prepared to move to battle stations at 5 mins notice. Coy Comds will report readiness to move to BHQ by L/T.

<u>Dress</u>	Battle order, spare socks, rations, personal gear in haversack, mosquito nets rolled in groundsheet (or two man tent) on belt.
<u>Ammn</u>	Mobile Scale on man. Remainder of Scale A concentrated at Bn Q Store ready for immediate transport.
<u>Supplies</u>	Three days hard rations on man. Water bottles filled.
<u>Medical</u>	Personal medical kits to be carried.
<u>Arms</u>	Due to depleted strength of pls the following scale of weapons will be carried:

Platoon Strength	Brens	Owens	Rifles incl EY rifles	Remarks
19 and over	3	6	10 plus	Full scale 3 Sec & Pl HQ
14 - 16	2	6	6 - 10	Operate as 3 Sec & Pl Cmd
10 - 13	2	4	4 - 7	" " 2 " " " "
7 - 9	1	3	3 - 5	" " 1 Sec in group
4 - 6	1	1	2 - 4	" " 2 groups
3 below	-	1	2 - -	" " 1 group

2" Mortar & EY rifles will be carried with the Pl.

7. TOOLS 3 light picks and shovels per section.

8. INTERCOMMUNICATION

Sig Officer will prepare 4 miles reserve cable in addition to W.E.

Signed at 1300hrs 18 Nov 43

Issued by Runner

R. B. Cole Capt
Adj't 42 Aust Inf Bn

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CROSSING THE BUSU RIVER
by 42 AUST LINF BN

Following is a report by WO 11 J.D. Booker, H.Q. Coy, on the difficulties encountered by the Bn in crossing the Busu River:

" When the Bn moved into its operational area on the Bumu River, a tributary of the Busu River, it crossed the latter over the *Swinging* Kunda Br.

" It was obvious that the br would require a good deal of maintaining and it was decided that a log bridge would be more suitable for the carrier boys and would reduce the problem of maintenance. This idea, however, was not acted upon immediately on account of the fact that the engineers advised that they were erecting a steel hawser br, wh, they estimated, would take a week to complete. In the mean time we were to keep Kunda Br in working order.

" The engineer br was duly completed and was in operation for nine days, before being washed away by a storm which ~~entirely~~ changed the course of the river. So that it would not foul the new br, Kunda Br had been pulled down and consequently, the Busu River was without a br.

" The engineers then decided to erect a flying-fox, the bn to put up the peer on the northern side of the river. While this work was proceeding Angau attempted to lay down a log br. The river was very wide, however, and the logs they tried were too short and were carried down the river. Next day Maj Reynolds (OC H.Q. Coy) and myself decided to lay down our own log br. ~~A tall~~ A tall tree was felled and 150 boys snigged the log into the Bumu River from which it floated to the Busu River. After much trouble the log was manoeuvred into a position across the river, which could now be crossed. That day the flying-fox was also completed and for one day there were two means of crossing the river -- the log being washed away that same night.

" It was then decided that the Bn should cross the river by ~~the~~ flying-fox only. This method was slow, but in three days the whole of the bn had negotiated the stream and were all on the southern side."

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	1	0600	Strength: 26 offrs 31 O.R's. Attached 2 offrs 34 O.R's.	B
1/25.000 1/63360		0630	C Coy moved out to reception camp for working party duty.	B
		0800	BN moved to new area.	B Dec LOESTAT
		1105	BN arrived new area. Day spent "settling in."	B
	2	0600	Strength: 25 offrs 405 O.R's. Attached 2 offrs 29 O.R's.	B
		1500	All coys. QM. advised that Xmas telegrams & cables must be lodged by 6 Dec.	B
		1800	Malaria evacuation figures week ended 26 Nov - 12.	B
	3	0600	Strength 24 offrs 410 O.R's. Attach 2 offrs 27 O.R's.	B
		0845	Major J. D. CRISTAIRS (ADM. COMD) left for conference Bde HQ.	B
		1400	Maj. C. N. CROSSWELL left to take up duties C/O BUSAMIN REST CAMP.	B
	4	0600	Strength: 23 offrs 405 O.R's. Attach 2 offrs 27 O.R's.	B
			Q.M.T. issuing clothing to personnel.	B

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

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE.	5	0600	Strength: 22 offrs 403 O/R's. Attach 2 offrs 27 O/R's.	IB.
	6	0600	Strength: 23 offrs 404 O/R's. Attach 2 offrs 27 O/R's.	IB.
		0735	Air Raid 052100. Bombs dropped MALAHANG area. Nil damage or casualties.	IB.
		1900	Meeting held Xmas Fund Committee.	IB.
	7	0600	Strength: 25 offrs 243 O/R's 2 offrs 23 O/R's.	IB.
		1845	All offrs met mess for discussion general affairs.	IB.
		1900	Situation in SWPA explained by I.O. This is a nighty affair in future	IB.
	8	0600	Strength 23 offrs 400 O.R's. Attach. 2 offrs 27 O.R's.	IB.
		1030	C.O. (Maj (ARSTAIRS) paraded Cpl STEVENS G.V. Pte GATTON L.G. 16 BDE COND (BRIG. McNAGHAN) at BOE HQ. to receive awards M.M.	IB.
	9	0600	Strength 25 offrs 243 O.R's. Attach 2 offrs 23 O/R's.	IB.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			Malaria figures for week ended 10 Nov. 42 Bn-3.	B.
			Bde rate 4.1 per 1000.	
	10	0600	Strength: 23 offrs 394 O.R's. Attach 2 offrs 23 O/R's.	B.
		1000	Lieut WINTER and 23 O/R's left for HOPOL outpost.	B.
	11	0600	Strength: 24 offrs 334 O/R's Attach 2 offrs 23 O/R's	B.
		0745	Lieut TURNER & 19 O/R's left on patrol NMAHANANG	
			area to search for small party Japs seen this vicinity	B.
		1725	Lieut TURNER & pl returned Nil report.	B.
		1840	16 pl returned from HOPOL.	B.
	12	0600	Strength 24 offrs 386 O/R's. Attach 2 offrs 24 O/R's.	B.
		1000	Advance party A Coy returned to Bn HQ. Coy finished	
			work building camp site for A.R.D. & Dn TRG SCHOOL.	B.
		1030	A Coy reached Bn HQ.	
		0700	General meeting all offrs.	B.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>LAE.</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>0600</i>	<i>Strength: 24 offrs 386 O/R's. Attach 2 offrs 24 O/R's.</i>	<i>DB</i>
		<i>1815</i>	<i>First offrs mess night in this area. Offrs to eat</i>	<i>SEE SYLLABUS RE COY INT SCHOOL.</i>
			<i>all meals in mess in future.</i>	<i>DB.</i>
		<i>1855</i>	<i>Conference all offrs to discuss subjects for tutorial</i>	<i>See instn.</i>
			<i>discussions.</i>	<i>DB.</i>
	<i>14</i>	<i>0600</i>	<i>Strength 24 offrs 382 O.R's. Attach 2 offrs 24 O/R's.</i>	<i>DB.</i>
			<i>Coys 1/9</i>	<i>DB. See syllabus.</i>
	<i>15</i>	<i>0600</i>	<i>Strength: 23 offrs 380 O.R's. attach 2 offrs 24 O/R's.</i>	<i>DB.</i>
		<i>1500</i>	<i>New B.M. 29 BDE (Maj W. FUSTIN) visited Bn.</i>	<i>DB.</i>
	<i>16</i>	<i>0700</i>	<i>Strength: 23 offrs 381 O/R's. Attach 2 offrs 24 O/R's.</i>	<i>DB.</i>
		<i>1530</i>	<i>BRIG MORIARTY (COMD 5 DIV) GSOI, CAPT STROM, inspected Bn</i>	
			<i>area.</i>	<i>DB.</i>
	<i>17</i>	<i>0700</i>	<i>Strength: 23 offrs 381 O/R's. Attach. 2 offrs 24 O/R's.</i>	<i>DB.</i>
		<i>1400</i>	<i>Tk/A pl moved out to 47 Bn area to carry out</i>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			Shoot tomorrow.	B.
		1700	Lieut Good ^{2/14 to REGT} arrived Bn area. Arty lectures for all offrs will be carried out during next few days.	B.
	18	0700	Strength: 23 offrs 378 OPR'S. Attach. 2 offrs 24 OPR'S.	B.
			Bn inoculated today.	B.
		1530	14 pl arrived from HOPOL.	B.
	19	0700	Strength: 23 offrs 376 OPR'S. Attach. 2 offrs 24 OPR'S.	B.
	20	0700	Strength: 23 offrs 378 OPR'S. Attach: 2 offrs 24 OPR'S.	B.
			Message to all coys that personnel resting must not remove boots, gaiters, clothing, etc.	B.
	21	0700	Strength: 375 OPR'S 23 offrs. Attach. 24 OPR'S. 2 offrs.	B.
	22	0700	Strength: 23 offrs 376 OPR'S. Attach: 2 offrs 24 OPR'S.	B.
			Offrs 42 Bn accompanied 47 Bn as umpires for exercise	B.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	23	0700	Strength: 23 offrs 371 O.R's. Attached 2 offrs 250 O.R's.	B.
		1500	CAPT FRANEY advised to report Div HQ. 270915 L	
			regarding G.C.M. duties.	B.
	24	0700	Strength: 22 offrs 376 O.R's. Attach 2 offrs 250 O.R's.	B.
		1900	XMAS EVE CONCERT. BN members rendered impromptu items - ALLIED band played tunes + carols for one hour	B.
	25	0700	Strength 24 offrs 383 O.R's. Attach. 2 offrs 26 O.R's.	B.
			Xmas Day. Troops were given dinner of turkey, ham, vegetables, plum pudding, fruit salad, mixed fruit, cream, cordial, cigarettes. Offrs + Sgts waited on tables + washed-up. Mess huts were decorated + lps voted day a good one. Sgts + offrs had dinner at night.	B.
			This was the first Sgts' Mess since YEPPON.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			MT Hampers were given to all troops and contents were much appreciated.	B
			BOE Comd sent following message to unit: "HAPPY XMAS. CONGRATULATIONS ON GOOD WORK DURING 1943 AND BEST LUCK AND GOOD WISHES 1944."	B
		1200	LT W. P. O'MALLEY + 28 O.R.'S returned to unit from "X" List.	B
		1700	LIEUTS J. A. SCHOUTEN + K. J. KOOCHEN joined unit as reinforcements offrs.	B
			All coys informed Allies had landed at CAPE GLoucester.	B
	26	0700	Strength 27 offrs 422 O.R.'S. Attach. 2 offrs 28 O.R.'S. Coys trg cancelled. Coy administration and cleaning of coy areas carried out.	B

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	27	0700	Strength: 22 offrs 413 O/R's. Attach 2 offrs 29 O/R's.	B.
		1100	9 Pl left for SALAMUA. Missed boat and returned to BN 1200 hrs.	B.
		1630	Malaria figures for week ended 24 Dec. - 6.	B.
	28	0700	Strength: 22 offrs 409 O/R's. Attached 2 offrs 29 O/R's.	B.
		0815	9 Pl plus 1 section 7 pl left to relieve outpost at SALAMUA.	B.
	29	0700	Strength: 22 offrs 409 O/R's. Attach. 2 offrs 29 O/R's.	B.
		1200	C.O. arrived back from leave in AUSTRALIA.	B.
	30	0700	Strength: 22 offrs 410 O/R's. Attach. 2 offrs 29 O/R's.	B.
		0800	C Coy (1 offr 40 O/R's) plus 10 Pioneers moved out to prepare site for 29 BOE MODEL COMPANY SCHOOL.	B.
	30	0930	QX780 LIEUT McKINNON J. R. (15 Aust Inf Bn) attached	

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(Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/12/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt Col (7/10/43)	QX 33102	Davidson Col		CO	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33103	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33104	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
Capt (7/10/43)	QX 33105	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33106	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33107	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33108	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33109	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33110	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33111	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33112	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33113	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33114	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33115	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33116	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33117	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33118	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33119	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33120	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33121	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33122	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33123	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33124	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33125	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33126	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33127	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33128	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33129	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33130	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33131	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33132	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33133	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33134	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33135	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33136	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33137	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33138	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33139	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33140	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33141	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33142	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33143	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33144	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33145	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33146	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33147	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33148	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33149	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33150	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33151	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33152	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
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	QX 33154	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33155	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33156	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33157	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33158	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
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	QX 33160	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33161	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33162	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33163	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33164	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33165	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33166	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33167	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33168	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33169	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33170	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33171	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33172	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33173	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33174	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33175	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33176	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33177	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33178	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33179	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33180	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33181	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33182	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33183	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33184	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33185	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33186	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33187	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33188	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33189	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33190	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33191	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33192	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33193	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33194	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33195	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33196	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33197	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33198	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33199	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43
	QX 33200	Crosswell Cdr		Depot	No	Leave	2/10/43

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	AX 12978	Roberts RUN	ARMC	10/10/43	ARMC
Chaplain	VR 117234	Eyes JJ	ARMC	8/6/43	Chaplain.

Date of Despatch

Truth—7/43.

Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/12/1943 42nd Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10							
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.							
				* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quartermasters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	8 AMC	1										
	1	3	34			1										
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pers. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				DETAIL		A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.	
				A.		35										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 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.
4134026	Lieut	Hutton D F	42nd Inf Bn	9/2/43	Rel'd from Hospital
4133885	Capt	Mac Donald H.	do	9/12/43	From Sub-Station LHB
4140609	Capt	Framing J F	do	9/2/43	Detached School Banbridge
4134533	Capt	Melhuish A B	do	9/2/43	From 5th Lt Dir.
				9/12/43	Rel'd from Hospital

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
4133804	Major	Reynolds J F	42nd Inf Bn	9/2/43	Detached for duty
4134007	Lieut	Richmond L J	do	9/2/43	do
4153806	Lieut	W Loughlin L K	42nd Bn	9/12/43	Trans to Hospital
4134009	Capt	Framing J F	do	9/2/43	Detached for duty

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / /194

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/12/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lieut (P.M.C.)	4X33852	Davidson	DA	Co	No	Leave	25/10/43
Major	4X34022	Greenwell	GR	Superintendent	No	Burarra Rest Camp	25/10/43
	VX5423	Carstairs	JA	2nd	Yes		
Capt Major	4X40810	Macdonald	MA	OC HQ Coy.	Yes		
	4X33854	Macdonald	JA	Superintendent	No	The Arden Camp, Eng School	25/10/43
Capt	4X40609	Macdonald	JA	OC A Coy	Yes		
	4X34033	Cole	RA	adst	No	Leave	25/10/43
	4X33853	Condie	J	OC 4th Coy	No	5 Aust Div	25/10/43
	4X42360	Santer	RA	2nd B Coy	Yes		
	4X40607	Jones	RA	OC 3rd Coy	No	Leave	25/10/43
	4X907	Jones	RA	OC 15th Coy	Yes		
	4X33855	Macdonald	JA	Superintendent	Yes		
Lieut	4X34025	Friend	SC	2nd A Coy	No	Leave	25/10/43
	4X33855	Anderson	MA	2nd C Coy	Yes		
	4X40638	Wright	JA	2nd 3rd Coy	Yes		
	4X33856	Macdonald	JA	TO	No	Hospital	25/10/43
	4X34017	Richmond	JA	OC 13th	Yes	The Arden Camp, Eng School	25/10/43
	4X40604	Haweswood	RA	OC 1st	No	HQ 7th Div of Eng	25/10/43
	4X40615	Wright	JA	OC 14th	Yes		
	4X40618	Harvey	CO	OC 3rd	Yes		
	VX54197	Earl	RA	OC 16th	Yes		
	4X40615	Butcher	RA	OC 5th	Yes		
	4X51619	Macdonald	JA	OC 8th	Yes		
	4X5119	Reich	JA		No	29 Bde	25/10/43
	4X2317	Price	RA	OC 6th	Yes		
	4X40675	Johnston	RA	OC 17th	Yes		
	4X34030	Burton	RA	20	Yes		
	4X4134	Byrne	RA	1st Kniff	Yes		
	4X311	Jones	RA	OC 20th	Yes		
	VX8750	Collier	JA	OC 7th	Yes		
	4X40603	Ramsey	RA	1st Kniff	Yes		
	VX41437	Macdonald	JA	OC 4th	Yes		
	4X40602	Conway	RA	OC 11th	Yes		
	4X34026	Hutcheon	RA	OC 12th	Yes		
Lieut (P.M.C.)	4X34033	Macdonald	JA	2nd 2nd Coy	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	VX122978	Roberts	RA	25/10/43	Chaplain
Chaplain	VX11234	Byrne	RA	25/10/43	Chaplain

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
Major
Adm Comd 42 Aust Inf Bn.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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73 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18/12/1943 42nd Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/12-3 OFFRS. 32 O.R's 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
		1	1	Lieut.-Colonels									
			4	Majors									
			8	Captains	AMMC	1							
		1	{20	Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
		2	34			1							
DETAIL				A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
A.				35									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 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.
IXS497	Lieut	Garland B.J.	42nd Inf Bn	14/12/43	Evacuated to Hospital

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).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18/12/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lieut (Temp)	AX3352	Davidson	Col	CO.	No	Leave	25-11-43
Major	AX34022	Cosmell	Col	Superintendent	No	Reserve Post Camp	3-12-43
	VX5423	Constance	John	2nd	Yes		
Capt Major	AX40810	Fincham	Col	cc 1st Coy.	Yes		
	AX33884	Rogers	J. P.	Superintendent	No	Lee Forts. Land Eng School	8-12-43
Capt	AX907	Green	1st	cc 1st Coy.	Yes		
	AX40509	Harvey	J. P.	cc 1st Coy.	Yes		
	AX33553	Landis	J. J.	Superintendent	No	5 Aust Div	16/11/43
	AX34033	Cole	R. B.	Adj.	No	Leave	1/12/43
	AX33885	MacDonald	H.	cc 1st Coy.	Yes		
	AX42360	Santer	A. S.	2nd 6 Coy.	Yes		
	AX40507	James	A. E.	cc 2nd Coy.	No	Leave	10/11/43
Lieut (Temp)	AX34233	Middleton	Col	2nd 6 Coy.	Yes		
Lieut	AX34025	Freund	Col	2nd 6 Coy.	No	Leave	2/12/43
	AX53505	Anderson	Thos	2nd 6 Coy.	Yes		
	AX40530	Wright	John	cc 12th	Yes		
	VX11132	MacLean	W. B.	cc 4th	Yes		
	AX34026	Hutton	B. P.	cc 2nd	Yes		
	AX34027	Richardson	L. J.	cc 13th	No	Lee Forts. Land Eng School	9/12/43
	AX34030	Barton	Row	10	Yes		
	AX40504	Homeswood	A. L.	cc 1st	No	W. G. School of Eng	29/11/43
	AX43158	Winter	R. H.	cc 14th	Yes		
	AX44168	Harvey	Col	cc 3rd	Yes		
	AX45575	Johnston	Col	cc 17th	Yes		
	AX2317	Green	Col	cc 6th	Yes		
	VX5760	Collins	John	cc 9th	Yes		
	VX54197	Garland	Col	cc 15th	No	Hospital	11/12/43
	NGA 125	Rutledge	W. B.	cc 5th	Yes		
	AX45023	Ramsey	John	1st Coy	Yes		
	AX51619	Stanhope	Col	cc 8th	Yes		
	AX51119	Bird	Col	—	No	29th Div	15/12/43
	VX311	James	Col	cc 10th	Yes		
	AX4234	James	2nd	1st Coy	Yes		
	AX16442	Conway	Col	cc 12th	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	NX22978	Roberts R. J.	RAMC	10/11/43	RAMC
Chaplain	VX11724	Eyre J. J.	RAEC	9/12/43	Chaplain

18/12/43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

John Lamb 42 Aust Inf Bn.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
14 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/12/1943 42nd Anti-Aircraft Bn (Unit)
W.E. 11/12/2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's 239 + 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.			
				* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quartermasters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.								
	1	2	33			1						
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	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.		34									34
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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.
413304	Major	Reynolds JF	42nd Anti-Aircraft Bn	24/12/43	Transferred to 4th Anti-Aircraft Bn
413307	Lieut	Richmond LJ	do	24/12/43	do.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
414503	Lieut	Reynolds JWH	42nd Anti-Aircraft Bn	24/12/43	Transferred to Hospital.

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).

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/12/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

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

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY

MAJOR J.D.M. CARSTAIRS - ADM COMD 42 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

2 Dec 43

SERIAL NO.58

292. UNIT AUDITORS:

1. The following Officers are appointed as Unit Auditors:-

QX40838 Lieut J.W. WEIGHT
QX34030 Lieut R.N. BURTON

293. UNIT EDUCATION OFFICER:

1. QX42360 Capt A.G. GANTER is appointed as from 2 Dec 43.

294. UNIT AMENITIES OFFICER:

1. QX53506 Lieut L.K. McLAUGHLIN is appointed as from 3 Dec 43.

295. AA EDUCATION SERVICE - PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS:(Ref NGFO A436)

1. Attention is drawn to the fact that members of the AMF who are pursuing courses of study by correspondence may wish to present themselves for public examination, the majority of which are held in November and December each year.
2. Such members should be instructed to consult a full time Education Officer, who will assist in arranging examinations and supervision.
3. Commanding Officers and officers in charge of units will facilitate the holding of examinations so far as conditions of service permit.

296. REMITTANCES OF UNDRAWN PAY AND CASH.(Ref NGFO A438)

1. It is anticipated that there will be a heavy demand by members to avail themselves of the opportunity of sending Remittances to residents in Australia, as Xmas gifts, and members are therefore requested to remit early.
2. Remittances forwarded through Paymasters and received by District Accounts Office, NEW GUINEA on or before 12 December 1943 will be paid by 25 December 1943.

297. "XMAS HAMPERS". (NGFO).

1. The A.C.F. will be distributing Xmas Hampers to all Australian troops in New Guinea. These Hampers are all donated and in each one will be a card on which the name and address of the donor will be written. It would be appreciated if all personnel would acknowledge to the donor receipt of their Hamper.

298. COURTS OF INQUIRY ON ILLEGAL ABSENTEES. (Ref NGFO A420)

1. By Statutory Rule 245, dated 29 SEP 1943, Australian Military Regulation 278A was made, providing for an alternative method of investigation into illegal absence for twenty-one days or more, to that of holding courts of inquiry under AMR 276.
2. As dependants' allowance and allotment payable in respect of a member absent without leave can only be suspended under War Financial (Military Forces) Regulation 54 after a Court of Inquiry has declared the member an illegal absentee, Courts of Inquiry will continue, notwithstanding the making of AMR 278A, to be held UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE under AMR276 in all cases in respect of members absent without leave for twenty-one days or more.

299. DRESS (Ref NGFO A407)

1. NEW GUINEA FORCE ORDERS Nos.277 and 413 of 1942 and 140 and 271 of 1943, are cancelled.
2. No further issues of shorts will be made to personnel in NEW GUINEA.
3. (a) In the Moresby Base Sub-Area (excluding the L of C from TERAPO to SUNSHINE) between 0630 hours and 1800 hrs the following will be worn:-
Slacks and shirt or safari jacket, boots and socks with -
 - (i) anklets web; or
 - (ii) gaiters SD; or
 - (iii) puttees short.

PROVIDED THAT -

- (A) personnel who are now in possession of shorts may wear them until worn out, in lieu of slacks.
- (B) at the option of Officers only, shoes may be worn.
- (C) members of organised working parties may, when specifically permitted by their CO's to do so, work with the upper portion of the body bare. (No general permission however will be given by CO's to dispense with articles of uniform. Definite orders must be given by CO's on each occasion).
- (b) During the abovementioned hours only, sleeves may be worn rolled up or shortened.
4. In the area mentioned in para 3, between 1800 hrs and 0630 hrs, and in all other areas at all times, the following will be worn:-
 - (a) Slacks and shirt or safari jacket. Shirts or safari jackets will be worn with long sleeves fastened at the wrists and buttoned in all respects except at the collar where the button may be left undone.
 - (b) boots and socks, with anklets web or gaiters SD or puttees short.
5. A member issued with American Gaiters may wear same in lieu of gaiters SD.
6. During periods in which daylight saving time is in operation, paras 3 and 4 shall be read as if for "0630 hrs" there were substituted "0730 hrs".

299. DRESS (Ref NGFO A407) (CONT'D)

7. (i) Officers and WOs Class I may wear Sam Browne belts (without shoulder straps) or belts web.
(ii) WOs Class II may wear belts, waist, brown, leather or belts web.
(iii) All other ranks may wear belts web.
8. Hats will be worn by all ranks except that Officers and drivers MU, at their option, may wear, in lieu, caps Officers pattern or SD respectively.
9. Sari jackets may be worn only by those ranks who:-
(a) have returned from service with the AIF out of Australia or are now serving in New Guinea as members of the AIF; or
(b) have had such articles issued to them by Ordnance.
10. Personnel will wear the right arm colour patch of their unit on the RIGHT hand side of and in the centre of, the hat band.
11. In the area mentioned in para 3 above, the practice of personnel engaging in sport with the upper portion of the body bare will cease and a singlet or other article of clothing will be worn over that portion of the body.
12. Notwithstanding that personnel wear other types of identity discs, all ranks will wear the identity discs issued to them.
13. COs will be responsible for ensuring that members of their units are made fully conversant with the requirements of this order and will take all necessary measures to bring about strict compliance therewith. Disciplinary action will be taken by COs in respect of breaches of this order.

300. TIME FOR REVEILLE (Ref NGFO A408)

1. To minimize the danger of malarial infection from the activities of the Anopheline mosquito prior to sunrise, all units will ensure that, except for special reasons, reveille is not sounded earlier than one quarter hour prior to sunrise.
2. Particular attention will be given to this order in view of the introduction of daylight saving time.
3. Where for special reasons reveille is sounded before sunrise, troops will not be permitted to perform their ablutions until sunrise and unit commanders will ensure that, in the meantime, the provisions of NEW GUINEA Force Order A407/43 is strictly complied with.

301. GREEN ENVELOPES (Ref NGFO G447)

1. The practice of enclosing unfranked mail in an outer envelope addressed to the Base Censor (otherwise than in a green envelope) will cease forthwith.
2. Even when Green Envelopes are in short supply, no authority exists for personnel to forward mail to the Base Censor in order to avoid unit censorship.
3. All such letters sighted in future will be returned to the unit concerned.

301. FORWARDING ARTICLES TO MAINLAND. (Ref NGFO A392)

1. NG Force Orders, serials 585 of 7 Dec 42, 616 of 28 Dec 42 and 35 of 8 Feb 43, are cancelled.
2. No member shall, except in the course of his duty, despatch, or cause to be despatched, to Australia -
 - (a) any property issued, distributed, or sold by, or belonging to, the Commonwealth or any part of the Defence Force of the Commonwealth or any Allied Country or Force;
 - (b) any captured enemy document, equipment or property;
 - (c) any article sold, distributed or supplied by Australian Defence Canteen Service or any Allied Force's Canteen, or any similar institution, or any AMF recognised philanthropic organization;
 - (d) any tobacco or cigarettes.
3. A member proceeding to Australia on leave or temporary duty will not take with him more tobacco or cigarettes than is reasonably required to meet his personal requirements during his period of absence from New Guinea.
4. Other members proceeding to Australia will not take with them more tobacco or cigarettes than is reasonably required to meet their personal requirements whilst in transit to the mainland.
5. It will be borne in mind continuously that:-
 - (a) one of the reasons for rationing tobacco and cigarettes in Australia is to ensure that adequate supplies are available for troops in operational areas; and
 - (b) tobacco and cigarettes supplied to troops in New Guinea are excise duty free which represents a substantial saving to all concerned.
6. (i) The despatch or carriage of tobacco or cigarettes to Australia in breach of this order may result in:-
 - (a) troops in forward areas not being adequately catered for owing to a consequential general shortage of supplies; and
 - (b) the withdrawal of the privilege of freedom from excise duty, resulting in troops in all areas being required to pay mainland prices.(ii) It is, therefore, in the interest of all concerned to strictly adhere to the provisions of this order.
7. Disciplinary action will be taken in respect of all disclosed breaches of paras 2, 3 and 4 of this order and where tobacco or cigarettes are intercepted in transit to Australia, the same will be confiscated and, after disciplinary action has been completed, donated to the Red Cross Society.
8. The attention of franking officers is drawn to the pre-franking requisites in relation to parcels or packets, the detailed procedure for franking the same and the action to be taken in regard to prohibited articles (vide App "A" to LHQ Field Censorship Instruction No 4 and paras 5 (g) and 6 (b) of App "B" thereto).
9. The attention of Unit Censors is drawn to their duties in relation to censorship of parcels and packets as prescribed in para 9(b) of the above-mentioned Instruction.

301. FORWARDING ARTICLES TO MAINLAND (CONT'D)

10. Disciplinary Action will be taken where franking officers or Unit Censors offend against the provisions mentioned in paras 8 and 9 above.
11. CO's will ensure that the provisions of this Order are complied with.

302. PILFERING. (Ref NGFO A448)

1. Pilfering of army stores has reached such serious proportions that it is interfering with supplies to troops in forward areas. Offences of this nature may even result in the lives of troops becoming endangered unnecessarily.
2. Commanding Officers will take steps to ensure that all precautions are taken by all concerned to eliminate this serious form of offence, and all ranks are to be warned that, as from the date of this Order, any member of the Forces concerned in such offences will be dealt with by Court Martial and awarded severe penalties.
3. The attention of all members of Courts Martials will be drawn to AMR & O 558 (3) which reads:-
"When attention has been called in Orders in the command to which the offender belongs to the unusual prevalence of the offence of which he has been found guilty, a Court Martial should also have regard to the fact that such warning has been issued."

303. AVIATION PETROL UNLEADED (Ref Div R.O.Q53)

1. No indents will be placed on RAAF or US Army Air Force for 73 octane aviation gasoline (containing no tetra-ethyl lead) unless specifically required for use in aircraft engines. Any such indents will be endorsed by the Officer commanding the indenting unit "required for aircraft engines."

304. USE OF GRENADES, HAND, JAPANESE TYPE 91 (Ref Div R.O.G59)

1. This grenade is in common use by the Japanese and quantities have been captured and used by our troops. Tests indicate that the grenade has certain characteristics which may lead to injury in the hands of inexperienced personnel. These characteristics are:-
 - (a) The delay fuse, marked 4/5 seconds, has been known to burn in much less time. Some tested fuses burned in 3 seconds.
 - (b) While the delay fuse is burning, a considerable quantity of black smoke is emitted through the escape hole at the base of the fuse tube, and small fragments of the delay fuse are sometimes forced out. At night or even at dusk or dawn, a definite glow from this hole can be seen.

304. USE OF GRENADES, HAND, JAPANESE TYPE 91. (CONT'D)

2. The following precautions will be taken if the grenade is used:-
 - (a) it will be thrown immediately after the head has been struck;
 - (b) when striking the grenade, the hand will be kept well clear of the escape hole at the side of the fuse tube.

305. UNLAWFUL DISPOSAL OF EQUIPMENT. (Ref Div R.O. A61)

1. Attention has been directed to the unauthorized disposal of AMF equipment to members of the Allied Forces and civilians and the unauthorized receipt of Allied equipment by barter and otherwise by members of the AMF.
2. Members are forbidden to part with, dispose of, or exchange by barter or otherwise, any item of AMF equipment or to receive by barter or otherwise any item of allied equipment without the consent of the commanding officers of their units. Such consent will only be given on the direction of superior authority or when the exigencies of the service render it necessary and reference to superior authority is impracticable.
3. Disciplinary action will be taken against members unlawfully disposing of AMF equipment, or unlawfully in possession of, Allied equipment, charges being laid under, AA 17, AA 18(4) or AA40, whichever is appropriate.

306. DISTILLING AND SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR. (Ref Div R.O. A87)

1. Attention is drawn to Ordinance No 33 of 1936 and Ordinance No. 17 of 1931 incorporated as part of the laws of the Territory of NEW GUINEA under the NEW GUINEA Act 1920.
2. Briefly the relevant provisions of Ordinance No. 33 of 1936 state:-

" 18A/- (1) A person shall not brew any liquor unless he holds a licence or a permit to do so granted by the Administrator.

Penalty: For the first offence, Fifty pounds; and for any subsequent offence, One hundred pounds or imprisonment for six months."

"18A. - (2) Any person who distils any liquor shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty: One hundred pounds or imprisonment for six months."

The relevant provisions of Ordinance No.17 of 1931 state:-

"18.- (1) Except as expressly provided in this Ordinance, a person shall not directly or indirectly sell any liquor or permit any liquor to be sold....."

Penalty: For the first offence, Fifty pounds; for the second offence, One hundred pounds or imprisonment for six months; and for any offence subsequent to the second, imprisonment for twelve months."

" 18. - (3) Upon any conviction under this section of a person who is not the holder of a licence under this Ordinance the offender shall forfeit to the Administration all liquor in his possession with the vessels containing the liquor.

306. DISTILLING AND SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR (CONT'D)

- 3 All cases of breaches of the above Ordinances and all cases of the brewing, or distilling of intoxicating liquor or the sale of such intoxicating liquor to any person by any member of the Forces will be tried by Court-Martial.
4. Any offence as above shall be charged under AA Sec 11 as a breach of this Routine Order.

307. COMBAT TYRES AND METAL BEADLOCKS. (Ref Div R.O.Q121.)

1. Maintenance Instructions.

1. Maintenance of combat tyres on vehicles is prescribed as follows:-
 - (a) Tyre inflation pressures will be kept inflated to correct pressures prescribed in appropriate Mechanization Circulars.
 - (b) After an emergency deflation, a combat tyre will be re-inflated to its correct pressure at the earliest possible moment.
 - (c) Any combat tyre that has been deflated and run for more than -
 - (i) twenty consecutive miles, or
 - (ii) seventy-five miles in the aggregate,will be removed and inspected by skilled AEME personnel to see if it is fit for further use. When it is necessary to remove a tyre from the wheel, the rim nuts or cap screws will not be unscrewed unless the tyre is completely deflated; otherwise, an inflated tyre may easily blow the wheel apart, causing severe injury or death. Rim nuts or cap screws will be painted red to denote danger.
 - (d) When replacement of a combat tyre becomes necessary, care will be taken to see that the casing and the tube of the replacement tyre are of the correct size and marked COMBAT.
 - (e) A rubber flap of correct size and type will be fitted in combat tyres using the segmental type of beadlock.

308. INFORMATION REGARDING LOCATION OF GRAVES (Ref DRO A.64)

1. It has been noticed that letters of condolence sent to next-of-kin by commanding officers, chaplains and others have, in some cases disclosed the location of particular units by referring specifically to the place of burial of deceased members.
2. Letters of condolence to next-of-kin and others from Commanding Officers, chaplains and others will refer only to the actual burial service and contain no information regarding the location of the grave. (GRO A.270/43).

NOTICES.

1. £1,000 FOR WRITERS - A.B.C.'S COMPETITION FOR RADIO SCRIPTS.

1. The A.B.C. announces a writers' competition, with prizes totalling £1,000, for original literary work dealing with Australian life, history or characters. The competition calls for novels, plays, documentary features, short stories, poems and discussions.

2. Nationals of all English-speaking countries are eligible to compete. The following prizes will be awarded:-

Novel		Documentary Feature		Poem	
First prize	£150	First prize	£60	First prize	£25
Second prize	£75	Second prize	£40	Second prize	£10
Play		Short Story		Discussion	
First prize	£100	First prize	£50	First prize	£40
Second prize	£70	Second prize	£30	Second prize	£25
Third prize	£40				

3. Special Bonuses - In addition to the above prizes, the commission will award special bonuses.

There will be a bonus of £100 for the work (in any section) that is considered to be the outstanding contribution to broadcasting.

To encourage new writers in radio there will be a bonus for the best work purchased in each section (not a prize-winning entry) by a writer who has had none of his work either published or broadcast. The bonuses are as follows:-

Novel	£60	Play	£40	Documentary Feature	£35
Short Story	£20	Poem	£10	Discussion	£20

4. Entries for the novel will close on September 30 1944. Entries for the other sections close on June 30 1944. Entry forms with full conditions of the competition, may be obtained from the A.B.C. Box 487, G.P.O. Sydney.

2. VACANCIES FOR DIPLOMATIC STAFF CADETS, DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

1. Applications for temporary appointment as Diplomatic Staff Cadet are invited from British subjects (male or female) who, on 1st January 1944, will have reached the 17th but not the 25th anniversary of their birth.
2. Applicants must have matriculated or hold the Leaving or Senior Public Certificate. A University degree in Arts, Commerce, Law or Economics is desirable but not essential.
3. Applicants will be required to undergo a competitive examination in the following subjects:-

English Essay, Précis, Current AUSTRALIAN and International Affairs, and General Knowledge on questions of History, Geography, Economics, Social Questions and Politics. Success at the examination does not confer the right to temporary appointment, selection being made following personal interview of a determined number successful at the examination. In the final selection the preference provisions of the AUSTRALIAN Soldiers' Repatriation Act will be applied.

2. VACANCIES FOR DIPLOMATIC STAFF CADETS, DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(CONT'D)

4. Successful applicants will be engaged for two years during which time they will receive remuneration of £274 per annum if an adult or £256 per annum if a minor (subject to the cost of living adjustments.) plus an allowance towards University costs, and will be required to undertake at their own expense, an approved course of University study. At the end of the course applicants will be further examined and, on a satisfactory certificate will receive a temporary appointment to the Department of External Affairs. The question of permanent appointment to the Commonwealth Public Service will receive consideration at a later date.
5. Any eligible member of the AMF who desires consideration may avail himself of the opportunity of completing an application in accordance with pro-forma attached and forwarding it direct to "Secretary" Department of External Affairs, CANBERRA." Applications must reach the Secretary by 9 Dec 43.

PRO FORMA.

Secretary
Department of External Affairs
CANBERRA.

APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT

DIPLOMATIC STAFF CADETS

.....
Army No. Rank Surname Other Names
..... hereby make application for
Unit
temporary appointment as a Diplomatic Staff Cadet.
I was born at, on and
possess the following qualifications
.....
(These may be stated more fully and attached hereto)
My previous civil occupation was
Date Signature

NOTE: This application must be forwarded by the applicant direct to the Secretary, Department of External Affairs CANBERRA.

H. Maclean - Lieut
A/Adjt 42 Aust InfBn

DISTRIBUTION

29 Aust Inf Bde	TO	HQ COY	C Coy
War Diary (2)	RMO	A Coy	D Coy
QM	Bn HQ	E Coy	File

42 AUST INF BN ADM INSTN NO.2

CANTEEN SUPPLIES

HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn
2 Dec 43

The following instructions cover the purchase and payment of Canteen Supplies:-

- (a) The Canteen Clerk (Pte ESDALE) will obtain supplies from the Bulk Canteen each TUESDAY and notify Coys of items available.
- (b) Coys will submit a list of requirements to the Canteen's Clerk who will make up the orders adjusting items in short supply where necessary. An itemised list of goods purchased by each Coy will be prepared in duplicate and the Coy Canteen representative will sign for the goods. One copy will be handed to the Coy representative and the other to the Pay Sgt.
- (c) All Payments will be made to the Pay Sgt who will handle and account for all Canteen monies under the supervision of the Adjt.
- (d) Coy Comds will pay for goods within 7 days of receipt.
- (e) It is suggested that Coy personnel establish credits with the Coy Comd, renewing the credit as purchases are made. In addition to protecting the Coy Comds liability it will ensure that there are no bad debits.
- (f) Coy Comds are personally responsible for the payment of supplies purchased for the Coy. This includes the officer acting in that capacity.

DISTRIBUTION:

All Coys	Pay Sgt
Comd	Pte ESDALE
File	War Diary (2)

W. Chaudhary
Adjt 42 Aust Inf Bn

HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn
5 DEC 43

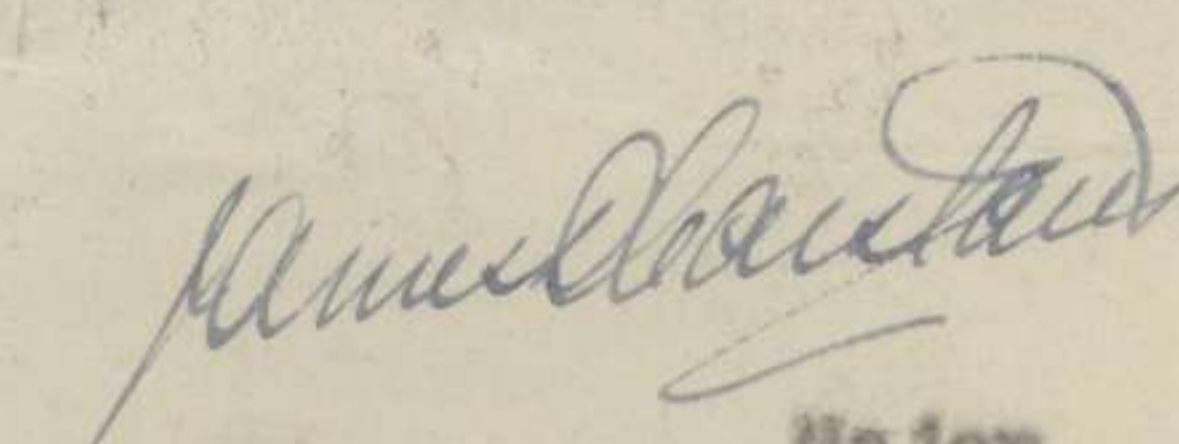
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1. To fittingly celebrate the advent of the festive season, a Bn Committee will be formed comprising the following:

Officer Members -	2 i/c
	Padre
	Q.M.
	Lieut Buttner
	Coy 2 i/c's

Members to be elected by the OR's of each Coy -	One Coy cook
	One representative (NOT an NCO)

2. This Committee is designed essentially for the troops and as such their members will put forward the wishes of their Coys. Officers will assist in any way possible to carry out these wishes and to produce the best possible jungle Xmas for all.
3. First meeting will be held at 1900hrs Monday 6 DEC 43 in the unit recreation hut.


Major
Adm Comd 42 Aust Inf Bn

PERSONAL RECORDS

HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn
6 Dec 43

1. Pl and Coy Comds will prepare and keep up to date a record of the civil and military history of each man under his command.
2. One copy of the "dossier" will be handed to the Adjt by 24 Dec 43 and thereafter Coy Comds will submit particulars of any amendments or alterations weekly so that Bn records are complete.
3. The record will be prepared in accordance with the attached proforma.

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A/Adjt 42 Aust Inf Bn Lieut

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TRAINING FOR PERIOD 13 - 18 DEC 43

HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn
7 Dec 43

1. The Bde policy for training and work parties is for each Bn to alternate, one week work, one week Trg. 42 Aust Inf Bn will train during week 13 - 18 Dec.
2. For purpose of gaining the maximum benefit from this trg it will be necessary for every offr to devote a considerable amount of thought to the Syllabus during the unit's work period. Plan his exercises, prepare lectures and study points for general discussions.
3. Attached is a syllabus which includes five days trg, one of which is on the range. Rifles Coys will do the range practices as follows:-

A	-	Tuesday 14th
B	-	Wednesday 15th
C	-	Thursday 16th
D	-	Friday 17th.
4. Amn. is available, and ranges are being sought to allow specialist GPs, Tk/A 2 Pr, 3" Mortars and MG to carry out shoots.
5. Offrs Trg.
"Tutorial Discussions" will take place from 1845 hrs to 1945 hrs NOT 1100 hrs to 1200 hrs previously announced.
6. Adm -
Monday 13th will be used for Adm in the morning and rest in the afternoon. D5 of the trg syllabus will be carried out Sat 18 Dec.
7. Specialist Trg
 - (a) Sig school will continue.
 - (b) MG will continue Syllabus set out 6 Dec 43.
 - (c) "I" Sec will arrange to instruct 2 OR's per Coy in general "I" work.

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SYLLABUS RIFLE COYS

Day 1

1. 0830 - 0910 - C.S.M. parade - Close order drill.
2. 0915 - 0955 - Section Contact drill - Lecture Pl Comds.
3. 1000 - 1040 - (Contact drill - Practice Sections,
4. 1055 - 1135 - (concentrating on sec. leaders in following
5. 1140 - 1220 - (situations - Sniper, wood pecker, ambush,
6. 1400 - 1440 - (enemy patrol encounter, enemy defended
7. 1445 - 1525 - (locality.
8. 1530 - 1610 - General discussion conducted by Pl Comds.
9. 1615 - 1630 - P.T.

Day 2

1. 0830 - 0910 - C.S.M's parade - Close order drill etc.
2. 0915 - 0955 - Section Ambush - Lecture & discussion.
- 1000 - 1220 - (Ambush - practice sections in both deliberate and
- 1400 - 1525 - (immediate ambush. Run it as an inter sec
- (competition. Include counter measures.
- 1530 - 1610 - General discussion conducted by Pl Comds.
- 1615 - 1630 - P.T.

Day 3

Range practices - Rifle, Bren, Gren.

Day 4

- 0830 - 0910 - C.S.M's Parade.
- 0915 - 0955 - Problems likely to be met by sec out on patrol.
Methods of gaining info. Valuation to place on
info gained. Lecture Coy Comd.
- 1000 - 1220 - (Practice to be conducted by Pl Comd in form of
(tutorial exercises. The Pl Comd. to select suitable
- 1400 - 1525 - (ground, halt his pl. Inform them that each
(individual is to place himself in the position of
(- (1) leading scout (2) second scout (3) sec
(leader etc according to the problem in mind. Give
(them time to consider the problem and then question
(individuals. Select a good plan in case of sec
(problems and appoint its author to lead the patrol
(and put it into practice.
- 1530 - 1610 - General discussionx conducted by Pl Comd.
- 1615 - 1630 - P.T.

Day 5

- 0830 - 0910 - Lecture Booby Traps.
- 0915 - 1220 - Setting and concealing Booby Traps
- 1400 - 1630 - Make & Mend.

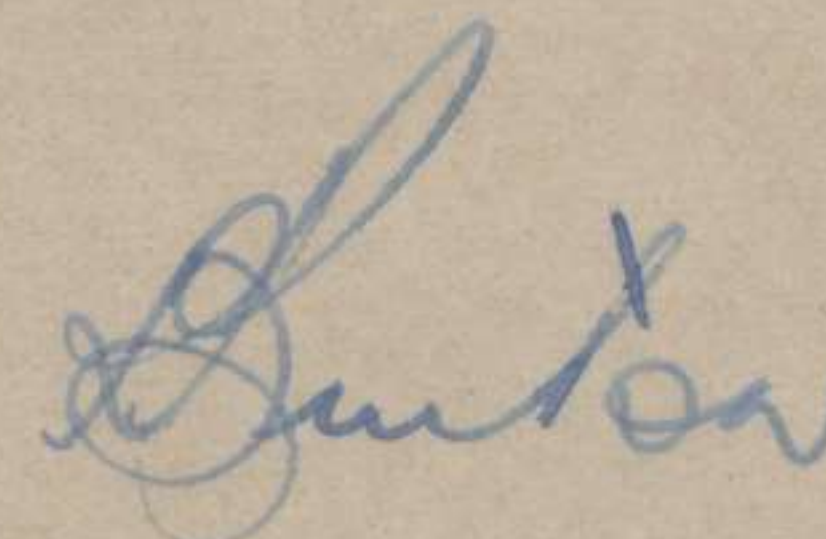
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Subject: LOCATION STATEMENT - 42 AUST INF BN

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29 Aust Inf Bde.

1. Ref map LAE 1:25000.

2. Herewith locations as at 141200L: Bn HQ 687425; "A" Coy 684427;
"B" Coy 686426; "C" Coy (less 14 pl) 685424; 14 pl HOPOI;
D Coy (less 18 pl) 686424; 18 pl SALAMAUA; HQ Coy 686425.



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HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn
15 Dec 43.

42 AUST INF BN ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO.3 (4)

MALARIA CONTROL AND SUPPRESSION
(ref 5 Aust Div Adm Instn A.7)

1. Mosquito Squad. Every company will maintain a mosquito squad of 1 NCO and 3 OR's. This squad will NOT be detailed as a daily fatigue but will be of constant constitution.
This squad will be responsible for the regular spraying of the company area under supervision of Hygiene Sgt.
2. Natives. NO natives will be permitted to remain in unit lines after 1800 hrs.
3. Clothing. All personnel will wear shirts with long sleeves and long trousers at ALL times. Between 0700 hrs and the evening meal parade or 1830 hrs whichever is the earlier personnel may roll their sleeves to the elbows. Shirts will be worn with the tails inside the trousers.
4. Gaiters. Gaiters American type (full length) will be worn at all times.
5. Driving Discipline. The majority of mosquito breeding areas are man made by drivers who make new tracks at random over the kunai and jungle fringes, or who drive across drains etc. Offrs and NCO's must check this carelessness on the part of drivers.
6. It will be noted that permission has NOT been granted for the removal of shirts by working parties.
7. Present precautions as to use of atabrin, lotion and nets to be enforced.

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PERIOD	D8	D9	D10	D11	D12	D13	D14	D15
0830-0910	Method Fixing Objects	T N	.	Quick Enlargement	Y	Y	R T S	N
0920-1000	Simple Field Sketch	P M E	B H L C	"	A	A	R E P O R T S	E T T I O N
1010-1050	"	A G E	E T I E	Field Sketching Without Instruments	D	D	O L R E P O R T S	I T I O N
1100-1140	"	M L A	K S F	"			T R O P I C A L	W R I T I N G
1150-1230	"	E N E	.	"	S	T	P A T R O N	& I N T E R V I E W
1400-1445	How to Grid Sketch	P E	Setting Map & Finding Posn	"	A	S	L & O L D	O M N I B I U M
1450-1535	Revision Relief & Representation	A C C	"	"	M	E	R O U T E	I N F O R M A T I O N
1540-1620	"	M R E C	"	"	X	R	P A T R O N	R E V I S I O N

HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn
17 Dec 43.

1. Proficiency Pay. Approval has been given for the payment of proficiency pay of sixpence per day to every male member of the AMF who holds the appointment of lance corporal or the rank of private, and who is not in receipt of tradesman or specialist pay, subject to the conditions set out hereunder:-
2. Entitlement. Proficiency pay will be paid to a soldier who
 - (a) at the time of passing the prescribed examination has completed six months service.
 - (b) for six months prior to the examination has been of good conduct.
3. A soldier who complies with sub-paras. (a) and (b) of para. 2 of this order but who fails to pass the prescribed examination on the first occasion will be entitled to proficiency pay on and from the day upon which he passes such examination, provided he has been of good conduct for the period of six months immediately prior to passing that examination.
4. A soldier who passes the prescribed examination before he has completed six months service will be entitled to proficiency pay on completion of six months service with good conduct.
5. A soldier who is debarred from qualifying for proficiency pay by reason of a breach of good conduct will, providing he has passed the prescribed examination, become entitled to proficiency pay on and from the day following the date upon which he completes six months' service with good conduct. If such a soldier had not previously passed the prescribed examination, he will be entitled to proficiency pay on and from the day upon which he passes the prescribed examination, provided he has been of good conduct for the period of six months immediately prior to passing the examination.
6. Forfeiture of Proficiency Pay - If a soldier who is in receipt of proficiency pay commits a breach of good conduct, he shall automatically forfeit his proficiency pay on and from the date of his conviction or the award against him.
7. Subject to para 8 of this order, a soldier who has forfeited his proficiency pay by reason of a breach of good conduct will, on completion of six months' service with good conduct, be again entitled to proficiency pay without the necessity for further examination. Any period spent in detention, civil gaol or under going field punishment, as a result of circumstances constituting a breach of good conduct, will not be taken into account when calculating the required period of six months, which period will commence from the date on which the sentence was completed or any unexpired portion was remitted or suspended.
8. Proficiency pay may, at any time, be withdrawn by the CO if he considers that there has been a falling off in the efficiency of a soldier, and such soldier will be required to again qualify by examination before proficiency pay can be restored.
9. Promotion and Reversion. A lance corporal or lance bombardier or private or equivalent who is in receipt of proficiency pay will cease to be entitled to proficiency pay on his promotion to substantive or acting NCO rank (corporal or bombardier or higher) as on and from the day of such promotion.

10. A member who holds NCO rank and who is reverted to a lance corporal or lance bombardier or private or equivalent will -

- (a) if, prior to his promotion, he was in receipt of proficiency pay, again be entitled to proficiency pay on and from the date of his reversion, unless such reversion was the result of a breach of good conduct, in which event the member must complete the qualifying period of six months' service with good conduct;
- (b) if, prior to his promotion, he was not in receipt of proficiency pay, be required to pass the prescribed examination and to complete the qualifying period of six months' service with good conduct. Unless the reversion was the result of a breach of good conduct, service rendered prior to his reversion will contribute to the qualifying period of six months' service with good conduct.

11. Transfers. When a soldier who is in receipt of proficiency pay is transferred from one arm or branch of the service to a unit of a different arm or branch, he will, subject to the provisions of para 6 of this order, continue to be entitled to proficiency pay for a period of three months after such transfer, but, unless within that period he passes the prescribed examination for the arm or branch to which he has been transferred, he will, on and from the day following the date upon which such period expires, cease to be entitled to proficiency pay.

12. Casualties. A soldier will not forfeit his proficiency pay by reason only of his -

- (a) admission to hospital;
- (b) becoming a prisoner of war;
- (c) being posted as missing;
- (d) medical reclassification;
- (e) transfer to another unit (except as stated in para 11)

13. Pay Book Entries. No entry will be made in the soldier's pay book entitling him to proficiency pay until receipt by the Unit of the relevant routine orders, Part II, showing his classification as proficient, which will be quoted as the authority.

14. In cases where a soldier ceases to be entitled to proficiency pay through a breach of good conduct or by inefficiency, the necessary entry showing the reduction in rate of pay will be made in the pay book by the OC on the authority of the casualty return and the reference to the routine order, Part II, will be inserted upon receipt of such order.

15. Interpretations.

"Prescribed Examination." (1) Tests of Elementary Training for Gas as specified in "Gas Training (Aust) 1942." Section 15. Particulars of these tests and the records to be kept will be obtained from the Unit Gas Officer Lieut C.W. HARVEY.

(2) Small arms test with the rifle or light machine gun or medium machine gun or in the case of personnel issued with the submachine gun or pistol as a personal weapon, the submachine gun or pistol. The standard required of the candidate is classification as a first class shot.

As no open range is available in this area for the firing of classification tables part II (as specified in SAT Vol 1 Pamphlet 14) pay book records and firing results on the local miniature range will guide Coy Comds in assessing whether or not a candidate is up to first class standard.

26. "Six months' service". Only continuous full time war service will be taken into account when calculating the period of six months' service. Periods of leave with pay will be accepted as service. Periods of leave without pay will not contribute towards the requisite period, but service rendered prior to such leave will not thereby be cancelled but will be accepted as part of the period of six months.
17. "Good Conduct" - A soldier's conduct will be deemed good unless he commits a 'breach of good conduct' as interpreted hereunder.
- "Breach of good conduct" will occur -
- (a) when an award has been made by a military authority imposing upon the soldier a penalty higher in the scale set out in AWR & O 414 (b) than confinement to barracks for seven days, providing that no fine of less than £1 shall be deemed to be a breach of good conduct;
 - (b) when the soldier has been convicted by a civil court and fined £5 or more or sentenced to imprisonment, whether or not such sentence is suspended upon the soldier entering into a bond.
18. (a) Coy Comds will each appoint an officer to carry out the tests as specified in para 15 (1).
- (b) Complete returns setting out the qualification in gas training for all personnel and firing standard for those personnel eligible for proficiency pay will be submitted to Bn HQ by 30 Dec 43.

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MAJOR J.D.M. CARSTAIRS - ADM COMD 42 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

18 Dec 43

SERIAL NO. 59

308. REGIMENTAL FUND:

1. Amounts distributed to troops since 1 Jul 43 are -

Canteen Goods	£587/-/5
Periodicals	£ 16/5/2

309. AUST COMFORTS FUND:

1. The receipt of issues for November and December 43 are acknowledged.

310. DRESS:

1. ALL personnel will wear shirts with long sleeves and long trousers at ALL times.
2. Gaiters American type will be worn at all times.
3. Hatbands will be worn on all hats.

311. ANTI-MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS:

1. Every company will maintain a mosquito squad of 1 N.C.O. and 3 OR's. This squad will NOT be detailed as a daily fatigue but will be of constant constitution.

312. DRIVING DISCIPLINE:

1. The majority of mosquito breeding areas are man made by drivers who make new tracks at random over the kunai and jungle fringes; or who drive across drains etc. Offrs and NCOs must check this carelessness on the part of drivers.

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313. UNIT PHOTOGRAPHER:

1. QX40809 Capt J.F. FRAINEY is appointed Unit Photographer as from 15 Dec 43.

314. HANDLING OF CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT (Ref NGF)

1. The following briefly describes the present system of handling captured documents and equipment.
 - (a) All captured enemy documents and equipment handed in to Intelligence by forward troops are tagged by a printed shipping label.
 - (b) The finder, if he so desires, may name himself or some other person to whom the souvenir may be sent when no longer required by Intelligence.
 - (c) The article, with tag attached, is forwarded to Adv LHQ (Aust) after preliminary examination, together with a letter giving necessary details for the disposal of the article. A copy of this letter is also sent under separate cover.
 - (d) In the case of:-

Documents Adv LHQ forward the article to ATIS. If not required to be held there, it is returned to Adv LHQ for disposal.

Equipment In some cases the article is disposed of immediately by Adv LHQ in accordance with the finder's wishes. In others it is sent to MGO's Branch MELBOURNE for technical examination. If not required by them it is released, but if release is not possible, a letter is sent to the finder informing of this

2. With regard to para 1(b) above, troops should be encouraged to name a person on the mainland rather than himself. Every article which is returned to the finder is passed back to NEW GUINEA and then generally returned by him to AUSTRALIA via postal channels. Although covered in censorship by a certificate stating "of no Intelligence value" there is a risk of loss and/or delay in transit. The risk is obviated by direct forwarding to persons named in AUSTRALIA. If, however, a soldier desires particularly that the article be returned to him, every effort to comply will be made.
3. It is requested please that lists of captured documents and equipment, together with finders' instructions, be forwarded periodically by divisions to this HQ through normal channels. These lists will, in turn, be forwarded to Adv LHQ (Aust).
4. In this way a check can be made to ensure that articles are disposed of, as far as possible, in accordance with the finder's wishes. This policy, it is considered, will assist in the correct disposal of articles and thus promote goodwill with forward troops.

315. USE OF CENSORED COVERS (REF NGFO G474)

LHQ Field Censorship Instruction No.7 is published for general information:-

"1. A censored cover is an envelope, a green envelope or a wrapping showing any censorship markings including all or any of the following - Unit Censor Stamp, "Opened by Censor" Label or "Passed by Censor" Stamp.

2. Censored covers may only be used again for transmission through the post if the previous censorship markings are NOT discernible.

3. If a censored cover is or appears to be used by any member of the A M F in breach of this instruction -

(a) the Unit Censor will forward the censored cover to the OC Unit for action; or

(b) if the censored cover is not intercepted in the unit, any censorship authority sighting it will arrange to forward the censored cover to the appropriate Formation/E of C Area for action."

316. MINING AND SALE OF GOLD. (REF NGFO A477).

1. It is an offence against the laws of the Territories of Papua and New Guinea to :-

(a) fossick for gold or otherwise engage in mining, without being in possession of a Miner's Right; or

(b) take or remove gold from the claim of another person (even if in possession of a Miner's Right); or

(c) be in possession of gold without lawful excuse; or

(d) export gold from those Territories without a licence.

2. Those laws apply to, and will be observed by, all members of the AMF.

317. STERILISING OUTFITS FOR USE WITH WATER BOTTLES (Ref NGFO Q479)

1. (a) The sterilising tablets in outfits for use with water bottles are subject to deterioration and loss of strength on prolonged storage.

Provision has been made for replacement of outfits by AASC on the elapse of six months from the date of manufacture or if they are found to be unserviceable.

(b) Unit medical officers will inspect samples from each batch on issue to the unit and supervise a test for free chlorine with local water supplies. This test will be repeated if any outfits remain unopened one month after issue. If outfits are found to be unserviceable they will, on the recommendation of the Unit medical officer, be returned to AASC for replacement.

(c) Tablets will be protected from deterioration by keeping the bottles tightly corked. One outfit will be used completely before the next is opened in order to avoid deterioration by exposure to the air. For the same reason, no bottle of sterilising tablets will be kept for more than seven days after it has first been opened, as the efficiency of its contents cannot be guaranteed for longer than this period after the first opening.

2. It is believed that the problem of crumbling has been overcome in tablets of recent manufacture. Certain tablets manufactured by Tromax Ltd. in Aug Sept and Oct of 1943 will show signs of crumbling, but not sufficient to warrant return of unused stocks without test.

3. Progress reports as to the suitability of tablets of the latest manufacture are desired. These will be forwarded through the usual channels.

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42 AUST INF BN LOCATION STATEMENT

AS AT 1200 HRS 30 DEC 43.

Ref map: LAE 3508 1/25000

SUBUNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS
42 AUST INF BN		
BN HQ	687425	
HQ COY	686425	
A Coy less 9 Pl & 1 Sec 7 Pl	684427	
9 Pl & 1 Sec 7 Pl	SALAMADA	
B COY	686426	
C COY	685424	Working until 1 Jan 44 at Bde School Site - 700502
D COY	686424	

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