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TAGESSI	1	0530	A B, D & HQ Coys reported quiet night	B
		0600	Strength 38 Offrs 710 % ^{rs}	B
		0705	First flight of recce party up Maj. J.F. Framley left Bn HQ for SABA R mouth to proceed by barge to 47 Bn area on SABA R.	B
		0707	C.O. left Bn HQ to adm comd 29 Bde for day	B
		0750	List of passwords for period 22-31 Dec were destroyed by fire	B
		0900	Second flight of recce party to 47 Bn area moved out	B
		1400	C.O. returned from Bde H.Q.	B
		1405	O.O. No. 1. issued	See Appx D
		1700	Recce parties returned from 47 Bn area	B
		1800	C.O. held Coy Comds conference at which O.O. No. 1 was read & move of Bn to relieve 47 Bn on SABA R was discussed	B
	2	0500	Comd party left Bn HQ with A Coy for relief of 47 Bn on SABA R.	B
		0600	Strength 38 Offrs 714 % ^{rs}	B

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JABA R	2	0745	A Coy arrived 800729 & relieved Coy 47 Bn.	SB
		0900	D Coy relieved Coy 47 Bn 794735	SB
		0930	Bn HQ opened 794735	
			C.O. assumed comd all Tps in JABA Sector	SB
		1000	Local protective patrols from A & D Coys operated for remainder of day.	SB
		1100	B Coy relieved pl 47 Bn at 797734	SB
		1115	Local protective patrols moved out from B Coy & operated for remainder of day.	SB
		1200	C.O. & I.O. who had moved with A Coy, arrived Bn HQ after having inspected A & B Coys areas.	SB
		1205	C Coy were warned to prepare to move from CHOP CHOP area to TAGESSI Area vic. H.Q. 29 Bde.	SB
		1725	C Coy arrived TAGESSI area from CHOP CHOP area	SB

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SABA R.	2	1740	All patrols were back in Coy perimeters	B
		1810	Orders were received for patrol to Log King 795727	B
		1930	All Coys stood to	B
	3	0500	All Coys stood to & reported quiet night	B
		0600	Strength 38 Offrs 709 9/10's	B
		0730	Local protective & contact patrols moved out.	
			8 PM A Coy left Coy perimeter to clear south side of track to track junc 817724	B
		0740	Patrol of pl strength 4/c Lt. L.T. RICHMOND moved out from D Coy to clear area of Log King 795727	B
		0820	C.O. left for inspection of A & B Coys perimeters.	B
		0917	8 PM A Coy reported that unidentified body of Aust soldier was discovered at 804726 & was buried @ Aust eqpt, rifles, medical gear & tools were also found in same area.	B

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JABA R	3	0930	C.O. returned to Bn H.Q. having completed inspection of A+B Coys. B	
		0950	Patrol of Lt. LT. RICHMOND reported that patrol had been followed by armed native who disappeared when noticed. Track was marked with white paper attached to trees	B
		1045	C.O. left Bn H.Q. by barge to attend conference at Bde H.Q.	B
		1208	8 Pl reported that they had reached track junc 817724 & contacted patrol from A Coy 47 Bn up Lt QUIGLEY @ N.M.S.	B
		1240	Listening post D Coy reported Sap who disappeared before shot could be had.	B
		1250	D Coy sent out patrol who failed to locate Sap seen by listening post & returned at 1330 hrs	B
		1435	Lt. L.T. RICHMOND's patrol fired at armed native who escaped.	B
		1440	8 Pl A Coy returned from patrol & reported N.M.S.	B
		1540	Patrol of Lt. LT. RICHMOND returned to D Coy.	B

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JABA R	3	1710	All patrols had reported back to Coys	SB
		1730	Co. returned from conference at Bde HQ	SB
		1810	Co. briefed O/C B Coy & Lt D. COURTNEY for fighting patrol ^{4 Jan 45} to move through Log Xing 795727 & push south to contact 15 or 47 Bn @ Patrol would be accompanied by Lt. WATSON of ANGAU & 5 natives who would act as guides.	SB
		1925	Four booby traps exploded outside B Coy perimeter	SB
		2015	Booby trap exploded outside A Coy perimeter.	SB
		2030-2330	Mvt heard outside A & B Coys perimeters & booby traps exploded & grenades were thrown	SB
	4	0530	All Coys stood to & reported all quiet after mvt at irregular intervals from 2030 hrs - 2330 hrs had subsided.	SB
		0600	Strength 37 Offrs 713 O/Rs	SB
		0715	11 Pl B Coy w/ Lt D. COURTNEY with Lt. WATSON, ANGAU & 5 native guides moved out for Log Xing 795727 thence to contact 15 Bn or 47 Bn	SB

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SABA R	4	0715	Sap, unarmed, sighted outside D Coy perimeter. Disappeared before shot could be fired.	B
		0800	Recce, local protective & contact patrols had all moved out.	B
		1220	A Coy reported an UXB in their area.	B
		1225	11 Pl patrol reported that contact had been made & one Sap killed.	B
		1230	11 Pl reported another Sap probably killed.	B
		1240	11 Pl reported that one native guide was killed when contact was made.	B
		1310	Mortars 3" from D Coy commenced ranging on DF tasks outside A Coy perimeter. At conclusion of their ranging DF tasks in the same area were registered by 2 Td Regt.	B
		1405	11 Pl were advised that patrol from C Coy 47 Bn was trying to contact them from south. They were ordered to form firm base & listen for 5 shots from 47 Bn patrol. If shots not heard they were to return.	B
		1500	Mortars 3" followed by 2 Td Regt registered DF targets outside B Coy perimeter.	B

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JABA R	4	1500	Listening post outside A Coy perimeter fired on native but missed	B
		1530	11 PM patrol returned to B Coy	B
		1540	Pte. D. Glover, while waiting beside bogged jeep on track at 790738, saw Sap or native in undergrowth. He chased him for 20-25 yds into jungle but did not sight him for shot.	B
		1610	UXB in A Coy area was exploded by Engt pers.	B
		1620	Listening Post outside B Coy perimeter fired at what he thought was Sap but missed	B
		1721	D Coy reported that Sap had been sighted outside perimeter.	B
		1837	Bde Comd ordered Co. to send one coy through Log Xing area 795727 to coast 6 Jan to clear area & to send strong patrol with arty	
			FOO 5 Jan to bring fire to bear on Sap posns.	B
		2150	Verbal orders by Bde Comd to Co. at 1837 hrs were confirmed in following terms:— One coy will be prepared to move at 050800L	B

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SABA R.	4		to Log XING area 795727 accompanied by F.O.O. Task to hold during daylight hrs posn which will permit the shelling of track junction area 794726 Coy will return to present area leaving 795727 NOT after 051400L 2 Fd Regt 600 rds allotted Task Harassing fire along track from 794726 to 800724 for a distance of approx 750 yds.	
	5	0530	All Coys stood to after quiet night	
		0600	Strength 37 Offrs 714 9/11	
		0605	Bde Comd rang CO who suggested using A Coy for patrol to Log XING 795727 & for push through to coast 6 Jan when their present perimeter would be destroyed. Bde Comd informed CO that 2/8 Cdo Sqn would move into A Coy perimeter.	
		0615	A Coy were ordered to be ready to move by 0800 hrs for one day patrol	
		0619	B Coy were ordered to send one pl to A Coy by 0745 hrs to hold their perimeter for day.	

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SABA R	5	0730	Local protective ^{& contact} patrols moved out	
		0800	A Coy, accompanied by FOO & LT SMITH, Mil History Sec, moved out	
		0800	12 Pl B Coy took over A Coy perimeter for day.	
		0830	Patrol of Lt C. BOYLAN & with 10 ofrs moved from D Coy to recce track south from B Coy & endeavour to contact A Coy.	
		0840	Orders were received that one tp 2/8 Cde Sqn would relieve A Coy by 061400 L & remainder of relief would be completed as circumstances permitted. Until relief was complete comd of SABA R sector would remain with Bn.	
		0940	Mortars 3" registered same DF tasks as were done on 4 Jan but with new guns.	
		1000	UX shell reported in D Coy area	
		1215	A Coy occupied ambush posn at track junc & were ready for arty to register.	

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SABA R	5-	1300	Arty registering fwd of A Coy were ordered to do so with smoke so that Lt. C. BOYLAN's patrol could get their direction	
		1330	C Coy advised that grenade accidentally exploded at 1145 hrs & NX 167547 Pte R. B. ROSS was killed & 7 lts wounded	
		1335	A Coy discovered bodies of Jap & native boy who were killed on 11 A patrol 4 Jan.	
		1340	Lt. C. BOYLAN reported that he was in very thick jungle & his sig cable had run out. He was ordered to establish firm base & send fast patrol to try to contact A Coy	
		1345	8 A A Coy moved fwd to clear track after arty fire ceased.	
		1355	8 A made contact & NX 201084 Pte N. F. SYMONDS was killed	
		1430	8 A, who were held up by 2 LMG's & 3 rifles, were withdrawn & arty fire was brought down	
		1530	8 A moved fwd again but could NOT dislodge enemy due to thickness of country & well concealed posn.	

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SABA R	5	1630	C Coy moved from 768808 (TAGESSI Area) to 777727	Ⓝ
		1635	Lt. C. Boyle's patrol returned to D Coy having failed to contact A Coy	Ⓝ
		1700	Active protective patrolling finished for day	Ⓝ
		1808	12 A B Coy were ordered to move to A Coy perimeter at 0345 hrs	
			6 Jan to take over from A Coy who were moving at 0415 hrs to coast	Ⓝ
		1815	C Coy arrived at posn 777727	Ⓝ
		1815	A Coy returned through D Coy perimeter.	Ⓝ
		1820	A Coy were ordered to move at 060415 L to coast through Log Xing 795727 & clear track on way	Ⓝ
		1845	Bde Comd discussed with CO. plans for A Coy move 6 Jan ☉ He advised CO. that patrol from 47 Bn would move from 780726 towards Log Xing 795727 & in addition NG13 patrol would be working up from south ☉ 300 vets arty were allotted for harassing fire on Log Xing area for night.	Ⓝ

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SABA R.	6	0047	Confirmation of orders for move of A Coy were received.	B
		0345	12 Pt B Coy moved to A Coy to take over their perimeter.	B
		0415	A Coy moved from 800729 to coast.	B
		0600	Strength 34 Offrs 704 %rs.	B
		0720	A Coy at Log Xing	B
		0723	Bde Comd advised that A Coy must get through to coast & another Coy would follow through 7 Jan	B
		0745	All local protective & contact patrols had moved out.	B
		0830	A Coy reported that they were waiting for arty to fire on area occupied by Japs 5 Jan & then 9 Pt would push on.	B
		0837	Arty commenced firing.	B
		0853	9 Pt A Coy passed point where opposition was met 5 Jan & Coy moved fwd.	B
		0910	Pte N.F. SYMONDS body was found & buried.	B

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SABA R	6	0945	Local protective patrol fired at armed Jap outside B Coy perimeter but missed.	B
		1040	A Coy contacted 47 Bn patrol & ANGAN guides to south of Log King.	B
		1050	Orders were received from Bde Comd that NG13 guide A Coy less one pl to OXLEY AMBUSH 788711 & one pl to remain in ambush vic Log King & move on with B Coy 7 Jan.	B
		1115	A Coy reported that ANGAN did NOT know where OXLEY AMBUSH was situated but could guide Coy to SAIBA 2.	B
		1225	A Coy reported that they could NOT find track leading south.	B
		1235	9 Pl A Coy dug in & established ambush at LOG KING.	B
		1300	A Coy were ordered to send out recce patrols to try to find track to south to contact NG13 patrol & OXLEY AMBUSH.	B
		1300	12 Pl B Coy who were occupying A Coy perimeter 800729 were relieved by B Tp 2/8 Cdo Sqn.	B

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SABA R	6	1420	Orders were received that 2/8 Cdo Sqn would relieve B & D Coy on SABA R, such relief to be timed by mvt of 2/8 Cdo Sqn	B
		1430	Orders were received for move of B Coy to coast along same track as A Coy on 7 Jan @ Bn H.Q. were ordered to move to 780717 leaving D Coy in SABA R area @ Comd of SABA R SECTOR would remain with D Coy until they moved.	B
		1516	A Coy were ordered to proceed along track to south & link up with OXLEY AMBUSH	B
		1520	B Coy were warned to be ready to move along track taken by A Coy by 0630 hrs 7 Jan.	B
		1607	A Coy made contact with Saps & killed two	B
		1625	9 A Coy reported that Saps around their posn & one was killed @ Patrol from 47 Bn was ordered to take up posn with 9 Pl.	B

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SABA R	6	1643	B Coy were ordered to move to coast area 7871 at 0700 hrs 7 Jan along track followed by A Coy.	B
		1655	47 Bn patrol joined 9 Pl & commenced to dig in.	B
		1700	All local protective & contact patrols had reported in.	B
		1723	A Coy reported that they had killed 9 Japs & captured 2 LMG's.	B
		1724	Native was sighted on track between B Coy & 2/8 Cdo.	B
		1825	A Coy reported that track which they were on turned NORTH & they returned to 9 Pl posn where they were ordered to stay for night.	B
		1855	A Coy were ordered to proceed to coast 780715 AM 7 Jan with patrol from 47 Bn @ Advy F.O. with A Coy was advised that 200 yds had been allotted for night for harassing fire on areas indicated by o/c A Coy.	B
		1900	Line comm with A Coy went out.	B

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SABA R	6	2203	Orders were received that two atebirin tablets per day would in future be taken by all ranks	
	7	0600	Strength 34 Offis 699 ofr's	
		0615	CO. issued orders for move of Bn HQ & H.Q. Coy details from 794736 to coast at 780716	
		0615	18th D Coy moved out to occupy B Coy perimeter	
		0700	B Coy moved from 797734 to coast at 785698	
		0745	Comm established with A Coy who reported quiet night	
		0815	A Coy less 9th moved from Log King area to coast at 780717	
		0830	Adv Party of Bn HQ moved by barge from 794736 to 780716	
		0920	Adv Party of Bn HQ arrived B Ech 47 Bn 780718 & unloaded stores	
			Major J.F. Fraincy reced Bn HQ area 780716	
		1000	Bn HQ closed 794736 & re-opened 780716	
		1000	Bn HQ pers & H.Q. Coy details moved by march from 794736 to 780716	

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Tusu R	7	1200	Bn HQ & HQ Coy details arrived 780716	B
		1300	A Coy less 9 A arrived 780717	B
		1535	9 A who moved through from Log King with B Coy rejoined A Coy at 780717. B Coy move was completed without incident	B
		1555	Message of congratulation from 29 Bde was received on successful completion of clearing of track thru Log King & track was officially named Loes Rd.	B
		1700	B Coy arrived in biv area 785698	B
		1815	CO held Coy Comd's conference at which it was decided to devote 8 Jan to adm.	B
		2215	Bde Comd suggested to CO that D Coy with assistance of 2/8 Cdo Sqn be used to clear area Log King & Loes Rd.	B
		2350	D Coy with in support one sec 2/8 Cdo Sqn were warned to be ready to move NOT before 0645 hrs 8 Jan to clear Log King area	B

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TUJU R	8	0600	Strength 34 Offrs 694 O/r's	
			All Coys reported quiet night	
		0630	Active local protective patrolling was carried out during day.	
		0635	Bde Comd discussed with CO plans for patrolling & clearing Log Xing area & proposed move of D Coy on 9 Jan.	
		0745	O/c D Coy rang CO who ordered him to disregard message of 2350 hrs of 7 Jan & O/c D Coy advised CO that Bde Comd had ordered one offr & 15 O/r's plus one sec 2/8 Cdo to patrol to Log Xing 795727 along track from A Coy old area at 800729	
		0825	Patrol from D Coy c/o Lt L. BYRNE with 15 O/r's plus one sec 2/8 Cdo Sqn moved out to patrol to Log Xing 795727	
		1420	CO ordered D Coy to send patrol down track from B Coy old posn 797734 to Log Xing to drive any Sops into 2/8 Cdo Sqn ambush at Log Xing & D Coy were warned to be ready to move at 0630 hrs 9 Jan.	

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TUJU R	8	1430	Patrol from D Coy 4 ^c Lt. C. BOYLAN moved out along track from B Coy old posn 797734 to Log KING 795727	
			Patrol from D Coy 4 ^c Lt. L. BYRNE reported back at 1200 hrs @ Track from A Coy old posn 800729 swung generally EAST & junctioned with SABA track at 809724 @ NMS but dead Sap found at 808725 & country showed signs of arty fire.	B.
		1445	C Coy were warned to be prepared to take over OXLEY AMBUSH from pl C Coy 47 Bn on 9 Jan	B.
		1745	Patrol from D Coy 4 ^c Lt. C. BOYLAN returned & reported NMS	B.
		2020	Orders were received that B Coy would move from 785699 to relieve A Coy 47 Bn at 785694 by 1600 hrs 9 Jan	B.
		2045	13 ^C A Coy were ordered to move at 0730 hrs 9 Jan to OXLEY AMBUSH & be prepared to stay for 3 days.	B.
		2245	D Coy were ordered to move at 0630 hrs 9 Jan to coast via Log KING & SOES RD.	B.

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TWU R	9	0600	Strength 34 Offs 692 $\frac{1}{2}$ R ¹	B
		0630	Local protective & contact patrols were maintained during day.	B
		0630	D Coy moved from 794735 to coast via JOES Rd.	B
		0740	13 Pl C Coy moved out to take over OXLEY AMBUSH from pl C Coy 47 Bn.	B
		0835	B Coy moved from biv area 785698 & relieved A Coy 47 Bn 785694	B
		0925	13 Pl C Coy arrived OXLEY AMBUSH	B
		0945	Relief of OXLEY AMBUSH by 13 Pl C Coy was complete.	B
		1120	D Coy met Jap ambush 500 yds SOUTH of LOG KING & fwd scout was wounded.	B
		1335	Advice was received from 2/8 Cdo Sqn that D Coy had struck Jap ambush 200 yds beyond 2/8 Cdo Sqn ambush posn at LOG KING \odot Our casualties one killed & one wounded \odot Arty support called for & shoot successful \odot D Coy had moved through to coast.	
		1630	D Coy arrived C Coy posn 777727 & Maj R.B. Cole reported	B

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TUSU R	9		<p>that Coy were ambushed about 200 yds outside 2/8 Cdo Sqn ambush posn. Rear tps had not passed thro perimeter when leading scout was wounded. One sec were sent round on left flank but were pinned down by LMG fire & Q272601 Pte W. Elley was killed. Grenade dischargers were used & sec was withdrawn with remainder of Coy & arty fire was brought down. To save out tps removing packs 2/8 Cdo Sqn offered to send patrol to outflank Saps posn. Offer was accepted & patrol took two hrs & then only came out 100 yds behind Saps posn. D Coy moved thru & discovered one dead Saps & evidence of two more wounded. Maj. R.B. Cole made special mention of good work done by Cpl. P. Hogan & Pte J.W. Gray. Saps had two LMG's & 8-10 rifles.</p>	
		1800	C.O. left on Pde Comd's launch AM 1891 to listen in with Pde Comd to attack by 47 Bn across mouth of ADELE R.	

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TUSU R	9	1825	D Coy left C Coy area 711727 for biv area 785698	B
		1915	Message of congratulation from GOC 3 Aust Div on success of ops on SABA R was received	See App B "H."
		2015	D Coy arrived in biv posn 785698	B
	10	0600	Strength 34 Offrs 693 O/Rs	B
		0700	Local protective & contact patrols operated during day.	B
		0714	Orders were received for Mortar Pl & Tr/A Pl to be placed etc 47 Bn to support their crossing of ADELE R. Pl Comds were ordered to move fwd for recce & guns to follow by rd.	B
		0855	CO held conference of all offrs at which were discussed patrols, attack with emphasis on men firing low & defence. Coy Comds conference followed at which it was decided to increase the fire power of Coys by transferring to them automatic weapons from B Ech. It was decided to bring steel helmets fwd in case they were needed but they would NOT yet be issued.	B

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Tusu R	10	1415	C.O. left for 47 Bn 770634 to recce their area in anticipation of bn moving in.	
		1735	C.O. returned from recce of 47 Bn.	
		1735	The following orders were received from 29 Bde @ R party will complete recce of area 47 Bn by 1800 hrs with view to @ one @ replacing those sub units which are used by 47 Bn in crossing ADELE R @ two @ taking over 47 Bn area of responsibility on relinquishment by C.O. 47 Bn @ Present Coy areas at 777127 & 785694 will remain occupied	
		1735	C.O. placed all Coys on 30 minutes notice to move & advised that he would move with Bn H.Q. party 0700 hrs 11 Jan to 47 Bn area 770634 to take comd all trs @ As 47 Bn Coys moved out they would be replaced by our Coys of which D Coy would be first @ All mvt would be by rd.	
		2015	Staff Capt advised C.O. that he was required at Bde Comds conference at Bde H.Q. at 0745 hrs 11 Jan.	

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Tuju R	11	0545	Bde Comd requested that supply of steel helmets be sent fwd to 47 Bn	
			due to possibility of their being mortared south of ADELE R.	
		0555	QM was ordered to send 400-500 steel helmets fwd to 47 Bn by barge.	
		0600	Strength 34 Offrs 690 o/r's	
		0625	Maj. A.W. Mackay arrived at Bn H.Q. from B Ech to act as battle 2/c	
		0630	Local protective & contact patrols operated during day.	
		0700	Bn H.Q. party moved out for 47 Bn. area at 770634	
		0745	C.O. attended Bde Comd's conference at Bde H.Q.	
		0910	D Coy moved from 785698 to 771636	
		1104	D Coy arrived at posn 771636	
		1220	A Coy moved from 780717 to 770634	
		1430	C.O. warned 2/c that Bn H.Q. & H.Q. Coy would be ready to move	
			12 Jan @ Orders for B & C Coys would be issued later	
		1520	A Coy arrived at posn 770634	

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ADELE R	11	1610	CO. ordered 2 ^{1/2} to load Bn H.Q. gear by 0800 hrs 12 Jan & to move Bn H.Q. & H.Q. Coy pers by march at same time	B
		1725	B Coy were ordered to send one pl to relieve 13 th C Coy at OXLEY AMBUSH by 0900 hrs 12 Jan	B
	12	0600	Strength 34 Offrs 692 ^{1/2}	B
		0630	Local protective & contact patrols operated during day	B
		0700	10 th B Coy moved from Coy area 785694 to relieve 13 th C Coy at OXLEY AMBUSH	B
		0800	Bn H.Q. & H.Q. Coy details moved from 780716 to 771634	B
		1000	10 th B Coy relieved 13 th C Coy at OXLEY AMBUSH	B
ADELE R		1020	Bn H.Q. & H.Q. Coy details arrived 771634	B
		1250	B Ech arrived from TAGESSI Area & established at 771634	B
		1315	Enemy shell landed 300 yds out to sea off Bn H.Q. area	B
		1321	13 more shells, thought to be 75 mm & of which 4 were blinds landed in Bn H.Q. area on beach & in sea @ No casualties or damage was sustained.	B

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ADELE R	12	1450-1457	31 shells of apparently 75mm calibre of which 14 were blinds	
			landed on beach & in water off Bn HQ. No damage or	
			casualties resulted	B
		1520	Unexploded 75mm shell was discovered on beach at 77056345	B
		1800	C.O. was called to Bde HQ where he remained for night	B
		1820	3 shells of 75 calibre landed well out to sea	B
	13	0515-0522	9 enemy shells, of which 3 were blinds, passed over Bn HQ area	B
		0533	More enemy shells passed over & landed in sea	B
		0600	Strength 34 Offrs 686 %R's	B
		0645	14th Coy moved out from 777727 as fighting patrol to log	
			Xing area 792725	B
		0700	Local protective & contact patrols operated during day	B
		1425	C.O. returned from Bde HQ	B
		1500	14th Coy returned from patrol & reported NMS	B

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ADELE R	13	1640	Coy Comd's conference was held at which plans were decided for defence of Bn area	B
		2350	Orders were received from Adele HQ that pl C Coy 15 Bn would relieve 10 Pl B Coy at OXLEY AMBUSH 14 Jan.	B
	14	0600	Strength 35 Offrs 682 9/12	B
		0630	Local protective & contact patrols operated during day.	B
		0835	C.O., A/Adjut, Sig Offr & Ofcs all Coys moved out to recce 47 Bn area	B
		0930	10 Pl B Coy were relieved by pl C Coy 15 Bn at OXLEY AMBUSH	B
		1100	10 Pl returned to B Coy perimeter 785 694	B
		1135	12 Pl B Coy moved from B Coy area 785 694 to D Coy area 771 636	B
		1330	12 Pl B Coy arrived D Coy area 771 636	B
	15	0600	Strength 35 Offrs 682 9/12	
		0645	Local protective & contact patrols operated during day	B

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ADELE R	15	1400	Lt Col McDonald & Lt Oxley, 15 Bn, visited bn area	<i>[Signature]</i>
	16	0600	Strength 35 Offrs & 676 o/r's	<i>[Signature]</i>
		0700	Local protective & contact patrols operated during day.	<i>[Signature]</i>
		1750	Orders were received from Bde HQ that C Coy 47 Bn would be relieved by one Coy by 1200 hrs 17 Jan	<i>[Signature]</i>
		1750	Maj. R. B. Cole, of D Coy, reported to C.O. for orders re relief C Coy 47 Bn 17 Jan	<i>[Signature]</i>
		2000	C Coy were ordered to move fwd from 777727 17 Jan	<i>[Signature]</i>
	17	0600	Strength 35 Offrs 678 o/r's	<i>[Signature]</i>
		0700	D Coy moved from 771636 to relieve C Coy 47 Bn	
			Local protective & contact patrols operated during day.	<i>[Signature]</i>
		0800	Bn HQ moved from 770634 to 769630 & relieved 47 Bn	<i>[Signature]</i>
		0830	D Coy less 17 Pl relieved C Coy ^{less one pl} 47 Bn at 768623 & 17 Pl relieved one pl C Coy 47 Bn at 767624	<i>[Signature]</i>

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ADELE R	17	0850	12 Pl B Coy moved from 771636 to relieve pl 47 Bn at 763615 near SUNKEN BARGE	B
		0915	C Coy moved from 777727 to relieve D Coy 47 Bn at 767626	B
		1200	12 Pl B Coy relieved 11 Pl B Coy 47 Bn at 763615 SUNKEN BARGE	B
		1230	C Coy less 14 Pl relieved D Coy less one pl 47 Bn at 767626 + 14 Pl relieved pl D Coy 47 Bn at 764613 (inland from SUNKEN BARGE)	B
		1240	Brig. R.F. Monaghan + Brig Field, Comd 7 Bde, visited Bn area	B
		1600	Patrol from 14 Pl at 764613 returned to perimeter after clearing three pillboxes @ Documents were captured	See Appx B "N"
	18	0600	Strength 35 Offrs 677 9/16	B
		0630	9 Pl 4 Lt J. Collier left A Coy to move through 14 Pl to Rd MARAWAKA - MARATOWA + thence EAST along rd	B
		0630	Lt P.E. Steinhöver + 7 9/16 incl F.S.S. man, moved from A Coy to MAWARAKA to search area	B

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ADELE R	18	0730	13 Pl 4/c Lt D. Lindsay left C Coy to move through D Coy to Rd MAWARAKA - MAKATONA thence EAST along Rd.	B
		0735	B Coy less 12 Pl moved from 785694 for Bn H.Q area 769630	B
		0750	13 Pl arrived at D Coy & passed through their perimeter.	B
		0815	B Coy less 12 Pl arrived Bn H.Q area 769630	B
		0945	Lt P.E. Steinheuer reported that he was in MAWARAKA which had been recently vacated by enemy.	B
		1000	9 Pl reported that they were in MAWARAKA at 766614 & had found area recently vacated by enemy.	B.
		1038	Lt P.E. Steinheuer reported that his patrol was fired on by Jap snipers on Rd about 400 yds EAST of MAWARAKA	B
		1105	14 Pl C Coy reported that they had cleared pill box which measured 20 yds across	B
		1310	9 Pl reached 769613 without making contact.	B

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ADELE R	18	1325	Lt P.E. Steinheuer reported that Cpl. J. Caplice had been wounded in leg	B
		1350	13 Pl while moving towards Rd MAWARAKA - MAKATOMA struck Saps barbed wire	B
		1356	Bde Comd called at Bn H.Q. on his way to SUNKEN BARGE area	B
		1405	13 Pl reported that they had cut their way through Saps wire undetected	B
		1425	Lt P.E. Steinheuer reported that Saps had broken off contact with his patrol	B
		1532	13 Pl attacked Saps in pillboxes inside wire while 9 Pl had set ambush on rd.	B
		1635	9 Pl were ordered to push contact patrol fwd to 13 Pl	B
		1650	13 Pl reported that they had cleared area, taken 6 pillboxes & killed 5 Saps & captured documents	B See Appx "N"

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ADELE R	18	1705	Orders were issued to 9 & 13 Pls that they must make contact with each other	B
		1825	Contact patrol from 9 Pl failed to locate 13 Pl but on way back contacted 5 Japs of whom 3 were killed	B
		1830	9 Pl reported that while digging in near large bomb crater an uncounted number of Jap bodies in an advanced state of decomposition were discovered	B
		1845	Lt P.E. Steinheuer's patrol returned from MAWARAKA where they were relieved by sec from 12 Pl B Coy.	B
		1900	OO No. 8 was issued	See App B. "D"
		2057	A Coy were ordered to send carrying party with rations & amm at first light to 9 Pl & Deep penetration patrol SE from MAWARAKA was also ordered	B
		2105	10 Pl B Coy were ordered to relieve 13 Pl 19 Jan.	B

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ADELE R	18	2105	Plans to deal with possible Jap counter attack were passed by 10. to BM(L) at Adv Bde H.Q.	B
	19	0550	All pls & Coys with exception of 13 Pl, who were out of comm, reported quiet night	B
		0600	Strength 35 Offs 680 9rs	B
		0645	Sec from 12 Pl relieved sec from 12 Pl who had held MANARAKA for night	B
		0650	C Coy were ordered to relieve 14 Pl with 15 Pl on basis of one sec at time commencing 0800 hr.	B
		0650	Carrying party supplied by 7 Pl moved out with amm & rations for 9 Pl @ They were accompanied by Lt Sjt. R. Horns & 3 9rs who were ordered to patrol SE of MANARAKA	B
		0700	11 Pl B Coy moved from 769630 to relieve 13 Pl at 772613	B
		0800	10 Pl B Coy commenced relief of 12 Pl 763615 on sec basis	B

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ADELE R	19	0800	15 Pl Coy commenced relief 14 Pl at 764613 on sec basis	B
		0845	CO left Bn H.Q. to visit fwd Coys.	B
		1000	11 Pl with carrying party from D Coy arrived 13 Pl area. Carrying party dropped supplies & moved back to 11 Pl who waited outside perimeter @ 11 Pl then moved in & joined 13 Pl	B
		1130	Relief of 14 Pl by 15 Pl at 764613 was completed.	B
		1210	A Coy were warned to be ready to move to MARAWAKA	B
		1243	9 Pl reported their posn as on SOUTH side of rd @ Some Saps had been sighted but no contact made.	B
		1250	Ok A Coy was informed that 7 Pl were on their way back from delivery of supplies to 9 Pl @ 4 Saps were placed at disposal of A Coy to ferry pen as far fwd as possible in their move to MANARANA.	B
		1257	13 Pl reported that Sap perimeter had been completely cleared & 4 dead Saps found in area.	B

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ADELE R	19	1315	9 Pl were ordered to move eastwards along NORTH side of rd & contact 13 Pl	B
		1347	9 Pl contacted 13 & 11 Pls	B
		1355	Lt. M.A. Anderson left B Coy to take comd 9, 11 & 13 Pls	B
		1402	Patrol from 13 Pl EAST along rd found several pillboxes & observed party Japs moving down rd towards posn.	B
		1430	Relief of 12 Pl by 10 Pl at 76364 was completed	B
		1445	A Coy less 9 Pl moved from 771634 to MAWARAKA	B
		1545	A Coy took up posn at MAWARAKA 763609	B
		1605	11 Pl were warned for fighting patrol towards MARATOWA 20 km.	B
		2235-2247	Nine rounds of which two were blinds banded vic SUMREN BARGE @ No damage or cas were sustained.	B
	20	0550	All Coys & pls reported quiet night	B
		0600	Strength 37 Offrs 679 o/r's	B

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ADELE R	20	0645	24 th & party left Bn HQ to recon site for Bn at TOROKINA	B
		0700	B Coy less 10 & 11 Pls moved from 769630 to relieve 9 & 13 Pls at 772613	B
		0700	Two patrols left A Coy to locate Boomerang of which crashed a week or ten days previously.	B
		0800	11 Pl B Coy moved from 772613 EAST along track towards MAKATONA.	B
		1000	Patrols from A Coy located crashed Boomerang at 768614 ☉ Pilot was still in cock-pit but burnt & unrecognisable ☉ Browning MG was brought back from plane	B
		1015	B Coy less 10 & 11 Pls arrived 772613	B
		1045	9 Pl A Coy moved out from 772613 to rejoin A Coy at MAWARANA	B
		1115	9 Pl rejoined A Coy	B
		1215	10 Pl less one sec moved from 763614 to join B Coy at 772613	B

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ADELE R	20	1315	10 Pl less one sec joined B Coy at 772613	AB
		1340	13 Pl left B Coy area 772613 to rejoin C Coy at 767626	AB
		1400	Jeep driven by Pte L.G. Parsloe & containing Maj. J.F. Frainey Sgt. R.C. Unwin & Pte J.T. Rickart, was first vehicle to cross Eng bridge at mouth of HUPAISAPANI R & first vehicle to enter MAWARAKA	AB
		1450	8 Sec 9 Pl A Coy relieved one sec 10 Pl at 763614 Sennan & sec 10 Pl rejoined B Coy at 772613	AB
		1520	13 Pl rejoined C Coy at 767626	AB
		1530	Enemy equipment & documents were found in general area MAWARAKA during day @ Suki HMG & tripod were captured complete together with TRA gun with split trail minus barrel & mtn or peopl gun with tubular trail & buffer recuperator but minus wheels & barrel	See App "N" AB

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ADELE R	20	1600	11 Pl reached 778614 without contact & dug in for night	B
	21	0600	Strength 37 Offrs 679 o/s.	B
		0600	B Coy sent out local protective patrol to encircle perimeter	B
		0700	Contact patrol & carrying party left B Coy for 11 Pl with rations	B
		0700	Local protective & contact patrols operated during day	B
		0715	Jap LMG fired on B Coy's contact patrol & carrying party & VX 145540 Pte A. L. Lee was killed & 3 o/s were wounded.	B
		0800	B Coy protective patrol was fired on by LMG on south of rd & WX 22488 Pte E. Gant was killed	B
		0815	2 nd & storemen of rifle coys & Sig Sgt left Bn H.Q. for Bn area at TOROKINA	B
		0900	B Coy sent out second patrol to encircle perimeter	
		0930	B Coy second protective patrol was fired on by LMG from pillbox on north side of rd.	B

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ADELE R	21	1200	Official war photographer visited B Coy area & took several photos of area	B
		1200	Contact patrol from 11 Pl working WEST along fd towards B Coy made contact with enemy @ NX 149861 Pte D.G. Osborne & VX 70822 Pte H.J. Wanklyn were killed.	B
		1350	Adv Party from 9 Bn arrived in Bn area	B
		1425	Pl B Coy reported that 11 Pl had rejoined Coy & that they had killed 5 Japs	B
		1530	Arty registered on DF tasks in front of & on flanks of B Coy	B
		1530	OO No. 9 was issued	See Appx "D"
		1800	OO No. 10 was issued	See Appx "D"
	22	0600	Strength 37 Offrs 669 Orls	B
		0800	Adv Party consisting of Pl Sgts & 3 Orls from each rifle coy plus H.Q. Coy details moved out for TOROKINA	B.

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ADELE R	22	0830	10 Pl B Coy moved EAST along rd towards MAKATOWA as fighting patrol.	B
		0910	14 Pl C Coy moved out for MAMAREGU to relieve pl NG13 & establish firm base 755580	B
		1240	Pte E.O. Marsh & Pte C. Souvlis, who had been missing from 11 Pl since AM 21 Jan, reported into B Coy perimeter. They reported that they had been surprised by a large party of Japs & forced to lie doggo. They heard firing & saw several parties of wounded Japs move back. Arty fire prevented them from reaching B Coy perimeter PM 21 Jan so moved back to vacated perimeter of 11 Pl for night.	B
		1400	10 Pl B Coy returned & reported that 2 Jap bodies had been buried by the patrol & evidence was found that several more bodies had been stripped & removed. Maps & documents were also found.	B See App "N"

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ADELE R	22	2109-2119	Hostile guns, estimated as being 2x75mm & 1x150mm fired at least 40 rds & 13 rds respectively. Number of blinds uncounted. Shells fell in SUNKEN BARGE area & sea & no damage or casualties resulted.	B
	23	0600	Strength 37 Offrs 668 rds	B
		0915	CO was called to Bde H.Q.	B
		0917	Bn H.Q. pers 9 Bn arrived Bn H.Q. area in preparation for our relief.	B
		0935	A Coy 9 Bn completed relief B Coy	B
		0940	A Coy was relieved by B Coy 9 Bn	B
		1015	A & B Coys left MAWARAKA by barge en route to TOROKINA	B
		1400	A & B Coys arrived in biv area TOROKINA 598970 & 591972 respectively (Ref Map TOROKINA 1 inch)	B
		1420	Bn H.Q. & H.Q. Coy details left by barge en route for TOROKINA	B

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TOROKINA	23	1500	C Coy was relieved by C Coy 9 Bn	B	
		1730	Bn H.Q. & H.Q. details arrived 596967	B	
		1900	C Coy arrived 609972	B	
	24	0600	Strength 37 Offs 667 9/12	B	
			0700	Bn was engaged for day in settling in to new area	B
		1315	Relief of D Coy by D Coy 9 Bn was completed & they left by barge to rejoin Bn at TOROKINA	B	
			1730	D Coy arrived at posn 617975	B
			25	0600	Strength 36 Offs 664 9/12
		0830		Work was continued by Coys on their areas	B
				1230	Brig R.F. Monaghan visited Bn
1430	Coy Comds conference was held at which orders for adm, trg & malaria precautions were issued			B	
1900	Coy parades were held at which malaria precautions & adm orders were promulgated to all tps.			B	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c
TOROKINA	26	0600	Strength 36 Offrs 656 %rs	B
		0825	D Coy sent patrol of 1 NCO & 5 %rs to outpost on Hill 900 for period of 5 days	B
		0830	All Coys held inspection parade	B
		1000	Bn parade was held at which C.O. addressed tps on lessons learnt during recent ops	B
	27	0600	Strength 34 Offrs 657 %rs	B
		0955	Bde Comd visited area	B
		1400	O.O. No. 11 was issued	See Appx "D"
	28	0600	Strength 34 Offrs 656 %rs	B
		0830	Church parades were held in Coy areas during day	B
	29	0600	Strength 32 Offrs 654 %rs	B
		1530	Medical inspection of all pers for skin diseases was carried out by pl comds	B

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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.
TOROKINA	30	0600	Strength 32 Offrs 653 ofrs	B
		0900	Pers of all Coys were re-examined by RMO for skin diseases	B
		1445	CO & LO reced five tasks of Bn area of responsibility	B
	31	0600	Strength 32 Offrs 656 ofrs	B
		0715	One sec A Coy moved out to relieve D Coy outpost on Hill 900	B
		0800	Patrols moved out from B & C Coys to recce country to	
			NORTH of Bn area	B
		1400	CO & LO visited 53/55 Bn & HQ 11 Bde in ref to fire plan	B
			of perimeter defence	
			<i>[Signature]</i> Lt Col.	
			Comd 42 Aust Inf Bn.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
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			"D" - OO's	
			"E" - History of Ops 15 Dec 44 - 24 Jan 45	
			"F" - Lessons from Ops	
			"G" - Lessons from Ops - Int	
			"H" - Messages of Congratulation	
			"I" - Standing Orders for control of Malaria	
			"K" - Hygiene Requirements on vacating Area	
			"L" - BOUGAINVILLE Ops - 29 Aust Inf Bde - COMD SHEET No. 2	
			"N" - Captured Enemy Documents - Translations	

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42 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

LT-COL J.H. BYRNE - COMMANDING 42 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

26 Jan 45

Serial No. A1

1. DAILY ROUTINE (Ref Bde Trg Inst 1/45)

- 1. The basis of daily routine will be times and duties laid down in 2 Aust Corps A62 (Anti-Malarial Code) of 15 Jan and are shown hereunder:

Reveille	0615 hrs
Reveille parade, Roll call, not inspection	0620 hrs
Detail of anti malarial parties for ensuing 24 hrs	
Breakfast	0720 hrs
Inspection Parade	0830 hrs
Training	0845- "
	1200 "
Lunch	1215 "
Training	1400- "
	1530 "
	1730 "
Evening Meal	
Atebrin and Mosquito	
Lotion Parade	1900 "
Tattoo Roll Call and	
Pls Comds inspection	
of nets and spraying	2200 "
Lights out	2215 "

2. WASHING OF CLOTHES (Ref Bde Trg Inst 1/45)

- 1. This will be organised on a pl basis and proper wash tubs, coppers and clothes lines provided. Washing periods will occur at least on three days each week under the supervision of an officer who will see that clothes are boiled.

3. WEARING OF SHIRTS (Ref Bde Trg Inst 1/45)

- 1. (a) Shirts will NOT be discarded prior to 1000 hrs daily or after 1600 hrs except for personal ablutions, recreation and sport. Attention is drawn to Standing Orders for Malaria.
- (b) Between the hours of 1000-1600 hrs daily shirts may only be discarded (except for sun baking) on the authority of the senior officer present at the scene of work which fulfills the terms permitting discarding of shirts. During "smoke-on" and meal periods particularly, or when resting in tents, shirts WILL be worn.
- (c) Any man not wearing a shirt is liable to and will be questioned as to -
 - (i) what officer gave him permission
 - (ii) what work he is engaged in
 - (iii) why must he be particular in the wearing of his shirt.
- (d) At any time when in any shade sleeves will be worn turned down. In addition to the anti-malarial necessity for this it MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT WHITE MAN'S FLESH IS THE MOST OBVIOUS THING IN THE JUNGLE OTHER THAN ANYTHING PALE BLUE.

3. WEARING OF SHIRTS (Ref Bde trg Inst 1/45) (CONT'D)

- (e) Attention is once more drawn to the fact that, the discarding of shirts must NOT be a general dispensation but a special permission given by a Coy Comd only on a specific day for a specific task.
- (f) In each coy area a special mosquito proof shower will be provided, lighted and sprayed, in which men whose duties do NOT permit ablutions in daylight may bathe under supervision of an officer.
- (g) Sun baking will be included in sport and recreation but strictly controlled in accordance with these instructions. It is to be remembered that TINEA does not flourish on a well tanned flesh.

4. ABANDONED US LETHAL CW EQUIPMENT (ref 29 Bde ROs 6 of 19 Jan 45)

1. The following US Chemical Warfare equipment was recently found in 3 Aust Div area in an unoccupied dugout:-

1 Circular tin (size 9" x 5" diameter) containing 3 each samples in sealed glass ampoules (size 5 1/2" x 1" diameter) of the following LETHAL gases.

<u>US Symbol</u>	<u>Chemical Content</u>
HS	MUSTARD
CG	PHOSGENE
M - 1	LEWISITE
PS	CHLOROPIORIN

- 2. The attention of all ranks will be drawn to:
 - (a) The possibility of locating similar samples.
 - (b) The necessity for immediate reporting through normal channels to HQ 3 Aust Div.
 - (c) The danger of tampering or interfering in any way with the samples of lethal gases.

5. UNAUTHORISED DISASSEMBLY OF EOPT (ref 29 Bde ROs 6 of 19 Jan 45)

1. The disassembly of equipment, other than by authorised trade-grouped personnel, will not be permitted. This instruction applies particularly to Watches GS, cases of unauthorised attention to which have been reported recently.

6. GARBAGE (ref 29 Bde ROs 6 of 19 Jan 45)

1. All garbage will be protected from flies and incinerated as soon as possible. Tins will be crushed after burning and will then be buried in unit camp site or dumped at one of the following dumps:

- (a) Near Jn PIVA and MISSION Roads. Map ref TOROKINA 1" series 595910.
- (b) Sand Pit at end of PIVA Fighter Strip Map ref TOROKINA 1" series 574968.
- (c) Off KOROMOKINA Rd at West end of Bomber Strip. Map ref TOROKINA 1" - 567957.

7. CORRESPONDENCE COURSES - UNIVERSITY TUITION (ref 29 Bde RO 6 of 19 Jan)

1. Applications for enrolment in University subjects to be studied in 1945 should be made through Unit Education Officers as early as possible. The closing dates for the various Universities are as under:

SYDNEY	:	12 Mar 45
MELBOURNE	:	28 Feb 45
ADELAIDE	:	28 Feb 45
QUEENSLAND	:	31 Jan 45
TASMANIA	:	31 Jan 45
WEST AUSTRALIA:		Applications will be accepted only in exceptional cases.

8. LETTER POSTAGE - NO STAMPS AVAILABLE (ref 29 Bde ROs 6 of 19 Jan 45)

1. The practice of forwarding airmail letters without stamps franked "No Stamps Available" will be discontinued immediately as it is considered that adequate facilities exist for units to obtain stamps under present conditions.

9. CENSORSHIP - MENTION OF SOLOMONS IN CORRESPONDENCE (ref Bde ROs 7)

1. Personnel are now permitted to state in letters that they are serving in the SOLOMONS provided that the unit of each member concerned must have either been in the area for one month, or have been in action.
2. Mention of the particular island on which a member is serving is NOT permitted.

H. J. Maclean
 Capt
 Adj't 42 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION:

Comd
 29 Aust Inf Bde
 HQ Coy
 A Coy
 B Coy
 C Coy
 D Coy
 RMO
 QM
 RSM
 War Diary (2)
 File

War Diary

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42 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

LT-COL J.H. BYRNE - COMMANDING 42 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

23 Jan 45

Serial No. 42

10. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL

- 1. A DCM convened by GOC 3 Aust Div was held at Hq 9 Aust Inf Bn 9 Jan 1945, for the trial of -

QX51127 WOII R.N. CONNELL - 42 AUST INF BN.

Charge: W.O.A.S. absenting himself without leave, in that he when on active service in the field at 1400 hrs on 9 Dec 1944 absented himself without leave till 2359 hrs on 9 Dec 1944. (A.A.15 (1).)

Finding: GUILTY

Sentence: TO BE SEVERELY REPRIMANDED.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 14 Jan 45, and promulgated to the accused in the field on 18 Jan 45.

H. Maclean Capt
Adjt 42 Aust Inf Bn

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

119 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30/12/1944 43 AUST INF BN (Unit)

W.E. 11/120/3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 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.					
N.R.	3	7	1 3 5 27 1	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A.A.H.C.	1								
N.R.	3	7	37			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.	38									38
				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.
Q36241	Lt	O'NEALY, W.P.	-	24.12.44	Accidentally Drowned.
VX108697	Lt	KOCHER, K.J.	-	24.12.44	Evac. 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).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30.12.1944

(Total to Agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held	Army Number	Surname.	Initials	Posting	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed	Date of Detachment
Lt-Col	QX6010	BYRNE	J.H.	C.O.	Yes		
Maj	QX40810	MACKAY	A.W.	2 i/c	Yes		
Maj	QX40809	FRAINEY	J.P.	HQ Coy	Yes		
Maj	QX34023	COLE	R.B.	D Coy	No	M.T. Party	1/12/44
Capt	VX104026	ELLIS	E.C.	-	No	28 Aust Inf Trg Bn	6/11/44
Capt	NX115838	HENNESSEY	W.O.	B Coy	Yes	secondment pending	
Capt	QX33885	MacDONALD	H.G.	-	No	X-LIST	20/11/44
Capt	QX42360	GANTER	A.G.	C Coy	Yes		
Capt	VX114111	STRAUSS	R.W.	A Coy	Yes		
Capt	NX101556	JOHNSON	D.C.	2 1/2 B Coy	Yes		
Capt	QX34533	MELDRUM	A.D.R.	Q.M.	Yes		
Lt	QX34025	FRIEND	G.C.	2 1/2 A Coy	Yes		
Lt	QX53505	ANDERSON	M.A.	2 1/2 D Coy	Yes		
Lt	QX53506	McLAUGHLIN	L.K.	T.O.	Yes		
Lt	QX40840	CRAN	P.G.	10 Pl	Yes		
T/Capt	VX114132	MacBEAN	H.V.	Adjnt	Yes		
Lt	VX114137	FUSSELL	L.L.P.	17 Pl	Yes		
Lt	VX104190	LINDSAY	D.C.	13 Pl	Yes		
Lt	QX34026	HUTTON	D.F.	2 1/2 C Coy	Yes		
Lt	QX34027	RICHMOND	L.T.	16 Pl	Yes		
Lt	QX34030	BURTON	R.N.	I.O.	Yes		
Bt	QX45098	COLE	G.F.	15 Pl	Yes		
Lt	NX15872	GIRDHAM	J.G.	1st Rft	Yes		
Lt	QX40804	HOMEWOOD	A.L.	1 Pl	Yes		
Lt	QX43158	WINTER	R.B.	14 Pl	Yes		
Lt	QX44168	HARVEY	C.N.	3 Pl	Yes		
Lt	QX40808	HARVEY	G.S.	A/Adjnt	Yes		
Lt	QX6832	STEWART	I.J.	1st Rft	No	29 Aust Inf Bde	24/10/44
Lt	WX31393	KITNEY	R.W.	1st Rft	Yes		
Lt	WX28288	BOYLAN	C.J.	1st Rft	Yes		
Lt	VX8980	COLLIER	J.A.	9 Pl	Yes		
Lt	TX2693	COEN	R.J.	-	No	X-LIST	20/11/44
Lt	WX28113	EASTCOTT	T.H.	2 Pl	Yes		
Lt	WX29587	MINCHAM	L.A.	1st Rft	Yes		
Lt	QX51619	STEINHEUER	P.E.	8 Pl	Yes		
Lt	WX32460	KEALL	S.	-	No	X-LIST	10/12/44
Lt	QX4324	BYRNE	L.W.	18 Pl	Yes		
Lt	VX104421	COURTNEY	D.A.	11 Pl	Yes		
Lt	VX108697	KOOCHEN	K.J.	7 Pl	No	Hospital	24/12/44
Lt	NX161875	SCHOUTEN	J.A.	-	No	X-LIST	4/10/44
Lt	NX123734	MUDFORD	M.H.	5 Pl	Yes		
Lt	WX27292	OLDFIELD	A.S.	1st Rft	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.
Chaplain	NX144760	PAYTEN M.A.	A.A.C.D.	29/9/44	Chaplain
Capt	NX73567	SHORT B.	A.A.M.C.	4/1/44	R.M.O.
Capt	QX50605	BOYS L.	63 Aust Dent Unit	23/12/44	Dentist

30 Dec 44

Date of Despatch

[Signature] Lt-Col
Signature of Commander
Comd 42 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30 12 / 1944 4 42 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5 DETAIL.	6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.		Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.			
1	1			W.Os. Class I.									
1	1		4	W.Os. Class II.		1		1					
		1	6	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.									
				Staff Sergeants									
3	3		29	Sergeants	2	3	1	1	7	2 N.R.			
17	17		50	Corporals	1	1	4	1	7	1 N.R.			
35	35		623	Troopers, Privates, etc.	1		14		15	1			
				Civilians counting as O.R.									
57 *	57	1	712 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	AAMC	AAC	AACC	AAP	AAPC	30	1	3	N.R.

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

** 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.

Detail	A.I.F.		C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A	B	Under 19 Yrs.	19 Years and Over.							
A	403		309								712
B(1)											
B(2)											

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
3	312 IAD			4	AWL		
7	15 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt			1	Records		
1	29 Aust Inf Bde			16	29 Aust Inf Bde		
4	63 Aust Dent Unit			7	2/1 Aust Gd Regt 15 Pl		
				2	29 Bde Amenities		
				4	Rear Party		
				10	hospital		
				1	LTD		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To.....(Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194.....

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
	W.E	658	
	P.S.	623	
	Def	35	
			(of 7 in hospital return anticipated)

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 30 / 12 / 1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.	17	16	1	G.P.O. Assistants	57	55	2
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Sitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Range-takers	4	4	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddlery makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Slaty, Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	26	26		Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Reftters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identifa. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	5	1	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				NON SPECIALISTS			
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Batmen	35	35	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Dvps MT	12	12	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Gen Dut			
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Offr Mess	1	1	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Sgt "	2	2	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Hyg Dut	4	4	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				INC/B/MEN	307346	51	
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				DETAILS OF NON-SPECIALISTS			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Enchens	1	1		MNG NOS	22	22	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	10	9	1	MOR "	73	73	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Spc	2	2		Pro Sjt	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Regt Plee	6	6	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	10		Coach Trimmers				S/Bearers	21	21	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				TK/A NOS	19	19	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Water Dut	2	2	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Pars	32	32	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				Orderlies	32	32	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				RSM	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanos				CSM	5	4	1
Pharmacist				Massours				Driver Tpta. Plant				RQMS	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				QMS	5	6	
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1		Sjt Pls	25	23	3
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Storemen	6	6	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1	-	CARRIED FORWARD	17	16	1	CARRIED FORWARD	57	55	2	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	769	712	58

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

30 Dec 44
Date of Despatch

[Signature] Lt-Col
Signature of Commander
Comd 42 Aust Inf Bn

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours. ATTACHED DETAILS.

Group I	Group II (cont.)	Group III (cont.)	WE	PS	SUR	DEF	RFT	AF
	Hyg Instr		1	1				
	Med Ord		2	2				
	Chiroprist		1	1				
AAOC	Shoemaker		1	1				
AAOC	Caterer		1	1				
AAOC	Cooks		23	21		2	NR	
AAPC	Pay Clerks		2	2				
AAPS	Postal		1	1				
<hr/>								
4	4	2	32	30		2	NR	
<hr/>								

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(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorized grades or specialties not included in list will be added as required in space provided.

(c) Where A.W.S. number A.A.M.W.S. personnel are detailed show details on back.

(d) Where A.W.S. number is not given the word "Relief" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Signature of Commandant
Date of Report

DETAILS OF NCO'S

POSTING	RANK	WE	PS	UNSUITABLE BEING DEALT WITH UNDER GRO#15/43	SUR DEF	AT PRESENT IN HOSP ON MAIN- LAND RETURN ANTICIPATED
I Duties	Sjt	1	1			
do	Cpl	2	2			
Sigs	Cpl	4	3		1	
Clerks	Cpl	6	6			
do O/R	Sjt	2	2			
Storeman Tech	Sjt	1	1			
Tailor	Sjt	1	1			
do	Cpl	1	1		1	
LMG/R/MEN	Cpl	36	23		13	2
MMG	Cpl	2	2			
TK/A	Cpl	4	3		1	
3" Mortar	Cpl	5	5			
Pioneers	Cpl	4	4			
Provost	Sjt	1	1			
S/Bearers	Sjt	1	1			
do	Cpl	2	1		1	
MT	Cpl	1	1			
RSM	WO1	1			1	
CSM	WO11	5	4		1	
RQMS	WO11	1	1			
CQMS	S/sjt	5	6		1	
Sjts Pl	Sjt	25	22		3	2

ATTACHED:

AAMC	Hyg	Sjt	1	1		
	Med Ord	Sjt	1	1		
	do	Cpl	1	1		
AAOC	Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1		
AACC	Caterer	WO11	1	1		
	Cooks	Sjt	5	3	2	2
	do	Cpl	5	4	1	
AAPS	Postal	Sjt	1	1		
AAPC	Pay Clerks	Sjt	1	1		
	do	Cpl	1	1		

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The following Recommendations For Promotion have been submitted on CAS Returns:-

WO 1	1	
WO 11	1	
Sjts	3	(2 3" Mortar - 1 MMG)
Cpls Mor	2	
Cpls MMG	1	
Cpl Sig	1	
LMG/R/MEN	8	

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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(Adapted) (Page 1)
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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6/1/1945 43rd Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 169 plus OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 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		Arms or Corps	Posted Strength	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.			
NR	3	7	37	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs	H.A.M.C.	1						
NR	3	7	37			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.	38									38
		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
VX10569/1	LT	KOSCHEW, K.D.		4.1.45	Retd. from Hospital

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	Unit To.	Date	CAUSE
VX10569/1	CAPT.	JOHNSON, J.C.		3.1.45	L.H.Q. S.A.S. COURSE 10.A - BONEGILLA, VIC
VX1381/6	LT	GINDHAM, I.G.		5.1.45	Rtd. 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]

42 AUST INF. BN Unit

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6/1/1945. (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	QX 6010	BYRNE, J.H.		C.O	YES		
MAJ	QX 40810	MACKAY, A.W.		2 1/2	YES		
MAJ	QX 40809	FRANEY, J.F.	OC	HQ COY	YES		
MAJ	QX 34023	COLE, R.B.	OC	D COY	YES		
CAPT	VX 104026	ELLIS, E.C.		-	NO	28 AUST INF TRG BN SECONDMENT PENDING.	6-11-44
do.	NX 115838	HENNESSEY, W.	OC	B COY	YES		
do.	QX 33885	MacDONALD, H.G.		-	NO	X-LIST	20-11-44
do.	QX 42360	GANTER, A.G.	OC	C COY	YES		
do.	VX 114111	STRAUSS, R.W.	OC	A. COY	YES		
do.	NX 101556	JOHNSON, D.C.		-	NO	L.H.Q. S.A.S. BONEGILLA COURSE	3-1-45.
do.	QX 34533	MELDRUM, A.D.R.		Q.M.	YES		
LT	QX 34025	FRIEND, G.C.	2 1/2	A. COY	YES.		
do.	QX 53506	ANDERSON, M.A.	2 1/2	B COY	YES.		
do.	QX 53506	McLAUGHLIN, L.K.		T.O.	YES		
do.	QX 40840	CRAN, P.G.		10 PI	YES		
T/CAPT	VX 114132	Mac BEAN H.V.		ADJT	YES		
LT.	VX 114137	FUSSELL L.L.P		17 PI	YES		
do.	VX 104190	LINDSAY D.E.		13 PI	YES		
do.	QX 34026	HUTTON D.F.	2 1/2	C COY	YES		
do.	QX 34027	RICHMOND L.T.		16 PI	YES		
do.	QX 34030	BURTON R.N.		1.0.	YES		
do.	QX 45098	COLE, G.B.		15 PI	YES		
do.	NX 15875	GIRDHAM J.G.	1st RPT.		NO	HOSPITAL	5-1-45
do.	QX 40804	HOMWOOD A.L.		1 PI	YES.		
do.	QX 43158	WINTER R.B.		14 PI	YES		
do.	QX 44168	HARVEY, C.N.		3 PI.	YES		
do.	QX 40808	HARVEY, G.S.		A/ADJT	YES		
do.	QX 6832	STEWART I.J.	1st RPT		NO	29. Cmt Inf Bde.	24-10-44
do.	WX 31393	KITNEY R.W.	1st RPT.		YES		
do.	WX 28288	BOYLAN C.J.			YES		
do.	VX 8980.	COLLIER, J.A.		9 PI	YES		
do.	TX 2693	COEN RJ		-	NO	X LIST	20-11-44
do.	WX 28113	EASTCOTT T.H.		2 PI	YES		
do.	WX 29587	MINCHAM L.B.	1st RPT.		YES		
do.	QX 61619	STEINHAUER P.E.		8 PI	YES		
do.	WX 32460	KEALL S.		-	NO	X LIST.	10-12-44
do.	QX 4324	BYRNE, L.W.		18 PI	YES		
do.	VX 104421	COURTNEY, P.A.		11 PI	YES		
do.	VX 108697	KOOCHEN K.J.		7 PI	YES		
do.	NX 161875	SCHOUTEN J.A.		-	NO	X LIST.	4-10-44
do.	NX 123794	MUDFORD M.H.		5 PI.	YES		
do.	WX 27292	OLDFIELD AS	1st RPT.		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.
CHAPLAIN	NX 144760	PAYTEN, M.A.	A.A.C.D.	29/9/44	CHAPLAIN
CAPT.	NX 73567	SHORT, B	A.A.M.C.	4/1/44	R.M.O.

6.1.45.

Date of Despatch

Form-7/43.

[Signature] LT-COL
Signature of Commander
Comd. 42 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/19/43 (Unit)

W.E. 11 OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 109 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 12 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
1	1		5	W.Os. Class I.					
1	1		6	W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
2	2		30	Sergeants				6	NR
20	20		47	Corporals				1	NR
33	33		606	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
77	77	1	673	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.				3	NR

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

** 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.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	75	-	275							673
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
2	SIG. L. AD			14	HWH		
3	10th Inf			1	10th Inf		
2	1st Lt. Col. Regt.			16	2nd Lt. Col. Regt.		
2	1st Lt. Col. Regt.			7	10th Inf		
2	1st Lt. Col. Regt.			2	HEAR PARTY		
11	1st Lt. Col. Regt.			2	1st Lt. Col. Regt.		
1	1st Lt. Col. Regt.						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
		W.R. 668	
		P.S. 605	
		DET 58	
		1/38 in hospital, return anticipated.	

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 6/1/1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders	4	4	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Benders				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	26	26		Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	5	1	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				NON SPECIALISTS			
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				BATMEN	35	35	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								DVR - MT.	12	12	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								GEN DUT			
Fitters				Driver-Operator								OFFR MESS	1	1	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								SPTS	2	2	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								HYG DUT.	4	4	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								LMG/R/MEI	39	326	71
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				M.M.G. NOS.	22	22	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1		MOR	73	73	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	10	9	1	TK/A.	19	19	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supt	2	2		PRO SPT.	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				REGT POLICE	6	6	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	10		Coach Trimmers				S/BEARERS	21	21	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				WATER DUT.	2	2	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				ORDERLIES	32	32	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				PIONEERS	32	32	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				STOREMAN	6	6	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				R.S.M.	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				CSM.	5	4	1
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				R.Q.M.S.	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				COM.S.	5	6	
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1		SPTS. PL.	25	23	2
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1		CARRIED FORWARD	17	16	1	CARRIED FORWARD	57	53	2	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			

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

6.1.45
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

DETAILS OF NCO'S

POSTING	RANK	WE	PS	SUR	DEF	AT PRESENT IN HOSPITAL RETURN ANTICIPATED
1. Duties	Sjt	1	1			
do.	Cpl.	2	2			
Sigs	Cpl.	4	2		2	1
Clerks.	Cpl.	6	6			
do ofr.	Sjt	2	2			
Stowman Tech	Sjt	1	1			
Sailer	Sjt.	1	1			
do.	Cpl.	1			1	
LMG/R/MEN	Cpl.	36	21		15	4
M.M.G	Cpl	2	2			
Lc/A.	Cpl.	4	3		1	
3 Mortar	Cpl.	5	5			
Pioneers	Cpl.	4	4			
Provost	Sjt	1	1			
S/Bearers	Sjt.	1	1			
do	Cpl.	2	1		1	
MT.	Cpl	1	1			
RSM	WOI.	1			1	
CSM	WO II	5	4		1	
RQMS	WO II	1	1			
CQMS	Sjt	5	6	1		
Sjt. Pl.	Sjt.	25	23		2	2
<u>ATTACHED</u>						
AAMC.	Hyg. Sjt.	1	1			
Med. Ord.	Sjt.	1	1			
"	Cpl.	1	1			
AAOC Shoemaker	Cpl.	1	1			
AAOC Caterer	WO II	1	1			
" Cooks	Sjt.	5	3		2	2
do.	Cpl.	5	4		1	
AAPS. Postal	Sjt.	1	1			
AAFC Pay Clerks	Sjt.	1	1			
do.	Cpl.	1	1			
		129	103	1	21	9

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3 / 194 *42 Cust Inf Bde* (Unit)

W.E. *11* *120* *3* OFFRS *33* O.R.'s *169* plus OFFRS. *1* O.R.'s *32* 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							Arms or Corps	Posted Strength	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.		
<i>NR</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>3</i> <i>5</i> <i>28</i> <i>1</i>	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.						<i>A.H.M.C.</i>	<i>1</i>					
<i>NR</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>38</i>								<i>1</i>					
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	..	TOTAL		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.	<i>39</i>									<i>39</i>		
				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
<i>TX 2693</i>	<i>LT.</i>	<i>COEN, R.S.</i>	<i>Hospital</i>	<i>27.12.44</i>	<i>M/1 to 29 Cust Inf Bde Ream Details Mainland with 835/2/1</i>
<i>MX 36955</i>	<i>Capt.</i>	<i>ANDERSON, P.S.</i>	<i>29 Cust Inf Bde</i>	<i>10.1.45</i>	<i>Attached for duty</i>

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	Unit To.	Date	CAUSE
<i>QX 41320</i>	<i>LT.</i>	<i>BYRNE, A.W.</i>	<i>29 Aust Inf Bde</i>	<i>9.1.45</i>	<i>Detached as L.O.</i>

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13/1/1945 (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	QX6010	BYRNE	J.H.	C.O.	Yes		
MAJ	QX40810	MACKAY	A.W.	2/12	Yes		
MAJ	QX40809	FRAINLEY	J.F.	OC HQ Coy	Yes		
MAJ	QX34023	COLE	R.B.	OC D Coy	Yes		
CAPT	VX 104026	ELKIS	E.C.	-	No	25 AUST INF TRG Bn	
do	NX 115535	HENNESSEY	W.V.	SUPERNUMARY	No	secondment pending REAR HQ B. AREA.	6.11.44
do	QX 33555	MACDONALD	A.G.	-	No	X-LIST	20.11.44
do	QX 42360	GANTER	A.G.	OC C Coy	Yes		
do	VX 114111	STRAUSS	R.W.	OC A Coy	Yes		
do	NX 101556	JOHNSON	D.C.	-	No	LHQ-SAS-COURSE 100	3.1.45
do	QX 34533	MELDRUM	A.D.R.	Q.M.	Yes	BONEGILLA	
LT	QX34025	FRIEND, G.C.		2/12 A Coy	Yes		
do	QX 53505	ANDERSON	M.A.	OC B Coy	Yes		
do	QX 53506	McLAUGHLIN	L.K.	T.O.	Yes		
do	QX 40840	CRAW	P.G.	2/12 B Coy	Yes		
T/CAPT	VX 114132	Mac BEAN	H.V.	Adjt	Yes		
LT	VX 114137	FUSSELL	L.H.P.	17 PI	Yes		
do	VX 104190	LINDSAY	D.C.	13 PI	Yes		
do	QX 34026	HUTTON	D.F.	2/12 C Coy	Yes		
do	QX 34027	RICHMOND	L.T.	16 PI	Yes		
do	QX 34030	BURTON	R.N.	1.0.	Yes		
do	QX 45098	COLE	G.F.	15 PI	Yes		
do	NX 153875	GIADHAM	J.G.	1st RIF	No	HOSPITAL	5.1.45
do	QX 40804	HOMERWOOD	A.L.	1 PI	Yes		
do	QX 43158	WINTER	R.B.	14 PI	Yes		
do	QX 44168	HARVEY	C.N.	3 PI	Yes		
do	QX 40808	HARVEY	G.S.	A/Adjt	Yes		
do	QX 6532	STEWART	I.J.	1st RIF	No	DET 29 AUST INF BDE	24.10.44
do	VX 31393	KITNEY R.W.		1st RIF	Yes		
do	VX 25255	BOYLAN	C.J.	15 PI	Yes		
do	VX 5950	COLLIER	J.A.	9 PI	Yes		
do	VX 2693	COEN	R.J.	-	No	REAR DETAILS 29 AUST INF BDE - MAINLAND	27.12.44
do	VX 28113	EASTCOTT	T.H.	2 PI	Yes		
do	VX 29557	MINCHAM	L.A.	10 PI	Yes		
do	QX 51619	STEINHEUER	P.E.	5 PI	Yes		
do	VX 32460	KEAL	S.	-	No	X-LIST	10.12.44
do	QX 4324	BYRNE	L.W.	-	No	DET 29 Aust Inf Bde	11.1.45
do	VX 104421	COURTNEY	D.A.	11 PI	Yes		
do	VX 105697	KOOCHERW	K.J.	7 PI	Yes		
do	NX 161575	SCHOUTEN	J.A.	-	No	X-LIST	14.10.44
do	NX 123734	MEDFORD	M.H.	5 PI	Yes		

WARTIME 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.
Chaplain	NX 144160	PAYTEN M.A.	HACD	29-9-44	Chaplain
Capt	NX 13567	SHORT B	AAME	4-1-44	A.M.O.
Capt	VX 30985	ANDERSON J.S.	29 Aust Inf Bde.	10.1.45	Attached 2 D. Coy

13 Jan 45
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander
Comd 42 Aust Inf

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13/1/1945. 422 AUST. INF. BN. (Unit)

W.E. 11/123 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s. 769 OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
1	1			W.Os. Class I.					
1	1		5	W.Os. Class II.	1				
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
		1	6	Staff Sergeants					
3	3		29	Sergeants	2-311			2	N.R.
18	18		49	Corporals	1141			1	N.R.
38	38		620	Troopers, Privates, etc.	1-18-				
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
61	61	1	709	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	ARMY ARMC ARAC ARAS ARAPC		29	2	N.R.

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

** 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.

Detail	A.I.P.		G.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
	A	B	Under 19 Years	19 Years and over							
A	378		321								709
B(1)											
K(2)	13		16								29

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
2	312 LAD			3	AWL		
1	29 AUST INF. BDE			18	29 AUST. INF. BDE		
2	29 AUST. INF. BDE SIGS. SEC			19	HOSPITAL		
3	15 PL 2/1 AUST 60 REGT			1	RECORDS.		
				6	15 PL 2/1 AUST 60 REGT.		
				2	AMEN. 29 AUST. INF. BDE		
				3	BDE OKD		
					DUMP LOS		
				3	REAR DETAILS		
					29 AUST INF. BDE		MANILA

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. / /194

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
		W.E.	658
		P.S.	620
		DEF	38
		of which 19 in hospital return anticipated.	

42 Aust Inf Bn Unit

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 13/1/1943

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Eng.				Operating Room Assts.				G.F.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders	4	4	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths		1	1					Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	26	26		Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identifa. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Ety. Comd'g. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheeler				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		6	5	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				NON-SPECIALISTS			
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Batmen	35	35	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								DURS MT	12	12	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								GEN DUT			
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								4/10 4/10	1	1	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Sgt	2	2	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								HYG DUTIES	4	4	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				LMG/K/M/10/13/14	5	4	
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1		MING NOS	22	22	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	10	9	1	170R	73	73	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply	2	2		TK/A	19	19	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				PRO SGT	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties		10	10	Coach Trimmers				KEGT HRE	6	6	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				S/BEARERS	21	21	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				WATER DUT	2	2	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				PURS	32	32	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ORDERLIES	32	32	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				STOREMEN	6	6	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				R S M	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masscurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				C S M	5	4	1
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hand, I.C.				R B 175	1	1	
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1		C B 175	5	6	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				SCTS PI	2	2	3
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD		1	1	CARRIED FORWARD		17	16	CARRIED FORWARD	57	55	2	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	16	19	61

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

13 Jan 43
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander
Comd 42 Aust Inf Bn

DETAILS OF NCO'S

POSTING	RANK	WE.	P.S.	SUR.	DEF.	AT PRESENT IN HOSP RETURNED ANTICIPATED
J. Duties	Sjt	1	1			
do.	Cpl.	2	2			
Sigs	Cpl.	4	2		2	1
Clerk	Cpl.	6	6			
do of R	Sjt	2	2			
Stowman Tech.	Sjt	1	1			
Sailor	Sjt	1	1			
do.	Cpl.	1			1	
LMS/K/MEIV.	Cpl.	36	23		13	4
M.M.G.	Cpl.	2	2			
TK/A.	Cpl.	4	3		1	
3rd Support	Cpl.	5	5			
Platoon	Cpl.	4	4			
R.P.	Sjt	1	1			
S/Driver	Sjt	1	1			
do.	Cpl.	2	1			
MT	Cpl.	1	1			
RSM	WO1	1				
CSM	WO1	5	4			
QMS	WO1	1	1			
QMS	Sjt	5	6			
Sgt. Q.	Sjt	25	22			
<u>ATTACHED</u>						
AAMC Hyg.	Sjt	1				
do. Qdr.	Sjt	1				
do.	Cpl.	1				
AACC Shearman	Cpl	1				
AACC Caterer	WO1	1				
do. Cooks	Sjt	5	3		2	
do.	Cpl	5	4		1	
AASF Postal	Sjt	1	1			
AASF Pay Clerk	Sjt	1	1			
do.	Cpl.	1	1			
		<u>129</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>5</u>

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20/ 1/1945 42 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 '120' 3. OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 769 plus OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 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.							
NR	3	8	1 3 5 28 1	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs	AA MC	1										
NR	3	8	38			1										
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.	39									39		
				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
NR15378	Lt	CRODAN	Hospital	14/1/45	Retd from hospital

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

Army No	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS [e.g. present whereabouts if known]

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20/1/1945 (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	X6010	STRUB	J.H.	CO	Yes		
Major	X40810	MAO AY	AB	2 1/c	Yes		
do	X40809	TRANEY	JF	CO	Yes		
do	X34023	COLE	RB	CO	Yes		
Capt	X104026	ELLIS	EO	-	No	28 Aust Inf Trg Bn	6/11/44
do	X115838	HENNESSY	N	Cap.	No	Secondment pending	
do	X43260	DANTER	AG	CO	Yes	Rear LOB Area	
do	X114111	STRAUSS	RW	CO	Yes		
do	X101556	JOHNSON	DO	-	No	LHQ SAS Course 10A	3/1/45
do	X34533	MELDRUM	ADR	QM	Yes	Bonegilla	
Lt	X34025	FRIEND	CC	2 1/c	Yes		
do	X53505	ANDERSEN	EA	CO	Yes		
do	X53506	McLAUGHLIN	LR	TO	Yes		
do	X40840	GRAN	FG	2 1/c	Yes		
T/Capt	X114132	MOBBAN	BV	Adj't	Yes		
Lt	X114137	FUSSELL	WFP	17 Pl	Yes		
do	X104190	LINDSAY	DG	13 Pl	Yes		
do	X34026	HUTTON	DF	2 1/c	Yes		
do	X34027	RICHMOND	LT	16 Pl	Yes		
do	X34030	BURTON	KN	10	Yes		
do	X45098	COLE	GF	15 Pl	Yes		
do	X155872	BIRDHAM	JO	12 Pl	Yes		
do	X40804	ROBERTSON	AL	1 Pl	Yes		
do	X43158	FINTON	KB	14 Pl	Yes		
do	X44168	MARVEY	CR	3 Pl	Yes		
do	X40808	MARVEY	CS	A/Adj't	Yes		
do	X40832	STEWART	IJ	1st Rft	No	Det to 29 Aust Inf Bde	24/10/44
do	X31393	KITNEY	IR	1st Rft	Yes		
do	X28288	BOYLAN	GF	18 Pl	Yes		
do	X8980	GOLLIER	JA	9 Pl	Yes		
do	X2693	COHN	BJ	1st Rft	No	Rear Details 29 Bde	27/12/44
do						Mainland	
do	X28113	MANTCOTT	TH	2 Pl	Yes		
do	X29537	MINGHAM	LA	10 Pl	Yes		
do	X51619	WINKINBERGER	FR	8 Pl	Yes		
do	X4324	BYRNE	LR	-	No	Det to 29 Aust Inf Bde	9/1/45
do	X104421	COURTNEY	DA	11 Pl	Yes		
do	X108697	MOONEY	BJ	7 Pl	Yes		
do	X123734	HUDFORD	MR	5 Pl	Yes		
do	X27292	CHURFIELD	AS	1st Rft	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.
Chaplain	X144760	PATTAN, MA	A.A.O.D.	29/9/44	Chaplain
Capt	X73567	HORT, B.	A.A.O.D.	4/1/44	R.R.O.
do	X30985	ANDERSON, J.S.	29 Aust Inf Bde	10/1/45	Attached 2 1/c D Coy

20 JAN 45

Date of Despatch

[Signature] Lt-Col
 Commanding Officer

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 / / 1942 42 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

WIA 12e / 3 OFFRS. O.R.'s 29 + OFFRS. O.R.'s 32 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5 DETAIL.		6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.			Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
1	1			W.Os. Class I.						
1	1		5	W.Os. Class II.		1	1			
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
		1	6	Staff Sergeants						
4	4		28	Sergeants		2	4	1	1	NR
18	18		49	Corporals		1	4	1	1	NR
38	38		620	Troopers, Privates, etc.		1	14		15	1
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
62	* 62	1	708	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page		AAAC	AAOC	AAAC	AAAC	AAAC
							31	*	1	2

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

** 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.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A										708
B(1)										
B(2)										31

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
2	312 LAD			1	154 AGY		
1	29 Aust Inf Bde			2	AWL		
1	Field Security			19	29 Aust Inf Bde		
2	29 Aust Inf Bde Sigs Sec			21	Hospital		
3	15 Pl 2/1 Aust Cd Regt			1	Records		
				6	15 Pl 2/1 Aust Cd Regt		
				2	Amen 29 Aust Inf Bde		
				3	Bde Crd Dump		
					IOB		
				9	Hear Details		
					29 Aust Inf Bde (Mainland)		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
		W E 558	
		PS 620	
		Def 38	
		Of which 15 are in hospital return anticipated.	

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 20 / 1 / 1945 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Sangetakers	4	4	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Sievers			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	26	26		Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Reelers			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Qty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				NONSPECIALISTS			
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Batmen	35	35	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								CVS MT	12	12	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Gen Dst			
Fitters				Driver-Operator								DRITS Mess	1	1	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Sgts	2	2	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								WYB Dst	4	4	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								LMO/R/SEN	397	341	56
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				DRG Dst	22	22	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1		DRG "	73	73	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	10	10		DR/A "	19	19	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply	2	2		DRG Sjt	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				DRG P/O	6	6	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	10		Coach Trimmers				S/SEAFERS	21	21	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				DRG Dst	2	2	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				DRG	32	32	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				DRG	32	32	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W/E			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				DRG	6	6	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				DRG	1	-	1
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				DRG	5	4	1
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpln. Plant				DRG	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				DRG	5	6	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1		DRG	25	21	4
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1		CARRIED FORWARD	17	17		CARRIED FORWARD	57	57		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	769	708	62

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 (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
 (d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
 (e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

20 Jan 45
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Commander

DETAILS OF LISTED

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements reported as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3003 at 0600 Hours Saturday, 1943

Group I	Group II	Group III	Group IV	Group V	Group VI	Group VII	Group VIII	Group IX	Group X	Group XI	Group XII	Group XIII	Group XIV	Group XV	Group XVI	Group XVII	Group XVIII	Group XIX	Group XX	Group XXI	Group XXII	Group XXIII	Group XXIV	Group XXV	Group XXVI	Group XXVII	Group XXVIII	Group XXIX	Group XXX
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 (c) Where A.W.B. number or A.A.M.B. number are desired show details on back.
 (d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return to M.P. in col. "Retains Required."
 (e) Where any report or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Signature of Commanding Officer

Date of Despatch

DETAILS OF N.C.O's

POSTING	RANK	W.E.	P.S.	SUR	DEF	AT PRESENT IN HOSPITAL RETURN ANTICIPATED	
Duties	SJT	1	1				
do	CPL	2	2				
SIGS	CPL	4	3		1		
CLERKS	CPL	6	6				
do O/R	SJT	2	2				
STOREMAN TECH	SJT	1	1				
TAILOR	SJT	1	1				
do	CPL	1	-		1		
LMG/R/MEN	CPL	36	23		13	6	
MMG	CPL	2	2				
TK/A	CPL	4	3		1		
3" MORTARS	CPL	5	4		1		
PIONEERS	CPL	4	4				
PROVOST	SJT	1	1				
S/BEARERS	SJT	1	1				
do	CPL	2	1		1		
MT	CPL	1	1				
RSM	WOI	1	-		1		
CSM	WOII	5	4		1		
RQMS	WOII	1	1				
QQMS	S/SJT	5	6	1			
SJTS PL	SJT	25	21		4	1	
<u>ATTACHED</u>							
AACMC	HYG	SJT	1				
	MED ORD	SJT	1				
	do	CPL	1				
AASOC	SHOEMAKER	CPL	1				
AACC	CATERER	WOII	1				
	Cooks	SJT	5		1		
	do	CPL	5				
AAPS	POSTAL	SJT	1				
AAPC	PAY CLERKS	SJT	1				
	do	CPL	1				
TOTALS			129	104	1	26	7

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday **27** / **1** / 194**5**

42 Aust Inf Bn

(Serial No.)
4 / (Unit)

W.E. **11 12c 3** OFFRS. **33** O.R.'s. **769** plus OFFRS. **1** O.R.'s. **32** 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		Arms or Corps	Posted Strength	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.			
NR	4	8	28 1	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs	AANC	1						
NR	4	8	37			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.	38									38
		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
NX115838	Capt	HENNESSEY, W.	4 Aust Base	25/1/45	Pending disposal
			Sub-Area Details		
			Depot		
NX153672	Lt	GIRDHAN, J.G.	29 Aust Inf	23/1/45	Detached for Duty.
			Pde		

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

Army No	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS [e.g. present whereabouts if known]

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27.1.1945

(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	QX6010	BYRNE, J.H.		CO	Yes		
Maj	QX40810	MACKAY, A.W.		2 i/c	Yes		
Maj	QX40809	FRAINEY, J.F.	OC HQ	Coy	Yes		
Maj	QX34023	COLE, R.E.	OC D	Coy	Yes		
Capt	VX104026	ELLIS, E.C.		-	No	28 Aust Inf Trg Bn	
do	NX115838	HENNESSEY, W.		-	No	Secondment pending 4 Aust Base Sub-Area Details Depot, pending disposal	6/11/44 25/1/45
do	QX43260	GANTER, A.G.	OC C	Coy	Yes		
do	VX114111	STRAUSS, R.W.	OC A	Coy	Yes		
do	NX101556	JOHNSON, D.C.		-	No	LHQ SAS Course 10a Bonegilla V.	3/1/45
do	QX34533	MELDRUM, A.D.R.		QM	Yes		
Lt	QX34025	FRIEND, G.C.		2 i/c A Coy	Yes		
do	QX53505	ANDERSON, M.A.	OC B	Coy	Yes		
do	QX53506	McLAUGHLIN, L.K.		TO	Yes		
do	QX40840	CRAN, P.G.		2 i/c B Coy	No	Hospital	26/1/45
T/Capt	VX114132	MacBEAN, H.V.		Adjt	Yes		
Lt	VX114137	FUSSELL, L.L.P.		17P1	Yes		
do	VX104190	LINDSAY, D.C.		13P1	Yes		
do	QX34026	HUTTON, D.F.		2 i/c Coy	Yes		
do	QX34027	RICHMOND, L.T.		16P1	Yes		
do	QX34030	BURTON, R.N.		IO	Yes		
do	QX45098	COLE, G.F.		15P1	Yes		
do	NX153872	GIRDHAM, J.G.		-	No	Det 29 Aust Inf Bde	23/1/45
do	QX40804	HOMEWOOD, A.L.		1P1	Yes		
do	QX43158	WINTER, R.B.		14P1	Yes		
do	QX44168	HARVEY, C.N.		3P1	Yes		
do	QX40808	HARVEY, G.S.		A/Adjt	Yes		
do	QX6832	STEWART, I.J.	1st	Rft	No	Det 29 Aust Inf Bde	24/10/44
do	WX31393	KITNEY, R.W.	1st	Rft	Yes		
do	WX28288	BOYLAN, C.J.		18P1	Yes		
do	VX8980	COLLIER, J.A.		9P1	Yes		
do	TX2693	COEN, R.J.	1st	Rft	No	Rear details 29 Aust Inf Bde Mainland	27/12/44
do	WX28113	EASTCOTT, T.H.		2P1	Yes		
do	WX29587	MINCHAM, L.A.		10P1	Yes		
do	QX51619	STEINHEUER, P.E.		8P1	Yes		
do	QX4324	BYRNE, L.W.		-	No	Det 29 Aust Inf Bde	9/1/45
do	VX104421	COURTNEY, D.A.		11P1	Yes		
do	VX108697	KOOCHHEW, K.J.		7P1	Yes		
do	NX123734	MUDFORD, M.H.		5P1	Yes		
do	WX27292	OLDFIELD, A.S.		12P1	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.
Chaplain	NX144760	PAYTEN, MA	AACD	29/9/44	Chaplain
Capt	NX73567	SHORT, B.	AAMC	4/1/44	RMO
Capt	WX30985	ANDERSON, J.S.	29 Aust Inf Bde	10/1/45	Attached 2 i/c D Coy

27 Jan 45
Date of Despatch

 Lt-Col
Signature of Commander
Comd 42 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27 / 1 / 1945 42 Aust
Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 129 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5	6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					9	10
Reinf'ts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.			Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinf'ts. Required.
1	1			W.Os. Class I.							
1	1		5	W.Os. Class II.		1		1			
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.							
		1	6	Staff Sergeants							
3	3		29	Sergeants	2	4	1	1	8	1	NR
19	19		48	Corporals	1	1	3	1	6	2	NR
61	61		597	Troopers, Privates, etc.	1	12			13	1	
				Civilians counting as O.R.							
85 *	85	1	685 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	ARMY	ARAC	ARAC	ARAC	ARAC	28	4 NR *

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

** 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.

Detail	C.M.P.				A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A	B	Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
576			509								685
B(1) Attached	16		12								18

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
2	312 LAD			1	Records		
1	29 Aust Inf Bde			19	29 Aust Inf Bde		
				18	Hospital		
				3	15 Pl 2/1 Aust 68 Regt		
				2	Amenities 29 Aust Inf Bde		
				3	Bde Ord LOB		
				10	29 Aust Inf Bde Rear Details Mainland.		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To.....(Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194.....

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
		WE 658	
		PS 597	
		Def 61	
		Of which 20 are in hospital return anticipated	

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 27 / 1 / 1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.Y.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Range-takers	4	4	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Benders				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Endographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Eiggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signalers	26	26		Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Befitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Batmen	35	35	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Dvra MT	12	12	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Gen Dut			
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Offrs Mess	1	1	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Sjts "	2	2	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Hyg Dut	4	4	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators								LMG/R/MEN	397	317	80
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				GROUP III.							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors				MMG Nos	22	22	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers	1	1		Mor "	73	73	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks	10	10		Tr/A "	19	19	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, O/R	2	2		Pro Sjt	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	10		Clerks, Technical				Regt Plce	6	6	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers				S/Bearers	21	21	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Concretors				Water Dut	2	2	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Cooks				Pnrs	32	32	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Orderlies	30	30	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Riders							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals				Storemen	6	6	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Drivers, H.T.				RSM	1		1
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Mechanics				CSM	5	4	1
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Driver Tptn. Plant				COMS	5	6	
Photowriter				Miners				Engine Hands, I.C.				RQMS	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Equipment Repairers	1	1		Sjts Pl	25	22	3
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Farriers							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Fitters' Mates							
								Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1	-	CARRIED FORWARD	17	17		CARRIED FORWARD	57	57		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	769	685	85

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27 Jan 45
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
Comd 42 Aust Inf Bn

DETAILS OF NCO'S

Posting	Rank	WE	PS	SUR	DEF	At present in hospital return anticipated
I Duties	Sjt	1	1			
do	Cpl	2	2			
Sigs	Cpl	4	3		1	
Clerks	Cpl	6	6			
do O/R	Sjt	2	2			
Storemen Tech	Sjt	1	1			
Tailor	Sjt	1	1			
do	Cpl	1	-		1	
IMG/R/MEN	Cpl	36	22		14	6
MNG	Cpl	2	2			
Tk/A	Cpl	4	3		1	
3 Mortars	Cpl	5	4		1	
Pioneers	Cpl	5	4			
Provost	Sjt	1	1			
S/Bearers	Sjt	1	1			
do	Cpl	2	1		1	
MT	Cpl	1	1			
RSM	WO 1	1	-		1	
CSM	WO 2	5	4		1	
RQMS	WO 2	1	1	1		
CQMS	S/sjt	5	6	1		
Sjts Pl		25	22		3	1

ATTACHED

AAMC	Hyg Inspr	Sjt	1	1		
	Med Ord	Sjt	1	1		
	do	Cpl	1	1		
AAOC	Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1		
AACG	Caterer	WO 2	1	1		
	Cooks	Sjt	5	4	1	
	do	Cpl	5	3	2	1
AAPS	Postal	Sjt	1	1		
AAPC	Pay Clerks	Sjt	1	1		
	do	Cpl	1	1		

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SECRET

42 AUST INF BN - OPERATION ORDER No 1.

HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn
1 Jan 44
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Ref Map - Comd Sheet.

INFM

1. Enemy - as per sitrep.
2. Own troops - as per sitrep.
3. A Coy 47 Aust Inf Bn (824726) comes under comd 42 Aust Inf Bn on relief of posn 800729 by A Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn.

INTENTION

4. 42 Aust Inf Bn less C Coy and Q Details will relieve 47 Aust Inf Bn less C Coy and Q Details by 021600L.

METHOD

5. Preliminary moves:-
 - (a) Coy Comds recce will be completed by 011200L.
 - (b) Pl Comds recce will be completed by 011800L.
6. Reliefs:-
 - (a) A Coy with under comd 4 Pl, 2 dets 3 Pl, and 1 Sec 2 Pl relieves B Coy 47 Aust Inf Bn. - area 800729.
 - (b) B Coy relieves composite Pl 47 Aust Inf Bn area 797734.
 - (c) D Coy with under comd 5 Pl relieves D Coy 47 Aust Inf Bn area 795736.
 - (d) C Coy, B Ech, and Q Details remain present locations.
7. March table:
Issued as Appx "A".
8. 42 Aust Inf Bn will take over all 3" Mortars, MMGs, No 11 Set, 2 pr Tk/A Guns, amn, rations, kitchen gear, stretchers and fixed installations from 47 Aust Inf Bn. QM 42 Aust Inf Bn will co-operate with QM 47 Aust Inf Bn, and arrange for articles taken over to be replaced.
9. Mortars will take over all 47 Aust Inf Bn Mortars, amn and comms. DF tasks as at present laid down will be maintained until altered. All data regarding registered targets will be obtained.
10. MMGs will take over all 47 Aust Inf Bn guns, amn and comms. Fixed lines and tasks will be maintained until altered.
11. TkA Pl will take over gun, amn and tasks in A Coy area. Will be under comd A Coy for occupation of perimeter.
12. Pioneers will be under comd D Coy for occupation of perimeter. After taking over posns 2 secs will report to B Coy to erect wire in that area.
13. Arty DF and SOS tasks will be maintained until altered.
14. Action on relief :-
 - (a) The relief will be on a "man for Man" basis.
 - (b) 47 Aust Inf Bn are maintaining normal patrols until the relief is complete.
 - (c) All ranks will stand to until the relief has been checked by the Coy Comd. From then on 42 Aust Inf Bn will maintain a 50% stand to both by day and night.
15. ~~Sub~~ Unit Comds will report to Bn HQ immediately relief is completed and patrols are out.

ADM.

16. Amn - 100 rds .303 and 3 grenades per man.
17. Rations -
 - (a) 2 days SWP, 1 days FOR, and 1 day emergency on the man.
 - (b) Rations will be left by 47 Aust Inf Bn and taken over by sub-units.
 - (c) All cooking gear will be taken over by sub-units.

ADM (cont)

- 18. 2 Jeeps and watercart will be taken over by T.O.
- 19. Med -
 - (a) R.A.P. at Bn HQ.
 - (b) RMO will establish fwd post of 1Sjt, 3 SBs at A Coy posn.
- 20. Dress - Packs and bed-rolls, incl blankets.
- 21. Stretchers - will be taken over from 47 Aust Inf Bn.
- 22. Accounting - Sub-units will prepare lists of all weapons, stores, etc taken over and submit to BnHQ by 021800L.

INTERCOM

- 23 Bn HQ will be located in D Coy area.
- 24. Sigs -
 - (a) No 11 Set will be taken over. If line comm fails, comm will open on each quarter by air from Bn to Bde and from Coys to Bn.
 - (b) Allotment of sets - normal.
 - (c) Cable to all Coys.

ACK.

Time of Signature... *1405 L*

Method of issue... *Runners*

K.V. McRae Capt
Adjnt 42 Aust Inf Bn

<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>	<u>Copy No.</u>
ALL Coys	1 - 5
Comd	6
2 Yc	7
RMO	8
QM	9
Sig Offr	10
IC	11
29 Aust Inf Bde	12
War Diary	13 - 14
File	15

APPENDIX "A"

Barge No	Sub-Unit	No of Pers.	Arrival at Embarkation Point (JABA PT)	Route to relief position	Remarks
1	A Coy	35	0545L	From old Barge Point 6 along track to posn.	
2	A Coy	35	"		
3.	A Coy	35	"		
4.	A Coy Comd HQ	25 8	"		
5.	Tk/A Pl 1 Sec MMG 1 Det Mortars	19 12 5	"		
6.	1 Det Mortars D Coy	5 30	0615L		
7.	D Coy	35	"		
8.	D Coy	35	"		
9.	D Coy MMG Pl (less 1 sec) Mtr Pl (less 2 dets)	16 14 5	"		
10.	Mtr Pl (less 2 dets) Pnr Pl	23 12	"		
11.	Pnr Pl	22			
12.	B Coy	35	0645L		
13.	B Coy	35	"		
14.	B Coy	35	"		
15.	B Coy Bn HQ	15 20	"		
16.	Bn HQ HQ Coy HQ	23 12	"		
17.	HQ Coy HQ Q Details	10 8	"		

Embarkation Officer - Major A.W. MACKAY

- NOTES
1. Groups will form up after landing at Old Barge Point 6 and will march tactically to their relief positions.
 2. All ranks will be impressed with the need for quick embarking and disembarking.

Ref Map

Comd Sheet

Hq 42 Aust Inf Bn
18 Jan 45
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INFM

1. as per sitreps

INTENTION

2. 42 Aust Inf Bn will hold a defensive area from mouth HUPAISAPANI RIVER to ADELE RIVER.

METHOD

3. The area will be held by a series of fortified localities.

4. (a) D Coy with under comd 2 Det Mortars and 1 MMG will hold the area BASE B - LOG CROSSING.
(b) C Coy less one Pl with under comd 2 Det Mortars and 1 MMG will hold the area COCONUT GROVE.
(c) B Coy less one Pl with in support 4 Det Mortars, one sec MMG, BN Hq protective tps will hold the area - FEATHERY TREE.
(d) A Coy less one Pl will hold the area - FWD BDE.

5. OUTPOSTS.

- (a) SUNKEN BARGE AREA will be held by one Pl B Coy
(i) WINTERS POST will be held by one Pl C Coy
(ii) LINDSAYS POST will be held by one Pl A coy

- (b) ROLE OF OUTPOSTS.

- (i) To control by patrols the MAWARAKA - MAKATOWA RD EAST to MAKATOWA.
(ii) To control the LOG CROSSING tracks.
(iii) To prevent any enemy infiltration in to the Bn def area.

- (c) Outposts will be withdrawn only on the orders of the Comd, and will fight vicious delaying actions back to the main posns.

- (d) Line of withdrawals - SUNKEN BARGE and WINTERS POST NORTH across HUPAISAPANI. LINDSAYS POST via LOG CROSSING TRACK.

6. RESERVES.

- (a) A Coy less one pl. Role immediate counter-attack.
(i) LOG CROSSING AREA via COCONUT GROVE.
(ii) COCONUT GROVE via FEATHERY TREE.

7. COUNTER-ATTACK TASKS

- (a) Though a Coy is detailed, COCONUT GROVE Comd will be prepared to make an immediate counter-attack with one pl to LOG CROSSING AREA. The counter-attacking pl to be replaced by a Pnr pl.
(b) Tk/A pl will be prepared to counter-attack immediately from FEATHERY TREE to COCONUT GROVE.
(c) A Coy, C Coy, Pnr pl, Tk/A pl will reconnoitre counter-attack lines as detailed by 191200L.
(d) All sub-units detailed for counter-attack. tasks are placed on 20 mins notice.

8. ARTY

- (a) DF TASKS F2, M34 and M35 on call.
(b) M34 will be SOS Task.
(c) FOO will be held at LOG CROSSING.

9. MORTARS

- (a) DF TASKS 1 to 4 SUNKEN BARGE AND WINTER'S POST.
(b) DF TASKS 5 to 8 EAST AND NORTH of LOG CROSSING.

10. MMGs

- (a) Tasks as per bn defensive fire plan sketch.
(b) Amn expenditure - one belt normal on each task, repeated on call.

11. TK/A & PNR PLS

Will occupy defensive posns FEATHERY TREE.

12. PRIORITY OF WORK

- (a) Wiring.
- (b) Pillboxing.
- (c) Mining.

13. PATROLS

Each comd of a defended locality will maintain a constant security patrol 400 yds out and around his perimeter from 0630 hrs until 1745 hrs daily. In addition 3 men contact patrols will be maintained between defended localities for the same periods.

ADM

14. Amn

- (a) 100 rds 303 and 3 grenades per man.
- (b) Bn SAA reserve - Bde Comd area.

15. Water

Wells will be sunk in all defended areas.

16. Sups

- 5 days SWPA } On man ^{id} and each defended locality.
- 1 FOR
- 1. Emergency }

17. MED

RAP at Bn HQ.

18. TPT & B ECH

Bde Comd area.

INTERCOMN

19. Bn HQ FEATHERY TREE.

20. Sigs - There will be one high, and one buried line and one secret line along the beach from each defended locality.

21. CDFs and SOS calls through OC D Coy direct to Arty & Mortar FOOs.

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Adjt 42 Aust Inf Bn

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Comd	6
29 Aust Inf Bde	7
Major Mackay	8
Sig Offr	9
MIG Offr	10
Tk/A Offr	11
Mortar Offr	12
War Diary	13 & 14
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HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn
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Ref Map - Comd Sheet

INFM

- 1. (a) Enemy as per sitreps.
- (b) Own tps as per sitreps.

INTENTION

- 2. 42 Aust Inf Bn will hold a defensive area to incl MAWARAKA - LINDSAY POST - ADELE RIVER.

METHOD

- 3. The area will be held by a series of fortified localities.
 - (a) D Coy with under comd 2 dets Mortars and 1 MMG will hold the area BASE B 767623 to LOG CROSSING 768623
 - (b) C Coy less 1 pl with under comd 2 dets Mortars will hold the area COCONUT GROVE 767626.
 - (c) 1 pl C Coy will hold the area WINTERS POST 765614.
 - (d) B Coy will hold the area LINDSAYS POST 773614.
 - (e) A Coy less 1 sec will hold the MAWARAKA AREA disposed:
 - (i) A Coy less two pls and one sec with under comd TK/A pl ^{4 dets Mortars} & 2 MMGs will hold the area 763610.
 - (ii) One pl A Coy will hold the area 765611.
 - (iii) One pl A Coy 766613.
 - (f) One sec A Coy will hold the area MAWARAKA POINT 763615.
 - (g) Bn HQ plus Pnr Pl and 1 MMG will hold the area FEATHERY TREE 769630.

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4. Outposts.

- (a) One sec D Coy LOG CROSSING 769622 - will be withdrawn only on orders of Bn Comd and will fight a vicious delaying action back to the main posn.

5. Counter-Attack Tasks

- (a) One pl A Coy will be prepared to make an immediate counter-attack in support of LINDSAYS POST. This pl to be replaced by one pl C Coy from COCONUT GROVE AREA.
- (b)
 - (i) C Coy will be prepared to counter-attack with one pl BASE B - LOG CROSSING AREA. The counter-attacking pl to be replaced by pnr pl.
 - (ii) C Coy will be prepared to replace A Coy counter-attacking pl. In the event of the replacement being necessary C Coy pl will be replaced by Pnr pl.

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(c) A coy will be prepared to counter attack towards mouth HUPAISAPANI River

- 6. All sub-units detailed for counter-attack tasks are placed on 15 mins notice and recce of counter-attack lines as detailed above will be completed 211800L.

7. Arty

- (a) SOS task area 774614 on call. Will be prepared to counter any enemy attack on LINDSAYS POST or MAWARAKA AREA.
- (b) FOO will be with B Coy.

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Comd Sheet

Ref Map

INFM

- 1. (a) Heavy as per atreps.
- (b) Own vps as per atreps.

INTENTION

2. MS Aust Inf Bn will hold a defensive area to incl
MAWARAKA - LINDSAY POST - ADDEL RIVER.

METHOD

- 3. The area will be held by a series of fortified localities.
 - (a) D Coy with under comd 2 deta Mortars and 1 MG will hold the area BASE B 7000 to LOG CROSSING 7000.
 - (b) G Coy less 1 pl with under comd 2 deta Mortars will hold the area COCONUT GROVE 7000.
 - (c) 1 pl G Coy will hold the area WINTERS POST 7000.
 - (d) B Coy will hold the area LINDSAY POST 7000.
 - (e) A Coy less 1 sec will hold the MAWARAKA AREA disposed:
 - (i) A Coy less two pls and one sec with under comd 2 deta Mortars & 2 MGs will hold the area 7000.
 - (ii) One pl A Coy will hold the area 7000.
 - (iii) One pl A Coy 7000.
 - (f) One sec A Coy will hold the area MAWARAKA POINT 7000.
 - (g) Bn HQ plus Ptn Pl and 1 MG will hold the area TREASURY TREE 7000.

4. Opposite.

(f) One sec B Coy LOG CROSSING 7000 - will be withdrawn only on orders of Bn Comd and will fight a vigorous delaying action back to the main position.

5. Counter-attack Tasks

- (a) One pl A Coy will be prepared to make an immediate counter-attack in support of LINDSAY POST. This pl to be replaced by one pl G Coy from COCONUT GROVE AREA.
- (b) (i) G Coy will be prepared to counter-attack with one pl BASE B - LOG CROSSING AREA. The counter-attacking pl to be replaced by par pl.
- (ii) G Coy will be prepared to replace A Coy counter-attacking pl. In the event of the replacement being necessary G Coy pl will be replaced by par pl.

Distribution

- 6. All sub-units detailed for counter-attack placed on 25 mine notice and recon of counter-attack lines as detailed above will be completed by 1700.
 - 7. (a) Bn task area 7000 on call. Will be prepared to counter any enemy attack on LINDSAY POST MAWARAKA AREA.
 - (b) 700 will be with B Coy.
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| Col Coy | 5 |
| Comd | 6 |
| 29 B d | 7 |
| Agc | 8 |
| Pln O | 9 |
| Ming O | 10 |
| Mtr O | 11 |
| Alfa O | 12 |
| FOO | 13 |
| To | 14 |
| qm | 15 |
| Rsm | 16 |
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8. Mortars

- (a) DF Tasks 1 to 4 LINDSAYS POST.
- (b) DF tasks 5 to 8 MAWARAKA.
- (c) DF tasks 9 to 12 LOG CROSSING.
- (d) Ann. 10 rds per task repeated on call of Coy Comd.

9. MMGs

- (a) Task as per bn defensive fire plan sketch.
- (b) Ann expenditure one belt normal on each task repeated on call.

10. TK. & PNR PLS

Defensive posns as detailed.

11. PRIORITY OF WORK

Wiring -- pillboxing of automatics -- mining.

12. Patrols

Each comd of defended locality will maintain a constant security patrol 400^x out and around his perimeter from 0630 until 1745 hrs daily. In addition 3 men contact patrols will be maintained between defended localities for the same period.

ADM

- 13. (a) Ann - 100 rds 303, 3 greandes per man.
- (b) Coy reserve - 2000 303s, 2000 9 mms, 72 grenades.
- (c) Bn SAA reserve - Bde Comd area.

14. Water

Wells will be sunk in all defensive areas. 4 days supply sterilising powder will be maintained.

15. Sups

4 days SWP, 1 FOR, 1 Emergency on man in each defended locality.

16. Medical

- (a) R&P at Bn HQ.
- (b) Fwd bearer post MAWARAKA.

17. Tpt.

- (a) 1 jeep and trailer and amb frame will be at MAWARAKA.
- (b) 1 jeep and trailer FEATHERY TREE.
- (c) Remainder B Ech.

18. B Ech -- Bde Comd Area.

INTERCOLN

19. Bn HQ FEATHERY TREE.

20. Sigs

There will be one high and one buried line and one secret line to each defended locality.

21. CDF

- (a) Arty by comd B Coy through FOO.
- (b) Mortars from comds A & B Coys direct to Mortar det MAWARAKA. From comd D Coy direct to Mortar det BASE B and COCONUT GROVE.

22. Security

This document will be read understood and then burned. Comds will signal Bn HQ by 1800 hrs today to this effect.

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21 Jan 45
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Ref Map - Comd Sheet.

INFM

1. (a) Enemy as per sitreps.
(b) Own tps as per sitreps.

INTENTION

2. 42 Aust Inf Bn will be relieved by 9 Aust Inf Bn.

METHOD

3. Tps
 - (a) A Coy 9 Aust Inf Bn will relieve B Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn.
 - (b) B Coy 9 Aust Inf Bn will relieve A Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn.
 - (c) C Coy 9 Aust Inf Bn will relieve C Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn.
 - (d) D Coy 9 Aust Inf Bn will relieve D Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn.
4. Reliefs

Relief will be on a section by section bases, mutually arranged between sub-unit comds concerned.
5. Patrols

Coys will maintain protective patrols, outposts and listening posts until taken over by incoming coy.
6. Stand To

All tps other than patrols stand-to in fighting pits until relieved.
7. Guides

As required by relieving sub-units will be supplied.
8. Liason

Closest possible liason will be maintained within coming tps. The following infm will be prepared and kept up to date:

 - (a) Coy defensive fire plan incl Bren MMG & Mortar DF tasks.
 - (b) Track maps.
 - (c) Terrain reports.
 - (d) Patrol reports.
 - (e) Detailed plans of all wired and booby trapped areas
 - (f) IO will prepare Bn defensive plan to incl wiring MMG Mortar and Arty DF tasks and will hand copies of all captured documents air photos comd sheets and enlargements.
9. Action on relief.
 - (a) Coys will be embarked at Barge Pts - places and times will be detailed later.
 - (b) Tps will proceed by barge to barge pt 2 and continue to TOROKINA by road and occupy defensive areas recd by adv party.

ADM

10. Each sub-unit comd is personally responsible for handing over the area in a state of perfect cleanliness and will obtain a certificate from his opposite number to this effect.
11. Handing over of stores etc.

Each sub-unit comd will prepare a detailed list of all amm rations and stores and obtain a receipt for same.

12. The following will be handed over:
- (a) All amm less 50 rds per man.
 - (b) Engrs stores incl 300 & 100 cubic feet refrigerators.
 - (c) Accommodation stores.
 - (d) Rations.
 - (e) Expense stores and POL.
 - (f) Red Cross and medical stores.
 - (g) Sig cable - in posn and in reserve - sig offr will NOT hand over american drums nor assault cable.
13. Preparation of lists.
Lists of stores to be handed over will be completed by 221600L. Will be collated by Adjt.
14. Adjt will notify Ede Details of personnel and stores moving to TOROKINA by 221100L.
15. Vehicles
3 vehicles and trailers will be used by Bn HQ: one for RMO, one for CO, one for sigs "I" and office.
TO will arrange carrying of kitchen gear, hygiene gear etc as required by the QM.
16. Rations
On the man: 1 Emergency, 1 FOR, unconsumed portion of days rations.
17. Rear Parties
(a) QM, Lt Eastcott, Lt Steinhauer, Lt Mincham, Lt Cole, Lt Fussell, One NCO per pl.
18. Accommodation Stores.
19 tents, 29 flys will be handed over.

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Adjnt 42 Aust Inf Bn

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All Coys	1 to 5
Comd	6
2 i/c	7
QM	8
RMO	9
IO	10
RSM	11
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9 Aust Inf Bn	13
War Diary	14-15
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27 Jan 45

42 AUST INF BN O.O. 11/45

Ref map : TOROKINA 1 in to 1 ml

INFM

1. Enemy

- (a) At present no enemy tps are in contact with any portion of the TOROKINA BASE AREA.
- (b) 48 hrs warning may be expected of any intended enemy attack.
- (c) Small enemy suicidal parties may attempt to bypass the fwd tps with the object of destroying base installations and inflicting the maximum number of cas.

2. Own Tps

- (a) 29 Aust Inf Bde is responsible for the defence of the area boundaries 647945 and 590575.
- (b) Sector responsibility of 15 Aust Inf Bn 633968 to 647945.
- (c) Sector responsibility of 47 Aust Inf Bn 633968 to 618977.

INTENTION

- 3. 42 Aust Inf Bn will hold a defensive posn F.D.L's incl 618977 - 590975.

METHOD

4. Summary of Ops.

The area will be held with 4 rifle coys fwd in F.D.L's.

- 5. (a) D Coy with under comd 1 det mortars, 1 sec MMGs will hold the area 615972.
- (b) C Coy with under comd 2 dets Mortars ^{sub} 1/sec MMGs will hold the area 607970.
- (c) HQ Coy less No.1 Pl, 2 Pl, 5 dets of 3 Pl and details of 6 pl will hold the area 599970.
- (d) B Coy with under comd 1 det Mortars ^{sub} 1/sec MMGs will hold the area 592972.

- 6. (a) Defensive area allotted to HQ Coy less detachments, will be occupied by A Coy, which on receipt of warning order of enemy attack will occupy Outpost posn HILL 900 area 618999.
- (b) Until receipt of warning order Bn HQ and HQ Coy will occupy area 599967.

7. Boundaries

- (a) Inter Bn boundary -- Right incl to D Coy 618977.
Left incl to B Coy 590975.
- (b) OC's B and C Coy will establish liason immediately with units on respective boundaries. --

8. Outposts

- (a) A Coy will prepare outpost posn HILL 900.
Disposition A Coy less one pl Northern Slopes of HILL 900
- One pl SE slopes HILL 900.
- (b) Outpost posn will be occupied by standing patrol of one sec until warning order is received.

9. PATROLS

- (a) Contact patrols will be maintained between coys and flanking units.
- (b) Coys will maintain local protective patrols.
- (c) Patrols as detailed will patrol the general outpost line and will incl LARUMA RIVER, -- JAVA OK junc 605013 to JAVA OK Headwaters junc 636010.

10. Occupation of F.D.L's

- (a) Coys will occupy and complete preparation of def posn by 281800L.
- (b) F.D.L's will be maintained but not occupied continuously until receipt of warning order.

11. Action on Receipt of Warning Order.

A Coy will occupy HILL 900.
F.D.L's will be manned continuously.

12. Counter Attack Plan

- (a) Coys will recce and rehearse counter attack lines and tasks within respective coy areas.
- (b) In addition coys will be prepared to counter attack immediately with one pl as follows:-

- (i) D Coy to C Coy
- (ii) C Coy to D Coy
- (iii) C Coy to HQ Coy.
- (iv) HQ Coy to C Coy.
- (v) HQ Coy to B Coy.
- (vi) B Coy to HQ Coy.

- (c) Recces of counter attack lines as detailed will be completed by 281800L.

13. Arty

- (a) 42 Aust Inf Bn area DF tasks

No.12	area	615981
No.13	area	615977
No.14	area	618975
No.15	area	597977

- (b) OPs -

OP 5	-	622975
OP 6	-	621973
OP 7	-	606970.

14. MORTARS

- (a) One det in res to move to A Coy outpost if required.
- (b) DF tasks as per trace Appx A.

15. MMG

- (a) Tasks as per trace Appx A.
- (b) Amn - one belt normal on each task repeated on call.

- 16. Pnrs.
 - (a) Responsible for maintenance of rd and side drains Saurage Trail.
 - (b) Def posn as detailed.

- 17. TK/A Pl.
Def posn as detailed.

- 18. Priority of Work.
 - (a) Weapon pits.
 - (b) Pill boxing of automatics.
 - (c) Sleeping quarters & defensive posts.

All Coye
 Comd
 SQ Aust Inf Bde
 RMO
 MG
 CC 5 PI
 CC 3 PI
 CC 4 PI
 CC 2 PI
 War Diary
 File

ADM.

- 19. Normal until on receipt of warning order when the following paras will obtain.

- 20. Amn.
 - (a) 100 rds 303, 2 grenades per man.
 - (b) Coy res 2000 - 303
2000 - 9 mm
72 - grenades.
 - (c) Bn SAA res Bn HQ.

- 21. Sups
 - 4 days SWP)
 - 1 FOR) on man in each defended locality
 - 1 Emergency)

- 22. Med
R. A. P. at Bn HQ.

- 23. Tpt & B Ech.
Bn HQ area.

- 24. Rd Maintenance.
Coys are responsible for the continuous maintenance of rds and side drains in Coy.
Maintenance will commence immediately under supervision of Pnr Offr.

INTERCOMM

- 25. Bn HQ 599967.

- 26. Sigs
Alternative lines to each Coy.

- 27. C.D.F.
 - (a) Arty - through CO
 - (b) Mortars - by Coy Comds direct to Mortar Dets.

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 Capt
 Adjnt 42 Aust Inf Bn

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Responsible for maintenance of rd and side drains
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Def post as detailed. (b) Appx A. 0.0.

All Coys
Comd
29 Aust Inf Bde
RMO
QM
OC 2 Pl
OC 3 Pl
OC 4 Pl
OC 5 Pl
War Diary
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TK/A Pl
Def post as detailed
Priority of Work
Work on pits
Packing of
Sleeping quarters & defensive posts
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Normal until on receipt of warning order when the following
para will obtain.

Ann.

(a) 100 rds 503, 2 Grenades per man.
(b) Coy res 2000 - 303
2000 - 9 mm
75 - Grenades.
(c) Bn SAA res Bn Hq.

Supp
days SWP
I FOR
I Emergency
} on man in each defended locality

Med
R. A. P. at Bn Hq.

Tot & B Exp.

Bn Hq area.

Rd Maintenance.

Coys are responsible for the continuous maintenance of rds
and side drains in Coy.
Maintenance will commence immediately under supervision of
Pnr Offr.

INTERCOMM

25. Bn Hq 29997.

26. Sigs

Alternative lines to each Coy.

27. G.D.F.

(a) Arty - through CO
(b) Mortars - by Coy Comds direct to Mortar Dets.

Adjut 48 Aust Inf Bn
Capt

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15 DEC 44 to 24 JAN 45

INTRODUCTION

The bn landed on Bougainville Island on 15 Dec 44. Until 22 Dec it bivouaced within the TOROKINA perimeter vicinity 573971 (TOROKINA 1 inch) and then moved south along the coast to a staging area at Chop Chop, with "A" Coy covering the left flank astride the Chop Chop trail at 725875.

On 24 DEC "B" Coy relieved the rear coy of the 47 Bn at the TAGESSI R.

On 28 Dec "D" Coy relieved another coy of the 47 Bn at OROBIO and 1 Jan 45 the bn was concentrated as bde reserve just north of the JABA R. with "C" Coy protecting the 11 Fd Amb at Chop Chop.

PROTECTIVE

Ref Map 29 Aust Inf Bde Comd Sheet 1/25000.

The bn's first action role was a protective one, when on 2 Jan it assumed from the 47 Bn the responsibility for the holding of the JABA R sector to allow an advance down the coast. The bn less C Coy was disposed as follows: Bn Hq, Hq Coy details and "D" Coy 795736, A Coy 800729, B Coy 797734. C Coy moved to the TAGESSI R area in the vicinity of Bde Hq.

For the first day the bn was employed in local patrolling and effecting repairs to coy perimeters, but on 3 Jan, the bn felt for the enemy with a patrol from D Coy that moved via a track south. No contact was made, but shots were fired at what were believed to be two natives who seemed to be dogging the patrol. Next day 11 pl as a fighting patrol moved down the track taken by the patrol the previous day. Contact was made at a Log Crossing (795727) and the bn made its first kill. Footprints indicated the presence of a large force of Japs at a track junc 794726.

It was decided to bring arty fire to bear on the area and to this end A Coy moved out on 5 Jan. A defensive posn was held by the coy at the Log Crossing while an FOO directed fire on to the enemy posn. 8 pl went fwd to observe the results of the shoot. Owing to the approaching darkness and the fact that its mission was completed the coy returned to its perimeter.

During the night orders were received that one coy was to move through to the coast via what was later named Joe's Rd. A Coy was given the job and moved out at 060415L. Owing to enemy opposition, the undefined nature of the tracks west of Log Crossing and approaching darkness, the coy could not get through and ^{est} set a perimeter for the night at Log Crossing. The clearance of pockets of enemy resulted in 14 Japs being killed, one probably killed and the capture of two LMGs. The following morning A Coy pushed on to the coast without interruption, passed through C Coy, which had moved to Jaba 2, and settled in on the coast at 780717. B Coy followed A Coy and took up a posn at 785698 and on the same day Bn Hq was set up at 780716.

B Coy with under command 2/8 Commando Bn remained in the JABA Sector until 9 Jan, when responsibility for the area passed to 2/8 Commandos and D Coy moved to the coast. On the way through a Jap ambush was encountered in the vicinity of Log Crossing. In the ensuing action B Coy killed one Jap and possible two others. By nightfall B Coy was in posn at 785698, B Coy having relieved A Coy 47 Bn at 785694. Oxley Ambush was manned by 13 Pl, which relieved a pl of C Coy 47 Bn.

As 47 Bn continued to move fwd, 42 Bn followed and occupied the posns vacated by them and by 12 Jan the bn less B and C Coys were disposed as follows: Bn Hq plus Hq Coy details 771634, A Coy 771634, B Coy 771636.

On 12 Jan the bn had its first experience of Jap shelling when between 1315 hrs and 1437 hrs 45 shells 19 of which were blinds, landed in the vicinity. No casualties were caused and no damage was done.

Local protective patrols and recesses of Adele and Hupai Ra were carried out until 17 Jan when the bn relieved 47 Bn. Bn Hq took over from 47 Bn at 769530 and the remainder of the bn was disposed as follows: A Coy 771634, B Coy less 12 pl 785694, 12 pl 763614 (sunken Barge), C Coy less 14 pl 767626, 14 pl 764613, D Coy less 17 pl 768623 (Boylan's Bridge), 17 pl 767624.

Pill boxes located near 14 pl area were cleaned out and a number of documents captured.

AGGRESSIVE PHASE

On 16 Jan the bn commenced a policy of aggressive action and sent three patrols to clear portion of the HAWARAKA - HAKATONA Rd. 13 pl left C Coy area and proceeded through D Coy thence along a track running SE.

The track petered out and from that point onwards the pl had to cut its way. At 1350 hrs the pl struck Jap barbed wire enclosing an enemy perimeter. Undetected, they cut through the wire and moved stealthily towards a spot where Japs could be heard talking. Two additional fences were cut through and at 1532 the posn was attacked. Seven enemy were killed, two wounded and 6 pill boxes (772613) were captured. 9 Pl moved via SUNKEN BARGE area through WINTER'S POST then roughly south and struck the HAWARAKA Rd about three hundred yards from the coast. They moved east along the rd but had not gone far when they were fired upon by snipers. By-passing the pocket, they struck the rd again a couple of hundred yards farther east. Hearing the firing from 13 pl's action they ambushed the road at 769613 and accounted for five Japs killed and two wounded.

Another patrol from A Coy reached HAWARAKA without opposition but were fired upon about 150 yds from the coast. They immediately attacked and the Japs withdrew.

That night 13 pl dug in at 772613, 9 pl at 769613 and A Coy's small patrol was relieved by a sec from 12 pl.

During the day B Coy less 12 pl to Bn Hq Area.

Next morning 9 pl contacted 13 pl and manned the perimeter with them.

There was a determined move fwd and by nightfall the bn was disposed as follows: Bn Hq plus B Coy less 10 and 11 pls 769630, 10 pl 763614, 11 pl 772613, A coy less 9 pl 764611, 9 pl 772613, C Coy less 13 and 15 pls 767626, 13 pl 772613, 15 pl 764613, D Coy less 17 pl 768623, 17 pl 766624.

Between 2235 hrs and 2247 hrs the enemy opened with his artillery and shelled the SUNKEN BARGE area, but caused neither casualties nor damage.

On 20 Jan B Coy less 10 and 11 pls occupied the posn held by 9, 11 and 13 pls and was later joined by 10 pl less one sec.

9 and 13 pls returned to their coys. The sec of 10 pl at ~~SUNKEN~~ BARGE was relieved by sec 9 pl.

Continuing the bn's aggressive policy 11 pl pushed on from the pill boxes at 772613 and by nightfall had arrived at 778614 and dug in.

Next day a patrol from B Coy to 11 pl contacted an enemy pill box with 2 LMGs which fired upon the patrol. At the same time, a second contact patrol from B Coy to 11 pl on the north side of the road was fired on from another pill box by 2 LMGs and three rifles. 11 pl then sent patrols on either side of the road to contact B Coy. The one moving south of the road encountered a large number of enemy and definitely killed eight and wounded others. Unable to get through to B Coy, the patrol returned to 11 pl. Soon afterwards the northern contact patrol encountered a party of Japs, killed five and wounded two, but owing to the strength of the enemy the patrol was forced to return to 11 pl. A third contact patrol from B Coy encountered another pill box containing two LMGs on the north side of the road, enemy casualties unknown. Another patrol from B Coy which moved SE ran into five Japs and killed two.

Artillery fire was brought to bear on the pill box area between B Coy and 11 pl and a patrol which investigated later found no signs of the enemy. A more detailed search the following day (Jan 22) revealed five dead Jap bodies and signs indicating that many other bodies had been dragged away.

Later in the day a track traversing party from D Coy was working SE along a track which joined the SE track taken by 13 pl. The patrol had gone about 1000 yds in the direction of HAKATOWA when the leading scout noticed an enemy ambush ahead. The patrol engaged the enemy and killed five, and then returned to D Coy.

On 18 Jan and NRIS patrol had reached MAMORU and found that area vacated by the enemy. Subsequently they established a firm base at 755580 and on 22 Jan this posn was taken over by 14 pl.

The same night the enemy again brought down fire from three guns. The shells landed in the ~~SUNKEN BARGE~~ - MAWARAKA area, and again casualties and damages were nil. The guns were identified as two 75 mm and one 150 mm.

On 23 Jan the bn was relieved by 9 Aust Inf Bn of 7 Aust Inf Bde and 42 bn returned to TOROKINA.

Subject:- LESSONS FROM OPS.

HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn
30 Jan 45

HQ
29 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

1. The following are submitted as being the principal lessons learnt during recent Ops.

(A) PATROLS.

(i) General

Patrolling unless conforming to a patrolling plan conceived as a result of the role allotted to the Bn, is absolutely useless.

It is necessary that patrols be briefed thoroughly and be required to answer definite questions or perform definite tasks.

Patrols of Pl strength should be briefed personally by the Bn Comd.

(ii) EQPT

Patrols, even when required to stay out over 2 days must discard all eqpt, except the bare essentials.

Mosquito repellent, atabrin, water sterilizing outfits and field dressing can be carried in the pockets, the emergency ration can be attached to the water bottle and greater freedom of movt is obtained.

(iii) Comms

Line should not be laid for patrols other than fighting patrols of Pl strength. Reports must be made every half hour.

(iv) Supporting Arms

Where possible an Arty and Mortar FOO should go with each fighting patrol.

(B) FIGHTING PATROLS

The success of a fighting patrol depends entirely on the determination, aggressive action and cool leadership of the patrol comd, who must remember that his patrol is a fighting patrol, and as such can and will fight to complete its mission.

Consideration must be given to the selection of a patrol base from which small patrols may be sent out to secure the required infm.

(C) CONTACT PATROLS.

To give warning of enemy encirclement or attack, and to prevent infiltration by small parties. It is vitally necessary that contact patrols be maintained between sub units during the hours of daylight.

(D) PROTECTIVE PATROLS.

Protective patrols of not less than 4 men must patrol outside the sub unit perimeter to a distance of at least 400 yds during the hrs of daylight.

(E) LISTENING POSTS.

Each section must maintain a listening post, if possible 2 men, at least 60 yds fwd of the sec posn. These listening posts should give warning by killing as many as possible of the enemy and then report to the section. Unless for specific reasons

as in the case of an ambush listening post will kill any approaching enemy.

(F) DEEP PATROLS

It was found that 3 men patrol were most suitable for long distance stealth patrols.

(G) MOVT

Movt of tps through the jungle in the opening stages of the campaign was not good, but had improved considerably by the time the unit was relieved. Men must learn to avoid rotting limbs, vines, and shaking of small saplings and wild bananas during movt. This requires considerable patience and experience.

AMBUSHES

Two ambushes only were practised during the action. One a pl deliberate ambush, the second a hasty ambush by 4 men. Both were extremely successful. The principal lesson arising from both, the success of an ambush is governed entirely by the steadiness of the ambushing party.

DEFENCE

Tps have profited to a considerable degree from their experiences in occupations of many different defensive posns.

- (i) It was noted in the early stages of the campaign that men and NCOs and Offrs cramped their posns, perhaps with a view to a psychological reaction based on the herd instinct of collective security.
- (ii) It was difficult to convince men that ground held by fire and not by bodies.
- (iii) More effort was made to achieve dispersion after the unit had been shelled.
- (iv) I still feel that considerable stress again will have to be placed on dispersion in defence, prior to and during our next action.
- (v) Wiring:- Apart from the fact is of considerable use in defence the wiring of posns resulted in an increase in the morale of the holding tps, out of all proportion to the adequacy of the obstruction.

BOOBY TRAPPING

The setting and siting of booby traps requires careful consideration in order to achieve variation, killing effect and security. Considerable training is necessary.

OFFENSIVE DEFENCE

The campaign once again proved that vigorous patrolling, the urge to go out and kill the enemy is most necessary to achieve a successful defence.

ATTACK

The principal lesson from the campaign is that all attacks must be pressed with the utmost determination and without halting on to the objective. On every occasion where immediate defensive action has been taken against the enemy we have inflicted a series of defeats with practically no casualties to our own tps.

There is only one answer, once the attack has been launched, that is, to go in with all you have and kill.

Hesitancy, indecision or perhaps (to be delicate) lack of keenness on the part of leaders of any grade, result in serious casualties to our own forces, failure with its contingent lowering of the morale of our own tps and raising that of the enemy.

SUPPORTING ARMS.

Sufficient consideration on some occasions was not given to the employment of grenade discharger, 2 and 3 inch mortars, to take advantage of the fire support available in the section, pl, coy or bn, and further trg in the employment and development of the maximum fire available is required by junior leaders.

ARTY.

It is realized that a shortage of artillery offrs in the supporting regiment did not admit of an OPO being with the Bn Comd in addition to an FOO with the fwd tps. It is suggested that special arrangements may be made to allow the fwd infantry Bn Comd the technical advice and assistance of a senior artillery offr in addition to the FOO.

ENGRS - AAMC - AASC - CRD.

This bn wishes to express its appreciation of all concerned in their efforts to assist us. In particular may it be recorded that I appreciated very sincerely the assistance, advice and complete co-operation of the Bde HQ Staff.

INTELLIGENCE.

(i) The standard achieved in the bn was very high. I can offer no suggestions as to the improvement of the internal intelligence system. All ranks exhibited a most refreshing curiosity and desire to contribute even the smallest detail, resulting in accurate compilation track data, enemy dispositions and topographical infm.

(ii) The almost immediate receipt of translations of captured documents being available for the passing down to tps undoubtedly retained their interest and most certainly resulted in an increased effort to obtain and fwd even the most minute scraps of Jap documents.

WEAPONS.

Once again the 2 inch mortar has not been employed to advantage due to the terrain. It is considered that if 4 - 2 inch mortars and crew were grouped with No. 3 Pl they could be allotted as the situation required and thus increase the manpower and reduce the portage problems of Coys.

ADM

(i) Clothing - excellent, but consider anklets web are not suitable for tropical warfare.

(ii) Eqpt - web eqpt should be dyed jungle green.

(iii) Tpt - It is considered that 8 jeeps are not sufficient to maintain a fwd bn on the move in active ops against the enemy. It is suggested that an extra 4 jeeps be made available to the fwd unit for Q use entirely, thus permitting the employment of the bn allotment of 8 in a tactical role.

(iv) Hygiene

- (iv) Hygiene - Further instruction in elementary hygiene and the observance of the practice of its principles is necessary.

CONCLUSION

The operation conducted in such difficult terrain and finally against fairly formidable enemy posns has provided all ranks in the unit with a basis of comparison between methods of trg and actual battle practice, which can result only in the realisation that our trg methods are sound in principle and application

It is requested that this report be considered an outline only and detailed lessons and suggestions will be forwarded after a complete investigation and collation of reports and opinions.

Lt-Col
Comd 42 Aust Inf Bn

" LESSONS LEARNT FROM OPS "

INTELLIGENCE

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TOPO INFM

Ops were carried out over flat country and it was found that, unlike rugged terrain, the time of travel between objects was not so important as the actual distance between objects and accurate plotting.

Therefore, traversing by bearing and pacing was of more value than infm gained from track-going maps.

It was found that field notes taken by patrols could be plotted quickly on return to coy perimeter and the infm gained was of value to further patrols and especially to patrols accompanied by FOO's.

COMMUNICATIONS

The direct line linking up all int secs of the bde with each other and Bde HQ worked excellently.

BRIEFING OF PATROLS

Since patrols were usually based on infm gained by a patrol of the previous day it was necessary to brief patrols for the next day in the late afternoon or early evening. Therefore, patrol leaders with coys distant from Bn HQ could not be briefed personally as movt at dark was restricted and coy perimeters were booby trapped.

Telephonic briefing of patrols worked well and it was considered that patrols did not suffer by the absence of personal briefing.

STORES

"Glass & China" pencils were useless and since "chinagraph" pencils were NOT forth coming neat map marking was difficult. It is considered that coy int personnel should be supplied with berkfire bags (water proof) for carrying maps, tracing paper etc. Suggested type of bag is submitted in Appx "A".

MAPS

For security reasons and as an aid to easier handling patrol areas were prepared on roneoed sheets. Unlimited supplies of these maps were always available for patrol leaders and the maps were expendable. If the maps had fallen into enemy hands only the patrol areas of operations would have been given away.

FIRE PLANS

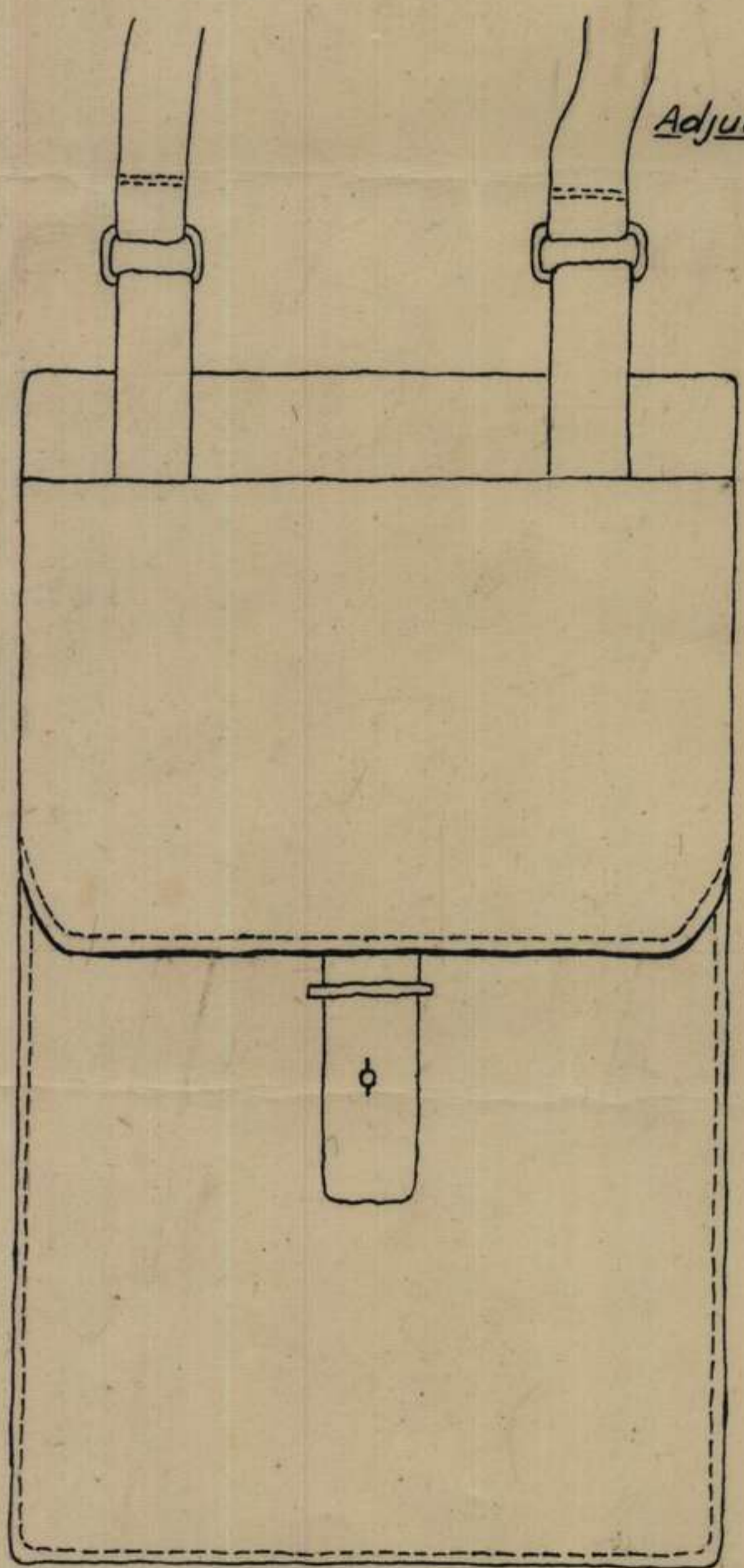
Unless a unit is to remain static for a considerable period the work entailed in the preparation of a fire plan is not considered worthwhile.

Since during ops we continually pressed the enemy by pl and then coy moves fire plans were changing almost daily.

ENLARGEMENTS

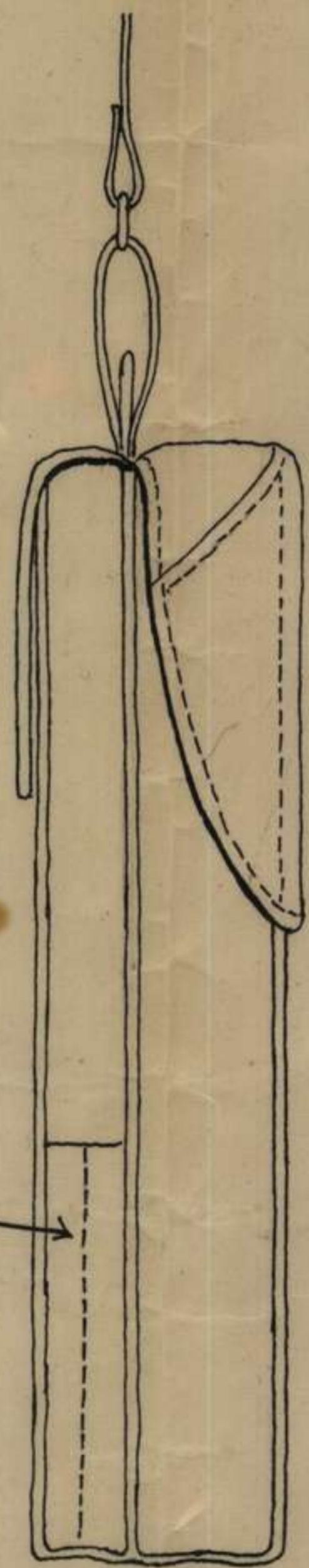
These were found most useful for the plotting of additional infm.


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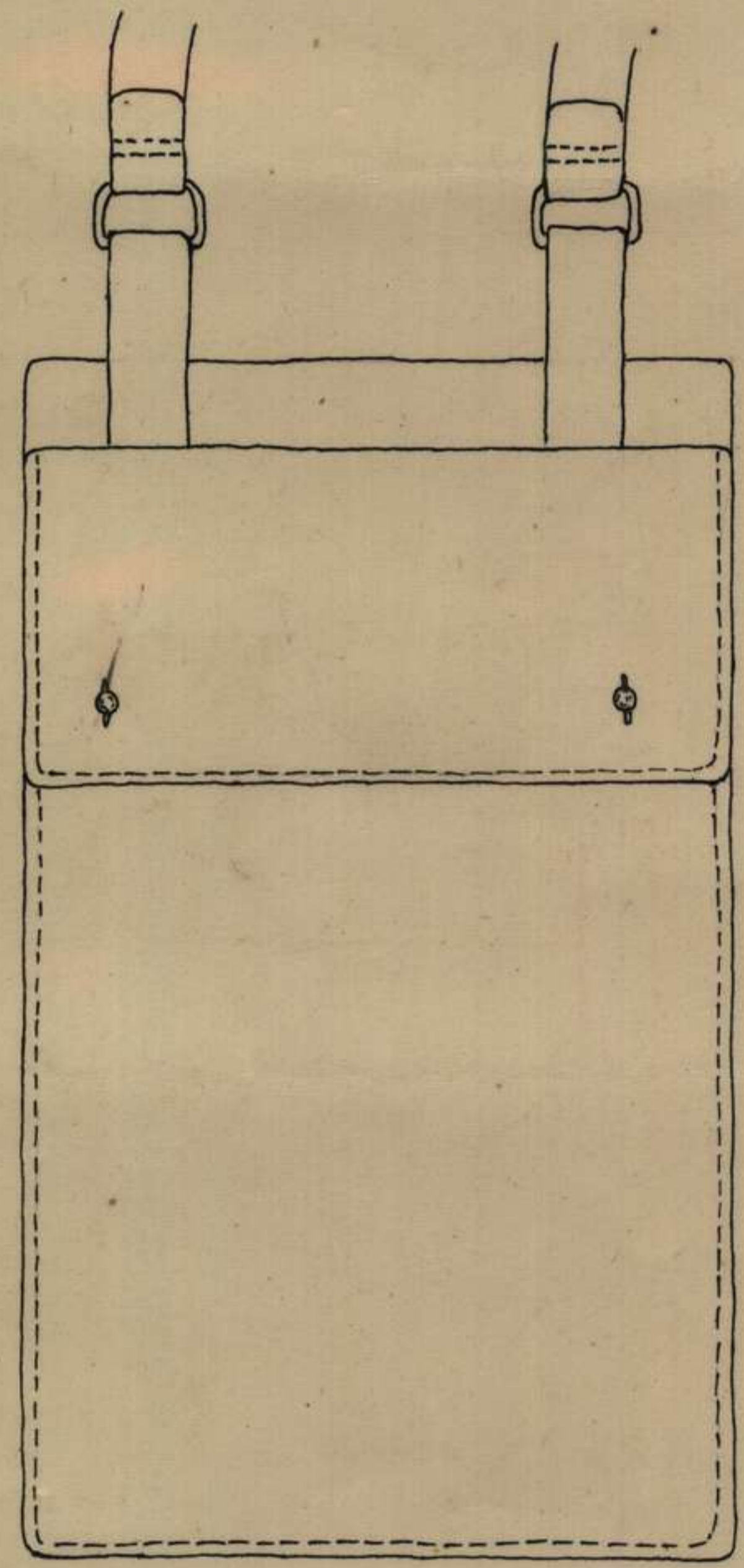
Adjustable Straps

FRONT VIEW



TWO POCKETS
on each side
for Pencils

SIDE VIEW



BACK VIEW

SCALE 1/2 INCH = 1 INCH

MESSAGE FORM

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Transmission Instructions

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29 aust inf bde

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For Action

TO

42 aust inf bn

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

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to all ranks

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN**
by any means { except }

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Wireless

Signed

If liable to be intercepted or fall into
enemy hands, this message must be
sent **IN CIPHER**

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ORIGINATOR'S No. 0349 restricted @ following message received from 3 Aust Div @ GOC desires congratulate ofrs and all ranks on success of ops SOUTH of JABA RIVER @ inform all ranks @ all informed

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN** by any means { except } Wireless

Signed

If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent **IN CIPHER**

Signed

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

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1915		
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War Diary

Appx ✓

Hq 42 Aust Inf Bn
18 Jan 45

42 AUST INF BN STANDING ORDERS FOR CONTROL OF MALARIA

1. Application: These orders apply to all units and sub-units under comd 42 Aust Inf Bn.
2. At 1800 hrs daily Bn HQ and Coys will hold a parade of all ranks.
3. Pl Sjts will call the roll under the supervision of the Pl Comd and in the presence of the Coy Comd. Each man will step forward on his name being called and will receive and swallow two atabrin tablets and apply mosquito repellent lotion. The Pl will then be inspected by the Pl Comd to ensure that gaiters are worn, sleeves turned down, and clothing is not torn. An inspection of mosquito nets to ensure that they are erected & in good condition will then be made.
4. Each Pl Comd will then report compliance to orders to his Coy Comd. On receipt of the reports from all Pls the Coy Comds will telephone Bn HQ certifying that orders have been complied with.
5. If for operational reasons, e.g. because of distances involved it is impracticable for Pl Comds to inspect their tps, then the NCO in comd will act.

THIS IS AN OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITY AND WILL NOT BE DELEGATED TO N.C.O.'s EXCEPT IN CASES ABOVEMENTIONED.

The Coy Comd's report will include details of such delegation of responsibility.
6. At 2200 hrs daily Bn duty Officer will notify Coy Comds that it is time to reapply lotion. This will be done by phone, signal, or runner.
7. Between 2200 hrs and time of retiring daily Pl Comds will inspect beds to ensure that all personnel are in bed, under nets, with nets properly tucked in and free from mosquitoes. They will check that tents or shelters have been sprayed immediately prior to their inspection. If on account of duty, or for any other reason, the Pl Comd will delegate NCO in charge of flying squad to make the inspection. Where the tactical situation forbids movement after dark the inspection of nets and spraying will be completed before 1830 hrs.
8. The flying squad in charge of an NCO referred to in para 7 will be detailed by the Coy Comd. They will work in shifts of two. During the hours of darkness they will inspect all personnel and move away from nets any personnel whose bodies are touching nets. They will carry arms and a torch. They may act as lines patrols as well. This rule will NOT apply to outposts whose members preclude the provision of this guard.
9. Guards and duty personnel must apply repellent at night every one & a half hours. Gloves and veils will be worn when issued. OC or Sjt of Guard will personally see to this and report it. Every member of patrols will carry a bottle of repellent, 24 atabrin tablets in a watertight container, and his net, except in cases of patrolling in very close contact with the enemy, when an officer may authorise nets to be left behind, but will report such orders with his reasons. Patrol Comd in his report will certify that all malarial precautions were taken.
10. Slacks, gaiters, and shirts will be worn at all times, shirt sleeves will be rolled down and buttoned by 1800 hrs daily. Working parties while in sunlight and doing strenuous work can take shirts off on the orders of an officer.

(O V E R)

- 11. Application will be made for a court-martial of any officer, or detachment cmd, failing to obey these orders. Evidence given by patients evacuated to hospital, who admit non-compliance with these instructions, will be used against the soldiers Pl etc cmd.

H. V. Mansfield Capt
Adjnt 42 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION:

- HQ Coy
- A Coy
- B Coy
- C Coy
- D Coy
- Cmd
- 29 Aust Inf Bde
- RMO
- QM
- War Diary (2)
- File (2)

- 4. Each Pl Coy will then report compliance to orders to the Coy Comd. On receipt of the reports from all Pls the Coy Comd will telegraph to HQ certifying that orders have been complied with.
- 5. If for operational reasons, e.g. because of distances involved, it is impracticable for Pl Comds to inspect their Pls, then the RMO will act.
- 6. THIS IS AN OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITY AND WILL NOT BE DELEGATED TO N.C.O.'S EXCEPT IN CASES AS SPECIFIED.
- 7. The Coy Comd's report will include details of such details of responsibility.
- 8. At 2200 hrs daily Pl duty Officer will notify Coy Comd that it is time to ready Pls. This will be done by phone, signal, or runner.
- 9. Between 2200 hrs and time of retiring Pls Comd will inspect beds to ensure that all personnel are in bed, under nets, with nets properly tucked in and free from mosquitoes. They will check that tents or shelters have been properly pitched and that the Pls inspection. If on account of duty, or for any other reason, the Pl Comd will delegate RMO in charge of living areas to make the inspection. Where the tactical situation forbids movement after dark the inspection of nets and spraying will be completed before 1830 hrs.
- 10. The living areas in charge of an RMO referred to in para 7 will be detailed by the Coy Comd. They will work in shifts of two. During the hours of darkness they will inspect all personnel and move away from nets any personnel whose bodies are touching nets. They will carry axes and a torch. They may set as lines petrols as well. This will NOT apply to outposts whose numbers preclude the provision of this guard.
- 11. Guards and duty personnel must apply repellent at night every one & a half hours. Gloves and veils will be worn when treated. 00 or 01 of Guard will personally see to this and report it.
- 12. Every member of petrols will carry a bottle of repellent, 2 1/2 litres, in a watertight container, and a net, except in cases of petrols in very close contact with the enemy, when an officer may authorise nets to be left behind, but will report such orders with his reasons. Patrol Comd in his report will certify that all malarial precautions were taken.
- 13. Blocks, gaiters, and shirts will be worn at all times, shirt sleeves will be rolled down and buttoned by 1800 hrs daily. Working parties while in sunlight and doing strenuous work can take shirts off on the orders of an officer.

(O V E R)

Appx "K"

Subject :- HYGIENE REQUIREMENTS ON VACATING AREA.

HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn
19 Jan 44.

All Coys
RSM

1. Latrines and Sumps. Unless mutual arrangements are made with an incoming unit to take over such adjuncts as are of good construction and in clean state, superstructure will be removed and pits closed in correct manner, viz., sealing contents with old bags etc, well sprayed with oil before applying earth covering, which must be mounded to avoid subsidence, mark the area as FOULED GROUND with date of closing.
2. Garbage. Rake well about kitchens, serving benches, messes garbage stands, and incenerators, and bury any fouled matter Sump pit, latrine or otherwise, may be left open until the last moment, so as to dispose of same. Similarly the residue of the final meal will receive such disposal. such pits are closed as for latrines and sumps.
3. Tent Lines. These need particular attention, so that such rubbish as bottles, papers, boxes, old clothing, etc., does not remain. There is a tendency to discard tins, etc., in some convenient and concealing scrub, and therefore, the immediate environs of the camp need to be searched.
4. Finally, check over the whole area with a representative of any incoming unit, where possible, so that any defects may be rectified on the spot. Close attention to the execution of these principles pays dividends to all concerned

H. J. MacLean Capt
Adjt 42 Aust Inf Bn

Letter to Regtl Commander

18 Jan 45

The BN Commander, men and I have made a final determination. You can only die once. Death is a matter of grave importance. For the entire Bn to die honourably is a clamity. You, the Regtl Commander should understand. A Regiment which has maintained its glorious name 60 yrs will to the last, preserve its honour. The spirits of Officers and men of the Regt are low, and the expected results will not eventuate. I regret that the efforts were'nt enough. When you consider the actual condition of each company it is a thing to be expected and you must all consider the part destiny plays. Tomorrow officers and men to my regret, believing the light of victory is dim, but because of the great Imperial Army have finally determined to die honourably. In fact, fortified with special rations of potatoes and other foods they are going into battle. Unit commanders who have no pity are unable to understand the men who so believing enter battle. Bn commanders and junior officers do not believe this. Officers and men the Regt have weakened but resigned themselves that it is destiny. Tomorrow 3 Bn attack at a fixed time will advance until annihilation. After annihilation the honour of the Regiment will be revealed.

Yours truly
Capt NGAHA.

PS.

Will perform with utmost effort so that the showing of 3 Bns strenuous effort will remain for ages to come on BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND. Please send Major KINOSHITA. to ascertain this. I will be much obliged.

BN According to the translated list of officers of 13 Inf Regt Major KINOSHITA was assigned on 10 Jun 44 to HQ 13 Inf Regt. NGOKA is shown in the above list as CO of 10 Coy 3 Bn. He is shown 1st Lt and was promoted to this rank 1st Mar 43. The list shows according to the establishment of Regt he could be a Capt NGOKA, might have been promoted to Capt since Mar 43.

To SHIBADA.

4 Bn have been ordered to attack to the last man. It must be destiny. I want to thank you for your kindness up to now. Please send my regards to all the men when you have the opportunity.

Yours truly

NAKAGAWA.

If I have any tobacco I will smoke it with my last breath.

West Area Garrison Unit Op Order 134

16 Jan

HOYAMA

1. 2nd Lt ISHIKI hereafter will command 2nd Lt
OBESHITA and NCO and 4 men of Tank Attack Unit
Guard the Regimental flag and protect the regt

West Area ~~Unit~~ Garrison Unit Commander

Method of delivery

Recipients will be given order orally and will
take it down.

West Area Op Order No. 135

17 Jan

West Area Garrison Unit Order

1. Enemy have captured MAWARAKA position and are under construction of barb wire entanglements. Seems that the enemy is planning to attack against right MAWARAKA Post. Enemy at HUPESI and JABA area are not moving with great activity.
2. MAWARAKA Garrison unit will cut down the strength at road between Arty position and Coconut grove to a minimum and take the main strength of infantry to MAWARAKA and annihilate the enemy there. 3rd Bn guns (?) will be withdrawn to 3 Bn HQ.
3. 3 Arty ~~3rd~~ Bn Gun platoon will depart for MAWARAKA early in the morning and will come under command 3 Bn commander.
4. (Character indecipherable) 1 Coy will despatch NCO and 4 Men as a colour bearer and take it to the HOCHIKO Garrison unit. Also despatch liaison NCO and one man to 3 Bn HQ at FURUFURU

West Area Garrison Unit Commander

Method of delivery

Recipient will be given orders orally

Distribution

2 Fd Arty HQ

Coy of

2 Fd Arty Sjt Major will be given order orally

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HQ 3 AUST DIV
LANGUAGE DETACHMENT
JAN 45

DRAFT TRANSLATIONS FROM CAPTURED DOCUMENTS.

BATCH No. 56 captured SOUTH of HUPAI RIVER by 42 Aust Inf Bn, 29 Aust Inf Bde on 18 Jan 45

1. Sixteen, bound, handwritten sheets Operation Orders Nos 120, 123, 124, 125, 129, 134 and 135 of West Sector Garrison Unit dated respectively 26 Dec, 1, 4, 5, 12, 16, and 17 Jan. The document does not contain the origin orders; but is, presumably, a copy of the orders made when they were delivered verbally. Similar copies of orders nos. 124 and 129 have been captured previously. Translation of orders numbered 124 and 129 not included in this translation, otherwise orders are translated in full, except where illegible. Translators nos. 197 and 84

WEST GARRISON OPERATION ORDER, 17 Jan No. 135 at OZAN.

West Sector Garrison Unit Order.

1. The enemy has occupied the MAWARAKA position and is constructing barbed wire entanglements and appears to be planning to attack posts on the right of MAWARAKA. The enemy is not active in the JABA and HUPESSI areas.
2. The MAWARAKA Garrison Unit will leave a minimum strength on the secret track between the artillery position and the coconut grove. The infantry main strength will annihilate the enemy on the edge of MAWARAKA. For this reason 3 Bn Gun will be returned to 3 Bn.
3. Three Bn Gun Pl will leave its present area early tomorrow morning and proceed to MAWARAKA where it will come under command of 3 Bn. CO.
4. An NCO and four men of No 1 Transport Coy acting as Colour Guard will present themselves at HOZAN Garrison Unit Headquarters by 0600 hrs tomorrow and two men will be despatched to 3 Bn HQ at FURUFURU for purposes of liaison.

West Sector Garrison Unit CO

Method of issue. Orders will be given verbally and recipients will take notes.

Distribution. Orally to COs (TN Illegible)
No 1 Transport Coy
.....(TN Illegible, presumably another unit)

WEST GARRISON OPERATION ORDER No. 134.

West Sector Garrison,
16 Jan 1300 hrs
HOZAN

1. 2nd Lt ISHIKI henceforth will command his own platoon, together with one NCO and four men from the Tank Attack Unit and will guard the colours and the Regiment.

West Sector Garrison CO.

Method of issue. Order will be given verbally and recipients will take notes.

WEST GARRISON OPERATION ORDER No. 129.

West Sector Garrison Unit order 26 Dec 1400 hrs. MEIBA.

(TN Not Translated)

WEST GARRISON OPERATION ORDER No. 125.

West Sector Garrison Unit Order, 5 Jan 1230 hrs. IKADABA

1. The Guard Unit with the main strength of 2 Bn and 3 Bn will make preparation to attack the enemy on the EAST side of LOG BRIDGE.
2. Reconnoitre enemy situation and terrain EAST of unnamed river (TN sic) flowing EAST of LOG BRIDGE into 2 Bn and make preparations to attack the enemy in that area. 10 Coy will return to its original attachment by the evening of 6 Jan.
3. Three Bn (less 3 MG) will make preparations to attack the enemy WEST of unnamed stream flowing EAST of LOG BRIDGE. Although the time of attack is scheduled for .. Jan there will be separate orders.
4. The boundary of the battle area of the battalions is the NORTH-SOUTH line of the unnamed river flowing EAST of LOG BRIDGE.

Method of Issue. Orally, Recipients will take notes.

Distribution. Units under command.

WEST SECTOR OPERATION ORDER No. 124.

West Sector Garrison Unit Order, 4 Jan.

(TN Not translated)

WEST GARRISON OPERATION ORDER No. 123.

West Sector Garrison Unit Order, 1 Jan 0400 hrs. MORENO.

1. The Garrison Unit will re-organise and direct its strong point to JABA and annihilate the enemy at the beach.

2. The 2 Bn, including 10 Coy, will quickly destroy the enemy EAST of LOG BRIDGE and will reconitre the enemy situation WEST of LOG BRIDGE
(TN Raft Site)
3. The 3 Bn, (less 10 Coy) will move to HUPESSI - MORENO - IKADABA TN Raft site and will leave one company at the raft site. The main strength, under my command, will take up its position near the Raft Site and make preparations to attack the sector SOUTH of the main road to No. 2 JABA RIVER.
4. The Tank Attack Unit will become the MUPESSI Attack Unit and will attack the enemy at MUPESSI.
5. MAWARAKA Garrison Unit and the Regtl Gun Coy will continue their former duties.
6. I will be at my present position for awhile and will later move to the Raft Site.

Method of Issue. Telephone and verbally.

Distribution. Forces under command.

WEST GARRISON OPERATION ORDER No. 120

West Sector Garrison Unit Order, 26 Dec 1400 MEIBA.

1. The main strength of the Garrison Unit will advance to the vicinity of MORENO and will make preparations to attack HUPESSI Area.
2. Light Trench Mortar Unit, 3 Bn Gun Pl will leave the present position tomorrow morning and go towards MORENO. They will carry one week's ration of 300 grammes of provisions.
3. Tank Attack Unit will proceed to MORENO after completing transportation of provisions between PIKEI and JABA.
4. I will leave the present position tomorrow at 0600 hrs and proceed to MORENO.

West Garrison Unit CO

Method of Issue. Verbally and written.

Distribution.

Light Trench Mortar Unit
 3 Gun Bn Pl
 Tank Attack Unit
 2 Bn
 3 Bn

(TN Rough Notes)

Rice for one day 0.318 pints.

Bread) 3 Days 2 Meals (TN Sic)
 Taro)

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TOROKINA	1	0100	All watches were put back one hr thus reverting to "K" zone time	B
		0600	Strength 33 Offrs 657 ofrs	B
		1530	Coy Comds conference was held at which adm & log were discussed	B
	2	0600	Strength 31 Offrs 654 ofrs	B
	3	0600	Strength 33 Offrs 654 ofrs	B
		0800	Coys attended to adm during day.	B
	4	0600	Strength 33 Offrs 654 ofrs	B
		0800	Offrs conference was held at which each offr gave his report on lessons learnt from recent ops @ General discussion followed.	B
		0830	Church parades were held during day	B
	5	0600	Strength 33 Offrs 655 ofrs	B
		0830	Zeroing of rifles & trap in sec & 3 man patrols were	See App. D B

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TOROKINA	5		carried out during day.	B
		1400	Brig R.F. Managhan visited Bn area	B
		1510	CO, 2 nd Coy, Maj. J.F. Frazer, QM & Adjt discussed & collected lessons learned from ops	B
		1545	Coy Comd's conference was held at which tactical & adm lessons learnt from ops were ordered to be put into practice. It was decided to hold a two day hygiene course to bring 4 2" mortars into HQ Coy for intensive trg. Trg generally was discussed.	B
	6	0600	Strength 33 Offrs 659 9/10's	B
		0830	Training in sec & 3 man patrols, sec in first contact & zeroing of rifles were carried out during day.	See Appx "D" B
	7	0600	Strength 33 Offrs 656 9/10's	B
		0800	Bn 2 nd Coy 2 nd Coy, ofc 2 Pl & CSM HQ Coy left for 7 Feb Amb	B

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TOROKINA	7		To attend hygiene course	§
		0830	Training in sec in attack & booby traps was carried out during day ☉ Half of bn stood down for day.	See Appx "D" §
		2400	Watches were advanced one hour thus reverting to "L" time zone	§
	8	0600	Strength 34 Offrs 648 9/12	§
		0830	Sec in attack & booby trap try was carried out by those pers who stood down 7 Feb & remainder of bn who trained 7 Feb stood down for day.	See Appx "D" §
	9	0600	Strength 34 Offrs 669 9/12	§
		0830	All Coys practiced sec in defence	See Appx "D" §
		1900	Exercise in mnt by night was carried out by all Coys.	See Appx "D" §
	10	0600	Strength 34 Offrs 650 9/12	§
		0830	Recapitulation in sec try & weapon try was carried out	See Appx "D" §

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TOROKINA	10	1100	Coy Comd's conference was held at which was discussed	
			trg, guards & Q matters	B
		1330	Organised sport was played during afternoon	B
	11	0600	Strength 33 Offrs 669 ofrs	B
		0830	Church parades & kit inspections were held during day	See Appx "D" B
		1000	29 Bde Band arrived in area for one week's stay.	B
		1830	Coy Comd's conference was held at which C.O. outlined	See Appx "D"
			trg syllabus for coming week	B
	12	0600	Strength 33 Offrs 669 ofrs	B
		0830	Trg in sec in first contact, ambushes, camouflage &	See Appx "D"
			booby traps was carried out.	B
		1730	Bn attended screening of trg films at MEMORIAL PARK	B
	13	0600	Strength 33 Offrs 670 ofrs	B
		0815	Two day patrol left for Hill 900 - JAVA CR - LARUMA R - NUNIA NUNIA	B

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TOROKINA	13	0830	Troop in sec in attack & pl in first contact was engaged in during day.	See Appx "D" AB
	14	0600	Strength 34 Offrs 674 9R ^s	AB
		0830	A, C & D Coys stood down, B Coy did track traverse & recce & HQ Coy carried out specialist trg.	See Appx "D" AB
	15	0600	Strength 34 Offrs 670 9R ^s	AB
		0800	Patrol from C Coy moved out to Hill 900 - JAVA CK - GARUMA R - NUMA NUMA Trail.	AB
		0830	B & HQ Coys stood down & A, C & D Coys carried out track traverse & recce	See Appx "D" AB
		1315	C.O. held conference of offrs concerned with NCA cadre to be held for fortnight commencing 19 Feb	See Appx "E" AB
		1345	C.O. held Coy Comd's conference at which he announced that Lt Col MARSDEN would be adm comd 29 Bde &	

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TOROKINA	15		would inspect Bn area 16 Feb @ Adm details & schools	
			to be held at later date were also discussed	18
	16	0600	Strength 35 Offrs 672 0/R's	18
		0830	Trg in pl in attack was carried out by all Coys	See Appx "D"
		1015	Lt. Col. MARSDEN, Adm Comd 29 Bde, spent morning in Bn area	18
	17	0600	Strength 31 Offrs 676 0/R's	18
		0850	Bn parade was held in vic MEMORIAL PARK	18
	18	0600	Strength 32 Offrs 680 0/R's	18
		0830	Church parades & Coy adm took place during day	18
	19	0600	Strength 33 Offrs 670 0/R's	18
		0830	Pl trg & preparation of jungle courses were carried out during day.	See Appx "D"
		0845	C.O. gave opening address to NCO cadre which consisted of 60	See Appx "E"

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TOROKINA	19		NCOs of Bn	AB
	20	0600	Strength 33 Offrs 672 %R ^s	AB
		0830	Bn was engaged in pl trg & working parties	See Appx D AB
	21	0600	Strength 32 Offrs 673 %R ^s	AB
		0830	HR & B Coys were engaged in pl trg & working parties & A, C & D Coys stood down	See Appx D AB
	22	0600	Strength 32 Offrs 683 %R ^s	AB
		0830	A, C & D Coys were engaged in pl trg & HR & B Coys stood down	See Appx D AB
		1130	Coy Comds conference was held at which trg was discussed @ Arrangements were made for organised sport & formation of a concert party @ C.O. stressed water discipline & ordered that soap be used only once daily.	AB
		1400	Lt. G.S. Harvey was appointed Unit Loan Offr.	AB
	23	0600	Strength 32 Offrs 686 %R ^s	AB

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TOROKINA	23	0830	Coys were engaged in pl trg.	See Appx "D" B
		1250	Major Gen Bridgeford, G.O.C. 3 Aust Div, visited bn area	B
	24	0600	Strength 32 Offrs 683 7/8	B
		0830	TOETs were held during morning & afternoon was devoted to sport	See Appx "D" B
	25	0600	Strength 32 Offrs 684 7/8	B
		0830	Church parades were held & coys carried out ordm during day.	See Appx "D" B
	26	0600	Strength 32 Offrs 683 7/8	B
		0830	Trg in squad drill, compass traverse & sec stalk were carried out during day	See Appx "D" B
		1630	Coy Comds conference was held at which was discussed proposed visit of G.O.C., 3 Aust Div, to bn area 27 Feb.	B
	27	0600	Strength 32 Offrs 689 7/8	B

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TOROKINA	27	0200	CO interviewed prospective applicants for Offr Pro-Selection Board	AB
		0830	Coys were engaged in squad drill & pl Trg.	AB
	28	0600	Strength 32 Offrs 689 %	AB
		0830	Trg in rifle & grenades & elementary sig procedure was carried out	
			during morning & sport was played during afternoon.	AB

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			Appendix "A" - RO's	
			"B" - W3008	
			"C" - W3009	
			"D" - Trg Syllabus	
			"E" - NCO Cadre	
			"F" - Offrs Cadre	
			"G" - Syllabus - Hygiene Course	
			"H" - Trg Instn	
			"J" - Standing Orders for Occupation of Camp Areas	
			"K" - Standing Orders for Control & Prevention of Malaria	
			"L" - Mov to & from SABA R Sector	
			"M" - "Battling Betsy" - Poem by Pte A.N. McLeod & Pte N.A. Morris	

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS, PART I

by

LT-COL J.H. BYRNE - COMMANDING 42 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn
3 Feb 45

11. DISCIPLINE - MT DRIVERS (Ref Bde RO Ser 6 No.211)

1. (a) First Aust Army ASO Ch 21 Sec 21 (x) provides that, " a driver when driving a veh on duty will always have in his possession his work ticket (AAF G2) and his driving license (AAF G11) and must produce them on demand of a superior offr".
- (b) 2 Aust Corps ROs A68 of 27 Jan 45 advises that, " provost reports indicate that a large number of drivers are not in possession of work ticket (AAF G2) or driver's license (AAF G11) when driving, nor do they obey orders relating to carrying of identification discs, paybook and AAB83 as a means of identification.
- (c) All drivers of transport operating inside the TOROKINA perimeter will be in possession of AAF G2 and AAF G11.
- (d) In all breaches of this nature provost personnel will, if necessary, accompany the driver to his unit lines for identification and will lay charges for breaches of orders committed.
- (e) The provost report in each case will be forwarded by HQ 2 Aust Corps to the formation etc. HQ under which the unit is serving for supervision of action".

12. CENSORSHIP OF PARCELS (Ref BDE RO Ser 6 No.212)

1. Attention is drawn to GRO G371/44, which states the manner in which parcels despatched through Army Postal Channels will contain the name of the sender and his or her official address. "This shall be written, in the case of a parcel or newspaper on a slip of paper enclosed therein."

13. CAPTURED JAPANESE SUPPLIES (Ref Bde RO Ser 6 No. 214)

1. Oriental Type Preserved and Dehydrated Foodstuffs.
2. Enemy foodstuffs in the above category which may be captured, will be passed to Salvage for disposal in accordance with Salvage Service instructions.

14. REPAIR OF SHIRTS AND TROUSERS (Ref Bde RO Ser 6 No.215)

1. Owing to the shortage of shirts and trousers it is necessary that additional care be taken of those on issue to troops.
2. Shirts and trousers should be darned or patched whenever possible.
3. To obtain material for patching, coys will apply to this HQ, who in turn will apply to Salvage Depots for drill recovered from unserviceable shirts and trousers. Small quantities for patching are usually available from this source.

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HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn
8 Feb 45.

15. DAILY TIME TABLE

1. The following Time Table will now apply:-

Reveille	-	0645L
Roll Call Nets etc.	-	0650L
Breakfast	-	0745L
Inspection Parade	-	0830L
Trg	-	0845-1200L
Lunch	-	1215L
Trg	-	1400-1530L
Evening Meal	-	1730L
Guard Mounting	-	1745L
Retreat	-	1800L
Atebrin & Lotion Pde	-	1830L
Tatoo Roll Call etc.	-	2200L
Lights Out	-	2215L

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HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn
8 Feb 45.

16. AUST CORPS OF SIGNALS .. CIPHER PERSONNEL (Ref Bde RO Ser.9 of 3 Feb)

1. A number of vacancies exist for cipher operators in Aust Corps of Signals cipher sections under command of First Aust Army.
2. Applications are invited from suitable other ranks for transfer to Aust Corps of Signals for training as cipher operators, and subsequent posting to cipher sections within First Aust Army.
3. No technical qualifications are necessary but applicants must possess a good education. Experience in office procedure, book-keeping, typing and allied occupations is desirable, but not essential.
4. Selected applicants, after training and posting to cipher sections will on reaching the required standard of efficiency, be promoted to the rank of corporal. There are good prospects of further promotion for those who prove keen and intelligent.
5. Applications will be forwarded to this HQ by 1200L 9 Feb through normal channels and contain personal details of applicants, including next of kin, and address, education qualifications, civil occupations and military experience.

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HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn
9 Feb 45.

17. SAFEGUARDING MT - UNATTENDED VEHICLES (Ref Bde RO Ser 9 of 3 Feb)

1. Despite previous orders on this matter vehicles are still being left unattended at picture shows and other places where no picquet is provided.
 2. A driver is personally responsible for the safety of his vehicle.
 3. A driver will remain with his vehicle and NOT leave it unattended except in an authorised parking area where an AMF picquet is posted and after compliance with the directions of such picquet.
 4. Experience has proved that removal of high tension wires and other similar precautions will NOT prevent the theft of an unattended vehicle.
 5. Disciplinary action will be taken against any driver who leaves a vehicle unattended except as provided in para 3 hereof and application will be made for trial by Court-Martial where any vehicle is lost as a result of being left unattended.
 6. This order will be promulgated immediately to all ranks and a copy of the order will be kept posted at all times on the Notice Board in all Transport Lines.
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HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn
11 Feb 45.

18. RANK APPOINTMENTS AND EXTRA DUTY PAY, APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND CONFIRMATION OF RANK.

QX39506	WO 2	BOOKER,	J.D.	Promoted	A/WO 1	17/12/44.
QX35894	Pte	GREGSON,	E.L.	"	A/Cpl	17/12/44.
QX62734	Pte	LOVEDAY,	C.H.	"	A/Cpl	17/12/44.
QX53707	L/Cpl	JOHNSTON,	J.A.	"	A/Cpl	17/12/44.
QX55576	Pte	POUSEN,	A.G.	"	A/Cpl	17/12/44.
Q113099	L/Cpl	ORFORD,	F.	"	A/Cpl	17/12/44.
Q109278	L/Cpl	PARIS,	W.H.	"	A/Cpl	17/12/44.
Q113636	L/Cpl	BLACK,	A.K.	"	A/Cpl	17/12/44.
Q36232	L/Cpl	BARTLEY, K.N.		"	A/Cpl	17/12/44.
Q113168	L/Cpl	CONSTABLE	W.J.	"	A/Cpl	17/12/44.
QX59496	Cpl	BARKER, M.W.		"	A/Sjt	17/12/44.
QX54931	Cpl	CLEMENTS,	R.F.	"	A/Sjt	17/12/44.
QX40351	Cpl	LANDSBERG,	C.C.	"	A/Sjt	17/12/44.
QX62649	Sjt	GHEA,	W.L.	"	A/WO 2	17/12/44.
Q39645	Cpl	ROLSTON,	K.R.	Rank of Cpl Confirmed		17/12/44.
QX54865	A/Sjt	WINTER,	K.N.	Rank of Sjt confirmed		17/12/44.
Q115296	Pte	GRANT,	A.G.	Appointed Paid L/Cpl		17/12/44.
Q36816	Pte	JARMAIN,	L.J.	do		17/12/44.
Q36611	Pte	MORRIS,	S.F.	do		17/12/44.
Q36696	Pte	HAMILTON,	N.W.	do		17/12/44.
SX16358	Pte	MILLER,	F.C.	do		17/12/44.
VX88978	Pte	GOODWIN,	H.R.	do		17/12/44.
QX35893	Pte	TWIGG,	D.L.	do		17/12/44.
WX22473	Pte	DENNER,	R.	do		17/12/44.
NX135223	Pte	WEBSTER,	R.J.	do		17/12/44.
VX14986E	Pte	McHARDY,	W.H.	do		17/12/44.
NX149861	Pte	OSBORNE,	D.G.	Appointed Unpaid L/Cpl		17/12/44.
NX118433	Pte	MANN,	A.R.	do		17/12/44.

19. PROFICIENCY PAY

Q36751 Pte RYAN, F. Granted Proficiency Pay 29/12/44.

20. REVERSIONS.

Q36751 A/Cpl RYAN, F. To Pte 29/12/44.

21. TRADE GROUPINGS.

Q35974 Pte FARLOW, R.K. To be A/TG2 (Carpenter) 17/12/44.
Q36757 Pte TALBOT, R.E. To be A/TG3 (Clerk) 17/12/44.

22. TRANSFERS TO A.I.F.

The following personnel were transferred to A.I.F. from the C.M.F. and allotted numbers on dates shown:-

Q113975	A/Cpl	ESDALE,	C.H.	QX62609	31/12/44.
W53773	Pte	MCENTEE,	S.J.	WX42041	13/11/44.
N466058	Pte	WAINWRIGHT,	H.R.	NX194280	20/11/44.
N204252	Pte	MOPHERSON,	C.A.	NX194281	22/11/44.
N466205	Pte	CALDWELL,	A.R.	NX194282	22/11/44.
N465296	Pte	DUMBAR,	T.P.	NX194283	23/11/44.
N465907	Pte	FELL,	N.F.	NX194284	23/11/44.
S24516	Pte	SMITH,	J.R.	SX38674	29/12/44.
S20653	Pte	DIXSON,	M.W.	SX38675	29/12/44.

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by

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HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn
13 Feb 45.

23. SALVAGE OF CAPTURED ENEMY EQUIPMENT AND AMN. (Ref. 29 P. RO 11/45)

1. The responsibility for evac of enemy equipment is twofold.
 - (a) FS Sec is responsible for evac of 'original' items and items of interest to INT.
 - (b) Sal are responsible for evac of all enemy equipment and amn of salvage value not covered by sub para (a) above.
2. Enemy amn, other than small arms, has no salvage value, and will be disposed of in area of capture by :
 - (a) Leaving in dumps as located, suitably fenced off and sign posted.
 - (b) Burying and sign posting
 - (c) Dumping in sea.

Instructions will be issued by Sub Unit Comds to ensure that all ranks are warned against handling of enemy ~~am~~ before such is declared safe by an Amn examiner.

3. In the event of captured enemy equipment being of immediate use to fwd tps, application for retention can be made through INT channels to HQ 3 Aust Div.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

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HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn
15 Feb 45.

24. RANK APPOINTMENTS AND EXTRA DUTY PAY, APPOINTMENTS PROMOTIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS OF RANK. (EXTRACT FROM R.O. 4/45)

QX35888	S/Sjt	SHAW,	L.C.	Promoted to	A/WO2	17/12/44.
WX41052	L/Cpl	GREEN,	C.W.	"	to A/Cpl	17/12/44.
NX135223	L/Cpl	WEBSTER,	R.J.	"	to A/Cpl	17/12/44.
WX22461	L/Cpl	JURY,	S.C.	"	to A/Cpl	17/12/44.
WX22653	L/Cpl	BOWDEN,	D.J.	"	to A/Cpl	17/12/44.
QX62740	Pte	CASE,	M.	Appointed Paid	L/Cpl	24/11/44.

CORRIGENDUM. Ref Routine Order Part 11 Serial No A.7.
Entries for the undermentioned should read 24/11/44.

WX22473	L/Cpl	DENNER,	R.
VX88978	L/Cpl	GOODWIN,	H.R.
VX149865	L/Cpl	McHARDY,	W.D.
NX135223	L/Cpl	WEBSTER,	R.J.
SX16358	L/Cpl	MILLER,	F.C.
NX149861	L/Cpl	OSBORNE,	D.G.

25. REVERSION.

V103764 L/Cpl McCLURE, L.J. To Pte at own request 4/1/45.

26. TRANSFERS TO A.I.F.

V381926 Pte SMITH, W.A. From CMF and allotted No. VX149973 on 13/11/44.

27. MALARIA DISCIPLINE (Ref. 29 Aust Inf Bde 12/45).

The following personnel were charged under A.A.Sec 40 with failure to take atabrin, thereby developing malaria:-

NX141752	Cpl	YOUNG,	C.C.	36 Aust Wireless Task Sec
N201457	Pte	STOCKTON,	N.T.	15 Aust Inf Bn
Q31514	Pte	KELLY,	R.F.	15 Aust Inf Bn
Q113109	Pte	MATTHEWS,	J.E.	42 Aust Inf Bn
Q105130	Pte	BATES,	V.T.	47 Aust Inf Bn

Cpl YOUNG was severely reprimanded
The remainder were fine £ 5

28. INTERFERENCE WITH UNIT SIGNS. (Ref 3 Aust Div Circular No 14/45).

1. Cases have been reported recently where unit signs have been either stolen, smashed or interfered with.
2. It would appear that this is due to wanton vandalism or gross carelessness and disciplinary action is to be taken where offenders are discovered.
3. The importance of keeping these signs intact needs no stressing and all units and sub-units will cooperate and endeavour to ascertain personnel responsible.
4. Reports will be submitted to this HQ of any further cases of damage or removal of signs, together with the result of investigation.

H. Maclean Capt
Adjnt 42 Aust Inf Bn

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

by

LT-COL J.H. BYRNE -- COMMANDING 42 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn
17 Feb 45.

29. TRADING WITH U.S. FORCES.

1. On no account will trading with U.S. Forces be permitted.
 2. All unit areas will be out of bounds to U.S. personnel.
 3. A roving M.P. patrol will police the limits of the Bde area, but all sub-units are responsible to see that guards and sentries are on the alert to prevent U.S. personnel from entering the camp area.
 4. This will be promulgated to all ranks and disciplinary action will be taken in all cases of any breach of this instruction.
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A. J. ... Capt
Adjt 42 Aust Inf Bn

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by

LT. COL J.H. BYRNE . COMMANDING 42 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn
19 Feb 45.

30.

CANTEEN FUND

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS AT 31 JAN 45.

Cash on Hand	15. 0. 0.	Loan Advance - (Regimental Fund)	118. 0. 0.
Cash in trust	453.14. 5.	Creditors	12. 5. 9.
Sundry Debtors	22.15. 3.	Working capital	442. 8. 2
Stock	164.15.10.	plus Profit for January 45.	<u>83.11.7</u>
			525.19. 9.
	<u>656. 5. 6.</u>		<u>656. 5. 6.</u>

31.

REG. FUND TRUST ACCOUNT.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS AT 31 JAN 45.

Balance as at 1 Jan 45	-	102.11. 3.	
Loan to 42 Bn Canteen		118. 0. 0.	
<u>Add Receipts -</u>			
Canteen distribution		16. 0.	
"		62. 7. 3.	
<u>Deduct Expenditure -</u>			
Distribution (Ham)			19.11.11.
" (Xmas cheer)			115. 0. 0.
" (Books)			23.13. 5.
Balance as at 31 Jan 45.			125. 9. 2.
		<u>283.14. 6.</u>	<u>283.14. 6.</u>

32. ANIMAL MASCOTS AND PETS. (Ref G.R.O. 53/45)

1. No animal or bird which is not on an authorised war establishment will be permitted to accompany troops or any member of the AMF.
2. The entry into Australia of animals or birds from places outside Australia is subject to strict regulation under the Quarantine Act, owing to the risk of the introduction of rabies, piroplasmiasis and other diseases.
3. Under no circumstances will permission be granted for the conveyance by sea or air from places outside Australia to the Commonwealth of Australia proper (including islands adjacent to the coast) of -
 - (I) animals or birds on the WE of a Unit, whether allocated before or after embarkation from Australia; or
 - (II) living mascots, pets or other animals or birds, whether acquired before or after embarkation from Australia.
4. (a). ESOs and ATOs will take action with local civil quarantine authorities to have living mascots, pets, animals or birds, which disembark or deplane at a port or an aerodrome in Australia from outside the Commonwealth of Australia, destroyed forthwith.

(b). Birds or animals on the WE of a unit proceeding from an overseas port to another overseas port may enter an Australian port en route, provided that such animals or birds are kept securely on the vessel and are not permitted to land. The ESO will advise the local civil quarantine officer on arrival of the vessel and make necessary arrangements with him for inspection and security of the animals or birds.
5. When a unit or detachment is moved from one location to another, animals which have been permitted by the CO to be kept in Unit lines by members during their stay in the locality should not be left to fend for themselves or starve, on departure of the Unit or Detachment, but suitable action should be taken for their disposal or humane destruction.
6. G.R.O. A.171/1943 is cancelled.

33. SAFETY OF TROOPS IN/ON TRANSPORT.

All Sub-unit commanders are reminded that the safety of their troops using any means of transport is their responsibility notwithstanding the presence of a specialist personnel.

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Adjnt 42 Aust Inf Bn

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

by

LT-COL J.H.BYRNE - COMMANDING 42 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn
21 Feb 45.

34. SHORT STORY COMPETITION.

The Solomon Islands Writers Club is offering prizes in cash to the value of five pounds for the best three short stories submitted by beginners. The conditions are :-

- (a) Story to be under 2500 words.
- (b) Closing date 3 Mar 45.
- (c) Post MMS to Secretary, Solomon Islands Writers Club, c/O AA Education Service, 4 Aust Base Sub Area.
- (d) Do not write name on MMS, but enclose separate envelope disclosing author's identity, and a short declaration that the writer has NOT had work previously published.

The Club meets every Tuesday at Education Centre, 4 Aust Base Sub Area and all interested are invited to attend.

35. TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES.

1. Tobacco manufacturers, owing to manpower difficulties, are unable to supply full demands from the services (including AACS and ACF) for tobacco in hermetically sealed tins.
2. The total amount of tobacco available for First Aust Army area, where deterioration occurs if not so packed, will therefore be reduced. Similar manpower difficulties in the manufacture of alternative moisture proof packs would prevent any increase in the amount of tobacco available.
3. Every effort should be made in conjunction with AACS and ACF to ensure an equitable distribution of supplies available.
4. It is requested that the contents of this memorandum be promulgated to all personnel before any reduction in the weekly tobacco ration is made.

36. PAYBOOKS. - Paybooks will remain in Member's possession at all times, and will only be withdrawn for short periods for official purposes. The practice of holding member's paybooks in unit orderly rooms or pay offices will cease forthwith.

37. EVACUATION TO MEDICAL UNITS.

Instances are occurring where casualties evacuated are NOT in possession of their AAB 83's, paybooks and other necessaries. Units will ensure that sick personnel are administratively correct before evacuation.

38. BATTERIES SECONDARY, LEAD-OIL, CARE, CONSERVATION AND SENTENCING
(Ref GRO 284/44).

1. There is a serious shortage of batteries secondary, portable. This is aggravated by excessive breakages due to defective packing during transit or return to workshop units for repairs.
2. Cleanliness, regular maintenance, correct storage and use will ensure the Unit obtains maximum service from the batteries and Officers in charge of batteries will be responsible for correct maintenance and care.

39. CENSORSHIP PARCELS CONTAINING PROHIBITED ARTICLES.

1. During the week ending 2 Feb 45, a number of parcels containing canteen goods and articles of US origin were treated by the Field Censor.
2. The attention of all personnel will be directed to the provisions of First Aust Army ASOS Chapter 14 para 19 -
 - "(a). No member shall, except in the course of his duty, despatch, or cause to be despatched to Australia :-
 - (i) 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.
 - (ii) Any captured enemy documents, equipment or property.
 - (iii) Any article sold, distributed or supplied by Australian Army Canteens Service or any Allied Force's Canteen or any similar institution, or any AMF recognised philanthropic organization
 - (iv) any tobacco or cigarettes.
 - (b) 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 etc.
 - (c) 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.
 - (d) Any package containing tobacco or cigarettes intercepted in transit to Australia will be forwarded together with the whole of the contents of the parcel to the proper authority for the taking of such action as is thought fit. In no circumstance will such articles be confiscated by the intercepting authority.
 - (e) 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 GRO G371/44 and First Aust Army order G280/44).
 - (f) The attention of unit censors is drawn to their duties in relation to censorship of parcels and packets as prescribed in GRO G371/44 and First Aust Army Order G280/44)
 - (g) Disciplinary action will be taken where franking officers or Unit censors offend against the provisions mentioned in paras (e) and (f) above.

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ROUTINE ORDER PART 1.

by

LT-COL J.H. BYRNE . . . COMMANDING 42 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn
25 Feb 45.

40. TRANSFERS TO A.I.F.

The following personnel transferred from CMF to AIF and allotted the following numbers on the dates shown:-

V503531	Pte	PEARCE	RGH	VX149991	20/11/44.
Q36167	Pte	PATRICK	AB	QX62983	9/1/45.
Q113490	Pte	MORGAN	HF	QX62964	9/1/45.
Q42299	A/Cpl	MATTHEWS	PW	QX62965	9/1/45.
Q114048	Pte	THOMASSON	PJF	QX62987	29/12/44.
Q113998	Pte	BROWN	CJ	QX62983	29/12/44.
Q114042	Pte	SCHWEINSBERG	CH	QX62989	16/1/45.
Q130904	Pte	BAGLEY	RT	QX63204	25/1/45.
Q113649	Pte	DUNN	JT	QX63205	26/1/45.
Q36784	Pte	POULSEN	FW	QX63206	26/1/45.
Q36911	Pte	DENTON	AWH	QX63207	26/1/45.

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SPEED LIMIT (3 Aust Div RO 56)

Area between TAGESSI south to forward positions is a restricted area. Speed limit for all vehicles is 15 MPH.

W. H. H. H. Capt
Adj 42 Aust Inf Bn

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

by

LT-COL J.H. EYNE - COMMANDING 42 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn
28 Feb 45

43. RECONSTITUTION OF TROPICAL SPREAD

Recent inspections of unit catering show that tropical spread is not reconstituted before being served. If this commodity is to be accepted with relish, it is essential that the instructions printed on the tin be carried out. Coy Commanders will ensure that these instructions are implemented.

44. CENSORSHIP (2 Aust Corps RO G. 75)

1. (a) Parcels - (i) Examination of parcels franked in units shows that despite the direction given in 2 Aust Corps Routine Order G.27 of 9 Dec 44, large numbers of franking officers are not observing the procedure for franking parcels laid down in LHQ Field Censorship Instruction No. 4 and First Aust Army Order G.280 of 25 Nov 44.

(ii) Another frequent breach by officers is inclusion in self-franked parcels of "prohibited articles" or failure to remove such articles from parcels submitted to them for franking. These articles are defined in First Aust Army Administrative Standing Orders Chap 14, para 19 (a).

Coys will take steps to correct these errors.

- (b) Green Envelopes - In accordance with LHQ Field Censorship Instruction No. 4 Appendix B, the Unit Censor Stamp must be impressed on the front of green envelopes clear of the declaration and writer's signature. Green envelopes will NOT bear a franking officer's signature.

45. WATCHES CARRYING OF (2 Aust Corps RO Q.79)

1. Personnel having Watches GS on issue will secure same by means of a lanyard, improvised if necessary.
2. Where necessary 312 Aust LAD will fit ring or suitable holding device on the watch.
3. Care will be taken to avoid dropping or knocking of the watch as damage to balance frequently results.

46. EVACUATION TO MEDICAL UNITS

Instances are occurring where casualties evacuated are NOT in possession of their AAB 83'S, paybooks and other necessaries. Coys will ensure that sick personnel are administratively correct before evacuation.

(2)

47. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL

1. A DCM convened by Comd 3 Aust Div was held at HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) 23 Feb 45 for the trial of -

Q272412 PTE R.J. RICKS - 42 AUST INF BN

Charge: WOAS absenting himself without leave in that he in the Field absented himself without leave from 0615 hrs on 25 Oct 44 until 1700 hrs 30 Dec 44. (A.A.15 (1)).

Finding: GUILTY of AWL except for period 20 Dec 44 until 1700 hrs 30 Dec 44.

Sentence: 89 DAYS FIELD PUNISHMENT & 89 DAYS FORFEITURE OF PAY.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 24 Feb 45, and promulgated to the accused in the Field on 27 Feb 45.

48. DISTRICT COURT- MARTIAL

1. A DCM convened by Comd 3 Aust Div was held at HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) 23 Feb 45 for the trial of -

Q131046 PTE E.W. DALTON - 42 AUST INF BN

Charge: WOAS Deserting His Majesty's Service in that he in the field absented himself without leave from 2230 hrs on 30 Nov 44 until 30 Dec 44, with the intention to avoid embarkation with his unit for service overseas. (A.A.12 (1) (a)).

Finding: GUILTY of AWL except for period 19 Dec 44 until 30 Dec 44.

Sentence: FINED £10

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 24 Feb 45, and promulgated to the accused in the Field on 27 Feb 45.

W. H. H. H. H. Capt
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008

(Adapted) (Page 1)
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5 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday **3 / 2 / 1945**

42 AUST INF BN

(Unit)

W.E. **11** / **120** / **3** OFFRS. **33** O.R.'s. **769** plus OFFRS. **1** O.R.'s. **32** ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1 2 3 4				5	6 7 8 9 10									
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED				DETAIL	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'ts Required	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength		Arm or Corps	Posted Strength	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
NR	4	6	1 3 4 26 1	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs	A.A.M.C.	1								
NR	4	6	35			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.	36									36
				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
QX53505	Lt	ANDERSEN, M.A.	Hospital	27/1/45	
NX123734	Lt	MUDFORD, M.H.	3 Aust Div Trg School, Booby-Traps - Mines - Demolition Course No.2.	29/1/45	

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

Army No	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS [e.g. present whereabouts if known]

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ... 3/..... 494 5 (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	OX6010	BYRNE	J.H.	OO	Yes		
Maj	OX40810	MACKAY	A.W.	2 1/0	Yes		
Maj	OX40809	FRAINKE	J.F.	OO	Yes		
Maj	OX34023	COLE	R.B.	OO	Yes		
Capt	VX104026	ELLIS	K.C.	-	No	28 Aust Inf Trg Bn Recommitment pending	6/11/44
Capt	WX115838	HENNESSY	W.	-	No	4 Aust Base sub-area Details Depot pending disposal	25/1/45
Capt	OX43260	GARTER	A.G.	OO	Yes		
Capt	VX118131	STRAUSS	R.W.	OO	Yes		
Capt	WX101556	JOHNSON	D.C.	-	No	LHQ SAS Course 10A Bonegilla	3/1/45
Capt	OX34533	MALDRUM	A.D.R.	OO	Yes		
Lt	OX34025	FRIEND	G.C.	21/0	Yes		
Lt	OX53505	ANDERSEN	H.A.	OO	No	Hospital	27/1/45
Lt	OX53506	McLAUGHLIN	L.K.	TO	Yes		
Lt	OX40840	CRAN	P.G.	21/0	No	X List	2/2/45
T/Capt	VX114132	MacBEAN	H.V.	Adjt	Yes		
Lt	VX114137	FUSSELL	L.L.F.	17	Pl Yes		
Lt	VX104190	LINDSAY	D.C.	13	Pl Yes		
Lt	OX34026	HITTON	D.F.	21/0	Yes		
Lt	OX34027	RICHMOND	L.T.	16	Pl Yes		
Lt	OX34030	BURTON	R.H.	10	Yes		
Lt	OX45098	COLE	G.F.	15	Pl Yes		
Lt	WX155872	GIRDHAM	J.O.	-	No	Det. to 29 Aust Inf Bde	23/1/45
Lt	OX40804	HOMWOOD	A.L.	1	Pl Yes		
Lt	OX43158	WINTER	R.B.	14	Pl Yes		
Lt	OX40168	HARVEY	G.H.	3	Pl Yes		
Lt	OX40808	HARVEY	G.H.	A/Adjt	Yes		
Lt	OX6832	STEWART	I.J.	1st Rft	No	Det 29 Aust Inf Bde	24/10/44
Lt	WX31393	KITNEY	R.W.	1st Rft	Yes		
Lt	WX28288	BOYLAN	G.J.	18	Pl Yes		
Lt	VX8980	COLLIER	J.A.	9	Pl Yes		
Lt	TX2693	COEN	R.J.	1st Rft	No	X List	31/1/45
Lt	WX28113	EASTCOTT	T.H.	2	Pl Yes		
Lt	WX29587	MINCHAM	L.A.	10	Pl Yes		
Lt	OX51619	STEINHEUER	P.E.	8	Pl Yes		
Lt	OX4324	BYRNE	L.W.	1st Rft	No	Det 29 Aust Inf Bde	9/1/45
Lt	VX104421	COURTNEY	D.A.	11	Pl Yes		
Lt	VX108697	KOOCHEN	K.J.	7	Pl Yes		
Lt	WX123784	MUDFORD	M.H.	5	Pl No	3 Aust Div Trg School Booby- (Traps - Mines - Demolition Course No. 2291)	2/2/45
Lt	WX27292	OLDFIELD	A.G.	12	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.
Chaplain	WX114760	PATTON, H.A.	A.A.C.D.	29/9/44	Chaplain
Capt	WX73567	SHORT, B.	A.A.H.C.	4/1/44	R.H.O.
Capt	WX30985	ANDERSON, J.S.	29 Aust Inf Bde	10/1/45	Attached 2 1/0 D Coy

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Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Lt-Col
Comd 42 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3 / 2 / 1945 42 AUST INF Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12 / 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5	6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					9	10		
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.				Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.	
NR 1	1			W.Os. Class I.									
NR 1	1		5	W.Os. Class II.		2			2	1			
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.									
		1	6	Staff Sergeants									
NR 3	3		29	Sergeants	2	3	1		1	7	2	NR	
NR 22	22		45	Corporals	1	1	2	1		5	3		
81	81		577	Troopers, Privates, etc.	1	12				13	1		
				Civilians counting as O.R.									
108 *	108	1	662 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	ARMY	AAOC	AAFC	EAFC	BAPS	*	1	6	NR

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

** 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.

Detail	A.I.F.		C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.L.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A	B	Under 19 Years	19 Years and over							
A	363		299								662
B(1)											27
	ATTACHED 17		10								

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
2	312 L.A.D.			3	School		
1	29 Aust Inf Bde			1	Records		
				10	Hospital		
				1	Leave		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
		W.E. 658	
		P.S. 577	
		Def. 81	of which 30 are in hospital return anticipated.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 3 / 2 / 1945 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.	17	17		G.P.O. Assistants	57	56	1
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters	4	4	
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Loughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	26	26		Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identifa. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								NON SPECIALISTS			
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Batmen	35	35	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Dvrs MT	12	12	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Gen Dut.			
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Offrs Mess	1	1	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Sjts Mess	2	2	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators								Hyg Dut	4	4	
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator								LMGR/MEN	397	295	102
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Battery Surveyors				ENG Nos	22	22	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Butchers	1	1		MOR "	73	73	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks	10	9	1	TK/A "	19	19	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	10		Clerks, Supply	2	2		Prov. Sjt	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Clerks, Technical				Regt. Pol.	6	6	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Coach Trimmers				A Bearers	21	21	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Concretors				Water Dut	2	2	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Cooks				Dvrs	32	32	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Orderlies	32	32	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Pattern Maker				Masons				Draughtsmen, Signals				Storemen	6	6	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Drivers, H.T.				R.S.M.	1		1
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Driver Mechanics				C.S.M.	5	4	1
Photowriter				Miners				Driver Tpta. Plant				H.Q.M.S.	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Engine Hands, I.C.				C.Q.M.S.	5	6	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Equipment Repairers	1	1		Sjt Pls	25	22	3
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Farriers							
								Fitters' Mates							
								Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1	-	CARRIED FORWARD	17	17	-	CARRIED FORWARD	57	56	1	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	769	662	108

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

3 FEB 45
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander Lt-Col
Comd 42 Aust Inf Bn

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

Details of Trainees GROUP III (cont.)	Details of Trainees GROUP II (cont.)	W.E.	P.S.	SURP.	DEF.	RFT.
A.A.M.C.						
Hygiene Inspector	Operator, Sign	1	1			
Med. Orderly	Operator, Line	2	2			
Chiropodist	Operator, Sign	1	1			
A.A.O.C.						
Shoemaker	Operator, Window	1	1			
A.A.C.C.						
Caterer	Food Handler	1	2	1		
Cooks	Food Handler	23	17			6 NR
A.A.P.S.						
Postal	Signaller	1	1			
A.A.P.G.						
Pay Clerks	Signaller	2	2			
	Signaller	32	27	1		6 NR

NOTE: (a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized trades or specialties not included in list will be added as required in space provided.
(c) Where A.W.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are detailed show details on back.
(d) Where A.W.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are detailed show details on back.
(e) Where A.W.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are detailed show details on back.
(f) Where A.W.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are detailed show details on back.
(g) Where A.W.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are detailed show details on back.

Signature of Commander

Date of Dispatch

DETAILS OF NCO'S

	Rank	WE	PS	SUR	DEF	At present in hospital return anticipated
"I" Duties	Sjt	1	1			
do	Cpl	2	2			
Sigs	Cpl	4	3		1	
Clerks	Cpl	6	5		1	
do O/R	Sjt	2	2			
Storemen Tech	Sjt	1	1			
Tailor	Sjt	1	1			
do	Cpl	1	-		1	
LMG/R/MEN	Cpl	36	20		16	6
MNG	Cpl	2	2			
TK/A	Cpl	4	3		1	
3" Mortars	Cpl	5	4		1	
Pioneers	Cpl	4	4			
Provost	Sjt	1	1			
S/Bearers	Sjt	1	1			
do	Cpl	2	1		1	
MT	Cpl	1	1			
RSM	WO1	1	-		1	
CSM	WO2	5	4		1	
RQMS	WO2	1	1			
OQMS	S/sjt	5	6	1		
Sjts Fl		25	22		3	1
ATTACHED						
AAMC	Hyg Inspr	Sjt	1	1		
	Med Ord	Sjt	1	1		
	do	Cpl	1	1		
AAOC	Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1		
AAGC	Caterer	WO 2	1	2	1	
	Cooks	Sjt	5	3		1
	do	Cpl	5	2		1
AAPS	Postal	Sjt	1	1		
AAPC	Pay Clerks	Sjt	1	1		
	do	Cpl	1	1		
		129	99	2	32	10

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10 / 2 / 1945

42 AUST INF BN

6 / 45 (Serial No.)
(Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12c / 3 . OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 769 plus OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 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	DETAIL	Arm or Corps	Posted Strength	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.						
NR	5	6	1 3 3 26 1	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs	A.A.M.C.	1									
NR	5	6	34			1									
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	TOTAL		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.	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
QX40840	Lt	CRAN, P.G.	Hospital	7/1/45	-

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

Army No	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS [e.g. present whereabouts if known]

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10. 2. /194 5 (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	QX6010	BYRNE	J.H.	CO	Yes		
Major	QX40810	MACKAY	A.W.	2 1/c	Yes		
do	QX40809	FRAINEY	J.F.	OC HQ Coy	Yes		
do	QX34023	COLE	R.B.	OC B Coy	Yes		
Capt	VX104026	ELLIS	E.C.	-	No	X List 28 Aust Inf Trg Bn. Secondment pending	6/11/44
do	NX115838	HENNESSY	W.	-	No	X List 4 Aust Base sub area pending disposal.	25/1/45
do	QX42360	GANTER	A.G.	21/c A Coy	Yes		
do	VX114111	STRAUSS	R.W.	OC A Coy	Yes		
do	NX101556	JOHNSON	D.C.	-	No	X List LHQ SAS Course Bonegilla	3/1/45
do	QX34533	MELDRUM	A.D.R.	QM	Yes		
Lt	QX34025	FRIEND	G.C.	OC B Coy	Yes		
do	QX53505	ANDERSEN	M.A.	OC B Coy	No	X List	27/1/45
do	QX53506	McLAUGHLIN	L.K.	TO	Yes		
do	QX40840	GRAN	P.G.	2 1/c B Coy	Yes		
T/Capt	VX114132	MacBEAN	H.V.B.	Adjt	Yes		
Lt	VX114137	FUSSELL	L.L.P.	17 P1	Yes		
do	VX104190	LINDSAY	D.C.	13 P1	Yes		
do	QX34026	HUTTON	D.F.	2 1/c D Coy	Yes		
do	QX34087	RICHMOND	L.T.	16 P1	Yes		
do	QX34030	BURTON	R.N.	IO	Yes		
do	QX45098	COLE	G.F.	15 P1	Yes		
do	NX153872	GIRDHAM	J.G.	1st rft	No	Det. 29 Bde	23/1/45
do	QX40804	HOMWOOD	A.L.	1 P1	Yes		
do	QX43158	WINTER	R.B.	14 P1	Yes		
do	QX44168	HARVEY	C.N.	3 P1	Yes		
do	QX6832	STEWART	I.J.	- 1st Rft	No	Det. 29 Bde	24/10/44
do	QX40808	HARVEY	G.S.	A/Adjt	Yes		
do	WX31393	KITNEY	R.W.	1st Rft	Yes		
do	NX28288	BOYLAN	C.J.	18 P1	Yes		
do	VX8980	COLLIER	J.A.	9 P1	Yes		
do	WX28113	EASTCOTT	T.H.	2 P1	Yes		
do	WX29587	MINCHAM	L.A.	10 P1	Yes		
do	QX51619	STEINHEUER	P.E.	8 P1	Yes		
do	QX4324	BYRNE	L.W.	1st Rft	No	Det. 29 Bde	9/1/45
do	VX104421	COURTNEY	D.A.	11 P1	Yes		
do	VX108607	KOCHER	K.J.	7 P1	Yes		
do	NX123734	RODFORD	M.H.	8 P1	No	Det. 29 Bde	29/1/45

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.
Chaplain	NX114760	PAYTEN, M.A.	A.A.C.D.	29/9/44	Chaplain
Capt	NX73567	SHORT, B.	A.A.M.C.	3/1/44	R.M.O.
do	WX30985	ANDERSEN, J.S.	29 Aust Inf Bde	20/1/45	Attached as 21/c C Coy

10 FEB 45

Date of Despatch

[Signature] Lt-Col
 Commandant 42 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10 / 2 / 1945 42 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12c / 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 32 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.		ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.						
1	2	3	4	5		6		7	8	9	10	
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.			Arm or Corps.		Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.	
NR 1	1			W.Os. Class I.								
NR 1	1		5	W.Os. Class II.			2	2	1			
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.								
		1	6	Staff Sergeants								
NR 3	3		29	Sergeants		2	4	1	1	8	1 NR	
NR 23	23		44	Corporals		1	1	4	1	7	1 NR	
81	81		577	Troopers, Privates, etc.		1	12			13	1 NR	
				Civilians counting as O.R.								
109 *	109	1	661	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		ARMY	AFAC	AFAC	AFAC	AFAC	1	3 NR *

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

** 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. ATTACHED

Detail	A	A.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
			Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	362		299								661
B(1)											
B(2)	18		12								30

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
2	312 LAD			3	School		
1	29 Aust Inf Bde			1	Records		
				9	Hospital		
				1	Leave		
				1	AWL.		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
		WE. 658	
		PS 577	
		Def 81	
			Of which 33 are in hospital, return anticipated.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 10 / 2 / 1945 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)				
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.		
			1	1		17	17		57	55	2		
Ammunition Examiners			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assts.			G.P.O. Assistants				
Armament Artificer Fitter			Surveyors, E.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen				
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitchers				
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing				
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental				
Armament Artificer Instrument			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers				
Armament Artificer Radio			Watchmakers			Opticians			Rangetakers	4	4		
Armament Artificer Signals			Welders			Painters			Riveters				
Armament Artificer Wireless						Panel Beaters			Roughriders				
Artificer, Artillery						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers				
Artificer, Engine						Predictor Numbers			Saddletree makers				
Blacksmiths	1	1				Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer				
Bricklayers						Radiographers			Stevedores				
Computors						Biggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine				
Cooks, Hospital			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical	4	4		
Coppersmiths			Armourers			Signallers	26	25	Tailors	2	2		
Dispensers			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Refitters				
Draughtsmen			Bakers			Telescope Identfn. Numbers			Tinsmiths				
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			Bty. Comd's Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers				
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			Boilermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors				
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			Carpenters	6	6	Winchman			Whitesmiths				
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			Carpenters and Joiners			Wireman			NON-SPECIALISTS.				
Electricians			Cooks			Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)			Dental Mechanics						Batmen	35	35		
Electricians (Signals)			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)						Dvrs MT	12	12		
Fitters			Driver-Operator						Gen Dut				
Fitters (Cycle)			Drainers						Offrs Mess	1	1		
Fitters (Electrical)			Electricians						Sjts "	2	2		
Fitters (Gun)			Electricians (Engineers)						Hys Dut	4	4		
Fitters (Instrument)			Fire Control Operators			GROUP III.			DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN				
Fitters (M.V.)			Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors			MMG Nos	22	22		
Fitters, Railway Signal			Hatchman			Eutchers	1	1	IMG/R/MEN	397	295		
Fitters, Signals			Height Taker			Clerks	10	9	Mor Nos	73	73		
Grinder, Precision			Helio Operator			Clerks, Supply O/R	2	2	Tk/A "	19	19		
Mechanics, Instrument			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical			Pro Sjt	1	1		
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			Intelligence Duties	10	10	Coach Trimmers			Regt Plee	6	6		
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			Joiners			Concretors			S/Bearers	21	21		
Mechanics, Radio			Lineman			Cooks			Water Dut	2	2		
Mechanics, Typewriter			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies			Pnrs	32	32		
Mechanics, Wireless			Lithographers			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY N.E. XXXXXXX				
Millwrights			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals			Orderlies	32	32		
Operators, Excavator			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.			Storemen	6	6		
Pattern Maker			Masons			Driver Mechanics			R.S.M.	1	1		
Pharmacist			Masseurs			Driver Tptn. Plant			C.S.M.	5	4		
Photographer, Wet Plate			Mechanics, M.T.			Engine Hands, I.C.			R.Q.M.S.	1	1		
Photowriter			Miners			Equipment Repairers	1	1	C.Q.M.S.	5	6		
Plumber			Moulders			Farriers			Sjts P1	25	22		
Saw Doctors			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates					3		
Surveyors			Observation Post Assts.			Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1	CARRIED FORWARD	17	17	CARRIED FORWARD	57	55	2	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	769	661	109

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Date of Despatch 10 Feb 45

Signature of Commander Lt-Col
Comd 42 Aust Inf Bn

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 (Revised 10/2/43) Saturdays / 2 / 1943.

DETAILS OF ATTACHED.

Table with columns for WE, PS, SUR, DEF, RPT. and rows for various trades including Ammunition Examiners, Artillery, Cooks, and Postal clerks. Includes organizational groupings like A.A.M.C., AAOC, A.A.C.C., A.A.P.S., and A.R.A.P.C.

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Date of Despatch: 15 Dec 43 Signature of Commander: [Signature] Command 45 Aust Inf Bn L.H.Q. Press-216-1043-416m

N.C.O.'S POSTING.

Posting	Rank	WE	PS	SUR	DEF	At present in hospital return anticipated.
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"I" Duties.	Sjt	1	1			
do	Cpl	2	2			
Sigs	Cpl	4	3		1	
Clerks	Cpl	6	5		1	
do O/R	Sjt	2	2			
Storemen Tech	Sjt	1	1			
Tailor	Sjt	1	1			
IMG/R/MEN	Cpl	36	20		16	5
Tailor	Cpl	1	-		1	
MMG	Cpl	2	2			
TK/A	Cpl	4	3		1	
3" Mortars	Cpl	5	4		1	
Pioneers	Cpl	4	4			
S/Bearers	Sjt	1	1			
do	Cpl	2	1		1	
MT	Cpl	1	-		1	
RSM	WO 1	1	-		1	
CSM	WO 2	5	4		1	
RQMS	WO 2	1	1			
CQMS	S/sjt	5	6	1		
Sjts Pl		25	22		3	1

ATTACHED.

AAMC	Hyg Inspr	Sjt	1	1		
	Med Ord	Sjt	1	1		
	do	Cpl	1	1		
AAGC	Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1		
AACC	Caterer	WO 2	1	2	1	
	Cooks	Sjt	5	4		1
	do	Cpl	5	4		1
AAPS	Postal	Sjt	1	1		
AAPC	Pay Clerks	Sjt	1	1		
	do	Cpl	1	1		

TOTAL	129	101	2	30		6
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008

(Adapted (Page 1),
Revised in 1943

(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17 / 2 / 1945

42 Aust Inf Bn

7 (Unit)

W.E. 11 120 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s 769 plus OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 32 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10			
Rein'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.				
H.P.	5	7	1. 3 3 27 1	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs	A.A.N.C.	1							
H.P.	5	7	35			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.	36								36
				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.
BX123734	Lt	HJDFORD, M.H.	3 Aust Div Trg	10/2/45.	
			School Course		
			No.2.		
VX93919	Capt	TAPT, H.P. (AANC)	11 Aust Fd	14/2/45.	Auth:- 3 Aust Div
			Amb		A1/137.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	Unit To.	Date	CAUSE
GX40309	Maj	FRANEY, J.P.	LHQ TACTICAL	16/2/45	Auth:- First Aust Army
			School "A" Wing		G/757/1284/Trg of 4/1/45
			(Infantry)		
			BRENLEIGH		
WX29597	Lt	MINCHAM, L.A.	3 Aust Div Trg	11/2/45	Auth:- 3 Aust Div
			School Course		G2/138.

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)
VX114137	Lt	FUSSELL, L.L.P.	2 Aust Corp 11/2/45 Auth:- 29 Aust Inf Bde Fyg Instruct 45/4/19/ Cadre Course
			No.1.
	at	SHORT, B. (AANC)	7 Aust Fd Amb 16/2/45 Auth: 3 Aust Div A1/317.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17/2/1945 (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	OX 6010	BYRNE	J. H.	CO	yes		
Major	OX40810	MACKAY	A. W.	2 1/c	yes		
do	OX40809	FRAINEY	J. F.	OC IM Coy	No.	LHQ - Tact-School	16.2.45
do	OX34023	COLE	R. B.	OC C Coy	yes	"A" Wing, Beenleigh	
Capt	WX115333	HENNESSEY	W.		No.	X-List pending disposal	25.1.45
do	OX42360	GANTER	A. G.	21/c A Coy	Yes.		
do	VX114111	STRAUSS	R. W.	OC A Coy.	yes.		
do	WX101586	JOHNSON	D. C.		No.	X-List-LHQ-SAS course Bonagilla	3.1.45.
do	OX 34533	MELDRUM	A.D.R.	QM	Yes.		
Lt	OX34025	FRIEND	G. C.	OC D Coy	yes.		
do	OX53505	ANDERSON	H. A.	OC B Coy	yes.		
do	OX53506	McLAUGHLIN	L. K.	TO	Yes.		
do	OX40840	CRANN	F. G.	2 1/c B Coy	No.	Hospital	13.2.45
T/Capt	VX114132	MacBEAN	H.V.B.	Adjt	Yes.		
Lt	VX114137	FUSSELL	L.L.P.	17 Pl	No.	2 Aust Corp Hqs. Instr Cadre course 1.	11.2.45
do	VX104190	LINDSAY	B. G.	13 Pl	Yes.		
do	OX34026	HUTTON	D. F.	2 1/c D Coy	Yes.		
do	OX34027	RICHMOND	L. T.	16 Pl	Yes.		
do	OX34030	BURTON	R. E.	10	Yes.		
do	OX45028	COLE	G. F.	15 Pl	Yes.		
do	WX153872	GIRHAM	J. G.	1st Pft.	No.	Det - 29 Aust Inf Bde	23.1.45
do	OX40804	HOMWOOD	A. L.	1 Pl	Yes.		
do	OX43158	WINTER	R. B.	14 Pl	Yes.		
do	OX44189	HARVEY	C. N.	3 Pl	Yes.		
do	OX40808	HARVEY	G. S.	A/Adjt.	Yes.		
do	OX 6832	STEWART	I. J.	1st pft.	No.	Det - 29 Aust Inf Bde	24.10.44
do	WX31393	KIRNEY	R. W.	1st pft	Yes.		
do	WX28288	HOYLAN	C. J.	18 Pl	Yes.		
do	WX 8920	COLLIER	J. A.	9 Pl	Yes.		
do	WX28113	HASKOTT	T. H.	2 Pl	Yes.		
do	WX28597	MINGHAM	L. A.	10 Pl	No.	3 Aust Div Eng school course No. 3.	11.2.45
do	OX51619	STEINHEUER	P. E.	9 Pl	Yes.		
do	OX 4324	BYRNE	L. W.	1st pft.	No.	Det. 29 Aust Inf Bde	9.1.45
do	VX104421	COURTNEY	D. A.	11 Pl	Yes.		
do	VX108607	HOOCHER	K. J.	7 Pl	Yes.		
do	WX123734	MURPHY	H. H.	5 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.
Chaplain	WX114760	MAYTEN H.A.	AACD	29/9/44	CHAPLAIN
Capt	VX93919	TAPT H.P.	AAMC	14/2/45	R.M.O.
Capt	WX30985	ANDERSON J.S.	29 Aust Inf Bde	10/1/45	Attached as 2 1/c C Coy.

17 Feb 45
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Comd 42 Aust Inf Bn.
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17 8/194 5. 42 Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. 11 12^s 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 32 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5		6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.						
			6	W.Os. Class II.			2	2	1	
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
			5	Staff Sergeants						
2	2		30	Sergeants		2	4	11	8	1
13	13		54	Corporals		1	1	4	1	7
82	82		576	Troopers, Privates, etc.		1	12		13	
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
97 *	97		672*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		ARMG	AROC	ARCC	ARPC	ARPS
								50	1	3

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

** 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.

Detail	A.I.F.		C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	E.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A	B	Under 19 Years	19 Years and over							
A	390	-	282	-							672
B(1)											
B(2)	18		12								30

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
2	312 LAD			1	Records		
1	29 Aust Inf Bde			1	Leave		
				5	School		
1	Aust Army Arzen			14	Hospital		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. / /194

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
	WE	658	
	PS	576	
	Def	82	(of which 20 are in Hospital, return anticipated).

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 17/ 2 /1945 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)		
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assts.			G.P.O. Assistants		
			Surveyors, B.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen		
			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitchers		
			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing		
			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental		
			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers		
			Watchmakers			Opticians			Rangetakers	4	4
			Welders			Painters			Eivettiers		
						Panel Beaters			Eoughriders		
						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers		
						Predictor Numbers			Saddletree makers		
	1	1				Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		
						Radiographers			Sievedores		
						Eiggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine		
			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical	4	4
			Armourers			Signallers	26	25	Tailors	2	2
			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Refitters		
			Bakers			Telescope Identfa. Numbers			Tinsmiths		
			Qty. Comd's. Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers		
			Boilermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors		
			Carpenters	8	6	Winchman			Whitesmiths		
			Carpenters and Joiners			Wireman			NON SPECIALISTS.		
			Cooks			Woodturners			Batmen	35	35
			Dental Mechanics						Dvrs MT	12	12
			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)						Gen Dut		
			Driver-Operator						Offrs Mess	1	1
			Drainers						Sjts "	2	2
			Electricians						Hys Dut	4	4
			Electricians (M.V.)						DETAILS OF NON-SPECIALISTS.		
			Electricians (Signals)						LMC/R/MSN	397	304
			Fitters			GROUP III.					95
			Fitters (Cycle)			Battery Surveyors					
			Fitters (Electrical)			Butchers	1	1	MOP Nos	73	73
			Fitters (Gun)			Clerks	10	9	Tk/A Nos	19	19
			Fitters (Instrument)			Clerks, Supply	2	2	Pro Sjt	1	1
			Fitters (M.V.)			Clerks, Technical			Reg ploc	6	6
			Fitters, Railway Signal			Coach Trimmers			S/Bearers	21	21
			Fitters, Signals			Concretors			Water Out	2	2
			Grinder, Precision			Cooks			Pars	32	32
			Mechanics, Instrument			Dental Clerk Orderlies			MHO Nos	22	22
			Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY W.E.		
			Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			Draughtsmen, Signals			Orderlies	32	32
			Mechanics, Radio			Drivers, H.T.			Storemen	6	6
			Mechanics, Typewriter			Driver Mechanics			RSM	1	1
			Mechanics, Wireless			Driver Tptn. Plant			CSM	5	5
			Millwrights			Engine Hands, I.C.			RQMS	1	1
			Operators, Excavator			Equipment Repairers	1	1	CQMS	5	5
			Pattern Maker			Farriers			Sjts pl	25	23
			Pharmacist			Fitters' Mates					2
			Photographer, Wet Plate			Gun Layers					
			Photowriter								
			Plumber								
			Saw Doctors								
			Surveyors								
	1	1	CARRIED FORWARD	17	17	CARRIED FORWARD	57	55	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	769	672
										97	97

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

sb 45.
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander Lt-c

PART E. Detail of Present Strength required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 17/8/1945. DETACHED TO LISTED.

Table with columns for GROUP I, GROUP II, GROUP III, and GROUP IV, listing various military personnel and their assignments. Includes sub-headers like 'A.A.C.', 'A.A.P.S.', 'A.A.P.C.', 'A.A.G.C.', and 'A.A.A.C.'.

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

Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch

N.C.O's POSTING.

Posting	Rank	WE	PS	SUR	DEF	At present in Hospital, return anticipated.
"I" Duties.	Sjt	1	1			
do	Cpl	2	2			
Sigs	Cpl	4	4			
Clerks	Cpl	6	5		1	
do O/R	Sjt	2	2			
Storeman Tech	Sjt	1	1			
Tailor	Sjt	1	1			
LMG/R/MEN	Cpl	36	28		8	3
Tailor	Cpl	1	-		1	
MMG	Cpl	2	2			
TK/A	Cpl	4	3		1	
3" Mortars	Cpl	5	5			
Pioneers	Cpl	4	4			
S/Bearers	Sjt	1	1			
do	Cpl	2	1		1	
MT	Cpl	1	-		1	
RSM	WO 1	1	1			
CSM	WO 2	5	5			
RQMS	WO 2	1	1			
CQMS	S/Sjt	5	5			
Sjts Pl		25	23		2	
Prevest Sgt	Sjt	1	1			
<u>ATTACHED.</u>						
AAMC Hyg Inspr	Sjt	1	1			
Med Ord	Sjt	1	1			
do	Cpl	1	1			
AAOC Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1			
AACC Caterer	WO 2	1	2	1		
Cooks	Sjt	5	4		1	
do	Cpl	5	4		1	
AAPS Postal	Sjt	1	1			
AAPC Pay Clerks	Sjt	1	1			
do	Cpl	1	1			
TOTAL		129	113	1	17	3

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday **24** / **2** / 194 **5** **42 Aust Inf Bn** **8** / **45** (Unit)

W.E. **11** / **120** / **3** OFFRS. **35** O.R.'s. **769** plus OFFRS. **1** O.R.'s. **32** 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.			
NR	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs	A.A.M.C.	1						
NR	5	4	2									
			3									
			24									
			1									
NR	6	4	31			1						
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	TOTAL
		A.		32								32
		E.(1)										
		E.(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para 10 of instructions for 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
VX114137	Lt	FUSSELL, LLP	2 Aust Corps	17/2/45	Course from 12 Feb - 16 Feb 45.
			Instructional Cadre Course No.1 on Hygiene.		
WX29587	Lt	MINCHAM, IA	3 Aust Div Trg	22/2/45	School Course No.3. Mines - Booby Traps - Demolitions. Course from 12 Feb - 21 Feb 45.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	Unit To.	Date	CAUSE
QX53506	Lt	McLAUGHLIN LK	Hospital	20/2/45	

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

Army No	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS [e.g. present whereabouts if known]

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24 2/194 5 (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	QX6010	BYRNE	JH	C.O.	Yes		
Major	QX40810	MACKAY	AW	2 1/c	Yes		
do	QX40809	FRAINEY	JP OC HQ	Coy	No	LHQ - TACT * SCHOOL "A" WING DEENLEIGH	16/2/45
do	QX34023	COLE	RB OC	C Coy	Yes		
Capt	NX115838	HENNESSEY	W	-	No	X-LIST PENDING DISPOSAL	25/1/45
do	QX42360	GANTER	AG 2 1/c	A Coy	Yes		
do	VX114111	STRAUSS	RW OC	A Coy	Yes		
do	NX101556	JOHNSON	DC	-	No	X-LIST - LHQ - SAS COURSE BONESILLA	3/1/45
do	QX34533	MELDRUM	ADR	Q.M.	Yes		
Lt	QX34025	FRIEND	OC OC	D Coy	Yes		
do	QX53505	ANDERSON	MA OC	B Coy	Yes		
do	QX553506	McLAUGHLIN	LE	T.O.	No	HOSPITAL	20/2/45
do	QX40840	CRAN	PG 2 1/c	B Coy	No	HOSPITAL	13/2/45
T/Capt	VX114132	MacBEAN	RV	Adjt	Yes		
Lt	VX114137	FUSSELL	LLP	17 Pl	Yes		
do	VX104190	LINDSAY	DC	13 Pl	Yes		
do	QX34026	HUTTON	DF 2 1/c	D Coy	Yes		
do	QX34027	RICHMOND	LT	16 Pl	Yes		
do	QX34030	BURTON	RN	I.O.	Yes		
do	QX45098	COLE	GF	15 Pl	Yes		
do	NX153872	GIRDEAM	JG 1 st	Rft	No	Det 29 Aust Inf Bde	23/1/45
do	QX40804	HOMWOOD	AL	1 Pl	Yes		
do	QX43158	WINTER	RB	14 Pl	Yes		
do	QX44168	HARVEY	CN	3 Pl	Yes		
do	QX40808	HARVEY	GS	A/Adjt	Yes		
do	WX31393	KITNEY	RW 1 st	Rft	Yes		
do	WX28289	BOYLAN	CJ	18 Pl	Yes		
do	VX8980	COLLIER	JA	9 Pl	Yes		
do	WX28113	EASTCOTT	TH	2 Pl	Yes		
do	WX29587	MINCHAM	LA	10 Pl	Yes		
do	QX51619	STEINHEUER	PE	8 Pl	Yes		
do	QX51119	BIRCH	FD	-	No	LHQ - JUNIOR STAFF SCHOOL CABARLAH	
do	VX104421	COURTNEY	DA	11 Pl	Yes		
do	VX108697	KOOCHOW	KJ	7 Pl	Yes		
do	NX123734	MUDFORD	NH	5 Pl	Yes		
do	WX27292	OLDFIELD	AS	12 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.
Chaplain	NX114760	PAYTEN MA	AACD	29/9/44	Chaplain
Capt	VX93919	TAFT HP	AAMC	14/2/45	R.M.O.
Capt	WX30985	ANDERSON JS	29 Aust	10/1/45	Attached as 2/c C Coy

24 Feb 45
Date of Despatch

[Signature] Lt-Col
Signature of Commander
Comd 42 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24 / 2 / 1945 5 42 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12c 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 769 OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5		6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					10			
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.				
			1	W.Os. Class I.										
			6	W.Os. Class II.			2	2	1					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.										
			5	Staff Sergeants										
NR 2	2		30	Sergeants		2	4 1	1	8	1 NR				
NR 15	15		52	Corporals		1 1	4 1		7	1 NR				
85	85		573	Troopers, Privates, etc.		1	12		15	1 NR				
				Civilians counting as O.R.										
102 *	102		667 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		APAC	APAC	APAC	APAC	APAC	30	1	3	NR *

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

** 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.

Detail	A	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
			Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
587			280								667
B(1)			12								30

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
2	312 LAD			1	Records		
1	29 Aust Inf Bde			1	Leave		
1	Aust Army Amen.			3	School		
				10	hospital		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
	W.E.	658	
	P.S.	573	
	Def	85	
Of which, 17 are in hospital return anticipated.			

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 24/2/1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders	4	4	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevardors			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	26	25	1	Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cyclo)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.							
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1					
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	10	9	1				
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply	2	2					
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	10		Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1					
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1		CARRIED FORWARD	17	17		CARRIED FORWARD	57	55	2	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	769	667	102

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

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander Lt-Col
Comd 42 Aust Inf Bn

DETAILS OF NCO'S

POSTING	RANK	WE	PS	SUR	DEF	AT PRESENT IN HOSPITAL RETURN ANTICIPATED
"I Duties	Sjt	1	1			
do	Cpl	2	2			
Sigs	Cpl	4	3		1	1
Clerks	Cpl	6	5		1	
do O/R	Sjt	2	2			
Storemen Tech	Sjt	1	1			
Tailor	Sjt	1	1			
do	Cpl	1	-		1	
LMG/R/MEN	Cpl	36	27		9	1
MMG	Cpl	2	2			
TK/A	Cpl	4	3		1	
3 " Mortars	Cpl	5	5			
Pnrs	Cpl	4	4			
Provost	Sjt	1	1			
S/Bearers	Sjt	1	1			
do	Cpl	2	1		1	
MT	Cpl	1	-		1	
RSM	WO 1	1	1			
CSM	WO 2	5	5			
RQMS	WO 2	1	1			
CQMS	S/sjt	5	5			
Sjts Pl		25	23		2	
<u>ATTACHED.</u>						
A.A.M.C.	Hyg	Sjt	1	1		
	Med Ord	Sjt	1	1		
	do	Cpl	1	1		
A.A.O.C.	Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1		
A.A.C.C.	Caterer	WO 2	1	2	1	
	Cooks	Sjt	5	4		1
	do	Cpl	5	4		1
A.A.P.S.	Postal	Sjt	1	1		
A.A.P.C.	Pay Clerks	Sjt	1	1		
	do	Cpl	1	1		
		129	111	1	19	2

SYLLABUS
 42 AUST INF BN TRG ~~BNX~~ - FOR PERIOD 5 FEB - 13 FEB 45

War Diary

DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON	NIGHT
MON 5 FEB	Coy Parades A Coy zeroing Range 2 all day B " zeroing Range 1 all day C & D Coys Sec and 3 man patrols HQ Coy - Specialist Trg.	Incl lectures on Malaria & Hygiene by RMO. " " " " " " " " Section on first contact HQ Coy - Specialist Trg.	
TUES 6 FEB	C Coy zeroing Range 2 -- all day -- D Coy " " 1 " A & B Coys sec and 3 man patrols HQ Coy - Specialist Trg.	Incl lectures on Malaria & Hygiene by RMO do Section on first contact HQ Coy - Specialist Trg.	Offrs lecture: Action on contact
WED 7 FEB	Rifle Coys - Sec in attack HQ Coy - Specialist Trg Rest Day 50%	Booby Traps	
THURS 8 FEB	Rifle Coys - Sec in attack HQ Coy - Specialist Trg. Rest Day 50%.	Booby Traps	
FRI 9 FEB	Rifle Coys - Sec in defence HQ Coy - Min Range. Lectures by RMO.	Rifle Coys - Sec in defence HQ Coy - Min Range. Lectures by RMO	Night Exercise: Movt by night.
SAT 10 FEB	Recapit. - sec trg Recapit. - weapon trg.	Sport	
SUN 11 FEB	Church Parades - Adm.	Pers. Kit Inspections	
MON 12 FEB	Rifle Coys - Pl on first contact HQ Coy - Spec. Trg.	Ambushes HQ Coy - Spec. Trg.	
TUES 13 FEB	Rifle Coys - Pl in attack HQ Coy - Spec. Trg.	Track recces & reports HQ Coy - Spec Trg.	

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 All Coys
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W. P. Day

42 AUST INF BN - TRAINING SYLLABUS - WEEK ENDING 18 FEB 45

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DAY		MORNING	AFTERNOON.
Monday 12 Feb	Rifle Coys	Sec on first Contact Lessons 1. Immediate action " 2. Movement " 3. Demonstration on Fire Power.	Ambushes, Pers Camouflage. Booby Traps A.T.M.37.
	HQ Coy	In conjunction with Sec in Def. Spec Trg	Spec Trg.
Tuesday 13 Feb	Rifle Coys	Sec in attack Lessons 1. Mov. " 2. Offensive action " 3. Fire power in final assault.	Pl on first contact Lessons 1. Appreciation & Plan " 2. Mov of Pl
	HQ Coy	Spec Trg	Spec Trg
Wednesday 14 Feb		A, C, D Coys - Rest Day. B Coy - Compass Traverses Track reccs & reports Hq Coy - Spec Weapons Shoot	Recap Lessons Mon & Tues. Spec Trg
Thursday 15 Feb		B, HQ, Coys, Bn Hq - Rest Day A, C, D Coys - Compass Traverses Track Reccs & Reports.	Recap Lessons Mon & Tues.
Friday 16 Feb	Rifle Coys	Pl in attack Lessons 1. Apprec & Plan. " 2. Mov. " 3. Assault " 4. Use of reserves	In conjunction with Pl in Def.
	HQ Coy	Spec Trg	HQ Coy Spec Trg.
Saturday 17 Feb	Bn Parade	Weapon Trg TOSTs	Sport
Sunday 18 Feb		Church Parades - Administration	Pers & Kit Inspection. <i>W. P. Day</i> Cap Adj. 42 Aust Inf Bn

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42 AUST INF BN TRG SYLLABUS - PERIOD 19-25 FEB 45.

SER. NO.	DATE	SUB UNIT	AREA	SUBJECT	LESSONS	REMARKS
1	19 Feb	Rifle Coys	Coy	1. Track improvement and construction 2. Preparation of jungle courses. 3. Compasses traverses & fd sketches.		Ref Tac & Adm Doctrines. Tac Apox "A". Tac Directive No. 4.
2	20 Feb	Rifle Coys	Coy	1. Pl on first contact. -- 2. Booby Traps -- 3. Pl Ambush --	a) See contact drill b) Pl Comds plan & verbal orders. c) Assault. d) Consolidation. a) Setting b) Siting a) Siting b) Organization c) Protection d) Camflg.	Ref Tac & Adm Doctrines. Tac Directive No. 5.
3	21 Feb	A.C.D Coys B Coy	Coy	REST DAY 1. Pl opposed patrols	a) Form of Patrol Base b) Briefing c) Recce patrol results	Tac & Adm Doctrines Tac Directive No. 3
4	22 Feb	A.C.D Coys B Coy	Coy	As for "B" above. REST DAY		
5	23 Feb	Rifle Coys	Coy	1. Pl in deliberate attack 2. Pl jungle course. 3. Elementary Signal Procedure. (Coy Sig Coys).	a) Appreciation & plan b) Formations in adv. c) " in assault. d) Use of reserves. e) Consolidated plan.	Tac & Adm Doctrines Tac Directive No. 5
6	24 Feb	Rifle Coys		1. Bn parade. 2. Tact - LMG, SMO, Rifle & grenades. 3. Sports afternoon.		
7	25 Feb	Rifle Coys		1. Church parade. 2. Ais 3. Pers and kit inspection.		

NOTES:

- 1. T.E.W.T. for pl on first contact to Bn Hq by 191600L.
- 2. T.E.W.T. for pl in deliberate attack to Bn Hq by 221600L.
- 3. Ofprs & NCOs Cadres as per separate syllabi.
- 4. Trg areas as follows:-

Ref Map TOROKINA 1 in to 1 ml -	HQ COY	5996
	A COY	6096
	B COY	5997
	C COY	6097
	D COY	6197

- 5. Hq Coy syllabus attached.

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42 AUST INF BR TRG SYLLABUS - PERIOD 26 FEB - 4 MAR. 45.

Serial No.	DATE	SUB-UNIT	AREA	S U B J E C T	LESSONS	REMARKS.
1.	26 Feb.	All Coys.	Coy	Squad Drill - Jungle Course Compass Traverse and Fd Skatoning. Section stalk.		
2.	27 Feb.	All Coys.	Coy	Squad Drill. Pl in Defence. All Day exercise.	1. Selection of gnd. 2. Siting. 3. Fields of fire.	Tac Directive No. 6.
3.	28 Feb.	All Coys.	Coy	Squad Drill. Ts.O.E.T LMG & Rifle & Grenades. Elementary Sig procedure Sports afternoon.		
4.	1 Mar.	All Coys.	Coy	Squad Drill. Sec in with- drawal. Introduction to 3 rd Mortar & M.G.	Detail of Gp drill Use of sp fire. Sigs & control.	
5.	2 Mar.	All Coys	Coy	Squad Drill. Pl on first contact.	Sec Drill. Adv to objective. Assault & fire fight. Con- solidation. Org & siting. Use of RV & covering party.	
6.	3 Mar.	All Coys.	Coy	Bn parade. Adm. Sports afternoon.		
7.	4 Mar.	All Coys.		Church parades. Rest Day.		

NOTES:

1. Tent for Pl in Def to BnHQ - 261600L.
2. T.E's.E.T. Withdrawal (prepared by Pl Comds) to BnHQ - 261600L.
3. Offrs & NCO's Cadres as per separate syllabi.

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App E

Subject: N.C.O. CADRE.

HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn
15 Feb 45.

1. Duration of Course.
18 Feb - 2 Mar 45.

2. Personnel to attend :

Rifle Coys -	9	Sec Leaders per Coy.
H.Q. Coy -	No. 1	Pl - 4 NCO'S.
	2	" - 4 "
	3	" - 3 "
	4	" - 4 "
	5	" - 4 "
	Total	<u>24</u>

3. Instructors :-

C.I. Major R. B. COLE.
Instr. & Adj. WO1 J. D. BOOKER.
Squad Instrs:
Lt. J. A. COLLIER.
Lt. D. A. COURTNEY.
Lt. R. B. WINTER.
Lt. L. T. RICHMOND.
Lt. C. N. HARVEY.

4. Requirements :
Students will carry the following at all times :-

Notebook
Pencils
Looseleaf paper

5. Dress :
Weapons, belt and sidearms (except for outdoor exercises when dress will be ordered).

6. Location :
En H.Q. Glade.

7. Time of Reporting :
0845/L daily.

8. Meals :
Midday meal will be provided by HQ Coy.

9. Nominal Rolls :
Will reach this HQ by 1200/L SAT.

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A Coy R. S. M.
B Coy A/Adj.
C Coy Hyg. Sgt.
D Coy MMC Officer.
Pnr. Offr. Q. M.
Mortar Offr. File
Sig Offr. I.O.

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42 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION OFFICERS CADRE.

DATE AND TIME.	S U B J E C T.
161530L	Org of an Inf Bn (Tropical Scale) - Details of pls of HQ Coy.
171400L	Lecture - appreciations
171530L	Sandtable - appreciations
181530L	Orders - Written and Verbal.
191830L	Lecture - Battle Procedure
211830L	Sandtable - The Advance and First Contact
221530L	Sandtable - The Attack
231830L	Sandtable - Defence
241530L	Lectures by all Offrs - Subjects:- Fighting patrols, recce patrols, standing patrols, protective patrols and listening posts
251830L	Sandtable - Withdrawal
261530L	Lecture - River Crossings
271530L	Sandtable - Night Attack
281830L	Layout of Bn HQ in the Fd

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DAY	TIME	SUBJECT
1	0730-0800	Opening lecture by RMO. Object of Course - train coy pers in hyg duties - necessity for cleanliness - diseases
	0800-1130	Demonstration: Appliances in use and their purpose - Water containers, food storage, flyproofing of kitchens - cleanliness of cooks and cooking utensils - sterilization - mess huts - grease traps - sullage pits - incinerators - disposal tins.
	1300-1500	Description and use of disinfectants, and Rega Spray - Practical.
	1500-1530	Quiz session
2	0730-1130	Water- diseases originating from impure water - materials and appliances used in testing and purifying water - Horrocks test practical -
	1300-1330	Camp areas - points to be observed when occupying and vacating - read Standing Orders -
	1330-1500	Malaria control - breeding places for mosquitoes - practical inspection.
	1500-1530	Quiz session.

Note:- 3 Students per Coy report to Hyg Sjt at BHQ 070725 - pencil & notebooks required.

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42 AUST INF BN TRAINING INSTRN NO.14.
PREPARATION OF T.E:SW.T.

1. Decide object of T.E.W.T.
2. " Lessons to be taught.
3. " D.S, Enemy.
4. Recce with DS, OC Enemy for suitable ground.
5. Walk the course.
6. Decide narratives, rep of fire etc.
7. " D S Solution.
8. Write up scheme.
9. Brief Umpires and OC Enemy.
10. Final check on ground with DS and OC Enemy.

WRITTEN LAYOUT OF T.E:SW.T.
Ref May TOROKINA 1" - 1 ml.

Exercise SECRET
Date

A Coy Tac Exercise with Tps. Pl in the attack.

1. Tps to be exercised (8 & 9 Pls).
2. Object: (To practice pl and sec comds & tps in the pl attack).
3. Lessons:
 1. (An attack without a well considered plan is doomed to failure with heavy casualties).
 2. (The Comd will determine whether success is achieved best by a surprise attack).
 3. (Consolidation must be based on a plan and executed as a drill known to every man)

Ref. Tac Directive No. 5.

4. Opening Sit: (To put tps in picture)
5. Adm: Will include - DS Staff - Director, Umpires, OC Enemy.
 1. Preparation of ground.
 2. Representation of fire and safety precautions.
 3. Start place
 4. Start time
 5. Dress for own troops and enemy
 6. Rations
 7. Amn.
 8. Water
 9. Hygiene
 10. Medical, etc.

NOTE : Above is issued prior to start of exercise.

6. Narrative 1.
Problem 1. (State time & posn for discussion)
 D.S. Solution.
7. Narrative 2.
Problem 2. (State time & place for discussion).
 D.S. Solution.
8. Instrs to Umpires.
 (a). control of exercise.
 (b). points to watch.
9. Instrs to enemy.
10. Timetable & forecast
 of events :
- | <u>Time.</u> | <u>Place.</u> | <u>Event.</u> | <u>Action.</u> | <u>Remarks.</u> |
|--------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 0900 | Br. 987654. | Issue of Narrative 1 and problem 1. | Pl.Comds appreciation & plan. | |
| 0910 | Br 987654. | Pl.Comds.orders. | Pl.Sgt prepares pl for attack. | |
| 0920 | | etc. | etc. | |
11. Sketch of area.

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Waco Bay

STANDING ORDERS FOR THE OCCUPATION OF CAMP AREAS

HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn
3 Feb 45

APPLICATION: These orders apply to all units and sub-units under comd 42 Aust Inf Bn and will be observed rigidly.

CAMP SITES: The layout and selection of camp areas will be governed very largely by tactical considerations. Camp sites may be on either virgin ground, previously occupied areas, or occupied areas to be taken over on a walk in-walk out basis. Each case is dealt with separately.

NEW AREAS: When selecting camp sites particular attention will be paid to the following points:-

- (a) Sites should be on dry ground and on grass if possible. Steep slopes, low meadows, bottoms of narrow valleys and newly turned soil should be avoided.
- (b) In malarious areas camps will not be erected within one half mile of native camps, or in vacated Jap camps where this is avoidable.
- (c) Good entrances and exits are important.
- (d) Good water supply is essential but considerations of safety may necessitate a camp or bivouac being placed at some distance from it.

PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED AREAS

- (a) The RMO will recon old camp areas accompanied by the Hygiene Sjt and will advise on all matters pertaining to location of kitchens, latrines, living areas, and hygiene appliances to be installed.
- (b) Foul ground will be signposted and sprayed with disinfectant.

TAKING OVER OCCUPIED AREAS

- (a) The recon party shall include the hygiene sjt.
- (b) A full inspection of the camp area with representatives of the unit to be relieved will be made and hygiene sjt will advise on all hygiene matters.
- (c) Responsibility for the hygiene of the area will not be accepted until a certificate has been issued and signed by both units.

GENERAL:

- (a) Surface drainage must be considered where camps are to be in use for more than 24 hours.
- (b) Latrines and incinerators must be placed down wind wherever possible. Sites for latrines and urine pits must be chosen and work commenced on them immediately on arrival of the tps in camp. Care should be taken to prevent the pollution by latrines, urinals, etc. of the water supply.
- (c) All kitchens shall have a double doored food preparation room.

GENERAL:

- (d) Water points will be tested by the hygiene sjt and sub-unit comd advised regarding the chlorination required. Until such test is available water will be treated as twelve scoop water. This treatment is equal to three sterilizing tablets per water bottle. Water for drinking purposes will be drawn from wells under supervision.
- (e) All areas will be signposted.
- (f) On vacating a camp site the following will be carried out:-
 - (i) All refuse to be incinerated and buried. Refuse will not be buried where it is likely to be exposed by soil erosion (e.g. banks of creeks).
 - (ii) Latrines and refuse pits to be sealed unless otherwise ordered.
 - (iii) All fouled ground to be marked with date of closure.
 - (iv) The RMO or hygiene sjt to inspect the area, with Bde or Div hygiene officer if possible, and obtain a clean certificate.

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STANDING ORDERS FOR CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF MALARIA

HQ 42 Aust Inf Bn
3 Feb 45

APPLICATION

1. These orders apply to all units and sub-units under comd 42 Aust Inf Bn. The OC or NCO of any sub-unit or detachment will be personally responsible to the CO that there is not the slightest variation or laxity of his enforcement of these orders. The enforcement of these orders is the responsibility of every member of this unit and it is an offence to fail to deal with or report any breaches detected.

ATEBRIN PARADE

2. At 1700 hrs daily, or such other time as may be ordered by Bn HQ in writing, Bn HQ and Coys will hold a parade of ALL personnel in the area including picquets, orderlies, cooks and other duty pers. Under no circumstances will anyone be granted exemption from appearing promptly on parade. Any pers late for parade will be charged with failing to appear at a place of parade. Anyone who is out of camp on duty at the time of this parade will, immediately on his return parade to the Coy etc duty officer who will supervise that the requirements of the parade are fulfilled and will mark the atebtrin roll accordingly.

The procedure to be followed on this parade is as follows:-

- (a) Pers will carry on parade 24 atebtrin tablets, a bottle of mosquito repellent, and a cup of water.
- (b) Pl Sjts will call the roll under the supervision of the Pl Comd and in the presence of the Coy Comd.
- (c) On his name being called the man will step forward, and swallow his atebtrin. He will then drink the cup of water in front of the Pl Comd and call out his name in a loud voice. When this is done the atebtrin roll book will be marked "P" against the soldier's name. The soldier then applies the repellent properly under observation. When everyone has passed through and rejoined the ranks every man will be inspected in detail by his Pl or Coy Comd who will check that gaiters are worn, sleeves rolled down and buttoned at the wrist, that the buttons on the front of the shirt are done up with the exception of the button on the neck band, and that the clothing is not torn. In addition he will check that repellent has been adequately applied to all exposed parts of the body including the forearms, and that every soldier has a bottle of repellent, and 24 atebtrin tablets in a watertight container on his person.
- (d) If fault is found with any pers on parade, they will be immediately charged with non-compliance of orders.
- (e) On completion of the inspection the offr will initial the roll book signifying that he personally vouches that all measures of personal protection have been taken.
- (f) Pl Comds will report compliance with orders to his Coy Comd. On receipt of the reports from all pls the Coy Comd will telephone Bn HQ certifying that orders have complied with.
- (g) If for operational reasons, o.g. because of distances involved it is impracticable for Pl Comds to inspect their tps, then the NCO in charge will act.
THIS IS AN OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITY AND WILL NOT BE DELEGATED TO NCO'S EXCEPT IN CASES ABOVEMENTIONED.
The Coy Comds report will include details of such delegation of responsibility.

REPELLENT-REAPPLICATION

3. During the hours of darkness repellent will be re-applied at two hourly intervals. If for any reason, having retired, the soldier leaves the protection of his net, he will immediately re-apply the repellent. The Duty Officer or NCO in charge of platoon will check that all members of the platoon re-apply the lotion at two hourly intervals. The Orderly Officer and Orderly Sgt will inspect pers selected at random shortly after the times for re-application of the repellent. Any pers who show no evidence of having re-applied the repellent will be charged with an offence against these orders.

MOSQUITO NETS

4. (a) Every soldier will keep his mosquito net in a proper state of repair, and will before 1800 hrs daily put his net down, spray inside with mosquito spray and tuck the net in properly.
(b) Immediately before retiring every soldier will spray under his net with mosquito spray. After "lights out" the senior member of the tent with a torch will inspect all nets to ensure that pers are completely protected by their nets.
(c) An aerosol bomb or filled hand spray will be kept in a fixed and marked position in every tent.
(d) If for any reason the soldier leaves the protection of his net during the night, before again retiring he will spray the inside of his net with mosquito spray, and on getting into his cot ensure that the net is properly tucked in.

SPRAYING OF HUTS & TENTS

5. Tent comds will, at reveille and again at 1800 hrs, spray the tent with mosquito spray. Before commencing work in any office, store, or hut, the building will be sprayed with mosquito spray.

PREVENTION OF MOSQUITO BREEDING

6. (a) Camp sites will be located, whenever possible, in areas unfavourable to mosquito breeding and at least half a mile away from any area likely to contain infected mosquitoes.
(b) All waste tins will be burned, crushed and buried. Showers and fire buckets and other permanent water containers will be kept either screened by mosquito netting or oiled. Stumps or trees containing hollows which will hold water will be cut to ensure they are kept empty.
(c) Anti-malaria squads of 1 NCO and 2 ORs will be maintained in each coy and a 100% reserve will also be trained in the duties of the squad which will cover all measures for control of malaria.
(d) Immediately on moving into a new area a survey will be made by the anti-malaria squad and a map prepared showing breeding areas requiring control, together with the appropriate method for each particular area.
(e) The NCO in charge of the anti-malaria squad will subdivide the surrounding area (half mile radius from camp) into five sub-areas, each being given a serial number. Each area will be dealt with in serial order once each week. The mosquito squad will also be responsible for the efficient spraying of all messes, recreation huts and kitchens both at reveille and 1800 hrs.
(f) Track discipline will be maintained. All tranches and drains will be kept in good order. Puddles, depressions, wheel ruts and the like will be filled in as they occur.

STORES

7. (a) The QM is responsible that the full quantity of anti-malarial stores both expendable and non-expendable enumerated in GRO 321/44 are held, and on movt the full scale is taken. He will immediately report to the CO in writing any deficiency in these stores with explanations.
- (b) He will be responsible that all anti-malarial eqpt is maintained in a serviceable condition and will report in writing to the CO if any eqpt is not working efficiently.
- (c) The QM will also be responsible that all anti-malarial stores are marked and loaded as provided by GRO 321/44.

TRAINING

8. (a) Instns as to the nature of malaria, its prevention and control will form an integral part of unit trg. For a total of at least one hour each week a lecture or demonstration will be given to this end. This will include any relevant new anti-malarial facts that are promulgated.
- (b) At intervals TsOET of all personnel in malaria prevention and control will be held.

INVESTIGATION OF CASES OF MALARIA

9. If any member of the unit has an attack of malaria he will be closely questioned in detail as to the personal precautions he has taken. His statements will be checked with the unit records, reports of his immediate superiors, officers or NCOs, and by a personal check of his eqpt. If there is any evidence of dereliction of duty on his part or of his superior offrs, application will be made for Court-Martial.

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1. Commencing 18 January 45, NO vehicle will be permitted to pass the traffic control post MAVAVIA RIVER without a pass endorsed by GS 3 Aust Div.
2. If the journey beyond the traffic control post is of operational importance and no pass is held, the officer or senior man present may instruct the provost to allow him to proceed, but in so doing he will give the following details to the provost :
 - (a) Number
 - (b) Rank
 - (c) Name
 - (d) Unit
 - (e) Destination
 - (f) Reason why immediate passage without pass is necessary.
3. Provost will forward above details to GS 3 Aust Div only and the officer or senior man concerned will be held personally responsible that the reason given for journey was of sufficient importance to warrant proceeding without a pass.

PERMANENT PASSES.

4. For certain vehicles as AASC daily maintenance vehicles, Engineer Stores Vehicles, Signal DRLS and maintenance vehicles it will be necessary for permanent passes to be issued. Addressees will forward requests for such passes to GS 3 Aust Div setting out reasons; if approved the pass or passes will be issued.

INWARD MOVEMENT TO JABA RIVER SECTOR.

5. When possible, application for a pass to move into the JABA RIVER area will be made to HQ 3 Aust Div 24 hours in advance of proposed visit.

6. Application will contain following information :-

- (a) Number
- (b) Rank
- (c) Name
- (d) Unit
- (e) Destination
- (f) Reason for visit
- (g) Duration of visit.

7. Approval to proceed South of JABA RIVER will only be authorised by Comd Gp 3 Aust Div who will then countersign the pass.

8. This pass will cover both forward and return journey.

OUTWARD MOVEMENT FROM JABA RIVER SECTOR.

9. For units already in the area, application for outward movement will be made to Comd Gp 3 Aust Div. Information as per para 6 will be required. The pass issued by Comd Gp will cover the journey to TOROKINA and return.

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"BAPTILING BETSY"

I carried her through the jungles green
And she nearly broke my back,
But once we were caught in an ambush,
When I had all her guts in my pack.

We were moving along past Log Crossing,
When we heard a Jap rifle crack;
Soon I was down behind Betsy
And pulled the cocking piece back.

But how could she chatter her death song?
How could she give vent to her wrath?
When all the long way from the Jaba,
Her guts had been wrapped in a cloth.

I quickly unbuckled my webbing,
Whilst the bullets were splattering around,
I fumbled with Web Straps and Buckles
And scattered my gear on the ground.

I finally located the piston -
Now covered in swamp mud and grime -
And I certainly felt a lot safer,
Now that Betsy was back in her prime.

But what was the use of poor Betsy,
Even though she was all in one piece?
They'd rang up the Arty to finish the party,
And called for our fire to cease.

This Episode's taught me a lesson,
So that now when we're out on the track,
Old Betsy is all stuck together -
You won't find her guts in my pack.

The aftermath to this story,
Is I see an A4 looming large,
And my chance of a stripe was definitely wiped,
When Snow Elliot squealed to the Sarge.

Now bitter with hate, undesirable stato,
I can see young McLeod proudly airing,
With pardonable pride, which he seeks not to hide,
The stripe that I should be wearing.

While I'm still a hard working private,
McLeod is a mighty Lance Jack.
All because of the time I was in the front line,
With the guts of my Bren in my pack.

Written and composed by TX15823 Pte McLeod,
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