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43 Infantry Battalion
October - December 1942

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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H. 100M 2/42

Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 1 OCT 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	1 OCT 42.		On 28 SEP Bn moved by AASC vehicles to NIGHTCLIFFS area posn.	See Appx. 155.
N.T.			825185. This posn. was reached at 1415 hrs, and tps. bivouaced	
			in the area.	
			Tps. were in marching posn. on the road at 0400 hrs on 29	
			SEP. Movement by march route began at 0430hrs. A mobile patrol	
			from B Coy. went forward and made a recce of tracks in MARRARA	
			SWAMP and rejoined the column at 870165. A nil report was	
			furnished. The junction of McMILLANS and NIGHT CLIFFS ROADS	
			was reached at 0534 Hrs. At 0538 hrs. advice was received that	
			enemy in force had been observed marching N.E. on track 947148.	
			Movement to now had been by march route, and with first light bn.	
			took up trinity formation. Patrols were sent out, and coys	
			contacted. At 0730 hrs. it was advised that 10 Aust. Inf. Bn.	
			and 19 MMG Regt. were in contact with enemy. A fighting patrol	

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<u>COOMALLIE CREEK.</u>	<u>1 OCT 42.</u>	<u>1800</u>	<u>1 L/Cpl. reverted to the rank of pte. at his own request.</u>	
<u>N.T.</u>			<u>1 Cpl. was promoted to A/Sjt. on 25 SEP 42. 9 men today transferred to X list. 6 of these are serving with N. A. Rly. 2 returned from No.2 Hygiene School WINNELLIE. Duration 23 to 29 SEP 42. 3 returned from No.1 Inf. A/TK Course WINNELLIE. Duration 7 to 30 SEP. Lieut. W. A. H. Johnson also returned from this school. 1 returned from salvage duty DARWIN. 1 returned from duty 111 Conv. Depot. 1 returned from duty as batman WINNELLIE. Lieut. W. S. Harvey today marched in from X list.</u>	
	<u>2 OCT 42.</u>		<u>Promotions 25 SEP 42. 1 man was appointed gp II butcher. 1 L/Sjt. promoted to A/ Sjt. 1 L/Cpl. to A/Cpl. 1 pte. to A/Cpl. 4 men transferred to X list today, and two marched in from X list. e marched out and transferred to H.q. Coast Defences.</u>	
			<u>Authority:- Ent. Comd. 2649/195/42.</u>	

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Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 2 OCT 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	3 OCT 42.		2 marched in from X list today. 1 A/Sjt and 1 L/Cpl reverted	
N.T.			to the rank of pte. at their own request.	
	4 OCT 42.		1 man transferred to X list today, and one marched in from	
			X list.	
	5 OCT 42.		Lieuts. C. C. O'Connor, W. D. Clark, H. G. Frith have been	
			detached for duty to 10 Aust. Inf. Bn. 3 O.R's are also det-	
			ached. Capt. A. A. Durward is detached for duty to A. R. D.	
			MATARANKA. Bn today moved by AASC vehicles to FORTRESS AREA.	See Appx.159.
			Task is to carry out clearing, digging and wiring work at	
			EAST POINT, PARAPARAP CAMP areas, and an area in the vicinity	
			of CHING KWAN'S FARM and MAGAZINE HILL. A coy has been	
			allotted the PARAPARAP area and is bivouaced at VESTEYS. D	
			coy. is to work in the EAST POINT area and have taken accomod-	
			ation stores with them. Bn.HQ, B,C,E and HQ coys are situated	

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Date and Time.—From 5 OCT 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	5 OCT 42.		at BAGOT HOSPITAL. Coys will proceed to work areas each day	
N.T.			from the bivouac areas. Tps. at BAGOT are billeted in the	
			hospital buildings. Showers and running water are appreciated.	
	6 OCT 42.		1 man was admitted to hospital today, and 1 transferred to	
			X list. 2 returned from No.6 Fd. Works course WINNELLIE, dura-	
			tion 18 SEP-1 OCT. Lieut. E. K. Russack returned from No.1	
			JAP Course, WINNELLIE, duration 1 - 5 OCT. 2 men have been	
			detached for duty at A.R.D. MATARANKA. Coys. today commenced	
			work in their respective areas, and completed a considerable	
			amount.	
	7 OCT 42.		1 man was granted leave today. Work is progressing favour-	
			ably in coy. areas.	
	8 OCT 42.		1 cpl. was promoted to A/Sjt on 25/9/42. 1 man was detached	
			to A.R.D. MATARANKA. 1 marched in from X list.	

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Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 8 OCT 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	8 OCT 42.		Promotions: 2 L/Cpls. to A/Cpl. 1 pte. to A/Cpl.	
N.T.	9 OCT 42.		Promotions: 1 L/Cpl to A/Cpl. 1 L/Sjt to A/Sjt. 2 pte to A/Cpl. 2 ptes. have been appointed gpII sigs. The trade gp of 2 sigs. has been cancelled. (failed to qualify at Regt. Sig School).	
			2 men were detached for duty to A.R.D. MATARANKA. 1 marched in from X list.	
	10 OCT. 42.		2 returned from No.4 Map Reading School WINNELLIE. Duration 3 - 9 OCT. 1 returned from No.1 Mobile School of Mech. Duration 27 AUG - 8 OCT. 1 marched in from X list. Capt. W. M. Gray is detached for duty to N. T. Force School. Lieut C. G. O'Connor, W. D. Clark, and H. G. Frith, and 3 P.R's. returned from duty with 10 Aust. Inf. Bn. Bn. today returned to concentration area 53 1/2 mile from FORTRESS AREA after completing	

H. G. Frith Lt Col.

See app. 160A

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Date and Time.—From 10 OCT. 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	10 OCT 42.		allotted work. AASC vehicles conveyed tps., and movement	
N.T.			began at 1300 hrs.	
	11 OCT 42.		2 men were today detached for duty to N. T. Force School, WINNELLIE. 6 transferred to X list.	
	12 OCT 42.		4 men were transferred to X list today. Bn. moved out on N. T. Force Exercise No.5. Tps. were lifted by AASC vehicles via LUCY MINE and CHARLOTTE WATER HOLE, and bivouaced at area ref. map. DARWIN AND ENVIRONS SHEET 5 map ref. 773805.	See Appx.161.
	13 OCT 42.		Rain fell during the night afternoon of 12 OCT and night 12/13 OCT., and 23 Aust. Inf. Bde. became bogged en route to exercise area. Exercise was cancelled at 0100 hrs. this morning, and tps. brought back to concentration areas via BYNOE BAY ROAD AND NORTH AUSTRALIA ROAD at 0730hrs. 1 man was detached for duty to A.R.D. MATARANKA today. 1 returned	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	13 OCT 42.		from 111 Conv. Depot. 1 marched in from X list.	
N.T.	14 OCT 42.		4 men were transferred to X list today.	
	15 OCT 42.		1 man transferred to X list today. 1 marched out to G.D.D.	
			for re-allotment. 1 marched in from X list (returned from	
			No. 24 I.O.T.S. BONEGILLA VIC.) 8 ptes. have been appointed	
			L/Cpls. 1 man was admitted to 119 A.G.H. (to be posted to Xlist)	
	16 OCT 42.		Night training commenced on the night 15/16 OCT. Tps. began	See Appx 163.
			tng. at 2000 hrs. and worked through until 0700 hrs. "Lights	
			Out" was at 1100 hrs. and "Reveille" at 1800 hrs. Night	
			discipline was generally good, and tps. took an active inter-	
			est in the work.	
			School Results:	
			Sjt. Brazier R.F. passed No. 1 D&M instr. course	75%
			A/Cpl. Shepherd M.N. " No. 6 Ed. Works "	61%

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Date and Time.—From 16 OCT 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	16 OCT 42.		Cpl. Evans D.M. passed No. 6 Ed. Works Course	66%
N.T.			A/Sjt. Woolacott " No. 1 A T/K "	89%
			Sjt. McKie R.J. " " " "	74%
			L/Sjt. Olsen A.J. " " " "	78%
			Lieut. Johnson W. distinguished " "	95%
			1 A/Cpl. has been confirmed to the rank of Cpl. 4 men have been admitted to 119 A.G.H. (to be transferred to X list) 2 returned from comp. leave. 1 pte. has been appointed L/Cpl. 1 Cpl. and 3 A/Cpls. reverted to the rank of pte. at their own request. Lieut. L. B. Willson has been admitted to 119 A.G.H.	
	17 OCT 42.		Night tng. was cancelled at 0100 hrs. this morning. Bn. moved out on N. T. Force Exercise No. 5 at 0921 hrs. AASC vehicles conveyed tps. via N. A. ROAD and BYNOE BAY ROAD to	

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Date and Time.—From 17 OCT 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	17 OCT 42.		TUMBLING WATERS, where Bn. bivouaced. Tps. rested the remain-	
N.T.			der of the day, and took advantage of the opportunity to swim.	
	18 OCT 42.		SUNDAY. Tps. spent the rest day in bivouac area.	
	19 OCT 42.		1 man returned from No. 5 Map Reading Course, WINNELLIE,	
			duration ¹⁰ 7 days. 1 admitted to 2/12 Fd. Amb. Tps. moved	
			from bivouac area at 1600 hrs. by march route. to a posn. 5000	
			yards west from rly, on track, where bn. bivouaced, in "Y"	
			formation. 3 Aust. Inf. Bde. was laid out as follows -	
			27 Aust. Inf. Bn., in front in "Y" formation. 10 Aust. Inf.	
			Bn. in TRINITY formation, 43 Aust. Inf Bn. in "Y" formation.	
			A bty. of arty. was placed between each bn gp. Weapon pits	
			were immediately dug and defensive posns. occupied. At 2132	
			hrs. a Verrey Light was seen in a S.W. direction. A small	
			patrol went out to investigate, but furnished a nil report.	

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Date and Time.—From 19 OCT 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.						
COOMALLIE CREEK. N.T.	19 OCT 42.		<p>1 L/Sjt. was promoted to A/Sjt. 1 man was admitted to 119 AGH (to be posted to X list). Advice has been received that A/Sjt. Scheller qualified at No. 21 Cooking and Catering Course, ASC, North GEELONG, VIC. A/Sjt. Gear (B.O.R.S.) is attending LHQ Clerk's Course, AASC School, NORTH GEELONG, VIC. Duration 31 OCT to 12 DEC 42. 1 pte. was promoted to A/Cpl on 27 SEP 42.</p> <p>School Results:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>L/Sjt. Hards C.W.</td> <td>qualified No. 4 Map Reading Course</td> <td>64%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sjt. Menzel A.G.</td> <td>" " " " "</td> <td>58%</td> </tr> </table>	L/Sjt. Hards C.W.	qualified No. 4 Map Reading Course	64%	Sjt. Menzel A.G.	" " " " "	58%	
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	20 OCT 42.		<p>Patrols set out at 0600 hrs. this morning and covered an average distance of 7500 yds. Patrols were so arranged as to traverse an area of 3000 yds. radius from the bn. Nil reports were received from all patrols, which returned at approx. 0830 hrs. At 1000 hrs. 27 Bn was attacked by "Allied tps". 10 Bn</p>	<p><i>Smith Lt Col</i></p>						

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Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 20 OCT 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	20 OCT 42.		carried out a flanking move. Role of 43 Bn. was to hold posn.	
N.T.			and protect rear. At 1600 hrs the exercise in this area was	
			suspended, and tps. moved by AASC vehicles to BATCHELOR area	
			map ref.020392. 27 Bn. marched to this area. Bde. reformed	
			with 10 Bn. in front in "Y" formation, 43 Bn. in "TRINITY"	
			formation and 27 Bn. in "Y" formation. 3 men were admitted to	
			119 AGH today (to be posted to X list). Cpl C. B. Treneman was	
			accidentally shot today while on duty at Adv. H.Q. N. T. Force.	
			He has been admitted to 119 A.G.H. An operation has been	
			performed, and blood transfusions given.	
	21 OCT 42.		Bn. moved from bivouac area at 0830 hrs. and proceeded in a	
			northerly direction. 10 Bn. contacted enemy and drove them	
			back. At 1025 hrs. 43 Bn. began outflanking move from posn.	
			985422. Enemy had withdrawn and was not contacted. Movement	

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Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 21 OCT 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	21 OCT 42.		continued until 1345 hrs. when exercise was suspended until	
N.T.			1600 hrs. Movement north continued at 1600 hrs. until posn.	
			968505 was reached, where bn. bivouaced.	
			Maj. J. G. Hendry is attending LHQ School, PORT STEVENS, N.S.W.	
			Joint Overseas Operational Training Course No.3 (ii) - duration	
			20 days. It is with regret that the death of Cpl. C. B.	
			Treneman is recorded. The burial was held at ADELAIDE RIVER	
			today, and was attended by personnel who were in concentration	
			area at the time. A guard from Adv. H.Q. attended to pay	
			respects.	
	22 OCT 42.		Exercise continued until 1130 hrs. Patrols left bivouac	
			area at 0700 hrs. but no enemy were sighted. 10 Bn. was in	
			contact until exercise was completed. At 1200 hrs. movement	
			back to concentration areas began. Tps. proceeded by march	

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Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 22 OCT 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	22 OCT 42.		route south to WEST TRACK, thence east to N.A. ROAD, and south to 53½ mile.	
N.T.			3 men today returned from No. 4 Sec. Leaders course, WINNELLIE, duration 17 SEP - 22 OCT.	
	23 OCT 42.		1 man was admitted to 119 AGH today (to be posted to X list) At 1440 hrs. bn. proceeded to posn. 131444. Defensive posns. were prepared and occupied.	
	24 OCT 42.		On the night 23/24 OCT. patrols were sent out. At 0455 hrs. JAP planes bombed BACHELOR aerodrome for the first time. Tps. returned to concentration area 53½ mile at 1245 hrs.	
	25 OCT 42.		C coy today proceeded to BERRY SPRINGS where with other dets. from 3 Aust. Inf. Bde. gp. they will be employed as a working party. Lieut. F. H. Carter ret'd. from No. 8 Ed. Works Course WINNELLIE. duration 9 - 22 OCT. Lieut. E. K. Russack is	

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Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 25 OCT 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	25 OCT 42.		attending No.1 JAP course, WINNELLIE, duration 4 days. 3 men	
N.T.			were admitted to 119 AGH (to be posted to X list) 1 returned from	
			from duty WINNELLIE. Lieut. M. E. Saint returned from No.8	
			offrs. Ed. Works Course, WINNELLIE, duration 14 days.	
	26 OCT.42.		School results:	
			Pte. Wurst E. B. passed No.4 Stretcher Bearers Course.	
			" Callaghan T. failed " " " "	
			Cpl. Lewis G.S. passed No.2 Mortar Course.	
			" Donnelon J.G. " " " "	
			3 men were granted leave today. 2 marched out and transferred	
			to 23 Aust. Ed. Coy. R.A.E. 2 marched in from 23 Aust. Ed. Coy.	
			R.A.E.	
	27 OCT 42.		1 marched out and transferred to N.T. Railways. 1 returned	<i>Smith et al</i>
			from instructional duties WINNELLIE. 1 returned from No.7A	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK	27 OCT 42.		cooking course WINNELLIE, duration 28 days. 1 Cpl. reverted	
N.T.			to the rank of pte. at his own request. Bn. today came under the new W.E. This establishment now rules all inf. bns. in AUSTRALIA.	
	28 OCT 42.		7 men are attending No.5 Sec. Leaders Course, WINNELLIE, duration 28 days. 1 is attending No.7 Fd. Works Course, WINNELLIE, duration 14 days.	
	29 OCT 42.		An arty and mortar demo. was held today at a point 2.1 miles along the WEST TRACK from N. A. ROAD. 3 Bde. Gp. attended and tps. moved by march route. Object of the school was to demonstrate the effectiveness of arty and mortars in close country.	
	31 OCT 42.		Today marks the birth of the unit newspaper. The first edition is attached as appendix I/Cpl. P. Gamlin (sig P1)	

With attal

SECRET

3 AUST INF BDE MOVEMENT ORDER NO 8

Copy No. 16.....
27 Sep 42.

Ref Maps: DARWIN & ENVIRONS
1 ins to 1 ml (Sheets 2 & 5)
DARWIN 4 mls to 1 ins

INTENTION

- 1. 3 Aust Inf Bde Gp representing JAPANESE forces will, in order to simulate an enemy landing move initially to concentration areas at NIGHTCLIFFS (825185) and THE LANDING (937208)

METHOD

- 2. 3 Aust Inf Bde Gp will move on 28 Sep in accordance with March Table herewith.
 - 3. Embussing areas -
On west of NORTH AUST RD as per previous northward movement.
 - 4. Check pts -
- | NO | LOCATION | GP OFFR |
|------|---|---------------|
| CP 8 | OUT track
2 sec 23 Fd Coy | Bde AASC offr |
| CP 4 | WEST TRACK | SC (L) |
| CP 3 | junc of north-south parallel track and NORTH AUST RD. | Bde tpt sjt |
| CP 9 | On west side of NORTH AUST RD -
.7 mls north of CP 3 | Bde TO |
- 5. Offr i/c debussing control party NIGHTCLIFFS FORCE will ensure that bde will NOT debus east of track junc at 829187.

ADM

- 6. AASC
 - (a) Tp carrying vehs will report to unit embussing areas at 0900 hrs 28 Sep as under -

19 Aust MG Bn	-	18 vehs
(present location - area 084825 central)		
10 Aust Inf Bn	-	28 vehs
27 Aust Inf Bn	-	22 vehs
43 Aust Inf Bn	-	22 vehs
 - (b) On arrival at debussing areas AASC vehs will NOT move until ordered to proceed to neutral location.
- 7. TPT
All vehs excl 17 Aust Fd Amb will move to unit embussing areas by 0900 hrs 28 Sep.
- 8. Rations
One days emergency and one days hard ration will be carried on the man, in addition to one days res per man in each of A and B ech tpt.
- 9. Personal Eqpt
Mosquito nets will be rolled in ground sheets and carried by all ranks. Blankets will NOT be taken.
- 10. Amm
All ball SAA will be withdrawn from pers prior to ex and carried in A ech tpt.

- 11. B Ech -
Moves by gps from unit embussing areas as per March Table.
- 12. Medical -
17 Aust Fd Amb will
 - (a) provide Lt Mob Sec to move with each of NIGHTCLIFFS and THE LANDING forces.
 - (b) establish MDS for NIGHTCLIFFS force.
 - (c) establish ADS for THE LANDING force.
- 13. Met -
 - (a) Tides - Tue 29 Sep
Low water - 0209 hrs
High water - 0816 hrs
 - (b) Moonrise - 2219 hrs night 28/29 Sep (sets after sunrise)
Sunrise - 0645 hrs 29 Sep.

INTERCOMM

- 14. Allotment of V/T sets -
 - (a) One 208 set to each of C and D coys 23/21 Aust Inf Bn, to be manned by pers of 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
 - (b) One 101 set to each of 4 bns.
 - (c) One 109 set to 19 Aust MG Bn and 27 Aust Inf Bn.
- 15. Bde HQ closes present location 0900 hrs then moves with coln.
- 16. A/C recognition Sigs - T panel code will be used. HQ 3 Aust Inf Bde the div sign. NIGHTCLIFFS and LANDING forces the bde sign.
- 17. RAAF
Mob sta and RAAF tender report HQ 3 Aust Inf Bde 0900 hrs Mon 28 Sep.

- 18. Codes -
Local and tactical codes as per Appx B will be used.
- 19. Password - TOMMY
Countersign - GUN

ACK

Signed at 2100 hrs
Issued by sigs.

[Signature]
Capt.
EM 3 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

	<u>Copy No</u> (incl Appx A & B)
43 Aust Fd Bty	1
M Aust A Tk Bty	2
19 Aust MG Bn	3 - 6
10 Aust Inf Bn	7 - 10
27 Aust Inf Bn	11 - 14
43 Aust Inf Bn	15 - 18
17 Aust Fd Amb	19 - 20
2 Sec 23 Fd Coy	21
7 Coy AASC	22
275 Aust LAD	23
236 Aust LAD	24
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MARCH TABLE - NIGHTCLIFFS FORCE (Comd - Lt-col A PGPE) 27 Aust Inf Bn

Issued in conjunction with 3 Aust Inf Bde Movement Order No 8

SECRET

Appx A
Copy No. 16
27 Sep 42.

Route - From embussing areas thence via NORTH AUST RD to junc BAGCT RD (826125). Then north to rd junc 827175, NW to rd junc 818186 and generally east to rd and track junc 829187.

Speed and density - On tracks - 10 MIH 12 VTM
On rds - 15 MIH 8 VTM

SP - Check pt No 9.

Traffic control - 27 and 43 Aust Inf Bns regtl police will establish TCPs at rd juncs at 826125 and 827175 respectively.

Serial No	UNIT	No of Vehs	A ECH VEHS				Remarks
			Time past check pts				
			CP 8	CP 4	CP 3	CP 9	
1	Debussing control parties	5			0927	0930	Comd - Offr 27 Aust Inf Bn Strength - 27 & 43 bns - each 1 Offr & 5 CRs 43 Fd Bty - 1 Offr & 4 CRs 2 sec 23 Fd Coy - 1 NCO & 2 CRs HQ 3 Aust Inf Bde - 1 NCO & 4 CRs Engr pers to move in tpt of HQ 3 Bde
2	27 Aust Inf Bn	43			0957	1000	Bn order of march will allow for move from NIGHTCLIFFS area without alteration of formation.
3	Det 2 sec 23 Fd Coy	1	0955	1005	1021	1024	Comd - Lieut Berry HQ 23 Fd Coy Balance of sec with LANDING force.
4	HQ 3 Aust Inf Bde	17		1006	1022	1025	Incl 2 RAAF mcb stas.
5	43 Fd Bty less G Tp	7		1015	1031	1034	Remaining tp with LANDING force.
6	43 Aust Inf Bn	43	1009	1019	1035	1038	Remarks as in Serial 2
7	17 Aust Fd Amb	20			1057	1100	Move direct via NORTH AUST RD to CP 3. Comprises Lt Mob Sec - 3 vehs 17 vehs to establish MDS

Serial No	UNIT	No of Vehs	B ECH VEHS				Remarks
			Time past check pts				
			CP 8	CP 4	CP 3	CP 9	
8	27 Aust Inf Bn	6			1107	1100	Incl rations, POL, amn, water (2), Chaplain
9	2 Sec 23 Fd Coy	1	1044	1054	1110	1113	
10	HQ 3 Aust Inf Bde	4		1055	1111	1114	Incl AASC reps
11	HQ M A Tk Bty	6		1057	1113	1116	
12	43 Fd Bty	1		1100	1116	1119	
13	43 Aust Inf Bn	6	1051	1101	1117	1120	Remarks as in Serial 8
14	275 LAD	6		1104	1120	1123	
15	Det 2 sec 23 Fd Coy	1	1057	1107	1123	1126	VESTEYS and RIFLE RANGE parties (Lieut EASTERBROCK - 2/11 Fd Coy Lieut NOBLE - 2 sec 23 Fd Coy 18 CRs To move with coln to rd junc 826125 then detach and report to respective Coy Comds of 23/21 Aust Inf Bn.

THE LANDING FORCE (Comd - Maj N.A. McLEAN 19 Aust MG Bn)

Route - From embussing areas thence via NORTH AUST RD to rd and track junc at 923124 then north via track junc 931158 to THE LANDING.
 Speed, density and SP as for NIGHTCLIFFS force.

Traffic control - APl to provide TCP on NORTH A ST RD opposite KNUCKEYS LAGOON at 925113.
 Regtl police of 19 Aust MG Bn to patrol track between 925113 and track junc at 931158.
 Regtl police 19 Aust Inf Bn responsible for the track between track junc at 931158 to THE LANDING.

A ECH VEHS

Serial No	UNIT	No of Vchs	Time past check pts				Remarks
			CP 8	CP 4	CP 3	CP 9	
16	Debussing control parties	2				1130	Comd - Offr 19 Aust MG Bn. Strength - 19 Aust MG Bn and 10 Aust Inf Bn each - 1 offr and 8 OR.
17	10 Aust Inf Bn	43		1112	1128	1131	Remarks as in Serial 2.
18	Det 2 Sec 23 Fd Coy	1	1124	1134	1150	1153	
19	G Tp 43 Fd Bty	6		1135	1151	1154	
20	17 Aust Fd Amb	7			1154	1157	Comprises 4 vchs to establish ADS and 3 vchs of Lt Col Sec Moves direct to CP 3 via NORTH AUST RD.
21	19 Aust MG Bn	32					Joins coln from present location at 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ ml at approx 1315 hrs. 19 Aust MG Bn will see that Serial 20 is clear before entering coln. Remarks as in Serial 2.

B ECH VEHS

22	10 Aust Inf Bn	5	1158	1214	1217		Remarks as in Serial 8.
23	19 Aust MG Bn	5					Remarks as in Serial 8.
24	236 Aust LAD	6					Joins tail of bde coln from present location at approx 1334 hrs
25	HQ 3 Aust Inf Bde	1				1226	Check pt offr under Bde TO

SECRET
Appx B
Copy No. *16*
27 Sep 42.

CODES

Issued in conjunction with 3 Aust Inf Bde Movement Order No 8

1. UNIT CODE NAMES

(a)	HQ 3 Aust Inf Bde	-	TOKI
(b)	19 Aust MG Bn	-	RILA
(c)	43 Fd Bty	-	SOMO
(d)	M A Tk Bty	-	REJA
(e)	10 Aust Inf Bn	-	MUNI
(f)	27 Aust Inf Bn	-	JONG
(g)	43 Aust Inf Bn	-	BONO
(h)	17 Aust Fd Amb	-	BIGO
(k)	2 Sec 23 Fd Coy	-	REZO
(l)	7 Coy AASC	-	BATI
(m)	275 Aust LAD	-	RONO
(n)	236 Aust LAD	-	SOKI

2. TACTICAL CODE

(a)	RIGHT flank attack	-	STEAMER
(b)	LEFT flank attack	-	TANKER
(c)	attack up the CENTRE	-	CRUISER
(d)	Formation or unit code name will prefix (a) or (b) above to indicate whether a bde or bn attack.		

[Signature]
Capt.
HQ 3 Aust Inf Bde.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS

(230-237)

by

Lt-col C. FRITH

Comd 43 Aust Inf Bn

Serial 6

1 Oct 42

230 RUBBISH - SALVAGE AND DESTRUCTION OF

Following an instruction from A.D.M.S. all rubbish in future will be burnt and buried daily. No further rubbish will be placed on present dump. This will now become a Coy responsibility.

The following are salvageable and will be made into Coy heaps. Bn.H.Q. will be notified when a reasonable dump is established and this information will then be passed on to Salvage.

Bottles of all types, all rubber articles, tobacco tins, zinc foil, old iron bars etc, any mechanical parts, old batteries and any other goods considered to be of salvageable value.

231 MISUSE OF TPT & AMN

1. It is reported that a considerable number of pers armed with TSMG and Rifles have been shooting game in HUMPHY DOO and KOOLPINYAH STA areas.
2. Instructions have been issued that gun is NOT to be expended in shooting game.
3. This instruction will be strictly adhered to. Disciplinary action will be taken.
4. The homestead billabong at KOOLPINYAH STA is a bird and beast sanctuary.
5. Pers mixing with natives will be placed under close arrest immediately.
6. T.O. will report to C.O. before any unit transport is allowed to proceed on other than routine tasks.

232 TOWING OF VEHs MT

The following rules will be observed in the towing of vehs -

(i) In all vehs where the bumper bar is bolted to the dumb iron, the tow rope will be att to the front bumper bar.

(ii) In cases where the bumper bar is not so bolted, the tow rope will be affixed to the front axle at the point where it is bolted to the spring.

In the case of Ford vehs fitted with transverse springs the tow rope will be affixed to the axle at the junc of the torque rod and front axle.

Failure to observe these precautions, frequently has resulted in bent axles.

233 RETURNABLE CONTAINERS

Coy's are advised that containers grease, 36 lb are now returnable containers.

234 VEHs MT - DRIVING IN WATER

(i) Pers driving Ford vehs in which the fan is att to the crankshaft will remove the fan before entering water.

(ii) In all other vehs the fan belt will be removed prior to entering the water.

(iii) Fans or belts will be replaced immediately the water has been crossed.

255 COMPASSIONATE LEAVE

- (i) A large number of applications for compassionate leave have, on investigation, been found to have no grounds upon which leave could be granted.
- (ii) Every application for compassionate leave is investigated and it is pointed out that applications which are not genuine, cause unnecessary work and delay to deserving cases.

256 PERSONNEL REQUIRED FOR SERVICE IN NEW GUINEA

Pers of the following types are required for service in NEW GUINEA.

- Govt. Servants - all depts
- Clerks
- Rubber & Copra managers
- Schooner masters
- Marine Engineers
- Native Labor Overseas
- Mechanics

Coys will submit names of members of the forces of the types referred to who have had experience in NEW GUINEA. Names will then be forwarded by Bn.H.Q. to N.T. Records Office WAYVILLE STH. AUS.

Information will be submitted in the following form:-

PERSONNEL FOR NEW GUINEA FORCE

Army No.	Rank	Name	Unit	Type	Experience in N.G. and length of residence & by whom employed	Recommendation
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Returns to reach this H.Q. by 1800 hrs 2 Oct 42.

257 IDENTIFICATION MARKINGS OF A/C

All RAAF A/C irrespective of their service function should bear identical markings in accordance with the following:-

- (i) The colour red is no longer to be used and the standard cockade bearing will be a roundel surrounded by a blue ring.
- (ii) All A/C are to be marked with white and blue cockade on upper and lower wing surfaces and on each side of fuselage.
- (iii) Tail fins will be marked with blue and white vertical stripes with white stripe leading.

All Coys should be warned that, despite the foregoing, variations in markings of A/C are common and, on occasions, Allied machines may bear no markings at all.

DIST LIST A

ALX Frost
(H.K. FROST, Adjt 45 Aust Inf Bn)

SCHOOLS & COURSES

<u>No 3 Stretcher Bearer's</u>		<u>Written Exam</u>	<u>Practical</u>
S23595	Pte MEANEY T.F.	88%	77%
S23598	" TAYLOR G.	58%	57%
<u>No. 3 Map Reading</u>			
SX1022823	Lieut JAMES A.C.	Qualified	80%
QX3116	Sjt O'BRIEN M.S.	"	75%
<u>No. 2 Map Reading</u>			
SX21749	S/Sjt RUSBACK H.W.	"	70%

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SCHOOLS & COURSES CONTD

No. 2 Staff Duties

..ttended by SX21714 Lieut H.K. FROST
VK4914 " I.E. FUNSTON

PROMOTION

S16739 Cpl LOWE M. promoted to A/Sjt as from 25 Sep 42

REVERSION

S17391 L/Cpl POWELL M. reverted to rank of Pte (own request)

NOTICES

Pictures Educational pictures will be shown in this area tonight at 2015 hrs -- Humphrey Bogart in "THE BIG SHOT".
Lieut Parkinson will give talk at 2000 hrs at picture theatre area prior to commencement of show.

CHURCH PARADES

R.C. Mass will be celebrated 1030 hrs Sun 4 Oct, H.Q. COY area.
Bn. Church Parade 0930 hrs on oval at rear of E Coy.
Evening Church service held in Church Hut 2030 hrs.

ENTERTAINMENTS

Boxing - Boxing bouts are run every Saturday night commencing 2030 hrs in 10 Aust Inf Bn area. Any persons desirous of entering in bouts, will submit names, weight and experience to this H.Q. by 0900 hrs 2 Oct 42.

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

Army Form W.3008
(Page 1.)
(Adapted.)

Serial No 11

WE: AMF II/12/2 (prov)
INF 36 x 874
att. 2 x 6.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

43 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	I		
Majors	2		I
Captains	4		8
Lieutenants	31	II	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	38	II	9

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	HARVEY W.S.	43 Bn	I/10/42	M/In from E List.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		NIL		

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps. Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Maj. T/Lt col	SX8888	FRITH C.	CO	yes	
Capt T/Maj	NX256	HENDRY J.G.	2 1/c	"	
Capt T/Maj	WX21	MAITLAND J.A.	OC Coy	"	
Lieut	S22987	BRYSON W.C.		No	OC 3AUST INF BDE Veh Harbour
Lieut T/Capt	VX12749	DYSART A.W.	OC Coy	Yes	
Lieut	SX21716	MARSHALL S.R.		NO	LO 3Aust Inf Bde
Lieut T/Capt	NX46375	GRAY W.M.	OC Coy	yes	
Lieut	SX21718	ROBERTS S.R.A.	A/OC COY	"	
Lieut T/Capt	SX21712	DURWARD A.A.	OC Coy	"	
Lieut T/Capt	S22724	BADGEJ.H.	Q	"	
Lieut	S15685	TILLET S.D.	Sig Offr	"	
Lieut(P)	S22825	KENNEDY W.J.	Pl Comd	"	
Lieut(P)	S22910	SAINT M.E.	PL Comd	"	
Lieut (P)	S22720	BURFITT N.K.	21/c Coy	"	
Lieut (T)	SP4461	O'CONNOR C.C.	A/21/c Coy	"	
Lieut (T)	SP6449	FRITH H.G.	21/c Coy	"	
Lieut(P)	SX13363	PFEIFFER M.R.	Pl Comd	"	
Lieut(P)	SX13736	HORTON M.B.	Pl Comd	"	
Lieut(P)	SX21717	PACKER A.W.		No	LQ3 Aust Inf Bde
Lieut (P)	SX1022823	JAMES A.C.	Pl Comd	yes	
Lieut (P)	SX21714	FROST H.K. N	Adjt	"	
Lieut (P)	SX21720	WILSON L.B.	Pl Comd	"	
Lieut (P)	SX12346	JOHNSTON W.A.H.	Pl Comd	"	
Lieut(P)	SX1023548	GRIMM N.L.	Pl Comd	"	
Lieut(P)	S22728	CARTER F.H.	Pl Comd	"	
Lieut(P)	SX21719	RUSSACK E.K.	Pl Comd	Yes	
Lieut (P)	VX6125	CLARK W.D.	A/OCMCOY	"	
Lieut(P)	VX4914	FUNSTON F.G.	Pl Comd	"	
Lieut(P)	S23696	RIX C.C.	10	2	
Lieut(P)	N17446	SMITH A.R.	Pl Comd	"	
Lieut(P)	SX12112	WICHESTER W.R.	Pl Comd	"	
Lieut	N21174	BURNS W.C.	Pl Comd	"	
Lieut (P)	SX12489	KNAPPSTEIN H.	Pl Comd	"	
Lieut (P)	SX11524	HARVEY W.S.	Pl Comd	"	
Lieut	N19152	CAREY C.	Pl Comd	"	
Lieut	N44973	FRY W.	Pl Comd	"	
Lieut	N39733	BEST F.L.	Pl Comd	"	
Lieut	SX13784	BLACKER R.K.	RIXON A/TO	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	SX21715	HILL J.S.T.T.	AAMC	29/1/42	RMO
Padre	SX21715	FARMER S.H.	AACD	18/12/41	Chaplain

43 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

3 Oct

(Date of Despatch.)

J. Hendry
(Signature of Commander.)

3 Aust Inf Bde

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

Serial No **II** **43 Aust Inf Bn** (Unit) **3 Oct 42** 19 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	I		I
W.Os. Class II.	5		2
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		I
Staff Serjeants			I
Serjeants	40		I
Corporals	78		8
Troopers, Privates, &c.	615		116
TOTALS	744	*	* 130

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail. att against WE	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail. other att	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
I Sjt	AAPE		
I Sjt	AAOC		
I Sjt	AA Postal Service	I WO II, 2 Sjts	2/8 Aust Inf Bn
I Sjt	AAMC (Hygiene)	2 Cpls	
		I Pte	
		I Pte	3 Aust Inf Bde.

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers		I	Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		7
Carpenter and Joiner		5	Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks		I	Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		10
Cooks		5	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		I
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering,		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.		I	Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		14	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers		I	Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
								46
						WO I		I
						WO II		2
						S/Sjts		I
						CQMS		I
						Sjts		I
						Cpls		8
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		27			28	Riflemen		70

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

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43 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

Signature of Commander.

3 Aust Inf Bde

Date of Despatch... 3 Oct 42

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

War Diary

43 Aust Inf Bn., Rifle Coy Trg Syllabus Week Ending 4 Oct 42 To include A/A

	0630-0700	0800-0900	0905-0955	1000-1050	1105-1200	1330-1425 - 1430-1525	1535-1630	Remarks	1900		
Mon 28	Arms Drill		Bayonet Lesson 1	Rifle Care & clg	Rifle T.O.R.T.	Demo and practice Use of Cover					
Tues 29										EXERCISE FORTRESS	
Wed 30											
Thur 1	P.T. Muscle Exercises Squad and Inspection	Coy Adm Parades and Inspection	A Tk Rifle L1 "A" Coy	L.M.G. T.O.E.T.	L.M.G. T.O.E.T.	Individual Stalk developing from Liberty Equality or Fraternity Gps	SMOKO	Respirator Drill Obs Course	A Tk Rifle will be passed in order A E D HQ B from 0900-1530 Pictures		
Fri 2			A Tk Rifle L 3/4 A	Rifle Trigger Pres Mech	SMOKO Rifle T.O.E.T.	Sec Stalk Trinity Formation		Obstacle Course Firing from hip	As above for A Tk Rifle	Lecture "Patrol reports Written & Verbal. Lieut WILLSON	
Sat 3			Bayonet L 2/4	L.M.G. T.O.E.T.	Rifle T.O.E.T.	Pl patrol with compass, written reports by Pl & Sec Comds Verbal reports by riflemen		1600-1630 Obstacle Course			
			Duty Company Roster to Mount 1800 hrs								
			29 Sep		Coy E			Syllabus missed while duty company will be carried out on this day.			
			30 "		" A						
			1 Oct		" B						
			2 "		" C						
			3 "		" D						
			4 "		HQ						
Sun 4	Church Parade		REST DAY								

- Note:
- (a) Smoke discussions (1) Camouflage (2) Tk Hunting (3) Booby Traps (4) Use of Snipers (5) Use of I Sec pers.
 - (b) Records of all T.O.E.T.'s. will be kept and submitted to Bn HQ by 0900 hrs 4 Oct.
 - (c) Inspections to include arms, skin, camp lines daily and respirator, boots, eqpt, clothing etc once a week.
 - (d) Lessons on wpns will finish with 5 mins strengthening and quickening exs.

(e) The following pers who are det on duty as shown will not carry out syllabus.
 1 offr 23 OR ex B Coy (119 A.G.H.) 1 offr 30 OR ex D Coy (Adv HQ) 1 offr 17 OR ex D Coy (salvage Darwin)
 TOTAL 3 offr 70 OR

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43 AUST INF BN MOVEMENT ORDER No. 2

Ref Map DARWIN 1" to 4 ml.

1. The 43 Aust. Inf. Bn. will move to FORTRESS AREA on 5 Oct. 42 for the purpose of improving the defences of the FORTRESS. (Movement Table on back)
2. Bivouac areas-- BN. H.Q. H.Q. COY B C E COYS, A/Ttr. - BAGOT HOSPITAL
A COY - VESTEYS MEAT WORKS
D COY - EAST POINT

ADM

3. Dress-- Shorts, shirts felt hats will be worn, and steel helmets carried when moving in FORTRESS area. Respirators will be taken to FORTRESS but will NOT be taken on jobs. Rifles and equipment will be carried at all times. Care must be taken to ensure arms are not lost or damaged. Shirts will NOT be removed except while doing manual labour, swimming or resting in unit lines, and then only on the express permission of an offr.
4. P.A.D.-- Coy comds will allot dispersal areas to tps and ensure that all tps are familiar with them. Slit trenches will be dug in Bivouac area.
5. Lights--Lights are allowed inside buildings but care must be taken to see that no lights show out to sea, and that all lights are shaded so that light is not visible from outside the building.
6. Bounds--All buildings and Coastal Defences are out of bounds to tps except when on duty. Parties are allowed in the town of DARWIN when in charge of an offr or N.C.O.
7. Looting--Removal of any article from a building without permission is looting and disciplinary action will be taken against any offenders.
8. Recreation--Pictures--will be notified later
Salvation Army Hut--Situatd at LARRAKEEYAH
Inter-Church Club --Located in SMITH ST.
9. Canteen--The Unit canteen will be available. Details to be issued later.
10. Reveille, 5 Oct. 42-- 0615 hrs. Breakfast 0715 hrs.
Cut lunch will be carried.

INTERCOMM

11. No. 1 Pl to man and maintain lines between BnH.Q. and Coys. Also to lay line to Adv Bde. H.Q.

Serial No 12.
WE: AMF II/12/2
36 x 874
att 2 x 6.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

43 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	I		
Majors	2		I
Captains	4		8
Lieutenants	31	II	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	38	II	9

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit	or	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
				Nil		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit	or	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
				Nil		

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Maj. Lt col	SX8885	FRITH C.	CO	yes	
Capt. T/Maj	WX256	HENDRY J.G.	2 1/c	"	
Capt. T/Maj	WX21	HATFIELD J.A.	OC Coy	"	
Lieut	822987	BRYSON W.C.		No	OC 3 Aust Inf Bde
Lieut. T/Capt	VX12749	DYBART A.W.	OC Coy	yes	Veh Harbour
Lieut	SX21716	MARSHALL S.R.		No	LO 3 Aust Inf Bde
Lieut. T/Capt	WX16375	GRAY W.H.	OC Coy	yes	
Lieut	SX21718	ROBERTS S.R.A.	OC Coy	"	
Lieut. T/Capt	SX21712	DURWARD A.A.		No	Det. ARD- Mataranka
Lieut. T/Capt	822724	BADGE J.H.		yes	
Lieut	845685	TILLET S.D.	1g Offr	"	
Lieut	822825	KENNEDY W.J.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut (P)	822910	SAINI H.B.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut (P)	822720	BURFITT H.K.	A/21/c Coy	"	
Lieut (P)	84461	O'CONNOR C.C.	A/21/c Coy	"	
Lieut (P)	8449	FRITH H.G.	2 1/c Coy	"	
Lieut (P)	SX13363	DEWINTER H.R.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut (P)	SX13736	HORTON H.B.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut (P)	SX21717	PACKER A.W.		No	LO 3 Aust Inf Bde
Lieut (P)	822623	JAMES A.C.	P1 Comd	yes	
Lieut (P)	SX21714	FROST H.K.	Adjc	"	
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Lieut (P)	SX21719	RUSSACK H.K.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut (P)	VX6123	CLARK W.D.	A/OC Coy	"	
Lieut (P)	VX1914	FURSTON F.G.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut (P)	823696	RIX C.C.	IO	"	
Lieut	817446	SMITH A.R.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut (P)	SX12112	WHEELER W.R.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut	821174	BURNS W.C.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut (P)	SX12480	KRAFFTSTEIN H.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut (P)	SX11524	HARVEY W.S.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut	819152	GARRY C.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut	814973	FRY W.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut	839733	BEST P.L.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut	SX13784	BALOGH R.E.	A/TO	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt Padre	SX21715	HILL J.S.T.T.	AANC	29/1/42	RMO
	SX21713	FAIRER S.H.	AAGD	18/12/41	Chaplain

43 Aust Inf Bn.

(Unit.)

10 Oct 42

(Date of Despatch.)

W. K. ...
(Signature of Commander.)

3 Aust Inf Bde

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

Serial No 12. 43 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 10 Oct 42 1942 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	I		I
W.Os. Class II.	5		2
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		I
Staff Serjeants			I
Serjeants	40		I
Corporals	79		7
Troopers, Privates, &c.	613		178
TOTALS	743	*	* 131

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail. att against WE:	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail. Other Att	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
I Sjt	AAPC	I Pte	3 Aust Inf Bde.
I Sjt	AAOC		
I Sjt	AA Postal Service		
I Sjt	AAMC (hygiene)		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers		I	Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		7
Carpenter and Joiner		5	Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks		I	Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks		5	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		I
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.		I	Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		14	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators		4	Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheeler		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers		I	Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					46
								I
								2
								I
								I
								I
								7
								72
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		27			28			131

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

43 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

Lt col

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 10 Oct 42

3 Aust Inf Bde
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY ORDER

Copy to 19 ^{160A}

Movement Order - 43 Aust Inf Bn.

Ref Map DARWIN and MIVINONS 1 ins to 1 ml.

1. 43 Aust Inf Bn will pass from coal Frc Coal at 1200 hrs 19 Oct 42 and will return to unit camp areas.
2. ROUTE: NORTH AUST RD.
3. BP June NORTH AUST RD - RAAF RD (4.3 mls)
4. SPEED 15 MPH
5. DISTRICT 10 VEH Drs will be warned that this interval.
5. Traffic control - Check points will be established by 27 Aust Inf Bn as follows:
 - (a) X rds - NORTH AUST RD - MIVINONS RD (8.3 mls)
 - (b) ELIZABETH RIVER crossing (25.3 mls)
 - (c) HANCOCK FORD (42.5 mls)
 - (d) RP will establish traffic control at June NORTH AUST-BAGOT RD for 43 Bn A ech vehs only.

Lending vehicle

"A" coy will pass June NORTH AUST-BAGOT RD 2 mins before BP

A and B Coys will merge at 804413. BAGOT gp will move at 1300 hrs.

6. TP TP2 - AASC ty carrying vehs will report coy lines 1200 hrs. Allotment vehicles is as move to present location less one for H.O. Coy. Coy guides will report 1400 hrs. to T.O. at tyt lines and will move to post 100 yds east NORTH AUST-BAGOT rd June to pick up coy vehs.

Order of march: A, B, BHC, HQ, A TK, C, E, B.

7 MARCH TABLE

Serial No.	Unit	Time past					
		BP	CP(e)	CP(b)	CP(c)	CP(d)	
1	43 Aust Inf Bn A Ech	Head	1330	1316	1424	1532	1258
		Tail	1316	1332	1440	1548	1314
2	27 Aust Inf Bn A Ech						
3	2 sec 23 M Coy						
4	43 Aust Inf Bn B Ech	Head	1342	1358	1506	1614	1340
		Tail	1348	1404	1512	1620	1346
5	27 Aust Inf Bn B Ech						
6	HQ 3 Aust Inf Bdn						

DISTRIBUTION LIST B

J.K. Brook
Adjt 43 Aust Inf Bn. Lieut.

91 2820

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Please quote this number when replying.

Darwin
Head-Quarters

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

43 AUST INF BN
ADM ORDER NO. 3

SECRET ✓
Copy No.....
11 Oct 42

Ref Maps: DARWIN 1 ins to 1 ml - Sheet 5
DARWIN 4 ins to 1 ml
PINE CK. 4 mls to 1 ins (overlay)

INFWM

1. A tactical ex with tps will be held in BYHOE BAY and DALY RIVER area on 12/15 Oct 42.
2. Object of ex is to test mobility of field force and physical fitness of all ranks.
3. Tps taking part - Enemy Force - 3 Aust Inf Bde Gp plus
6 Aust Div Cav Regt
Home Forces - 19 & 23 Aust Inf Bdes
4. Aircraft - R.A.A.F. will be supplied with full details of the movement and disposition of tps at all times to enable pilots to gain experience in identifying various inf formations. NOTE - all aircraft will be treated as hostile
5. Dress - Shorts, shirts, battle order, trousers K.D. carried.
Enemy will wear steel helmets.
Home Forces - Hats khaki fur.
Blankets will NOT be carried. Ground sheets will be carried in haversack. Mosquito nets will be carried. Camflg nets will be carried on all vehs.
6. Stimulation of fire - as for previous exs.
All ball arm will be withdrawn from vehs prior to ex, and carried on Coy vehs.
Coy vehs will also carry boxed 1000 rds per LMG/LMG and 50 rounds ball arm reserve for use in an emergency only.

OFFICERS' PISTOLS WILL NOT BE LOADED.

INTERCOM

7. All W/T (ex) traffic will be in clear. Key net & Co system will be used. Place name will NOT be used.
8. During ex following distinguishing letters for map sheets will be:-

DARWIN 4 mls to 1 ins	Sheet 1
DARWIN & ENVIRONS 1 ml to 1 ins	Sheet 5
PINE CK (overlay) 4 mls to 1 ins	" 2
	" 3
9. Messages will be delivered by quickest method at all times. Any traffic having Op value as opposed to ex traffic will have words "Switch on" at beginning of text.
10. Correct vtm and nih will be maintained at all times. When horn is sounded, drivers will pull clear of rd or track and allow veh to pass. Leading veh will be responsible for clearing route at all times.
11. Either of the following code names will be used for the Bn.H.Q. PANI or FATC.
Coys will be designated by addition of the letter A, B, C, D, E, H to bn name.
e.g. C Coy 43 bn - PANI C or FATC C.
12. All previous code instns are cancelled.
For deception purposes, either of the above names may be used.

(2)

RATIONS

13. Hot meals will be provided by B ech as follows:
Monday evening
Tues morning (will be early and must be on time)
Tues evening
Wed "
14. 3 days reserve rations plus one days emergency will be carried, of which one days reserve and the emergency ration will be carried on the man.
15. Unit will return to normal rations as from 16 Oct 42.

WATER POINTS

16. Monday - 3 Bde - WH at 745750 (ex sheet 2) East
CHARLOTTE R. June
Wednesday BLACKFELLOW CREEK 055033 (ex sheet 3)

MEDICAL

17. 1 N.C.O. & 8 OR plus 1 amm truck will be att to unit.
Pers will NOT indulge in swimming in lagoons or WH without permission of CO.
One salt tablet will be used per water bottle.

SECURITY

18. (a) Air sentries will be posted and slit trenches dug whenever halted.
(b) Special attention will be paid to sentries. They must always be alert and on the job.
(c) At all times Coys will maintain patrols and will maintain contact with adjoining Coys.
(d) Fires will NOT be lit unless authorised by BnHQ.

MOVEMENT

19. Coys will be ready at all times to move at very short notice.

CAMP SITE

20. Camp sites will be left clean at all times. All rubbish will be buried.

POSTAL

21. Postal facilities will NOT be available during ex.

RECOVERY

22. Every effort will be made to remove veh casualties immediately from main rds and tracks; drivers taking every precaution to prevent blockage of vital L of C.

Time of signature 1800 hrs.

H.K. Frost
.....Lieut,
(H.K. FROST, Adjt 43 Aust Inf Bn)

DIST LIST B

162.
43 Aust. Inf. Bn.,
AUSTRALIA.
13 OCT 42.

Location Statement of 43 Aust. Inf. Bn.
As at 1200 hrs. 13 Oct 42.

Ref ~~Map~~: BACHELOR 1" to 1 mile.

UNIT	LOCATION	MILEAGE	UNDER COMD.	PROJECTED MOVES & REMARKS
43 Aust. Inf. Bn.	138448	53½		D Coy and portion E Coy total 5 Offr. 115 O.R's. to KOOLPINYAH 14 OCT 42.
	Veh. Harbour	78		1 Offr. 19 O.R's.
	3 Aust. Inf. Bde. (137486)	51½		2 N.C.O's 24 O.R's.
	BACHELOR			22 O.R's. to return to 53½ mile 18 OCT 42.

Lt. col.
Comd. 43 Aust. Inf. Bn.

War diary

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

43 AUST INF BN TRG INSTN

14 Oct 42

- 1. Night trg commences night 14/15 Oct 42.
- 2. Syllabus as set for night Fri 16/17 Oct will be carried out on night 14/15 Oct. Amended syllabus will be distributed.
- 3. Tps will rest between 1400-1800 hrs 14 Oct 42.

4. Following is amended time table :-

Reveille	-	1800 hrs
Sick pde	-	1815
Evening meal	-	1900
Pde	-	2000
Midnight meal	-	0100-0200
Pde	-	0200
Dismissal Pde	-	0700
Sick pde	-	0730
Morning meal	-	0800

- 5. Organised sleep will take place between 1100-1800 hrs. During this period tps will NOT be allowed to make any noise nor indulge in recreation. If unable to sleep they will lay down and rest quietly.
- 6. No lights or smoking during trg periods. Orderly rooms may have lights to carry out essential duties.

H K Frost
.....Lieut,

DIST LIST A.

(H.K. FROST, Adjt 43 Aust Inf Bn)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Lt.col. C. FRITH

Comd. 43 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(242-255)

Serial 9

15 Oct. 42

242 CLOTHING COUPONS

Personnel desiring to send clothing coupons to their parents etc. may do so by signing ACCF F12 (pro forma). This will be done in the presence of the Coy Comd who will see that coupons are pasted on the proforma. Coupons will be valueless to persons to whom sent unless above procedure is carried out. Coy comd will identify personnel by means of pay books when coupons are being forwarded. Pro formas are available at coy ord. rooms.

243 CONTROLLED STORES (see also 248)

Binoculars or compasses will be returned to Q.M. before personnel transfer from the Unit.

244 PROTECTION OF ARTICLES AGAINST WHITE ANTS

Articles such as kit bags, tents or flys not in immediate use, and storage boxes, will be ruined by white ants if left lying on the ground. All personnel will therefore ensure that such articles are raised from the ground. Coys will inspect coy stores and take action to ensure all stores are protected in this way.

245 BICYCLES - REPAIR AND CARE OF

The condition of coy bicycles leaves much to be desired. Whilst it is realised that difficulty is experienced in obtaining spare parts, much of the trouble arises through lack of proper attention and maintenance. Coys. will construct shelters for bicycles under which shelter the bicycle will be kept when not in use.

246 TELEPHONES - PROCEDURE AND USE OF

The following points will be observed by all personnel using phones:

- (1) Conversations will NOT exceed 3 mins.
- (11) When calling a higher offr or formation the practice of allowing switchboard operator to contact the offr required and then ring back to the caller, who may not then be available, is incorrect. The person making the call will always be on the line first.
- (111) Sigs are NOT responsible for calling back and if a line is engaged, it is the duty of the caller to ring switchboard later.

247 RETURNS - LATE ARRIVAL OF

Returns are still being fwded late. When a return is called for coys will ensure they are submitted on time. When, through some happening, returns cannot be complied with by the time stated, BNHQ will be notified and an extension of time obtained.

248 CONTROLLED STORES

When any controlled stores are received from Ord Depot, G Branch NT Force will be advised by signal. The signal will be rptd to 3 Bde for information.

249 BISCUIT TINS - RETURNABLE CONTAINERS

All biscuit tins are urgently required by AASC. Coys will arrange for return to Q.M. of all such tins as early as possible.

250 COORD OF TPT

In order to conserve petrol, it is essential that coys observe the system of co-ordination of tpt. No vehicle will move outside bn area without obtaining permission to do so by T.O. who will first obtain permission from Bdc. T.O. When seeking permission from T.O. the following information will be forwarded:

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| (a) Time and date of leaving | (b) Destination |
| (c) Purpose | (d) Weight of load |
| (e) Type of vehicle | (f) No. of per. |

Coys will submit tpt requirements to T.O. a day preceding use of vehicle.

Coys may be required to carry goods and/or personnel for other coys. Failure to obtain T.O. approval to move out of bn area will be a breach of discipline. This instrn does NOT apply to water lorries travelling to COOMALIE CREEK.

251 CLOTHING

The practice of cutting the sleeves or portion of the sleeves from shirts is contrary to orders. Coys will take disciplinary action against pers guilty of contravening these orders.

252. CARRYING OF WPNS

The following instrn is issued:

- (i) Many instances are still being observed of tps going about with ut their rifles. It must be impressed on all tps, irrespective of what arm of the service they belong or what their duties are, that to become divorced from their arms is courtting death at Japanese hands.
- (ii) It is dangerous to rely on having sufficient warning of a Japanese attack to enable pers to collect their arms from wherever they happen to be.
- (iii) The only safe and reasonable policy to follow, therefore, is to have the rifle or revolver on the man all the time.
- (iv) The practice of covering up rifles with dust coverings must also cease. In the event of unexpected attack the rifle cannot be brought into action with sad results to the owner. It is better to spend 10 mins. a day in cleaning the rifle and giving oneself a reasonable chance of firing that rifle at a Japanese than to take the risk of being defenceless for the time it takes to remove the dust coverings. No Japanese will wait that period before he strikes.
- (v) Tps must train themselves to be ready at all times to meet surprise attacks by the Japanese.
- (vi) It is the responsibility of all oftrs and NCO's to assist in ensuring that this order is obeyed.

253 RIFLES, CLEANING OF

The attention of all comds is directed to the fact that whilst there is a shortage of rifle oil, there is no shortage of oil suitable for cleaning rifles. DD20 will be used whenever rifle oil is not available.

254 MOVEMENT ON NORTH AUST RD.

The practice of personnel walking along the NORTH AUST RD at night is extremely dangerous. There are side tracks parallel to NORTH AUST RD on each side of the rd throughout the Bdc. area. These will be used. When entertainments are held in this area, the practice is especially dangerous, and the bn RP will be instructed to report the names and nos. of personnel using this road in defiance of this order.

255 CLERKS

Many openings exist for suitable pers in unit and formation HQ as clerks. Applications are invited from pers with rank up to Cpl. with clerical experience, stating the following particulars.

- (a) Age
- (b) Civil clerical experience
- (c) Typing qualifications
- (d) Shorthand qualifications (if any)
- (e) Army clerical experience (if any)
- (f) Present posn in coy

Clerical appointments carry Trade Gp III specialist pay, and provide excellent opportunities for promotion
Coys. will fwd list of all applicants received to BnHQ by ²¹⁰⁰~~1800~~ hrs 16 Oct. 42.

M. K. Frost
Lieut.
Adj. 43 Aust. Inf Bn.

SCHOOLS AND COURSES

No. 3 A/tk and A/Personnel Mines

QX4851	W.O.II	MORRIS,	V.J.B.	80%
SX21754	Sjt.	SPURLING,	R.J.	65%

No. 5 Field Works Course

S24054	Cpl.	LIPSETT,	N.	89%
S27096	L/Cpl.	STIRLING,	R.	42%
S17391	L/Cpl.	POWELL,	M.	58%

No. 2 Map Reading

SX1023580	Sjt.	HASKELL,	P.L.	74%
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No. 2 Hygiene

S24440	Pte.	TONKIN,	A.E.	69%
S23436	"	MAY	V.A.	53%

No. 6 Field Works

S23979	A/Cpl.	SHEPHERD,	M.H.	61%	77%	Good
S23307	Cpl.	EVANS,	D.M.	66%	77%	"

No. 1 Inf A/Tk.

SX12348	Lieut	JOHNSTON	W.A.	95%
S19987	A/Sjt	WOOLLACOTT	L.S.	89%
VX9101	Sjt	McKIE	R.J.	74%
SX21748	L/Sjt	OLSEN	A.J.	78%

No. 1 D & M Instructors

S25957	Sjt	BRAZIER	R.F.	75%
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R.C. MASS - Sunday 18 Oct, H.Q. Coy area 0815 hrs

Serial No 13
WE: AMF II/12/2
36 x 874
att 2 x 6.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

43 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	I		
Majors	2		I
Captains	3		9
Lieutenants	31	II	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	37	II	10

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		NIL		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt.	DURWARD A.A.	43 Bn NIL	8/10/42	Seconded A.R.D. NATARANKA

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.
(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Maj./Lt col	SX8888	FRITH G.	CO	yes	
Capt. T/Maj	NX256	HENDRY J.G.	2 1/c	"	
" T/Maj	WX21	WATLAND J.A.	OC Coy	"	
Lieut	S22987	BRYSON W.C.		No	OC 3 Aust Inf Bde Veh Harbour
Lieut T/Capt	VX12749	DYBART A.W.	OC Coy	yes	
Lieut	SX21716	MARSHALL S.R.		No	LO 3 Aust Inf Bde
Lieut T/Capt	NX46375	GRAY W.H.	OC Coy	yes	
Lieut	SX21718	ROBERTS S.R.A.	A/OC Coy	"	
Lieut T/Capt	SX21719	FRITH G.	CO	"	
Lieut T/Capt	S22724	BADGER J.H.	QI.	"	
Lieut	S15685	TILLET S.D.	SIG OFFR	"	
Lieut	S22825	KENNEDY W.J.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut (P)	S22910	SAINT H.B.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut (P)	S22720	BURFETT H.K.	A.21/c Coy	"	
Lieut (P)	SP 4461	O'CONNOR C.C.	A/21/c Coy	"	
Lieut (P)	SP 6449	FRITH H.G.	A/OC Coy	"	
Lieut (P)	SX15363	PRELIPPER H.R.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut (P)	SX15736	HORTON M.B.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut (P)	SX21717	PACKER A.W.		No	LO 3 Aust Inf Bde
Lieut (P)	S22823	JAMES A.C.	P1 Comd	yes	
Lieut (P)	SX21714	FROST H.K.	AdjT	"	
Lieut (P)	SX21720	WILLSON L.B.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut (P)	SX12346	JOHNSTON W.A.H.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut (P)	S23548	GRIMM H.L.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut (P)	S22728	CARTER F.H.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut (P)	SX21719	RUSSACK B.L.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut (P)	VX6125	CLARK W.D.	A/OC Coy	"	
Lieut (P)	VX4914	FURSTON P.G.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut (P)	S23696	RIX C.C.	IO	"	
Lieut (P)	N17446	SMITH A.R.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut (P)	SX12112	WINGHAMSTER W.R.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut (P)	N21174	BURNS W.C.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut (P)	SX12480	KNAPPSTEIN H.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut (P)	SX11524	HARVEY W.S.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut	N19152	CAREY C.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut	N1973	FRY W.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut	N39733	BEST P.L.	P1 Comd	"	
Lieut	SX15784	BLACKER R.K.	A/IO	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	SX21715	HILL J.S.T.T.	AANC	29/1/42	RMO
Padre	SX21713	FARMER S.H.	AACD	18/12/41	Chaplain

43 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

17 Oct 42

(Date of Despatch.)

G. Frith

Lt col

(Signature of Commander.)

3 Aust Inf Bde

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Date) 19

UNIT WITH PERSONNEL

(To be furnished by the Headquarters of the unit)

WO II SJTS CPLS CQMS PTES
4 12 17 1 51

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments)
W.O.s Class I	1		1
W.O.s Class II	2		2
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	2		1
Staff Serjeants			1
Serjeants	24		9
Corporals	77		9
Troopers, Privates, &c.	602		129
TOTALS	727		142

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong	Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong
I 832	4th Div	I 832	2nd Div
I 833	4th Div		
I 834	4th Div		
I 835	4th Div		
I 836	4th Div		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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

43 AUST INF BN MOVEMENT ORDER No. 3SECRET
COPY No. 222
17 Oct. 42

Ref. Maps DARWIN 4 mls to 1 ins - Ex Sheet 1
 DARWIN & ENVIRONS
 Sheet 5 1 ins to 1 ml- Ex Sheet 2
 PINE CREEK (OVERLAY) 4 mls to 1 in Ex Sheet 3
 PINE CREEK STRAT AREA (tracing
 part sheets 2 & 6
 1 ins to 1 ml. Ex Sheet 4

INTENTION

1. 3 Aust. Inf Bde will move initially to TUMBLING WATERS (9271) and occupy a bivouac area.

METHOD

2. 43 Aust. Inf. Bn. will move on 17 Oct. in accordance with march table. Coys will embuss in areas for movement NORTH

ADJ

3. Coys will send guides to report to T.O. near IN sign at 0850 hrs 17 Oct.
4. A ech vehicles will move to embussing areas by 0900 hrs. B Ech will move to usual R.V. by 0900 hrs.
5. Rations--(a) on the man- Cut lunch 17 Oct.; One days emergency ration; One days hard ration.
 (b) Two days battle ration with B Ech tpt
 (c) Normal rations delivered to B Ech in bivouac area for consumption Sun and Mon 18-19 Oct.
6. Working Parties--Pers of KOOLPINYAH working party and BACHELOR patrol will join coys at bivouac area by 1700 hrs. 18 Oct under Bde arrangements.
7. Personal eqpt--Mosquito nets will be rolled in ground sheet and carried by all ranks. Blankets will NOT be taken.
8. Ann--All ball ann will be withdrawn from pers prior to the ex and carried in A Ech tpt.
9. B Ech--To move with unit as per march table. Will be bded prior to commencement of ex under later instns.
10. Medical--One amb wagon plus pers. will report to bn at 0900 hrs.

INTERCOMM

11. W/T Sets--One no. 11 set is allotted to this bn.
12. Codes--As for previous ex. (Unit names and tactical)

DEBUSSING PARTY

13. One personnel from each coy will report to LIEUT. CAREY at Bn.H.Q. at 0900. This party will act as debussing party, and will move as per March table.

(OVER)

MARCH TABLE

Route: from embussing areas to SP thence via NORTH AUST RD to rd junc at 081830, to rd junc at 948717 thence to bivouac area 915725

Speed and density: (a) on tracks- 10 MPH 10 VPM
(b) On rds - 15 MPH 7 VPM

A catching up speed of 15 and 20 mph on tracks and rds respectively will be observed. No vehs in the coln will under any circumstances exceed these speeds.

SP - CP 9

Traffic control. (a) Regt police will be bded and report to SO at HQ 3 Aust Inf Bde at 0900 hrs. 17 Oct.
(b) Regt police will revert to bn on order of SO on completion of move.

Serial No.	Unit	Time past Check Points						
		ST	CP8	CP4	CP3	CP9		
1.	43 Aust Inf Bn A Ech	Head	0921	0930	0939	0955	1000	
		Tail					1020	
2.	43 Aust Inf Bn B Ech	Head	0944	0953	1002	1018	1025	1032
3.	10 Aust Inf Bn							

Check Points-- CP 8 OUT track 2 Sec 23 Fd Coy
CP 4 WEST TRACK
CP 3 junc north-south parallel track and NORTH AUST RD.
CP 9 west side of NORTH AUST RD 7/10 mls north of CP 3

T.O. will move bn from embussing areas.

H K Frost Lieut.
Adj. 43 Aust Inf Bn.

War Diary

AMENDED SYLLABUS

43 AUST INF BN TRG SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 18 OCT 42
(To include H.Q. Coy)

		2000 2100	2100 2145	2145 2200	2200 2300	2300 2400	2400 0100	0100 0200	0200 0300	0300 0345	0345 0400	0400 0500	0500 0600	0600 0700
Wed	14	Silent movement crawling & sound (instn & tests)	Use of compass Lec & demo	S M O K O	Individ ual stalk competition	Sentries posting & action by night Practice in challenge	Compass march max no of teams dependant on issue of compass	M E A L	Sec stalk	Keep- ing direct- ion by stars A.T.M 13	S M O K O	Recce patrol with attent- ion to secur- ity	ditto	obstacle & assault course
Thurs	15	2000 2030 Night march from present posn to area 139448	Ref Map BATCHELOR AD/RIVER 1" - 1 ml attention to be given to silence	2030 2300 Rec Trg	Wpn Trg	Tool drill			Pl patrol			Discuss ion of patrols & reports	Negotion of obstacles	
Fri	16	Demo of 1 Dist- ance MT wheeled tracked can be heard 2 Dist lights etc can be seen	Keeping direct- ion by stars Tests		Pl Fighting Patrol Mortars - night firing drill. Pnr pl- night wiring Carrs- veh harbouring Sigs- Lucas lamp Tpt- convoy driving				Verbal reports on result of pat- rol HQ Coy as prev ious lesson	Digging wpn pits & camouflaging		P & RT include games requir- ing ears, eyes, etc.	obstacle course	

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Sat 17

One night will be a Bde snap move and coys will be ready at all times to move at short notice.

Sun 18

R E S T D A Y .

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

43 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		1
Captains	3		2
Lieutenants	31	11	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	37	11	10

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		NIL		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		NIL		

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps. appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Maj T/Lt-col	SX8888	FRITH C.	CO.	yes	
Capt T/Maj	WX256	HENDRY J.G. X	2 1/c	no	School PI CAMPERS
T/Maj	WX24	MATLAND J.A.	OC Coy	no	OC 3 Aust Inf Bde
Lieut	S22987	BRYSON W.C.		no	Veh Harbour
Lieut T/Capt	VX12749	DYSART A.W.	OC Coy	yes	
Lieut	SX21716	MARSHALL S.R.		no	LO 3 Aust Inf Bde
Lieut T/Capt	WX6375	GRAY W.H. +	OC Coy	no	School WHEELER
Lieut	SX21718	ROBERTS S.R.A.	OC Coy	yes	
Lieut T/Capt	S22724	BADGE J.H.	OC		
Lieut	S15665	FILBERT S.D.	Sig Offr		
Lieut	S22825	KENNEDY W.J.	PI Cond		
Lieut (P)	S22910	SAINT H.E.	PI Cond		
Lieut (P)	S22720	BURFITT H.K.	2 1/c Coy		
Lieut (T)	SP4461	O'CONNOR C.C.	2 1/c Coy		
Lieut (T)	SP6449	FRITH H.C.	OC Coy		
Lieut (P)	SX13363	PRIPPER H.R.	PI Cond		
Lieut (P)	SX13736	HORTON H.B.	PI Cond		
Lieut (P)	SX21717	PACARI A.W.		no	LO 3 Aust Inf Bde
Lieut (P)	S22823	JAMES A.C.	PI Cond	yes	
Lieut (P)	SX21714	FROST H.A.	Adjt		
Lieut (P)	SX21720	WILLSON L.B. +	PI Cond	no	119 A.C.H.
Lieut (P)	SX12345	JOHNSTON W.A.H.	PI Cond	yes	
Lieut (P)	S23548	GRIM H.L.	PI Cond		
Lieut (P)	S22723	CARRER F.H.	PI Cond		
Lieut (P)	SX21719	RUSSACK H.L.	PI Cond		
Lieut (P)	V16125	CLARK W.D.	OC Coy		
Lieut (P)	VX4914	FUNSTON P.G.	PI Cond		
Lieut (P)	S23696	RIX C.C.	T.O.		
Lieut	M7446	SMITH A.R.	PI Cond		
Lieut (P)	SX12112	WINCHESTER W.R.	PI Cond		
Lieut	M21174	BURNS W.C.	PI Cond		
Lieut (P)	SX12430	KNAPPSTEIN H.	PI Cond		
Lieut (P)	SX11524	HARVEY W.S.	PI Cond		
Lieut	M19152	CARBY C.	PI Cond		
Lieut	M4973	FRY W.	PI Cond		
Lieut	M9733	BEST F.L.	PI Cond		
Lieut	SX13784	BLACKER R.L.	T.O.		

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	SX21715	HILL J.S.T.T.	A.A.M.C.	29/1/42	R.M.O.
Padro	SX21713	FARMER S.H.	A.A.C.D.	18/12/41	Chaplain

43 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

24 Oct 42

(Date of Despatch.)

B. Hill

Lt-col

(Signature of Commander.)

3 Aust Inf Bde

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

(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

FIELD RETURN NUMBERED VIA

(Date) 19 4

(Unit) 12

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments)
W.O. Class I			
W.O. Class II			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Corporals			
Coopers, Privates, &c.			
TOTALS			

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3003.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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

Australian Military Forces—7th Military District

Please quote this Number when replying.

Empty rectangular box for filing number.

Head-Quarters,
Darwin.

43 Aust. Inf. Bn.
AUSTRALIA.
28 OCT 42.

Location Statement of 43 Aust. Inf. Bn.
As at 1200 hrs. 28 OCT. 42.

Ref Map: BACHELOR 1" to 1 mile.

UNIT	LOCATION	MILEAGE	UNDER COMD.	PROJECTED MOVES AND REMARKS.
43 Aust. Inf. Bn.	138448	53½		Bde mortar and arty dems 116505 28 OCT 42.
	Veh. Harbour	78		1 offr. 19 O.R's.
	BERRY SPRINGS			C Coy 4 offr. 89 O.R's. A " 8 "

Headst Lieut adjt
for Lt. col.
Comd. 43 Aust. Inf. Bn.
A.O.O.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS (256 - 271)

by (256 - 271)

Lt-col C. FRITH

Comd 43 Aust Inf Bn

Serial 10

29 Oct 42

256 SEASONAL LEAVE

Applications for seasonal leave will not in future be accepted by this H.Q. in view of the provisions of G.R.C. 199 (4) (f) which reads:- "Leave may be cancelled at any time, and personnel must be able to rejoin their unit within 24 hrs of receipt of notification of recall." This will not exclude applications for leave without pay to attend to a soldier's own farm or station property in circumstances of great personal hardship.

257 CONSERVATION OF FOODSTUFFS.

1. Owing to the shortage of potato supplies, and in order to prevent waste of protective foods by troops generally, every effort will be made to conserve this valuable food.
2. In this regard potatoes will not be peeled before cooking but will be scrubbed clean, bad portions, if any, cut out, and then cooked in their jackets.

258 AIR TRAVEL - EXCESS BAGGAGE

1. Attention of all ranks is directed to Bn R.O. Order 174 of 14 Aug.
2. Many instances have occurred where these instns have not been complied with, and the cost of excess baggage has been debited to the pay book of the member concerned.
3. Where application for excess baggage has been approved, Movement Control will advise unit concerned to that effect.
4. In such instances movement orders will be endorsed "Excess baggage ... lbs, authorised by G.O.C. N.T. Force."

259 ARMS & EQUIPMENT OF PERSONNEL ON TRANSFER

The undermentioned items of arms, clothing and equipment will not be taken by personnel transferring out of N.T. Force, but with the exception of binoculars and compasses, will be retained by personnel concerned in all inter-unit transfers including personnel being re-allotted within N.T. Force:-

- Rifles, S.M.L.E.
- Capes, waterproof.
- Nets, mosquito.
- Binoculars, prismatic (all types)
- Compasses, liquid and prismatic (all types)

260 REMITTANCES

1. The following arrangements for handling remittances to civilian remittes are now in force:-

- (a) remittance of cash.
 - (b) remittances of undrawn pay not exceeding \$25
These remittances are paid through the Comd Paymaster's bank account. Cheques are despatched to remittes by air mail within 24 hours of receipt of the documents in the Command Pay Office.
 - (c) Remittances of undrawn pay exceeding \$25.
These remittances must be paid through District Finance Offrs and it is probable that some delay in payment will occur.
2. Remittances to the credit of another member's paybook are effected by the issue of a credit note from the Command Pay Office within 24 hours of receipt of the documents.
3. Consequent upon the provision of the above facilities, the practice of forwarding currency by mail from any point north of Larriamah (inclusive), is to cease forthwith except in

exceptional circumstances and with the consent of the member's C.O. Unit censors will police this instruction.
4. The practice of sending large sums by postal notes should be discontinued. It is pointed out that if the letter is registered, the maximum compensation for loss is \$2. Greater amounts should therefore be forwarded through the Pay Office to avoid risk of loss.

5. The christian names of civilian allottees must be shown on the remittance form. The Pay Sjt is instructed to refuse remittances which do not comply with this requirement.

261 COMFORTS ISSUE - OCTOBER

261 Acknowledgment is made of receipt of following articles from A.C.F. for month of October. 1 oz tobacco, 1 pkt papers, 3 pkts chewing gum, 1 face washer, 1 pkt toilet, 1 tin boot polish per man.

262 REMOVAL OF SHIRTS, BOOTS & SOCKS.

262 Between 1350 and 1420 daily ranks will remove shirts, boots and socks. Feet and body will be dried and aired, and socks and boots, and shirts aired. Personnel such as cooks etc who cannot do this at these times will do so at a time approximating it.

263 CAPES, AND GROUND SHEETS

263 It is noticed that length of service of above is greatly reduced when, through being folded up parts of capes and ground sheets stick together and become stiff. As the problem of replacing any rubber articles is increasing all ranks will preserve the life of ground sheets and capes by hanging up in tent or spreading them over gear which is placed on the bed. If french chalk is available capes and ground sheets will be kept dusted.

264 SHORTS - SHORTENING OF

264 Shorts which require shortening will be accompanied by a certificate from Coys that when altered they will conform to regulation length viz. 2" above knees. The Regt tailor will not reduce the length of shorts unless this certificate is produced.

265 CONTAINERS, INSULATED

265 Containers for meat deliveries are to be scalded out with hot soapy water, followed by a scalding with hot clear water, before being sent to ration store for delivery of meat. Any containers delivered in any other than a scrupulously clean condition will result in disciplinary action being taken against offenders.

266 SECURITY OF INFORMATION

- 1. There is an increasing tendency for civilians to interrogate members of the Allied armed forces when the latter are on leave, travelling on duty, etc.
- 2. If not checked, this practice, although generally inspired by idle curiosity, may lead to the disclosure of much information of value to the enemy, and will facilitate the task of enemy spies.
- 3. All ranks are instructed that, in addition to refusing to disclose information to civilians, they should endeavour to obtain the names and addresses of any questioners and report same to the appropriate officer of their unit.
- 4. Security Service have undertaken to investigate immediately the bona fides of any inquisitive civilian whose names and addresses are supplied.

257 A.A. GUN POSITIONS - OUT OF BOUNDS.

264 Personnel will not interfere with or remove material from AA gun
267 positions or buildings, whether in use or not. Certain A.A. gun positions
may not be occupied all the time or may be used as dummies, but
have to be kept ready for immediate occupation.

258 CONVEYANCE OF A.A.S. ETC., IN STAFF CARS.

262 No officer is permitted to convey personnel of A.A.S. or V.A.D.
268 or Masseuses, in staff cars or other army transport, except on
duty, without approval of an officer not below the rank of
brigadier.

269 SAP FROM NATIVE FIG TREES

269 All ranks are notified that the sap from the native fig tree has
a severe irritating effect on the skin and eyes, and are warned
against allowing any part of the body to come into contact with
it.

270 FRESH VEGETABLES

270 COYS are reminded that all fresh vegetables must be removed
from crates and stored in a cool and shady place pending
consumption. Excess issues are made to provide for the
estimated quantity unsuitable for consumption. COYS will sort
and pick over vegetables immediately after delivery. Since
leaf vegetables are frequently sprayed with insecticides, care-
ful washing is essential prior to preparation.

271 USE OF MESSING GEAR AT RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS.

1. Owing to a shortage of cutlery in Railway Refreshment Rooms,
the various Railway Systems have requested that all service pers
be prepared at all times to use their own knives, forks and
spoons, when provided with meals at Railway Refreshment Rooms
during movement by rail.
2. It is essential that all pers travelling by troop trains over
the Trans-continental and Central Australian Railway Systems
carry their own messing gear.

IRREGULAR USE OF CANCELLED POSTAGE STAMPS.

Mail matter is being received by the Army Postal Service in the
N.T. Force area bearing previously used stamps. No matter
how faint the impression, postage stamps which are postmarked
are no longer serviceable for postage purposes. The placing
of such stamps on postal articles is illegal, and strong
disciplinary action will be taken against offenders. Coy Comds
will ensure that this order is brought under notice of all ranks.

...H.K. Frost...Lieut,

DIST LIST A

(H.K. FROST Adj't 43 Aust Inf Bn)

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

Serial No. 15
RE: AMF 11/12/3
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

43 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
* *			
1 Lieut.-Colonels	1		
3 Majors	2		
10 Captains	3		
20 Lieutenants	30		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
34 Totals	36	2	

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
T/Lt-col	322888	FRIST C.	CO	yes	
Capt 1/maj	32256	HENRY J.C.	2 1/c	no	School of Staff
Capt 1/maj	32257	HARRISON J.A.	CO Coy	yes	
Lieut	322967	FRYSON W.C.		no	CO 3 Aust Inf Bde Veh Harbour
Lieut 1/capt	322719	FRANK A.H.	CO Coy	yes	
Lieut	322720	HARRISON J.A.		no	CO 3 Aust Inf Bde
Lieut 1/capt	322575	GRAY W.H.	CO Coy	no	School of Staff
Lieut	322728	ROBERTS S.R.A.	A/CO Coy	yes	
Lieut 1/capt	322724	HARRISON J.A.		"	
Lieut	322665	THOMAS H.A.	Sig Coy	"	
Lieut	322625	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322910	SAINT H.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322720	SURFIT H.A.	A/2 1/c Coy	"	
Lieut	322681	O'CONNOR S.C.	A/2 1/c Coy	"	
Lieut	322619	FRANK H.A.	A/CO Coy	"	
Lieut	322533	FRANK H.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322736	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322647	HARRISON J.A.		no	CO 3 Aust Inf Bde
Lieut	322711	FRANK A.C.	PL Coy	yes	
Lieut	322722	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322716	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322618	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	yes	
Lieut	322723	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322719	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322715	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322721	HARRISON J.A.	A/CO Coy	"	
Lieut	322694	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322712	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322711	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322710	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322713	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322714	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322715	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322716	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322717	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322718	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322719	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322720	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322721	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322722	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322723	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322724	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322725	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322726	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322727	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322728	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322729	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322730	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322731	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322732	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322733	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	
Lieut	322734	HARRISON J.A.	PL Coy	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
Capt	322715	HARRISON J.A.		20/1/54	Platoon
Major	322713	HARRISON J.A.		26/12/54	Company

32 Aust Inf Bde (Unit) 322888 (Signature of Commander)

31 Oct 54 (Date of Despatch) 3 Aust Inf Bde (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

43 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 31 Oct 19 42 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
WE 1 W.Os. Class I.	1		
7 W.Os. Class II.	5		2
5 Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants			
36 Serjeants	38	2	
76 Corporals	74		2
733 Troopers, Privates, &c.	591		142
858 TOTALS	714	2	146

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
attachments as per WE		other att.	
1 Sjt	A.A.P.C.	1 Pte	3 Aust Inf Bde
1 Sjt	A.A.O.C.		
1 Sjt	A.A.M.C.		
1 Sjt	A.A. Postal Service		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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

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THE 43rd REPORTER

No. 1

Sat, 31 Oct 42

EDITORIAL

The birth of a newspaper, however small, is usually heralded with a flare of trumpets. Not so here! The "43rd REPORTER" is part of the show. It's yours! Keep your eyes "skinned" for news about your company and encourage the continuance of this your own newspaper. You'll get a laugh or two and a surprise or two, so watch out! Contributions welcomed. See your Coy Reporter. L/Cpl Ron GAMLIN ED.

COMPANY NOTES. H.Q. Coy reporter says:- "A new cook-house and Mess Hut! Excellent! Will eventually solve the problem of long "line-ups." We are a big family now, you know.

"D" Coy reporter says:- "Popular Sjt CHITTLEBOROUGH back from a School. Looking plump and well. Excellent work being done by "Joe" on the hygiene. Stick to it lad. Come on you other Company reporters!"

HEADLINE NEWS. News generally for the Allies has been reasonably optimistic - "Go in and destroy Rommel's Army" - Lt. General Montgomery. Ultimate downfall of Axis Powers - General Smuts. Full scale land, sea and air battle in Solomons by Japanese. Strong Greek force fighting in Western Desert. "No conscription" - Mr. Forde. Russian counter attacks at Stalingrad. British battle-ships in Indian Ocean.

NOTED IN PASSING. Good business being done at our new library. Better class of book being read: Welcome sight of Red Shield Van containing iced drinks at the end of a recent long route march: Several disappointed looks when Tranquil Star won the Caulfield. Wonder why? "Wit" has been posted to a School. Question is; will "Nit" get lonely?

THE A.E.S. OFFICER. Battalion has opened a new library within the Unit containing many valuable books. The A.E.S. Officer stated that 450 books are available worth £100. Borrow a book lads and read it!

BEST YARN FOR THE WEEK.... Comes from our H.Q. Coy reporter - A little girl was in the bathroom by herself. Her little brother knocked at the door saying, "I want to tum in." The little girl said, "You tant tum in, I'm in my nightie, and nurse says little boys shouldn't see little girls in their nighties." After a while she said, "You tan tum in now; I tooked it off!"

BEST SECURITY MINDED PHRASE. "D" Coy provides the best one for the week - "IDLE TATTLE MAY LOSE A BATTLE. SO KEEP A STILL TONGUE".

Australian Military Forces.

43 Aust Inf Bn

MEDICAL REPORT FOR MONTH OCTOBER 42

Rashes There is a marked increase in these, mostly due to sweating and prickly heat.

Infected sores There is an increase, especially in the reinforcements, ~~xxxx~~ making it appear that some degree of immunity must be built up.

During the month one complete company developed simple diarrhoea while away on an exercise. This was probably due to some doubtful meat.

All companies with exception of "A", have moved into their wet season areas and these new areas are satisfactory so far as the hygiene and sanitation is concerned.

There are still some improvements to be made, but these should be completed within the next month.

J. S. 77 *Hee* Capt AAMC
R.M.O. 43 Aust Inf Bn

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H. 100M 2/42

Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 1 NOV 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	1 NOV 42.	1800	A march was conducted today over a 24 mile course. ^{70/} Personnel	
N.T.			took part, and the march was in the nature of an experiment.	
			Of the 70 men, 31 did not finish the previous march, and 39	
			volunteered. The body was divided into two groups. 1 Gp. A	
			marched at a rate greater than 2½ MIH. 2 Gp. B marched at a	
			rate of 2½ mih. Each of these gps. were subdivided into 4	
			sub groups. → e. Steel helmets with salt. in water bottles	
			b. Steel helmets without salt. in water bottles	
			c. Felt hats with salt. in water bottles	
			d. Felt hats without salt. in water bottles	
			The R.M.O. reports that no help was obtained from the experim-	
			ents with salt and steel helmets. The marching rate of 2½ MIH	
			appears to be the most suitable in this country. 14 men fell	
			out of gp. A. Of these, 2 rode back to camp. 2 finished the	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	1 NOV 42,		march with gp. B as the pace in gp. A was too great. The other	
N.T.			10 finished at their own speed. 6 fell out of gp. B, of which	
			2 rode back to camp, and the other 4 finished at their own speed.	
			An investigation is advised of the state of boots of the bn.,	
			and into the replacement of them when necessary. <i>UKT.</i>	
	3 NOV 42.		1 A/Sjt. has been confirmed to the rank of Sjt. 1 A/Cpl	
			reverted to pte. Promotions and appointments: 1 A/Cpl to I/Sjt.	
			3 ptes. appointed gpp III clerks. 3 gp. III clerks appointed	
			I/Cpl. 1 pte. appointed gp. III dr. mech (tested 275 L.A.D.).	
			1 A/Cpl to A/Sjt. Reversions: 1 A/Sjt to pte. 4 A/Cpls to	
			pte. 1 A/Sjt. to A/Cpl. 1 I/Cpl to pte. 1 gp I and 1 gp II	
			relinquish appointment. <i>UKT.</i>	
			1 cpl and 1 sjt. have been detached for duty to 111 Conv. Depot	
			1 man is detached for batman duties to COOMALLIE CREEK. 1	

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Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 3 NOV 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	3 NOV 42.		ceases to be attached to 3 Aust. Inf. Bde. 3 were admitted to	
N.T.			119 A.G.H. today (to be posted to X list). WO II Bonde is	
			attending No.1 ofrs. and N.C.O.'s Refresher Course, BONEGILLA,	
			duration 5 weeks (to be posted to X list). 1 sgt. is attending	
			No.28 Inf. O.T.S. BONEGILLA, duration 10 weeks (to be posted to	
			X list). 1 returned from No.4 Gas School WINNELLIE, duration	
			22 - 31 OCT. 1 man is attending No.8 Cooking Course, WINNELLIE,	
			duration 28 days. 1 is attending No.1 Anit-Malaria Course,	
			WINNELLIE, duration 6 days. Lieut. L. B. Willson marched in	
			from N.T.F.A.R.D. MATARANKA, and is to be struck off X list.	
			Lieut. S. P. Marshall ceases to be attached to 3 Aust. Inf. Bde.	
			and has rejoined this unit. Lieuts. W. D. Clark, H. G. Frith	
			and Capt. A. W. Dysart commenced No.1 Coy. Comdrs. Course,	
			COOMALLIE CREEK. Lieuts. F. H. Carter and M. E. Saint passed	

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Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 3 NOV 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	3 NOV 42.		No. 8 Fd. Works Course, WINNELLIE, duration 9 - 24 OCT. <i>UKA</i>	
N.T.	4 NOV 42.		1 man commenced No. 8 Cooking Course, WINNELLIE, duration 28 days. 2 commenced No. 5 Stretcher Bearers Course, WINNELLIE, duration 4 - 13 NOV. Promotions and Appointments: 1 I/Sjt to A/Sjt. 1 A/Cpl to A/Sjt. 2 E/Cpl to A/Cpl. 7 men have been admitted to 119 A.G.H. (to be posted to X list). The bn. today marched to posn. ref map BACHELOR) ADELAIDE RIVER 1" to 1 mile map ref 159205, a distance of approx. 18 miles. Tps bivouaced in this area. <i>UKA</i>	See Appx. 173.
	5 NOV 42.		Tps moved to demo. area, and were joined by other units of 3 Aust. Inf. Bde gp. The R.A.A.F. provided an excellent demonstration and brought out forcibly to the troops the value and effect of aerial support. Wirraways, and a Vultee Vengeance demonstrated dive bombing, and Kittyhawks (led by the	See Appx. 174. <i>Smith 25/42</i>

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Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 5 NOV 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	5 NOV. 42.		famous "Bluey" Truscott) and a Beaufighter demonstrated strafing	
N.T.			with machine guns and cannon fire. At the completion of the	
			demo, this bn marched back to concentration area 53½ mile.	
			2 marched in from N.T.F.A.R.D. MATARANKA (to be struck off X	
			list) Sjt. V.J.B. Morris has been promoted A/WO II. Authority:	
			3 Aust Inf Bde A5/24/1. Lieut. C. C. Rix left to attend No.6	
			LHQ School of Military Intelligence REDCLIFF, QUEENSLAND. Dura-	
			tion 10 NOV to 21 DEC. (to be posted to X list). Lieut C.	
			Carey marched out and transferred to 1 Aust. Inf. Bde. <i>lkt.</i>	
	7 NOV 42.		Notification has been received that Sjt. B. Voysey qualified	
			at No.4 Inf. O.T.S. BONEGILLA, VIC.	
			Results of N. T. Force District Schools:	
			Cpl. Haynes C.R. 62% N.Q. No.4 Sec. Leaders Course	
			A/Cpl Bradley R. dist. pass " " " "	

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Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 7 NOV 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	7 NOV 42.		A/Cpl Halfpenny passed No.4 Sec. Leaders Course	
N.T.			A/Cpl Allwood E.J. failed " " " "	
			L/Cpl Lynch R.W. " " " "	
			L/Cpl Thompson E.J. passed " " " "	
			L/Cpl Pollard W.J. failed " " " "	
			Pte. Clark J.F. passed " " " "	
			Sjt. Ward E.H. " No.5 Map Reading "	
			Sjt. Andrewartha J. " " " "	
			5 men were admitted to 119 A.G.H. (to be posted to X list). 21	
			marched in from N.T.F.A.R.D. MATARANKA (to be struck off X list)	
			and 1 reinforcement marched in and is taken on strength. Lieuts	
			W. C. Burns, W. R. Winchester, H. Kampstein and M. R. Pfeiffer	
			today returned from No.1 Offrs. Course, WINNELLIE, duration 14	
			days.	

By Smith 21/11/42

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Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 8 NOV 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK. N.T.	8 NOV 42.		Lieuts. M. B. Horton, L. B. Willson, S. D. Tillett, and W. J. Kennedy today commenced No.2 Jnr. Offrs. Course, WINNELLIE, duration 14 days.	
	9 NOV 42.		A "Six Day Free-For-All" exercise commenced today. The course includes WEST TRACK, FINNIS RIVER TK TO LUCY MINE, CHARLOTTE WATER HOLE, TUMBLING WATERS, and NORTH WEST TRACK, and covers a distance of approx. 85 miles. A number of pls. work through the course in opposite directions, and points are awarded by umpires for battles won. A pl. winning a battle is awarded points, and also takes the points of the losing pl. No.3, 8, 9, and 10 pls. began the exercise today.	
	10 NOV 42.		1 man today transferred to 3 Aust. Inf. Bde. 1 applied for enlistment in RAAF aircrew. Sjt. Quinn returned from No.30 P.& R.T. School, FRANKSTON, VIC., duration 3 months (to be	<p><i>WKO.</i></p> <p><i>Quinn Lt Col.</i></p>

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Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 10 NOV 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	10 NOV 42.		struck off X list). 1 returned from No.1 Anti-Malaria Course,	
N.T.			WINNELLIE, duration 6 days. 4 men were admitted to 119 AGH (to	
			posted to be struck off X list). 7 cease to be det. to 3 Aust. Inf. Bde.	
			for Sig. Instn. 3 cease to be det. to 3 Aust. Inf. Bde (2 on	
			batman duties). <i>Mkt.</i>	
	11 NOV 42.		5 men were admitted to 119 AGH today (to be posted to X list)	
			11 more have volunteered for service as air crew in RAAF.	
			Lieuts. S.R.A. Roberts returned from No.7 Map Reading Course,	
			WINNELLIE, duration 2 to 11 NOV. <i>Mkt.</i>	
	12 NOV 42.		N. T. Force District School Results:	
			Pte. T. F. Meaney dist. pass No.1 Anti-Malaria Course.	
			Sjt. A. T. Garrard Passed No.7 and 7A Cooking Course.	
			Pte. A. Benz " " " " " "	
			" J. H. BOLLMEYER " " " " " "	

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Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 12 NOV 42 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	12 NOV 42.		Pte. F. J. Arbon passed No.7 and 7A Cooking Course.	
N.T.			A further 20 men have volunteered for service as aircrew in RAAF. <i>UKA</i>	
	13 NOV 42.		2 sjts. commenced No.8 Map Reading Course WINNELLIE, duration 7 days. 2 more have volunteered for service in RAAF aircrew.	
			Promotions and Appointments: 1 cpl and 1 A/Cpl. to A/Sjt. 1 L/Cpl to A/Cpl. 2 ptes. to gp II cook. 1 sjt., 1 L/Cpl and 1 pte have trans. to AAMC N. T. Force, and are attached to this unit for duty. Authority: ADMS N.T. Force 42/591/3. Capt.	
			A. W. Dysart and Lieuts. H. G. Frith and W. D. Clark returned from No.1 Coy. Comds. Course, COOMALLIE CREEK. <i>UKA</i>	
	14 NOV 42.		Results of the first series of "Free-For-All" exercise are as follows -	
			No.3 Pl. 12 contacts. 4 won. 4 lost. 4 drawn. Points 1½	

Frith Lt Col.

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Date and Time.—From 14 NOV 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	14 NOV 42.		No.8 Pl. 10 contacts. 4 won. 5 lost. 1 drawn. Points NIL.	
N.T.			No.9 Pl. 5 " 2 " 2 " 1 " " 2	
			No.10Pl. 13 " 7 " 5 " 1 " " NIL.	
			A number of men fell out during the exercise and were returned	
			to camp, the main trouble being blistered feet.	
			Acknowledgement is made of the receipt of NOV Comforts Fund	
			issue, consisting of Handkerchief, Soap, Tobacco, Cigarette	
			Papers, and Chewing Gum (3). These monthly issues are greatly	
			appreciated by all ranks. 1 man returned from No.7 Cooking	
			Course today. 1 ceases to be det. to COOMALLIE CREEK (batmen	
			duties). Promotions and Appointments: 1 A/Cpl to A/Sjt. 3	
			ptes. to L/Cpl. 1 pte. to gp.II cook. 3 sjts. and 1 cpl have	
			been transferred to 15 Aust. Inf. Bde. Specialist Gp., VIC	
			L of C. 10 marched in from N.T.F.A.R.D. MATARANKA to be struck	

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Date and Time.—From 14 NOV 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	14 NOV 42.		off X list. Lieut. N. L. Grimm is attending No.1 Offrs. and	
N.T.			N.C.O's. Refresher Course, BONEGILLA, VIC., duration 5 weeks.	
			(to be posted to X list). Lieut. D. M. Hann is taken on strength	
			from N.T.F.A.R.D. MATARANKA. UKD.	
	16 NOV 42.		Maj-Gen. Stevens today visited the area, and inspected coy.	
			sites. He watched the men at their tng. and was pleased with	
			the standard of work.	
			1 A/Sjt reverted to gp.II cook (own request). 2 men returned	
			from No.7 Fd. Works Course, WINNELLIE, duration 28 OCT - 11 NOV.	
			1 commenced No.1 Draughtsman Course, WINNELLIE, duration 10 days.	
			Promotions and Appointments: 2 L/Cpls. to A/Cpl. 4 ptes. to	
			L/Cpl. 3 men were admitted to 119 AGH today (to be posted to	
			X list). 1 marched in from X list, and 1 marched in from	
			N.T.F.A.R.D. SPRINGBANK. (both delivered by N.T. Force Provost	

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Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 16 NOV 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	16 NOV 42.		Coy). 2 sjts. and 7 cpls. have been transferred to 3 Aust. Inf.	
N.T.			Tng. Bn., S.A. L of C. Lieuts. E. K. Russack and F. G. Funston	
			are also trans. to 3 A.I.T.B. Lieut. W. Fry commenced No.2	
			Special Jap Course, Part 1, WINNELLIE. Duration 5 days. <i>AKO</i>	
	17 NOV 42.		A further 26 men have volunteered for service as air crew in	
			RAAF. 1 is det. to Command Pay Office, ADELAIDE RIVER.	
			Promotions and Appointments: 1 L/Sjt to A/Sjt. 1 Cpl to L/Sjt.	
			2 L/Cpls to A/Cpls. 2 ptes. to A/Cpl. 1 pte to L/Cpl. 1 pte.	
			to gp.II Sig. 1 marched in from N.T.F.A.R.D. MATARANKA (to be	
			struck off Xlist). Lieut. H. Knappstein has been admitted to	
			119 AGH and is to be posted to X list. <i>AKO</i>	
	19 NOV 42.		20 men rejoined the unit from N.T.F.A.R.D. MATARANKA, and	
			are to be struck off X list. 12 were transferred to N.T.F.A.R.D.	
			MATARANKA and struck off strength. 10 men transferred to 29	

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Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 19 NOV 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK. N.T.	19 NOV 42.		<p>Emp. Coy., N. T. Force. Promotions and Appointments: 1 cpl. to A/Sjt. 1 gp.III to A/Cpl. 1 pte to L/Cpl. 2 commenced No.2 anti-malaria Course, WINNELLIE, duration 6 days. 1 commenced No.9 Ed. Works Course, WINNELLIE, duration 14 days. 2 returned from No.5 Stretcher Bearers Course, WINNELLIE, duration 10 days. 5 men have been admitted to 119 AGH (to be posted to X list). A further 3 men have volunteered for service in RAAF aircrew. <i>NA</i></p>	
	21 NOV 42.		<p>Results of second series of "Free-For-All" exercise for week ending 21 NOV. No.4 Pl. completed the course with NIL points. No.18 Pl. 4 contacts. 1 won. 3 lost. Points NIL. No.19 Pl. 6 contacts. 1 " 4 " 1 drawn. " NIL. <i>NA</i></p>	
	22 NOV 42.		<p>8 men have been admitted to 119 AGH, and are to be posted to X list. 1 returned from No.8 Map Reading Course, WINNELLIE.</p>	<p><i>By Smith Lt Col.</i></p>

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Unit 43 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 22 NOV 42 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK	22 NOV 42		Duration 12-18 Nov 42. 1 Sjt marched in from SA L of C, to be	
N.T.			struck off X List. Lieut T.J. EARLE is attached for duty from	
			3 Aust Inf Bde (Hygiene Officer). The probationary or	
			provisional appointments of the following officers has been	
			confirmed ref. NT Force List No. 1 of appointments and promotions	
			etc. Lieuts. KENNEDY W.J., HORTON M.B., PACKER A.W., JAMES A.C.,	
			FROST H.K., WILLSON L.B., GRIMM N.L., CARTER F.H., RUSSACK E.K.,	
			Lieut S.R.A. ROBERTS passed No. 7 Map Reading Course WINNELLIE	
			duration 7 days. <i>Wkt.</i>	
	24 NOV 42		Promotions and appointments - 1 Cpl to L/Sjt, 7 L/Cpls to A/Cpls	
			6 Ptes to L/Cpls. 6 marched in from N.T.F.A.R.D. MATARANKA	
			to be struck off X List. 1 returned from No. 2 D & M Course	
			WINNELLIE - duration 6 weeks. 2 commenced No 9, Map Reading	
			Course WINNELLIE - duration 7 days. Lieut W. FRY returned	

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Date and Time.—From 24 NOV 42 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK	24 NOV 42		from No. 2 Special Jap Course Pt I WINNELLIE - duration 5 days ^{11/42}	
N.T.	26 NOV 42		1 transferred to G.D.D. ADELAIDE RIVER for re-allotment. 3	
			completed No 3 Anti-Malaria Course WINNELLIE - duration 6 days	
			Cpl BRADBROOK M.R. and Pte PHILLIPS A.D. passed No 7 Fd	
			Engineering Course. 2 admitted hospital (to be posted to X	
			List). 3 marched in from N.T.F.A.R.D. MATARANKA, to be struck	
			off X List. 4 marched in from 28 Aust Emp Coy. 23 marched in	
			from N.T.F.A.R.D. MATARANKA (reinfts taken on strength).	
			Lieut W. FRY commenced No 2 Special Jap Course Part II WINNELLIE	
			duration 3 days. Maj J.G. HENDRY completed LHQ School	
			PT. STEPHENS N.S.W. Joint Overseas Operational Trg School	
			Course No 3 (ii) duration 20 days. R.O. Serial 11 ^{11/42}	Appx 176
	28 NOV 42		1 A/U/L/Sjt (reinft) reverted to rank of Pte. 1 completed	<i>Smith Lt Col.</i>
			No 1 Draughtsman Course WINNELLIE - duration 10 days and one	

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Date and Time.—From 28 NOV 42 To 30 NOV 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	28 NOV 42		commenced No. 3 Anti-Malaria Course WINNELLIE - duration 6 days	
			14. marched in from N.T.F.A.R.D. MATARANKA to be struck off X List and 1 reinft marched in and is taken on strength. 7	
			admitted to hospital (to be posted to X List). Lieuts	
			A.W. PACKER and W.S. HARVEY are transferred to 3 Aust Inf Bde	
			Capt A.W. DYSART commenced J.O.O.T.S. PORT STEVENS duration	
			30 Nov to 19 Dec 42. Lieuts S.D. TILLET, W.J. KENNEDY,	
			M.B. HORTON and L.B. WILLSON completed No. 2 Junior Officer's	
			Course WINNELLIE - duration 14 days. Lieut H. KNAPPSTEIN	
			marched in from N.T.F.A.R.D. MATARANKA (to be struck off X List)	
			Results of third series of "Free for All" exercise for week	
			ending 28 Nov 42. No. 2 Pl points Nil, No 6 Pl points 2½,	
			No 11 Pl points Nil, No 12 Pl points 18, No 13 Pl points 10. <i>HKA</i>	
	30 NOV 42		Lieut H. KNAPPSTEIN and working party of 20 OR today proceeded	
			to ADELAIDE RIVER. Medical Report Nov 42	<i>HKA</i> Appendix 172

By Smith Lt Col.

Head-Quarters

3 Nov 42

Ref Map BACHELOR & ADELAIDE RIVER 1 in to 1 ml.

GENERAL

- 1 RAAF NW area will provide an aerial demonstration for 3 Aust Inf Bde. on Thurs 5 Nov 42, commencing at 0900 hrs and concluding at approx 1045 hrs.
- 2 Location will be area 3 mls east of 68 ml bounded by 175221 184221 160190 and 166190
- 3 Demonstration will include displays of dive bombing and ground-strafting by B and P A/C of a type new to this area. It will conclude with a display of aerobatics.
4. 43 Aust Inf Bn will move by march route to 159205 on Wed 4 Nov 42 and will bivouac for night 4/5 Nov.

On completion of demonstration on 5 Nov Bn will move back to camp by march route.

- ADM. 5 Dress; As for exs. Felt hats will be worn. Mosquito tents and ground sheets will be carried.
- 6 Rations; Following arrangements will be made for meals.

Lunch	4 Nov	Carried on man	(1300 hrs)
Evening meal	4 Nov	Hot from B Ech	(1900 hrs)
Breakfast	5 Nov	Hot from B Ech	(0630 hrs)
Midday meal	5 Nov	Carried on man	(1300 hrs)
Evening meal	5 Nov	In camp	(1830 hrs)

Personnel will carry one days battle rations and one days emergency rations. These will NOT be consumed unless under the direction of an offr.

- 7 Tpt A and B Ech vehicles will move as per March Table.
- INTERCOMM 8 D/R and W/T will be means of comm between coys. Coys will supply normal personnel to BNHQ as orderlies.

MARCH TABLE.

Marching tps;

Route: South via NA rd to tk at approx 120105 thence east along tk to 159205 Guides will meet coys on tk and guide to coy areas.

Start Point; Old QM Store Start Time 1100 hrs.

Order of March BNHQ B coy, HQ, A, D,coys A/tk

MT.

A Ech (5 vehicles) under comd Lieut FRY.

Route South via NA rd to tk at approx 120105 thence east along tk to 159205 Guides will be placed on tk to meet coys, and B ech.

Start Time 1200 hrs Start Point junc tk and C Coy IN rd.

Bech 7 Vehicles under comd Lieut BLACKER.

Route as per A Ech. Start Time 1300 hrs Start Point as for A Ech.

Traffic control will be established by RP at 120105

MIH on rds, 20 VIM on rds. 7
on tks, 15 on tks 12

MT movement back to camp notified later.

H.K. Frost
Lieut.
Adj. 43 Aust Inf Bn.

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FORM OR NO. 4.

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HEADQUARTERS NORTH WESTERN AREA
R.A.A.F. COMMAND ALLIED AIR FORCES.
OPERATION ORDER NO. 3/42.

Copy.....
 31 OCT 1942
 Date.....

Map reference: Batchelor - Adelaide River one inch to one mile
 Darwin - Environs one inch to one mile. Sheet No. 6

- List of Appendices:
- Appendix "A" - Programme
 - "B" - Communication
 - "C" - Bomb Load
 - "D" - Diagram of Targets

INFORMATION.

1. A demonstration of dive bombing and ground strafing is to be given to each of the 3rd, 23rd and 19th Brigades on the 5th, 9th and 12th November.

INTENTION.

2. Nos. 12 and 76 Squadrons will each supply six aircraft. No. 31 Squadron will supply one aircraft. No. 12 Squadron will, if available, also provide one Vultee Vengeance for demonstration of characteristics and for recognition purposes.

3. The demonstration for the 3rd Brigade will be carried out on the artillery range (map reference Batchelor-Adelaide River one inch to one mile. 175211) commencing at 0900 hours L.T. on the 5th November.

4. The demonstration for the 23rd Brigade will be carried out on the Adelaide River flats (map reference Darwin-Environs one inch to one mile. 244664) commencing at 0900 hours L.T. on the 9th November.

5. The demonstration for the 19th Brigade will be carried out on the artillery range (map reference Batchelor-Adelaide River one inch to one mile. 175211) commencing at 0900 hours L.T. on the 12th November.

EXECUTION.

6. The demonstration will be carried out in accordance with the programme contained in Appendix "A".

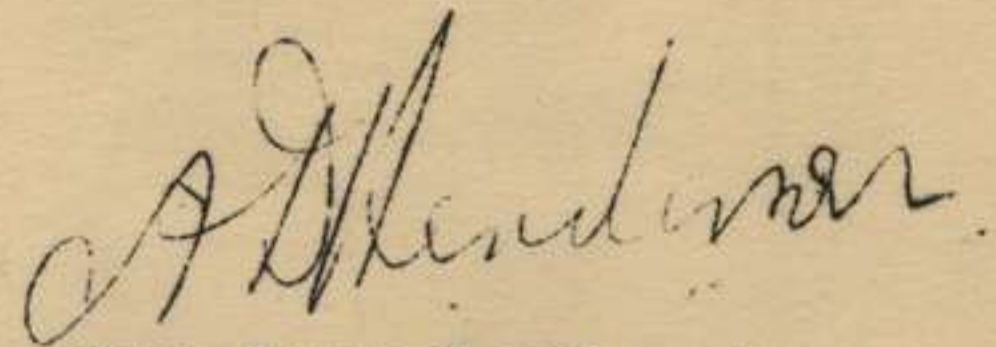
7. The type and load of bombs to be used is set out in Appendix "C".

8. Aircraft are not to commence their attack until the "all clear" signal is displayed and will then carry out their attack in the direction indicated by means of a white arrow displayed in the target area. Ground to Air signals will be the standard bombing signals and are set out in Appendix "B". In addition R/T and verey cartridges may be used.

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 RAAF DEMO

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

9. Targets will be supplied and erected by the brigades concerned.
10. A public address system will be installed by the brigades concerned.
11. A mobile W/T tender will be supplied and operated by No.12 Squadron. Communications are set out in Appendix "B".
12. Aircraft of Nos. 12, 76 and 31 Squadrons are to be lined up on the frequencies set out in Appendix "B" and communications tested prior to the demonstration under the direction of Commanding Officer, No.12 Squadron.
13. Brigade troops may be stationed on either side of the target but not closer than 1000 yards to the target area.



Squadron Leader
for GROUP C APTN.
SENIOR AIR STAFF OFFICER.

DISTRIBUTION.

Advanced Army Headquarters	Copy Nos.	12
No.5 Fighter Sector	" "	14
No.12 Squadron	" "	16
No.76 Squadron	" "	18
No.31 Squadron	" "	20
Area Ops. Room	" "	21
N.O.I.C. Darwin	" "	22

Date	Time	Signature	Target	Demonstrating	Army Unit
5/11/42.	0900	12	175211 Batchelor-Adelaide River Sheet 1" to 1 M.	High and low dive bombing - Aerobatics	3rd Brigade
	1010	76	" "	Bombing and ground strafing	"
	1040	31	" "	Ground strafing	"
9/11/42.	0900	12	244664 Darwin-Environs Sheet No.6 1" to 1 M.	High and low dive bombing - Aerobatics	23rd Brigade
	1010	76	" "	Bombing and ground strafing	"
	1040	31	" "	Ground strafing	"
12/11/42.	0900	12	175211 Batchelor-Adelaide River Sheet 1" to 1 M.	High and low dive bombing- aerobatics.	10th Brigade
	1010	76	" "	Bombing and ground strafing	"
	1040	31	" "	Ground strafing	"

APPENDIX "B"

Communications: No.12 Squadron to provide W/T, R/T tender by 0830 hours on 5th, 9th and 12th November, 1942. Tender to report to target area on day previous in order to conduct tests.

Frequency: 4690 Kcs. No.5 Fighter Sector to have a transmitter tuned on 4690 Kc and, will, in the event of an emergency, take over control of all aircraft, using normal operational call signs. Call signs allotted for the exercise are as follows:-

	<u>5th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>12th</u>
Kittyhawk aircraft	SYREN	JAVEL	CARLO
Wirraway "	RIVET	PIKLA	PARVO
Beaufighter "	NATTY	JELKO	ROCCE
Vengeance c"	EX-RAY	FRAMO	GUTTA

Ground station call sign 5th, 9th and 12th - EARWIG.

GROUND TO AIR SIGNALS.

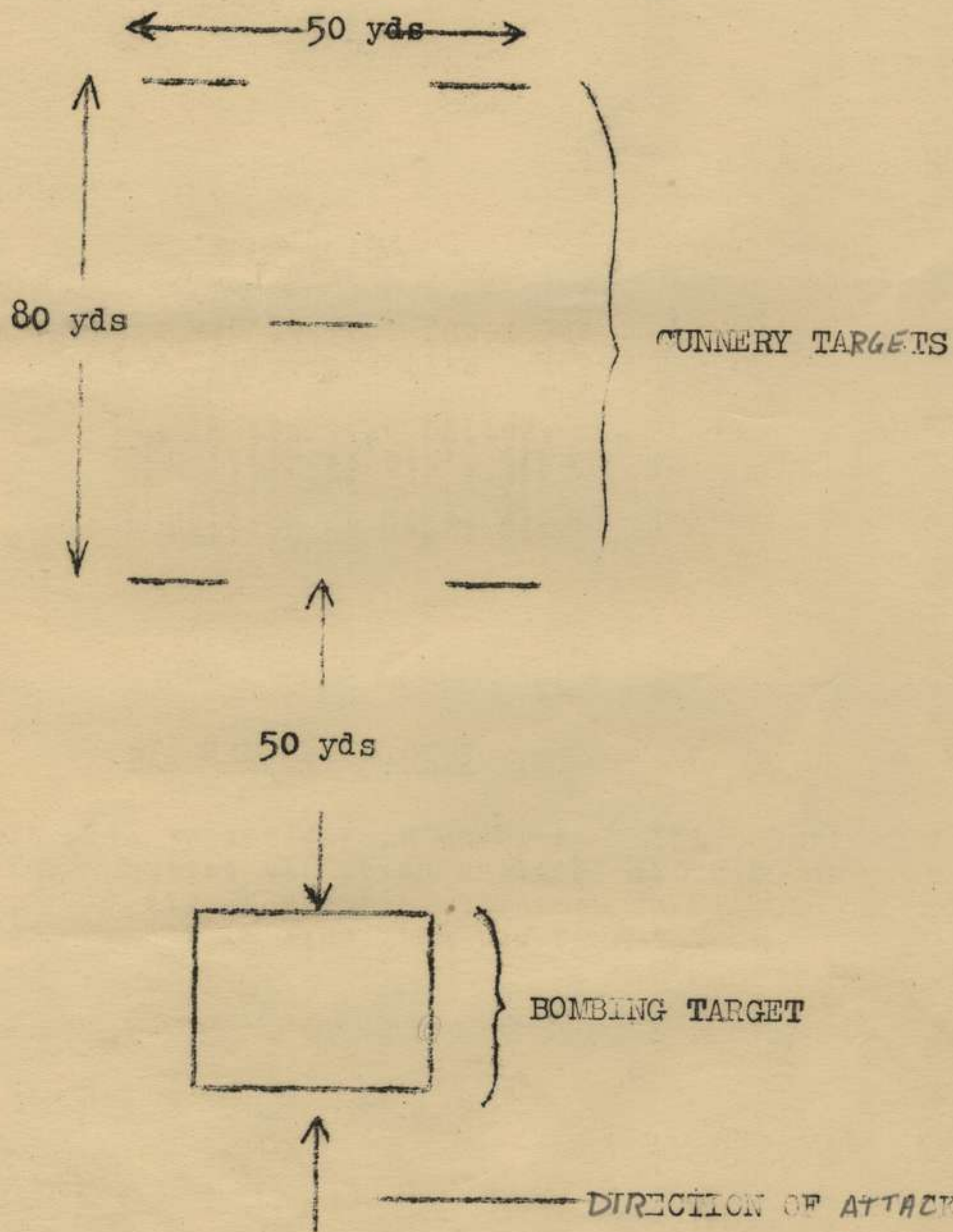
↑ ↑ ↑	or Green Verrey	-	ALL CLEAR
↑	or White Verrey	-	WAIT
↑	or Red Verrey	-	GO HOME

BOMB LOADS

<u>Wingaways</u>	2 x 100lb. A.S. fused 11 secs. delay. 6 x 8½lb. practice
<u>Kittyhawk</u>	1 x 100lb. sand filled. Ammunition at C.O.'s direction.
<u>Beaufighters</u>	Ammunition at C.O.'s direction.

DIAGRAM OF TARGETS

Targets will be set out as under and will comprise of five white 12-foot squares set at an angle of about 60 degrees to the ground. For dive bombing a white square will be placed 50 yards in front of and in line with the targets.



GROUND TO AIR SIGNALS WILL BE DISPLAYED 1000 YARDS TO ONE SIDE OF THE TARGET AREA.

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43 Aust Inf Bn
3 Dec 42.

MEDICAL REPORT NOV 42.

There has been an increase in the number on Sick Parade this month. This can be accounted for by the number who had blistered feet following the "Free for all patrols".

There were also a number who developed a tenosynovitis, this is of special interest because this may put a man off duty for 2-3 weeks.

There has been also been a slight increase in the number who have developed "Singapore Ear". This is seasonal and is to be expected at this time of the year.

A special drive has been made to make the Battalion dentally fit. This will take time but is being completed.

The Hygiene and sanitation around the camp area has greatly improved. More concrete has been made available making kitchens etc., much more satisfactory. There is still a shortage of fly-wire for fly proofing of kitchens.

The latrine accommodation is not yet sufficient. The new pits have been commenced, but solid rock has been reached and the Coy's are waiting on the drill.

MEDICAL REPORT
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John Bull
R.M.O. 43 Aust Inf Bn. Capt.

WAR DIARY

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS (272-288)

by

Lt-col C. FRITH
Comd 43 Aust Inf Bn

Serial 11

26 Nov 42.

272 MT REPAIRS - 275 AUST LAD

Mud and accumulated oil will be removed from engines (especially sumps) and gear boxes. These parts will be kept clean at all times.

All components brought to LAD for repair will have ticket att beaking unit and veh numbers.

273 REPORTS ON EXERCISES

Coys will submit to this HQ the following infm regarding any exercise, either NT Force, Bde, or Bn, or any Bn or Coy route march.

No commenced, No fell out (and reason), No left in camp (L.D. N.D., security gd etc), No NOT available (schools, hospitals, etc), Miles marched, Hrs marching, No of hot meals, No of cold meals.

This infm will be fwded after each exercise involving marching, without further notice.

274 LEAVE

Applications for seasonal leave will NOT be fwded, as such leave cannot be granted under GRO 199 (4) (f) viz:- "pers must be able to return to unit within 24 hrs".

275 BDE SPORTS AND MILITARY COMPETITIONS

1. Sat 12 Dec will be bde sports day. The programme will be as follows :-

Morning - Unit sports and military competitions in unit areas.

Afternoon - Bde military competitions. 27 Aust Inf Bn Rifle Range Area

Units will be represented by one team for each event set out in NT Force Circ 17 Nov 42 under "Military Events".

2. Bde Athletics Carnival will be held on Sun afternoon 13 Dec at AASC ground at 45 ml.

Events will be as set out in above circular under "Track and Rd Events". Entries on basis on one representative or team per unit to reach the Bde Amenities Qdfr by 6 Dec.

3. The winners of events will represent this Bde Gp in NT Force Xmas Sports Carnival.

276 CONTROLLED STORES - WEAPONS

1. Advice of receipt of all wpns will be signalled by units to G Branch and ADOS NORFORCE, rptd 3 Bde for infm, immediately on receipt.

2. Advice is NOT required in respect of other controlled stores.

3. Census serial numbers will be quoted.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

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277 DISCS - IDENTITY

1. All pers are informed that discs identity must be worn at all times. From pers moving in camp area, and pers admitted to hospital it is apparent that this instn is NOT being carried out. Coys will take steps to ensure discs are worn at all times.

2. Coys will submit a return by 30 Nov showing number of discs required and whether lost or through person being transferred to AIF. QM will also submit return showing number of new discs held in Unit.

278 GUARDS AND PICQUETS

Attention is drawn to the following regulations - AMR & O 1552A which reads:-

"Upon each relief of sentries as provided in the last preceeding para (1552), the Comd or NCO in charge of relief will, unless orders have been issued that rifles will NOT be unloaded, inspect the arms of all sentries so relieved to ensure that rifles are then unloaded".

279 POSTAL1. Xmas Telegrams

Xmas and New Year Greeting Telegrams must be lodged at FPO 3 Bde NOT later than 17 Dec 42.

2. Inter-Unit Mail

It is advised that the postage rates for mail matter by Army or Service pers - 1d per 1 ox - must be paid for private mail matter originating from any member of the Forces and addrsd to other service pers.

280 COOKS, PROMOTION OF.

1. Pers will not be trade grouped as cooks unless -

- (a) they have qualified at NT Force Cooking School or
- (b) approval is obtained from Catering Supervisor, NT Force.

2. Promotion to the rank of WO (II) Caterer shall only be made in the case of an NCO who has shown exceptional ability and his promotion to Warrant Rank is recommended either by NT Force Cooking School or Catering Supervisor, NT Force.

281 COMFORTS FUND

November issue of Comforts Fund has been received by this Unit.

282 REMITTANCES - SPECIAL XMAS ARRANGEMENTS

In order to impart a personal aspect to remittances intended as Xmas presents to relatives and friends of pers serving in the Northern Territory in places where no banking facilities exist, a personal message may be att to Remittance Forms subject to the following conditions.

- (a) Messages will be restricted to 10 words, including the names of the sender and will be confined to purely season greetings.
- (b) The name and address of the remittee will preface each message.
- (c) Messages must be firmly att to original and duplicate Remittance Forms (W.F. 131 or W.F. 131 (a)) before despatch to the Command Paymaster.
- (d) This service is only available where Remittance Forms reach the Comd Paymaster by 15 Dec 42.

283 ACCEPTANCE OF BENEFITS BY MEMBERS OF THE FORCES

1. No member of the AMF is allowed to accept from any member or members of the general public any direct or indirect benefit, monetary or in kind, which is in any way attributable to past, present or future relations between the member in the course of his duties and the would-be donor or donors.

2. It should be realized that the acceptance of such a benefit, however small and unimportant, may easily have a sinister construction placed upon it.

3. Attention is directed to AMR & O 316 (1) which reads:-

"Officers and soldiers, whether subject to the A.C.A. or subject to military or not, will at all times avoid any act which might expose them to suspicion of being influenced in the discharge of any military duty by other than purely public considerations. They will be scrupulously careful in their relations with persons supplying or intending to supply goods for military purposes, or performing or intending to perform paid services for the benefit of His Majesty's Military Forces, to avoid entering into any transaction which might occasion such suspicion."

284 DISCONTINUANCE OF USE OF LETTERS SIGNIFYING THE AWARD OF ORDERS, DECORATIONS, MEDALS - MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

During the present time of war, the use, after a member's name, of letters signifying the Orders, Decorations and Medals conferred upon awarded to him will be discontinued in all official correspondence and orders, other than Orders-in-Council, Postings Orders and copies thereof or extracts therefrom.

285 SICKNESS OF OR INJURY TO MEMBERS OF THE A.M.F. ON LEAVE

1. It is to be impressed on all members of the AMF that it is necessary to inform the military authorities at once should they become sick or sustain injury whilst on leave. This responsibility rests with the individual in order to avoid the risk of being regarded as "absent without leave" in the event of such sickness or injury preventing his return to his unit by the due date.

2. Any member who becomes sick or sustains injury whilst on leave will -

(a) Report at once to the nearest military hospital or, where this is impracticable, to the nearest area medical officer; or

(b) Report at once to the nearest public hospital, if a military hospital or medical officer is not available or

(c) If unable to attend or be taken to a military hospital (or public hospital where a military hospital is not available), then obtain private medical attention and immediately forward a certificate by the medical attendant to the nearest headquarters of a L of C Area, which will take action to notify the unit and the D.D.M.S.

3. When the state of health of members who are injured or become sick whilst on leave permits they will at once communicate with their unit advising the nature of injury or sickness, location whilst sick and the probable duration of treatment.

4. Members who become sick or sustain injury whilst on leave without pay granted for the purpose of engaging in seasonal or industrial activities in a civil capacity are not entitled to treatment in military hospitals or at government expense. However, in order to maintain records it is necessary that such members should report particulars of any sickness or injury, and of the progress of their treatment, to the nearest area medical officer or administrative medical officer, who will then ensure that the member's unit is advised.

5. Instns ref action to be taken are printed on back of all movement orders.

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SECURITY OF INFORMATION

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

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

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

4. Penalties imposed for breaches of security will be notified in Battalion . . . Part I Routine Orders. - Gd; Cbuds will ensure that, such notifications will be read out on parade to troops within the Battalion.

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

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CANS, 2-GALLON, WATER, WITH MT VEHICLES

1. The cans, 2-gallon, included in the initial equipment of M.D. vchs, and provided for the purpose of carrying petrol, oil and water, are made of tin plate. These cans are therefore suitable containers for drinking water.

2. A large number of Cans, 2-gallon, included in the initial equipment of vehicles outfitted in Australia (and also Cans, 2-gallon, supplied here as maintenance replacements for vchs) were, however, manufactured from terneplate; some of these cans were painted white with a 3" letter 'W' in black at each end.

3. Terneplate is sheet steel, coated with lead, which, when used to form a container for water, renders the water injurious if used for drinking. This material can be distinguished from tin plate by -

- (a) its dull appearance (tin plate has a silvery shine);
- (b) the ease with which thin shavings of lead coating can be scraped off with a knife (only minute flakes of tin can be scraped from tin plate).

To enable identification to be made a small patch upon the top of the can should be cleared of paint and the test described above carried out.

4. (a) Cans made of ternoplate will no longer be used as containers for water. Only cans of tin plate (or galvanised iron) will be used for that purpose.

(b) All Coys will immediately make a survey of cans, 2-gallon, carried on their vehicles, and ensure that all ternoplate cans in excess of two (2) per vehicle are withdrawn, and returned to Q.M.

(c) Two (2) ternoplate cans per vehicle will be marked as containers for petrol and oil, and, sufficient cans of tin plate (or galvanised iron) will be drawn, to enable the authorised number of cans carried on vehicles, and used as containers for water, to be of tin plate (or galvanised iron).

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USE OF .45" T.S.M.G. AMMUNITION WITH .455" MARK VI REVOLVER

1. Cases have been reported in which .455" Pistols Revolver Mk. VI have been damaged through the use of .45" T.S.M.G. ammunition, which is a rimless type.

2. American manufactured .45" Smith and Wesson revolvers have been issued to the service, and the use of .45" TSMG ammunition is permissible under certain circumstances, namely, in conjunction with two small clips that are issued to retain the ammunition in the cylinder.

3. The .455" Pistol Revolver, which is a standard service issue revolver, can only be used in conjunction with .455" Mk VI ammunition. Its use with .45" TSMG ammunition is expressly forbidden.

H.K. Frost
..... Lieut,

DIST LIST A.

(H.K. FROST, Adjt 43 Aust Inf Bn)

NOTICES

The following officers and OR having volunteered for service in the A.I.F., are transferred to A.I.F., their Army Numbers are cancelled and Army Numbers as hereunder are allotted.

	S22720	Lieut	DURRANT N.K.	Allotted	SX26407
	S23548	"	GRIMM N.L.	"	SX26408
S15685		"	TILLET S.D.	"	SX26410
	S22823	"	JAMES A.C.	"	SX26413
	S24733	Pte	MANNING J.D.	"	SX26526
	S24581	"	CUBBINS R.J.	"	SX26527
	S24342	"	BEER C.C.W.	"	SX26528
	S24526	"	WHITE A.F.	"	SX26529
	S24404	"	SHEPHERDSON R.E.	"	SX26530
	S24721	A/Cpl	SMITH G.F.	"	SX26532
	S24295	Pte	PALMER W.G.	"	SX26533
	S23532	A/Sjt	CALLER D.A.	"	SX26534
	S23467	Pte	ARTHUR A.P.	"	SX26535
	S22806	A/Sjt	HALDANE T.W.	"	SX26536
	S24468	Pte	TAYLOR G.	"	SX26537
	S24474	A/Cpl	POLLARD W.G.	"	SX26538
	S23988	Pte	KELLY J.	"	SX26539
	S27100	"	SMITH S.W.	"	SX26540
	SP6449	Lieut	FRITH H.G.	"	SX26411

R.C. CHURCH PARADE

R.C. Church parade will be held in HQ Coy area 0930 hrs

Sun 29 Nov.

GENERAL CHURCH PARADE - Will be held in the vicinity of the football field area 0930 hrs.

BOXING - 10/48 Aust Inf Bn Sat 28 Nov.

ALTERATION OF UNIT NAME - 10 Aust Inf Bn will now be known as the 10/48 Aust Inf Bn.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

H. 100M 2/42

Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 1 DEC 42 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	1 DEC 42.	1800	N.T. Force School Results:	
N.T.			A/Sjt Green R.H. Passed No.8 Map Reading Course.	
			Sjt HORE W.E. " " " " " "	
			A/Sjt Hodgins G.A. " No.7 M.T. Maintenance Instructors.	
			Pte.Smoker E.H. Failed No.5 Stretcher Bearers Course	
			" Helgeson J. " " " " " "	
			" Wharton S.A. " No.1 Draughtsman Course.	
			" Tonkin A.E. Passed No.2 Anti Malaria "	
			" Cottrell L.F. " " " " " "	
			Sjt Lang R.J. " " " " " "	
			1 L/Cpl. reverted to pte at own request. 1 pte. has been	
			appointed L/Cpl., and 1 pte promoted to A/ Cpl. 1 A/Cpl is	
			transferred to A.A.P.C. and is attached to this unit for duty.	
			2 men have been granted compassionate leave. and one returned	

By with 2/6/42

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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H. 100M 2/42

Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 1 DEC 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	1 DEC 42.		from compassionate leave. WOII C.W.S. Ryan returned from No. 3	
N.T.			Small Arms School BONEGILLA (to be struck off X list). 2 men	
			have been admitted to no 17 Ed. Amb. 1 S/Sjt. is transferred	
			to S.A. L of C. 13 cease to be det. to 3 Aust. Inf. Bde. Veh.	
			Harbour, and 1 A/Cpl ceases to be det. to Command Pay Office,	
			ADELAIDE RIVER. 2 men were discharged from 119 AGH, and one	
			marched in from N.T.F.A.R.D. MATARANKA (all to be struck off X	
			list). Lieut. W. Fry completed No. 2 Special Jap Course,	
			WINNELLIE, duration 3 days. <i>bbk.</i>	
	2 DEC 42.		Successful applicants for RAAF aircrew who were examined	
			number: 2 Lieuts., 1 WOII, 3 Sjts., 1 Cpl., 40 O.R's.	See Appx. 175.
			2 men granted compassionate leave; 3 completed No. 8	
			Cooking Course; 7 completed No. 5 Sec. Leaders Course; 1 com-	
			pleted No. 9 Map Reading Course and 1 is attending No. 20 Regt. <i>bbk.</i>	

Smith Lt Col.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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H. 100M 2/42

Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 4 Dec. 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK, N.T.	4 Dec. 42.		<p>Sigs. O.T.S., BONEGILLA, to be posted to X list. 1 man ceases to be detached to 3 Bde Veh. Harbour. Advice has been received that the acting rank of A/WO11 Taylor, W.H. has been confirmed--authority 3 Aust. Inf. Bde. A5/34/2.</p> <p>1 admitted 119 A.G.H. (to be posted to X list) and 2 admitted 2/12 Fd. Amb. 3 rejoined unit from X list; 4 men in from 6 Aust. Army Troop Coy. and 1 discharged from 119 AGH (to be struck off X list). 3 marched in from N.T.F.A.R.D. MATARANKA (2 reinfts and 1 to be struck off X list). 3 men have transferred to 3 Aust. Inf. Bde., and 1 to 6 Aust. Army. Tp. Coy. All personnel now march six miles per day with full eqpt. Wednesday afternoons are devoted to internal economy, and men are thus able to wash clothes more often and so reduce the danger of skin infection.</p>	

bbd.

By Smith Lt Col.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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H. 100M 2/42

Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 5 DEC 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	5 DEC 42		1 man is appointed gpII cook. 3 have completed No.9 Fd.	
N.T.			Works course, WINNELLIE, and 1 completed No.3 Anti Malaria Course.	
			1 commenced No.3 1/4 P & R T Course, FRANKSTON, VICTORIA, duration	
			15 DEC 42 to 5 FEB 43. (to be posted to X list). 1 man returned	
			from compassionate leave. 1 discharged from 17 Fd Amb., and 1	
			is transferred to N. T. Force Reception Depot (pending movement	
			S.A. L of C.) and 1 to 6 Aust. Army Troop Coy. 2 men were	
			admitted to 17 Fd. Amb. today. <i>llk.</i>	
	6 DEC 42.		1 sjt. ceases to be att. to 111 Conv. Depot for duty. 1	
			commenced no.4 Anti Malaria Course, 2 No.9 Cooking Course, and	
			1 No.1 Int. Course, WINNELLIE. 1 GpII today relinquished his	
			appointment. 2 men have been admitted to 119 AGH and are to	
			be posted to X list. 1 was discharged from 121 AGH (to be	
			struck off X list). 1 man is transferred to 8 Aust. Fd.	

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Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn

Date and Time.—From 6 DEC 42 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	6 DEC 42.		Censorship Unit APO 0127 N. T. Force, and 2 to District Supply Depot 14 L of C. <i>bbk.</i>	
N. T.	7 DEC 42.		1 man ceases to be det. to 111 Conv. Depot for duty. 1 A/Cpl has reverted to gpII at own request. 1 pte. is appointed L/Cpl. 1 man is det. for duty to 3 Aust. Inf. Bde., and 1 transferred to 3 Aust. Inf. Bde. <i>bbk.</i>	
	8 DEC 42.		Instructions have been issued for the care of A Gas eqpt., and all ranks are to wear respirator for at least one hour per week. Weekly inspections are to be carried out, and faults remedied. <i>bbk.</i>	See Appx. 178
	9 DEC 42.		Advice has been received that Sgt. Simper C.D. qualified at No. 25 Inf. O.T.S. BONEGILLA, and WOII Ryan C.W.S. passed No. 3 Course, Small Arms School, BONEGILLA. A/Sjt. Reed J.H. and A/Sjt Smith C.R. passed No. 9 Ed. Works Course, WINNELLITE. 1	

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Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn

Date and Time.—From 9 DEC 42. To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	9 DEC 42.		commenced No. 10 Ed. Works Course. Sjt. Powell (A.A.O.C.) has	
N.T.			transferred to A.E.M.E. and is attached to this bn. for duty.	
			1 pte. has been appointed L/Cpl. 1 man is transferred to GDD	
			ADELAIDE RIVER for re allotment. 3 have been admitted to 119	
			AGH and are to be posted to X list. Lieut. D. M. Hann is also	
			admitted to 119 AGH. Lieuts. S. D. Tillett, W. J. Kennedy,	
			M. B. Horton and L. B. Willson qualified at No. 2 Junior Offrs.	
			Course, WINNELLIE. 1 man is attached for batman duties from	
			3 Aust. Inf. Bde. The audit board for this month will consist	
			of Lieuts. H. Knappstein and R. K. Blacker. <i>bbk.</i>	
	10 DEC 42.		N. T. Force School Results:	
			A/Cpl McDonald A.A. passed No. 9 Ed. Works Course	
			" Aldrich L.H. " " " " "	
			Pte Turner R.J. failed No. 3 Anti Malaria Course	
			A/Cpl Mousley R.E.J. passed No. 9 Ed. Works Course.	

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Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 10 DEC 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	10 DEC 42.		1 man was granted compassionate leave today, and 6 commenced	
N.T.			No.6 Sec. Leaders Course, WINNELLIE. A snap move was carried	
			out on the night 9/10 DEC. Hq., A, B, and D Coys took part.	
			Tps. moved by M.T. at 0130 hrs. and D.P. was reached at 0530	
			hrs. Coy Comd conference was held at 0730 hrs., and tps began	
			movement in Trinity formation at 0830 hrs. Camp area was	
			reached at 1115 hrs. Full W.E. was carried, and average weight	
			per man was 50 lb. <i>blk.</i>	
	11 DEC 42.		1 man was granted compassionate leave today. 2 have been	
			admitted to to 119 AGH and are to be posted to X list. 1 is	
			transferred to 1 Aust. Farm Coy., and 6 trans. to 29 EMB Coy.	
			Lieut. M. R. Pfeiffer has been admitted to 119 AGH (to be posted	
			to X list). <i>blk.</i>	
	12 DEC 42.		3 Aust. Inf. Bde. elimination contest of Military events for	

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Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 12 DEC 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	12 DEC 42.		the Christmas Sports Carnival N T Force were held today at 27	See Appx. 179.
N.T.			Aust. Inf. Bn. rifle range area. 43 Bn. moved to 27 Bn. by M.T.	
			Teams from this bn. were successful in embussing and debussing	
			events, and the mortar competition. Ten players were selected	
			for the team to represent 3 Aust. Inf. Bde. at football to be	
			held at DARWIN on 20 DEC 42. <i>clh.</i>	
	14 DEC 42.		1 sjt (hygiene) ceases to be det. from 2/7 Fd. Amb. He is	
			now att to this unit for duty from AAMC. 2 men commenced No.6	
			Stretcher Bearers Course, WINNELLIE, duration 10 days, 1	
			commenced No.4 Anti Malaria Course, duration 6 days, and 2	
			commenced No.11 Map Reading Course, duration 9 days. 2 men	
			are detached to N T Force Reception Depot for consultation.	
			1 rejoined unit from X list. Maj. J. A. Maitland moved to	
			BEENLEIGH, QUEENSLAND, to commence LHQ Regt. Comd. School,	

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Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 14 DEC 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	14 DEC 42.		Course No.3, duration 7 DEC 42 to 30 JAN 43.	<i>llh.</i>
N.T.	15 DEC 42.		1 man rejoined unit from N. T. Force Reception Camp today (to be struck off X list). 1 completed No.10 Map Reading Course 1 sjt moved to BONEGILLA to commence No.29 Inf. O.T.S., duration 28 DEC 42 to 20 MAR 43.(to be posted to X list). 2 ptes have been appointed L/Cpl. 1 man has been granted c ompassionate leave. 2 have been admitted to 119 AGH (to be posted to X list) and 2 discharged from 121 AGH. Lieuts. M. R. Pfeiffer and D. M. Hann rejoined the unit from 109 =AGH (to be struck off X list).	<i>llh.</i>
	17 DEC 42.		6 men today marched in from 29 Aust. Emv. Coy. 2 rejoined unit fr m N.T.F.A.R.D. MATARANKA, and 1 rejoined unit from N. T. Force Reception Camp (to be struck off X list). Pte. Barclay S.J. passed No.1 Fitters Course (A TK). 7 men have	

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Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 17 DEC 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	17 DEC 42.		been admitted to 119 AGH (to be posted to X list), and 2	
N.T.			rejoined unit from 119 AGH (to be struck off X list). 1 is	
			transferred to 3 Aust. Inf. Bde. (batman to L.O.) Sjt. KANK	
			Powell J.A. (AAOC) has transferred to AEME and is att to this	
			unit for duty. Capt. J. H. Badge returned from ADELAIDE today.	
			Capt. Badge has been engaged in the purchasing of Christmas	
			comforts for members of this bn., from bn. funds. <i>WCB</i>	
	18 DEC 42.		An exercise was held today ref map BATCHELOR-ADELAIDE RIVER	See Appx. 183
			186478. Tps. moved per march to exercise area, and carried	
			out manouvre to set plan. <i>WCB</i>	
	19 DEC 42.		A and B coys carried out a snap move (load carrying exercise)	
			today. The order was issued at 1406 hrs., and march commenced	
			at 1436 hrs. Tps. debussed at 1430 hrs., and marched back to	
			camp area, arriving at 1656 hrs., a distance of 6 miles.	

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Unit 45 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 19 DEC 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	19 DEC 42.		2 men have volunteered for service in AIF. 3 have been admtd.	
N.T.			to 119 AGH (to be posted to X list), and 1 discharged from 2/12	
			Fd. Amb. 2 men rejoined unit from N T Force Reception Camp	
			and 1 from 119 AGH (all to be struck off X list). Lieut. R. K.	
			Blacker has been admitted to 119 AGH and is to be posted to X list.	<i>W.A.</i>
	20 DEC 42.		3 men rejoined unit from N T Force Reception Camp and 1 from	
			SA L of C (all to be struck off X list). 3 have been admitted	
			to 119 AGH and are to be posted to X list.	<i>W.A.</i>
	21 DEC 42.		B coy carried out a snap move today. Exercise commenced at	
			0515 hrs. Tps debussed at 0540 hrs., and commenced the march	
			back to camp at 0550 hrs. Distance marched was 3 miles, and	
			camp was reached at 0645 hrs.	<i>W.A.</i>
	22 DEC 42.		1 A/Sit was reverted to the rank of pte at own request, and	

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Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 22 DEC 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	22 DEC 42.	b	1 pte is graded gpII cook. 1 man marched in from 121 AGH (to	
N.T.			be struck off X list) 1 completed No.4 A TK course, and 1	
			marched in from 2/12 Fd. Amb. 4 men rejoined unit from 119 AGH	
			3 from 121 AGH and 1 from N T Force Reception Camp (all to be	
			struck off X list). 1 man has been admitted to 119 AGH and 2	
			to 121 AGH (all to be posted to X list). Capt. J. H. Badge is	
			also admitted to 119 AGH and is to be posted to X list. <i>W.H.</i>	
	23 DEC 42.		N. T. Force School Results:	
			A/Sjt Pedder C.T. passed No.8 and 8a Cooking Course	
			Pte Willis J.G.R. " " " " " "	
			" Carter D.V.J. " " " " " "	
			Advice has been received that Sjt. M. Lowe qualified at No.15	
			LHQ A Gas Course, BONEGILIA, from which he returned on 22 DEC.	
			1 A/Cpl reverts to rank of pte at own request, and 1 man has	

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Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 23 DEC 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	23 DEC 42.		been admitted to 121 AGH (to be posted to X list). <i>W.A.</i>	
N.T.	24 DEC 42.		Comforts purchased from bn funds were distributed today. Each man received 1lb sweets, 1lb cake, 1lb mixed nuts, 1lb mixed fruit. 1 - 1lb tin of pudding per man was delivered to the respective kitchens. <i>W.A.</i>	
	25 DEC 42.		Christmas Day. Each man was given two bottles of beer today. Carol singers, lead by Chaplain S. H. Farmer, toured the camp last night. The midday meal today consisted of poultry and plum pudding - offr. and sjts. acted as mess orderlies. Mess huts are decorated, and in H.Q., A. and D coy huts wireless sets are installed. Comforts Fund Christmas Hampers were distributed today, and are greatly appreciated by the men. Each hamper contains 1 tin of fruit, tin of cream, tin of pudding, 1/2lb chocolate ration, 2 oz tobacco, pkt cigarette	

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Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 25 DEC 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	25 DEC 42		papers, 4 oz cheese, 2 razor blades and 2 pkts chewing gum.	
N.T.			The Christmas issue of the "43rd REPORTER" was published today and is attached. <i>Wdk.</i>	See Appx. 186.
	26 DEC 42.		Bn sports were held today in the area between A and C coys. The sound service, purchased with bn funds was used to advantage by the padre. Events were closely contested, and keen interest was displayed by all ranks. Results appear in appx. 190 <i>Wdk.</i>	See Appx. 188.
	27 DEC 42.		N. T. Force School Results: L/Cpl Walford J. passed No. 5 Sec Leaders Course " Harford L.J. " " " " " A/Cpl Wilson D.J. " " " " " " Allchurch B.E. " " " " " L/Cpl Sewer A.H. " " " " " " Stirling R. " " " " "	See Appx. 190.

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Date and Time.—From 27 DEC 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	27 DEC 42.		L/Cpl Arthur failed No.5 Sec Leaders Course	
N.T.			A/Sjt Anderson passed No.10 Map Reading Course.	
			Pte Donoghue " No.4 Anti Malaria "	
			1 pte has been graded goII cook. 1 man completed No.1 Int.	
			Course, and 2 No.6 Stretcher Bearers Course. Sjts. K. L. Nottage	
			and R. K. Pegler completed No.26 Inf. O.T.S. and rejoined unit	
			on 26 DEC (to be struck off X list). 1 completed No.11 Map	
			Reading Course and 1 No.10 Fd. Works course. 2 men returned	
			from compassionate leave, and 7 rejoined unit from N. T. Force	
			Reception Camp (to be struck off X list). 1 transferred to	
			ADCS, ADELAIDE RIVER. 2 are discharged from 17 Fd. Amb. 1 man	
			has been admitted to 119 AGH (to be posted to X list) and 2 to	
			17 Fd. Amb. Capt. J. H. Badge has been discharged from 119 AGH	
			and is to be struck off X list.	

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Date and Time.—From 28 DEC 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	28 DEC 42.		1 man has volunteered for service in the AIF. L/Cpl Gubbins	
N.T.			R. passed No. 4 A TK course. 1 man has been admitted to 17 Fd.	
			Amb. and 1 discharged from 119 AGH (to be struck off X list). <i>W.D.</i>	
	29 DEC 42.		1 man is transferred to Adv. H.Q. N. T. Force. 1 has been	
			admitted to 121 AGH (to be posted to X list) and 6 to 17 Fd.	
			Amb. Lieut. W. C. Burns is also admitted to 17 Fd. Amb. <i>W.D.</i>	
	30 DEC 42.		1 man is det. to N. T. Force Reception Camp for consultation.	
			1 has been admitted to 17 Fd. Amb. 6 rejoined unit from N. T.	
			Force Reception Camp (to be struck off X list). <i>W.D.</i>	
	31 DEC 42.		Promotions and Appointments: 1 L/Sjt to A/Sjt. 1 L/Cpl to	
			A/Cpl. 2 ptes to gpII sigs. 1 pte to gpI Artificer A TK.	
			1 A/Sjt reverts to rank of pte at own request. 1 man ceases to	
			be det to N. T. Force Reception Camp. 1 has been discharged	
			from 17 Fd. Amb.	

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Unit 43 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 31 DEC 42. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
COOMALLIE CREEK.	31 DEC 42.		Result of 3 Aust. Inf. Bde Sig. School No.3:	
N.T.			Pte Wakefield J.C. passed Morse speed 10 w.p.m.	
			" Eldridge J.C. " " " 15 "	
			" McCellar J.M. " " " 15 "	
			" Bitmead J. failed " " 10 "	
			" Logan J. " " " " "	
			" Tregilgas A.A. " " " " "	
			" Scheid R.A. " " " " "	
			3 men have been admitted to 17 Fd. Amb. 1 rejoined unit from	
			N.T. Force Reception Camp (to be struck off X list), and 1	
			marched in from N. T. Force Reception Camp.	
			A, C, and D coys today went to MANTON DAM POOL to carry out	
			boat trg. Elementary practice in handling boats on land has	
			been carried out during the week. A and C coys marched to the	

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS

(289-296)

by

Lt-col C. FRITH

Comd 43 Aust Inf Bn

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289 UNAUTHORISED USE OF VEREY LIGHTS

1. Instances have recently been reported of unauthorised Verey lights being fired in the vicinity of aerodromes and coinciding with the raids of Japanese aircraft.
2. All comds are instructed that, in the event of any of their pers observing and reporting that Verey lights are being fired, they will immediately take action to endeavour to locate and apprehend the person or persons suspected of firing such lights.
3. In carrying out this investigation, determination to apprehend the persons must be pursued. All ranks are to be warned that patrols, etc., despatched on these missions will fire if their challenge is not answered to their satisfaction.
4. The widest publicity is to be given to this order and every endeavour made to clear up the alleged subversive activities suspected of being coincident with hostile air attacks at night.
5. Any trg exercise which involves the firing of flares or lights must be reported to H.Q. **43 Bn** at least **60** hrs prior to its commencement.

290 DISEMBARKATION LEAVE - AIF PERS RETURNED TO AUSTRALIA

Advice has been received from LHQ that troops who have returned from service abroad and who have not already had a period of disembarkation leave, are eligible for 14 days' leave pursuant to G.R.O. A309 of 1942. Troops who have already been granted leave of a lesser duration prior to the publication of this G.R.O. are not eligible for a further grant and no action will be taken to make further disembarkation leave available to those members or to credit them with further disembarkation leave.

291 PROHIBITED AREAS

1. **Troops** are reminded that areas within a 5 ml radius of the following are out of bounds to all ranks:-

- (a) KOOLPINYAH Homestead
- (b) KOOLPINYAH Slaughter Yards
- (c) HUMPTY DOO Station.
- (d) Any Native Reservation.

292 SWIMMING - DANGER OF ACCIDENTS

Accidents have occurred recently to pers whilst swimming in various pools, etc. in this area. In order to minimise the risk necessarily attached to this practice, pers who are unable to swim will not be permitted to enter the water and at all times a capable swimmer will be detailed to watch the pool with a view to rendering assistance to anyone in difficulties.

The senior member present will ensure that this instruction is carried out.

293 ADDRESSING OF AIR MAIL

Cases have come to notice recently of mail for pers stationed in this comd having been addressed care 6 AUST DIV. with the result that it has been forwarded to the operational area of that Div.

In order to avoid unnecessary handling and delays through redirecting, tps will be instructed that their address will exclude all reference to 6 AUST DIV.

294 CONSERVATION OF RUBBER

It has been brought to notice that the seriousness of the rubber situation has not impressed itself on the troops in the field and the wast of rubber and tyres is deplorable.

A serious view is being taken of any case of failure to conserve rubber supplies. Instructions with regard to conservation of rubber have been promulgated in G.R.O. O.150 of 1942 and M.B.I. O.41 of 1942. G.R.O. O.150 of 1942, Section (K) reads:-

"The practice of keeping vehs constantly under load has a detrimental effect on the tyres, especially when the vehs are stationary for long periods."

Ignorance of correct methods of rubber conservation is, therefore, no longer excusable on the part of responsible officers.

It is essential that a correct understanding of the situation be instilled into all ranks concerned and that the practical observance of the above instructions be improved in future.

295 REQUISITION FOR TPT

1. All requisitions for use of tpt must be handed in to TO by 1800 on day previous to use. Requisition will include particulars re: job to be done, mileage, approx time.

2. Coy vehs will NOT be used unless ordered by TO.

296 COVERS, BREECH, RIFLE AND COVERG, OVERALL, RIFLE

Approval has been given for provision to be made for covers for rifles as follows:-

(a) Cover, breech, rifle will be issued for all rifles other than those issued to pers in "A" and "B" vehs.

(b) Cover, overall, rifle will be issued for all rifles issued to pers in "A" and "B" vehs.

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(H.K. FROST, Adjt 43 Aust Inf Bn)

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NOTICES

SHORTHAND TYPIST

A shorthand typist is required for H.Q. NT Force, in rank of Cpl with prospect of promotion. Coys will submit names of applicants through usual channels.

PICTURES

Pictures will be screened in the 27 Aust Inf Bn Area 3 Dec 42.

"MAN WHO CRIED WOLF" and "FAST COMPANY"

R.A.A.F. RECRUITING - AIR CREW

The following pers are successful applicants for R.A.A.F. Air Crew of pers examined up to and including 28 Nov 42.

SX21718.	Lieut	ROBERTS S.R.A.	S23270	Pte	ARBON L.A.
SX21710	"	WILLSON L.B.	S24264	"	MackELLAR J.M.
QX4857	WO II	MORRIS V.J.B.	S24289	"	McKINLAY J.P.
S23381	S Sjt	SHORT L.A.	S24708	"	SANDERSON L.S.
S23999	Sjt	ANDERSON J.N.	S26432	"	SCHEID R.A.
SX21744	L/Sjt	MURN A.L.	S24573	"	SILCOCK D.J.
S24598	Cpl	CAKEBREAD R.M.	S24506	"	LLOYD R.W.
S24233	L/Cpl	FERRY G.H.	S23012	"	PAINTER R.R.
S24023	"	CHICWIDDEN E.J.	S24632	"	SMITH J.T.
S23976	Pte	ALDERSON W.G.	SX21759	"	TURNER L.C.
S24340	"	BALDWIN R.T.	S24296	"	POSTLETHWAITE J.A.
S50116	"	CURNOW F.M.	S23590	"	MARTIN A.W.G.
S23025	"	DIENELT H.J.	S24474	"	POLLARD W.G.
S24533	"	GROCOCK E.L.	S23519	"	STRONGMAN N.
S24357	"	GROOM W.D.	S24373	"	WILLIAMS W.R.
S50130	"	HUGHES D.R.M.	S23586	"	McGEE C.S.
S24617	"	JOHNS B.M.	S15106	"	HERMEL J.M.
S24403	"	PETERS R.L.	S29258	"	HOOKE R.
S24186	"	PITMAN K.J.S.	S23854	"	ANDERSON A.E.
S24252	"	QUINN V.J.	S22813	"	HAINES K.R.
S24437	"	TAYLOR L.H.	S24481	"	HENWOOD F.J.
S24438	"	THOMAS R.M.	S23568	"	JENKINS J.R.
S24527	"	WILLIAMS J.	S24408	"	STEBBING R.W.
SX23165	"	WILLIAMS M.			

REVERSIONS

S22934	A/Sjt	TAVENER G.W.	Reverted to Pte	30 Oct 42
S23515	"	LUKEMAN J.H.	Reverted to A/Cpl	"
S26912	A/Cpl	CARPENTER E.P.	Reverted to Pte	"
S23029	"	DUNSTAN H.M.	" " "	"
S23453	"	SPURLING D.T.	" " "	"
S24474	"	POLLARD W.G.	" " "	"
S24533	L/Cpl	GROCOCK E.L.	" " "	"
SX21733	Pte Gp I	FAIRWEATHER A.J.	Relinquishes Gp I	"
S23090	Pte Gp II	McMAHON R.E.	Relinquishes Gp II	"
S23340	A/Cpl	LOFTES H.L.C.	Reverted to Pte	"

PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

S23515	A/Cpl	LUKEMAN J.H.	Appointed L/Sjt	3 Nov 42
S24233	Pte	PERRY G.H.	" L/Cpl	30 Oct 42
S24414	"	PALEY R.F.	" L/Cpl	"
S23340	"	LOFTES H.L.C.	" L/Cpl	"
S24233	L/Cpl	PERRY G.H.	Graded Gp III Clerk	"
S24414	"	PALEY R.F.	do.	"
S23340	"	LOFTES H.L.C.	"	"
S21042	Pte	NAYDA F.T.	Graded Gp III dr mech	"
S24272	A/Cpl	HODGINS G.A.	Promoted to A/Sjt	3 Nov 42

CONFIRMATION OF RANK

S23643	A/Sjt	VOYSEY B.	Sjt rank confirmed	3 Nov 42
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PROMOTIONS

S23632	L/Sjt	SMITH C.R.	Promoted to A/Sjt	30 Oct 42
S24015	A/Cpl	REED J.H.	" " "	1 Nov 42
S24612	L/Cpl	HARFORD L.D.	" " A/Cpl	"
S17036	"	LYNCH R.W.	" " "	"

RESULTS OF NT FORCE DISTRICT SCHOOL - No 8 Fd. Works for offrs.

S22910	Lieut	SAINT M.E.	Passed 70%
S22728	"	CARTER F.H.	" 60%
			(Course average 66%)

LOST One R.A.P. Satchel on the night of 17 Nov approx 200 yds west of PIONEER CK, 100 yds in from rd, opposite "WATER POINT" sign. If found please report same to this H.Q.

PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

QZ4857	Sjt	MORRIS V.J.B.	Promoted A/WO (II)	29 Aug 42
S23999	A/Cpl	ANDERSON J.N.	" A/Sjt	12 Nov 42
S24021	"	DOELAN E.D.	" "	12 Nov 42
S24885	L/Cpl	SEARLE C.C.	" A/Cpl	8 Nov 42
S23893	Pte	ARBON F.J.	Graded Gp II Cook	12 Nov 42
S27046	"	JACKMANN E.D.	" " "	12 Nov 42
S23670	A/Cpl	BRINE E.A.	Promoted A/Sjt	14 Nov 42
S23342	Pte	LESKE E.W.	Appointed L/Cpl	"
S22804	"	HELLER M.A.	" "	"
S23926	"	FITZGERALD R.C.	" "	"
S23276	"	BOELMEYER J.H.	Graded Gp II Cook	"
SX21732	L/Cpl	DONOUGHUE W.C.	Promoted A/Cpl	16 Nov 42
S24046	"	CUTTING S.	" "	"
S24622	Pte	WEINERT H.A.	Appointed L/Cpl	"
S15406	"	HENSEL J.H.	" "	"
S23985	"	DWYER J.	" "	"
SX21745	"	MURRAY R.C.	" "	"
S21109	"	SMITH A.M.	Promoted A/Cpl	"
S23581	L/Sjt	LEAHY E.E.	" A/Sjt	"
S23087	Cpl	MOORE R.J.	Appointed L/Sjt	"
S23768	L/Cpl	DRUMMOND M.G.	Promoted A/Cpl	"
S23549	"	GAMLIN R.G.N.	" "	"
S23805	Pte	PHILLIPS A.D.	" A/Cpl	"
S24404	"	SHEPHERDSON R.E.	Appointed L/Cpl	"
S24020	"	ROWE K.	Graded Gp III Sig	"
S23349	Cpl	LANG R.J.	Promoted A/Sjt	18 Nov 42
S24302	Pte	KNEEBONE W.D.	" A/Cpl	"
S24111	"	TAVENNER G.W.	Appointed L/Cpl	"
SX21761	Cpl	JOHNSON R.W.	" L/Sjt	23 Nov 42
SX21724	L/Cpl	ARTHUR D.C.	Promoted A/Cpl	"
S23467	"	ARTHUR A.P.	" "	"
SX21741	"	McDONALD R.C.	" "	"
S24081	"	STARKS D.K.	" "	"
SX21728	"	CLARKE J.F.	" "	"
SX21752	"	SEWER A.H.	" "	"
SX21760	"	WALFORD J.	" "	"
S24581	Pte	GUBBINS R.J.	Appointed L/Cpl	24 Nov 42
S24456	"	SAMPSON R.C.	" "	23 Nov 42
S23902	"	HATGRAVES A.W.S.	" "	"
S50163	"	MENZIES D.L.	" "	"
S23508	"	EDWARDS A.H.	" "	"
S24374	"	WINTLER C.R.	Graded Gp II Cook	"
S23832	"	ARNOLD V.B.	" "	"
S50124	"	SIMMONS R.L.J.	Appointed L/Cpl	28 Nov 42
S23307	"	EVANS D.M.	Promoted A/Cpl	1 Dec 42

REVERSIONS

S20652	S/sjt	GARRARD A.T.	Reverts to Gp II Cook	16 Nov 42
S23342	L/Cpl	LESKE E.W.	" Pte	28 Nov 42

CONFIRMATION OF RANK

S23349	A/Cpl	LANG R.J.	Cpl rank confirmed	18 Nov 42
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43 AUST INF BN TRG SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 6 DEC 42

A COY			0845-0915	0915-1015	1015-1115	1115-1215	1345-1445	1445-1545	1545-1645	1900-2000
Mon	30	Nov		RANGE PRACTICE			RIFLE			Firing on fxd lines
Tue	1	Dec	Rifle Exs	Rifle: Indication of targets	Bren: Elementary handling	A Tk Rifle: Recap		6 ml March		
Wed	2	Dec	Forming squads, etc	6 ml march and TSMG Recap				Interior Economy		
Thu	3	Dec	Saluting and whom to salute	Fire discipline trg	Respirator drill. Rec of war gases	Bren. Elementary handling		6 ml march and booby traps		
Fri	4	Dec	Coy turn out in full kit	DEMONSTRATION Grenade throwing and discharging			High Low wiring	Q.D.E. for Sec Ldrs	Molotov Cocktails preparation and use	Route march
Sat	5	Dec	Squad drill	6 MILE MARCH Rifle - standing and kneeling posns			Fire discipline trg	Lecture by RMO-Hygiene 2 i/c :- Security	Bren Elementary handling	
Sun	6	Dec	R E S T D A Y							

- COY NOTES:-
- (1) 0845-0915 Coy muster parade and squad drill.
 - (2) On afternoon parade pers will carry towels and soap in basic pouch to enable movement direct to showers
 - (3) Last period of day; work with bare feet (where possible).
 - (4) Boots, socks - report Wed and Sat.
 - (5) Kit inspection - Wed.

BN NOTES

- (1) P & RT 0645-0715 hrs daily. Skin inspection by pl comd daily.
- (2) Towels and foot powder will be carried on all marches. Instns ref daily foot baths to be carried out.
- (3) "C" Coy NOT working to syllabus because of duty at BERRY SPRINGS. Strength 4 offrs 98 OR.
- (4) Specialist trg by HQ Coy, "I" Sec, Stretcher Bearers. Marches will be regulated at a speed of 115 paces to the min and a 32 in pace.

COURTS OF INQUIRY.

Name.....

Private Address.....

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1. Complaint.....

2. Reported to Bragade by letter on.....

" " " " D.11 "

3. Name of R.M.O.....

" " A.M.O.....

4. A.A.F. A2 - Required/Not Required.

" A2b- Required/Not Required.from R.M.O.

5. " " " " " " A.M.O.

6. Evidence: First Witness.....

Second Witness.....

Third Witness.....

7. Evidence: Company Commander.....

8. Statement: Employer.....

" Employee.....

9. Compensation - To be Claimed

Not to be Claimed

10. Report of Court.....

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11. Date of Completion.....(12) Forwarded.

(Signed).....President.

.....Member

.....Member

177.

I Sec.

INT SEC 43 AUST INF BN TRG SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 6 DEC 42

Date	0845-0945	0945-1045	1045-1145	1145-1215	1345-1445	1445-1545	1545-1645	1900-2000
Mon 30 Nov	TSMG Less 1 Loading and unloading	Draughting	Characterist -ics of small arms	Tank obstacles	6 ML	MARCH	and reports on movement to develop powers of observation.	
Tue 1 Dec	TSMG Less 2 Holding and firing	Ciphers and Codes	Explanations of filing system used in Int work		6 ML	MARCH		
Wed 2 Dec	TSMG Less 3 Stripping and cleaning	Recoe reports	6 ML	MARCH	INTERNAL ECONOMY			
Thu 3 Dec	GENERAL INT WORK TO BE BROUGHT TO DATE				6 ML	MARCH		
Fri 4 Dec	GENERAL INT WORK TO BE BROUGHT TO DATE				6 ML	MARCH	DEMO Night firing	
Sat 5 Dec	Bren recap	Abbvnns	Cipher & Codes (practice)	Examination of PW (practice)	6 ML	MARCH		
Sun 6 Dec	R E S T				D A Y			

BN NOTES

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43 Aust Inf Bn
8 Dec 42.

All Coys
Lieut SMITH (for information)

CARE ANTI-GAS EQUIPMENT

I. The following is an extract from NF FORCE Trg Instr No 25

1. Inspection of respirators in possession of troops including reinforcements arriving from A.R.D. has revealed a general neglect of A/Gas equipment, and in numerous cases there is a complete ignorance of elementary anti-gas training.

2. The neglect of A/Gas equipment is as serious as the neglect of arms or any other equipment and comd will take immediate steps to ensure that very frequent inspections are made. The fact that more than 90% of the worlds rubber is now in enemy hands should lend added incentive to all ranks in keeping their respirators in first class order.

3. The more common faults with respirators are:-

- (a) Face piece and head harness are not properly fitted.
- (b) Foreign articles are being carried in haversacks.
- (c) Face pieces are distorted as a result of long storage and lack of use.
- (d) Containers are incorrectly wired to connecting tubes.
- (e) Containers are damaged, eyepieces are cracked and generally respirators are in bad and filthy condition.

The removal of these faults is a matter for the regular attention of every unit comd.

4. A case has been reported where the canister of a respirator left untouched for a few days, was found to be full of ants. Whether the ants caused any damage to the filling in the cannister is NOT yet known, but had the respirator been required for use in an emergency it would have been at least temporarily unserviceable.

5. The wearing of the respirator for a quarter or an half hour at some fixed time is not adequate training for gas warfare, which may be lodged at any time the enemy thinks fit.

II In view of the above, the following will be carried out by Coy Comds.

1. Respirators will be worn for at least one hour per week by ALL ranks in the Coy.

2. During inspection periods each week, notes will be made on faults of A/Gas equipment and every effort will be made to remedy same.

3. Lieut Smith is Unit A/Gas offr and all gas problems and suggestions etc will be made to him.

4. All personnel will be trained to consider gas as a very effective weapon of war and must not be caught napping with faulty A/Gas equipment.

Adj. 43 Aust Inf Bn. Lieut.

BRIGADE COMPETITIONS

27 BN RIFLE RANGE AREA - 1430 hrs - 12 DEC 42

1. Bde elimination contest of military events will be held at 27 Bn Rifle Range area commencing 1430 hrs 12 Dec 42
2. 43 Bn will move to area by MT and will be in posn by 1425 hrs.
3. Coy guides will report to RP at guide assembly area (junc NA rd and B Coy IN rd. approx 500x north BHO). Guides will move ABC vehicles to wet weather embussing area.
4. Allotment of vehicles - A Coy 4, B Coy 4, D Coy 5, HQ Coy 10, HQ 1. T.O. to supply 2 vehicles for C Coy pers.
5. Coys will be embussed and reports submitted to bn by 1325 hrs
6. ROUTE: NA rd to track opposite D Coy 27 Bn, thence to 27 Bn oval (near rifle range). Tps to debuss and vehicles to move to dispersal areas as allotted by RP Sjt.
- 7 VTM 10 MIN 15 ST 1330 hrs
SF - Junc NA rd and C Coy IN rd.

7. Immediately on completion of competitions, coys will move to embussing areas and form up.

8 Sjt GRAY will ensure a guide is placed at turn off from NA rd into area and an RP stationed at C Coy IN rd to control movement.

- 9 ORDERS OF EVENTS
1. Signal message carrying (Lieut. TILLY assistant marshall)
 2. Embussing
 3. Pl Drill
Supervisor, Lieut. JAMES
Judges MAJ HENRY
" MCINNIS
 4. Mortar competition
 5. Bren Gun competition
 6. Grenade throwing competition
 7. Passage wire obstacles.

Team in passage wire obstacles will remain behind after demo to help take down wire.

Morris (water - photo)
Will run 220 10 players selected
Pavich tower - down for rde.
Hayton Spring - board. Foot ball.
Roberts - selected
Robert Lieut.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

43 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
	*		
	*		
1 Lieut.-Colonels	1		
3 Majors	1		
10 Captains	3		
20 Lieutenants	23		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
34 Totals	28		6

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut (P)	PERKINS M.R.	43 Bn	10/12/42	posted to X List
Lieut	HAIN D.L.	"	7/12/42	posted to X List
Capt S/Maj	Holtland J.A.	"	11/12/42	posted to X List

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
V/Lt-col	338888	FIRTH G.	CO	Yes	
Capt V/Regt	32256	HADLEY J.G.	2 1/2 Coy	"	
Capt V/Regt	32257	BYRNE J.O.	CO	No	CO 5 Aust Inf Bde
Lieut	32257	BYRNE J.O.		No	Veh Harbour
Lieut V/Capt	321710	REID A.A.	"	No	School PT STEPHENS
Lieut	321716	W. B. HALL	1/00 Coy	Yes	
Lieut V/Capt	321375	GRAY W.A.	00 Coy	No	School WARRILLIE
Lieut	321718	ROBERTS J.P.A.	01 Cond	Yes	
Lieut V/Capt	32273	DAVEY J.H.	11	"	
Lieut	32310	WILSON J.D.	01 Coy	"	
Lieut	322825	WILSON J.D.	2 1/2 Coy	"	
Lieut (P)	322910	WILSON J.D.	01 Cond	"	
Lieut (P)	323107	HURDLE H.A.	2 1/2 Coy	"	
Lieut (P)	323161	WILSON J.D.	1 1/2 Coy	"	
Lieut (P)	323111	FIRTH G.	00 Coy	"	
Lieut	321736	WILSON J.D.	01 Cond	"	
Lieut	323113	JAMES A.C.	01 Cond	"	
Lieut	321714	FIRTH G.	11	"	
Lieut	321720	WILSON J.D.	01 Cond	"	
Lieut (P)	3212316	JOHNSON W.A.H.	01 Cond	"	
Lieut	322733	CAMBER F.H.	01 Cond	"	
Lieut (P)	321235	CLARK J.D.	00 Coy	"	
Lieut	321115	WILSON J.D.	01 Cond	"	
Lieut (P)	3212112	WILSON J.D.	01 Cond	"	
Lieut	321171	WILSON J.D.	01 Cond	"	
Lieut (P)	3212130	WILSON J.D.	01 Cond	"	
Lieut	321075	WILSON J.D.	01 Cond	"	
Lieut	320733	WILSON J.D.	01 Cond	"	
Lieut	321731	WILSON J.D.	B.C.	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
Capt	321715	FIRTH G.	11	29/1/42	11
Capt	321718	ROBERTS J.P.A.	01 Cond	18/10/41	11

13 Aust Inf Bde

(Unit)

Grith
(Signature of Commander)

12 Dec 42

(Date of Despatch)

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

War Diary

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS

(297-305)

by

Lt-col C. FRITH

Comd 43 Aust Inf Bn

Serial 13

12 Dec 42

297 PROHIBITION OF BETTING TELEGRAMS.

The effect of a recent National Security Regulation is to prohibit the lodging for transmission of any telegram containing matter relating either directly or indirectly to the probable result of any future sporting event or to any wager or bet concerning the result of any sporting event. Consequently, in exercising their censorship functions, officers will not frank telegrams falling within this prohibition.

298 MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL ON DUTY

1. All movement of officers and other ranks (except by units, portion of units and large drafts for which Movement Control makes special arrangements and issues Movement Order) travelling on duty by rail, sea, air and co-ordinated road movement will be covered by a Movement Order issued by the unit or school despatching the personnel concerned.
2. The formation, etc., will issue a Movement Order (AAF A 19) or pro forma to the individual or, in the case of a party, to the senior officer or other rank who will be in charge of party. In accordance with information supplied by Movement Control, full instructions as to the method, dates and times of travel and intermediate reporting centres en route will be embodied in the order.
3. Separate written instructions, as necessary, will be issued to the individual or to the officer or other rank in charge of the party by the officer initiating the movement as regards details of duty to be carried out.
4. Any officer or other rank attempting to travel without proper authority or by means other than specified in the Movement Order will be refused travel and may have disciplinary action taken against him.
5. In view of above, all personnel or person in charge of party will ensure movement order in possession when moving on leave, to or from school etc.

299 KITS AND EFFECTS OF ILLEGAL ABSENTEES AND KITS, EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT FOUND IN RAILWAY CLOAKROOMS, ETC.

A. Kits and Effects of Illegal Absentees -

1. Immediately a member of the A.M.F., including A.W.A.S. or A.A.N.S or A.A.M.W.S., has been declared an illegal absentee, the following action will be taken in respect of effects other than those on charge to the member's unit.
2. The effects, after removal of items on charge to the member's unit, will be despatched to the section of Aust Kit Store servicing the formation to which the member belongs. If there is no such section the effects will be forwarded to the nearest Sub-H.Q. of Aust Kit Store. Such effects will be accompanied by AAF K.S.4, in duplicate, such form containing a certificate to the effect that the member concerned is an illegal absentee. The effects will then be stored with other kits and effects of members of the same unit.
3. (a) Such effects will be noted by Aust Kit Store as those of an illegal absentee and will not be issued to the member concerned except on a request signed by or for the C.O. of the member concerned, either of his then unit or of a unit to which the member may be subsequently posted after being apprehended. If such member claims to have been discharged from the Military Forces and produces to Aust Kit Store his certificate of discharge, arrangements will be made for the kit to be dissected in accordance with para (b) hereof and the personal effects forwarded to the member at an address nominated by him.

(2)

(b) If such effects have not been withdrawn after the expiration of six months after deposit, Aust Kit Store will ascertain, through LHQ Records Office, whether the member concerned is still an illegal absentee. If such member is found to be still illegally absent, then the effects concerned will be dissected and dealt with by Aust Kit Store as provided in the case of a deceased soldier by G.R.O. Q178/1942 and Administrative Instructions for Kit Stores, 1942. If such member, upon such inquiry, is found to be no longer an illegal absentee, then the effects will be removed from the illegal absentee list and, if necessary, transferred to another section of Aust Kit Store. In the latter case, the member concerned will be so notified.

B Equipment and Effects found on Railway Stations, Cloakrooms Hotels, etc.

1. Action as set out below will be taken in all cases where arms, equipment, kits and personal effects are recovered from railway stations, railway and other non-military cloakrooms, hotels and other sources. Such action will be taken by the member of Movement Control, Provost Corps or other unit or person recovering the articles.

(a) Arms and equipment will then be returned to the nearest A.A.O.C Depot. If the article can be identified, the owner's unit will be so advised by the A.A.O.C. Depot and the article will be struck off the unit's charge.

(b) Kits and personal effects will, if the owner and his unit can be ascertained, be forwarded to the section of Aust Kit Store which serves the formation to which the member belongs. If there is no such section, such articles will be forwarded to the nearest Sub-H.Q. of Aust Kit Store. Such Sub-H.Q. will arrange for the storage of the article and notify the owner.

(c) If the ownership of the kit or effects cannot be established, the same will be forwarded to the nearest Sub-H.Q. of Aust Kit Store, by whom the articles will be dissected in accordance with G.R.O. Q178/1942 and Administrative Instructions for Kit Stores, 1942. If the effects remain unidentifiable, the personal property therein will be stored by Aust Kit Store pending identification by description of contents, and the Army property therein dealt with as provided in G.R.O. Q 178/1942, para 5 (c)(ii). If ownership of the effects is established during dissection, then the effects will be sent to the appropriate Kit Store Section and the owner will be so notified.

2. Arms, ammunition, or equipment will not be deposited in cloakrooms other than those staffed by military personnel, nor will they be left unattended by military personnel in hotels, restaurants, cafes or similar institutions.

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RESTRICTED USE OF SOLDER

1. Owing to the extreme shortage of tin it has become necessary to ensure that the present supplies of solder be conserved to the utmost.

2. The following methods whereby the consumption of solder may be reduced will be adopted by all concerned:-

(a) The discontinuance of use of "Filling" or "Loading" solders- The use of solders as fillers or smoothers for motor car or truck bodies or for body patching is prohibited.

(b) The extended use of electric welding, lead burning and brazing in place of soldering.

(c) Extension of the use of alternative methods, such as the cup and cone joint for plumbing and the mechanical joints in engineering, also lock seaming and crimping wherever possible.

(d) Reduction in size of plumbed joints, with the substitution of the lead burning technique for wiped joints as an ultimate objective.

3. All Ordnance Depots are to control the issue of solder to units and extreme care is to be taken that each unit has an absolute minimum stock holding. If any unit now holds stocks of solder for which it has no immediate use the surplus will be returned to the nearest Ordnance Depot.

4. Solder is a L.H.Q. provision and on no account are large quantities to be purchased locally by L. of C. Areas.

301 DAMAGE TO FIELD TELEPHONES

Cases have occurred during the past week of personnel other than Sigs, tampering with telephones.

In one case, a telephone buzzer unit, has been seriously damaged, and parts for these telephones are extremely difficult to replace.

Under no circumstances will any unauthorized person attempt to adjust the buzzer unit on a Field Telephone.

Should a telephone at anytime go out of action, the Signal Officer will be notified immediately by Signal message, and steps will be taken to rectify same.

Dampness and dirt are the chief causes of breakdown in telephones, therefore they should be kept clean and dry at all times.

302 CHRISTMAS GREETING TELEGRAMS

In order to avoid delays in censorship of Christmas and New Year telegrams, any one of the following standard texts may be used.

- (a) A Merry Christmas and New Year to all.
- (b) Love and Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year. All well.
- (c) Love and Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all at home. All well.
- (c) Love and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year. All well
- (f) Every Good Wish for the New Year.

In lodging your telegrams it will only be necessary to insert the letter applicable to the text desired.

For example: Mrs. J. BROWN,
15 John Street,
BALLARAT, VIC.

Text "A"

Bill.

The choice of the texts will rest solely with the sender.

Although the text is represented by one letter only, the full number of the words contained in the message, is to be charged for. The charge being 14 words for 6d. and 1d. for each additional two words or part thereof. Name and address to where telegram is sent, to be counted and included in the charge.

To save delay stamps are to be affixed on space provided on telegram form.

It should be specially noted that the full address of the sender must NOT be shown on the telegram.

Name and Army No. to be shown on reverse side.

All telegram forms to be in Unit postal hut no later than 1900 hrs 16 Dec 42.

303 CENSORSHIP - FILMS AND NEGATIVES

Until instructions are issued to the contrary, despatch of films or photos of any description, whether personal or otherwise, out of N.T. is forbidden.

304 CARE MOSQUITO NETS

1. Owing to difficulty experienced in replacing damaged or deficient mosquito nets, Coys will ensure that the greatest care is exercised in maintaining the efficiency of these.

2. Personnel who lose full protection offered by these nets through carelessness will NOT be able to obtain replacements for some considerable time, if at all, the vital need for care being thus emphasized.

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305 PHONETIC ALPHABET.

1. With effect from 1st January, 1943, the use of the existing Phonetic Alphabet will be discontinued and the following will be adopted:-

A ADAM	J JIG	S SUGAR
B BAKER	K KING	T TARE
C CHARLIE	L LOVE	U UNCLE
D DOG	M MIKE	V VICTOR
E EASY	N NAN	W WILLIAM
F FOX	O OBOE	X X-RAY
G GEORGE	P PETER	Y YOKE
H HOW	Q QUEEN	Z ZED
I ITEM	R ROGER	

DISTRIBUTION LIST "A"

H.K. Frost
..... Licut,
(H.K. FROST) Adj't 43 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

The probationary or provisional appointments of the following officers is confirmed:-

S22825 Licut W.J. KENNEDY	SX21714 Licut H.K. FROST
SX13756 Licut M.B. HORTON	SX21720 Licut L.B. WILLSON
SX21717 Licut A.W. PACKER	SX26408 Licut N.L. GREEN
SX21714 Licut A.C. JAMES	S22728 Licut F.H. GAMER
SX26413 Licut A.C. JAMES	SX21719 Licut E.K. RUSSACK

FOUND

Paybook; property of S47050 Pte HEADING D.C. may be collected at this Bn H.Q.

LOST Rifle No. 10686 - during free for all patrol. Finder return to this H.Q.

PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

S24150	Pte	BENZ A.	Graded Gp II Cook	4 Dec 42
S50162	"	HUBBER W.G.	Appointed L/Cpl	6 Dec 42
S25385	"	SMARE C.A.	" "	8 Dec 42

CONFIRMATION OF RANK

SX21757	A/WO II	TAYLOR W.H.	WO II rank confirmed	1 Dec 42
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REVERSIONS

S20652	Pte Gp II	GARRARD A.T.	Relinquishes Gp II	5 Dec 42
S22782	A/Cpl	GERRIE E.G.	Reverts to Gp II cook	7 Dec 42

DISTRICT SCHOOL RESULTS

No. 9 Fd Works Course - duration 14 days.

S20926	A/Cpl	LDRIDGE L.H.	Passed	written 49%
S22851	"	MOUSLEY R.E.J.	"	practical 75%
S23094	"	MCDONALD A.A.	"	written 38%
				practical 50%
				written 66%
				practical 80%

No. 3 Anti-Malaria Course, duration 6 days

S24145	Pte	TURNER R.J.	Failed	written 37%
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ENLISTMENT AIF

The undernamed officers are over age for transfer to AIF and have been medically classified as shown:

S22724	Capt.	BADGE,	J.H.	Class I
S22987	Lieut	BRYSON	W.C.	" "
S24461	"	O'CONNOR	C.C.	" "

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ROUTINE ORDERS

(306-311)

by

Lt-col. C. FRITH

Comd 43 Aust Inf Bn

Serial 14

16 Dec 42

306 LIQUOR FOR OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' MESS

1. The Australian Defence Canteens Service is the sole authority through which all supplies of beer and spiritous liquors for officers' and sergeants' messes will be purchased.
2. The purchase of liquor supplies for messes through any other channel is prohibited.
3. In no circumstances is liquor purchased in an officers' or sergeants' mess to be sold or disposed of to any person other than a member of the mess.

307 CONSERVATION OF FOODSTUFFS - POTATOES.

1. To prevent wastage, the peeling of potatoes before they are cooked is, until further notice, forbidden.
2. Before potatoes are cooked, they will be scrubbed clean and bad portions, if any, will be cut out. Neglect of such precaution makes this food distasteful.
3. When practicable, potatoes will be steamed in preference to being boiled. When, however, it is necessary to boil potatoes in Soyer stoves, it may be found that owing to the softness of the variety the lower tubers break up. Should this occur, resort must be had to roasting or else fewer potatoes must be boiled in each stove to lessen the weight on the bottom layer.
4. When practicable, potatoes will be omitted from the breakfast diet, unless there is cooked potato left over from the previous day which can be utilised.

308 HOLDALLS FOR BREN LIGHT MACHINE GUNS

1. A Holdall, Bren, .303 M.G., Mk. I, is being provided to carry the following spares and accessories of the Bren Light Machine Gun :-

Barrel (spare)
Wallet (filled)
Rod cleaning cylinder
Mop cleaning cylinder
Brush cleaning cylinder

It is also fitted with a pocket to carry a spare breech block if required.

2. The scale of issue will be one Holdall for each Bren Light Machine Gun.
3. Consequent on the issue of the Holdall, the use of the Chest, Bren, .303 M.G., will, in future, be restricted to transit purpose only.

309 PRESERVATION AND LUBRICATION OF SMALL ARMS AND MACHINE GUNS.

1. Reports received from areas located in the tropics indicate that considerable trouble is being experienced in the prevention of corrosion of steel components of small arms and machine guns, particularly in regard to steel parts of rifles in contact with wood.
2. It is apparent that, when new rifles from the factory and reconditioned rifles from Ordnance Workshops have been assembled, a low melting point preserving grease has been applied to those parts of the rifle in contact with wood; in consequence, when

the rifle is taken into a hot climate, the grease melts and is absorbed by the wood, leaving steel components dry and subject to corrosion.

3. As a lubricant, cleansing agent and preservative of bores and actions of S.As. and M.Gs., Oil 'A' only is to be used. Oil 'A' has special adhesive corrosion inhibitor and cleansing properties which are particularly desirable in tropical climates.

310 PAYBOOKS- NO. TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM MEMBERS

1. Attention is directed to the tendency in all commands for the members' paybooks to be withdrawn for various reasons and in some cases held in orderly rooms indefinitely. This has resulted in members being transferred, evacuated to hospital or being sent on leave without paybooks in their possession.

2. The possession by a member of his paybook at all times is essential for identification and medical reasons, as well as for purpose of pay. Coy Comds will ensure that paybooks are not withdrawn from members except for official purposes, and when so withdrawn that they are returned as soon as possible.

3. All members will be instructed that paybooks must be in their possession when going on leave or transfer. Coy Comds will carry out check parades periodically to ensure that all members are in possession of paybooks.

4. Cases of loss of paybooks, due to carelessness or wilful destruction, by soldiers will be dealt with as a serious breach of military discipline.

311 REGIMENTAL AUDIT BOARD - DEC 1942

The Regimental Audit Board for month of December will consist of:-

SK12480 Licut H. KNAPPSTEIN.
SK13784 Licut R.K. BLACKER.

N.K. Frost
.....Lieut.
(H.K. FROST) Adjt 45 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTRIBUTION LIST "A"

NOTICES

CHRISTMAS TABLE TENNIS AND BILLIARD TOURNAMENTS.

Above are now in progress in Recreation Hut. Prizes are being donated by 45 Aust Inf Bn to winners and runners up.

BOXING DAY SPORTS.

A General Efficiency Sports Meeting will be held on Boxing Day. Individual prizes and prizes to best Companys will be awarded. A separate screeed with all details will be issued to Company Sports Representatives.

FOUND

Ring, marked H.F. found in vicinity COOMILLIE CREEK. Finder may obtain from BH H.Q.

PUNISHMENTS.

830058 Pte. HOWARD A.E. Charge. (1) Appeared on Platoon Parade with dirty rifle 1.12.42
(2) Being a transport driver did neglect to keep a record of work done on A.A.F. G2 1.12.42
Award. 7 Days C.D. by Maj. J.A. MAITLAND on 2.12.42

S24719	Pte WRIGHT G.E.	<u>Charge.</u>	Being a Transport Driver did fail to get signature of authority on A.A.F. G2 1.12.42
		<u>Award.</u>	Two days C.B. by Maj J.A. MAITLAND. on 2.12.42.
S24692	Pte MICHAEL A.J.	<u>Charge.</u>	A.W.L. from Platoon Parade on did not go on 6 Mile Route March. 1.12.42
		<u>Award</u>	Seven days C.B. by Maj J.A. MAITLAND 2.12.42.
S23519	Pte STRONGMAN N.	<u>Charge</u>	Appeared on Platoon Parade unshaven 1.12.42
		<u>Award</u>	Two days C.B. by Maj J.A. MAITLAND 2.12.42.
S24489	Pte BETTERMAN E.D.	<u>Charge</u>	Appeared on Platoon Parade unshaven 1.12.42
		<u>Award.</u>	Two days C.B. by Maj J.A. MAITLAND 2.12.42.
S24692	Pte MICHAEL A.J.	<u>Charge.</u>	Using threatening language to his superior officer
		<u>Award.</u>	Fourteen days Detention by Lt-col C. FRITH 5.12.42.
S24486	Cpl McINTYRE R.	<u>Charge</u>	Driving in excess of speed regulations of 30 miles per hour
		<u>Award</u>	Reprimanded. Licence suspended for 30 days. by Lt-col C. FRITH 5.12.42.
S24569	Pte FITZGERALD J.J.	<u>Charge.</u>	Appeared on Platoon Parade with dirty rifle 8.12.42
		<u>Award.</u>	Two days C.B. by Maj J.A. MAITLAND 8.12.42.
S24671	Pte. FOOTE J.W.	<u>Charge.</u>	Disobeyed a lawful command 1.12.42
		<u>Award.</u>	Seven days C.B. by Lieut S.R. MARSHALL 2.12.42.
S16996	Pte. BRUCE H.W.A.	<u>Charge</u>	A.W.L. from 2359hrs 17 Oct 42 to 1515hrs 10 Dec 42. 17 Oct 42.
		<u>Award.</u>	Twenty one days detention by Lt-col C. FRITH 11.12.42
S17824	Pte. FITZGERALD P.L.	<u>Charge</u>	Using insubordinate language to his superior officer 15.12.42
		<u>Award.</u>	Nine days C.B. by Lt-col C. FRITH 16.12.42

APPOINTMENTS

S17273	Pte BUTTON F.H.	Appointed L/Cpl 11.12.42
S24605	" MERRETT J.L.	Appointed L/Cpl 14.12.42

SCHOOLS AND COURSES

The undermentioned Officers qualified at No 2 Jnr Offrs Course WINNELLIE. Duration 14 days.

SX26410	Lieut	TILLET S.D.	Result. Practical 86% Course Average 77½%
S22825	Lieut	KENNEDY W.J.	Practical 85% Course Average 77½%
SX13736	Lieut	HORTON M.B.	Practical 78% Course Average 77½%
SX21720	Lieut	WILLSON L.B.	Practical 81% Course Average 77½%
<u>NO 3 COURSE - SMALL ARMS SCHOOL - BONEGILLA (duration 10 weeks)</u>			
SX21750	WO II	RYAN C.W.S.	Passed above course. Result written exam 83.5% Practical 82.7% Oral 69%.
<u>NO 25 COURSE INF OTS BONEGILLA - (duration 10 weeks)</u>			
EX21753	Sjt.	SIMPER C.D.	Qualified in above course 60% Aggregate

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Ref Map: Sketch map; BATCHELOR AND ADELAIDE RIVER Areas.

FORECAST OF EVENTS43 Aust Inf Bn Set Piece Attackheld on 18 Dec 42Location - 086478

Serial No.	Time	Event	Points to Note	Remarks
1	0500 0800	Commence march	Fitting of eqpt, order of march Time past S.P.	
2	0900	Bn deploys Trinity Formation	Time taken to get into posn Formations	
3	1100	Bn arrives at assembly area for exercise	Dispersion Formation Security	
4	1105	Narrative read and explained to all offrs	Are notes taken	
5	1120	C.O. recce	Who comprises this party. What orders are issued by the CO to 2 i/c and by 2 i/c to Coy Comds	
6	1130	CO issues outline plan	Were Coy Comd at appointed place on time. Did they have their maps ready. Who accompanied Coy Comd. Who was present besides Coy Comd.	
7	1140	Coy Comd to make recce	What orders do Coy Comd issue before making recce	
8	1200	Final orders	Have Coys moved to their respective assembly areas. What arrangements have or are being made by Coy 2 i/c Pl Sjts	
9	1230	Zero	Are tps ready	
10	1300	Limit of exploration	Security. Control by Comd	
11	1315	Exercise ends		
12	1315- 1400	Midday meal	Are men fed tactically	
13	1400- 1430	Discussion	Have the tps been interested. Were they in the picture. What questions are asked.	
14	1430	Commence march back to camp	March discipline	

Date: 17 Dec 42

Grith.
..... Lt-col
Comd 43 Aust Inf Bn

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43 AUST INF BN MOVEMENT ORDER No. 5
issued in conjunction with Adm Instrs for
43 Aust Inf Bn Exercise - 18 Dec 42

Ref Map - Sketch map BACHELOR & ADELAIDE RIVER 1 in to 1 ml.

INTENTION: 43 Aust Inf Bn will move in close formn initially to junc NA rd WEST track, and thence in TRINITY formn to 086478.

METHOD: Bn will move by march route. Order of march - D, BHQ, HQ, B, A. S.PI- 200x north D Coy on parallel track. Start time, 0800 hrs. Lieut SMITH ~~with~~ and pioneer pl ~~and~~ with tpt will report to CO at 0745 hrs at BNHQ.

ADM: Dress- Haversacks will be worn as for previous NT FORCE exercises. Coys will ensure Fd Dressing is carried and that pers wear their identity discs.

Ammn - All ball ammn will be withdrawn and carried in coy truck. Pers will be inspected before moving to start point.

Medical - There will be no sick parade before moving except for urgent cases. Pers marked N.D. for 17 Dec will remain in camp, L.D. Pers will move with coys.

INTERCOMN: Comn will be by orderly. Coys will send orderly to BNHQ in column by 0755 hrs with report that coys are ready to move. Orderly will then remain with BNHQ. BNHQ closes present location 0750 hrs 18 Dec 42

BK Jans
Lieut.
Adjnt 43 Aust Inf Bn.

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43 AUST INF BN MOVEMENT ORDER No. 5
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COPY No. 20
18 Dec 42

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INTENTION: 43 Aust Inf Bn will move in close formn initially to junc NA rd WEST track, and thence IN TRINITY formation to 086478.

METHOD: Bn will move by march route. Order of march D, BNHQ, HQ, B, A. SP - 200x north D Coy on parallel track. Start Time 0800 hrs. Lieut SMITH and pioneer pl with tpt will report to CO at 0745 hrs at BNHQ

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Medical - There will be no sick parade before moving, except for urgent cases. Pers marked N.D. for 17 Dec will NOT go on exercise. Pers marked L.D. will move with coys.

INTERCOMN - Comn will be by orderly. Coys will send orderly to BNHQ in in column by 0755 hrs with report that coys are ready to move. Orderly will then remain with BNHQ. BNHQ closes present location 0750 hrs. 18 Dec 42.

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ADM INSTNS

1. INFM - as per Narrative to be issued.
2. DIRECTING STAFF AND UMPIRES - CO will be director of exercise
2 i/c " " assistant director
All CSM's will be umpires.
Umpires will move with Coys and take notes under the following headings:- Time, Event, Action taken, Remarks.
3. DRESS Battle order. Shorts
Steel helmets and respirators will NOT be taken.
4. RESERVE RATIONS Two days will be carried.
5. REPRESENTATION OF FIRE. Pnr pl will represent fire from our own arty and will move 200 yds in advance of leading tps during attack.
Pnr pl will manufacture gelignite bombs and draw smoke candles etc, from RSM.
6. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS. All amn will be carried on Coy truck. All men will be inspected before the move to see that they carry no amn on the person.
7. TPT "A" Ech tpt will move with coys.
"B" Ech will remain in camp.
8. MEALS Carrs will NOT be taken.
8. MEALS "B" Ech will be ready to move with hot meal from camp at 1215 hrs. D.R. will meet OG "B" Ech at Q.M. store to guide "B" ech to tps.
9. WATER Coy etc trucks will ensure that 40 gall fresh water is loaded before the move.
10. TRAFFIC CONTROL Pre Sjt will report to Adjt on first warning of a move.
11. HYGIENE Coys are responsible for own siting, filling in of own latrines and rubbish pits.
12. MEDICAL RMO will move at rear of Bn H.Q.

W.K. Frost
Lieut,
Adjt 43 Aust Inf Bn

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

43 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
WE	*		
1 Lieut.-Colonels	1		
3 Majors	1		
10 Captains	3		
20 Lieutenants	20		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
34 Totals	29		5

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut (P)	PFELIPER M.R.	43 Aust Inf Bn	13.12.42	struck off Battalion X List.
Lieut	HAIN D.H.	do	13.12.42	do

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	BLACKER R.K.	43 Aust Inf Bn	17.12.42	Posted to X List

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
T/Lt-col	8X8888	FRITH G.	CO	yes	
Capt T/Maj	8X256	HINDRY J.G.	2 1/8	"	
Lieut	822987	DRYSON W.G.		No	OG 3 Aust Inf Bde Voh Harbour.
Lieut T/Capt	8X12710	DYBART A.V.	OG Coy	"	School PT STEPHENS
Lieut	8X21716	MARSHALL S.R.	A/OG Coy	yes	
Lieut T/Capt	8X6375	GRAY W.H.	OG Coy	No	School WINDHILL
Lieut	8X21718	ROBERTS S.R.A.	P1 Cond	yes	
Lieut T/Capt	822734	BADGE J.H.	OH	"	
Lieut	8X26130	TILLET S.D.	SIG OFFR	"	
Lieut	822825	KENNEDY W.J.	2 1/8 Coy	"	
Lieut (P)	822910	SATTE H.B.	P1 Cond	"	
Lieut (P)	8X26407	BURFITT H.K.	2 1/8 Coy	"	
Lieut (P)	8X461	O'CONNOR G.G.	A/2 1/8 Coy	"	
Lieut (P)	8X26111	FRITH H.G.	OG Coy	"	
Lieut (P)	8X13363	PHILLIPS H.R.	P1 Cond	"	
Lieut	8X13736	BORTON H.B.	"	"	
Lieut	8X26413	JAMES A.G.	"	"	
Lieut	8X21714	FROST H.K.	Adjt	"	
Lieut	8X21720	WILSON L.D.	P1 Cond	"	
Lieut (P)	8X12546	JOHNSTON W.A.H.	"	"	
Lieut	822728	CARTER F.H.	"	"	
Lieut (P)	8X6125	CLARK W.D.	OG Coy	"	
Lieut	8X17446	SMITH A.R.	P1 Cond	"	
Lieut (P)	8X12112	VINCHESTER W.R.	"	"	
Lieut	8X1174	BURNS H.G.	"	"	
Lieut (P)	8X12400	KNAPPSTEIN H.	"	"	
Lieut	8X1973	JAY W.	"	"	
Lieut	8X9733	BEST F.L.	"	"	
Lieut	8X12056	HARR D.H.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
Capt	8X21715	HILL J.S.T.T.	A.A.H.C.	29.1.42	R.M.O.
Chaplain	8X21713	FARMER S.H.	A.A.C.D.	18.12.41	Padro.

43 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit)

19 Dec 42

(Date of Despatch)

G. Frith

(Signature of Commander)

Lt-col

3 Aust Inf Bde

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

43 Aust Inf Bn
22 Dec 42TABLE OF WEIGHTS OF EQUIPMENT, ARMS RATIONS AND
NECESSARIES CARRIED BY A RIFLE COY1. Equipment W.E. Patt 37Web Eqpt 3 lbs 10 oz, Pack 2 lbs, water bottle (filled) 3 lbs 2 oz,
Ground sheet 2 lbs 10 oz. Total 11 lbs 6 oz2. ClothingShorts - 1 pair 1 lb, Shirts - one 1 lb, Sox - 2 prs 14 oz,
piece of Mosquito Net 2 oz. Total 3 lbs.3. Toilet ArticlesTowel and face washer 11½ oz, Soap 3 oz, Razor 2½ oz, Shaving brush
1 oz, Shaving soap 2 oz, Mirror 3 oz, Tooth paste 2 oz, Tooth
brush ½ oz, Powder 4 oz. Total 1 lb 14 oz.4. Messing GearMess tin 2 lbs 3 oz, Knife, fork and spoon 4 oz.
Total 2 lbs 7 oz.5. Rations2 tins Bully Beef 1 lb 13 oz, 2 pkts biscuits 12 oz, Emergency
Ration 11 oz. Total 2 lbs 4 oz.

Total weight of para 1 - 5 20 lbs 15 oz.

6. TOTAL OF ARMS EQUIPMENT AND AMMUNITION CARRIED BY SECTION(a) Bren Gunners No. 1Bren Gun 22 lbs 10 oz, 3 Bren Magazines 7 lbs 14 oz plus
para 1 - 5, 20 lbs 15 oz. Total 51 lbs 7 oz(b) Bren No. 2Rifle and Bayonet 12 lbs 2 oz, 2 Bren Mags and Wallet 7 lbs,
200 rounds .303" 10 lbs 10 oz plus para 1 - 5, 20 lbs 15 oz
Total 50 lbs 11 oz(c) T.S.M. GunnerT.S.M.G. and 8 Box Mags 10 lbs 5 oz, 1 Mills Grenade 1 lb 8 oz
160 rounds .45 8 lbs plus para 1 - 5, 20 lbs 15 oz.
Total 50 lbs 12 oz.(d) Riflemen3 Riflemen Carry. Rifle & Bayonet 12lbs 2 oz. 2 Bren Mags
5 lbs 4 ozs. 1 Mills Grenade 1 lb 8 ozs. 100 R. .303
5 lbs 5 ozs. plus Para 1-5 20lbs 15 ozs plus either
Pick head helve 9lbs 8 ozs or shovel 5 lbs.

Total. 54 lbs 10 ozs or 50lbs 2 ozs

Remainder of Riflemen in Sec. CarryRifle & Bayonet 12lbs 2 ozs 2 Bren Mags 5lbs 4 ozs 1 Mills
Grenade 1lb 8 ozs 200 Rds.303 10lbs 10 ozs plus Para 1-5
20lbs 15 ozs.

Total 50 lbs 7 ozs.

(e) 2" Mortarman.Rifle & Bayonet 12 lbs 2 ozs. Grenade Discharger 2lbs 8 ozs
6 Mills Grenades 9lbs. 100 Rds.303 5 lbs 5 ozs plus Para
1-5. 20 lbs/5 ozs. Total 49 lbs 4 ozs7 (f) Anti-tank Rifle 36 lbs.Rifle & Bayonet 12lbs 2 ozs 50 Rds.303 2 lbs 10½ ozs plus
2 Mags each 5 Rds.55 4 lbs 14 ozs plus Para 1-5 20 lbs/5 ozs
Total 39 lbs 15½ ozsBoys Anti Tank Rifle to be carried on a Bicycle wheeled in
turn by 2 OR.

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(CHRISTMAS EDITION)

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

- C.O. I wish you all a Merry Xmas and success in the New Year.
- 2 1/c A Merry Xmas and Victory in the New Year.
- Adit Christmas and New Year greetings to all.
- Padre My wish for you is that the Xmas message itself will cause you to rejoice. After all we have nothing else but that !
- R.M.O A Merry XMAS lads and the best of health for 1943, thus making sick parades smaller.
- Sig.O. Seasons greetings to all and may the ensuing year be a SIGNAL success.
- R.S.M. Seasons Greetings to all - and may you all be well GUARDED !!

EDITORIAL: A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! Sounds a bit fantastic nowadays doesn't it? This old world of ours is all topsy-turvy and yet we wish each other "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year". Well then let's try and make it so. Those three gangsters Hitler, Musso and Tojo have made it impossible for us to be with our loved ones. Let's make the best of it lads and have a Merry Christmas. In all parts of the world today men are celebrating Xmas and in all our thoughts let us not forget our comrades in NEW GUINEA, the islands and the Middle East. We are fortunate that we can have a Christmas Dinner, while there are some who may have to celebrate over the inevitable tin of bully and packet of "Melba Creams." It's a curious thing you know, but if you take a look around you can always see some-one worse off than yourself. So it's up to you to make it a Merry Xmas and let's hope and pray that it's a peaceful New Year.

Cpl Ron GAMLIN, ED.

XMAS "CRACKERS" FROM COMPANIES

H.Q. Coy: No more indigestion will be suffered in H.Q. Coy. We all chew to swing music from our wireless set now: Sjt OLSEN, Cpl GOURLAY, Ptes SAUNDERS, GRIFFITHS and POLLARD will be representing this Coy in Football competition. Good luck lads: Welcome to our new C.S.M. Sjt CUTHBERT: Sjt SMITH, Cpl LEWIS, Pte KOHLER, Pte OSBORNE and Pte PITMAN (driver) of the Mortar Platoon showed our neighbours just how to do Mortar work in recent competition. Keep it up lads.

A NEW MILITARY VOCAB.

For the benefit of readers in Southern climes it may be enlightening for you to know the meanings of some of the words contained in your husband's, son's, brother's or sweetheart's letters. Here are some:-

- "SPINE BASHING" An exercise in which the back is placed firmly upon the bed and "bashed" severely.
- "ON THE NOSE" Anything that does not meet with general approval such as stunts and early morning P.T.
- "DREW THE CROW" To draw the crow is to be detailed for a job whilst others "spine-bash" (see above).
- "LATRINAGRAM" (not to be confused with a telegram). Is a rumour which is born down at the Latrines.

THE FUZZY WUZZY ANGELS

(By an unknown wounded Australian soldier)

Many a Mother In Australia, when the busy day is done,
Sends a prayer to the Almighty for the keeping of her son,
Asking that an angel guide him and bring him safely back --
Now we see those prayers are answered on the Owen Stanley Track.

For they haven't any halos, only holes slashed in their ears,
and Their faces worked with tattoos and scratch-pins in their hair;
Bringing in the badly wounded, just as steady as a hearse,
Using leaves to keep the rain off, as careful as a Nurse.

Many a lad will see his Mother, and husbands see their wives,
Just because the Fuzzy Wuzzies carried them, to save their lives.
From mortar and machine-gun fire, or a chance surprise attack,
To safety and the care of doctors, at the bottom of the track.

May the Mothers of Australia, when offering up a prayer,
Mention these impromptu Angels, with the Fuzzy Wuzzy hair.

NOTED IN PASSING: The R.S.P.C.A. would like a report from the Adjutant on his action connected with a certain March fly: It is generally rumoured that Col SHEPHERD of the Pioneers will soon have access to further supplies of elastic for his shanghais: Heard the Padres birthday party was a WOW. Oh well you're only 21 once aren't you, Padre? The arrival of Father Xmas has made things lively and he did a good job, too: The request from the Sjt's Mess for phonograph records appeared last week. Now all they need is a phonograph!! The Signal platoon's cow-bell (coupled with Big Chief Wakie Wakie) is playing a big part in rousing the Bn of a morning: The R.M.O. should check up on his blood pressure after his efforts to play the baritone the other evening: Found - during a kit inspection in H.Q. Coy last week - a pair of scanties!! A certain Corporal was "tried" and exhibit A - the scanties - were on view! Dear! Dear! Wonders will never cease.

BEST YARN FOR THE WEEK comes from H.Q. orderly room: An Irish Sjt was sent into Libya with a wireless receiving and sending set and was told to report to the Bn immediately there were any developments. Three weeks later the camp radio 'blared out', "Attention, all battalion members - Rommel captured!!" The Battalion went mad with excitement until the radio blared out again, "Attention all battalion members. Cancel previous message. It should have read "Camel ruptured!!"

BEST SECURITY - MINDED PHRASE, is quite a simple one and yet full of meaning and comes from a well-known officer. Here it is:-

"BE LIKE DAD, KEEP MUM"

ROUTINE OF A SOLDIER'S DAY SET IN SONG

Reveille - "Christians Awake"
Rouse Parade - "Art Thou Weary, Art Thou Languid"
Breakfast - "Mockly Wait and Murrur Not"
Camp Parade - "Oft in Danger, Oft in Woe"
Kit Inspection - "All Things Bright and Beautiful"
Swedish Drill - "here We Suffer Grief and Pain"
Dinner - "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
Rifle Drill - "Go, Labor on"
Officer's Lecture - "Tell Me the Old, Old Story?"
Tea - "What Means This Eager, Anxious Throng?"
Route March - "Onward Christian Soldiers"
Air-raid Drill - "We Plough the Fields and Scatter"
Last Post - "All are Safely Gathered In"
Lights Out - "Peace, Perfect Peace"
Guard Inspection - "Sleep On, Beloved"

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UNHAPPY JAPPY

(1)

Yankee sally, Jappy scrappy
Silly gassy, irony, scrappy
Jappy happy, clappy, clappy
Yankee sleepy, nappy nappy

(2)

Jappy smilee, shooty gassy
Yankee friendly, Jappy happy
Yankee fally in a trappy
Jappy stabby Yankee backy

(3)

Yankee no more sleepy, nappy
No more silly irony scrappy
Yankee slappy, Jappy belly
Shooty irony givey helly

(4)

An-a-zackey whacky Jappy
Makey Jappy necky snappy
Leavey Jappy mappy blacky
Jappy no like AN-A-ZACKEY

(5)

Nazi plomise helpy Jappy
Jappy plomise helpy Nazi
Nazi die on Russian steppy
Jappy cryey, "No one helpy"

(6)

No more Jappy, no more Nazi
No more Nazi, no more Ducey
Ducey, Jappy, Nazi, Azey
Fally downy, crashy, smashy

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AN URGENT APPEAL

This is fair dinkum lads and it comes from the R.M.O. He is collecting animals!! If you should catch any Pouch Mice, Rats, Bandicoots, Squirrels, Kangaroos or Wallabies get in touch with the R.A.P. immediately. The request originates from the Adelaide Museum and they want them dead or alive. Transport problems should be a difficulty, but that's his pigeon or Bandicoot!

HEADLINE NEWS

Allied victories continue to make Headline News this past week. Points of note were: Russians begin new offensive on major scale around VORONEI: British troops advance into Burma - Japs retreat positions: Australians break through at Cape Endaiadore in New Guinea: Advance unit of the 8th Army capture El Aghiel and now 150 miles west of that town.

"B" Coy: Cpl G.F. SMITH "B" Coy's news-sleuth says: Cpl BARKER seen making puddings - or something: Much excitement at collapse of C.S.M's tent. He's not his usual self yet:

"A" Coy: The "timber-jerkers" reckon that after the war their training will enable them to do without horses: "Back to Child-hood" party Christmas Day is the rumour -- what is the dress? -- rompers or pilchers? Anyhow lads don't forget to draw your tin whistles and trumpets from the R.Q.M !!

W E L C O M E B A C K T O "C" C O Y

"D" Coy "Ranj" and "Eygie" are doing good work in the cook-house. (It's rumoured they're after stripes!). Crosby should soon reveal his true form: Congrats "Shag" and Bill ROBERTS on your swimming effort: It is said that "Sid" CHALKENER is another man for the team.

THE "DIT - DAH" CLUB

Some weeks ago the Signal Platoon in an endeavour to brighten up Saturday evenings and at the same time provide enough financial assistance to have a regular feast at Christmas time organised a series of evenings.

These evenings took the form of competitions, games, items, quizzes and sketches and steadily the boredom decreased and the "spondulicks" increased.

The effort shows the reward when it is realised that today they have approximately \$17 worth of extra Christmas Cheer, and are able to hold a Platoon Xmas Tea.

TRY THESE AFTER YOUR XMAS "BEANO"

Tongue twisters provide a great deal of amusement, if not to those who try to utter them, certainly to the lookers-on. Here a few examples to try on the most talkative fellow in your Coy.

It has been claimed that nobody can say 10 times running and without hesitating, the words:-

MIXED XMAS BISCUITS

And then, this one:-

MRS. BIGGAR HAD A BABY BOY. WHICH WAS THE BIGGER THE BABY OR MRS. BIGGAR?

A wartime favourite is to say 6 times quickly:-

SISTER SUSIE'S SEWING SOCKS FOR SOLDIERS.

Try this one after your beer issue:-

THE LEITH POLICE DISMISSETH US.

And then just to show that there is no ill-feeling try this one about supper time:-

WHAT NOISE ANNOYS A NOISY OYSTER? A NOISY NOISE ANNOYS A NOISY OYSTER.

STOP PRESS NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

Those chaps that you see dashing hither and thither with note-books and pencils, are not "TROPPO" -- they are the reporters of this your weekly paper, and are doing a good job, too. So if you see them at any time, humour them with a bit of scandal. Here's a few last minute jottings.

Pte Frank GRIFFITHS won the Bridge and Cpl Bert PAULL the Euchre at Saturday night's tournament in H.Q. Coy's New Mess Hut.

Tug-o'-war and 3 miler aspirants hard at practice for their respective events this week (Cpl YELLAND will not run unless ---)

Pte Joe LOGAN -- THE most versatile man in the Australian Army sang well at the Concert on Tuesday night.

The Sig platoon will accept any challenges for cricket matches at the Sig Office. Any takers ??

Anyone desirous of joining an extra good Swing Band after the war should see "Brig" PORTER and "Dig" TURNER. Fees moderate and a good chance for advancement.

PICTURES - AL FRESCO

Even in times of strain and stress the silver screen is still the chief means of entertainment and we who are unable to take our sweethearts and wives along to see a show must do the next best thing -- take ourselves !!

When we hear that there is a show in the vicinity we have a good clean up and over the mess table arrange to meet our cobbles down near the R.A.P. at, say 1930 hrs.

At the appointed time we move off on foot but before long the thumb is jerking and with a bit of luck we obtain a ride and arrive at the "theatre" which is really a screen strung up between two trees. The seating accommodation is usually a problem - but we are used to sitting on the ground anyhow!

God Save the King --- and the lads rise like one man to pay silent tribute to our King and the Allies.

The show is on --- and we live in a new world -- apart from the war and routine of it all.

A M E R R Y X M A S T O A L L ! !

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

43 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
	*		
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Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	4		
Captains	5		
Lieutenants	24		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	29		5

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Unit	Corps	or	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Unit	Corps	or	Date	Cause

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
T/Lt-col	SX8888	FRITH G.	G.O.	Yes	
Capt T/Maj	NX256	HENDRY J.C.	2 i/c	"	
Lieut	S22987	WYSON W.C.		No	OG 3 Aust Inf Bde Veh Harbour School PT STEPHENS
Lieut T/Capt	VX12710	DYSART A.W.	OG Coy	"	
Lieut	SX21716	MARSHALL S.R.	A/OG Coy	Yes	
Lieut T/Capt	DX46375	GRAY W.M.	OG Coy	No	School WINNELLIE
Lieut	SX21713	ROBERTS J.R.A.	Pl Cond	Yes	
Lieut T/Capt	S22734	BADGE J.H.	O.M.	"	
Lieut	SX26410	TILLET S.D.	sig offr	"	
Lieut	S22825	KENNEDY W.J.	2 i/c Coy	"	
Lieut (P)	S22910	SAINT H.E.	Pl Cond	"	
Lieut (P)	SX26407	BURFITT H.K.	2 i/c Coy	"	
Lieut (T)	SP4461	O'CONNOR C.C.	A/2i/c Coy	"	
Lieut (T)	SX26411	FRITH H.G.	OG Coy	"	
Lieut (P)	SX13363	PREIFFER M.R.	Pl Cond	"	
Lieut	SX13736	HORTON H.D.	"	"	
Lieut	SX26413	JAMES A.C.	"	"	
Lieut	SX21714	FROST H.K.	Adjt	"	
Lieut	SX21720	WILSON L.D.	Pl Cond	"	
Lieut (P)	SX12346	JOHNSTON W.A.H.	"	"	
Lieut	S22728	GARTER F.H.	"	"	
Lieut (P)	VX6125	CLARK W.D.	OG Coy	"	
Lieut	N17446	SMITH A.R.	Pl Cond	"	
Lieut (P)	SX12112	WINCHESTER W.R.	"	"	
Lieut	N21174	BURNS W.C.	"	"	
Lieut (P)	SX12480	KHAPPSTEIN H.	"	"	
Lieut	N44973	KEY W.	"	"	
Lieut	N39733	BEST F.L.	"	"	
Lieut	SX12696	HARR D.H.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
Capt	SX21715	HILL J.S.T.T.	A.A.M.C.	29 Jan 42	R.M.C.
Chaplain	SX21713	FARMER S.H.	A.A.C.D.	18 Dec 41	Padre

43 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit)

Frith

(Signature of Commander)

Lt-col

26 Dec 42

(Date of Despatch)

3 Aust Inf Bde

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

43 AUST INF BN SPORTS MEETING.

1. 43 Aust Inf Bn will hold a Sports Meeting on Boxing Day. 'A' Troop 'M' A/Tk Bty have been invited to attend.
2. Judges Major HENDRY, Chaplain FARMER, and all persons medically unfit to compete on the day.
3. Programme.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Time</u>
Best shot each rifle Coy shoot off for best shot Bn.	A. Coy Rifle Range	0900-0930
(Standard events		(1000-1230
Tug of war	Between A & C Coy areas.	1500-1600
Surprise Novelty event		1100
3 Mile Cross Country Race.	Start from between A & C Coy area	1600-1630
Relay Race		1630-1700

4. Events and Standards

- 100 yds 13 secs.
- Broad Jump running 13 ft.
- High Jump 3 ft 8 ins.
- Throwing the Grenade 6ft circle at 25 yds
- 2 out of 3 inside the circle.
- 1/2 mile 2 mins 45 secs.

5. Rules for events

- (a) Shooting 10 rounds application and 10 rounds rapid will be fired. Distance 200 yds - B Coy range.
- (b) Standard events
Each Company will send one fifth of their strength to the start points of each event. As soon as each competitor has completed each event he will move to the next in the order 100 yds, Broad jump, High Jump, Throwing the grenade 1/2 mile 100 yds etc.,
The decision of the judges is final. One point for the Coy will be scored by each person who passes the standard.
- (c) Tug of war - One team of 8 and a coach from each Coy Best out of three pulls. Members of team cannot run in relay or 3 mile cross country events.
- (d) 3 Mile Cross Country race 20 representatives from each Coy NOT to contain persons in relay race. The winner is the first person who stands still at the winning post. Second is the first person to queue up behind him and so on
- (e) Relay Race.
30 representatives from each Coy. Team will have half their members at either end of 100 yds track. A stick (preferably with Coy flag) will be carried over the 100 yds track once by each member of the team.

6. Scoring and Prizes

- (a) For the purpose of scoring and prizes the word Coy in these orders will also refer to
 - (1) Carriers Mortars & Signal Pls.
 - (2) Remainder of H.Q. Coy.
 - (3) BN H.Q. and 'A' Troop 'M' A/Tk Bty.
- (b) Best shot of Bn prize \$5

(see over)

- (c) Total score for Coy in Standard Events will be divided by ration strength of that Coy less those medically excused. Highest Score wins 1 bottle of beer per man for that Coy. Persons representing Bn in NT Force Sports will score full points for their Coy. Best individual stands for the day in each event for the Bn will win a well filled Xmas hamper. In the event of two or more equal these will be run after 1600 hrs.
- (d) Surprise Novelty event Xmas Hamper
- (e) 3 Mile Cross Country race. One point for first in, two points for second etc. Lowest Coy total score wins. Any person failing to complete course within 30 mins will score the maximum 140 points.
- (f) Coys will be given places for each 3 mile, relay & Tug of war. When the place marks are added together lowest Coy total wins 1 bottle of beer per man.

7. Marking of area

Volunteers are required to assist the Padre in this. Report to him anytime anyplace.

8. Essential Duties

If these persons report to judges they will not be kept waiting for their turn in any event, but may try their skill immediately and return to their essential duty. Volunteers are required in large numbers to make sure that cooks clerks etc have a fair share of time off to compete and to watch the events.

9. Nominal Rolls

6 copies for each "Coy" will reach BN H.Q. NOT later than Dec 25. Late comers may be disqualified. These rolls will be checked and brought up to date by 0900 hrs 26 Dec 42.

By order of THE SPORTING COMMITTEE

J. E. Hendry Maj.

Handwritten signature

43 AUST INF BN TRG SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 27 DEC 42.

SUMMARY OF TRAINING

Training for the week ending 27 Dec 42 will consist of the following:-

1. Range practice -

<u>Rifle</u>	100 yds	grouping.	Bn range.
	200 "	application	"
		snap	
	300 "	application	"
		rapid.	

L.M.G. BREN

	100 yds	Grouping	Bn range
		Repetition	
		Application	
		automatic	
		(18" sq bull)	
	200 "	Rapid 6 x 6 target	
		fleeting target,	
		distribution screen.	

2. Bn Exercise, Thursday - Boat drill - MANTON DAM area
3. Daily route march of 6 mls per day.
4. Weapon trg
5. Gas - Respirators will be worn by all ranks on

Monday	1030-1100 hrs
Wednesday	1630-1700 hrs
Tuesday night	- 2230-2400 hrs.
6. Bn sports day - Saturday 26 Dec 42.
7. Internal economy - Wednesday afternoon.
8. Specialist training by H.Q. Coy, Stretcher Bearers, Int Sec.
9. Mortar shoot, Tuesday 22 Dec. Location to be notified.
10. Bn and Coys turn out at short notice.

1. See diary

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS

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by
Lt-col C. FRITH

Comd 43 Aust Inf Bn

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334 DUTIES MOUNTING 1800 HRS

	<u>Orderly Officer</u>	<u>Duty Coy</u>
31 Dec 42	Lieut D.M. HANN	"C" Coy
1 Jan 43	" F.L. BEST	H.Q. Coy
2 Jan 43	" H. KNAPPSTEIN	"A" Coy
3 Jan 43	" A.C. JAMES	"B" Coy
4 Jan 43	" W. WINCHESTER	"C" Coy
5 Jan 43	" W. FRY	"D" Coy
6 Jan 43	" S.D. WILLETT	H.Q. Coy

335 CAMERAS AND PHOTOGRAPHY

1. All ranks, who have cameras, may in future use them subject to the following:-
2. An officer will be appointed in each unit to be O. i/c Photography. He will maintain a register showing the number, make and description of every camera held in the unit, together with the number, rank and name of its possessor.
3. Officers and O.R. will be responsible for ensuring that cameras in their possession are registered with the O. i/c Photography.
4. Cameras will be withdrawn, prior to departure, from personnel of units about to proceed to an active theatre of operations. Cameras will be withdrawn at once from personnel already in an active theatre of operations.
5. COs. of units may at any time order the withdrawal of cameras for security reasons.
6. The O. i/c Photography, when the order for withdrawal has been given, will collect and forward cameras to:-
 - (a) such persons as the possessors of cameras direct, at the expense of the possessors. Packages containing cameras will be sent by registered post and registration receipt will be handed to the possessors in each case;
 - (b) H.Q. L of C. Area; or
 - (c) O. i/c Base Depot.
 The O. i/c Photography will give a receipt for all cameras received, whether for disposal by (a), (b) or (c).
7. Notwithstanding the provisions of paras. 4, 5 and 6, a C.O. may if he thinks fit, approve of the retention of cameras by not more than four members of the unit provided they signify their agreement that such retention will be subject to the following terms:-
 - (a) That cameras so retained will be used only as directed by O. i/c Photography.
 - (b) That the said cameras remain in the possession of the members concerned and will be at such members' risk.
 - (c) That the C.O. may withdraw such approval at any time.
8. H.Q. L of C Areas will be responsible for ensuring that cameras deposited for custody by a unit proceeding overseas are forwarded on the unit's behalf to the Base Depot abroad.
9. (a) Films of photographs taken for official purposes will be / for forwarded for processing by formations, units, experimental and technical establishments etc. direct to H.Q. L of C Area. They will be accompanied by a memo. signed by the C.O. or an officer of field rank stating the purpose to which they will be put.
 - (b) If in the opinion of G.S.I. at H.Q. L of C Area, films or prints should not, for security reasons, be returned to forward areas, G.S.I. will retain them and will without delay advise the formation, unit, experimental or technical establishment, etc., accordingly.

10. Films of photographs taken by officers and OR for non-official purposes will be forwarded to an approved photographer for processing. H.Q. L of C Areas will arrange with approved photographers that photographs contravening the Control of Photography Order will not be returned to the sender, but to H.Q. L of C. Area. Such photographs will be referred to C.O. unit for necessary action.

11. The names of approved photographers will from time to time be published in Unit Routine Orders. Approving authorities will be, in Australia, H.Q. L of C. Areas, and abroad, Formation Commanders.

12. Photographs (other than those taken for official purposes) which, if captured, would be of value to the enemy, are prohibited.

13. Contraventions of this order will be dealt with by disciplinary action and/or by:-

(a) Withdrawal, temporary or permanent, of cameras.

(b) Destruction of films and prints.

14. This order will be read in conjunction with the relevant N.T. Force Censorship Instruction.

15. The above is quoted from G.R.O. G.645.

336 FALSE STATEMENTS TO SECURE EXEMPTION, LEAVE, ETC.

A recent Statutory Rule has amended A.M.R. & O. by inserting a new A.M.R. 203A, the full text of which will be published shortly, and which provides in effect that every person subject to military law, whether on war service or not, who, with intent to deceive, makes any false statement or representation, whether verbal or in writing, in connexion with any application that:-

(a) any member of the Military Forces shall be granted exemption from service or leave of absence; or

(b) any member of the Defence Force shall be transferred from one arm, service, department, corps or unit of the Defence Force to another or from one place to another; shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to penalties as prescribed by A.M.R. 215.

The averments by the prosecution that the statement or representation attributed to the accused was false, and was made with intent to deceive, shall be prima facie evidence of such falsity and intent.

337 REPAIR OF FOOTWEAR

1. The following instructions on the repair of footwear are promulgated for the guidance of unit Q.Ms. and Coy Boot Repairers.

2. Generally, footwear displaying the following defects should not be repaired:-

(a) Boots and Shoes, welted -

Inseam	Broken away.
Welt	Damaged through previous repairs.
Insole	Worn through or shows signs of cracking.

Linings, back and front	Rotted.
Stiffeners	Collapsed or broken.

(b) Boots, universal and half-heavy -

Stiffeners	Collapsed or broken.
Toe puffs	Collapsed or broken.
Throughsole	Worn through.

3. Units, with no shoemaker on establishment, will ensure that footwear sent to Repair Shops is fit for repair in accordance with above.

4. The second and third repairs the graft should be extended at least 3/8" upon each repair.

338 CLEANING OF WEB EQUIPMENT AND GAITERS.

1. The practice of bleaching articles of web equipment and web gaiters, either by excessive washing with soap and soda or other means, is to cease immediately.

2. Items treated in this manner are not only unduly conspicuous in action but the treatment greatly deteriorates the material and reduces the life of the article.

3. When it is necessary to clean any item by washing, luke warm soapy water and light scrubbing only should be used. However, such washing should be restricted to occasions when it is absolutely essential.

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MODIFICATION OF .38-IN PISTOLS TO FIRE 9-MM. PARABELLUM AMN.

1. Attempts to fire 9-mm. Parabellum S.A.A. in .38-in pistols will result in barrel failures after approximately 25 rounds. Therefore, 9-mm S.A.A. will not be fired from pistols of .38 calibre nor will any modifications be made to these pistols in order to make them accept 9-mm. ammunition.
2. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

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"A" & "B" VEHICLES - CHASSIS LUBRICATION.

1. The specification covering D.D. Chassis Grease, as specified in Mechanization Circular 97A, has been amended to provide more efficient lubrication of chassis parts.
2. This new product is branded D.D., C.G. (AL), the "AL" indicating alumina base, and will be used for all general chassis lubrication, except where D.D. Fibre Grease is specified, i.e. ball races of wheel bearings on "B" vehicles and certain points on "A" vehicles, etc.
3. From now, D.D., C.G. (AL) will be used for the lubrication of the suspension gear on all Carriers M.G. (Aust), and particularly in bogie wheels, whether fitted with ball bearings or plain bushes. Under no circumstances will D.D. Fibre Grease be used for this purpose.
4. Pending complete disposal of present stocks of D.D., C.G. (old formula), it will be necessary for units with Carriers M.G. (Aust) on charge clearly to endorse indents for D.D., C.G. (AL) alumina base when chassis grease is required for such duty.
5. All personnel concerned are to be advised accordingly.

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ELECTRICAL STORMS

In order to minimise the danger of injury to personnel working in galvanised or tin lined buildings during electrical storms which occur frequently in the N.T., immediate steps will be taken, if not already carried out, to ensure that a positive earth connection is made from outside portion of galvanised sheeting in close proximity to the ground, to a metal pipe or peg driven securely into the ground to a depth of not less than 12 inches.

Frequent inspection will be made of these "lightning conductors" to ensure their efficiency. Care will be exercised in the use of telephones which are another frequent source of shocks during any violent electrical disturbances.

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RANGE FIRING PRACTICES - OTHER THAN RIFLE AND L.M.G.

1. To permit the issue of a warning order advising danger areas and to obviate any possibility of more than one practise being conducted in the same general area, Coys will submit applications to conduct such practices to this H.Q. as under:-

(a) Artillery practices, including reduced charge ammunition, but excluding sub-calibre firing - 6 days before proposed practice.

(b) Mortar and MMG practices - 4 days prior to date of proposed practice.

2. Permission to proceed with shoot will be signalled to Coys concerned.

3. Applications to conduct practice will include following information:-

- a. Reference map
- c. Date of practice
- e. Map ref of firing point or base line
- g. Maximum range to be fired

- b. Type of practice
- d. Times of firing
- f. Maximum arcs of fire
- h. Approx. number of rounds.

343 DRESS - PERSONNEL REPORTING TO BN HQ.

It frequently happens that personnel call at BN HQ minus a shirt or otherwise untidily and incorrectly dressed.

All ranks must be instructed that they will be correctly dressed at all times when entering Orderly room.

344 DRESS.

1. This order will apply during the present war, and "Standing Orders for Dress, 1935" are to the necessary extent modified accordingly.

2. The following Orders of Dress will not be worn :-

(a) By Officers -

Order of Dress No. 1 - Full dress, service dress.

Order of Dress No. 2 - Full dress, optional.

Order of Dress No. 6 - Undress, optional.

Order of Dress No. 7 - Mess dress.

(b) By Other Ranks -

Order of Dress No. 1 - Full Dress.

3. Officers and other ranks will not wear cap covers (with service dress) or spurs (except in connection with horsed mounted duty).

4. Anklets, web, or gaiters, S.D., will be worn when on leave by other ranks to whom they have been issued.

5. Uniform will be worn by members of the A.M.F. on full time duty whenever they are in public. This provision need not apply, however, while members are participating in sport.

345 SERVICE OVERSEAS - RECORD OF VOLUNTEERS OF PERMANENT MILITARY FORCES.

1. After the conclusion of the last war difficulty was experienced in determining which members of the Permanent Military Forces who had not served overseas had volunteered unreservedly for such service, with the result that the rights of certain members who had volunteered were endangered. In order to prevent a recurrence of this state of affairs, a notification will be published in formation and Permanent Military Forces unit orders half-yearly, in April and October, to the effect that members who wish their names to be so recorded, and who have not already notified their desire to so serve and received an acknowledgment of that fact in writing, should do so.

2. An up to date list of all volunteers will be maintained at L of C. Area H.Q.

H.K. Frost
.....Lieut,
(H.K. FROST, Adjt 43 Aust Inf Bn.)

DISTRIBUTION LIST "A"

NOTICES

APPOINTMENT

S24038 Pte. WILLIS J.G.R. Graded Gp II Cook 24 Dec 42.

SCHOOLS AND COURSES

SX26527 L/Cpl GUBBINS R.J. passed No. 4 Anti Tank Course written exam 62.75 practical 70%

BATTALION SPORTS BOXING DAY.

Company obtaining highest marks.

Morning. Standard Events 'D' Coy.
Afternoon. Tug of War, 3 miles etc., 'D' Coy.

Individual Winners :-

100 yds. Pte. OWENS 'C' Coy.
High Jump. Sjt LOWE 'A' Coy.
Half Mile. Pte. SEARLE 'D' Coy.
Three Mile. " HOLLOW 'A' Coy.

Winner of Padres trophy - best Bn Rifle Shot -
Pte. CORNELIUS of H.Q. Coy.

Prizes will be awarded to the above during the concert
on New Years Eve.

RECREATION HUT - New Years Eve.

2000 hrs. "Highlights of the Year" talk by Lieut PARKINSON
Education Officer.

2030 hrs. "New Years Eve Concert" Local Artists, including
MAX & DIGGER.

2130 hrs. Prizes presented.

2340 hrs. Watch night service in New Church (opp. Sjts Mess)

"A" COY 43 AUST INF BN - TRG SYLLABUS WEEK ENDING 27 DEC 42.

Date	0845-0915	0915-1015	1015-1115	1115-1215	1345-1435	1435-1525	1525-1615	1615-1645	1930-2030	
Mon	21 Dec		RANGE PRACTICES RIFLE L.M.G.					Tabloid Sports	Inter Pl Quiz	
Tues	22 Dec	COY AND BN PARADE	6 MILE ROUTE MARCH		EDUCATIONAL TALK	BREN RECAP	RIFLE Lying load	Tabloid Sports		
Wed	23 Dec		6 MILE ROUTE MARCH		INTERNAL ECONOMY					
Thurs	24 Dec		15 MILE ROUTE MARCH		BOAT DRILL ETC.					
Fri	25 Dec		XMAS DAY							
Sat	26 Dec		SPORTS DAY							
Sun	27 Dec		REST DAY							

- NOTES:-
1. Towels and foot powder will be carried on all route marches. At least one period per day to be done without boots, socks or shirts.
 2. Kit inspection Wed 1345 hrs. Boots and sock inspection. Wed and Sat 1645 hrs foot inspection and bath daily.
 3. Range Practices:-

<u>Rifle</u>	100 yds grouping
	200 " application snap
	300 " application rapid
<u>Bren</u>	100 yds grouping, repetition application automatic (18" sq bull)
	200 yds rapid 6 x 6 target, fleeting target distribution screen.
 4. T.O.E.T. will be conducted during range practice.

"B" COY 43 AUST INF BN - TRG SYLLABUS WEEK ENDING 27 DEC 42

Date	0645-0715	0830-0915	0915-1005	1015-1105	1115-1215	1345-1435	1445-1535	1545-1645	1930-2030	
Mon 21 Dec	feet hardening)		6 MILE ROUTE MARCH (foot inspection)			BREN Recap. Prep for competitions	Map Rdg Plotting a course	Guards and sentries		
Tues 22 Dec		COY AND BN PARADES	6 MILE ROUTE MARCH (foot inspection)			Maintaining direction by night	FINAL COY TRG FOR BN SPORTS	BREN Demo night firing		
Wed 23 Dec		COY AND BN PARADES	6 MILE ROUTE MARCH (foot inspection)			ORGANISED WASHING AND KIT INSPECTION				
Thurs 24 Dec			B A T T A L I O N			E X E R C I S E				
Fri 25 Dec		R. I.	COY AND BN PARADES	R E S T D A Y						
Sat 26 Dec		P. I.		B A T T A L I O N			S P O R T S			
Sun 27 Dec				R E S T D A Y			C H U R C H		P A R A D E	

"D" COY 43 AUST INF BN - TRG SYLLABUS WEEK ENDING 27 DEC 42

Date	0645-0715	0845-0915	0915-1015	1015-1115	1115-1215	1345-1445	1445-1545	1545-1645	1900-2000
Mon 21 Dec	P & RT	Pl drill	RANGE PRACTICE			Educational lecture	6 MILE ROUTE MARCH		
Tue 22 Dec	P & RT	Rifle drill	6 MILE ROUTE MARCH AND BREN RECAP 3 AND 4			A Tk rifle recap	BREN 11 & 12	BREN 13 & 14	
Wed 23 Dec	P & RT	Squad drill	6 MILE ROUTE MARCH AND FD SIGS			INTERIOR ECONOMY			
Thu 24 Dec	P & RT	Pl drill	BN EXERCISE - 15 MILE ROUTE MARCH - BOAT DRILL TRG						Coy quiz
Fri 25 Dec			X M A S			D A Y			
Sat 26 Dec			INTER-COY			SPORTS			
Sun 27 Dec			C H U R C H P A R A D E A N D R E S T D A Y						

INT SEC 43 AUST INF BN - TRG SYLLABUS WLEK ENDING 27 DEC 42

Date	0645-0715	0830-0915	0915-1015	1015-1115	1115-1215	1345-1445	1445-1545	1545-1645	1900-2000
Mon 21 Dec	P & RT	Bn parade	GENERAL INTELLIGENCE - DUTIES MAPS ETC			6 MILE ROUTE MARCH			
Tue 22 Dec	P & RT	Bn parade	GENERAL INTELLIGENCE - DUTIES MAPS ETC			6 MILE ROUTE MARCH			Characteristics of inf wpns
Wed 23 Dec	P & RT	Bn parade	GENERAL INTELLIGENCE - DUTIES MAPS ETC			INTERNAL ECONOMY			
Thu 24 Dec	P & RT	B A T T A L I O N			E X E R C I S E				
Fri 25 Dec		X M A S			D A Y				
Sat 26 Dec		B N			T A B L O I D		S P O R T S		
Sun 27 Dec		C H U R C H P A R A D E - R E S T D A Y							

(c) Sgts. Carry same as Rifle men less 100 R .303 plus 3 Mills Grenades.

Total 49 lbs 10 ozs.

(h) Subaltern Pl Squad

Rifle & Bayonet 12 lbs 2 ozs. 50 Rds .303 2 lbs 10 1/2 ozs.
Binoculars 1 lb, Compass 4 ozs, 2 Grenades 3 lbs, plus Para
1 - 5 20 lbs 13 ozs.

Total 39 lbs 5 1/2 ozs.

Additional items as required.

One mile Telephone cable to be carried on bicycle and
wheeled alternately by two men.

TABLE OF WEIGHTS OF EQUIPMENT, ARMS RATIONS AND
NECESSARIES CARRIED BY A RIFLE COY

1. Equipment W.E. Para 37

Web Kopt 3 lbs 10 oz, Pack 2 lbs, water bottle (filled) 3 lbs 2 oz,
Ground sheet 2 lbs 10 oz. Total 11 lbs 6 oz

2. Clothing

Shorts - 1 pair 1 lb, shirts - one 1 lb, Sox - 2 prs 14 oz,
piece of Mosquito Net 2 oz. Total 3 lbs.

3. Toilet Articles

Towel and face washer 1½ oz, Soap 3 oz, Razor 2½ oz, shaving brush
1 oz, shaving soap 2 oz, Mirror 3 oz, Tooth paste 2 oz, Tooth
brush ½ oz, Powder 4 oz. Total 1 lb 14 oz.

4. Messing Gear

Mess tin 2 lbs 3 oz, Knife, fork and spoon 4 oz.
Total 2 lbs 7 oz.

5. Rations

2 tins Bully Beef 1 lb 13 oz, 2 pkts biscuits 12 oz, Emergency
Ration 11 oz. Total 2 lbs 4 oz.

Total weight of para 1 - 5 20 lbs 15 oz.

6. TOTAL OF ARMS EQUIPMENT AND AMMUNITION CARRIED BY SECTION

(a) Bren Gunners No. 1

Bren Gun 22 lbs 10 oz, 3 Bren Magazines 7 lbs 14 oz plus
para 1 - 5, 20 lbs 15 oz. Total 51 lbs 7 oz

(b) Bren No. 2

Rifle and Bayonet 12 lbs 2 oz, 2 Bren Mags and Walleet 7 lbs,
200 rounds .303" 10 lbs 10 oz plus para 1 - 5, 20 lbs 15 oz
Total 50 lbs 11 oz

(c) T.S.M. Gunner

T.S.M.G. and 8 Box Mags 10 lbs 5 oz, 1 Mills Grenade 1 lb 8 oz
160 rounds .45 8 lbs plus para 1 - 5, 20 lbs 15 oz.
Total 50 lbs 12 oz.

(d) Riflemen

3 Riflemen Carry. Rifle & Bayonet 12lbs 2 oz. 2 Bren Mags
5 lbs 4 ozs. 1 Mills Grenade 1 lb 8 ozs. 100 R. .303
5 lbs 5 ozs. plus Para 1-5 20lbs 15 ozs plus either
Pick head halve 9lbs 8 ozs or shovel 5 lbs.
Total. 54 lbs 10 ozs or 50lbs 2 ozs

Remainder of Riflemen in Sec. Carry

Rifle & Bayonet 12lbs 2 ozs 2 Bren Mags 5lbs 4 ozs 1 Mills
Grenade 1lb 8 ozs 200 Rds .303 10lbs 10 ozs plus Para 1-5
20lbs 15 ozs.

Total 50 lbs 7 ozs.

(e) 2" Mortarman

Rifle & Bayonet 12 lbs 2 ozs. Grenade Discharger 2lbs 8 ozs
6 Mills Grenades 9lbs. 100 Rds .303. 5 lbs 5 ozs plus Para
1-5. 20 lbs 15 ozs. Total 49 lbs 4 ozs

(f) Anti-tank Rifle 36 lbs.

Rifle & Bayonet 12lbs 2 ozs. 50 Rds .303 2 lbs 10 ozs plus
2 Mags each 5 R. .55 4 lbs 14 ozs plus Para 1-5 20 lbs 15 ozs
Total 39 lbs 15½ ozs

Boys Anti Tank Rifle to be carried on a Bicycle wheeled in
turn by 2 OR.

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table of weights of equipment, arms, rations

- (a) Infantry
 1. Rifle
 2. Carbine
 3. Pistol
 4. Revolver
 5. Shotgun
 6. Machine gun
 7. Trip mine
 8. Hand mine
 9. Grenade
 10. Mortar
 11. Searchlight
 12. Trip flare
 13. Hand flare
 14. Signal
 15. Map
 16. Compass
 17. Watch
 18. Canteen
 19. Canteen cover
 20. Canteen tin
 21. Canteen lid
 22. Canteen handle
 23. Canteen strap
 24. Canteen buckle
 25. Canteen ring
 26. Canteen rivet
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 32. Canteen O-ring
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 44. Canteen notch
 45. Canteen slot
 46. Canteen hole
 47. Canteen cutout
- (b) Artillery
 1. Gun
 2. Howitzer
 3. Mortar
 4. Rocket launcher
 5. Recoilless rifle
 6. Anti-aircraft gun
 7. Searchlight
 8. Trip flare
 9. Hand flare
 10. Signal
 11. Map
 12. Compass
 13. Watch
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- (c) Engineers
 1. Pickaxe
 2. Shovel
 3. Mattock
 4. Sledgehammer
 5. Crowbar
 6. Pry bar
 7. Wrench
 8. Spanner
 9. Hammer
 10. Nail
 11. Saw
 12. Chainsaw
 13. Chainsaw fuel
 14. Chainsaw chain
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- (d) Medical
 1. First aid kit
 2. Bandage
 3. Dressing
 4. Gauze
 5. Tourniquet
 6. Splint
 7. Stretcher
 8. Ambulance
 9. Medical supplies
 10. Medical equipment
 11. Medical instruments
 12. Medical tools
 13. Medical devices
 14. Medical machines
 15. Medical vehicles
 16. Medical facilities
 17. Medical services
 18. Medical personnel
 19. Medical training
 20. Medical research
 21. Medical development
 22. Medical innovation
 23. Medical progress
 24. Medical advancement
 25. Medical breakthrough
 26. Medical discovery
 27. Medical invention
 28. Medical creation
 29. Medical production
 30. Medical manufacturing
 31. Medical distribution
 32. Medical supply chain
 33. Medical logistics
 34. Medical procurement
 35. Medical management
 36. Medical administration
 37. Medical governance
 38. Medical leadership
 39. Medical vision
 40. Medical mission
 41. Medical values
 42. Medical ethics
 43. Medical integrity
 44. Medical honesty
 45. Medical transparency
- (e) Communications
 1. Radio
 2. Telephone
 3. Teletype
 4. Semaphore
 5. Signal lamp
 6. Signal flag
 7. Signal mirror
 8. Signal flare
 9. Signal rocket
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MEDICAL

REPORT DEC 42.

There has been no decrease in the size of Sick Parades this month. Early in the month there were many foot disabilities. Later there were many URTI's. The U.R.T.I has been fairly uncommon in the N.T.

This sudden increase is probably due to the recent influx of reinforcements. During the month a disability not noticed before in the N.T. became very common.

There were about 10 cases from this Battalion. The sufferers had multiple joint pains, mild pyrexias, 99-101, and a slight macuto papular rash. These men were not fit for duty for 7-10 days but apparently have an uneventful recovery. There is no satisfactory treatment found.

These cases are being investigated at the 119 A.G.H.

The hygiene and sanitation of the Battalion is improving, but no fly wire is yet obtainable.

J. T. Hill Capt.
R.M.O. 43 Aust Inf Bn.

SUMMARY OF CLOTHING AND NECESSARIES RECEIVED FROM
ORDNANCE DURING DECEMBER & SHOWING BALANCE OUTSTANDING.

<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>RECEIVED DECEMBER.</u>	<u>UNFULFILLED INDENTS 31 DEC.</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
Lamps, Hurricane#.	39	-	
Hats, khaki fur.	429	585	
Bands, Hat	300	500	
Nets, covers, camouflage. Helmets, steel.	900		
Brushes, tooth	750		
Shirts, khaki		1000	
Shorts	170	230	
Trousers, drill Khaki	242	90	
Puttees short	100	100	
Socks, woollen, prs.	500	1100	
Hose tops	300	600	
Towels, hand	400	500	
Sheets, ground		400	unprocurable.
Boots, A.B.	262	860	Size 6.5 sent back condemned
Laces, boots	800	1800	
Badges, Titles Aust	100		
Bags, Kit	10	Mugs	
Mugs, Enamel.			
Kettles, Camp, oven	15		
Shovels, G.S.	100		
Picks	60		
Stars, officers	100		
Brushes, hair	100		
Brushes, shaving	100		
Combs, hair	100		
Dressings, field.	100		
Knives, clasp	423	307	
Forks F.S.	68	32	
Knives F.S.	94	6	
Spoons F.S.	100		