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- 1 Jan D Coy plus 1 sec Mtrs and Tk A Pl commenced a 3 day exercise in BACON & EGG LAKES area. (OO attached) A pl from C Coy filled the role of E.  
Saturday Normal trg was resumed by the balance of the Bn. A dental unit has been established in the vicinity of "B" Ech and the opportunity will be taken to get all pers dentally fit. A quantity of sporting equipment and recreational games was received through Bde Amenities Offr. It included footballs Baseball Outfit, Badminton, Medicine Balls, and various games.
- 2 Jan Trg was relaxed and this morning Padre WILLIAMSON conducted a church service. At the conclusion of D Coy's exercise Tk/A pl carried out a shoot with the new PITA gun. Reports on the performance of this gun were mixed.  
SUNDAY In the afternoon a memorial service was held at the PABU cemetery for our comrades who gave their lives during the PABU ops in Nov. Maj MOLLARD rejoined the Bn ex hosp. It was learned that US Forces had made an unopposed landing at SAIDOR, on the coast approx 60 miles from SIO and 65 miles from BOGADJIM.
- 3 Jan Trg was continued a fresh syllabus (copy attached) being commenced. D Coy returned from their exercise, having spent the night on the coast near GUSIKA. The chance to bathe in the ocean was much appreciated. Maj DICKSON, R Berks gave us a very interesting lecture on INDIA. Having spent 7 years in the British Army in INDIA the Maj was able to speak with first hand knowledge of Indian conditions and coupled with a good sense of humour he had the wholehearted attention of all.  
Monday
- 4 Jan A second talk was given by Maj DICKSON the subject being the "British Army in India". The talks by Maj DICKSON have been most interesting and we were sorry to hear of his pending departure. Lieut M J KELEY rejoined the Bn and a reinft offr Lieut W F ACKERLEY marched in.  
Tuesday
- 5 Jan The three British Army offrs who have been with us for a few days left to join 20 Bde. There was much speculation when advice was received that LOB pers were being returned to their units and tps were being recalled from NGF schools. This all seemed to presage a move and the usual furphies ran riot during the day. Our curiosity was more than satisfied when the Col announced this evening that were to return to the mainland and after disembarkation in Queensland were to proceed on leave.  
Wednesday
- The 4 Bde (Militia) is taking over the 24 Bde areas and the order of move is 2/28 Bn, 2/43 Bn and 2/32 Bn. We are to move from our present location tomorrow Bn HQ? HQ Coy, D and C Coys concentrating in the vicinity of "B Ech; preparatory to movement to SCARLET BEACH for embarkation on 8 inst. B Coy is to remain at PABU and A Coy at SATELBERG until the 7th inst. Transport is being provided for A Coy.
- No indication has been given as to relief of the 20th and 26 Bdes who are now pushing on towards SIO, latest information placing them approx 10 miles from that village.
- Col AMES and the IO of 29/46 Bn who are taking over the XMAS HILL area inspected our position. The mobile cinema unit paid us a visit and another good performance was provided. //
- 6 JAN Bn HQ D & C Coys moved to vicinity of "B Ech and HQ Coy went to Thursday EXCHANGE. This afternoon the CO, I Sgt and Coy Comds recced a biv area near the SONG R. As we are to move there tomorrow a small party in charge of Lieut KELEY was left to act as guides for the Bn. 36 X List pers rejoined us and 2 reinfts marched in ex hospital.

SONG RIVERNE NEW GUINEA

Jan 7  
Friday

We moved from our biv area during the morning and by mid-day the Bn was concentrated NORTH of SONG in vicinity 614687, A Coy being transported from SATELBERG and B Coy marched in from PABU. It is anticipated that our stay in this area will be longer than expected but it will take more than this news to dampen our spirits at the present stage. The ord room staffs are very busy on the preparation of embarkation rolls etc.

Jan 8  
Saturday

The day was spent in washing and generally "settling in". Capt DAVIES, Lieuts LANG & MEERS & 3 or's rejoined the Bn and Lieuts DOWNEY AND WILLIS were evac to hospital.

Jan 9  
Sunday

A Bn church parade the service being conducted by Padre WILLIAMSON. 6 X List pers rejoined us today.

Jan 10  
Monday

A fresh trg cadre was commenced by all specialistpls and I<sup>NT</sup> Sec. 2 men for trg being drawn from each coy. Coys commenced clearing undergrowth and generally tidying their areas, and swimming parades are to be held each afternoon. Full advantage of the opportunity to bathe in the sea is being taken by all tps. and this should be a big help towards clearing up most tropical sores and skin complaints from which many of us are suffering. Lieut NICHOLSON evac to hosp.

Jan 11  
Tuesday

Tps were occupied with the cleaning of Coy areas and Trng cadres this morning.

This afternoon, a Swimming carnival was held at SCARLET BEACH, Prize money being provided from Regtl funds in the following proportion: - \$8 Bn HQ and HQ Coy, \$5 per Rifle Coy. A further Canteen issue of tobacco and matches was made.

Jan 12  
Wednesday

A Boxing tournament, conducted by Mr L. Taylor, YMCA representative at Bde, was held this evening. Participants from this unit acquitted themselves well their record being 2 wins, 1 draw, 1 loss. Ptes Eardley and Taylor of our MMG pl. were the victorious contestants, while Pte Joe Garvey of our Int. Sec. did an excellent job as referee. 17 "X" list pers. rejoined the unit incl. Lieuts R.K. Downey, A.E. Willis and S.F. North. Maj. K.F. Mollard was evacuated to hospital.

Jan 13  
Thursday

This morning, a Bn parade was held at the foot of NORTH HILL. The unit was inspected and addressed by Brig. S.H. Porter. The Bde Comd. congratulated the Bn on its achievements in recent ops, stating that, as a fighting unit, we could consider ourselves second to none and said that the rnfcts, who have lately joined us, should cultivate the esprit-de-corps for which this unit is noted. He also intimated that the future role of 9 Aust. Div. would be similar to our NG campaign, that of Shock tps.

2 pls of C Coy went to LAUNCH JETTY area to foster in pers. of 8 Aust Inf. Bde, whose arrival from Australia is expected tomorrow. After tea, a General Knowledge quiz was conducted by Lieut R.D. Ireland. Teams of 3 men, representing Bn HQ and each pl. of HQ Coy, competed. The Sig. pl's team emerged victorious and the prize for the highest individual number of points was taken by Pte J. Ritchie, Bn HQ. Capt. C.G. Lancaster, together with 9 "X" and 4 rnfct pers, rejoined the Bn.

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SONG RIVER

- Jan 14  
Friday  
A quiet day, Trng cadres continued.  
3 "X" list pers. returned.  
Members of the Int. Sec have visited the scenes of our actions in the FINSCHHAFEN area with representatives of the Graves Commission, in order to "pin-point" the burial places of members of this unit who were KIA. The number of graves in the area between LANGEMAK BAY and FORTIFICATION POINT were noted and, from the point of view of this Bn, are very significant.  
Details pertaining to the Inf. Bns affected are:-  
2/43 Bn 54; 2/32 Bn 51; 2/17 Bn 46; 2/13 Bn 44; 2/23 Bn 33; 2/15 Bn 30;  
2/24 Bn 29; 22 Bn 27; 2/48 Bn 25; 2/28 Bn 18; 29/46 Bn 11; 37/52 Bn 6.
- Jan 15  
Saturday  
Coys reced posns for 30 yd ranges.  
Maj. G. E. Dixon left for BUNA to supervise the loading of our packs and stores.  
Our RMO, Capt. Peter Kaye, was evacuated to hospital.  
Lieut J. H. Bishop and 14 other "X" pers. marched in.
- Jan 16  
Sunday  
As our padre is on the sick list, no Church parade was held.  
8 Aust. Inf. Bde arrived from the mainland today and A Coy provided a working party which went to FINSCHHAFEN and assisted in the transportation of their stores and eqpt. Capt. J. J. Thornton reported that the members of the Bde looked physically fit and were exceptionally well equipped.  
9 "X" list pers. returned to the Bn.
- Jan 17  
Monday  
Three miniature ranges are now in operation.  
Sjts J. H. Lewis and S. E. Reeves marched out en route to an OCTU at WOODSIDE S.A.  
Our I. O. Lieut R. A. Gardiner, also 11 "X" list pers. returned to the unit.
- Jan 18  
Tuesday  
All 24 Aust. Inf. Bde "X" pers. returning from hosps etc., are to be attached to us for movement. Today, 1 offr and 6 ORs, members of 2/28 Bn, marched in and are being accommodated in D Coy's area.  
Capt. Peter Kaye rejoined the Bn.
- Jan 19  
Wednesday  
The advance party for our move to the mainland embarked. It comprised 6 offrns and 25 ORs; all Coys were represented.  
2/28 Bn and part of 24 Bde Hq also departed, Capt H. G. Davies and J. J. G. Davidson assisting in the embarkation.  
All trng cadres have now been completed.  
21 "X" list pers. marched in.  
Tests for proficiency pay are being conducted by all Coys and details of the results will appear at a later date.
- Jan 20  
Thursday  
Maj. K. F. Mollard returned to the Bn.  
This morning, our Offrs attended a very interesting lecture delivered by Brig. S. H. Porter on vegetation in the SWPA and its interpretation on aerial photos.  
Two rnfct offrns, H. St. George and A. J. Fletcher, joined the unit along with one "X" list.
- Jan 21  
Friday  
A quiet day.
- Jan 22  
Saturday  
Our BM (Maj. P. J. Whyte) and our I. O. conducted a tour of the 24 Aust. Inf. Bde battle grounds for Staff Offrs of 2 Aust. Corps and 5 visiting offrns of the British Regular Army stationed in India and Burma. Corps was represented by Lt-col Hasset GI(L), Maj. Schofield GII(L), Maj. Stewart and a Capt. from Int. Corps. The British offrns were i/c of Aust born Maj. Chauvel 19 Lancers and showed a keen interest in our defences and in the siting of E MGs and arty.  
20 ORs were attached to Bde from this unit as drs.  
2 members of our Int. Sec are working at Bde Hq painting metal signs, approx 8 ft by 4 ft, describing the activities of the Bde during the FINSCHHAFEN campaign. Upon completion, the signs will be erected at the scenes of our battles. This is an instn from Corps; we are NOT keen on this publicity, which savours of bragging. (Wording on signs att.)  
Members of our Pnr pl. are at present reconditioning the graves of the unit's deceased pers.

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SONG RIVERNE NEW GUINEA

- Jan 25  
Monday Church parade held at 1000 hrs conducted by Padre R.E. Williamson. The heat of the day, along with the shortage of hymn books visibly restricted the vocal efforts of the Bn.  
The 2/43 Bn and portion of Bde HQ embarked on a Liberty ship today, homeward bound. Capts Davies and Davidson, Lieuts R.D. Ireland and A. Hamilton assisted in their embarkation, while 2 pls of D Coy loaded their stores. Capt. J.C. Yeatman, 2/LL F'd Amb. joined us today for the voyage home and one "X" list OR marched in.  
Our RMO reports that 50% of the Bn is at present suffering from skin complaints, which, fortunately, are not of a contagious nature. He attributes this largely to the observance of the Corps instn that men must wear shirts and gaiters at all times. The great distance from the bathing point is also a contributing factor.  
Enemy aircraft at 2050 hrs tonight raided the FINSCHHAFEN area. Six bombs were dropped at FINSCHHAFEN and three at HENDERSON AIRSTRIP, DREGER HARBOUR, whilst an anti-personal bomb fell on a Liberty ship. Casualties were caused but only minor damage to the ship.
- Jan 24  
Monday Our MT Drs who had been temporarily attached to Bde HQ, returned to the unit this morning.  
The CO, together with the acting QM, attended a conference at Bde. B Coy conducted inter-pl sports this afternoon, 12 pl emerging with the honours.  
Three alerts were sounded tonight but no bombs fell in the area.
- Jan 25  
Tuesday At 1730 hrs this evening, our transport arrived at FINSCH HAFEN; the fact that we soon be homeward bound sent our spirits soaring. Several melodious tenors and not-so-melodious basses could be heard singing popular songs far into the night.
- Jan 26  
Wednesday Capt A.P.A. Denness marched out to attend a Tactical school at BEENLEIGH, Q'LD.  
Our inter-pl quiz conducted by A Coy was won by 7 pl.  
Community singing was indulged in this evening.
- Jan 27  
Thursday An inspection party headed by the CO and RMO proceeded to FINSCH HAFEN to inspect the ship.  
The day was devoted mainly to swimming and washing personal effects in readiness for the voyage.  
Our most enterprising members have visited the various US camps in the area and have traded various Jap souvenirs (Flags, pistols photographs etc.,) receiving American cigarettes in exchange. They have found that our Allies have a marked weakness for such tokens and the transactions effected appear to have satisfied all involved.
- Jan 28  
Friday A hold up has occurred in the unloading of the ship but our patience is proving equal to the strain. Our most pessimistic brethren are predicting that the E will be sure to bomb and sink the vessel at the very moment we are to board it but these Job's comforters are being received with derision. It was announced that no gambling would be permitted on the voyage home. As most of the men are conserving their finances in order to make their leave as enjoyable as possible, it is not expected that the authorities will experience undue difficulty in enforcing this order.
- Jan 29  
Saturday The day was barren of any noteworthy incidents but, at 2300 hrs tonight, the long awaited embarkation orders were received. 12 pl B Coy will be the adv. party and will leave the area at 0700 hrs; the remainder of the unit will follow them at noon.

JHS

Jan 30  
Sunday

The Adv. party left the area on time followed by the balance of the unit at 1245 hrs. We journeyed by ME to FINSCH HAFEN and the transformation which the area has undergone since we arrived here on Oct 16 last opened the eyes of one and all. The fact that the enemy, although in occupation of this territory for nearly two yrs, was incapable of effecting any perceptible improvement, is very significant. Our transport (USAT "ANDREW D. WHITE") was lying in midstream and this necessitated the use of a ferry service. A hy swell rendered embarking ops extremely difficult and, at 1600 hrs, when only a portion of the tps had been taken on board, it was decided to suspend the movement for day. Pers. not yet aboard returned to the Div. reception camp for the night. As the CO is convalescing from an attack of malaria, Maj. K. F. Mollard will be OC tps for the voyage. Several alerts were sounded during the night, but no planes approached.

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Jan 31  
Monday

The balance of tps embarked at 0830 hrs. At 1530 hrs, we weighed anchor and were soon under way. We rounded CAPE BREDOW, where a RADAR is now located, and, as we headed for the open sea, tps lined the decks for a last glimpse at such familiar landmarks as SATELBERG, KAKAKOG SPUR and NORTH HILL. Generally speaking, the references to these and kindred places were of a most uncomplimentary nature, and tps were unanimous in the hope that we would never return to fever ridden NG. We were now free to move about sans shirts and gaiters. This was a great relief as skin diseases such as ringworm had become prevalent during our sojourn on the SONG RIVER and it was felt that extensive sunbathing would prove an effective antidote. At DREGER HARBOUR, we were joined by another Liberty ship with two Sub chasers as escorts. An alert was sounded shortly afterwards and the nonchalant reaction of the tps incurred the displeasure of the authorities. The fact that we were homeward bound had produced a carnival spirit which was quite understandable, but we were still in the danger zone and to invite trouble at this juncture was nothing less than lunacy. At 2230 hrs, we passed LAE; the entire waterfront was a blaze of light worthy of a southern city in peacetime. Another Liberty ship joined us here.

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Feb 1  
Tuesday

An azure sky, a smooth sea and the fact that we were going the "right way" combined to make the voyage delightful to all aboard. The US crew are displaying an excellent spirit of co-operation. Bridge and reading were the most popular pastimes. At 1745 hrs, we reached BUNA and tied up to the wharf 50 yds from the shore. Pers. from this and other 9 Aust Div units, who were in transit at BUNA, embarked and stores were loaded.

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Feb 2  
Wednesday

At 0800 hrs, we weighed anchor and stood off shore, continuing the voyage at 1300 hrs. The day was much cooler than its predecessor, the sky being overcast. At 1600 hrs, hy rain commenced to fall and tps availed themselves of the opportunity to wash their bodies and clothes on deck. These unorthodox methods were watched with amusement by the crew.

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AT SEA

Feb 3  
Thursday

We entered MILNE BAY at dawn and arrived at our anchorage in the vicinity of LYAL WHARF at 1200 hrs.  
The landscape, viewed from the bay, has quite a scenic aspect but we know from experience that initial impressions of this region are singularly misleading.  
Some pers. were evacuated to hospital, malaria being the principal complaint.  
The anchorage is replete with vessels of every description, over 100 ships being counted, while the docks are a hive of industry and it is apparent that the area has been free from E air attacks for a considerable time.  
The weather, judged by our previous experience, is remarkably pleasant. A few drops of rain fell this afternoon but the comparatively low humidity was a pleasant surprise to all.

Feb 4  
Friday

Stores incl. fresh meat and bread have been loaded.  
The weather remains fine.  
Immediately after lunch, sailing instructions were broadcast from the bridge and, being audible to the tps, were greeted with full throated cheers by them to the great amusement of the Ship's offr on duty.  
At 1530 hrs, we were on our way again, our convoy now comprising three Liberty and one other cargo vessel with three Sub chasers escorting us.

Feb 5  
Saturday

The day was bright and sunny but a hy swell and the fact that our ship was in lt ballast caused an outbreak of seasickness among the tps.  
A Catalina flying boat was over us today.

Feb 6  
Sunday

The warm weather continues.  
Voluntary Church services were held this morning and were well attended.  
During the morning, we entered the GREAT BARRIER REEF area and this caused the swell to subside much to the relief of the landlubbers.  
Off CAIRNS, our escort left us and we continued the journey SOUTH. It was learnt this evening that our destination will be TOWNSVILLE; appropriate disembarkation orders were promulgated. Blackout regulations were relaxed this evening, tps being permitted to smoke on deck.

Feb 7  
Monday

A Baggage party i/c of Maj. K. F. Mollard is to take our baggage to the reassembly area, which is in the vicinity of RAVENSHOE Q'LD, before proceeding on leave.  
Our weapons will be taken with them; as these have proved a bugbear to tps on leave in the past, this arrangement is welcomed by pers.  
We berthed at TOWNSVILLE jetty at 1030 hrs and disembarkation ops commenced immediately.  
A train was waiting for us and we proceeded without delay to JULAGO L & T camp, 10 miles SOUTH of TOWNSVILLE.  
We arrived at 1300 hrs and, after lunch, our packs were issued to us. These were in A1 condition and reflected great credit on the pers. to whom their care was entrusted.  
The remainder of the afternoon was devoted to adm arrangements, clothing issues etc., all pers. proceeding to TASMANIA or NORTH of GYMPIE, Q'LD were divorced from us immediately.  
A beer issue was made after tea and many pers. braved a lengthy queue to have their first taste of this refreshment in six months.  
A Picture show and a concert enabled tps to spend an enjoyable evening.  
The fact that a serious water shortage prevails in the district at the moment, has not prevented our old friend, the mosquito, from being present in large numbers and they possess sharper teeth than their NE relatives. Pers, who had prematurely disposed of their mosquito nets, were left lamenting.

*JHS*

JULAGO, Q'LD

- Feb 3  
Tuesday
- The majority of the Tps are suffering from stomach trouble, which is probably due to the changed conditions and, no doubt, will prove a temporary inconvenience. Permission was granted to tps to proceed to TOWNSVILLE on leave for the day, but the majority were content to spend the day preparing for the journey to their various homes. The CO and Adjut left for the SOUTH this evening.
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- Feb 9  
Wednesday
- All WX pers. marched out at 1300 hrs followed, this evening, by VX, SX and those ~~QX~~ pers. whose destination was SOUTH of GYMPIE.
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- Feb 10  
Thursday
- Balance of the Bn entrained at 1300 hrs for the move SOUTH.
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PABU RIDGE OPERATION

Report of "C" Coy's activities.

Following the repulsion of the Japanese counter-attack at KATIKA Oct 23 - 26, "C" Coy remained in position about 600 yds WEST of the village referred to. During this period, in conjunction with the remainder of the unit, we patrolled the area to our front on several occasions, but no movement was seen. On Nov 10, we moved across the creek to take over a good defensive position from "C" Coy 2/15 Bn otherwise the period to Nov 19 was barren of incident.

On Nov 19, we received orders to move with the Bn across to the SONG RIVER and proceed to the PABU feature where we were to cut the BONGA-WAREO track thus denying its use to the enemy. We reached the approaches to our objective at approx 1600 hrs 20 Nov after an arduous trek over a series of razorback features. With our coy in reserve, "A" & "B" Coys attacked and occupied PABU without contacting the enemy. The attack was preceded by a heavy arty barrage which ignited the adjacent kunai which was soon burning fiercely. This was to prove a blessing as our observation was greatly facilitated thereby. The attack being successful, "C" Coy moved in and took up posn on the southern side of the feature. The situation remained normal on our front throughout the night, although the proximity of the fire caused inconvenience to one of our platoons. However, all misgivings were eventually allayed. The following morning, we provided two patrols 14 Pl under Lieut M J KELEY ~~and~~ moved out in a westerly direction keeping mainly to the jungle on the right side of the track. They found that there were large numbers of Japs about the track only 500 yds from PABU. Before withdrawing, the patrol killed 2 and wounded 1 of the enemy without suffering loss. 15 Pl (Lieut Chas BELL) moved out towards EXCHANGE. They observed considerable enemy movement in this area and found a good running stream - a valuable discovery as water was constituting a problem. After a normal night on our front, we were ordered to move to HORACE'S HEAD and cut the track in that area. A temperature of 103.8 having rendered Capt H G DAVIES M.B.E. "hors de combat", the Coy moved off at 0830 hrs 22 Nov accompanied by 2 native guides and under the comd of Lieut M J KELEY. We struck SOUTH into the jungle and from there worked our tedious way towards our objective, our course leading over rugged spurs intersected by deep ravines. Our guides made numerous deviations, which made a further imposition upon our physical endurance. About noon we struck a well defined track running from NORTH to SOUTH and, as the natives detected the presence of the enemy, the Coy Comd decided to fix. Presently three sons of Nippon, armed with rifles sauntered down the track from the NORTH and were unceremoniously despatched to their forefathers. An examination of the corpses revealed that one of the party was carrying a type 92 mine.

We continued our journey and at 1600 hrs emerged from the jungle into an extensive kunai patch which we later found to be HORACES HOOF. 15 mins later when we were on the FORELEG, the OC, after a brief recce decided to biv for the night at this spot. Our two guides were somewhat jittery and, although the OC advised them to remain with us, they took no pains to conceal their eagerness to be away and were allowed to depart. No time was lost in consolidating for, with the BONGA-WAREO track only 200 yds distant, it seemed guineas to gooseberries that the game would soon be on for us.

At approx 1730 hrs 2 Japanese Sigs came into view. They were running wire, and travelling in the direction of WAREO. We allowed them to pass as we scented bigger game and were not disappointed. Ten minutes later, a large group of enemy appeared also travelling WEST. We estimated their strength as 1 Coy and they were led by a well dressed individual whom we presumed to be an offr. They soon spotted us and hastily moved back towards the shelter of the jungle; we opened fire and at least six "honourable" (?) gentlemen bit the dust. The remainder disappeared from our view but we soon detected their presence in the tongue of jungle to our front where they returned our fire.

Fortunately for us this was an erratic nature else our casualties must have been extremely heavy in our exposed position. As it was they amounted to 2 killed and 5 wounded. Lieut KELEY lost no time in arranging mortar support which was rapidly forthcoming with most effective results judging by the cries that emanated from the jungle. An enemy mortar opened from the direction of WAREO and great was our delight when the bombs, obviously intended for us, also landed in the midst of our adversaries. After last light, the situation quietened though we could distinctly hear the enemy consolidating barely 100 yds distant, and judging by the noise, they were finding the going hard. Realising that we faced annihilation if we remained in the position, Lieut KELEY sought permission to withdraw and his request was granted. Accordingly, we evacuated the position at 0430 hrs Nov 23 and, although a member of the Coy accidentally fired a shot and set out nerves on edge, the move was unopposed. Reaching the cover of the jungle, we paused until daylight in order to improvise stretchers for the wounded, one of them being in a very bad way. Our journey over difficult terrain with 3 stretcher cases rendered progress very slow and we did not reach PABU until 1130 hrs 24 Nov. About 1400 hrs on the first day a party of 12/15 enemy approached from our rear and were fired upon and dispersed; Pte C TAYLOR one of our Bren gunners doing a particularly good job. The Japs fired a few shots in reply and 14 Pl Comd (A/Sjt D CURRIE) was wounded in the shoulder. According to some members of the Coy, 2 natives were guiding the enemy. On the second day a party comprising 4/6 enemy were observed approaching us from the direction of PINO HILL. They did not molest us until we were entering PABU when they fired a few ineffective rifle shots. Throughout the arduous journey, the whole Coy acquitted themselves admirably performing their duties in the best AIF tradition. Pte M KELLY who had received a painful wound above the right eye, walked the entire journey without uttering a word of complaint. The RSB's Pte C SHADDICK and J BALL discharged their duties in a very exemplary manner.

Upon arrival, we learnt that the enemy had launched a strong attack on our positions near the SONG RIVER and our venture had contributed largely to its frustration; this was very heartening news. We took over posns from B Coy situated on the western side of PABU from which an excellent view of the BONGA-WAREO track was obtained. It was certainly a first class defensive position as an attacking force to reach us had to climb an exceptionally steep slope and making an ideal target for well sited automatics. The situation remained comparatively normal until last light 25 Nov when the enemy mortared the right of our area wounding 2 13 Pl pers. At stand to the following morning, the enemy again brought deadly mortar fire to bear upon us with a number of shells from a 75mm gun thrown in for good measure. Under this barrage, some enemy inf endeavoured to infiltrate into our posns but were easily repelled. Pte J SAABY was under notice. He crawled forward to an exposed posn to hurl grenades at the advancing Japs. Although wounded whilst engaged in this task, he pluckily remained on duty. Our arty were quick in coming to our aid and, at least, restricted the activities of our tormentors who, probably as a result of this, eased their efforts considerably after 1200 hrs. Our casualties were 3 killed and 17 wounded - 15 Pl on the left flank being the worst sufferers. Lieuts M J KELEY and Chas BELL were among the wounded. At 1600 hrs, D Coy arrived to take over our posns and we were ordered to move to PINO HILL which our "B" & "D" Coys under Lt-Col T H SCOTT had captured earlier in the day. We left PABU at 1630 hrs taking 6 stretcher cases and a number of walking wounded with us and reached our destination at 1930 hrs. We remained on PINO HILL until 29 Nov Lieut M J KELEY having been evacuated, Lieut W M BUCKLEY replaced him being succeeded in turn by Lieuts A P A DENNESS and J C CLARKE. During the period, we came under desultory fire from a 75 mm gun situated WEST of PABU. No casualties were sustained by this Coy, though B Coy on our right were affected.

JRS

On 29 Nov the Coy moved down to NORTH HILL and spent 4 days of comparative peace, returning to PINO HILL on Dec 3 to relieve B Coy who were moving back to the PABU area. The following morning between 0845-0915 hrs the enemy dropped 48 shells in our area of which 12 were duds. No casualties were sustained, the shells falling in front of and to the right of us. That evening we received orders to move to the LAKES AREA for participation in the attack on XMAS HILL.

We moved to our destination the following morning and there relieved C Coy 2/43 Bn. The next few days were occupied in a cautious advance towards our objective. Apart from 2 of our recce patrols being fired upon on Dec 7, C Coy did not contact the enemy at any stage. Our Mortar Pl rendered excellent support and the Bn finally occupied the feature on Dec 8.

Between 10/12 Dec C Coy patrolled the 1800 feature in sqs 58/72. No movement was seen but valuable topographical information was secured.

The Coy maintained excellent battle discipline throughout the operation and it is fortunate in possessing a good team of Sgts who have displayed on many occasions their ability to comd pls. Amendments to the Loading Table are considered necessary.

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SIGNS ERECTED IN KATIKA/GUSIKA/XMAS HILL AREA (CORPS INSTNS.)

Sign to be placed at Map Ref. Track June 621681 (pointing up ck) ENEMY attack 22 Nov 43 SE along creek defeated by 2/43 Bn 300 yds up stream. Counter-attack by D Coy, 2/32 Bn. ENEMY dead 80. 200 rifles-MGs and Mortars captured.

Track June 625683 (pointing NORTH) 2/43 Bn defeated ENEMY attacks on 22 Nov 1943. 90 Enemy killed 1200 yds NORTH of this point. This track axis of attack 2/28 Bn with tanks on 27 Nov 43, captured line KALUENG river.

NORTH HILL 624698 NORTH HILL held by 2/43 Bn.

PINO HILL PINO HILL captured by 2/32 Bn 26 Nov 43. Tanks and arty support. PABU occupied by 2/32 Bn 19 Nov 43.

EXCHANGE 617722 Captured on 27 Nov 43, by A Coy 2/28 Bn.

PABU 611718 Occupied by 2/32 Bn less D Coy on 19 Nov 43 until relieved by 2/43 Bn on 29 Nov 43. Actions include offensive patrols to WEST which struck across axis of ENEMY attack 22 Nov 43. Numerous ENEMY counter-attacks. 200 ENEMY killed. 2/32 Bn supplied by air. Attack with tanks WEST resumed by 2/43 Bn 29 Nov 43.

LAKES 594717 Captured by 2/43 Bn with tanks on 2 Dec 43.

XMAS HILL 580718 XMAS HILL captured by 2/32 Bn 8 Dec 43.

GUSIKA 625734 (pointing to WEST) GUSIKA captured by 2/28 Bn 28 Nov 43. 24 Bde axis then WEST towards WAREO.

KATIKA (At June. MAIN Rd PALANKO track) To KATIKA spur 500 yds. Main battle area 17-26 Oct 43.

KATIKA SPUR 614668 KATIKA SPUR. JAP divisional attack 17 Oct 43 outflanked position and penetrated to SIKI COVE. ENEMY forced withdraw from SIKI COVE but continued attack this position unsuccessfully until 26 Oct 43 when forced to abandon attack. Position held by 2/28 Bn until relieved on 23 Oct 43 by 2/32 Bn. ENEMY lost 650 killed, much eqpt also 75 mm gun knocked out by 2 pr 100 yds from our FDLs. Our positions advanced westwards 1000 yds 26 Oct 43.

SIKI COVE 621669 SIKI COVE. ENEMY penetrated to this cove 18 Oct 43. Counter-attacked by 2/28 Bn. ENEMY withdrew 21 Oct 43 leaving 70 dead.

CEMETERY HILL 622672 Sketch Map of area of SCARLET BEACH perimeter 17/18 Oct 43.

SCARLET BEACH JAPS landed three barges night 16/17 Oct 43. Two barges destroyed 70 ENEMY killed by 24 Bde troops assisted by det. Shore Bn 532 E.B.S.R.

PERSONAL PARS ON PROMINENT BN IDENTITIES WHO DIED ON SERVICE IN NEW GUINEA

CAPT. J. E. WALKER

Enlisted in Victoria in the early days of the war and, after attending an OTS, was gazetted a lieut. Embarked from Aust. for service overseas in Sep 1940 as a Rnfct offr to the 2/5 Aust. Inf. Bn. When Capt. (now Lt-col) Robert Joshua formed D Coy 2/32 Bn at BEIT JIRJA, PALESTINE in Dec 1940, Lieut Walker was posted to it as a pl. comd.

When the Bn arrived from England and proceeded to TOBRUK, Lieut Walker was assigned the important role of I.O. a position he held throughout the siege and in the early part of the EL ALAMEIN operation, establishing a high standard of efficiency for his successors.

In Aug 1942, he was posted to A Coy as 2 i/c. In the final attack, after the OC had been wounded, Lieut Walker took over the comd. of the Coy and displayed excellent qualities of leadership. He was appointed a Capt. in Dec 1942.

When the unit reformed in Aust. Capt. Walker was given the comd. of A Coy and had the honour of leading 2/32 Bn into LAE. At KATIKA, his capable leadership was again in evidence. He was killed on PABU RIDGE Nov 22 1943 as a result of 75 mm. shellfire. A gentleman and a fine offr and leader, his death was a great loss to the unit and keenly felt by all ranks.

LIEUT D. P. DAY.

After attending an OTS in Aust. was appointed to a commissioned rank and proceeded to the Middle East in Nov 1941 with the 11th rnfcts. A quiet, steady chap, he was greatly esteemed by his associates. For a short period he served as Asst Adjt and later as 18 pl. comd.

He led 18 pl. D Coy in the attack on WAGAN SOUTH on the morning of Sep 14 1943 and was killed when E fixedlines were encountered.

LIEUT R. T. LEWIS.

Was commissioned in Aust and arrived in the Middle East in Oct 1942, joining the Bn shortly after the battle of EL ALAMEIN. As a pl. comd. he was posted first with C Coy and later with A Coy. A breezy personality and athletic prowess ensured his popularity. Was severely wounded on PABU RIDGE Nov 22 1943 when E arty heavily shelled the area and succumbed two days later, while being carried to the ADS.

LIEUT C. P. THOMSON.

Left Aust. with the 1 A/T Regt in May 1940, proceeded to England and was posted to the 2/32 Bn when it was formed at Pennings on Jun 27 1940. He served with the unit through TOBRUK and was sent to an OCTU in the Middle East whilst the Bn was in SYRIA. He rejoined the Bn on Jul 22 1942, when the EL ALAMEIN counter-attack was in full swing and led a pl. into the attack the same day, acquitting himself well. Fataally wounded by an E rifleman on PABU RIDGE Nov 27 1943, being in comd. of D Coy at the time. A fine offr and good leader, Lieut Thomson was respected and liked by all his comrades.

WO II A. G. DALZIEL.

Enlisting in NSW in 1939, he left Aust. in May 1940 with the ASC and was transferred to the 2/32 Bn upon its formation. An exceptionally good instructor he rendered the unit useful service in training the various rnfcts in the Middle East. When the Bn came to NG, WO II Dalziel was CSM D Coy and was killed at WAGAN SOUTH Sep 14 1943 in a gallant attempt to rescue Lieut D.P. Day.

SJT G. A. ANDERSON.

Known to his intimates as "Lucky", he was another foundation member of the unit transferring to it from the 1 A/T Regt. An excellent type of soldier and NCO. KIA Sep 14 1943 in the battle for WAGAN SOUTH whilst serving with D Coy.

SJT J. E. WILLIAMS.

Another "thirty niner" who went to England with the 1 A/T Regt and was posted to this unit when it was formed. A very capable soldier with an excellent personality. Was killed when E aircraft raided our posns on KAKAKOC SPUR in the small hrs of Oct 17 1943. At the time of his death, he had charge of 9 pl.

L/SJT J. R. G. NOBBS.

This Queenslander went to England with the 1 A/T Regt in 1940 and was posted to this unit at Pennings. His engaging personality won him many friends. KIA 18 Oct 1943 while leading a Recce party in the SIKI RIVER area.

*JRS*

CPL K. J. KENDRICK.

Joined the AIF in Q'LD in the early days of the war and went to England in May 1940 with the 2/9 Aust. Inf. Bn, being transferred to this unit there. Possessing a jovial disposition and plenty of courage, this NCO was a distinct asset to the unit. Served with C Coy throughout his association with the Bn and was yet another good soldier lost to the unit during the battle for WAGAN SOUTH on Sep 14 1943.

CPL J. EVELEIGH.

This New South Welshman was another "Battle of Britain" boy, who transferred to this unit from the ASC. Of the members of B Coy who reached their objective at EL ALAMEIN Jul 22 1942, he was the only one who was not captured. At this period, he did good work in helping to locate our battle casualties and was mentioned in despatches. A fearless type, well endowed with initiative, he was a splendid Section Leader in battle. KIA at KATIKA 24 Oct 1943 while serving with B Coy.

CPL R. BEMROSE.

Another Queenslander who was in England during the momentous days of 1940. Originally with the ASC, he joined the Bn at Pennings. For a period, he acted as Bn Technical Sjt. A very imposing type physically, courageous and cool, he is another soldier whose loss is a serious one for the unit. was killed whilst leading 8 pl. into action at XMAS HILL, 5 Dec 1943.

PTE T. LANGFORD MM

Came from Western Australia. Arrived in the Middle East in Sep 1941 with the 7th rnfcts and joined the unit in SYRIA. As an RSB, his bravery in the field at EL ALAMEIN in Jul 1942 earned him the MM. To the end he displayed commendable devotion to his duty, being killed on PABU RIDGE while administering first aid to Capt. J. E. Walker, who had been wounded. A shell burst nearby, depriving the unit of two of its most prominent identities.

A/CPL B. S. SMAILES.

Another Sandgroper who arrived in the Middle East in Jul 1941 with the 5th rnfcts and joined the unit shortly after it left TOBRUK. Served in the Sig. pl. of which, he was a very efficient member. His keen sense of humour and ability as a singer enhanced his popularity. Accompanied C Coy's patrol to HORACE'S HOOF Nov 22 1943 and was killed when it clashed with the enemy.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

2/32 Aust Inf Bn Routine Orders Part I  
by

Lt-Col T.H. SCOTT  
7 Jan 44

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

22. INTOXICATING LIQUOR

1. The illicit manufacture in PAPUA or NEW GUINEA of any intoxicating liquor is prohibited.

The possession of any liquor so manufactured is also prohibited.

3. Severe disciplinary action will be taken in respect of any breach of this order, and all stills and material used for the manufacture of such intoxicating liquor will be confiscated.

( Ref HQF Orders A 480 )

24. LOSS OF AAB 83

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

( Extract from GRO 759 para 22. )

25. PROMOTIONS, CONFIRMATIONS & TRADE GROUPINGS

VX 14624	Pte	BRUCE	G.	Graded A/Cpl II Spec	22.12.43
VX 17618	"	HEWMAN	G.F.	" " " "	22.11.43
VX 20829	"	LANE	E.J.	From A/Cpl AACC Att	28.12.43
VX 37216	L/Sgt	BURTON	C.R.L.	" A/Sgt	28.12.43
QX 3159	L/Cpl	WALLACE	J.H.	" A/Cpl	28.12.43
QX 3870	L/Cpl	FLETCHER	L.T.	" "	28.12.43
IX 98459	Pte	HAWKINS	V.C.	" "	28.12.43
VX 15063	"	CURLY	V.S.	" "	30.12.43
QX 1266	A/Cpl	MORRISON	L.J.	Rank Cpl Confirmed	30.12.43
VX 1971	Pte	KING	W.G.	Apptd Pd L/Cpl	30.12.43
VX 14162	"	GODFREY	E.H.	" " "	30.12.43
VX 13081	"	CASTLE	F.J.	" " "	28.12.43
VX 12834	"	ATKINSON	H.L.	" " "	28.12.43
VX 11439	"	GUNTHER	A.J.	" " "	28.12.43
VX 12941	"	STAFFE	R.P.	" " "	28.12.43
VX 10545	A/Cpl	MARWICK	J.A.	From A/Sgt AACC Att	31.12.43
VX 2046	Pte	KING	H.E.	" A/Cpl " "	31.12.43
QX 41059	Pte	FUJIMOTO	K.	Graded Cpl III Spec	23.12.43
VX 11454	A/Cpl	HENDERSON	O.	From A/Sgt	1.11.43

*Reynolds* Capt.  
Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

Christmas Greetings

1. President State Board and members RSL in SOUTH AUSTRALIA extend Xmas Greetings and best wishes to you and all under your Command.  
(Signed Reynolds State Secretary)
2. C.O. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn  
WEST AUSTRALIAN Members old Thirty Second send seasons greetings to yourself and all ranks young Thirty Second. We are proud of you.  
(Signed Major GEDDES)
3. The Bde Comd has received the following message from 24 Aust Inf Bde Welfare Association Vic.

" Christmas Greetings best wishes for a safe return  
to yourself and all members of the Brigade . "

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byLt-Col. T.H. SCOTT  
14 Jan 44

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

26. COURTS OF INQUIRY ON ILLEGAL ABSENTEES AND DECLARATION OF ILLEGAL ABSENCE.

1. By an amendment to Regulation 54 of the War Financial (Military Forces) Regulations, it is provided that a declaration of illegal absence by an investigating officer, directed in pursuance of AMR & O 448A (R. 278A) to investigate the illegal absence of a soldier, will have the same effect as a declaration of illegal absence by a court of inquiry for the purpose of suspending payment of a dependant's allowance and allotment payable in respect of the illegal absentee.


This amendment became effective as from 1st December, 1943.  
(Extract GRO para A 813.)

27. DRESS (Ref Bn Routine Orders No 6. para 20)

1. MOKKA or MITE bites will NOT constitute an excuse for NOT wearing gaiters. Personnel effected by rashes or other complaints caused by wearing gaiters will be exempt from wearing gaiters only if certified by an R.M.O. and are in possession of a certificate. O.C's will instruct Offrs under comd to report ALL offenders of NGF Order A475 to this HQ in writing.

28. APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS and TRADE GROUPINGS

WX 20035	Pte	CLOUGH	R.V.	Apptd Pd L/Cpl	4.1.44
WX 14042	A/Cpl	MENNER	H.A.I.	Rank Cpl Confirmed	8.1.44
WX 14042	Cpl	MENNER	H.A.I.	Prom A/Sgt AACC Att.	8.1.44
WX 13534	Pte	HALLETT	T.H.	Prom A/Cpl	4.1.44
NX 200109	Pte	TILLEY	W.H.	Graded Gp II Corp.	5.1.44
QX 3159	A/Cpl	WALLACE	J.H.	Rank Cpl Confirmed	27.11.43
QX 3159	Cpl	WALLACE	J.H.	Prom A/Sgt	27.11.43
QX 3159	A/Sgt	WALLACE	J.H.	Apptd A/S/Sgt	27.11.43
WX 11405	A/Cpl	SCOTT	A.F.	Rank Cpl Confirmed	11. 1.44
WX 1983	L/Cpl	TROY	M.L.	Prom A/Cpl	11.1.44
WX 1971	L/Cpl	KING	W.G.	Prom A/Cpl	11. 1.44
WX 14162	L/Cpl	GODFREY	E.H.	Prom A/Cpl	11. 1.44
VX 25453	Cpl	TOLLIDAY	W.	Prom A/Sgt	11. 1.44

 Capt.  
Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICESChristmas Greetings

## 1. Lt-Col Scott.

Members 32 Bn Club South Australia wish to convey to you and members of battalion Best Wishes ensuing year. Successful conclusion your operations and speedy return your loved ones.  
Signed (Cameron Secretary)

## 2. Lt-Col Scott,

Many thanks for Xmas Greetings Best Wishes for a Happy and victorious New Year to you and all members of the battalion from myself and members of our association. W. Australia.  
Signed Mrs T.R. Hamilton.



R E S T R I C T E D

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byLt-Col T H SCOTT  
21 Jan 44.Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn29. SIGNAL CABLE - UNAUTHORISED USE

1. At present, the demand for signal cable exceeds the amount the manufacturers can produce.
2. The practice of using this cable for the tying of packages and for improvised clothes lines, guy ropes or other unauthorised purposes will cease forthwith.
3. Coy Comds will ensure that there is no contravention of this order.

(Ref GRO 0.6/44)

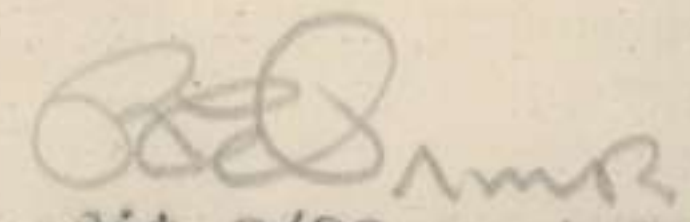
30. INTRODUCTION OF PLANT DISEASES TO AUSTRALIA

1. In past years the introduction of sugar cane into Queensland from New Guinea led to serious sugar cane diseases with resultant losses to the growers.
2. To prevent repetition it is essential that the present practice of sending sugar cane to the mainland shall cease.
3. The forwarding of other plants from New Guinea to the mainland may also result in the introduction of other serious plant diseases which must be guarded against.
4. A member will not forward, or cause to be forwarded, or take with him from New Guinea to the mainland, any sugar cane plant or sugar cane, or any other plant which grows in New Guinea.

(Ref NCF Orders 49)

31. PROMOTIONS, APPOINTMENTS & REVERSIONS

VX 38044	A/Cpl	CASTLE	J	Rank Cpl Confirmed	14.1.44
WX 14982	"	GOLDING	W J	" " "	14.1.44
WX 17694	Pte	JOLLY	A J	Relq Gp II Spec Pay	1.1.44 <sup>3</sup>
WX 14362	"	GEIKIE	W B	Apptd L/Cpl	16.1.44
WX 10254	"	MacPHERAIL	J	Apptd Paid L/Cpl	16.1.44
WX 19267	"	KERNICK	H R	" " "	16.1.44
NX 92085	L/Cpl	BUXTON	W J	Rev rank Pte	22.12.43
VX 13724	Pte	CHAMBERS	H S	Apptd Paid L/Cpl	1.11.43

 Capt.  
Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

PROFICIENCY PAY - QUESTIONNAIRE

1. There are three Brigades in the 9 Aust Div.  
Give their names. ....

Marks 3.

2. What does the 2/32 Aust Inf Bn belong to.  
Marks 1.

3. Name the other units in the Bde.  
Marks 2. ....

4. How many coys in an infantry Bn and what  
are they. ....

Marks 2.

5. (a) How many platoons in a rifle coy. ....

(b) How many sections in a rifle Pl. ....

Marks 2.

6. What are the main weapons of a rifle pl. ....

Marks 4.

7. Give the names of the three main Bn sup-  
porting weapons. ....

Marks 3.

8. Give rank and names of the following

Marks 4.

( 1/2 mark each)

Your

Comd Offr  
2 i/c Bn  
Adjt  
Coy Comd  
Pl Comd  
Pl Sgt  
Sec Cpl  
Padre.

9. Describe the unit colour patch

Marks 1.

10. What campaigns has the unit fought in  
this war. ....

Total marks 25. Pass 20.

PRESCRIBED TESTS

General

- (a) Each members receiving Proficiency Pay will be required to requalify each 6 months.
- (b) Each new member, whether drawing P.P. or not, will be tested immediately on marching in and the result advised to Bn HQ.

Tests.

- (a) All personnel must pass Small Arms Test with the rifle, OSMG and LMG, and in the case of personnel issued with same, pistol.
- (b) All personnel must pass the questionnaire supplied by this HQ on general knowledge of organisation of the army.
- (c) All personnel must have a working knowledge of Platoon and Section tactics. (Elementary)
- (d) All personnel must have knowledge of personal anti-malaria control measures and personal hygiene.

Note

Members of HQ Coy platoons must pass tests as laid down by HQ Coy HQ in addition to the above.

Minature rifle range tests for (a)

- (i) Rifle : 10 rds application. (2 sighting shots)  
10 rds snap  
H.P.S. 100. Pass 50.
- (ii) OSMG : 5 rds from shoulder Application.  
5 rds from hip Application  
25 rds from hip Automatic.  
Hits on target to count. H.P.S. 40 Pass 10.
- (iii) LMG : 15 rds Application . (2 sighting shots)  
25 rds Automatic  
H.P.S. 200 Pass. 100
- (iv) Pistol : 5 rds Double action from 12 yds. Hits to count.  
H.P.S. 5. Pass. 2.

*T. 2/32*  
2/32 Bn. Training Inst. No.

1st Jan. 44

Syllabus Coys. will furnish by 1800 hrs. on the Friday of each week a syllabus for the coming week Monday to Sunday inc.  
The training will be on a seven day programme but Sunday will be spent in the area for church parade, washing admin. and overhaul and cleaning of weapons.

#### Training Reports

Coys. will forward to this HQ by 1800 hrs on the Friday of each week a report covering the previous weeks trg, lessons learnt, physical and morale condition of the men, rations & feeding arrangements, faults & suggestions for improvement in trg., equipment, amenities and any aspect of the life of the coy.

#### Training of Rifle Coy. Personnel with Specialist Pls.

Fortnightly courses with the various pls, will be run from time to time to:-

- (a) to give as many tps sufficient knowledge so that if the occasion arises they can use the various weapons.
- (b) to create a reserve of potential specialists.
- (c) to instill variety and interest in trg.

In the main it is desirable that the older hands be utilised for these courses but as the numbers of these men become exhausted and weapon and coy trg progresses the reinforcements may be sent to these courses. The quota and commencement of each course will be advised at the appropriate time.

#### Amenities and Sport.

Sport may be incorporated in the weekly trg.  
General and Military quizzes are an interesting way of testing knowledge, keeps the tps interested and makes them think and they are instructive.  
Coys may arrange for exercises to be finalised in the vicinity of beaches or other bathing places so that tps may swim and bath.

*R. D. Lion way*  
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*for*

DAY TRAINING SYLLABUS RIFLE COYS 5-9

DAY	SUBJECT	
1	Pl. weapon training	C
	Sec. Stalks	B
	2" Mortar Range	C
	Lecture on India	D
2	Owen & 2" Mortar	B
	Platoon patrols	C
	Company patrol	D
3	Range practices - Owen & 2" Mortar	B
	Lecture by troop comd - tanks.	C
	Weapon training	D
	Company patrol	D
4	Range practices - Bren	B
	Exercise - Platoon in attack	C
	Company patrol	D
5	Patrol	B
	Platoon in attack	C
	Make & mend, Admin, Lectures - India	D
	Security & Hygiene in the Field	D
6	Sec. work & Patrols	B
	Lecture ) Coy. in Attack, Gen. Knowledge	C
	Quiz. Weapon training	D
7	Church, Washing parade, admin.	Weapon trg. Gen. knowledge
	" " " "	quiz.
	" " " "	B
	" Overhaul & Cleanig of weapons	C
		D

Owing to the fact that B coy. are employed on continual N.G.F. work parties their training is sporadic and behind other coy.

A Coy syllabus will be fwd. direct to Bde.

TRAINING SYLLABUS "I" SEC. 3 - 6 JAN. 44

DAY	PERIOD	SUBJECT
1	5½ hrs.	Recce area 5771 To find huts -Report on area
2	3 hrs.	Tutorial study under supe vision "I" personel.
	1 "	Contours - Intervisibility.
	1½ "	Recapitulation Aerial Photos - Stereoscope.
3	3 "	Recce foot track leading west from 576719.
	2 "	Recce report.
4	1½ "	General recapitulation on course.
	1½ "	Questionaire.
	1 "	Discussion on questionnaire.
	1 "	Final discussion on fortnights work.

Days 5 6 7 will be spent on reorganisation for next period for students and "I" personel on 30 yds. range and admin.

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	1½ "	Questionnaire.
	1 "	Discussion on questionnaire.
	1 "	Final discussion on fortnights work.

Days 5 6 7 will be spent on reorganisation for next period for students and "I" personel on 30 yds. range and admin.

TRAINING SYLLABUS SIGNAL PL. 3 - 9 JAN. 44

DAY	PERIOD	SUBJECT
1	2hrs.	Passing messages by telephone
	1"	" " " Semaphore
	1"	" " " Morse
	1"	Cable knots & joints
2	1"	Sig. clerk, duties
	1"	Battery connections
	1"	Phonetic alphabet
	1"	Setting up of sig. office
	1"	Operating 10 line U.C. switchboard
3	1"	Morse
	1"	Cable knots & joints & linemaintenance
	1"	Message form procedure & passing messages
	2"	Recapitulation of course.

Days 4 5 6 7 Reorganisation for next period for students and Pl. personnel on 30yd. range, Stalkers course and admin.



MORTAR PL. TRAINING SYLLABUS 3- 9 JAN. 44

DAY

PERIOD

SUBJECT

1

5hrs.

T.O.E.T.

2

3"

Checking & Practice in any weak points found in T.E.O.T.

2"

Question & Answer and clearing up doubtful points.

3

1"

Lecture on oil & Prismatic compass. practical use of compass and map for long range mortar shoots.

1"

Lecture Field telephone - its use & maintenance.

1"

Practice mortar numbers in Det. Comds. work- especially fire control.

2"

Days 4 5 6 7 Reorganisation for next period for students, and Pl. personnel on 30yd. range, Stalkers course and admin.

TRAINING SYLLABUS M.M.G. PL. 3 9 JAN 44.

DAY	PERIOD	SUBJECT
1	5hrs.	T.O.E.T.
2	3" 2"	T.O.E.T. Q. & A. Periods on fire control, direct fire orders and C.S.R.
3	5"	Gen. Recapitulation - Stoppages, Instruments, E.G.D. & Stripping component parts.

Days 4 5 6 will be spent for reorganisation for next period for students and Pl. personnel on 30yd. range, Stalkers course and admin.

FEB/APR MONTH  
1944 YEAR

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# WAR DIARY (RENDER UNDER SECRET COVER)

For material required, see F.S.R. Vol.1, Sec. 174

UNIT 2/38 Bn.

CO-Lt-col T.H. Scott

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PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
RAVENSHOE Q'LD Ref Map MOUNT GARNET 1/63300		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PERIOD 11 FEB-30 APR 1944</u></p> <p>For obvious reasons, tps returned to the mainland with a substantial credit balance in their paybooks. As a result, a bumper leave was enjoyed by all.</p> <p>On March 20, the Minister for the Army announced that 9 Aust Div pers. who had not received all the ARL due to them as from 1 Jul 1942, would now be granted it. This meant that all members of the unit who were in the ME at the date referred to were entitled to a leave extension of eighteen days and our final ME rnfcts fourteen days. Unfortunately, at the time the announcement was made, approx 1/3 of the unit had arrived at the reassembly area or were in transit thereto. These pers. were promised the extension "as soon as possible" but the assurance conveyed little comfort to them.</p> <p>Malaria and hookworm claimed quite a few victims during the initial leave period but, perhaps, these ailments were a blessing in disguise as many of the pers. affected, who would have missed out on the leave extension under ordinary circumstances, were in a position to claim it upon recovery.</p> <p>During the period, awards won by members of our unit in NG were announced comprising 1 MBE, 1 DSO, 1 MC, 3 MMs and 2 MIDs.</p> <p>The first members of the unit to reach our new location, 4 miles SW of RAVENSHOE arrived about 15th March. They were NX, VX and QX members of the adv. party. Lt P. Meers acted as adm. comd.</p>		<p style="text-align: right;">Signature.....</p>

Feb / APR MONTH  
1944 YEAR

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# WAR DIARY

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UNIT 2/32 Bn

CO- Lt-col T.H. Scott

A996 1 Aust Mob Print Unit-5M-7-G

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RAVENSHOE Q'LD  Ref. map MOUNT GARNET 1/63360		<p>Until the arrival of the WX adv. party members on March 20th, when Capt. J.N. Liddell took over. The time was devoted to preparing the area in readiness for the arrival of the main body of the Bn.</p> <p>Capt T.O. Hollywood AAMC arrived on March 20th; he succeeds Capt. Peter Kaye as RMO, the latter is remaining in VICTORIA.</p> <p>Apr. saw the members of the Bn returning in small gps.</p> <p>Capt. N.M. Cahill, who was detached from the Bn in SYRIA in Feb 1942 for instructional duties, returned to us on Apr 13th and succeeded Capt. Liddell as adm. comd.</p> <p>Trg was instituted on Apr 24th. As Coys were still well below strength, pers. in camp were divided into squads.</p> <p>Our CO, Lt-col T.H. Scott, rejoined the unit on Apr. 28th; Maj. G.E. Dixon also returned this day.</p> <p>The area is an improvement on the site which we occupied at KAIRI, last year. The surrounding country is flat, covered with vegetation of a SAVANNAH type. A copious water supply is available and the climate is very bracing, the days being warm and sunny and the nights clear and cold. Malaria continues to claim victims.</p> <p>The Canteen service is fairly satisfactory, a pleasing feature being an ample supply of milk. Tobacco is being distributed in a somewhat spasmodic manner but the supply could be worse. Beer is being dispensed on Tuesday and Friday of each week, though general opinion does not rate it as highly as that obtainable in southern cities.</p>		<p>Signature <i>T.H. Scott</i></p>

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RAVENSHOE Q'LD  Ref. map MOUNT GARNET 1763360		<p>Chocolate is conspicuous by its absence though a good supply of confectionary is on hand.</p> <p>A Bn cricket team has been formed and, during the month, acquitted itself well with three wins and a loss. Teams, representing 2/28 and 2/43 Bns, were among its victims.</p> <p>Capt. R. E. Cartwright, who was Bn QM from its formation in England, Jun 27 1940, until he marched out during Dec 1943, has been discharged, medically unfit. This offr was a distinct asset to the unit during his lengthy association with it and returns to civil life with the best wishes of all. No award was more richly earned than the MBE conferred upon him for his outstanding services during the POSTERN operation.</p> <p>Lt A. E. Willis, a very popular offr, who joined the unit in SYRIA in 1942, has been transferred to 40 Aust Inf Bn, CMF.</p> <p>-----</p>		<p>Signature <i>T.H. Scott</i></p>

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CO-Lt-col T.H. Scott Aust Mob Print Unit-5M-2-6

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RAVENSHOE Q'LD  Ref. map MOUNT GARNET 1/63360	1st Mon	Approx 400 members of the unit are now in camp. Coy trg commenced for the first time today. Maj.G.E.Dixon is 2i/c vice Maj.K.F.Mollard DSO, who is an inmate of a Victorian Military hospital at present.		
	2nd Tue	This evening, the Mobile Cinema unit visited the area and screened two full length features which were enjoyed by all who attended.		
	3rd Wed	An uneventful day.		
	4th Thu	Another quiet day, Coy trg is now in full swing.		
	5th Fri	Brig. S.H.Porter visited and inspected the area today.		
	6th Sat	Permission was granted to members of the unit to attend a race meeting at MOUNT GARNET and approx 100 men made the trip. The long journey (22 miles) over a dusty, corrugated rd and the poor facilities at the course disappointed the tps.		
	7th Sun	A Church parade was held at Bde this morning. Our Aust rules football team engaged 9 Div. Cav. this afternoon and were annihilated, final scores being:-9 Div. Cav. 17-29=131 points; 2/32 Bn 4-2=26 points. Our Rugby team were defeated by 2/7 Fd Coy 3 points-nil. Our cricket team, 278 runs, drew with 2/11 Fd. Amb. 7/172 runs. The YMCA conducted a campfire concert at Bde HQ this evening.		

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CO-Lt-col T.H. Scott A996 1 Aust Mob Print Unit-5M-2-G

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RAVENSHOE Q'LD	8th Mon	During the past week, 4 offrs and 57 ORs rejoined the unit and 1 offr and 19 ORs were evacuated to hospital, most of the latter being malaria victims. Arrangements have been made for 5 offrs of the unit to attend lectures at Bde each day.		
Ref. map MOUNT GARNET 1/63360	9th Tue	The CO, 2 i/c and an NCO from Int. Sec. conducted a recce in sq. 36/76 for a two day Bn exercise to be held shortly. The Mobile Cinema unit paid its weekly visit the main feature of the programme being the film "Kitty Foyle" with supporting shorts. Criticism was mixed.		
	10th Wed	The TO carried out a track recce of the MT PANDANUS area to ascertain the possibility of keeping tps supplied during manoeuvres in this region.		
	11th Thu	An uneventful day.		
	12th Fri	The CO reced the MT PANDANUS area for the forthcoming Bn exercise. 3 TX pers. joined the unit - ex 2/15 Aust. Inf. Bn.		
	13th Sat	13 rnfcts joined the Bn today. The afternoon was devoted to organised sport.		
	14th Sun	Bde Church parade this morning. That our Aust. rules football team is well below last season's form was made clear today when the 2/28 Bn team defeated them by 32 points. Our cricket team won their match against 2/7 Ed Coy by 24 runs.		Signature..... 

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RAVENSHOE Q'LD.	15th Mon	B and C Coys moved out for three day exercises near MOUNT PANDANUS. Mr. L. Taylor, YMCA rep. 24 Bde, conducted a boxing tournament in the area this evening which aroused great interest. Maj. Rosevear, 2/3 Pnr Bn, refereed the bouts and Pte Fenton of this unit, was one of the victors.		
Ref. map MOUNT GARNET 1/63360	16th Tue	This evening, the film "Penny Serenade" was screened in the area with supporting shorts. Though the main feature was of pre-war vintage, the programme was enjoyed by the tps.		
	17th Wed	A and D Coys moved out for Coy exercises of three days duration in the MOUNT PANDANUS area. B and C Coys returned from their three day exercises.		
	18th Thu	Our Div. Comd, Maj-gen G.F. Wootten, accompanied by 24 Bde Comd, visited and inspected the Bn area this morning. The Bde Comd. also paid us a visit during the afternoon.		
	19th Fri	A and D Coys returned from their exercises. Our new <del>Off</del> 's mess was formally opened this evening.		
	20th Sat	Approx 200 members of the unit attended a race meeting at KULARA. The outing proved more enjoyable than that at MOUNT GARNET a fortnight previously. Our Cricket team lost to 2/118 Fd W/shops by 49 runs. The new <del>Sjt</del> 's mess was formally opened tonight.		

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A996 1 Aust Mob Print Unit-5M-51-G

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RAVENSHOE Q'LD  Ref. map MOUNT GARNET 1/03300	21st Sun	<p>Bde Church parade this morning after which, we were addressed by our bde Comd. Brig. Porter announced that pers. who had not received the leave extension would be granted it immediately. (Smiles appeared on many faces.) He warned us of impending ops, stated that it was the duty of each individual to make himself operationally efficient, expressed his satisfaction with the bde as a whole and intimated that there would be a bde parade on May 29, when Ribbons would be presented to those of us who had won awards in the NG ops. After the address, the bde marched past Brig. Porter, who took the salute. The results of the sports held this afternoon were:-</p> <p>Aust rules 1st and 2nd football teams had victories at the expense of teams representing 2/48 Bn, winning by 8 points and 8 goals respectively. Our Rugby team were defeated by 9 Div. Cav. after a keen game 15 - 11. Our Cricket team defeated a Ravenshoe XI by 39 runs.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Our first Bn exercise since reassembling was conducted today. A Coy were allocated the role of adv. Coy until VINE CK was crossed when B Coy relieved them. The first "enemy" gp were contacted immediately above the track junc. and were outflanked and overcome by B Coy. The luncheon halt was made here after which, we moved fwd with the MOUNT PANDANUS rd our axis of adv. and A Coy in the van.</p>	O/O and Trace of route at	Signature..... 
	22nd Mon			

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A996 1 Aust Mob Print Unit-5M-57-C

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RAVENSHOE Q'LD  Ref. map MOUNT GARNET 1/63360	22nd Mon	<p>After A Coy had liquidated two "enemy" pockets of resistance, B Coy again pushed through them and advanced to 380754, where strong opposition was encountered.</p> <p>After an attack by B Coy had been repulsed with casualties, C and D Coys moved round the 3400 feature, put in a strong flank attack and, with well simulated mtr support, gained our objective at 1800 hrs.</p> <p>A hot meal was served in the area after which, the bn marched back to camp by Coys and the entire unit had reported in by 2205 hrs.</p> <p>The exercise demonstrated that, generally speaking, the physical condition of the tps is steadily improving and that they possess good battle discipline.</p>		
	23rd Tue	<p>The film "Mutiny on the Bounty" was shown in our area this evening and, it was greatly enjoyed by the tps. It is to be hoped that future programmes will contain a greater proportion of films of this type as they provide much better entertainment for military pers. than the sentimental sobstuff, of which we have had a surfeit in the past.</p>		
	24th Wed	<p>An eqpt parade this morning, when the CO personally inspected the tps and checked up on existing shortages.</p> <p>3 rnfct ORs marched in.</p> <p>3 offr and 41 ORs marched out on leave.</p> <p>This afternoon, the CO carried out a recce of 24 Bde jungle trg area in the MT KOOLMOON locality. (Ref. map PALMERSTON 1/63360.)</p>		
	25th Thu	<p>2 offr and 3 ORs marched out on leave.</p> <p>Organised sport was held this afternoon.</p>		

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RAVENSHOE Q'LD.	26th Fri	1 offr, 23 ORs marched out on leave. The granting of the leave extension to 24 Bde pers. has temporarily robbed it of the services of a great proportion of instructors and, consequently, those remaining with us are to be pooled until the deficiency is made good. Maj. G. E. Dixon has been loaned to 2/28 Bn, Capt. N. M. Cahill acting as Bn 2i/c during his absence. As from Monday next, MMG and Tk/A pls will be Brigaded for trg until further notice.		
Ref. map MT GARNET 1/6360	27th Sat	4 offr and 23 ORs marched out on leave early this morning. Advice was received of the cancellation of the Bde parade scheduled for Monday.		
	28th Sun	Bde Church parade this morning. Sports results:- <u>RUGBY</u> The game between 2/28 Bn and ourselves resulted in a scoreless tie. <u>AUST RULES</u> Our 1st and 2nd teams visited 2/23 Bn. The firsts were defeated by 5 goals and it was left to the seconds to redeem us; they won by 2 points. <u>CRICKET</u> A team from this Bn journeyed to MT GARNET and defeated a local XI by 42 runs on the first innings.		
	29th Mon	It was announced this morning that MT GARNET had been placed out of bounds. The CO and 2 i/c recced the Fd firing range and the Tk/A range in sqs 25/81 and 20/78 respectively.		

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RAVENSHOE Q'LD  Ref.map MT GARNET 1/63360	30th Tue	Tonight's cinema programme comprised two full length features - "Mystery Ship" and "The Richest Man in Town." Both films were well below par. The general standard of entertainment provided by Amenities in the way of films is, and has been, for several months, very poor.		
	31st Wed	----- The weather, which has been excellent for some weeks, took a change for the worse today. An overcast sky and a blustery wind indicated that rain was in the offing. -----		

Signature *T.H. Scott*

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Lt Col T.H. SCOTT

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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## 36. PROMOTIONS, REVERSIONS, CONFIRMATION OF RANK AND TRADE GROUPINGS.

SX 1188	W O 11	SMITH	C R	Promoted A/WO 1	19-1-44
WX 14982	Cpl	GOLDING	W J	Reverted to Pte	29-4-44
VX 22899	"	DURKIN	D J	" "	"
VX 35147	"	LOCK	H H	" "	"
VX 38044	"	CASTLE	J L	" "	"
NX 11625	A/Cpl	GALVIN	C	" "	"
QX 2851	"	JOHNSON	C T	" "	1-5-44
VX 12637	L/Cpl	BLACK	R J	" "	7-4-44
VX 13353	A/WO 11	BUCKLEY	T C	Rank of WO 11 confirmed	19-1-44
QX 720	A/Cpl	WELDON	C J	" " Cpl	"
QX 3595	"	CORBETT	E W	" " "	"
VX 158	A/WO 11	SMITH	F J	" " WO 11	9-5-44
WX 11431A	/Sgt	HALE	H J	" " SGT	13-5-44
QX 2795	"	HOWKINS	V J	" " "	"
WX 16111	A/Cpl	McLEOD	M J	" " Cpl	"
VX 35147	Pte	LOCK	H H	Promoted A/Cpl	29-4-44
VX 22899	"	DURKIN	D J	" "	"
VX 38044	"	CASTLE	J L	" "	"
VX 10251	"	KILPATRICK	J M	" "	11-5-44
VX 47725	"	LANE	K A	Appointed Paid L/Cpl	23-12-43
WX 19575	"	PRETLOVE	R A	" " "	5-5-44
WX 19207	"	JAMES	J L	Graded Gp 11 Spec (Cook)	20-1-44
VX 19083	"	CROOKE	R E	" Gp 111 Spec (Clerk)	19-1-44
QX 343	"	WARD	L	" Gp 111 (Tech STMN)	1-4-44
VX 135010	"	URQUHART	K	Relinquished Gp 111 Spec (Dvr)	18-11-43
VX 47725	"	BANE	K A	" Gp 11 (Cook)	23-12-43
WX 17334	"	HILL	G	" Gp 11	" 23-4-44
WX 16287	"	FRENCH	R	" Gp 11	" "
WX 18773	"	DAWES	G	" Gp 11	" "
VX 37589	"	CAIRE	J	" Gp 11	" 7-5-44
QX 42046	"	HARDING	W G	" Gp 11	16-11-43

## 37. TRANSFERS

VX 90535	Pte	B. WELDON	G H	Transferred from A to HQ Coy	14-5-44
QX 49099	"	D'ARCY	L J	" " A " HQ	" "
NX 172431	"	BUNT	R J	" " B " HQ	" "
SX 28928	"	BENTON	L J	" " B " HQ	" "
VX 124884	"	DALRYMPLE	G C	" " B " HQ	" "
VX 91048	"	HOLMSKAW	P	" " B " HQ	" "
NX 174011	"	MITCHELL	L G	" " B " HQ	" "
QX 37042	"	MORRIS	F J G	" " A " HQ	" "
NX 168382	"	MORLEY	W G	" " C " HQ	" "
VX 122887	"	SCOTT	P H	" " C " HQ	" "
QX 47471	"	LIND	S H	" " C " HQ	" "
SX 21942	"	CAMPBELL	R G	" " C " HQ	" "
NX 98823	"	FLETCHER	K P	" " C " HQ	" "
VX 92264	"	HILL	F C	" " C " HQ	" "
QX 53312	"	DAVEY	D	" " D " HQ	" "
QX 52011	"	BYGRAVE	E O	" " D " HQ	" "
NX 155513	"	CLIFTON	R	" " D " HQ	" "

38. HONOURS AND AWARDS

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER

VX 48771 Major Kieth Frederick MOLLARD - PABU.

MILITARY CROSS

WX 9926 Lieut Mervyn James KELEY - HORACE HOOF patrol

MEMBER of the BRITISH EMPIRE

QX 2063 Capt Richard Edward CARTWRIGHT - LAE.

MILITARY MEDAL

WX 11405 Cpl Allan Frederick SCOTT - XMAS HILL.

WX 14948 L/Cpl Clement John TAYLOR - HORACE HOOF patrol

QX 3164 Pte John Edward SLABY - PABU.

*W.D. M.R.* Capt,  
Adj. 2/32 Aust. Inf Bn.

NOTICE

AM 65 Mobile Cinema will show in 2/28 Bn line tonight. Programme "LONE MOUNTY" and "Gary Grant with Irene Dunn in "PENNY SERENADE"

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

CAPT. H.G. DAVIES MBE - WAGAN SOUTH.

A/CP. K.J. KENDRICK - do  
(killed in action)

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Lt-Col T.H. SCOTT

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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39. HONOURS AND AWARDS

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL

VX 29458 Sgt Harry James BELL - EL ALAMEIN NOV 42.

MILITARY MEDAL

VX 29458 Sgt Harry James BELL - WAGAN SOUTH.

40. COURTS MARTIAL

A DCM convened by Maj-Gen G F WOOTTEN Comd 9 Aust Div was held in the field 6 May 44 for the trial of QX 3810 Pte RAIL A. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

The accused was charged with:

WOAS absenting himself without leave in that he in the Fd when on active service absented himself without leave from 0630 hrs 19 Jul 43 until 2359 hrs 21 Apr 44. AA 15 (1)

The Court found the accused guilty and sentenced him to undergo detention for 6 months.

On 16 May 44 Maj-Gen G F WOOTTEN Comd 9 Aust Div confirmed the finding and sentence and commuted the sentence so that it should be to forfeit all ordinary pay for ninety (90) days.

The finding and sentence was promulgated to the accused in the fd on 19 May 44.

A DCM convened by Maj-Gen G F WOOTTEN Comd 9 Aust Div was held in the fd 6 May 44 for the trial of VX 56350 Pte A.V. ROBERTS 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

The accused was charged with:

WOAS Deserting His Majesty's Service in that he in the fd when on active service with the intent to permanently avoid military service absented himself without leave from 29 Aug 43 until arrested by VX 9756 Sgt CREGAN J G 2/9 Aust Div Pro Coy at 1100 hrs 19 Apr 44 dressed in civilian clothes.

The Court found the accused guilty and sentenced him to be imprisoned with hard labour for two (2) years and to be discharged from the Defence Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia AA 12 (1)

The finding and sentence was duly confirmed on 16 May 44 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 19 May 44.

A DCM convened by Maj-Gen G F WOOTTEN Comd 9 Aust Div was held in the fd on 6 May 44 for the trial of NX 11449 Pte G. COLLINS 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

The accused was charged with:

WOAS Deserting His Majesty's Service in that he in the fd when on active service with intent to permanently avoid military service absented himself without leave from 0630 hrs 19 Jun 43 until 1700hrs 23 Mar 44 AA 12 (1)

The Court found the accused guilty and sentenced him to undergo detention for eighteen (18) months .

The finding and sentence was duly confirmed on 18 May 44 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 20 May 44.

A DCM convened by Maj-Gen G F WOOTTEN Comd 9 Aust Div was held in the fd on 6 May 44 for the trial of WX 11932 Pte R. WALTON 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

The accused was charged with:  
WOAS Deserting His Majesty's Service in that he in the fd while on active service with intent to avoid military service absented himself without leave from his unit from 2200 hrs 3 Aug 43 until 1445 hrs 21 Apr 44. AA 12 (1)

The Court found the accused NOT guilty of desertion but guilty of AWL and sentenced him to undergo detention for one (1) year. The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 20 May 44 and promulgated to the accused in the fd on 23 May 44.

41. PROMOTIONS, REVERSIONS, CONFIRMATION OF RANK.

NX 11062	A/Cpl	G. BRIEL	B.V.	Apptd L/Sgt	17.5.44
VX 11998	Cpl	VIVASH	G.	(A.CC Att) Prom A/Sgt	18.5.44
VX 26907	A/Cpl	LE FEVRE	W.	Rank Cpl Confirmed	19.5.44
WX 12262	A/Cpl	KIRBY	W.H.	" " "	19.5.44
WX 14051	L/Cpl	B. NCROFT	L.G.	Rev Rank Pte	19.5.44

42. PROFICIENCY PAY

QX 42046	Pte	H. RDING	W.G.	Granted Prof Pay	from	16.11.43
WX 18820	Pte	CH NGON	H.	" " "	"	1.7.43
NX 98482	Pte	FROST	B.	" " "	"	1.11.43
WX 12432	Pte	OSBOINE	E.G.	ReLinq	" " "	9.3.44
QX 46666	Pte	STEWART	J.G.	" " "	"	19.5.44
QX 42335	Pte	CAREY	K.M.	" " "	"	19.5.44
WX 14194	Pte	McKENZIE	C.J.	" " "	"	24.3.44

*Ed Dwyer*  
Capt.  
Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn



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2/32 AUST INF REG TRG INSTR No 2.

1. RANGE PRACTICES

The following practices will be fired by coys -

- Rifle Application - 2 sighters 5 rds target
- " Snap - 10 rds
- Bren Repetition - 5 rds
- Automatic - 15 rds
- OMG
- Single shot on
- Automatic - 5 rds
- Automatic - 10 rds.

Although it is realised that there must be a certain amount of refiring, coys are requested to be economical in the use of amm.

Allocation of Ranges -

- A Coy - Monday
- B " - Tuesday
- C " - Wednesday
- D " - Thursday
- HQ " & BHQ Friday

2. Snake period has not been shown on syllabus, but coys may fit this in as best suited to themselves. Discussions will take place during this period.

3. In future, unless specifically asked, coys will NOT submit a syllabus, but will show on the weekly trg report subjects that they require covered and any new ideas that may have been evolved or points that have come under notice during the previous weeks trg.

4. With the syllabus laid down by BHQ, coys may find that some particular subject is not covered and that they wish to fit it into their trg. This may be done but notification of the variation must reach HQ by 1600 hrs on the day preceding. Nevertheless, the syllabus as laid down must be adhered to as clearly as possible.

*Clovey.*

*E. E. Dixon May*

TRAINING SYLLABUS 8th MAY - 14th MAY.

2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

Serial.	Day.	Time.	Subject.	Refs.
1	I	0800-0830	Coy Parade and inspections.	
2	I	0830-1615	Move to Rifle Range. Rifle, Application. Snap. Bren. Application Repetition. " " Automatic. OSMG. Single & burst. All snap.	Unoccupied personnel will practice weapon & Bayonet Trg while waiting to fire.
3	2	0800-0830	Coy Parade and inspections.	As taught at Bde N.C.O. School I.T. Sec 37/38. Chap. VIII. I.S.L. Sec 45
4		0830-0845	Move to trg area.	
5		0845-1030	Lecture, demonstrations and practice Sec. group formations.	
6		1030-1100	Lecture Battle procedure.	
7		1100-1200	Field Signals.	
8	3	1320-1615	Section stalk.	Appendix D.A/T/W/28  I.M.T. Chap IX A.T.M. No. 31 Supplement. As per Bde School and I.S.L. Sec 48
9		0830-0830	Coy Parade and inspections.	
10		0830-0830	Unarmed Combat.	
11		0830-1030	Map Reading.	
12		1030-1130	Fieldcraft.	
13		1130-1200	Lecture-Malaria.	
14		1320-1615	Sec formations. (Ops) and keeping direction.	
15	4	0800-0830	Coy Parade and inspections.	I.S.L. Chap IX, X. M.T.P. 23 Sec 16 Chap V.
16		0830-1200	Sec in attack and defence as a single unit.	
17		1320-1430	Section patrols.	
18		1430-1530	Compass. Lecture and practice.	
19		1530-1615	Platoon formations.	
20	5	0800-0830	Coy Parade and inspections.	
21		0830-1615	Coys move out for day to platoon positions from which platoon and section exercises will be carried out.	

TRAINING SYLLABUS 8th MAY - 14th MAY.

2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

Serial.	Day.	Time.	Subject.	Refs.
22	6	0800-0830	Coy Parade and inspections.	
23		0830-0930	Recapitulation. Weapon Trg.	
24		0930-1015	Quiz-Battle procedure-Hygiene-Map and Compass work.	
25		1015-1200	Coy adm-Kit inspection-Care of weapons.	
26		1320-1630	Organised Sports.	

NIGHT TRAINING.

Two night trg periods from 1900-2100 hrs will be carried out.

1st night. Section and platoon movement.

2nd night. Compass march.

I.T. chap VII Sec 36.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING  
No 1 PLATOON - 8 MAY 44 to 14 MAY 44.

Day	Serial	Time	Subject	Location	Manual Refs
1	1	0900 - 1145	March with War Equipment		
	2	1340 - 1420	Morse - buzzer		
	3	1430 - 1510	Owen SMG Lesson 1		
	4	1520 - 1600	W/T Procedure - Lecture (Est Commn)		SAT Pam 15 Page 17
2	5	0900 - 0940	Morse - buzzer		
	6	0945 - 1000	D V - tests		ST Vol III Pam 22 Page 14
	7	1005 - 1045	Owen SMG Lesson 2		SAT Pam 15 Page 19
	8	1050 - 1100	Buzzer unit T Mk 1		ST Vol III Pam 22 Page 11
	9	1105 - 1145	W/T Procedure - Lecture (Est Comm)		
	10	1340 - 1420	Signal Office records - Lecture		
	11	1430 - 1510	W/T Procedure - Practical (Est Comm)		
	12	1520 - 1600	" " " " "		
3	13	0900 - 1145	March with War Equipment		
	14	1340 - 1420	Morse - buzzer		
	15	1430 - 1510	Pistol - Lesson 1		
	16	1520 - 1600	Duties of sig clerk - Lecture		SAT Vol 1 Pam 11 Page 4
4	17	0900 - 0940	Morse - Buzzer		
	18	0945 - 1000	D V Tests		ST Vol III Pam 22 Page 14
	19	1005 - 1045	Pistol Lesson 2		SAT Vol 1 Pam II Page 12
	20	1050 - 1100	Test Set Portable No 2		
	21	1105 - 1145	Duties of Sig Clerk - Lecture		
	22	1340 - 1420	Owen SMG Lesson 3		
	23	1430 - 1510	W/T Lecture - (Netting & Offer of message)		SAT Pam 15 Page 22.
	24	1520 - 1600	" " " " "		
5	25		Miniature Range		
6	26	0900 - 0940	Morse - Buzzer		ST Vol III Pam 22 Page 14
	27	0945 - 1000	D V Tests		
	28	1005 - 1045	Pistol - Lesson 3		SAT Vol 1 Pam 2 Page 15
	29	1050 - 1100	Line Labels		ST AA (38) Secs 45 Page 104
	30	1105 - 1145	Spare for recapitulation		

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

No 2 (MMG) PLATOON - 8 MAY 44 - 14 MAY 44.

Day	Serial	Time	Subject	Location	Manual Refs
1		0830 - 0900	Long Carry to Trg Ground		
	1	0900 - 0945	No 36m Grenade Mech		
	2	0950 - 1035	Instruments, Slide rule & Range Tables		Lesson 1 Vol 1 Pam 3
	3	1040 - 1055	Lecturette		Sec 9 Less 40 & 97
	4	1100 - 1145	Lecture - Indication & Recognition		Sec 16
		1145 - 1200	Return to Camp		
		1320 - 1340	Parade - Return to Trg Ground		
	5	1340 - 1420	Theory of MMG Gunnery Etc		
	6	1425 - 1500	Stripping blindfolded		
2	7	1505 - 1520	Lecturette		
	8	1525 - 1600	Revision of Stoppages. Clean guns		
		1600 - 1630	Long carry to camp		
	1	0830 - 0900	Lecture Range & Ranges		
	2	0900 - 0945	Recap E.G.D.		
	3	0950 - 1035	Lecturette		
	4	1100 - 1145	Adv Handling		Lesson 57
	5	1340 - 1420	Section drill - Prepare for Action & come into Action.		" 65
	6	1425 - 1500	Recap Stoppages		
3	7	1505 - 1520	Lecturette		
	8	1525 - 1600	Stripping & Recap, Clean weapons		
	1		Mounting the Gun on exposed ground		Lesson 58
	2		Map reading - intervisibility		
	3		Lecturette		
	4		Mounting the gun on uneven ground		Lesson 59
	5		Lecture - Flanking & overhead fire		
	6		Bringing the gun into action as part of a section etc		Lesson 60
4	7		Lecturette		
	8		Fixed line overhead & clean guns		
	1-4		Morning route march		
	5		Laying fixed line flanking/VT with and without aids		Lesson 124
	6		Lecturette		Lesson 62 & 63
	7		Cease firing & on trucks		
	8		Long Carry		" 66
			Fire Discipline		" 67 68

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING  
No 2 PLATOON (MMG) (Cont)

Day	Serial	Time	Subject	Location	Manual Refs.
5	1 - 4		Range, Morning		
	5		Rifle, Aiming, Holding and firing load and unload		
	6		Owen Gun, Holding and firing Care and cleaning		Lesson 1, 2 & 3 Vol L Pam 15
	7		Lecturette		
	8		Bren mechanism, holding, aiming and firing		Lesson 2 Chap 11.
6			Morning route march with stores.		

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

No 3 (MORTAR) PLATOON - 8 MAY 44 to 14 MAY 44.

Day	Serial	Time	SUBJECT	LOCATION	MANUEL REFERENCES
6	37	0820 - 0900	Coy parade and march to area		Sec 8 Less 1
	37	0900 - 0945	Recap. Elementary Mortar drill		Sec 16 Less 18
	38	0945 - 1030	Procedure on charge being ordered		/
	39	1035 - 1100	General Quiz		
	40	1100 - 1140	Laying on two posts		Sec 16 Less 20
	41	1340 - 1420	Laying on auxiliary marks		" " " 21
	42	1425 - 1505	Fire		" " " 22
	43	1505 - 1520	General discussion		
	44	1520 - 1600	Recap - Elementary Mortar Drill		
7	45	0820 - 0900	Coy parade and march to area		
	46	0900 - 0945	Action on misfire		Sec 16 Less 26
	47	0950 - 1030	Methods of obtaining direction		Sec 28 Less 45
	48	1035 - 1100	Lecturette		
	49	1100 - 1140	Rapid corrections		Reference numbers
	50	1340 - 1420	Map reading		
	51	1425 - 1505	Detachment drill (Day)		Sec 8 Less 28 - 33
	52	1510 - 1600	Recap - EMD		
8		0830 - 0900	Coy parade		
	53	0900 - 0945	Mount Mortar (Rough ground)		Sec 16 Less 16
	54	0950 - 1030	Protractor and compass		
	55	1030 - 1100	Fire Orders		Sec 27 Less 44
	56	1105 - 1145	Ranging (Point targets)		Sec 29 Less 46
	57	1340 - 1420	To obtain line during ranging		Sec 29 Less 47
	58	1425 - 1505	Quiz (Characteristics & Definition)		
	59	1505 - 1520	Engagements of area targets		Sec 30 Less 50
	60	1520 - 1600	Daylight recce		Sec 24 Less 38
9	61	0900 - 0945	TEST		
	62	0950 - 1030	Night occupation		Sec 24 Less 39
	63	1035 - 1100	Finding target from map reference		Sec
	64	1100 - 1145	Suggested methods of carrying mortar		
	65	1330 - 1600	Afternoon trek		

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING  
No 3 (MORTAR) PLATOON (Contd)

Day	Serial	Time	Subject	Location	Manual References
10	66	0820 - 0900 0900 - 1605	Coy Parade Range practices all day		
11	67	0820 - 0900 0900 - 1145	Coy Parades As for serial numbers 46, 47, 48, 49, Day 7		



TRAINING SYLLABUS  
No 4 (Tk/A) PLATOON - 8 May 44 to 14 May 44.

Day	Serial	Time	Subject	Location	Manual Refs
1	1	0800 - 0900	Parade and march to trg area	Approx 250 yds	Vol 1 Pam 13 Less 1
		0900 - 0945	Gun drill incl laying		
		0950 - 1035	Lecture and practical use - Compass	South	
		1040 - 1055	36m Grenade	HQ Area	
		1100 - 1145	Break		
		1145 - 1200	Return to Camp		
		1320 - 1340	Parade and march to trg area	Vol 1 Pam 15 Less 2	
		1340 - 1420	Owen Gun		
		1425 - 1500	Map reading		
		1505 - 1520	Break		
		1525 - 1600	Lecture - Tools and stores		
		1600 - 1630	Return to camp and maintenance		
		1830 - 2000	Night compass march		
		2			
0830 - 1200	Man handling gun. Road march				
1320 - 1340	Parade and march to trg area				
1340 - 1420	Misfire drill				
1425 - 1500	PITA				
1500 - 1515	Break				
1520 - 1600	Lecture and practical daily cleaning				
1600 - 1630	Return to camp and maintenance				
3		0800 - 0900	Parade and march to trg area	Tk/A Trg Area	
		0900 - 0945	Gun drill and laying		
		0950 - 1035	Map reading		
		1040 - 1055	Break		
		1100 - 1145	Rifle		Vol 1 Pam
		1145 - 1200	Return to Camp		
		1320 - 1340	Parade and march to trg area		
		1340 - 1420	Lecture - Current Affairs		
		1425 - 1500	Gun drill - Emergency Action		
		1505 - 1520	Break		
		1525 - 1600	Lecture and practical weekly maintenance		Gun Park
		1600 - 1630	Return to camp and maintenance.		

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

No 4 (Tk/A ) PLATOON - 8 May 44 to 14 May 44.

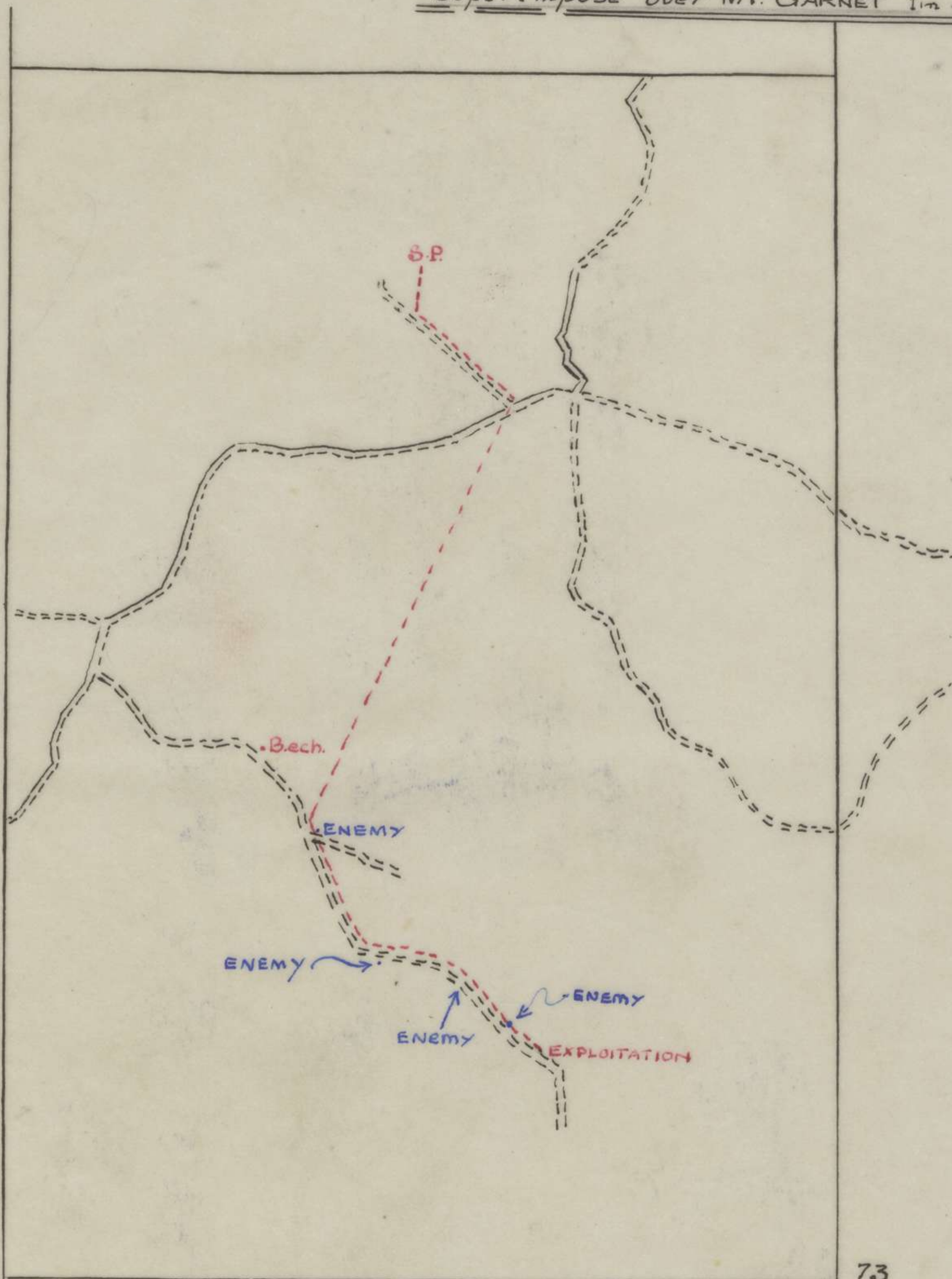
Day	Serial	Time	Subject	Location	Manual Refs
4		0800 - 0830	Parade		
		0830 - 1200	Manhandling gun inc road and cross country		
		1320 - 1340	Parade and march to trg area		
		1340 - 1420	Bren		
		1425 - 1500	JD	Tk/A TrgArea	Vol 1 Pam 4 Less 2
		1500 - 1515	Break		
		1520 - 1600	Misfire drill		
		1600 - 1630	Return to camp and maintenance		
		1830 - 2000	Last light recce and occupying posn (2 pr) by night		
5		0800 - 0830	Parade and march to range		
		0830 - 1145	Miniature range		
		1145 - 1200	Return to Camp	Miniature Range	
			LUNCH		
		1320 - 1340	Parade and march to range		
		1340 - 1600	Miniature range		
	1600 - 1630	Return to camp and clean weapons			
6		0800 - 0830	Parade and admin		
		0830 - 1200	Weekly maintenance	Gun Park	

# TRACE OF BN EXERCISE

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Superimpose over MT. GARNET 1 in = 1 mile

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Int. Sec  
2/32 BN  
16 MAY 44

# MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 50-1

Call

Ser. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM  
(A)

edyp.

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

211600K

Office Date Stamp

TO

WASH DC 1 Sec OM & MO

For Action

(re) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

952 EX1

ENEMY threat against RAVENS HOE @  
26 Pde warned not offensive  
action @ 20 Bde taking up  
defense at RAVENS HOE @  
24 Pde now on 2 hrs notice  
do move @ ack

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

[Signature] Wireless

Signed

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

Signed

Originator's Instructions  
Degree of Priority

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR		
<u>1735</u>		
Time Cleared		

From Cady  
to all coys. R B M A M O Q M Int Sec  
P 54 Bx 2 Warning Order O Enemy  
reported boggy creek 436416 last  
night O this Br ordered more  
direct to MT PANDANUS area  
probable Start time 22 0815 O group  
this H Q 22 0730 hrs Ach

0715

# MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call

Ser. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

**FROM**

(A)

1 Sec

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

211905K

Office Date Stamp

For Action

**TO**

cdlyt

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I'll Re your P52 cck

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

except

Wireless

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

Originator's Instructions  
Degree of Priority

Signed

E W Barrett

Signed

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR		
Time Cleared		

# MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Transmission Instructions

Call

Ser. No.

Priority

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

Office Date Stamp

**FROM**

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

(A)

A Coy

22924K

For Action

**TO**

(re) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

5T  
Boys reached VINE creek on heavy  
all ahead no par receiving crossing

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

..... } Wireless

Signed

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

Signed

Originator's Instructions  
Degree of Priority

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR		
04120	R	YMB
Time Cleared		

# MESSAGE FORM

**CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.**

IN  
 OUT

No. of Groups  
**GR.**

Serial No.  
 OFFICE DATE STAMP

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(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO *C.O.*

FROM ~~1st~~ *HAWK (A COY)*

Originator's Number

Date  
*22*

In Reply to Number

<i>NO</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Bound</i>	<i>inform</i>	<i>clear</i>	<i>0</i>

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT **AS WRITTEN** BY ANY MEANS:

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT **IN CYPHER.**

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
 DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

SIGNED

*J. L. Hunter capt*

SIGNED

*22 09 50*

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

**T.H.I.**

SYSTEM IN	TIME IN	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER

**T.O.R.** *22 09 05*



FORECAST OF EVENTS

Serial	Probable Time	SITUATION
1	0650	Warning Order reced from Bde (Message)
2	0700	" " sent to coys (do )
3	0730	"O" Gp at BHQ issue of orders by CO.
4	0800	Issue of Orders by OC pl Comd etc.
5	0820	Leading Coy crosses SP
6	0930	Reece plane over - discovers our force, as they cross track at 383803
7	1130	Adv Guard approaches Tk Junct 365767. Here situation 1 develops - small enemy party (about sec strength) sent fwd either to reece track or give warning of approach of our forces and to endeavour to force leading element to deploy to gain time for enemy main body. Fires on our force and withdraws. Leading pl deploys and launches attack.
8	1145	Pl sent down track to 374764 another to 367762. Both pts reported clear. CO orders OC Coy to use these 2 pls to take up posns astride the tracks at their present posn and give warning of enemy approach while Bn carry out protection and halt for lunch.
9	1300	Pl recalled from 374764 and adv continues. No change in order of march.
10	1330	Leading Pl fired on by LMGs from 372757. Leading sec pinned down - some cas. Pl attack launched - enemy driven out - cas on both sides. Wounded prisoner taken speaks broken English - reveals that "Force is somewhere further up the track - not sure how far - says they were sent down to raid our concentration area and to prevent <u>at all costs</u> any threat to the L of C of the main force moving along Tully Falls Rd".
11	1400	Reorganisation - leading Coy changed and Adv continues.
12	1415	Leading pl comes under hy LMG fire from 377755. Leading pl cannot advance. Coy Comd launches attack with 3" mortar sp attack successful, but considerable number of cas as LMG fire was hy.
13	1500	Reorganisation - same coy leading adv continues. CO orders B Ech to be established at 362773
14	1515	Leading coy waks into trap at 382752 and comes under hy LMG, hy MG and Mortar fire and grenades. Coy suffers. hy cas and is forced to withdraw slightly to obtain fire posns. CO makes reece on information from Leading Coy Comd who is brought to BHQ wounded. Leading Coy continues to engage the enemy who are replying with continued hy fire. CO appreciates that this is the main force and realises that they will put up a stubborn fight.
15	1535	CO issues orders for atwo coy attack around right flank with mortar and MMG sp.
16	1550	Coy comds and sp arms comds make reece and issue orders pl comds to sec comds etc.
17	1630	Attack launched and after hy fighting the enemy is routed and attacking coys exploit to 384749.
18	1655	Strong patrol sent in pursuit of remaining enemy as far as <del>at</del> TRANDANUS.
19	1715	Bn takes up a defnitive posn protective patrols are sent out.

END OF EXERCISE.

Evening Meal

Coys move back to camp independently on night march across country on compass bearing.

INSTRUCTIONS TO UMPIRES

Ref Serial Forecast of Events	Points to Note	Special Inst.
2.	Action of Coy Comds and Junior Comds on receipt of Warning Order.	
4.	Issue of orders of all comds.	
6.	Action of whoever is informed of Recce plane and subsequent action of leaders	Inform an OR of the presence of Recce plane. ensure that advice is passed on.
7.	During whole of adv watch movt and formations, march and water discipline, protection at halts. How leading <del>sec</del> pl and sec is disposed and how scouts work. Action of scouts and leading sec and pl (particularly leaders) when fired on. Note throughout exercise passing on of info.	Do not indicate where fire is coming from. Do not apaint picture except to indicate that fire is probably that of a sec strength. No cas on either side.
8.	Note movt of patrols and disposition when ordered to take up posns. Protection when Bn halts for lunch. Remember protection is each Comds own responsibility irrespective of the size of his comd.	
10.	As for serial 7 Watch for Pl comds appreciation and rapid launching of attack. Handling of PW and cas. Fire Control and use of cover.	As for serial 7 indicate force as about 10 or 12 men if too much delay in launching attack inflict <del>by</del> cas. Inflict cas where indecision is apparent. Leaders must take some action even if wrong. Inflict 6 or 7 cas.
12.	Action of leading elements and leaders. Appreciation of situation Orders - adoption of fire posns. Movt Field & raft. Use of 3" Mortar. At all times watch handling and use of sec and pl weapons (especially discharger cup and 2" mortar).	Indicate only that enemy is about 30-40 strong and heavily armed with LMG. Inflict 16-17 cas. enforce use of whole coy.
14.	Note particularly if anyone, tps or leaders appreciate the danger and need for care when approaching this posn.	If posn is appreciated do not try to force leaders to walk into trap inflict by cas. 50-60% <del>ef-secy-</del> incl OC Coy.

Action of alltps - they must withdraw slightly here to gain cover and firing posns. Useless to lie in the open. Appreciation of this must be rapid as must the action.

Recce and Issue of orders of all comd formation adopted and movt for the attack, use of sp arms.

Control especially during assault on reaching objective.

The organisation and pushing on for exploitation - pursuit.

Indicate enemy strength as approx 200-250 with preponderance of automatic weapons plus by mortar and grenades.

NB. Throughout whole exercise note -

Movt and formations.

Issue of orders of all Comds.

Field Craft

Fire Control

Passing back of inform

Adoption of fire posns.

Handling weapons

Discipline in all its aspects.

Hygiene.

Remember everyone must be on the job all the time.

The exercise or the actual battle does NOT finish on the objective.

All umpires will be taken over the ground prior to exercise.

INST TO ENEMY

Ref Serial	Forecast of Events	Instructions	Points to note.
7	3 riflemen placed in this vicinity to fire BLANK. Sufficient rds fired to represent sec and to force adv pl to deploy then withdraw to main posn. Fire on leading Sec.		As for umpires.
10	Riflemen with blanks and LMG with live rds (as per safety instn). Fire to be sufficiently hy to enforce a pl attack. Withdraw when attack launches. Leave one wounded prisoner Fire to represent 10-12 men. With several LMGs		Action of leading elements when fired on use of cover, conduct of attack.
12	Enemy to represent 30-40 men with preponderance of LMG Do not withdraw until last possible moment but be certain to get clear to reinforce main posn. Enforce coy attack.		As for umpires.
14	Main force representing approx 200 men. Hold fire and allow as many of the leading coy as possible to enter trap. As much noise and as many fireworks as possible to be made. If leading coy does not walk into trap, bring them under fire immediately they discover your posn. Concealment is essential. Fire to be maintained until you are overrun. having due regard to safety precautions as laid down.		As for umpires.

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INST TO ENEMY

1. At all times enforce strictest safety precautions NB. Precautions laid down.
2. Camouflage and concealment is essential to the conduct of the exercise particularly in the final posn. Therefore for your own practice as well as the conduct of the exercise, observe the principle of that phase of trg.
3. Note fire and property precautions.
4. Enemy will be taken over the ground prior to exercise.

SER NO	TO	FROM	TIME	INFORMATION	ACTION
1	1735	0955	1735	Enemy threat against Ravenshoe @ 26 Bde warned for offensive action @ 24 Bde taking up defence at Ravenshoe @ 24 Bde now on 2 hrs notice to move. cskd.	Act
2			0715	Warning order. Enemy reported Boggy creek 436416 last night @ this Bn ordered move direct to MT PANDANUS area probable S.T. 210315 @ group this H.P. 220430 hrs cskd	Act
3	0955	0950	0730 0905	@ group conference 1 Bde rpt'd cleared	Act
4	0724	0944	0912 0944 0945 1233 1000 1205 1230 1245 1350 1500 1605 1540 1620 1700 1755	E Recce plane overhead Reached to cleared Vine Crk. 0 Coy rendezvous A Coy. H.Q. 2nd Bound cleared 3rd " " Leading Coy contacts 1 sec E 100' above tkr. jct. 736766. -outflanked & liquidated Halt for lunch. Resumed march. A Coy resumed advance 1E captured 372757. info R.A.P. est at 376756 A Coy overcame E strongpt. 379954. cas. 4 K. 3 W. B Coy attacked E at 382753. pinned down & suffered Cas. C & D Coys. moved round 3400 feature to outflank E Mtr Mmly (?) support C Coy consolidating Have captured objective	Act
5	1800	Delay			

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

6/114 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 / 14 / 1944 2/32 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 26 / 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 755 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1				2				3				4				5				6				7				8				9				10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.				ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.																															
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.					Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.																		
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				Majors																																			
				Captains																																			
				Lieutenants																																			
				Quarter-masters																																			
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Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
W11050	CAPT	HAMILTON T.R.	EX LEAVE	26/3/44	
W19552		LIDDELL J.N.			
W1213	LIEUT	WORNER J.F.			
W19626		KELLY M.J.			
W12750		LAIING W.D.			
W176315		CLEMENTS D.H.	HOSPITAL	30/3/44	
W101130		GIBBONS A.	EX LEAVE	26/3/44	
W119243		TAIG C.C.			
W10605		GEE A.W.B.			
W1801		DISHOR J.H.			
W1201708	CAPT	HOLLYWOOD T.	2 ARMC TAG BN		

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 2/32 Aust Inf Bde (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 1 / 14 / 1944

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
W150361	LIEUT TRAPT	STEWART	HD
W147711	LIEUT	MEY	EE
W15584		SCOTT	G.A.

2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Unit

6144 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
CAPT	WX11080	HAMILTON	T.R.		YES		
"	WX9952	LIDDELL	J.N.		"		
LIEUT	WX213	WORMER	J.A.		"		
"	WX9926	KELEY	M.J.		"		
"	NX6238	MEERS	P.		"		
"	NX3780	LAING	W.D.		"		
"	NX11589	GARNSEY	K.A.		"		
"	NX76315	CLEMENTS	D.H.		"		
"	NX46014	HINDMARSH	R.I.		"		
"	NX101130	GIBBONS	A.		"		
"	VX109293	TANG	C.C.		"		
"	VX10605	GEE	A.H.B.		"		
"	NX1801	BISHOP	J.H.		"		
"	NX12954	STGEORGE-RYDER	H.		"		
CAPT	NX201708	HOLLYWOOD	R.M.D.	R.M.D.	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

1 Apr '44  
Date of Despatch

*J. P. ...*  
Signature of Commander  
(ADM COMD)

# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/4/1944 2/32 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/136/2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 755 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

## Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5 DETAIL.	6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					10 Reinfts. Required
1 Reinfts. Required.	2 Deficient W.E.	3 Surplus to W.E.	4 Posted Strength.		6 Arm or Corps.	7 Posted Strength.	8 Surplus to W.E.	9 Deficient W.E.		
				W.Os. Class I.	AAMC	2				
			1	W.Os. Class II.	AEME	2				
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	AAMC	1				
				Staff Sergeants						
			6	Sergeants						
			4	Corporals						
			126	Troopers, Privates, etc.						
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
*			137 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		5 *			*	

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

\*\* Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	142									142
B(1)										
B(2)										

### Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
				2	2/32 Aust Inf Bn		

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

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



**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in  
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 1 / 4 / 1944.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Bangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Eivettors			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				<b>GROUP II.</b>				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			2
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				<b>GROUP III.</b>				<b>DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.</b>			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				TR-A nos			1
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				PIONEERS			6
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks				PARALLEL			22
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				<b>ATTACHED BY W.E.</b>			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			

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

Date of Despatch \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Commander \_\_\_\_\_

# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8/4/1942 2/32 Aust. Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 120 / 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 755 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

## Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1      2      3      4				5	6      7      8      9      10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.	4 AMC.	2			
				W.Os. Class II.	4 E.M.E.	2			
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
			7	Sergeants					
			6	Corporals					
			161	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*			175 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		4 *			*

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

\*\* Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	179									179
B(1)										
B(2)										

### Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
				4	2nd Aust. Inf. Bn		
				3	9 Div. Rec. Camp		

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

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

2/32 Aust. Inf. Div. Unit

Army Form W.3009  
(Adapted) (Page 2)  
(Revised Jan., 1943)  
7/44 Serial No.

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 8/4/1944.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assis.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Bangetakers		1	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders		2	
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical		1	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers		3		Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		1		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks		1		Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors				74/ANOS		1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers		1		PIONEERS		6	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks				MORTARS		2	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply				M.M.G.		5	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties		1		Clerks, Technical				Rfm. LMG		146	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Radio				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Millwrights				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				R.A.P.		2	
Pattern Maker				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				ARTIFICER		1	
Pharmacist				Masons				Driver Mechanics		1		ARMOURER		1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers		3					
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD		3		CARRIED FORWARD		8		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			179

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Date of Despatch

*J. Radell Capt*  
Signature of Commander  
Admin. Comd.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

9...1.44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/4/1944 (Unit) 2/32 Bn.

W.E. 11/12<sup>c</sup>/2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 755 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 3/4 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10																																												
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.																																																
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.																																												
	1 3	15	1 2 6 3/4	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1																																															
	4	15	43			1																																															
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DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.																																											
A.	44									44																																											
E.(1)	1									1																																											
E.(2)																																																					

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

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX6238	LIEUT	MEERS P.	HOSP	17.4.44	
VX109243	"	TRIG C.C.	"	"	
WX11080	1/CAPT.	HAMILTON T.R.	"	20.4.44	

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX72954	LIEUT	ST GEORGE-RIDER H.	FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY MIR-FS SCHOOL	17.4.44	
WX400	CAPT	MORRISH JH	GDD CLAREMONT FOR RE-ALLIOTMENT		BOARDED CLASS "B"

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

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

2/32 MUST INF B.N. Unit

9.1.44 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
LT COL	SX10309	SCOTT	TH	CO	NO	ARL	
MAJ	WX529	DIXON	GE	HQ Coy Cmd	"	"	
"	VX48771	MOLLARD	RF	2nd	"	"	
CAPT	VX12007	CAMILL	MM	N P	YES		
"	WX477	LANCASTER	CR	D Coy Cmd	NO	ARL	
"	GX37	DAVIES	HG	C " "	YES		
"	GX6092	DAVIDSON	JIG	B " "	"		
"	VX35129	THORNTON	JJ	A " "	NO	ARL	
"	VX39719	CROOK	RG	ADJT	YES		
LEUT T/CAPT	WX8667	DENNESS	APM	2nd Coy	NO	ARL	
" " "	WX9892	LIDDELL	JM	" " "	YES		
" " "	WX11080	HAMILTON	TR	QM	"		
LIEUT	WX213	WORMER	JE	D Coy Stry	"		
"	WX205	DOWNY	RK	HQ " "	NO	ARL	
"	QA21388	GARDINER	RR	10	"	"	
"	WX9926	KELEY	MS	2nd B Coy	YES		
"	WX17029	IRELAND	RD	HQ Coy Stry	NO	ARL	
"	WX17028	BUCKLEY	WM	3rd Coy	"	"	
"	WX12563	KENNEDY	RR	HQ Coy Stry	"	"	
"	NX3780	LAING	WD	1st Coy	YES		
"	QA4334	CLARK	JL	6 " "	NO	ARL	
"	WX9585	HAMILTON	A	5 " "	"	"	
T/LIEUT	VX115892	BROWN	KL	17 " "	YES		
LIEUT	WX2110	SMITH	EAG	16 " "	NO	ARL	
"	WX10752	NORTH	SF	D Coy Stry	"	"	
"	QA24472	STEELE	HC	2nd Coy	YES		
"	NX46017	HINDMARSH	RA	7 " "	"		
"	NX76315	CLEMENTS	P.M.	9 " "	"		
T/LIEUT	NX101130	GIBBENS	A	12 " "	"		
"	NX126041	THORNBOROUGH	T.	18 " "	NO	ARL	
"	QA36793	HUSTON	RJ	11 " "	"	"	
"	VX.10605	GEE	A.W.B.	13 " "	YES		
"	NX10227	NICHOLSON	V.L.D.	15 " "	NO	ARL	
"	QA115020	BEATTY	H.A.	10 " "	"	"	
LIEUT	NX1801	BISHOP	J.H.	14 " "	YES		
"	NX138182	ACKERLEY	FE	Stry	"		
"	VX88485	FLETCHER	HJ	A Coy Stry	NO	ARL	
"	NX72924	ST GEORGE-KYDER	H.	B	NO	ATTENDING FIRST AUST ARMY M.R.S. SCHOOL.	
T/LIEUT	VX6243	TREWIN	G.	D " "	"	ARL	
"	VX12317	TALBOT	S.J.	Stry	YES		
CAPT.	NX201708	HOLLYWOOD	J.D.	R.M.O.	YES		
LIEUT	NX6238	MEERS	P.	T.O.	"		
"	VX109293	TAIG	C.L.	8 Pl Coy	"		
"	NX11889	GIRINSEY	KA	2nd Coy	NO	ARL	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CHAP.	NX77397	WILLIAMSON R.E.	AACAD	21.5.43	UNIT CHAPLAIN

22.4.44  
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29 / 4 / 1944 *332 Hqs. Coy* (Unit)  
 W.E. 1202 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 185 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

## Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5		6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				9	10
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.		POSTED STRENGTH				Reinfts. Required	
						Arm.	Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.		Deficient W.E.
				W.Os. Class I.							
				W.Os. Class II.							
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.							
				Staff Sergeants							
				Sergeants							
				Corporals							
				Troopers, Privates, etc.							
				Civilians counting as O.R.							
				Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.							

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).  
 \*\* Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A										
B(1)	700									700
B(2)										

### Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Part B				Part C			
Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached

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

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

432 Hussar Coy Bn

Unit

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(Adapted) (Page 2)  
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**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 7/4/1944.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	4	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivettors			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	
Coppermiths				Armourers				Signallers	26	14	7	Tailors	2		2
Dispensers				Azemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators.				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors					30	20	10
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	10	1		6	6	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply					6	6	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	10		Coach Trimmers					21	10	11
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors					14	14	1
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks					2	2	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies					1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1					
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1		CARRIED FORWARD	17	17		CARRIED FORWARD	56	48	8	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	75	67	80

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

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

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

ATTACHED BY WE		B/FWD	755	675	
AAMC	CHIROPODIST		1	1	
	HYGIENE INSP.		1	1	
	MED ORDERLIES		2	3	
AAOC	SHOE MAKER		1	1	
AEME	ARMOURER		2	2	
	FITTER GUN		1	1	
AAPS	POSTAL DUTIES		1	1	
AAPC	PAY CLERKS		2	1	1
AACC	CATERER		1	1	
	COOKS		22	13	
TOTAL AT OTHER RANKS			34	25	
TOTAL ALL RANKS INCL ATT.			789	700	

ARM	TRADE	RANK	WE	PS	SURPLUS	DEF.
	INTELL DUTIES	SGT	1	1	-	-
		CPLS	2	2	-	-
	SIGNALLERS	CPLS	2	3	1	-
	CLERKS	SGT	2	2	-	-
		CPLS	5	6	1	-
	TAILORS	SGT	1	-	-	1
		CPL	1	-	-	1
	TECH STOREMEN	SGTS	1	1	-	-
	LMG NOS & REFLMN	CPLS	36	45	9	-
	MMG NOS	CPLS	3	3	-	-
	MORTAR NOS	CPLS	5	5	-	-
	PROVOST	SGT	1	1	-	-
	S. BEARERS	SGT	1	1	-	-
	"	CPLS	2	2	-	-
	Tk/A GUN NOS	CPLS	4	4	-	-
	R.S.M.	WO I.	1	1	-	-
	R.Q.M.S.	WO II	1	1	-	-
	C.S.M.	WO II	5	5	-	-
	COMS	S/SGTS	5	5	-	-
	SGTS (PLS)	SGTS	24	24	-	-
<u>ATTACHED.</u>						
AAMC	CHIROPODIST	CPL	1	1	-	-
"	HYG INSP.	SGT	1	1	-	-
"	MED ORDERLIES	SGT	1	1	-	-
AAOC	SHOEMAKER	CPL	1	1	-	-
AEME	ARMOURER	SGT	1	1	-	-
AAPS	POSTAL DUTIES	SGT	1	1	-	-
AAPC	PAY CLERKS	SGT	1	1	-	-
		CPL	1	-	-	1
AACC	CATERER	WO II	1	1	-	-
	COOKS	SGTS	5	2	-	3
		CPLS	5	2	-	3
			126	128	11	9



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008  
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...../...../..... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 / 5 / 1945 *1st Airborne Div* (Unit)

W.E. *1100* / *150* / ..... OFFRS. *32* O.R.'s. *75* + OFFRS. *1* O.R.'s. *35* ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
				*	H.M.C.	1			
	2		1	Lieut.-Colonels					
	4		1	Majors					
		12	5	Captains					
			35	Lieutenants					
			1	Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	6	12	42			1			

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

DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.	43									43
E.(1)	1									1
E.(2)										

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
6254	Lieut.	WREN	1st Airborne Div	2/1/45	Returned from leave
6255	Lieut.	CLARK	1st Airborne Div	2/1/45	Returned from leave
6220	Lieut.	SIMPSON	1st Airborne Div	2/1/45	Returned from leave
6295	Lieut.	ST. GEORGE	1st Airborne Div	2/1/45	Returned from leave
6309	Capt.	THURSTON	1st Airborne Div	2/1/45	Returned from leave
6220	Lieut.	BEATTY	1st Airborne Div	2/1/45	Returned from leave
6222	Lieut.	NORTH	1st Airborne Div	2/1/45	Returned from leave
6295	Lieut.	HAUGHTON	1st Airborne Div	2/1/45	Returned from leave

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
627851	Major	MOLLARD			Eye Hosp from leave date. Unknown home received hosp.
62497	Capt.	LANCASTER			Eye Hosp from leave date. Unknown home received hosp.

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO ..... (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. .... / ..... / 1945

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

*1st Aust Inf Bn*

Unit

*11/14* (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday *6/5/1944* (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
<i>LT-CON</i>	<i>S110309</i>	<i>SCOTT</i>	<i>TH</i>	<i>Cg</i>	<i>Yes</i>		
<i>MAJ</i>	<i>101529</i>	<i>DIXON</i>	<i>GE</i>	<i>2/c</i>	<i>"</i>		
	<del><i>1011881</i></del>	<del><i>MCKENNA</i></del>	<del><i>MA</i></del>	<del><i>NP</i></del>	<del><i>NO</i></del>		
<i>CAPT</i>	<i>1012007</i>	<i>CANILL</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NSG-1600</i>	<i>"</i>		
	<del><i>1012007</i></del>	<del><i>DAVIES</i></del>	<del><i>CG</i></del>	<del><i>NP</i></del>	<del><i>NO</i></del>	<i>ARL</i>	
	<i>Q1237</i>	<i>DAVIES</i>	<i>HG</i>	<i>C16170</i>	<i>YES</i>		
	<i>Q16092</i>	<i>DAVIDSON</i>	<i>JG</i>	<i>316160</i>	<i>"</i>		
	<i>Q135129</i>	<i>THORNTON</i>	<i>TJ</i>	<i>AC16010</i>	<i>"</i>		
	<i>10139119</i>	<i>KRONK</i>	<i>RG</i>	<i>ADTT</i>	<i>"</i>		
<i>LIEUT/LIEUT</i>	<i>1012667</i>	<i>DENNIS</i>	<i>APA</i>	<i>NP</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>ARL</i>	
	<i>1019830</i>	<i>NOBLE</i>	<i>JN</i>	<i>D16160</i>	<i>YES</i>		
	<i>1011080</i>	<i>HAMILTON</i>	<i>TR</i>	<i>Q17</i>	<i>"</i>		
<i>LIEUT</i>	<i>101213</i>	<i>WORNER</i>	<i>JF</i>	<i>NP</i>	<i>"</i>		
	<i>101205</i>	<i>DOWNEY</i>	<i>RL</i>	<i>NSG1600</i>	<i>"</i>		
	<i>Q121388</i>	<i>GARDINER</i>	<i>RH</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>ARL</i>	
	<i>1019926</i>	<i>KELLY</i>	<i>MT</i>	<i>1/21601</i>	<i>YES</i>		
	<i>1017029</i>	<i>IRELAND</i>	<i>RD</i>	<i>NP</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>JUNIOR STAFF SCHOOL</i>	
	<i>1016238</i>	<i>MCCREARY</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>TO</i>	<i>YES</i>		
	<del><i>NS11111</i></del>	<del><i>NEV</i></del>	<del><i>EE</i></del>	<del><i>NSG1600</i></del>	<del><i>"</i></del>		
	<i>1017028</i>	<i>BUCKETT</i>	<i>1017</i>	<i>NP</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>ARL</i>	
	<i>1012243</i>	<i>KENNEDY</i>	<i>RR</i>	<i>NP</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>ARL</i>	
	<i>1013780</i>	<i>LIVING</i>	<i>101</i>	<i>NSG1600</i>	<i>YES</i>		
	<i>1011889</i>	<i>CHARSET</i>	<i>KA</i>	<i>NP</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>ARL</i>	
	<i>Q10334</i>	<i>CLARK</i>	<i>TC</i>	<i>NSG1600</i>	<i>YES</i>		
	<i>1019185</i>	<i>HAMILTON</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>NSG1600</i>	<i>"</i>		
<i>T/LIEUT</i>	<i>1011892</i>	<i>BROWN</i>	<i>KA</i>	<i>NSG1600</i>	<i>YES</i>		
<i>LIEUT</i>	<i>1012110</i>	<i>SMITH</i>	<i>EA G</i>	<i>1/21601</i>	<i>"</i>		
	<i>10110752</i>	<i>NORTH</i>	<i>SF</i>	<i>NP</i>	<i>"</i>		
	<i>Q121172</i>	<i>STEELE</i>	<i>HK</i>	<i>NSG1600</i>	<i>YES</i>		
	<i>1016017</i>	<i>HINDMARCH</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>NSG1600</i>	<i>"</i>		
	<i>1017635</i>	<i>CLIFFORDS</i>	<i>PH</i>	<i>NSG1600</i>	<i>"</i>		
<i>T/LIEUT</i>	<i>1010130</i>	<i>GIBBONS</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>NP</i>	<i>"</i>		
	<i>1012601</i>	<i>THORNBOROUGH</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>NP</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>ARL</i>	
	<i>Q134793</i>	<i>HUSTON</i>	<i>RT</i>	<i>NP</i>	<i>"</i>		
	<i>1010605</i>	<i>GRIE</i>	<i>AWB</i>	<i>NP</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>LHQ THE SCHOOL ENTWINING</i>	
	<i>1010227</i>	<i>NICHOLSON</i>	<i>VND</i>	<i>NP</i>	<i>"</i>		
	<i>Q111520</i>	<i>BERRY</i>	<i>HH</i>	<i>NSG1600</i>	<i>YES</i>		
<i>LIEUT</i>	<i>1011801</i>	<i>BISHOP</i>	<i>JH</i>	<i>NP</i>	<i>YES</i>		
	<i>10133162</i>	<i>ACKERLEY</i>	<i>FE</i>	<i>NSG1600</i>	<i>"</i>		
	<i>1018483</i>	<i>FLETCHER</i>	<i>AT</i>	<i>NP</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>ARL</i>	
	<i>1012954</i>	<i>ST GEORGE KIDDER</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>NP</i>	<i>YES</i>		
	<i>10109293</i>	<i>TRIG</i>	<i>CC</i>	<i>NSG1600</i>	<i>"</i>		
	<i>1016243</i>	<i>TREWIN</i>	<i>GJ</i>	<i>NP</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>ARL</i>	
	<i>1012317</i>	<i>THORNTON</i>	<i>IS</i>	<i>NSG1600</i>	<i>YES</i>		
<i>CAPT</i>	<i>101201908</i>	<i>HOLLYWOOD</i>	<i>TD</i>	<i>R10</i>	<i>"</i>		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
<i>CAPTAIN</i>	<i>1017397</i>	<i>WILLIAMSON RE.</i>	<i>HAAGD.</i>	<i>2/3/43</i>	<i>UNIT CANDIDATE</i>

*6.5.44*

Date of Despatch

*W. S. A. D. C.*

Signature of Commander

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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22/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/5/1944 2/32 Aust. Inf. Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s 755 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 35 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.						
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.		
				* * 1 Lieut.-Colonels 1 Majors 5 Captains 32 Lieutenants 1 Quarter-masters A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1					
	2 4	12	32								
	6	12	40			1					
DETAIL.		A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
A.		41									41
E.(1)		1									1
E.(2)											

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

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX47711	LIEUT	IVEY EE	HOSPITAL	6-5-44	HERMOIDS
NX3750	"	LAING W.D.	"	8-5-44	P.V.O.

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

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

2/22. INF. 1st. Bn. Unit

121.44 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13/5/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
LT. COL.	SX10309	SCOTT	T.H.	C.O.	YES		
MAJ.	WX529	DIXON	G.E.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt.	"		
CAPT.	VX12007	CHILL	M.M.	H.Q. Coy. Comd.	"		
"	QX37	DAVIES	H.G.	C. Coy. Comd.	"		
"	QX6092	DAVIDSON	J.J.G.	B. Coy. Comd.	"		
"	VX31529	THORNTON	J.J.	A. Coy. Comd.	"		
"	VX39719	CHONK	R.G.	ADJT.	"		
LIEUT./CAPT.	WX8667	DENNESS	A.P.A.	N.P.	NO	ARL	
"	WX9892	LIDDELL	J.N.	D. Coy. Comd.	YES		
"	WX11080	HAMILTON	T.R.	Q.M.	"		
LIEUT.	WX213	WORNER	J.F.	N.P.	"		
"	WX205	DOWNNEY	R.K.	S. Platoon	"		
"	QX21388	GARDINER	R.M.	I.D.	NO	ARL	
"	WX9926	KELLY	M.S.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. Coy.	YES		
"	WX17029	IRLAND	R.D.	N.P.	NO	JUNIOR STAFF SCHOOL	
"	NX6238	MIRRS	R.	T.O.	YES		
"	WX17028	BUCKLEY	W.M.	N.P.	NO	ARL	
"	WX12543	KENNEDY	R.R.	N.P.	"	ARL	
"	NX11889	GARNSEY	K.A.	N.P.	"	ARL	
"	QX4334	CLARK	J.C.	4. Platoon	YES		
"	WX9585	HAMILTON	A.	16. Platoon	"		
T./LIEUT.	VX115892	BROWN	K.L.	17. Platoon	"		
LIEUT.	WX2110	SMITH	E.A.G.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. Coy.	"		
"	WX10782	NORTH	S.F.	N.P.	"		
"	QX24472	STEELE	H.K.	12. Platoon	"		
"	NX46017	HINDMARSH	R.	7. Platoon	"		
"	NX76315	CLEMENTS	P.H.	9. Platoon	"		
T./LIEUT.	NX10430	GIBBONS	M.	N.P.	"		
"	NX12604	THORNBROUGH	T.	N.P.	NO	ARL	
"	QX36793	HUSTON	R.J.	N.P.	"	ARL	
"	VX10605	GEE	A.W.B.	N.P.	"	L.H.Q. TAC SCHOOL ENG WING	
"	NX10227	NICHOLSON	V.L.D.	N.P.	"	ARL	
"	QX4520	DEATY	H.A.	10. Platoon	YES		
LIEUT.	NX1801	BISHOP	J.H.	N.P.	"		
"	NX133182	HEBERLEY	F.E.	15. Platoon	"		
"	VX58485	FLETCHER	A.J.	N.P.	NO	ARL	
"	NX72954	S.P. GEORGE RYDER	H.	N.P.	YES		
"	VX109243	FAIG	C.C.	8. Platoon	"		
"	VX6243	TREWIN	G.J.	N.P.	NO	ARL	
"	VX12317	TALBOT	S.J.	16. Platoon	YES		
CAPT.	NX201708	HOLLYWOOD	T.O.	R.M.O.	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CHAPLAIN	NX77397	WILLIAMSON, R.E.	AA (C.D.)	21.5.43	UNIT CHAPLAIN

13.5.44  
Date of Despatch

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

13/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20/5/1944 2/22 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 767 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.				
	2 14	12	1 1 5 32 1	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	* * <u>ARMY</u>	1							
	6	12	140			1							
		DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.	
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).		A.	41									41	
		E. (1)											
		E. (2)											

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
<u>OK 36903</u>	<u>LIEUT</u>	<u>SMITHERS B.P.O.</u>	<u>REJOINED UNIT</u>	<u>16.5.44</u>	<u>EX LEAVE</u>
<u>NR 3780</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>JARING W.D.</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>19.5.44</u>	<u>EX HOSPITAL</u>

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
<u>NR 76315</u>	<u>LIEUT</u>	<u>CLAYTONS P.M.</u>	<u>HOSPITAL</u>	<u>15.5.44</u>	<u>P.U.O.</u>
<u>WX 10752</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>NORTH S.F.</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>19.5.44</u>	<u>P.U.O.</u>

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30/5/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
LT COL	SX10209	SCOTT	TH	C.O.	YES		
MAJ.	WX529	DIXON	L.B.	2/4	"		
CAPT.	VX12097	CAMILL	NP	HQ Coy	"		
"	QX37	DUMFRIES	H.G.	C Coy	"		
"	QX6002	DAVIDSON	J.S.	B Coy	"		
"	VX31529	THORNTON	J.J.	B Coy	"		
"	VX39719	CROOK	R.G.	A B Coy	"		
1-LIEUT. T/CAPT	WX3667	DENNIS	A.P.	N.P.	NO	A.R.L.	
"	WX11030	HAMILTON	T.R.	Q.M.	YES		
"	WX9842	LIDDALL	J.N.	D Coy	"		
LIEUT.	WX213	WORTER	J.F.	N.P.	"		
"	WX205	DOWNEY	R.K.	S Coy	"		
"	QX21388	CARDNER	R.A.	I.O.	NO	A.R.L.	
"	WX9926	KELEY	M.S.	2/4 B Coy	YES		
"	WX17039	IRELAND	R.D.	N.P.	NO	JUNIOR STAFF SCHOOL	
"	WX6238	MEERS	P	T.O.	YES		
"	WX17028	BULLLEY	W.M.	N.P.	NO	A.R.L.	
"	WX12563	KENNEDY	R.R.	N.P.	"	A.R.L.	
"	WX3780	LAING	W.D.	S Coy	YES		
"	WX11889	GARNSY	R.A.	N.P.	NO	A.R.L.	
"	QX4376	CLARK	J.C.	S Coy	YES		
"	WX9585	HAMILTON	A	S Coy	"		
T/LIEUT	VX45242	BROWN	K.L.	S Coy	"		
LIEUT	WX2110	SMITH	E.B.	2/4 B Coy	"		
"	QX28903	SPITHERS	B.F.	S Coy	"		
"	QX24472	STEFLE	J.K.	S Coy	"		
"	WX16017	MUNDTMANN	R	S Coy	"		
"	VX104293	T.GIG	C.C.	S Coy	"		
T/LIEUT	WX104130	GARRONS	M.	N.P.	"		
"	WX12624	THORN BOROUGH	T.	N.P.	NO	A.R.L.	
"	QX36793	MUSTON	R.J.	N.P.	"	A.R.L.	
"	VX10805	GEE	R.W.B.	N.P.	"	UNIT SCHOOL, ENAWING	
"	WX10227	NICKOLSON	V.D.	N.P.	"	A.R.L.	
"	QX11520	GENTY	M.A.	S Coy	YES		
LIEUT	WX1301	BISHOP	J.H.	N.P.	"		
"	WX133182	ALDERLEY	P.E.	S Coy	"		
"	VX85285	FLETCHER	A.T.	N.P.	NO	A.R.L.	
"	WX72954	ST GEORGE-RYDER	H	N.P.	YES		
"	VX6243	TROWN	G.J.	N.P.	NO	A.R.L.	
"	VX12317	TALBOT	S.J.	S Coy	YES		
CAPT	WX201208	HOLLISTON	I.O.	R.I.O.	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CHAPLAIN	WX77397	WILLIAMSON RE.	PAKMD	21-5-43	UNIT CHAPLAIN

30.5.44  
Date of Despatch

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander

# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

Army Form W.3009 (Adapted)  
(Page 1)  
(Revised Jan. 1948.)  
14/25 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27 / 5 / 44 2/32 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)  
W.E. 11 / 20 / 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 767 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

## Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED				5		6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY WE				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to WE.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to WE.	Deficient WE	Reinfts. Required.
			6	W.Os. Class I						
				W.Os. Class II.						
			5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts						
			33	Staff Sergeants						
			71	Sergeants						
				Corporals						
169			482	Troopers, Privates, etc						
				Civilians counting as O.R						
169.			598.	Totals of cols marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		AWAC	AWAC	AWAC	AWAC	AWAC

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).	Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.P.		A W A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL
			Under 19 Years	19 Years and over.							
	A	655									655
	B(1)										
	B(2)										

## Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs	Unit to which detached
				6	Schools		
				5	COMP LEAVE		
				3	Div Rec		
				2	2d Aust Inf Bde		
				3	AWL		
				6	DET RAE		

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

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

2/32 Aust LF Bn.

Unit

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**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown**  
**Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 27/ 5 /1944.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assis.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefakers	4	4	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddlery makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	26	19	7	Tailors	2		2
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wipeman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Non Spec.			
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Battalion	34	34	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Gen Duties	3	3	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								HYGIENE	4	4	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								LONG RIFLES	587	284	104
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								MIME Nos	23	34	34
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators								MOBIL	73		
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors				ORDERLIES	30	30	5
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers	1	1		PIONEERS	30	22	
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks	11	11		STORESMAN	6	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply				PROVOST	1	6	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	10		Clerks, Technical				REPT POLICE	6	12	9
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers				S. BEARRER	21	16	1
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Concretors				TUJA Gun Nos	19	2	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Cooks				Water Duties	2	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies				RSM	1		
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals				RDMS	1	5	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Drivers, H.T.				CSMG	5	5	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Mechanics				CAMS	5	24	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Driver Tpin. Plant				SPT PL	24	12	
Photowriter				Miners				Engine Hands, I.C.				DRIVERS MH	12		
Plumber				Moulders				Equipment Repairers	1	1					
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Farrlers							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assis.				Fitters' Mates							
								Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1		CARRIED FORWARD	17	17		CARRIED FORWARD	56	49	7	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively	76	59	16

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

27. 5. 44

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008  
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11/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27/5/1944 (Unit)

W.E. 11/292 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 767 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
	2	9	29	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	RAMC	1							
	7	9	36			1							
		DETAIL.		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		39									39
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
WX9585	LIEUT	HAMILTON A	Hosp.	20/5/44	P.U.O.
NX10130	LIEUT	GIBBONS A	SCHOOL	22/5/44	
QX1002	CAPT	DAVIDSON J.S.G.	Hosp	24/5/44	P.U.O.

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS

PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / /194 .

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

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27/5/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt. Col	SX11309	SCOTT	TH	CO	YES		
MAJ	WX559	DIXON	GL	CO	NO	Detached 2/24 AIB	
CAPT	WX12007	CADILL	NM	W/Comd	YES		
"	OX37	DAVIES	HY	CO	"		
"	WX31229	TICANTON	TS	A/Cy	"		
"	VI39719	CROOK	RC	ADJ	"		
UNIT CHAP	WX8667	DENNES	APA	NP	NO	ARK	
"	WX11080	HAMILTON	TR	COM	"	ARK	
"	WX9892	LIDDELL	JN	W/Comd	"	ARK	
LIEUT	WX213	WORNER	JF	NP	"	ARK	
"	WX213	DOWNNEY	RK	SPL Comd	YES		
"	WX9726	KELEY	NJ	W/Comd	NO	ARK	
"	WX17028	BUCKLEY	WM	NP	YES		
"	WX12543	KENNEDY	RR	NP	NO	ARK	
"	WX3780	LIVING	WD	W/Comd	"	ARK	
"	WX1254	CARTNEY	KA	NP	"	ARK	
"	OX4331	CLARK	JS	W/Comd	YES		
LIEUT	WX5842	BRIAN	KL	NP	"		
LIEUT	WX2110	SMITH	LAG	W/Comd	"		
"	OX36903	*SMITH	BFO	W/Comd	"		WX10752 Lt SF NORTH.
"	OX2472	STEELE	HK	"	"		
"	WX14017	HINDMARSH	R	7th	NO	ARK	Nx 76215 Lt. P H CLEMENT
"	WX109293	TRIG	CG	PA	NO	ARK	
LIEUT	WX1130	GIBBENS	P	NP	"	1st Reg Eng Sch NO3	25-5-44
"	WX12641	TURNBULL	T	NP	"	ARK	
"	OX36793	HUSTON	RJ	NP	"	ARK	
"	OX10605	GEE	AMB	NP	"	ARK	
"	WX10227	NICHOLSON	VD	NP	"	ARK	
"	OX11520	BEATTY	HA	W/Comd	"	ARK	
LIEUT	WX1801	BISHOP	JA	NP	NO	ARK	
"	WX133182	ACKEDLY	FE	W/Comd	YES		
"	WX88485	FLETCHER	AJ	NP	NO	ARK	
"	WX72454	STORACE HYDER	H	NP	YES		
"	WX6243	TREWIN	GJ	NP	NO	ARK	
"	WX12317	TALBOT	SJ	W/Comd	YES		
CAPT	WX201708	HOLLYWOOD	TO	RIND	YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CHAPLAIN	WX77397	WILLIAMSON	MAAD	21-5-43	UNIT CHAPLAIN
MAJOR	WX70166	MORAY M.H.	62 AIB	2.6.44	
LT	TX446	BILLET D.L.	62 AIB	2.6.44	

27.5.44  
Date of Despatch

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander

# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20 / 5 / 1944 2/32 Aust LFB Co (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 125 / 2. OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 767 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

## Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I					
			6	W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts					
			5	Staff Sergeants					
			33	Sergeants	1	1	1	1	5
			71	Corporals	1	1			5
212			1234	Troopers, Privates, etc	3	2			12
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
212			555	Totals of cols marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	A076	A000	A000	A000	A000

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

\* \* Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	599						█	█		599
B(1)										
B(2)							█			

### Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs	Unit to which detached
				2	School		
				5	Camp HQ		
				3	9th Rec Camp		
				2	14th Det Mt Bde		
				1	Post		
				6	US - RHC		

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

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

1/22 Aust Inf Bn

Unit

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 20/5/1944.

Table with columns for Details of Tradesmen (GROUP I, II, III), W.E., Posted Strength, and Reints. Required. Includes rows for various trades like Ammunition Examiners, Surveyors, Operating Room Assis., G.F.O. Assistants, etc.

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

20-5-44 Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

		WE	POST STR	Rank R.D.
B/FWD		767	555	212
Attached by WE				
NAME	CHIROPODIST	1	1	
"	HYGIENE INSP	1	1	
"	MEDICAL ORDERLIES	2	3	
NAME	SHOEMAKER	1	1	
NAME	ARMOURER	2	2	
"	RIFLE GUN	1	1	
NAME	POSTAL DUTIES	1	1	
NAME	PAY CLERKS	2	1	1
NAME	CATERER	1	1	
"	COOKS	22	22	
		501	559	213

ARMY	TRADE	Rank	WE	POST STR	SURVIVAL	DEF
	INTELL DUTIES	SAT	1	1		
	"	CPL	2	2		
	SHOEMAKERS	"	2	3	1	
	CLERKS	SAT	2	2		
	"	CPL	5	6	1	
	TAYLORS	SAT	1			1
	"	CPL	1			1
	Tech STOREMEN	SAT	1	1		
	LIVE V. R.F.M.	CPL	36	40	4	
	MINE Nos	CPL	3	3		
	MORTAR Nos	"	5	5		
	PROVOST	SAT	1	1		
	SUBARRERS	"	1	1		
	"	CPL	2	2		
	T/H GUN Nos	"	4	4		
	RSM	WO I	1	1		
	ROMS	WO II	1	1		
	CSM	"	5	5		
	COMS	S/ST	5	5		
	SATS PLATOON	SATS	24	24		
	PIONEERS	CPL	4	4		
Attached by WE						
NAME	CHIROPODIST	CPL	1	1		
"	HYG INSP	SAT	1	1		
"	MED ORDERLY	"	1	1		
NAME	SHOEMAKER	CPL	1	1		
NAME	ARMOURER	SAT	1	1		
NAME	POSTAL ORDERLIES	SAT	1	1		
NAME	PAY CLERKS	"	1	1		
"	"	CPL	1	1		
NAME	CATERER	WO II	1	1		
"	COOKS	SAT	5	5		
"	"	CPL	5	5		
			126	130	6	2

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### FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13/5/1944 2/32 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit)

W.E. 11/120/2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's 767 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's 34 ATT. BY W.E.

#### Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5	6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					8	9	10
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.		Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.	
			1	W.Os. Class I.								
			6	W.Os. Class II.				1				
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.								
			5	Staff Sergeants								
			33	Sergeants		1 1 1		1 5				
			71	Corporals		1 1		5				
212			439	Troopers, Privates, etc.		3 2		12				
				Civilians counting as O.R.								
*			555*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2		AWAC AWAC AWAC AWAC AWAC AWAC						

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

\*\* Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	589									589
B(1)										
B(2)										

#### Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
				16	SCHOOL		
				5	Comp LEAVE		
				4	4 Div Rec Comp		
				2	20 Aust Inf Bde		
				2	AWL		

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

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

2/32 Aust Inf Bn. Unit

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 13/5/1944.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)		
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assis.			G.P.O. Assistants		
Armament Artificer Fitter			Surveyors, E.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen		
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitchers		
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing		
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental		
Armament Artificer Instrument			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers		
Armament Artificer Radio			Watchmakers			Opticians			Sangetakers	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
Armament Artificer Signals			Welders			Painters			Stivotters		
Armament Artificer Wireless						Panel Beaters			Roughriders		
Artificer, Artillery						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers		
Artificer, Engine						Predictor Numbers			Saddletree makers		
Blacksmiths	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>				Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		
Bricklayers						Radiographers			Stevadores		
Computers						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine		
Cooks, Hospital			<b>GROUP II.</b>			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
Coppersmiths			Armourers			Signallers	<u>26</u>	<u>26</u>	Tailors	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Dispensers			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen			Bakers			Telescope identfn. Numbers			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			By. Comd's. Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers		
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			Bollermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors		
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			Carpenters	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	Winchman			Whitesmiths		
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			Carpenters and Joiners			Wireman			<b>NON SPECIALISTS</b>		
Electricians			Cooks			Woodturners			<b>BATMEN</b>	<u>34</u>	<u>34</u>
Electricians (M.V.)			Dental Mechanics						<b>GEN DUNES MESS</b>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
Electricians (Signals)			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)						<b>HYGIENE</b>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
Fitters			Driver-Operator						<b>LMG + RFLM</b>	<u>347</u>	<u>243</u>
Fitters (Cycle)			Drainers						<b>MMTG No 5</b>	<u>23</u>	<u>23</u>
Fitters (Electrical)			Electricians			<b>GROUP III.</b>			<b>DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.</b>		
Fitters (Gun)			Electricians (Engineers)			Battery Surveyors			<b>MOUNTAIN</b>	<u>73</u>	<u>36</u>
Fitters (Instrument)			Fire Control Operators			Butchers	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<b>ORDERLIES</b>	<u>34</u>	<u>34</u>
Fitters (M.V.)			Gun Operator			Clerks	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<b>PROMENARS</b>	<u>30</u>	<u>21</u>
Fitters, Railway Signal			Hatchman			Clerks, Supply			<b>STOREMEN</b>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
Fitters, Signals			Height Taker			Clerks, Technical			<b>PROVOST</b>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Grinder, Precision			Helio Operator			Coach Trimmers			<b>REGT POLICE</b>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
Mechanics, Instrument			Instrument Operator			Concretors			<b>S BARRERS</b>	<u>21</u>	<u>12</u>
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			Intelligence Duties	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	Cooks			<b>TEN-A GUN NOS</b>	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			Joiners			Dental Clerk Orderlies			<b>UNDER DUNES</b>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Mechanics, Radio			Joiners			Despatch Riders			<b>ATTACHED BY W.E.</b>		
Mechanics, Typewriter			Lineman			Draughtsmen, Signals			<b>RSM</b>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Mechanics, Wireless			Lineman, Signals			Drivers, H.T.			<b>RQMS</b>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Millwrights			Lithographers			Driver Mechanics			<b>CSM</b>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Operators, Excavator			Machinists, Metal			Driver Tpin. Plant			<b>CGMS</b>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Pattern Maker			Machinists, Wood			Engine Hands, I.C.			<b>S/PS PI</b>	<u>24</u>	<u>24</u>
Pharmacist			Masons			Equipment Repairers	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<b>DRIVERS</b>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>
Photographer, Wet Plate			Masseurs			Farriers					
Photowriter			Mechanics, M.T.			Fitters' Mates					
Plumber			Miners			Gun Layers					
Saw Doctors			Moulders								
Surveyors			Nurses, Trained								
			Observation Post Assts.								
CARRIED FORWARD	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	CARRIED FORWARD	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>	CARRIED FORWARD	<u>56</u>	<u>56</u>	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	<u>767</u>	<u>555</u>
										<u>212</u>	<u>*</u>

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(b) Authorized trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.  
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14-5-44  
Date of Despatch

W. J. Scott 11.6.44  
Signature of Commander

Part A of Army Form  
 Part B Detail of

		WE	POST STR	REMP REQD
B/FWD		767	555	
ATTACHED BY WE.				
HAME	CHIROPDIST	1	1	
	HYGIENE INSP	1	1	
	MEDICAL ORDERLIES	2	3	
HACC	SHOEMAKER	1	1	
HAME	ARMOURER	2	2	
	FITTER GUN	1	1	
HAPS	POSTAL DUTIES	1	1	
HAPC	PAY CLERKS	2	1	1
HALL	CATERER	1	1	
	COOKS	22	22	
		801	589	1

ARMY.	TRADE	RANK	WE	POST STR	Surplus	DEF
	INTELL DUTIES	Sjt	1	1		
	"	Cpl	2	2		
	SIGNALERS.	Cpls	2	3	1	
	CLERKS.	Sjts	2	2		
	"	Cpls	5	6	1	
	TAYLORS	Sjt	1	.		1
	"	Cpl	1	.		1
	TECH STOREMAN	Sjt	1	1		
	LMG Nos. + Rifleman	Cpls	36	40	4	
	MMG Nos	Cpls	3	3		
	MORTAR Nos	✓	5	5		
	PROVOST	Sjt	1	1		
	S. BEARERS.	✓	1	1		
	"	Cpls	2	2		
	TR-M Gun Nos. " "	✓	4	4		
	RSM	WO I	1	1		
	RQMS.	WO II	1	1		
	CSM.	✓	5	5		
	QMS	S/Sjt	5	5		
	Sjt. (RANDOM)	Sjts	24	24		
	PIONEERS	Cpls	4	4		
ATTACHED BY WE						
HAME	CHIROPDIST.	Cpl	1	1		
	Hyg INSP	Sjt	1	1		
	MED ORD	Sjt	1	1		
HACC	SHOEMAKER	Cpl	1	1		
HAME	ARMOURER	Sjt	1	1		
HAPS	POSTAL ORDERLIES	Sjt	1	1		
HAPC	PAY CLERKS	✓	1	1		
HALL	CATERER	Cpl	1	1		
	COOKS	WO B	1	1		
		Sjt	1	1		
		Cpl	1	1		
			126	130	6	2



TIMES OF PARADES & PERIODS.

0800 - 0815	COY PARADE
0815 - 0855	MOVE TO TRG AREA
0900 - 0940	1st PERIOD
0945 - 0955	LECTURETTE
1000 - 1040	2nd PERIOD
1045 - 1105	SMOKO & QUESTIONNAIRE
1115 - 1145	3rd PERIOD
1145 - 1200	MOVE TO CAMP
1320 -	COY PARADE
1325 - 1335	MOVE TO TRG AREA
1340 - 1420	4th PERIOD
1425 - 1505	5th PERIOD
1505 - 1530	SMOKO QUESTIONNAIRE
1520 - 1600	6th PERIOD
1600 - 1630	MOVE TO CAMP

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>REF</u>	<u>Period</u>
<u>Bren</u>	Immediate Action, Stoppages	Pham 4 Less 8, 9	1
	Use of Cover	" Less 10	1
	Handling (Bipod)	" " 11	1
	" (Tripod)	" " 12	1
	Fixed Lines and Tripod	" 13, 14	1
	TOET		1
All lessons	read in conjunction with	ATM 11-15 (Control) Pages 11-14	
<u>MAP Reading</u>	Use of Compass	ATM 11-15 (Control) Section 10	1
	Map Reading on the ground	ATM 11-15 (Control) Section 16	1
<u>Range Practices</u>			
	<u>Rifle</u> (if available)		
	Application		
	Snapshooting		
	<u>Bren</u>	Rapid application Distribution	
	<u>Owen</u>	Sense of Direction Instinctive Snapshooting Automatic Alignment.	
<u>Application of Fire</u>			
	Searching ground	Pham 2 Less 1	1
	Judging Distance	" " " 23 IMT Sec 34	1
	Judging Distanee	Pham 2 Less 4 JD Tests ATM 32 Sec 13	1
	Practice in recognition of difficult targets and fire control	Pham 2 Less 6,7 ATM 1-9 (Control) Page 19 IMT Sec 37	1
<u>Fieldcraft</u>			
	Individual Stalk Competitive	MTP 33	1
	Observation by day	IMT Sec 47	1
	Movt of Scouts	IMT Sec 44	1
	Stalking Competition	IMTP 33	1
<u>Mortar 2"</u>	Recap.	Less 1 . 2	1
	Handling	" 3 4	1
<u>OSMG</u>	Holding and Firing Instinctive Pointing		1
<u>Rifle</u>	Aiming Inst, Trigger pressing	Pham 3 Less 1&6	1
	Firing Instn	" " 13&14	1
	TOET		2
	Positions behind cover	" " 20,21	1
	Carry out Appendix IV with ALL lessons.		

2/32 AUST INF BN - SYLLABUS

For week ending .....

Day	Serial	Times	Subject	Refs
1	1	0800-0830 0830-0855	Coy Parade Drill Move to Trg Area	M.E.D.
	2.	0900-0940	<u>Bren</u> IA & Stoppages	Pham 4 Less 8,9
	3	0945-0955	<u>Lecturette</u> The Object of this Syllabus	
	4	1000-1040 1045-1105	<u>Rifle</u> Aiming Instn Trigger pressing <u>Smoko</u> Questionnaire, discussion	Pham 3 Less 1&6 Appx IV
	5	1105-1145 <del>1320</del> 1320 1325-1335	<u>Application of Fire</u> <u>Searching Ground</u> Coy Parade Move to Trg Area	Pham 2 Less 1
	6	1340-1420	<u>Fieldcraft</u> Individual Stalk MTP 33.	
	7	1425-1505	<u>Mortar 2"</u> Recapitulation	Pham 8 Less 1-2.
	8	1505-1520	<u>Lecturette</u> The Will to Win	ATM 1-9
	9	1520-1600	<u>Owen</u> Holding Fire, Instinctive Pointing	
	10	1600-1630	Move to Camp, Weapon cleaning	
2	11	0800-0830 0830-0855	Coy Parade, Drill Move to Trg Area	MED
	12	0900-0940	<u>Bren</u> Use of cover, Handling <del>1320</del> Bipod	Pham 4 Less 10-11
	13	0945-0955	<u>Lecturette</u>	
	14	1000-1040	<u>Field Works</u> Construction Latrine & U/C Pit	
	<del>15</del>	1045-1105	Smoke CAB Disbussion	
	15	1105-1145 1145-1200	<u>App of Fire</u> Judging Distance Move to Camp.	Pham 2 Less 2 & 3 IMT Sec 34
		1320	Coy Parade	
		1320-1340	Move to Trg Area	
	16	1345-1420	<u>Rifle</u> Firing Instn	Pham 3 Less 13. 14
	17	1425-1505	<u>MR</u> Use of Compass	ATM 11-15(Consol) Sec 10
18	1505-1520	<u>Lecturette</u> Range Procedure	Pham 1	
19	1520-1600 1600-1630	<u>Fieldcraft</u> Observation Trg Move to Camp via log crossing 200 yrd east of Footbridge	IMT SEC 47	
3	20	0800-0830 0830-0855	Coy Parade, Platoon Drill Move to Trg Area	
	21	0900-0940	<u>Rifle</u> . Posns behind cover	Less 20,21 Pham 3
	22	1000-1040	<u>Bren</u> Handling Tripod	Pham 4 Less 12
		1045-1105	Smoke CAB Discussion	
	22	0945-0955	<u>Lecturette</u> (Open)	

Day	Serial	Times	Subject	Refs
3	24	1105-1145	<u>Rifles</u> TOET & Appx IV	
		1145-1200	Move to Camp	
		1320	Coy Parade	
	25	1325-1340	Move to Trg Area	
	26	1340-1420	<u>MR</u> Map Reading on ground	ATM 11-15 (Consol) Sec 16
	27	1425-1505	<u>Bren</u> Handling, Tripod	Pham 4 Less 13
			Fixed Lines	" Less 14
	28	1505-1520	<u>Lecturette</u> Principles of War	MTP 23
	29	1520-1600	<u>Mortar 2"</u> Handling	Pham 8 Less 3,4
4	30	0800-0810	Coy Parade	
	31	0810-0855	Move to Trg Area Section Formation	
	32	0900-0940	<u>Bren</u> TOET	Pham 4
	33	0945-0955	<u>Lecturette</u> Care of Feet	ATM 21 Page 26
	34	1000-1040	<u>Fieldcraft</u> Movt by Scouts	IMT Sec 44
		1045-1105	Smoke Questionnaire by Tps	
	35	1105-1145	<u>App of Fire</u> Recognition of	
			Difficult targets	Pham 2 Less 6 & 7
			Fire Control	ATM 1-9 (Consol) Page 19
		1145-1200	Move to Camp	IMT Sec 37
		1320	Coy parade	
	36	1325-1340	Move to Trg Area	
	37	1340-1420	App of Fire, Judging distance	Pham 2 Less 4
			tests, Range Cards.	,JD tests ATM 32 Sec 13
	38	1425-1505	<del>///</del> Duties of Sentries	IMT Sec III
	39	1505-1520	Debate any subject	
40	1520-1600	Unarmed combat	ATM 27 to 31.	

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING  
No 1 PLATOON - 8 MAY 44 to 14 MAY 44.

Day	Serial	Time	Subject	Location	Manual Refs
1	1	0900 - 1145	March with War Equipment		
	2	1340 - 1420	Morse - buzzer		
	3	1430 - 1510	Owen SMG Lesson 1		SAT Pam 15 Page 17
	4	1520 - 1600	W/T Procedure - Lecture (Est Comm)		
2	5	0900 - 0940	Morse - buzzer		
	6	0945 - 1000	D V - tests		ST Vol III Pam 22 Page 14
	7	1005 - 1045	Owen SMG Lesson 2		SAT Pam 15 Page 19
	8	1050 - 1100	Buzzer unit T Mk 1		ST Vol III Pam 22 Page 11
	9	1105 - 1145	W/T Procedure - Lecture (Est Comm)		
	10	1340 - 1420	Signal Office records - Lecture		
	11	1430 - 1510	W/T Procedure - Practical (Est Comm)		
	12	1520 - 1600	" " " " " "		
3	13	0900 - 1145	March with War Equipment		
	14	1340 - 1420	Morse - buzzer		
	15	1430 - 1510	Pistol - Lesson 1		SAT Vol 1 Pam 11 Page 4
	16	1520 - 1600	Duties of sig clerk - Lecture		
4	17	0900 - 0940	Morse - Buzzer		
	18	0945 - 1000	D V Tests		ST Vol III Pam 22 Page 14
	19	1005 - 1045	Pistol Lesson 2		SAT Vol 1 Pam II Page 12
	20	1050 - 1100	Test Set Portable No 2		
	21	1105 - 1145	Duties of Sig Clerk - Lecture		
	22	1340 - 1420	Owen SMG Lesson 3		SAT Pam 15 Page 22.
	23	1430 - 1510	W/T Lecture - (Netting & Offer of message)		
	24	1520 - 1600	" " " " " "		
5	25		Miniature Range		
6	26	0900 - 0940	Morse - Buzzer		ST Vol III Pam 22 Page 14
	27	0945 - 1000	D V Tests		
	28	1005 - 1045	Pistol - Lesson 3		SAT Vol 1 Pam 2 Page 15
	29	1050 - 1100	Line Labels		ST AA (38) Secs 45 Page 104
	30	1105 - 1145	Spare for recapitulation		

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

No 2 (MMG) PLATOON - 8 MAY 44 - 14 MAY 44.

Day	Serial	Time	Subject	Location	Manual Refs
1		0830 - 0900	Long Carry to Trg Ground		
	1	0900 - 0945	No 36m Grenade Mech		Lesson 1 Vol 1 Pam 3
	2	0950 - 1035	Instruments, Slide rule & Range Tables		Sec 9 Less 40 & 97
	3	1040 - 1055	Lecturette		
	4	1100 - 1145	Lecture - Indication & Recognition		Sec 16
		1145 - 1200	Return to Camp		
		1320 - 1340	Parade - Return to Trg Ground		
	5	1340 - 1420	Theory of MMG Gunnery Etc		
6	1425 - 1500	Stripping blindfolded			
7	1505 - 1520	Lecturette			
8	1525 - 1600	Revision of Stoppages. Clean guns			
		1600 - 1630	Long carry to camp		
2	1	0830 - 0900	Lecture Range & Ranges		
	2	0900 - 0945	Recap E.G.D.		
	3	0950 - 1035	Lecturette		
	4	1100 - 1145	Adv Handling		Lesson 57
	5	1340 - 1420	Section drill - Prepare for Action & come into Action.		" 65
	6	1425 - 1500	Recap Stoppages		
	7	1505 - 1520	Lecturette		
	8	1525 - 1600	Stripping & Recap, Clean weapons		
3	1		Mounting the Gun on exposed ground		Lesson 58
	2		Map reading - intervisibility		
	3		Lecturette		
	4		Mounting the gun on uneven ground		Lesson 59
	5		Lecture - Flanking & overhead fire		
	6		Bringing the gun into action as part of a section etc		Lesson 60
	7		Lecturette		
	8		Fixed line overhead & clean guns		
4	1-4		Morning route march		
	5		Laying fixed line flanking/VT with and without aids		Lesson 124
	6		Lecturette		Lesson 62 & 63
	7		Cease firing & on trucks		# 66
	8		Long Carry		67
			Fire Discipline		68

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING  
No 2 PLATOON (MMG) (Cont)

Day	Serial	Time	Subject	Location	Manual Refs.
5	1 - 4		Range, Morning		
	5		Rifle, Aiming, Holding and firing load and unload		
	6		Owen Gun, Holding and firing Care and cleaning		Lesson 1, 2 & 3 Vol L Pam 15
	7		Lecturette		
	8		Bren mechanism, holding, aiming and firing		Lesson 2 Chap 11.
6			Morning route march with stores.		

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

No 3 (MORTAR) PLATOON - 8 MAY 44 to 14 MAY 44.

Day	Serial	Time	SUBJECT	LOCATION	MANUAL REFERENCES
6	37	0820 - 0900	Coy parade and march to area		Sec 8 Less 1
	37	0900 - 0945	Recap. Elementary Mortar drill		Sec 16 Less 18
	38	0945 - 1030	Procedure on charge being ordered		/
	39	1035 - 1100	General Quiz		
	40	1100 - 1140	Laying on two posts		Sec 16 Less 20
	41	1340 - 1420	Laying on auxiliary marks		" " " 21
	42	1425 - 1505	Fire		" " " 22
	43	1505 - 1520	General discussion		
	44	1520 - 1600	Recap - Elementary Mortar Drill		
7	45	0820 - 0900	Coy parade and march to area		
	46	0900 - 0945	Action on misfire		Sec 16 Less 26
	47	0950 - 1030	Methods of obtaining direction		Sec 28 Less 45
	48	1035 - 1100	Lecturette		
	49	1100 - 1140	Rapid corrections		Reference numbers
	50	1340 - 1420	Map reading		
	51	1425 - 1505	Detachment drill (Day)		Sec 8 Less 28 - 33
	52	1510 - 1600	Recap - EMD		
8		0830 - 0900	Coy parade		
	53	0900 - 0945	Mount Mortar (Rough ground)		Sec 16 Less 16
	54	0950 - 1030	Protractor and compass		
	55	1030 - 1100	Fire Orders		Sec 27 Less 44
	56	1105 - 1145	Ranging (Point targets)		Sec 29 Less 46
	57	1340 - 1420	To obtain line during ranging		Sec 29 Less 47
	58	1425 - 1505	Quiz (Characteristics & Definition)		
	59	1505 - 1520	Engagements of area targets		Sec 30 Less 50
	60	1520 - 1600	Daylight recce		Sec 24 Less 38
	9	61	0900 - 0945	TEST	
62		0950 - 1030	Night occupation		Sec 24 Less 39
63		1035 - 1100	Finding target from map reference		Sec
64		1100 - 1145	Suggested methods of carrying mortar		
65		1330 - 1600	Afternoon trek		



SYLLABUS OF TRAINING  
No 3 (MORTAR) PLATOON (Contd)

Day	Serial	Time	Subject	Location	Manual References
10	66	0820 - 0900 0900 - 1605	Coy Parade Range practices all day		
11	67	0820 - 0900 0900 - 1145	Coy Parades As for serial numbers 46, 47, 48, 49, Day 7		

TRAINING SYLLABUS  
No 4 (Tk/A) PLATOON - 8 May 44 to 14 May 44.

Day	Serial	Time	Subject	Location	Manual Refs
1	1	0800 - 0900	Parade and march to trg area	Approx 250 yds	Vol 1 Pam 13 Less 1  Vol 1 Pam 15 Less 2
		0900 - 0945	Gun drill incl laying		
		0950 - 1035	Lecture and practical use - Compass	South	
		1040 - 1055	36m Grenade	HQ Area	
		1100 - 1145	Break		
		1145 - 1200	Return to Camp		
		1320 - 1340	Parade and march to trg area		
		1340 - 1420	Owen Gun		
		1425 - 1500	Map reading		
		1505 - 1520	Break		
		1525 - 1600	Lecture - Tools and stores		
		1600 - 1630	Return to camp and maintenance		
		1830 - 2000	Night compass march		
		2		0800 - 0830	
	0830 - 1200		Man handling gun. Road march		
	1320 - 1340		Parade and march to trg area		
	1340 - 1420		Misfire drill		
	1425 - 1500		PITA		
	1500 - 1515		Break		
	1520 - 1600		Lecture and practical daily cleaning		
	1600 - 1630		Return to camp and maintenance		
3		0800 - 0900	Parade and march to trg area	Tk/A Trg Area	Vol 1 Pam
		0900 - 0945	Gun drill and laying		
		0950 - 1035	Map reading		
		1040 - 1055	Break		
		1100 - 1145	Rifle		
		1145 - 1200	Return to Camp		
		1320 - 1340	Parade and march to trg area		
		1340 - 1420	Lecture - Current Affairs		
		1425 - 1500	Gun drill - Emergency Action		
		1505 - 1520	Break		
		1525 - 1600	Lecture and practical weekly maintenance	Gun Park	
		1600 - 1630	Return to camp and maintenance.		

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

No 4 (Tk/A ) PLATOON - 8 May 44 to 14 May 44.

Day	Serial	Time	Subject	Location	Manual Refs	
4		0800 - 0830	Parade			
		0830 - 1200	Manhandling gun inc road and cross country			
		1320 - 1340	Parade and march to trg area			
		1340 - 1420	Bren	Tk/A TrgArea	Vol 1 Pam 4 Less 2	
		1425 - 1500	JD			
		1500 - 1515	Break			
		1520 - 1600	Misfire drill			
		1600 - 1630	Return to camp and maintenance			
		1830 - 2000	Last light recce and occupying posn (2 pr) by night			
5		0800 - 0830	Parade and march to range			
		0830 - 1145	Miniature range			
		1145 - 1200	Return to Camp	Miniature Range		
			LUNCH			
		1320 - 1340	Parade and march to range			
		1340 - 1600	Miniature range			
		1600 - 1630	Return to camp and clean weapons			
6		0800 - 0830	Parade and admin			
		0830 - 1200	Weekly maintenance	Gun Park		

TRAINING SYLLABUS 8th MAY - 14th MAY.

2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

Serial.	Day.	Time.	Subject.	Refs.
1	I	0800-0830	Coy Parade and inspections.	
2	I	0830-1615	Move to Rifle Range. Rifle Application. Snap. Bren. Application Repetition. " " Automatic. OSMG. Single & burst. All snap.	Unoccupied personnel will practice weapon & Bayonet Trg while waiting to fire.
3	2	0800-0830	Coy Parade and inspections.	
4		0830-0845	Move to trg area.	
5		0845-1030	Lecture, demonstrations and practice Sec. group formations.	
6		1030-1100	Lecture Battle procedure.	
7		1100-1200	Field Signals.	
8		1320-1615	Section stalk.	
9	3	0830-0830	Coy Parade and inspections.	
10		0830-0930	Unarmed Combat.	
11		0930-1030	Map Reading.	
12		1030-1130	Fieldcraft.	
13		1130-1200	Lecture-Malaria.	
14		1320-1615	Sec formations. (Gps) and keeping direction.	
15	4	0800-0830	Coy Parade and inspections.	
16		0830-1200	Sec in attack and defence as a single unit.	
17		1320-1430	Section patrols.	
18		1430-1530	Compass. Lecture and practice.	
19		1530-1615	Platoon formations.	
20	5	0800-0830	Coy Parade and inspections.	
21		0830-1615	Coys move out for day to platoon positions from which platoon and section exercises will be carried out.	

As taught at Bde N.C.O. School  
I.T. Sec 37/38. Chap. VIII.  
I.S.L. Sec 45

Appendix D.A/T/W/28

I.M.T. Chap IX  
A.T.M. No. 31 Supplement.  
As per Bde School and I.S.L.  
Sec 48

I.S.L. Chap IX, X.  
M.T.P. 23 Sec 16 Chap V.

TRAINING SYLLABUS 8th MAY - 14th MAY.

2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

Serial.	Day.	Time.	Subject.	Refs.
22	6	0800-0830	Coy Parade and inspections.	
23		0830-0930	Recapitulation, weapon Trg.	
24		0930-1015	Quiz-Battle procedure-Hygiene-Map and Compass work.	
25		1015-1200	Coy adm-Kit inspection-Care of weapons.	
26		1320-1630	Organised Sports.	

NIGHT TRAINING.

Two night trg periods from 1900-2100 hrs will be carried out.

1st night. section and platoon movement.

2nd night. Compass march.

I.T. chap VII sec 36.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING  
No 1 (SIGNALS) PL - 15 May - 21 May 44

Serial	Day	Times	Subject	Manual Refs.
1	1	0800-0830	Parade	
2		0830-1200	March with WE	
3		1300-1430	Morse Buzzer	
4		1435-1515	Map Reading	
5		1520-1600	Cable Work	
6				
6	2	0800-0830	Parade	
7		0830-0930	Morse Buzzer	
8		0930-1045	Sig Office Work	
9		1050-1200	Cable knots and joints	
10		1300-1500	Lucas Lamp	
11		1505-1600	Visual Morse Trg	
12	3			
	4	Coy Exercises		
	5			
13	6	0800-0830	Parade	
14		0830-1000	Morse Buzzer	
15		1005-1100	Sig Office Work	
16		1105-1200	Recap. on weeks work	
17		1300-1630	Org Sport.	

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING  
MMG PLATOON → 15 MAY to 21 May 44.

Serial	Day	Times	Subject	Ref to Manuals.
1	1	0830-1630	Tact Siting of MMG Posns.	
2	2	0830-0900	Long Carry to TG	
3		0900-0945	Field Sigs	Sec 13
4		0950-1035	E G D	Less 45, 46, 47
5		1040-1055	Lecturette	
6		1100-1200	Recap Indic & Recognition	Less 63
7		1300-1340	Direct Fire Orders	Less 64
8		1340-1420	Recap Stoppages. 1,2,3,4.	
9		1425-1505	Recce of Position by day for ooc by night	Less 92
10		1510-1550	Fire Control Charts	Less 87
11		1556-1630	Return to Camp. Clean Guns	
12	3	0830-1630	Tact Siting of MMG Posns, Sec Drill	
13	4	0830-0900	Long Carry to training ground	
14		0900-0945	Recap Field Sigs	Sec 13
15		0950-1035	Adv Handling	Less 58, 59
16		1040-1055	Lecturette	
17		1100-1200	Special stoppages	
18		1300-1340	Instruments, Slide Rule, Clyno B/F Sight	
19		1340-1420	To continue firing in event target becoming obscure	Less 70
20		1425-1505	Replacement of Breakages	Less 69
21		1510-1550	Instruments Director	
22		1555-1630	Return to Camp and Clean guns	
23	5	0830-0900	Long Carry to training ground	
24		0900-0945	Blindfold stripping	
25		0950-1035	Lecture on Indirect fire	Less 76
26		1040-1055	Lecturette.	
27		1100-1200	Cease firing on trucks	Less 86
28		1300-1340	Consist. of top and traversing	Less 52 and 53
29		1340-1420	Indirect Fire Direction method	Less 76

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING  
MMG PLATOON (Contd)

Serial	Day	Times	Subject	Ref to Manuals.
30 31	5	1425-1505 1555-1630	Recap Fire Control Charts Recap Stoppages Return to Camp, clean guns.	Less 87
32	6	0830-1200	Long carry with all stores	

*Lighting exercises will be carried out. Demo and practice following these as per series 9.*



SYLLABUS OF TRAINING  
MORTAR PLATOON - 15 MAY to 20 May 44.

Serial	Day	Time	Subject	Manual References
1	1	0800-0830	Coy Parade	Sec 18&19 Less 27, 27A, 28,29
2		0830-1200	Detachment drill with vehicle	
3		1300-1345	Rec Controlled corrections	
4		1350-1435	Ranging point targets	
5		1440-1525	Firing for effect. Point Targets	
6		1530-1545	Discussion (Methods of Control)	
7		1550-1615	Field telephones	
8	2	0800-0830	Coy Parade	Sec 26 Less 43
9		0830-1200	Selection and digging of Mortar posn & OP (Practical)	
10		1300-1345	Owen SMG	
11		1350-1435	Recap - TOET	
12		1440-1525	Overhead fire - safety margins	
13		1530-1545	Discussion (Previous Lesson)	
14		1550-1615	Man loads, Jungle warfare	
15	3	Two Complete	Coy Exercises	
16	4	Days		
17	5	0800-0830	Coy Parade	Sec 19 Less 30 & 31
18		0830-0915	Discussion on previous days exercises	
19		0915-1000	Action & Cease Fire (Recap)	
20		1000-1015	Lecturette (Base plate posn)	
21		1015-1100	Map reading - setting by objects	
22		1105-1200	Laying on two posts (Recap)	
23		1300-1615	Battle Procedure - Practical	
24	6	0800-0830	Coy Parade	
25	7	0830-1200	Detachment posn - Defensive perimeters (Practical)	

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

No 4 (TK/A ) PLATOON - 15 May to 21 May 44.

Serial	Day	Time	Subject	Ref to Manuals.
1	1	0800-0830	Parade and march to trg area	
2		0830-0915	Gun Drill	
3		0920-1005	2" Mortar	Introduction - parts - exp bombs - cleaning
4		1005-1020	Break & Recap	
5		1020-1055	Bren	Pam 4 Less 8
6		1100-1200	Map Reading	
7		1320-1400	Pistol	Pam 11 Les 1
8		1405-1445	Lecture 4 Pl in attack and defence	
9		145-1500	Break & Recap	
10		15 00-1550	Testing Recoil & filling buffer & recap	
11		1555-1630	Return to Camp and maintenance	
12		1830-2030	Night adv march prep to dawn attack	
13	2	0800-0830	Parade and prepare for exercise	
14		0830-1600	Exercise 4 pl in attack	
15		1600-1630	Maintenance	
16	3	0800-0830	Parade and march to trg area	
17		0830-0915	Owen	
18		0920-1005	PITA	
19		1005-1020	Break & Recap	
20		1020-1055	Lecture. Pl formations and automatic battle drill	
21		1100-1200	Map Reading	
22		1300-1400	Compass	
23		1405-1445	Gun Drill	
24		1445-1500	Break and Recap	
25		1500-1550	Lecture Buffer recap	
26		1555-1630	Return to camp and maintenance	

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING  
No 4(TK/A) (Contd)

Serial	Day	Times	Subject	Manual Refs.
27	4	0800-0830	Parade and march to trg area	
28		0830-0915	Emergency and misfire drill	
29		0920-1005	2" Mortar	
30		1005-1020	Break and Recap	
31		1020-1055	Pistol	Pam 11 Less 2 & 3.
32		1100-1200	Map reading	
<del>32</del>			<del>Parade and march to trg area</del>	
33		1300-1400	Bren	Pam 4 Less 9
34		1405-1445	Lecture - Current Affairs	
35		1445-1500	Break & Recap	
36		1500-1550	Emergency Drill	
37		1555-1630	Return to camp and maintenance	
38		1830-2030	Night exercises - Relieving posns by night	
39	5	0800-0830	Parade and prepare for exercise	
40		0830-1600	Exercise 4 Pl in defence	
41		1600-1630	Maintenance	
42	6	0800-0830	Parade and admin	
43		0830-1200	Weekly maintenance	
		1300-1630	Organised spot.	

TRAINING SYLLABUS

22 - 27 May 44

2/32 AUST INF BN

Serial	Day	Time	Subject	Manual Refs.
1	1	0800-1730	Bn Exercise	
2		1900	Independent Coy night march back to Camp	
3	2	0800-0830	Parade-Inspection	
4		0830-1000	JD Unit of measure - appearance measure - other methods.	SAT Vol I Pam 2 Less 2,3,4.
5		1000-1200	Map Reading - Lecturette and practical selection of features from themap and locating same on ground.	
6		1300-1400	Compass	
7		1400-1500	Recap Rifle (Offrs attend discussion on Bn exercise.)	
8		1500-1630	March back to Camp and Discussion by Coys with men on Bn exercise.	
9	3	0800-0830	Parade - Inspection	
10		0830-1000	Fire Control	SAT Vol I Pam 2 Less 6-7.
11		1000-1100	Recap Bren	During morning Offrs and selected personnel will fire .38 Pistol.
12		1100-1200	Compass	
13		1300-1500	Correction by demonstrations and practice of faults recalled during Bn exercise insofar as they concern <i>your</i> leaders and tps.	Selected 2" Mortarmen, Grenade Riflemen will fire on range whole day.
14		1500-1600	Recap OSMG	
15		1600-1630	Lecturette - Field Censorship	LHQ Field censorship inst No 4 30 Jun 43.
16	4	0800-0830	Parade and Inspection.	
17		0830-1200	Sec Attack. Lecture followed by demonstration - practice and test	ISL Sec 64 - 68
18		1300-1630	Organised sport - ground B available for inter-coy matches.	
19	5	0800-0815	Coy Parade & Inspection	
20		0815-0930	Bn Parade	
21		0930-1200	Recce Patrol to be carried out as for serial 15 (Sec attack)	ISL Sec 55-56.
22		1300-1400	Discharger Cup	SAT Vol I Pam 13 Less 3
23		1400-1530	Study of Map - Formulation of idea of what ground looks like from map - march to area and comparison of ideas and actual ground.	
24		1530-1630	Lecture and practice PAD	IT Sec 55.
25	6	0800-0830	Coy Parade and inspection	
26		0830-1630	*Range practices. Rifle, Bren, OSMG. Recap 2" Mortar.	

*\* Range Practices*

	3	A Coy
	4	B "
	5	C "
	6	D "

TRAINING SYLLABUS  
No 1 (Signal) Pt - 21 to 26 May 44.

Serial	Day	Times	Subject	Ref to Manuals
1	1		Bn Exercise.	
2	2	0810-0830	Parade	
3		0830-0910	Morse - Buzzer	
4		0910-1010	Map Reading	
5		1010-1200	108 Wireless Operation	
6		1300-1430	Lucas Lamp	
7		1430-1615	Cable Work	
8	3	0810-0830	Parade	
9		0830-0910	Morse Buzzer	
10		0910-1010	Duties of Sig Clerk	
11		1010-1200	DV Telephone Tests	
12		1300-1430	Fullerphone	
13		143 0-1615	V/T Morse	
14	4	0810-0830	Parade	
15		0830-0930	W/T Procedure	
16		0930-1200	108 Wireless Netting, and operation	
17		1300-1400	Morse- Buzzer	
18		1400-1500	Use of New Procedure	
19		1500-1615	Cable Work	
20		1900-2030	Night March.	
21	5	0810-0830	Parade	
22		0830-0930	Morse - Buzzer	
23		0930-1030	Message Forms procedure	
24		1030-1200	Map Reading	
25		1300-1430	Sig Clerks duties	
26		1430-1615	V/T Morse	
27	6	0810-0830	Parade	
28		0830-0930	Morse - Buzzer	
29		0930-1200	Maintenance and Recap of weeks work.	
30		1300-1630	Organised sport.	

TRAINING SYLLABUS  
No 2 (MMG) Pl - 22 to 27 May 44.

Serial	Day	Times	Subject	Manual Refs.
1	1		Bn Exercise	
2	2	0800	Coy Parade	
3		0830-0910	EGD	Less 46,47
4		0915-0956	Pistol	Less 1 Vol 1 Pam 11
5		1000-1015	Lecturette - Hygiene	
6		1020-1100	.EGD Traversing 15' Tops	Less 52, 53,
7		1105-1200	Recap Stoppages 1,2,3,4 & Specials	
8		1300	Parade	
9		1310-1350	EGD	Less <del>54</del> 50
10		1355-1435	Pistol	Less 2 & 3 Vol 1 Pam 11
11		1440-1520	Recap Slide Rule & Range Tables	
12		1525-1615	Observation of Fire and Ranging L	Less 88
13	3	0800	Coy Parade	
14		0830-0910	OSMG Load & Unload, mag filling	
15		0915-0955	Pl Drill	Less 76
16		1000-1015	Lecturette - Compass	
17		1020-1100	Map Reading and use of Protractor	
18		1105-1200	EGD	Less 59 and 60
19		1310-1350	36m Grenade	
20		1355-1435	Lecture by I Sec	
21		1440-1520	EGD	Less 57 and 58
22		1525-1615	Recap Traversing 15' Tops	Less 52 & 53
23		1830-2030	Movt using Compass, Carrying Manloads.	

TRAINING SYLLABUS  
No 2 (MMG) Pt 1 (Contd)

Serial	Day	Time	Subject	Manual Refs
23	4	Morning	TOET Specialist Weapons, Adm	
24		Afternoon	Organised Sport.	
25	5	0815-0855	Rifle - Aiming Trigger pressing	
26		0900-0940	Bren Handling	Less 11
27		0945-1025	Owen - Stripping, Mech, Instinctive Point	
28		1025-1035	Lecturette - Gas Trg - Why	ATM 19
29		1035-1115	2" Mortar - Stripping and Mounting	Pam 8
30		1120-1200	Grenade - 36m Discharger - 69 Grenade	Pam 13
31		1310-1350	Bren IS	Less 8
32		1355-1435	Rifle - Firing behind cover	Less 20-21
33		1435-1450	Quiz	
34		1450-1530	2" Mortar Handling	Pam 8
35		1535-1615	Movt by day	F & BD Seg 3
36	6	0815-0855	Rifle - Loading, Aiming, Firing. Firing posns. TOET.	
37		0900-0940	Bren IS Stoppages	Less 8-9
38		0945-1025	2" Mortar Stripping, Handling	Pam 8
39		1025-1035	Lecturette	
40		1035-1115	Grenade Throwing, Mech	Pam 13
41		1120-1200	Individual Stalk, Competitive	IT Sec 34.10
42		1310-1350	Verbal Messages	IMT Sec 61
43		1355-1435	Bren TOET	Pam 4 Page 57
44		1435-1450	Quiz	
45		1450-1530	Rifle Care & Cleaning	
46	1535-1615	MR Map Walk		

TRAINING SYLLABUS

No 3 (Mortar) Pl 22 - 27 May 44.

Serial	Day	Time	Subject	Manual Refs
1	1		Bn Exercise	
2	2	0800-0830	Coy Parade	
3		0830-1200	Detachment drill with vehicle	Sec 18 Less 27, 27A, 28.
4		1300-1345	Map Reading (Protractor)	
5		1350-1435	Ammunition	
6		1440-1525	Recap (Lay for elevation and direction)	Less 9
7		1530-1545	Lecturette. Tropical diseases	ATM
8		1550-1615	Selection of OPs	
9	3	0800-0830	Coy Pde	
10		0830-1200	Digging Detachment posns and sighting an OP (Practical)	Sec 26 Less 43
11		1300-1345	Pistol Drill - safety precautions	
12		1350-1435	Recap (Det Drill)	
13		1440-1525	Fuzes (Lecture)	
14		1530-1545	Lecturette (Care of Feet)	
15		1550-1615	Fd Telephones	
16		1830-2030	Night Patrol	
17	4	Morning	TOET Specialist Weapons, Adm.	
18		Afternoon	Organised Sport	
19	5	0815-0855	Rifle - Aiming Trigger pressing	
20		0900-0940	Bren Handling	Less 11
21		0945-1025	Owen - Stripping, Mech, Instinctive Point	
22		1025-1035	Lecturette - Gas Trg - Why	ATM 19
23		1035-1115	2" Mortar - Stripping and Mounting	Pam 8
24		1120-1200	Grenade - 36m Discharger - 69 Grenade	Pam 13
25		1310-1350	Bren IA	Less 8
26		1355-1435	Rifle - Firing behind cover	Less 20-21
27		1435-1450	Quiz	
28		1450-1530	2" Mortar Handling	Pam 8
29		1535-1615	Movt by day	F & BD Sec 3
30	6	0815-0855	Rifle - Loading, Aiming, Firing. Firing posns. TOET	
31		0900-0940	Bren IA Stoppages	Less 8-9
32		0945-1025	2" Mortar Stripping, Handling	Pam 8
33		1025-1035	Lecturette	
34		1035-1115	Grenade, Throwing, Mech	Pam 13
35		1120-1200	Individual Stalk, competitive	IT Sec 34.10



TRAINING SYLLABUS  
No 3 (Mortar) PL (Contd)

Serial	Day	Time	Subject	Manual Refs
36		1310-1350	Verbal Messages	IMT Sec 61
37		1355-1435	Bren TOBT	Pam 4 Page 57
38		1435-1450	Quiz	
39		1450-1530	Rifle Care & Cleaning	
40		1535-1615	MR Map Walk	

TRAINING SYLLABUS  
No 4(Tk/A)Pl - 22 to 27 May 44.

Serial	Day	Time	Subject	Manual Refs.
1	1		Coy Parade	
2			Bn Exercise	
3	2	0800-0830	Coy Parade	
4		0830-0930	Gun Drill	
5		0930-1030	Map Reading	
6		1030-1100	Lecturette - Malaria	
7		1100-1200	Bren IA	ATM 31 Supplement.
8		1300-1310	Coy Parade	Pam 4 Less 8
9		1310-1410	Lecture Buffer & Recuperator	
10		1410-1445	Grenade 36m	
11		1445-1545	Gun Drill Incl laying	Pam 13 Less 1
12		1545-1615	Maintenance	
13	3	0800-0830	Coy Parade	
14		0830-0930	Emergency action & misfire drill	
15		0930-1030	Map Reading	
16		1030-1100	Lecturette Range Cards	
17		1100-1200	OSMG	Pam 2 Less 5 ATM 32
18		1300-1310	Coy Parade	
19		1310-1410	2" Mortar Handling	
20		1410-1445	Lecturette, Malakia	Pam 8 Less 4,5,&6.
21		1445-1545	Gun drill	ATM 31 Supplement.
22		1545-1615	Maintenance	
23		1630-2030	Night Patrol	
24	4	Morning	TOET Specialist Weapons, Adm	
25		Afternoon	Organised Sport.	
26	5	0815-0855	Rifle -Aiming, Trigger pressing	
27		0900-0940	Bren - Handling	Less 11
28		0945-1025	Owen - Stripping, Mech, Instinctive Point	
29		1025-1035	Lecturette - Gas Trg - Why	ATM 19
30		1035-1115	2" Mortar - Stripping and Mounting	Pam 8
31		1120-1200	Grenade - 36m Discharger - 69 Grenade	Pam 13
32		1310-1350	Bren IA	Less 8
33		1355-1435	Rifle - Firing behind cover	Less 20-21
34		1435-1450	Quiz	
35		1450-1530	2" Mortar Handling	Pam 8
36		1535-1615	Movt by day	F & BD Sec 3

TRAINING SYLLABUS  
No 4(Tk/A) Pl - (Contd)

Serial	Day	Times	Subject	Manual Refs.
37	6	0815-0855	Rifle - Loading, Aiming, firing.	Fising pesns, TOET Less 8-9 Pam 8 Pam 13 IT Sec 34.10 IMT Sec 61 Pam 4 Page 57
38		0900-0940	Bren IA Stoppages	
39		0945-1025	2" Mortar Stripping, Handling	
40		1025-1035	Lecturette	
41		1035-1115	Grenade, Throwing, Mech	
42		1120-1200	Individual Stalk, Competitive	
43		1310-1350	Verbal Messages	
44		1355-1435	Bren TOET	
45		1435-1450	Quiz	
46		1450-1530	Rifle Care and Cleaning	
47	1535-1615	MR Map Walk.		

REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 29th April 44.

1. NUMBER OF MEN EXERCISED - 132
2. Remainder of Personnel on Permanent Duties or Casual Duties.
3. REPORT OF TRAINING

Rifle

No range practices carried out owing to lack of service weapons  
Men require more training in elementary lessons.  
Trigger pressing, aiming, firing positions.

Bren

Practices fired. Rapid application and distribution 25 yds  
produced poor results mainly through bad holding and sighting  
Further lessons in Mechanism and Stoppages required

Owen

Practices to be fired on Monday 1 May. Knowledge and  
instinctive pointing of weapon; good.

Mortar 2"

Further instruction in handling required. 50% of men had  
little knowledge of this weapon.

Grenades

All men threw live grenades. Men do not appreciate points  
before firing.

Fire Control

Knowledge fair. Practice required in indication of <sup>difficult</sup>  
different targets.

Fieldcraft

Individual concealment fair; much practice required in stalking  
Movement is bad.

General

Men appreciated value of recap and took an interest in the work.

Hardening

Movement to and from area has assisted considerably to harden  
the leg muscles; no PT carried out.

4.

WORK ON RANGES.

Miniature Range.

The unit has completed two miniature ranges, one eight  
targets and one ten targets.

SMG Range

One SMG range has been completed, four targets, (silhouette  
No 2. Two appearing from ground and two dropping to ground  
have been used. Ref Map MT GARNET : 365812.

Grenade Range

Waiting, priming and throwing bays have been completed.  
REF MAP MT GARNET : 377812.

5. ADM WORK

Roads.

Adm road and Circuit to showers and kitchens have been  
gravelled.

Buildings - Mess Huts

Six mess huts have been completed except for tables, timber for  
which will be available in seven days.

Admn Hut.

Is complete and is occupied.

Messes

Officers and Sgts messes are in course of construction.

Rec Hut

Timber is required in the coming week.

Cookhouses

Five cookhouses are in operation. Steps are being made to obtain concrete stands and drains for rubbish and pig tins.

6. HYGIENE.

Hygiene

The return of the Hygiene Sgt and members of the section have improved matters. Latrine seats (two sets) requisitioned for have not been received. Meat safes have not been received.

7. EDUCATION

Correspondence Courses

Two men have started courses. Several are awaiting replies to their applications.

Illiterates

Only one or two in the Unit. Steps are being taken to assist them.

Lectures

Interesting lectures by Bde EO have been well attended and appreciated.

C.A.B.

Was discussed by officers and men during the week. "Roads to Tokyo" and "Post War Australia" were the subjects.

Music

Recorded music supplied by YMCA is appreciated.

8. AMENITIES

Boxing

Twenty one personnel attending classes. They appreciate the opportunity and appear to be progressing well.

Football

Practice of Australian Rules and Rugby League was carried out on three afternoons.

Cricket

A gravel pitch was completed during the week. Inter-coy matches were played with enthusiasm. Matting has to be borrowed.

Basket Ball

Two inter-coy games were played. 2 courts are available.

Volley Ball and Deck Tennis.

Played by Offrs and ORs daily. 3 courts are available.

Swimming

The pool is still well patronised after parades and on rest days.

*D. H. King*  
for C.O.  
2/32/42 at Coy B

2/32 Aust Inf Bn,  
6 May 1944.

Training Report week ending 6th May 1944.

Mon. Tues. Wed. Thur. Fri. Sat.

- I. No of men on trg. I46 I38 I58 I80 I51 I90
2. Remainder of personnel on permanent or casual duties.
3. RIFLE. Good progress has been made. Most of the men are ready for range practices. A small percentage still to pass T.O.E.T.
4. BREN. Knowledge needs brushing up, but handling generally fair, although more work is needed. Most men are ready for range practices.
5. O.S.M.G. Most men seem to possess an aptitude for this weapon and handling was, in the main, of a high standard. Require much more range practice.
6. 2" MORTAR. Knowledge and handling good. Some men require recapitulation, to fire this weapon.
7. Grenades. Very little handling done. More practice needed.
8. FIRE CONTROL. Standard is only fair. More practice needed. Next Week's Section training should provide the opportunity.
9. FIELD-CRAFT. Good progress was made and the standard is improving. Next week's Section training will provide practice in this subject.
10. SIGNALS. All men now capable of setting up, tuning, netting and passing V.E. message by W/T (8 W.P.M.) or R/T.
11. M.M.G. All men exercised in E.G.D. and adv handling. Efficient standard was reached.
12. MORTAR. Completed elementary training and all men should pass T.O.E.T.
13. T/K ATTACK. Week devoted to stripping and replacing guns. This is now complete except for one gun which is awaiting replacement of a small part.
14. MAP READING. Much practice is needed.
15. NIGHT TRG. Two night exercises were carried out and movement keeping direction and section control. Men adapted themselves well but more training is needed.
16. POTENTIAL SPECIALISTS.  
M.M.G. Mortar and T/k Attack gratifying progress and men very keen.
17. RANGE PRACTICE. RIFLE. Very few rifles were available and only a few men fired. Standard poor.  
BREN. Two Coys fired. Standard below average.  
O.S.M.G. Two Coys fired. Standard fair.  
All coys will be given range practice next week on all three weapons.  
M.M.G. Not up to standard but gratifying particularly in

regard to potentials.

T/K ATTACK. New men fired on 30X Range with a synchronised Bren. Average of 9 hits out of 20 on a moving target were obtained.

IS. HARDENING.

Movement twice daily to and from training area and sport is gradually hardening the men. R.M.O. states condition good. Additional movement during coming weeks training will assist in this direction.

GENERAL.

Training has improved and with duties reduced next week greater progress should be made.

WORKS.

Officer's and Sergeant's messes are nearing completion and should be ready for occupation in the first half of next week.

Timber is still required for mess tables in men's messes.

Timber for recreation hut is expected next week.

HYGIENE.

Internally this was vastly improved, however the outlet for the camp has been condemned. Means to overcome this are being investigated.

SPORT.

FOOTBALL.  
(Rules)

The first inter Bn game was played against 2/43 Bn. We lost by 6 goals.

A game will be played against 9 Div Cav on Sunday.

RUGBY.

Inter Coy matches were played.

CRICKET.

2/II Fd. Amb. were defeated by 83 runs on the first innings.

Return match on Sunday.

BASKETBALL. Bde Sigs defeated A Coy I5 to 8.

Lt- Col.

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

HQ 2/32 Aust Inf Bn,  
13 May 44.

Ref:

TRAINING REPORT

Week Ending 13 May 44.

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1. No of men on trg	259	252	251	251	249	278

2. RIFLE

Handling off the range is good, but has been deteriorating when firing, resulting in poor shooting. The general standard on the range is poor. However, in the case of one coy coaches were used and the standard improved. More coaches will be used in future practices.

3. BREN Handling is good and application with this weapon on the range has shown good results. When fired automatically, the results declined to only fair, due in a number of cases to the soldier "freezing" on to the weapon, when firing, and allowing it to wander. There were some cases of a nervous reaction when firing automatic. Practice and familiarity should overcome these faults.

4. OSMG Handling good. Owing to recall for Armourer's inspection, only 3 coys fired. Generally aimed firing was good but instinctive shooting fair.

5. 2" MORTAR

Handling and knowledge good. Yet to fire. Construction of range will provide this opportunity.

6. MMG Shortage of weapons resulted in restricted trg on this weapon. New men concentrated on handling. Older men on more technical phase. Progress good. Intend to fire next week.

7. MORTAR

Handling is of a good standard and pl is anxious to fire. All keen and take great interest in after period discussion. New web equipment excites lively debates.

8. T/ATTACK

A fairly good standard in Gun drill, misfire and emergency drill has been reached.

9. PIONEERS

Mainly engaged in camp construction but where possible odd men have been sent out with Rifle Coys.

10. SIGS Trg upset by evacuation to hosp of pl comd and Sgt. Modified syllabus suggested by Capt Smith was carried out and progress is reported.

11. SEC TRG )  
FIELD CRAFT )  
FIRE CONTROL

All men showed marked interest and keenness in this trg, and from a poor start early in the week, good improvement was made.

12. NIGHT TRG

Movement by night is good and keen interest in the compass is displayed. However, it is necessary that more time is spent on this instrument.



13. MAP READING

In some cases this is good in the main, tps have the knowledge but need much more practice.

14. HARDENING

The trg of the past week has naturally assisted in this aspect, and the longer treks of next week will further assist.

Sigs, mortars and Tk/A carried out treks with full WE manloads (Tk/Attack man handling guns)

15. MALARIA

Cases are still being evacuated.

Lecture per ATM 31 supplement was given by all coys.

16. GRENADE

Only one coy carried out practice with live grenade and good handling and accurate throwing resulted. An opportunity will be made next week for other coys to carry out practice.

TRAINING REPORT - WEEK ENDING 20 May 44.

- |                            | <u>Mon</u> | <u>Tues</u> | <u>Wed</u> | <u>Thurs</u> | <u>Fri</u> | <u>Sat</u> |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| 1. <u>No of Men on Trg</u> | 298        | 289         | 297        | 287          | 299        | 311        |
2. RIFLE Handling has improved as has firing on the range. However it is still not up to the required standard. This is probably due to the lack of rifles and the poor condition of many.
  3. BREN Marked improvement in handling and firing.
  4. OSMG Handling and firing improved. More practice required for instinctive shooting. Tendency to fire low.
  5. M36 GRENADE Pleasing results both in handling and accuracy when use live grenades on range. Some tps rather anxious to get rid of grenade once pin is out. Familiarity will over-come this.
  6. SIGNALS Men showing benefit of practice. Line work good, passing wireless traffic at 8 WPM over 6000 yds.
  7. MMG All ranks proficient in MGD. Night firing practice gave good accurate results.
  8. 3" MORTAR Standard of drill good. Some members of pl worked with rifle coys on 3 day exercises and gained much practice. Worked efficiently.
  9. Tk/A Pl Gun drill is good.
  10. MAP READING Improvement is general and a keen interest displayed.
  11. COMPASS. Tps are generally becoming familiar with the instrument and are always interested.
  12. NIGHT WORK Night movt and discipline are good.
  13. EXERCISES B & C coys carried out exercises from sec to coy in MT PANDANUS area during Mon, Tues and Wed. A & D coys carried out the same trg Wed Thurs and Fri. The period covered adv, attack, defence, consolidation and patrols. Sigs and mortars worked with the coys. These exercises gave ample opportunity to practice movt, field craft, etc. Team work improved. Generally the standard of sub-unit work was pleasing, but scouting was not of a good standard, due in many cases to a failure to appreciate likely ground. Protection at halts was poor until a sudden raid by the "ENEMY" brought home the lesson. The stopping of an exercise to correct faults paid dividends. Shortage in some cases of experienced NCOs whilst handicapping the conduct of the exercise gave valuable experience to 2i/c of secs and revealed several potential junior leaders.

14. EQUIPMENT

New pattern web carrying harness 3" mortar was thoroughly tested and in the opinion of ALL men would be entirely satisfactory if pads were thicker as on long carries, protuberances pressed through the padding. Also, if the pads weremade of material that did not go hard when wet.

27 May 44

TRAINING REPORTWEEK ENDING 27 May 44

<u>NUMBER TRAINED</u>	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	368	340	332	312	327	263

RIFLE Standard improving. C Coy obtained 100% pass (application) during range practice.

MORTAR 2" No instruction carried out, weapon not fired, as all mortars were withdrawn.

DISCHARGER CUP Live practices carried out with fair results. Men learnt the value of this weapon and are all keen to become proficient.

SPECIALIST TRG All platoons worked satisfactorily on Bn exercise, tendency to bunch.

TOET on specialist weapons carried out, most men passed.

BATTALION EXERCISE The lessons to be taught were brought out. Although all tps were not in the picture at start of exercise, this was rectified later.

A discussion on the day following brought some interesting points from the tps.

Movement generally was good, particularly that of the forward scouts of A Coy.

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