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26 Infantry Battalion
October - December 1943

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted)

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Unit 26 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 1 OCT 43 To 5 OCT 43.

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|--------------|----------|------|---|--|
| HORN ISLAND. | 2 Oct 43 | 0615 | W.O. I. J. JONES (R.S.M. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn.) W.O. II. McMAHON (C.S.M. "C" Coy 26 Aust. Inf. Bn.) marched out to WOODSIDE (S.A.) | |
| | | 0915 | Maj. A.C. MURCHISON. M.C. (Adm. Comd. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn.) and Lieut C.K. MAXWELL (Adj. to THURSDAY ISLAND to interview Lt-Col NEWTON (Assistant Military Secretary) and discuss the matter of seniority of officers. | |
| | | | Lieut. WYLIE marched in from 1 AUST. A.R.D. | |
| | | | WEATHER NOTE. Several heavy showers throughout the day. | |
| | | | W.O. II. SHIPLEY appointed Acting R.S.M. | |
| " " | 3 Oct 43 | 0200 | In accordance with TORRES FORCE signal No. A. 2042 all clocks were put forward one hour and all normal routine timetables put forward one hour. | Appx. "A" |
| | | 0900 | Recreation Day. Sgt. DESGRAND and Cpl. FORBES (26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Int. Sec. pers.) to 12 Mobile Fighter Sector (R.A.A.F.) to draw a new Intercept Map for that unit. | |
| | | 0900 | General Church Parade conducted by Padre McDERMOTT of 28 O.B. R.A.A.F. | |
| " " | 4 Oct 43 | | Capt. BURT (G. III (I) First Aust. Army) stayed overnight on his way south. | |
| | | | Runners School conducted by Int. Sec. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn.) commenced. 21 students from H.Q. Coy, B and D Coys attending. | |
| | | | Letter of appreciation received from 12 Mobile Fighter Sector for work done by Sgt. Desgrand & Cpl. Forbes. | Appx "B" |
| " " | 5 Oct 43 | 0530 | Lieut. MURNANE Lieut WYLIE and W.O. II. ALLOWAY (R.Q.M.S.) to | |
| | | 0920 | "C" Coy at JACKY JACKY "D" Coy marched to area ref. sq. 5335 HORN ISLAND sheet 4" to 1 mile for training. | |

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Unit 26 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 5 OCT 43. To 9 OCT 43.

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|--------------|-----------|------|---|--|
| HORN ISLAND. | 5 Oct 43. | 1150 | Maj. A.C. MURCHISON M.C. (Adm. Comd. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn.) and Capt. D.R. MILSON (O.C. "D" Coy.) departed by plane for BEENLEIGH to attend I.H.Q. Tactical School Course No. 8 "A" and "B" Wings respectively. | |
| | | 2000 | Maj. A.C. MURCHISON M.C. (Adm. Comd. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn.) relinquished appointment of Adm. Comd. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Maj. A.C. RALSTON appointed Adm. Comd. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Lieut. HANCOCK (Education Offr. TORRES FORCE) delivered a lecture to all ranks the subject being "India" "A" Coy War Diary for period 16 Sep/30 Sep received. W.O. II ALLOWAY (R.Q.M.S.) returned from "C" Coy. |  | Appx "C". |
| " " | 6 Oct 43 | 2030 | Lieut. MURNANE returned from "C" Coy (JACKY JACKY). | |
| | | 2130 | 10 Pl. moved to KING POINT (ref. 564369 THURSDAY ISLAND sheet 1" to 1 mile.) to relieve 11 Pl. in defensive posn. | |
| | | 2300 | 11 Pl. returned to this H.Q. | |
| " " | 7 Oct 43 | 1015 | Maj. A.C. RALSTON (Adm. Comd.) Lieut COLLYER (Acting O.C. "D" Coy.) Lieut OSBORNE (O.C. "B" Coy.) made recce of area ref. 5029, 5031 5231, 5229 (THURSDAY ISLAND sheet 1" to 1 mile with a view to using the area for Coy training purposes. | |
| | | 1840 | Lt-Col. HOPE (C.O. 62 AUST. INF. BN. and Maj. CUNNINGHAM () spent the night here on their way south. | |
| " " | 8 Oct 43 | 0830 | Lt-Col. HOPE and Maj. CUNNINGHAM departed by plane for south. | |
| | | 0830 | Maj. A.C. Ralston (Adm. Comd.) inspected KING POINT area also "C" Rifle Range at ref 576315 THURSDAY ISLAND sheet 1" to 1 mile. | |
| " " | 9 Oct 43 | 0820 | TORRES FORCE signal 0331 rec'd. All units TORRES STRAITS under comd. 4 AUST DIV as from 0001/L 9 Oct. 43. | Appx. "D" |

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Unit 26 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 9 OCT 43.

To 12 OCT 43.

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------------|-----------|------|--|--|
| HORN ISLAND | 9 Oct 43 | 1000 | Maj. RALSTON (Adm. Comd.) to A/A Gun Ops Room ref 542332 HORN ISLAND sheet 1" to 1 mile. | Appx "E" Appx "F" |
| | | 1200 | Runners School conducted by Int. Sec. concluded. Examination results attached. | |
| | | 1510 | Received signal from TORRES FORCE confirming appointment of Maj. A.C. RALSTON as Adm. Comd. 26 AUST. INF. BN. | |
| | | 1925 | 17 Pl. marched to KING POINT (ref 564369 THURSDAY ISLAND sheet 1" to 1 mile.) to relieve 10 Pl. 10 Pl. returned this H.Q. 26 AUST. INF. BN. posted strength on this date:— 29 Offrs. 501 O.R.'s. Attached 3 Offrs. 28 O.R.'s. | |
| " " | 10 Oct 43 | 1000 | Church parade conducted by Padre TROTMAN (TORRES FORCE) Recreation Day. | |
| " " | 11 Oct 43 | 0930 | "B" Coy to training area ref 5029 5031, 5231, 5229 THURSDAY ISLAND sheet 1" to 1 mile. | |
| | | 1000 | Maj. A.C. RALSTON (Adm. Comd.) to "B" Coy training area thence to "B" Coy T.S.L.I. BN. | |
| | | 1100 | Lieut SQUIRES (I.O. 5 AUST. M.G. BN.) called to discuss Int. matters with 26 Bn. Int. Sec. | |
| | | 1220 | Lieut MURNANE and Lieut SAUNDERS marched out to 1 AUST. A.R.D. | |
| | | 1315 | Lt-Col J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O. (C.O. 26 AUST. INF. BN.) returned from School and leave. | |
| | | 1550 | Maj. Gen. MURRAY (G.O.C. 4 DIV.) and A.D.C. accompanied by Col. LANGFORD (C.O. TORRES FORCE) Capt. AYRTON (I.O. TORRES FORCE) arrived on tour of inspection of HORN ISLAND. Lt-Col J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O. (C.O. 26 AUST. INF. BN.) and Maj. A.C. RALSTON (2 i/c) to "D" Coy T.S.L.I. BN. to attend a barbecue. | |
| " " | 12 Oct 43 | 0930 | "B" Coy to training area ref. 504323 THURSDAY ISLAND sheet 1" to 1 mile. | |
| | | 1100 | Maj. A.C. RALSTON (2 i/c) to "B" Coy training area. | |
| | | 1515 | Lt-Col J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O. (C.O.) and Maj. A.C. RALSTON (2 i/c) to "B" Coy training area. | |

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Unit 26 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 13 OCT 43. To 15 OCT 43.

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|--------------|-----------|------|---|--|
| HORN ISLAND. | 13 Oct 43 | 0930 | "B" Coy to training area ref 516326 THURSDAY ISLAND sheet 1" to 1 mile. | E |
| | | 1430 | Lt-Col J.N.ABBOTT.D.S.O. (C.O. 26 AUST INF BN.) to TORRES STRAITS FORCE H.Q. | |
| | | 2130 | "B" Coy returned from training. | |
| " " | 14 Oct 43 | 0930 | "B" Coy to training area ref 542299 THURSDAY ISLAND SHEET 1" to 1 mile thence to SOCK RIDGE ref sq.5529 . | E |
| | | 1030 | Lt-Col.J.N. ABBOTT. D.S.O. (C.O.) to "B" Coy TORRES STRAITS LIGHT INF.BN. to interview Capt.GODSCHALK. | |
| | | 1800 | "B" Coy bivouac for night at ref 546302 THURSDAY ISLAND sheet 1" to 1 mile.. | |
| " " | 15 Oct 43 | 0915 | Lt-Col. J.N.ABBOTT.D.S.O. (C.O.) interviewed N.C.O's prior to confirmation of their rank. | E |
| | | 0930 | 0930 "B" Coy training in area sq.5430,5431,5332 THURSDAY ISLAND sheet 1" to 1 mile. | |
| | | 1030 | Lt-Col.J.N.ABBOTT D.S.O. (C.O.) and Capt.HOSSACK (R.M.O.) inspected KING POINT area (ref 564369 THURSDAY ISLAND sheet 1" to 1 mile.) | |
| | | 1430 | Capt.HUGHES (R.M.O. 5 AUST.M.G. BN.) conferred with Capt. HOSSACK (R.M.O. 26 AUST.INF.BN.) | |
| | | 1430 | Lt-Col.J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O. (C.O. 26 AUST.INF.BN.) in conference with Lt-Col.MANNING (C.O. 51 AUST.H.A.A. REGT) Maj.WELLESLEY (Adm.Comd. 5 AUST.M.G.Bn.) Lieut. SQUIRES (I.O. 5 AUST.M.G.BN.) | |
| | | 1700 | "B" Coy returned to camp area. | |

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Unit 26 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 16 OCT 43. To

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| HORN ISLAND. | 16 Oct 43 | 0001 | In accordance with TORRES FORCE signal A2122 all routine time tables were retarded by one hour to conform with daylight Saving Time. | D |
| | | 1700 | Capt. SELBY (O.C. FIRST AUST. ARMY MOBILE WEAPON TRAINING SCHOOL) arrived at this unit and will conduct a school in the area. Posted Strength 26 AUST. INF. BN. 29 Offrs. 501 O/R's attached 1 Offr 28 O/R's. | |
| " " | 17 Oct 43 | 0900 | Church Service conducted by Padre ALCORN (5 AUST. M.G. BN.) | D |
| | | 0955 | Lieut WILKINSON (O.C. 12 Pl.) and platoon proceeded to GOODE ISLAND to relieve 18 pl. in the defence of the island. | |
| | | 1015 | 22 personnel of 3 pl. moved to KING POINT (ref 564369 THURSDAY ISLAND sheet 1" to 1 mile). to relieve 17 pl. in the defence of the area. | |
| | | 1030 | Lt-Col. MANNING (C.O. 51 AUST. H.A.A. REGT.) interviewed Lt-Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O. (C.O. 26 AUST. INF. BN.) re Anti Aircraft defence of HORN ISLAND. | |
| | | 1630 | 18 pl. returned to this unit H.Q. from GOODE ISLAND having been relieved by 12 pl. | |
| | | 2000 | 50% of unit personnel attended a concert at 28 O.B. (R.A.A.F.) | |
| " " | 18 Oct 43 | 0830 | "D" Coy training in area ref sq. 5031 THURSDAY ISLAND SHEET 1" to 1 mile. | D |
| | | 1400 | Lt-Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O. (C.O.) and Maj. A.C. RALSTON (2 I/c) escorted Col. LANGFORD (C.O. TORRES STRAITS FORCE) from HORN ISLAND jetty to the aerodrome where he emplaned for the South. | |
| | | 1600 | "D" Coy returned from training. Capt. KENNEALY (5 AUST. M.G. BN.) called to interview Lieut. MAXWELL (Adj. 26 AUST. INF. BN.) and arrange for his unit to have the use of 26 Bn. rifle range from 25 to 30 Oct. incl. | |

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Unit 26 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 18 OCT 43 To 23 OCT 43.

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| HORN ISLAND. | 18 Oct 43. | 1730 | Capt. AYRTON (I.O. TORRES STRAITS FORCE) discussed Int. matters with this unit Int. Sec. | <i>[Handwritten initials]</i> |
| " " | 19 Oct. 43 | 1510 | Lt-Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O. (C.O.) and CAPT HOSSACK (R.M.O.) departed for JACKY JACKY (ref 693938) ENDEAVOUR STRAIT sheet 1" to 1 mile) where they will inspect "C" Coy area. | <i>[Handwritten initials]</i> |
| " " | | 1930 | Lieut HANCOCK (Educational Offr. TORRES STRAITS FORCE) delivered a lecture to all troops, the subject being "JAPAN". | <i>[Handwritten initials]</i> |
| " " | 20 Oct 43 | 0830 | "D" Coy to training area ref sq. 5232 THURSDAY ISLAND sheet 1" to 1 mile. | <i>[Handwritten initials]</i> |
| " " | | 1330 | 15 students from MERAUKE FORCE arrived in camp to attend F.A.A.M.W.T. School. | <i>[Handwritten initials]</i> |
| " " | | 1600 | Lieut MAXWELL (AdjT) met Lt-Col. FLETCHER G.I. 4 AUST. DIV. and Capt. THOMAS at aerodrome and drove them to HORN ISLAND jetty. | <i>[Handwritten initials]</i> |
| " " | 21 Oct 43 | 2210 | "D" Coy returned from training area. | <i>[Handwritten initials]</i> |
| " " | | 0830 | "D" Coy to ref sq. 5529 THURSDAY ISLAND sheet 1" to 1 mile to conduct a two day exercise. | <i>[Handwritten initials]</i> |
| " " | | 1500 | 2 Offrs. & 8 O/R's of F.A.A.M.W.T. School marched in with the Schools equipment. | <i>[Handwritten initials]</i> |
| " " | 22 Oct 43 | 1145 | Lt-Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O. (C.O.) and Capt. HOSSACK (R.M.O.) returned from JACKY JACKY. | <i>[Handwritten initials]</i> |
| " " | | 1630 | "D" Coy returned from two day exercise. | <i>[Handwritten initials]</i> |
| " " | | 2015 | Received TORRES FORCE signal No. 0387. Warning Order for this unit to move to Mainland. Bn.H.Q. to move at earliest remainder of unit to follow not before 5 Nov 43. | <i>[Handwritten initials]</i> Appx. "G". |
| " " | 23 Oct 43 | 0900 | C.O. held conference with offrs re move to mainland. Capt. DeGROOTE (5 AUST M.G. BN.) called to arrange details of the transfer of HORN ISLAND COMD. to his unit. | <i>[Handwritten initials]</i> |

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Unit 26 AUSTRALIAN INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 23 OCT 43 To 29 OCT 43.

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|--------------|------------|------|---|--|
| HORN ISLAND. | 23 Oct 43 | | This unit Posted Strength. 28 Offrs 493 O/R's. attached 1 Offr 28 O/R's. | B |
| " " | 24 Oct 43 | 0930 | Church parade conducted by Padre TROTMAN (TORRES FORCE) Lieut CUE marched out to 1 A.C.H. | B |
| " " | 26 Oct 43 | 0630 | Lt-Col. ABBOTT D.S.O. (C.O.) escorted Maj.Gen. MURRAY (4 AUSTRALIAN DIV.) from HORN ISLAND jetty to aerodrome where he explained for MERAUKE. | B |
| | | 1600 | Recce party consisting of Lt-Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O. (C.O.) Maj. A.C. RALSTON (2 i/c) Capt. HOSSACK (R.M.O.) and Sgt. DESGRAIS (Int. Sgt.) departed for JACKY JACKY to recce new Bn. area. | B |
| | | 1900 | Commenced loading Bn.H.Q. and Pioneer Pl. equipment on board "MELBIDIR" and "IVANHOE" for movement to JACKY JACKY. | B |
| | | 2315 | Loading completed. | B |
| " " | 27 Oct 43 | 0500 | Reveille. | B |
| | | 0715 | Bn.H.Q. and 5 Pl. personnel embarked on "MELBIDIR" and "IVANHOE" en route to JACKY JACKY. | B |
| | | 1100 | Tps. disembarked at RED ISLAND POINT jetty ref. 635058 ENDEAVOUR STRAIT sheet 1" to 1 mile. | B |
| JACKY JACKY | | 1230 | Tps. arrived at new Bn. area ref. sq. 6993. Bn.H.Q. opened at ref 699938 ENDEAVOUR STRAIT sheet 1" to 1 mile. | B |
| JACKY JACKY | 28 Oct 43 | 0700 | Maj. A.C. RALSTON (2/1/c) returned to HORN ISLAND. Bn.H.Q. and 5 pl. personnel being fostered by "C" Coy. Tps. working on new area erecting tents | B |
| " " | 29 Oct. 43 | | Work continued on new area. Received "A" Coy War Diary for period 30 Sep 43 to 21 Oct 43. Received notice of the following appointments to Commissioned Rank. A/Lieuts. BAUER, BINGHAM BROWN and DANES. | B APPX. "H" |

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Unit 26 AUSTRALIAN INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 30 Oct 43 To 31 OCT 43.

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| JACKY JACKY | 30 Oct 43 | 0600 | W.O. II SHIPLEY A/R.S.M. returned to HORN ISLAND to arrange for transfer of amn. to this area. Work continued on camp area. | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| | | 1955 | Capt. HARGREAVES and Lieut. CHAPMAN (51 CARRIER PL.) visited this H.Q. | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| " " | 31 Oct 43 | 0630 | Lt-Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O. (C.O.) returned to HORN ISLAND. | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| | | 0900 | Church parade. Recreation Day. | <i>[Signature]</i> |
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J.N. Abbott
.....Lt-col.
Comd. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS.

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MAJ A.C. MURCHISON. M.C.

ADM COMD 26 AUST INF BN.

Part 1 Serial 111 Nos. 279 to 281.

In the Field 2 0 3.

279. DUTIES.

3/4 OCT 43.

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| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut CUE. R.F. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut WEBB. F.G. |
| BN DUTY SGT | Sgt GODDARD. W.H. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Sgt PATTERSON KANE. |
| DUTY COY | "D" Coy. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "HQ" Coy. |

4/5 OCT 43.

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| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut WEBB. F.G. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut WYLIE. A. |
| BN DUTY SGT | Sgt PATTERSON KANE. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Sgt COLEBROOK. A.W. |
| DUTY COY | "HQ" Coy. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "B" Coy. |

280.

CENSORSHIP-REFERENCE TO ALLIED TROOPS : EXTRACT FROM TORRES STRAIT FORCE (AIF) ORDERS G.330/43.

Troops will NOT mention in correspondence or indicate in any way the presence of US troops in the area or contact with any allied personnel. Reference may be made as to other services but no indication may be given to the location etc.

281.

PROMOTIONS : PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

Q., 116555 Pte WAGSTAFF. H.A. to be T.G.11 Sig as from 1/9/43
QX. 37330 Pte WATTS. A.R. " " T.G.11 " " " 1/9/43
QX. 38970 Pte BOURKE. A.S. to be A/Cpl as from 14/9/43.

NOTICES.

CHURCH PARADE SUN 3 OCT 43.

General Parade HQ Coy Area 0900 hrs.

R.C. Mass recreation tent 0900 hrs.

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Part 1 Serial 112 Nos. 282 to 285.

In the Field 5 Oct '43.

6/7 OCT 43.

282 DUTIES.

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| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut RUDDECK. O.C. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY..... | Lieut WILKINSON. J.W. |
| BN DUTY SGT | Sgt McLAUGHLIN. G.K. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY..... | Sgt HITE. S.J. |
| DUTY COY | "D" Coy. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY..... | "HQ" Coy. |

7/8 OCT 43.

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| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut WILKINSON. J.W. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY..... | Lieut WEBB. F.G. |
| BN DUTY SGT | Sgt HITE. S.J. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY..... | Sgt BRIGHT. M. |
| DUTY COY | "HQ" Coy. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY..... | "B" Coy. |

283. PROMOTIONS : PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

QX. 50378 Pte SHIELDS. D.J. to be L/Cpl as from 23 Sep 43.
QX. 54567 L/Cpl BELL. W. to be A/Cpl as from 24 Sep 43.
Q. 144018 L/Cpl O'CONNOR. T.G. to be A/Cpl as from 24 Sep 43.
QX. 52960 L/Cpl FUTCHER. W. to be A/Cpl as from 3 Oct 43.

284. INTER-COY TRANSFER.

QX. 34021 Lieut A. WYLIE from En.H.Q. to "C" Coy.

285. SCHOOLS AND COURSES.

NX. 326 Maj A.C. MURCHISON : LHQ Tactical School, Course No 8, 'A' Wing. - 11 Oct to 20 Nov 43.
QX. 34396 Capt D.R. MILSON : LHQ Tactical School, Course No. 8 'B' Wing - 11 Oct to 20 Nov 43.

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Adjt 26 Aust Inf Bn.

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Part 1 Serial 113 Nos. 286 to 290/ In the Field 9 Oct '43.

9/10 OCT '43.

286. DUTIES.

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| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut MURNANE, H.O. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut SAUNDERS, R.E. |
| BN DUTY SGT | Sgt PATTERSON KANE, J.E. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Sgt COLEBROOK, A.W. |
| DUTY COY | "D" Coy. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "HQ" Coy. |

10/11 OCT '43.

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| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut SAUNDERS, R.E. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut RUDDICK, O.C. |
| BN DUTY SGT | Sgt COLEBROOK, A.W. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Sgt McLAUGHLIN, G.K. |
| DUTY COY | "HQ" Coy. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "D" Coy. |

287. UNIT APPOINTMENT.

The following appointment comes into effect as from 1 Oct '43.

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| Unit Amenities Offr | Lieut A.N. TURRELL. |
| Vice | Chaplain E.A. BRILL. |

288. CAMP ROUTINE.

In order to conform to Daylight Saving time which comes into force 3 Oct '43 the following revised routines will operate until further notice:-

| | |
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| REVEILLE | 0700 hrs |
| ADM PARADE | 0715 hrs |
| SICK PARADE | 0745 hrs |
| BREAKFAST | 0815 hrs |
| MORNING PARADE | 0930 hrs |
| MID-DAY MEAL | 1315 hrs |
| AFTERNOON PARADE | 1415 hrs |
| EVENING MEAL | 1815 hrs |
| GUARD MOUNTING | 1845 hrs |
| RETREAT | 1900 hrs |
| LIGHTS OUT | 2345 hrs |

289. A.I.F. PERCENTAGE.

| COY. | NO. AIF. | NO. CMF. | PERCENTAGE AIF. | COY STRENGTH. |
|-----------|----------|----------|--------------------|---------------|
| Bn. H. Q. | 34 | 22 | 60.71% | 56 |
| H. Q. | 131 | 63 | 67.53% | 194 |
| A. | 81 | 50 | 62.51% | 131 |
| B. | 81 | 32 | 71.65% | 113 |
| C. | 70 | 33 | 67% | 103 |
| D. | 75 | 41 | 64.6% | 116 |
| TOTAL. | 472 | 241 | 65.77% | 713 |
| ATTACHED. | 25 | 4 | 86.2% | 29 |
| TOTAL BN. | 497 | 245 | 66.92% | 742 |

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STATEMENT OF UNIT TRUST A/C AUG and SEP '43.

CORRECTENDUM.

Ref RO 188 Statement of Regt Trust Acc for Month Jul '43. In last entry strike out words "Loan to "A" Coy" and insert Loan to Unit Canteen.

AUG '43.

| <u>DEBITS.</u> | £. | s. | d. | <u>CREDITS.</u> | £. | s. | d. |
|-------------------------|-------|-----|----|-------------------------|-------|-----|----|
| Cash Prizes Unit Sports | 22. | 2. | 0 | Balance 1 Aug | 55. | 0. | 5 |
| Amenities (footballs) | 5. | 14. | 0 | A. A. P. C. Credit note | 4. | 10. | 0 |
| Loan Unit Canteen | 150. | 0. | 0 | Canteen Credit (June) | 15. | 5 | |
| Credit balance | 29. | 9. | 10 | | | | |
| | <hr/> | | | | <hr/> | | |
| | £207. | 5. | 10 | | £207. | 5. | 10 |

SEP '43.

| <u>DEBITS.</u> | £. | s. | d. | <u>CREDITS.</u> | £. | s. | d. |
|----------------|-------|----|----|------------------------|-------|-----|----|
| | | | | Balance 1 Sep '43 | 29. | 9. | 10 |
| | | | | Canteen Credit (Jul) | 72. | 14. | 9 |
| Credit balance | 142. | 4. | 7 | Refund 11 Aust Inf Bde | 40. | 0. | 0 |
| | <hr/> | | | | <hr/> | | |
| | £142. | 4. | 7 | | £142. | 4. | 7 |

J. H. Clark
for. Licut.
 Adjut 26 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

CHURCH PARADES SUN 10 OCT '43.

R.C. Mass Unit Recreation Tent 1000 hrs.

General Parade HQ Coy area 1000 hrs

SPORTS NOTICE.

Rugby League :

1430 hrs 28 O.B. R.A.A.F.

ref. W.O. BRADLEY.

v
26 Aust Inf Bn.

1530 hrs 84 Sq. R.A.A.F.

ref. W.O. SHIPLEY.

v
Fortress Engrs.

These matches will be played on 26 Aust Inf Bn. Ground.

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ROUTINE ORDERS.

-- by --

LT COL J.N. ABBOTT. D.S.O.

COMD 26 AUST INF BN.

Part 1 Serial 114 Nos. 291 to 293.

In the Field 11 Oct '43.

11/12 OCT 43.

291. DUTIES.

| | | |
|---------------|-------|----------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | ..... | Lieut WEBB. F.G. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | ..... | Lieut -- |
| BN DUTY SGT | ..... | Sgt McLAUGHLIN. G.K. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | ..... | Sgt BRIGHT. M. |
| DUTY COY | ..... | "D" Coy. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | ..... | "HQ" Coy. |

12/13 OCT 43.

| | | |
|---------------|-------|---------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | ..... | Lieut -- |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | ..... | Lieut -- |
| BN DUTY SGT | ..... | Sgt BRIGHT. M. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | ..... | Sgt COLEBROOK. A.W. |
| DUTY COY | ..... | "HQ" Coy. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | ..... | "D" Coy. |

Duty Offr for 12/13 & 13/14 will be notified by phone.

292. CONFIRMATION OF RANK : PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

QX. 47839 A/WO.11 ALLOWAY. L.A.G. to be WO.11 as from 7/10/43.
QX. 45357 A/WO.11 KRAMER. G.R.W. to be WO.11 as from 7/10/43.

293. INTER-COY TRANSFER.

Q. 136648 Pte DANIELS. W.P. from "A" Coy to "D" Coy.

CR Maxwell

Lieut.
Adjt 26 Aust Inf Bn.

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LT COL J.N. ABBOTT, D.S.O.

COMD 26 AUST INF BN.

Part Serial 115 Nos 294 to 297.

In the Field 15 Oct 43.

15/16 OCT '43.

294. DUTIES.

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut WEBB, F.G. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY..... | Lieut CHRISTIE, K.H. |
| BN DUTY SGT | Sgt KINRADE, A. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY..... | Sgt SILLS, G.T. |
| DUTY COY | "D" Coy. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY..... | "HQ" Coy. |

16/17 OCT 43.

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut CHRISTIE, K.H. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY..... | Lieut MUIR, H.C.J. |
| BN DUTY SGT | Sgt SILLS, G.T. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY..... | Sgt BRIGHT, M. |
| DUTY COY | "HQ" Coy |
| NEXT FOR DUTY..... | "D" Coy |

295. CONFIRMATION OF RANK : PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

OX. 38924 A/Sgt HITE, S.J. to be Sgt as from 4 Jun 43.
 OX. 38921 A/Sgt D'ARCY, T. to be Sgt as from 9 Apr 43.
 Q. 51109 A/Cpl BIRD, D.J. to be Cpl as from 9 Apr 43.
 OX. 45786 A/Cpl DOWNEY, N. to be Cpl as from 16 Apr 43.
 OX. 37347 A/Cpl FARLOW, R. to be Cpl as from 9 Dec 42.
 OX. ~~38984~~ A/Cpl KINRADE, A. to be Cpl as from 20 Sep 43.
 OX. 31025 A/Cpl MILKINS, R. to be Cpl as from 5 Jun 43.
 OX. 38973 A/Cpl FOSTER, T.W.J. to be Cpl as from 4 Jun 43.
 OX. 38978 A/Cpl SCOTT, J.D. to be Cpl as from 4 Jun 43.
 OX. 38947 A/Cpl COUPER, W.A. to be Cpl as from 25 Nov 42/
 OX. 38985 A/Cpl NAPIER, J.P. to be Cpl as from 16 May 43.

296. PROMOTIONS : PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

OX. 38984 Cpl KINRADE to be A/Sgt as from 20 Sep 43.
 OX. 38962 Cpl SILLS, G.T. to be A/Sgt as from 20 Sep 43.
 Q. 109372 L/Cpl QUIRK F.P. to be A/Cpl as from 3 Jul 43.
 OX. 54399 Pte GUY, J. to be TG.111 Clerk as from 8 Oct 43.
 OX. 48094 Pte PRIN, D.R. to be TG.111 Tech Storeman as from 8 Oct 43.
 Q. 138820 Pte O'BRIEN, C. to be TG.111 Tailor as from 2 Jul 43.
 Q. 31029 Pte CHISHOLM, J.H. to be A/Cpl as from 2 Jul 43
 Q. 112588 L/Cpl THOMSON, R.J. to be A/Cpl as from 8 Oct 43.

297. INTER-COY TRANSFER.

Q. 112588 A/Cpl THOMSON, R.J. from "HQ" to "B" Coy.

CP Maxwell
 Lieut.
 Adjt 26 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

FOOTBALL v BAT 16 OCT '43.

Rugby League. 1500 hrs 26 Aust Inf Bn.

v
Fortress Engrs.

CHURCH PARADES : SUN 17 OCT '43.

R.C. Mass Unit Recreation Tent 1000 hrs.
General Parade HQ Coy area 1000 hrs.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

- by -

LT COL J.N. ABBOTT, D.S.O.

COMMANDER HORN ISLAND.

Serial Nos. 12 to 20.

14 Oct '43.

12. FIREWOOD.

Trees other than mangrove will not be cut for firewood. Dead timber or mangrove only will be used.

13. DRESS ON HORN ISLAND.

Personnel leaving unit lines will be properly dressed, and may remove shirts on working parties at the discretion of the offr or N.C.O. in charge. At all other times shirts will be worn.

14. WORKING PARTIES.

The Force Comd has directed that working parties will be supplied as sub units, e.g., when a working party of section strength is called for, a section with its section leader will be supplied, and not personnel from various sections to constitute the party. Evening meal on No 2 shift will be from 1900-1945 hrs and 'smoko' from 2100-2115 hrs.

15. FIRES.

Unit Commanders are responsible that all fire precautions are fully carried out. Fire breaks will be made round all installations, dumps, or camps. In the case of a fire breaking out, it is the duty of the unit nearest to which the fire has commenced, to immediately take steps to subdue the fire, report its whereabouts to Horn Island Comd, and the action taken.

FISH TRAPS.

16. Units will ensure that personnel are advised that fish caught in traps belong to the unit responsible for building the trap. Disciplinary action will be taken against unauthorised use of such traps.

17. DUMPING OF RUBBISH.

The incidence of lfy breeding has become higher due to indiscriminate dumping of foodstuffs and rubbish. All tins, rubbish and refuse from kitchens etc will be thoroughly incinerated and buried. Empty tins, though burned, if not buried, will hold water, and are thus a menace in that they breed dengue carrying mosquitoes.

18. TRAFFIC RULES - H.I. JETTY.

The following traffic rules will be observed on Horn Island Jetty, and controlled by Provost personnel.

- (a) Vehicles will not park on gravel causeway
- (b) Vehicles will proceed on to gravel causeway ONLY when it is necessary to load or unload heavy stores
- (c) Vehicles carrying personnel with or without personal equipment will NOT proceed on to gravel causeway, except in an emergency, when it will be left to the discretion of the offr or N.C.O. in charge of the vehicle. When no offr or N.C.O. is on the vehicle, the Provost on duty will decide.

These rules will be strictly enforced.

19. USE OF TELEPHONES.

Considerable congestion has been caused in signal traffic due to unnecessarily long telephone conversations. Where possible signals will be used in preference to telephone conversations, and where the latter are necessary, will be kept to an absolute minimum.

20. USE OF RUNWAYS AND LANDING STRIPS.

Runways connecting dispersal bays to air strips, other than that portion of runway used as road leading from PILOTS TOWER to KING POINT, will NOT be used by vehicles other than authorised RAAF transport.

Blair
Lieut.
for Lt Col.
Comd Horn Island.

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LT COL J.N. ABBOTT. D.S.O.

COMD 26 AUST INF BN.

Part 1 Serial 116 Nos 298 to 301.

In the Field 18 Oct '43.

18/19 OCT '43.

298. DUTIES.

| | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFER | Lieut WEBB. F.G. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut CUE. R.F. |
| BN DUTY SGT | Sgt HITE. S.J. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Sgt O'ROURKE. K. |
| DUTY COY | "HQ" Coy. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "B" Coy. |

19/20 OCT '43.

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFER | Lieut CUE. R.F. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut MUIR. E.C.J. |
| BN DUTY SGT | Sgt O'ROURKE. K. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Sgt KINRADE. A. |
| DUTY COY | "B" Coy. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "HQ" Coy. |

299. CHANGE OF ROUTINE.

As from 0600 hrs 18 Oct all routine times as shown in RO 288 will be advanced one hour.

300. REVERSION OF RANK : PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

QX. 56980 A/Cpl BULOW. S. to be Pte as from 18 Oct '43.
QX. 31142 A/Cpl DINGLEY. R.G. to be Pte as from 18 Oct '43.
N. 288462 A/Cpl REID. M. to be Pte as from 18 Oct '43.

301. INTER-COY TRANSFER.

QX. 31142 Pte DINGLEY. R.G. from En.H.Q. to "C" Coy.

C. Maxwell
Lieut.
Adjt 26 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

Rifle No. C45075 was left by passenger on MV "MELBEDIR" on or about 25 Sep 43. Coys will check to see to whom above rifle was issued. Same may be obtained at Provost Pl.

FOUND. A Wristlet watch - owner can obtain by submitting a description to 'G' Staff HQ Torres Strait Force.

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COMD 26 AUST INF BN.

Part 1 Serial 117 Nos. 302 to 307.

In the Field 30 Oct '43.

21/22 OCT '43.

302. DUTIES.

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut WEBB. F.G. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut CUE. R.F. |
| BN DUTY SGT | Sgt NEILSON. W.O. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Sgt LYNN. T.B. |
| DUTY COY | "B" Coy. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "HQ" Coy. |

22/23 OCT '43.

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut CUE. R.F. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut MUIR. E.C.J. |
| BN DUTY SGT | Sgt LYNN. T.B. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Sgt HUTSON. R.E. |
| DUTY COY | "HQ" Coy |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "B" Coy. |

303. SPEED OF VEHICLES: EXTRACT FROM 4 AUST DIV RO. 273.

Speed limits as under will be observed on the Mainland and Islands, forthwith.

| | |
|----------------------|--------|
| Tracked vehicles | 10 mph |
| 3 Ton | 20 " |
| 30 cwt | 20 " |
| 1 Ton | 20 " |
| 15 Cwt | 20 " |
| Trucks 1/2 ton 4 x 4 | 25 " |
| Motor Cycles | 25 " |

All vehicles in camp area 5 "

304. DRESS : EXTRACT FROM 4 AUST DIV RO 268.

Unit Coms will ensure that personnel are correctly and smartly dressed at all times. Men whilst on duty will NOT remove hats or shirts without permission of an officer. Be

Hats will be worn correctly, crowns will NOT 'crushed'. Chin straps may be worn looped over the rear portion of brims.

305. DISCIPLINE.

Offrs will take steps to ensure that ALL tps under their comd are informed of the significance of the GOCs and Brigs pennants. The appropriate compliments will be paid by all ranks.

306. CONFIRMATION OF RANK : PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

OX. 36471 A/Sgt O'ROURKE. K. to be Sgt as from 27 Apr 43.
 OX. 36470 A/Sgt SEABY. R.C. to be Sgt as from 27 Apr 43.
 OX. 44331 A/Sgt DESGRAND. J.L.V. to be Sgt as from 17 Jul 43.
 OX. 52956 A/Cpl HITCHINGS. N.J. to be Cpl as from 28 Jul 43.
 OX. 44328 A/Cpl KJERGAARD. R.H. to be Cpl as from 15 Apr 43.

307. SCHOOLS AND COURSES.

OX. 52965 Cpl FORBES. F.T. LHQ School of Military Intelligence Course No 12 'B' Wing 25 Oct - 6 Dec.

Q. 144018 Cpl O'CONNOR. T.G. FM. Weapon Trg School (Junior Leaders Wing).

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Lieut.
Adj. 26 Aust Inf Bn.

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COMD 26 AUST INF BN.

Part 1 Serial 118 Nos. 308 to 310.

In the Field 25 Oct '43.

24/25 OCT '43.

308. DUTIES.

| | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut TURRELL. A.N. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut RUDDICK. O.C. |
| BN DUTY SGT | Sgt McLAUGHLIN. G.K. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Sgt PATTERSON KANE. J.E. |
| DUTY COY | "D" Coy |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "HQ" Coy |

25/26 OCT '43.

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|---------------------|--------------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut RUDDICK. O.C. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut WEBB. F.G. |
| BN DUTY SGT | Bgt PATTERSON KANE. J.E. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Sgt SILLS. G.T. |
| DUTY COY | "HQ" Coy |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "B" Coy |

309. PROMOTION : PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

NX.153761 L/Cpl PICKERING. E.A. to be Cpl as from 16 Oct 43.

310. SCHOOLS AND COURSES.

| | | | | | |
|-----------|------------------------|-------------|-----|------------|---------|
| VX.142436 | A/Cpl RUSSELL. C.C. | Mobile Wing | FAA | Weapon Trg | School. |
| QX. 54162 | L/Cpl LITCHFIELD. D.H. | " | " | " | " |
| QX. 27063 | Cpl BURGESS. S.K. | " | " | " | " |
| SX. 31469 | Cpl McCOY. J.J. | " | " | " | " |
| S. 39039 | A/Cpl WEBER. D.M. | " | " | " | " |

CLM Maxwell

Lieut.
Adjnt 26 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

EDUCATION COURSES.

Any members wishing to apply for educational courses will contact Unit Education Offr before 31 Oct 43.

CHURCH SERVICES.

General parade 0900 hrs "HQ" Coy area.

R.C. Church Parade 0745 Unit Recreation Tent.

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ROUTINE ORDER.

- by -

LT COL J.N. ABBOTT, D.S.O.

COMD 26 AUST INF BN.

Part 1 Serial No.119 Nos.311 to 316.

In the Field 30 Oct '43.

311. UNLAWFUL DISPOSAL OF EQUIPMENT: EXTRACT FROM GRO A.716.

1. Attention has been directed to the unauthorized disposal of AMF equipment to members of the Allied Forces and civilians and the unauthorized receipt of Allied equipment by barter and otherwise by members of the AMF.
2. Members are forbidden to part with, dispose of, or exchange by barter or otherwise, any item of AMF equipment or to receive by barter or otherwise any item of Allied equipment without the consent of the commanding officers of their units. Such consent will only be given on the direction of superior authority or when the exigencies of the service render it necessary and reference to superior authority is impracticable.
3. Disciplinary action will be taken against unlawfully disposing of AMF equipment or unlawfully in possession of Allied equipment, charges being laid under AA 17, AA 18(4) or AA 40, whichever is appropriate.

312. CORRIE GENDUM - PROMOTION RO 309/43.

Entry should read:-

NX.153761 L/Cpl PICKERING. E.A. to be A/Cpl as from 16 Oct 43.

313. PROMOTION : PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

QX. 39001 Pte MacKENZIE. A.E.P. to be A/Cpl as from 29/10/43.

314. CONFIRMATION OF RANK : PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

QX. 45357 A/Sgt NEELSSSEN. H.E. to be Sgt as from 2/7/43.
QX. 36462 A/Sgt BRIGHT. M. to be Sgt as from 3/7/43.

315. REVERSION OF RANK: PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

Q.114421 L/Cpl SMITH. R.H. to be Pte as from 24 Oct 43.

316. INTER-COY TRANSFER.

QX.39001 A/Cpl MacKENZIE.A.E.P. from 'HQ' Coy to Bn.H.Q.

NOTICES.

CHURCH PARADES - SUN 31 OCT '43.

Cliff Hamilton Lieut.
Adj't 26 Aust. Inf Bn.

C of E Holy Comm 0900 hrs 'C' Coy Lines.
RC Mass 1000 Hrs R.A.A. Area.

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MESSAGE FORM

Appx "A"
Serial No. 26

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN
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OUT

No. of Groups
GR.
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OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO 5 MG Bw AADC. COMD HI 28 OB RAAF 26 Aust Int Bw

FROM Jones Force

Originator's Number
A 2045

Date
21

In Reply to Number

| | | | | | |
|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------|
| Jones | force | signal | A 2042 | of | 2 Oct |
| is | cancelled | and | following | substituted | in |
| is | stead | daylight | saving | time | will |
| come | into | operation | 02100 | hrs | 3 Oct |
| when | all | checks | will | be | put |
| forward | to 0300 | hrs | all | normal | routine |
| time | tables | will | be | put | forward |

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

507 A.S.

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 26

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

TO

(ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

one hour e.g. receive 0600 hrs
will ~~become~~ become receive 0700 @ addresses
will notify all units under command

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TO : Commanding Officer, 26th Battalion
FROM: F/Lt. Richardson, 12 Mobile Fighter Sector
DATE: 3rd October, 1943.
REF : Intercept Map.

The Commanding Officer, No. 12 Mobile Fighter Sector, desires me to convey to you the sincere thanks and appreciation of this unit for the co-operation of the 26th Battalion in the service rendered by your Intelligence Section in making such an excellent Intercept Map, on this date.

I would like to add my personal thanks to the above and wish to assure you that any reciprocal service which can be rendered by this unit, will be done with the greatest of pleasure.

Richardson F/Lt.
.....
No.12 Mobile Fighter Sector.

Appx 'c'

WAR DIARY.

Unit 'A' Coy. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date & Time. - From 16 Sep 43 To 19 Sep 43

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events | Remarks |
|-------------|---------|--------------------------------------|---|---------|
| TANAH MERAH | 16/9/43 | 0615 | Roll Call. P.T. from 0615 to 0645 hrs. 7 Pl. - digging defensive positions. 8 Pl. - section tng. 9 Pl. - two sections elementary tng; one sec. building strong post. M.M.G. - tng. and duties. Mortars - signalling and Mortar drill. | |
| " | 17/9/43 | 0615 0815 1040 1058 1340 | Roll Call From 0615 to 0645 hrs. - P.T. Parade. 7 Pl. - fatigue duties. 8 Pl. - I.E. 9 Pl. - one sec. building strong post; two secs. elementary tng. M.M.G. - tng. and duties. Mortars - checking and cleaning amm; fatigue duties. Air raid alert; one plane heard but not seen - it flew high above the clouds. All clear at 1053 hrs. Air raid yellow; all clear at 1109 hrs. Air raid yellow; all clear at 1344 hrs. | |
| " | 18/9/43 | 0630 1330 2015 | Roll Call. Recreation Day. "IVANHOE" arrived. Air raid yellow; all clear at 2035 hrs. | |
| " | 19/9/43 | 0815 | No early Roll Call or P.T. due to heavy rain. Parade. 7 Pl. - mounting A/A. 8 Pl. - defensive positions. 9 Pl. - individual tng. and building of strong post. M.M.G. - tng. and duties. Mortars - tng. and duties. | |

WAR DIARY.

Unit "A" Coy. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date & Time. - From ... 20 Sep 43 ... To ... 22 Sep 43 ...

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events | Remarks |
|-------------|---------|------|---|---------|
| TANAH MERAH | 20/9/43 | 0615 | Roll Call P.T. from 0615 to 0645 hrs. | |
| | | 0630 | "IVANHOE" departed. | |
| | | 0815 | Parade. | |
| | | 0830 | Sgt. Reynolds and 2 O/R left for GWAAM to investigate the track running SOUTH from GWAAM. | |
| | | | 7 Pl. - fatigue duties. | |
| | | | 8 Pl. - pl. tng. | |
| | | | 9 Pl. - individual tng. and building strong post. | |
| | | | M.M.G. - fatigue duties and strengthening gun positions. | |
| | | | Mortars - duties. | |
| " | 21/9/43 | 0615 | Roll Call. 0615 to 0645 hrs. - P.T. | |
| | | 0815 | Parade. | |
| | | | 7 Pl. - Field exercises. | |
| | | | 8 Pl. - pl. tng. | |
| | | | 9 Pl. - elementary tng.; one sec. building strong post. | |
| | | | M.M.G. - tng. and duties. | |
| | | | Mortars - 4 O/R on Patrol; rem. Field exercises. | |
| | | 1140 | Walrus landed. | |
| | | 1458 | Air raid yellow followed by a red at 1502 hrs. | |
| | | 1513 | Walrus departed. | |
| | | 1525 | All clear given. | |
| | | 1900 | to 2100 hrs. 9 Pl. on night exercises. | |
| " | 22/9/43 | 0615 | Roll Call. From 0615 to 0645 hrs. P.T. | |
| | | 0815 | Parade. | |
| | | | 7 Pl. - Field exercises. | |
| | | | 8 Pl. - pl. tng. | |
| | | | 9 Pl. - elementary tng.; one sec. building strong post. | |
| | | | M.M.G. - tng. and duties | |
| | | | Mortars - field exercises. | |
| | | 1325 | Air raid yellow - all clear 1355 hrs. | |
| | | 1430 | Air raid red - all clear given at 1511 hrs. | |

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WAR DIARY.

Unit *"A" Coy 26 Aust. Inf Bn.* Date & Time. - From *23 Sep 43* To *27 Sep 43*

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events. | Remarks |
|-------------|---------|--------------------------|--|-----------|
| TANAH MERAH | 23/9/43 | 0615 0815 | Roll Call. 0615 to 0645 hrs.-P.T. Parade. 7 Pl. - strengthening positions. 8 Pl. - pl.tng. 9 Pl. - elementary tng.; one sec. building strong post. M.M.G. - tng. and duties - football tng. Mortars - fatigue duties. | |
| " | 24/9/43 | 0615 0815 1730 | Roll Call and I.E. Parade. 7 Pl. - strengthening positions. 8 Pl. - Duty Pl. 9 Pl. - elementary tng.; one sec. building strong post. M.M.G. - tng. and duties. Mortars - cleaning and inspection of amm. Sgt. Reynolds and Party returned. Object could not be carried out due to the country being in a flooded condition. | |
| " | 25/9/43 | 1112 1117 1140 | Recreation Day. Air Raid yellow. Air Raid red. All clear given. | |
| " | 26/9/43 | 0615 0815 | Roll Call. P.T. from 0615 to 0645 hrs. Parade. 7 Pl. - defensive positions. 8 Pl. - building strong post. 9 Pl. - elementary tng.; one sec. building strong post. M.M.G. - tng. and duties. Mortars - tng. and duties. | |
| " | 27/9/43 | 0615 0815 | Roll call. From 0615 to 0645 hrs.- P.T. Parade. 7 Pl. - on defence positions. 8 Pl. - building strong post. From 1900 to 2100 hrs. Recce Patrols. | <i>JS</i> |

WAR DIARY.

Unit "A" Coy. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date & Time. - From 27 Sep 43 To 29 Sep 43

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events | Remarks |
|-------------|---------|--|---|---------|
| TANAH MERAN | 27/9/43 | 1415 | 9 Pl. - elementary tng.; one sec. building strong post. M.M.G. - tng. and duties. Mortars - Mortar and amm. cleaning. Lieut. F.E. Brown and advance party of patrol returned. Remainder of patrol and carriers returned at various intervals the last party at about 1710 hrs. | |
| " | 28/9/43 | 0615 0815 1300 1305 1312 1545 | Roll Call. 0615 to 0645 hrs. P.T. Parade. 7 Pl. - camouflaging defensive positions. 8 Pl. - building strong post. 9 Pl. + Recce patrols. From 1900 to 2100 hrs. - Recce patrols. M.M.G. - tng. and duties. Mortars. - adjustment of sights and tng. Walrus landed. Air raid alert. All clear to alert. Walrus departed. | |
| " | 29/9/43 | 0815 1422 1435 | No early Roll Call or P.T. due to heavy rain. Parade. 7 pl. - on defensive positions. 8 Pl. - building strong post. 9 Pl. - Recce patrols. M.M.G. - tng. and duties. Mortars - tng. and duties. Air raid alert. R.D.F. picked up one a/c 8 miles to the NORTH. All clear given. | |

*Charles Capt.
 of C Coy
 29 Sep 43*

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Serial No. *Appx 'D'*

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| CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS | IN | No. of Groups GR. | OFFICE DATE STAMP |
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TO *26 Aust. Inf Bn. Premier Coy C.C.M.*

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| FROM <i>Torres Force</i> | Originator's Number <i>0 331</i> | Date <i>8</i> | In Reply to Number |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|

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| <i>all</i> | <i>units</i> | <i>Torres</i> | <i>St.</i> | <i>Force</i> | <i>under</i> |
| <i>comd</i> | <i>4</i> | <i>Aust</i> | <i>Div</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>channel</i> |
| <i>communication</i> | <i>on</i> | <i>service</i> | <i>or</i> | <i>technical</i> | <i>matters</i> |
| <i>will</i> | <i>be</i> | <i>through</i> | <i>4</i> | <i>Aust</i> | <i>Div</i> |
| <i>0</i> | <i>All</i> | <i>informed</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>ack</i> | <i>✓</i> |

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| THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS: <i>(* (EXCEPT))</i> WIRELESS | THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CYPHER IF LIABLE TO INTERCEPTION OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS. | ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY | TIME OF ORIGIN <i>2351</i> |
| SIGNATURE..... | SIGNATURE..... | | T.H.I. <i>0025</i> |

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T.O.R.

Following are the results obtained in examination by students who attended the Runners School from 4 Oct to 9 Oct 43.

| No. | Rank. | Name. | Percentage. | Remarks. |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| <u>(H.Q. Coy Students).</u> | | | | |
| QX55215 | Pte. | Greenhalgh, L. | 57 % | Below Average. |
| Q112294 | " | McIntosh, T.J. | 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ % | Good. |
| VX143729 | " | Adams, A.W. | 72 % | Good. |
| Q34010 | " | Wright, G.A. | 40 % | Failed. Lacks ability. |
| Q112526 | " | Dunn, A. | 65 % | Average. |
| QX39001 | " | MacKenzie, A.E.F. | 86 % | Very Good. |
| N217458. | " | Bigge, K.F. | 62 % | Below average. |
| <u>B Coy Students.</u> | | | | |
| QX36467 | Pte. | Coffison, F.G. | 72 $\frac{1}{2}$ % | Good. |
| QX53402 | " | Bourke, J.F. | 27 % | Failed. Lacks ability. |
| Q148270 | " | Kinnane, L.T. | 37 % | Failed. Lacks ability. |
| NX163927 | " | Payne, A.J. | 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ % | Below Average. |
| S67072 | " | Gillard; H.W. | 72 % | Good. |
| QX31148 | " | Dent, R. | 68 % | Good. |
| QX31088 | " | Moss, R.G. | 90 % | Very Good. |
| Q109211 | " | Kelly, E.J. | | |
| <u>D Coy Students.</u> | | | | |
| Q109211 | Pte. | Kelly, E.J. | 73 % | Good. |
| SX30415 | " | Coulter, L.E. | 56 % | Below average. |
| Q113520 | " | Williams, J.H. | 89 % | Very Good. |
| NX163892 | " | Suttle, E.C. | 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ % | Failed. Handicapped by missing one day of instruction through illness. |
| NX163893 | " | Wivell, T.E. | 62 % | Below Average. |
| QX38968 | " | Bertrand H.M. | 72 $\frac{1}{2}$ % | Good. |
| Q151589 | " | Best, W.E. | 90 % | Very Good. |

General Remarks:-

The conduct of all students was exemplary throughout and all showed a keen interest in the subjects dealt with.

An average pass in the written examination was 64 %. twelve of the 21 students obtained a pass above average.

Those students who obtained a good pass now have a good grounding of the essentials of Map Reading and should be given every encouragement to put their knowledge into practice. The importance of doing the practical side of this subject cannot be over stressed.

Disgrandy Sgt T. S. S.

21 Aust 2/Bn
less "A" Coy Retouchmen 7
Unit

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 2/10/1943.

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. |
|--|------|------------------|-------------------|--|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | | Surveyors, Engineering | - | 1 | - | Operating Room Assts. | 14 | 14 | 1 | G.P.O. Assistants | 50 | 55 | 1 |
| Armament Artificer Fitter | | | | Surveyors, R.A.A. | | | | Operator, Keyboard | | | | Hammermen | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical) | | | | Surveyors, Topographical | | | | Operator, Line | | | | Leather Stitchers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.) | | | | Surveyors, Trigonometrical | | | | Operator, Signal | | | | Orderlies, Nursing | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.) | | | | Toolmakers | | | | Operator, Switchboard | | | | Orderlies, Nursing Mental | | | |
| Armament Artificer Instrument | | | | Turners | | | | Operator, Wireless | | | | Plate Layers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Radio | | | | Watchmakers | | | | Opticians | | | | Rangetakers | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Armament Artificer Signals | | | | Welders | | | | Painters | | | | Riveters | | | |
| Armament Artificer Wireless | | | | | | | | Panel Beaters | | | | Roughriders | | | |
| Artificer, Artillery | | | | | | | | Photographer, Dry Plate | | | | Saddlers | | | |
| Artificer, Engine | | | | | | | | Predictor Numbers | | | | Saddletree makers | | | |
| Blacksmiths | | | | | | | | Printers | - | 1 | - | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | | |
| Bricklayers | | | | | | | | Radiographers | | | | Stevadores | | | |
| Computers | | | | | | | | Riggers | | | | Stokers, Staty. Engine | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | | GROUP II. | | | | Sawyers | | | | Storemen, Technical | 4 | 4 | - |
| Coppersmiths | | | | Armourers | | | | Signallers | 24 | 24 | - | Tailors | 2 | 2 | - |
| Dispensers | | | | Axemen | | | | Signwriters | | | | Textile Refitters | | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | | Bakers | | | | Telescope Identfn. Numbers | | | | Tinsmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural) | | | | Bty. Comd's. Asst. | | | | Well Borers | | | | Vulcanizers | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering) | | | | Boilermakers | | | | Wheelers | | | | Wagon Erectors | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Mechanical) | | | | Carpenters | 6 | 5 | 1 | Winchman | | | | Whitesmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical) | | | | Carpenters and Joiners | | | | Wireman | | | | | | | |
| Electricians | | | | Cooks | | | | Woodturners | | | | | | | |
| Electricians (M.V.) | | | | Dental Mechanics | | | | | | | | BATMAN | 28 | 28 | - |
| Electricians (Signals) | | | | Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.) | | | | | | | | HYG. DUTIES | 4 | 4 | - |
| Fitters | | | | Driver-Operator | | | | | | | | LONG TRAILER | 28 | 26 | 29 |
| Fitters (Cycle) | | | | Drainers | | | | | | | | M.P.G. Hqs | - | - | 2 |
| Fitters (Electrical) | | | | Electricians | | | | | | | | MUTAR. Hqs | 40 | 14 | 16 |
| Fitters (Gun) | | | | Electricians (Engineers) | | | | | | | | ORDR. Hqs | 23 | 23 | - |
| Fitters (Instrument) | | | | Fire Control Operators | | | | | | | | PIONEERS | 23 | 23 | 10 |
| Fitters (M.V.) | | | | Gun Operator | | | | GROUP III. | | | | DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN. | | | |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | | Hatchman | | | | Battery Surveyors | | | | PROVOST | 1 | 1 | - |
| Fitters, Signals | | | | Height Taker | | | | Butchers | 1 | 5 | - | REPTH POLICE | 6 | 6 | - |
| Grinder, Precision | | | | Helio Operator | | | | Clerks | 10 | 10 | - | STOREMEN | 5 | 5 | - |
| Mechanics, Instrument | | | | Instrument Operator | | | | Clerks, Supply | | | | START BAKES | 17 | 17 | - |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | | Intelligence Duties | 8 | 8 | - | Clerks, Technical | | | | T.R. GUNN Hqs | 19 | 19 | - |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical) | | | | Joiners | | | | Coach Trimmers | | | | WATER DUTIES | 2 | 2 | - |
| Mechanics, Radio | | | | Lineman | | | | Concretors | | | | GEN. DUTY | 29 | 29 | - |
| Mechanics, Typewriter | | | | Lineman, Signals | | | | Cooks | | | | | 563 | 506 | 57 |
| Mechanics, Wireless | | | | Lithographers | | | | Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | | | | | |
| Millwrights | | | | Machinists, Metal | | | | Despatch Riders | | | | ATTACHED BY W.E. | | | |
| Operators, Excavator | | | | Machinists, Wood | | | | Draughtsmen, Signals | | | | AAPC | 2 | 2 | - |
| Pattern Maker | | | | Masons | | | | Drivers, H.T. | | | | AAMC | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Pharmacist | | | | Masseurs | | | | Driver Mechanics | | | | AEME | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Photographer, Wet Plate | - | 1 | - | Mechanics, M.T. | | | | Driver Tpin. Plant | | | | POSTAL | 1 | 1 | - |
| Photewriter | | | | Miners | | | | Engine Hands, I.C. | | | | BAOC | 1 | - | 1 |
| Plumber | | | | Moulders | | | | Equipment Repairers | 1 | 1 | - | BACC | 19 | 19 | - |
| Saw Doctors | | | | Nurses, Trained | | | | Farriers | | | | | | | |
| Surveyors | | | | Observation Post Assts. | | | | Fitters' Mates | | | | | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | - | 1 | - | CARRIED FORWARD | 14 | 14 | 1 | Gun Layers | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively. | 594 | 534 | 60 |

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
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Signature of Commander
 [Signature]
 Order Comd 21 Aust 2/Bn

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 5/10/1943
PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in

Table with columns for 'Details of Troop', 'Present Strength', 'Reinforcements Required', and 'Total'. Rows are organized into 'GROUP I (cont.)' and 'GROUP II (cont.)'. Includes handwritten notes like 'Surplus was Meo. FFA Orders.' and 'A.202 - NIK'.

NOTE - (a) If any other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized trades or specialties not included in list will be added as required in space provided.
(c) Where A.W.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where A.W.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired on terms by insertion of 'M.R.' in column 'Remarks'.
(e) Where reinforcements are desired note accordingly on terms by insertion of 'M.R.' in column 'Remarks'.
(f) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words 'see back' should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Signature of Commander

Date of Report

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

6043 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2 / 10 / 1943 26 Quat Inf Bn (Unit)
26 Quat Inf Bn

W.E. II / RE / R OFFRS. 26 O.R.'s. 563 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 31 ATT. BY W.E.

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

| 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. | | | | | |
| NIK | NIK | NIK | 1 | * * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs. | ARMC | 1 | NIK | NIK | NIK | | | | | |
| NIK | NIK | NIK | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NIK | 4 | NIK | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NIK | NIK | 7 | 22 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 4 | 7 | 29 | | | | | | | | 1 | NIK | NIK | NIK |
| Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for completion of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2). | | | | DETAIL | A.I.F. | C.M.F. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.N.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.P. | ** | TOTAL. |
| | | | | A. | 29 | | | | | | | | | 29 |
| | | | | 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. |
|----------|-------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------|---|
| GX3654 | LIEUT | GAE. COLLYER | FARA WEAPON Yng School | 28/9/43 | Cease to be sec. reserve Reg + routes 1/8/43 FARA list 58 |
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OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|----------|-------|--------------------|----------|-------|--------|
| | | | NIK | | |
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / / 194

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
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| | | NIK | |
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26 Aust Inf Bn (less 17 Coy Det.) Unit

60143 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/10/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|--------------|------------|-----------|-------------|--|---|---------------------|
| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | Army Number. | Surname. | Initials. | Posting. | Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed. | Date of Detachment. |
| MAJ T/LT COLNR | 59 | ABBOTT | J.N. | CO | NO | School of Mech Mt 6 MT course - Senior offers | 13-8-43 |
| MAJOR | RX 6219 | RAKSTON | A.C. | 2 1/2 C | YES | | |
| CAPT/MAJ | NX 3216 | MURKISON | A.C. | OC HAF | YES | | |
| MAJOR | VX 108121 | MANN | L.T. | OC C Coy | YES | | |
| LIEUT/CAPT | RX 34396 | MILSON | D.R. | OC D Coy | YES | | |
| LIEUT | RX 594 | OSBORNE | F. | OC B Coy | YES | | |
| " | RX 36513 | COCKBURN | J.A.B | OC H Pl | YES | | |
| " | RX 36515 | FRASER | C.S. | 2 1/2 D Coy | NO | RAAF School of Army Co-op Course 2 Carolina 1-26 Apr 43 | 22-8-43 |
| " | RX 36514 | POLLER | R.A.F. | | YES | | |
| " | RX 56576 | COMPTON | J.W. | 2 1/2 C Coy | YES | | |
| " | RX 34003 | CHRISTIE | K.M.N | OC 13 Pl | YES | | |
| " | RX 35737 | DUDDINGTON | H.G. | OC W | YES | | |
| " | RX 48555 | MUIR | E.C.J. | 2 1/2 B Coy | YES | | |
| " | RX 36520 | MAXWELL | C.K. | OC T | YES | | |
| " | A 30777 | NILSON | R.N. | T.D. | NO | LHA School of Mil Int | 8-8-43 |
| " | RX 43579 | HAMMETT | E | T.D. | YES | | |
| " | RX 48554 | CUE | A.F. | OC 10 Pl | YES | | |
| " | RX 33508 | WEBB | F.H. | OC 5 Pl | YES | | |
| " | RX 33075 | RUDDICK | D.C. | OC 12 Pl | YES | | |
| " | RX 44159 | WILKINSON | J.W. | OC 12 Pl | YES | | |
| " | VX 104191 | TURRELL | A.N. | OC 18 Pl | YES | | |
| LIEUT/CAPT | RX 47483 | GRAHAM | F. | NIL | NO | at 11 Aust Inf Bn | 28-8-43 |
| LIEUT | RX 33840 | LEWIS | R.A. | NIL | NO | awaiting R.T.U. | |
| " | RX 36517 | WATTS | R.L. | NIL | NO | | |
| " | RX 34021 | WYLIE | A | NIL | NO | at 11 Aust Inf Bn | 3-9-43 |
| " | RX 102620 | LYONS | K.H. | NIL | NO | at 11 Aust Inf Bn | |
| " | RX 36521 | DAVIS | A.K. | NIL | NO | awaiting R.T.U. | 28-8-43 |
| LIEUT/CAPT | RX 36510 | TAYLOR | B.C.M. | Commander | YES | | |
| LIEUT | RX 38909 | CHILCOTT | S.E.B | 100. | YES | | |

Lieut Taylor and Lieut Chilcott are posted to this Unit as carriers. But no posting exists for them under WE II/120/20.

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

| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held. | Army Number. | Name and Initials. | Unit or Corps | Date of Attachment. | Nature of Attachment. | Called up by WE. |
|--|--------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|---|------------------|
| CAPT | RX 45275 | F.R.L. HOSSACK | R.A.M.C. | 27/12/41 | R.M.D. | YES |
| A/LIEUT | RX 38917 | HOMURNANE | Gen Staff 2 | 2/7/43 | Pend posting MSLIST 80 | NO |
| " | RX 43777 | L.W. MERRHAM | 100. | 2/7/43 | Pend Posting MSLIST 80 (6. A. H. Reg. 9-43) | NO |
| " | RX 43779 | R.E. SAUNDERS | 100 | 2/7/43 | Pend Posting MSLIST 80 | NO |

2/10/43
Date of Despatch

W. Munro Major
Signature of Commander
Adm Comd 26 Aust Inf Bn.

CMH

MESSAGE FORM

521
RB. 43/11/43
Serial No. *Apix F.*

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| CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS | IN | No. of Groups GR. | OFFICE DATE STAMP |
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(ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO *All Units Horn Co.*

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| FROM <i>Horn Co. Comd.</i> | Originator's Number <i>0115</i> | Date <i>9</i> | In Reply to Number |
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| <i>ref</i> | <i>TORRES</i> | <i>FORCE</i> | <i>R.O.</i> | <i>G 345</i> | <i>0</i> |
| <i>MAJ</i> | <i>A.C.</i> | <i>RALSTON</i> | <i>26</i> | <i>asst.</i> | <i>Inf</i> |
| <i>on</i> | <i>appointed</i> | <i>Comd.</i> | <i>HORN</i> | <i>IS</i> | <i>vice</i> |
| <i>MAJ</i> | <i>A.C.</i> | <i>MURCHISON</i> | | | |
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| THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS: (<i>*(EXCEPT)</i>) WIRELESS | THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CYPHER IF LIABLE TO INTERCEPTION OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS. | ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY | TIME OF ORIGIN <i>1205</i> |
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| <i>D</i> | <i>1430</i> | | <i>Henry</i> | | | | | | | | |

T.H.I. *1430.*
T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

App + "G"
Serial No. 21

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

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22 OCT 1943

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TO 26 Aust Inf Bn rptd 5 Aust MG Bn T.S. Lt Inf Bn

FROM Torres Force

Originator's Number

0387

Date

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In Reply to Number

Secret
26 Aust
to mainland earliest
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3038
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

/ / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23/10/1943 3 26 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 120 / 2 OFFRS. 6 O.R's. 175 + OFFRS. 11 O.R's. 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. | | | | | |
| N.R. | 1 | - | 1 | * * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs. | | | | | | | | | | |
| | - | 1 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 1 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 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. | 6 | | | | | | | | | 6 |
| | | | | E.(1) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | E.(2) | | | | | | | | | | |

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

* 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. |
|----------------|-------|--------------------|------------|-------|--------|
| Nil | | | | | |

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|----------------|-------|--------------------|----------|-------|--------|
| Nil | | | | | |

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 26 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 23/10/1943

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

"A" Coy Det 26 Aust Inf Bn Unit

MERAIKE FORCE.

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 2)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23 / 10 / 1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|--------------|-------------|-----------|----------|--|---|---------------------|
| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | Army Number. | Surname. | Initials. | Posting. | Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed. | Date of Detachment. |
| Lieut T/Capt | OX36511 | Searles | S.G. | C.C. | Yes | | |
| Lieut | OX34002 | Bryce | E.B. | 2 1/c | " | | |
| Lieut | OX36519 | Heares | H.P.D. | OC 9 PI | " | | |
| Lieut | OX104330 | Chambers | A.L. | OC 8 PI | " | | |
| Lieut | OX42393 | Brown | H.E. | OC 7 PI | " | | |
| Lieut | OX34017 | Murphy C.J. | C.J. | OC 2 PI | " | | |

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

| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held. | Army Number. | Name and Initials. | Unit. | Date of Attachment. | Nature of Attachment. |
|--|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Capt | SA22150 | Levy E.H. | A.A.M.C. (19 Aust Fd Amb) | 31 May 43. | M.O. |

23 Oct 43
Date of Despatch

Searles Capt
Signature of Commander
of "A" Coy Det 26 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16/10/1943

3 26 AVST INF BDN (Unit)

W.E. 11 OFFRS. 6 O.R's. 175 + OFFRS. 6 O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|--|
| Reinfts. Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Reinfts. Required. | |
| | | | | W.Os. Class I. | | | | | | |
| | | | | W.Os. Class II. | | | | | | |
| | | | | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts. | | | | | | |
| | | | | Staff Sergeants | | | | | | |
| 6 | - | 2 | 8 | Sergeants | 1 AACCC | 1 | - | - | - | |
| 15 NR | 1 | 1 | 4 | Corporals | 1 AACCC | 1 | - | - | - | |
| 150 | - | 2 | 154 | Troopers, Privates, etc. | 2 AACCC | 1 | - | 1 | NR | |
| | | | | Civilians counting as O.R. | | | | | | |
| 175 * | 1 | 4 | 178 * | Totals of cols. marked # should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. | | 3 * | - | 1 | - * | |

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 | 124 | | 57 | | | | | | | 181 |
| 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. |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | A.A.M.C. | | | 1 | 26 AVST INF BDN | | |
| | CIA AVST. | | | | | | |
| | FD AMB) | | | 1 | YORKFORCE | | |
| 3 | K.SEC.SIGS | | | 1 | MERAJUK FORCE. | | |
| 1 | AASC. | | | | | | |
| 1 | AAPC. | | | | | | |

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

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

ACOR DET 26 AUGUST INP BN
MERUKE FORCE Unit

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(Adapted) (Page 2)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
Serial No.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 23/10/1943.

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. |
|--|------|------------------|-------------------|--|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | | Surveyors, 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 | 2 | 2 | |
| Armament Artificer Radio | | | | Watchmakers | | | | Opticians | | | | Rangefinders | | | |
| Armament Artificer Signals | | | | Welders | | | | Painters | | | | Riveters | | | |
| Armament Artificer Wireless | | | | | | | | Panel Beaters | | | | Roughriders | | | |
| Artificer, Artillery | | | | | | | | Photographer, Dry Plate | | | | Saddlers | | | |
| Artificer, Engine | | | | | | | | Predictor Numbers | | | | Saddletree makers | | | |
| Blacksmiths | | | | | | | | Printers | | | | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | | |
| Bricklayers | | | | | | | | Radiographers | | | | Stevadores | | | |
| Computers | | | | | | | | Riggers | | | | Stokers, Staty. Engine | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | | GROUP II. | | | | Sawyers | 3 | 3 | | Storemen, Technical | | | |
| Coppersmiths | | | | Armourers | | | | Signallers | | | | Tailors | | | |
| Dispensers | | | | Axemen | | | | Signwriters | | | | Textile Refitters | | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | | Bakers | | | | Telescope Identfn. Numbers | | | | Tinsmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural) | | | | Bty. Comd's. Asst. | | | | Well Borers | | | | Vulcanizers | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering) | | | | Boilermakers | | | | Wheeler | | | | 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 | | | | GROUP III. | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (M.V.) | | | | Gun Operator | | | | Battery Surveyors | | | | | | | |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | | Hatchman | | | | Butchers | | | | | | | |
| Fitters, Signals | | | | Height Taker | | | | Clerks | | | | | | | |
| Grinder, Precision | | | | Hello 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 | | | | | | | |
| Millwrights | | | | Machinists, Metal | | | | Draughtsmen, Signals | | | | | | | |
| Operators, Excavator | | | | Machinists, Wood | | | | Drivers, H.T. | | | | | | | |
| Pattern Maker | | | | Masons | | | | Driver Mechanics | | | | | | | |
| Pharmacist | | | | Masseurs | | | | Driver Tpin. 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 | | | | | | | |
| 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. | | | |

M. J. A. C.
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Climb 10
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Promo 17
by 10
Dishes 9
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ATTACHED BY W.E.
LOOKS 4 3 NR.

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.

23 OCT 43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
O.C. ACOR DET 26 AUGUST INP BN

a.w. 6m hks 3/43

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 12/14/18

Table with columns for 'Details of Present Strength' and 'Reinforcements required'. Rows list various military units and their personnel counts. Includes handwritten notes like 'Surplus to W K' and 'Deficient to W K'.

Surplus to W K

21 Rgt (Replen)

Deficient to W K

1 Gpl (Replen)

Handwritten notes on the left side of the table, including numbers and possibly unit identifiers.

CO. ACCORD TO [Signature]
Date of Dispatch [Blank]
Date of Return [Blank]

Alpha "H"

SECRET.

War Diary

"A" Coy.

26 Aust. Inf. Bn.

FROM : 30 SEP. '43

To :

ORIGINAL.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

Unit "A" Coy 26 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 30/9/43 To _____

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------------|---------|--------------|--|--|
| TANAH MERAH | 30/9/43 | 0615 | Roll Call. | |
| | | 0815 | From 0615 to 0645 hrs. <i>P.T.</i> Parade. 7 Pl. - camouflaging posns. 8 Pl. - digging def. posns., 9 Pl. - one sec. constructing strong post : one sec. on individual tng. and one sec. on fatigue duties. M.M.G. - tng. and duties. Mortars - improving positions. | |
| | | 0930 1802 | Lieut. E.B. Bryce and party returned from Patrol Catalina arrived bringing Maj. Leonard (R.A.E.), Capt. Webb and a bomb disposal squad to extract unexploded bombs from the raid. | |
| " | 1/10/43 | 0708 0815 | No P.T. or early Roll Call Catalina departed. Parade. 7 Pl. - camouflaging posns. 8 Pl. - def. posns. 9 Pl. - one sec. constructing strong post; two secs. on individual tng. M.M.G. - tng. and duties. Mortars - tng. and duties. | |
| | | 1720 | Catalina returned with Maj. Lyon (B.M.) and 10 O/R for Det. | |
| " | 2/10/43 | 0600 | Catalina departed with Maj. Leonard, Maj. Lyon and Capt. Webb as passengers. Recreation Day. | <i>GS</i> |

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

Unit "A" Coy 26 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 3/10/43 To 5/10/43

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------------|---------|------|---|--|
| TANAH MERAH | 3/10/43 | 0615 | Roll call. From 0615 to 0645 hrs. - P.T. | |
| | | 0815 | Parade. 7 Pl. - working on posns. 8 Pl. - digging def. posns. 9 Pl. - one sec. on individual tng.; two secs. on Sec. tng. M.M.G. - tng. and duties. Mortars - Mortar drill and duties. <u>NOTE</u> : Communication with MERAUKE spasmodic due to MERAUKE set continually breaking down. | |
| " | 4/10/43 | | No early Roll Call or P.T. due to heavy rain. | |
| | | 0815 | Parade. 7 Pl. - one sec. fatigue duties; two secs. building strong post. 8 Pl. - on defensive positions. 9 Pl. - section tng. M.M.G. - gun drill and duties. Mortars - fatigue duties and improving positions. <u>NOTE</u> : out of communication with MERAUKE from 1030 to 1500 hrs. | |
| " | 5/10/43 | | <u>NOTE</u> : As from 0001 hrs. 5 Oct. all times shown are Daylight Saving Time - "L". | |
| | | 0915 | Parade. | G |

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required)

Unit "A" Coy. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 5 Oct. 43

To 7 Oct. 43

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------------|---------|------|---|--|
| TANAH MERAH | 5/10/43 | | 7 Pl. - pay parade; cleaning of weapons and ammunition; working on positions. 8 Pl. - digging defensive positions. 9 Pl. - inspection of ammunition. From 1945 to 2200 hrs. - patrols. M.M.G. - tng. and duties. Mortars - improving positions. Lieut. King and 2 Eng. O/R returned from patrol. | |
| " | 6/10/43 | 0715 | Roll Call | |
| | | | P.T. from 0715 to 0745 hrs. | |
| | | 0915 | Parade. | |
| | | | 7 Pl. - construction of a strong post. | |
| | | | 8 Pl. - digging def. posns. | |
| | | | 9 Pl. - section tng. | |
| | | | M.M.G. - gun drill and duties. | |
| | | | Mortars - Mortar tng. and duties. | |
| " | 7/10/43 | 0715 | Roll Call. | |
| | | | From 0715 to 0745 hrs. P.T. | |
| | | 0915 | Parade. | |
| | | | 7 Pl. - gathering logs for strong post. | |
| | | | 8 Pl. - digging def. posns. | |
| | | | 9 Pl. - Battle procedure. | |
| | | | M.M.G. - tng. and duties. | |
| | | | Mortars - improving positions. | |
| | | 1530 | M.V. "AMBON" left for MERAUKE with COLE and Party on board. 2 Eng. Cpls who were attached to garrison also left. | |

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

Unit "A" Coy. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 8 Oct. 43 To 12 Oct. 43.

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------------|-------------------------------|------|--|--|
| TANAH MERAH | 8/10/43 | 0715 | Roll Call. | |
| | | 0915 | P.T. from 0615 to 0745 hrs. Inspection Parade. 7 Pl. - digging and improving positions. 8 Pl. - digging posns. 9 Pl. - carrying timber for strong post and pl. tng. M.M.G. - tng. and duties. Mortars - tng. and duties. | |
| " | 9/10/43 | | Recreation day. | |
| " | 10/10/43) & 11/10/43) | 0715 | Roll Call | |
| | | 0915 | P.T. from 0715 to 0745 hrs. Parade. 7 Pl.) 8 Pl.) 9 Pl.) cleaning and stacking in the Internment Camp Area. M.M.G.) MORTARS.) | |
| " | 12/10/43 | 0715 | Roll call. From 0615 to 0645 hrs. P.T. | |
| | | 0915 | Parade. 7 Pl. - cleaning and stacking in Internment Area and elementary tng. 8 Pl. - cleaning and stacking in Internment Area. 9 Pl. - " " " " " " " " " " " " M.M.G. - duties. Mortars - cleaning and stacking. | |
| | | 2005 | "MARLINSTAR" arrived ; Capt. Thompson on board. | EJ |

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

Unit "A" Coy 26 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 13/10/43

To 15/10/43

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------------|----------|------|--|--|
| TANAH MERAH | 13/10/43 | 0715 | Roll Call. P.T. - 0715 to 0745 hrs. | |
| | | 0915 | Parade. 7 Pl. = gathering timber fro the construction of a strong post. 8 Pl. - digging def.posns. 9 Pl. - carrying timber for the construction of s astrong post : lectures. M.M.G. - tng. and duties. Mortars - improving posns. | |
| | | | | |
| " | 14/10/43 | 0915 | No early Roll Call on P.T. Parade. 7 Pl. - collecting timber for the strong post ; weapon tng. 8 Pl. - digging posns. 9 Pl. - cutting and carrying timber for their strong post. M.M.G. - tng. and duties. Mortars - improving posns. and checking ammunition. | |
| | | 1145 | M.V. "MARLINSTAR" departed. | |
| " | 15/10/43 | 0715 | Roll Call. P.T. - 0715 to 0745 hrs. | |
| | | 0915 | Parade. 7 Pl. - felling timber for strong post. 8 Pl. - digging foundation for a strongpost 9 Pl. - felling and carrying timber for strong post. M.M.G. - tng. and duties. Mortars - improving posns. and camouflaging. | |
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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2.18
(adapted.)

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Unit "A" Coy 26 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 16/10/43 To 19/10/43

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------------|----------|------|--|--|
| TANAH MERAH | 16/10/43 | 0715 | Roll Call. | |
| | | 0915 | From 0715 to 0745 P.T. Inspection Parade. 7 pl. - elementary tng. and I.E. 8 pl. - I.E. 9 pl. - inspection of all weapons. M.M.G. - collecting timber for the strong post. Mortars - the digging of alternative positions. | |
| " | 17/10/43 | | Recreation Day. | |
| " | 18/10/43 | 0715 | Roll Call P.T. - from 0715 to 0745 hrs. | |
| | | 0915 | Parade. 7 pl. - gathering timber for strong post. 8 pl. - construction of strong post. 9 pl. - building strong post. M.M.G. - fatigue duties and continuing with the building of the strong post. Mortars - the digging of alternative positions. <u>NOTE:</u> As from 0915 hrs. a Cadre for L/Cpl. was begun by Lieut. A.L. Chambers. | |
| " | 19/10/43 | 0715 | Roll Call. From 0715 to 0745 hrs. - P.T. | |
| | | 0915 | Inspection Parade. | <i>JH</i> |

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.21 3
(adapted.)

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Unit "A" COY. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 19/10/43 To _____

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------------|----------|--------------|--|--|
| TANAH MERAH | 19/10/43 | | 7 pl. - collecting timber for strong post. 8 pl. - construction of defensive post. 9 pl. - gathering timber for strong post. M.M.G. - building strong post. Mortars - preparing alternative positions. | |
| " | 20/10/43 | 0715 0915 | Roll Call Inspection parade. 7 pl. - construction of strong post. 8 pl. - building of defensive post. 9 pl. - felling timber for strong post. M.M.G. - felling and carrying timber for strong post. Mortars - alternative positions and camouflaging same. | |
| " | 21/10/43 | 0715 0915 | Roll Call. Inspection Parade. 7 pl. - construction of strong post. 8 pl. - building defensive post. 9 pl. - constructing strong post. M.M.G. - building strong post. Mortars - camouflaging alternative positions. In the afternoon demonstration of Infantry weapons. <i>fung of m.m.g's. Guns and mortars</i> | |

*Charles [unclear]
9th Coy [unclear]
26th Inf Bn*

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WAR DIARY

UNIT ..26..AUST..INE..BN.....DATE & TIME - FROM..1 NOV. 43.....TO..6 NOV. 43.....

| PLACE | DATE | HOUR | SUMMARY OF EVENTS & INFORMATION | REMARKS & REFS. TO APPENDICES, DIARIES, & |
|-------------|------------|----------------------|---|---|
| JACKY JACKY | 1 Nov. 43. | 0930 1000 | <p>Protestant Church Parade held at "C" Coy. R.C. Mass celebrated by Major ELLIS at R.A.A., 4 Aust. Div. These Church Parades were held to commemorate "All Saints" Day.</p> <p>Lieut. Compton 2 i/c "C" Coy. attended a conference at 4 Aust. Div. concerning the installation of a C.O.P. at VRILYA POINT. Map ref. 333581 JARDINE RIVER SHEET 1 Inch.</p> <p>Lt. Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O., C.O. 26 Aust. Inf Bn. returned from HORN ISLAND tonight in company with Lieut. FRASER 2 i/c "D" Coy.</p> | |
| " " | 2 Nov. 43. | 0630 1830 | <p>Lieut. COMPTON and Pte. BREWER (Int. Sec.) departed by M.T. to reconnoitre VRILYA POINT - 333581 JARDINE RIVER SHEET 1 Inch. Lieut. COMPTON and Pte. Brewer returned from reconnoitre. This reconnoitre was unsuccessful because no track capable of taking M.T. could be located.</p> | |
| " " | 3 Nov. 43. | 1450 | <p>Brig. H.C. de LOW (C.R.A.) visited and made an informal inspection of the camp area.</p> | |
| " " | 4 Nov. 43. | 0630 1100 | <p>Lt. Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O., C.O. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. and Brig. H.C. de LOW (C.R.A.) left by boat for VRILYA POINT - (333581 JARDINE RIVER SHEET 1 Inch.) for the purpose of establishing a post to be manned by V.A.O.C. "Q" Store and 22 personnel arrived this area after departing from HORN ISLAND Jetty at 0700 hrs.</p> <p>Lt. Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O., C.O. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. returned to camp from VRILYA POINT.</p> | |
| " " | 5 Nov. 43. | 1030 | <p>Visit by Lieut. SPRING, I.O. of R.A.A. (4 Aust. Div.) to establish collaboration between the 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Int. Sec. and the R.A.A. in the matter of the accurate mapping of unmarked roads and tracks in the Cape area.</p> | |
| " " | 6 Nov. 43. | 0600 1000 2115 | <p>Sgt. McClure, Band Sergeant, and band left camp for THURSDAY ISLAND to provide music for a wedding.</p> <p>"D" Coy. and 1 Pl. of H.Q. Coy. arrived at RED ISLAND POINT Jetty - 633037 ENDEAVOUR STRAIT SHEET 1 inch. "D" Coy. movement into camp area completed.</p> | |

WAR DIARY.

UNIT.....26 Aust. Inf. Bn.DATE & TIME - FROM .6 NOV. 43.....TO .12 NOV. 43.....

| PLACE | DATE | HOUR | SUMMARY OF EVENTS & INFORMATION | REMARKS & REFS. TO APPENDICES, DIARIES, &C. |
|--------------|------------|------|--|---|
| JACKY JACKY. | 6 Nov.43. | 2000 | Lt. Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O., C.O. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. left to interview Brig. STEVEVSON (MERAUKE FORCE) and Col. HOPKINS (19 Fd. Ambulance). at 4 Aust. Div. H.Q. | |
| | 7 Nov.43. | 0930 | Protestant Church Parade. | |
| | | 1000 | Mass celebrated by Major ELLIS at R.A.A. | |
| | | 2000 | Lt.Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O., C.O. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. departed to R.A.A. to interview Brig. H.C. de LOW (C.R.A.) | |
| | | 0930 | "B" Coy. and remainder of H.Q. Coy. departed HORN ISLAND. | |
| | | 1700 | "B" Coy. and remainder of H.Q. Coy. arrived at RED ISLAND POINT Jetty. | |
| | | 2115 | Sgt. McClure (Band Sergeant) and Band returned to camp from THURSDAY ISLAND. | |
| " " | 8 Nov.43. | 1000 | Capt. Donaldson, Education Officer, 4 Aust. Div. interviewed Lieut. Maxwell, Adj. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. to arrange a series of lectures. | |
| | | 1400 | Capt. WARNE, Pay Master, 4 Aust. Div., interviewed Pay Corporal. | |
| | | | Lieut. RUDDICK with one section of 17Pl. left for VRILYA POINT. | |
| " " | 9 Nov. 43. | 1630 | Maj. Gen. MURRAY G.O.C. visited this area and made an inspection of camp site. | |
| " " | 10 Nov.43. | 0630 | Lt.Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O., C.O. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn., Sgt. PATTERSON -KANE and one section of 17 Pl. left camp area for VRILYA POINT | |
| " " | 11 Nov.43. | 1000 | -(333581 JARDINE RIVER SHEET 1 Inch) with material for hut. Lt. Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O., C.O. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. and Lieut. COMPTON 2 i/c "C" C Coy. attended conference convened by Brig. H.C. de LOW.(C.R.A.) at R.A.A. | |
| | | 1300 | C.O. held conference with company commanders re allotments of platoons for special duties. | |
| | | 1800 | Bn. Guard inspected by Lt.Col. J.N. ABBOTT XXN D.S.O., C.O. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. | |
| " " | 12 Nov.43. | 0830 | A party of 3 "I" personnel & 3 "C" Coy. personnel left camp to survey a trail from LOCKERBIE - 746105 ENDEAVOUR STRAIT 1 Inch. | |

WAR DIARY

UNIT 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. DATE & TIME - FROM 12. NOV. 43. TO 15. NOV. 43.

| PLACE | DATE | HOUR | SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION | REMARKS & REFS. TO APPENDICES, DIARIES, & C. |
|-------------|-------------|------|--|--|
| JACKY JACKY | 12 Nov. 43. | 0830 | to SAPAGINYA LAKE - 833083 NEWCASTLE BAY SHEET 1 Inch and thence to THEODORE) 809009 NEWCASTLE BAY SHEET 1 Inch. | |
| | | 0830 | Lieut. Muir 2 i/c "B" Coy. proceeded on a recce of SOMERSET area. Purpose of the recce was to locate a suitable camp area. | |
| | | 1145 | Major R.C. RALSTON 2 i/c 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. returned from HORN ISLAND. | |
| | | 1900 | Lecture by Sgt. Carlos, 4 Aust. Div. Educational Service. Subject:- "Allied Strategy" | |
| " " | 13 Nov. 43. | 0830 | Lieut. Muir 2 i/c "B" Coy. returned from recce. Lt. Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O., C.O. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. and Lieut. COMPTON 2 i/c "C" Coy. left for THURSDAY ISLAND to officiate at Officers Pre-selection Board. | |
| | | 1550 | 11 Pl. arrived camp area from HORN ISLAND. | |
| | | 1530 | Lieut. TURRELL (18 Pl. Comd.) & Lieut. BAUER left for MUTTEE HEAD - 495096 ENDEAVOUR STRAIT SHEET 1 Inch. to recce camp site for 18 Pl. | |
| " " | 14 Nov. 43. | 0900 | Lt. TURRELL & Lieut. BAUER returned to camp. Lt. TURRELL (18 Pl. comd.) & one section of 17 Pl. departed enroute to MUTTEE HEAD. (495961 ENDEAVOUR STRAIT SHEET 1 In. | |
| | | 0930 | General Church Parade. | |
| | | 0530 | Major RALSTON 2 i/c 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. accompanied by Capt HOSSACK R.M.O. went to VRILYA POINT - (333581 JARDINE RIVER SHEET 1 Inch) to take drums for 17 Pl. water supply & to make inspection of area. | 17 Pl. attached to 57 Aust. Fd. Pk. Coy to get supply of timber for sawmill. |
| " " | 15 Nov. 43. | 0630 | Lieut. CHRISTIE departed for L.H.Q. School of Military Intelligence Photographic Wing at SOUTHPORT Q'ld. | XXXXXXXXXX Effecting Attached to road repairs in area |
| | | 0745 | Lieut. Muir 2 i/c "B" Coy. with 11 Pl. left for SOMERSET area. (897157 CAPE YORK SPECIAL 1 Inch.) | |
| | | 0915 | 15 Pl. arrived back in camp area from 4 Aust. Div. where they were used as a D. & E. Pl. | |
| | | 1230 | Major RALSTON " 1st 2 i/c 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. & Capt. HOSSACK R.M.O. returned to camp area from VRILYA POINT. | |

WAR DIARY.

UNIT..26..Aust..Inf..Bn.... DATE & TIME - FROM 16 NOV 43..... TO 19 NOV 43.....

| PLACE | DATE | HOUR | SUMMARY OF EVENTS & INFORMATION | REMARKS & REFS. TO APPENDICES, DIARIES, ETC. |
|-------------|-------------|------|---|--|
| JACKY JACKY | 16 Nov. 43. | 1500 | A party of three "I" personnel and three "C" Coy. personnel returned to camp after surveying trail from LOCKERBIE to SAPAGINYA LAKE and thence to THEODORE. | For reference attached report. APPX(A) |
| | | 1830 | Lieut. COCKBURN, Unit Sports Officer, attended meeting at 1 R.S.U. with reference to locating a sports field handy to all units in area. | |
| | | 1845 | Sqn.Ldr. WALKER & DALZIEL of 1.R.S.U. visited Major RALSTON 2 i/c 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. | |
| | | | 16 N.C.O's & 124 O/R's for working parties to Engineer Units in this area. | |
| " | 17 Nov. 43. | 1300 | Lt. Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O., C.O. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. accompanied by Major KENNEDY G 11. TORRES FORCE arrived back this area after attending Offrs. Pre-selection Board at THURSDAY Is. | |
| | | | One officer & 118 O/R's for working parties to Engineer Units in this area. | |
| " | 18 Nov. 43. | 0630 | Lieut. WILKINSON left by plane to attend course No. 14 F.AA M.R. & F.S. School at SOMERSET DAM Q'ld. | |
| | | 0930 | Lt. Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O., C.O. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn., Major KENNEDY G 11 (TORRES FORCE) & Lieut. COMPTON 2 i/c "C" Coy. attended Offrs. Pre-selection Board at R.A.A. | |
| | | 1945 | Sgt. SPILLING, Pay Sergeant, returned from "A" Coy, TANAH MERAH, under comd. MERAUKE FORCE. | |
| | | | Working parties supplied - one N.C.O. & 10 O/R's for unloading boat at RED ISLAND POINT & nine N.C.O's & 70 O/R's for Engineer Units in this area. | |
| " | 19 Nov. 43. | 0630 | Lt. Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O., C.O. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. accompanied by Brig. H.C. de LOW (C.R.A.) left for recce of VRILYA POINT. | |

W'R DIARY.

UNIT ..26..Aust..Inf..Bn..... DATE & TIME - FROM 19 Nov. 43..... TO 22 Nov. 43.....

| PLACE | DATE | HOUR | SUMMARY OF EVENTS & INFORMATION | REMARKS & REFS. TO APPENDICES, DIARIES |
|-------------|-------------|-------|--|--|
| JACKY JACKY | 19 Nov. 43. | 0630 | 333581 JARDINE RIVER SHEET 1 Inch. & MAPOONA MISSION STN. 507462 PALMER RIVER SHEET XXXXXX 1 Inch to 8 Miles. | |
| | | 14 30 | Capt. FLETCHER G 111 C.W. Officer, 4 Aust. Div. interviewed Lieut. HAMMET C.W. Officer, 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. | |
| | | 1900 | Sgt. CARLOS, Educational Service, 4 Aust. Div. gave lecture to officers and men of the 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Subject:- " Global Warfare " | |
| | | | 6 N.C.O's & 60 O/R's for working parties to Engineer Units in this area. | |
| " " | 20 Nov. 43. | | POSTED STRENGTH:- 26 Offrs. 495 O/R's ATTACHED :- 5 " 28 " TOTAL STRENGTH :- 31 " 523 " | |
| | | | Working parties supplied two 2 N.C.O's & 17 O/R's for unloading boat at RED ISLAND POINT Jetty & 6 N.C.O's & 69 O/R's for working parties to Engineer Units. | |
| " " | 21 Nov. 43. | 0930 | Capt. ROBERTS, Padre, conducted C of E Communion Parade. | |
| | | 0930 | Capt. SPENCER, Padre, conducted General Church Parade. | |
| | | 1000 | Major ELLIS, Padre, celebrated Mass at R.A.A. | |
| | | 1430 | Lt. Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O., C.O. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. , Lieut. RUDDICK & 17 Pl. personnel returned to camp area from VRILYA POINT - 333581 JARDINE RIVER SHEET 1 Inch. | |
| | | | 1 N.C.O. & 16 O/R's unloading Boat at RED ISLAND POINT Jetty. | |
| " " | 22 Nov. 43. | 1900 | Coy. Comds. conference with Lt. Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O., C.O. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Subject :- " Training & Discipline " | |
| | | 1930 | Brig. H.C. de LOW (C.R.A.) . was entertained at Officers Mess. | |
| | | | Letter was received by Lt. Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O., C.O. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. from Major MANSFIELD C.O. 1 A.C.H. expressing appreciation for assistance rendered by this unit | |

WAR DIARY.

UNIT..26..Aust..Inf..Bn.... DATE & TIME - FROM 22. Nov. 43..... TO 24. Nov. 43.....

| PLACE | DATE | HOUR | SUMMARY OF EVENTS & INFORMATION |
|-------------|-------------|------|--|
| JACKY JACKY | 22 Nov. 43. | | while at HORN ISLAND. |
| | | | 7 N.C.O's & 55 O/R's for working parties to Engineer Units in this area. |
| | 23 Nov. 43. | 0830 | "C" Coy. paraded to Bn.H.Q. for inspection by Lt.Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O., C.O. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. before leaving for a days battle exercise. Dress - Battle Order. |
| | | 1000 | Lt. Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O., C.O. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. attended a conference at R.A.A. with Brig. H.C. de LOW (C.R.A.). |
| | | 1300 | Lt. Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O., C.O. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. left to inspect 11 Pl. at SOMERSET area - 897157 CAPE YORK SPECIAL. 1 Inch. |
| | | 1830 | Lt. Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O., C.O. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. returned from SOMERSET area |
| | | 2100 | Lt. Col. BAKER N.E.A. Defence Officer & Flt/Lieut. HOREWOOD C.O 33 O.B. payed social call to Lt.Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O., C.O. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. |
| | | | 2 Officers & 85 O/R's working in shifts unloading ship at RED ISLAND POINT Jetty. 8 N.C.O's & 61 O/R's working parties for Engineer Units in this area. |
| " " | 24 Nov. 43. | | Lt. Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O., C.O. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. & Lieut. COMPTON XXXX 2 i/c "C" Coy. left for THURSDAY ISLAND in conjunction with finalisation of Officers Pre-selection Board. |
| | | 1830 | Lt. Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O., C.O. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. & Lieut. COMPTON 2 i/c. "C" Coy. returned from THURSDAY ISLAND. |
| | | | 3 Officers & 134 O/R's working in shifts unloading boat at RED ISLAND POINT Jetty & 6 N.C.O's & 61 O/R's working with Engineer Units in area. |

REMARKS & REFS. TO APPENDICES, DIARIES.

Letter attached.
"APPX B"

WAR DIARY.

UNIT..26. Aust.. Inf.. Bn.....DATE & TIME - FROM 25 Nov. 43.....TO. 28 Nov. 43.....

| PLACE | DATE | HOUR | SUMMARY OF EVENTS & INFORMATION | REMARKS & REFS. TO APPENDICES, DIARIES, &c |
|-------------|-------------|------|--|--|
| JACKY JACKY | 25 Nov. 43. | 0715 | Heavy rain began to fall. Showers throughout the day. Working parties :- 3 Officers & 134 O/R's working in shifts unloading boat at RED ISLAND POINT Jetty. 6 N.C.O's & 43 O/r's working with Engineer Units in area. | |
| " " | 26 Nov. 43. | | Showery during morning. Afternoon fine. | |
| " " | | 1900 | Official opening of officers mess. Visitors included Brig. H.C. de LOW, (C.R.A.) Major FERGUSON B.M.R.A., Capt. GUEST G111 Ops. 4 Aust. Div., Lieut. SPRING I.O. R.A.A., Capt. CRONE O.C. 233 L.A.D. Capt. HARGREAVES C.O. 51 Carrier Platoon, Lieut. WILLIAMS C.O. 31 Carrier Platoon, Sqn/Ldr. DALZIEL 1 R.S.U., Flt/Lt. HORWOOD C.O. 33 O.B. Working parties supplied:- 3 Officers & 92 O/R's working in shifts unloading boat & 8 N.C.O's with 66 O/R's working with Engineer Units in this area. | |
| " " | 27 Nov. 43. | 0900 | Lieut. COCKBURN A/O.C. H.Q. Coy. left area for 4 Aust. Div. to exchange sporting materials. | |
| " " | | 1030 | Lieut. COCKBURN returned from 4 Aust. Div. | |
| " " | | 1900 | Coy. Comd. conference with Lieut. MAXWELL, Adj. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Subject:- "Security of Military Personnel" POSTED STRENGTH:- 26 Officers 495 O/R's. ATTACHED :- 5 " 28 " TOTAL STRENGTH :- 31 " 523 " | |
| " " | 28 Nov 43. | 0630 | Lieut. J.L.V. DESGRAND left camp for onward movement to N.E. Training Command. | |
| " " | | 0930 | Capt. ROBERTS, Padre conducted C of E Holy Communion. | |
| " " | | 0930 | Capt. SPENCER, Padre conducted General Church Parade. | |
| " " | | 1000 | Mass celebrated by Major ELLIS at R.A.A. | |

WAR DIARY.

UNIT...26. Aust. Inf. Bn. DATE & TIME - FROM. 28 Nov. 43 TO. 30 Nov. 43

| PLACE | DATE | HOUR | SUMMARY OF EVENTS & INFORMATION | REMARKS & REFS. TO APPENDICES, DIARIES, &c. |
|-------------|------------|----------------------|---|---|
| JACKY JACKY | 28 Nov. 43 | | Working parties:- 3 N.C.O's & 28 O/R's for unloading small craft. (RED ISLAND POINT Jetty). | |
| " " | 29 Nov. 43 | 0730 1200 1830 | <p>Lieut. COCKBURN A/O.C. of H.Q. Coy. left area for recce of CAPE YORK AREA to find suitable country for T/Attack Shoot.</p> <p>Weather fine & warm.</p> <p>Lieut. COCKBURN returned from recce. Shoot to take place from FLY POINT - 925153 NEWCASTLE BAY SHEET 1 Inch.</p> <p>Working Parties :- 15 N.C.O's & 103 O/R's with Engineer Units in area .</p> | |
| " " | 30 Nov. 43 | 0700 1200 1730 | <p>Lt. Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O., C.O. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. & Major RALSTON 2 i/c 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. leave area to inspect 16 Pl. area at GOODE ISLAND. - (396387 THURSDAY ISLAND SHEET 1 Inch).</p> <p>Weather hot & dry.</p> <p>Lt. Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O., C.O. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. & Major RALSTON 2 i/c 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. returned to camp area from inspection of 16 Pl. GOODE ISLAND.</p> <p>Working parties:- One Officer & 106 O/r's with Engineer Units in area.</p> | |

J.N. Abbott
.....Lt-col.
Comd. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn.

APPX. A

PATROL REPORT.

Report on party blazing track from LOCKERBIE - 746105 ENDEAVOUR STRAIT SHEET 1 Inch - to THEODORE - 808009 NEWCASTLE BAY SHEET 1 Inch - via LAKE SAPAGINYA. -833085 NEWCASTLE BAY SHEET 1 Inch.

Time out 0830 hrs. Friday 12 Nov. 43.
Time back 1500 hrs. Tuesday 16 Nov. 43.
No. in party 1 N.C.O. & 5 O/R's.

RESULT OF PATROL.

A clearly defined blaze was made from our startpoint off LOCKERBIE road - 757093 ENDEAVOUR STRAIT SHEET 1 Inch. on a bearing of 46 degrees magnetic for a distance of approx. 5000 yards - 796124 NEWCASTLE BAY SHEET 1 Inch. From this point the blaze was continued on a bearing of 131 degrees magnetic to within about 1500 yards from LAKE SAPAGINYA. The remaining distance to the lake is not clearly defined because when we were at this point our water supply was at its last and it was necessary to move forward quickly to get further supplies. From LAKE SPAGINYA no track was clearly defined because the route we took took us through swamp after swamp and to skirt them all to blaze a track where a dry weather vehicular road could be made would have taken our small party at least four days and we did not have rations for that time. From the Lake we continued on a bearing of 215 degrees magnetic for approx 6000 yards - 791037 ENDEAVOUR STRAIT SHEET 1 Inch. At this point we continued on a bearing of 186 degrees magnetic and after approx 4000 yards arrived at THEODORE road - 784003 ENDEAVOUR STRAIT SHEET.

TOPOGRAPHY OF ROUTE.

Ground during the first leg of our patrol and for the first 1000 yards of the second leg much ironstone rock was encountered all of which could be bypassed. The soil as far as the lake is light, sandy covered with dead leaves but no grass. Slope of the ground gentle.

TIMBER

As far as the lake thick vinescrub. Most trees softwood but some hardwood was noted. Diameter of trees range from the small sapling to eighteen inches.

SWAMPS.

From LAKE SAPAGINYA very swampy. Present conditions with the exception of one situated about 4000 yards from the lake no water but ground still wet.

WATER SUPPLY.

After LOCKERBIE where there is a spring there is no water available until lake SAPAGINYA is reached. The lake at present is dry but water was obtained by digging to a depth of eighteen inches.

WILD GAME.

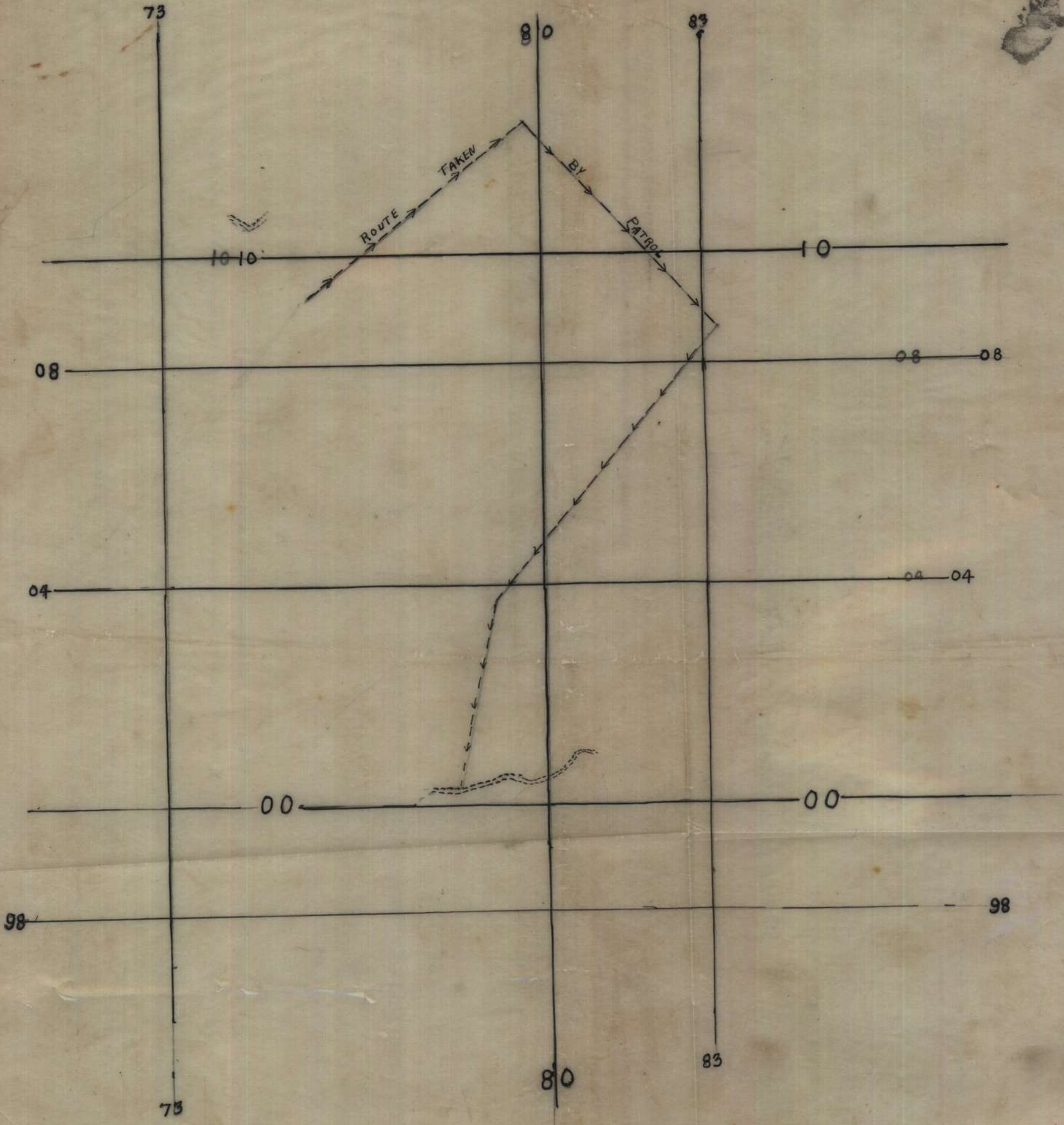
Not very plentiful but several scrub turkeys and wild pigs were seen.

L.P. Bauer A/cpl

SHADOW MAP ATTACHED TO PATROL REPORT

ENDEAVOUR STR SHEET

* NEWCASTLE BAY SHEET



TELEPHONES—

Australian Military Forces

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1 AUSTRALIAN CAMP HOSPITAL A.I.F.
Address TORRES STRAIT FORCE
Date 12.11.43

Col. J. H. ABBOTT
E.O.
26 Aust Inf Bn.

Dear John,

Seeing that you have now vacated our vicinity, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you, and yours Officers and Unit for the very great assistance and help you have afforded us whilst here.

I can assure you that your assistance to this unit is appreciated by us. Your cooperation & many kindnesses helped us out on lots of occasions.

Please convey to your unit our sincere thanks.

Wishing the 26 Bn and yourself all the best

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely

Ernest

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WAR DIARY

"C" COY

26 AUST INF BN.

FROM 25 SEP 43

TO 21 OCT 43

ORIGINAL

APPX 2

WAR DIARY.

Unit...26.Aust..Inf.Bn.....DATE & TIME - FROM 25 Sep. 43 TO 2 Oct. 43.

| PLACE | DATE | HOUR | SUMMARY of EVENTS and INFORMATION | REMARKS and REFERENCES to Appendices, DIARIES, &c. |
|---------------|-------------|------|--|--|
| MAINLAND AREA | 25 Sep. 43. | 1400 | Coy. called out to check fire Endeavour Strait 1" 648941. 14 Pl. returned from JARDINE. | |
| " " | 26 Sep. 43. | | Rest Day. Pte. JACQUES taken to Hospital. | |
| " " | 27 Sep. 43. | | W/O McMAHON temporary Platoon Commander 14 Pl. Sgt. DANIELS temporary C.S.M. | |
| | | 0830 | 14 Pl. set out on recce. patrol of area. | |
| | | 1630 | Patrol returned to camp. | |
| | | 6900 | 15 Pl. left for LOCKERBIE to clear a new road and make recesses. of that area. | |
| " " | 28 Sep. 43. | 0100 | 13 Pl. left for AIR STRIP. | |
| | | 1200 | Maj. Ralson, Lieut. MAXWELL and Pte. WILLIAMS arrived from HORN ISLAND. Pte. Small returned to HORN ISLAND on evening ferry. | |
| " " | 29 Sep. 43. | 0645 | 14 Pl. we re engaged in weapon training throughout the day. Maj. RALSON, Maj. MANN and 3 O/R's left for MUTTEE HEAD. | |
| | | 0630 | Lieut. MAXWELL returned to HORN ISLAND. | |
| " " | 30 Sep. 43. | | W/O McMAHON marched out to school. Maj. RALSON, Maj. MANN and 3 O/R's on recce to Cape YORK Telegraph Station, LOCKERBIE, SOMERSET. | |
| | | 0915 | 2 N.C.O's and 12 O/R's left on working party to Jetty. (RED ISLAND POINT). | |
| " " | 1 Oct. 43. | | Maj. BEECH G2, Brig. PAYNE, Col. LANGFORD, Maj. BRIAN, Maj. PENNIGER, BRIG. DRAKE-BROCHMAN, Maj. MURCHISON, Lt-Col. LEONARD, Maj. PAINBACK, Capt. TAVERNE on inspection visit to Camp. | |
| | | 1730 | 1 N.C.O. and 7 O/R's left on working party to camp site of 13 Garrison Camp. | |
| " " | 2 Oct. 43. | 2130 | Working party returned to camp. | |
| | | 1005 | Adv. party 4 AUST. DIV. passed through camp area. There were 7 vehicles in all. | |
| | | 0740 | 15 Pl. left on working party to repair road at F.O.D. | |

WAR DIARY.

UNIT...26. Aust... Inf... Bn..... DATE & TIME... FROM... 3 Oct. 43. TO... 10 Oct. 43.

| PLACE | DATE | HOUR | SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION | REMARKS and REFERENCES to APPENDICES, DIARIES, &c. |
|---------------|-------------|------|---|--|
| MAINLAND AREA | 3 Oct. 43. | | Rest Day. | |
| " " | 4 Oct. 43. | 0915 | 14 Pl. and section of 15 Pl. left camp as working party for road repairing. | |
| | | 1815 | Working party returned to camp. | |
| | | 1400 | Bush fire in vicinity of bark huts formely used by the 13 Garrison Bn. | |
| | | 2030 | 14 Pl. left camp as working party for Jetty (RED ISLAND POINT). | |
| " " | 5 Oct. 43. | 0100 | 13 Pl. working party re lieved 14 Pl. at Jetty. | |
| | | 0200 | 14 Pl. working party returned to camp from Jetty. | |
| | | 0900 | 15 Pl. relieved 13 Pl. at Jetty. | |
| | | 1000 | 13 Pl. returned to AIR STRIP. | |
| | | 1600 | 14 Pl. left as a working party for Jetty. | |
| | | 1315 | Lieut. WYLIE & MURNANE marched in. | |
| | | 1530 | Maj.-Gen MURRAY arrived in area. Col. Langford visited Maj.-Gen. Murray. | |
| " " | 6 Oct. 43. | 0100 | 14 Pl. returned from working party at Jetty. | |
| " " | 7 Oct. 43. | 0100 | Lieut. MURNANE marched out to Bn.H.Q. 14 Pl. re turned from working party. Visit by Col. ROBERTSON and Capt. HYNES (M.O. 4 Aust. Div.). Main R.A.P. estab lished in camp area for time being. Daily visit by M.O at 0830 hrs. | |
| " " | 8 Oct. 43. | 0700 | 13 Pl. left for working party at Jetty. | |
| " " | | 2300 | 14 Pl. left for working party at Jetty. | |
| " " | 9 Oct. 43. | | Visit to camp area from Maj. HART (4 AUST. DIV. SIGS) | |
| " " | 10 Oct. 43. | | 13 Pl. at ammn. dump working party. Rest Day. Coy. called out to check fire at or near U.S.A.N. petrol dump. Six men detailed for working party at wharf. Lieut. COMPTON 2 i/c C Coy. left on tour of inspection with Maj.-Gen. MURRAY to SOMERSET. | |

WAR DIARY.

UNIT...26.Aust..Inf...Bn.....DATE & TIME - FROM...11 Oct. 43.....TO...21 Oct. 43.....

| PLACE | DATE | HOUR | SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION | (Appendices, Diaries, &c.) REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO |
|---------------|------------|--------------|---|---|
| MAINLAND AREA | 11 Oct. 43 | | 13 Pl. working party to wharf. Maj. MANN (O.C. C Coy)attending Court of Inquiry at 4 AUST. DIV. H.Q. | |
| " " | 12 Oct. 43 | | Coy H.Q., 14 Pl., (S ections No. 13, 8 & 15) fired on Range . Distances 100yds 200 yds 300 yds. | |
| " " | 13 Oct. 43 | 1100 | 14 Pl. working party Ammn. dump. Brig. H.C. de LOWE C.R.A. 4 AUST. DIV. visited this area. | |
| " " | 14 Oct. 43 | | 14 Pl. working party A.A.D. Pte. LYNAM , pioneer, returned to Bn.H.Q. Signals returned from switch to camp area. | |
| " " | | 1130 1510 | Visit by Brig. H.C. de LOWE 4 AUST. DIV. Capt. SELBY, Capt. THOMPSON 4 Aust. Div. visited this area. Lieut. K. CHRISTIE departed for school. | |
| " " | 15 Oct. 43 | 1130 1417 | Visit from Maj. FINLAY (A.A.S.C. 4 AUST. DIV.) " " " HART (4 AUST. DIV. SIGNALS). | |
| " " | 16 Oct. 43 | 1600 2400 | 14 Pl. working party 12 A.A.D. Maj. MANN visiting SOMERSET with Brig. H.C. de LOWE. 14 Pl. bayonet training lecture. 14 Pl. Working party Jetty. 14 Pl. returned from Jetty. | |
| " " | 17 Oct. 43 | 1600 2400 | Rest Day. 14 Pl. working party Jetty. 14 Pl. returned from Jetty. | |
| " " | 18 Oct. 43 | 0800 1600 | 13 Pl. working party Jetty. 14 Pl. working party Jetty. | |
| " " | 19 Oct. 43 | 1600 | 13 Pl. working party Jetty. Lt.-Col. J.N. ABBOTT, D.S.O., C.O. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Capt. Hossack R.M.O. arrived this area from HORN ISLAND. | |
| " " | 20 Oct. 43 | | Lt.)Col. J.N. ABBOTT, Maj. MANN? Capt. HOSSACK visited GOWAL CREEK MISSION. | |
| " " | 21 Oct. 43 | | 14 Pl. working party camp area. 14 Pl. Bayonet drill. Lt.-Col. Jn. ABBOTT D.S.O. Maj. MANN, Capt. HOSSACK visited SOMERSET. 14 Pl. Weapon training and Bayonet drill. Lecture to C.M.F. on A.I.F. enlistments by Lt.-Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O. C.O. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Visit from Maj. MORGAN R.A.A. | |

WAR DIARY.

UNIT.....26.Aust..Inf..Bn.....DATE & TIME... - FROM...22 Oct. 43.....TO...31 Oct. 43.....

| PLACE | DATE | HOUR | SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION | REMARKS & REFERENCES TO APPENDICES, DIARIES, &c. |
|---------------|-------------|------|--|--|
| MAINLAND AREA | 22 Oct. 43. | 0700 | Lt-Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O. Capt. HOSSACK returned to H.I. 14 Pl. Weapon and Bayonet Training. | |
| " " | 23 Oct. 43. | 1000 | 13 O/R's 1 N.C.O. 14 Pl. working party. 15 Pl. working party Jetty. | |
| " " | 24 Oct. 43. | | R.A.A.F. Conce rt. Rest Day. | |
| " " | | 1300 | 1 N.C.O. 8 O/R's working party Jetty. R.A.A.F. Conce rt. | |
| " " | 25 Oct. 43 | 0110 | 1 N.C.O. 16 O/R's 14 Pl. working party Jetty. (16 personnel left for Range for re-shoot. Lt. Col. J.N. ABBOTT D.S.O., Maj. RALSTON, Capt. HOSSACK and Sgt. DOSGRAND arrived this area from HORN ISLAND.) | |
| " " | 26 Oct. 43. | | 14 Pl. working party around camp area. 16 personnel left for Range for re-shoot. Lt-Col J.N. ABBOTT | |
| " " | 27 Oct. 43. | 0900 | D.S.O.? Maj. RALSTON, Capt. HOSSACK 7 Sgt. DOSGRAND arrived this area. | |
| " " | | | Working party of 66 O/R's from 13, 14, 15 Pls. Bn.H.Q. arrived this area from HORN ISLAND. | |
| " " | | | Visit from Brig. H.C. de LOWE. | |
| " " | 28 Oct. 43 | 1900 | Working party returned . Working party of 66 personnel from 13, 14, 15 Pls. | |
| " " | 29 Oct. 43. | | Maj. RALSTON returned XXX to HORN ISLAND. Working parties to B.H.Q. | |
| " " | 30 Oct. 43. | | 15 Pl. sent to 4 Aust. Div. as D & E Pl. 30 O/r's working party D.I.D. | |
| " " | 31 Oct. 43. | | 15 " " " Jetty Rest Day. Ptes. OLDS BULLOCK EYLES returned from D.I.D. | |

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WAR DIARY.

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26 AUST. INF. BN.

FROM : 22 OCT 43

TO : 7 NOV 43.

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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(adapted.)

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Unit "A" Coy 26 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 22/10/43

To 25/10/43

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------------|----------|------|---|--|
| TANAH MERAH | 22/10/43 | 0715 | Roll call. From 0715 to 0745 hrs. - P.T. | |
| | | 0915 | Inspection Parade. All pls. and Mortar Det. building and improving defensive positions. Sports in the afternoon. | |
| " | 23/10/43 | 0715 | Roll Call and I:E. | |
| | | 0915 | Paradee 7 Pl. - felling and carrying timber for strong post, 8 Pl. - construction of strong post and repairing road. 9 Pl. - building strong post. M.M.G. - gathering timber for strong post. Mortars - improving positions and camouflaging same. | |
| | | 1142 | Walrus landed. | |
| | | 1445 | Walrus departed. | |
| " | 24/10/43 | | Recreation Day. | |
| " | 25/10/43 | 0715 | Roll Call. P.T. from 0715 to 0745 hrs. | |
| | | 0915 | Inspection Parade. 7 Pl. - building strong post. 8 Pl. - carrying timber for strong post and repairing road 9 Pl. - building strong post. M.M.G. - constructing strong post. One post completed. Mortars - digging and camouflaging positions. | |
| | | 1115 | Walrus landed. | |
| | | 1510 | Walrus departed. | |



WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit "A" Coy 26 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 26/10/43 To 28/10/43

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------------|----------|------|---|--|
| TANAH MERAH | 26/10/43 | 0715 | Roll Call. | |
| | | 0915 | From 0715 to 0745 hrs. - P.T. Inspection Parade. 7 Pl. - building strong post; lectures in the afternoon. 8 Pl. - constructing strong post; carrying out adm. work - cleaning weapons and amn. 9 Pl. - constructing strong post and lectures. M.M.G. - carrying timber for strong post; lectures. Mortars - construction of amn. pit; improving posns and camouflaging. | |
| " | 27/10/43 | 0715 | Roll Call. | |
| | | 0915 | P.T. from 0715 to 0745 hrs. Parade. 7 Pl. - inspection and lectures. 8 Pl. - inspection of weapons and amn. 9 Pl. - cleaning weapons and amn. M.M.G. - Most of this Pl. left at 0700 hrs. for the Coy. exercise. Mortars - part of this Det. left with M.M.G.; remainder on duties. | |
| " | 28/10/43 | 1400 | Troops left for for a Coy exercise. | |
| " | 28/10/43 | 0715 | Roll Call. | |
| | | | Coy exercise. 2 remaining sections on duties. | <i>[Signature]</i> |

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Unit "A" Coy 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 29/10/43 To 1/11/43

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------------|----------|--------------|---|--|
| TANAH MERAH | 29/10/43 | 0715 | Roll Call. Two secs. on duties. | |
| | | 1430 1655 | Troops returned from Coy exercise. Catalina arrived with Lt. Gen. Sir John D. Laverack K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. ; Brig. J.R. Stevenson D.S.O., ; Lt. Col. Speed (1st Army H.Q.); Lt. Col. Van De Berge (Dutch Army official at MERAUKE); Lt. Col. Sandberg; Maj. Thomas (Amer. Eng.); Maj. Marr (G 1 1st Army Intell.); Maj. Myers (1st Army H.Q.) and Capt Reed (A.D.C. to Lt. Gen. Sir John D. Laverack) | |
| " | 30/10/43 | 0715 | Roll Call. From 0715 to 0745 hrs. - P.T. | |
| | | 0748 | Catalina departed with Lt. Gen. Sir John D. Laverack and party. Troops - inspection and cleaning of weapons and amm. I.E. | |
| " | 31/10/43 | | Recreation Day. | |
| " | 1/11/43 | 0715 | Roll Call. | |
| | | 0915 | P.T. from 0715 to 0745 hrs. Parade. 7 Pl. - working on Air Strip. 8 Pl. - working on Air strip. 9 Pl. - working on Air strip. M.M.G. - felling timber for strong post and fatigue duties. Mortars - improving posns. and fatigue duties. | |

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit "A" Coy 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 2/11/43 To 4/11/43

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------------|---------|-------|---|--|
| TANAH MERAH | 2/11/43 | 0715 | Roll Call. P.T. from 0715 to 0745 hrs. | |
| | | 0915 | Inspection parade. 7 Pl. - building strong post; sec. working on Air Strip. | |
| | | | 8 Pl. - working on def. posns. and Air Strip. | |
| | | | 9 Pl. - felling timber and constructing strong post; one party working on strip. | |
| | | | M.M.G. - improving posns. | |
| | | 1102 | Mortars. - working on strong post; fatigue duties. Air raid alert given. | |
| | | | One a/c flew in from the SOUTH circled 4 times and flew away NORTH. Twin engined and twin tailed - appeared to have Dutch markings. In answer to a signal MERAUKE advised that the a/c was Dutch. | |
| " | 3/11/43 | | No early Roll Call or P.T. due to heavy rain. | |
| | | | 7 Pl. -) Tests in elementary tng. and Gas. | |
| | | | 9 Pl. -) Innoculation in the afternoon and lectures. | |
| | | | 8 Pl. - working on posns. | |
| | | | M.M.G. - felling timber for strong post and building | |
| | | | same; fatigue duties. | |
| | | | Mortars - camouflaging and improving posns. | |
| " | 4/11/43 | 0715 | Roll Call. | |
| | | 0915 | 0715 to 0745 hrs. - P.T. Parade. | <i>J.</i> |

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Unit **"A" Coy 26 Aust. Inf. Bn.**

Date and Time.—From **4/11/43**

To

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------------|---------|------|--|---|
| TANAH MERAH | 4/11/43 | | 7 Pl. - construction of strong post. 8 Pl. - camouflaging strong post and section tng. 9 Pl. - working on strong post and Air strip. M.M.G. - gun drill and building strong post. Mortars - camouflaging and improving positions. | Since the Detachment arrived in TANAH MERAH the following personnel have contracted malaria. |
| " | 5/11/43 | 0715 | Roll Call. | V503614 Pe. Heritage 4 times VX 140138 - Burgess N 268489 - Moriarty QX 55216 - Stack QX 38927 - Harrison SX 39246 - Lewis. R.J. |
| | | 0915 | P.T. - 0715 to 0745 hrs. Parade. 7 Pl. - construction of strong post and section tng. 8 Pl. - working on positions. 9 Pl. - working on strong post and on Air strip. M.M.G. - collecting timber for strong post. Mortars - Mortar drill and improving positions. | |
| | | | Roll Call. | |
| | | | From 0715 to 0745 hrs. - P.T. Parade. 7 Pl. - rifle and amn. inspection and I.E. 8 Pl. - I.E. 9 Pl. - I.E. M.M.G. - gathering timber for strong post. MORTARS - inspection and cleaning of amn. | |
| | | | Earth tremor - lasted for 2 minutes. Very noticeable and a distinct rumbling heard. | |
| " | 6/11/43 | 0715 | Roll Call. | |
| | | 0915 | From 0715 to 0745 hrs. - P.T. Parade. 7 Pl. - rifle and amn. inspection and I.E. 8 Pl. - I.E. 9 Pl. - I.E. M.M.G. - gathering timber for strong post. MORTARS - inspection and cleaning of amn. | |
| | | 1933 | Earth tremor - lasted for 2 minutes. Very noticeable and a distinct rumbling heard. | |
| " | 7/11/43 | 0915 | Recreation Day. Under instruction of Lieut. A.L. Chambers a Cadre for Cpls. and potential Cpls. was begun. | <i>James Capt</i> <i>of</i> |

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6/11/1943 8609 DPT (Unit)

W.E. II / 100 / 2. OFFRS. 6 O.R.'s 195 + OFFRS. NIL O.R.'s 12 ATT. BY W.E.

43 / 43 (Serial No.)

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

| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|--------|--------|----------|----|--------|
| Rein'ts Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Rein'ts Required. | | | | | |
| NR | 1 | 2 | 6 | * * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs. | NIL | | | | | | | | | |
| NR | 1 | 2 | 7 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 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. | 7 | | | | | | | | | 7 |
| | | | | E.(1) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | E.(2) | | | | | | | | | | |

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit From. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|----------|-------|--------------------|---------------|--------|--------------------|
| 8609 DPT | LIEUT | BROWN HH | 8609 DPT | 31 OCT | APPOINTED AS LIEUT |
| | | | 26AUST INF BN | 43 | 31 OCT 43 |

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|--------------|-------|--------------------|----------|-------|--------|
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 8609 DPT (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 6/11/1943

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
|--------------|-------|--------------------|---|
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Army Form W3008
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|--------------|----------|-----------|----------|--|---|---------------------|
| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | Army Number. | Surname. | Initials. | Posting. | Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed. | Date of Detachment. |
| LIEUT | 01334002 | SPARLES | S G | OC | YES | | |
| LIEUT | 01334004 | BRYCE | E B | SIC | " | | |
| LIEUT | 01335310 | MARLES | B H D | OC PL | " | | |
| LIEUT | 01334330 | CHAMBERS | A L | OC PL | " | | |
| LIEUT | 01334393 | BROWN | F B | OC PL | " | | |
| LIEUT | 01334017 | MURPHY | C J | OC PL | " | | |
| LIEUT | 01334079 | BROWN | H H | | " | Waiting posting | |

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

| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held. | Army Number. | Name and Initials. | Unit. | Date of Attachment. | Nature of Attachment. |
|--|--------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| CAPT | 5122156 | LEVY, B H | 19 AVST PSAMB | 31 MAY 43 | M O |

8 Nov 43
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander
OC 4 COY DET 26 AVST INF B N
MERAPIKA FORCE

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12/11/1943 (Unit) *4 COY DET 26 AVST INF BN*

W.E. II / 124 / 21 OFFRS. 6 O.R's. 175 + OFFRS. NIL O.R's. 4 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

| 1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | 5 | | 6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---|--|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Reinfts. Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | DETAIL. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Reinfts. Required. |
| | | | | W.Os. Class I. | | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | W.Os. Class II. | | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts. | | | | | | |
| | | | | Staff Sergeants | | | | | | |
| | | 1 | 7 | Sergeants | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| 1 | 1 | | 14 | Corporals | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| | | 2 | 154 | Troopers, Privates, etc. | | 2 | 1 | | 1 | NR |
| | | | | Civilians counting as O.R. | | | | | | |
| | * | 3 | 177 * | Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. | | | 3 * | | 1 | - * |

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 | 183 | | 57 | | | | | | | 180 |
| 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. |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 7 | AAMC LIQAVST FDAMB | | | 1 | 26 AVST INF BN | | |
| 3 | ITSEC SIGS | | | 1 | 30 RT FORCE | | |
| 1 | AASC | | | 1 | MPRAVMB FORCE | | |
| 1 | AADC | | | | | | |

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 12/11/1943

| Army No | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
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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 6/11/1943.

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. |
|--|------|------------------|-------------------|--|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | | | Operating Room Assis. | 2 | 2 | | G.P.O. Assistants | 6 | 6 | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter | | | | Surveyors, R.A.A. | | | | Operator, Keyboard | | | | Hammermen | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical) | | | | Surveyors, Topographical | | | | Operator, Line | | | | Leather Stitchers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.) | | | | Surveyors, Trigonometrical | | | | Operator, Signal | | | | Orderlies, Nursing | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.) | | | | Toolmakers | | | | Operator, Switchboard | | | | Orderlies, Nursing Mental | | | |
| Armament Artificer Instrument | | | | Turners | | | | Operator, Wireless | | | | Plate Layers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Radio | | | | Watchmakers | | | | Opticians | | | | Rangetakers | 2 | 2 | |
| Armament Artificer Signals | | | | Welders | | | | Painters | | | | Riveters | | | |
| Armament Artificer Wireless | | | | | | | | Panel Beaters | | | | Roughriders | | | |
| Artificer, Artillery | | | | | | | | Photographer, Dry Plate | | | | Saddlers | | | |
| Artificer, Engine | | | | | | | | Predictor Numbers | | | | Saddletree makers | | | |
| Blacksmiths | | | | | | | | Printers | | | | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | | |
| Bricklayers | | | | | | | | Radiographers | | | | Stevedores | | | |
| Computers | | | | | | | | Riggers | | | | Stokers, Staty. Engine | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | | GROUP II. | | | | Sawyers | | | | Storemen, Technical | | | |
| Coppersmiths | | | | Armourers | | | | Signallers | 2 | 2 | | Tailors | | | |
| Dispensers | | | | Axemen | | | | Signwriters | | | | Textile Refitters | | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | | Bakers | | | | Telescope Identfn. Numbers | | | | Tinsmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural) | | | | By. Comd's. Asst. | | | | Well Borers | | | | Vulcanizers | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering) | | | | Boilermakers | | | | 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 | | | | GROUP III. | | | | DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN. | | | |
| Fitters (M.V.) | | | | Gun Operator | | | | Battery Surveyors | | | | | | | |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | | Hatchman | | | | Butchers | | | | | | | |
| Fitters, Signals | | | | Height Taker | | | | Clerks | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| Grinder, Precision | | | | Hello Operator | | | | Clerks, Supply | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument | | | | Instrument Operator | | | | Clerks, Technical | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | | Intelligence Duties | 2 | 2 | | Coach Trimmers | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical) | | | | Joiners | | | | Concretors | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Radio | | | | Lineman | | | | Cooks | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Typewriter | | | | Lineman, Signals | | | | Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Wireless | | | | Lithographers | | | | Despatch Riders | | | | ATTACHED BY W.E. | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | | |
| Pumber | | | | Moulders | | | | Farriers | | | | | | | |
| Saw Doctors | | | | Nurses, Trained | | | | Fitters' Mates | | | | | | | |
| Surveyors | | | | Observation Post Assts. | | | | Gun Layers | | | | | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | | | | CARRIED FORWARD | 2 | 2 | | CARRIED FORWARD | 6 | 6 | | 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.

10 Nov 43
 Date of Despatch
 a.w. 6m bka 3/43

Signature of Commander

See back

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 MERAVKA FORCE

SECRET.

WAR DIARY

"A" COY

26 AUST. INF. BN.

FROM : 8 Nov. 43

TO : 24 Nov. 43

ORIGINAL

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 2118.
(adapted.)

Unit "A" Coy. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 8/11/43 To 10/11/43

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------------|----------|-------|---|--|
| TANAH MERAH | 8/11/43 | | No early Roll Call or P.T. due to heavy rain. | |
| | | | 7 Pl. - camouflaging and building defensive positions. | |
| | | | 8 Pl. - digging def. posns. | |
| | | | 9 Pl. - working on the Air strip. | |
| | | | M.M.G. - collecting timber for gun and building strong post. | |
| | | 1345 | Mortars - Mortar instruction: Gas: recce reports. "MARLINSTAR" arrived with Capt. Kurrle (19 Fd. Amb.), who relieved Capt. Levy, and Cpl. Marefield (A.A.S.C.) | |
| " | 9/11/43 | 0715 | Roll Call. | |
| | | 0915 | Parade. | |
| | | | Pay Parade. The remainder of the day was devoted to sports : Athletics | |
| " | 10/11/43 | 0715 | Roll Call. | |
| | | | P.T. from 0715 to 0745 hrs. | |
| | | 0810 | "MARLINSTAR" departed taking - 2 Offrs. and 7 O/Rs. 3 O/Rs were being evacuated for medical reasons 1 Offr. and 1 O/R for transfer and 1 Offr. and 3 O/Rs returning to their units. | |
| | | 0915 | Inspection Parade. 7 Pl: -building and camouflaging strong post. | |
| | | | 8 Pl. - digging ppsns. | |
| | | | 9 Pl. - one sec. on Air strip; remaining two secs. carrying timber for revetting. | |
| | | | M.M?G. - gun drill and building strong post. | |
| | | | Mortar - rifle drill: Gas: Mortar instruction: Recce for night operations. | |

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Unit "A" Coy. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 11/11/43 To 12/11/43

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. | | |
|-------------|----------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| TANAH MERAH | 11/11/43 | 0715 | Roll call From 0715 to 0745 hrs.— P.T. | | | |
| | | 0915 | Inspection Parade. 7 Pl. - fatigue duties. 8 Pl. - digging positions. 9 Pl. - working on Air strip and positions. | | | |
| | | | M.M.G. - strong post. Mortars - rifle drill; Bren instruction; gas and Mortar instruction. | | | |
| | | 1225 | Catalina landed with - Col. L. J. Sverdrup (O.C.E. GHQ) Maj. Rinehart (U.S.A. 43 Engrs.), Maj. Thornhill (U.S.A. A/C), Maj. Austen (A.N.G.H.U) Maj. Woodhouse (U.S.A. MC 117 Stn. Hosp.) Lieut. Eslinger (U.S. Navy), Lieut. Onofrio, Lieut. Bosworth (U.S.A., O.C.E. GHQ). Postal orderly also arrived. | | | |
| | | 1542 | Catalina departed with the above for Port Moresby. | | | |
| | | " | 12/11/43 | 0715 | Roll call. P.T. from 0715 to 0745 hrs. | |
| | | | | 0915 | Inspection Parade. 7 Pl. - preparation for trg. and the building of strong post. 8 Pl. - digging and camouflaging positions. 9 Pl. - improving positions and constructing strong post. M.M.G. † collecting timber for the building of strong post. | |
| | | | | | Mortars - Rifle drill: Bren instr.: Gas and Mortar lectures. | |
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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit "A" Coy 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 13/11/43 To 16/11/43

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------------|----------|--------------|--|--|
| Tanah Merah | 13/11/43 | 0915 | No Roll Call or P.T. due to rain. Inspection Parade. 7 Pl. -) 8 pl -) I.E. 9 pl. -) M.M.G. - cleaning guns and amn. Mortars - cleaning weapons. | |
| | | 1100 1840 | O.C. lectured troops on infm. from Intelligence summaries. Catalina arrived. | |
| " | 14/11/43 | 0740 | Catalina departed. Recreation Day. | |
| " | 15/11/43 | 0915 0940 | No early Roll Call or P.T. due to heavy rain. Inspection Parade. Coy Parade. 7 Pl. -) 8 pl. -) Arms drill ; Lessons on the Rifle, ?Bren, O.S.M.G., and TKA Rifle. 9 pl. -) M.M.G. - Arms.drill;instr.on Bren ; Sec.drill on M.M.G. prepare for action. Mortars - description of and weather precautions for the Mortar. | |
| " | 16/11/43 | 0715 | Roll Call P.T. from 0715 to 0745 hrs. | |
| | | 0915 1000 | Inspection Parade. Coy Parade. | |
| | | | 7 Pl. 8 pl -) Arms drill; Lessons on Rifle, Bren and TKA rifle 9 Pl. -) O.S.M.G. and Grenades | |

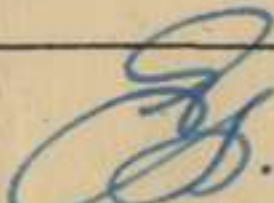
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Unit "A" Coy 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 16/11/43 To 19/11/43

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------------|----------|--------------|---|---|
| TANAH MERAH | 16/11/43 | | M.M.G. - Arms drill ; Lessons on Bren ; stoppages in M.M.G.; Sec:drill - replacement of breakages. Mortars - Arms drill ; revision of Mortar; intro.to Map Reading | |
| " | 17/11/43 | 0915 | No Roll Call or P.T. due to rain. Parade. 7 Pl. - } Arms drill ; lessons on Bren,TKA Rifle and 8 Pl. - } Grenades (No.68). 9 Pl. - } M.M.G. - Arms drill ; lessons on Bren ;Sec.trg.- firing when target is obscured. Mortars - Arms drill; description of the Mortar. Map Reading - conventional signs. | |
| " | 18/11/43 | 0715 0915 | Roll Call. P.T.from 0715 to 0745 hrs. Inspection Parade. 7 Pl. - } Arms drill : Lessons on Rifle,Bren ;Bayonet 8 Pl. - } trg.; Application of Fire ; Grenade No.69. 9 Pl. - } M.M.G. - Arms drill ; lessonson Bren; Sec trg preparation in daylight for night firing ; care and cleaning of the gun. Mortars - fatigue duties. | |
| " | 19/11/43 | 0715 0915 | Roll Call. From 0715 to 0745 hrs. - P.T. Inspection Parade. |  |

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Unit "A" Coy 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 19/11/43 To 22/11/43

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------------|----------|--------------|--|--|
| TANAH MERAH | 19/11/43 | | 7 pl. -) Arms drill ; lessons on the rifle and Bren ; 8 Pl. -) Application of Fire ; Bayonet trg.; care and 9 pl. -) cleaning of respirator. M.M.G. - Arms drill ; Bren (stripping) ; Sec.drill preparation in daylight for night firing. Mortars - fatigue duties. | |
| " | 20/11/43 | 0715 0915 | Roll Call. Parade. All pls. - cleaning of amn. and all weapons. Sports. | |
| | | 1150 1515 | Walrus landed. Gp.Capt. Walters came to inspect the strpp Walrus departed. | |
| " | 21/11/43 | | Recreation Day. | |
| " | 22/11/43 | 0715 0915 | Roll Call. P.T. from 0715 to 0745 hrs. Inspection Parade. 7 pl. -) Arms Drill ; lessons on Rifle, Bren ; 8 pl. -) Application of Fire : Bayonet trg. and fitting 9 pl. -) of Respirator. M.M.G. - Arms Drill : Bren (stripping) : Sec. drill - night firing. | |
| | | | Mortars - description of the Mortar. | |

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit "A" Coy. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 23/11/43 To 24/11/43

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------------|----------|-------|---|--|
| TANAH MERAH | 23/11/43 | 0715 | Roll Call P.T. from 0715 to 0745 hrs. | |
| | | 0915 | Inspection Parade. 7 Pl. -) Arms drill : lessons on rifle and Bren : 8 Pl. -) application of fire: bayonet trg.: respirator 9 Pl. -) drill. | |
| | | | M.M.G. - Arms drill : Bren (stripping). Instruments - Clip and bar foresight : Sec. drill - night firing. | |
| | | | Mortars - Arms drill ; the Mortar itself.: Map Reading. | |
| | | 1439 | Air raid Yellow. Planes were picked up by R.D.F. The planes were circling 26 miles to the S.W. | |
| | | 1508 | All clear given. | |
| " | 24/11/43 | 0915 | No early Roll Call or P.T. due to rain. Inspection Parade. 7 Pl. -) Arms drill : lessons on the rifle and Bren: 8 Pl. -) application of fire ; Respirator - chamber 9 Pl. -) test. M.M.G. - Arms drill : Bren - care and cleaning : slide rule and range tables.: Pl. drill - indirect fire. Mortars - Arms drill : Bren instruction. ; handling and mounting Mortar. | NOTE: Since last WAR DIARY sent 9 new cases of Malaria "MINYAKTANAH" arrived 1705 hrs 24/11/43. |

James Coy
of 26 Aust Inf Bn
24/11/43

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20/11/1943

W.E. II OFFRS. 6 O.R.'s 175 + OFFRS. NIL ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

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

* 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. |
|----------|-------|--------------------|------------|-------|--------|
| NIL | | | | | |

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|----------|-------|--------------------|----------|-------|--------|
| NIL | | | | | |

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

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

ACCORDING TO 20/11/1943 MERAVKE FORCE

1 COY DET 26 AUST INF BN Unit
 MERAUKE FORCE

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20/11/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|--------------|----------|-----------|----------|--|---|---------------------|
| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | Army Number. | Surname. | Initials. | Posting. | Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed. | Date of Detachment. |
| LIEUT | DA3651 | SEARLES | S.S. | OC | YES | | |
| LIEUT | DA34008 | BRUCE | E.B. | OC | " | | |
| LIEUT | DA36519 | MERRIS | E.H. | OC | " | | |
| LIEUT | DA104330 | CHAMBERS | A.W. | OC | " | | |
| LIEUT | DA42373 | BROWN | F.E. | OC | " | | |
| LIEUT | DA34009 | MURPHY | C.J. | OC | " | | |

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

| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held. | Army Number. | Name and Initials. | Unit. | Date of Attachment. | Nature of Attachment. |
|--|--------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| CAPT | DA40888 | KURRLE E.N. | AAMC 10 AUST CAMP AIF | 8 NOV 43 | M.O. |

Date of Despatch

James [Signature]
 Signature of Commander
 1 COY DET 26 AUST INF BN
 MERAUKE FORCE

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

643 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20/11/1943

A Coy Det 26 Aust Inf Bn
Merrivale Force (Unit)

W.E. OFFRS. 6 O.R's. 175 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Reinfts. Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Reinfts. Required. |
| | | | | W.Os. Class I. | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | W.Os. Class II. | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts. | | | | | |
| | | | | Staff Sergeants | | | | | |
| | | 1 | 1 | Sergeants | 1 AAC | 1 | | | |
| NR | 2 | | 13 | Corporals | 1 AAC | 1 | | | |
| 1 | 1 | | 151 | Troopers, Privates, etc. | 2 AAC | 1 | | 1 | NR |
| | | | | Civilians counting as O.R. | | | | | |
| 1 * | 3 | 1 | 173 * | Totals of cols. marked should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. | | 3 * | | 1 | |

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

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

| Detail | C.M.F. | | | A.W.A.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | ** | TOTAL. |
|--------|--------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|------------|-------|--------|----------|----|--------|
| | A.I.F. | Under 19 Years. | 19 Years and over. | | | | | | | |
| A | 124 | | 52 | | | | | | | 176 |
| 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. |
|-----------------|---|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 7 | AAMC 19 AUST ED | | | 1 | 26 AUST INF BN | | |
| 2 | AAMB AIF 11 AUST INF | | | 1 | WORKFORCE | | |
| 1 | BDE SIG SEC 222 AUST DEPOT SUPPLY PW AIF | | | 1 | MERRIVALE FORCE | | |

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 20/11/1943

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

ACOY DET 2BAUSTINFBN Unit
 MERAUKE FORCE

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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 20/11/1943.

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. |
|--|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|--|--------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | | | Brought on Operating Room Assts. | 2 | 2 | - | Brought on G.P.O. Assistants | 0 | 0 | - |
| Armament Artificer Fitter | | | | Surveyors, R.A.A. | | | | Operator, Keyboard | | | | Hammermen | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical) | | | | Surveyors, Topographical | | | | Operator, Line | | | | Leather Stitchers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.) | | | | Surveyors, Trigonometrical | | | | Operator, Signal | | | | Orderlies, Nursing | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.) | | | | Toolmakers | | | | Operator, Switchboard | | | | Orderlies, Nursing Mental | | | |
| Armament Artificer Instrument | | | | Turners | | | | Operator, Wireless | | | | Plate Layers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Radio | | | | Watchmakers | | | | Opticians | | | | Rangetakers | 2 | 2 | - |
| Armament Artificer Signals | | | | Welders | | | | Painters | | | | Riveters | | | |
| Armament Artificer Wireless | | | | | | | | Panel Beaters | | | | Roughriders | | | |
| Artificer, Artillery | | | | | | | | Photographer, Dry Plate | | | | Saddlers | | | |
| Artificer, Engine | | | | | | | | Predictor Numbers | | | | Saddletree makers | | | |
| Blacksmiths | | | | | | | | Printers | | | | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | | |
| Bricklayers | | | | | | | | Radiographers | | | | Stvedores | | | |
| Computers | | | | | | | | Riggers | | | | Stokers, Staty. Engine | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | | GROUP II. | | | | Sawyers | | | | Storemen, Technical | | | |
| Coppersmiths | | | | Armourers | | | | Signallers | 3 | 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 | | | | Winchman | | | | Whitesmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical) | | | | Carpenters and Joiners | | | | Wireman | | | | | | | |
| Electricians | | | | Cooks | | | | Woodturners | | | | | | | |
| Electricians (M.V.) | | | | Dental Mechanics | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Electricians (Signals) | | | | Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters | | | | Driver-Operator | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Cycle) | | | | Drainers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Electrical) | | | | Electricians | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Gun) | | | | Electricians (Engineers) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Instrument) | | | | Fire Control Operators | | | | GROUP III. | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (M.V.) | | | | Gun Operator | | | | Battery Surveyors | | | | | | | |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | | Hatchman | | | | Butchers | | | | | | | |
| Fitters, Signals | | | | Height Taker | | | | Clerks | AORCPW | 1 | 1 | - | | | |
| Grinder, Precision | | | | Helio Operator | | | | Clerks, Supply | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument | | | | Instrument Operator | | | | Clerks, Technical | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | | Intelligence Duties | 2 | 2 | - | Coach Trimmers | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical) | | | | Joiners | | | | Concretors | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Eadio | | | | Lineman | | | | Cooks | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Typewriter | | | | Lineman, Signals | | | | Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Wireless | | | | Lithographers | | | | Despatch Riders | | | | | | | |
| Millwrights | | | | Machinists, Metal | | | | Draughtsmen, Signals | | | | | | | |
| Operators, Excavator | | | | Machinists, Wood | | | | Drivers, H.T. | | | | | | | |
| Pattern Maker | | | | Masons | | | | Driver Mechanics | | | | | | | |
| Pharmacist | | | | Masseurs | | | | Driver Tptn. Plant | | | | | | | |
| Photographer, Wet Plate | | | | Mechanics, M.T. | | | | Engine Hands, I.C. | | | | | | | |
| Photowriter | | | | Miners | | | | Equipment Repairers | | | | | | | |
| Plumber | | | | Moulders | | | | Farriers | | | | | | | |
| Saw Doctors | | | | Nurses, Trained | | | | Fitters' Mates | | | | | | | |
| Surveyors | | | | Observation Post Assts. | | | | Gun Layers | | | | | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | | | | CARRIED FORWARD | 2 | 2 | - | CARRIED FORWARD | 6 | 6 | - | Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively. | 199 | 196 | 1 |

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.

24 Nov 43
 Date of Despatch
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 Signature of Commander
 O.C. ACOY DET 2BAUSTINFBN

Part A of Army Form W.3008 at 0800 Hours Saturday 20/1/1943
PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in

| GROUP I | Detail of Treatment | RE | Present strength | Reinforcements required | GROUP II | Detail of Treatment | RE | Present strength | Reinforcements required |
|-----------------|---------------------|----|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----|------------------|-------------------------|
| Ammunition | Ammunition | | | | Ammunition | Ammunition | | | |
| Artillery | Artillery | | | | Artillery | Artillery | | | |
| Engineers | Engineers | | | | Engineers | Engineers | | | |
| Infantry | Infantry | | | | Infantry | Infantry | | | |
| Medical | Medical | | | | Medical | Medical | | | |
| Transport | Transport | | | | Transport | Transport | | | |
| Communications | Communications | | | | Communications | Communications | | | |
| Signal | Signal | | | | Signal | Signal | | | |
| General | General | | | | General | General | | | |
| Supply | Supply | | | | Supply | Supply | | | |
| Other | Other | | | | Other | Other | | | |
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Supplies to W.E

1 Sgt (Refugee)

Department to W.E

2 Bpts (Refugee)

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20/1/43
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and 1 and 10 of Form
W.3008 respectively

NOTE: (a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized grades are indicated and included in list will be added as required in special provision.
(c) Where A.W.A.R. subject A.M.W.S. personnel are detailed now details on back.
(d) Where equipment not detailed note accordingly on reverse of form in col. "Remarks Required."
(e) Where any report or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this form.

Signature of Commander
Base of Despatch
ACCOY DET SPARTAN FORCE

R E S T R I C T E D.

ROUTINE ORDER.

- by -

LT COL J. N. ABBOTT, D. S. O.

COMD 25 AUST INF BN.

Part 1 Serial 120 Nos. 316 to 320 In the Field 4 Oct '43.

316. NOMENCLATURE OF RDF EQUIPMENT TO BE CHANGED TO RADAR EQUIPMENT :
EXTRACT FROM GRO C. 698.

1. The use of the term "RDF" (i.e. radio direction finding) as applied to radio location will be discontinued and the term "Radar" substituted in all cases.
2. Authority is given for the change of the term "RDF" to the term "Radar" in the nomenclature of all location equipments and in all existing documents and publications.
3. This change conforms to American and recently introduced British procedure and has already been adapted by the RAN and the RAAF.

317. FOURTH LIBERTY WAR LOAN : EXTRACT FROM GRO F. 699.

1. The Fourth Liberty War Loan of £125,000,000 is now open for subscription.
2. Arrangements have been made for paymasters to accept applications for Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock or Treasury Bonds from members of the forces serving in Australia or New Guinea who may be desirous of investing their savings in the loan.
Particulars of Loan..
3. Loan applications may be made for an amount of £10, or higher amount being a multiple of £10.
4. Stock will be inscribed at par for amounts of £100 or multiples of £10 above £100 as required.
5. Treasury Bonds are payable to bearer and are issued at par for £10, £50, £100, £500 and £1,000.
6. Interest is payable at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum if invested for five years and at $3\frac{1}{4}\%$ per annum if invested for sixteen years, and will be credited half-yearly to the member's savings bank account or current account if desired.
7. Interest will be subject to Commonwealth taxation, but will not be subject to income tax under the law of a State. During the period of uniform taxation, a rebate of 2/- in the pound on interest will be allowed to cover freedom from State taxation.
8. Any bank nominated by the member will hold the bonds in safe custody for the member if such is desired.

Procedure for lodging applications.-

9. Application forms will be available from paymasters or may be obtained through unit pay sergeants, and are required to be completed in duplicate. The applicant's signature will be witnessed by an officer of the same unit.
10. Sufficient credit must be available in the member's pay book to cover the amount it is desired to invest in the loan. The amount subscribed will be debited in the pay book.
11. Paymasters may accept cash in payment of a loan subscription, in which case the amount tendered will be entered in the pay book to establish the necessary credit and an official receipt issued and pasted in the pay book.
12. The Commonwealth Bank will forward to members an interim receipt for the amount subscribed.

General.-

13. Both Treasury Bonds and Inscribed Stock are readily realisable and may be sold at any time. Any bank will arrange this for the member if desired.
14. Where practicable, the substance of this order will be explained to personnel on parade.

318. PILFERING ON WHARVES OR SHIPS : EXTRACT FROM 4 Aust Div RO 285.

Strong disciplinary action will be taken against pers guilty of pilfering ships' cargoes. Frequent "snap" inspections will be made of all living quarters by offrs appointed by this HQ. All pers charged with pilfering will be remanded to the GOC 4 Aust Div. Copies, duly signed, of reports of investigations on suspected thieves will also be forwarded to HQ 4 Aust Div.

319. ABC COMPETITION - AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SONG : EXTRACT FROM 4 Aust Div RO 286.

- (a) The Australian Broadcasting Commission is conducting a competition in the hope of discovering a song with the qualities that will cause it to become eventually "National".
- (b) Prizes totalling £105 will be awarded for the best songs written by Australian composers. First prize is £60; second £30; third £15. The merits and appropriateness of the lyrics will be taken into consideration.
- (c) There will be special prizes of £20, £10 and £5 for the lyrics of the winning songs, if written expressly for the competition. The verses, new or old, must be by an Australian author.
- (d) The closing date of the competition is 31 Dec 43 and if the adjudication can be completed in time it is hoped to broadcast a performance of the winning songs on the National relay of the Australian Day programme on 26 Jan 44.
- (e) The competition is open to Australian born citizens and to British subjects and to naturalised Australian domiciled in Australia. There are no entry fees.
- (f) Units desiring entry forms and copies of the rules of the competition should communicate direct with the Manager, Australian Broadcasting Commission, BRISBANE.

320. PROMOTION : PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

QX. 54157 Cpl FLANAGAN. L.F. to be A/Sgt as from 22 Oct '43.

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Application forms will be available from the paymaster's office... The paymaster's office will be available in the pay book to cover the amount as detailed in the pay book... The paymaster's office will be available in the pay book to cover the amount as detailed in the pay book... The paymaster's office will be available in the pay book to cover the amount as detailed in the pay book...

Both Treasury Bonds and Inscribed Bonds are readily available... Any bank will give this for the member if desired... the substance of this order will be explained to personnel on parade.

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- by -

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COMD 26 AUST INF BN.

Part 1 Serial 121 Nos 321 to 325.

In the Field 8 Oct '43.

321. DUTIES.

8/9 NOV '43.

BN DUTY OFFR Lieut DESGRAND. J.L.V.
NEXT FOR DUTY Lieut BINGHAM. E.E.
DUTY COY "D" Coy.
NEXT FOR DUTY "HQ" Coy.

9/10 NOV '43.

BN DUTY OFFR Lieut BINGHAM. E.E.
NEXT FOR DUTY Lieut WEBB. F.G.
DUTY COY "HQ" Coy.
NEXT FOR DUTY "B" Coy.

322. USE OF GRENADES, HAND, JAPANESE, TYPE 91 : EXTRACT FROM GRO G.724/43.

1. This grenade is in common use by the Japanese and quantities have been captured and used by our troops. Tests indicate that the grenade has certain characteristics which may lead to injury in the hands of inexperienced personnel. These characteristics are:-

(a) The delay fuse, marked 4/5 seconds, has been known to burn in much less time. Some tested fuses burned in 3 seconds.

(b) While the delay fuse is burning, a considerable quantity of black smoke is emitted through the escape hole at the base of the fuse tube, and small fragments of the delay fuse are sometimes forced out. At night or even at dusk or dawn, a definite glow from this hole can be seen.

2. The following precautions will be taken if the grenade is used:-

(a) It will be thrown immediately after the head has been struck;

(b) when striking the grenade, the hand will be kept well clear of the escape hole at the side of the tube.

323. SPEED LIMIT: EXTRACT FROM 4 AUST DIV (AIF) R.O. 302/43.

Attention is directed to 4 Aust Div RO 273 of 16 Oct '43.

Speed limit for all vehicles on a 11 roads (reference maps THURSDAY ISLAND 1" - 1 mile, CAPE YORK SPECIAL 1" - 1 mile, ENDEAVOUR STRAIT 1" - 1 mile, and NEWCASTLE BAY 1" - 1 mile) is 20 mph.

All units will take necessary steps to police this speed limit in roads passing through or adjacent to their areas.

324. PROMOTION : PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

OX. 55802 L/Cpl GEORGE. B.L. to be A/Cpl as from 8 Nov '43.

325. ENTER-COY TRANSFER.

Q. 107799 A/Cpl BAUER. L.P. from HQ Coy to Bn.H.Q.

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Part 1 Serial 122 Nos. 326 to 329.

In the Field 10 Nov '43.

11/12 NOV '43.

326. DUTIES.

| | | |
|---------------|-------|-----------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | | Lieut BAUER. A.E. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | ..... | Lieut COLLYER. G.A.F. |
| DUTY COY | ..... | "C" Coy. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | ..... | "D" Coy. |

12/13 NOV '43.

| | | |
|---------------|-------|-----------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | ..... | Lieut COLLYER. G.A.F. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | ..... | Lieut WEBB. F.G. |
| DUTY COY | ..... | "D" Coy. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | ..... | "HQ" Coy. |

327. REVISED JUNGLE PACK.

(a) Clothing etc worn on man and in equipment.

| | |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Trousers prs 1 | Web equipment)less pack, h/sack and |
| Shirt | W.B.) |
| U/wear | Water bottle full, with dehydrated |
| Socks prs 1 | ration attached, |
| Boots AB prs 1 | Bayonet and scabbard |
| Gaiters prs 1 | Grenades 2 |
| Steel Helmet | Personal items, tobacco etc (1 lb) |
| Field dressing | Small ball of string |

24 lbs.

(b) Haversack

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Haversack and braces | Housewife |
| Spare Shirt | Mosquito cream |
| Spare Trousers | Salt tablets) 1 tin |
| Spare U/wear | Atebrin) |
| Socks prs 2 | Escorbic tablets) |
| Shaving Gear | Handkerchiefs 5 |
| Toothbrush and paste | Foot powder |
| 1/2 towel, soap and comb | Toilet paper |
| Mess tin | Flannelette |
| Knife fork and spoon | Water Sterilising tablets, tins 1 |
| Iron rations, 3 days | Rifle Oil 3/4 Small bottle. |

14 lb 7 oz.

(c) Gas Cape Roll - on top of Haversack

Gas Caps
Sweater

3 lb 6 oz.

(d) Ground Sheet Roll - fixed to back of waistbelt

| | |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| Ground Sheet | Dehydrated rations |
| Mosquito net | Straps pack supporting 2 |
| Headnet | |

6 lb 2 oz.

TOTAL.

47 lb 15 oz.

328. PURCHASE OF ARMY CHRISTMAS BOOK.

1. Approval has been granted for members of the Australian Military Force to purchase copies of the 1943 Christmas Book - 'Khaki and Green' - published by the Military History Section by means of debits to paybooks. The cost of each book will be 5/6d

2. Application for purchase must be made on an official order form. A separate order form must be used for each copy desired to be purchased.

Page 2.

328. PURCHASE OF ARMY CHRISTMAS BOOK - Continued.

3. Members desiring to order copies of this book will report to respective Coy Orderly Rooms to complete necessary forms.

329. INTER-COY TRANSFERS.

QY. 57717 W.O.11 SHIPLEY. P.A. from 'HQ' Coy to 'EN' Coy
Q. 31436 Sgt FULTON. A. " " " to " "
QX. 54163 Cpl ANDERSON. A.K. " 'D' Coy to 'EN' Coy

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Part 1 Serial 123 Nos. 330 to

In the Field 13 Nov '43.

14/15 NOV '43.

330. DUTIES.

| | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut BINGHAM. E.E. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut CHRISTIE. K.M. |
| DUTY COY | "B" Coy. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "C" Coy. |

15/16 NOV '43.

| | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut CHRISTIE. K.M. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut DESGRAND. J.L. |
| DUTY COY | "C" Coy. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "D" Coy. |

331. DAMAGE CAUSED BY SHOOTING AT NAVIGATION LIGHTS - EXTRACT FROM
FAA ORDER A.230/43.

1. Cases have been reported of navigation lights on parts of the coast having been damaged by rifle fire. Attention of all personnel will be drawn to the serious consequences which might arise from the failure of such lights.

2. Any similar occurrences in the future will be ^{the} subject of strict disciplinary action and commanding officers will take steps to ensure that damage to lights is not caused by troops under command.

332. REVERSION OF RANK. PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

QX. 55215 L/Cpl GREENHALGH. L. to be Pte as from 13 Nov '43.
(at own request).

333. INTER-COY TRANSFER.

QX. 54165 Pte WOODS. J.J. from 'B' Coy to 'D' Coy.
Q. 33966 Pte HENRY. J.N. " 'HQ' " to Bn.H.Q.

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Part 1 Serial 124 Nos. 334 to 337.

In the Field 15 Nov '43.

15/16 NOV '43.

334. DUTIES.

| | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut WYLIE. A. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut WEBB. F.G. |
| DUTY COY | "C" Coy. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "HQ" Coy. |

16/17 NOV '43.

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut WEBB. F.G. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut BAUER. A.E. |
| DUTY COY | "HQ" Coy. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "B" & "D" Coys. |

335. REMITTANCES FROM MEMBERS. EXTRACT FROM GRO. F.747/43.

1. The attention of all ranks is drawn to the arrangements which exist for a member to send a remittance of cash or undrawn pay to any person resident in Australia or to another member (wherever serving).
2. These arrangements provide that remittances may be made through Army channels by members who are serving in localities where money order or banking facilities for remittances are not available with reasonable convenience.
3. Remittances through Army channels are effected by the member completing a remittance form (WF 131 or WF 131a) and handing the form to the pay sergeant or paymaster, together with the cash (in the case of a remittance of cash) or the member's pay book (for entry of the debit in the case of a remittance of undrawn pay).
4. A member sending a remittance should take particular care to see that full details are clearly and legibly set out on the remittance form. This applies especially to the name and address of the person to whom the remittance is to be sent.
5. The member will ensure that he obtains a receipt from the pay sergeant or paymaster for any cash handed over.

336. CAMP BOUNDS.

The following camp bounds are laid down and any persons found beyond these bounds without permission will be subjected to disciplinary action being taken against them. All refs are from ENDEAVOUR STRAIT sheet 1" to 1 mile.

On West by line bearing 250° from ref 701944 for a distance of 500 yards, thence along a line bearing 206° to WILSON CK., thence by WILSON CK to rd and ck junct at ref 694931.

On South by rd from ref 694931 to ck xing at ref 700931.

On the East by the ck from ref 700931 to ref 706944.

On the North by a line from ref 706944 to ref 701944.

337. AREA OUT OF BOUNDS.

SOMERSET area is out of bounds to all tps. Permission must be obtained through Bn.H.Q. from higher authority before tps may pass LOCKERBIE (ref map ENDEAVOUR STRAIT 1" to 1 mile 746105) on the SOMERSET RD.

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Part 1 Serial 125 Nos. 338 to 341.

In the Field 18 Nov 43.

18/19 NOV '43.

338. DUTIES.

| | |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFER | Lieut DESGRAND. J.L.V. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut BINGHAM. E.E. |
| DUTY COY | "C" Coy. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "HQ" Coy. |

19/20 NOV '43.

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| BN DUTY OFFER | Lieut BINGHAM. E.E. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut DAWES. C. |
| DUTY COY | "HQ" Coy. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "B" & "D" Coys. |

339. EQUIPMENT - EAR PROTECTION. EXTRACT FROM GRO G. 723/43.

- Investigations show that modern weapons are causing considerable damage to the ears of personnel who refrain from wearing ear protectors.
- Instructions will, therefore, be issued by commanders concerned to ensure that ear protectors are worn during firing by the following:-
 - Gun detachments of field, medium and heavy artillery.
 - " " " light AA, heavy AA and coast artillery units/
 - Gun detachments of RAA and infantry Tk A units.
 - Firers of projectors and crew of mortars (both 4.2 and 3-in.).
- The ideal protector should prevent injury, be readily available, enable the wearer to hear, be easily inserted and harmless to the ear. Pending the supply of properly designed ear plugs, a piece of clean, dry cotton wool is the best available substitute. It should be large enough to block the entrance to the ear passage, small enough to be comfortable and be inserted firmly enough to remain in position until removed by the wearer.
- Ear plugs have been designed and are now being produced. Relative WETs are being amended as necessary.

340. STATEMENT OF UNIT TRUST A/C 1 - 31 OCT '43.

| | £. | s. | d. |
|---|----|-------------|-------|
| Acc Book balance 1 Oct '43 | | 142. | 4. 7. |
| Part return of loan to Unit Canteen 13/10/43 | | 150. | 0. 0. |
| Cash on hand | | 7.15. | 2. |
| | | <hr/> | |
| Invested in Unit Canteen up to 31 Oct | | £299.19. | .9. |
| | | 374.10. | 0. |
| | | <hr/> | |
| Total Assots | | £674. | 9. 9. |
| | | <hr/> <hr/> | |

341. SCHOOLS AND COURSES.

- QX. 34003 Lieut K.M. CHRISTIE - "C" Photographic Wing Course No.12 HQ School of Military Intelligence - 22 Nov 43 to 6 Dec 43.
- QX. 44159 Lieut J.W. WILKINSON - Course No.14 FAA.MR & FS School, Somerset Dam Q. - 24 Nov to 17 Dec 43.

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Part 1 Serial 126 Nos. 342 to

In the Field 20 Nov '43.

21/22 NOV '43.

342. DUTIES.

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|---------------|-------|---------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | | Lieut WEBB. F.G. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | | Lieut RUDDICK. O.C. |
| DUTY COY | | "HQ" Coy. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | | "B" & "D" Coys. |

22/23 NOV '43.

| | | |
|---------------|-------|------------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | ..... | Lieut RUDDICK. O.C. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | ..... | Lieut DESGRAND. J.L.V. |
| DUTY COY | ..... | "B" & "D" Coys. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | ..... | "HQ" Coy. |

343. WATER SUPPLIES : EXTRACT FROM 4 Aust Div (AIF) RO. 343/43.

Coys will ensure that all working parties supplied by them will carry water bottles full. Water will not be drawn from the unit to which the working party is allotted for duty.

344. MAILS.

Outward mail closes at Bn.H.Q. at 1330 hrs daily. Incoming mail is expected daily at 2100 hrs. Notification being given on actual arrival by phone or bugle call.

345. PROMOTION : PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

QX. 54163 Cpl ANDERSEN. A.K. to be A/Sgt as from 5 Nov '43.

346. REVERSION OF RANK : PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

QX. 37330 L/Cpl WATTS. A.R. to be Pte TG.11 Sig as from . . .
15 Nov '43 (at own request).
VX.140118 L/Cpl SULLIVAN. R.J. to be Pte as from 18 Nov '43.
(at own request).

E Bingham Lieut.
for. Adjt 26 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

RC Church Parade will be held at 1000 hrs Sun 21 Nov in RAA area.
Pers will report to Unit car park at 0930 hrs.

C of E Holy Communion 0930 hrs Unit Recreation Tent.

General Parade 0930 hrs Unit tpt lines.

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COMD 26 AUST INF BN.

Part 1 Serial 127 Nos. 347 to 350.

In the Field 22 Nov '43.

23/24 NOV '43.

347. DUTIES.

| | |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut DESGRAND. J.L.V. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut DAWES. C. |
| DUTY COY | "HQ" Coy. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "B" & "D" Coys. |

24/25 NOV '43.

| | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut DAWES. C. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut WEBB. F.G. |
| DUTY COY | "B" & "D" Coys. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "HQ" Coy. |

348. AA EDUCATION SERVICE - PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS : EXTRACT FROM FAA ORDER A. 235/43.

1. AMF personnel pursuing correspondence courses of study may present themselves for public examination, the majority of which are held in NOVEMBER and DECEMBER each year.
2. Intending candidates should consult Formation Education Officers to arrange examinations and supervision.
3. C.Os will facilitate the holding of examinations according to the exigencies of the service.

349. FIRES.

The practice of lighting fires in tent areas will cease forthwith. One central area per coy will be selected where clothing will be boiled and one incineration point used for destruction of refuse.

350. BOTTLE DUMP.

Unit bottle dump is situated in vicinity of pig sty. Within the dump will be individual coy dumps the tidiness of which will remain the responsibility of the coys concerned. T.O. will arrange for one 3 tonner to be available to coys at 0900 hrs each Sat for the removal of bottles to the dump. Order of collection will be Sgts Mess 'HQ', 'D', 'B' Coys, Offrs Mess, 'C' Coy.

All broken bottles will be deposited in pit provided.

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Adjt 26 Aust Inf Bn.

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Part 1 Serial 128 Nos. 351 to 352.

In the Field 24 Nov '43.

25/26 NOV '43.

351. DUTIES.

| | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut HAMMETT. E. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut RUDDICK. O.C. |
| DUTY COY | "C" Coy. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "HQ" Coy. |

26/27 NOV '43.

| | |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut RUDDICK. O.C. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut DESGRAND. J.L.V. |
| DUTY COY | "HQ" Coy. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "B" & "D" Coys. |

352. PROMOTION : PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

QX. 35913 Cpl BENNETT. S.W. to be A/Sgt as from 5 Nov '43.
QX. 55859 Cpl BIRD. D.J. to be A/Sgt as from 5 Nov '43.
Q. 147244 Pte LOCKE. K. to be TG.11 Sig as from 5 Nov '43.
Q. 130079 Pte RIDLEY. C.W. to be TG.11 Sig as from 5 Nov '43.

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Part 1 Serial 127 Nos. 353 to 354.

In the Field 27 Nov '43

28/29 NOV '43.

353. DUTIES.

| | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut WYLIE. A. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut WEBB. F.G. |
| DUTY COY | "C" Coy. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "HQ" Coy. |

29/30 NOV '43.

| | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut WEBB. F.G. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut DAWES. C. |
| DUTY COY | "HQ" Coy. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "B" & "D" Coys. |

354. SECURITY.

The attention of all tps is drawn to the certificate appearing on the cover of Green Envelopes AF.W. 3078 :- "I certify on my honour that the contents of this envelope refer to nothing but private and family matters". This certificate must be signed by the writer before the letter is admitted to the post.

The object of the green envelope is to afford the individual soldier an opportunity of discussing strictly private and personal family matters in letters which do not have to be franked by members of the same unit. It is pointed out however that all such letters are franked at base and any censorable material found therein causes their return to the unit of origin for disciplinary action to be taken against the soldier concerned.

All ranks will acquaint themselves with this procedure to ensure that no further censorship breaches occur.

W Maxwell
Lieut.
Adjt 26 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

CHURCH PARADES SUN 28 NOV '43.

Church Parade will be held at 1000 hrs RAA Area. Pers will report to unit car park at 0930 hrs.

C of E Holy Communion 0930 hrs Unit Recreation Tent.

General Parade 0930 hrs Unit tpt lines.

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Part 1 Serial 128 Nos. 355 to 356.

In the Field 1 Dec '43.

1/2 DEC '43.

355. DUTIES.

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut BAUER, A.E. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut HAMMETT, E. |
| DUTY COY | "C" Coy. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "HQ" Coy. |

2/3 DEC '43.

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut HAMMETT, E. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut DAWES, C. |
| DUTY COY | "HQ" Coy. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "B" & "D" Coys. |

356. INTER-COY TRANSFER.

QX. 57769 Pte TEE, H.T. from "HQ" Coy to "D" Coy.
 Q. 144335 Pte NIELSON, L.R. from "D" Coy to "HQ" Coy.

CPM Maxwell

Lieut.
Adjt 26 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

CHRISTMAS GREETING TELEGRAMS.

Christmas greeting telegrams must be lodged with the postal orderly before 18 Dec 43. Overseas telegrams before 6 Dec 43.

A.B.C. COMPETITION FOR RADIO SCRIPTS: EXTRACT FROM FIA ORDERS SERIAL No. 83 (NOTICES).

- Attention is drawn to a competition being conducted by the Australian Broadcasting Commission for original literary work dealing with Australian life, history or characters.
- The competition includes six sections and the following prizes will be awarded:-

| | | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| <u>Novel</u> | <u>Documentary Feature</u> | <u>Poem</u> |
| First Prize £150 | First Prize £60 | First Prize £25 |
| Second Prize £ 75 | Second Prize £40 | Second Prize £10 |
| <u>Play</u> | <u>Short Story</u> | <u>Discussion</u> |
| First Prize £100 | First Prize £50 | First Prize £40 |
| Second Prize £ 70 | Second Prize £30 | Second Prize £25 |
| Third Prize £ 40 | | |

- In addition to the above prizes the following special bonuses will be awarded:-

| | |
|--|------|
| Outstanding contribution (in any section) to (Broadcasting) | £100 |
| Best work (not a prize-winning entry) in each section by a writer who has not had his work published or broadcast. (Novel) | £ 60 |
| (Play) | £ 40 |
| (Documentary Feature) | £ 35 |
| (Short Story) | £ 20 |
| (Discussion) | £ 20 |
| (Poem) | £ 10 |

Over.

NOTICES.

A.B.C. COMPETITION FOR RADIO SCRIPTS Continued.

- 4. The competition is open to nationals of all English-speaking countries, but contributions must deal with Australian subjects.
- 5. Entries for the novel will close on 30 Sep 44. Entries for other sections close on 30 June 44. Entry Forms, with full conditions of the competition, may be obtained from A.B.C. Box 487 GPO SYDNEY.
- 6. Members of A.A. Education Service will be available to advise personnel interested in this competition.

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War Diary
FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6/11/1943 *26 Unit 9th Bn* 65/43 (Serial No.)
less A Coy Det (Unit)

W.E. IV/120/2 OFFRS. 26 O.R.'s 563 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 31 ATT. BY W.E.

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

26 Unit 9th Bn
OK
Subjects
less A Coy Det
Ret

| 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. |
| | | | | * | | | | | |
| | | | | * | | | | | |
| <u>1</u> | <u>NIL</u> | <u>NIL</u> | <u>NIL</u> | <u>1</u> | Lieut.-Colonels | | | | |
| <u>3</u> | <u>NIL</u> | <u>NIL</u> | <u>NIL</u> | <u>3</u> | Majors | | | | |
| <u>2</u> | <u>NIL</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>NIL</u> | <u>1</u> | Captains | <u>AAMC</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>NIL</u> | <u>NIL</u> |
| <u>13</u> | <u>NIL</u> | <u>NIL</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>21</u> | Lieutenants | | | | |
| | | | | | Quarter-masters | | | | |
| | | | | | A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. | | | | |
| | | | | | Civilians Counting as Offrs. | | | | |
| <u>26</u> | <u>NIL</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>26</u> | | | <u>1</u> | <u>NIL</u> | <u>NIL</u> |

| DETAIL | A.I.F. | C.M.F. | A.A.N.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | ** | TOTAL. |
|--------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|--------|--------|----------|----|-----------|
| A. | <u>26</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | | | | | <u>26</u> |
| 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. |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---|
| <u>QX44331</u> | <u>A/LIEUT</u> | <u>DESSRANDE J.W.</u> | <u>Gen Reinf to Inf</u> | <u>11/10/43</u> | <u>Panel Posting A & M 5 part 198</u> |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|----------|-------|--------------------|------------|-------|--------|
| | | | <u>NIL</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). |
|----------|-------|--------------------|---|
| | | <u>NIL</u> | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

26 Aust Inf Bn Unit
less "A" Coy Det

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---|--|--|---------------------|
| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | Army Number. | Surname. | Initials. | Posting. | Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed. | Date of Detachment. |
| MAJTLt Col MAJOR | NX 59 VX 108121 | ABBOTT MANN | J. N. H. T. | C. O. OC 1 st Coy | YES YES | | |
| CAPT / MAJ | OX 6219 NX 326 | RAWLSTON MURCHISON | H. C. A. C. | 2 nd Coy OC 1 st Coy | YES NO | | |
| LIEUT / CAPT | OX 34396 | MILSON | D. R. | OC 2 nd Coy | NO | LHA Fact School. Course No 8 5-10-43 Ailing 11 Oct - 20/10/43 LHA Fact School Course No 8 5-10-43 B' Ailing 11 Oct - 20/10/43 | |
| LIEUT | OX 36513 | COCKBURN | J. A. B. | OC 4 th Pl | YES | | |
| " | OX 36515 | FRASER | C. J. | 2 nd 10 th Coy | YES | | |
| " | OX 36514 | CONLYAR | S. A. F. | OC 16 th Pl | YES | | |
| " | OX 36516 | COMPTON | J. W. | 2 nd 1 st Coy | YES | | |
| " | OX 34003 | CHRISTIE | K. M. W. | OC 13 th Pl | YES | | |
| " | OX 35737 | DUNNINGTON | H. G. | G. M. | YES | | |
| " | OX 45855 | MUIR | E. C. J. | 2 nd 16 th Coy | YES | | |
| " | OX 36520 | MAXWELL | C. K. | OC 1 st Coy | YES | | |
| " | OX 814 | OSBORNE | S. | OC 1 st Coy | YES | | |
| " | OX 34021 | WYLIE | A. | OC 15 th Pl | YES | | |
| " | G. 30777 | MILSON | B. N. | I. O. | NO | 24 Days Home Leave | 5-10-43 |
| " | OX 43519 | HAMMETT | E. | T. O. | YES | | |
| " | OX 48654 | CUB | R. F. | OC 10 th Pl | NO | Hospital | 24-10-43 |
| " | OX 33506 | WREBB | F. S. | OC 5 th Pl | YES | | |
| " | OX 33075 | RUDDICK | O. C. | OC 17 th Pl | YES | | |
| " | OX 44159 | WILKINSON | J. W. | OC 12 th Pl | YES | | |
| " | VX 104191 | TURRAN | A. N. | OC 15 th Pl | YES | | |
| LIEUT | OX 33840 | LEWIS | A. A. | NIL | NO | at 11 Aust Inf Bn awaiting R.F.V. | 28-8-43 |
| " | OX 36517 | WATTS | R. L. | NIL | NO | | |
| " | VX 102620 | LYONS | K. H. | NIL | NO | | |
| " | OX 36521 | DAVIS | A. L. | NIL | NO | | |

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

| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | Army Number. | Name and Initials. | Unit. | Date of Attachment. | Nature of Attachment. | |
|---|--------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-----|
| CAPT | OX 45275 | F. K. L. HOSSACK | R.A.M.C. | 27/12/41 | R.M.O. | YES |
| LIEUT | OX 37348 | K. E. BINGHAM | Gen Recpt Inf | 25/10/43 | Ensl posting R.C. M.S. list 1850 | NO |
| " | OX 38975 | R. E. BAUER | NO. | 25/10/43 | NO. | NO |
| " | OX 38997 | C. W. DAWES | NO. | 25/10/43 | NO. | NO |
| " | OX 44331 | J. V. DESBRAND | NO. | 11/10/43 | Ensl Posting R.C. M.S. list 198 | NO |

attached by WE

6 Nov 43
Date of Despatch

J. M. Roberts Lt Col
Signature of Commander
Comd 26 Aust Inf Bn

War Diary

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

65/43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6/11/1943 (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/2 OFFRS. 26 O.R's. 563 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 21 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

Table with 10 columns: 1-4 (W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED), 5 (DETAIL), 6-10 (ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.). Rows include 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., and Totals of cols. marked *.

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.

Summary table with columns: Detail, A.I.F., C.M.F. (Under 19, 19 Years & over), A.W.A.S., A.A.M.W.S., CIVIL, R.A.N., R.A.A.F., **, TOTAL. Includes handwritten entry '341 - 185 -' and total '526'.

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Two side-by-side tables. Part B: Number of O.Rs. vs Unit to which they belong. Part C: Number of O.Rs. vs Unit to which detached. Includes handwritten notes and numbers.

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

Table with 4 columns: Army No, Rank, Name and Initials, REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). Includes handwritten 'N/A'.

26 Aust Inf Bn
less 7 Coy Det

Unit

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(Revised Jan., 1943)
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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 6/11/1943.

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. | | | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) | | | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) | | | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) | | | | | |
|--|------------------|-------------------|--|------------------|-------------------|---|------------------|-------------------|--|-----------------------------|---|----|----|----|
| W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | | | |
| | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | | BR FWD Operating Room Assts. | 14 | 13 | 1 | BR FWD G.P.O. Assistants | 50 | 54 | 1 | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter | | | Surveyors, E.A.A. | | | Operator, Keyboard | | | | Hammermen | | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical) | | | Surveyors, Topographical | | | Operator, Line | | | | Leather Stitchers | | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.) | | | Surveyors, Trigonometrical | | | Operator, Signal | | | | Orderlies, Nursing | | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.) | | | Toolmakers | | | Operator, Switchboard | | | | Orderlies, Nursing Mental | | | | |
| Armament Artificer Instrument | | | Turners | | | Operator, Wireless | | | | Plate Layers | | | | |
| Armament Artificer Radio | | | Watchmakers | | | Opticians | | | | Rangefinders | 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| Armament Artificer Signals | | | Welders | | | Painters | | | | Riveters | | | | |
| Armament Artificer Wireless | | | | | | Panel Beaters | | | | Roughriders | | | | |
| Artificer, Artillery | | | | | | Photographer, Dry Plate | | | | Saddlers | | | | |
| Artificer, Engine | | | | | | Predictor Numbers | | | | Saddletree makers | | | | |
| Blacksmiths | | | | | | Printers | | | | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | | | |
| Bricklayers | | | | | | Radiographers | | | | Stvedores | | | | |
| Computers | | | | | | Riggers | | | | Stokers, Staty. Engine | | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | GROUP II. | | | Sawyers | | | | Storemen, Technical | 4 | 4 | - | |
| Coppersmiths | | | Armourers | | | Signallers | 24 | 24 | - | 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 | 5 | Winchman | | | | Whitesmiths | | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical) | | | Carpenters and Joiners | | | Wireman | | | | | | | | |
| Electricians | | | Cooks | | | Woodturners | | | | | | | | |
| Electricians (M.V.) | | | Dental Mechanics | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Electricians (Signals) | | | Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters | | | Driver-Operator | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Cycle) | | | Drainers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Electrical) | | | Electricians | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Gun) | | | Electricians (Engineers) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Instrument) | | | Fire Control Operators | | | GROUP III. | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (M.V.) | | | Gun Operator | | | Battery Surveyors | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | Hatchman | | | Butchers | 1 | 5 | - | | | | | |
| Fitters, Signals | | | Height Taker | | | Clerks | 10 | 10 | - | | | | | |
| Grinder, Precision | | | Helio Operator | | | Clerks, Supply | | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument | | | Instrument Operator | | | Clerks, Technical | | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | Intelligence Duties | 8 | 8 | Coach Trimmers | | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical) | | | Joiners | | | Concretors | | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Radio | | | Lineman | | | Cooks | | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Typewriter | | | Lineman, Signals | | | Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Wireless | | | Lithographers | | | Despatch Riders | | | | | | | | |
| Milfwrights | | | 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 Asst. | | | Gun Layers | | | | | | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | | | CARRIED FORWARD | 14 | 13 | 1 | CARRIED FORWARD | 50 | 54 | 1 | Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively. | 59 | 62 | 68 |

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

6 Nov 43
Date of Despatch

J.H. Abbott Lt Col
Signature of Commander
Comd 26 Aust Inf Bn

a.w. 6m bks 3/43

JAN 14 1944

WAR DIARY.

Unit: 26 Aust Inf Bn.

Date 1 Dec 43 to 31 Dec 43.

| Place | Date | Time | |
|-------------|---------------------|------|--|
| JACKY JACKY | 1 Dec 43 | 0840 | Lieut COCKBURN with Tk/A Pl moved out to SOMERSET ref. 159905 CAPE YORK SPECIAL 1" to 1 mile, to participate in practice shoots on 5, 6 and 8 Dec. |
| | | 1000 | Cpl Hymill of F.S.S. interviewed Adjt re security, and made inspection of area. |
| | 2 Dec 43 | 0730 | For working parties see Appx A attached. C.O. accompanied Brig. de Low, C.R.A., on a recce of Cape area, per Water Transport. Weather Hot and Sultry. Storm from 1545 to 1630. For Working parties see Appx A attached, |
| | | 0630 | Maj. Mann, O.C. C Coy marched out to TERRA Torres Force to take up duties as D.A.Q.M.G. C.O. returned to camp from recce of Cape Area. |
| | 3 Dec 43 | 1900 | Sgt. Carlos, A.E.S. 4 Aust Div delivered lecture to all ranks. Subject "Allied Bombing of Nazi Germany." Weather - Calm, dull and very humid. For Working Parties see Appx A attached. |
| | | | Posted Strength of Unit - 26 offrs 579 O/Rs. Attached 1 " 31 O/Rs. |
| | | 1400 | Lt. Col Abbott, C.O., Maj. Ralston (2i/c) Capt Hossack (R.M.O.) Lieuts Maxwell (Adjnt) Fraser, Ruddick, (D Coy) Duddington (Q.M.) Hammett (T.O.) Compton (c Coy) to Cape York area for exercise. SEE |
| | 4 Dec 43 | 1400 | Lieut Muir (2i/c B Coy) with 11 Pl. arrived back in area after marching from Somerset. Weather - Clear and Hot. For working parties see Appx A. |
| | | | R.C. Church Parade conducted by Maj Ellis at R.A.A. area. C.E. parade at Unit Recreation Hut, conducted by Chaplain Roberts. General Church Parade at Unit Tpt Lines, conducted by Chaplain Spencer. |
| | 5 Dec 43 | 0930 | Weather - Hot and Humid. Slight breeze. For working parties see appx A attached. |
| | | 0930 | C.O., 2i/c., Adjnt., R.M.O., O.C. D Coy., 2i/c C Coy., T.O., Q.M., and O.C. 18 Pl returned from Cape York area, where they witnessed Tk/A shoot. |
| | 6 Dec 43 | | 1715 |

Vide attached order.

WAR DIARY.

Unit 26 Aust Inf Bn.

From 1 Dec 43 to 31 Dec 43.

| Place | Date | Time | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks, appendices |
|-------------|-----------|--------------------------|---|---------------------|
| JACKY JACKY | 6 Dec 43 | 1000 1200 | <p>Lieut Green, O.C. 39^m Camflg. Unit inspected area. Lieut Muir, 2i/c B Coy, 9 N.C.Os. and 1 Int. Pers left camp per M.T. for USSHER PT. area to make general recce of this area. Weather - Hot and sultry. Heavy rain storm 1500-1530 For working parties see Appx A attached.</p> | |
| | 7 Dec 43 | 0930 1700 | <p>R.M.O. and Adjt visited 18 Fl and 57 Fd. Pk. Coy at Mutee Heads for fortnightly inspection. Sgt. Hite Tk/A pl returned from Somerset. Weather - Very Hot, calm and Humid. For working parties see Appx A attached.</p> | |
| | 8 Dec 43 | 1000 - 1030 | <p>Respirator s worn by all pers. Weather - mild, with moderate westerly breeze. For Working parties see Appx A attached.</p> | |
| | 9 Dec 43 | 0730 1930 | <p>T.O., and Q.M., left per M.T. to deliver supplies to Lieut Muir and recce party. Opening of Sgts Mess. Educational Musical Lecture conducted by A.E.S. Cpl. Weather - Slightly Cloudy, hot and humid with slight south-westerly breeze. For working parties see appx A attached.</p> | |
| | 10 Dec 43 | 0600 0600 1800 | <p>CoO. and Lieut Compton O.C. C Coy left for MERAUKE. Lieut Webb marched out to Gas School at Carbarlah. 260 TAB and 160 Tet injections made by R.M.O. T.O. and Q.M. returned to camp from Ussher Pt. area. Weather - Hot with slight breeze. Light rain in afternoon. for working parties see appx A attached.</p> | |
| | 11 Dec 43 | | <p>Weather - dull and warm, with stiff westerly breeze. Showery throughout day. For working parties see Appx A Attached.</p> | |

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From 1 Dec. 43 to 31 Dec. 43.

| PLACE | DATE | TIME | SUMMARY OF EVENTS | REMARKS. | |
|-------------|-----------|---|---|----------|---|
| JACKY JACKY | 12 Dec 43 | 0930 | C.E. Communion at Rec Hut, conducted by Chaplain Roberts. O.P.D. Church parade near Tpt. Lines conducted by Chaplain Spencer. | | |
| | | 1000 | R.C. Church parade at R.A.A. conducted by Maj. Ellis. | | |
| | | 2130 | Lieuts A.Davis, R.Watts, A.Lewis, and K.Lyons arrived back from 11 Aust Inf. Trg. Bn. Lieut L.Meacham arrived back from leave. Weather - rainy, with stiff westerly breeze. For working parties see appx A attached. | | |
| | | 13 Dec 43 | 1000 | | Transport to contact Lieut Muir and recce party left area. Weather - Intermittent heavy showers. Strong westerly breeze. For working parties see Appx A attached. |
| | | 14 Dec 43 | 1030 | | Lieut Muir and recce party returned to camp. Weather - Intermittent showers, strong westerly wind. For working parties see Appx A Attached. |
| | | 15 Dec 43 | | | Weather - Showery. Strong West wind. For working parties see appx A Attached. |
| | | 16 Dec 43 | | | Weather - Showery. Very Humid. For working parties see Appx A attached. |
| | | 17 Dec 43 | 1900 | | Maj. Green 2i/c 102 C.C.S delivered lecture of 26 Aust Inf Bn Offrs. Weather - Dull with light showers. For working parties see Appx A attached. |
| 18 Dec 43 | 1800 | C.O. returned from MERAUKE. Lieut Nilson, I.O. returned from L.H.Q. School of M.I. Maj Ralston departed on route to LHQ tactical school at Southport. | | | |
| | | 1800 | Weather - dull and showery. For working parties see appx A attached. | | |
| | | 0615 | | | |

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

Remarks.

JACKY JACKY

19 Dec 43 0830
0930
0930
1000
1800

68 T.E.T. and 77 T.A.B. injections made by R.M.Φ.
General Church Parade conducted by Chaplain Spencer.
C.of E. Church Parade conducted by Chaplain Roberts.
R.C. Church Parade at R.A.A. conducted by Chaplain Ellis.
14 O.R.s returning from schools, hospital, leave etc.,
marched into camp.

Lieut Lewis took over comd of 12 Pl (D & E Pl) at 4 Div
replacing Lieut Bingham who returned to camp.

Weather - Dull with several heavy showers of rain.

For working parties see Appx A attached.

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20 Dec 43 0630

Lieuts Bauer, Dawes, Bingham and Meacham marched out on
transfer.

W.O.ii from A.A.P.C. visited Unit Pay Sgt.

1300

C.O. and Q.M. visited Red Island Pt. Jetty to observe reactions
of 2pdr. Tk/A Gun after it had been dragged through salt water.

Weather - bright and clear . Very calm.

For working parties see Appx A attached.

21 Dec 43 1030

Lieut Donaldson, 4 Div Catering Offr. discussed with Capt
Maxwell(Adjnt) courses for N.C.O. cooks.

Lieut Millinger ("I" Staff, 4 Aust. Div.) interviewed Lieut
Nilson (26 Bn. I.O.)

Lieut Watts inspected Rifle Range preliminary to C Coy
range practice.

Weather - Fine, Very hot and Humid.

For working parties see Appx. A attached.

~~22 Dec 43 0900~~

22 Dec 43 0900
1400

C.Coy commenced range practice at rifle range.

Capt Maxwell(Adjnt) and Lieut Hammett(T.O.) left area to
secure pigs for Christmas dinner.

A card of condolence was sent to 31/51 Aust Inf Bn on the
loss occasioned by the death of their C.O. Lt. Col. Brock,
also to Mrs. Brock.

Weather - Fine Hot and humid, with slight N.W. breeze.

For working parties see Appx A attached.

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| PLACE | DATE | TIME | SUMMARY OF EVENTS | REMARKS. |
|-------------|-----------|--|--|------------------------------------|
| JACKY JACKM | 23 Dec 43 | | C Coy continued range practice Weather - Hot, very humid. slightly overcast. for working parties see Appx A attached. | <i>AS</i> |
| | 24 Dec 43 | | C Coy continued range practice. C.O. and Offrs attended cocktail party at 4 Div Sigs Offrs Mess. Sgt. Spilling, Pay Sgt. received word of transfer to 4 Div Cash Office. Weather Fine, Very hot and humid. For working parties see Appx A attached. | <i>AS</i> |
| | 25 Dec 43 | 0900 0930 | Christmas Day. Rest day in camp. C.E. Church parade conducted by Padre Roberts Methodist Church Parade conducted by Chaplain Spencer R.C. Church Parade at R.A.A. conducted by Maj. Ellis. C.O. took over comd of Mainland Force 4 Aust Div. Lines of Communication established direct through 4 Aust Div replacing previous channel through R.A.A. C.O. visited all messes for Christmas dinner, and dined at Bn.H.Q. mess. All officers dined in their own companies. Weather - Fine, very hot and humid. | See attached Ord. Offrs report. |
| | 26 Dec 43 | 0930 0930 1000 1300 1800 | General Church Parade conducted by Chaplain Spencer C.E. Church parade conducted by Chaplain Roberts. R.C. Mass conducted by Maj. Ellis. Bn fostered 5 Aust Lt.Fd Amb. C.O. and C Coy offrs made a recce of area between camp and Somerset, for purposes of training of Coy. C.O., Adjt., and five other offrs entertained by Sgts Mess. Weather - fine, very humid. For working parties see Appx A attached. | <i>AS</i> |

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| PLACE | DATE | TIME | SUMMARY OF EVENTS | REMARKS. | |
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| JACKY JACKY | 27 Dec 43 | 0900 | C Coy on exercise to Somerset. | | |
| | | 1400 | 13, 14 and 15 Pls. crossed start line with Coy H.Q. C.O., Q.M., T.O., I.O., O.C.D Coy, left for Somerset per M.T. to visit C Coy trg. area, and to view 18 pdr shoot on 28 Dec. | | |
| | 28 Dec 43 | 2000 | Weather - Fine and Hot, very humid for working parties see attached Appx A. | | |
| | | 1000 | Word received that a P.39 was missing after leaving COOKTOWN. | | |
| | | 1200 | Lt. Col. Wallace, C.O. 5 Aust Lt. Fd Amb. visited Adj. He tendered his appreciation to Bn for fostering his unit. | | |
| | | 1400 | Lieut Compton returned to unit from MERAUKE. | | |
| | | | | Lieut A.A. Lewis received word of transfer to 16 Aust Emp. Coy. This offr. returned to camp from 4 Div area, where he had commanded the D.& E Pl. Comd taken over temporarily by Pl.Sgt. | |
| | | 1700 | C.O., I.O., Q.M., T.O., and O.C. D Coy and R.M.O. returned to camp area from Somerset. | | |
| | 29 Dec 43 | 1850 | 50% bn strength attended concert 'Sonso' Guns' at 1 R.S.U. | | |
| | | 2200 | 1Pl of C Coy, comd Lieut Muir, accompanied by Lieut Hammett, T.O., left for LEFT HILL area to search for missing P39. Weather - Very hot and humid. For Working Parties see Appx A attached. | | |
| | | 0910 | C.O. and I.O. left for LEFT HILL area. | | |
| | | 1000 - 1030 1900 | Respirator drill 50% Bn strength attended concert at 1 R.S.U. Weather - Hot and humid very dull, with intermittent showers. For working parties see Appx A attached. | | |
| 30 Dec 43 | | | | | |

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WAR DIARY

Unit. 26 Aust Inf Bn.

Date 1 Dec to 31 Dec

Place

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Summary of Events and Information

JACKY JACKY

30 Dec

1700

Lt Col ABBOTT (C.O. 26 Aust Inf Bn) accompanied by Lieut. R.N. NILSON (I.O. 26 Aust Inf. Bn.) returned this camp from LEFT HILL area.

2100

Lieut. Ruddick , accompanied by one officer from the 5 Aust. Lt. Amb. and 19 O/Rs , departed this area to established a base camp at CYPRESS CREEK ref. 567545 Cape York Sheet 8 Miles to 1 Inch. Object of patrol was to search for missing P39.

31 Dec.

1100

Weather-- Hot and Humid, overcast, with intermittent showers.

Two platoons of C Coy. returned this area after a week of extensive training.

1700

Lieut. Hammett with a platoon of C Coy. returned this area after a successful search for missing P39. He was accompanied by the pilot 1st. Lieut Shipway ~~KKX~~ of the American Airforce. The pilot had bailed out of his plane, owing to engine trouble. He started to walk towards the Cape in an effort to reach help and was picked up by our patrol. Pilot is in the best of health.

~~1800~~
2000

C.O. and Officers of the 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. and visitors joined together in the celebration of New Years Eve.

Weather-- Still, warm clear day.

J. M. Abbott Lt.col.
Comd. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn.

| DATE | Offrs | NCO | O/R | Tot | Coy | Place | Instructions. | |
|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----|--------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Dec 1 | - | 2 | 18 | 20 | HQ | Rd June 723937 | Engr. Works. | |
| | - | 1 | 8 | 9 | D | 12 Aust AAD | Building Amn dump | |
| | - | 2 | 14 | 16 | HQ | E.S. 674922 | Building Chinaman | |
| | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | C | D.I.D. | Stacking Petrol | |
| | - | 3 | 24 | 28 | C | Engr Dump | Erecting buildings | |
| | - | 1 | 9 | 10 | C | Rd June 12A.A.D | Erecting S.W. Huts. | |
| | - | 2 | 12 | 14 | B | R.I.P. Jetty | Improvements to Jetty | |
| | - | - | 2 | 2 | B | C.C.C. Sawmill | Stacking Timber. | |
| | - | 2 | 14 | 16 | C | 15 A.O.D. | Sorting stores. | |
| | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | B | Sawmill | Loading Timber | |
| Dec 2 | - | 1 | 14 | 15 | C | Movts. R.I.P. | Unloading small craft. | |
| | 1 | 8 | 42 | 51 | All | R.I.P. Jetty | Unloading boat. | |
| | 1 | - | 60 | 61 | All | R.I.P. Jetty | Unloading boat. | |
| | 1 | - | 50 | 51 | All | R.I.P. Jetty | Unloading boat. | |
| | - | 3 | 24 | 27 | C | Engr Dump | Erecting buildings | |
| | - | 1 | 9 | 10 | D | Rd June 12 A.A.D | Erecting S.W. buildings. | |
| | - | 1 | 14 | 15 | C | R.I.P. Jetty | Unloading boat. | |
| | - | 1 | 5 | 6 | D | D.I.D. | Unloading stores. | |
| | Dec 3 | - | 1 | 15 | 16 | C | Engr. Dump | Erecting buildings. |
| | | - | 1 | 9 | 10 | D | Rd June 12 A.A.D. | Erecting S.W. huts. |
| - | | 1 | 16 | 17 | B | A.O.D. | Sorting stores. | |
| - | | 1 | 7 | 8 | HQ | Sawmill | Stacking timber. | |
| - | | 1 | 8 | 9 | D | B Mess 4 Aust Div | Working on Mess. | |
| - | | 2 | 12 | 14 | HQ | Engr. R.I.P. | Rd. Works Jetty Area. | |
| - | | 1 | 10 | 11 | C | Movts R.I.P. | Loading small craft. | |
| Dec 4 | - | 2 | 14 | 16 | HQ | Engr Dump | Erecting buildings. | |
| | - | 1 | 9 | 10 | D | Rd June 12 A.A.D. | Erecting S.W. Huts. | |
| | - | 1 | 16 | 17 | B | A.O.D. | Sorting stores. | |
| | - | 1 | 5 | 6 | D | Sawmill | Stacking timber. | |
| | - | 1 | 8 | 9 | D | B Mess 4 Aust Div. | Working on Mess | |
| | - | 2 | 12 | 14 | HQ | Engrs. R.I.P. | Rd. Works Jetty Area. | |
| | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | B | D.I.D. | Unloading | |
| | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | HQ | 4 Aust Div | Cleaning up camp site 22 Line Sect. | |
| Dec 5 | - | 1 | 10 | 11 | B | Movts R.I.P. | Unloading small craft. | |
| | - | 1 | 15 | 16 | HQ | Movts R.I.P. | Unloading small craft. | |
| | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | D | D.I.D. | Unloading stores. | |
| Dec 6 | - | 2 | 14 | 16 | HQ | Engr Dump | Erecting buildings. | |
| | - | 1 | 16 | 17 | C | 13 A.O.D. | Sorting stores. | |
| | - | 1 | 9 | 10 | D | Rd. June 12 A.A.D. | Erecting S.W. huts. | |
| | - | 1 | 8 | 9 | D | B Mess 4 Aust Div | Working on mess. | |
| | - | 2 | 12 | 14 | HQ | Engrs. R.I.P. | Rd. Works Jetty area. | |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | B | D.I.D. | Construction of iceworks. | |
| - | 1 | 13 | 14 | C | Movts R.I.P. | Unloading - Jetty. | | |

| Date | Offrs | NCOs | O/Rs | Total | Coy | Place | Instructions. |
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| Dec 7 | - | 2 | 14 | 16 | HQ | Engr Dump | Erection of buildings. |
| | - | 1 | 16 | 17 | C | 15 A.O.D. | Sorting stores |
| | - | 1 | 9 | 10 | D | Rd Junc 12AAD | Erection S.W. huts. |
| | - | 1 | 8 | 9 | D | B Mess 4 Aust Div | Working on mess |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 78 | B | D.I.D. | Construction of iceworks. |
| | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | B | A.W.C. sawmill | Loading timber. |
| | - | 1 | 16 | 17 | C | Movts R.I.P. | Unloading |
| Dec 8 | - | 1 | 5 | 6 | C | 57 Fd. Pk. Coy | Unloading. |
| | - | 2 | 14 | 16 | Hq | Engr Dump | Erection buildings. |
| | - | 1 | 16 | 17 | C | 15 A.O.D. | Sorting stores. |
| | - | 1 | 9 | 10 | D | Rd. Junc 12AAD | Erection S.W. huts. |
| | - | 1 | 8 | 9 | B | B Mess 4 Aust Div | Working on Mess. |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | B | D.I.D. | Construction Iceworks. |
| | - | 1 | 3 | 4 | C | Movts R.I.P. | Construction Kitchen. |
| Dec 9 | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | B | D.I.D. | Construction Kitchen. |
| | - | 2 | 14 | 16 | HQ | Engr Dump | Construction buildings. |
| | - | 1 | 16 | 17 | C | 15 AOD | Sorting stores. |
| | - | 1 | 9 | 10 | D | Rd. Junc 12 AAD | Erection S.W. huts. |
| | - | 1 | 8 | 9 | D | B Mess 4 Aust Div | Working on messs. |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | B | D.I.D. | Construction of iceworks. |
| | - | 1 | 3 | 4 | C | Movts. R.I.P. | Construction of kitchen |
| - | 1 | 6 | 7 | B | D.I.D. | Construction of kitchen | |
| - | 1 | 8 | 9 | B | Movts. R.I.P. | Unloading small craft. | |
| Dec. 10 | - | 2 | 14 | 16 | H.Q. | Engr. Dump | Erection of buildings |
| | - | 1 | 16 | 17 | C | 15 A.O.D. | Sorting stores. |
| | - | 1 | 9 | 10 | D | Rd. Junc.12 A.A.D. | Erection of S.W. huts |
| | - | 1 | 8 | 9 | D | B Mess 4Aust. Div. | Working on Mess |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | B | D.I.D. | Construction of IceWorks |
| | - | 1 | 3 | 4 | C | Movts. R.I.P. | " " " Kitchen |
| | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | B | D.I.D. | " " " " |
| | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | B | A.W.C. Sawmill | Loading and Unloading Timber |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | B | Engrs. R.I.P. | Demo Jetty Area. |
| - | 1 | 4 | 5 | HQ. | R.A.A. Directed | Directed by Brig. | |
| Dec. 11 | - | 2 | 14 | 16 | HQ. | Engrs. Dump | Erection of buildings |
| | - | 1 | 16 | 17 | C | 15 A.O.D. | Sorting Stores |
| | - | 1 | 9 | 10 | D | Rd. Junc. 12A.O.D. | Erection S.W. Huts |
| | - | 1 | 8 | 9 | D | B MESS 4 Aust. Div. | Working on Mess |
| | - | 2 | 13 | 15 | C | XXX D.I.D. | Construction of Kitchen |
| | - | 2 | 10 | 12 | C | R.I.P. | Demo Jetty Area. |
| | - | 1 | 4 | 5 | HQ. | XXX R.A.A. | Directed by Brig. |

| DATE | Offrs. | N.C.O. | O/r | Tot. | Coy. | Place | Instructions. |
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| Dec. 12 | 4 | 1 | 20 | 21 | C | Movts. R.I.P. | Unloading Small Craft. |
| Dec. 13 | - | 2 | 10 | 12 | HQ. | Enges Dump | Erection Buildings |
| - | - | 1 | 9 | 10 | D | Rd. Junct. 12 A.A.D. | Erection S.W. Huts |
| - | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | C | D.I.D. | Construction of Ice Works |
| - | - | 1 | 3 | 4 | C | Movts. R.I.P. | " " " Kitchen |
| - | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | C | Engrs. R.I.P. | Demo. Jetty Area. |
| - | - | 1 | 4 | 5 | HQ | R.A.A. | Directed by Brig. |
| - | - | 1 | 10 | 11 | C | Movts. R.I.P. | Unloading Small Craft. |
| - | - | 1 | 14 | 15 | C | Visitors Car Park | |
| - | - | 1 | 8 | 9 | D | 4 Aust. Div. | Repairing Culverts R.I.P. |
| - | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | HQ | Movts. R.I.P. | Unloading Small Craft. |
| - | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | HQ | D.I.D. | Unloading Stores |
| Dec. 14 | - | 1 | 9 | 10 | D | Rd. Junct. 12 A.A.D. | Erection of S.W. Huts |
| - | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | C | D.I.D. | Construction of Ice Works |
| - | - | 1 | 3 | 4 | C | Movts. R.I.P. | " " " Kitchen |
| - | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | C | Engrs. R.I.P. | Memo. Jetty Area |
| - | - | 1 | 4 | 5 | HQ | R.A.A. | Directed by Brig. |
| - | - | 1 | 14 | 15 | C | Visitors Car Park | |
| - | - | 2 | 16 | 18 | HQ | 4 Aust. Div. | Repairing Culverts |
| - | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | C | Movts. R.I.P. | Unloading Small Craft |
| - | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | C | D.I.D. | Sorting Stores |
| Dec. 15 | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | D | Rd. Junct. 12 A.A.D. | Erection of S. W. Huts |
| - | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | C | D.I.D. | Construction of Ice Works |
| - | - | 1 | 3 | 4 | C | Movts. R.I.P. | " " " Kitchen |
| - | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | C | Engrs. R.I.P. | Demo. Jetty Area |
| - | - | 1 | 4 | 5 | HQ | R.A.A. | Directed By Brig. |
| - | - | 1 | 14 | 15 | C | Visitors Car Park | |
| - | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | C | 4 Aust. Div | Repairing Culverts R.I.P. |
| - | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | C | D.I.D. | Sorting Stores |
| Dec. 16 | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | D | Rd. Junct. | |
| - | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | C | 12 A.A.D. | Erection of S.W. Huts |
| - | - | 1 | 3 | 4 | C | D.I.D. | Construction of Ice Works |
| - | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | C | Movts. R.I.P. | " " " Kitchen |
| - | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | C | Engrs. R.I.P. | Demo. Jetty Area |
| - | - | 1 | 4 | 5 | HQ | R.A.A. | Directed by Brig. |
| - | - | 1 | 14 | 15 | C | Visitors Car Park | |
| - | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | C | 4 Aust. Div. | Repairing Culverts R.I.P. |
| - | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | C | D.I.D. | Sorting Stores |
| - | - | 1 | 5 | 6 | D | Engrs. Dump | Working Party |

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Appendix A to War Diary

| Date | Offrs. | N.C.O. | O/R | Tot. | Coy. | Place | Instructions | |
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| Dec. 17 | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | C | Rd. Junct. 12 A.A.D | Erection of S.W. Huts | |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | C | D.I.D. | Construction of Ice Works | |
| | - | 1 | 3 | 4 | C | Movts. R.I.P. | " " " " Kitchen | |
| | - | 1 | 14 | 15 | C | Visitors Car Park | | |
| | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | C | 4 Aust. Div. | Repairing Culverts R.I.P. | |
| | - | 1 | 5 | 6 | C | D.I.D. | Sorting Stores | |
| | - | 1 | 5 | 6 | C | Endrs Dump. | Working Party | |
| | - | 1 | 4 | 5 | HQ | R.A.A. | Directed by Brig. | |
| | - | 1 | 9 | 10 | C | "B" MESS 4 Aust. Div. | Working Party | |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | C | Spr. I/C Gate Entrance | | |
| Dec. 18 | - | 1 | 8 | 9 | HQ | 4 Aust Div. | Repairing Culverts | |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | C | Movts. R.I.P. | Unload the "Florence" | |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | C | Rd. Junct. 12 A.A.D. | Erection of S.W. Huts | |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | C | D.I.D. | Erection of Ice Works | |
| | - | 1 | 3 | 4 | C | Movts. | " " " Kitchen | |
| | - | 1 | 14 | 15 | C | Visitors Car Park | | |
| | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | C | 4 Aust. Div. | Repairing Culverts R.I.P. | |
| | - | 1 | 5 | 6 | C | D.I.D. | Sorting Stores | |
| | - | 1 | 4 | 5 | HQ | Engrs. Dump | Working Party | |
| | - | 1 | 4 | 5 | HQ | R.A.A. | Directed by Brig. | |
| Dec. 19. | - | 1 | 9 | 10 | C | "B" Mess 4 Aust. Div. | Working Party | |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | C | Engrs. Spr. I/C Gate | | |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | C | 4 Aust. Div. | Repair Culverts. | |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | D | Movts. R.I.P. | Unloading Small Craft | |
| | - | 1 | 3 | 4 | D | D.I.D. | " " " stores | |
| | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | B | Spr. I/C R.I.P. | Restacking Timber | |
| | DEC. 20 | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | B | Rd. Junct. 12 A.A.D. | Erection of S.W. Huts |
| | | - | 1 | 3 | 4 | D | Movts. R.I.P. | " " " Kitchen |
| | | - | 1 | 14 | 15 | D | Visitors Car Park | |
| | | - | 1 | 5 | 6 | B | 4 Aust. Div. | Repairing Culverts. |
| - | | 1 | 5 | 6 | B | ENgrs. Dump. | Working Party | |
| - | | 1 | 9 | 10 | B | "B" Mess 4 Aust. Div. | " " " " | |
| - | | 1 | 6 | 7 | B | D.I.D. | Erection of S.W. Huts. | |
| - | | 1 | 7 | 8 | HQ | Movts. R.I.P. | Moving Stores | |
| - | | 1 | 5 | 6 | HQ | D.I.D. | Ice Factory | |
| - | | 1 | 15 | 16 | B | Movts. R.I.P. | Unload Small Craft | |
| - | - | 2 | 2 | B | M.R.C. Sawmill | Sorting and Stacking | | |

| D Date | Offrs. | N.C.O. | O/R | Tot. | Coy. | Place. | Instructions |
|-----------|--------|--------|-----|------|------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Dec. 21 | - | 1 | 3 | 4 | D | Movts. R.I.P. | Erection of Kitchen |
| | - | 1 | 14 | 15 | D | Visitors Car Park | |
| | - | 1 | 5 | 6 | B | 4 Aust. Div. | Repairing Culverts R.I.P. |
| | - | 1 | 9 | 10 | B | Engrs. Dump | Working Party |
| | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | B | "B" Mess 4 Aust Div. | " " " " |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | B | D.I.D. | Erection of S.W.Huts |
| | - | 1 | 5 | 6 | HQ | Movts. R.I.P. ENGRS. | Moving Stores. |
| | - | - | 2 | 2 | B | D.I.D. | Ice Factory |
| | - | 1 | 15 | 16 | B | M.R.C. SAWMILL | Sort and Stacking |
| | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | HQ | Movts, R.I.P. | Unload Small Craft |
| Dec. 22 | - | 1 | 14 | 15 | D | M.R.C. Sawmill | Load and unload Wharf |
| | - | 1 | 5 | 6 | D | Visitors Car Park | |
| | - | 1 | 9 | 10 | B | 4 Aust. Div. | Repairing Culverts |
| | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | B | Engrs. Dump | Working Parties. |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | B | "B" Mess 4 Aust. Div. | " " " " |
| | - | 1 | 3 | 4 | B | D.I.D. | Erection of S.W. Huts |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | B | Movts. R.I.P. | Moving Stores |
| | - | 1 | 10 | 11 | D | Movts. Mess R.I.P. | Erection Mess |
| | - | 1 | 9 | 10 | HQ | 15 A.O.D. | " " " S.W. Huts |
| | - | 1 | 15 | 16 | HQ | Movts R.I.P. | Load and Unload |
| Dec. 23. | - | 1 | 14 | 15 | B | " " " " | " " " " |
| | - | 1 | 5 | 6 | HQ | " " " " | " " " " |
| | - | 1 | 9 | 10 | D | Visitors Car Park | |
| | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | D | 4 Aust Div. | Repairing Culverts R.I.P. |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | B | Engrs, Dump | Moving Engrs. Stores |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | B | "B" Mess 4 Aust. Div. | Construction Work |
| | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | B | D.I.D. | Erection S.W. Huts |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | B | Movts. R.I.P. | Moving Stores |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | HQ | 15 A.O.D. | Erection S.W. Huts |
| | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | D | D.I.D. | Issuing Rations |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | HQ | Movts. R.I.P. | Unload Canteen Goods |
| Dec. 24 | - | 1 | 14 | 15 | HQ | " " " " | " " " " |
| | - | 1 | 5 | 6 | D | Visitors Car Park | |
| | - | 1 | 9 | 10 | D | 4 Aust. Div. | Repairing Culverts R.I.P. Area |
| | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | HQ | Engrs. Dump | Moving Stores |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | HQ | "B" Mess 4 AUST. DIV. | Construction Work |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | B | D.I.D. | Erection S.W. Huts |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | B | Movts. R.I.P. | Moving Stores |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | HQ | 15 A.O.D. | Erection of S.W. Huts |
| Dec. 25 | - | NIL | | NIL | | | NIL |
| Dec 26 | - | 1 | 10 | 11 | HQ | Movts. R.I.P. | Unloading Small Craft |
| | - | 1 | 8 | 9 | HQ | D.I.D. | " " " " |

| Date. | Offrs. | N.C.O. | O/R | Tot. | Coy. | Place. | Instructions. |
|---------|--------|--------|-----|------|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Dec. 27 | - | 1 | 9 | 10 | B | "B" Mess 4 Div | Building |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | B | R.I.P. Engrs | Moving Stores |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | B | 15 A.O.D. | Erection S.W. Huts |
| | - | 1 | 5 | 6 | B | M.R.C. Saw Mill | Work Bridge |
| | - | 1 | 5 | 6 | B | R.I.P. Jetty | Work Party |
| | - | 1 | 4 | 5 | D | D.I.D. | Removing Stores |
| Dec 28 | - | 1 | 9 | 10 | B | "B" Mess 4 Div | Construction Work |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | B | R.P.P. Engrs | Removing Stores |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | B | 15 A.O.D. | Erection S.W. Huts |
| | - | 1 | 5 | 6 | D | M.R.C. Saw Mill | Work on Bridge |
| | - | 1 | 5 | 6 | B | R.I.P. Jetty | Working Party |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | D | 12 A.A.D. | Working Party |
| | - | 1 | 14 | 15 | H.Q. | Entrance D.I.D. 659992 | Revetting Culverts |
| | - | 1 | 4 | 5 | D | D.I.D. | Removing Stores |
| Dec 29 | - | 1 | 9 | 10 | B | "B" Mess 4 Div | Construction Work |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | B | R.I.P. Engrs | Moving Stores |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | B | 15 A.O.D. | Erection S.W. Huts |
| | - | 1 | 5 | 6 | D | M.R.C. Saw Mill | Work on Bridge |
| | - | 1 | 5 | 6 | B | R.I.P. Jetty | Working Party |
| | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | D | 12 A.A.D. | Working Party |
| | - | 1 | 14 | 15 | H.Q. | Entrance D.I.D. 659992 | Revetting Culverts |
| | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | H.Q. | M.R.C. Mill | Loading & Unloading Timber |
| - | 1 | 6 | 7 | H.Q. | M.R.C. Mill | Loading & Unloading Timber | |

| DATE | OFF | NCO | O/RS | TOT | TPT | PLACE | TOUR FRGM | TOUR TO | PLACE | COY | INSTRUCTIONS | FINISH |
|--------|-----|-----|------|-----|----------|---------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|-----|----------------------|------------|
| Dec 30 | - | 1 | 9 | 16 | 0745 | B. Coy | 0845 | 1630 | "B" Mess 4 Div' | B. | Construction work | 31 Dec 43. |
| " | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | 0745 | B. Coy | 0830 | 1630 | R.I.P. Engrs | B. | Moving Stores | 31 " |
| " | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | 0745 | B. Coy | 0830 | 1630 | 15 A.O.D. | B. | Erection S.W. Huts | 31 " |
| " | - | 1 | 5 | 6 | 0745 | B. Coy | 0830 | 1630 | Sgt Upson R.I.P. | B. | Working Party | 31 " |
| " | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | 0745 | D. Coy | 0845 | 1630 | 12 A.A.D. | D. | " " | 3 Jan 44. |
| " | - | 1 | 14 | 15 | 0800 | HQ. Coy | 0845 | 1630 | Entrance D.I.D. 659992 | HQ. | Revetting Culverts | 1 " |
| " | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | 0815 | D & HQ | 0830 | 1630 | A.A.S.C. 63 in Sign D.H.Q. | HQ. | Assist mix petrol | 2 " |
| " | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | 0715 | HQ Coy | 0745 | 1600 | M.R.C. Sawmill | HQ. | Load Timber on Barge | 30 Dec 43. |
| | | 8 | 61 | 69 | | | | | | | | |
| " 31 | - | 1 | 9 | 10 | 0745 | B. Coy | 0845 | 1630 | "B" Mess 4 Div' | B. | Construction work | 31 Dec 43 |
| " | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | 0745 | HQ. Coy | 0830 | 1630 | R.I.P. Engrs | HQ. | Moving Stores | 31 " |
| " | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | 0745 | HQ. Coy | 0830 | 1630 | 15 A.O.D. | HQ. | Erection S.W. Huts | 31 " |
| " | - | 1 | 5 | 6 | 0745 | B. Coy | 0830 | 1630 | Sgt Upson R.I.P. | B. | Working Party | 31 " |
| " | - | 1 | 7 | 8 | 0745 | HQ. Coy | 0845 | 1630 | 12 A.A.D. | HQ. | " " | 3 Jan 44. |
| " | - | 1 | 14 | 15 | 0800 | HQ. Coy | 0845 | 1630 | Entrance D.I.D. 659992 | HQ. | Revetting Culverts | 1 " |
| " | - | 1 | 6 | 7 | Call for | D & HQ. | 0830 | 1630 | A.A.S.C. 63 in Sign D&HQ. | HQ. | Assist mix petrol | 31 Dec 43. |
| " | - | 1 | 14 | 15 | 0915 | B. Coy | 1000 | 1800 | R.I.P. Movements | HQ. | unload smaller craft | 31 " |
| | | 8 | 69 | 77 | | | | | | | | |

LT - COL. W. B. MURRELL.
PRESIDENT & MEMBERS OF

SIGS 4 AUST DIV (AIF)
OFFICERS MESS

W I S H Y O U

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

69,43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 11 / 1943 *26 Aust Inf Bn* (Unit)

W.E. *II* / *11* / *2* OFFRS. *26* O.R.'s. *579* + OFFRS. *1* O.R.'s. *31* ATT. BY W.E.

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

| 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. |
| Nih | Nih | Nih | 1 | Lieut.-Colonels | | | | | |
| Nih | Nih | Nih | 3 | Majors | | | | | |
| Nih | 6 | Nih | 1 | Captains | AAMC | 1 | Nih | Nih | Nih |
| Nih | Nih | 6 | 21 | Lieutenants | | | | | |
| | | | | Quarter-masters | | | | | |
| | | | | A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. | | | | | |
| | | | | Civilians Counting as Offrs. | | | | | |
| Nih | 6 | 6 | 26 | | | 1 | Nih | Nih | Nih |

| DETAIL | A.I.P. | C.M.F. | A.A.N.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | ** | TOTAL. |
|--------|--------|--------|----------|------------|--------|--------|----------|----|--------|
| A. | 26 | - | - | - | | | | | 26 |
| 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., 30 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. |
|----------|-------|--------------------|------------|----------|--------|
| | | | Nih | 25/11/43 | |
| | | | | | |
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OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|----------|---------|--------------------|------------------|----------|------------------------------|
| QX44331 | A/LIEUT | J.L.V. DES GRAND | Gen Reinf to Inf | 25/11/43 | For posting A.S. MS list 198 |
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| | | | | | |
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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). |
|----------|-------|--------------------|---|
| | | | Nih |
| | | | |
| | | | |
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26 Aust Inf Bn. Unit

6943 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/17/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|--------------|------------|-------------|-----------|--|---|---------------------|
| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | Army Number. | Surname. | Initials. | Posting. | Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed. | Date of Detachment. |
| LT COL | NX 59 | ABBOTT | J. N. C. O. | C. O. | YES | | |
| MAJOR | VX102121 | MANN | L. T. | DC Coy | YES | S/D 57 DAQM TORRES FORCE | 3/1/43 |
| " | QX 6219 | RALSTON | A. C. | 2/c | YES | | |
| MAJ | NX 326 | MURCHISON | A. C. | DC Coy | NO | LHQ tact school course 5-10-43 No 8-A Wping 11 Oct-20 Nov | |
| LIEUT/CAPT | QX 34396 | MILSON | D R | DC Coy | NO | LHQ tact school course 5-10-43 No 8 B Wping 11 Oct-20 Nov | |
| LIEUT | QX 36513 | COCKBURN | J A B | DC 4 PL | YES | | |
| " | QX 36516 | FRASER | C J | 2/c 2 Coy | YES | | |
| " | QX 36514 | COLLYER | S A F | DC 16 PL | YES | | |
| " | QX 36516 | COMPTON | J W | 2/c 1 Coy | YES | | |
| " | QX 35737 | DUDDINGTON | H. S. | Q M | YES | | |
| " | QX 34003 | CHRISTIE | K M N | DC 13 PL | NO | LHQ School of Military Int. Course No 17 "C" Wping Photographic 7/1/43 - 6/1/43 | 15-11-43 |
| " | QX 48855 | MUIR | E C J | 2/c 3 Coy | YES | | |
| " | QX 36520 | MAXWELL | C K | ADST | YES | | |
| X | QX 514 | OSBORNE | S | DC 13 Coy | YES | X | |
| " | QX 34021 | WYLIE | A | DC 15 PL | YES | | |
| " | QX 36777 | NIXON | R N | E O | NO | 24 days home leave | 5-10-43 |
| " | QX 43519 | HAMMETT | E | T O | YES | | |
| " | QX 48854 | CUB | R F | DC 10 PL | NO | Hospital | 24-10-43 |
| " | QX 33508 | WGBB | F. S. | DC 5 PL | YES | | |
| " | QX 33076 | RUDDICK | O C | DC 17 PL | YES | | |
| " | QX 44159 | WILKINSON | J W | DC 18 PL | NO | FAA-MR 9 FS School Course No 14-24 Nov-17 Dec | 18-11-43 |
| " | VX104191 | TURRELL | A N | DC 18 PL | NO | S/D 57 Aust Field Park Coy-RAK (AIF) | 14-11-43 |
| " | QX 33804 | LEWIS | A A | NIB | NO | at 11 Aust Inf Bn | 28-8-43 |
| " | QX 36517 | WATTS | R L | NIB | NO | awaiting R.T.U. | |
| " | VX102620 | LYONS | K M | NIB | NO | | |
| " | QX 36521 | DAVIS | A L | NIB | NO | | |

One (1) officers name herein has been marked X in accordance with FAA Order A. 253

J. J. ... Lt. Col
Comd 26 Aust Inf Bn.

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

| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held. | Army Number. | Name and Initials. | Unit, or Corps. | Date of Attachment. | Nature of Attachment. | |
|--|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----|
| CAPT | QX 45776 | F. H. HOSSACK | BAME | 21/9/41 | R M O | YES |
| A/LIEUT | QX 37348 | E. E. BINSHAM | Can Rpt B Coy | 28/9/43 | Post Posting M/S List 185 | NO |
| " | QX 38975 | A. E. BAUER | 100. | 28/9/43 | 100. | NO |
| " | QX 38897 | C. W. DAWES | 100. | 28/9/43 | 100 | NO |

4 Dec '43
Date of Despatch

J. J. ... Lt. Col
Signature of Commander
Comd 26 Aust Inf Bn

20th Battalion

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/11/1917 (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 (last Yes or No) | If not present with Unit state how employed. | Date of Discharge |
| MAJOR | 320 | MURCHISON | A. C. | ... | Yes | | |
| MAJOR | 321 | MANN | W. T. | ... | Yes | | |
| MAJOR | 322 | ABBOTT | T. N. | ... | Yes | | |
| Lieut/Capt | 323 | MURCHISON | D. A. | ... | No | ... | ... |
| Lieut | 324 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 325 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 326 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 327 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 328 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 329 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 330 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 331 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 332 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 333 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 334 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 335 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 336 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 337 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 338 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 339 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 340 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 341 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 342 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 343 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 344 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 345 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 346 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 347 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 348 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 349 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 350 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 351 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 352 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 353 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 354 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 355 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 356 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 357 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 358 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 359 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 360 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 361 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 362 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 363 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 364 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 365 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 366 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 367 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 368 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 369 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 370 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 371 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 372 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 373 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 374 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 375 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 376 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 377 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 378 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 379 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 380 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 381 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 382 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 383 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 384 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 385 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 386 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 387 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 388 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 389 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 390 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 391 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 392 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 393 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 394 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 395 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 396 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 397 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 398 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 399 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |
| " | 400 | ... | ... | ... | Yes | | |

*Lieut Osborne: Active service with
Remount Service RASC
British Imperial Forces
Feb 1915 - Jun 1919*

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

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---|-------------|-------------------|------|--------------------|----------------------|---------|
| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | Army Number | Name and Initials | Unit | Date of Attachment | Nature of Attachment | Remarks |
| CAPT | 3272 | HERRICK | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Lieut | 3273 | BINGHAM | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| " | 3274 | BAKER | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| " | 3275 | DAWES | ... | ... | ... | ... |

Date of Despatch

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

69/43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/12/1943 26 Aust 9th Bn (Unit)

W.E. 12/2 OFFRS 26 O.R's 579 OFFRS 1 O.R's 31 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

Table with 10 columns: 1-4 (W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED), 5 (DETAIL), 6-10 (ATTACHED ALLOWED BY WE). Rows include W.Os Class I, W.Os Class II, Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts, Staff Sergeants, Sergeants, Corporals, Troopers, Privates, etc, and Civilians counting as O.R.

Analysis of Part A table with columns: Detail, A.I.F., C.M.F. (Under 10 Years, 10 Years and over), A.W.A.S., A.A.M.W.S., CIVIL, R.A.N., R.A.A.F., ** (Personnel not provided), TOTAL.

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units. Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units. Columns include Number of O.Rs, Unit to which they belong/detached.

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

Table with 4 columns: Army No, Rank, Name and Initials, REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

26 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 4/12/1943.

Table with columns for Details of Tradesmen (GROUP I, II, III), W.E., Posted Strength, and Reints. Required. Includes rows for Ammunition Examiners, Surveyors, Engineers, etc., and a summary row at the bottom showing totals: 14 13 1 and 50 54 1.

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

4 Dec 43. Date of Despatch

J.H. [Signature] Signature of Commander

Unit *1st Battalion 2nd Infantry*

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 1/12/1943
PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in

| Serial No. | Position | Grade | Present Strength | Reinforcements Required | Remarks |
|------------|-------------------|---------|------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| 1 | Company Commander | Major | 1 | 1 | |
| 2 | Platoon Leader | Captain | 1 | 1 | |
| 3 | Platoon Leader | Captain | 1 | 1 | |
| 4 | Platoon Leader | Captain | 1 | 1 | |
| 5 | Platoon Leader | Captain | 1 | 1 | |
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| 47 | Platoon Leader | Captain | 1 | 1 | |
| 48 | Platoon Leader | Captain | 1 | 1 | |
| 49 | Platoon Leader | Captain | 1 | 1 | |
| 50 | Platoon Leader | Captain | 1 | 1 | |

Surplus Wos & NCOs FTR
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NOTE: (a) If any other than private is involved give details on back.
 (b) Authorized ranks or specialties not included in list will be added as needed in space provided.
 (c) Where A.W.A. and/or A.A.M.W.B. personnel are detailed show details on back.
 (d) Where personnel not detailed note accordingly on return by insertion of "Not Detailed".
 (e) Where personnel are detailed note accordingly on return by insertion of "Not Detailed".
 (f) Write out names of personnel in full on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on the page.

Signature of Commander *[Signature]*
 Date of Report *[Date]*

SECRET.

WAR DIARY.

“A” COY.

26 AUST. INF. BN.

FROM: 25 Nov '43 .

TO: 19 Dec. 43.

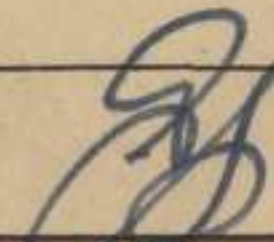
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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 2118.
(adapted.)

Unit "A" Coy 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 25/11/43 To 26/11/43

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------------|----------|--|--|--|
| TAHAH MERAH | 25/11/43 | 0715 | Roll Call. From 0715 to 0745 hrs.- P.T. | |
| | | 0915 | Inspection Parade. 7 Pl. -) Arms drill : theory of Small Arms fire : TOET | |
| | | | 8 Pl. -) ON Rifle : Bren - stoppages : Bearings. 9 Pl. -) | |
| | | | M.M.G. - Arms drill : mechanism of the Bren : slide rule and range tables : Pl. drill - indirect fire , director method. Mortars - Arms drill : recapitulation of previous lessons on Mortar. | |
| " | 26/11/43 | 0715 | Roll Call. P.T. from 0715 to 0745 hrs. | |
| | | 0915 | Inspection Parade. | |
| | | 0950 | Coy Parade. | |
| | | | 7 Pl. -) Arms drill : lessons on Bren and Sniper's | |
| | | | 8 Pl. -) Rifle No.3 Mk.1 : theory of Small Arms Fire : | |
| | | | 9 Pl. -) Anti Aircraft : Map Reading - North Points. | |
| | | | M.M.G. - Arms drill : Bren - elementary handling : Fire orders - Direct : pl. Drill - Indirect fire post method. | |
| | | | Mortars - Arms drill : practical Map Reading : inspection and cleaning of amm. and Mortar. | |
| | 0930 | Air raid Red. | | |
| | 1137 | The All Clear was given at 0951 hrs. Air raid Red. | | |
| | | All Clear given at 1147 hrs. The a/c seen and heard appeared to be a Beaufort trav. North along the DIGOEL RIVER and then returning. |  | |

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit "A" Coy 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 27/11/43 To 30/11/43

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|--------------|----------|-------|--|--|
| TANAH MERAH. | 27/11/43 | 0715 | Roll Call. From 0715 to 0745 hrs. - P.T. | |
| | | 0915 | Inspection Parade. 7 Pl. -) Working on Air strip - filling in of trenches 8 Pl. -) which had been dug previous to the arrival of 9 Pl. -) the Detachment. M.M.G. - working on Air Strip and fatigue duties. Mortars - working on Air Strip. | |
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| " | 28/11/43 | 0830 | "MINYAK TANAH" left : 3 R.A.A.F. pers. on board ; Capt. Phillips also aboard. Recreation Day. | |
| " | 29/11/43 | 0915 | No early Roll Call or P.T. due to heavy rain. Inspection Parade. 7 Pl. = weapon cleaning and fatigue duties. 8 Pl. - I.E. 9 Pl. - fatigue duties. M.M.G. - fatigue duties. Mortars - fatigue duties. During the afternoon all pls. were carrying gravel for the Air Strip. | |
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| " | 30/11/43 | 0715 | Roll Call | |
| | | 0915 | From 0715 to 0745 hrs. - P.T. Parade. The entire Det. was working on the Air Strip filling in trenches. | |

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Unit "A" Coy 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 30/11/43 To 4/12/43


| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------------|----------|--------------|---|--|
| TANAH MERAH | 30/11/43 | 1159 | One a/c flew in from the East to be recognized as a Vultee Vengeance. All clear given at 1203 hrs. | |
| " | 1/12/43 | 0715 0915 | Roll Call. Parade. The entire Det. working on the Air Strip filling in all trenches preparatory to being gravelled. | |
| | | 1705 | Slight Earth tremor. | |
| " | 2/12/43 | 0715 0915 | Roll Call. Parade. Work on the Air Strip continued : trenches already filled in were gravelled. | |
| " | 3/12/43 | 0715 0915 | Roll Call. Parade. | |
| | | 1219 | Entire Det. working on Air Strip - gravelling. Air raid Red. R.D.F. picked up one a/c 28 miles away on a bearing of 290 degrees. | |
| | | 1231 | R.D.F. notified that a/c changed direction and was flying South. | |
| | | 1235 | All clear given. | |
| | | 1540 | Another slight Earth tremor. | |
| " | 4/12/43 | 0715 0915 | Roll Call. Parade. Entire det. working on Air Strip. Filling in trenches and gravelling surface. | <i>ES</i> |

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Unit "A" Coy 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 5/12/43 To 8/12/43

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| TANAH MERAH | 5/12/43 | | Recreation Day. | |
| " | 6/12/43 | 0715 0915 | Roll Call. Inspection Parade. 7 Pl. -) Lessons on the Bren and Rifle : Map Reading - 8 Pl. -) Magnetic Bearings and Variation ; Aircraft 9 Pl. -) recognition (Allied) : Lessons on the M.M.G.+ Mortars -) description and characteristics : Lecture on Gas. M.M.G. - Instruction on the Mortar. | |
| " | 7/12/43 | 0715 0915 1100 | Roll Call. From 0715 to 0745 hrs.+ P.T. Inspection Parade. 7 Pl. -) Lessons on the Rifle and Bren : Map Reading - 8 Pl. -) Scales : Aircraft recognition (Enemy) : Lessons 9 Pl. -) on the M.M.G.- E.G.D. and Take Post : Lecture Mortars -) on Gas. Out of communication with MERAUKE. The wireless set could receive but could NOT transmit. Signal sent MERAUKE through R.A.A.F. informing them of the breakdown. | |
| " | 8/12/43 | 0715 0915 | Roll Call. Inspection Parade. 7 Pl. -) Lessons on the Bren and Rifle : prismatic 8 Pl. -) Compass - description, holding and Reading : 9 Pl. -) Miniature Range practice : Lesson on M.M.G. + Mortars -) Mount and Dismount : Gas lecture. M.M.G. - Instruction on the Mortar. |  |

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Unit... "A"... Coy... 26... Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 9/12/43 To 12/12/43

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------------|----------|--------------|---|--|
| TANAH MERAH | 9/12/43 | 0715 0915 | Roll Call. Inspection Parade. 7 Pl. -) Lessons on the Bren and Pistol : Prismatic 8 Pl. -) Compass - compass errors : Miniature range 9 Pl. -) practice - 5 rds. O.S.M.G. ; Lesson on the Mortars -) M.M.G. - load and unload : Lecture on Gas. M.M.G. - Instruction on the Mortar. | |
| " | 10/12/43 | 0715 0915 | Roll Call. Inspection Parade. 7 Pl. -) Lesson the Bren : lesson on Aircraft : 8 Pl. -) The Protractor : Miniature Range practice - 9 Pl. -) 5 rds. repetition on the Bren : Lesson the Mortars -) M.M.G. - Action cease firing, sight setting and laying : Lecture on Gas. M.M.G. - Instruction on the Mortar. | |
| " | 11/12/43 | 0715 0915 | Roll Call. Inspection Parade. Interior economy - carrying wood , digging gravel and levelling Air Strip. Sports in the afternoon. | |
| " | 12/12/43 | | Recreation Day. | |

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Unit "A" Coy 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 13/12/43 To 16/12/43

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------------|----------|--------------|---|--|
| TANAH MERAH | 13/12/43 | 0715 0915 | Roll Call. Inspection Parade. 7 Pl. - improving defensive positions. 8 Pl. - Section in attack using live amn. | |
| | | | 9 Pl. - Range practice - open range. M.M.G. - camouflaging positions. Mortars - working on Air Strip! | |
| " | 14/12/43 | 0715 0915 | Roll Call. Inspection Parade. 7 Pl. - improving def posns. 8 Pl. - Range practice - open range. 9 Pl. - Section in attack using live amn. M.M.G. - camouflaging and improving positions. | |
| | | | Mortars - working on def. posns. | |
| " | 15/12/43 | 0715 0915 | Roll Call. Inspection Parade. 7 Pl. - Range practice - open range. 8 Pl. - pl. in attack - live amn. 9 Pl. - working on def. posns. M.M.G. - constructing strong post. Mortars - working on def. posns. | |
| " | 16/12/43 | 0715 0915 | Roll Call. Inspection Parade. 7 Pl. - Section in attack. 8 Pl. - working on def. posns. | J |

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Unit "A" Coy. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 16/12/43 To _____

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| TANAH MERAH | 16/12/43 | | 9 Pl. - pl. in ^g attack. M.M.G. - improving def. posns. Mortars - constructing strong post. | |
| " | 17/12/43 | 0715 0915 | Roll Call Inspection Parade. Each Pl. working on def. posns. | |
| " | 18/12/43 | 0715 0915 | Roll Call. Inspection Parade. Interior economy including - cleaning of weapons, wood parties, cleaning up around the area. | |
| " | 19/12/43 | 1845 | RECREATION DAY. "MARLIN STAR" arrived: Lieuts. Barrell and Compton and Pay Sgt. and Armourer Cpl. on board. | |
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
8 / 43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12 / 12 / 1943 ^{A COY DET. 2680ST INF BN} (Unit)

W.E. 12 / 12 / 21 OFFRS. 6 O.R.'s 195 + OFFRS. NIL O.R.'s 4 ATT. BY W.E. ^{MERRAIVE FORCE}

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

| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|--------|--------|----------|----|--------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | | | | | |
| Rein'ts Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Rein'ts Required. | | | | | |
| NR | 1 | - | 1 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | - | 1 | - | - | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | 1 | 1 | b | - | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 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.F. | ** | TOTAL. |
| | | | | A. | b | | | | | | | | | b |
| | | | | 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. |
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OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. (Unit) IS

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/12/1943 (Unit)

W.E. II/1242 OFFRS. 6 O.R's 175 + OFFRS. NIL O.R's 4 ATT. BY W.E. MERAJIKE FORCE

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

| 1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | 5 | | 6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---|--|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Reinfts. Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | DETAIL. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Reinfts. Required. |
| - | - | - | - | W.Os. Class I. | | | | | | |
| - | - | - | 1 | W.Os. Class II. | | | | | | |
| - | - | - | 1 | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts. | | | | | | |
| - | - | - | - | Staff Sergeants | | | | | | |
| - | - | 1 | 7 | Sergeants | | 1 AACCC | 1 | - | - | - |
| NR | 2 | - | 13 | Corporals | | 1 AACCC | 1 | - | - | - |
| 1 | 1 | - | 151 | Troopers, Privates, etc. | | 2 AACCC | 1 | - | 1 | NR |
| | | | | Civilians counting as O.R. | | | | | | |
| 1 * | 3 | 1 | 173 * | Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. | | | 3 * | - | 1 | - * |

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 | 124 | | 52 | | | | | | | 176 |
| 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. |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 7 | AAMC 19 AVST FD AMB AIF | | | 1 | 26 AVST INF BN. | | |
| 2 | 11 AVST INF BDE SIG SEC | | | 1 | YORK FORCE | | |
| 1 | 22 AVST DEPT SUPPLY PU AIF | | | 1 | MERAJIKE FORCE | | |

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 4/12/1943

| Army No | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
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A COY DET 26 AVST INF BN Unit

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(Adapted) (Page 2)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
Serial No. 843

MERRAUME FORCE

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 4/12/1943.

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. |
|--|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|--|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | | | Operating Room Assts. | | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter | | | | Surveyors, R.A.A. | | | | Operator, Keyboard | | | | Hammermen | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical) | | | | Surveyors, Topographical | | | | Operator, Line | | | | Leather Stitchers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.) | | | | Surveyors, Trigonometrical | | | | Operator, Signal | | | | Orderlies, Nursing | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.) | | | | Toolmakers | | | | Operator, Switchboard | | | | Orderlies, Nursing Mental | | | |
| Armament Artificer Instrument | | | | Turners | | | | Operator, Wireless | | | | Plate Layers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Radio | | | | Watchmakers | | | | Opticians | | | | Rangetakers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Signals | | | | Welders | | | | Painters | | | | Riveters | | | |
| Armament Artificer Wireless | | | | | | | | Panel Beaters | | | | Roughriders | 2 | 2 | |
| Artificer, Artillery | | | | | | | | Photographer, Dry Plate | | | | Saddlers | | | |
| Artificer, Engine | | | | | | | | Predictor Numbers | | | | Saddletree makers | | | |
| Blacksmiths | | | | | | | | Printers | | | | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | | |
| Bricklayers | | | | | | | | Radiographers | | | | Stevedores | | | |
| Computers | | | | | | | | Riggers | | | | Stokers, Staty. Engine | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | | GROUP II. | | | | Sawyers | | | | Storemen, Technical | | | |
| Coppersmiths | | | | Armourers | | | | Signallers | 3 | 3 | | Tailors | | | |
| 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 | | | | GROUP III. | | | | DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN. | | | |
| Fitters (M.V.) | | | | Gun Operator | | | | Battery Surveyors | | | | | | | |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | | Hatchman | | | | Butchers | | | | | | | |
| Fitters, Signals | | | | Height Taker | | | | Clerks | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| Grinder, Precision | | | | Helio Operator | | | | Clerks, Supply | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument | | | | Instrument Operator | | | | Clerks, Technical | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | | Intelligence Duties | 2 | 2 | | Coach Trimmers | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical) | | | | Joiners | | | | Concretors | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Radio | | | | Lineman | | | | Cooks | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Typewriter | | | | Lineman, Signals | | | | Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Wireless | | | | Lithographers | | | | Despatch Riders | | | | | | | |
| Millwrights | | | | Machinists, Metal | | | | Draughtsmen, Signals | | | | | | | |
| Operators, Excavator | | | | Machinists, Wood | | | | Drivers, H.T. | | | | | | | |
| Pattern Maker | | | | Masons | | | | Driver Mechanics | | | | | | | |
| Pharmacist | | | | Masseurs | | | | Driver Tpin. 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 | | | | | | | |
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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.
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(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
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6 Dec 43
Date of Despatch

a.w. 6m bks 3/43

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Signature of Commander
O.C. A COY DET. 26 AVST INF BN
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ROUTINE ORDER.

- by -

LT COL J.N. ABBOTT. D.S.O.

COMD 26 AUST. INF. BN.

Part 1 Serial 129 Nos. 357 to 360.

In the field 6 Dec. '43.

7/8 DEC '43.

357. DUTIES.

BN DUTY OFFR Lieut BAUER A.E.
NEXT FOR DUTY Lieut HAMMETT E.
DUTY COY "C" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY "HQ" COY.

8/9 DEC '43.

BN DUTY OFFR Lieut HAMMETT E.
NEXT FOR DUTY Lieut DAWES C.
DUTY COY "HQ" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY "B" & "D" COYS.

358 CONFIRMATION OF RANK : PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

QX. 55884 A/Sgt McLACHLAN. T.H. to be Sgt as from 21/7/43.

359. REVERSION OF RANK : PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

QX. 54395 L/Cpl. GREENSILL. E.D. to be Pte as from 6 Dec '43
(at own request).

360. SCHOOLS AND COURSES:

QX. 36513 Lieut J.A.B. COCKBURN. LHQ Tactical School,
Beenleigh, Course No, 9, 13 Dec '43 to 22 Jan 44
QX. 52947 Sgt ALFORD. I.F. LHQ Tactical School "B" wing,
Southport, commencing 12 Dec '43.
QX. 43786 Cpl. DOWNEY. N.L. LHQ School of Signals, Regimental
Signalling Officers and NCOs Course No. 69.
6 Dec '43 to 15 Jan '44.
QX. 37230 Pte WATTS. A.R. and QX. 36475 Pte BENNETT. R.F.
FAA School of Signals, Refresher Course No. 6A
2 Dec '43 to 29 Dec '43.

L.H.Q. SCHOOL OF
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

C.M. Maxwell
Lieut.
Adjt 26 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

CHURCH PARADES.

Until further advised Church Parades have been arranged
each Sunday as follows:-

C of E.

Holy Communion 0700 hrs C of E. Chaplains Tent Area,
HQ 4 Aust Div.
Holy Communion 0700 hrs C of E Chaplains Tent Area,
AASC 4 Aust Div.
Holy Communion 0950 hrs 26 Aust Inf Bn.
Parade Service 0830 hrs Rear HQ 4 Aust Div vicinity
Men's Mess.
Parade Service 0930 hrs 26 Aust Inf Bn.
Parade Service 1830 hrs Rear HQ AASC 4 Aust Div.
(over).

NOTICES. (Continued).

CHURCH PARADES.

RC.

- Mass at 0645 hrs at 102 CCS.
- Mass at 0830 hrs at "C" Coy 5 MG Bn.
- Mass at 0830 hrs at HQ 4 Aust Div.
- Mass at 1000 hrs at HQ RAA 4 Aust. Div.

EDUCATION SERVICES.

1. Educational musical lectures will be conducted every Thursday Evening at 1930 hrs at Unit Recreation Hut. This is not a compulsory Parade but is designed as entertainment for those who appreciate good music. Personnel may submit particulars of request numbers through Coy Orderly Rooms to Bn H Q each Wednesday by 1800 hrs and an effort will be made to have these numbers played the following evening.
2. Weekly Education Lecture on "World Affairs" Will be delivered at 1930 hrs every Friday Evening at Unit Recreation Hut. All Ranks will attend.

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ROUTINE ORDER.

-- by --

LT COL J.N. ABBOTT, D.S.O.

COMD 26 AUST. INF. BN.

Part 1 Serial 130 Nos. 361 to 367.

In the Field 8 Dec. '43.

361. DUTIES.

9/10 DEC '43.

BN DUTY OFFR Lieut DAWES C.W.
NEXT FOR DUTY..... Lieut WYLIE A.
DUTY COY "B" & "D" COYS.
NEXT FOR DUTY..... "C" COY.

10/11 DEC. '43.

BN DUTY OFFR Lieut WYLIE A.
NEXT FOR DUTY..... Lieut WEBBIE G.
DUTY COY "C" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY..... "HQ" COY.

362.

ENCLOSURES IN LETTERS. EXTRACT FROM 4 Aust Div (AIF) RO. G.368/43.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that officers and ORs do not fully understand the censorship conditions laid down dealing with the enclosure of articles, particularly money, in letters. For the protection of both franking officers and soldiers alike attention is drawn to LHQ Field Censorship Instruction No. 4 para 5 (2) of this instruction which reads:- "Franking Officers will check enclosures (especially money), record of which must be shown on the top left hand corner of the first page of the letter. If enclosures not included return to sender."

363.

CARRYING OF ARMS. EXTRACT FROM 4 Aust Div (AIF) RO. G.369/43.

Arms will be carried when moving to or from any island or to or from the mainland; they will also be carried by units, sub-units or individuals engaged in duties at a distance of one mile or more from their camp.

364.

POSTING OF XMAS PARCELS. EXTRACT FROM 4 Aust Div (AIF) RO. A.374/43.

1. In order that troops may avoid disappointment all personnel intending to post parcels or presents to their homofolk, should do so NOW.

Troops should also encourage their families and friends to post Xmas parcels and packets immediately.

Due to climatic conditions and distances parcels have to be transported, special attention should be paid to packing.

Surface mails for this area are entirely dependent on the frequency of shipping and the co-operation of both troops and homofolk is necessary to ensure the delivery of parcels by Xmas Day.

365.

XMAS GREETING TELEGRAMS. EXTRACT FROM 4 Aust Div (AIF) RO. A.375/43.

In connection with the lodgment of Christmas Greeting Telegrams, members of the Forces are urged to lodge their messages both for overseas and within the Commonwealth, as early as practicable to ensure delivery before Christmas or New Year as the case may be.

In the case of overseas messages, it is desirable that lodgment be effected not later than 6 Dec and in respect of internal telegrams, not later than 18 Dec.

(over)

366. UNIT AUDIT BOARD.

The following officers have been appointed and will constitute Unit Audit Board.

NX 326. Major A.C. MURCHISON.
QX 35737 Lieut H.G. DUDDINGTON.
QX 36515 Lieut C.J. FRASER.

367. AMENITIES.

The following supplies from ACF and YMCA are gratefully acknowledged:-

814 ozs Tobacco.
1221 pkts Ch. Gum.
407 pkts Cigarette Papers.
407 pkts Sweets.
407 pkts Toilet Soap.
407 Cakes Laundry Soap.
407 tubes Toothpaste.
407 tins Bootpolish.
13,000 sheets Writing Paper.
4,000 Envelopes.

Ch. M. G. M. G.
Lieut.
Adj. 26 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICE.

ENVELOPES AND WRITING PAPER.

A quantity of envelopes and writing material supplied by ACF and YMCA for use of members of this Unit is held at Bn. H. Q. Supplies will be made available to Coy Orderly Rooms on application to Bn.H.Q.

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ROUTINE ORDER.

- by -

MAJ A.C. RALSTON.

ADM COMD 26 AUST INF BN.

Part 1 Serial 131 Nos. 368 to 373.

In the Field 11 Dec '43.

11/12 DEC '43.

368. DUTIES.

BN DUTY OFFR Lieut E. HAMMETT.
NEXT FOR DUTY Lieut A.E. BAUER.
DUTY COY "HQ" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY "B" & "D" COYS.

12/13 DEC '43.

BN DUTY OFFR Lieut A.E. BAUER.
NEXT FOR DUTY Lieut C. DAWES.
DUTY COY "B" & "D" COYS.
NEXT FOR DUTY "C" COY.

369. PROMOTION : PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

OX. 52954 Pte SMITH, J.J. to be A/Cpl as from 5 Nov '43.

370. INTER-COY TRANSFERS.

OX. 52954 A/Cpl SMITH, J.J. from Bn.H.Q. to 'D' Coy.
SX. 31468 L/Cpl HILL, K.W. from 'D' Coy to Bn.H.Q.

371. SCHOOLS AND COURSES.

OX. 33508 Lieut F.G. WEBB. LHQ Gas School, Course No. 26.
CABARLAH, 17 Dec '43 to 11 Jan '44.

372. TRAIN TRAVELLING - INTOXICATING LIQUOR. EXTRACT FROM GRO A.789/43.

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

373. AMENITIES.

The following supplies from ACF and YMCA are gratefully acknowledged :-

5000 Letterheads.
1200 Envelopes.
4 Alladin Lamps.
8 Mantles.

W.M. Maxwell

Lieut.
Adjnt 26 Aust Inf Bn.

(over).

NOTICE.

CRICKET.

The following have been selected to represent this Unit in the opening match of the competition to be played on Sunday 19 Dec '43. Details of location and transport will be advised later.

In order that grounds may be made ready for play by 19 December, this Unit is required to provide a working party to 1 RSU on Sunday 12 Dec, and the team to play on 19 Dec will comprise this party.

All members of team will report to Transport Lines at 1300 hrs on Sunday 12 Dec. to proceed to this work.

| | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| S/Sgt SHAW. P.E. | Pto DAVIDSON. T. |
| WOII KRAEMER. G.R.W. | Pto O'BRIEN. H.J. |
| Cpl CHISLER. C.H. | Pto PFITZNER. J.C. |
| Sgt SPELLING. R.C. | Pto ABDY. A.W. |
| Cpl WEBER. D.M. | Pto GORDON. A.W. |
| | Sgt ANDERSEN. A.K. |

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-- by --

MAJ A.C. RALSTON.

ADM COMD 26 AUST. INF. BN.

Part 1 Serial 132 Nos. 374 to 378.

In the Field 13 Dec '43.

13/14 DEC '43.

374. DUTIES.

| | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut C. DAWES. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut L. W. MEACHAM. |
| DUTY COY | "C" COY. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "HQ" COY. |

14/15 DEC. '43.

| | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut L.W. MEACHAM. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut A.L. DAVIS. |
| DUTY COY | "HQ" COY. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "B" & "D" COYS. |

375. CUTTING OF TIMBER AND STRIPPING OF BARK. EXTRACT FROM APPENDIX "A"
4 AUST DIV (AIF) R.O. 266/43.

(a) Except when authorised as a necessary part of a defensive plan, no live timber will be felled inside the area North and East of COWAL CK - THE LITTLE RIVER - LOGGAN CK - HERRING CK - JACKY JACKY CK nor within a 5 mile radius of HIGGINS FIELD except that timber may be cut from vine scrub patches in the area provided that such cutting is done on a "Thinning out" basis and does NOT create clearings nor accentuate tracks, etc.

(b) Trees and natural texture will be strictly preserved. No bark will be stripped from any standing timber without prior approval of 4 Aust Div (AIF).

(c) Where approval has been given for the stripping of bark for roofing etc., a vertical strip 12 inches wide will be left connecting the bark above and below, to permit continued flow of sap. Trees will not be ringbarked. Bark will not be stripped from trees within 100 yards of any track or camp, and not from any two trees in close proximity.

376. INTER-COY TRANSFERS.

QX. 33840 Lieut A.A. LEWIS. from "B" Coy to "HQ" Coy.
QX. 36521 Lieut A.L. DAVIS. from "D" Coy to "B" Coy.

377. PROMOTION : PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

QX. 45358 L/Cpl SAUNDERS E.F. to be A/Cpl as from 3 Dec '43.

378. SCHOOLS AND COURSES.

QX. 29783 A/Cpl GREEN A. and Q 111588 L/Cpl FISHER R.I. to FAA Weapon Training School, Junior Leaders Wing, Course 10c. SOMERSET DAM, 20 Dec '43 to 5 Feb '44.

C.K. Maxwell
(C.K. MAXWELL). Capt.
Adjnt 26 Aust Inf Bn.

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- by -

MAJ A.C. RALSTON.

ADM CMD 26 AUST INF BN.

Part 1 Serial 133 Nos. 379 to 381.

In the Field 15 Dec '43.

379.

DUTIES.

15/16 DEC '43.

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut A.L. DAVIS. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut K.H. LYONS. |
| DUTY COY | "B" & "D" COYS. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "C" COY. |

16/17 DEC '43.

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut K.H. LYONS. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut A.A. LEWIS. |
| DUTY COY | "C" COY. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "HQ" COY. |

380.

INTERFERENCE WITH SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS : EXTRACT FROM 4 Aust Div (AIF) RO. G.382/43.

Cases of interference with and interruption to signal communications are occurring from time to time. The most frequent causes are :-

- (a) Damage to wires and insulators by bullets.
- (b) Damage to poles, stays, and wires, through their being struck by vehicles.

These interruptions are most serious as they result in the delay of important messages often for many hours and in addition involve considerable labour on the part of signals in locating and repairing faults.

The discharge of firearms at insulators and telephone wires or their discharge in any place where there is a risk of wires or insulators being struck is forbidden.

All drivers will be instructed that vehicles will NOT be driven close to poles or stays, under low wires or over field cable unless such action is unavoidable. Where vehicles must be so driven they will proceed slowly and every care will be taken to avoid causing damage.

In the event of any damage being caused or any damaged line being noticed at any time by any personnel, a report stating the circumstances, place and nature of damage will be made by the quickest means to Sigs 4 Aust Div.

Severe disciplinary action will be taken for all breaches of this order.

381.

WEEKLY WEARING OF RESPIRATORS : EXTRACT FROM 4AUST DIV (AIF) A/GAS TRAINING INSTRUCTION No. 3.

All ranks will wear the respirator each Wednesday from 1000 hrs to 1030 hrs. During this period personnel will continue their normal duties in order to become accustomed to working with the face-piece adjusted. This will be facilitated by an example being set by all officers.

Only exceptional circumstances will exempt personnel from complying with this instruction and approval for non-compliance can only be granted by the local commander.

Disciplinary action will be taken against ALL offenders.

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MAJ A.C. RALSTON.

ADM CMD 26 AUST INF BN.

Part 1 Serial 134 Nos. 382 to 384.

In the Field 17 Dec '43.

382. DUTIES. 17/18 Dec '43.
BN DUTY OFFR Lieut A.A. LEWIS.
NEXT FOR DUTY Lieut O.C. RUDDICK.
DUTY COY "HQ" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY "B" & "D" COYS.

18/19 Dec '43.
BN DUTY OFFR Lieut O.C. RUDDICK.
NEXT FOR DUTY Lieut A. WYLIE.
DUTY COY "B" & "D" COYS.
NEXT FOR DUTY "C" COY.

19/20 Dec '43.
BN DUTY OFFR Lieut A. WYLIE.
NEXT FOR DUTY Lieut A.E. BAUER.
DUTY COY "C" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY "HQ" COY.

383. PROMOTION : PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.
QX. 48045 Pte. BRADFORD A.A. to be A/Opl as from 3 Dec '43.

384. SCHOOLS AND COURSES.
QX. 55883 Pte. BAMBACK A.C. to MR & FS Course No. 15
SOMERSET DAM. commencing 23 Dec '43.

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(C.K. MAXWELL) Capt
Adj't 26 Aust Inf Bn

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C O M D 26 A U S T I N F B N .

Part 1 Serial 135 Nos. 385 to 389. In the Field 20 Dec '43.

20/21 Dec '43.

385. DUTIES.

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| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut E. HAMMETT. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut O.C. RUDDICK. |
| DUTY COY | "HQ" COY. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "B" & "D" COYS. |

21/22 Dec '43.

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | Lieut O.C. RUDDICK. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | Lieut R.N. NILSON. |
| DUTY COY | "B" & "D" COYS. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | "C" COY. |

386. CARRYING OF PAY BOOKS AND FIRST FIELD DRESSINGS.

In future a member's pay book will be carried in the left breast pocket and first field dressings will be carried in the right breast pocket.

387. CENSORSHIP : ENCLOSURES IN LETTERS.

The attention of all ranks is drawn to Unit R.O. No.362. It is apparent that this order is not fully understood. It is pointed out that the ORIGINATOR of a letter will show particulars of any enclosures, such as moneys, snaps, cuttings etc., in writing on the top left hand corner of the first page of the letter. Officers franking letters will then check enclosure with record shown. Letters containing enclosures which are NOT so recorded will be returned to originator for correction before franking.

388. STATEMENT OF UNIT TRUST A/C FOR MONTH ENDING 30 NOV '43.

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| A/C Book balance 1 Nov. | £222. 4. 7 |
| AADC Canteen Profits (Sept.) | 71. 10. 1 |
| Cash on hand | 7. 15. 2 |
| Invested in Unit Canteen | 374. 10. 0 |
| | £745. 19. 10 |
| Payment to "A" Coy for Xmas Fare | 50. 0. 0 |
| Assett Balance | £695. 19. 10 |

389. SCHOOLS AND COURSES.

OP. 6219 Maj. A.C. RALSTON, to HQ Tactical school, Jungle Defence, Engineer Aids, and canflg Wing, Course No.2, commencing 27 Dec '43.

C.K. Maxwell

(C.K. MAXWELL) Capt
Adj't 26 Aust Inf Bn

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ROUTINE ORDER

LT COL J.N. ABBOTT, D.S.O.

COMD 26 AUST INF BN.

Part 1 Serial 136 Nos. 390 to 391.

In the Field 22 Dec '43.

390.

DUTIES.

22/23 DEC '43.

| | | |
|---------------|-------|--------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | ..... | Lieut R.N. NILSON. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | | Lieut E. HAMMETT. |
| DUTY COY | | "C" COY. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | | "HQ" COY. |

23/24 DEC '43.

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| BN DUTY OFFR | | Lieut E. HAMMETT. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | | Lieut O.C. RUDDICK. |
| DUTY COY | | "HQ" COY. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | | "C" COY. |

391.

AMENITIES.

Receipt of the following articles from Y.M.C.A. (4 Aust Div, A. I.F.) is gratefully acknowledged.

416 CHRISTMAS HAMPERS
5,000 PAPERS
1,500 ENVELOPES

O.C. Ruddick Lieut
for Adjt 26 Aust Inf Bn

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- BY -

LT COL J.N. ABBOTT, D.S.O.

COMD: 26 AUSST INF BN.

Part 1 Serial 137 Nos. 392 to 395.

In the Field 24 Dec '43.

392. DUTIES.

| | | |
|---------------|-------|---------------------|
| IN DUTY OFFR | ..... | Lieut C.G. RUNDICK. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | | Lieut R.M. WILSON. |
| DUTY COY | | "G" COY. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | | "HQ" COY. |

24/25 DEC '43.

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| IN DUTY OFFR | | Lieut R.M. WILSON. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | | Lieut E. HAMMETT. |
| DUTY COY | | "HQ" COY. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | | "B" & "D" COY. |

25/26 DEC '43.

| | | |
|---------------|-------|---------------------|
| IN DUTY OFFR | ..... | Lieut E. HAMMETT. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | ..... | Lieut C.G. RUNDICK. |
| DUTY COY | ..... | "B" & "D" COYS. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | ..... | "G" COY. |

26/27 DEC '43.

393. AMENITIES.
 Receipt of the following amenities from Y.M.C.A. is gratefully acknowledged :-

420 CHRISTMAS CARDS.

394. DRESS : EXTRACT FROM 4 AUSST DIV (AIF) RO 282/43.

All personnel will wear long trousers KD, and shirts long-sleeved, after 1900 hours daily. Any authorised dress may be worn during the hours of daylight before 1900 hours.

395. INTER-COY TRANSFERS.

Ox. 48855 Lieut E.C.J. MUIR from "B" Coy to "G" Coy.
 Ox. 58955 Pto S.A. CARTER from "B" Coy to "G" Coy.

for *(C.K. MAXWELL) Capt*
Adjt 26 Ausst Inf Bn

NOTICES.

The Commanding Officer wishes to extend to all members of the Unit his sincere good wishes for a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

CHURCH PARADES.

Christmas Church parades will be conducted as follows :-

C of B. Friday 24 Dec : Holy Communion 2300 hrs, Sgts Mess,
 4 Ausst Div - Tpt will depart Bn Parking Area 2230 hrs.

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C of E. (continued).

Christmas Day 25 Dec : Holy Communion, Recreation Hut, 0900 hrs.

Roman Catholic.

Midnight Mass - 0001 hrs at 1 RSU (RAAF) Theatre - Tpt will depart Bn Parking Area 2350 hrs 24 Dec '43.

Mass at HQ RAA at 1000 hrs 25 Dec : Tpt departs Bn Parking Area 0930 hrs.

Methodist.

25 Dec '43 - Communion Service - 0930 hrs in vicinity of Amn Dump.

Crick.

The following have been selected to represent this Unit against 71 Mob. S/L Bty, on Sunday 26 Dec '43. :-

Location and arrangements for Tpt will be advised later.

| | | |
|-------|---------------------|-------|
| Lieut | HAMMETT, E. | (HQ) |
| Sgt | ANDERSON, A. K. | (BHQ) |
| WO 11 | KRAEMER, G. R. W. | (HQ) |
| Cpl | THOMSON, R. J. | (B) |
| Cpl | WEBER, D. M. | (D) |
| L/Cpl | LOCORNU, S. G. | (HQ) |
| Pto | DAVIDSON, T. | (D) |
| " | STEPHENSON, R. R. | (B) |
| " | BRENNAN, D. H. V. | (B) |
| " | O'BRIEN, H. J. | (HQ) |
| " | HINDS, H. L. | (BHQ) |
| Sgt | O'ROURKE, K. (12th) | (D) |

Scorer Cpl SIMPSON, D. J. (BHQ)
Twelfth man will accompany team as umpire.

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- by -

LT COL J.N. ABBOTT. D.S.O.

COLD 26 AUST INF BN.

Part 1 Serial 138 Nos. 396 to 400.

In the Field 27 Dec '43.

DUTIES.

27/28 DEC '43.

| | | |
|---------------|-------|---------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | | Lieut O.C. RUDDICK. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | | |
| DUTY COY | | "C" COY. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | | "B" & "D" COYS. |

28/29 DEC '43.

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|---------------|-------|-----------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | | |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | | |
| DUTY COY | | "B" & "D" COYS. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | | "HQ" COY. |

SECURITY : EXTRACT FROM 4 AUST DIV (AIF) RO. G. 392/43.

Attention is drawn to LHQ Field Censorship Instruction No. 4 Sec D 16.

(a) ACF XMAS HAMPERS.

It is anticipated the Australian Comforts Fund will be distributing Xmas Hampers to troops again this year. Included in these parcels in some instances are cards on which the names of the donors appear. Troops are NOT permitted to write personal letters of thanks to these donors but may, if they so desire, write a message on the back of the cards mentioning only their Regt No, Name, and Rank. Unit's designation will NOT appear. All cards will be collected by Units and after Censorship forwarded through normal channels to the senior YMCA or ACF representative in the area who will in turn forward them through ACF HQ to the individual donors.

(b) PACKER'S SLIPS.

It has been the practice in the past for certain packers, factory personnel etc to enclose with Army rations and issues, slips of paper giving a name and address.

All troops will be advised that it is a breach of censorship to correspond with such personnel.

398. MOVEMENT TO MERAUKE : EXTRACT FROM 4 AUST DIV (AIF) MEMO

A 251/226/1.

All personnel proceeding to Merauke on inspection duties or otherwise must immediately on arrival in that area report to 75 Aust Depot Cash Office to have exchange allowance entered in Paybooks.

On returning from Merauke Paybooks must be presented to the Unit Pay Sergeant or nearest Cash Office to have exchange allowance deleted.

399. PROMOTIONS : PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

QX. 35513 Cpl EOTT G. J. to be A/Sgt as from 23 Dec '43.

400. SCHOOLS & COURSES.

QX. 38999 Pte HUNTER A. J. to FAA School of Signals ; Refresher course for Regt Signallers ; Course No 7A, Serial 1 MAROOCHYDORE Q'ld. 2 Jan '44 to 28 Jan '44.

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(C.K. MAXWELL) Capt
Adjt 26 Aust Inf Bn

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The following is a Xmas message from Maj-Gen J.J. MURRAY G.O.C. 4 Aust Div (AIF) to all troops.

"I desire to convey to all officers and other ranks within my formation the seasons greetings, Maj-Gen J.J. MURRAY G.O.C. 4 Aust Div (AIF) to all troops.

In so doing I am mindful of the work that has been carried out by all during the recent months, and desire to express my appreciation.

I know that the meaning of Christmas will be realised by all, and I hope that during the celebration, happiness, joy and good fellowship will predominate."

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- by -

LT COL J.N. ABBOTT, D.S.O.

COMD 26 AUSTR INF BN.

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In the Field 30 Dec '43.

401. DUTIES.

30/31 DEC '43.

| | | |
|---------------|-------|---------------------|
| BN DUTY OFFR | | Lieut O.C. RUDDICK. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | | |
| DUTY COY | | "B" & "D" COYS. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | | "HQ" COY. |

31 DEC '43 - 1 JAN '44.

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| BN DUTY OFFR | | |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | | |
| DUTY COY | | "HQ" COY. |
| NEXT FOR DUTY | | "B" & "D" COYS. |

402. INTER-COY TRANSFERS.

V. 215410 Pte. W.S. COLEMAN from "C" Coy to Bn HQ.

403. PROMOTIONS : PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

SX. 31070 Pte. HILTON, C.D.B. to be TG 11 Cook as from 24 Dec '43.

C.K. Maxwell
 (C.K. MAXWELL) Capt
 Adjt 26 Aust Inf Bn

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LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM 4 AUSTR DIV (AIF)

The following is an extract from a letter from Lt-Col R.P. McLellan AA & QMG 4 Aust Div addressed to the C.O. 26 Aust Inf Bn :-

"I am directed to inform you of the appreciation and gratitude of HQ 4 Aust Div for your willing co-operation, and the outstanding work of your men with regard to working parties in the area.

It is also appreciated that your men would prefer training, and better still fighting, yet in spite of this the spirit of co-operation for working parties is something of which this HQ is proud.

Would you please convey to your Bn our thanks for their help!

CHURCH SERVICES : NEW YEARS DAY - 1 JAN '44.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at the Senior Chaplain's tent, 4 Aust Div HQ, at 0700 hrs 1 Jan '44.

ROMAN CATHOLICS.

Saturday 1 Jan '44. (New Years Day) is observed as a Holy Day by members of the R.C. denomination.

Masses will be arranged at the usual times and places

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CHURCH PARADES (cont).

ROMAN CATHOLICS (cont)

as on Sundays.

As far as the exigencies of the service permits
personnel wishing to attend the above services, will be
given the opportunity to do so.

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26 AUST. INF. BN. MOVEMENT INSTRUCTION No. 1.

REF MAPS : CAPE YORK SPECIAL, NEWCASTLE BAY, ENDEAVOUR STRAIT.
(All one inch to one mile.)

INFORMATION 1. 4Platoon 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. will conduct Tk/A practice shoot in SOMERSET-FLY POINT Area on 5 Dec. '43.

INTENTION 2. Officers as listed in Appendix "A" attached, together with all batmen will proceed to Biv. site SOMERSET AREA on afternoon of 4 Dec. '43.

METHOD 3. START TIME: 1400 hrs. 4 Dec. '43.
4. R V. Bn. H.Q.
5. ROUTE (A) No. 1 Syndicate will take control and move to Road Junction 702120.
(B) No. 2 Syndicate will control move to BASE SOUTH point 719169.
(C) No. 3 Syndicate will control move to Tel. Line bend at point 751183.
(D) No. 4 Syndicate will take party to Track bend at point 782180.
(E) From thence further instructions will be issued verbally.

ADMINISTRATION 6. EQUIPMENT. Necessary maps, compass, protractor, mapping case, binoculars, torch, rifle, and amn, water bottles, necessary clothing and toilet requisites, stretcher, mosquito net and valise, any text books to hand on 2 pdr. Tk/A gun.

7. RATIONS. Rations for all officers for 4 meals will be available at Officers Mess at 1350 hrs, and will be collected by Lieut Ruddick. Rations for batmen will be brought from companies.

8. WATER. Each Syndicate will bring 2 gallons of water in addition to full water bottles.

ACK.

SIGNED AT 1700 HRS 4 Dec. '43.

C.M. Maxwell Lieut
for
(J.N.ABBOTT) Lt-Col.
Comd. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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APPENDIX "A"

ISSUED WITH 26 AUST. INF. BN. MOVEMENT INSTRUCTION No. 1.

OFFICERS INCLUDED IN PARTY.

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| Nx 59 | Lt-Col J.N. Abbott. |
| Qx 6219 | Major A.C. Ralston. |
| Syndicate No. 1. | Qx 35737 Lieut H.G. Duddington. |
| | Qx 33705 Lieut O.C. Ruddick. |
| Syndicate No. 2 | Qx 36515 Lieut C.J. Fraser. |
| Syndicate No. 3 | Qx 36520 Lieut C.K. Maxwell. |
| | Qx 45275 Capt F.K.L. Hossack. |
| Syndicate No. 4. | Qx 36516 Lieut J.C. Compton. |
| | Qx 43159 Lieut E. Hammett. |



REPORT OF THE FIELD OFFICER ORDERLY OFFICER OF THE DAY.

Duty Report by (Rank) Lieut. (Name) O.C. RUDDICK. (Unit) 26 Aust Inf Bn.

- I performed the duty of Orderly Officer at In the Field.
from 1800 hrs 24 Dec. to 1800 hrs 25 Dec. and did not leave camp during the period.
- I carried out the following inspections:—

| Nature of Inspection, &c., or Duty. | Time. | | Irregularities noticed and action taken to correct them. |
|---|-------|------|---|
| | a.m. | p.m. | |
| "Retreat" (Guard Mounting Parade) | | 1800 | "G" Coy Guard mounted; well turned out. |
| "Tattoo" (Reports) | | | |
| Lights out | | | |
| Stables | | | |
| Guards | 0145 | 2315 | Sentries visited and found alert. |
| "Reveille" | 0600 | | Guard dismounted. |
| Rations and forage | | | |
| Meals | 0745 | 1230 | BHQ and "D" Coy Meals were inspected. Meals were well served and Rations were of very good quality and plentiful. |
| Hospital | | | |
| Canteen | | | |

A great Xmas Spirit prevailed throughout the Bn. A very good program of music was rendered by the band at the Recreation Hut between the hours of 1930 and 2130 hrs. Transport conveyed personnel to C of E Service and Midnight Mass at 4 Aust Div and 1 RSU respectively. During Xmas morning considerable time was devoted to tastefully decorating Coy Mess Rooms with lawyer cane, palm leaves, lilies and wild flowers, and all Coys were well rewarded for their very fine efforts. All cooks and the Bn Catering Staff worked very hard to prepare and serve the Xmas Dinner and they are to be congratulated on the careful preparation and manner in which the meal was served. Dinner was served between the hours of 1230 and 1330. Officers and Sergeants dined with the men and a very happy Xmas spirit prevailed. The Commanding Officer, Adjutant and Medical Officer visited each Coy during the Dinner, and the Commanding Officer, in a short address, wished all ranks the compliments of the Season.

- The report of the Commander of the Guard is attached. All necessary action has been taken in regard to the matters contained therein.
- Special notes re matters of an unusual nature.

Date 25 Dec '43.

Signature O. C. Ruddick

Lieut.

Ray Aicean
Lieut

ORDERLY OFFICER'S REPORT (Continued).

OPD and C of E Services were held in the Bn Area during the morning.
RC Service was held at RAA.

The following is a list of menus of Xmas Dinner served at each kitchen:-

- BHQ. Roast Chicken and Seasoning, Ham and Gravy, Roast Mutton.
Peas, Mashed Potatoes and Cabbage.
Plum Pudding and Custard, Trifle, Peaches and Cream.
Fruit Salad and Cream, Assorted Toffies, Assorted Small
Cakes, Sponges, Fruit Cake, Apple Slice, Meringue, Cheese
Straws, Beer and Cordials.
- "HQ" Coy. Roast Chicken and Ham, Roast Mutton and Seasoning, Boiled
Bacon and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes. Peas, Cabbage.
Steamed Pudding and Custard, Wine Trifle and Preserved
Fruit, Fruit Salad and Cream, Peaches and Cream.
Condiments, Cordial, Beer and Tea.
- "B" Coy. Roast Chicken and Seasoning, Roast Mutton, Ham.
Potato Cakes, Carrots, Sage and Onion Sauce.
Plum Pudding and Brandy Sauce, Fruit Salad and Cream,
Pineapple and Cream, Sweets, Beer, Cordial and Coffee.
- "C" Coy. Roast Pork and Mint Sauce, Roast Leg of Mutton, Boiled
Chicken and Seasoning, Pickled Bacon, Green Peas,
Creamed Potatoes, Creamed Carrots, Cabbage and Baked
Onions.
Plum Pudding and White Sauce, Fruit Salad and Cream,
Candy, Beer.
- "D" Coy. Roast Mutton, Roast Chicken and Seasoning, Ham, Gravy,
Green Peas, Potatoes, Sauces and Pickles,
Plum Pudding and Sauce, Baked Custard and Fruit, Sweets,
Cordials and Beer.

25 Dec '43.

O. C. Ruddick Lieut.