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26 Infantry Battalion
January - February 1944

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 26 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 1 Jan. 44 To 3 Jan. 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACKY JACKY	1 Jan.		Sultry day - Slightly westerly breeze.	RS
" "	2 Jan.	0930	General Church service conducted in a rea near transport lines by Padre Spencer.	RS
		1000	C. of E. Communion Service conducted in Recreation Hut by Padre Roberts.	RS
			R. C. parade conducted at R.A.A. by Padre Ellis.	
		1300	Signal of appreciatin received from the 5th Air Force in connection with the search for and rescue of Lieut. Shipway of the U.S. Air Force.	App. "A"
" "	3 Jan.	0800	P arty under comd Lieut. Muir left for the ORFORD NESS district to salvage any portion of Lieut. Ship-w-ay's 'plane of value (Re f. 624536 Cape York Sheet 8 Miles to 1 inch)	RS
		1100	Lieut. Fraser left HIGGINS FIELD in a D.H. 85 and dropped a	RS

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Date and Time.—From 3 Jan. 44. To 5 Jan. 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACKY JACKY	3 Jan.	1100	a signal to the personnel of "C" Coy in the JARDINE RIVER area advising them that the American Airman had been found and to return to Camp.	AS
		1630	Commanding Officer and Adjutant departed for the JARDINE RIVER (Ref. 587549 CAPE YORK 8 Miles to 1 inch) to witness exercise by "C" Coy and to remain with that coy overnight.	AS
" "	4 Jan.	1200	Commanding Officer and Adjutant returned to camp from the JARDINE RIVER AREA after witnessing exercise by "C" Coy.	AS
		1400	Adjutant and IQ. left the camp area to make a recce in preparation for an administrative exercise to be conducted on 8 & 9 Jan.	
			It was a sultry day.	AS
" "	5 Jan.		Humid day with slight westerly breeze blowing	AS

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Date and Time.—From 6 Jan. 44 To 7 Jan. 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACKY JACKY	6 Jan.	1200	Brig. de Low, Adm. comd TORRES STRAIT FORCE interviewed Com- manding Officer.	<i>AS</i>
		1500	Letter of thanks received from 31/51 Bn for the card of condolence sent in connection with the death of Lt-col Brock	Appx. "B" <i>AS</i>
		1845	"C" Coy search party under comd. Lieut. Ruddick returned to camp from the JARDINE RIVER area. One man of the party (Sgt Potts injured and brought back to camp by stretcher. Weather: Hot and cloudy.	Ref. map CAPE YORK 8 Miles to 1 inch. <i>AS</i>
" "	7 Jan.		The salvage party comd by Lieut. Muir returned from the OREORD NESS area after inspecting the remains of the crashed P.39. Lieut. SHIPWAY of 5 U.S.A.A.F., who was flying the p-lane from TOWNSVILLE to HORN ISLAND, accompanied the party. Weather: Sultry.	Ref. map CAPE YORK 8 miles to 1 inch. <i>AS</i>

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Unit 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 8 Jan. 44. To 10 Jan. 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACKY JACKY	8 Jan.	1400	Bn. H.Q. staff, "I" Sec, Sig. Pl and coy orderly room staffs moved out of camp for Administrative exercise. Directing staff Capt. Maxwell and Lieut. Nilson.	Operation order att. Appx. "C"
		0530	After marching all night "C" Coy arrived back at camp from the JARDINE RIVER area.	MS. Ref. map CAPE YORK MS. 8 Miles to 1 inch.
" "	9 Jan.	0930	General church parade conducted by Chaplain Spencer C. of E. Parade " " " Roberts R. C. " " " Ellis.	MS.
		1100	Personnel returned to Camp from Administrative Exercise Weather: Very hot and humid - intermittent showers in afternoon.	MS.
" "	10 Jan.	1700	Lieut. CHRISTIE returned to camp from L.H.Q. School of M.I. at SOUTHPORT and leave. Weather : Humid.	MS.

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Date and Time.—From 11 Jan. 44 To 14 Jan. 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACKY JACKY	11 Jan.	0830	B. Coy left on daylight compass march and returned 1545 hrs.	MS
" "	12 Jan.	1915	Night compass march for personnel of Bn. H.Q. & Coy Orderly Rooms.	Order Appx "D"
			Weather: Overcast, humid with occasional showers.	MS
" "	13 Jan.	1400	Col. Robertson (A.D.M.S.) 4 Aust. Div., accompanied by Maj. Brady (skin specialist) inspected a number of personnel.	MS
		1430	Adjutant and I. O. visited 4 Aust. Div.	
			Weather: Heavy showers at intervals throughout the day.	MS
" "	14 Jan.	0630	Capt. Duddington left to attend Gas School (L.H.Q.) at Cabarlah.	
		1000	Instructors for 4 Aust. Div. Weapon Training School arrived from 5 M.G. Bn and reported to Lieut. O.C. Ruddick who had been appointed Chief Instructor for the School.	
		1400	Lieut. R. L. Watts took over comd. H.Q. Coy vice Capt. Duddington.	
		1600	Lt. Col. Abbott returned from H THURSDAY ISLAND.	MS

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Date and Time.—From 14 Jan. 44 To 18 Jan 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACKY JACKY	14 Jan.	1930	Lecture by Sgt. CARLOS of 4 Aust. Div A.E.S. on the subject of "Arithmetic".	
" "			Weather: Overcast with several short showers during the day.	AS
" "	15 Jan.	0930	General Church parade, R. C. Church parade and C of E. Church parade.	
" "		1500	Students for 4 Aust. Div. Weapon Training School arrived in the Camp area.	
" "			Weather: Humid with intermittent showers mk during the afternoon.	AS
" "	17 Jan.		4 Aust. Div. Weapon Training School commenced in the Area.	
" "			Lieut Ruddick, "D" Coy, 26 Aust. Inf/ Bn. appointed C.I.	
" "			Commanding Officer interviewed personnel desirous submitting themselves as candidates before the Officers' P re-selection Board.	
" "		1800	Blood slides taken of all personnel who have had Malaria.	
" "			Weather: Hot day with light shower during the afternoon.	AS
" "	18 Jan.	0900	Candidates for Offrs. Pre-Selection Board were interviewed and tested by senior Officers and C.O.	
" "		1600	Lieut Nilson, I.O. moved to R.A.A. to confer with Brig. De Low, CRA.	AS

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Unit 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 18 Jan 44. To 21 Jan 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACKY JACKY	18 Jan 44	1730	Capt . DONALDSON, Catering Offr. 4 Aust Div, interviewed	
			Adjt	
		1900	Formal dinner at Offrs Mess	
		1900	Lieut TURRELL returned to camp from MUTEE HEADS, to await movt to FAA MR & FS School at Somerset Dam.	AS
" "	19Jan 44	1400	C.O., Offrs and C.S.M'S moved to an area EAST of PATERSON'S BOG for T.E.W.T.	O.O. attached as
			Lieut TURRELL marched out en route to FAA MR & FS School	App. E
			at SOMERSET DAM.	
			Lieut J.W. WILKINSON replaced Lieut TURRELL as O.C. 18 Pl at MUTEE HEADS.	AS
" "	20 Jan 44	1930	C .O. held discussion at Offrs Mess of previous days'	
			T.E.W.T.	
			Weather - Fine, warm and humid.	AS
" "	21 Jan 44		Weather - Very humid. Light rain in afternoon.	
		1900	Sgt. CARLOS of A.E.S. lectured at Rec. Hut. Subject 'Soviet Strategy.'	AS

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Unit 26 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 22 Jan 44 To 24 Jan 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACKY JACKY	22 Jan 44	1400	Sgt REID joined unit as Pay Sgt having been transferred from 4 Aust Div Cash Office	
" "			Weather - Very humid with several light showers during day.	AS
" "	23 Jan 44	0630	Lt. Col Abbott, DSO, C.O., departed from camp for THURSDAY ISLAND to sit as member of Offrs Pre-Selection Board.	
		0930	General Church Parade, R.C. Church Parade and C.E. Church Parade.	
			"C" Coy moved from camp area en route for LEFT HILL for training purposes	Appx "H"
			Weather - very humid. Intermittent showers in afternoon.	AS
" "	24 Jan 44	0630	6 Pers of Bn moved to THURSDAY ISLAND to be interviewed by Offrs. Pre-Selection Board.	
			C.O. at THURSDAY ISLAND as member of Offrs Pre-Selection Board.	
			"C" Coy at LEFT HILL	AS

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Unit 26 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 25 Jan 44 To 26 Jan 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACKY JACKY	25 Jan 44	1000	Capt MADDEN of 102 C.C.S. carried out dental inspection of bn pers at RAP.	
			C.O. at THURSDAY ISLAND as member of Offrs Pre-Selection board. <i>RS</i>	
		1900	C.O. returned from THURSDAY ISLAND. He was accompanied by Maj MURCHISON (2 i/c) and Capt MILSON (O.C. "D" Coy) both of whom were returning from LHQ Tactical School, BEENLEIGH.	
		1900	Six pers returned from THURSDAY ISLAND after having been interviewed by Offrs Pre-Selection Board. All candidates qualified in the requirements.	
			"C" Coy at LEFT HILL. <i>RS</i>	
" "	26 Jan 44	0930	Capt MADDEN of 102 CCS continued with dental inspection Lt.-Col S. ^K .WALACE, C.O. of 5 Aust Lt Fd Amb interviewed Lt.-Col ABBOTT at this HQ.	
			Weather - Humid, sky overcast. Westerly breeze blowing. <i>RS</i>	

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Date and Time.—From 26 Jan 44 To 29 Jan 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACKY JACKY	26 Jan 44		"C" Coy at LEFT HILL	AS
" "	27 Jan 44	1100	Col ROBERTSON, ADMS 4 Aust Div(AIF) and Lt.-Col HOPKINS	
			C.O., 19 Aust Fd Amb (MERAUKE FORCE) interviewed C.O.	AS
		0630	Sgt O'RORKE and Cpl THOMPSON marched out en route for	
			OCTU, following recommendation by Offrs Pre-Selection Board	
			"CW Coy at LEFT HILL	
			Weather - heavy rain throughout day.	AS
" "	28 Jan 44	0900	Tpt sent to LEFT HILL (Map Ref 127640 USSHER PT1/63360)	
			to convey "C" Coy back from manoeuvres in that area.	
		1530	"C" Coy returned to camp.	
			Weather - Continuous heavy rain throughout day until	
			mid-afternoon.	AS
" "	29 Jan 44		"C" Coy completed six-week period of special training	
			it had been going.	AS

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Unit 26 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 29 Jan 44 To 31 Jan 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACKY JACKY	29 Jan 44		Weather - Sky overcast - intermittent light showers.	AS
" "	30 Jan 44	0930	R.C., C of E, and General Church Parades held.	
		1000	Bn pers departed on recreational lugger trip for the day arranged by 4 Aust Div	
			Weather - shy overcast -very sultry.	AS
" "	31 Jan 44		"A" Coy War Diary received	
			Weather - humid - intermittent heavy showers.	AS
			For details of working parties undertaken by the bn see App "F" attached.	
			Attached to this War Diary is a copy of War Diary submitted by "A" Coy	
			under the comd of MRAUKE FORCE. App "G"	AS

[Signature] Lt-col.
Comd. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn.

ARMY FORM C.2130.
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MESSAGE FORM.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.	IN	<u>C O P Y</u>	No. of Groups GR.	Serial No. OFFICE DATE STAMP
	OUT			

TO 26 Aust Inf Bn (ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

FROM 4 Aust Div	Originator's Number. 0 352	Date. 2	In Reply to Number
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FIFTH	AIR	FORCE	has	requested	this
HQ	to	extend	thanks	and	appreciation
to	unit	under	comd	search	and
rescue	Lieut	SHIPWAY			

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT BY ANY MEANS: AS WRITTEN	IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CYPHER.	ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.	TIME OF ORIGIN
	(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)		021145L

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

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Appx B



H.Q. 31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn.,
26 Dec., 1943.

Commanding Officer,
26 Aust. Inf. Bn.

On behalf of the Officers, Warrant Officers, Non
Commissioned Officers, and Men of the 31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn. I thank
you for your expression of sympathy in the tragic death of the
Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. G. H. BROCK, D.S.O.

(Bernard J. Callinan) Major.
Adm. Comd. 31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Appx C

26 AUST INF BN ADMINISTRATIVE EXERCISE
WITHOUT TROOPS NO. 1

SECRET
COPY NO 11

Ref maps ENDEAVOUR STRAIT 1 in to 1 ml
NILSON'S HILL AREA (Enlargement attached)

- OBJECT 1. To train unit administrative personnel to move and operate under adverse tropical conditions.
- PERSONNEL TAKING PART 2. BnHQ Office Staff ; Int Sec ; Sig Pl ; Coy Orderly Room Staffs ; 'Q' Office Staff ; One hygiene dutyman (HQ Coy) and all stretcher bearers.
- LESSONS TO BE LEARNED 3. (a) Movement through jungle and swamps.
(b) Keeping direction by the compass.
(c) Establishment and maintenance of communications in the field.
(d) Message writing
(e) Administration in the field

PHASE ONE

- INFORMATION 4. ENEMY JAPANESE elements of unknown strength are infiltrating SOUTH along the general line of Rd LOCKERBIE to rd junct 680980.
5. OWN TPS As per present allocation of units in area.
- INTENTION 6. 26 Aust Inf Bn will occupy NILSON'S HILL
- METHOD 7. START POINT Rd junct 706955
8. START TIME 081430L
9. ORDER OF MARCH D Coy ; B Coy ; BnHQ ; HQ Coy
10. INTERVALS 10 mins between gps
- ADMINISTRATION 11. ROUTE From Rd junct 706955 a direct compass route will be taken to marked large tree at ref 713994, on WESTERN edge of NILSON'S KNOLL.
- ADMINISTRATION 12. EGPT AND DRESS As laid down in Appx 'K' to MERAUKE FORCE STANDING ORDERS (less rations and with additional items required for the functioning of all HQs). Lights with night shades will be taken.
13. RV BnHQ ORs mess 081400L, where gps will be checked before commencement of exercise.
14. RATIONS for two meals will be carried together with one emergency ration.
15. CONSTITUTION OF COY GPS CSM; P&O Cpl; one Int Duty (att from BnHQ); Coy Int pers ; Runners; Stretcher Bearers; Sigs; and storeman.
16. ALLOCATION OF AREAS
(a) BnHQ :- 40 yds NORTH of marked tree.
(b) HQ Coy:- 300 yds 140 degrees M from marked tree
(c) B Coy:- PALM TREE 300 yds 250 degrees M from marked tree.
(d) D Coy :- 400 yds, 527 degrees M from marked tree^e
(e) A rear link will be established to Bde HQ.

ADM (Cont)

17. ACTION ON ARRIVAL HQs will be selected by CSMS and will be established. Int Duty pers will be detached from Coys. Communications will be installed by Sigs. After reports of completion have been received at BnHQ, notification of the completion of PHASE ONE will be given through normal channels.

ACK

C. K. Maxwell

SIGNED AT 1500 HRS 7 JAN 44

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

DISTRIBUTION

COPY NO

APPX "A" NO

APPX "B" NO

BnHQ
HQ COY
B COY
D COY
NO. 1 PL
INT SEC
CO
ADJT
4 AUST DIV
FILE
WAR DIARY

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NOTE :- APPX "A" & "B" will be issued with instructions for PHASE TWO of exercise at 081900L

PHASE TWO

SECRET
COPY NO //

For issue at 081900L
To commence 082000L

INFORMATION

18. ENEMY JAPANESE patrols approx 1 Sec in strength have been located moving SOUTH along ERKIE'S CREEK in direction of rd bend 703005.

19. OWN TROOPS 26 Aust Inf Bn (less 'C' Coy) in occupation NILSON'S HILL.

INTENTION

20. 26 Aust Inf Bn will deny enemy passage SOUTH of line NILSON'S HILL to SEARCHLIGHT HILL.

METHOD

21. PATROLS Active patrolling of LOCKERBIE RD will be maintained. Patrol orders will be issued as per Appx "A" attached. Patrol reports will be submitted to Int Sec immediately on return of patrol. (See Appx "B" attached)

ADM

22. FUNCTIONING OF HQs ALL HQs will function continuously; CSMs will draw up duty roster for this purpose.

23. MESSAGE WRITING Correct message writing will be the main feature of this phase. Prior to commencement of exercise, blocks of message numbers will be prepared by all HQs incorporating the use of distinguishing letters vide 26Bn.1943.45 of 16 Nov (Not to all addressees)

24. RETURNS Numerous returns will be called for through normal channels. Particular attention will be paid to the form and punctuality of all returns, but for the purpose of the exercise subject matter and numbers may be fictitious.

COMMUNICATION

25. L/T; visual; and runner.

C. K. Maxwell

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

DISTRIBUTION

As per instructions for PHASE ONE.

NOTE :- Completion of this phase will be notified through normal channels.

PHASE THREE

SECRET
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To be issued at 090400L

To commence at 090400L

INFORMATION

1. ENEMY wireless reports from listening post situated near rd junct 736054 state that enemy force of approx one coy in strength passed that rd junct at 090340L moving SOUTH along rd from LOCKENBIE.

2. OWN TFS 26 Aust Inf Bn (less 'C' Coy) in occupation WILSON'S HILL. One pl 4 Aust Div Carr Coy with riflemen attached from AGD are holding rd from 693030 to 674982 at pt 685008.

INTENTION

3. 26 Aust Inf Bn (less C Coy) will occupy position astride LOCKENBIE RD at rd bend 703005 and deny further enemy advance.

METHOD

4. PREPARATION FOR MOVE Telephone lines will be rolled immediately and preparation for move completed by 090430L.

5. START POINT "D" Coy HQ

6. START TIME 090445L

7. ORDER OF MARCH D Coy ; B Coy ; BnHQ ; HQ Coy

8. INTERVALS 3 mins between gps (to be checked out at SP by RHE)

9. GUIDES Int duty pers will be reattached to Coy gps at P.

10. ALLOCATION OF DEFENSIVE POSNS

(a) D Coy - RIGHT incl CRNEK incl RD

(b) B Coy - LEFT excl RD incl VINE SCRUB at pt 698004

(c) HQ Coy - Astride rd 200 yds rear of fwd coys

ADM

11. RAP 50 yds EAST of BnHQ

INTERCOMM

12. BnHQ 50 yds EAST of large fallen gum tree on rd.

13. SIGS L/T as for PHASE ONE and runner.

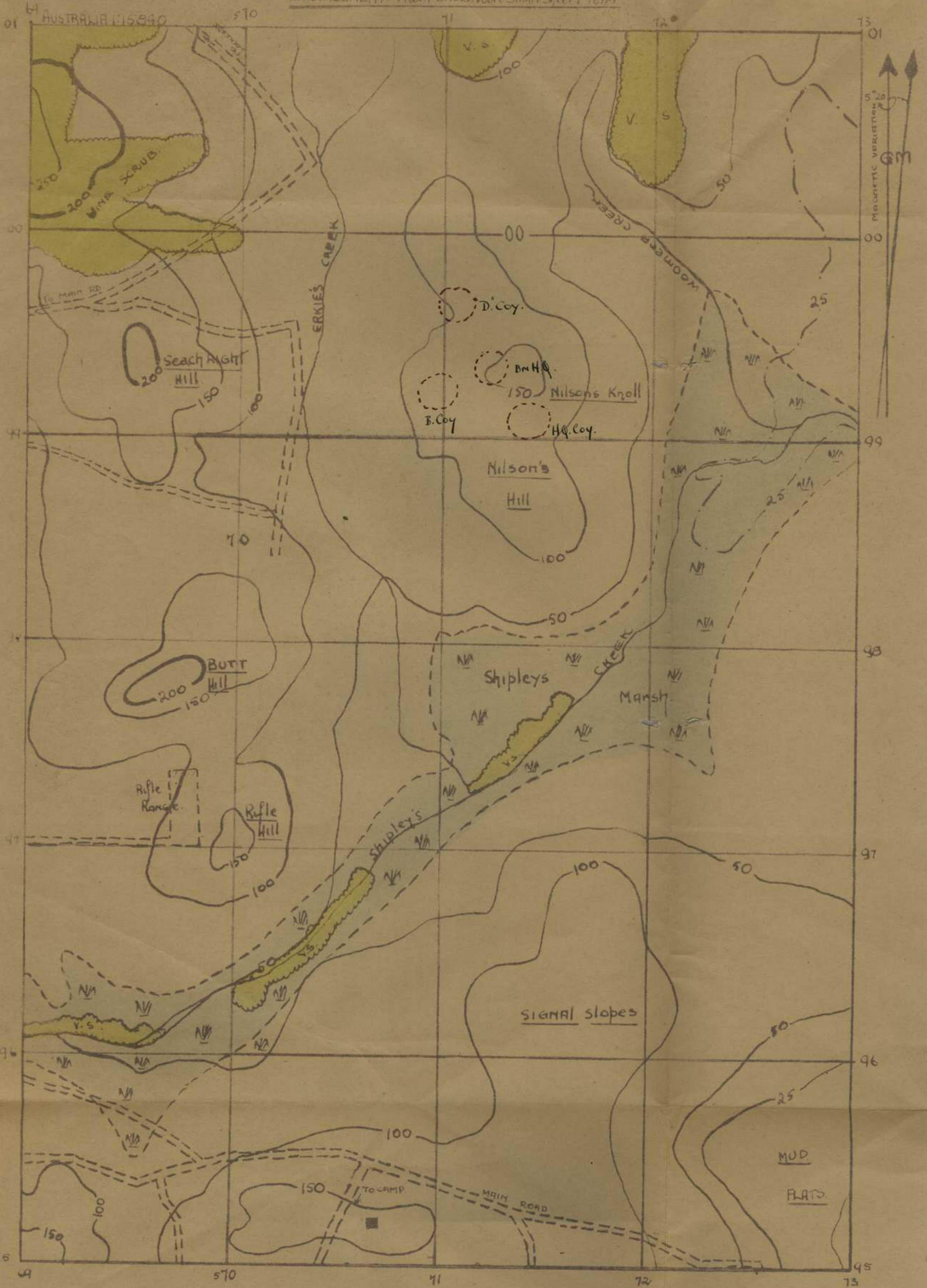
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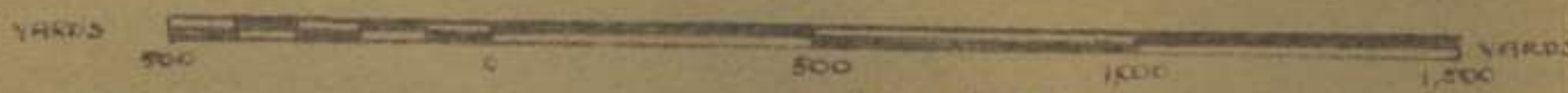
DISTRIBUTION as for instructions for PHASE ONE.

NILSONS HILL AREA

ENLARGEMENT FROM ENDEAVOUR STRAIT SHEET 1401M



Scale 4 inches to 1 Mile



Contour Interval 50 Feet

Appx D

Ref Map ENDEAVOUR STRATT 1 in to 1 ml

- OBJECT 1. To train unit administrative personnel in night compass marching.
- TPS TAKING PART. 2. See Appx "A" attached.
- METHOD 3. RV Tps as per appx "A" will RV at unit tpt lines at 121900L
 4. TPT TO will arrange one 3-ton veh and one light van to depart 121915L and tpt party to rdbend 679932
 5. SP Rd bend 679932
 6. STq 121930L
 7. INTERVALS 5 mins between syndicates
 8. ROUTE From rd bend 679932 to KNOLL at 683936, thence to KNOLL at 677948, thence to KNOLL at 683945 and direct to rd bend at 697937.
- ADM 9. DRESS Shirt, slacks, felt hat, and American gaiters.
 10. EQPT Web eqpt, rifle and 50 rds amn. Each syndicate leader will be responsible to bring maps mentioned above ; compass, prismatic; protractor; pencil; and ruler.
 11. SPECIAL INSTNS Syndicates have been arranged in gps of three Members will each take turn at being syndicate leader. At end of each leg of march, syndicate leader will locate board posted on tree and will sign same giving syndicate number and time of arrival.

ACK
SIGNED AT 1630 Hrs 11 JAN 44

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

<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>	<u>COPY NO</u>	<u>APPX "A" NO</u>
BnHQ	1	1
HQ Coy	2	2
B Coy	3	3
C Coy	4	4
D Coy	5	5
CO	6	6
Adjnt	7	7
Int Sec	8	8
4 Aust Div	9	9
File	10	10
War Diary	11 - 12 ✓	11 - 12 ✓

ISSUED WITH 26 AUST INF BN REGT COMPASS MARCH NO.1

APPXⁿ Aⁿ
COPY NO 11

SYNDICATES

No. 1

QX.54163 Sgt ANDERSEN, A. K
QX.38941 Cpl CHISLER, C. H
QX.34228 Cpl KJERGAARD, R. H

No. 2

QX.48047 S/Sgt SHAW, P. E
QX.38900 Sgt McCLURE, W
QX.52954 A/Cpl SMITH, J. J
SX.31470 Pte JONES, E. H

No. 3

Q. 31268 S/Sgt JACOBS, W. P
QX.38960 Cpl MESSER, C
SX.31468 L/Cpl HILL, K. W

No. 4

QX.38954 S/Sgt CONRAN, J. W
QX.51481 A/Cpl NOWLAN, P. S
QX.47743 Pte WYPER, G. D

No. 5

S. 58473 Sgt LILLYWHITE, L. S
QX.27063 A/Cpl BURGESS, S. K
Q. 33966 Pte HENRY, J. N

DATE	OFF	NCO	O/RS	TOT	TPT	PLACE	TOUR FROM	TOUR TO	PLACE	COY	INSTRUCTIONS	FINISH
AN 5	-	1	9	10	0800	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	"B" Mess 4 Div'	HQ.	Construction work	8 Jan 44
"	-	1	7	8	0745	B. Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D. Sgt Tucker	B.	Erection S.W. Huts	8 "
"	-	1	5	6	0800	B. Coy	0830	1630	Crib Pier MRC Mill	B.	Load Timber	8 "
"	-	1	11	12	0745	B. Coy	0845	1630	Bridge RIP RD	B.	Repairs to Bridge	8 "
"	-	1	5	6	0745	B. Coy	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	B.	Moving stores	8 "
"	-	1	9	10	-	B. Coy	0800	1630	57 Fd Park Muttee	B.	Road making	9 "
"	-	1	7	8	0800	D.HQ.	0830	1630	12 A.A.D.	D.HQ.	Working Party	8 "
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AN 6	-	1	5	6	0800	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	"B" Mess 4 Div'	HQ.	Construction Work	8 Jan 4
"	-	1	7	8	0745	B. Coy	0845	1630	15 A.O.D.	B.	Erection S.W. Huts	8 "
"	-	1	5	6	0800	B. Coy	0830	1630	Crib Pier MRC Mill	B.	Load Timber	8 "
"	-	1	11	12	0745	B. Coy	0845	1630	Bridge RIP Rd.	B.	Repairs to bridge	8 "
"	-	1	5	6	0745	B. Coy	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	B.	Moving stores	8 "
"	-	1	9	10	-	B. Coy	0800	1630	57 Fd Park Muttee	B.	Road Making	9 "
"	-	1	7	8	0800	D. Coy	0830	1630	12 A.A.D.	B.	Working party	8 "
"	-	1	9	10	0715	B. Coy	1900		Movements R.I.P.	B.	unload smallcraft	6 "
		8	58	66								
" 7	-	1	4	5	0800	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	"B" Mess 4 Div'	HQ.	Construction work	8 Jan '44
"	-	1	7	8	0745	HQ. Coy	0845	1630	15 A.O.D.	HQ.	Erection S.W. Huts	8 "
"	-	1	5	6	0800	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	Crib Pier MRC Mill	HQ.	Load timber	8 "
"	-	1	11	12	0745	D. Coy	0830	1630	Bridge RIP Rd	D.	Repairs to bridge	8 "
"	-	1	5	6	0745	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	Fd. Stores Dump	HQ.	Moving Stores	8 "
"	-	1	9	10	-	B. Coy	0800	1630	57 Fd Park	B.	Road Making	9 "
"	-	1	7	8	0800	D. Coy	0830	1630	12 A.A.D.	D.	Working Party	8 "
"	-	1	8	9	0800	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	D.I.D. Capt Nonkie	HQ.	Reorg' and moving petrol	10 Jan
"	-	1	7	8	0745	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	Engrs store dump	HQ.	Shifting Hosp' Stores	7 Jan 44
"	-	1	6	7	0745	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	MRC MILL Sgt Morris	HQ.	Load, unload timber	7 Jan '44.
		10	69	79								

DATE	OFF	NCO	O/Rs	TOT	TPT	PLACE	TOUR FROM	TOUR TO	PLACE	COY	INSTRUCTIONS	FINISH
JAN 8	-	1	4	5	0800	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	"P" Mess 4 Div	HQ.	Construction work	8 Jan '44
"	-	1	7	8	0800	HQ. Coy	0845	1630	15 A.O.D.	HQ.	Erection S.W. Huts	8 Jan '44
"	-	1	8	9	0745	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	Crib Pier MRC Mill	HQ.	Load timber	8 Jan 44
"	-	1	11	12	0745	B. Coy	0845	1630	Bridge R.I.P. Rd.	B.	Repairs to Bridge	8 Jan 44
"	-	1	5	6	0745	B. Coy	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	B.	Moving Stores	8 Jan 44
"	-	1	9	10	---	B. Coy	0800	1630	57 Fd. Park Muttee	B.	Road Making	9 Jan 44
"	-	1	7	8	0800	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	12 A.A.D.	HQ.	Working Party	8 Jan 44
"	-	1	8	9	0800	B. Coy	0830	1630	D.I.D. Capt Noskie	B.	Reorg' removing petrol dump "	
		2	12	14	0830	B. Coy	0830	1630	Bulk Can' Store	D.	Dump Sorting Huts	10 Jan 44
		10	71.	81.								
JAN (9	-	1	10	11		HQ. COY	1015	1710	Mvts R.I.P.	HQ.	Unloading Smallercraft	9 Jan 44
	-	1	8	9		HQ. COY	1015	1710	D.I.D.	HQ.	" Stores	9 Jan '44
JAN 10	-	1	8	9	0800	B. COY	0830	1630	D.I.D. ...		Reorg' removing petrol dump	10/11
	-	1	4	5	0800	B. COY	0830	1630	"B" Mess 4 Aust Div		Construction Work	10 Jan 44
	-	1	6	7	0800	B. COY	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.		Erection S.W. Huts	11 Jan 44
	-	1	5	6	0745	B. COY	0830	1630	Bridge R.I.P. Rd.		Repairs to Bridge.	15 Jan '44
	-	1	9	10	0800	B. COY	0800	1600	57 Fd Pk Muttee		Roadmaking	16 Jan '44
	-	1	5	6	0745	D. COY	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump		Handling Stores	16 Jan '44
	-	1	7	8	0745	D. COY	0830	1630	12 "A.A.D.		Shifting Amn	15 Jan '44
	-	2	13	15					Bulk Canteen R.I.P.		Sorting S.W. Huts	10 Jan '44
JAN 11	-	1	6	7	0800	HQ. COY	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.		Erection S.W. Huts	11 Jan '44
	-	1	5	6	0745	HQ. COY	0830	1630	Bridge R.I.P. Rd		Repairs to Bridge	15 Jan '44
	-	1	9	10	-	B. COY	0800	1630	57 Fd Park Muttee		Roadmaking	16 Jan '44
	-	1	5	6	0745	D. COY	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump		Handling Stores	16 Jan '44
	-	1	7	8	0745	HQ. COY	0830	1630	12 A.A.D.		Shifting Amn	15 Jan '44
	-	1	5	6	0800	HQ. COY	0830	1630	M.R.C. Mill		Stacking Timber	11 Jan '44
	-	2	13	15	0800	HQ. COY	0830	1630	Bulk Canteen RIP		Sorting S.W. Huts	11 Jan '44

DATE	OFF	NCO	O/Rs	TOT	TP T	PLACE	TOUR FROM	TOUR TO	PLACE	COY	INSTRUCTIONS	FINISH
JAN 12	-	1	5	6	0745	B.Coy	0830	1630	Bridge R.I.P. Rd	B.	Repairs to Bridge	15 Jan'44
"	-	1	9	10	----	B.Coy	0800	1630	57 Fd Park Muttee	B.	Road Making	16 Jan'44
"	-	1	5	6	0745	B.Coy	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	B.	Handling Stores	16 Jan'44
"	-	1	7	8	0745	B.Coy	0830	1630	12.A.A.D./ XXXXXXXXXX	B.	Shifting Ammunition	15 Jan'44
"	-	1	5	6	0800	B.Coy	0830	1630	R.A.A. Sgt Richardson	B.	Erection Store Tent	12 Jan'44
"	-	2	20	22	0930	D.Coy	0930	1845	Movements R.I.P.	D.	Unload Smallcraft.	12 Jan'44
		<u>7</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>58</u>								
JAN 13.	-	1	5	6	0745	B.Coy	0830	1630	Bridge R.I.P Rd.	B.	Repairs to Bridge	15 Jan'44
"	-	1	9	10	---	B.Coy	0800	1630	57 Fd Park Muttee	B.	Road Making	16 Jan'44
"	-	1	5	6	0745	B.Coy	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	B.	Handling Stores	16 Jan'44
"	-	1	7	8	0745	B.Coy	0830	1630	12 A.A.D.	B.	Shifting Amn	15 Jan'44
"	-	1	5	6	0800	B.Coy	0845	1630	M.R.C Mill Sgt Milner	B.	Stack Timber	13 Jan'44
		<u>5</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>36</u>								
JAN 14.	-	1	5	6	0745	HQ.Coy	0830	1630	Bridge R.I.P.Rd.	HQ.	Repairs to bridge	15 Jan'44
"	-	1	9	10	----	B.Coy	0800	1630	57 Fd. Park Muttee	B.Coy	Road Making	16 "
"	-	1	5	6	0745	B.Coy	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	B.	Shifting Stores	16 "
"	-	1	7	8	0745	HQ.Coy	0830	1630	12 A.A.D.	HQ.	Shifting Amn	15 "
"	-	1	20	21		D.V.A. COY			Movements R.I.P.	M.D.	Unload Boat	14 "
"	-	2	32	34		HQ.Coy			" "	HQ.	" "	14 "
"	-	2	33	37		B.Coy	CANCELLED		" "	B.	" "	15 "
		<u>7</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>85</u>								
" 15.	-	1	9	10	-	B.Coy	0800	1630	57 Fd Park Muttee	B.	Road Making	16 " 44
"	-	1	5	6	0745	B.Coy	0930	1630	Fd Stores Dump	B.	Moving Stores	16 "
"	-	1	7	8	0745	B.Coy	0830	1630	12 A.A.D.	B.	Shifting Amn.	15 "
"	-	2	28	30		HQ.Coy	2115	0530	Movements R.I.P.	HQ.	Unload Cement	15 "
"	-	2	20	22		D.Coy	0500	1530	" "	D.	" " Etc	15 "
		<u>7</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>76</u>								
JAN 17	-	1	5	6	0745	D.Coy	0830	1630	D.I.D.	D.	Moving and stack stores	18 Jan
"	-	1	9	10	-	B.Coy	0800	1630	57 Fd Park Muttee	B.	Road Making	23 Jan'
"	-	1	5	6	0745	D.Coy	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	D.	Moving Stores	22 "
"	-	1	5	6	0745	D.Coy	0830	1630	Bridge R.I.P.	D.	Repairs to Bridge	22 "
"	-	1	6	7	0745	B.Coy	0830	1630	A.W.C. Mill	B.	Stack timber etc.	22 "
		<u>5</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>35</u>								

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JAN 18	-	1	5	76	0745	H Q. Coy	0830	1630	D.I.D.	HQ.	Moving MA Stores	18 Jan 44
"	-	1	9	10	---	B. Coy	0800	1630	57 Rd Park Muttee	B.	Road Making	23 "
"	-	1	6	7	0800	HQ. Coy	0800	1630	Muttee Head	HQ.	Erect Camo' cover	22 "
"	-	1	5	6	0745	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	Rd Stores Dump	HQ.	Moving Stores	22 "
"	-	1	5	6	0745	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	Bridge R.I.P.	HQ.	Repair to Bridge	22 "
"	-	1	6	7	0745	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	A.W.C. Mill	HQ.	Stack timber ETC	22 "
"	-	-	2	2	0730	B. Coy	0800	1630	D.I.D.	B.	Iceworks	22 "
"	-	2	24	26	1415	B. Coy	1500	2300	Movements R.I.P.	B.	Unload Boat (Small)	18 "
"	-	2	20	22	2300	B. Coy	2300	0815	" "	B.	" " "	18/19 "
		10	82	92								
Jan 19	-	2	14	16	0730	All Coys	0815	1630	Movements R.I.P.	All Coys	Unload Smallcraft	19 Jan 44
"	-	1	9	10	---	B. Coy	0800	1630	57 Rd Park Muttee	B.	Road Making	23 "
"	-	1	6	7	---	HQ. Coy	0800	1630	Muttee Head	HQ.	Erect Camo' Cover	22 "
"	-	1	5	6	0745	D. Coy	0830	1630	Rd Stores Dump	D.	Moving Stores	22 "
"	-	1	5	6	0745	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	Bridge R.I.P.	H.	Repair to Bridge	22 "
"	-	1	6	7	0745	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	A.W.C. Mill	HQ.	Timber Stack etc	22 "
"	-	-	2	2	---	B. Coy	0800	1630	D.I.D.	B.	Iceworks	22 "
"	-	1	12	13	1400	D. Coy	1500	2400	Movements R.I.P.	D.	Unload Poonbah	19 "
		8	59	67								
JAN 20	-	1	12	13	2315	B. Coy	0001	0800	Movements R.I.P.	B.	Unload Poonbah	20 Jan 44
"	-	1	12	13	0715	B. Coy	0800	1630	" "	B.	" "	20 "
"	-	1	9	10	---	B. Coy	0800	1630	57 Rd Park Muttee	B.	Road Making	23 "
"	-	1	6	7	---	HQ. Coy	0800	1630	Muttee Head	HQ.	Erect Camo' Cover	22 "
"	-	1	5	6	0745	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	Rd Stores Dump	HQ.	Move Stores	22 "
"	-	1	5	6	0745	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	Bridge R.I.P.	HQ.	Repair to Bridge	22 #1
"	-	1	6	7	0745	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	M.R.C. Mill	HQ.	Timber Stack etc	22 "
"	-	-	2	2	---	B. Coy	0800	1630	D.I.D.	B.	Iceworks	22 "
"	-	2	18	20	---	B. Coy	1015	1600	Movements R.I.P.	B.	Unload Smallcraft	20 "
"	-	1	5	6	2300	C. Coy	1945	0001	" "	C.	" "	20 "
"	-	1	12	111	124							

DATE	OFF	NCO.	O/Rs	TOT	TPT	PLCE	TOUR	TOUR	PLACE	COMPANY	INSTRUCTIONS	FINISH
Jan 21	-	2	24	26	2315	C. Coy	FROM 2400	TO 0830	Movements R.I.P.	C.	Unload Smallercraft	31 Jan
"	-	1	9	10	-----	B. Coy	0800	1630	57 Fd Park Muttee	B.	Road making	23 "
"	-	1	6	7	-----	HQ. Coy	0800	1630	Muttee Head	HQ.	Erect Camo Cover	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	HQ.	moving Stores	22 "
"	-	1	5	6	0745	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	Bridge R.I.P.	HQ.	Repairs to Bridge	22 "
"	-	1	6	7	0745	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	M.R.C. MILL	HQ.	Stack Timber Etc	22 "
"	-	-	2	2	-----	B. Coy	0800	1630	D.I.D.	B.	Iceworks	22 "
"	-	1	3	4	0745	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	D.I.D.	HQ.	Breaking up stores	21 "
		8	60	68								
Jan 22	-	1	9	10	---	B. Coy	0800	1630	57 Fd Park Muttee	B.	Road making	23 Jan 44
"	-	1	6	7	-----	HQ. Coy	0800	1630	Muttee Head	HQ. Coy	Erect Camo Cover	22 "
"	-	1	5	6	0745	B. Coy	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	B. Coy	Moving Stores	22 "
"	-	1	5	6	0745	B. Coy	0830	1630	Bridge R.I.P.	B. Coy	Repairs Bridge	22 "
"	-	1	6	7	0745	B. Coy	0830	1630	M.R.C. Mill	B. Coy	Stack Timber Etc	22 "
"	-	-	2	2	-----	B. Coy	0830	1630	D.I.D.	B. Coy	Iceworks	22 "
"	-	1	6	7	1215	D. Coy	1300	1600	Mvts R.I.P.	D. Coy	Unload and clean up	22 "
		6	39	45								
Jan 23	-	2	28	30	1315	H.Q.	1400	1600	Movements R.I.P.?	HQ. Coy	Unload and load boats	23 Jan 4
"	-	2	28	30	1515	B.	1600	2400	"	B. Coy	" " " "	" "
"	-	2	20	22	1515	B.	1600	2400	"	B. Coy	" " " "	" "
		6	76	82							and Off load at Ord'	"
Jan 24	-	4	19	23	2315	All	2400	0800	Movements R.I.P.	ALL COYS	Unload and load boats	
"	-	2	28		0715	HQ.	0800	1600	"	HQ. Coy	and off load at Ord's	24 Jan'
"	-	2	20	22	0715	HQ.	0800	1600	"	All Coys	Do. Do.	"
"	-	2	28	30	1515	B. Coy	1600	2400	"	B. Coy	"	24 "
"	-	2	20	22	1515	B. Coy	1600	2400	"	B. Coy	"	24 "
"	-	2	19	21	2315	All	2400	0800	"	All	"	24/25
"	-	-	2	2	-----	B. Coy	0800	1630	D.I.D.	B. Coy	Iceworks	24 Ja
"	-	1	9	10	-----	B. Coy	0800	1630	57 Fd Park Muttee	B. Coy	Road making	29 "
		15	145	160								

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Jan 25	-	2	19	21	0515	HQ.D.	0400	0800	Movements R.I.P.	HQ.D.	Unload and load boats	25 Jan 4
"	-	2	26	40	0715	HQ.D.	0800	1630	" "	HQ.D.	" " " "	"
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Jan 26	-	4	57	61								
" 25	-	1	9	10	---	B.Coy	0800	1630	57 Rd Park Huttee	B.	Road Making	29 Jan 4
"	-	-	2	2	---	B.Coy	0800	1630	D.I.D.	B.	Iceworks	29 "
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Jan 26	-	1	5	6	0745	D.Coy	0830	1630	D.I.D.	D.	Erect Cool Rooms	29 Jan
"	-	1	5	6	0745	D.Coy	0830	1630	D.E.D. Capt Noskie	D.	Shift Good to Bulk Store	"
"	-	1	15	16	0800	B.Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	B.	Stack and sort	"
"	-	1	9	10	0800	B.Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	B.	Erect Store Tent	"
"	-	-	2	2	---	B.Coy	0830	1630	D.I.D.	B.	Iceworks	"
"	-	1	9	10	---	B.Coy	0800	1630	57 Rd Park Huttee	B.	Road Making Etc	"
"	-	1	5	6	0800	B.Coy	0830	1630	Rd Stores Dump	B.Coy	Handle stores etc	"
"	-	1	5	6	0800	B.Coy	0845	1630	Bridge R.I.P.	B.	Repairs to bridge	"
"	-	1	7	8	0800	B.Coy	0845	1630	Bulk stores R.I.P. Canteen.	B.	Erect S.W. Hut	"
"	-	1	5	6	0800	B.Coy	0845	1630	A.W.C. Hill	B.	Stacking timber Etc	"
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Jan 27	-	1	5	6	0745	D.Coy	0830	1630	D.I.D.	D.	Erect Cool Room	29 Jan 4
"	-	1	15	16	0745	B.Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	B.	stack and sort	"
"	-	2	18	20	0745	HQ.Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	HQ.	Erect Store Tent	29 "
"	-	-	2	2	---	B.Coy	0800	1630	D.I.D.	B.Coy	Iceworks	29 "
"	-	1	9	10	---	B.Coy	0800	1630	57 Rd Park Huttee	B.Coy	Road making etc	29 "
"	-	1	5	6	0745	B.Coy	0830	1630	Rd Stores Dump	B.	Handle stores etc	29 "
"	-	1	5	6	0745	B.Coy	0845	1630	Bridge R.I.P.	B.	Repairs Bridge	29 "
"	-	1	7	8	0745	B.Coy	0830	1630	Bulk Canteen R.I.P.	B.	Erect S.W. Huts	29 "
"	-	1	5	6	0745	B.Coy	0845	1630	A.W.C. Hill	B.	Stacking timber	29 "
"	-	1	8	9	0800	D.	0830	1630	102 C.C.S.	D.	Erect Tents	30 "
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		10	79	89								

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												29 Jan44
Jan 28	-	1	5	6	0745	D. Coy	0830	1630	D.I.D.	D.	Erect Cool Rooms	29 Jan 44
"	-	1	15	16	0800	B. Coy	0830	1630	18 A.O.D.	B.	Stack and sort	"
"	-	1	9	10	0800	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	HQ.	Erect store tents	"
"	-	-	2	2	-----	B. Coy	0800	1630	D.I.D.	B.	Iceworks	"
"	-	1	9	10	-----	B. Coy	0800	1630	57 Fd Park Muttee	B.	Road Making	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	B. Coy	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	B.	Handle stores etc	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	B. Coy	0830	1630	Bridge R.I.P.	B.	Repairs to Bridge	"
"	-	1	7	8	0745	HQ. Coy	0845	1630	Bulk Canteen RIP	HQ.	Erect S.W. Huts	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	D. Coy	0845	1630	A.W.C. Mill	D.	Stacking timber	"
"	-	1	8	9	0800	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	102 C.G.S.	HQ.	Erect Tents	"
"	-	1	3	4	0745	B. Coy	0745	1630	D.I.D.	B. Coy	Break up stores	"
		10	73	83								
Jan 29	-	1	5	6	0745	B. Coy	0830	1630	D.I.D.	B.	Erect Cool Rooms	29 Jan 4
"	-	1	15	16	0800	B. Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	B.	Stack and sort	"
"	-	1	9	10	0830	B. Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	B.	Erect Stores tents	"
"	-	-	2	2	-----	B. Coy	0800	1630	D.I.D.	B.	Iceworks	"
"	-	1	9	10	0745	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	102 C.G.S.	HQ.	Erect Tents	30 Jan 4
"	-	1	9	10	-----	B. Coy	0830	1630	57 Fd Park Muttee	B.	Road Making	29 Jan 4
"	-	1	5	6	0745	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	Fd Stores dump	HQ.	Handle stores improve dump	29 Jan 4
"	-	1	5	6	0745	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	A.W.C. Mill	H.	Stack Timber	29 Jan 44
		7	58	65								
Jan 30	-	1	8	9	0800	D. Coy	0830	1630	102 C.G.S.	D.	Erect Tents.	30 Jan 44
Jan 31	-	1	5	6	0745	D. Coy	0830	1630	D.I.D.	D.	Erect Cool Rooms	2 Feb 44
"	-	1	15	16	0800	C. Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	C.	Stack and sort	6 "
"	-	1	9	10	0800	C. Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	C.	Erect Tents	"
"	-	1	9	10	-----	B. Coy	0830	1630	57 Fd Park Muttee	B.	Road Making	"
"	-	-	2	2	-----	B. Coy	0830	1630	D.I.D.	B.	Iceworks	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C. Coy	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	C.	Handle Stores Dump	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C. Coy	0830	1630	Bridge R.I.P.	C.	Repairs to Bridge	"
"	-	1	6	7	0745	C. Coy	0830	1630	Bulk Canteen RIP	C.	Erect S.W. Hut Sgt Tucker	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C. Coy	0830	1630	A.W.C. MILL	C.	Stack timber	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	D. Coy	0830	1630	"	D.	Preparation Skids	2 Feb 4
		9	66	75								

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WAR DIARY.

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26 AUST. INF. BN.

FROM : 20 DEC '43

TO : 31 DEC '43.

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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 20/12/43 To 22/12/43

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TANAH MERAH	20/12/43	0715	Roll Call.	
		0915	Inspection Parade.	
			7 Pl. - working on posns.	
			8 Pl. - digging posns.	
			9 Pl. - working on posns.	
			M.M.G. - N.C.O. Cadre. O/Rs - maintenance of roads	
		1510	Mortars - construction of Strong post.	
			"MARLINSTAR" left. on board - Lieuts. Barrell, Compton, Meares (to attend course at BONEGILLA); also L/Cpl 4 O/Rs evacuated to M.D.S. and 2 O/Rs to proceed on leave.	
"	21/12/43	0715	Roll Call.	
		0915	Inspection Parade.	
			7 Pl. -)	
			8 Pl. -) working on posns.	
			9 Pl. -)	
			M.M.G. - N.C.O. Cadre. O/Rs - maintenance of Roads.	
			Mortars - fatigue duties.	
"	22/12/43	0715	Roll Call.	
		0915	Inspection Parade.	
			7 Pl. -)	
			8 Pl. -) working on posns.	
			9 Pl. -)	
			M.M.G. - N.C.O. Cadre. O/Rs - maintenance of Roads.	
			Mortars - constructing Strong post.	

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit "A" Coy 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 23/12/43 To 27/12/43

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TANAH MERAH	23/12/43	0715 0915	Roll Call. Inspection Parade. 7 Pl. - Pl. in attack using ball amn. 8 Pl. - def. posns. 9 Pl. - def. posns. M.M.G. - N.C.O. Cadre. O/Rs - maintenance of Roads! Mortars - constructing a Strong Post.	
"	24/12/43	0715 0915	Roll Call. Inspection Parade. Administration - cleaning of weapons and amn.; wood parties, cleaning up round the area.	
"	25/12/43		Xmas Day.	
"	26/12/43		Recreation Day.	
"	27/12/43	0715 0915	Roll Call. Inspection Parade. 7 Pl. - fatigue duties. 8 Pl. - working on posns. 9 Pl. - working on posns. M.M.G. - N.C.O. Cadre. O/Rs - maintenance of Roads. Mortars - constructing Strong Post.	
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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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

Date and Time.—From 28/12/43 To 31/12/43

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TANAH MERAH	28/12/43	0715	Roll Call.	
	& 29/12/43	0915	Inspection Parade. 7 Pl. - working on posns. 8 Pl. - constructing strong post. 9 Pl. - working on posns. M.M.G. - N.C.O. Cadre. O/RS maintenance of Roads. Mortars - constructing strong post.	
"	30/12/43	0715	Roll Call.	
		0915	Inspection parade. 7 Pl. - working on posns. 8 Pl. - strong post. 9 Pl. - working on def. posns. M.M?G. - N.C.O. Cadre. O/RS - maintenance of Roads. Mortars - constructing strong post.	
		1425	Vulture vengeance flew in from the SOUTH to drop a bag for the R.A.A.F.	
"	31/12/43	0715	Roll Call.	
		0915	Inspection parade. 7 Pl. - def. posns. 8 Pl. - strong post. 9 Pl. - def. posns. M.M.G. - N.C.O. Cadre. O/RS - maintenance of Roads. Mortars - strong post.	

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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1/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/1/1944 ACoyDET 26 AUST INF BIV (Unit)
 W.E. II / RC / 2 OFFRS. 6 O.R.'s. 175 plus OFFRS. NIL O.R.'s. 4 ATT. BY W.E.
MERRAUKÉ FORCE

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1 2 3 4				5	6 7 8 9 10									
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'ts Required	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength		Arm or Corps	Posted Strength	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required					
2	NR	1	-	1	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 40%;"> Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs. </div> <div style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"> NIL </div> </div>									
4	-	-	-	4										
6	-	1	-	5										
				5										
				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.	5									5
				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
NIL					

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	Unit To	Date	Cause
NIL					

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO ACoyDET 26 AUST INF BIV (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED 1/1/1944 MERRAUKÉ FORCE

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

A COY DET 26 AUST INF BN Unit

MERAVKE FORCE

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
LIEUT T/CAPT	QX36511	SEARLES	SG	O.C.	YES		
LIEUT	QX34002	BRYCE	E.B.	2/10	YES		
LIEUT	VY 104330	CHAMBERS	A.L.	O.C. 8PL	YES		
LIEUT	QX42393	BROWN	F.E.	O.C. 7PL	YES		
LIEUT	QX34007	MURPHY	C.J.	O.C. 2PL	YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT	QX40888	KURRLE E.N.	AAIMC 19 AUST FD AMB AIF	8 NOV 43	M.O.

2 Jan 43
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander
O.C. ACOY DET 26 AUST INF BN MERAVKE FORCE
First Aust Army Mob Print Unit—263—25m—3/43

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

1/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/1/1944. ^{A COY DET} 26 AUST INF BN (Unit) MERAUKE FORCE

W.E. II / 12C / 2. OFFRS. 6 O.R's. 175 + OFFRS. NIL O.R's. 4 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	WE	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	-	-	1	W.Os. Class II.						
1	-	-	1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
				Staff Sergeants						
6	-	1	7	Sergeants	1	AACC	1	-	-	
15	N.R	1	14	Corporals	1	AACC	1	-	-	
152	6	5	146	Troopers, Privates, etc.	2	AACC	1	-	1 N.R	
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
175	6 *	6	169 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	4		3 *	-	1 N.R *	

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

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

Detail	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	120		52							172
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 FD AMB AIF			1	26 AUST INF BN		
2	11 AUST INF BDE SIG SEC			1	YORK FORCE		
1	222 AUST DEPT SUPPLY PL AIF			1	MERAUKE FORCE		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To ^{A COY DET 26 AUST INF BN} (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 1/1/1944

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

A Coy DET 26 AUST INF BN 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 1/1/1944.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)		
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
			Surveyors, Engineering			Brought Fwd Operating Room Assts. 2	2	-	Brought Fwd G.P.O. Assistants 6	6	-
Ammunition Examiners			Surveyors, R.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen		
Armament Artificer Fitter			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitchers		
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing		
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental		
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers		
Armament Artificer Instrument			Watchmakers			Opticians			Rangetakers		
Armament Artificer Radio			Welders			Painters			Riveters		
Armament Artificer Signals						Panel Beaters			Roughriders 2	2	-
Armament Artificer Wireless						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers		
Artificer, Artillery						Predictor Numbers			Saddletree makers		
Artificer, Engine						Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		
Blacksmiths						Radiographers			Stevedores		
Bricklayers						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine		
Computers			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical		
Cooks, Hospital			Armourers			Signallers 3	3	+	Tailors		
Coppersmiths			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Refitters		
Dispensers			Bakers			Telescope Identfn. Numbers			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen			Bty. Comd's. Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers		
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			Bollermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors		
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			Carpenters			Winchman			Whitesmiths		
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			Carpenters and Joiners			Wireman			MISC.		
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			Cooks			Woodturners			BATMEN 6	6	-
Electricians			Dental Mechanics						LMG RIFLEMEN 99	94	5
Electricians (M.V.)			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)						MMG GUN NOS 23	22	1
Electricians (Signals)			Driver-Operator						MORTAR NOS 17	17	-
Fitters			Drainers						PIONEERS	-	-
Fitters (Cycle)			Electricians						HYG. DUTIES	-	-
Fitters (Electrical)			Electricians (Engineers)						ORDERLIES 9	9	-
Fitters (Gun)			Fire Control Operators			GROUP III.			DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.		
Fitters (Instrument)			Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors			PROVOSTS	-	-
Fitters (M.V.)			Hatchman			Butchers			STOREMEN 1	1	-
Fitters, Railway Signal			Height Taker			Clerks POR Cpl 1	1	-	STRETCHER BEARERS 4	4	-
Fitters, Signals			Hello Operator			Clerks, Supply			TKA GUN NOS	-	-
Grinder, Precision			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical			WATER DUTIES	-	-
Mechanics, Instrument			Intelligence Duties 2	2		Coach Trimmers			REGT. POLICE	-	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			Joiners			Concretors			GENL. DUTIES 8	8	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			Lineman			Cooks					
Mechanics, Radio			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies			ATTACHED BY W.E.		
Mechanics, Typewriter			Lithographers			Despatch Riders			AACC		
Mechanics, Wireless			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals			COOKS 4	3	NR
Millwrights			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.					
Operators, Excavator			Masons			Driver Mechanics					
Pattern Maker			Masseurs			Driver Tptn. Plant					
Pharmacist			Mechanics, M.T.			Engine Hands, I.C.					
Photographer, Wet Plate			Miners			Equipment Repairers					
Photowriter			Moulders			Farriers					
Plumber			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates					
Saw Doctors			Observation Post Assts.			Gun Layers					
Surveyors											
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.	179	172 * 6

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.

2 Jan 43
Date of Despatch
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Signature of Commander
O.C. A COY DET 26 AUST INF BN
MERAUKE FORCE

Appx "G" to
26 Aust. Inf. Bn.
War Diary. 1 Jan 44
to 31 Jan 44.

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WAR DIARY.

A COY.

26 AUST. INF. BN.

FROM :- 1 JAN. '44.

TO :- 16 JAN 44.

ORIGINAL.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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(adapted.)

Unit "A" Coy 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 1/1/44 To 3/1/44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TANAH MERAH	1/1/44	0915	Inspection Parade. All pls. - Administration : cleaning of weapons and amm. cleaning up round the area.	
		1100	Pay Parade.	
"	2/1/44	1220	Recreation Day. Air raid yellow given.	
		1313	All clear given. Unidentified plane picked up, by R.D.F., about 19 miles SOUTH.	
		1945	"SOEDOE" arrived. personnel who disembarked :- Capt. V. Webb and 4 O/Rs (79 Aust. Dental Unit) Capt. I. McCallum to replace Capt. E. N. Kurrle as M.O. Also on board were padre Brill, Lieut. Hall, and F/O Stewart who replaced F/O Flynn.	
		2030	The unloading of the boat commenced and continued throughout the night.	
"	3/1/44	0930	9 pl. in charge of Lieut. E. B. Bryce left on patrol. Proceeded 70 miles up the DIGOEL ^{by boat} and from thence parties were sent to the MAPPI and EILANDEN and the upper waters of the DIGOEL	
		1025	Walrus landed bringing Col. Croll (First Aust. Army) and Sq. Leader Guthrie who inspected the Strip.	
		1410	11 O/Rs from 7 Pl. left on Patrol - TANAH MERAH + KAU RIVER area.	J.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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(adapted.)

Unit "A" Coy 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 3/1/44 To 6/1/44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TANAH MERAH	3/1/44	1450	Walrus left with Col. Croll and Sq. Leader Guthrie on board. The remainder of the Det. unloading the boat.	
"	4/1/44	0715 0745	Roll Call. "SOEDOE" departed. personnel on board :- Capt. E. N. Kurrle, Lieut. Hall, Padre Brill and 4 O/RS ("A" Coy) evacuated to M.D.S. 19 Aust.	
		0915	Fd. Amb. Inspection Parade.	
			7 Pl. - 11 O/RS on patrol ; remainder working party at the wharf.	
			8 Pl. - working at wharf stacking and loading stores.	
			9 Pl. - on patrol.	
			M.M.G. - working on the Air Strip. Mortars. - constructing strong post.	
"	5/1/44	0715 0915	Roll Call. Inspection Parade.	
			7 Pl. - one Sec. on Patrol ; rem. working party!	
			8 Pl. - I.E.	
			9 Pl. - on patrol.	
			M.M.G. - gravelling Air Strip.	
			Mortars - constructing strong post.	
"	6/1/44	0715 0915	Roll Call. Inspection Parade.	
			7 Pl. - one Sec. on patrol ; rem. working party.	
			8 Pl. - working on def. posns.	J.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit....."A" Coy 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 6/1/44 To 9/1/44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TANAH MERAH	6/1/44		9 Pl. - on Patrol. M.M.G. - gravelling Air Strip. Mortars - constructing strong post.	
"	7/1/44	0715 0915	Roll Call. Inspection Parade. 7 Pl. - one Sec. on Patrol ; rem. working party. 8 Pl. - def. posns.	
		0930	9 Pl. - on Patrol. M.M.G. - gravelling Air Strip. Mortars - working on strong post. Lieut. C.J. Murphy and 11 O/RS from the M.M.G. left on patrol to investigate tracks from the DIGOEL R. across to the MAPPI R.	
"	8/1/44	0715 0915	Roll Call. Inspection parade. 7 Pl. - one Sec. on Patrol; rem. cleaning weapons and amn.	
			8 Pl. - cleaning weapons and amn. and fatigue duties. 9 Pl. - on Patrol.	
			M.M.G. - cleaning of guns and fatigue duties. Mortars - constructing strong post.	
		1035	Air raid Red. A/C heard but not seen. Appeared to be flying in a N.E. direction.	
		1047	All Clear given.	
"	9/1/44		Recreation Day.	J.S.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 118.
(adapted.)

Unit "A" Coy. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 10/1/44 To 12/1/44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TANAH MERAH	10/1/44	0715	Roll Call.	
		0915	Inspection Parade.	
			7 Pl. - one Sec. on Patrol; rem.maintenance of roads and excavating gravel for the Air Strip.	
			8 Pl. - Pl. in attack and Pl. in defence.	
			9 Pl. - on Patrol.	
		M.M.G. - portion on Patrol; rem.excavating gravel for the Strip.		
		Mortars - def.posns.		
"	11/1/44	0715	Roll Call.	
		0915	Inspection Parade.	
			7 Pl. - one Sec.on Patrol; rem.on maintenace of roads.	
			8 Pl. - Pl. in attack.	
			9 Pl. - on Patrol.	
		M.M.G. - portion on Patrol; rem. excavating gravel for the Air Strip.		
		Mortars - def. posns.		
"	12/1/44	0715	Roll Call.	
		0915	Inspection Parade.	
			7 Pl. - one Sec. on Patrol; rem. on maintenance of roads.	
			8 Pl. - range practice for Bren gunners; def.posns.	
			9 Pl. - on Patrol.	
		M.M.G. - patrol ; rem.excavating gravel.	J	
	Mortars - def.posns.			

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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(adapted.)

Unit....."A" Coy. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From.....13/1/44.....To.....16/1/44.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TANAH MERAH	13/1/44	0715 0915	Roll Call. Inspection Parade.	
			7 Pl. - one Sec. on Patrol ; rem. maintenance of roads.	
			8 Pl. - one Sec. on local Patrol ; rem. on def.posns.	
			9 Pl. - on patrol.	
			M.M.G. - portion on Patrol ; rem. excavating gravel for the Air Strip.	
		0900	Mortars - building strong post. One Sec. of 8 Pl. in charge of Cpl. McKay left on Patrol to investigate the tracks leading out NORTH from TANAH MERAH.	
"	14/1/44	0715 0915	Roll Call. Inspection Parade.	
			7 Pl. - one Sec. on Patrol ; rem. on maintenance of roads.	
			8 Pl. - one Sec. on local Patrol ; rem. on def.posns.	
			9 Pl. - on Patrol.	At 1850 hrs. Sec. of 8 Pl. on Patrol returned and left again at 1930 hrs.
			M.M.G. - portion on Patrol ; rem. excavating gravel.	
			Mortars - strong post.	
"	15/1/44	0715 0915	Roll Call. Inspection Parade.	
			All Pls. on cleaning of weapons and amm. and cleaning round the area.	
"	16/1/44		Recreation day.	

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Comd 26 Aust. Inf. Bn.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15 / 1 / 1944 "A" Coy Det 26 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. II / 12c / 2 OFFRS. 6 O.R's 175 plus OFFRS. Nil O.R's. 4 Merauke Force
ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10				
Rein'ts Required	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength		Arm or Corps	Posted Strength	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required					
2	N.R.	1	-	1										
4	-	-	-	4	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.		<u>N I L</u>							
6		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.	5									5
				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].

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	Unit From	Date	CAUSE
		<u>N I L</u>			

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	Unit To	Date	Cause
		<u>N I L</u>			

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

"A" Coy Det 26 Aust Inf Bn (UNIT) IS
15 / 1 / 1944 Merauke Force

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
		<u>N I L</u>	

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday **15./1./1944** (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lieut T/capt	<u>QX. 36511</u>	Searles	<u>S.G.</u>	<u>O.C.</u>	Yes		
Lieut	<u>QX. 34002</u>	Bryce	<u>H.B.</u>	<u>2 i/c</u>	Yes		
Lieut	<u>VX. 10 4330</u>	chambers	<u>A.L.</u>	<u>06 8 Pl</u>	Yes		
Lieut	<u>QX. 42393</u>	Brown	<u>F.E.</u>	<u>06 7 Pl</u>	Yes		
Lieut	<u>QX. 34017</u>	Murphy	<u>C.J.</u>	<u>06 2 Pl</u>	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	<u>VX. 63314</u>	<u>McCallum</u> <u>I.A.N.</u>	<u>AAMC</u> <u>19 Aust</u> <u>Fd Amb</u> <u>(AIF)</u>	<u>2 Jan</u> <u>44</u>	<u>M.O.</u>

15 **16 Jan 44.**
 Date of Despatch

James Searles
 Signature of Commander
O.C. "A" Coy Det 26 Aust Inf Bn Merauke Force

First Aust Army Med Det Unit 25m-8/43

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15/1/1944. "A" Coy Det (Unit)

W.E. II/120 2 OFFRS. 6 O.R's. 175+ OFFRS. 11 O.R's. 4 ATT. BY W.E. 26 Aust Inf Bn Merauke Force

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	-	-	1	W.Os. Class II.					
1	-	-	1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
	-	-	-	Staff Sergeants					
6	-	-	6	Sergeants	1 A.A.C.C.	1	-	-	-
15 N.R.	1	-	14	Corporals	1 A.A.C.C.	1	-	-	-
152 10	9	-	143	Troopers, Privates, etc.	2 A.A.C.C.	2	-	1	N.R.
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
175 10 *	10	-	165 *	Totals of cols. marked should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	4	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	116	-	52	-	-	-			-	168
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	A.A.M.C.			1	26 Aust Inf Bn		
	19 Aust Fd			1	Yorkforce		
2	Amb (AIF)			1	Merauke Force		
	11 Aust Inf						
	Bde Sig						
	Sec						
1	A.A.M.C.U.						
1	222 Aust Depot						
	Supply Pl. (AIF)						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To "A" Coy Det 26 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 15 / 1 / 1944.

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

MERAUKE FORCE

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 15 / 1 / 1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Brought Fwd Operating Room Assts.	2	2	-	Brought Fwd G.P.O. Assistants	6	6	-
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	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)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				M.I.S.C.			
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Batman	6	6	-
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								LMG & Rifle	99	91	8
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								M.M.G. Gun	23	21	22
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Mortars	17	17	-
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Pioneers	-	-	-
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Hyg Duties	-	-	-
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Orderlies	9	9	-
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Provost	-	-	-
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Regt Police	-	-	-
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks P & OR	1	1	-	Storeman	1	1	-
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply Opl				Stretcher)			
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Bearers)	4	4	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	2	2	-	Coach Trimmers				PKA Gun Nos	-	-	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Water Duties	-	-	-
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Genl Duties	8	8	-
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies					175	165	10
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				A.A.C.C.	4	3	N.R.
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.	179	168	10

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.

16 Jan 44
Date of Despatch
a.w. 6m bks 3/43

SEE BACK

O.C. "A" Coy Det 26 Aust Inf Bn
MERAUKE FORCE
Signature of Commander

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APPX "H"

C. COY. 16. MUST. INF. BU. MOVEMENT ORDER No. 2.

SECRET
COPY No. 6...
Jan. '44.

Ref. Maps ENDEAVOUR STRAIT
JARDINE
USSHER PT
1" to 1 mile.

Info (1) C. Coy have been ordered to est base camp at ref 111650 (LEFT HILL Area) and carry out seven days trg.

Int (2) C. Coy will move to biv site (LEFT HILL Area) ref 111650.
(3)

Method ORDER OF MARCH :- 13 Pl, Coy H.Q. & 14 Pl, 15 Pl.

1st. Stage.
TIME DEPART TRUCK PERSONNEL DISTANCE.

0630 Hrs No 1. 13 Pl 25 Miles to ref 320772
" " No 2. 14 Pl & CHQ 15 Miles to ref 665755.
15 Pl will march. V.H. HORSE. TRANSPORT. LINES.

2nd. Stage.

No 2. 15 Pl After dropping 14 Pl at ref 665755 will return and pick up 15 Pl & transport them to ref 020669 (25 miles).

3rd. Stage

No 1 Truck after depositing 13 Pl at ref 320772 will move back & pick up Coy H.Q. & 14 Pl and transport them to area ref 111650.

4th. Stage

No 2 Truck after dropping 15 Pl tps at ref 020669 will return and pick up 13 Pl and convey to Biv Site.

5th. Stage

No 1 Truck will after unloading 14 Pl at destination return & convey 15 Pl tps to biv site.

All grps when dropped at respective debussing pts will immediately march until picked up again.

S.P. RD JUNG 609940

S.T. 0630 hrs.

- Adm (4) Grass Jungle Order and Berate Pack (less steel helmet & 1 day's Iron Rations. 1 Blanket per man will be rolled in Sec Lots and will be at C. Store by 0600 hrs.
- (5) Ann 50 rds per man, 2 Grenades, 4 Bron & 4 Oven Eggs.
- (6) Med HSP personnel with bits to move with Coy H.Q.
- (7) Int 3 X 3 ton trucks will be supplied tpt to be at Coy Lines by 0615 hrs.
- (8) Reveille 0500. Breakfast :- 0545.

Act
Method of Issue:- Runner Time of Signature.....
Special Instns to Grs:- Appendices A & B attached.

Dempton
Lieut.
C. Coy.

APPENDIX A TO MOVEMENT ORDER No. 2

No. 1. DR. WARREN

1st Stage

Convey 13 Pl from Coy lines to a distance 25 miles ref. 320772

2nd Stage

After debussing 12 Pl you will return along road and pick up
Coy H.Q. & 14 Pl and convey them to biv sight.

3rd Stage

After debussing 14 Pl you will return along road and pick up 15
Pl and convey them to biv site.

APPENDIX B TO MOVEMENT ORDER No. 2.

No. 2 Truck Co. ANDERSON

1st Stage

Convey Coy H. & 14 PI from Coy lines to a point 1 5 miles out
ref 665755.

2nd Stage

After debussing Coy H. & 14 PI you will return along road and
pick up 15 PI and convey them 35 miles to ref 020669.

3rd Stage

After debussing 15 PI you will return along road and pick up
13 PI and convey them to biv Site.

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"	No 5	C.O.
"	No 6	Sn. H. O.
"	No 7	File.
"	No 8	War Diary.

TOPOGRAPHICAL RECONNAISSANCE OF AN AREA WEST OF THE ESCAPE RIVER
TO GRID 80, AND NORTH OF GRID 70 TO THE COAST

by

Lieut. E.C.J. Muir at JACKY JACKY on 15 December, 1943.

Ref. Maps:- USSHER PT. and NEWCASTLE BAY - 1" to 1 Mile.

(1) Introduction and Summary.

- (a) The country covered by this report is the area WEST of the ESCAPE RIVER to grid line 80, and NORTH of grid line 70 to the coast. (Sketch attached).
- (b) The area consists of a low tableland varying from 50' to 200' above sea level, running approximately NORTH and SOUTH and forming the watershed between the ESCAPE RIVER on the EAST and the JACKY JACKY RIVER on the WEST. On either side of this tableland the country falls away into low swampy country, bordering the JACKY JACKY and ESCAPE RIVERS and their tributaries. On the eastern side of the tableland large clumps of vine scrub occur at intervals through which progress is difficult. Bordering on the swamps which fringe most of the streams in the area the scrub gives way to low lying spongy forest, heavily timbered with mainly low Ti-trees, through which progress is slow. The tableland itself is heavily timbered by tall standing timber, with heavy undergrowth of long grass, which retards progress. The clumps of vine scrub consist of tropical rain forest timbered mainly with white scrub timber and vines in profusion. Progress through this is impeded by vines. The swampy areas carry a heavy growth of cane grass, rushes and sword-like palms. This growth necessitates cutting a path through it, and combined with the boggy nature of the country, makes progress difficult and slow.
- (c) (i) There are no landing grounds or potential landing grounds.
(ii) Clearings would have to be made for dropping stations.
(iii) No tracks exist other than the C2 road shown on the map. This was made by Army Surveyors opening up a traverse, and is difficult to travel over by M.T. owing to fallen timber. As it is on high country it would be trafficable in wet weather.
(iv) The whole area is within 20 mins. of the drome at HORN ISLAND AND 10 mins of the drome at JACKY JACKY.
(v) A reconnaissance of the coast was not made to investigate approaches, but the extensive mangrove fringe bordering the whole of the coast would not lend itself to operations from M.L.Cs.

(2) Mountains and Ridges.

- (a) There are no mountains within the area and the only ridge is that which runs approximately NORTH and SOUTH and forms the divide between the watershed of the ESCAPE and the JACKY JACKY RIVERS
- (b) (i) This ridge is not an obstruction to the movement of troops.
(ii) There are no advantageous positions to command any vision due to heavy growth.

(3) Rivers and Streams.

- (a) The area is drained on the EAST by the ESCAPE RIVER and tributaries and on the WEST by the JACKY JACKY and its tributaries. The southern and S.E. slopes drain into the JARDINE RIVER.

(2).

(b) The course and other characteristics of the ESCAPE RIVER have been dealt with in the previous report of the area EAST of this river to the coast.

The JACKY JACKY and JARDINE RIVERS were not patrolled.

(4) Lakes and swamps.

(a) There are no lakes in the area.

(b) As previously mentioned, the country on either side of the central tableland falls away into low swampy country bordering the rivers. These swamps contain fresh water, and their boundaries are well defined on the existing standard maps. They are difficult to cross but NOT impassable.

(5) Vegetation.

The tableland is moderately timbered with tall timber, with a heavy growth of grass and Wallaby bush. The main timber is Bloodwood. Progress is impeded by the grass. The vine scrubs are of the dense rain forest type consisting mainly of white scrub timber. The thick growth of vines make progress slow.

On the swamps the growth is heavy, and consists mainly of cane grass, rushes and sword-like palms.

The fringe between the timber and the swamps is covered with low ti-tree and forest and, in places, is difficult to traverse.

(6) Roads, tracks and Trails.

No Roads, tracks or trails exist other than that mentioned in para (1)(c)(iii).

(7) Airdromes and Landing grounds.

There are no landing grounds or potential landing grounds. Clearings would have to be made for dropping stations.

(8) Towns, villages and Mission Stations. Nil.

(9) Resources.

(a) Local food supplies consist of odd varieties of wild fruit, turkeys, ducks and pigs. Cattle tracks have been seen.

(b) Gravel and timber is available for engineer purposes.

(10) Population Nil.

(11) Transport. There is no local transport.

(12) Mapping position. The existing standard sheets are found to be most accurate.

(13) Training Areas. This would be a fair training area but NOT as good as the area EAST of ESCAPE RIVER.

Sketch showing the patrol routes is attached.

Sgd. E.C.J. Muir Lieut.

TOPOGRAPHICAL RECONNAISSANCE OF AN AREA EAST OF ESCAPE RIVER

by

Lieut. E.C.J. Muir at JACKY JACKY on 15 December, 1943.

Ref. Maps. USSHER, PT. and NEWCASTLE BAY - 1" to 1 Mile.

(1) Introduction and Summary.

a. Area east of ESCAPE RIVER to the coast.

b. The area consists of a low tableland varying from 100' to 150' above sea level, running approximately north and south, and forming the watershed between the EAST coast and the ESCAPE RIVER. On either side of this low tableland in the vicinity of the ESCAPE RIVER and the coastal rivers, the country is low and swampy and can be crossed only with the greatest difficulty. The balance of the country consists of densely timbered sandhills with a fringe of open country along the edge of the coastline.

The low tableland is heavily timbered. About 1/5th of the area consists of vine scrub found mainly in large sq. 0070. Good cover is obtainable except on the coastal fringe.

The only river is the ESCAPE R on the western boundary which flows approximately NORTH to enter the sea near TURTLE HEAD Is. The eastern slopes are drained by short narrow streams. There is permanent water in the lagoons in sqs 1064, 1063, 1163, 0879, 0484. All are permanent fresh water lagoons. Fresh water exists in ESCAPE R to approximately 012749.

c. (i) There are no landing grounds or potential landing grounds.

(ii) Possible dropping stations exist in the open fringes along the coast and in the vicinity of the lake and lagoon in sq. 1064.

(iii) The only track in the area is that which runs from the overland telegraph line to the trig. pt on LEFT HILL (128640). There are signs of a rough track having been made along the water divide, apparently used by the Survey unit when mapping the area.

(iv) The whole of this area is within 25 mins flying time of HORN ISLAND, and 15 mins from the JACKYJACKY drome.

(v) The point of greatest military importance is the ESCAPE R which forms a natural obstacle for any motorised vehicle.

M.L.Cs could land at numerous places along the coast where good sandy beaches are in evidence.

(2) Coastal. A recon of the coast to investigate approaches, anchorages etc. was not made.

(3) Mountains and Ridges

a. The only ridge within the area is that forming the divide between the waters of the ESCAPE R and the streams running into the east coast, and running approximately NORTH and SOUTH.

b. (i) This ridge is not an obstruction to the movement of troops or M.T., providing the timber was cleared.

(ii) O.Ps. Due to the heavy growth of timber, O.Ps. are limited, except in the coastal fringe where coastal O.Ps. would command a vision towards the sea. The best O.P. in the area is a feature at ref. 049856 from which the mouth of the ESCAPE R and an area to the NORTH could be seen. LEFT HILL at ref. 128640 also provides an excellent O.P.

(4) Rivers and streams

a. The area covered is drained by the ESCAPE R and its tributaries on the WEST and by short, small streams, on the eastern side.

- (b)
- i. The course of the ESCAPE R follows a valley between the low hills, while its tributaries flow in a generally EAST or WEST direction.
 - ii. The river from its source is about 18 miles in length and, until it reaches its estuary, is a stream of average width of about 40 yds. The estuary, however, widens out about 8 miles from the mouth, and from here is a minimum width of 200 yds widening out in places to half a mile to the fringe of the mangroves. The head of tidal influence is at pt. 012749.
 - iii. The estuary is navigable for about 6 miles by small craft, but the river itself is not navigable due to its narrowness and the thick growth thereon.
 - iv. The banks for the main part are low and subject to flooding in the wet season when the river spreads out into swamps.
 - v. There are no bridges or fords across the ESCAPE R.
 - vi. The ESCAPE R. would offer a serious obstacle to M.T. or A.F.Vs throughout its length.
 - vii. The river is liable to flooding in the wet season, and during this time it spreads out into low swamps.

5. Lakes and swamps.

- a. There are no large lakes in the area, the only one of any size being about 1 mile in length and situated in sqs 1063 and 1064. Several freshwater lagoons exist at the references previously mentioned. These are ~~fairly~~ fairly large in extent, and extend much further in the wet season. Neither the lake nor any of the lagoons are suitable for flying boats.
- b. The swamps which exist during the rainy season along the creeks are difficult and impassable at points. The boundaries of such swamps are well defined on the existing standard maps.

6. Vegetation.

The watershed previously mentioned is thickly covered with tall timber mainly Bloodwood, Dogwood, Wallaby bush and Desert Oak.

The vine scrubs as shown on the existing maps are dense rain forests with many vines and difficult to penetrate. Progress in these areas is somewhat slower.

The swamps are timbered with clumps of Ti-tree and sword-like palms. Where the tidal influence is felt, the swamps are of thick mangrove.

The sandhills are densely timbered, mostly by black stunted Ti-tree.

Good cover from air and ground observation exists in most parts except in the narrow coastal fringe.

7. Roads, tracks, Trails.

Only two tracks exist in the area. They are:-

(a) The G2 road shown on the map. This track was made by the survey unit whilst working in the LEFT HILL area. It has not been used much since, with the result that there is quite a lot of fallen timber on the track. Progress by M.T. is thereby reduced to approximately 4 m.i.h. but, by clearing the timber, the road would allow progress to about 15 m.i.h.

(2) A rough, ill-defined track following approximately the main divide, apparently made by army surveyors. This is NOT passable by M.T. in its present condition but could be cleared to allow jeeps etc. to pass.

Both these tracks are through thickly timbered country, and cover from air observation is easily had. Vision from the tracks is limited to a short range by the growth of timber.

There are no existing habitations. Traces of old camps used by troops can be found.

8. Airdromes and Landing grounds.

There are no existing airdromes or potential airdrome sites.

Dropping places for supplies do NOT exist, except in the open coastal strip and in the vicinity of the lake and lagoon in sqs 1063 and 1064.

The inland waters do not provide any facilities for flying boats.

9. Towns, villages and Mission Stations.

There are no towns, villages or Mission stations in the area.

10. Resources.

a. Wild ducks and pigs are found on and around the swamps whilst Scrub turkeys, Plain turkeys and pigeons are found in the timbered country.

There is also an apple known as a Chinese Apple which may be eaten.

b. For engineer purposes, timber, gravel and sand are readily available.

c. Water in the area is plentiful.

11. Population. Nil.

12. Transport. Nil.

13. Mapping position. The existing sheets were found to be most accurate, and the detail is good.

14. Training Areas. The area covered is excellent for training purposes, having:-

- (a) Forest country,
- (b) Scrubs,
- (c) Swamps,
- (d) Good camping sites.

Sketch showing the area patrolled is attached.

Sgd. E.C.J. Muir Lieut.

OVERLAY OF NEWCASTLE BAY AND USSHER POINT SHEETS 1" INCH TO 1" MILE

Showing tracks used by Recce Party during Recce of Area.



15 Dec 43

W. M. Hunt

Working Dec

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3068

(Adapted) (Page 1)
Revised Jan., 1943

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 / 1 / 1944

26 Aust Inf Bn
less A Coy Det

73 / 44 (Serial No.)
(Unit)

W.E. IV / 120 / 2 OFFRS. 26 O.R's 579 plus 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.								
1 Rein'ts Required.	2 Deficient W.E.	3 Surplus to W.E.	4 Posted Strength.		6 Arm or Corps.	7 Posted Strength.	8 Surplus to W.E.	9 Deficient W.E.	10 Rein'ts Required.				
1	NIH	NIH	1	Lieut.-Colonels									
3	NIH	NIH	3	Majors									
7	NIH	4	3	Captains	77AME	1	NIH	NIH	NIH				
15	NIH	14	19	Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
26	NIH	4	26			1	NIH	NIH	NIH				
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E[1] & E[2].		DETAIL	A	B	A.L.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.S.	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., 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.
			NIH		

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

26 Aust Inf Bn Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
LT COL	Nx 59	ABBOTT	J N	C.O.	YES		
MAJOR	Vx108121	MANN	L T	-	NO	S/D DABMG, James Force	3-12-43
"	Qx 6219	RALSTON	A C	Z/K	NO	LHR Tact School Course No 2 Jungle Defence "South Port" 29/12/43-22/1/44	18-12-43
	Nx 326	MURCHISON	A C	OC H Coy	NO	LHR Tact School Course Nos 'A' Wing 11 Oct 20 Nov	5-10-43
CAPT	Qx 34396	MILSON	D R	OC D Coy	NO	LHR Tact School Course Nos 'B' Wing 11 Oct 20 Nov	5-10-43
LIEUT/CAPT	Qx 35737	DUDDINGTON	H G	RM	YES		
	Qx 36520	MAXWELL	C K	adjt	YES		
LIEUT	Qx 33804	LEWIS	A A	OC 3 PH	YES		
	Qx 36513	COCKBURN	J A B	OC 4 PH	NO	LHR Tact School Course No 9-13 Oct 22 Jan 44	5-12-43
	Qx 36515	FRASER	C J	Z/K D Coy	YES		
	Qx 36517	WATTS	R L	Z/K D Coy	YES		
	Qx 36514	LOLLYER	G A F	OC 16 PH	YES		
	Qx 36516	COMPTON	J W		YES		
	Qx 34003	CHRISTIE	K M E N	OC 13 PH	NO	LHR School of Military Int Course No 12 'C' Wing Photography 22 Nov - 6 Dec	15-11-43
	Qx 48855	MUIR	E C J	OC 'C' Coy	YES		
	Qx 36520	OSBORNE	S	OC B Coy	YES		
	Vx102620	LYONS	K H	OC 14 PH	YES		
	Qx 34021	WYHIE	A	OC 15 PH	YES		
	Qx 30777	NILSON	R N	I.O.	YES		
	Qx 43519	HAMMETT	E	T O	YES		
	Qx 48854	CUÉ	R E	OC 10 PH	NO	Leave	26-11-43
	Qx 33508	WEBB	F S	OC 5 PH	NO	LHR Gas School Course No 28-17 Oct 43-11 Jan 44	10-12-43
	Qx 36521	DAVIS	A L	OC 11 PH	YES		
	Qx 33075	RUDDICK	D C	OC 17 PH	YES		
	Qx 44159	WILKINSON	J W	OC 12 PH	NO	PAA.MR&FS School Course No 14-24 Nov-17 Dec	18-11-43
	Vx104191	TURRELL	A N	OC 18 PH	NO	S/D 57 Bn at 3rd Park Coy RAE (AIF)	14-11-43

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.	
CAPT	Qx 43275	PKL HOSSACK	AFA MC	21/12/41	R M O	allowed by WR YES

1 Jan 44
Date of Despatch

J. H. Sweet Lt Col.
Signature of Commander
Comd 26 Aust Army Mob Print Unit - A73-62M-5/43.

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 1/1/1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.	14	12	2	C.P.O. Assistants	50	53	2	
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, B.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	-	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters	-	1	-	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	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	4	2	Winchman				Whitesmiths				
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Batman	28	28	-	
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Imp. Riflemen	298	264	30	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Phys. Assistants	4	4	-	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								M.M.S.	-	-	-	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Master	56	25	31	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Orderlies	23	23	-	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Pioneers	33	25	8	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Privat	1	1	-	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.				
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Rcpt Police	6	6	-	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	5	-	Stewards	5	5	-	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	10	10	-	Shot Buss	17	17	-	
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply				TK/A Gun Det	19	19	-	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Water Party	2	2	-	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	8	8	-	Coach Trimmers				Gen Party	29	29	-	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors					579	508	7	
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				AAFC	2	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AAFC	4	4	-	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AAFC	4	3	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				POSTAL	1	1	-	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AAFC	1	-	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-	AAFC	19	19	-	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers								
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates								
Surveyors				Observation Post Assis.				Gun Layers								
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD		14	12	2	CARRIED FORWARD	50	53	2	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively	610	536	24

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
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1 Jan 44
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
Comd 26 Aust Inf Bn

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 11/1/44
 Part E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in

GROUP I				GROUP II				GROUP III			
Serial	Position	Grade	Remarks	Serial	Position	Grade	Remarks	Serial	Position	Grade	Remarks
1	Administration	Private		1	Operator, Keyboard	Private		1	Operator, Keyboard	Private	
2	Administration	Private		2	Operator, Keyboard	Private		2	Operator, Keyboard	Private	
3	Administration	Private		3	Operator, Keyboard	Private		3	Operator, Keyboard	Private	
4	Administration	Private		4	Operator, Keyboard	Private		4	Operator, Keyboard	Private	
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Supplies Office NCOs
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 (d) Where replacement not detailed note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. Rank. Required.
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Signature of Commander
 Date of Dispatch

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ROUTINE ORDERS

- by -

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

COMD 26 AUST INF BN.

Part 1 Serial 140 Nos. 404 to 406.

In the Field 1 Jan '44.

404. DUTIES. 1/2 JAN '44.
EN DUTY OFFR
NEXT FOR DUTY
DUTY COY "B" & "D" COYS.
NEXT FOR DUTY "HQ" COY.

2/3 JAN '44.
EN DUTY OFFR
NEXT FOR DUTY
DUTY COY "HQ" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY "B" & "D" COYS.

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

QX. 56982 A/SGT MOO, F. to be SGT as from 25/6/43.
QX. 59110 A/CPL CHISHOLM, A.S. to be CPL as from 2/7/43.
QX. 38970 A/CPL BOURKE, A.S. to be CPL as from 14/9/43.

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

QX. 55034 S/SGT WILLIAMSON, R.C. to be PTE as from
31 Dec '43.

(At own request.)

W. J. Wilson
Lieut.
for Adjt 26 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

CRICKET.

The following have been selected to represent this Unit
against Kangaroos on Sunday 2 Jan '44. :-

Lieut HAMMETT, E.	Pte DAVIDSON, T.
WO 11 KRAMER, G. R. W.	" STEPHENSON, R. R.
Sgt ANDERSEN, A. K.	" BRENNAN, D. H. V.
" O'ROURKE, S. L.	" HINDS, H. L.
Cpl WEBER, D. M.	" O'BRIEN, H. J.
L/Cpl McCORMU, S. G.	Cpl CH ISLER, C. H. (12th)

SCORER ~~.....~~ Cpl SIMPSON, D. J.

Twelfth men will accompany team as umpire.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

- by -

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

COMM 26AUST INF BN.

Part 1 Serial 141 Nos. 407 to 408.

In the Field 3 Jan '44.

3/4 JAN '44.

407. DUTIES.

BN DUTY OFFR	.....	Lieut R.N. NILSON.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	Lieut K.H. LYONS.
DUTY COY	.....	"B" & "D" COYS.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	"HQ" COY.

4/5 JAN '44.

BN DUTY OFFR	.....	Lieut K.H. LYONS.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	Lieut O.C. HUDDICK.
DUTY COY	.....	"HQ" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	"B" & "D" COYS.

408. PROMOTIONS.: PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

QX. 55033 Pte. TRUSCOTT, B.F. to be L/Cpl as from 31 Dec '43.
 QX. 52958 Pte. CONSUDINE, J.W. to be L/Cpl. as from 31 Dec '43.

G.K. Maxwell

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

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ROUTINE ORDERS

-- by --

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

COMD 26 AUSTR INF BN.

Part 1 Serial 142 Nos. 409 to 410.

In the Field 7 Jan '44.

7/8 JAN '44.

409.

DUTIES.

IN DUTY OFFR	.....	Lieut R.N. NILSON.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	Lieut G.C. RUDDICK.
DUTY COY	.....	"HQ" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	"B" & "D" COYS.

8/9 JAN '44.

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

9/10 JAN '44.

IN DUTY OFFR	.....	Lieut E. HAMMETT.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	Lieut R.N. NILSON.
DUTY COY	.....	"C" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	"HQ" COY.

410.

SCHOOLS & COURSES.

QX.48045 A/Cpl A. A. BRADFORD, and QX.54568 Pte E.E. McHUGH, to Course No 3, Training Chiropodists, AAMC. 10 Jan to 22 Jan '44.

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

NOTICES.

CRICKET.

The following have been selected to represent this Unit against "Gremiens" at No 12 wicket on Sunday 9 Jan '44.

Cpl CHISLER, C.H. (Capt)	Pte DAVIDSON, T.
WO 11 KRAEMER, G. R. W.	" STEPHENSON, R. R.
S/Sgt SHAW, P.E.	" BRENNAN, D.H.V.
Lieut HAMMETT, E.	" O'BRIEN, H.J.
Sgt O'ROURKE, K.	L/Cpl Le CORNU, S.G.
Cpl WEBER, D. M.	Pte GREEN, H. (12th man)

SCORER----- Cpl SIMPSON, D.J.

Twelfth man will accompany team as umpire.

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1. See

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ROUTINE ORDERS

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

COMD 26 AUST INF BN.

Part 1 Serial 143 Nos. 411 to 413

In the Field 10 Jan '44.

411.

DUTIES.

10/11 JAN '44.

BN DUTY OFFR	.....	Lieut K.H. LYONS.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	Lieut R.N. NILSON.
DUTY COY	.....	"HQ" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	"B" & "D" COYS.

11/12 JAN '44.

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

412.

CORRECT USE OF LIGHTS WHEN APPROACHING ONCOMING TRAFFIC :
EXTRACT FROM G.R.O. G. 524/43.

1. Accidents involving army vehicles have occurred due to lack of road courtesy of drivers who fail to dim their headlights when approaching oncoming traffic.
2. In order that personnel in control of vehicles may appreciate their responsibility in this regard, the action to be taken is set out hereunder :-
 - (a) When approaching oncoming traffic, the driver of a vehicle will ensure that his headlights are dipped and will keep as near as practicable, having regard to all the circumstances, to the left hand edge of the roadway.
 - (b) If the headlights cannot be dipped or dimmed, the driver will switch to his parking lights. In either case, he will reduce the speed of the vehicle so that he can stop within his lessened limits of vision.
3. The driver is responsible for checking the correct operation of all lights and for reporting immediately (on AAF G17) all defects which he is not permitted to rectify.

413.

ESCAPES OF AUSTRALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR FROM ENEMY HANDS :
EXTRACT FROM G.R.O. G. 534/43.

1. It is the duty of any soldier, if captured by the enemy, to effect his escape at the earliest possible moment.
2. It is also his duty - any breach of which is a serious offence - Not to communicate to unauthorised persons any information about the means employed by him or his companions to escape from enemy hands.
3. The disclosure of such information :-
 - (a) reduces the chances of other escapees ;
 - (b) prevents other members of Australia or Allied forces from using the same or similar means of escape ;
 - (c) endangers the lives of those who may have assisted the escapees at any stage of their escape ;
 therefore, except as provided in paras. 4 and 5 below, an escaped prisoner of war is forbidden to disclose particulars of his escape directly or indirectly to any person whatever, either by word of mouth or in writing.
4. An escaped prisoner of war will disclose full particulars of his escape only to officers authorized by the Director

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ESCAPES OF AUSTRALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR (cont)

of Military Intelligence to interrogate such an escapee. No officers, except those authorized by the DMI, are permitted to interrogate any escapee on the circumstances of his escape.

5. Should it be considered desirable for an escaped prisoner of war to lecture on his experiences, the script of the proposed lecture will be submitted to the DMI for approval. No lecture will be arranged until approval of the DMI has been obtained.

414. CENSORSHIP : EXTRACT FROM F.A.A.O. G.270.

Troops stationed permanently in QUEENSLAND or staging through QUEENSLAND may after a period of 1 month state in their letters that they are in QUEENSLAND. They will not, however, give any indication as to their actual location and their address will remain as at present.

415. APPLICATIONS FOR RELEASE TO INDUSTRY AND SEASONAL LEAVE : EXTRACT FROM D.R.O. A.405/44.

1. Members who intend applying for release to industry are informed that, in order to enable Manpower Authorities to reach a decision and to avoid unnecessary delay, it is essential that applications contain all necessary information and written proof that full time employment is available in an essential industry must accompany all applications.

2. Any member who intends applying for release to industry or for seasonal leave will approach his Coy orderly room where he will be informed as to the correct procedure.

3. It has also become necessary to correct the rather widespread impression that all persons over 35 years of age with 3 or more years service "B" Class personnel and those over 40, have a right to be discharged. This is NOT the case as only those RECOMMENDED BY MANPOWER may be discharged and for this purpose Manpower will not recommend discharge unless the soldier has assured employment available in an essential industry.

416. LOSS OF EQUIPMENT BY PERSONNEL DURING TRANSIT THROUGH LTD BRISBANE : EXTRACT FROM D.R.O. Q.413/44.

FAA Order Q.230/43 reads :-

"To eliminate loss of equipment a section of Aust. Kit Store is now available for use by personnel during transit through the LTD BRISBANE,

The provision of this facility for safeguarding personal gear and equipment is to be brought to the notice of all concerned.

417. INSPECTION OF INSTRUMENTS CONTAINING OPTICAL LENSES : EXTRACT FROM D.R.O. Q.416/44/

In view of the accelerated growth of mould and fungoid growths in tropical areas, particularly during the wet season, additional inspection and maintenance of above instruments is essential.

Should fungoid growths appear on inside surfaces of lenses instruments will be evacuated to a second echelon workshop forthwith for special treatment. Leather coverings and cases of all instruments will be regularly inspected for mould and treated with dressing of Dabbin at intervals of not more than 7 days.

Inspection of lenses will be made at least fortnightly during the wet season.

In view of the possible serious consequences of the above on optical instruments, regular circuit inspections will be made by qualified instrument artificers from workshop units.

418. SAND PIT AT RED ISLAND POINT : EXTRACT FROM D.R.O. Q.418/44.

The sand pit at Red Island Point adjacent to the RAP is CLOSED. Sand will not be removed there from in future.

419. INTER-COY TRANSFERS.

QX. 54159 Ptc. A.J. BALDWIN. from "HQ" Coy to "B" Coy.

C.K. Maxwell
Lieut

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

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R E S T R I C T E D

ROUTINE ORDERS

- by -

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

COMD 26 AUST INF BN.

Part 1 Serial 144 Nos. 420 to 422.

In the Field 12 Jan '44.

420.

DUTIES.

12/13 JAN '44.

BN DUTY OFFR	.....	Lieut O.C. RUDDICK.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	Lieut R.L. WATTS.
DUTY COY	.....	"C" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	"HQ" COY.

13/14 JAN '44.

BN DUTY OFFR	.....	Lieut R.L. WATTS.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	Lieut E. HAMMETT.
DUTY COY	.....	"HQ" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	"C" COY.

421.

AMENITIES.

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

5,000 WRITING PAPER

1,500 ENVELOPES

422.

CAMERAS AND PHOTOGRAPHY : EXTRACT FROM G. R. O. G.645/43.

1. All ranks, who have cameras, may in future use them subject to the following :-
2. An officer will be appointed in each unit to be O i/c Photography. He will maintain a register showing the number, make and description of every camera held in the unit, together with the number, rank and name of its possessor.
3. Officers and OR's will be responsible for ensuring that cameras in their possession are registered with the O i/c Photography.
4. Cameras will be withdrawn, prior to departure, from personnel of units about to proceed to an active theatre of operations. Cameras will be withdrawn at once from personnel already in an active theatre of operations.
5. C.O.'s of units may at any time order the withdrawal of cameras for security reasons.
6. The O i/c Photography, when the order for withdrawal has been given, will collect and forward cameras to :-
 - (a) such persons as the possessors of cameras direct, at the expense of the possessors. Packages containing cameras will be sent by registered post and registration receipt will be handed to the possessors in each case.
 - (b) H.Q. L of C Area; or
 - (c) O i/c Base Depot.

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CAMERAS AND PHOTOGRAPHY (cont)

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The O i/c Photography will give a receipt for all cameras received, whether for disposal by (a), (b) or (c).

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

8. The names of approved photographers will from time to time be published in unit routine orders.

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

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

- (a) Withdrawal, temporary or permanent, of cameras.
- (b) Destruction of films and prints.

C.K. Maxwell

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

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ROUTINE ORDERS

- by -

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

COMD 26 AUST INF BN.

Part 1 Serial 145 Nos. 423 to 425.

In the Field 14 Jan '44.

423. DUTIES.

14/15 JAN '44.

BN DUTY OFFR	.....	Lieut E. HAMMETT.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	Lieut K. H. LYONS.
DUTY COY	.....	"C" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	"B" & "D" COYS.

15/16 JAN '44.

BN DUTY OFFR	.....	Lieut K. H. LYONS.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	Lieut R. N. NILSON,
DUTY COY	.....	"B" & "D" COYS.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	"C" COY.

16/17 JAN '44.

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

424. LOSS OF EQUIPMENT BY PERSONNEL DURING TRANSIT THROUGH LTD BRISBANE : EXTRACT FROM F.A.A. ORDERS Q.280/43.

1. To eliminate loss of equipment a section of Aust Kit Store is now available for use by personnel during transit through the LTD Brisbane.

2. The provision of this facility for safeguarding personal gear and equipment is to be brought to the notice of all concerned.

425. SCHOOLS AND COURSES.

QX.35737 Capt H.G. DUDDINGTON to LHQ Gas school, CABARLAH. (Course No. 27) 21 Jan to 19 Feb '44.

R. S. Maxwell Lieut.

(C. K. MAXWELL) C-1
for Adjnt 26 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

CRICKET.

The following have been selected to represent this Unit against MRC (CCC) at No.6 wicket on Sunday 16 Jan '44. (0945 hrs) Tpt will leave Tpt office at 0900 hrs.

Cpl	OHISLER, C.H. Capt	Pte	STEPHENSON, R.R.
Lieut	HAMMETT, E.	L/Cpl	LeCORNU, S.G.
WO 11	KRAEMER, G.R.W.	Pte	O'BRIEN, H.J.
Sgt	O'ROURKE, K.	"	BRENNAN, D.H.V.
Cpl	WEBER, D.M.	"	DWYER, V.T. (12th.)
Pte	DAVIDSON, T.	"	ABDY, A.W.

SCORER ----- Cpl SIMPSON, D.J.

Twelfth man will accompany team as umpire.

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

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Part 1 Serial 146 Nos. 426 to 430. In the Field 17 Jan '44.

426. DUTIES. 17/18 JAN '44.
BN DUTY OFFR Lieut E. HAMMETT.
NEXT FOR DUTY Lieut J.W. WILKINSON.
DUTY COY "HQ" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY "B" & "D" COYS.

18/19 JAN '44.
BN DUTY OFFR Lieut J.W. WILKINSON.
NEXT FOR DUTY Lieut K.H. LYONS.
DUTY COY "B" & "D" COYS.
NEXT FOR DUTY "HQ" COY.

427. RATIONS FOR AIR TRAVEL.

In future ALL ranks travelling by A/C will carry unconsumed portion of day's ration in form of cut lunch or lunches as necessary. Meals will NOT be provided at HORN ISLAND for either offrs or OR's emplaning or deplaning.

428. INTER-COY TRANSFERS.

QX.36517 Lieut R.L. WATTS, from "C" Coy to "HQ" Coy.
QX.36521 Lieut A.L. DAVIS, from "B" Coy to "C" Coy.
VX.102620 Lieut K.H. LYONS, from "C" Coy to "B" Coy.

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

QX.27063 A/Cpl BURGESS, S.K. to be Cpl as from 1 Sep '42.

430. PROMOTIONS : PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

QX.27063 Cpl BURGESS, S.K. to be A/S/Sgt as from 15/1/44.
SX.31070 Pte HILTON, C.D. B. to be A/Cpl as from 11/1/44.
NX.154721 L/Cpl McCaffrey, F to be A/Cpl as from 15/1/44.

C. K. Maxwell

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

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COMD 26 AUST INF BN.

Part 1 Serial 147 Nos. 431 to 436.

In the Field 19 Jan '44.

431. DUTIES.

19/20 JAN '44.

IN DUTY OFFER	.....	Lieut K.H. LYONS.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	Lieut R.N. NILSON.
DUTY COY	.....	"C" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	"HQ" COY.

20/21 JAN '44.

IN DUTY OFFER	.....	Lieut R.N. NILSON.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	Lieut E. HAMMETT.
DUTY COY	.....	"HQ" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	"C" COY.

432.

LEAVE WITHOUT PAY : EXTRACT FROM G.R.O. A.598/43.

1. Attention is directed to the provisions of War Financial (Military Forces) Regulations, which provide in effect, that all pay (including allotments) and pay allowances cease in respect of any period for which a member is granted leave (or any extension thereof) without pay.

2. When leave (or an extension thereof) without pay is granted, the following will not be payable during the period of such leave (or extension) :-

- (a) pay (including deferred pay);
- (b) field allowance;
- (c) command allowance;
- (d) special allowance;
- (e) exchange allowance;
- (f) dependants' allowance;
- (g) travelling allowance;
- (h) subsistence allowance;
- (i) any allowance payable under regulation 9 of the abovementioned regulations.

433.

OUT OF BOUNDS.

1. 1 RSU RAAF camp area is out of bounds to ALL ranks unless on duty. Personnel moving through 1 RSU camp area will confine movement to roads and tracks.

434.

OUT OF BOUNDS.

QM Store, Ration Store, and work shops of Technical Sgt, Armourer, Bootmaker, and Tailor are out of bounds to all ranks excepting those on duty. All enquiries will be made to QM's office.

435.

PAY.

Paybooks of ALL personnel moving out of the area for purposes of LEAVE WITHOUT PAY, TRANSFER TO HOSPITAL, SCHOOLS & COURSES, etc must be inspected by Pay Sgt before members move out.

436.

SCHOOLS & COURSES.

VX.104191 Lieut A.N. TURRELL, to FAA, MR & FS school course No.16, SOMERSET DAM. 26 Jan to 13 Feb '44.

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436. SCHOOLS & COURSES. (cont)

QX.38924 Sgt S.J. HITE, to LHQ school of Arty, Tk/A Wing, course No.6 HOLSWORTHY, N.S.W.

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

NOTICES.

CRICKET.

The following have been selected to practice as Unit Cricket Team on practice wicket each Thursday and Saturday afternoon :-

First practice will be at 1500 hrs Thurs 20 Jan '44.

- Lieut E. HAMMETT.
- WO 11 KRAEMER, G.P.W.
- Sgt O'ROURKE, K.
- " ANDERSEN, A.K.
- S/Sgt SHAW, P.E.
- Cpl CHISLER, C.W.
- " NASH, K.H.
- " HAMMOND, F.E.
- " JENSEN, O.E.
- " WEBER, D.M.
- L/Cpl LeCORNU, S.G.
- Pte. O'BRIEN, H.J.
- " DAVIDSON, T.
- " STEPHENSON, R.R.
- " HADLER,
- " BRENNAN, D.H.V.
- Cpl THOMSON, R.J.

DISTRIBUTION LIST "A"

COPY No. 27

I have had copies of this list sent to all units concerned for their information and to ensure that all necessary arrangements are made for the movement of personnel and equipment.

On 20th Jan, the following personnel are to be moved from their present units to the units specified in the list. All personnel concerned should be ready to move at the time specified.

Personnel of all ranks are to be moved from their present units to the units specified in the list. All personnel concerned should be ready to move at the time specified.

On 20th Jan, the following personnel are to be moved from their present units to the units specified in the list. All personnel concerned should be ready to move at the time specified.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

- by -

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

COMD 26 AUST INF BN.

Part 1 Serial 148 Nos. 437 to 445. In the Field. 21 Jan '44.

21/22 JAN '44.

437. DUTIES.
BN DUTY OFFER Lieut E. HAMMETT.
NEXT FOR DUTY Lieut K.H. LYONS.
DUTY COY "C" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY "B" & "D" COYS.

22/23 JAN '44.

BN DUTY OFFER Lieut K.H. LYONS.
NEXT FOR DUTY Lieut R.N. NILSON.
DUTY COY. "B" & "D" COYS.
NEXT FOR DUTY "HQ" COY.

23/24 JAN '44.

BN DUTY OFFER Lieut R.N. NILSON.
NEXT FOR DUTY Lieut E. HAMMETT.
DUTY COY "HQ" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY "B" & "D" COYS.

438. INCOME TAX - LIABILITY OF MEMBERS RELEASED ON LEAVE FOR SEASONAL OCCUPATIONS : EXTRACT FROM DRO's F.16/44.

1. A member holding a rank not higher than that of sergeant, who has been granted leave without pay for the purpose of enabling him to engage in seasonal occupations, will be issued, on behalf of the Commissioner of Taxation, with a certificate which will exempt him from liability for tax deductions on wages earned by him during the period of such leave.
2. Coys will ensure that personnel proceeding on leave without pay are issued with the necessary certificates through Bn H Q.

439. CENSORSHIP OF TELEGRAMS : EXTRACT FROM DRO G.420/44.

Notwithstanding LHQ Ed Censorship Instruction No.4 Appendix "B" para 5 (h) (i) the name of the sender's unit will NOT be deleted from the body of any telegram sent by a member of the AMF, nor will such a telegram be stopped for that reason only.

440. CUTTING OF BARK : EXTRACT FROM DRO G.421/44.

1. Attention is directed to RO 375 of 13 Dec '43 which prohibited the stripping of bark from trees except in areas approved by HQ 4 Aust Div.
2. Approval has been given for bark to be obtained from the area east of the Overland Telegraph Line and South of SKULL CREEK and HERRING CREEK, subject to the provision that NOT more than 5 trees per acre will be barked and that a strip of bark 1 foot wide be left on each tree.
3. Bark may also be taken from trees, the felling of which has been authorized for the purpose of making operational clearings or timber getting.
4. In this connection units will approach HQ RAE 4 Aust Div or 56 Aust AA Regt (Comp) for permission to obtain bark from trees felled by them in course of operational works.

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440. CUTTING OF BARK (cont)
5. Bark will NOT be obtained in any circumstances other than the above. Any contravention of this order will be regarded as a serious offence.
441. LOSS OF PISTOLS : EXTRACT FROM DRO Q.425/44.
1. The incidence of the loss of pistols allegedly due to either pistols falling from holsters or holsters becoming detached from Web Equipment, is too great.
 2. Attention is directed to the pamphlet "Pattern 37 Web Equipment" which sets out and illustrates various SECURE methods of attaching holsters to Web Equipment.
 3. Lanyards should be issued with each pistol and if not available will be improvised and WORN.
 4. The loss of pistols will be regarded as a serious offence in future.
442. BULK CANTEEN - RED ISLAND POINT : EXTRACT FROM DRO Q.429/44.
1. All units will note that the hours during which the Bulk Canteen is open for issue are as follows :-

0830	-	1200	
1330	-	1630	Sundays excepted.
 2. Only in most exceptional circumstances will issue be made at other times and then only by direction of HQ 4 Aust Div.
443. BT AT WHARVES - RED ISLAND POINT : EXTRACT FROM DRO A.433/44.
1. A parking area for vehicles has been provided at Red Is Point. This area is under Pro control. ALL vehicles will park as directed by Pro.
 2. Seats for waiting drivers have been provided in the parking area.
 3. Drivers will not leave the immediate vicinity of their vehicles.
444. TRAFFIC CONTROL - RED ISLAND POINT : EXTRACT FROM DRO A.433/44.
1. Traffic control signs have been erected at Red Is Point. The directions thereon will be obeyed.
 2. Pro Control Box - Whilst this box is manned directions given by Pro will be complied with.
 3. Pro are entitled to ask any personnel attempting to enter or leave the pier to produce proof of their identity.
 4. Action will be taken against detected offenders.
445. REQUEST FOR KITS.
1. Advice has been received that the practice of forwarding kits from kit stores to private addresses has been discontinued.
 2. Kits may now only be forwarded to units, hospitals, convalescence depots or LTD's through which the soldier will pass when proceeding on leave.
 3. If kit is sent to an LTD it must be collected within 14 days or it will be returned to kit store.

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

NOTICES.CRICKET.

The following have been selected to represent this unit against Retrievers at ground No.4 on Sunday 23 Jan '44 at 0900 hrs. Tpt will leave Tpt lines at 0815 hrs.

Lieut E. HAMMETT.
 WO 11 KRAEMER, G. R. W.
 Sgt ANDERSEN, A. K.
 Cpl THOMSON, R. J.
 " WEBER, D. M.
 " JENSEN, O. E.
 " HAMMOND, F. E.
 L/Cpl LeCORNU, S. G.
 Pte DAVIDSON, T.
 " STEVENSON, R. R.
 " O'BRIEN, H. J.
 Cpl CHISLER, C. H. (12th man)

SCORER Cpl SIMPSON, D. J.

Twelfth man will accompany team as umpire.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

- by -

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

COMD 26 AUST INF BN.

Part 1 Serial 149 Nos. 446 to 448.

In the Field 28 Jan '44.

446. DUTIES.

28/29 JAN '44.

BN DUTY OFFR	.....	Lieut C.J. FRASER.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	Lieut K.H. LYONS.
DUTY COY	.....	"B" & "D" COYS.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	"HQ" COY.

29/30 JAN '44.

BN DUTY OFFR	.....	Lieut K.H. LYONS.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	Lieut R.N. NILSON.
DUTY COY	.....	"HQ" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	"B" & "D" COYS.

30/31 JAN '44.

BN DUTY OFFR	.....	Lieut R.N. NILSON.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	Lieut E. HAMMETT.
DUTY COY	.....	"B" & "D" COYS.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	"HQ" COY.

447. INTER-COY TRANSFERS.

SX.39073 Pte SMITH, E.C. from "D" Coy to "HQ" Coy.

448. PROMOTIONS : PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

L/Cpl MANN, L.R. to be A/Cpl as from 15 Jan '44.
Cpl FORBES, F.T. to be A/Sgt as from 28 Jan '44.

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

NOTICES.

CRICKET.

The following have been selected to represent this unit against Wallabies at ground No.4 on Sunday 30 Jan '44 at 0920 hrs. Tpt will leave Tpt lines at 0830 hrs.

Lieut E. HAMMETT.	L/Cpl LeCORNU, S.G.
WO II KRAEMER, G.R.W.	Pte O'BRIEN, H.J.
Sgt ANDERSEN, A.K.	" STEVENSON, R.R.
Cpl WEBER, D.M.	" DAVIDSON, T.
" JENSEN, O.E.	" BRENNAN, D.H.V.
" HAMMOND, F.E.	" POWDITCH, J.A. (12th)

SCORER ----- Cpl SIMPSON, D.J.

12th man will accompany team as umpire.

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 2118.
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Unit 26 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 1 Feb 44 To 3 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACKY JACKY	1 Feb 44		Weather - very overcast all day. Very heavy rain commenced to fall at 1800 hrs.	
" "	2 Feb 44	1400	Lt-Col ABBOTT DSO, CO 26 Aust Inf Bn, and Maj A.C.MURCHISON MG, (2 i/c) attended conference at 4 Aust Div with Brig DE LOW, CRA, and Brig STEVENSON, Comd MERAUKE FORCE.	
			Weather - heavy rain throughout day.	
" "	3 Feb 44	0830	Lt-Col J.N.ABBOTT, DSO, CO 26 Aust Inf Bn, inspected "B" Coy prior to their leaving to carry out battle drill in area.	
		1930	Lt-Col HOPKINS, AAMC, CO 19 Aust Fd Amb, MERAUKE FORCE, (at present acting as ADMS 4 Aust Div entertained as guest of Lt Col ABBOTT, DSO, at Offrs Mess.	
		2130	Warning Order issued to 16 Pl at GOODE IS (Comd Lt COLLYER) for return to unit. 11 Pl (OC Lt LYONS) to relieve 16 Pl	Copy att as Appx "A"
			Weather - overcast, with several light showers.	

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Unit 26 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 4 Feb 44 To 6 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.												
JACKY JACKY	4 Feb 44	1930	Lecture delivered by Sgt CARLOS, AES 4 Aust Div in Unit Recreation Hut.													
			Weather - very overcast all day. Rain commenced to fall at 1845hrs													
" "	5 Feb 44	0600	Posted strength of unit													
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Offrs	23	ORs	579													
Att	1	"	31													
TOTAL	24	"	610													
		0630	10 Pl plus two secs 12 Pl (OC Lt LYONS) marched out to relieve 16 Pl (OC Lt COLLYER) as mobile defence force at GOODE IS													
		1930	16 Pl (OC Lt COLLYER) returned to unit from GOODE IS Weather - overcast													
" "	6 Feb 44	0930	General Church Parade conducted by Chaplain SPENCER													
		0930	C of E Church Parade conducted by Chaplain ROBERTS													
		1000	RC Church Parade conducted by Chaplain ELLIS at RAA.													

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Unit 26 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 6 Feb 44 To 8 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACKY JACKY	6 Feb 44	1845	26 Aust Inf Bn Carrier Pl personnel consisting of two offrs (Capt TAYLOR, OC, and Lt CHILCOTT) and 62 ORs marched into camp from 16 Aust Pers Staging Camp, to be absorbed as general reinforcements. <i>Marched in and taken on strength.</i> Weather - overcast, with intermittent light showers.	
" "	7 Feb 44		Maj McKELLAR, CEME, 4 Aust Div, visited Lt-Col ABBOTT, DSO, CO 26 Aust Inf Bn, to discuss with him trade groupings of personnel Lt STEVENSON, DADOS? MERAUKE FORCE, visited unit. Lt CHILCOTT and 3 ORs of 26 Aust Inf BN Carrier Pl marched out on transfer to 4 Aust Div Carrier Coy Weather - very humid. Sky overcast, intermittent showers.	
" "	8 Feb 44	1530	Capt C.K. MAXWELL (Adjut, 26 Aust Inf Bn) Capt D. MILSON (OC "D" Coy) and Lt CHRISTIE (OC 13 Pl) /departed from unit to visit MERAUKE. They were accompanied	

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Unit 26 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 8 Feb 44 To 12 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACKY JACKY	8 Feb 44		by Lt STEVENSON DADOS MERAUKE FORCE	
			Lt HAMMETT (TO) took over duties as Adjt during the absence of Capt MAXWELL.	
			Weather - overcast with intermittent showers. Very humid	
" "	9 Feb 44		Weather - heavy rain throughout day	
" "	10 Feb 44		Weather - very humid. Sky overcast.	
" "	11 Feb 44	1930	Lecture delivered by Sgt CARLOS AES 4Aust Div in Unit Recreation Hut.	
			Weather - heavy rain during morning.	
" "	12 Feb 44	0600	Posted strength of unit	
			Offrs 24 ORs 535	
			Att " 1 " 32	
			TOTAL " 25 " 567	
		1630	4 Aust Div Weapon Training School being conducted in an area (CI Lt RUDDICK) concluded. Pers returned to respective units.	

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Unit 26 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 12 Feb 44 To 14 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACKY JACKY	12 Feb 44		All 9mm amm withdrawn from personnel to enable inspection to be made frw by Ordnance for faulty rounds.	
" "			Weather - heavy showers throughout day.	
" "	13 Feb 44	0930	General Church Parade conducted by Senior Chaplain GALLOWAY 4 Aust Div, assisted by Chaplain SPENCER.	
		0930	C of E Church parade conducted by Chaplain ROBERTS.	
		1000	RC Church Parade conduct d by Chaplain ELLIS at HQ RAQ.	
		1335	Personnel of "C" Coy practising emplaning and deplaning at HIGGINS FIELD.	
" "	14 Feb 44	0800	17 Pl (Comd Lt WILKINSON) moved to MITEE HEADS to join 18 Pl	Map Ref 495960 Endeavour Strait Sheet 1 inch to 1 mile
			Lt Col J.N.ABBOTT, DSO, CO 26 Aust Inf Bn, departed en route for LHQ Offrs Tactical School BEENLEIGH. Maj A.C.MURCHISON MC, took over comd of unit	

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Unit.....26 Aust Inf Bn..... Date and Time.—From 14 Feb 44 To 16 Feb 44.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACKY JACKY	14 Feb 44		Lt NILSON, IO 26 Aust Inf Bn commenced course to instruct personnel from coys as reinftrs for Int Sec	
"			Unit visited and inspected by Col PILCHER, GSO, First Aust Army, and Maj MURAN, DAQU, First Aust Army	
"			Weather - heavy rain from 1100hrs till mid-afternoon	
" "	15 Feb 44	0900	Maj A.C.MURCHISON MC, Adm Comd 26 Aust Inf Bn and Lt MUIR (2 i/c "C" Coy) left for SOMERSET on recce	map ref 905159 CAPE YORK SPECIAL sheet 1 inch to 1 mile
"		1000	Unit visited by Capt MEAD of 12 AAD re inspection of 9mm amm.	
"			Weather - very sultry.	
" "	16 Feb 44	0900	Six candidates from 26 Aust Inf Bn presented themselves before Offrs Pre-Selection Board.	X
"		1900	Capt MILSON(OC"D" Coy) and Lt CHRISTIE (OC 13 Pl) returned to unit from MERAUKE. Capt MAXWELL(Adj) remained to visit "A" Coy det at TANAH MERAH.	

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Unit 26 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 16 Feb 44

To 19 Feb 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACKY JACKY	16 Feb 44		Lt MUIR (2 i/c ^C Coy) made recce of surrounding area to establish site for Logging Camp to obtain lumber for MERAUKE	
			Lt MUIR on special duty for this purpose.	
" "	17 Feb 44	1530	Issue by ACF of amenities to tps	
			Weather - very hot with slight SW breeze in late afternoon	
" "	18 Feb 44		Lt MUIR decided to establish logging camp at map ref 654886	
			ENDEAVOUR STRAIT sheet 1" to 1 mile.	
" "			Weather - intermittent heavy showers throughout day.	
" "	19 Feb 44	0600	Posted strength of unit	
			Offrs 24 ORs 546	
			Att <u>1</u> ORs <u>30</u>	
			TOTAL <u>25</u> <u>576</u>	
		1920	33% bn strength visited RSU to see 2 Aust Amenities Concert	
			Party	
		2025	Working party of 1 NCO and seven ORs marched in from MERAUKE	
			to assist unit pers under comd Lt MUIR to obtain timber	

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Unit 26 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 19 Feb 44 To 21 Feb 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACKY JACKW	19 Feb 44		Weather - very humid. Sky overcast.	
" "	20 Feb 44	0845	Maj MURCHISON (Adm Comd) Capt MILSON (OC D Coy) Lt CHRISTIE (OC 13 Pl) and Lt FRASER (2 i/c D Coy) and Lt COMPTON (OC C Coy) departed to THURSDAY IS for offrs TEWT Appreciation .	
		0930	General church parade conducted by Chaplain SPENCER CE church parade conducted by Chaplain ROBERTS RC church parade conducted by Chaplain ELLIS	
		1500	Lt COLLYER (Oc 16 Pl) departed for THURSDAY IS as member of Court Martial	
		1920	33% bn strength departed to RSU by MTto see concert party staged by 2 Aust Amenities Concert Party one OR marched in from MERAUKE for logging camp	
" "	21 Feb 44	1930	33% bn strength attended 2 Aust Amenities Concert at RSU Weather - sultry with intermittent heavy showers during day	

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Unit 26 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 22 Feb 44 To 25 Feb 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACKY JACKY	22 Feb 44	0630	Lt OSBORNE (O6 B Coy) departed for air-cooperation school at CANBERRA. Lt FRASER (2 i/c D Coy) took over comd of B Coy	
		1530	Chaplain ROBERTS visited adjt - Capt C.K. MAXWELL.	X
		1930	Maj MURCHISON (adm Comd) and party of offrs (less Lt COMPTON O6 C Coy) who had been visiting THURSDAY IS returned to unit	
			Weather - heavy showers during day	
" "	23 Feb 44	2000	CE communion service held in Rec Hut by Chaplain ROBERTS	
			Weather - overcast	
" "	24 Feb 44		Weather - overcast heavy showers during day.	
" "	25 Feb 44	1000	Brig DE LOW CRA (Adm Comd 4 Aust Div) interviewed Maj MURCHISON (Adm Comd) and inspected camp area.	
		1930	Lecture by Sgt CARLOS AES.	
			Weather - heavy rain	

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Unit 26 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 29 Feb 44 To 29 Feb 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACKY JACKY	29 Feb 44	0900	Maj MURCHISON (Adm Comd) and Lt COMPTON (O C "C" Coy) moved by MT to JARDINE RIVER area returning in afternoon	
" "		1435	Capt MAXWELL (A djt) arrived HORN IS by plane from visit to MERAUKE and TANAH MERAH	
		1500	Lt HAGEN I.O. 56 Aust Comp AA Regt visited bn to consult Lt NILSON unit I.O. re mapping airdrome area.	
			Weather - overcast with intermittent showers.	
			For details of working parties performed by on see Appx "C" attached.	
			War Diary covering period 17 Jan 44 to 4 Feb 44 for "A" Coy under comd MERAUKE Force attached hereto as Appx "D"	
				<i>[Signature]</i> Maj Murchison

MESSAGE FORM

Appx "A"

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN	<u>C O P Y</u>	No. of Groups GR.	OFFICE DATE STAMP
	OUT			

(ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO 16 P1

FROM 26 Aust Inf Bn	Originator's Number 0 352	Date 3	In Reply to Number
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SECRET	(.)	warning	order	(.)	approval
obtained	to	effect	your	relief	by
11	pl	(.)	movt	NOT	before
5	Feb	(.)	will	advise	further

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT **AS WRITTEN**
BY ANY MEANS: ((EXCEPT)) WIRELESS

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

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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SIGNATURE.....
* ORIGINATOR MAY DELETE "EXCEPT" AND
INSERT "INCLUDING."

SIGNATURE.....

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

T.H.I.

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

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War Diary

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

72 / 144 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday *5/2* /1944 *(less 14 Coy Det)* (Unit)

W.E. *II* / *120* / *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.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
-	-	-	1	W.Os. Class I.	HAPC	1	-	-	-
-	2	-	3	W.Os. Class II.	HAMC	1	-	-	-
-	-	-	4	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	REME	2	-	1	1
				Staff Sergeants	POSTAL	1	-	-	-
-	1	-	24	Sergeants	AAOC	-	-	1	1
-	6	-	43	Corporals	AAOC	-	-	-	-
88	79	-	416	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
88	* 88	-	491	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		29	-	2	2

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

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

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years	19 Years and over							
A	336	-	181	3						520
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.
	<i>Pers Part A comprises</i>		<i>Pers posted</i>	11	<i>Schools</i>		
	<i>under WR II/120/2</i>		<i>less "A" Coy Det.</i>	11	<i>Leave</i>		
	<i>Pers comprising balance of posted</i>		<i>strength are as follows:</i>	2	<i>Hospital</i>		
				2	<i>11 Aust Inf Bde</i>		
				1	<i>Records</i>		
				1	<i>Stores Force</i>		
	<i>Part A</i>	491		13	<i>27 Aust 41 Coy</i>		
	<i>Attached</i>	29		49	<i>57 Aust 31 Park Coy</i>		
		520		2	<i>41 Aust Av W.T.S.</i>		
				2	<i>46 Supply Coy</i>		
				1	<i>41 Av Sec 1 APSC.</i>		
				2	<i>41 Av Carrier Coy</i>		

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

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
		<i>Nil</i>	

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 5 / 2 / 1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.	14	13	1	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				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				Batmen	28	28	-
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				IME & Rifleman	278	251	42
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Hyg Duty	4	4	-
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								MING	-	-	-
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Mucker	56	20	36
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Orderlies	23	23	-
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Pioneers	33	25	8
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Present	1	1	-
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Regt Police	6	6	-
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	5	-	Sportmen	5	5	-
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	10	10	-	Shut doors	17	17	-
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				TJN Gun Mtn	19	19	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Water Duties	2	2	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	8	8	-	Coach Trimmers				Gen Duty	29	29	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors					579	491	88
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				AAFC	2	2	-
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				ARMC	4	4	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				REME	4	3	1
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				POSTAL	1	1	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AAFC	1	-	1
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-	AAFC	19	19	1
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				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.	610	520	91

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.

5 Feb. 44.
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander
LT-Col
26 Aust Inf Bn

War diary

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008

(Adapted) (Page 1)
Revised Jan., 1943

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5 / 2 / 1944

*26 Aust Inf Bn
(less A Coy Det)*

(Serial No.)
(Unit)

W.E. II / 120 / 2 OFFRS. 26 O.R.'s. 579 plus OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 31 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.																											
<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Lieut.-Colonels</i>				<i>ARMC.</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil.</i>																											
<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Majors</i>																																			
<i>Nil</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Captains</i>																																			
<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>Lieutenants</i>																																			
				<i>Quarter-masters</i>																																			
				<i>A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.</i>																																			
				<i>Civilians Counting as Offrs.</i>																																			
<i>Nil</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>23</i>						<i>1</i>	<i>NIL</i>	<i>NIL</i>	<i>NIL</i>																											

DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.	B	A	B							
<i>23</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>							<i>23</i>
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.
			<i>Nil</i>		

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
			<i>Nil</i>		

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

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS [e.g. present whereabouts if known].
		<i>Nil</i>	

26 Aust Inf Bn Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5/2/1944 (Total to Agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit [insert Yes or No]	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
LT-Col	Nx 59	ABBOTT	J. N.	CO	YES		
MAJOR	Vx 108121	MANN	L. T.	-	NO	S/D DQMG - Jones Force	3-12-43
"	Qx 6219	RALSTON	A. C.	2/c	NO	LHQ Sect. School, Course No 27 - Jungle Defences, Southport 22-12-43.	18-12-43.
"	Nx 326	MURCHISON	A. C.	OC HQ Coy	YES		
CAPT	Qx 34396	MILSON	D. R.	OC D Coy	YES		
LIEUT T/Capt	Qx 35737	DUDDINGTON	H. G.	QM	NO	LHQ Gas School, Course No 27. 31 Jan to 19 Feb '44	14-1-44
"	Qx 36520	MAXWELL	C. K.	Adjt	YES.		
LIEUT	Qx 36515	PRAZER	C. J.	2/c D Coy	YES		
"	Qx 36517	WATTS	R. L.	OC 3 Pl	YES		
"	Qx 36514	COLLYER	G. A. F.	OC 16 Pl	YES		
"	Qx 36516	COMPTON	J. W.	OC C Coy	YES		
"	Qx 34003	CHRISTIE	K. M.	OC 13 Pl	YES		
"	Qx 45555	MUIR	E. C. J.	2/c C Coy	YES		
"	Qx 814	OSBORNE	G.	OC B Coy	YES		
"	Vx 102620	LYONS	K. H.	OC 11 Pl	YES.		
"	Qx 34021	WYLIE	A.	OC 15 Pl	YES		
"	Q. 30777	NILSON	R. N.	I.O.	YES		
"	Qx 43159	HAMMETT	E.	T.O.	YES		
"	Qx 33508	WEBB	F. G.	OC 5 Pl	NO	LHQ Gas School, Course No 26: 17 Jan '43 to Jan '44	10-12-43
"	Qx 36521	DAVIS	A. L.	OC 10 Pl	YES		
"	Qx 33075	RUDDICK	O. C.	OC 17 Pl	YES		
"	Qx 44159	WILKINSON	J. W.	OC 12 Pl	NO	S/D 57 Aust Inf Park Coy RAE (AIF)	19-1-44
"	Vx 104191	TURRELL	A. N.	OC 18 Pl	NO	PAR MR & PS School Course No 16	19-1-44

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.	Allowed by W.E.
CAPT	Qx 43275	F.K.L. HOSSACK	AAMC	6-8-41	R.M.O.	YES

5 Feb. 1944
Date of Despatch

J. H. Laver LT-Col
Signature of Commander 26 Aust Inf Bn.
First Aust Army Mob Print Unit—A72—62M—5/43.

DATE	OFF	NCO	OKe	TOE	TPT	PLACE	TOUR FROM	TOUR TO	PLACE	COY	I N S T R U C T I O N S	FINISH
FEB 1	-	1	5	6	0745	D.Coy	0830	1630	D.I.D.	D.	Erect cool rooms	2 Feb 44
"	-	1	15	16	0800	C.Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	C.	Stack and sort	6 "
"	-	1	9	10	0800	C.Coy	0830	1630	15A.O.D.	C.	Erect Store Tents	"
"	-	1	9	10	----	B.Coy	0830	1630	57 Fd Park	C.	Road Making	"
"	-	1	2	2	----	B.Coy	0830	1630	D.I.D.	C.	Iceworks	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C.Coy	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	C.	Handle stores etc	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C.Coy	0830	1630	Bridge R.I.P.	C.	Repairs to bridge	"
"	-	1	6	7	0745	C.Coy	0830	1630	Bulk Canteen RIP	C.	Erect S.W. Huts	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C.Coy	0830	1630	A.W.C. Mill	C.	Stack timber	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	D.Coy	0830	1630	A.W.C. Mill	D.	Prep' Skids	2 Feb 44
"	-	1	8	9	1130	All.Coy	1230	1530	Movements R.I.P./	All.	Unload smallercraft	1 "
"	-	2	16	18	1900	C.Coy	2000	0400	"	C.	"	1/2 "
		12	90	102								
FEB 2	-	2	16	18	0315	HQ. COY	0400		Movements R.I.P.	HQ.	Unload smallercraft	2 Feb 44
"	-	1	5	6	0745	D.Coy	0830	1630	D.I.D.	D.	Erect Cool Rooms	6 Feb 44
"	-	1	15	16	0745	C.Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	C.	Stack and sort	6 "
"	-	1	9	10	0745	C.Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	C.	Erect store tents	6 "
"	-	1	9	10	----	B.Coy	0830	1630	57 Fd. Stores Park Mutee	B.	Road Making	6 "
"	-	1	2	2	----	B.Coy	0830	1630	D.I.D.	B.	Iceworks	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C.Coy	0830	1630	Fd stored Dump	C.	Handle stores etc	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C.Coy	0830	1630	Bridge RIP	C.	Repairs to bridge	"
"	-	1	6	7	0745	C.Coy	0830	1630	Bulk Canteen RIP	C.	Erect S.W. Huts	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C.Coy	0830	1630	A.W.C. Mill	C.	Stack timber	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	D.Coy	0830	1630	A.W.C. Mill	D.	Prep' Skids	2 Feb '44
"	-	1	8	9	1100	All Coys	1200	2000	Movements R.I.P.	All Coys	unload smallercraft	2 "
"	-	2	10	12	1530	C.Coy	1700	2400	A.W.C. Mill	C.	loading timber	2 "
		14	100	114								

Appx C.

DATE	OFF	HQ	O/S	TOT	TPT	PLACE	FROM	TO	PLACE	COY	INSTRUCTIONS	FINISH
FEB '44	-	1	15	16	0800	C. Coy	0830	1630	15 A.C.D.	C.	Stack and sort	6 Feb '44
"	-	1	9	10	0800	C. Coy	0830	1630	15 A.C.D.	C.	Erect Store Tents	"
"	-	1	9	10	0800	B. Coy	0830	1630	57 Rd Park Huttee	B.	Road Making	"
"	-	-	8	8	-	B. Coy	0830	1630	D.I.D.	B.	Iceworks	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C. Coy	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	C.	Handle stores etc.	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C. Coy	0830	1630	Bridge R.I.P. Rd.	C.	Repairs to Bridge	"
"	-	1	6	7	0745	C. Coy	0830	1630	Bulk Canteen R.I.P.	C.	Erect S.W. Huts	"
"	-	1	5	6	0750	C. Coy	0830	1630	A.W.C. Mill	C.	Stack Timber	"
"	-	1	8	9	0800	D. Coy	0830	1630	102 C.C.S.	D.	Erect Tents	"
"	-	1	12	13	0745	D. Coy	0830	1630	A.W.C. MILL	D.	Road Building	"
"	-	2	16	18	1630	HQ. Coy	1100	1600	Movements R.I.P.	HQ.	unload smallcraft	"
		<u>11</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>103</u>								

FEB '44	-	1	15	16	0800	C. Coy	0830	1630	15 A.C.D.	C.	Stack and sort	6 Feb '44
"	-	1	9	10	0800	C. Coy	0830	1630	15 A.C.D.	C.	Erect store tent	"
"	-	1	9	10	0800	B. Coy	0830	1630	57 Rd stores dump Park huttee	B.	Road Making	"
"	-	-	2	2	0800	B. Coy	0830	1630	D.I.D.	B.	Iceworks	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C. Coy	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	C.	Handle stores etc	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C. Coy	0830	1630	Bridge R.I.P.	C.	Repairs to Bridge	"
"	-	1	6	7	0745	C. Coy	0830	1630	Bulk Canteen	C.	Erect S.W. Huts	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C. Coy	0830	1630	A.W.C. Mill	C.	Stack timber	"
"	/	1	8	9	0745	C. Coy	0830	1630	102 C.C.S.	C.	Erect Store Tent	"
"	-	2	14	16	0745	D. Coy	0830	1630	A.W.C. Mill	D.	Road Building	"
"	-	1	3	4	0745	BHQ.	0830	1630	D.I.D.	BHQ.	Break up stores	"
"	-	2	16	18	1530	HQ. COY	1630	2400	Movements R.I.P.	HQ.	Unload smallcraft	"
		<u>13</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>110</u>								

DATE	OFF	NCO	O/s	TOT	TPT	PLACE	FROM	TO	PLACE	COY	INSTRUCTIONS	FINISH
FEB '5	-	1	15	16	0800	C. Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	C.	Stack and sort	6 Feb '44
"	-	1	9	10	0800	C. Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	C.	Erect store tent	6 Feb '44
"	-	1	9	10	---	B. Coy	0830	1630	57 Fd Park Mutee	B..	Road Making	"
"	-	-	2	2	----	B. Coy	0830	1630	D.I.D.	B.	Iceworks	"
"	-	1	5	6	0800	C. Coy	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	C.	Handle stores etc	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C. Coy	0830	1630	Bridge R.I.P.	C.	Repairs to bridge	"
"	-	1	6	7	0745	C. Coy	0830	1630	Bulk Canteen	C.	Erect S.W. Huts	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C. Coy	0830	1630	A.W.C. Mill	C.	Stack Timber	"
"	-	1	8	9	0800	C. Coy	0830	1630	102 C.C.S.	C.	Erect Tents	"
"	-	2	12	14	0745	D. Coy	0830	1630	A.W.C. Mill	D.	Road Building	"
"	-	2	15	17	1430	HQ. Coy	1530	2400	Movements RIP	HQ.	Unload Smallcraft	"
"	-	1	9	10	1845	D. Coy	1930	2400	" "	D.	Load "Timber" on Smallcraft	"
"	-	1	8	9	1845	B. Coy	1930	2400	M.R.C. Mill	B.	" " " Vehicles	"
		14	108	122								

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FEB '7	-	1	15	16	0800	C. Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	C.	Stack and sort	6 Feb '44
"	-	1	9	10	0800	C. Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	C.	Erect Store Tents	"
"	-	1	9	10	---	B. Coy	0830	1630	57 Fd Park Mutee	B.	Road making	"
"	-	-	2	2	---	B. Coy	0830	1630	D.I.D.	B.	Iceworks	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C. Coy	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	C.	Handle Stores etc	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C. Coy	0830	1630	Bridge R.I.P.	C.	Repairs to Bridge	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C. Coy	0830	1630	11 CRE Wks Camp	C.	Camp Construction	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C. Coy	0830	1630	A.W.C. Mill	C.	Stack timber	"
"	-	1	11	12	0745	B. Coy	0830	1630	Cnr CRE - Main/ R.I.P Rd.	B.	Repairs to Culvert	"
		8	66	74.								

DATE	OFF	NCO	O/Rs	TOT	EPT	PLACE	TOUR FROM	TOUR TO	PLACE	COY	INSTRUCTIONS	FINS
Feb '8	-	1	15	16	0800	C. Coy	0850	1650	15 A.O.D.	C.	Stack and Sort	13 Feb
"	-	1	9	10	0800	C. Coy	0850	1650	15 A.O.D.	C.	Erect store tents	"
"	-	1	9	10	0800	B. Coy	0850	1650	57 Rd Park Mutee	B.	Road Making	"
"	-	-	2	2	---	B. Coy	0850	1650	D.I.D.	B.	Iceworks	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C. Coy	0850	1650	Bridge R.I.P.	B.	Repairs to bridge	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C. Coy	0850	1650	11. CRE Wks Camp site	C.	Construct Camp	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C. Coy	0850	1650	A.W.C. Mill	C.	Stack Timber	"
"	-	1	11	12	0745	C. Coy	0850	1650	Cnr CRE-RIP Rd	C.	Repairs to Culvert	"
"	-	1	15	16	1000	D. Coy	1100	1650	Engrs 15.A.O.D.	D.	Erect S.W. Huts	"
"	-	2	26	28	1445	All	1550	1650	Movements R.I.P,	All	Unload smallcraft	"
	-	10	102	112								
Feb '9	-	1	15	16	0800	D. Coy	0850	1650	Engrs 15 A.O.D.	D.	Erect S.W. Huts	"
"	-	1	15	16	0800	C. Coy	0850	1650	15 A.O.D.	C.	Stack and Sort	"
"	-	1	9	10	0800	C. Coy	0850	1650	15 A.O.D.	C.	Erect store tents	"
"	-	1	9	10	0800	B. Coy	0850	1650	57 Rd Park Mutee	B.	Road Making	"
"	-	-	2	2	---	B. Coy	0850	1650	D.I.D.	B.	Iceworks	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C. Coy	0850	1650	Rd Stores Dump	C.	Handle stores Etc	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C. Coy	0850	1650	Bridge R.I.P.	C.	Repairs to bridge	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C. Coy	0850	1650	11 CRE R.I.P. Rd	C.	Construction Camp	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C. Coy	0850	1650	A.W.C. Mill	C.	Stack Timber	"
"	-	1	11	12	0745	C. Coy	0850	1650	Cnr CRE-RIP Rd.	C.	Repairs to Culvert	"
	-	9	61	60								
Feb '10.	-	1	15	16	0800	D. Coy	0850	1650	Engrs 15A.O.D.	D.	Erect S.W. Hut	13 Feb
"	-	1	15	16	0800	C. Coy	0850	1650	15 A.O.D.	C.	Stack and sort	"
"	-	1	9	10	0800	C. Coy	0850	1650	15 A.O.D.	C.	Erect Store tent	"
"	-	1	9	10	---	B. Coy	0850	1650	57 Rd Park Mutee	B.	Road Making	"
"	-	-	2	2	---	B. Coy	0850	1650	D.I.D.	B.	Iceworks	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C. Coy	0850	1650	Bridge R.I.P.	C.	Repairs to bridge	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C. Coy	0850	1650	11 CRE Camp site	C.	Construction Camp	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C. Coy	0850	1650	A.W.C. Mill	C.	Stack Timber	"
"	-	1	11	12	0745	D. Coy	0850	1650	Cnr CRE-RIP Rd.	D.	Repairs to Culvert	"
	-	8	76	82								

DATE	OFF	NCO	O/Rs	TOT	TPT	PLACE	TOUR FROM	TOUR TO	PLACE	COY	INSTRUCTIONS	FINISH
Feb '11.	-	1	15	16	0800	D.Coy	0830	1630	Engrs 15A.O.D.	D.	Erect S.W. Huts	13 Feb 44
"	-	1	15	16	0800	C.Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	C.Coy	Stack and sort	"
"	-	1	9	10	0830	C.Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	C.Coy	Erect Store Tent	"
"	-	1	9	10	0830	B.Coy	0830	1630	57 Pd Park Mutee	B.Coy	Road Making	"
"	-	-	2	2	----	B.Coy	0830	1630	D.I.D.	B.Coy	Kk & Iceworks	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C.Coy	0830	1630	Pd Stores Dump	C.Coy	Handle stores	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C.Coy	0830	1630	Bridge R.I.P.	C.Coy	Repairs to Bridge	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C.Coy	0830	1630	11 CRE Wks Camp Site	C.Coy	Camp Construction	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C.Coy	0830	1630	A.W.C. Mill	C.Coy	Stack Timber	"
"	-	1	11	12	0745	D.Coy	0830	1630	Cnr CRE-Main RIF Rd.	D.Coy	Repairs to Culvert.	"
"	-	1	3	4	0745	HQ-HQ.	0830	1630	D.I.D.	HQ.Coy	Breaking up Stores	"
		10	84	94.								
Feb 12.	-	1	15	16	0800	C.Coy	0830	1630	Engrs 15A.O.D.	C.Coy	Erect S.W. Huts	13 Feb '44
"	-	1	15	16	0800	C.Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	C.Coy	Stack and Sort	"
"	-	1	10	11	0800	B.Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	B.Coy	Erect Store Tents	"
"	-	1	9	10	----	B.Coy	0830	1630	57 Pd Park Mutee	B.Coy	Road Making	"
"	-	-	2	2	----	B.Coy	0830	1630	Iceworks D.I.D.	B.Coy	Iceworks	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C.Coy	0830	1630	Pd Stores Dump	C.Coy	Handle stores Etc	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C.Coy	0830	1630	Bridge R.I.P.	C.Coy	Repairs to bridge	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C.Coy	0830	1630	11 CRE Wks Camp site	C.Coy	Camp Construction	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	C.Coy	0830	1630	A.W.C. Mill	C.Coy	Stack Timber	"
"	-	1	11	12	0745	C.Coy	0830	1630	Cnr CRE-Ma in RIF Rd.	C.Coy	Repairs to Culvert	"
"	-	2	20	22	1715	HQ.Coy	1800	2400	Movements R.I.P.	HQ.Coy	Unload smallcraft	12 "
"	-	1	5	6	2215	D.Coy	2300	0400	A.W.C. Mill	D.Coy	Load firewood R.I.P.	12 "
		12	107	119								
Feb 13.	-	NIL										
Feb 14.	-	1	5	6	0745	D.Coy	0830	1630	Pd Stores Dump	D.Coy	Handle stores Etc.	10 Feb 44
"	-	1	15	16	0745	B.Coy	0830	1630	Engrs 15A.O.D.	B.Coy	Erect Store Tents	"
"	-	1	9	10	0800	D.Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	D.Coy	Erect Store Tent	"
"	-	1	15	16	0800	HQ.Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	HQ.Coy	Stack and Sort	"
"	-	2	12	14	0800	HQ.Coy	0830	1630	Cnr 4 Div our Rd- R.I.P Main rd	HQ.Coy	Repairs to Culvert	"
"	-	1	5	6	0730	D.Coy	0830	1630	Capt Allison Skull Crk.	D.	Repairs to Crossing	"
"	-	1	5	6	0800	D.Coy	0830	1630	Logging camp 735936	D.Coy	Cutting timber T.I. Range.	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	D.Coy	0830	1630	W.R.C. Mill	D.Coy	Stack timber	"
"	-	1	9	10	----	B.Coy	0830	1630	57 Pd Park Mutee	B.Coy	Road Making	"
"	-	1	11	12	----	D.Coy	0830	1630	57 Pd Park Mutee	D.Coy	" " Etc	"
"	-	2	20	22	1430	B.Coy C.Coy	0830 1500	1630 2300	D.I.D. Movements R.I.P.	B.Coy C.Coy	ICEWORKS unload smallcraft.	14 Feb

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Feb 15	1	15	5	6	0745	D. Coy	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	D. Coy	Handle stores Etc.	20 Feb '44
"	-	1	15	16	0800	B. Coy	0830	1630	Engrs 15 A.O.D.	B. Coy	Erect S.W. Huts	"
"	-	1	9	10	0800	D. Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	D. Coy	Erect Store Tents	"
"	-	1	15	16	0800	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	HQ. Coy	Stack and Sort	"
"	-	2	12	14	0745	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	Cnr 4 Div and RIF Rd	HQ. Coy	Repairs to Culverts	"
"	-	1	5	6	0800	D. Coy	0830	1630	Capt Allison Skull Crk	D. Coy	Repairs to Crossing	15 "
"	-	1	5	6	0800	D. Coy	0830	1630	Logging Camp 736936	D. Coy	Cutting Timber Poles T.I?	20 "
"	-	1	5	6	0745	D. Coy	0830	1630	M.R.C. Mill	D. Coy	Stack Timber	"
"	-	1	9	10	-----	B. Coy	0830	1630	57 Fd Park Mutee	B. Coy	Road Making	"
"	-	1	11	12	-----	D. Coy	0830	1630	57 Fd Park Mutee	D. Coy	Road Making etc	"
"	-	-	2	2	-----	B. Coy	0830	1630	D.I.D.	B. Coy	Iceworks	"
"	-	1	8	9	0745	C. Coy	0830	1630	D.I.D.	C. Coy	Load firewood on Barges	15 Feb 44
		<u>12</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>113</u>								
Feb '16	-	1	5	6	0745	D. Coy	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	D. Coy	Handle Stores	20 Feb '44
"	-	1	15	16	0745	C. Coy	0830	1630	Engrs 15 A.O.D.	C. Coy	Erect S.W. Huts	"
"	-	1	9	10	0745	B. Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	B. Coy	Erect Store Tent	"
"	-	1	15	16	0745	C. Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	C. Coy	Stack and sort	"
"	-	2	12	14	0745	C. Coy	0830	1630	Cnr 4 Div our Rd	C. Coy	Repairs to Culvert	"
"	-	1	5	6	0800	D. Coy	0830	1630	Logging Camp 736936	D. Coy	Cutting timber	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	D. Coy	0830	1630	M.R.C. Mill	D. Coy	Stack timber	"
"	-	1	9	10	-----	B. Coy	0830	1630	57 Fd Park Mutee	B. Coy	Road Making	"
"	-	1	11	12	-----	D. Coy	0830	1630	57 " " "	D. Coy	" " Etc.	"
"	-	-	2	2	-----	B. Coy	0830	1630	Iceworks D.I.D.	B. Coy	Iceworks.	"
"	-	2	20	22	0745	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	D.I.D.	HQ. Coy	Engr Works	"
"	-	1	6	7	0745	B. Coy	0830	1630	RAAF, CONCERT PARTY	B. Coy	Assist concert Stage	"
"	-	2	18	18	0945	C. Coy	1030	1600	Movements R.I.P.	C. Coy	Unload small craft	"
"	-	2	18	20	1415	All Coys	1500	2400	" " "	All Coys	" "	"
		<u>17</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>155</u>								

DATE	OFFRS	NCO	O/Rs	TOT	TPT	PLACE	TOUR FROM	TOUR TO	PLACE	COY	INSTRUCTION	FINISH
FEB '17.	-	1	5	6	0745	BHQ	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	All	Handle Stores etc	20 Feb '44
"	-	1	15	16	0800	C. Coy	0830	1630	Engrs 15 A.O.D.	C. Coy	Erect S.W. Huts	"
"	-	1	9	10	0800	C. Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	C. Coy	Erect Store tent	"
"	-	1	15	16	0800	U. Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	C. Coy	Stack and sort	"
"	-	2	12	14	0800	C. Coy	0830	1630	Cnr 4 Div-RIP Rd.	C. Coy	Repairs to Culvert	"
"	-	1	5	6	0800	D. Coy	0830	1630	Logging Camp 736936	D. Coy	Cutting timber etc	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	M.R.C. Mill	HQ. Coy	Stacking timber etc.	"
"	-	1	9	10	---	B. Coy	0830	1630	57 Fd Park Mutee	B. Coy	Road making etc	"
"	-	1	11	12	---	D. Coy	0830	1630	" " "	D. Coy	" " "	"
"	-	-	2	2	----	B. Coy	0830	1630	D.I.D.	B. Coy	Iceworks	"
"	-	2	20	22	0745	D. Coy	0830	1630	D.I.D.	D. Coy	Engr Work	"
"	-	2	18	20	0800	B. Coy	0830	1630	Capt Allison Skull Ck	B. Coy	Repairs to road	"
		14	126	140								

FEB '18	-	1	5	6	0745	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	HQ. Coy	Handle stores etc	20 Feb '44
"	-	1	14	15	0745	C. Coy	0830	1630	Engrs 15 A.O.D.	C. Coy	Erect S.W. Huts	20 "
"	-	1	7	8	0800	B. Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	B. Coy	Erect Stores Tents	20 "
"	-	1	13	14	0800	C. Coy	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	C. Coy	Stack and sort	20 "
"	-	2	11	13	0745	C. Coy	0830	1630	Cnr 4 Div cut-RIP Rd.	C. Coy	Repairs to culverts	20 "
"	-	1	5	6	0800	D. Coy	0830	1630	Logging Camp 736936	D. Coy	Cutting timber T.I. Range	20 "
"	-	1	5	6	0745	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	M.R.C. Mill	HQ. Coy	Stack Timber etc	20 "
"	-	1	9	10	----	B. Coy	0830	1630	57 Fd Park Mutee	B. Coy	Road Making etc.	20 "
"	-	1	11	12	----	D. Coy	0830	1630	" " "	D. Coy	" " "	20 "
"	-	-	2	2	----	B. Coy	0830	1630	D.I.D.	B. Coy	Iceworks	20 "
"	-	2	20	22	0745	D. Coy	0830	1630	D.I.D.	D. Coy	Work with Engrs	20 "
"	-	2	17	19	0800	HQ. Coy	0830	1630	Capt Allison Skull Ck	HQ. Coy	Road Repair work	20 "
"	-	1	3	4	0745	BHQ.	0830	1630	D.I.D.	BHQ.	Break up stores	20 "
"	-	1	6	7	0745	All Coy	0830	1630	Engrs Store Dump	All Coys	Stack Stores	18 "
"	-	2	18	20	0945	" "	1630	1630	Movements R.I.P.	" "	Unload-Load Ferry	20 "
		18	146	164								

DATE	OFFERS	NCO	O/RS	TOT	TPT	PLACE	TOUR FROM	TOUR TO	PLACE	COY	INSTRUCTIONS	FINISH
FEB'19.	-	1	5	6	0745	HQ.	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	HQ.	Handle stores etc	20 Feb '44
"	-	1	15	16	0745	C.	0830	1630	Engrs 15 A.O.D.	C.	Erect S.W. Huts	"
"	-	1	7	8	0800	C.	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	C.	Erect Store Tent s	"
"	-	1	12	13	0800	HQ.	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	HQ.	Stack and sort Stores	"
"	-	2	12	14	0745	B.	0830	1630	Cnr 4 Div Rd-RIP Rd.	B.	Repairs to Culvert	"
"	-	1	5	6	0800	HQ.	0830	1630	Logging Camp 736930	HQ.	Cutting timber T.I. R. Range	"
"	-	1	5	6	0745	HQ.	0830	1630	M.R.C Mill	HQ.	Stack Timber	"
"	-	1	9	10	----	B.	0830	1630	57 Fd Park Mutee	B.	Road Making	"
"	-	1	11	12	----	D.	0830	1630	57 " " "	D.	" " -Jetty approaches	"
"	-	2	2	2	----	B.	0830	1630	D.I.D.	B.	Iceworks	"
"	-	2	20	22	0745	D.	0830	1630	D.I.D.	D.	Engrs Work	"
"	-	2	14	16	0800	C.	0830	1630	Capt Allison Skull Ck.	C.	Road Repair	"
"	-	2	18	20	0945	C.	1030	1630	Movements R.I.P.	C.	Unload-Load Ferry.	"
"	-	1	6	7	0800	C.	0830	1630	RAAF Concrbt Stage	C.	Clean up area.	"
" ²	-	2	18	20	1215	D.	1330	2100	Movements R.I.P.	D.	Unload smallerft.	"
		19	159	178								
FEB'20	-	2	18	20	0945	HQ.	1030	1630	Movements R.I.P.	HQ.	Unload-Load Smalle aft.	20 Feb '44.
FEB'21.	-	1	5	6	0745	C.	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	C.	Handle Stores Etc	27 Feb '44.
"	-	2	12	14	0800	C.	0830	1630	4 Div out-RIP Rd.	C.	Repairs to Culverts	"
"	-	1	15	16	0800	C.	0830	1630	Capt Allison Skull Ck.	C.	" " Road	"
"	-	2	14	16	0745	C.	0830	1630	" " D.I.D.	C.	Road Drainage	"
"	-	2	10	12	0800	C.	0830	1630	A.W.C. Mill	C.	Stack Timber	"
"	-	1	8	9	0800	C.	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	B.	Construction of Buildings	22 "
"	-	1	13	14	0800	B.	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	B.	Stack and sort	27 "
"	-	1	6	7	0745	B.	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	B.	Erect Store Tents	27 "
"	-	2	18	20	0945	All.	1030	1630	Movements R.I.P.	All.	Unload -Load Ferry	27 "
		13	101	114								

DATE	OPFR	NCO	C/Rs	TOT %	TPT	PLACE	TOUR FROM	TOUR TO	PLACE	COY	INSTRUCTIONS	FINISH.
FEB '22.	)-	1	5	6	0745	C.	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	C.	Handle stores etc	27 Feb '44
"	-	2	12	14	0800	C.	0830	1630	Cnr 4 Div out-RIP Rd.	C.	Repairs to Culverts	"
"	-	1	15	16	0800	C.	0830	1630	Capt Allison Skull Crk.	C.	Road work	"
"	-	2	12	14	0745	C.	0830	1630	" " D.I.D.	C.	Road drainage	"
"	-	2	10	12	0800	C.	0830	1630	A.W.C. Mill	C.	Stack Timber	"
"	-	1	7	8	0745	C.	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	C.	Construction buildings	"
"	-	1	14	15	0800	HQ.	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	HQ.	Stack and sort	"
"	-	1	7	8	0800	B.	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	B.	Erect Store Tent	"
"	-	2	18	20	0745	All.	0945	1630	Movements R.I.P.	All.	Unload - Load Ferry	"
"	-	2	20	22	1300	D.	1345	0300	" "	D.	" Smallcraft	22 "
"	-	1	8	9	1900	B.	1930	0700	A.W.C. Mill	B.	Load timber to vehicle	22 "
	-	16	128	144								
	/	1	8	9								
FEB '23	+	1	5	6	0745	HQ.	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	HQ.	Handle Stores Etc.	27 Feb '44
"	-	1	5	6	0745	D.	0830	1630	A.W.C. Mill	D.	Stack Timber	27 "
"	-	1	15	16	0800	C.	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	C.	Stack and sort	27 "
"	-	1	9	10	0800	B.	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	B.	Erect and Store tents.	27 "
"	-	2	18	20	0945	C.	1030	1630	Movements R.I.P.	C.	Unload-Load Ferry	27 "
"	-	2	38	41	1300	ALL	1330	1630	Skull Creek crossing	ALL	Road work.	25 "
	-	1	8	90								
FEB '24	-	1	5	6	0745	HQ.	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	HQ.	Handle Stores Etc.	27 Feb '44
"	-	1	5	6	0745	HQ.	0830	1630	A.W.C. Mill	HQ.	Stack and Sort Timber.	27 "
"	-	1	15	16	0800	HQ.	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	HQ.	" " Stores.	27 "
"	-	1	9	10	0800	C.	0830	1630	15 A.O.D.	C.	Erect Store Tent	27 "
"	-	2	18	20	0945	B-D.	1030	1630	Movements R.I.P.	B.-D.	Unload - Load Ferry	27 "
"	-	-	2	2	---	B.	0830	1630	D.I.D.	B.	Iceworks	27 "
	-	6	54	60								

Date	OFFR	NCO	O/Es	TOT	TPT	PLACE	TOUR FROM	TOUR TO	PLACE	COY	INSTRUCTIONS	FINISH
Feb' 25.	-	1	3	4	0745	ALL	0830	1630	D.I.D.	All	Breaking up stores	25 Feb'44.
"	-	1	5	6	0745	HQ.	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	HQ.	Handle stores etc	26 "
"	-	2	14	16	0800	HQ.	0830	1630	15 AAOD.	HQ.	Erect S.W. Huts	26 "
"	-	1	4	5	0745	C.	0830	1630	Engrs Stores Dump	C.	Concrete Work	25 "
"	-	1	5	6	0745	HQ.	0830	1630	A.W.C. Mill	HQ.	Stack Timber	26 "
"	-	1	14	15	0800	C.	0830	1630	15 AAOD.	C.	Stack and sort	26 "
"	-	1	7	8	0800	D.	0830	1630	15 AAOD.	D.	Erect Store tent	26 "
"	-	2	18	20	0945	All	1030	1630	Movements R.I.P.	All	Unload-Load Ferry	26 "
"	-	2	38	41	0800	C.	0830	1630	Skull Creek Crossing	C.	Road Repairs	26 "
	<u>1</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>121</u>								
Feb'26	-	1	5	6	0745	HQ.	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	HQ.	Handle Stores	26 Feb'44
"	-	2	12	14	0745	HQ.	0830	1630	15 AAOD.	HQ.	Erect S.W. Huts	26 "
"	-	2	10	12	0745	C.	0830	1630	4 Div out-RIP Rd.	C.	Repairs to Culverts	26 "
"	-	1	5	6	0745	HQ.	0830	1630	A.W.C. Mill	HQ.	Road Repair	26 "
"	-	1	10	11	0800	D.	0830	1630	15 AAOD.	D.	Sort and Stack	26 "
"	-	1	6	7	0800	D.	0830	1630	15 A.A.O.D.	D.	Erect Store Tents	26 "
"	-	2	18	20	0945	All	1030	1630	Movements RIP.	All	Unload-Load Ferry	26 "
"	1	2	38	41	0800	C.	0830	1630	Skull Creek Crossing	C.	Road Repair	26 "
"	-	3	36	39	1415	All	1500	2230	Movements RIP.	All	Unload Small craft.	26 "
	<u>1</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>156</u>								
Feb'27	-	2	18	20	0945	HQ.	1030	1630	Movements RIP.	HQ.	Handle stores etc. Unload.	27 "
FEB 28	-	1	5	6	0745	C.	0830	1630	Fd Stores Dump	C.	Handle stores etc.	4 "
"	-	2	14	16	0745	B.	0830	1630	15AAOD.	B.	Erecting S.W. Huts	4 "
"	-	2	12	14	0800	C.	0830	1630	Log'Camp 735938	C.	Cutting poles for D.I..H.I.	4 "
"	1	2	40	43	---	C.	0830	1630	Skull Crk Crossing	C.	Road Repair	4 "
"	-	2	10	12	0800	HQ.	0830	1630	M.R.C. Mill	HQ.	Stack Timber	4 "
"	-	1	13	14	0745	C.	0830	1630	15 AAOD.	C.	Sort and stack	4 "
"	-	1	7	8	0745	D.	0830	1630	15 AAOD.	D.	Erect Store Tent	4 "
	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>1530</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>1600</u>	<u>2300</u>	<u>Movements R.I.P.</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>Unload Smallcraft</u>	<u>4 "</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>133</u>	<u>149</u>								

ROUTINE ORDERS

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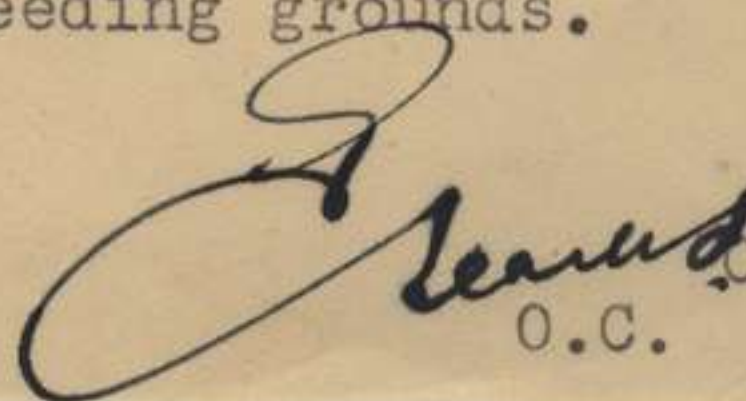
CAPT. S. G. SEARLES O/C "A" COY DET 26 AUST INF BN

NO. 1 PART 1.

27 JAN 44

1. FIRE PRECAUTIONS. In the event of an outbreak of fire the following will be the procedure.
 - i. The senior Officer or N.C.O. at the place of the fire will immediately take charge and order the alarm to be sounded. The alarm will be a series of sharp hits on the gong erected outside the barracks.
 - ii. Report the fire to the Orderly Room
 - iii. Obtain fire extinguishers from the northern end of the barracks, and as an alternative use "fire beaters" two of which will be placed at each end of the barracks.
 - iv. Sand buckets are also placed inside the main entrance to the hall and will be used if necessary.
 - v. Except those actually helping in the fighting will stand clear.

The Fire beaters and buckets will NOT be removed from the appointed place for any other use.
2. NATIVES AS HELPERS. It has been observed that some Kaja Kaja's have been washing clothes belonging to members of this detachment. ~~Under~~ Under NO circumstances is this permitted. Apart from other considerations the possibility of contracting skin disease must be guarded against. It may not be generally known that quite a big percentage of the Kaja Kaja's suffer from a form of syphillis.
3. DRESS. Where hat bands are not in the possession of the member they will be obtained from the C.Q.M.S. and placed on the hat. Any other than the authorised style of wearing the hat is prohibited, particularly the W.A.A.F's style as has been noticed in a few instances.
4. CLEANING OF WEAPONS. On occasions weapons have been taken to the Armourer for cleaning rust from the barrels. The accumulation of rust in most cases was due to carelessness. The Armourer has been given instructions that he shall not accept any weapon from any individual without the permission of an Officer. Weapons must be cleaned daily - this applies particularly to personnel in hospital who are not normally on inspection parade daily. A periodic inspection will be made of such weapons and if neglect is evident the individual will be punished. Above all things your weapons must at all times be kept 100%.
5. GAITERS. The cutting down of American gaiters is prohibited. Some have been cut down in the past.
6. CLOTHING. All personnel in the garrison should now be fully equipped with new clothing, therefore, further exchanges in the near future will not be necessary. Members are requested to look after their clothing as replacements may not always be readily available. All clothing should be boiled at least once a week.
7. ANTI MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS. As the malaria mosquito tends to breed in small sunny water holes members are instructed to be very careful when obtaining camouflage for defensive positions in the future. As the mosquito does not breed in the shade if it is possible to obtain camouflage from a shady area so much the better. Wheel tracks of motor vehicles (except where they are stirred up daily) is also another breeding ground, therefore, the drivers will be careful to avoid making fresh puddle holes. The mosquito does not breed in the very large streams. In Milne Bay during the epidemic it was found that small wheel tracks were the most dangerous breeding grounds.

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ROUTINE ORDER

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PART 1 NO. 2

4 FEB 44

8. ANTI MALARIAL MEASURES. Precautions to be taken against malaria are again repeated for the information of all personnel.

- i. Mosquito Nets down from 1815 Hrs daily until reveille.
- ii. Atebrine parade 1820 Hrs. Repellant to be applied after evening meal and at two hourly intervals.
- iii. Cubicles to be sprayed out daily at 1800 Hrs. (each Pl will prepare a roster detailing personnel for this duty).
- iv. Under nets to be sprayed by individuals before retiring.
- v. Convalescents and others resting during daytime may do so without shirts etc only if nets are drawn.
- vi. Slacks, long sleeves and gaitors for evening meal and until retiring.
- vii. Guards to wear head nets and gloves.
- viii. The only occasions on which clothing may be removed outside sleeping hours.
 - i. sport
 - ii. ablutions.
- ix. During the day sleeves will be rolled up.

9. CARRYING OF WEAPONS.

Weapons on issue to personnel will be carried at all times, irrespective of the duty to be performed.

10. ALARM SIGNALS.

Alarm signals indicating that defensive positions are to be manned immediately are as follows.-

At night. Usual bugle "alarm" followed by the firing of three red very lights.

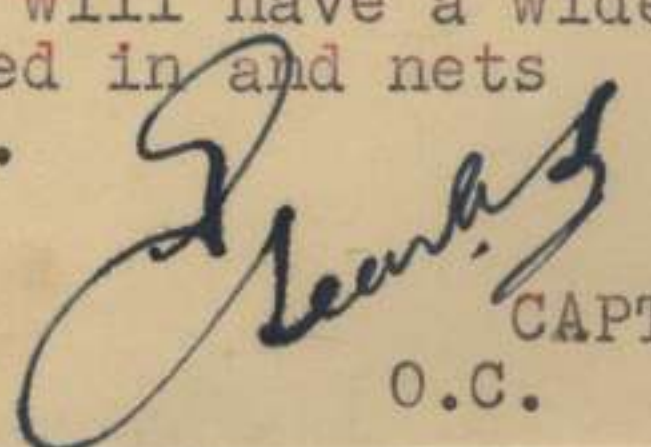
Daytime. Four long bursts from vickers machine gun as well as the bugle.

Apart from any "practice" alarm that may be ordered under no circumstances will the alarm, or anything nearly representing such alarm, be sounded except when there is reason to believe the manning of defensive positions is desirable. e.g. the approach of say ten aircraft possibly carrying paratroops.

O.C. MMG Pl will exercise every care when firing so as to avoid confusing other troops. If vickers firing is to take place ~~the~~ time will be notified to all personnel and the firing of the four long bursts will be avoided. The strict observance of this order is essential so that troops will know instantly they hear the alarm that they must man their Pl areas. Neglect will only result in troops running unnecessarily to their posts.

11. CENSORSHIP. Parcels and other packets etc for despatch will be packed and sealed in the presence of the censoring Officer. This will also apply to registered letters where money or other valuables are enclosed.

12. BEDS. Personnel without beds will take immediate steps to obtain one. Those with beds which are so narrow as to prevent the mosquito net from being properly tucked in will have a wider one made. Mosquito nets must be properly tucked in and nets not just allowed to drop on the top of the bed.


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ROUTINE ORDERS.

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PART 1 NO. 3

5 FEB 44

13. AIR RAID WARNINGS. With the possibility of friendly aircraft landing and/ or approaching this area, and the fact that the Radar are able to identify friendly planes, the following warning will be added to that already laid down.

When Radar know aircraft is friendly - Warning Five single shots.

All warnings will now read.-

- (i) YELLOW - Three (3) Bursts
- (ii) RED - Two (2) Bursts
- (iii) FRIENDLY PLANES APPROACHING - Five (5) single shots.
- (iv) ALL CLEAR - Five single shots.

For information of all concerned the action to be taken in respect of each is repeated.

- (i) Carry on with normal work
- (ii) Go to slit trenches complete with weapons, amn, haversack and remain there until "all clear" is given.
- (iii) ~~Return to duty~~ Carry on with work.
- (iv) Return to duty.

The practice of standing about and looking up at approaching planes after the "Red" warning has been given is to cease. A "Red" will not be given unless there is reason to suspect trouble, therefore, it is necessary to take all precautions. A "Red" is only given when planes are within fifteen to twenty miles or nearer. For modern planes this means but a few minutes flying.

The R.A.A.F. will be responsible for all warnings.- To avoid confusion Army personnel will not fire any warnings UNLESS planes can be seen ^{or heard} and the R.A.A.F. have not given any notice.

14. PAY O.C. Pls will ascertain the amount of pay likely to be required by members at about the end of February. Endeavours will be made to have pay here by then. In drawing pay members should draw at least for two to three months normal Canteen purchases. The amount required will be submitted to Coy H.Q. by 1000 Hrs 5 Feb 44.


CAPT.
O.C.

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WAR DIARY

"A" COY

26 AUST. INF. BN.

FROM : 17 JAN. 44

TO : 4 FEB 44.

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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 17/1/44 To 19/1/44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TANAH MERAH	17/1/44	0715	Roll Call.	
		0915	Inspection Parade.	
			7 Pl. - One sec. on Patrol. : rem. preparing for occupation in new area.	
			8 Pl. - one sec. on Patrol.: rem. camouflaging posns.	
			9 Pl. - on Patrol.	
			M.M.G. - portion on Patrol.: rem. excavating gravel.	
			Mortars - constructing strong post.	
		1310	Sec. from 7 Pl. returned from Patrol.	
"	18/1/44	0715	Roll Call.	
		0915	Inspection Parade.	
			7 Pl. - preparing for occupation in new area.	
			8 Pl. - one sec. on Patrol.: rem. camouflaging posns.	
			9 Pl. - on patrol.	
			M.M.G. - portion on Patrol.: rem. excavating gravel.	
		1255	Mortars. - building strong post.	
			D.H. 84 landed.	
		1450	D.H. departed.	
"	19/1/44	0715	Roll Call.	
		0915	Inspection Parade.	
			7 Pl. - preparing for occupation in new area.	
			8 Pl. - one sec. on patrol.: rem. camouflaging posns.	
			9 Pl. - on Patrol.	
			M.M.G. - Portion on Patrol.: rem. excavating gravel.	
			Mortars - building strong post.	
		1215	D.H. 84 landed.	
		1435	D.H. departed.	

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

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Unit "A" Coy 26 Aust. Inf. Bn

Date and Time.—From 19/1/44

To 21/1/44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TANAH MERAH	19/1/44	2200	M.V. "MELBIDIR" arrived.	
"	20/1/44	0715 0915	Roll Call. Inspection Parade.	
			7 Pl. - camouflaging posns. 8 Pl. - One sec. on Patrol : rem. camouflaging posns.	
			9 Pl. - On Patrol. M.M.G. - Unloading boat.	
		1600	Mortars - Unloading boat. Sec. from 8 Pl. returned from Patrol.	
		2130	Lieut. E.B. Bryce and 4 O/RS from 9 Pl. returned from Patrol.	
"	21/1/44	0715 0915	Roll Call. Inspection Parade.	
			7 Pl. - Day attack on 9 Pl. posns. 8 Pl. - Defence of 9 pl. posns.	
			9 Pl. - On Patrol. Mortars - Att. to 8 pl. for def. exercise.	
			M.M.G. - def. posns.	
		0800 1145	M.V. "MELBIDIR" departed. One O/R evacuated to M.D.S. D.H. 84 landed. Disembarked Lt Col. Hopkins (S.M.C.), Maj. Leonard (R.A.E. 16 Fd. Coy), Lieut. Daniels (R.A.E. 16 Fd. Coy), Lieut. Mandelson (12 (12 Aust. Anti-Mal. Unit)	
		1216	D.DH. 84 departed taking one O/R who was evacuated to M.D.S. MERAUKE.	

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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 22/1/44 To 25/1/44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TANAH MERAH	22/1/44	0715 0915	Roll Call. Inspection Parade.	
		1650	Administration including cleaning of weapons, amm. , and round the area. Work began clearing trees at the end of the Air Strip.	
"	23/1/44	0600	One party began clearing trees at the end of the Strip. During the day each Pl. acted as reliefs.	
		1045 1255	L.A.C. Rogers W. accidentally killed. The greater part of 9 Pl. returned from Patrol. 5 O/RS still on Patrol.	
		1525	Air Raid RED. R.D.F. picked up a plane 13 miles away on a Bearing of 330 degrees Mag.	
		1545	All clear.	
"	24/1/44		No early Roll Call due to heavy rain.	
		1150	Administration. D.H. 84 landed. Disembarked + Captt. H. Harper and Mr. de Rooy Asst. Resident at MERAUKE.	
		1510	D.H. 84 departed with Col. Hopkins and Maj. Leonard as passengers.	
		1515	L.A.C. Rogers W. was buried.	
"	25/1/44	0715 0915	Roll Call. Inspection Parade.	
			7 Pl. - Instr. on 3" Mortar. 8 Pl. - felling timber at end of Air Strip. 9 Pl. - One sec. on Patrol (DIGOEL - EILANDEN R.) rem. changing clothing.	
			M.M.G. - portion on Patrol.: rem. M.M.G. Drill and weapon trg.	J.S.

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 25/1/44

To 28/1/44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TANAH MERAH	25/1/44	1210 1505	Mortars - Instructing 7 Pl. D.H. 84 landed. D.H. 84 left.	
"	26/1/44	0715 0915	Roll Call. Inspection Parade. 7 Pl. - Instr. on 3" Mortar. 8 Pl. - felling timber. 9 Pl. - One sec. on Patrol: rem. clearing Camp site and felling timber. M.M.G. - Portion on patrol: rem. M.M.G. Drill and weapon trg. Mortars - Instructing 7 Pl.	
		1200	M.M.G. patrol returned on "KEMPHAAN" which was sent down river to pick them up.	
		1430	One Sec. from 8 pl. left on patrol.	
"	27/1/44	0715 0915	Roll Call. Inspection Parade. 7 Pl. - Instr. on 3" Mortar. 8 Pl. - felling timber. 9 Pl. - One sec. on Patrol: rem. clearing Camp site and cutting timber. M.M.G. - gun drill and weapon trg. Mortars. - Instructing 7 Pl.	
"	28/1/44	0715 0915	Roll Call. Inspection Parade. <u>All Pls. as for 27/1/44</u>	E.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

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

Date and Time.—From 29/1/44

To 1/2/44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TANAH MERAH	29/1/44	0715	Roll call.	
		0915	Inspection Parade.	
		1210	Administration including cleaning weapons and amn. D.H. 84 landed.	
		1610	Sec. from 8 Pl. returned from Patrol. D.H. 84 unable to leave.— magneto trouble.	
"	30/1/44		Recreation Day.	
"	31/1/44	0715	Roll Call.	
		0915	Inspection Parade.	
			7 Pl. - instr. on 3" Mortar.	
			8 Pl. - constructing strong post and felling timber.	
			9 Pl. - one sec. on patrol.: rem. clearing Camp site and cutting timber.	
			M.M.G. - preparing Camp for Engineers. Mortars. - Instructing 7 Pl. on 3" Mortar. - mount and dismount, laying.	
		1035	Walrus landed .- Lt/Col Butz on board. <i>Eng. O.G.H.Q.</i>	
1430	Walrus departed with Lt/Col Butz.			
	1335	D.H. 84 left.		
"	1/2/44	0715	Roll Call.	
		0915	Inspection Parade.	
			7 Pl. - instr. on 3" Mortar.	
			8 Pl. - constructing strong post .: one sec. on patrol <u>At 0905 hrs.</u> sec. left on Patrol.	
			9 Pl. - one sec. on patrol.: rem. preparing Camp for Engineers. M.M.G. - preparing Engineers Camp.	

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 1/2/44 To 3/2/44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TANAH MERAH	1/2/44		Mortars - instructing 7 Pl.	
		1055	Walrus landed.	
		1210	D.H. 84 landed.	
		1445	Walrus departed.	
		1510	D.H. 84 departed with Asst. Resident Mr de Rooy and Capt. H. Harper on board.	
"	2/1/44	0715	Roll Call.	
		0915	Inspection Parade.	
			7 Pl. - instr. on 3" Mortar.	
			8 pl. - One sec. on Patrol.: rem. sec. in attack - jungle.	
			9 pl. - One sec. on Patrol.: rem. preparing Engrs. Camp.	
			M.M.G. - preparing Engrs. Camp.	
			Mortars. - instructing 7 Pl.	
"	3/1/44	0715	Roll Call.	
		0840	Air Raid YELLOW.	
		0843	Air Raid RED.	
			2 Catalinas were seen in the EAST flying NORTH; they changed direction and flew N&W?	
		0910	All clear.	
		0915	Inspection Parade.	
			7 Pl. - Instr. on 3" Mortar.	
			8 pl. - One sec. on Patrol.: rem. preparing Engrs. Camp.	
		M.M.G. - preparing Engrs. Camp.		
		Mortars - instructing 7 Pl.		

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit "A" Coy 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 3/2/44 To 4/2/44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TANAH MERAH	3/2/44	1015	Air Raid YELLOW.	
		1020	Air Raid Red. One unidentified A/C flew in very high from the WEST, circled once and departed WEST. Its course could be traced by the line of vapour left behind it.	
		1033	All clear given.	
		1330	Air Raid YELLOW. R.D.F. picked up one A/C to the East flying Northwards.	
		1342	All clear given.	
"	4/2/44		No Roll Call due to heavy rain.	
		0845	Catalina seen in the EAST flying in a Northerly direction.	
		0915	Inspection Parade.	
		0920	Catalina landed. Disembarked - Lieut. Daniels and 4 O/Rs R.A.E. 16 Fd. Coy. 7 pl. -- Instr. on 3" Mortar. 8 pl. - One sec. on Patrol.: rem. Ambushes - Sec. in def. 9 pl. - One sec. on Patrol.: rem. preparing Engrs. Camp. M.M.G. - Preparing Engrs. Camp. Mortars - Instructing 7 pl.	
		1000	Catalina left.	
		1420	Catalina landed. Disembarked - Lt/Col Cannon, Maj. Leonard, and 4 O/Rs (16 Fd. Coy).	
		1510	Catalina left - one O/R on board.	

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of 26 Aust Inf Bn
..... Lt-col.
Comd. 26 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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M.V. "MELBIDIR" arrived. 2 O/R 242 L.A.D disembarked.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5/2/1944 ACQY DET 26 AVST INF BN (Unit)

W.E. II/100/2 OFFRS. 6 O.R.'s. 175 + OFFRS. NIL O.R.'s. 4 ATT. BY W.E. MERAVKE FORCE

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					
				Sergeants	1 RACC	-	-	1	NR
				Corporals	1 RACC	1	-	-	-
				Troopers, Privates, etc.	2 RACC	1	-	1	NR
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
				Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		2*	-	2	-*

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

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

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	114		53							167
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 BN		
	19 AVST. FD						
	AMB. (AIF)			1	YORK FORCE		
2	11 AVST. INF			1	MERAVKE FORCE.		
	BDESIC SEC.						
2	22 AVST DEPOT SUPPLY						
	PL. (AIF)						
2	102 AVST BOE W/SHOPS						
	AEME (AIF)						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 5/2/1944

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

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

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.	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	3	3	-	Tailors - COMS			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters	1	1	-
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											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				GROUP III.							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers							
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks CPL	1	1	-				
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	2	2	-	Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Concretors							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Cooks							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Riders							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Drivers, H.T.							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Mechanics							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photowriter				Miners				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Plumber				Moulders				Equipment Repairers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Farriers							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Fitters' Mates							
								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.	179	167	10

BATTMEN. 6 6
 LMG NOS. AND 90 83 7
 RIFLEMEN.
 CSM NO. 1 1
 SGT. 3 3
 CPL. 9 9
 DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.
 MAG NOS. 20 17 3
 SGT. 2 2
 CPL. 3 3
 MORTAR NOS. 16 16
 SGT. 1 1
 CPL. 1 1
 ORDERLIES 9 9
 STOREMAN 1 1
 STRETCHER
 ATTACHED BY W.E.
 BEARERS. 3 3
 CPL. 1 1
 175 165 10
 ATTACHED BY W.E.
 BRACE COOKS 2 1
 SGT. 1 1
 CPL. 1 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.

5 Feb 44
 Date of Despatch
 a.w. 6m bks 3/43

Signature of Commander

A. COY. DET. 26 AUST. INF. BN MERAVIKE FORCE

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W3008

(Adapted) (Page 1)

Revised Jan., 1943

b. 114 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5/21/1944, 9 COY DET. 23 BRN BN (Unit)

W.E. II / 124 OFFRS. 6 O.R.'s 175 plus OFFRS. NIL 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'fts Required	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength		Arm or Corps	Posted Strength	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required					
NR	1	-	5	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	NIL.									
-	1	-	5											
				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.	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
				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
NIL.					

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	Unit To	Date	Cause
NIL.					

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

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

A. COY DET 26 AUST. INF BDN Unit

MERRAUKA FORCE

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5/2/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
LIEUT. CAPT	W13311	SEARLES	SG	O.C	YES		
LIEUT.	W13312	BRYCE	B.B	2/16	YES		
LIEUT.	W13323	CHAMBERS	A.L	OC 1PL	YES		
LIEUT.	W13303	BROWN	B.B	OC 1PL	YES		
LIEUT.	W13400	MURPHY	C.J	OC 1PL	YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT.	W63314	McCALLUM IAN	1st AUST. INF BDN (HIF)	21 JAN 44	M.O

5 Feb 44
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander
O.C. A. COY DET 26 AUST. INF BDN MERRAUKA FORCE.

R E S T R I C T E D

ROUTINE ORDERS

- by -

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

COMD 26 AUST INF BN.

Part 1 Serial 150 Nos. 449 to 453.

In the Field 4 Feb '44.

449. DUTIES.

4/5 FEB '44.

BN DUTY OFFR	.....	Lieut J.McN. CHRISTIE.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	Lieut A.L. DAVIS.
DUTY COY	.....	"C" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY	.....	"B" & "D" COYS.

5/6 FEB '44.

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

6/7 FEB '44.

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

450. REMOVAL OF MAINTENANCE SCREENINGS FROM ROADSIDE DUMPS - MAIN ROADS COMMISSION : EXTRACT FROM F.A.A. ORDERS A10/44.

1. Reports have been received that Military personnel have been taking for Military use screenings from Maintenance dumps of the Main Roads Commission.
2. Materials such as screenings are not available for Military use without proper authority, and unauthorised removals will cease.
3. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

451. PROMOTIONS : PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

QX.55986 Pte DONOVAN, C.D. to be L/Cpl as from 28 Jan '44.
SX.30416 " IRELAND, L.A. to be L/Cpl as from 28 Jan '44.
VX.89783 " JACKSON, R.R. to be L/Cpl as from 28 Jan '44.

452. SCHOOLS & COURSES.

QX. 52963 A/Cpl FRECKLETON, K.G. to F.A.A. Regimental Trg school Junior Leader's Wing - Course II (c) - Somerset Dam - 12 Feb to 1 Apl '44.
SX. 31483 L/Cpl BENNETT, R.R.W. " " " "
NX. 155100 " FARRUGIA, L. F. " " " "
QX. 38919 " LARACY, T. J. " " " "
QX. 38928 " SMITH, H.P. " " " "
QX. 51071 Sgt CODE, T.P. to F.A.A. A.A.S.C. school - Bread-baking Wing - course No.14 - CABARLAH - 31 Jan to 28 Feb '44.

453. Receipt of the following Amenities from Y.M.C.A. is gratefully acknowledged :-

844 ozs TOBACCO	4,000	LETTERHEADS
422 pkts CIG. PAPERS	1,000	ENVELOPES
422 cakes TOILET SOAP		

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

(over)

NOTICES.

CRICKET

The following have been selected to represent this unit against Ginger Beers at ground No. 5 on Sun 6 Feb '44 at 0920 hrs. Tpt will leave M.T. lines at 0830 hrs.

Lieut	HAMMETT, E.	Pte	DAVIDSON, T.
WO II	KRAEMER, G.R.W.	"	O'BRIEN, H.J.
Sgt	ANDERSEN, A.K.	"	STEVENSON, R.
Cpl	CHISLER, C.H.	"	HILL, R.
"	WEBER, D.M.	"	POWDITCH, J.
L/Cpl	LeCORNU, L.E.	"	BULLOCK, W.W.
SCORER	Cpl SIMPSON, D.J.		

12th man to accompany team as umpire.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

- by -

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

COMD 26 AUST INF BN.

Part 1 Serial 151 Nos. 454 to 458.

In the Field 8 Feb '44

8/9 FEB '44.

454. DUTIES.

BN DUTY OFFR	Lieut G.A.F. COLLYER.
NEXT FOR DUTY	Lieut A. WYLIE.
DUTY COY.	"B" & "D" COYS.
N EXT FOR DUTY	"HQ" COY.

9/10 FEB '44.

BN DUTY OFFR	Lieut A. WYLIE.
N EXT FOR DUTY	Lieut A.L. DAVIS.
DUTY COY	"HQ" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY	"C" COY.

455. PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE AMF : EXTRACT FROM G.R.O. A20/44.

1. No member of the AMF shall save in pursuance of his military duty, write for publication in any form any matter dealing with or referring to any military subject, whether fact or fictional, unless preparation and publication thereof have been approved by the Director General of Public Relations.

2. GRC A.582/1943 shall be read in conjunction with this order.

456. WE ARIN G OF G AS CA P E S AS R A I N C A P E S.

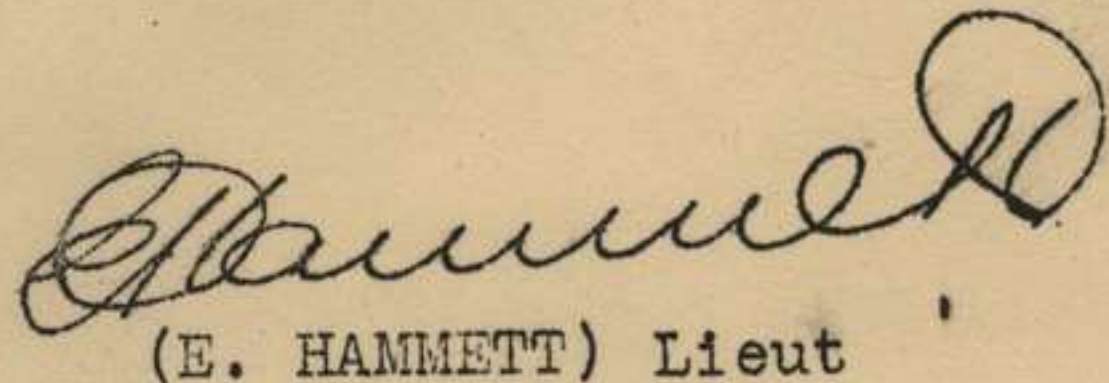
Gas capes will NOT be used as rain coats.

457. PROMOTIONS : PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

Q.144335 Pte NIELSON, L.R. to be L/Cpl as from 31 Dec '43.

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

QX.38922 A/Sgt McLAUGHLIN, G.K. to be Sgt as from 13 Aug '43.



(E. HAMMETT) Lieut

A/Adjt 26 Aust Inf Bn

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R E S T R I C T E D

ROUTINE ORDERS

- by -

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

COMD 26 AUST INF BN.

Part 1 Serial 152 Nos. 459 to 466. In the Field 11 Feb '44.

11/13 FEB '44.

459. DUTIES.

BN DUTY OFFR	Lieut R.L. WATTS.
NEXT FOR DUTY	Lieut R.N. NILSON.
DUTY COY	"D" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY	"B" & "HQ" COYS.

12/13 FEB '44.

BN DUTY OFFR	Lieut R.N. NILSON.
NEXT FOR DUTY	Lieut G.A.F. COLLYER.
DUTY COY	"B" & "HQ" COYS.
NEXT FOR DUTY	"C" COY.

13/14 FEB '44.

BN DUTY OFFR	Lieut G.A.F. COLLYER.
NEXT FOR DUTY	Lieut A. WYLIE.
DUTY COY	"C" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY	"D" COY.

460. AWARD BY D.O. 26 AUST INF BN.

NX. 165920 Pte MONTGOMERY, J. was tried by Lt Col ABBOTT in the Field on 9 Feb '44 for an offence as follows:-

The accused was charged with :-
WOAS NEGLECT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE - In the he in the Field on 8 Feb 44, whilst on guard at No. 2 Post did not carry out his duties in a soldierly manner in so far as that he was found leaning against the fence near Bn HQ when his duties so required him to be alert. A.A. 40

Sentence - Fined £1

461. INCLUSION OF CENSORABLE MATTER IN CORRESPONDENCE : EXTRACT FROM G.R.O G. 27/44.

All ranks are forbidden to include in their correspondence information classed as censorable matter under current Field Censorship Instructions, notwithstanding that such correspondence is to be submitted to a franking officer or a censorship authority.

462. VENERAL DISEASE - EFFECT ON PAY : EXTRACT FROM G.R.O F. 33/44.

Preliminary :-

1. Approval has been given for the amendment of War Financial (Military Forces) Regulation 25 to provide that no forfeiture of pay will be incurred by a member -
 - (a) for the first 35 days of his absence after the 31st January, 1944, as the result of venereal disease acquired by him on the first occasion, provided that the total number of days of absence as a result of such first occasion and any such relapse does not exceed 35 days;
 - (b) acquiring venereal disease while acting in the course of his duty; or

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462. VENERAL DISEASE. (cont)

(c) who is suffering from a congenital form of venereal disease.

Commencement.

2. The approval so far as it relates to sub-para (a) of para 1 of this order will take effect on and from the 1st February 1944, and so far as it relates to sub-paras (b) and (c) of that paragraph will operate as from 6th October 1939.

Interpretation.

3. For the purpose of this order, the term "first occasion" when used in connection with venereal disease will mean -

(a) the first occasion on which a venereal disease is diagnosed after 31st January 1944;

(b) in the case of a member who was on 1st February 1944, absent from duty by reason of the disease diagnosed prior to that date - the venereal disease for which he is being treated; or

(c) in the case of a member who, subsequent to the 31st January 1944, is absent from duty through a relapse from the venereal disease diagnosed prior to the 1st February 1944, the relapse from which he is then suffering whichever first occurs.

Transfers and Re-enlistments.

4. No account will be taken of any absence through venereal disease of a member :-

(a) whilst serving with the Royal Australian Navy or the Royal Australian Air Force, or

(b) during any previous period of service with the AMF under an earlier appointment or enlistment.

Records.

5. Directions regarding casualty advice to be submitted by medical units will be included in an amendment to "Instruction to Medical Officers". Instructions regarding method of promulgation in routine orders, Part II, will be issued by the Officer-in-charge, 2nd Echelon, LHQ.

463. HORN ISLAND AIR STRIP - SHELTER FOR PERSONNEL : EXTRACT FROM DRO Q. 446/44.

A hut has been erected adjacent to Movement Control office at air strip Horn Island.

This hut is intended to provide shelter for all ranks of all services emplaning or deplaning. A cup of tea may be obtained from Corporal in charge, at times just prior to departure and just subsequent to arrival of planes.

464. PROMOTIONS : PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

Q.135503 Pte ABDY, A.W. to be L/Cpl as from 28 Jan '44.

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

QX. 51483 L/Cpl QUINN, E.M. to be Pte as from 9 Feb '44.
(at own request)

466. SCHOOLS AND COURSES.

QX. 55198 Pte FAULKNER, A. to FAA MR & FS course No.17 -
25 Feb to 20 Mar '44.

E. Hammett
for (E. HAMMETT) Ltut
A/Adjt 26 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES.

CRICKET.

The following have been selected to represent this unit against Hospital at ground No.6 on Sat 12 Feb '44 at 1330 hrs. Tpt will leave Tpt lines at 1300 hrs.

Cpl	CHISLER, G.H. (Capt)	Pte	BESGROVE, G.
S/Sgt	SHAW, P.E.	"	PODITCH, J.A.
Cpl	WEBER, D.M.	"	BULLOCK, W.W.
"	BOURKE, E.D.	"	GREEN, H.
"	MALONE, A.J.T.	"	GREENHALGH, L.
"	HADLER, A.R.	"	MATHESON, F.C. (12th)

12th man will accompany team as umpire.

The following have been selected to represent this unit against Parks at ground No.6 on Sun 13 Feb '44 at 1330 hrs. Tpt will leave Tpt lines at 1300 hrs.

Lieut	HAMMETT, E.	Pte	STEVENSON, R.R.
WOII	KRAEMER, G.R.W.	"	HILL, R.
Sgt	ANDERSEN, A.K.	"	SELLARS, F.
L/Cpl	LeCORNU, S.G.	"	PINDER, C.
Pte	DAVIDSON, T.	"	McKENZIE, D.G.
"	O'BRIEN, H.J.		

12th man will accompany team as umpire.

SCORER - Cpl SIMPSON, D.J.

NOTE. Any player from either team who is unable to play will notify Sgt ANDERSEN. (Bn H.Q).

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Part 1 Serial 153 Nos. 467 to 470. In the Field 14 Feb '44.

14/15 FEB '44.

467. DUTIES.

BN DUTY OFFR	Lieut A.L. DAVIS.
NEXT FOR DUTY	Lieut R.L. WATTS.
DUTY COY	"C" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY	"B" & "HQ" COYS.

15/16 FEB '44.

BN DUTY OFFR	Lieut R.L. WATTS.
NEXT FOR DUTY	Lieut O.C. RUDDICK.
DUTY COY	"B" & "HQ" COYS.
NEXT FOR DUTY	"D" COY.

468. SURVEY OF INSTRUMENTAL TALENT : EXTRACT FROM 4 AUST DIV MEMO A. 268/27/1 of 12 FEB '44.

1. As an aid to units in their endeavours to arrange entertainments, community singing, etc, it is desirable to organize an orchestra on formation lines, rather than within specific units.
2. It is desired to make a survey of instrumental talent available in this area.
3. Information will be tabulated as under :-
 - (a) Personnel with experience in dance bands and/or orchestras.
 - (b) Detailed description of instruments with which such personnel are familiar.
 - (c) Whether such personnel have instruments in their possession.
 - (d) Details of personnel with experience as leaders of dance bands and/or orchestras.

Coys will submit returns in accordance with the above, to Bn HQ by 1800 hrs 22 Feb '44.

469. ADDRESSING OF CORRESPONDENCE.

1. From mail being received in the unit, it has been noticed that personnel still have not notified their correspondents of their full and correct postal address.
2. The following is a specimen of correct address and all personnel will ensure that this is shown in full at the top of their letters and that their correspondents attention is drawn to the necessity for all postal articles being so addressed.

SPECIMAN ADDRESS.

QX.978141 Pte BROWN, J.T.
"B" COY, 26 Aust Inf Bn.,
AUSTRALIA.

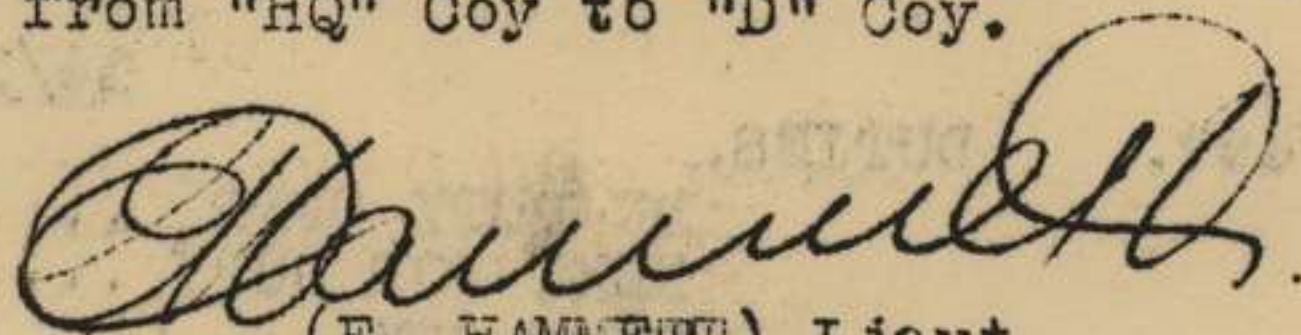
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469. ADDRESSING OF CORRESPONDENCE. (cont)

3. Mail handed in for franking which does not bear the correct address will be returned to the writer to correct.

470. INTER-COY TRANSFERS.

QX. 53700 Pte NORTON, F.A, from "D" Coy to "HQ" Coy.
QX. 37335 Cpl BARKER, H.J, from "HQ" Coy to "D" Coy.


(E. HAMMETT) Lieut
A/Adjt 26 Aust Inf Bn

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Part 1 Serial 154 Nos. 471 to 473. In the Field 16 Feb '44.

16/17 FEB '44.

471. DUTIES.

BN DUTY OFFR	Lieut O.C. RUDDICK.
NEXT FOR DUTY	Lieut R.N. NILSON.
DUTY COY	"D" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY	"C" COY.

17/18 FEB '44.

BN DUTY OFFR	Lieut R.N. NILSON.
NEXT FOR DUTY	Lieut G.A.F. COLLYER.
DUTY COY	"C" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY	"B" & "HQ" COYS.

472. BOUNDS.

The Offrs lines, Offr's Mess and Sgt's Mess are out of bounds to other ranks except those on duty.

473. INTER-UNIT TRANSFER.

QX.31142 Pte DINGLY, R.G. transferred to 4 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF) as from 17 Feb '44.

E. Hammett
(E. HAMMETT) Lieut
A/Adjt 26 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES.

No. 2 AUST AMENITIES CONCERT PARTY.

1. The No. 2 Aust Amenities Concert Party will be giving a concert in 1 RSU RAAF area on 19, 20, & 21 Feb at 2000 hrs. Coys will allow not more than 33 1/3% of strength to attend each night.

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Part 1 Serial 155 Nos. 474 to 477. In the Field 13 Feb '44.

18/19 FEB '44.

474. DUTIES.

BN DUTY OFFER	Lt G. A. F. COLLYER.
NEXT FOR DUTY	Lt K. McN. CHRISTIE.
DUTY COY.	"B" & "HQ" COYS.
NEXT FOR DUTY	"D" COY.

19/20 FEB '44.

BN DUTY OFFER	Lt K. McN. CHRISTIE.
NEXT FOR DUTY	Lt A. L. DAVIS.
DUTY COY	"D" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY	"C" COY.

20/21 FEB '44.

BN DUTY OFFER	Lt A. L. DAVIS.
NEXT FOR DUTY	Lt R. L. WAITS.
DUTY COY	"C" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY	"B" & "HQ" COYS.

475. ROUTE AUSTRALIAN ELECTIONS : EXTRACT FROM G.R.O. A.39/44.

1. It is anticipated that a general election will be held for the Legislative Council (Upper House) and the House of Assembly (Lower House) of the State of South Australia in the near future, and the South Australian Government desires that army personnel who are qualified as electors be given facilities for recording their votes.

2. Action in accordance with this order will accordingly be taken forthwith by all units, except those located in the State of South Australia for which special local arrangements will be made by HQ SA L of C Area.

3. Who are qualified to vote :-

(a) Qualified electors for the Legislative Council (upper house) are those British subjects who have completed the necessary enrolment card and enrolled on the Council roll in respect of one of the following qualifications :-

- (1) owner of a freehold property in which the elector has at least a £50 equity;
- (ii) registered leaseholder;
- (iii) crown leaseholder;
- (iv) inhabitant occupier of a dwelling house;
- (v) war service qualification.

(b) Qualified electors for the House of Assembly (Lower House) are those British subjects on the joint Commonwealth and state Assembly roll who are over 21 years of age.

(c) The only persons under 21 years entitled to vote are those (if any) who may have enrolled their names by reason of war service qualification.

4. Preliminary requirements :-

Each unit will forthwith ascertain the number of its mem-

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Preliminary requirements (cont)

bers who are qualified electors for the South Australian Legislative Council and House of Assembly and then forward a memorandum in the following form direct to -

"The Deputy Returning Officer for the
State of South Australia,
Currie St, Adelaide S.A.

5. All personnel who are qualified to vote in accordance with para 3 above will submit their names to their coy orderly room not later than 1800 hrs Mon 21 Feb '44.

6. Coys will submit to Bn HQ not later than 1800 hrs 22 Feb '44 nominal rolls of all personnel qualified to vote. A separate list is required of electors under sub-paras (a) and (b) of para 3 hereof.

7. The actual date of the election will be notified as soon as possible.

476. AMENITIES.

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

1780	pkts	Tobacco	445	cakes	Soap (washing)
890	"	Cig Papers.	445	tins	Boot Polish
890	"	Cigarettes	1335	pkts	Chewing Gum
445	cakes	Soap (Toilet)			

477. SCHOOLS & COURSES.

NX.59 Lt-Col J.N. ABBOTT to LHQ Tactical school, "A" Wing Course No. 10 Beenleigh Q'ld. 28 Feb to 9 Apr '44.

E. Hammett
(E. HAMMETT) Lt
Adj 26 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES.

CRICKET.

The following have been selected to represent this unit against Overalls at ground No.7 on Sat 19 Feb '44 at 1330 hrs. Tpt will leave Tpt lines at 1230 hrs.

Cpl	CHISLER, C.H. (Capt)	Pte	HADLER, A.R.
S/Sgt	SHAW, P.E.	"	PINDER, C.
Cpl	WEBER, D.M.	"	MATHESON, F.C.
"	BOURKE, E.D.	"	MALLOY, T.
"	JAMIESON, K.T.	"	RAMSAY, F.J. (12th man)
"	HAMMOND, F.E.	"	COOMBS, B.H.

The following have been selected to represent this unit against GREMLINS at ground No.4 on Sun 20 Feb '44 at 0920 hrs. Tpt will leave Tpt lines at 0830 hrs.

Lt	HAMMETT, E.	Pte	STEVENSON, R.R.
WOII	KRAEMER, G.R.W.	"	SELLARS, F.
Sgt	ANDERSEN, A.K.	"	BESSEROVE, G.
L/Cpl	LeCORNU, S.G.	"	BULLOCK, W.W.
Pte	DAVIDSON, T.	"	BENNETT, R.F.
"	O'BRIEN, H.J.		

12th man will accompany team as umpire.

Scorer _____ Cpl SIMPSON, D.J.

Any player unable to play will notify Sgt Andersen, A.K. (BnHQ)

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ADM COMD 26 AUST INF BN.

Part 1 Serial 156 Nos. 478 to 480. In the Field 21 Feb '44.

21/22 FEB '44.

478. DUTIES.

BN DUTY OFFR	Lt R.L. WATTS.
NEXT FOR DUTY	Lt O.C. RUDDICK.
DUTY COY	"B" & "HQ" COYS.
NEXT FOR DUTY	"D" COY.

22/23 FEB '44.

BN DUTY OFFR	Lt O.C. RUDDICK.
NEXT FOR DUTY	Lt R.N. NILSON.
DUTY COY	"D" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY	"C" COY.

479.

MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL FROM MAINLAND TO THURSDAY ISLAND.:
EXTRACT FROM 4 AUST DIV MEMO Q530/53/17 of 18 FEB '44.

1. Commencing 18 Feb '44, two ferry services will be run, as follows :-

"IVANHOE" (a) Leave THURSDAY ISLAND 0730 hrs daily for RED ISLAND POINT carrying hold and deck cargo, and not more than ten (10) passengers.
(b) Leave RED ISLAND POINT 1600 hrs daily for THURSDAY ISLAND, carrying cargo and personnel.

"KASSA" (a) Leave RED ISLAND POINT 0800 hrs daily for THURSDAY ISLAND, via HORN ISLAND carrying not more than thirty (30) personnel and limited quantity small cargo.

(b) Leave THURSDAY ISLAND 1600 hrs daily for RED ISLAND POINT, same loading as (a) above.

2. Coys will notify Bn HQ not later than 1400 hrs preceding day for ferry leaving RED ISLAND POINT at 0800 hrs, and not later than 1000 hrs for ferry leaving RED ISLAND POINT at 1600 hrs. Applications will contain the following information -

- (a) Army number, rank and name of personnel;
- (b) Reason for movement;
- (c) Destination (HORN or THURSDAY ISLAND);
- (d) Date of return.

NOTE. The simple statement "Duty" will not be considered sufficient reason for movement. Brief particulars are required.

480. PROMOTIONS : PROMULGATED THROUGH UNIT CASUALTY RETURNS.

NX.155214 Pte FAYLE, M.F. to be TG II (Int Duties) as from 1 Feb '44.

E. Hammett
(E. HAMMETT) Lt
A/Adjt 26 Aust Inf Bn

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NOTICES.

LECTURES ON DIESEL ENGINES.

1. The Education Sec (4 Aust Div) hopes to be able to conduct a series of lectures on Diesel Engines.
2. Before offering this service it will be necessary to know the numbers, names, and units of personnel who would be able to attend regularly.
3. If sufficient personnel can be enrolled arrangements will be made for personal instruction.
4. As the A.A. Education Service conducts a correspondence course in "Diesel Engine Operation" it is felt that all students enrolled for this course should avail themselves of the opportunity for practical instruction.
5. Application for enrolment for the series of lectures should be forwarded in duplicate to Bn HQ, and should give the following particulars :-

No..... UNIT.....

SURNAME.....

CHRISTIAN NAMES.....

Are you enrolled for the Army Education Service Diesel Engine Operation course?

Is your unit prepared to release you regularly one night per week for instruction in this subject?

Give your reasons for desiring to enter for this lecture course.

These applications should reach Bn HQ not later than 1800 hrs 22 Feb '44.

DEBATING COMPETITION.

1. The Education Section (4 Aust Div) propose to conduct an inter-unit debating competition within the area.
2. A number of units have signified their intention of entering a team.
3. A meeting is to be held at the conference room HQ 4 Aust Div at 2000 hrs on Sunday 27 Feb '44, to discuss the following items :-
 - (i) Finalize entries and arrange a series of fixtures.
 - (ii) To draw up a list of topics for debate.
 - (iii) To determine the number in a team and the duration of speeches.
 - (iv) To adopt a set of rules for procedure.
 - (v) To adopt a system of adjudication.
 - (vi) Any other matters relating to the debating competition.

Any personnel interested in the above will submit their names to Bn HQ through their respective orderly rooms not later than 1800 hrs 24 Feb '44.

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ADM. COLD. 26 AUST. INF. BN.

Part 1 Serial 157 Nos. 481 to 483. In the Field 23 Feb '44.

23/24 FEB '44.

481. DUTIES.

BN DUTY OFFR	Lt R.N. NILSON.
NEXT FOR DUTY	Lt G.A.F. COLLYER.
DUTY COY	"C" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY	"B" & "HQ" COYS.

24/25 FEB '44.

BN DUTY OFFR	Lt G.A.F. COLLYER.
NEXT FOR DUTY	Lt K.McN. CHRISTIE.
DUTY COY.	"B" & "HQ" COYS.
NEXT FOR DUTY	"D" COY.

482. RETURN OF EMPTY BOTTLES.

1. To ensure continued supplies of beer and soft drinks, it is essential that all empty bottles be returned to the bulk canteen. In future full bottles of beer and soft drinks will only be issued if a corresponding number of empty bottles is received.
2. Coys will therefore ensure that all bottles are stacked in cases in coy bottle dumps, from where they will be collected each Saturday morning.

483. SCHOOLS & COURSES.

OX. 314	Lt G. OSBORNE, TO	RAAF school of Army Co-operation course No.25 (category "A")	CANBERRA	2 Mar to 1 Apr '44.
OX. 57239	Pte SCRASE, G. to	FAA school of signals No.4 Sec No.5A refresher course for regimental signallers		2 Mar to 29 Mar '44. (MAROOCHYDORE)
OX. 57303	Pte NOLANUS, F.G.	"	"	"
OX. 59304	Pte TOBIN, T.K.	"	"	"

C. E. R...
 (E. HAINES) Lt
 A/Adjt 26 Aust Inf Bn

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ADM COMD 26 AUST INF BN.

Part 1 Serial 158 Nos. 484 to 486.

In the Field 25 Feb '44.

484.

DUTIES.

25/26 FEB '44.

BN DUTY OFFR	Lt K.McN. CHRISTIE.
NEXT FOR DUTY	Lt A.L. DAVIS.
DUTY COY	"D" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY	"C" COY.

26/27 FEB '44.

BN DUTY OFFR	Lt A.L. DAVIS.
NEXT FOR DUTY	Lt R.L. WATTS.
DUTY COY.	"C" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY	"HQ" COY.

27/28 FEB '44.

BN DUTY OFFR	Lt R.L. WATTS.
NEXT FOR DUTY	Lt O.C. RUDDICK.
DUTY COY	"HQ" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY	"B" & "D" COYS.

485.

MANNER OF ADDRESSING WARRANT OFFICERS : EXTRACT FROM FAA ORDERS A.19/44.

1. Owing to the uncertainty which exists as to the correct manner of addressing Warrant Officers of the Australian Military Forces, attention is drawn to the principles laid down in A.M.R. and O.1165(2), viz :- "N.C.O's and men are to address W.O's in the same manner as they do officers, but not salute them.
2. In applying these principles, in the instances where an officer would be addressed as "Sir" or as "Mr", or by his rank, a Warrant Officer will be addressed as "Sir" or by the title of his appointment, that is "Sgt-Major", etc., with such abbreviation, if any, as in accordance with the custom of the Service. A Warrant Officer will NOT be addressed as "Warrant Officer", "W.O.", or "Mr".

486.

SCHOOLS & COURSES.

QX.47754 Pte SALMON, A.E. to FAA AASC school, Bread-baking wing, course No.15 - Cabarlah. Q'ld. 29 Feb to 27 Mar '44.

A.C. Murchison
for (E. HAMMETT) Lt
A/Adjt 26 Aust Inf Bn

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NOTICES.

CRICKET.

The following have been selected to represent this unit on Sat - Sun 26-27 Feb '44 :-

No. 2 competition at ground No. 5 v "Dinahmights" at 1330 hrs Sat 26 Feb '44.

Cpl CHISLER, C.H. (Capt)	Pte HADLER, A.R.
S/Sgt SHAW, P.E.	" MALLOY, T.
Cpl BOURKE, E.D.	" COOMBES, B.H.
" HAMMOND, F.E.	Cpl JAMIESON, K.T.
Pte STEVENSON, R.R.	" COUPER, W.A.
" PINDER, C.	Pte RAMSAY, F.J. (12th)

12th man to accompany team as umpire.
Tpt leaves Tpt lines at 1230 hrs.

No. 1 competition at ground No. 1 v "Magpies" at 0920 hrs Sun 27 Feb '44.

Sgt ANDERSEN, A.K. (Capt)	Pte O'BRIEN, H.J.
Lt HAMMETT, E.	" SELLARS, F.
W.O. IIKRAEMER, G.R.W.	" BENNETT, R.F.
Cpl WEBER, D.M.	" BESGROVE, G.
L/Cpl LeCORNU, S.G.	" BULLOCK, W.W.
Pte DAVIDSON, T.	

Cpl SIMPSON, D.J. ----- Scorer.

Tpt leaves Tpt lines at 0830 hrs.

No. 1 (Sun) competition. PREMIERSHIP LIST.

TEAM	Played	Won	Win	Walk	Tie	Loss	Loss	Lost	POINTS
		Out-R	1st I	Over	or	on	by	Out-	SCORED
					Aban	1st	Walk	right	
					oned	Inns	Over		
GLOW-WORMS	10	2	5	2	-	-	1	-	41
TRANSPORT	10	3	4	1	-	-	2	-	40
ALL WHITES	10	4	3	-	-	-	3	-	39
KANGAROS	9	2	6	-	-	-	1	-	37
PARKS	10	3	3	1	-	-	3	-	37
HALF-HOOKS	10	2	5	1	-	-	1	1	37
WALLABIES	10	1	4	2	-	-	3	-	33
ALL BLACKS	10	2	3	1	-	-	4	-	32
RETRIEVERS	9	3	2	-	-	-	4	-	30
INFANTRY	10	-	4	1	1	-	4	-	28
GUNNERS	10	2	2	-	-	-	1	5	21
TIGERS	9	1	2	-	-	-	3	1	17
GREMLINS	10	-	2	1	-	-	3	1	15
DRIFTERS	9	-	2	1	-	-	2	4	14
MAGPIES	10	1	-	-	-	-	8	1	14
GINGER BEERS	10	-	1	-	-	-	3	3	7
MRC (CCC)	10	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	5

No. 2 (Sat) competition. PREMIERSHIP LIST.

TEAM	Played	Won	Win	Walk	Tie	Loss	Loss	Lost	POINTS
		Out-R	1st I	Over	or	on	by	Out	SCORED
					Aband	1st	Walk	Right	
					oned	Inns	Over		
HOSPITAL	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	8
OVERALLS	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	8
AMBULANCE	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	8
DINAHMIGHT	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	6
SUPS	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	6
GLOW-WORMS	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	5
CRUSADERS	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
INFANTRY	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
TROPPOS	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
TRANSPORT	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2

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ADM COMD 26 AUST INF BN.

Part 1 Serial 159 Nos. 487 to 498.

In the Field 28 Feb '44.

28/29 FEB '44.

487. DUTIES.

BN DUTY OFFR	Lt R.N. NILSON.
NEXT FOR DUTY	Lt G.A.F. COLLYER.
DUTY COY.	"B" & "D" COYS.
NEXT FOR DUTY	"C" COY.

29/1 FEB-MAR '44.

BN DUTY OFFR	Lt G.A.F. COLLYER.
NEXT FOR DUTY	Lt K.McN. CHRISTIE.
DUTY COY	"C" COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY	"HQ" COY.

488. PRECAUTIONS TO BE OBSERVED IN CONNECTION WITH ISSUES AND CONSUMPTION OF TINNED RATION COMMODITIES - EXTRACT FROM GRO Q105/43.

1. The attention of all coys is directed to Unit RO No.12 of 3 Jun '43, with special attention to the para which reads as follows :-

"All canned vegetables will be removed from the tins and boiled for 20 minutes prior to consumption!"

489. GRENADERS, HAND, OR .303-INCH RIFLE No.36M.- EXTRACT FROM G.R.O. 0.57/44.

1. Small Arms Training, Volume 1, Pamphlet No.13, Grenades (Australia, 1943), Lesson 1, para 4, sub-para ii, states :-

"Clean off all wax from the body, central sleeve, striker and spring. See that the striker is straight and has two nipples with a vertical slot between them".

2. GRO 0.60/1943 states that hangfires might be due to insufficient blow of the striker, owing to non-removal of the waterproofing composition from around the junction of the striker and the body of the grenade, and that it is important that it be carefully removed during preparations of grenades for use.

3. It has been found, however, that, in tropical areas, this waterproofing composition does not set hard and retard the striker and that removal of the composition does materially affect the waterproof properties of the grenade and, therefore, reduce its effective life.

4. In view of the above, the waterproofing composition will not be removed from grenades, during preparation for use, in tropical areas.

490. SWIMMING - RED ISLAND POINT JETTY - EXTRACT FROM 4 AUST DIV MEMO A261/284/1 of 25 Feb '44.

1. It has been noticed that various members have been swimming in the jetty enclosure at Red Island Point Jetty.

2. The prevalence of sharks in this area makes this practice a very dangerous one.

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490. SWIMMING - RED ISLAND POINT JETTY (cont)

3. Units will instruct all members that swimming will not be allowed under any circumstances.

4. Endeavours are being made to have sharkproof netting erected, but until this can be effected the above instruction will be rigidly adhered to.

491. WEARING OF GAS CAPES AS RAIN CAPES.

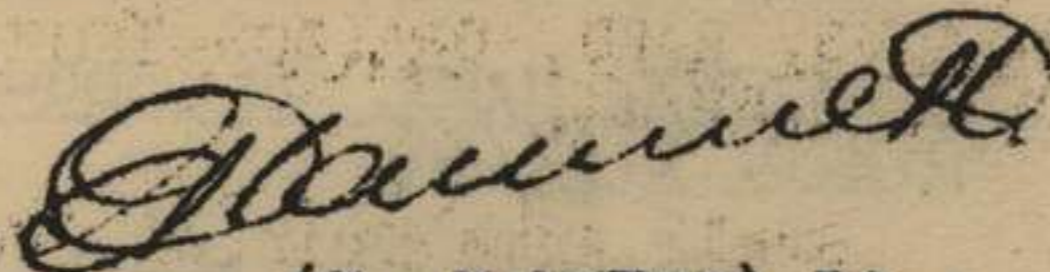
1. Owing to the shortage of servicable rain capes, Unit RO 456 of 8 Feb '44, is cancelled.

492. INTER - COY TRANSFERS.

Q. 39197	Pte	GREGORY, D.H.	from	"HQ"	Coy	to	"B"	Coy.
Q. 30870	"	FYSH, C.F.L.	"	"	"	"	"	"
Q. 115768	"	LYNCH, D.C.	"	"	"	"	"	"
Q. 109299	"	KIELY, C.J.	"	"	"	"	"C"	Coy.
Q. 33781	"	ROLLASON, A.E.	"	"	"	"	"	"
Q. 34541	"	WILLIAMS, G.L.	"	"	"	"	"D"	Coy.
Q. 130088	"	ZAMMITT, N.S.	"	"	"	"	"	"
S. 62997	"	HAMILTON, R.C.	"	"	"	"	"	"

493. SCHOOLS & COURSES.

QX.38912	A/Sgt	SILLS, G.T.	to	4	Aust	Div	Camouflage	Training	course	No.1	-	28	Feb	to	8	Mar	'44.
QX.45358	"	BIRD, D.J.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
QX.59472	A/Cpl	BAUER, L.P.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"



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