

**AWM52**  
**2nd Australian Imperial Force and**  
**Commonwealth Military Forces unit war**  
**diaries, 1939-45 War**

**Item number: 8/3/83**

**44 Infantry Battalion**

**January 1943**

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WAR DIARY or (INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY)

Army Form C.2.28  
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Unit 99

Date and Time—From 1 Jan 43 To 2<sup>nd</sup>

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
STRAWBERRY.	1 Jan 43		<p>Weather - fine + hot.</p> <p>Ops. 108 reinforcements arrive from 35<sup>th</sup> A.I.T.B NORTHAM. Training Bde. sports day</p> <p>Bs in attendance.</p>	BRO AT I App A
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan		<p>Weather - fine + hot.</p> <p>Ops nil</p> <p>Training - B Coy leaves camp on "FREE for ALL" at 1030 hrs. remainder of Bs on normal trg, with exception of newly formed "A" Coy on Admin. "IO" + 2 I personnel on fence</p>	<p>BRO AT I app A</p> <p><del>MEMO</del></p> <p>MEMO TO ALL N.C.O.'S App A.</p> <p>W3008 } app A.</p> <p>W3009 }</p>

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Unit

Date and Time—From 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan To 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Strawberry	3 Jan		Weather - Hot + fine Ops nil.	BRO Pt II APPA
			Training - Church parade on parade 0830. B Coy on "FREE FOR ALL" remainder of Bn on normal syllabus. IO detours from recess.	BRO Pt I "
	4 Jan		Weather - fine + hot. Ops nil - Training. 6 <sup>th</sup> Coy leaves for "FREE FOR ALL". 1 <sup>st</sup> Pln H Coy. 2 <sup>nd</sup> C Adj + IO left for COMMS EXERCISE vicinity DONGARRA SPRAT. 285381. remainder normal trng.	BRO Pt I APPA.
	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan		Weather - fine + hot. Ops nil.	BRO Pt I APPA
				EX COMMA O. Ins. I " BRO Pt II

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Date and Time—From 5<sup>th</sup> Jan To 8<sup>th</sup> Jan

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Strawberry	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan (cont)		Ing - HQ gpps returned to camp from COMMS EX. at 1600 hrs. B' coy on free for all.	10.0. No 2 app A. 0.0. " 5 " 00 " 6 " 5 Bde 0.0. app B.
			B' coy returned from free for all.	
	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan		Weather fine + hot.	
			Ops nil. Ing - 'D' coy left for free for all. Ing replacing 'C' coy remainder normal Ing.	
	7 <sup>th</sup> Jan		Weather fine + hot. Ops nil.	H.Q. EX Field Sheet "
			Ing - D coy free for all Ing. Remainder on ordinary syllabus.	"Adm. Inst " BRO Pt T "
	8 <sup>th</sup> Jan.		Weather fine + hot. Ops nil.	Adm Inst / move to DENNISON) app A.
			Ing - 'D' coy free for all. H. coy blitz Ing	

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Date and Time—From 7<sup>th</sup> Jan To 11<sup>th</sup> Jan

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Strawberry	8 <sup>th</sup> Jan (cont)		Remainder usual syllabus. 70' + guides leave for P+RT camp DENNISON. CO returns from ATK school.	BRO Pt I APP A Instrs Fd. FIRING APP A
	9 Jan.	1800	Bn. except 58 Duty personnel leave for P+RT camp DENNISON. Arrives 0930. Ing- PT + swimming. weather - hot.	W3008 } APP A W3009 }
	10 Jan.		Bn at P+RT camp DENNISON. Returns at 1600. arrive at MHO camp 1700. Advice received that HKB has been gazetted AIF unit and to be known as HKB <sup>th</sup> Inf Bn AIF.	BRO Pt I
	11 Jan.		Ops Nil. Weather - warm. Ing- Normal as per syllabus	BRO Pt I. APP A

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Date and Time—From 12 Jan To 15 Jan

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Strawberry	12 Jan		Weather - warm. Ops nil. Ing - 0900 hrs Lt's lecture to all offrs + pl comds. Subject 'A/TK tactics'. Boys on normal Ing. 1100 hrs Bde comd visited area.	BRO RT I appa
	13 Jan		Weather - warm. Ops nil. Ing - boys normal Ing. Boy blitz course for filming purposes.	BRO RT I " " RT II "
	14 Jan		Weather - warm + fine. Ops - nil. Ing - boys normal Ing.	Movement Order I BRO RT II
	15 Jan	1745	A, B, C coys moved out to L&FROY area.	BRO RT I
			Weather - warm. Ops nil.	

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Unit 99 Date and Time—From 15<sup>th</sup> Jan To \_\_\_\_\_

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>Strawberry</i>	<i>15 Jan (cont)</i>		<i>Tong. - Co. 2 1/2 Adj. H.B.C. coys + 1, 2, 3, 4 Pks H.Q. Coy at field firing ex. at MT WEFROY.</i>	
	<i>16 Jan</i>		<i>Ops - nil.</i>	
		<i>1800</i>	<i>Tong - Bn leaves for P&amp;RT at DENNISON</i>	<i>W3008 W3009                      appA</i>
	<i>17 Jan</i>		<i>Weather - hot. Ops - nil.</i>	
		<i>1000</i>	<i>Tong - Bn at P&amp;RT camp DENNISON. R.C. church parade.</i>	
	<i>18 Jan</i>		<i>Ops - Nil - Weather - hot.</i>	<i>BRO RTI "</i>
			<i>Tong - Bn at P&amp;RT Camp DENNISON</i>	<i>Movement Order 3 "</i>

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Unit 60 TOKIO Bn Date and Time—From 0600 19 Jan To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MUSSOLINI HOLLOW ref DONGARRA STRAT 305402	19 Jan	0945	Bn left camp on SANDY EX.	'SANDY' SIT MAP APPA. O.O. No 1 "
		1145	Bn gp. in posn at MUSSOLINI HOLLOW ref DONGARRA STRAT 305402	O.O. " 2 " O.O. " 3 " O.O. " 4 "
		1730	Inst. received from 5 Bde that Bn gp to move to posn. GERALDTON STRAT 287417 by 2000 hrs	
		1950	Bn gp in posn GERALDTON STRAT 287417	
		2100	Coy and Det conds conference. written insts handed out - verbal insts given as follows pending orders from higher authorities. If no orders to contrary force will move at first light, 2 sec carriers acting as	



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To \_\_\_\_\_

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>recce screen to force. Adv gd. (B coy) transported by M.T. to bounds cleared by recce party Coy to then debuss + hold gnd. Remainder of force move by foot. B coy vehicles to return, embuss leading rifle coy and move on to next bound cleared by recce screen. This process to continue till GONA RIDGE is reached or earlier contact made with enemy. Bounds as follows:—</p> <p>First Bound ANGRY HILL 293413 dist 4.7 mls</p> <p>Second Bound ELEVATION PLATEAU 297408 " 3.7 mls</p> <p>Third " BLACKBOY HILL 303404 <sup>DUNGARRA STRAT</sup> " 3.4</p> <p>Fourth " GONA RIDGE 311399 " 4.5</p> <p>Subsequent bounds detailed later. Special</p>	

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Date and Time—From

To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>Ind. Force to move to STRAWBERRY via WALKAWAY - DONGARRA. If enemy occupying STRAWBERRY commence disruptive tactics. If enemy not in STRAWBERRY proceed KOJARENA RD until contact made - action similar. If move made at night details as per O.O. carriers screens in both cases to consist of 2 carriers only to each section. Each other carriers disposed tactically to represent one section. A/TK protection (taken) on each flank. Only alteration to OO as follows - B coy adv. ga to move by MT no carriers or mortars to MUSSOLINI HOLLOW then to debuss move fwd</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>on foot and occupy GONNA RIDGE, MT returning to main body 208 set inter comms with BHCQ.</p> <p>Deep patrolling at this pt to await arrival main body pending move fwd on foot.</p> <p>B ech remains present pos until advised.</p>	
	20	2400	<p>A B coy as adv. gd moves fwd from biv area to MUSSOLINI HOLLOW</p>	
		0330	<p>BHCQ + A coy move from biv area to MUSSOLINI HOLLOW. A coy to move further to rear of B coy.</p> <p>B coy clear GONNA RIDGE.</p>	
		0530	<p>First light A coy as adv. gd move to occupy BENGHAZI RIDGE</p>	
		0645	<p>Enemy sighted on SANARA RIDGE - strength</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>3 carriers / info available enemy fwd P. 10</p> <p>elements between BENGHAZI &amp; SAHARA RIDGES) Pattern</p>	<p>lane join R. 107.</p>
		1100	<p>C.O. issues verbal operational orders to</p> <p>coy gp + bty arty will commence at</p> <p>flank encirclement from GONA RIDGE. Track</p> <p>to be cut across country by carriers</p> <p>Route via WALDECKS WELL - NORTH MT HORNER</p> <p>thence SOUTH WEST direction until track</p> <p>ALLANOOKA - YARDARINO contacted, thence</p> <p>SOUTH along track across Ry line to</p> <p>Main Rd. Encircling move, to then move</p> <p>EAST towards STRAWBERRY</p>	
		1130	<p>Bn gp left GONA RIDGE arrived at 303379</p> <p>at 1510</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
		1510.	Bn takes up perimeter defence posn. H.Q. at 303379	
	20th Jan		Bn Comd decides make attack STRAWBERRY by night. Communicates with Bde for approval: Approval granted 5.5. 2100 hrs.	
		1900	C.O conference all corps & det. Comd: verbal instr. for move.	
		1915	Bn dispositions changed to meet possible attack from enemy.	
	21st Jan:	0100	Bn moved towards STRAWBERRY	
		0145	Contact made with enemy at 30738! Six carriers & party.	
		0230	men observed near rd: Adv. gd: moves in to attack	
		0335	Casualties heavy to enemy side. 6 P.O. VVS captured.	
		0400	Identification B Coy 54 Bn. Maj. <sup>McKewen</sup> killed. Vehicles M/C equipment (including carriers)	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
		0415	Reinforcements brought up by enemy. D'boy band passed + call for reinforcements B'boy move up.	

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Date and Time—From 21 Jan To 23 Jan

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Strawberry	21 Jan.		Weather warm. Ops nil.	BRO II APPA.
		0930.	Trng - B less A. Coy returned to camp from ex. remainder of day washing parade.	BRO " I "
	22 Jan.		Weather warm Ops nil.	BRO Pt I "
			Trng - H. D. HQ coy washing parade.	Movement <sup>order</sup> No 4 "
		0930	N.C.O.'s examination held in lines.	
			H. coy working party left for KOJAREENA.	
			- STRAWBERRY RD.	
	23 Jan		Weather - hot. Ops - nil.	BRO Pt I "
			Trng - B & C coys washing parade HQ coy	W 3008 } " "
			duty coy H. coy attached to Engrs for rd.	W 3009 }
			work. 10+ 6/10ths attending Jap language at Bde.	

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Date and Time—From 24 Jan To 27 Jan

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Strawberry	24 Jan.		Weather - hot. Ops - nil.	
		0930	Bn. moved to P+R I camp DENNISON.	
	25 Jan.		Weather - hot ops nil.	
		1630.	Trng - Bn at P+R I camp DENNISON Moved out to go back to camp.	
	26 Jan.		Weather - hot. Ops - nil.	BRO Pt I appn.
			Trng - Normal syllabus	
	27 Jan.		Weather - hot. Ops - nil.	
			Trng - Pioneer Plw. Field craft Trng Mibo area C+D comp attached Eng for Trng. Capt's Bentley Johnson + Braddock view arty shoot.	BRO PART I .. .. BRO Pt 2 .. ..



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Date and Time—From 27 Jan To 28 Jan

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Strawberry	27 <sup>th</sup> Jan (cont)		Other coys usual Eng. Tree contouring MINGENEW area.	
	28 Jan.		Weather - hot. Ops - nil.	
		0830	CO gave lecture to officers & Saps on 'COMBINED. OPS.' Tree contouring vicinity MINGENEW. H.Q. B, C & D coys route-march vicinity Miho	
		1600	Composite Coy, under Major Golding leave for bin area of DONGARRA STRAT 315398. for CORDITE ex.	ADMIN. INS: CORDITE APPA. BR 0 Pt II
		2300	Capt Plaistowe, RSM. + 15 ofrs leave for BUSH T. ex vicinity Miho. (APPENDIX)	

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Unit

Date and Time—From 29<sup>th</sup> Jan To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Strawberry	29 Jan.		<p>Gps Mt. Weather - hot + muggy, change indicated  Int' see containing main rd. STRAWBERRY-NINGEN  Ing - 'CORDITE' ex as follows  Composite Coy in conjunction with  18<sup>th</sup> Jd Arty. Exercise conducted on  ELEVATION PLATEAU ref map Geraldton H 50/1,  4 miles to line map ref 296409. Coy advanced  under Arty fire for first time  Speech by Major-General Lloyd. Demo.  under Brig Byke. D.S.O. of Arty, fire quiet  after ex.  Maj-Gen Lloyd. comd 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust Div visited  44<sup>th</sup> Bn Area.</p>	<p>BRO Pt I App: A  INT REPORT " A2</p>

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Date and Time—From Jan 30 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
STRAWBERRY	30		<p>Ops - Nil. Weather warm &amp; cloudy</p> <p>Training CO 2 1/2 I Sgt 2 ops on</p> <p>piece of fld firing area vicinity</p> <p>DON GARRA STRAT KOJAREVA RD</p> <p>Capt Plaistowe, Q.M., R.S.M. and party</p> <p>on BULLET EXERCISE.</p> <p>Heavy rains during night. Many portions gd covered with water.</p>	<p>W 3008 App A</p> <p>3009 " "</p> <p>BR0 Pt I</p>
	31	<p>0900</p> <p>1030</p>	<p>Ops - Nil Weather - cool &amp; showery</p> <p>Church parade - Adms in lines during day.</p> <p>Demo of dropping supplies from aeroplane witnessed by some officers vicinity GERARDTON STRAT 264443. Interspersed, called off owing to inclement weather.</p>	

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

11/12/3 34 x 858  
Attached 1 x 14

44 Aust. Inf Bn. (Unit.)

Serial 33.

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ... ..	1		
Majors ... ..	1		
Captains ... ..	10		
Lieutenants ... ..	18		
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters ... ..			
District Officers ... ..			
Totals ... ..	30.		

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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

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

*Serial 33*

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
<i>Lt. Col.</i>	<i>WX 29244</i>	<i>Garnes W.B.</i>	<i>C.O.</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>School.</i>
<i>Maj</i>	<i>29245</i>	<i>Golding H.R.</i>	<i>2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub></i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>Capt</i>	<i>29257</i>	<i>Bentley H.W.</i>	<i>O.C. B Co.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29247</i>	<i>Mould J.H.</i>	<i>Act. S.O.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29253</i>	<i>Fountain G.A.</i>	<i>2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> A Co.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29254</i>	<i>Daragh J.H.</i>	<i>O.C. B Co.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29251</i>	<i>Lutteridge H.A.</i>	<i>Q.M.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29247</i>	<i>Mitchell G.</i>	<i>Adj.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29252</i>	<i>Macgregor A.D.</i>	<i>O.C. B Co.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29248</i>	<i>Plainstone C.B.</i>	<i>O.C. B Co.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29253</i>	<i>Johnston R.F.</i>	<i>2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> B Co.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>WX 7443</i>	<i>Braddock H.P.</i>	<i>2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> A Co.</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>WX 29261</i>	<i>Buehler G.A.</i>	<i>Sig. Off.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29259</i>	<i>Gray H.M.</i>	<i>Act. Off.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29269</i>	<i>Hardwick J.A.</i>	<i>Hon. B Co.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29263</i>	<i>Paul J.H.</i>	<i>2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> B Co.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29270</i>	<i>Ford J.A.</i>	<i>S.O.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29258</i>	<i>Joel B.A.</i>	<i>Adj. Off.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29266</i>	<i>McBulloch J.G.</i>	<i>Act. Off.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29411</i>	<i>Giles J.R.</i>	<i>Hon. B Co.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29262</i>	<i>Horesh C.</i>	<i>Act. Off.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29264</i>	<i>Crofts A.</i>	<i>Hon. B Co.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29274</i>	<i>Jamieson A.J.</i>	<i>" B Co.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29394</i>	<i>Kelley H.M.</i>	<i>" B Co.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29396</i>	<i>Bentley A.H.</i>	<i>" B Co.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29263</i>	<i>Pilley K.</i>	<i>" A Co.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29267</i>	<i>Woodley R.P.</i>	<i>Adj. Off.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29276</i>	<i>Blue J.S.</i>	<i>Hon. B Co.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29272</i>	<i>Phelps L.G.</i>	<i>Adj. Off.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29268</i>	<i>McDonald A.L.</i>	<i>Act. Off.</i>	<i>"</i>	

**(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.**

Substantive Rank	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
<i>Capt</i>	<i>W 128</i>	<i>Brown J.L.</i>	<i>2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> A Co.</i>	<i>20.4.42</i>	<i>2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> A Co. RATIONS</i>
	<i>W 61405</i>	<i>Water J.C.</i>	<i>2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> A Co.</i>	<i>29.4.42</i>	<i>"</i>

*44 Aust Inf Bn*  
(Unit.)  
*2 January 43.*  
(Date of Despatch.)

*Buschel*  
(Signature of Commander.)  
*2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Aust Inf Bn.*  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

11/12/3  
Attached 1x14

44 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

Serial 34

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

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Lieut.-Colonels ... ..	1		
Majors ... ..	1		
Captains ... ..	10		
Lieutenants ... ..	20		
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters ... ..			
District Officers ... ..			
Totals ... ..	32		

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	PETERSEN, GA	44 IN	7-1-43	OPP X 11ST
	FITZPATRICK, TL			

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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

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

*Serial 34*

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
<i>Lt. Col</i>	<i>WA 29244</i>	<i>Gamer WA</i>	<i>CD</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>MAJ</i>	<i>29245</i>	<i>Goldring HR</i>	<i>21/c</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>Capt</i>	<i>29257</i>	<i>Bonney HN</i>	<i>CC B Coy</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>HOSPITAL</i>
	<i>29247</i>	<i>Mould JH</i>	<i>Out to</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>29253</i>	<i>Finnigan JA</i>	<i>21/c Coy</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29254</i>	<i>Garraugh JA</i>	<i>CC D Coy</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>SCHOOL</i>
	<i>29251</i>	<i>Wetheridge RA</i>	<i>RA</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>29247</i>	<i>Mitchell C</i>	<i>Capt</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29252</i>	<i>Morgan AL</i>	<i>CC A Coy</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29248</i>	<i>Plowden EC</i>	<i>CC B Coy</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29253</i>	<i>Johnson RF</i>	<i>21/c Coy</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>VA 29243</i>	<i>Widdowson NI</i>	<i>21/c</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>LIEUT</i>	<i>WA 29241</i>	<i>Buckton CA</i>	<i>Sig O</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>SCHOOL</i>
	<i>29259</i>	<i>Gray HM</i>	<i>RA O</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29249</i>	<i>Hardwick JA</i>	<i>RA Coy</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>29243</i>	<i>Reid FH</i>	<i>28 (an A)</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>SCHOOL</i>
	<i>29270</i>	<i>Reid JA</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>29258</i>	<i>Jock BN</i>	<i>RA O</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29241</i>	<i>McIntosh JG</i>	<i>RA O</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29241</i>	<i>Yates JA</i>	<i>RA B Coy</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>SCHOOL</i>
	<i>29242</i>	<i>Thompson E</i>	<i>RA O</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>29240</i>	<i>Swift H</i>	<i>RA B Coy</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29240</i>	<i>Jamison AJ</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>SCHOOL</i>
	<i>29244</i>	<i>Kelly HNS</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>29391</i>	<i>Beatty AW</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29243</i>	<i>Pillay KC</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29247</i>	<i>Woodley RJ</i>	<i>RA O</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29271</i>	<i>Blue JA</i>	<i>RA B Coy</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29272</i>	<i>Phelps JG</i>	<i>RA O</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29249</i>	<i>McDonald HL</i>	<i>RA O</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29271</i>	<i>Peterson GA</i>	<i>RA B Coy</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29257</i>	<i>Fitzpatrick JL</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	

**(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.**

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
<i>CHIT</i>	<i>W 128</i>	<i>Brown JL</i>	<i>ARCH V</i>	<i>24 4 42</i>	<i>Duty &amp; Patients</i>
	<i>W 1105</i>	<i>WATERS TE</i>	<i>ARCH C</i>	<i>29 4 42</i>	

*44 Aust Inf Bn*  
*9 January 43*  
(Unit.)  
(Date of Despatch.)

*Phelps*  
(Signature of Commander.)  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*w/E* 11/12/43 34 x 562. 44 (Unit) (Unit.)

*Serial 35.*

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ... <i>1</i>	<i>1</i>		
Majors ... <i>2</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>2</i>
Captains ... <i>10</i>	<i>10</i>		
Lieutenants ... <i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>1</i>	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
<b>Totals</b> ... <i>34</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>1 Lieut</i>	<i>2 Maj.</i>

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>CAPT</i>	<i>HARISON</i>	<i>44 Btd</i>	<i>1.1.43</i>	<i>OFF X LIST</i>
<i>WO2</i>	<i>SMITH</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>CAPT</i>	<i>BENTLEY H.T.</i>	<i>44 Btd</i>	<i>1.1.43</i>	<i>X' LIST (HOSPITAL)</i>
<i>WO2</i>	<i>STILLWELL J.P.S.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>12.12.42</i>	<i>X' LIST (SICK)</i>

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

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



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

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

*Serial 30.*

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
<i>Lt Col</i>	<i>WA 29244</i>	<i>Yama W.D.</i>	<i>S.O.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>Maj</i>	<i>29245</i>	<i>Widdowson H.R.</i>	<i>27c</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>Capt</i>	<i>29247</i>	<i>Widdowson J.H.</i>	<i>act. T.A.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>29252</i>	<i>Widdowson J.A.</i>	<i>- 4. A.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>29254</i>	<i>Widdowson J.A.</i>	<i>11. 2. 6.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>school</i>
	<i>29257</i>	<i>Widdowson J.H.A.</i>	<i>com.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>29249</i>	<i>Widdowson G.</i>	<i>Adj.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>29252</i>	<i>Widdowson A.D.</i>	<i>act. A.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>29241</i>	<i>Widdowson C.H.</i>	<i>act. 27c</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>29253</i>	<i>Widdowson R.F.</i>	<i>27c</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>WA 29248</i>	<i>Widdowson H.P.</i>	<i>27c</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>WA 29241</i>	<i>Widdowson H.P.</i>	<i>act. A.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>WA 29241</i>	<i>Widdowson J.A.</i>	<i>act. A.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>school</i>
	<i>29249</i>	<i>Widdowson H.M.</i>	<i>act. A.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>29249</i>	<i>Widdowson J.A.</i>	<i>act. A.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>29245</i>	<i>Widdowson J.A.</i>	<i>act. A.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>school</i>
	<i>29240</i>	<i>Widdowson J.A.</i>	<i>10.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>29240</i>	<i>Widdowson J.A.</i>	<i>act. A.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>29241</i>	<i>Widdowson J.A.</i>	<i>act. A.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>school</i>
	<i>29242</i>	<i>Widdowson J.A.</i>	<i>act. A.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>29244</i>	<i>Widdowson J.A.</i>	<i>act. A.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>29274</i>	<i>Widdowson J.A.</i>	<i>act. A.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>school</i>
	<i>29294</i>	<i>Widdowson J.A.</i>	<i>act. A.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>29296</i>	<i>Widdowson J.A.</i>	<i>act. A.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>29263</i>	<i>Widdowson J.A.</i>	<i>act. A.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>29267</i>	<i>Widdowson J.A.</i>	<i>act. A.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>29278</i>	<i>Widdowson J.A.</i>	<i>act. A.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>29271</i>	<i>Widdowson J.A.</i>	<i>act. A.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>29272</i>	<i>Widdowson J.A.</i>	<i>act. A.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
	<i>29269</i>	<i>Widdowson J.A.</i>	<i>act. A.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	

**(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.**

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
<i>Capt</i>	<i>WA 31064</i>	<i>Brown J.L.</i>	<i>act. 27c</i>	<i>29/4/42</i>	<i>act. 27c</i>
	<i>WA 31064</i>	<i>Waters J.C.</i>	<i>act. 27c</i>	<i>29/4/42</i>	<i>act. 27c</i>
	<i>WA 3099</i>				

*44 (act. Inf. Bn. (A.S.I.))*  
(Unit.)  
*16 January 43.*  
(Date of Despatch.)

*Churchill*  
(Signature of Commander.)  
*Adj. 44. Aust. Inf. Bn.*  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

WK 11/12/43 34 ASGZ. 44 (Unit) *44 (Unit) 2nd Bn A.I.F.* (Unit.)

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	1		2
Captains ...	10	3	
Lieutenants ...	20		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	46	3	2

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
CAPT	BENTLEY M.H.	44 Bn	22.1.43	11/11 OFF X' UNIT

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT.	CHRIST E.	44 Bn	12.1.43	1/1 TO ...

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

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

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

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

*Serial 35*

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
<i>Lt Col</i>	<i>29244</i>	<i>James W.B.</i>	<i>6.0.</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
<i>Maj</i>	<i>29245</i>	<i>Golding H.R.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
<i>Capt</i>	<i>29247</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29253</i>	<i>Fountain J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29274</i>	<i>Lawson J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29251</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29249</i>	<i>Smith J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29252</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29254</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29255</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29256</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29257</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29258</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29259</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>29260</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29261</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29262</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29263</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29264</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29265</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29266</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29267</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29268</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29269</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29270</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29271</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29272</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29273</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29274</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29275</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29276</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29277</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29278</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29279</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29280</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29281</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29282</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29283</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29284</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29285</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29286</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29287</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29288</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29289</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29290</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29291</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29292</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29293</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29294</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29295</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29296</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29297</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29298</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29299</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29300</i>	<i>Ward J.A.</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>yes.</i>	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
<i>Capt</i>	<i>29271</i>	<i>Peterson J.A.</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>13 Nov</i>	<i>G.D. Capt.</i>
	<i>29257</i>	<i>Styphank J.A.</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>yes.</i>	
	<i>29271</i>	<i>Peterson J.A.</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>13 Nov</i>	<i>G.D. Capt.</i>
	<i>29257</i>	<i>Styphank J.A.</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>yes.</i>	

*114 Aust Lt Bn A.I.F.*  
*23/Jan/43*  
(Unit.)  
(Date of Despatch.)

*R. J. Plunton*  
*Adj. 44 Aust. Inf. Bn.*  
(Signature of Commander.)  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

*W/E 11/13/43 34 = 362* *444 (Unit 2/1/43 (A 2/1))* (Unit.)

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

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	1		2
Captains ...	10		
Lieutenants ...	18		2
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
<b>Totals ...</b>	<b>30</b>		<i>2 Majors 2 Lieuts.</i>

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>CAPT</i>	<i>DAVISON J.H.</i>	<i>444 Bn.</i>	<i>8.1.43</i>	<i>info to Secy</i>
<i>LIEUT</i>	<i>BURTON C.A.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>GARY W.M.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>BEINER E.H.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>GILES J.R.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>THOMSON H.S.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>

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

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

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

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

*Unit 31*

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
<i>Lt. Col</i>	<i>29244</i>	<i>Garnier A.H.</i>	<i>6 P</i>	<i>yes</i>	
<i>Maj</i>	<i>29245</i>	<i>Golding A.R.</i>	<i>24c</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>Capt</i>	<i>29247</i>	<i>Moulton J.A.</i>	<i>1st Lt.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29251</i>	<i>Fontaine J.A.</i>	<i>2nd Lt.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29251</i>	<i>Fontaine J.A.</i>	<i>2nd Lt.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29247</i>	<i>Mitchell G.</i>	<i>Capt.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29252</i>	<i>Morgan G.D.</i>	<i>1st Lt.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29248</i>	<i>Planchon G.C.</i>	<i>1st Lt.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29253</i>	<i>Johnston A.H.</i>	<i>2nd Lt.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29256</i>	<i>Harvey H.B.</i>	<i>2nd Lt.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29257</i>	<i>Bentley H.H.</i>	<i>1st Lt.</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>Lt</i>	<i>29243</i>	<i>Wadsworth H.P.</i>	<i>2nd Lt.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29249</i>	<i>Hardwick J.C.</i>	<i>1st Lt.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29250</i>	<i>Ford J.A.</i>	<i>1st Lt.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29258</i>	<i>Leal S.N.</i>	<i>1st Lt.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29266</i>	<i>McCallum J.G.</i>	<i>1st Lt.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29262</i>	<i>Christie G.A.</i>	<i>1st Lt.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29264</i>	<i>Croft A.</i>	<i>1st Lt.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29294</i>	<i>Hillier H.M.</i>	<i>1st Lt.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29341</i>	<i>Harley H.W.</i>	<i>1st Lt.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29263</i>	<i>Palmer H.K.</i>	<i>1st Lt.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29267</i>	<i>Woodley H.H.</i>	<i>1st Lt.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29276</i>	<i>Blair J.H.</i>	<i>1st Lt.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29272</i>	<i>Smith P.W.</i>	<i>1st Lt.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29272</i>	<i>Miller J.G.</i>	<i>1st Lt.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29257</i>	<i>McDonald A.D.</i>	<i>1st Lt.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29296</i>	<i>Stewart P.H.</i>	<i>1st Lt.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29255</i>	<i>Atkins G.C.</i>	<i>1st Lt.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29271</i>	<i>Peterson G.A.</i>	<i>1st Lt.</i>	<i>"</i>	
	<i>29257</i>	<i>Wadsworth J.H.</i>	<i>1st Lt.</i>	<i>"</i>	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
<i>Capt</i>	<i>21084</i>	<i>Brown J.D.</i>	<i>1st Lt.</i>	<i>20-4-42</i>	<i>1st Lt. 1st Bn.</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>21088</i>	<i>Waters J.C.</i>	<i>1st Lt.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>

*44 Aust Inf Bde (A.S.F.)*  
(Unit.)  
*30 January 43.*  
(Date of Despatch.)

*Burchee*  
Adj. 44 Aust Inf Bde.  
(Signature of Commander.)  
*5th Field Coy (A.S.F.)*  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

(Adapted)

44 Aust Inf Bde (Unit) 2 January 1943 (Date).

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

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

Serial 33

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	9		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6		
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants	47		
Corporals	81		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	638		100
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>783</b>	*	<b>100.</b>

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt.	A.A.P.B.	2 O/R	A.A.M.B.
1 Armourer Sgt	A.C.M.E.	3 O/R	104 Inf Bde
1 O/R	A.C.M.E.	1 O/R	5 Bde
1 Bombier b/pl	A.A.O.B.		
1 Sgt	2 Div. P.M.		
1 Sgt	2 Div. Hvy.		
1 b/pl	A.A.M.B.		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
X26582	PTE	GIBSON L.	44 Bn	DIV. I.T.C. CLARENCE.
WX 26581	"	GULVIN R.E.	"	" "

44 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

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

Serial 33.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers <i>Bandemen</i>		6	Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties		4	Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		13
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers		✓	Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			<i>0/10</i>		20
<i>Certified that the figures in Red show the actual number of specialists and tradesmen actually required in this Unit.</i>								
<i>Burchell Capt.</i>								
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								
								100.

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.  
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

44 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

*Burchell Capt.*  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch *2 January 43*

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

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

(Adapted)

HH Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 9 Jan 1943 (Date).

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

Serial 34

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	9		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6		
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants	48		
Corporals	84		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	648		100
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>797</b>		<b>100</b>

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	AAPC	2 OR's	AAMC
1 Quartermaster Sgt	AEME	3 OR's	10th ATK.
1 OR	AEME	1 OR.	5 BDE
1 Bootmaker CPL	AADC		
1 Sgt	2 DIV HYG.		
1 Sgt.	2 DIV. P.V.		
1 Cpl.	AAMC		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known)
WX26582	Pte	GIBSON L	HHBn	MVTTC CLAREMONT
WX26581	"	GULVIN RE	"	" "
WX14770	"	WALKER L		ARD NORTHAM
W29467	"	NEATH HR		13 AUST INF TNS BN
W49757	"	ALMAN SA		" " " " "
W49383	"	ASHER J		" " " " "
W79083	"	PRATT A		" " " " "
W29481	"	GARIE SW		" " " " "
WH0011	"	FRIEND N		" " " " "



44 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

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

Serial 344

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		13
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers		1	Opticians			Woodturners		80
Farriers			Painters					
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								100

*certified that the figures shown in red show the actual number of specialists and tradesmen actually required in this Unit.*

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

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

44 Aust Inf Bn Unit.  
Date of Despatch 9 Jan 43

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander.  
5 Aust Inf Bde  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

W/E  
11/12/3 34 x 862

44 Aust Inf Bde (Unit) 16 Jan. 1943 (Date).

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

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

Serial 35.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I. <i>W/E 1</i>			1
W.Os. Class II. <i>7</i>	10	3	
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants <i>5</i>	6	1	
Staff Serjeants	2	2	
Serjeants <i>36</i>	42	6	
Corporals <i>77</i>	78	1	
Troopers, Privates, &c. <i>733</i>	645		88
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>783</b>	*	* <b>100.</b>

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	A.A.P.B.	2 O/Rs	A.A.M.B.
1 Armourer Sgt.	A.C.M.C.	3 O/Rs	104 <sup>th</sup> Sigs.
1 O/R.	A.C.M.C.	1 O/R.	5 Bde.
1 Bootmaker Pfc	A.A.O.B.		
1 Sgt.	2 Div. Hqs.		
1 Sgt.	2 Div. P.L.		
1 Pfc.	A.A.M.B.		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
WX26581	Pte	CULVIN R.E.	44 Bde.	M.V.T.C. (CHAMBERLAIN).

44 Aust. Inf. Bn (A.I.B.) Unit.

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

Serial 35.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters			
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers			
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists			
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate			
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate			
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers			
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers			
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers			
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers			
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers			
Bricklayers <i>Bandsmen</i>		6	Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics			
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers			
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers			
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers			
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters			
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers			
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers			
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors			
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers			
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers			
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		1	
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters			
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine			
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical			
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors			
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering			
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors			
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers			
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers			
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners			
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers			
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors			
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers			
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen			
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders			
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers			
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers			
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths			
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen			
Equipment Repairers		1	Opticians			Woodturners			
Farriers			Painters					80	
			<i>Certified that the figures in Red show the actual number of specialists and tradesmen actually required in this Unit.</i>						
			<i>Wunschel</i>						
			----- Capt -----						
			Adj. 44 Aust. Inf. Bn.						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								100	

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.  
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

44 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.B.) Unit. *Wunschel* Capt. Signature of Commander.  
Adj. 44 Aust. Inf. Bn. 5 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.B.)  
Date of Despatch 16 Jan 43. Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

(Adapted)

144 (Unit) 23 Jan. 1943 (Date)

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

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

Serial 30

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I. <i>W/E</i>	1	+	
W.Os. Class II.	8	1	
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6	1	
Staff Serjeants	2	2	
Serjeants	42	6	
Corporals	80	3	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	641		92
<b>TOTALS</b>		*	* 100.

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

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**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	A.A.P.B.	2 C/Rs	A.A.M.B.
1 Sergeant	A.C.M.C.	1 C/R	5 Bde.
1 C/R	A.C.M.C.		
1 British Army Lt.	A.A.C.B.		
1 Sgt	2 Ld. App.		
1 Sgt	2 Ld. Pl.		
1 C/R	A.A.M.B.		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
WA 3581	Pte	GUINNESS RE	A.A.P.B.	INVTTC (ARRIVED AT)
WA 3457	"	DEATH HA	B.H.T.B.	INVTTC (ARRIVED AT)
WA 3441	"	GARRIE SW	"	"
WA 14770	"	WILKINSON W	"	"
WA 49157	"	HARRISON SA	"	"
WA 41383	"	HARRISON J	"	"
WA 1943	"	PATT D	"	"
WA 4001	"	FRIBB N	"	"

*44 (ant) Coy Bde Ad. S.* Unit.

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

*Serial 26.*

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfcs. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfcs. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfcs. Required (a)	
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters			
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers			
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists			
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate			
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate			
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers			
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers			
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers			
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers			
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers			
<del>Bricklayers</del> <i>Bandmen</i>		<i>6</i>	Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics			
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers			
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers			
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers			
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters			
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers			
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers			
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors			
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers			
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers			
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers			
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters			
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine			
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical			
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors			
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering			
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors			
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers			
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers			
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners			
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers			
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors			
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers			
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen			
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders			
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers			
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers			
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths			
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen			
Equipment Repairers		<i>1</i>	Opticians			Woodturners			
Farriers			Painters					<i>50</i>	
			<i>certified that the figures in Red show the actual number of specialists and tradesmen actually required in this Unit.</i>						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)									<i>100</i>

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.  
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

*44 (ant) Coy Bde Ad. S.*  
Unit.

*R. F. Blunston*  
Capt.  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch *23 Jan. 43.*

*44 (ant) Coy Bde Ad. S.*  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

(Adapted)

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

44th Aust Lf Bn (ATA) (Unit) 30 Jan 1943 (Date)

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

W/L 11/12/3

34 x 862

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

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1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	7	1	
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5	1	
Staff Serjeants	1	1	
Serjeants	36	5	
Corporals	77	1	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	733		85
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>783</b>	*	* <b>100.</b>

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

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**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt.	A.A.I.F.	2 C/R.	A.A.M.B.
1 Honorary Sgt.	A.C.M.C.	1 C/R.	5 Bn.
1 O/R.	A.C.M.C.		
1 Bombardier	A.A.O.B.		
1 Sgt	2 Div. Hq.		
1 Sgt	2 Div. P.L.		
1 P/L	7 A.A.M.B.		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
WX14770	Pte	WALKER L	13 A.I.F.B.	NORTHAM - A.I.D.
W 29467	"	NEATH HR	"	"
W 47757	"	ALMOND S.A	"	"
W 49383	"	ISHER J	"	"
W 79083	"	PRATT H	"	"
W 29481	"	GARIE J.W	"	"
W 40011	"	FRIEND N	"	"

44 Aust Inf Bn (A.S.F.) Unit.

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

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Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers <i>BANDONED</i>		6	Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Decorators			Joiners			Signallers		13
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers		1	Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					80
<i>Certified that the figures in Red show the actual number of specialists and tradesmen actually required in this Unit</i>								
<i>Burcher</i> Adj. 44 Aust. Inf. Bn.								
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								100.

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44 Aust Inf Bn (A.S.F.) Unit.

*Burcher*  
Adj. 44 Aust. Inf. Bn.  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 30 January 43

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

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
ROUTINE ORDER PART 11

3 JAN 1943

OTHER RANKS.

No. 72  
44 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION  
2 AUST. DIVISION.

ATTN BATTALION,	
3 JAN 1943	
IN YR	/
FILE	30 Dec. 42

Last Part 11 Order No. 71 Sub. No. 5702 issued 22 Dec. 42

Sub. No.	Army No.	Rank and Name	Particulars, Casualties Etc.
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STRENGTH INCREASE.

5703	WX.26518	W.C.11	SYKES L.H.	M/I trans. ex 3 Aust. Corps. Tng. Sch. 24 Dec. 42
4	WX.28733	Sgt.	GRIFFITHS R.H.	M/I ex 8 Bde. Cooking School, and trans. from X List 24 Dec. 42
5	WX.26671	Pte.	GARDINER H.	M/I ex G.D.D. ex leave and trans. from X List 24 Dec. 42
6	W.22195	"	DAVIS F.R.	do do
7	WX.21343	"	ANDERSON T.H.	M/I ex G.D.D. ex Hosp. and trans. from X List 1 Sept. 42
8	W.50167	"	HUNTER S.A.	do 24 Dec. 42
9	W.22694	"	McDERMOTT F.	do 12 Dec. 42
5710	WX.34432	"	STEVENSON R.G.	M/I ex 3 Aust. Adv. Reinf. Dep. and T.O.S. 18 Dec. 42
1	WX.26835	"	McNAMARA H.	M/I ex Detention Barracks, and trans. from X List 19 Dec. 42
2	WX.29404	"	STURROCK D.W.	M/I ex Hosp. and trans. from X List 21 Dec. 42
3	WX.21545	"	QUARTERMAINE M.E.	M/I ex A.T.T.D. and trans. from X List 17 Dec. 42
4	W.22230	"	WIEBRECHT H.E.	M/I ex G.D.D. ex leave and trans. from X List 21 Dec. 42
5	WX.26751	Cpl.	O'DONOHUE A.J.	M/I ex School of Inst. Trans. from X List 26 Dec. 42
6	WX.32925	Pte.	BRADBROOK E.J.	M/I ex A.T.T.D. and trans. from X List 6 Nov. 42

STRENGTH DECREASE.

7	WX.26538	Sgt.	CHADD R.P.	M/O . . . to A.R.D. Northam, Instructor (3 months) and trans. to X List 25 Dec. 42
8	WX.21375	Pte.	MAXWELL W.J.	M/O to 3 C.C.S. 20 Dec. 42
9	WX.29404	"	STURROCK D.W.	W.3034/4. and trans. to X List. M/O Trans. to R.R.D. Re-allotment Section 21 Dec. 42 (Med. Bd. Class B)
5720	W.22230	"	WIEBRECHT A.E.	do do
1	WX.21545	"	QUARTERMAINE M.E.	M/O Trans. to 17 Coy A.A.S.C. 17 Dec. 42
2	W.25948	"	CROZIER G.	M/O to G.D.D. to 4 weeks leave without pay and trans. to X List 14 Dec. 42
3	WX.26786	"	DURACK L.R.	M/O to G.D.D. to 8 weeks leave without pay and trans. to X List 20 Dec. 42 A35/125/1
4	WX.26483	Cpl.	BASKERVILLE N.T.	M/O to P. & R.T. Course Bassendean and trans. to X List 25 Dec. 42
5	WX.32925	Pte.	BRADBROOK E.J.	M/O Trans. to A.A.O.C. Tng. Depot 6 Nov. 42
5726	WX.34432	"	STEVENSON R.G.	M/O to Detention Barracks and trans. to X List 24 Dec. 42



APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS.

5727 W.11351 L/Sgt. KEDDIE V.G. Promoted to A/Sgt. 16 Dec. 42  
 8 WX.26676 Cpl. FRANCIS N. do do 25 Dec. 42  
 9 WX.26625 L/Cpl. FOLLINGTON A.A.T. do to A/Cpl. do  
 5730 WX.28751 L/Cpl. WRIGHT C. do do  
 1 WX.28751 Pte. WRIGHT C. Appointed to L/Cpl. 25 Dec. 42  
 2 WX.28749 " TOWNSEND R.W. do do  
 3 WX.26882 " KNIGHT R.G. do 24 Dec. 42  
 4 WX.26690 Cpl. KEMP F.H. Appointed to L/Sgt. 23 Dec. 42

REVERSIONS.

5 WX.19998 A/Sgt. WILLIAMS W.O. Reverts to L/Sgt. by order of C.O.  
 23 Dec. 42

PUNISHMENTS.

6 WX.34432 Pte. STEVENSON R.G.  
 D. Coy. OFFENCE. W.O.A.S. Disobeying in such a manner as to show wilful defiance a lawful command given by a superior officer.  
AWARD. Fined 100/- and 28 days detention by C.O. 24 Dec. 42  
TOTAL STOPPAGE. 28 days pay and fine of 100/-d.

7 W.22194 Pte. DAVIS A.C.  
 B.Coy. OFFENCE. A.W.L. from 2359 hrs. 31 Oct. 42 to 1600 hrs. 21 Nov. 42  
AWARD. Admonished by C.O. 24 Dec. 42  
 Automatic forfeiture 21 days pay.

8 WX.32760 Pte. COLES E.J.  
 HQ. Coy. OFFENCE. A.W.L. from 2300 hrs. 23 Dec. 42 to 1000 hrs. 24 Dec. 42  
AWARD. Fined £2. by C.O. 24 Dec. 42  
 Automatic forfeiture 1 days pay.

9 WX.28751 Pte. WRIGHT C.W.  
 HQ. Coy. (TG.2) OFFENCE. A.W.L. from 0830 hrs. 19 Nov. 42 to 0630 hrs. 23 Nov. 42  
AWARD. Fined 100/- by C.O. 23 Nov. 42  
 Automatic forfeiture 4 days pay.

5740 WX.26524 Pte. FRCOME G.J.  
 HQ. Coy. (TG.2) OFFENCE. A.W.L. from 2359 hrs. 19 Nov. 42 to 2200 hrs. 20 Nov. 42  
AWARD. Admonished by C.O. 21 Nov. 42  
 Automatic forfeiture 1 days pay.

1 W.12111 Pte. LAW F.G.  
 HQ. Coy. OFFENCE. A.W.L. from 1400 hrs. 11 Dec. 42 to 1400 hrs. 14 Dec. 42  
AWARD. Fined £3. by C.O. 21 Dec. 42  
 Automatic forfeiture 3 days pay.

2 W.12500 Pte. RADANOVICH S. )  
 5743 W.11768 Pte. CONWAY D. ) OFFENCE. A.W.L. from L.T.D. from 1730 hrs. 29 Nov. 42 to 1130 hrs. 12 Dec. 42  
AWARD. Fined 100/- and 28 days Detention by C.O. G.D.D. 16 Dec. 42  
 Automatic forfeiture 13 days pay.  
TOTAL STOPPAGE. 41 days pay and fine of 100/-d.

COURT OF INQUIRY.Illegal Absentee.

5744 W.65173 Pte. WEBB A.

Court of Inquiry held 5 Dec. 42  
Declared Illegal absentee 31 Oct. 42  
Total Kit Deficiency £5. 12. 9MARCHED OUT.

5 WX.26786 Pte. DURACK L.R.

M/O to G.D.D. to leave without pay  
20 Dec. 42

6 WX.29681 " SMITH C.M.

do

22 Dec. 42

7 WX.26672 " GARTRELL H.R.

do

do

MARCHED IN.

8 WX.26671 Pte. GARDINER H.

M/I ex G.D.D. ex leave without pay  
24 Dec. 42

9 W.22195 " DAVIS F.R.

do

do

REJOINED UNIT.

5750 WX.26480 Sgt. ATKINS C.E.

M/I ex School of Inst. 23 Dec. 42

1 WX.31545 L/Cpl. HAGAN B.N.

do

19 Dec. 42

CORRIGENDA.2 WX.26524 Pte. FROOME G.J.  
(TG.2)Ref. R.O. 67/5518 of 1 Dec. 42  
Delete Entry.

5753 WX.28751 " WRIGHT C.W.

Ref. R.O. 67/5520 of 1 Dec. 42  
Delete Entry.DISTRIBUTION.

Unit Clerk	(2)
Card Index	(1)
C'wlth Audit Inspr.	(1)
Statistics	(2)
Command Paymasters Office	(1)
Commandant Det. Bks. F'tle	(1)
H.Q.W.A.L. of C. Area	(1)
Master File	(1)
W.A.L. of C. Accounts Office	(2)
L.H.Q. 2nd Ech.	(1)
C.O. 44 Aust. Inf. Bn.	(6)
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Spares	(2)

TOTAL 22.

*N. J. G. Lee.* Lieut.  
For Officer i/c W. Aust. L. of C. area  
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*APP A*

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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No. 1 -  
1 Jan 43

44 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By  
Maj H.R. Golding  
Adm Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn

1 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	1/2 Jan	Lieut J.G. McCulloch
Bn O Officer	" "	Lieut N.M. Gray
Camp Medical Officer	" "	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	" "	Sgt Francis N.
Bn O Cpl	" "	Cpl Marks P.
Duty Coy	" "	HQ Coy
Next for Duty	2/3 "	A Coy

2 PAYBOOKS

From G R Os.

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

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

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

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

3. CANTEENS

In future the sale of beer at the canteen will be controlled by coys. Chits will be issued on the basis of two per man & coys will obtain supplies from Canteen Sgt, & retail to personnel.

4. CHURCH PARADES

Holy Communion at Y.M.C.A. Hut 0700 hrs. Padre Brown would like a good muster, seeing this is our first Communion for the New Year. Church Service at 0830 hrs usual place. R.C. Parade Y.M.C.A. 1000 hrs.

*Charles L. P.*  
..... Capt  
Adjnt 44 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I A

5 PROMOTION

WX 16173 L/Cpl Britchard to be A/Cpl as from 29 Dec 42, vice W 11738 Cpl Smith R.C., X List R/O 67/0/42 23 Nov 42.

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As per R O Serial No. 521 of 1942

*Charles L. P.*  
..... Capt  
Adjnt 44 Aust Inf Bn

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2 Jan 43

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

44 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By  
Maj H.R. Golding  
Adm Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn

6 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	2/3	Jan	Capt A.L. Macgregor
Bn O Officer	"	"	Lieut K.C. Pilley
Camp Medical Officer	"	"	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	"	"	Sgt Ball H.
Bn O Cpl	"	"	Cpl Jackson S.
Duty Coy	"	"	A Coy

7 TRAINING HOURS

Commencing Sunday 3 Jan Reveille will be at 0600 hrs.

8 SCHOOLS - RESULTS OF

The following may obtain results of recent schools by reporting to Adjt.

Lieut McDonald
" Hardwick
Cpl Barkla

9 CHURCH PARADES

There will not be any R.C. parade.  
Usual church parade as per R.O. 4 will now be held at 0800 hrs.

*C. Mitchell* Capt  
Adjnt 44 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

CO	Canteen
2 i/c	Officers' Mess
Adjnt	Sgts' Mess
R S M	Postal Sgt
B HQ	Pay Sgt
HQ Coy No. 1	
" " " 2	
A "	
B "	
C "	
D "	
QM	
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Caterer	
5 Aust Inf Bde	
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*War Diary*

COMBINED OPERATIONS.

*APP A*

INTRODUCTION.

On a previous occasion I have given a lecture on this subject and the present one is to act as a Refresher to those who have previously heard it - for the benefit of those who have not and to bring up to date our information.

It must be obvious to all concerned that if we are to succeed in this war there will come a time when it will be possible to make an attempt to drive the enemy out of the positions which he occupies at present and that any of us might find ourselves faced with an operation which involves landing on a foreign coast. Therefore prior to any consideration of Training for this type of operation, one must understand what is involved and how such operations are carried out - hence the reason for this lecture.

DEFINITION OF A FLIGHT.

Flight is a term denoting a naval formation of landing craft including the troops contained therein - The organisation may be one or more flights as required and a flight may be divided into waves. A Flight will generally consist of a complete unit - so arranged in waves that it lands in its correct tactical formation. Once landed they cannot be reorganised into further Flights but will form a ferry service under the (S.N.C.L.) Senior Naval Officer Landing and his staff.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS.

1. Great Britain has many times taken part in seaborne operations - but modern developments have modified our views in certain directions.

2. A study of military operations since the outbreak of war shows that in face of enemy Air Force the operation will be impractical without the provision of adequate fighter cover.

3. The number of aircraft which can accompany an expedition depends on the number of aircraft carriers available or the proximity of land-based planes.

4. If the objective of the operation is at a considerable distance away from its base, troops will be carried in ocean-going liners and transferred to their assault craft at sea immediately before the assault takes place. This is the case dealt with in this lecture although it must be understood that in most respects our troops are in the Assault Craft either from a shore base or a liner the operation is similar.

5. Apart from the limitation which may be imposed by enemy opposition - a landing may be a physical impossibility unless tides, beaches and weather are favourable. Beaches suitable for landing vehicles from craft are many in Australia but may not be so easy to find abroad, and even these may be unsuitable except at certain state of tide - particular times may have to be selected and also particular days.

6. There is no set solution to a landing problem more than there is to any tactical operation except that preparations have to be made in the light of the facts known and unknown, water supply being a case in point. An example of the type of landing considered is one in which the expedition will assemble and embark at suitable ports, sailing under naval and air escort possible to several convoys.

To achieve surprise the convoy making the initial landing will approach the coast under cover of darkness and on reaching a suitable r v will transfer the assault troops to special shallow draft landing craft. The latter will approach the coast as quietly as possible accompanied by special small craft. Arrangements being made for warships to provide covering fire if required - on arrival troops will land and press forward as rapidly as possible to their final objectives - which will be sufficiently far inland to enable the main body of the force to land and deploy without serious interference.

Furthermore it may be necessary to prepare for the maintenance of the force to be carried on for some time.

Although it is unlikely that an enemy port when captured will be usable for maintenance on a large scale until the damage caused by our own bombing and enemy demolitions and subsequent enemy bombings have been made good - adverse weather may also interfere.

7. An essential factor to be decided early is the Zero hour at which first tps will land - If air protection cannot be provided and protection is to be from light AA guns then it will be essential that these guns should be in action by the time it is light enough for the enemy air force to attack the beaches. This involves the Zero being sufficiently before daylight for the guns to be got ashore and into action. The choice of Zero hour is bound up with the decision as to whether infantry or tanks are to lead the assault.

a. The advantages of infantry as leading tps are: that they can be easily deployed from their assault ships: they can land and operate within certain limits in complete darkness, and they are essential with the assistance of engineers for the destruction and removal of obstacles and minefields which would hold up tanks and vehicles. The disadvantages are that they are very vulnerable if the objective is heavily defended by light automatic fire - their progress inland will be comparatively slow.

b. The advantages of tanks as the main assaulting weapons are: That they are not vulnerable to small arms fire and that once they have landed they can advance to the capture of the final objective more rapidly than infantry.

Their disadvantages are that they are not able to move until it is light enough for the drivers to see, they are carried in T.L.C. or M.L.C. from which deployment is difficult and noisy and there may be portions of the beach so heavily defended with obstacles that tanks will be able to make no progress until a path has been cleared for them.

It would therefore appear that when beaches are heavily defended both tanks and infantry must be used, the latter landing a sufficient time before it is light to enable them to clear a path for tanks who must land and advance through the obstacles as soon as they can see to drive.

If defence is light, enemy may be relying on mobile force held in reserve.

Providing, therefore, that delay in the establishment of light A/A guns can be accepted, it will be an advantage to land tanks first to move and seize the final objective before enemy reinforcements can be brought up.

#### PLANNING AND REINFORCEMENT

1. One of the chief lessons of the past is the necessity of careful planning and detailed preparation before the expedition is despatched. Ships must be stored tactically and all stores placed in ships in the order that they will be required on disembarkation.

Therefore the order of landing given in the landing table must be prepared in sufficient time to allow subordinate Comds to make their detailed plans and submit any alteration before the ships are loaded. This requires technicians and tactical knowledge of the factors involved - this will be the subject of a future lecture.

While planning is mainly the duty of Comd and staff a great deal of responsibility for preparation falls on the Regimental officer and soldier. This lies chiefly in preliminary training. While a regard for secrecy must be retained, Commanding officers must be put sufficiently into the picture by their superiors to enable them to train accordingly and the training must be realistic.

#### ISSUE OF ORDERS.

2. The preparation of the plan and issue of orders to units are most important.

Surprise is of paramount importance, the minimum numbers of persons must be informed of the object and destination of the force prior to sailing - on the other hand insufficient information given to those responsible for preparing the troops and organising their stores will lead to failure.

Prior to departure it is probable that only one or two named officers will know all the details of the projected landing. After sailing sealed orders may be opened and everyone in the ship may know the details of the operation.

#### 4. INTELLIGENCE.

It is essential that full information should be available to Comds.

- (a) Dispositions and changes in strength - morale - enemy naval, land and air forces. There is ample time for enemy to change his dispositions during the planning stage.
- (b) Likelihood of "fifth column" and sympathisers in area of operations.
- (c) Number and type of suitable beaches, details of foreshore, exits from beaches inland - obstacles on and off beach, guiding marks on beach - type of surf to be expected - depth of water - air photographs.
- (d) Local supplies available including livestock.
- (e) Local transport and type.
- (f) Water supply.
- (g) System of defence including coastal artillery and beach lights.
- (h) Aerodromes and suitable landing places near coast.
- (i) Piers, jetties and facilities near landing place.
- (j) Road and communication parallel to a landing inland from coast.
- (k) Prevalent form of disease etc.
- (l) Wireless stations and electrical installations, e.g. power plants.

#### SECRECY AND SURPRISE.

5. Nothing stands out so importantly in combined operations as security and surprise. The enemy must be kept in ignorance of the proposed expedition and, above all, the place of landing - Gallipoli Campaign as an example - the lack of secrecy converted a daring operation into an adventure of considerable hazard.

Officers must impress on all troops the need for secrecy.

- (a) Avoidance of discussion of projected operation in places where unauthorised persons are liable to be.
- (b) Strict supervision of clerical work, typing only by trusted personnel.
- (c) Care in distribution of secret documents.
- (d) Care in use of telephone.
- (e) Due regard to secrecy when carrying out rehearsals or using special equipment.

#### EMBARKATION.

6. This will mostly be duty of movement control but special attention must be paid to storage. Vehicles will normally be stored fully loaded, and those which must operate immediately on landing will be shipped with full petrol tanks.

#### 7. ENEMY OPPOSITION AND DEFENCES.

Landing may be opposed by enemy land forces - air forces - or both. Overcoming air opposition is duty of air force. It must be stressed that a force carrying out a landing is particularly vulnerable to air attack and steps must be taken to counter it. Units must be prepared to defend themselves with their own weapons and take what protective measures may be possible. These will include slit trenches and shelter when ashore and use of camouflage. The degree of ground opposition may vary.

#### 8. ORGANISATION OF FORCE FOR EXPEDITION.

The assault force - The military portion of the force destined to carry out a landing is normally divided into an A SSAULT FORCE and a MAIN BODY. The assault force is detailed to make good the initial landing and is in effect a covering force whose duty it is to make room for the deployment of the main body.

The position it must secure in order to fulfil this function is known as the covering position and should be far enough from the beach to ensure freedom of landing parties for anchorage from ground observed artillery fire - The size of the assault force will therefore depend on the extent of the covering position which has to be occupied in order to allow main body to deploy.

## 9 THE ASSAULT FORCE.

The assault force may contain Infantry support weapons and tanks. It must be self-contained and capable of maintaining itself with a minimum of transport until such times as landing places are organised and normal maintenance can be commenced.

See Diagram 1 gives an illustration of a convoy of ships with personnel and landing craft allotted - based on a Bde Op.

The assault force is subdivided into -

### (a) Forward Tps

The forward troops will be carried in the first flights of landing craft. These troops may be assisted by parachute tps landed in rear of beach defences.

### (b) Local Reserves.

The local reserve will be carried in subsequent flights or late waves of first flights. - These troops will assist in consolidation.

### (c) Floating Reserve.

This reserve is in the hands of the Comd. The beaches it is to land on will not be decided until it is known which landing places have been decided and for what purpose the reserve is to be employed. When landing craft is available it is advisable for troops to be placed in these craft early so that they can be employed not only in support of the leading troops but if necessary to effect a landing to outflank the enemy who may be holding some important beach. Once the floating reserve is committed the Comd should try and form another.

### (d) Parachute Troops.

These will be employed to gain important tactical features - dislocate enemy communications, capture an aerodrome or assist the assault.

## 10 BEACH PARTIES.

These comprise the personnel both naval and military who are landed with the assault troops at an early stage to help with beaching and securing the landing craft. They will be responsible for organizing the beaches and for unloading and assembly of troops and M T and the delivery of stores to dumps.- Military personnel of beach parties will not be formed from units of assault force but will be detached from other sources - their strength will depend on circumstances.

## 11 SHIPPING.

Ships which may be employed for a combined operation are

### (a) Infantry Assault Ships.

These will convey tps and a limited number of vehicles They are specially equipped with a number of assault landing craft and M L C to convey troops ashore.

### (b) Tank Landing Ships.

Converted cargo ships of shallow draft - also carry limited number of personnel. Can be beached.

### (c) Personnel Ships.

Ordinary passenger ships for troops and limited no. of vehicles.

### (d) M T Ships.

Cargo ships for carriage of vehicles and guns - one driver per vehicle should accompany each vehicle.

### (e) M L C Carrying Ships.

Converted train ferries or gantry ships which convey loaded M L C. - The M L C are launched or slung out on arrival off shore.

### (f) Store Ships.

### (g) Hospital Ships.



Since M.T. ships, personnel ships and store ships are not normally equipped with landing craft, troops and vehicles from these ships must be landed from craft which have been carried in infantry assault ships or M.L.C. carrying ships. In some cases a maximum of 3 M.L.C. can be carried in M.T. ships.

12. ALLOCATION OF TROOPS TO SHIPS.

Sub-units and detachments of other arms which accompany a unit must be accommodated in the same ship.

13. POSITION OF H.Q.

From a military point of view it is of great advantage if the assault force Comd. can be in the same ship as his Reserve Bn. and Tank Comd. He must, however, be with the senior naval officer of the landing S.N.O.L. and his senior Fleet Air Arm officer and Air Force officers.

From the point of view of wireless control the use of a warship as H.Q. has many advantages.

THE LANDING.

The approach to and assault on a defended beach within range of enemy recce and bomber aircraft must be carried out in darkness and at high speed in order to effect surprise.

Infantry assault ships should not normally approach within 4 miles of the enemy shore and while landing craft are being lowered should keep heading towards the beach.

This has following advantages

- (a) Ships are outside searchlight range.
- (b) Noise of boats, falls or derricks cannot be heard on shore.
- (c) The least possible silhouette is afforded.
- (d) The formed up landing craft on the right course is facilitated.

Where assault ships are likely to be exposed to fire from coastal batteries it may be necessary to transfer the 2nd flight to destroyers some time before reaching the objective.

At least one hour should be allowed for first flight to cover 4 miles from the assault ships to the beach.

FORMING UP.

Landing craft should form up on their respective sides of the assault ship, remaining alongside until ordered to proceed to assault.

FORMATION.

This will depend on certain factors, the principal of which are

- (a) The darkness of the night
- (b) The extent of the beach
- (c) The degree of accuracy with which it is expected that the craft will reach their objective.
- (d) The number of guiding craft (S.L.C.) available.

Landing craft within flotillas will probably keep close to each other perhaps 30 - 50 X apart so as to facilitate intercomm and to ensure keeping station - as they approach their objective they will fan out to cover the desired frontage.

Should the craft reach the coast at a spot other than that intended the assault will be pressed home from the new spot sooner than any attempt to divert the craft.

Circumstances may arise when craft approaching the beach must retire or be diverted to a better beach. The responsibility for doing so will be as follows.

(a) NAVY

If off-shore rocks or other natural or artificial undersea obstacles will prevent craft from being safely beached.

If obstacles above high water either natural or

In other case both services' representatives will confer.

As soon as craft strikes the beach the landing gangway will be lowered by naval personnel, and landing will begin immediately the signal is given by the naval officer or rating i/c craft.

Craft will be cleared as rapidly as possible and troops will advance rapidly to their objectives.

#### FRONTAGE ON LANDING.

5. Probably several landing places will have been selected, depending on plan. These may be unlikely places where enemy defences will be weak or they may be straightforward beaches where landing is easy but which are likely to be well defended. To gain surprise it may be preferable to land a party on a part of the beach that is physically difficult rather than attack a strongly defended beach - the beach ultimately required may ultimately be punched out or secured by a flank attack.

6. The probable tactical units for a landing will be an Inf. Bn. & a Tank Regt. and the assault will be made on as broad a front as possible; but if the approach is made in the dark craft cannot be too widely separated.

The units must therefore expect to be landed with platoons of troops not more than 50 yards apart. The whole unit may land on a frontage up to 1500 yards, but this will depend on the size of the beaches and the distance apart of landing places - intercolumn and lines of advance.

7. The approach must be so timed that first flight troops reach the beach simultaneously. Zero may be the time at which landing craft go ahead from their assembly positions or the time landing craft strike the beach. In my opinion there is only one suitable time, which is the time the craft strike the beach. It must be clearly specified in orders exactly what is meant by Zero.

#### 8. ACTION OF ASSAULT FORCE ON LANDING.

The accepted principles of night operations - particularly with regard to limitations as to distances of advance and the necessity of clearly marked and recognisable objectives apply. The objectives of the leading units should be far enough inland to prevent the enemy small arms fire from engaging troops on the beaches. There are, however, grave difficulties due to lack of any previous Reconnaissance. Troops may be put ashore anywhere in darkness and may miss their intended landing places. Once landed, however, they must push forward and not be re-embarked.

Subordinate Comds. should be prepared to act to the Comds. intention rather than to be given boundaries outside which they have no responsibilities. - Generally speaking, it will be found advisable for the landing Coys. to press forward to the alignment of their objectives and for succeeding Coys. to mop up, moving to a flank where necessary to deal with beaches where landings have not by error or design taken place.

9. First and second waves will land in quick succession. Arrangements must be made for forward troops to show a success signal when they have landed and to indicate good landing spots.

#### 10. RESERVES.

Floating Reserve will be maintained by Comds. of assaulting troops as well as by Bde. Comd.

Unit Reserves will be used to reinforce success and will probably land on a beach where other units have already landed.

11. It is not possible to lay down when an assault force will land - he may decide to land early - and he may decide to land when Floating Reserve is committed.

12. Enemy will try and concentrate as much aircraft as may be available against the assault force and will endeavour to launch a series of counter attacks. The advance of the assault troops must not be slow and methodical but bold and rapid, not allowing enemy time to organise and launch effective attacks.

This will prove the best course. It may be if surprise is good that enemy forces are some distance from the point of assault and at the beginning of the operation opposition may be light. Therefore the less attention paid to the consolidation of successive positions the better.

Carriers in suitable country will be most suitable for a bold and rapid advance.

13. As soon as the operation is progressing satisfactorily and suitable landing places secured - supporting arms and troops will be landed and will join the assault force, which will then become a normal self-contained fighting unit.

#### USE OF GAS BY DEFENCE.

14. Enemy may use blister gas as a form of defence. Both sand and shingle readily absorb this type of gas and a contaminated beach may be dangerous for some time. This may involve the assault troops crossing the contaminated beach and becoming casualties at a later stage. It may involve the dumping of stores further inland and may call for increased strength of beach parties. The enemy may seek to contaminate the beach after it has been occupied by the attacker. This may cause the beach to be evacuated either by withdrawal or move inshore - it will also present a big problem for decontamination.

#### SUPPORT OF LANDING.

1. Earlier I mentioned that assault troops will in the early stages have to rely on their own fighting qualities since they are for the time being deprived of their own artillery support. There are, however, other means of support
- A. Naval gun fire
  - B. Support landing craft
  - C. Aircraft

#### NAVAL GUNFIRE.

2. Warships' guns are not normally suitable for land bombardment - however, they can be used in certain cases.

#### SUPPORT LANDING CRAFT.

3. It is not likely that more than one S.L.C. will be available for each flight.

They have a dual role

1. To lead in first flights.
2. To support landing with fire.

If their navigational role is considered the more important it must be accepted that S.L.C. will not be able to support the landing by fire until the flight has been beached. An Army Representative should be present in each S.L.C. F.O.O's may be suitable for the work.

#### AIRCRAFT.

4. Aircraft can provide effective support during a landing. This may be bombing or attacks by M.G. fire. They may also lay smoke screens, but if laying smoke they cannot be employed for bombing. Unless air bases are within range of the targets such air support must be provided by aircraft flown from carriers out at sea.

#### INTERCOMMUNICATION.

##### ON VOYAGE.

1. Navy will provide and this will be dealt with in general when Infantry are considered separately.

#### ADMINISTRATION.

1. Units of the assault force may have to fight for some time without support of other arms and without transport. It will be necessary for them to land with such weapons and tools, such supplies and ammunition as will enable them to carry on for a period up to 48 hours. Moreover, the landings must be made at

places which the enemy consider impossible and extremely difficult ground may have to be encountered. Therefore assault troops may have to carry special apparatus to assist in overcoming difficulties - on the other hand troops must be as lightly equipped as possible.

#### BEACH ORGANISATION.

2. In the operation orders for assault beaches will be denoted by letters from right to left facing inland - A Beach, B Beach, etc. These will be divided into sections. There will be normally one or more landing places in each section.

To enable subsequent flights to disembark efficiently the limits of each section will be marked by coloured discs by day and lamps of corresponding colour by night. In the centre of each section will be placed a board showing the distinguishing letter of each beach and the number of the section - A1, A2, A3, etc.

#### CLEARING OF BEACHES.

3. Congestion of the beaches will be avoided at all costs - both so as to preserve good order in the landing and avoid presenting good targets for air attack.

All troops will clear the beach immediately, and no stores will be allowed to accumulate at the water's edge.

#### BEACH PARTIES.

4. A Naval

A naval officer will be appointed as Beach Lieutenant for each section of the beach. He will land with first waves and it will be his duty to direct subsequent craft. He will work in close liaison with unit landing officer.

An Assistant Beach Master (A.B.M.) and party will land in an early flight with an Assistant Military Landing Officer (A.M.L.O.). His first duty will be to carry out a rapid Recon of inward approaches to the beach and mark his section and be responsible to the Beach Master (B.M.) in charge of the whole beach for landing and taking round landing craft in his section.

#### B Military

Each major unit will appoint a unit landing officer. He will land with first wave of his unit.

In the case of a unit leading the assault the unit landing officer will normally land before the A.M.L.O. and be responsible for rapid clearing of the beaches. He will report progress to the A.M.L.O. when the latter arrives. When the unit landing officer is satisfied that the various sub-units of his unit are clear of the beaches he will assume control of the unit assembly area clear of the beaches. He will leave an orderly with the A.M.L.O.

An A.M.L.O. will be allotted for each beach.

A Military Landing Officer (M.L.O.) will land soon afterwards and he will act as Comd. of military personnel in beach parties while at the same time being staff officer of the assault force Comd.

The Principal Military Landing Officer (P.M.L.O.) will land later. He also has a dual role, being Comd. of all units in the beach maintain area, also being a staff officer of force H.Q.

Depending on the Tactical Situation, assembly areas will be selected close to but clear of beaches. They will be marked by flags and at night by coloured lights. Sign posts will be provided at landing points to show the way to assembly areas. These will be reorganisation points and redistribution of troops, transport and material after landing.

#### EVACUATION OF WOUNDED.

4. In the initial stages casualties will be collected at R.A.P.s of units in assault force. These R.A.P.s will be augmented at the outset by detachments from a Fd. Amb. They will at first in all probability be established on or near the beaches,

whence casualties will be evacuated in landing craft. As the balance of a Fd. Amb. lands A.Ds. will be opened and these will replace unit R.A.Ps., which will move forward.

#### CASUALTIES IN LANDING CRAFT.

5. Landing craft have to return to ships for additional personnel. These ships are not normally provided with facilities for receiving casualties and in any case it is highly undesirable that wounded should be brought back to a ship in which troops are waiting to disembark. They will therefore be transferred to R.A.Ps. or A.Ds. on the beach.

#### SANITATION.

6. The importance of this matter cannot be overlooked. Proper labour arrangements must be made at the earliest stage, and it is essential that beaches should not be allowed to become fouled.

#### RATIONS.

7. Troops will carry 48 hours mess tin rations. - The following is a suggested ration - one carried in each space in haversack - water bottle slung. The ration is packed in a waterproof cover fitting into each half of the mess tin.

Composition of Special Ration is as follows

- |    |                                                |
|----|------------------------------------------------|
| i  | 6 oz Biscuits                                  |
|    | 4 oz Chocolate                                 |
|    | 2 oz Raisins                                   |
|    | Milk, cocoa & sugar pdr. for 3 x ½ pint drinks |
|    | 1 Box Matches                                  |
| ii | 2 Tins ea 4 oz Sardines                        |
|    | 12 oz Bully Beef                               |
|    | 10 Cigarettes                                  |
|    | 4 oz Cheese                                    |

and separately one small cooker - petrol soaked sand in tin or the like

The large half of mess tin contains the meat, cheese, cigarettes and biscuits

The smaller half the balance

- |    |                                            |
|----|--------------------------------------------|
| i  | Energy producing food                      |
| ii | Replacement food for depleted body tissue. |

#### WATER.

All water bottles carried full and a dump of cans of water made on the beach as soon as possible. A Recce by engineers and medical personnel will be done as soon as possible.

AMMUN	}	will be loaded as soon as the situation allows
Petrol		
Vehicles		
Other Stores		

Aircraft may also be used for dropping amm and rations by parachute.

#### PRELIMINARY TNG.

1. It will be realised from what I have said that these operations, mostly unfamiliar to the majority, include many activities outside normal duties of service. Therefore special tng must be carried out beforehand - to ensure co-operation of services and to familiarize all concerned with the special tasks required. - Here are some important points.

2. Seasickness. - Early one of tng but will have a definite effect on morale and efficiency when troops land - a prolonged period of confinement in landing craft, coupled with motion of the sea possibly

after a rough trip in transports, may cause acute seasickness. Many sea trips during tng will assist some form of remedy against seasickness. It may even be necessary to replace personnel who are prone to seasickness. This may even have to be done with Comds.

- 3 Physical Tng
- 4 Tng in Night Ops
- 5 Tng on Shipboard
- 6 Skill at Arms
- 7 Study of Ground
- 8 Use of Landing Craft
- 9 Lectures on Ship Life and Naval Organisation.

IN CAMP

11 Various stages of landing ops can be simulated

- 1 Getting in and out of A.L.C. rapidly
- 2 Getting vehicles in and out
- 3 Forming up on the deck (imaginary) of a ship preparatory to getting into craft
- 4 Descending a rope ladder
- 5 Crossing wire in the dark - communication between men making gaps and rest of pl
- 6 Troops coming out of A.L.C. under fire moving inland and providing covering fire from the craft and from positions on the beach
- 7 A tactical exercise using a road to represent high water mark and taped areas representing landing craft grounding. To include a few carriers.

Carry out these in daylight and in the dark.

In training the following points must be stressed.

- i Leading infantry once out of A.L.C. and across the wire must not line the beach or bunch under cover near the beach. They must disperse by sections working in pairs and get well inland where the Pl Comd and subsequently the Coy Comd can control his unit and resume the advance in a normal manner.
- ii Speed - Initiative and drive are needed at this stage and troops must make the maximum use of cover which surprise and darkness have afforded them to get well inland toward their objectives.

The following example of a Bn. O.O. is attached - to give some idea of what is required in an order of the type

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Information

- 1 Enemy See attached intelligence summary
- 2 Own Tps. Role of units not under Comd.  
Details of units under Comd.  
Naval support - with action of S.L.Cs. and bombardment (if applicable)  
Air support with fighter cover  
Recco and close support
- 3 Topographical data } See attached summary.  
Meteorological data } Full information regarding beaches and hinterland  
Sunrise, moonrise  
High and low water

## Intention

4 44 Aust Inf Bn will .....

Method

5 Landing beaches ..... designation, demarkation and how being marked after capture

6 Phase I  
 A Fwd Coys - beach - objective  
 B Reserve Coy- " - "  
 C Floating Reserve with tanks  
 Arty - MMG pl - carriers

7 Phase II } Similar to Phase I if  
 8 Phase III } required by plan

9 Arty Role during phases Coy to find accommodation for F O O party in landing craft.

10 Fd Arty  
 11 A/TK  
 13 A/A

A Tp Lt A A Bty will provide protection for ----- beach  
 B Tp Hy A A Bty is landing at ----- beach in ferry service to provide protection ----- area

14 R A E  
 A Make gaps in wire, marking with tapes or luminous paint, and lay guiding tapes to wire  
 B Provide assistance in getting Arty and A/A Arty clear of beaches on arrival

15 Zero ----- possibly communicated separately

16 Allocation of L.C. See Landing Table attached

## ADMIN

17 Beach organisation  
 A A M L O and party will land during phase I and will be responsible for beaches in conjunction with A B M  
 B Major ----- will be Bn landing officer. He will hand over to A M L O on arrival and will then be responsible for Bn assembly area and for personnel on tpt arriving

18 Equipment  
 Mounting Bren guns in A.L.C. - rolls of netting for crossing wire - greatcoats - carriage of in ferry service - Bren tripods - groundsheets - W/T sets - wire cutters etc

19 ADMIN  
 ----- rds per rifle to be carried  
 ----- boxes Bn reserve S A A will be landed in ferry service and taken over by Bn landing officer

20 RATIONS  
 All ranks will carry 48 hours rations

21 Tools  
 ----- Coy will carry ashore ----- picks and shovels to be handed to Bn landing officer

**22 MEDICAL**

A D S will be established in ----- after capture

R A P ----- in first instance 2 S Bs with each Coy

**23 Transport**

Two trucks per coy specially loaded and accompanying assault force - may not be landed before

**INTERCOMM**

24 Beach Sig Stn is being established on ----- beach. Bde H Q is in H M S -----

25 One 109 R/T set and one V/S terminal are allotted to each coy

26 Bn H Q will be at ----- initially  
Next bound -----

27 Success signal

A Code word PUNGO Beach secured  
PLAYERS PT 1234 captured  
CAPSTAN PT 6789 "

B Light signals as detailed

28 Code Names  
Frequencies

29 Special Instructions

A W/T silence will be broken at -----

B Other means. No light signals will be made towards beach during approach by night. All light signals will be reduced to a minimum - no light signals from craft to shore

C No codes or cyphers will be carried by units except Arty code

30 Official Time

Synchronization within the force by ship's time within 44 Bn and att units

Sig Offr will synchronise by ----- hrs

Acknowledge

Hrs

Capt  
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SERIAL NO.	Craft	Start Embarking	UNIT or Vehicle	Additional Tps		Position of Craft	Position to Fall In	Beach	Time of Landing	Remarks
				UNIT	No.					
1	ALC	0200	(1 Pl A Coy 30 1 Bicycle A Coy 1 " Sigs	A Coy H Q Sigs "I" Sec	6 4 2	Stbd Fore	No. 4 MAIN DECK then abreast cabin posts	A 1	0315	Serial 1 also carries Beach Lieut R A N
2	ALC	0200	1 Pl A Coy 30	S Bs	2	Stbd Midship				
3	ALC	0200	1 Pl A Coy 30		2	Stbd Aft				
4	ALC	0200	(1 Pl B Coy 30 1 Bicycle B Coy 1 " Sigs	B Coy H Q Sigs "I" Sec	6 4 2	Port Fore	No. 1 MAIN DECK then abreast cabin posts	A 2	0315	Serial 4 also carries Beach Lieut R A N
5	ALC	0200	1 Pl B Coy 30	S Bs	2	" Midship				
6	ALC	0200	1 Pl B Coy 30		2	" Aft				
13	ALC	0200	(1 Pl C Coy 30 1 Bicycle C Coy 1 " Sigs	C Coy H Q Sigs F O O & party Bn Landing Offr	6 4 1 1	Stbd Fore	MAIN DECK stbd side	A 1	0320	
14	ALC	0200	1 Pl C Coy 30		1	" Midship				
15	ALC	0200	1 Pl C Coy 30		1	" Aft				
19	ALC	0230	H Q 44 Aust Inf Bn C O Adjt Sig Offr Orderly Total 4 Three bicycles One bicycle Sigs	Bn Sigs A M L O & party Lt Bty Recce pty Pro Sgt & police Fd Coy Recce pty Beach Sigs Det Bde Sigs Total 31	6 5 3 2 3 9 3 31	Port Fore	By guard room	A1 or A2 accord- ing to success in landing	0350	A B H & party of 3
21	ALC	0230	(1 Pl D Coy 30 1 Bicycle D Coy	D Coy H Q Sigs	6 4	Port Fore	By guard room	As for Serial	Called in on orders of	
22	ALC	0230	1 Pl D Coy 30	Regt Police	2					
23	ALC	0230	1 Pl D Coy 30	S Bs Orderly	2 1	Port Midship " Aft	Ab Post	19	Dn Cond	
27	MTC	0230	2 Carriers 6 2 H/Cs 2 2 Bicycles Mortar Pl	Det A/A Pl Det Mortar Pl Sub Sec Fd Coy S Bs Total 37	8 15 12 2 37	Stbd Fore	No. 3 well deck stbd side	As for Serial 19		

28	MLC	0230	Sec Lt How Dty 2 guns 2 trailers 2 M/Cs R A	26	M O & orderly S Bs I O Dal of "I" Sec Orderly Pioneers Total	2 2 1 3 1 5 15	Port Fore	No. 3 Well Deck	As for Serial 19	14	M O Carrier has all of medical equipment ashore
43	ALC	0400	Dal D Coy	31	M G Pl	36	Port Midship	At port	As for Serial 19	0445	First craft of ferry service. Space for 30 men available for weapons, amm. and stores
44	ALC	0400	4 Bicycles				" Aft	At port			
45	ALC	0400	Eight M/Cs	8			Port fore	No. 3 Well Deck Port	As for Serial 19	0445	
46	ALC	0400	Dal B Coy	31	Pioneers	10	Port Midship	No. 1 Main Deck then abreast	A 2	0445	Space for 11 men available for weap- ons, amm and stores
47	ALC	0400	4 Bicycles		Sec M Coy less two sub secs & Recco pty	28	" Aft	cabin ports			
48	ALC	0400	Dal C Coy	31	Det M Arb	14	Stbd Fore	Main Deck stbd side	A 1	0445	Space for 19 men available for weap- ons, amm, stores
49	ALC	0400	2 Bicycles Pnrs		Dal of Bn H Q	21	" Midship				
50	ALC	0400	4 " C Coy		Bal A/A pl	8	" Aft				
51	ALC	0430	4 " Sigs		Sigs	9	" Aft				
52	ALC	0430	Dal A Coy	31	Dal H Q Coy	6	Stbd Fore	No. 4 Main Deck then abreast	AL 2	0515	Space for 11 men available for weap- ons, amm and stores
53	ALC	0430	4 Bicycles A Coy		H Q 6 Pl Attached Padre & Batman	39 4 2	" Midship " Aft	cabin ports			

Notes

- 1 Serial 31 (not shown) is an M L C containing sub sec fd coy R A E with tractor and bulldozer and beach roadway. It should reach shore about 0400.
- 2 Alternative loadings for serial 28 would be either (a) 2 carriers as in 27 or (b) 2 x 3.7 in. hows., one trailer and 1 tractor.
- 3 Balance of M/Cs and carriers with drivers and crews in ferry service from M T ship.
- 4 Picks and shovels arrive in M T ferry service, a limited no. being handled by Res Coy.
- 5 Stores in serials 43-53 will include such anti-gas equipment as may be considered necessary for the particular operation.

## Suggested Distribution of Personnel in an Assault Landing Craft.

### Notes

- 1 Personnel are seated on three planks which run fore and aft throughout the well of craft. Each man sits between the legs of man astern of him, all men facing forward.
- 2 On the craft beaching, the pl lands in the following order
  - A Pl Comd
  - B Personnel of R A E det(s) if included
  - C Orderly
  - D Batman
  - E "I" Sec
  - F 2 Sec and 3 Sec together
  - G Mortar numbers and pl sgt
  - H H Q details if personnel of serial 2 are not included
- 3 The actual arrangement of troops in LCCs will depend on Comd's plan. Two alternatives are given - One agrees with serials 1-3 of specimen landing table. The other includes an R A E beach det, personnel of Coy H Q and H Q Coy being omitted. In event of Comd wishing to detain both these and R A E det, the numbers included for the pl will have to be reduced accordingly.

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APP A

TO ALL N.C.Os.

A certain amount of slackness has been noted in N.C.Os. of the Bn. and this Communication is addressed to ALL so that each and every one can review his own activities and if possible improve himself or assist to improve others.

The Qualities required of an N.C.O. are Sobriety, Activity and Zeal in the performance of his duty. - Strict attention to orders and strict obedience to all orders.

An N.C.O. wants to be observant and clean and tidy - he wants to be exacting in requiring from his men full performance of their duties. He should be particular with regard to his Dress. - A constant observer of passing occurrences - He should be prepared to Act when he sees something which he knows is wrong. - He should be a good drill instructor - should read and always be improving his knowledge.

The N.C.O. who knows his work - who is firm but impartial and who expects the utmost from his men is respected more and can obtain better results than the N.C.O. with defective knowledge who is lax and who endeavours to be the "Good Fellow" with the men.

No N.C.O. should ever allow any man to call him by his Christian name or Nickname. while on duty.

With the possibility to this Bn. going into action in the near future it is essential that all N.C.Os. are as near to 100% efficient as possible.

The policy within the Bn. is NOT to retain any N.C.O. who does not fulfil his duties to the full satisfaction of his Coy. Comd. or Pl. Comd. as the case may be. There have been a number of cases recently of N.C.Os. disobeying orders - and failing in their duties with regard to cleanliness of their lines etc. - It is pointed out to all that every N.C.O. is expected at all times to be an example to the men and that every case of neglect of duty - carelessness - or disobedience will be considered as failure to carry out the responsibility of the Rank held and will be treated accordingly. As Commanding Officer of this Bn. I urge all Non Commissioned Officers to appreciate the fact that in the field when in Action any N.C.O. may find himself taking the place of an officer he must have confidence in himself and he must have the confidence of his men. - Remember that mens lives may depend on you and that any step that may be taken to increase the efficiency of the N.C.Os. within the Bn. is done in your own interest. - I therefore hope that all concerned will appreciate that this memoranda is sent to you in the hope that it will assist you to realise more fully your responsibilities.

Let it be said that the N.C.Os. of the 44 Aust. Inf. Bn. A.I.F. are second to none in the A.I.F. - You have not yet been in Action - Let it be found that when action comes that we wont be lacking - Remember that on the N.C.Os. depends much in battle - Dont fail to do your duty NOW and you wont fail in a crisis - Be weak once dilatory now and you will Surely fail in Battle and failure in battle is failure as a Soldier -

*W. Brendon Garner*  
Lt. Col.

(W. Brendon Garner.)  
Comd. 44 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.)

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3 Jan 43

44 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By  
Maj H.R. Golding  
Adm Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn

10 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	3/4 Jan	Lieut A.J. Jamieson
Bn O Officer	" "	Lieut K.C. Pilley
Camp Medical Officer	" "	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	" "	Sgt Williams W.O.
Bn O Cpl	" "	Cpl Collins P.R.
Duty Coy	" "	A Coy

11 N C Os EXAMINATION

All Acting N C Os are hereby notified that an examination will be held in approx two weeks' time and the following is a list of the subjects from which questions will be drawn.

- 1 Weapon Tng embracing
  - Rifle & Bayonet
  - Bren
  - A Tk Rifle
  - T.S.M.G.
  - Grenade
- 2 Minor Tactics
- 3 Map Reading
- 4 Gas Tng
- 5 Application of Fire
- 6 Elementary Drill

12 R Os PART I A

Reversions

The following N C Os will revert to substantive rank as from 3 Jan 43.

WX 29409 A/Sgt Spackman R.J.	WX 16011 A/Cpl Wishart N.R.
WX 20120 A/Sgt Meyn A.E.	WX 16050 A/Sgt Johnstone I.D.
WX 21060 L/Cpl Chitty A.L.	WX 17675 A/Cpl Hodsdon R.
WX 31126 A/Sgt Brooks A.W.	WX 17988 A/Cpl Uren H.
WX 31155 A/Sgt Genoni A.C.	WX 18189 A/Cpl McGowdy J.E.
WX 16131 A/Sgt Ball A.C.	WX 18294 A/Sgt Penaluna C.J.
WX 17970 A/Cpl Beacham R.G.	WX 18469 A/Cpl Jackson S.
WX 31127 A/Cpl Etherton E.R.	WX 18742 A/Cpl Cooper M.J.
WX 12542 A/Sgt Clowes K.H.	WX 19072 A/Sgt Sanders A.N.
WX 18654 A/Cpl Davies W.H.	WX 19159 A/Cpl Thornhill P.
WX 31186 A/Cpl Phillips R.W.	WX 19896 L/Cpl Hipper B.D.
WX 19682 A/Cpl Marshall R.	

Appointments

WX 29409 Cpl Spackman R.J. to be L/Sgt.

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*K.R. Peery*  
..... Capt  
Adjnt 44 Aust Inf Bn

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44 Aust. Inf. Bn.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

By  
Maj. H. R. Golding  
Adm. Comd. 44 Aust. Inf. Bn.

13. DUTIES

"A" Coy. will be duty Coy. 4/5 January 1943.

14.

PERSONNEL TO REPORT.

The following personnel will report to R.S.M. at B.H.Q. 0830 hrs. Tuesday, 5 Jan. 43. with Paybooks.

WX 17650	Pte. Paterson W.L.	V	WX 26647	Cpl. Teede R.C.
WX 26585	" Colleran J.P.		WX 26937	Pte. Stanton E.
WX 26883	" Lynes A.A.		WX 33018	" Oldham J.M.L.
W 40485	" Moore S.G.		W 46712	" Mann A.T.K.
W 11783	" Ianella C.		WX 26501	" Morpew H.
WX 26760	" McGurk J.J.		WX 26577	" Martin J.E.
W 12321	" Migliori T.A.			

15.

SURF SWIMMING CONTEST.

1. A triangular swimming contest between 8 Aust Inf Bde, 5 Aust Inf Bde, and RAAF will be held at GERALDTON on 10 Jan 43.
2. As it will be impossible for eliminating trials to be held within this Bde. prior to this fixture it is requested that nominations be submitted for the events shown hereunder in accordance with claimed times and qualifications, which will be stated with nominations.
3. Further information will be supplied later for representatives selected to participate.
4. Events are as follows :-

- |                       |                                                |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 1. 50 yds. freestyle  | 8. 150 yds. Medley.                            |
| 2. 100 yds. freestyle | 50 yds. breastroke                             |
| 3. 200 yds. freestyle | 50 yds. backstroke                             |
| 4. 400 yds. freestyle | 50 yds. freestyle                              |
| 5. 50 yds. breastroke | 9. 50 yds. Full Equipment.                     |
| 6. 50 yds. backstroke | 10. Officers Relay.                            |
| 7. Diving:-           | 11. N.C.O's Relay.                             |
| 1. Standing dive      | 12. Open Relay                                 |
| 1. Running dive       | (Each member of Relay teams to swim 50 yards.) |
| 2. Fancy dives.       |                                                |

Nominations to reach B.H.Q. by 1800 hrs. 5 Jan. 43.

*Benjamin H. ...*  
Adit 44 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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Ref Map BOOLARA 1" to 1 mile

INFORMATION

1. No change

DEFINITION

2. 44 Inf Bn will move to BOOLARA area and take up post of Mob defence.

METHOD

3. Order of march. As per En. S.O.
4. Route. DONGARRA RD.
5. S.P. Rd and Track junc. 843334
6. S.T. 1330 hrs.
7. M.I.L. 20
8. V.T.M. 10
9. D.R. Rd and Track junc 732935.
10. T.C.P. S.P. and B.P.

ARM

11. "B" Ech remain present post.

INTERCOM

12. D.R.  
All messages to S 1/c at head of B Coy.

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2. S 1/c
3. Adjt
4. I O
5. Sig Offr
6. Q M
7. T O
8. S Aust Inf Bde
9. S Aust Inf Bde.
10. H Q Coy
11. A "
12. B "
13. C "
14. D "
15. Mor t Offr
16. Carr Offr
17. A.Tr Offr
18. Arty Comd
19. Engr Comd
20. War Diary
21. War Diary
22. File
23. File

*Quissey*  
..... Capt.  
Adj. 44 Aust Inf Bn.



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44 AUST INF BN

O. O. NO. 4

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4 Jan. 43

Ref Map BOEKARA - 1" to 1 mile scale  
BOEKARA - 780000

INFORMATION

1. NO change.

INTENTION

2. 44 Aust Inf Bn Gp will occupy defensive posn BOEKARA area and deny enemy advance on DOGARRA.

METHOD

3. F.D.L's. Fence line running EAST and WEST and continuation across rd from 780017 to 740005.
4. Two sec carriers will cover occupation of defensive posn, vicinity ref 740017 and will withdraw to Bn res. 1500 hrs.
5. Inf Coys.           Right           B Coy  
                          Left             A Coy  
                          with under each coy - One det Mort.  
                                                                                  One sec Carr.
6. Inter Coy Boundary incl A. Coy - GERALDTON, DOGARRA RD.
7. Counter attack coy.   D Coy  
Area. Rd and rail junc 770005 to rd junc 770008  
Role. Counter attack when ordered.
8. Mobile Res.         G Coy.  
Area - astride rd 780005.  
Role - Be prepared to move as mobile res to either flank when ordered. Special attention will be paid left flank and patrols will cover track leading to coast. C.P. will be established at 770074.
9. Posn will be occupied by 1500 hrs.
10. Priority of tasks - slit trenches.
11. Arty will be prepared to fire concentrations fwd of F.D.L's and will register as opportunity targets, areas in squares 7103 and 7205.
12. A. Tk will be sighted to cover rd block vicinity 780004 and rd, rail and track juncs. 770005 in squares 7700 and 7800.
13. Engrs. will be prepared to construct rd blocks at 780005 and at rd and track junc 7800.
14. Mortars.       2 Dets Bn Res
15. Carriers.      2 Secs Bn Res.
16. A. A.         2 Dets defense B.H. Q.  
                  2 Dets defense "B" Ech.

AIM

17. Rations and Water normal.
18. POL.       Normal.
19. R.A.P. - Vicinity 777002
20. "B" Ech. remain present posn.

INTERCOM

21. Bde H. Q. remain present posn

22. B.H.Q. - ref 777997.

23. Signals to Coy. - 100, D.R. and Number.  
Line - Alternative.

24. C.D.F. - Green, Red, White.

*[Signature]*  
..... Capt.  
Adj. 44 Aust Inf Bn.

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- 3. Adj. 44
- 4. IO
- 5. Sig Offr
- 6. Q.M.
- 7. TC
- 8. 5 Aust Inf Bde
- 9. 5 Aust Inf Bde
- 10. H Q Coy
- 11. A "
- 12. B "
- 13. C "
- 14. D "
- 15. Mortar Offr
- 16. Carr Offr
- 17. A, Tk Offr
- 18. Arty Comd
- 19. Engr Comd
- 20. War Diary
- 21. War Diary
- 22. File
- 23. File
- 24. Spare

Ref Map BOCKARA 1" to 1 mile  
DONGARRA 4 miles to 1".

INFORMATION

1. No change
2. 54 Bn will occupy Mob Def posn vic ref 283367, DONGARRA sheet 4 miles to 1 inch.
3. 56 Bn vic ref 290381.
4. The following tps will come under Comd 44 Bn 0900 hrs 4 Jan. 43.-  
One Bty 18 Hd. Regt.  
One Tp. 14 A.Tk Bty.  
One Sec. Hd. Coy.

INTENTION

5. 44 Aust Inf Bn will take up mob def posn vic. 285381.

METHOD

6. F.D.L's. Track running EAST and WEST from wall ref BOCKARA 853823 to ref 840323.
7. Fwd Coys. Right B. Coy  
Left A. Coy. Each with under comd 3 dets mortars and one Sec carriers.
8. Inter Coy Bdy. Incl "A" Coy. GERALDTON - DONGARRA RD.
9. Counter attack Coy. C. Coy.  
Area. Vic BOCKARA sheet ref 853805.  
Role - Counter attack when ordered.
10. Mobile Res. D. Coy.  
Area. Vic ref 860724.  
Role. Prepared to move to either flank when ordered - particular attention to rear and left flank protection.
11. Patrols. I.O. will arrange for co-ordinated patrol policy..
12. Posn to be occupied by 1100 hrs.
13. Arty to register along F.D.L's. and be prepared to fire at targets on left flank, also register on Rd NORTH of F.D.L's.  
A.Tk - Right flank protection.  
Engrs. - Construct Rd block reverse slope F.D.L's.  
Mort. - Two dets Mortars remain in res.  
Carriers - Two S eos in res.

ADM

14. Rations and water normal.
15. W.P. DONGARRA.
16. Medical - R A P. 854799.
17. "B" Ech. - River bed vicinity BONNIEFIELD.

INTERCOMM.

18. Bde H.Q. 285375 - DONGARRA
19. Bn. H.Q. 849808 - BOCKARA

- 20. Coys. 108, D.R. and runner.  
Line - alternative.
- 21. G.D.F. Red over Green over Red.

..... Capt.
   
 Adj. 44 Aust Inf Bn.

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- 4. I O
- 5. Sig Offr
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- 9. 5 Aust Inf Bde.
- 10. H Q Coy
- 11. A "
- 12. B "
- 13. C "
- 14. D "
- 15. Mort Offr
- 16. Carr Offr
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44 ABSE INF BN

GOV NO.,.....

5 Jan. 43

MOVEMENT O.L. No. 1

MISSION "COMBAT"

Map  
Ref Area DONGARRA, Strait.

To Capt. A. L. McGregor.

1. Air Force reports considerable activity on beaches and track leading northwards vicinity CLIFF HEAD. Three heavy barges drifting N.W. appear to have broken away, and four heavy barges observed on beach one mile NORTH of CLIFF HEAD. Enemy air force has been active.
2. His Comd appreciates that enemy has landed diversion force with a view to establishing a bridgehead to cover further landings with a view to cutting communications between GERALDTON and MURKIN on main MURKIN RD.
3. 44 Aust Inf Bn has been given task of confining enemy forces to CLIFF HEAD AREA and delaying their approaches to DONGARRA.
4. It is my intention to take up a mob def posn astride track vicinity 204300 as I appreciate that the troops landed constitute about two companies up to date and it is possible the landing of these troops has been to create a diversion to draw our troops SOUTH and that the enemy will attempt to make fresh landings NORTH of CLIFF HEAD.
5. You will act as independent Coy and be prepared to move at short notice south to contact enemy and delay approach northwards. The following troops will come under your comd from 1000 hrs.

2 Bde Mortars  
300 Carriers  
100 Engs.

Ask



.....Major  
Edwin Cecil McGregor  
44 Aust Inf Bn

A. H. F.

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44 AUGST INF BN

CONF NO. ....

G. C. No. 5

5 Jan. 43

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Ref Map BONGARRA STRAT 4" to 1 mile

INFORMATION

1. Convey estimated one Bde Gp plus one aircraft carrier standing off coast vicinity 240300.
2. (a) 35 Bn moving to posn occupying rd junc 284300 and track WESTWARDS and main rd junc EAST BONGARRA and TRIG 212
- (b) 54 Bn occupying BONGARRA track Eastwards and WARRAMUN area
- (c) No change 44 Bn.

INTENTION

3. 44 Bn Gp will occupy sub defensive posn astride rd 284300 to Trig 212 to protect Northern flank.

MISSION

4. Pwd Coy.                      Right      C Coy  
                                         Left        A Coy  
                                         each with under each two detns mortars
5. Inter coy Boundary - GERRARDSON - BONGARRA rd incl C Coy.
6. Counter attack Coy - B Coy.  
Role - cover track leading in from coast, main rd junc vicinity 284300 and be prepared to move when ordered to either flank.
7. Mobile reserve - D Coy.  
Area - Astride high ground 285300.  
Role - Be prepared to be used as sub res to counterattack in either Northernly or Southernly direction.
8. O.P.'s. will be established on range of sandhills on left flank by B Coy.
9. Arty. - Will register roads NORTH and SOUTH to a distance of 3000 yds in either direction.  
          One P.C.O. with A Coy  
          One P.C.O. with D Coy
- 10 A. It. will be sited for front and rear protection main rd.
- 11 Engrs will establish rd blocks vicinity 284300 and 284500.
- 12 Mortars - Two Dets Bn Res
- 13 Carriers - In Res.
- 14 A.A. - 2 Dets Def B.H.Q.  
          2 Dets Def "B" Ech.
- 15 Patrols - (a) Motor cycle sec will patrol track leading WEST to coast at 284300.  
              (b) I O will prepare patrol map giving particular attention to left flank.
- 16 Air - In view of danger of landing of paratps, sub res will be prepared to move against any landings of air borne or paratps.

APP.

- 17 Medical - R A P vicinity B H Q
- 18 "B" Ech remain present posn.
- 19 Tpt - All vehicles excepting one per Coy will move under T O to B Ech.

INSTRUCTIONS

- 20 SO Bde H Q remains present posn.
- 21 Bde H Q vicinity 204302.
- 22 Sigs - W/T, D R, Runner  
Alternative - line.
- 23 C.D.P. - Red, green, white

*Brookhill*

..... Capt.  
Maj. 44 Aust Inf Bde

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- 6 QM
- 7 TC
- 8 5 Aust Inf Bde
- 9 " " " "
- 10 H Q Coy
- 11 A "
- 12 B "
- 13 C "
- 14 D "
- 15 Mortar Offr
- 16 Carr Offr
- 17 A Tr Offr
- 18 Arty Cond
- 19 Ingr Cond
- 20 War Mater
- 21 " "
- 22 File
- 23 File
- 24 Spare

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44 AUST INF BN

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5 Jan. 43

O.O. NO. 6

EXERCISE "COMMA"

Ref Map DONGARRA 4 miles to 1 inch

INFORMATION

1. Air Recce reports considerable enemy activity on beach at CLIFF HEAD at 0900 hrs. Three heavy barges seen drifting Northwards, apparently broken away. Four barges on beach about 1 mile NORTH CLIFF HEAD. Dust notices on track near CLIFF HEAD. Considerable enemy air activity since dawn vicinity CLIFF HEAD.
2. (a) 54 Bn remain present area.  
(b) 53 Bn being re-disposed to protect flank in present area.

INTENTION

3. 4454 Bn will occupy a mob defensive posn vicinity 294366 and be prepared to act independently to confine enemy to CLIFF HEAD area pending arrival of reinforcements.

METHOD

4. A Coy with under comd - 2 Dets Mort  
1 Sec Carr  
1 Det Engrs  
to act as independent Coy Force. Instructions issued separately.
5. Forward Coy - B Coy on high feature astride track vicinity 295564.
6. Counter attack - C Coy astride track 294366.
7. Mob Res - D Coy - track vicinity 294367.
8. Patrol Policy - (a) C and D Coys will be responsible for est of an O P and patrolling westwards toward coast.  
(b) Motor cycles sec responsible for patrolling between independent coy 294362 and B Coy.
9. Arty - One Tp each in support A and B Coys.
10. F.O.O. will report each coy. 1215.
11. A Tk. - Bn Res.
12. Engrs - Bn res less one det.
13. Carriers - (less one sec) Bn Res.
14. Mortars - (less one det) Bn Res.
15. A A - Two Dets Bn. H.Q.  
Two Dets, "B" Ech.
16. Intelligence will be responsible for keeping comd informed of all information available from Tac R regarding enemy tp and shipping movements vicinity CLIFF HEAD. To be supplied half hourly.

ADM

17. Medical - R A P vicinity B H Q
18. "B" Ech - vicinity 296376.
19. Tpt - All vehicles with exception of one per coy come under comd T O at "B" Ech, 1250 hrs.

INTERCOMN

20. Bde H Q - 295374
21. Bn H Q - 295365
22. Sigs - - R/T, D R, and runner  
Alternative - line.

*[Signature]*  
..... Capt.  
Adjt. 44 Aust Inf Bn



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- 4. I O
- 5. Sig Offr
- 6. M Q
- 7. T O
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- 9. " " " "
- 10. H Q Coy
- 11. A " "
- 12. B " "
- 13. C " "
- 14. D " "
- 15. Mort Offr
- 16. Carr Offr
- 17. A. Tk Offr
- 18. Arty Comd
- 19. Engr Comd
- 20. War Diary
- 21. " "
- 22. File
- 23. " "
- 24. Spare.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By  
Maj H.R. Golding  
Acting Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn

**16 DUTIES**

Gd Mounting Officer	5/6 Jan	Lieut A.J. Jamieson
Bn O Officer	" "	Lieut A.W. Bentley
Camp Medical Officer	" "	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	" "	Sgt Ryman F.P.
Duty Coy	" "	A Coy
Next for Duty	6/7 "	B Coy

**17 PERSONNEL TO REPORT**

The following report to R.S.M. at B.H.Q. 0830 Wed. with cut lunches to proceed to Mob. Sec. of A.T.T.D. Bde H.Q.

WX 26937 Pte Stanton E.	WX 26760 Pte McGurk J.J.
W 12321 " Migliori T.A.	WX 33018 " Oldham J.M.
W 11783 " Ianello G.	W 46712 " Mann A.S.K.

**18 FRESH FRUITS**

Coys are informed that fresh fruits - apricots & plums - may be obtained in case lots at 10/- per case. Any coys requiring same will contact S/Sgt Gillmore as soon as possible.

**19 MOBILE PICTURE SHOW**

A picture show will be held in vicinity of canteen on Thursday night. The programme will consist of Fox News, a Terrytoon comedy, "Isle of Mystery," (short), and Sonja Henie in "Second Fiddle."

**20 A.T.M.**

A.T.M. No. 16 is now available at this H.Q.

**21 LOST**

Bayonet No. 6039, Belts Waist, Frogs Bayonet, Pouches Basic, Braces Left and Right, with all equipment intact, property of WX 26697 L/Cpl Carty F.J., of B Coy.

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ROUTINE ORDER PART 11

OTHER RANKS. No. 1  
44 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION  
2 AUST. DIVISION.

Last Part 11 Order No. 72 Sub. No. 5753 issued 30 Dec. 42

Sub. Army  
No. No. Rank and Name Particulars, Casualties Etc.

STRENGTH INCREASE.

1	WX.35034	Pte.	TINDALL R.A.S.	M/I and T.O.S. ex 10 Grn. Bn. 29 Dec. 42	
2	WX.21357	"	KING G.E.	M/I ex G.D.D. ex Hosp. and struck off X List 29 Dec. 42	
3	W.41432	"	PARKER F.	do	1 Jan. 43
4	WX.26569	"	CHRISTENSEN C.	do	do
5	WX.15446	"	FLEMMING W.R.	do	do
6	WX.26862	"	BARREY C.W.	M/I ex leave without pay and struck off X List 1 Jan. 43	
7	W.22228	"	SPENCER J.	do	do
8	W.25893	"	MOSS J.E.	do	11 Dec. 42
9	W.25524	"	HANNAY W.P.	do	1 Jan. 43
10	WX.26640	"	RATCLIFFE C.	M/I ex Sch. of Inst. Struck off X List 28 Dec. 42	
1	W.22686	"	OAKES G.C.	M/I Trans. ex 3 Aust. Adv. Reinf. Dep. 1 Jan 43	
2	TX.4979	"	GITTUS R.L.	M/I Trans. ex 35 A.I.T.B. and T.O.S. 1 Jan. 43	
3	WX.15475	"	BREWER H.J.	do	do
4	WX.15682	A/Cpl.	MARSHALL R.	do	do
5	WX.16011	"	WISHART N.R.	do	do
6	WX.16050	A/Sgt.	JOHNSTONE I.D.	do	do
7	WX.16828	Pte.	HARBORT H.R.	do	do
8	WX.17421	"	CASSIDY C.J.	do	do
9	WX.17650	"	PATERSON W.L.	do	do
20	WX.17675	A/Cpl.	HODSDON R.	do	do
1	WX.17703	Pte.	OAKLEY A.	do	do
2	WX.17761	"	CHRISTODOULOU M.	do	do
3	WX.17832	"	HASSE J.G.	do	do
4	WX.17842	"	DANSKIN J.W.	do	do
5	WX.17845	"	ALLEN J.C.	do	do
6	WX.17935	"	BURNETT A.L.	do	do
8	WX.17988	A/Cpl.	UREN H.	do	do
8	WX.18036	Pte.	RANSOME W.J.E.	do	do
9	WX.18189	A/Cpl.	McGOWDY J.E.	do	do
30	WX.18245	Pte.	O'NEILL L.P.	do	do
1	WX.18282	"	O'SULLIVAN T.J.	do	do
2	WX.18291	"	WATKINS J.	do	do
3	WX.18294	A/Sgt.	PENALUNA C.J.	do	do
4	WX.18293	Pte.	BRIGHTON E.	do	do
5	WX.18320	"	WILSON A.R.	do	do
6	WX.18322	"	ATKINSON R.W.J.	do	do
7	WX.18375	"	WASLEY F.A.	do	do
8	WX.18391	"	DAWSON J.	do	do
9	WX.18469	A/Cpl.	JACKSON S.	do	do
40	WX.18566	Pte.	MASON W.C.	do	do
1	WX.18703	"	MITCHELL J.F.	do	do
2	WX.18720	"	SUSHILL L.W.	do	do
3	WX.18742	A/Cpl.	COOPER M.J.	do	do
4	WX.18870	Pte.	DRYDEN W.D.	do	do
5	WX.18935	"	JAMES J.H.	do	do
6	WX.18937	"	CARMODY W.	do	do
7	WX.19072	A/Sgt.	SANDERS A.N.	do	do
48	WX.19121	Pte.	KENNEALLY J.F.	do	do

## STRENGTH INCREASE. Cont'd.

49	WX.19156	Pte.	JAMES E.J.	M/I Trans. ex 35 A.I.T.B. and T.O.S.	
				1 Jan. 43	
50	WX.19242	"	HUNT D.P.	do	do
1	WX.19159	A/Cpl.	THORNHILL P.	do	do
2	WX.19271	Pte.	KIRCHNER V.E.	do	do
3	WX.19385	"	BURNS F.J.	do	do
4	WX.19557	"	WATSON K.T.	do	do
5	WX.19616	"	WOOD W.P.	do	do
6	WX.19664	"	VUJANOVICH J.	do	do
7	WX.19800	"	FORD G.R.	do	do
8	WX.19818	"	HOULAHAN J.T.	do	do
9	WX.19861	"	CLINCH F.	do	do
60	WX.19874	"	McGOWAN T.	do	do
1	WX.19896	L/Cpl.	HIPPER B.D.	do	do
2	WX.19928	Pte.	GILL A.	do	do
3	WX.19966	"	DWYER E.	do	do
4	WX.20000	"	THOMPSON J.D.	do	do
5	WX.20009	"	BETSWORTH S.T.	do	do
6	WX.20120	A/Sgt.	MEYN A.E.	do	do
7	WX.20160	Pte.	DUNHAM W.	do	do
8	WX.20182	"	POWELL D.D.	do	do
9	WX.20201	"	COLBERT J.E.	do	do
70	WX.20395	"	BROSNAN T.H.	do	do
1	WX.21060	L/Cpl.	CHITTY A.L.	do	do
2	WX.21216	Pte.	HICTON W.E.	do	do
3	WX.21252	"	CARROLL K.	do	do
4	WX.21311	"	HALLEEN D.J.	do	do
5	WX.21376	"	DOHERTY H.W.	do	do
6	WX.21406	"	SERTORINI E.	do	do
7	WX.21407	"	FRY P.G.	do	do
8	WX.21413	"	TSAKALOS M.	do	do
9	WX.21414	"	RHOADES W.S.	do	do
80	WX.21494	"	HADDOW R.	do	do
1	WX.21648	"	GILSENAN W.G.	do	do
2	WX.21715	"	O'LOUGHLIN F.	do	do
3	WX.21732	"	MACKAY H.C.	do	do
4	WX.28792	"	CAMPBELL K.M.	do	do
5	WX.28798	"	FOLEY T.B.	do	do
6	WX.31126	A/Sgt.	BROOKS A.W.	do	do
7	WX.31155	A/Sgt.	GENONI A.C.	do	do
8	WX.31557	Pte.	FOWLES K.L.	do	do
9	WX.32615	"	JOVANOVICH M.	do	do
90	WX.16131	Sgt.	BALL M.C.	do	do
1	WX.17970	Cpl.	BEACHAM R.G.	do	do
2	WX.31127	"	ETHERTON E.R.	do	do
3	WX.18229	Pte.	ARMITT W.H.	do	do
4	WX.21865	"	BOWDEN T.E.G.	do	do
5	WX.20299	"	CURTIS M.H.	do	do
6	WX.21823	"	FAGAN A.J.	do	do
7	WX.17313	"	HOLMES R.M.	do	do
8	WX.18105	"	KIMPTON J.T.	do	do
9	WX.18068	"	LAMBERT L.R.	do	do
100	WX.12542	Sgt.	CLOWES K.H.	do	do
1	WX.18654	"	PHILLIPS W.H. (Cpl.)	do	do
2	WX.31186	"	PHILLIPS R.W.	do	do
3	WX.27198	Pte.	BLACKMORE R.C.	do	do
4	WX.31559	"	BLAKE A.P.	do	do
5	WX.21918	"	CROSS C.G.	do	do
6	WX.21911	"	FRANICH S.	do	do
7	WX.19004	"	HUNT C.J.	do	do
8	WX.21433	"	LAVARS D.	do	do
9	WX.19174	"	YATES J.	do	do
110	WX.21510	"	HADDOW D.W.	do	do
111	WX.21703	"	LUCAS N. Mc.	do	do

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STRENGTH DECREASE.

112	W.41333	Pte.	BROWN W.R.	M/O Trans. to 116 Lt. A/A. Regt. 29 Dec. 42
3	WX.29408	Sgt.	POWELL R.J.	M/O Trans. to 128. Aust. Gen. Tpt. Coy. 30 Dec. 42
4	W.11915	Pte.	CLARKE C.G.	M/O Trans. to 2 Aust. Div. Cypher Sec. 29 Dec. 42 Auth. 2 Div. OY.756
5	WX.26753	"	NEWLANDS C.H.	M/O to 6 weeks leave and trans. to X List 30 Dec. 42
6	W.22194	"	DAVIS A.C.	do 31 Dec. 42
7	W.12500	"	RADANOVICH S.	M/O to 28 days detention and trans. to X List 16 Dec. 42
8	W.11768	"	CONWAY D.	do do
9	WX.26762	"	DOWNING T.	do do
120	WX.26689	"	CORBOY B.E.	do 1 Jan. 43
1	WX.26583	"	WITHERS O.A.	do 28 Dec. 42
2	WX.26552	"	BRENNAN L.R.	M/O to detention Barracks and trans. to X List 31 Dec. 42
				do do

APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS.

3	WX.26713	Cpl.	O'DEA P.K.	Promoted to A/Sgt. 1 Dec. 42
4	WX.26739	Pte.	CUNNINGHAM T.C.	Promoted to A/Cpl. 30 Nov. 42
5	WX.26541	"	MILLER R.F.	Appointed to L/Cpl. 28 Dec. 42
6	WX.26584	"	WELLS E.G.	do do
7	WX.32768	"	OCKERBY G.L.	do do

REVERSIONS.

8	WX.28744	A/Sgt.	MORSE G.H.	Reverts to Cpl. by order of C.O. 1 Dec. 42
9	WX.31545	A/Cpl.	HAGAN P.E.	Reverts to L/Cpl. by order of C.O. 1 Dec. 42

TRADE GROUPING.

130	WX.26645	Pte.	SMITH L.R.	Classified T.G. 3 D/Mech. 27 Sept. 42
1	WX.26825	L/Cpl.	POWELL E.F.	Relinquishes T.G. 3 7 Dec. 42 not employed at Trade.

PUNISHMENTS.

2	WX.29288	Pte.	CORBOY B.E.	<u>OFFENCE</u> . 1. Disobeying a lawful command given by a Superior Officer 26 Dec. 42 <u>OFFENCE</u> 2. Using abusive language towards a superior officer 26 Dec. 42 <u>OFFENCE</u> 3. Conduct to the prejudice of good order and Military discipline. 26 Dec. 42 <u>AWARD</u> . 28 days detention by C.O. 27 Dec. 42
		HQ. Coy.	(TG.2)	
133	WX.26762	Pte.	DOWNING T.	
			B. Coy.	<u>OFFENCE</u> . A.W.L. from 0630 hrs. 20 Dec. 42 to 0800 hrs. 1 Jan. 43 <u>AWARD</u> . Fined £5. and 28 days detention by C.O. 1 Jan. 43 Automatic forfeiture 13 days pay <u>TOTAL STOPPAGE</u> . 41 days pay and fine of £5.

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PUNISHMENTS. Cont'd.

134 WX.26559 Pte. THOMSON G.E. )  
B. Coy. ) OFFENCE. Using threatening language  
to his superior Officer 1 Jan. 43  
AWARD. Fined 9/- by C.O. 1 Jan. 43

5 WX.26533 Pte. SCADDON J.W. )  
H.Q. Coy. T.G.11. ) OFFENCE. Disobeying a lawful command  
given by a superior officer.  
AWARD. Fined £5. by C.O. 30 Dec. 42

6 WX.26635 Pte. MARTAIN S. )  
HQ. Coy. (TG.2) ) OFFENCE. Disobeying a lawful command  
given by a superior officer. 27 Dec. 42  
AWARD. Fined £1. By C.O. 27 Dec. 42

7 WX.28752 Pte. CAMPBELL C.A. )  
HQ. Coy. ) OFFENCE. Disobeying a lawful command  
given by a superior officer.  
AWARD. Fined £3. by C.O. 27 Dec. 42

8 WX.26552 Dvr. BRENNAN L.R. )  
HQ. Coy. ) OFFENCE. A.W.L. from 2200 hrs.  
20 Dec. 42 to 0900 hrs. 31 Dec. 42  
9 WX.26583 Pte. WITHERS O.A. )  
H.Q. Coy. ) AWARD. Fined £5. and 14 days  
detention 31 Dec. 42 by C.O.  
Automatic forfeiture 11 days pay.  
TOTAL STOPPAGE. 25 days pay and  
fine of £5.

STOPPAGE OF PAY A.M.R. & O. 1398

Ref R.O 43/3881 of 20 Aug.42

140 WX.29406 Pte. GREAVES R.E. Adm. to 122 Special Hosp. 27 July 42  
Disch. to duty 17 Dec. 42  
Total period 143 days.

LEAVE WITHOUT PAY.

1 WX.26888 Pte. DURTANOVICH S.P. M/I ex leave without pay 12 Nov. 42

MARCHED OUT.

2 W. .23744 Pte. DEANE E. M/O to G.D.D. for 3 weeks leave without  
pay 28 Dec. 42 A28/254/5  
3 WX.26689 " ROSE C.W. do A28/269/3  
4 WX.26494 " HART D.R. do 31 Dec. 42 A28/309/5  
5 WX.26613 A/Cpl. SAVAGE F.P. M/O to G.D.D. for 2 weeks leave  
without pay 2 Jan. 43  
6 W.22194 Pte. DAVIS A.C. M/O to G.D.D. for 6 weeks leave  
without pay 31 Dec. 42 A28/309/5  
7 WX.26753 " NEWLAND C.H. do 30 Dec. 42 do

MARCHED IN.

8 W.25524 Pte. HANNAY W.P. M/I ex G.D.D. ex leave without pay  
1 Jan. 43

REJOINED UNIT.

9 WX.16170 L/Cpl. PRITCHARD J.J. M/I ex Sch. of Inst. 29 Dec. 42  
150 W.25928 Pte. VALLENCE J.W. do 27 Dec. 42  
1 W.11868 " LEEN K.F. do do  
2 W.41402 " DAMIANI J.S. do do  
3 WX.26706 " PEARSE K.W. do 1 Dec. 42  
4 WX.26812 Cpl. MCGLENCHY A.J. do do

CORRIGENDA.

155 W.40415 Pte. MARTIN J.E. Ref. R.O. 71/5691 of 22 Dec. 42  
should read 5 Dec. 42

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CORRIGENDA. Cont'd.

156 WX.26803 Sgt. PARK W.J. Ref. R.O. 68/5607 of 9 Dec. 42  
should read, M/I 5 Dec. 42  
157 WX.26490 A/Cpl. DELLAR G. Ref. R.O. 68/5608 of 9 Dec. 42  
should read M/I 8 Dec. 42

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2 AUST DIVISION

Last Part 11 Order No 3 Sub No 33 Issued 9 Dec .42

Sub No	Army No	Rank and Name	Particulars Casualties Etc
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STRENGTH DECREASE

1	WX29257	Capt BENTLEY H.N.	Evac to 110 A.G.H and trans to X List 1 Jan.43 W3034/1
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SECONDMENTS

2	W 12158	Capt BASSETT R.M.	Ceases to be seconded to 13 Inf Bde and is transferred to Special List 23 Dec.42 Auth 3 Aust Corps List No 3.
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HOSPITAL

3	WX29268	Lieut McDONALD A.L.	Evac to 110 A.G.H ex School 5 Dec.42
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CHANGE OF NEXT OF KIN

4	WX29263	Lieut PEIRL F.N.	Next of Kin:- Mrs Elaine PEIRL (Wife) 13 Nov.42 Address Metropole Hotel, PERTH.
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REJOINED UNIT

5	WX29262	Lieut CHRISP E.	M/I ex School of Inst	5 Dec.42
6	WX29267	Lieut WOODLEY R.P.J.	M/I ex 5 Bde	11 Dec.42
7	WX29268	Lieut McDONALD A. L.	M/I ex Hospital	8 Dec.42

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HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS DISCHARGES ETC.

- 1 WX21375 Pte MAXWELL W.J. Disch from 3C.C. S. to 122 Special Hospt 24 Dec. 42 W3034/6
- 2 W 46888 Pte NICHOLS W. Disch from 2/1 A.G.H. to G.D.D. 23 Dec. 42 W3034/11
- 3 WX26633 Pte LEWIS L. Disch from 4 C.C.S. to 2/1 A.G.H. Merredin 1 Jan. 43 W3034/1

PUNISHMENTS

- 4 WX13585 Pte WILLIAMS W.J. CHARGE Failing to appear at place of Parade appointed by his C.O. 2 Jan. 43  
AWARD Fined 40/- by C.O. G.D.D. 2 Jan. 43

REMISSION OF SENTENCE

- 5 W 12466 Pte MALLIS A. Ref R.O. 9/116 of 30 Dec. 42  
Remission of one sixth of sentence approved by Col i/c Adm 23 Dec. 42

COURT OF INQUIRY

- 6 WX31537 Pte BOWE A. F. Court of Inquiry held 31 Dec. 42  
Declared illegal absentee from 0630 hrs 9 Dec. 42.  
Total Kit Deficiency £12-8-8

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For Officer i/c W. Aust L. of C. Area  
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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By  
Maj H.R. Golding  
Adm Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn

22 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	6/7 Jan	Capt E.C. Plaistowe
Bn O Officer	" "	Lieut J.R. Giles
Camp Medical Officer	" "	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	" "	Sgt Neaves S.R.
Bn O Cpl	" "	L/Cpl Ockerby G.L.
Duty Coy	" "	B Coy

23 LOST

Coys are to conduct a thorough search of all rifles. Any trace of rifle No. 2815 to be reported this HQ. Returns to be in by 1700 hrs Friday 8 Jan 43. Nil returns where applicable.

24 HARVEY SCHOOLS

The following personnel will report to Adjt at 1400 hrs tomorrow Thurs 7 Jan.

Capt J.A. Darragh	A/Sgt Rogers	L/Sgt Pearse
Lieut J.R. Giles	L/Cpl Miller R.F.	Cpl Bailey
" N.M. Gray	L/Sgt Hanrahan	" Gordon
" A.J. Jamieson	Sgt Back	Pte Baxter
" F.N. Peirl	Cpl Williams W.O.	

25 DANGEROUS ENCLOSURES IN PARCELS FORWARDED BY POST

From 5 Aust Inf Bde R Os, Serial 1/43.

1. A fire aboard a ship carrying valuable supplies, including explosives, was caused recently by spontaneous combustion of wax matches included in mails for Army personnel.

2. All members of the forces will be instructed to request their relatives and friends not to forward wax matches or charged petrol lighters to them through the post. The dangers as stated above will be explained to troops.

3. Franking officers will delete any requests for wax matches or charged petrol lighters from letters.

26 PERSONNEL RETURNING TO UNIT

The instructions laid down for personnel returning to unit after leave, schools etc are not being carried out.

ALL personnel are to be advised that after a temporary absence, it is essential to report to B HQ on return, & the practice of going direct to Coys is to discontinue.

27 RATIONS

To enable personnel responsible for drawing rations to have an opportunity of attending the pictures, rations on Thursday 7 Jan 43 will be drawn from Ration Store at 2300 hrs.

28 COURTS OF INQUIRY

A Court of Inquiry will be assembled to inquire into loss of  
(a) equipment etc the property of WX 26697 L/Cpl Carty F.J. of B Coy.  
(b) one pistols signalling on issue to B Coy.

President Capt A.L.G. Macgregor Member Lieut A.W. Bentley.

Proceedings to be at this HQ by 1800 hrs 8 Jan 43.

DISTRIBUTION

As per R Os Serial No. 5

*H. Ford Lewis*  
for Adj't 44 Aust Inf Bn (H.O.D.)  
Capt

HQ EXERCISE

Map Ref DONGARRA SHEET 1" = 4 mile  
 " Enlargement 1" = 1 mile

## INFORMATION.

1. Air activity reports enemy landing imminent DONGARRA area estimated at 0400 hrs 8 Dec 42.
2. (a) 5 Aust Inf Bde holding line North & South - STRAWBERRY Old Coast Rd. - Ry incl.  
 (b) 54 Aust Inf. Bn on right flank.

INTENTION 3. 44 Aust Inf Bn will deny enemy advance, area MILO.

- METHOD
4. F DLs - line running North & South - to be pointed out on gd.
  5. Covering tps - A Coy will provide covering force during occupation from 1800 hrs 6 Dec 42 & on completion of occupation will come into reserve.
  6. Boundaries - Right B Coy area 600<sup>x</sup> from rd (incl)  
 Left C Coy " 600<sup>x</sup> " " (excl)
  7.  Holding Coy - D Coy - astride Old Coach Rd vicinity O in MILO.
  8. Mob res - At ruin 158732 - mob res will take such action as outlined by Comd.
  9. Priority tasks - Slit trenches.  
 Wiring.
  10. Patrols - All Coys will occupy perimeter defensive posns, with continuous patrolling from time of arrival in area.
  11. Occupation - will be complete by 2359 hrs 7 Dec 42.

## ADM

12. Ann - at 500<sup>x</sup> east of O in MILO.
13. Tools tasks. - Coys will arrange to draw tools to carry out
14. R.A.P. - at ruin 158732.
15. B Ech - will remain in biv area until further orders.
16. HQs - at 500<sup>x</sup> east of O in MILO.
17. W/T - Wireless silence until contact with enemy, then Battle Code - sig line to all Coys.
18. S.O.S. - Green red green.

Synchronise watches.

## ACK

Method of Issue

Time of Sig

Distribution

*W. J. P. O'Connell* Capt  
 .....  
 Adj't 44 Aust Inf Bn

- ADM INSTS. -

(To be issued verbally at conference)

1. Movement  
7 Dec 42. - (a) O Gp will R V Bn Comd MILO 158732 1600 hrs  
- issue of orders.  
(b) Bn HQ & Coys will occupy positions independently.  
(c) No movement before 2000 hrs 7 Dec 42.
2. Tpt. (a) HQ - Van, office.  
" Recce.  
(b) Coys - 2 Utility per Coy.  
(c) Sigs - 2 Utilities.  
(d) I Sec - 1 Utility.  
(e) R M O - 1 Utility.
3. Rations - Personnel will be supplied from Bn area in hot boxes -  
Coy arrangements.
4. Blankets - 1 per man.
5. Dress - Shirts  
Shorts  
Hats working  
Respirators will not be carried.

A M F

44 AUST INF BN

Date 7/8 Dec 42

## HQ EXERCISE

Map Ref DONGARRA Sheet 1" - 4 mile  
 " " Enlargement 1" - 1 mile

Exercise Prepared by Lt Col W.B. Garner

Directing Staff

Lt Col W.B. Garner  
 Major H.R. Golding  
 Capt A.L.G. Macgregor

Lessons

1. To exercise officers in
  - A Selection of Coy & Pl areas
  - B Issue of orders
  - C Forwarding of information to Bn HQ.
  - D Message writing
  - E Field sketching
2. To exercise
  - A Bn Sigs
  - B Bn I Sec
  - C Bn HQ

Troops Taking Part

Bn HQ  
 All Coy & Pl Comds  
 Sigs  
 A/Tk Offr

Special Note

Situation will be created by Directing Staff which will cause action on part of Bn or Coys concerned. Coys are to take requisite action in token and will forward to Bn necessary messages - and disposition as required.

Bn HQ will keep Bde informed of situations as they occur.

Battle Code & Map Ref Code will be used.

All orders will be issued verbally and all Coy dispositions will be prepared as though troops were in occupation.

Full field sketches will be prepared showing dispositions down to section posts, plotting of L/As, Mort, Anti-tank rifles.

Exercise will conclude not later than 1200 hrs 7 Dec 42.

SECRET

Ref DONGARRA SHEET 1" - 4 mile  
" " Enlargement 1" - 1 mileExercise

HQ EXERCISE

Object of Exercise

To exercise HQs of Bn and Coys - Bn Sigs - I Sec.

Lessons

- 1 Selection of Coy & Pl defensive areas
- 2 Issue of orders
- 3 Message writing
- 4 Practice in relaying infm

Troops Taking Part

All HQs of 44 Aust Inf Bn  
Sigs  
A/Tk Offr

Conference

To be held at 1400 hrs on 7 Dec 42 in Bn area.

Adm

Arrangements will be detailed at conference.

General Idea

Bn Comd to issue orders in daylight for occupation of position by night - for preventing advance of enemy on Old Coach Rd DONGARRA - MINGENEW..

General Instruction

Recce - appreciation - occupation of positions - preparation of field sketches.

Route

Old Coach Road DONGARRA - MINGENEW.

Intercom

Line - W/T - Runner.

A. M. F.

44 Bn

Adm Inst for

Move to DONGARRA

1. 44 Aust Inf Bn will move to DONGARRA area & occupy P & R T camp at DENISON.

2. Movement. a. Will be in two echelons. The first echelon will dep camp in the following order

- B HQ
- HQ Coy
- A Coy
- B Coy

T.O. will make available the following tpt.

- B HQ 2 vehicles
- HQ 4 "
- A 5 "
- B 3 "

b. S.P. Exit gate

c. S.T. 1830 hrs

d. Route.- To STRAWBERRY thence main MINGENEW-DONGARRA rd

e. M.I.H. 20

f. V.T.M. 10 in Coy blocks. 440 yds between blocks (HQ Coy will be divided into blocks of not more than 12 vehs)

g. D.P. DENISON turn off DONGARRA. Head of column must NOT pass D.P. before 1930 hrs.

On arrival at beach camp site T.O. will arrange for vehicles to return & pick up C & D Coys, also Coy kitchens.

h. Guides.- Each Coy will supply one guide to report to I.O. at 1445 hrs today with evening meal.

Adm.

Evening meal tonight Friday will be at 1730 hrs. Firewood - Q.M. will arrange with O.C. "B" Coy for supply of firewood to various Coy kitchens. Under no circumstances is any dead timber in the area to be cut or removed.

Hygiene.- Wet refuse ex kitchens is to be buried in a hole 4 ft deep. Tins & refuse of a similar nature & dry refuse to be dumped in a central position South of DENISON site to be located by I.O. & this HQ to be advised.

Bounds.- North of Irwin River is out of bounds & duty Coy will provide picquet of one Offr, 3 N.C.Os & 12 O Rs to be on duty between 1700 hrs & 2200 hrs.

Stores etc.

Personal arms & equipment will be taken, but Coy stores incl L M G's etc will be stored in Coy lines and Coys will be responsible for suitable protection.

Duties. The following duties will be left in camp & changed over at approx 1900 hrs Saturday.

Guards - Canteen	}	Duty Coy	
Arm		1 Sgt	
R Q Store		1 Cpl	
B HQ		12 O Rs	= 14
Coy Q Stores (1 each)			6
Coy picquets 3 per Coy incl B HQ			21
R Q Store Q M & 2 O Rs			3
D R for intercomm			1
Sigs			3
Offrs' Mess			1

Sgts' Mess  
 Canteen  
 Cooks  
 Bn Ord Officer & 1 N.C.O.  
 Dr & vch  
 2 pioneers

1  
 1  
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 58

Medical.- Personnel left in camp requiring medical attention will report to 18 Fd Regt.  
 Rations.- In new area ration point will be in transport lines at 2230 hrs each night.  
 Dress.- Shorts  
 Shirts  
 Hats W.D.  
 fighting order

Intercomm.

One D R to be attached to each Coy.

*Quitchell*  
 ..... Capt  
 Adjnt 44 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

- 1 C O
- 2 2 i/c
- 3 Adjnt
- 4 I O
- 5 Sig Offr
- 6 Q M
- 7 T.O.
- 8 HQ Coy
- 9 A
- 10 B
- 11 C
- 12 D
- 13 File
- 14 File
- 15 War Diary
- 16 "

Evening meal tonight Friday will be at 1730 hrs. Firewood - Q.M. will arrange with O.G. "B" Coy. Supply of firewood to various Coy kitchens. No circumstances in any dead timber in the "B" Coy. Get refuse ex kitchen to be buried in a hole 4 ft deep. This is refuse of a similar nature. A dry refuse to be dumped in a central position south of DENISON also to be located by I.O. & this HQ to be advised.  
 North of Iwin River is out of bounds & duty Coy will provide picket of one OFR, 3 N.C.O.s & 12 ORs to be on duty between 1700 hrs & 2200 hrs. Stores etc.  
 Personal arms & equipment will be taken, but Coy stores incl I.M.G.'s etc will be stored in Coy lines and Coy will be responsible for suitable protection. The following duties will be left in camp & changed over at approx 1900 hrs Saturday.  
 Guards - Canteen  
 Amm  
 R & Store  
 B HQ  
 12 O Ra  
 1 Sgt  
 1 Cpl  
 12 O Ra  
 Coy O Stores (1 each)  
 Coy pickets 3 per Coy incl B HQ  
 R & Store Q.M. & 2 O Ra  
 D R for intercomm  
 etc  
 O.G.'s Mess



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Serial No. 7  
No. 29 - 37  
7 Jan 43

44 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By  
Maj H.R. Golding  
Adm Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn

29 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	7/8 Jan	Lieut K.C. Pilley
Bn O Officer	" "	Lieut L.G. Phelps
Camp Medical Officer	" "	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	" "	Cpl Crews A.
Bn O Cpl	" "	Cpl O'Donohue K.
Duty Coy	" "	B Coy

30 FOUND

In B Coy latrines, belt containing money. Owner may claim by describing contents. Apply B HQ.

31 COOKING SCHOOL

The following cooks will report to the various kitchens at times shown.

Cpl Edwards	A Coy	2000 hrs	11 Jan
L/Cpl Hagan P.E.	B "	" "	" "
Cpl Sandford L.S.	C "	" "	" "
" Stubbs	D "	" "	" "
" Foster	HQ No. 1	2000 hrs	11 Jan

Sgt Bovell report to Officers' Mess 2000 hrs 11 Jan & relieve Cpl Edwards

32 DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

During recent months, many cases of damage to civilian property in forward areas have occurred which were not reported, and in which no apparent steps were taken to effect repairs.

Some of these cases have only been revealed by the owners making claims through L of C Claims Officers, and in others, knowledge of damage has only been ascertained from indirect sources.

It is realised that minor damage to property is inevitable during training and exercises, but it must be appreciated that where damage has been caused through Army activities, the Army must accept responsibility, and all Officers must render every assistance in seeing that such claims are promptly dealt with, and prompt and accurate reports must be submitted by Army personnel involved at the time damage occurs.

Where negligence or vandalism is present on the part of an individual or individuals, every effort will be made by Officers to trace the culprits and take necessary disciplinary action.

The apparent lack of co-operation by some units in reporting damage and furthering inquiries, is viewed very seriously and all Officers will take immediate action to ensure that personnel under their command are fully aware of the seriousness of the present position.

Coy Comds will be held personally responsible that all instructions with regard to damage to private property are obeyed by all concerned.

33 GREEN DIAMOND NEWS SHEET

From 5 Aust Inf Bde R Os, Serial 1/43.

It has been brought to notice that in some cases the issue of the Green Diamond News Sheet, which is specially produced for the troops, does not go further than the Orderly Room.

Units will ensure that copies are distributed to be placed on sub-

*War diary*

unit notice boards for perusal by the troops, where copies should remain for at least 12 hours.

34 CYPHER SCHOOL

Nominations are called from personnel who wish to nominate for a cypher school.

Candidates must be of good character & integrity, be interested in cypher work & have passed the Intermediate Certificate examination.

Nominations close this HQ 0830 hrs Fri 8/1/43.

35 ENTERTAINMENTS

A picture show will be held near canteen, commencing approx 2030 hrs today.

36 LOSS OF EQUIPMENT

A strict search is to be made by all Coys for bayonet No. 6039 & report result to this HQ by 1000 hrs Fri 8/1/43.

37 LOST

Canvas map case marked R.T. Bryen. G'TON - DONGARRA or MINGENEW - DONGARRA. Contents maps, pencils, documents. Finder rewarded on return to this HQ.

*Clutchell*  
..... Capt  
Adjnt 44 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

- C O
- 2 i/c
- Adjnt
- R S M
- B HQ
- HQ Coy No. 1
- " " " 2
- A "
- B "
- C "
- D "
- Q M
- T O
- Caterer
- 5 Aust Inf Bde
- War Diary
- File 2
- Canteen
- Officers' Mess
- Sgts' Mess
- Postal Sgt
- Pay Sgt

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

44 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By  
Lieut Col W. Brendon Garner  
Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn

38 DUTIES

En O Officer	8/9 Jan	Lieut L.G. Phelps
Bn O Sgt	" "	Cpl Crews A.
Duty Coy	" "	B Coy

39 DRESS

Any officer or W O who have in their possession Belts Sam Browne may wear them in lieu of belts web.

40 TNG

In future Coys will advise Bn HQ by 1800 hrs daily the programme & location of Coy for the following day.

41 N C Os EXAMINATION

Ref B R O 11. All Actg N C Os will be examined, incl specialists but NOT cooks.

42 SICKNESS ETC WHILST ON LEAVE

All personnel are reminded that if taken ill whilst on leave, it is essential to report to nearest military doctor for treatment. If a military doctor is not available any doctor in the locality. In any case a medical certificate is required covering period of absence through sickness.

43 MALAY CLASSES

Malay classes will be carried on at Dongarra at the following times.

1530	Saturday
0900 & 1530	Sunday

43 FOUND

Tobacco pouch, near canteen. Owner may recover same on application, from S/Sgt Gillmore.

44 INTER COY TRANSFERS

WX 26480 Sgt Atkins C.E. from A Coy to HQ Coy & be Actg OC No.2 Pl.  
 WX 26500 Cpl Leggoe P.R. from A Coy to B Coy.  
 WX 26578 Cpl Byrne from A Coy to D Coy.  
 WX 26884 " Simmons from B Coy to A Coy.  
 WX 19800 Pte Ford G.R. from A Coy to HQ Coy.  
 WX 19616 Pte Wood W. from A Coy to HQ Coy.  
 WX 21413 Pte Tsakalos M. from A Coy to HQ Coy.

*W. B. Garner*  
 ..... Capt  
 Adjt 44 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

As per R Os Serial No.7

BATTALION IN ATTACK  
(Exercising Forward Coy)

Ref DONGARRA Strat 4 mls to 1 in

MT LEFROY Enlargement

*War Diary*

Prepared by Major H.R. Golding

1. Object of Exercise : To exercise a Fwd Coy of an Inf Bn in fire & movement with ball amn under covering fire of M.M.G's.

2. Lessons to be Taught

- (a) Value of Recce
- (b) Movement by Sec Gps
- (c) M.M.G. in support of attack
- (d) Intercommunication

3. Area Vicinity MT LEFROY Ref DONGARRA Sheet.

4. Date 15/16 Jan 43.

5. Troops Taking Part

A, B, C, D, 1, 3, 4 Pls.

6. Umpires

- Director Lt Col W.B. Garner
- Asst Director Major H.R. Golding
- Coy Umpire Capt A.L.G. Macgregor
- Pl Umpires Capt Fountain
- Capt Plaistowe
- Capt Mould
- Sec Umpires W.O.II L.H. Sykes
- W.O.II J. Cunningham
- W.O.II A.T. Piggott
- W.O.II E. Norman
- W.O.II H.W. Sykes
- W.O.II P. Johnson
- W.O.II A. Hicks
- Sgt Atkins C.
- Sgt Purchase P.
- Carrier Umpire Lieut J. McCulloch
- Safety Officers Umpires to act as safety officers

7. Conferences

Serial	When Held	By Whom Attended	Purpose
1	0830 12 Jan	Director & all umpires	View ground, explain exercise & perfect sig system.
2	After exercise	All umpires	Discussion of points arising from exercise.
3	do	Umpires & all ranks	Points arising from exercise.

8. Signals

	Visual
Director	"D"
Coy Umpire	"C"
Pt Pl	"P"
Right Pl	"R"
Left Pl	"L"
Carrier	"G"
Stop Cease Fire	"S"
Halt	"H"
Fire or Ready to Fire	"F"
Adv	"V"
Signal Acknowledged	"Ack"
Close	"Erase"

9. Dress            Shirts, Trousers K.W.D., Felt  
 (a) Tps            Hats  
 taking  
 Part            Battle order

(b) Umpires. All Umpires will wear white band around hat.

10. Assembly S.P. & S.T.    To be notified.

11. Ammunition

(a) Scale of Issue

Rifles	5 rounds per rifle	
L.M.G.	40    "    "	L.M.G.
M.M.G.	250   "   "	gun
Grenades	3 per Sec	
Cartridges Green & Red	4 each	

(b) Ammunition Detail

1 N.C.O. & 1 O.R. to be detailed will issue amm in field.

Note No weapons will be loaded until troops reach firing posns. (See Safety Precautions).

12. Medical            R.M.O. will establish R.A.P. at Biv area.

13. Stores Required

Amn as per scale above  
 Standing Dummies for Bayonet  
 Signal Flags  
 Targets  
 Verrey Light Pistols (2)  
 108 Sets  
 Red Flags

Instructions for Umpires

1. All umpires to be clear in their minds as to how exercise is to be umpired and that safety precautions are given full consideration without detracting from reality in the exercise.
2. That the required lessons are brought out.
3. All movement is to be covered by fire.
4. Particular attention will be paid to orders by Coy & Pl Comds, fire orders & movement by Sec Gps.

Sequence of Events

Phase 1            Approach & first contact.

- (a) Movement of scouts
- (b) Action by scouts on contact
- (c) Sec & Pl Comds recce orders
- (d) Encircling move by Secs of Pt Pl - Note Sec Gps

Phase 2

Pt Pl held.  
 Coy Comds Recce - plan - orders  
Note Sequence & clarity of orders

Phase 3

Pl Comds Recce - plan - orders.  
Note Battle Drill of movement of Pls to assembly area & formation adopted.

Phase 4

Attack by encircling Pls. - Final assault, re-organisation & consolidation.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

1. No person is to fire who has not qualified on the open range.
2. All equipment will be tested prior to the exercise to ensure its fitness for field firing.
3. Pouches etc will be examined to see that no blank is being carried on to range.
4. No weapons are to be loaded until tps reach their firing posn.
5. All weapons will be unloaded & inspected before tps move from one firing posn to another. During the inspection rifles etc must be pointed in the direction of the target.
6. Safety officers will ensure that fire posns are taken up by individuals to ensure safety for personnel on flanks. Weapons must not be loaded until safety offrs are satisfied on this point.
7. The necessity for strict fire discipline must be impressed on all ranks.
8. Picquets will be posted at Biv area & Western end of track to stop & warn all traffic.
9. At conclusion of exercise all arms & equipment will be thoroughly examined, amm checked & the necessary certificate furnished to the Director.

OPENING SITUATION

At 0500 hrs on Jan 43 a JAP force landed vic DONGARRA and were opposed by 10<sup>th</sup> Gen Bn whose resistance ceased at 1500 hrs the same day. The enemy adv on the axis of DONGARRA-MINGENEW Rd & were held by 54 & 56 Bns in vicinity of IRWIN. Toc R reports indicated that further JAP landings were imminent & at 2300 hrs on Jan Bde Comd appreciated that Enemy would attempt to encircle the 54 & 56 Bns on left flank with a view to continuing adv on MINGENEW. He ordered 44 Bn who had been held in res East of MT LEFROY covering MILO-IRWIN Rd to move at first light & deny enemy use of MILO-M<sup>OUNT</sup> LEFROY-MINGENEW track.

NARRATIVE

Comd 44 Bn called conference of his Coy Comds & issued his orders for the move. A Coy was ordered as Adv Gd with under Comd 1 Sec Carriers & 2 Det Mortars to move at first light.

(For subsequent developments see "Sequence of Events")

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

44 Aust Inf Bn - A.I.F.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By  
Lt Col W. Brendon Garner  
Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn, A I F

45 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Offr	10/11 Jan	Capt. R.F. Johnston
Bn O Officer	" "	Lieut. G.A. Petersen
Bn O Sgt	" "	Sgt Odgers, J.
Bn O Cpl	" "	Cpl Roberts, V.C.
Camp Medical Officer	" "	Capt. T.E. Waters
Duty Coy	" "	"C" Coy.

46 OPTOMETRIST ATTENTION

With a view to optometrist attention being made available, Coys will submit a return to reach this H.Q. by 1700 hrs 12 Jan. 43, showing:-

- (a) Nominal Roll of personnel requiring eye test.
- (b) Nominal roll of personnel who have obtained glasses on Army issue and whose prescription has NOT yet been entered in Paybook.
- (c) Nominal Roll of personnel wearing glasses permanently, and who have NOT yet been fitted with respirator frames.

47 CAMERAS & PHOTOGRAPHY

Ref B. R. O. 1066 of 24 Dec, 42.

Approved photographers in W.A. are:-

KODAKS LTD	-	PERTH and Country Districts
TILLYS LTD	-	PERTH.

48 PHONETIC ALPHABET.

Ref B.R.O. 1045

Delete A	-	ADAM	and substitute	A	-	ABLE
Z	-	ZED	" "	Z	-	ZEBRA

Figure Q will be pronounced ZERO as from 1 Jan. 43.

49 BY-PASSING MIDLAND JUNCTION

All military vehicles travelling from Northern areas to PERTH and vice versa will in future use the GUILDFORD By-pass thus avoiding MIDLAND JUNCTION TOWNSHIP.

This By-pass is clearly marked and is routed from GUILDFORD (opposite Police Stn) to UPPER SWAN (at a point .2 mile South of Railway Crossing).

50 M.T. DISCIPLINE

Attention is drawn to the prevailing habit of troops moving by M.T. standing up, and at times riding with portions of their bodies protruding over the vehicle sides.

Coys will immediately bring to the notice of all ranks the correct "back to back" method of seating which is to be enforced on all occasions when troops move by M.T. Disciplinary action is to be taken against offenders in future.



51 STACKING OF STORES ETC.

All concerned are advised that every care is to be exercised in the stacking of stores etc. liable to attack by white ants. Immediate inspection is to be made and arrangements brought into effect that will prevent any damage being done.

52 NOMINATIONS FOR INDEP PARACHUTE COY. ETC.

Coys requiring extra forms may get supply from Adjt and completed forms to be at B H Q by 0900 hrs Monday.

*E. M. M. M. M.* Capt  
Adjt 44 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART Ia

53 INTER COY TRANSFERS, ETC.

WX26514 L/Sgt. Morgan, A.C. will take up duties with Pioneer Pl and revert to rank of Cpl on 11 Jan. 43.

54 REVERSIONS

WX26876 A/Cpl. Bartlett will revert to substantive rank as from 2 Jan. 43.  
WX26613 A/Cpl. Savage, F.P. will revert to L/Cpl. as from 2 Jan. 43

*E. M. M. M. M.* Capt.  
Adjt. 44 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

- C O
- 2 i/c
- Adjt
- R S M
- B H Q
- H Q Coy No 1
- H. Q Coy No 2
- A Coy
- B "
- C "
- D "
- Q M
- T O
- Caterer
- 5 Aust Inf Bde
- War Diary
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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11 Jan 43

4/4 Aust Inf Bn - A.I.F.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By  
Lt Col W. Brendon Garner  
Comd 4/4 Aust Inf Bn, A.I.F.

55 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	11/12 Jan	Capt R.F. Johnston
Bn O Officer	" "	Lieut R.P.J. Woodley
Camp Medical Officer	" "	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	" "	Sgt Odgers J.
Bn O Cpl	" "	Cpl King E.W.
Duty Coy	" "	C Coy

56 LECTURE

A lecture on Anti-Tank tactics will be given by the C.O. in Offrs' Mess at 0830 hrs Tuesday 12 Jan. All officers, W O's & Sgts of A Tk Pl will attend.

57 TRANSFERS

All concerned are advised that now this Bn is an A.I.F. unit transfers to C.M.F. units are not permitted without authority of L.H.Q.

58 N.C.O's EXAMINATION

Nominations are invited from those personnel desiring to sit for examination for promotion to the rank of Actg Sgt & A/Cpl. To be at B.H.Q. by 0900 hrs Tuesday. Exam will be held Tues 19 Jan.

59 CONFERENCE - OFFERS' MESS

A conference of the Officers' Mess committee will be held at 0800 hrs Wednesday.

60 STEWARDS - OFFICERS' MESS

Nominations are invited for the above & to be in hands of B.H.Q. by 0900 hrs Tuesday.

61 COMPLAINTS BY MEMBERS OF THE FORCES

From 2 Aust Div R Os, Serial No. 1.

(a) The attention of all ranks will be directed to AMR&O 293(1), which provides as follows:

"Officers and soldiers are forbidden to use any method of obtaining redress of real or supposed grievances other than those prescribed by the AMR or authorised by those orders. Anonymous complaints and complaints through the press are forbidden."

(b) The use of outside influence is forbidden by AMR&O 307 (1) which provides:-

"The use of outside influence to support complaints or applications for personal advantages, or in any matter affecting the position of an officer or soldier, is contrary to discipline. The only proper course for an officer or soldier is to apply through his CO or to complain in accordance with the AMR and these orders. Any attempt to obtain favourable consideration of requests or grievances by other means is forbidden."

(c) The provisions of Division 1 of Part IV of the AMR&O will be explained to all formed units on parade at least once in every three months, and to all members in training depots once every month. The consequences of failing to observe the provisions of that Division will be made clear.

(d) All complaints or applications of the nature described in para. 2 above received at any HQ through unauthorised channels will be forwarded to the unit concerned, with a direction that the member will be paraded and informed of the Unit Order on this matter and that any further failure to observe its provisions will be dealt with as an offence.

(e) This GRO will be published in all unit ROs.

62 COURTS OF INQUIRY

Courts of Inquiry will be assembled to inquire into the alleged illegal absence of WX 26879 Pte Collett J.L., WX 26552 Pte Brennan L.R. and WX 26583 Pte Withers A.O.

President Maj H.R. Golding

Members Capt J.H. Mould

Lieut J.E. Hardwick

Proceedings to be at this H.Q. by 1800 hrs 12 Jan 43.

63 INTER COY TRANSFERS

W 11738 Pte Smith R.C. from A Coy to B Coy.

WX26488 Pte Collins P.R. from A Coy to C Coy.

WX26725 Pte Dyer from HQ Coy to C Coy.

*Cruschell*  
..... Capt  
Adjnt 44 Aust Inf Bn A.I.F.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I A

64 REVERSIONS

W 11738 Cpl Smith R.C. to be Pte.

WX26488 Cpl Collins P.R. to be Pte.

WX26725 Cpl Dyer N. to be Pte.

WX31545 L/Cpl Hagan P.E. to be T.G.II (Cook)

WX28751 A/Cpl Wright C. to be L/Cpl

*Cruschell*  
..... Capt  
Adjnt 44 Aust Inf Bn A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION

C O  
2 1/c  
Adjnt  
R S M  
B H Q  
HQ Coy No. 1  
" " " 2  
A "  
B "  
C "  
D "  
Q M  
T O  
Caterer  
R A P  
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12 Jan 43.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

44 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.)

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By  
Lt. Col. W. Brendon Garner  
Comd. 44 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.)

65. DUTIES.

Gd Mounting Officer	"	12/13 Jan	Capt. R.F. Johnston
Bn. O. Officer	"	" "	Lieut P.P.J. Woodley
Camp Medical Officer	"	" "	Capt. T.E. Waters.
Bn. O. Sgt.	"	" "	Sgt. Odgers J.
Bn O. Cpl.	"	" "	Cpl. Johnston F.W.
Duty Coy.	"	" "	C. Coy,

66. CARE OF WEAPONS.

The effect of rough usage on the accuracy of rifles is not sufficiently realised. During assault course practice, cases have been noticed of rifles being thrown down from a high wall, or used as a means of climbing. If mis-used in this manner, they will inevitably suffer damage; it may be extensive, but re-zeroing at least will be required. A rifle which is allowed to bump about in the bottom of a lorry driving across country will also certainly go out of adjustment. In an emergency during operations it may, on rare occasions be necessary to subject rifles to rough usage, but in normal times there can be no excuse for this

Every soldier should appreciate the fact that an inaccurate rifle may one day lose him the chance of killing the enemy and cost him his own life instead. - No. 16 A.T.H.

The above will be brought to the notice of all ranks.

67. OUT OF BOUNDS.

The route to Mt. Lefroy in future is to be via track in vicinity of JACKADDER CK., approx 200 or 300 yds. past MILO Farm. The area of cropped ground opposite MILO homestead is out of bounds to both vehicles and troops and disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

68. BLOOD GROUPING.

Coys. will submit names of any personnel who need to be blood grouped to this H.Q. by 1200 hrs. Wednesday 13 Jan. 43.

69. INOCULATIONS.

Coys. will submit return of personnel who require inoculations etc. to this H.Q. by 1200 hrs. Wednesday 13 Jan. 43.

70. TRADE TESTING.

The following personnel will report at B.H.Q. 0800 hrs. Thursday 14 Jan. with cut lunches and pay books.

WX 26585	Pte. COLLERAN	J.P.	WX 17650	Pte. PATTERSON	W.L.
WX 17761	"	CHRISTODOULOU M.	W 41439	"	REIGERT C.M.
WX 26582	"	GIBSON L.	W 11564	"	TOOKE J. S.

T.O. will arrange to transport these personnel to Bde. L.A.D. (Lieut. Baker. )

71. OUT OF BOUNDS.

The road STRAWBERRY - KOTARENA is out of bounds until further notice.

72. CAMERA REGISTRATION.

Any person in possession of a Camera in camp must register same before 1800 hrs. 14 Jan. 43.

73. INDEP PARACHUTE COY. ETC.

Candidates for Aust. Indep. Coy. Reinforcements and Aust. Indep. Parachute Coy. Reinforcements as set out hereunder will march out to G.D.D. Claremont on Jan. 14, 45.

WX 29271	Lieut.	G.A. PETERSEN	WX 26519	A/Sgt.	NASH R.
WX 22758	Cpl.	HOWARD F.H.	WX 26764	Cpl.	ROBERTS V.C.
WX 26668	Pte.	BURCH W.J.	WX 26635	Pte.	BURCH O.
WX 26565	"	MERFIELD F.A.	WX 26566	"	SHAW N.R.
W 39121	"	CULLEN C.T.	WX 34436	"	EDGAR G.A.
WX 28736	"	HOLLAND N.T.	WX 29403	"	GILMOR E F.C.
WX 26744	"	ANDERSON R.C.	WX 26496	"	HOLMES H.F.
WX 26751	"	GOUDGE C.R.	WX 21108	"	YATES S.M.
WX 26866	"	WHITTON R.G.	WX 21703	"	LUCAS N.M.
TX 4979	"	GITTUS R.L.	WX 17832	"	HAASE J.G.
WX 31557	"	FOWLER K.L.	WX 17935	"	BURNETT A .L.
WX 21311	"	HALLEEN J.J.	WX 26591	"	MACPHERSON A.G.
WX 31543	"	LINDLEY R.	WX 33017	"	RYAN J.E.
WX 26776	Cpl.	JOHNSTON F.W.	WX 26888	"	DURTANOVICH S.P.
WX 26525	Pte.	ARMSTRONG L.J.	WX 26723	"	MCILDOWIE R.
WX 26872	"	MOIR H.J.	N. 352256	"	BUTCHER V.L.
NX 89052	"	SCHROEDER L.	WX 26800	"	PANTING G.E.
WX 26663	"	SUMNER C.T.	WX 15475	"	BREWER H.J.
WX 26594	"	CONNER R.	WX 18174	"	CAMERON A.J.

74. ROAD MAKING PARTY.

"D" Coy. will supply all available men for road making party to report to STRAWBERRY Railway Station at 0830 hrs. tomorrow Wednesday 13 Jan. 45. Tools required 40 picks and 40 shovels. T.O. provide 12 F.W.D. Party required for three or four days and will bivouac in vicinity of work.

75. INTER COY. TRANSFER

WX 12542 Cpl CLOWES K.H. from A Coy. to No. 3 Pl. H.Q. Coy.

*C. A. Petersen Lieut.*  
..... Capt.  
Adj. 44 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.)

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 A76. PROMOTIONS.

WX 12542 Pte. CLOWES K.H. to be A/Cpl.  
WX 26896 L/Cpl. MASON F.E. to be A/Cpl.

*C. A. Petersen Lieut.*  
..... Capt.  
Adj. 44 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
ROUTINE ORDER PART 11  
No. 2  
44 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.  
2 AUST. DIVISION.

IN YOUR  
PLEASE QUOTE 13 Jan. 43

Last Part 11 Order No. 1 Sub. No. 157 issued 5 Jan. 43

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Sub. Army  
No. No. Rank and Name Particulars, Casualties Etc.  
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R E C O R D S      P R O C E D U R E.

Commencing with this order No. 2 Part 11 Order, 44 Australian Infantry Battalion, 2 Aust. Division, will be classified as 44 Australian Infantry Battalion A.I.F. 2 Aust. Division.  
Auth. GRO. G.1 of 1 Jan. 43

STRENGTH INCREASE.

158	WX.18439	Pte.	SHRIGLEY G.	M/I ex 3 Aust. ARD. and T.O.S. 8 Jan. 43
9	WX.19599	"	RUSSELL J.W.	do do
160	WX.21834	"	McKENZIE R.J.	do do
1	WX.20208	"	NISBETT L.J.	do do
2	W.43888	"	DOIG R.K.	do do
3	WX.26791	Sgt.	NEAVES S.R.	M/I ex A.R.D. ex School and struck off X List 2 Jan. 43
4	WX.26519	"	NASH R.	do 3 Jan. 43
5	WX.29282	Cpl.	FORREST D.	do 2 Jan. 43
6	W.11971	Pte.	HOLMGREN J.W.	do 8 Jan. 43
7	WX.26566	"	SHAW N.R.	do do
8	W.11738	Cpl.	SMITH R.C.	do do
9	W.39074	Pte.	COTTERELL F.L.	do do
170	WX.29279	"	SMEATHERS N.T.	do do
1	W.12040	Cpl.	ARCHER R.A.	do 11 Jan. 43
2	W.40425	Pte.	NEVERMAN A.B.	M/I ex A.T.T.D. and struck off X List 11 Dec. 42
3	WX.13585	"	WILLIAMS W.J.	M/I ex leave without pay and struck off X List 8 Jan. 43
4	W.25413	"	COX S.R.	M/I ex G.D.D. ex Detention and struck off X List 8 Jan. 43
5	W.12466	"	MALLIS A.	do 3 Jan. 43
6	W.25728	"	ATTWOOD C.H.	M/I ex G.D.D. ex leave and struck off X List 1 Jan. 43

STRENGTH DECREASE.

7	WX.26600	Pte.	BLACK K.V.	M/O Trans. to 124 Aust. Gen. Tpt. Coy. 5 Jan. 43
8	W.50357	"	LOAN C.	do do
9	W.40425	"	NEVERMAN A.B.	M/O Trans. to A.A.O.C. Tng. Depot 11 Dec. 42
180	WX.26806	A/Sgt.	RODGERS L.E.	M/O to 3 Aust. Corps School Serial G43/11 and trans. to X List 8 Jan. 43
1	WX.26541	L/Cpl.	MILLER R.F.	do do
2	WX.26520	L/Sgt.	HANRAHAN J.	do G43/13 do
3	WX.26686	Sgt.	BACK T.E.	do M43/6 do
4	WX.19998	L/Sgt.	WILLIAMS W.O.	do JLS 43/7 do
5	WX.26539	L/Sgt.	PEARSE N.V.	do JLP 43/7 do
6	WX.29281	Cpl.	BAILEY F.V.	do MG. 43/4 do
7	WX.19160	"	GORDON A.	do do
8	WX.26807	Pte.	BAXTER G.F.	do (Batman) do
189	WX.26655	"	COPPEN J.D.	M/O No. 4 Sig. Sch. Northam (Batman) Trans. to X List 8 Jan. 43

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STRENGTH DECREASE.

190	W.25728	Pte.	ATTWOOD C.H.	M/O to leave without pay and trans. to X List 5 Jan. 43
1	WX.28748	"	STROTHER V.	M/O to 28 days Detention and trans. to X List 3 Jan. 43
2	WX.26529	"	TAYLOR E.L.	do 8 Jan. 43
3	WX.26603	"	WILLIAMS J.G.	do do
4	WX.26634	"	McDONALD J.E.	Evac. to 122 Spec. Hosp. and trans. to X List 6 Jan. 43 W3034/6
5	WX.26781	"	FROOME K.	Evac. to 118 A.G.H. and trans. to X List 4 Jan. 43 W3034/4
6	W.11794	"	OLIVIERI F.	Evac. to 2/1 A.G.H. M'den. and trans. to X List 7 Jan. 43 W.3034/7
7	W.12040	Cpl.	ARCHER R.A.	M/O trans. to G.D.D. Disposal Sect. 11 Jan. 43 Auth. CUR.75/3/388

APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS.

8	WX.16170	L/Cpl.	PRITCHARD J.	Promoted to A/Cpl. 29 Dec. 42
9	WX.29409	Cpl.	SPACKMAN R.J.	Appointed L/Sgt. 3 Jan. 43

REVERSIONS.

200	WX.29409	A/Sgt.	SPACKMAN R.J.	Reverts to substantive rank of Cpl. by order of C.O. 3 Jan. 43
1	WX.26600	Cpl.	BLACK K.V.	Reverts to Pte. (at own request) 3 Jan. 43
2	WX.20120	A/Sgt.	MEYN A.E.	Reverts to substantive rank by order of C.O. 3 Jan. 43
3	WX.21060	L/Cpl.	CHITTY A.L.	do do
4	WX.31126	A/Sgt.	BROOKS A.W.	do do
5	WX.31155	"	GENONI A.C.	do do
6	WX.17970	A/Cpl.	BEACHAM R.G.	do do
7	WX.16131	A/Sgt.	BALL A.C.	do do
8	WX.12542	A/Sgt.	CLOWES K.H.	do do
9	WX.18654	A/Cpl.	DAVIES W.H.	do do
210	WX.15682	"	MARSHALL R.	do do
1	WX.16011	"	WISHART N.R.	do do
2	WX.16050	A/Sgt.	JOHNSTONE I.D.	do do
3	WX.17675	A/Cpl.	HODSON R.	do do
4	WX.17988	"	UREN H.	do do
5	WX.18189	"	McGOWDY J.E.	do do
6	WX.18294	A/Sgt.	PENALUNA C.J.	do do
7	WX.18469	A/Cpl.	JACKSON S.	do do
8	WX.18742	"	CCCOPER M.J.	do do
9	WX.19072	A/Sgt.	SANDERS A.N.	do do
220	WX.19159	A/Cpl.	THORNHILL P.	do do
1	WX.19896	L/Cpl.	HIPPER B.D.	do do

TRADE GROUPING.

2	WX.26847	Pte.	TREW M.G.T.	Classified TG.2 (Cook) 1 Nov. 42
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RE ALLOTMENT OF ARMY NUMBERS.

Accepted Volunteer transfers to A.I.F. within Unit and re-allotted new Army Numbers on dates as shown.

				<u>Date</u>	<u>New Number.</u>
3	W.11938	Pte.	RODGERS S.B.	22 December 42	WX.36390
4	W.12216	"	ATHERDEN D.L.	do	WX.36391
5	W.12388	"	WELLINGTON J.J.	do	WX.36392
6	W.22192	"	COLE A.F.	1 Nov. 42	WX.36393
227	W.22229	"	TAYLOR A.V.	7 Dec. 42	WX.36394

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RE ALLOTMENT OF ARMY NUMBERS. Cont'd.

				<u>Date</u>	<u>New Number.</u>
228	W.39121	Pte.	CULLEN C.T.	20 Dec. 42	WX.36395
9	W.40415	"	MARTIN J.E.	22 Dec. 42	WX.36396
230	W.40451	"	THOMPSON S.W.	28 Oct. 42	WX.36397

PUNISHMENTS.

- 1 WX.26880 Pte. GILMOUR W. OFFENCE. A.W.L. from 1700 hrs. 23 Dec. 42 to 1500 hrs. 30 Dec. 42  
AWARD. Fined £3. by C.O. 31 Dec. 42  
Automatic forfeiture 7 days pay.
- 2 WX.31544 " MUNDAY R.J. OFFENCE. A.W.L. from L.T.D. from HQ. Coy. 1400 hrs. 25 Dec. 42 to 1400 hrs. 28 Dec. 42  
AWARD. Fined 91/- by C.O. 6 Jan. 43  
Automatic forfeiture 3 days pay.
- 3 W.40435 Pte. HINSON E.J. OFFENCE. A.W.L. from L.T.D. from HQ. Coy. 1400 hrs. 26 Dec. 42 to 0800 hrs. 28 Dec. 42  
AWARD. Fined £1. by C.O. 6 Jan. 43  
Automatic forfeiture 2 days pay.
- 4 W.25466 Pte. NETTUP M.H. OFFENCE. A.W.L. from 2359 hrs. 22 Nov. D. Coy. 42 to 1100 hrs. 18 Dec. 42  
AWARD. Fined 91/- by C.O. 2 Jan. 43  
Automatic forfeiture 26 days pay  
Forfeits 14 days pay, awaiting trial under close arrest.  
TOTAL STOPPAGE. 40 days pay and fine of 91/-
- 5 WX.28748 Pte. STROTHER V. OFFENCE. Conduct to the prejudice D. Coy. of good order and Military discipline 30 Dec. 42  
AWARD. 28 days detention by C.O. 2 Jan. 43
- 6 WX.26529 Pte. TAYLOR E.L. OFFENCE. A.W.L. from 2200 hrs. 22 HQ. Coy. Dec. 42 to 1100 hrs. 8 Jan. 43  
AWARD. Fined £5. by C.O. 8 Jan. 43 and 28 days detention  
Automatic forfeiture 17 days pay.  
TOTAL STOPPAGE. 45 days pay and fine of £5.
- 7 WX.26603 Pte. WILLIAMS J.G. OFFENCE. A.W.L. from 2200 hrs. 22 HQ. Coy. Dec. 42 to 1145 hrs. 7 Jan. 43  
AWARD. Fined £5. by C.O. 8 Jan. 43 and 28 days detention  
Automatic forfeiture 16 days pay.  
TOTAL STOPPAGE. 44 days pay and fine of £5.
- 238 W.12135 Pte. LAILEY G.A. OFFENCE. A.W.L. from 1400 hrs. 28 Dec. HQ. Coy. 42 to 1400 hrs. 1 Jan. 43  
AWARD. Fined £1. by C.O. 8 Jan. 43  
Automatic forfeiture 4 days pay.



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PUNISHMENTS. Cont'd.

239 WX.34434 Pte. QUINN J. OFFENCE. A.W.L. from 1400 hrs.  
BHQ. Coy. 28 Dec. 42 to 1400 hrs. 1 Jan. 43  
AWARD. Fined £1. by C.O. 8 Jan. 43  
Automatic forfeiture 4 days pay.

COURT OF INQUIRY.

Illegal Absentee.

240 WX.21115 Pte. WILSON J.M. Court of Inquiry held 21 Dec. 42  
Declared Illegal absentee from  
2359 hrs. 22 Nov. 42  
Total Kit Deficiency £5.12.9

SENTENCE. - Remission of

1 W.12500 Pte. RADANOVICH S. Ref. R.O. 72/5742 of 30 Dec. 42  
Remission of one sixth of sentence  
approved by Col. i/c. Adm. 1 Jan. 43

MARCHED IN.

2 W.25728 Pte. ATTWOOD C.H. M/I ex G.D.D. ex leave without pay  
1 Jan. 43  
3 W.46510 " McIVOR J.M. do 8 Jan. 43  
4 WX.13585 " WILLIAMS W.J. do do

MARCHED OUT.

5 W.25728 " ATTWOOD C.H. M/O to G.D.D. to 3 months leave  
without pay 5 Jan. 43  
6 W.23734 " ANDERSON W.J. do 3 weeks 3 Jan. 43  
7 W.41402 " DAMIANI J.S. do do  
8 WX.26487 " CLIFTON R.B. do 2 weeks 3 Jan. 43

REJOINED UNIT.

9 WX.26771 Sgt. McKENZIE L.A. M/I ex Sch. of Inst. 6 Jan. 43  
250 WX.14408 A/Cpl. GASMIER A.M. M/I ex Sch. of Inst. 6 Jan. 43  
1 WX.26874 A/Cpl. TURNOCK J.W. do do  
2 WX.26725 Cpl. DYER C.M. do do  
3 WX.19442 " WILD K.A. do do  
4 WX.26839 " BRAID A. do do  
5 WX.26746 " HOLLIDAY J. do do  
6 W.25794 " BOYLE L.V. do do

DETACHED.

7 WX.20120 Pte. MEYN A.E. Det. to 18 Aust. Fld. Regt. for  
rations and duty 4 Jan. 43  
8 WX.31126 " BROOKS A.W. do do

CORRIGENDA.

9 WX.28751 A/Cpl. WRIGHT C. Ref. R.O. 72/5731 of 30 Dec. 42  
should read Appointed to L/Cpl.  
20 Dec. 42  
Ref. R.O. 72/5730 of 30 Dec. 42  
should read Promoted to A/Cpl.  
20 Dec. 42  
260 WX.26538 Sgt. CHADD R.P. Ref. R.O. 72/5717 of 30 Dec. 42  
should read M/O Trans. to A.R.D.  
Northam Delete Ref. to X List.

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CORRIGENDA, Cont'd.

261 WX.17970 A/Cpl. BEACHAM R.G. Ref. R.O. 1/91 of 5 Jan. 43  
should read A/Cpl.  
262 WX.16131 A/Sgt. BAIL M.C. Ref. R.O. 1/90 of 5 Jan. 43  
should read A/Sgt.

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For Officer i/c W.Aust. L. of C. Area,  
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82. Travelling by Train.

It is advised for the information of all concerned that personnel travelling to L.T.D. for School, leave etc., are entitled to take two meals for journey and should be included on ration strength for day after departure ex unit. Provisions for obtaining meals on route are very limited.

83. Recovery of Tradesmen.

An inspection of all Pay Books will be carried out within the Hq. and a list submitted to this H.Q. by 1800 hrs. 19 Jan. 43 showing any soldier with a trade group certificate and not employed at his trade.

84. Field Firing Exercise.

The following are detailed as Umpires .

Capt. E.T. Plaistowe.		Lt. J.G. McCulloch.
Capt. J.H. Mould.		W.O.ll. Piggott A.
W.O.ll. Sykes L.H.		" Sykes H.W.
" Norman E.W.		Sgt. Atkins. C
" Hicks A		Sgt. Park W.
Sgt. Ryman F.P.		
Sgt. Purchase P.C.		

Conference at 0930 hrs. "A" Coy. lines Thursday 14 Jan. 43.

85. Lost.

Shirt containing Pay Book the property of Pte. Fountain of "B" Coy, Finder rewarded.

86. Returns.

Some Coys. are in the habit when submitting returns or nil returns, of quoting more than one return on the one message form. This is incorrect and the practice is to cease.

87. Inter. Coy. Transfer.

Ref B.R.O. 63 - Cancel transfer of Pte. Dyer C.N.

*W. J. C. M. C.*  
 .....Capt.  
 Adj. 44 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.)

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 A.88. Reversions.

WX 26616	A/Sgt. Collins G.J. to be L/Sgt.
WX 33016	A/Cpl. Streatfield S.E. to be Pte.
W 11836	Dr.Mech. (T.G.111) Caple W.T. to be Pte.

*W. J. C. M. C.*  
 .....Capt.  
 Adj. 44 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.)

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44 AUSTRALIAN INF BN (AIF)

MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 1

SECRET

COPY NO. ....

14 Jan. 43

1. FIELD FIRING EXERCISE.

A, B and C Coys will move in Tactical Formation to Mt LEFROY area at quarter hour intervals on foot.

- (a) S.T. 1930 hrs.
- (b) S.P. Exit Gate
- (c) Compass Bearing 190° True.

2. D Coy move by M.T.

- (a) S.T. 1930 hrs.
- (b) S.P. Exit Gate.

3. Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 PIs move by M.T.

- (a) S.T. 2000 hrs
- (b) S.P. Exit Gate

4. Recce Van and C Co's Carrier.  and R.A.P.

- (a) S.T. 0730 hrs. 15 Jan. 43
- (b) S.P. Exit Gate

5. Personnel remaining in Camp.

<u>Each Coy.</u>	Picquet	3 O.Rs.	
	"Q" Store	1 O.R.	
<u>Bn Duties</u>	Amn Dump	2 O.Rs.	} Duty Coy.
	Canteen	"	
	B.H.Q.	"	
	1 Officer		
	1 N.C.O.		
	1 O.R.		

Personnel left in lines will ration at own Coy kitchens.

6. Rations

Coy kitchens remain in camp and provide breakfast in Hot Boxes to reach Biv area MT LEFROY 0715 hrs 15 Jan. 43. Each Coy arrange for lunch back in camp.

7. Water.

All ranks will move with water bottles filled and both water carts will move with ration vehicles.

8. Return from Exercise by M.T. T O to arrange for all available Tpt to be at Mt LEFROY by 0800 hrs and tpt each coy back at conclusion of coy exercise.

9. All messages referring to this Exercise to be prefixed by the word "RABBIT."

*[Signature]*  
 ..... Capt.  
 Adj. 44 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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ROUTINE ORDER PART 11  
No 2

14 Jan. 43

OFFICERS

44 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

Last Part 11 Order No 1 Sub No 7 Issued 5 Jan. 43

Sub No	Army No	Rank and Name	Particulars Casualties Etc.
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RECORDS PROCEDURE

Commencing with this No. 2 Part 11 Order 44 AUST INF BN 2 Aust Div, will be classified 44 AUST INF BN A.I.F. 2 AUST DIV. Auth G.R.O. G.1 of 1 Jan. 43.

STRENGTH INCREASE

8 WX29271	Lieut PETERSON G.A.	M/I ex School of Inst and struck of X List 6 Jan. 42
9 WX29275	Lieut FITZPATRICK J.L.	do do

STRENGTH DECREASE

10 WX29254	Capt DARRAGH J.A.	M/O to 3 Aust Corps School Serial C 43/8 and trans to X List 8 Jan. 43
1 WX29411	Lieut GILES J.R.	do do Serial JLO. 43/9
2 WX29259	Lieut GRAY N.M.	do do Serial G. 43/11
3 WX29274	Lieut JAMIESON A.J.	do do Serial R. 43/4
4 WX29263	Lieut PEIRL F.N.	do do Serial MG. 43/4
5 WX29261	Lieut BUCKTIN C. A.	M/O to No 4 Sig Sch Course No 4 Northam 8 Jan. 43 trans to X List.

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*L. O. Bee* Lieut  
For Officer i/c W. Aust L. of C. Area R cords Office.



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15 Jan. 43.

44 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.)

by  
Lt. Col. W. Brendon Garner  
Comd. 44 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.)

95. DUTIES.

G d. Mounting Officer.	15/16. Jan.	Capt. R.F. Johnston
Bn. O. Officer	" " "	Lieut P.W. Smith.
Camp Medical Officer	" "	Capt. T.E. Waters
Bn. O. Sgt.	" "	Sgt. Chapman O.C.
Bn. O. Cpl.	" "	Cpl. McGlenchy A.
C.Coy.	" "	C. Coy.

96. SWIMMING.

Coys. will advise by 1900 hrs. 16 Jan.43 the number of personnel unable to swim.

*W. S. ...*  
.....Capt.  
Adj. 44 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.)

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 A

97. Promotion

WX 26816 W.O.11 Blackhurst W.A. is to be W.O. 1 as from 16 Dec.42, whilst acting as R.S.M. in absence of W.O.1 Fewster K. t at school.

98. Reversion.

WX 26518 W.O.11 Sykes L.H. reverts to Sgt. at own request and transfers to A Coy.

WX 26519 A/Sgt. Nash R. to be Cpl.

99. Appointment.

L/Sgt. Harris J.A. to be supernumary and posted to Canteen.

*W. S. ...*  
.....Capt.  
Adj. 44 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.)



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44 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.)

by  
Lt. Col. W. Brendon Garner  
Cand. 44 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.)

Serial No. 13.  
No. 100 -  
18 Jan. 43.

100. DUTIES.

Gd. Mounting Officer.	18/19 Jan.	Capt. H.P. Braddock
Bn. O. Officer	" "	Lieut. J. Blue
Camp Medical Officer	" "	Capt. T.E. Waters
Bn. O. Sgt.	" "	Sgt. Park W.J.
Bn. O. Cpl.	" "	Cpl. Forrest H.J.
Duty Coy.	" "	D. Coy.

101. N.C.Os. EXAMINATION

Above exam is cancelled and date will be advised later.

102. OFFICERS MESS.

Officers Mess will function as usual tonight.

103. CONFERENCE.

A Conference of Coy. Cands. also Sig. Offr., Mortar Offr., T.O. actg. Q.M. will be held Offrs. Mess 1930 hrs. today.

*W. Brendon Garner*  
..... Capt.  
Adj. 44 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.)

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 A.

104. REVERSIONS.

The following Dr. Mech. T.G. 11 will revert to Ptes. not being employed in their trade capacity.

WX 26846	Pte. Taylor E.
WX 31540	Pte. Boyd A.
WX 26754	Pte. Stagg H.
WX 26871	L/Cpl. Oldham A. C.
W. 11727	Pte. Fleay R.H.

105. APPOINTMENTS.

WX 26871 Pte. Oldham A.C. appointed to L/Cpl.

*W. Brendon Garner*  
..... Capt.  
Adj. 44 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.)

106. ADDENDUM. Part. 1 Routine Orders.

Lost.

One Hat, Fur felt with Initials A.M. inside Band, Finder please return to this H.Q.

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As per Routine Orders, Serial No. 12.

A. M. P.

44th Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 3

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1. 44 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will return from P. & R.T. Camp, DONGARRA to camp at STRAWBERRY.

2. Method of Movement.

Movement will be in two echs.

No. 1 Ech will consist of:-

O. C. Capt. E.C. Plaistowe  
"B" Coy.  
All kitchen trucks  
Band.

S.T. 1330 hrs  
S.P. DENISON turnoff DONGARRA  
M.I.H. 20  
V.T.M. 88 yds between vehs. 440 yds between blocks.  
D.P. Camp Entrance.

No. 2 Ech. T.O. will arrange to return necessary vehs. for main body -

No. 2 Ech will depart approx. 1600 hrs.  
Order of March:-

H .Q. Coy  
A "  
B "  
D "

R.A.P.

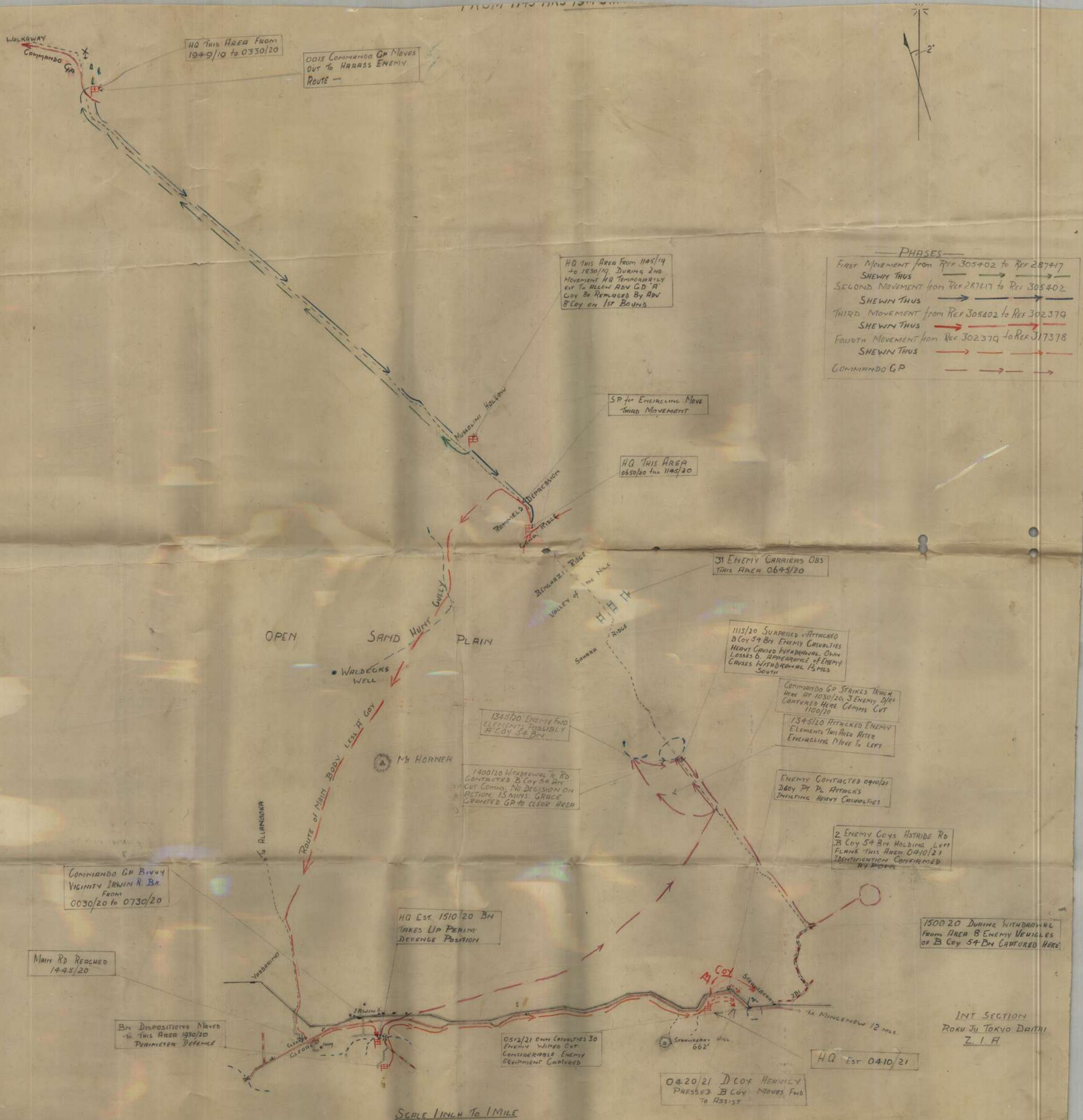
Other details as for No. 1 Ech.

Capt. Fountain of "A" Coy will be responsible for cleanliness of area. One offr and 4 O Rs to be left behind to inspect Coys lines.

*A. B. ...*  
.....  
Adj. 44 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) *Cap.*

DISTRIBUTION

1. C O
2. 2 i/c
3. Adj't
4. T O
5. Q M
6. Sig Offr
7. R M O
8. H Q Coy
9. A "
10. B "
11. C "
12. D "
13. War Diary
14. " "
15. File
16. "
17. I O



HQ THIS AREA FROM 1949/19 TO 0330/20

0015 COMMANDO GP MOVES OUT TO HARASS ENEMY ROUTE

HQ THIS AREA FROM 1145/19 TO 1830/19. DURING 2ND MOVEMENT HQ TEMPORARILY EXT TO ALLOW ADV CD 'A' COY BE REPLACED BY ADV 'B' COY ON 1ST BOUND

SP for ENCIRCLING MOVE THIRD MOVEMENT

HQ THIS AREA 0650/20 till 1145/20

31 ENEMY CARRIERS OBS THIS AREA 0645/20

1115/20 SURPRISED & ATTACKED B COY 54 BN. ENEMY CASUALTIES HEAVY CAUSED BY ENEMY OWN LOSSES & APPEARANCE OF ENEMY CAUSES WITHDRAWAL 15 MILES SOUTH

COMMANDO GP STRIKES TRACK HERE AT 1030/20, 3 ENEMY DIRS CAPTURED HERE COMINS CUT 1100/20

1345/20 ATTACKED ENEMY ELEMENTS THIS AREA AFTER ENCIRCLING MOVE TO LEFT

ENEMY CONTACTED 0910/21 360Y PT PL ATTACKS INFlicting HEAVY CASUALTIES

2 ENEMY COYS ASTRIDE RD B COY 54 BN HOLDING LEFT FLANK THIS AREA 0410/21 IDENTIFICATION CONFIRMED BY POWS

1500 20 DURING WITHDRAWAL FROM AREA 8 ENEMY VEHICLES OF B COY 54 BN CAPTURED HERE

INT SECTION ROKU JU TOKYO DAIRI Z.I.H

HQ EST 0410/21

0420/21 D COY HEAVILY PRESSED B COY MOVES FWD TO ASSIST

0512/21 OWN CASUALTIES 30 ENEMY WIPED OUT CONSIDERABLE ENEMY EQUIPMENT CAPTURED

HQ EST 1510/20 BN TAKES UP PERIM DEFENCE POSITION

1400/20 WITHDRAWAL TO RD CONTACTED B COY 54 BN CUT COMINS. NO DECISION ON ACTION. 15 MINS GRACE GRANTED GP TO CLEAR AREA

1345/20 ENEMY FWD ELEMENTS POSSIBLY B COY 54 BN

MY HORNER

ROUTE OF MAIN BODY LESS PT COY

TO ALLANBORO

COMMANDO GP BIVVY VICINITY IRWIN R. BR FROM 0030/20 TO 0730/20

MAIN RD REACHED 1445/20

Bn DISPOSITIONS MOVED TO THIS AREA 1930/20 PERIMETER DEFENCE

SCALE 1 INCH TO 1 MILE

PHASES

- FIRST MOVEMENT from REF 305402 to REF 287417 SHEWIN THUS
- SECOND MOVEMENT from REF 287417 to REF 305402 SHEWIN THUS
- THIRD MOVEMENT from REF 305402 to REF 302379 SHEWIN THUS
- FOURTH MOVEMENT from REF 302379 to REF 317378 SHEWIN THUS
- COMMANDO GP

JAPANESE IMPERIAL ARMY

60 TOKIO EN

O.O. NO. 1

EXERCISE "SANDY"

Ref Map DONGARRA Strait  
Enlargement STRAWBERRY  
Mt Michael Rd.

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19 Jan. 43

INFORMATION

1. Enemy force estimated at one Bn gp occupying STRAWBERRY area.  
No information other troops this area.

2. Own troops at present biv. MUSSOLINI'S HOLLOW (ref DONGARRA 306405)

INTENTION

3. 60 TOKIO EN will advance and capture STRAWBERRY.

METHOD

4. 60 Bn Gp will advance on STRAWBERRY in gps as per Appx. "A" attached.

(a) Recce party. -

Comd. <sup>Sgt Bird</sup> Lieut. Phelps  
Two Secs Carr.  
One Sec A/T k guns.  
Two m/c combinations

(b) Adv Gd. -

Comd. Capt. E. C. Plaistowe  
"B" Coy  
Organised as Gp. 2 attached.

(c) Special Force. -

Comd. Lieut. J. Hardwick  
One Pl. "A" Coy  
Det Engrs.

(d) Balance of force as laid down in App x. "A".

5. S.P. ROMMEL'S DEPRESSION (309401)

6. S.T. As advised by signal message.

7. BOUNDS. Recce party will move from S.P. to 1st Bound (GONA RIDGE) 311399 to be reported clear by .....

2nd Bound (BENGHAZI RIDGE) 314397

3rd Bound (SAHARA RIDGE) 315396

4th Bound (MEKELI RIDGE) 316395

Further bounds to be notified later. On arrival each bound, Recce party will move forward to next tactical feature before reporting clear, and will remain on each feature until occupation of area by adv gd who will travel in M T provided by T O. Comd Recce party will communicate with H Q by means of M/C combination.

8. "R" Gp as per appx. "A" will move in rear of adv gd.

9. Remainder of "A" Ech. will move as follows: -

(a) Marching personnel on foot.

(b) Bn ech. in gps from park to park.

(c) R.A.P. will move with last gp of "A" Ech.

10. S.T. will move independently of main body. S.T. as laid down in signal message and will move in accordance with instructions issued verbally by the comd.

- 11. MIGRE.  
Will carry out such demolitions and construct road blocks, mine fields as required.
- 12. Carriers - One carrier will move on each flank for protection.
- 13. Two dets mortars will move with each fwd coy. Four dets Bn res.
- 14. W/O will be carried on vehs whenever considered necessary by Coy Comd.
- 15. "B" Ech will move from MUSSOLINI'S HOLLOW to a point to be indicated when necessary.
- 16. Coy Kitchens will remain with "B" Ech and rations brought forward at times indicated as circumstances permit.
- 17. Clothing and equipment - See Adm. instructions.
- 18. Water - Owing to possible water shortage, all ranks move with full water bottles and strict water discipline maintained.
- 19. P.O.L. Each veh will carry sufficient petrol for 50 miles, running in addition to normal tankage.
- 20. AMN. All ranks will carry two bandoliers extra S.A.A. - token only.
- 21. MEDICAL. (a) R A P will move with last vehicles of "A" Ech  
(b) Genuine casualties will be evacuated to A D S MINGENEW.
- 22. P.O.W. Compound will be established at "B" Ech, constructed by Engrs. All P.O.W's to be returned through Bn H Q.
- 23. LIGHTS. Vehicle lights will NOT be used at nights.
- 24. STRAGGLERS POSTS. Will be established 500 yds in rear of each bound, when occupied by adv gd tps.
- 25. "B" Ech. will remain in present position and move to new site as ordered by Comd. O.C. H.Q. Coy will supervise arrangements for defence of "B" Ech.
- 26. Special Force as par. 4(c) will take 24 hours rations to render them independent without further supplies.

INTERCOMM

- 27. Bn H.Q., Gps 4 and 5 will move in rear of adv gd.
- 28. W/T Poling. Wireless silence will be maintained until contact is made with enemy, when battle code and map ref code will be used. Otherwise all messages in clear.

Ack.  
Time of signature.  
Method of distribution.

*Bunshuu*  
..... Capt.  
Adj. 60 TOKIO BN

DISTRIBUTION

- 1. C O
- 2. 2 1/2
- 3. Adj
- 4. W/O
- 5. 1 O
- 6. C M
- 7. Sig Offr
- 8. P.O.O.
- 9. 1 O
- 10. 1 O
- 11. 1 O
- 12. 1 O
- 13. A.T k Comd
- 14. Engr Comd
- 15. H Q Coy
- 16. A. Coy
- 17. B. "
- 18. C. "
- 19. D. "
- 20. Lieut. Hardwick
- 21. War Diary
- 22. "
- 23. "

APPENDIX "A"

TO GO TOKYO IN O.O. NO. 1

- |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>1. <u>Recce Gp.</u><br/>                 Two Seps Carriers<br/>                 One Sec A.Tk Guns<br/>                 Two M/C Combs</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p>6. 2 1/c<br/>                 T O<br/>                 H Q Coy Comd<br/>                 Rear H Q<br/>                 Pnr Pl<br/>                 Res Amn</p>                                             |
| <p>2. <u>Adv. Gd.</u><br/>                 B. Cov. - Comd. Capt. Plaistowe<br/>                 One A.Tk.<br/>                 11 P.<br/>                 Coy H.Q.<br/>                 Arty F.O.O.<br/>                 Two Dets Morts<br/>                 Recce party Engrs.<br/>                 12 Pl<br/>                 13 Pl<br/>                 4 S Bs<br/>                 2 "I" Sec<br/>                 4 Sigs.<br/>                 One A.Tk Gun</p> | <p>7. A Coy<br/>                 4 S Bs<br/>                 1 "I" Sec<br/>                 3 Sigs</p> <p>8. C Coy<br/>                 4 S Bs<br/>                 1 "I" Sec<br/>                 3 Sigs</p> |
| <p>3. Sub sec A.Tk<br/>                 C.O's Carrier<br/>                 C O<br/>                 Adjt<br/>                 I O<br/>                 Sig Offr<br/>                 Arty Comd<br/>                 Mort Comd<br/>                 Engr Comd<br/>                 A.Tk Comd<br/>                 Carr Comd<br/>                 2 Dets A.A. under A.A. offr.</p>                                                                                    | <p>9. D Coy<br/>                 4 S Bs<br/>                 1 "I" Sec<br/>                 3 Sigs<br/>                 R A P</p>                                                                             |
| <p>4. Sigs</p> <p>5. Arty</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>10. "B" Ech<br/>                 Q M<br/>                 A A Det<br/>                 2 A.T k guns<br/>                 Kitchens<br/>                 Petrol<br/>                 L. A. D.</p>            |

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GO Tropic Bn.

O.C. No. 2.

MISSION - "SABOT".

Ref Map GERALDTON Strait 1" - 4 miles.  
DORLANDRA " 1" - 4 miles.

OPERATIONAL

1. Heavy force estimated as 1000 men, occupying GERALDTON area. No information on other troops this area.
2. Own troops at present div. ref GERALDTON STRAIT.

MISSION

3. GO Bn. will advance and capture STRANDERS.

ORDER

4. GO Bn. will advance on STRANDERS in accordance with the attached A.

A. Recon. party.

Comd. Sgt. Hill  
Two Secs. Carriers  
One Sec. 1/20. guns  
Two 1/3 combinations.

B. Advanced guard.

Comd. Capt R.G. McIntosh  
2nd Coy.

Organised as per app. B in app. A attached.

C. Special Force.

Comd. Capt J.E. Harwick  
One pl. "A" Coy.  
Det. Engrs.

D. Balance of force as laid down in app. "A".

5. R.I. Road Block B Coy. area.

6. R.I. division / later.

7. Beach.

Recon. party will move from R.I. to 1st Beach (ARMY HILL)  
GERALDTON STRAIT to be reported clear by 0600 hrs.

2nd Beach. REVENUE PLAZA (207400) report clear by 0700 hrs.

3rd Beach. BLACKBY HILL, DORLANDRA (208400) report clear  
by 0600 hrs.

4th Beach. GORA RIDGE, (213000)

Further beach will be notified later. On arrival at each  
beach, recon party will move forward to next tactical feature be-  
fore reporting clear, and will remain on such feature until  
occupation of area by adv. pl. who will travel in R.I. provided  
by R.I. - Recon. party will communicate with R.I. by means  
of 1/3 combination.

8. "R" group as per app. "A" will move in rear of adv. pl.

9. Remainder of "A" ech. will move as follows

- a. Marching personnel on foot.
- b. R.I. by beach from park to park.
- c. R.I. will move with last group of "A" ech.

10. Special Task Force will move independently of main body R.I. will be  
laid down by signal message and will move in accordance with instruc-  
tions issued verbally by comd.

11. Engrs.

Will carry out such demolitions and construct road blocks, mine  
fields etc. as required.

12. Carriers - One carrier will move on each flank as protection

13. Mortars.

Two deta. will be with forward coy. Four deta. Bn. res.

14.

14. H/O will be carried on vehs. whenever considered necessary by Coy. comm.

15. Coy Kitchens will remain with B. ech in present position and move when ordered. Rations to be brought forward as required. C.O. H. Q. Coy. will supervise defence of B ech.

16. Clothing and equip.- See Mta. Inst.

17. Water - Owing to possible water shortage all ranks move with full water bottles and strict water discipline maintained.

18. P.O.L. Each veh. will carry sufficient petrol for 30 miles running in addition to normal tankage.

19. Am. All ranks will carry two bandoliers extra S.A.A. taken only.

20. P.O.W. Camps will be established at B ech. constructed by Engrs. All P.O.W. to be returned through M. H. Q.

21. Lights. - Vehicle lights will NOT be used at night.

22. Straggler posts - Will be established 500 yards in rear of each bound when occupied by adv. gd. bns.

23. Special Forces as per para 4 (c) will take 24 hours rations to render them independent without further supplies.

INFORMATION

24. M. H. Q. gns. 4 and 5 will move in rear of adv. gd.

25. N.T. policy. Wireless silence will be maintained until contact is made with enemy then battle code and msg ref. code will be used. Otherwise all messages in clear.

Ask.

Time of Signature. 2130 hrs.

Method of Distribution. LIASION OFFR.

*C. S. G. S. G.*

CC Tatic Bn.

d/t.

DISTRIBUTION

- 1. C.O.
- 2. S i/c
- 3. ADJG.
- 4. L.O.
- 5. Sig. Offr.
- 6. Mort. Offr.
- 7. Carr. Offr.
- 8. T.O.
- 9. Q.M.
- 10. Ar ty Offr.
- 11. A/R.
- 12. Engr.
- 13. H.Q. Coy.
- 14. A
- 15. B
- 16. C
- 17. D
- 18. 3 Mts.
- 19. War Diary
- 20. "
- 21. File.
- 22. "



JAPANESE IMPERIAL ARMY

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60 Tokio Bn

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O.O. No. 3

EXERCISE "SAVIX"

Ref Map DONGARRA 1" = 4 mls.

INFORMATION

- (1) a. Recce reports no enemy Northern proximity STRAWBERRY.
- b. No information enemy's present position.
- (2) a. Own tps successfully by-passed enemy position.
- b. Result of A Coy & special task force ops unknown.

INTENTION.

- (3) 60 Bn will cut off enemy line of withdrawal to STRAWBERRY, seek out enemy & destroy.

METHOD.

- (4) Bn will move as follows
  - a. M/e screen
    - Two secs M/e
    - One sec A Tk guns.
  - b. Adv gd.
    - Comd Capt H.P. Braddock
    - "D" Coy
    - One sec A Tk guns
    - One tp Arty
    - Det Engrs
    - Two dets Mort.
  - c. "R" gp
  - d. HQ Coy gp
  - e. B Coy gp
  - R.A.P.
- (5) Route - Via IRWIN River Bridge to DONGARRA-MINGENEY Rd to STRAWBERRY turn off. Thence North along STRAWBERRY-MT MICHAEL rd.
- (6) S.T. 2200 hrs 20 Jan 43.
- (7) S.P. IRWIN River Br.
- (8) M.I.H. 15.
- (9) V.T.M. 40 yds between vehs.
- (10) Special Insts. - M/e screen will travel in pairs 25 yds apart 1500 yds in front of adv gd.  
 Move will continue until enemy contacted when M/e Comd will report Adv Gd Comd, who will then commence vigorous patrolling and attempt to take prisoners for identification.  
 "B" Coy Comd will act in accordance with verbal instructions. Particular attention to be paid to silence during the advance.

ADMIN.

- (11) T.O.P. will be provided by Bn Pro. at IRWIN-MILO turn off & STRAWBERRY turn off.
- (12) Vehicles will travel without headlights but with tail-lights. Care being taken to keep to left of road.
- (13) B Ech. -  
 As soon as contact is made with enemy and tps debussed, sufficient vehicles will be detached by T.O. to B Ech, which will move to area as instructed verbally. After leaving STRAWBERRY turn off lights will be used.

INTERCOMM.

- (14) Bn HQ will travel as set out in order of march. W/T silence. Cable will be carried with leading Coy and immediately Coy HQ sited line will be laid to Bn HQ.

Ack

Time of Signature

Method of Distribution

*Cruswell*  
Adj't 60 Tokio En

Capt

## DISTRIBUTION

- |     |              |     |           |
|-----|--------------|-----|-----------|
| 1.  | G.O.         | 12. | Arty Comd |
| 2.  | 2 i/c        | 13. | Engr "    |
| 3.  | Adj't        | 14. | HQ Coy    |
| 4.  | I.O.         | 15. | A "       |
| 5.  | R.H.O.       | 16. | B "       |
| 6.  | Sig Offr     | 17. | C "       |
| 7.  | Mort Offr    | 18. | D "       |
| 8.  | Carrier Offr | 19. | War Diary |
| 9.  | A Tk Offr    | 20. | " "       |
| 10. | C.M.         | 21. | File      |
| 11. | T.O.         | 22. | File      |

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60 Tokio Bn.  
O. O. No. 4.

EXERCISE - "SANDY"

Ref. Map DONGARRA 1" - 4Miles.

INFORMATION.

1. Enemy estimated one Bn. gp. located at SAHARA Ridge.
2. "A" Coy. holding BENGHAZI Ridge.

INTENTION.

3. 60 Bn. will encircle enemy and capture STRAWBERRY.

METHOD

4. Method of Movement.
  - a. Carrier Screen - Two sections Carriers
  - b. Adv. Gd. - Comd. Capt H.P. Braddock, D. Coy. with under comd. One Sec A/Tk. guns two Dets. Morts.
  - c. Main Body as per Appx. A to O.O. No. 1 less "A" Coy.
5. Route via right flank.
6. S.T. 11.50 hrs.
7. S.P. ROMMELS DEPRESSION.
8. BOUNDS approx. each 2 miles.
9. "A" Coy with under comd:-

One. Sec. A/Tk. guns  
One Tp. Arty.

will hold BENGHAZI Ridge and harrass enemy by patrolling and feint attacks.

One Tp. Arty will take up position on GONA Ridge and be prepared to assist A Coy. in event of enemy breaking through.

10. Special Instructions.

In the event of adv. gd. meeting opposition troops will debus and deploy.. Column stops and act on inst. from Comd.
11. A/Tk.

One A/Tk. gun will move on each flank.
12. Carriers.

One Sec. Carriers will move on each flank for flank protection.

ADM.

13. B ech. will remain in present position.
14. Bn. H.Q. will move with "R" gp.

DISTRIBUTION.

- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. C.O.          | 12. Engr. Offr. |
| 2. 2 i/c/        | 13. H.Q. Coy.   |
| 3. Adj. t.       | 14. A "         |
| 4. I.O.          | 15. B "         |
| 5. Sig. Offr.    | 16. C "         |
| 6. Mort. Offr.   | 17. D "         |
| 7. Carrier Offr. | 18. S Bde.      |
| 8. T.O.          | 19. War Diary   |
| 9. Q.M.          | 20. " "         |
| 10. Arty Offr.   | 21. File.       |
| 11. A/Tk. Offr.  | 22. "           |

*Cussacall*  
Adj. t.  
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

44 Aust Inf Bn A.I.F.

By  
Lt Col W. Brendon Garner  
Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn A.I.F.

107 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	21/22 Jan	Capt H.P. Braddock
Bn O Officer	" "	Lieut J.L. Fitzpatrick
Camp Medical Officer	" "	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	" "	Cpl Smith A.J.N.
Bn O Cpl	" "	Cpl Dellar G.
Duty Coy	" "	D Coy
Next for Duty	22/23 "	HQ Coy

108 APPOINTMENT

Lieut R.P.J. Woodley is appointed O C No. 16 PL C Coy.

109 DRESS

The practice of stitching the crown of hats & making the crown assume an irregular shape is to cease. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

110 SHIRTS

Every effort is to be made to have collars fitted to shirts, either by the regimental tailor or privately.

111 PARADES

Muster parades will be held as follows

"A" Coy personnel Coy lines 0830 hrs Friday 22.

"HQ" Coy No. 2 in Coy lines at 0900 hrs Friday 22.

C.O. will address members of above Coys who took part in recent exercise.

112 N.C.O's. EXAMINATION.

The above examination as per B.R.O. 11, 41, 58, 79 & 101 will be held tomorrow Friday 22 Jan 43.

Officers & N.C.O's. assisting, also candidates, will report A Coy lines at 0815 hrs.

113 OFFICERS' MESS STEWARDS

Applications are invited from personnel desirous of filling the above vacancy. Nominations close Bn HQ 0900 hrs Saturday 23 Jan 43.

114 PUBLICITY CONCERNING ESCAPED PRISONERS OF WAR

From General Routine Orders, 8 Jan 43.

- Members of the A.M.F. will not, unless authorized by the Commander-in-Chief, publish in any form whatever, or communicate, either directly or indirectly, to the press or radio any account of the escape of any person whatsoever from enemy or enemy-occupied territory or of the experiences of such person prior to repatriation.
- Experience has shown that publicity of this character furnishes valuable information to the enemy and will jeopardize future escapes of Australian and Allied prisoners of war.

115 BROADCASTS OVER ENEMY WIRELESS BY AUSTRALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR

From General Routine Orders, 8 Jan 43.

A member of the Military Forces who becomes a prisoner of war will not transmit messages over enemy wireless. The enemy's design, in arranging such broadcasts, is to enhance his own propaganda.

116 CASUALTIES AFFECTING PAY

From General Routine Orders, 8 Jan 43.

No action will be taken to amend pay book rates consequent upon promotions, remissions of fines or remissions of forfeitures until receipt of the relevant Routine Part II Order from Records Office.

117 MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE SPEED OF VEHICLES

From General Routine Orders, 8 Jan 43.

1. Training.-

(a) The following are the maximum speeds permitted on any surface for the vehicles mentioned. These speeds are not to be exceeded unless absolutely necessary for the purpose of field training, or as ordered by a responsible commissioned officer. In such cases, the work ticket is to be endorsed accordingly.

Type of Vehicle	Max speed in m.p.h.
Cars, motor cycles and combinations	45
Trucks, 4 x 4, 5-cwt. (Jeep)	45
Ambulances (except in emergency)*	35
Vans and trucks, 12 to 15-cwt.	35
Vans, 1-ton, lorries and trucks up to 3-ton, except 6-wheeler	30
Lorries and trucks, stores, 3-ton loaded	25
Lorries, 6-wheeler and semi-trailers	20
Lorries or trucks, S.B.G.	20
Lorries or trucks, F.B.E.	20
Tractors, wheeled, and other vehicles towing -	
Pneumatic tyred trailers and other equipment 1	20 - 15
Steel tyred field equipment or trailers	8 - 6
A.A. travelling platform	15 - 12
Medium arty. equipment, with rubber padded wheels	12 - 10
Medium arty. equipment, with steel tyres	6 - 4
Tank transporters -	
Tractor unit only	15
With trailer, unloaded	12
With trailer, loaded	10
Tractors, tracked -	
Towing medium arty. equipment	15 - 1/2
Carriers (all types)	20
Tanks, light M3	25
Tanks, medium, Mk. II	20
Tanks, medium, M3	20
Tanks, cruiser (including A.C.)	20
Tanks, infantry, Mk. II	12
Tanks, infantry, Mk. III	12
Tanks, combat (M.H.)	15
Tanks, light, Mk. VIA	20
Cars, scout	35
Cars, light, armoured	30
Lorries or trucks, water tank	25
Trailers -	
Workshop	15
Laundry	15
Cooker	15
Generating set	15
Recovery	15
Water tank	20
Two-wheeled, air compressor	20

\* In cases of emergency, the speed of motor ambulances will be at the discretion of the medical authorities.

1 Where a second figure is shown, it denotes the maximum permiss-

(b) Army drivers are subject to the traffic regulations of the State authorities, and must observe all the rules of the road and obey orders and signals from traffic police and members of the Provost Corps.

2. Operations:-

It is emphasized that the above speeds do not apply in operations against the enemy. When in or near contact with the enemy, vehicles will move at a speed dictated by the tactical situation.

3. Convoys:-

Particular attention is directed to the calculation of time tables when preparing operation orders. It must be remembered that the average road speed is necessarily below the maximum permissible. (Reference F.S.R. and Military Training Pamphlet No.47.)

4. General:-

Armies, Corps and H.Q. L. of C. Areas are responsible to ensure that traffic is properly policed in their areas and will instruct the Provost Corps to see that traffic laws, both Army and Civil, are observed.

The necessity for prompt disciplinary action in the case of breaches of this instruction is stressed.

5. Cancellation:-

This order cancels -

- (a) Standing Orders for the Operation and Maintenance of Mechanical Vehicles (Australia) 1940 - para. 42.
- (b) M.B.I. C.39/1941.
- (c) M.T. Circular No.88 of 28th October, 1940.
- (d) G.R.O. Q.23/1942.

and is to be periodically brought to the attention of all ranks concerned in the operation and maintenance of mechanical vehicles.

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CARE OF HAND TOOLS

From General Routine Orders, 8 Jan 43.

1. Demands for replacement of hand tools indicate that wastage is unduly high.

2. An acute shortage of these tools exists. Many types are not manufactured locally and have to be imported from overseas. It is essential, therefore, that all ranks be impressed with the necessity of ensuring that wastage is reduced to a minimum.

3. Care is to be taken that tools are used only for the purpose for which they are supplied.

4. Unit commanders and officers or other ranks in charge of workshops, etc., are to take all action necessary to ensure that these instructions are observed by personnel under their control, and that appropriate steps are taken to ensure the safe keeping of hand tools on issue.

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COURTS OF INQUIRY

Courts of Inquiry will be assembled to inquire into the alleged illegal absence of W 46890 Pte Foulds H.L. and WX 26572 Pte Davies E.J.D.

President Capt E.C. Plaistowe Member Lieut K.C. Pilley  
Proceedings to be at this HQ by 1800 hrs 23 Jan 43.

*Curry*

..... Capt  
Adjnt 44 Aust Inf Bn A.I.F.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.  
ROUTINE ORDER PART 11.  
NO. 3.21. January '43  
44TH BATTALION,44. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F. - 2 AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

25 JAN 1943

Last Part 11. Order No.2.

Sub No.260. Published 13. Jan '43.

Sub. No.	Army No.	Rank and Name.	Particulars, Casualties, Etc.,
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The undermentioned personnel having volunteered for service in the A.I.F., have been classified medically fit Class A1 or A2 and completed A.A.F. A.200, are transferred to A.I.F. on dates as shown hereunder, and allotted army numbers as shown :-

TRANSFERS TO A.I.F.

261 <del>8</del> N 251079.	Pte.	CAMPBELL, B.	31. Dec. '42.	NX 156148.
262 <del>8</del> N 352256.	Pte.	BUTCHER, V.L.	22. Dec. '42.	NX 156149.

STRENGTH INCREASE :-

3. WX31909.	WO 11.	PIGGOTT, A.T.	M/In & T.O.S. Ex. 3. Corps. School. Harvey.	10. Jan '43.
4. WX29644.	Pte.	PETERSON, W.L.	M/I & T.O.S. Ex. 11. Aust. Inf. Bn.	13. Jan '43.
5. <del>NX</del> 89052.	Gnr.	SCHRODER, L.	M/I & T.O.S. Ex. 104. Aust A/Tk. Regt.	12. Jan '43.
6. N352256.	Gnr.	BUTCHER, V.L.		Do.
7. N251079.	Gnr.	CAMPBELL, B.C.		Do.
8. WX26573.	Pte.	WARREN, T.A.	M/I Ex. Sch. of Inst., & Struck off 'X' List.	10. Jan '43.
9. W12025.	Pte.	WILLIAMS, B.D.		Do.
270. WX26582.	Pte.	GIBSON, L.W.		Do.
1. WX26701.	Sgt.	CHAPMAN, O.C.	M/I Ex. Sch. of Inst., & Struck off 'X' List.	12. Jan '43.
2. WX26782.	Pte.	SINGLETON, E.	M/I Ex Leave w/Out Pay and Struck off 'X' List.	10. Jan '43.
3. W 11768.	Pte.	CONWAY, D.J.	M/I Ex. G.D.D. Ex. Detn., and struck off 'X' List.	11. Jan '43.
4. W12500.	Pte.	RADANOVICH, S.	M/I Ex. G.D.D. Ex. Detn., and struck off 'X' List.	10. Jan '43.

STRENGTH DECREASE :-

5. W50367.	Pte.	MEDLEN, F.C.	M/O Trans., to 124. Aust Gen. Tpt. Cy.,	12. Jan '43.
6. WX29286.	Pte.	BOOT, S.J.	M/O Trans., to H.Q. 2. Aust Div.,	13. Jan '43.
7. WX21214.	L/Cpl.	JASPER, E.R.		Do.
8. WX26648.	Pte.	TREE, C.J.	M/O Trans., to 11 Aust Inf. Bn.,	14. Jan '43.
9. W78502.	Pte.	LANIGAN, A.	Evac., to 110 A.G.H. Ex. Leave and Trans., to 'X' List	7. Jan '43.
280. W46691.	Pte.	BURNS, I.E.	Evac., to 110 A.G.H. Ex. leave and Trans., to 'X' List.	9. Jan '43.
1. W25893.	Pte.	MOSS, J.E.	Evac., to 5. Aust Fld. Amb. and Trans., to 'X' List.	4. Jan '43.
2. WX26877.	Pte.	PAGOTTI, C.	M/O to 28 days Detn., and Trans. to 'X' List.	12. Jan '43.
3. WX27882.	Pte.	OSTLE, R.H.		Do.
284. WX25413.	Pte.	COX, S.R.	M/O to 28 days Detn., and Trans. to 'X' List.	14. Jan '43.

21. January '43.

44. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION, -A.I.F. 2 AUST. DIVISION.

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APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS :-

285.	WX26816.	WO 11. BLACKHURST, W.A.	Promoted to A/WO 1. 16. Dec. '42.
6.	WX12542.	Pte. CLOWES, K.H.	Promoted to A/Cpl. 12. Jan. '43.
7.	WX26896.	L/Cpl. MASON, F.E.	Promoted to A/Cpl. 12. Jan. '43.
8.	WX31542.	A/Cpl. STUBBS, F.	Promoted to Cpl. 14. Jan. '43.

REVERSIONS :-

9.	W26616.	A/Sgt. COLLINS, G.T.	Reverts to L/Sgt. By Order of CO. 13. Jan '43.
290.	WX26707.	A/Sgt. BOVELL, B.	Reverts to L/Sgt. By Order of CO. 13. Jan '43.
1.	WX26519.	A/Sgt. NASH, R.	Reverts to Cpl. By Order of C.O. 15. Jan '43.
2.	WX28751.	A/Cpl. WRIGHT, C.W.	Reverts to L/Cpl By Order of C.O. 11. Jan '43.
3.	WX26514.	L/Sgt. MORGAN, A.C.	Reverts to Cpl. By Order of C.O. 11. Jan '43.
4.	WX33016.	A/Cpl. STREATFIELD, S.E.	Reverts to Pte By Order of C.O. 14. Jan '43.
5.	WX26492.	A/Spl. FOSTER, R.	Do.
6.	WX26819.	A/Cpl. EDWARDS, L.S.	Do.
7.	WX26873.	A/Cpl. SANFORD, L.A.	Do.
8.	WX26876.	A/Cpl. BARTLETT, J.C.	Reverts to Pte By Order of C.O. 2. Jan '43.
9.	WX26613.	A/Cpl. SAVAGE, F.P.	Do.
300.	WX31545.	L/Cpl. HAGAN, P.E.	Reverts to Pte By Order of C.O. 2. Jan '43.
1.	WX28749.	L/Cpl. TOWNSEND, R.V.	Reverts to Pte By Order of C.O. 11. Jan '43.
2.	WX21323.	L/Sgt. READING, G.A.	Reverts to Pte at own request. 21. Nov. '42.
3.	WX26488.	Cpl. COLLINS, P.R.	Reverts to Pte at own request. 11. Jan '43.
4.	W 11738.	Cpl. SMITH, R.C.	Reverts to Pte. at own request. 11. Jan '43.

TRADE GROUPINGS :-

5.	WX26492.	Pte. FOSTER, R.	Classified Group 11. 'Cook' 14. Jan '43.
6.	WX26819.	Pte. EDWARDS, L.S.	Do.
7.	WX26873.	Pte. SANFORD, L.A.	Do.
8.	WX26573.	Pte. WARREN, T.A.	Classified Group 111. 'Dvr. Mechanic' 10. Jan '43.
9.	WX19987.	Pte. GRIFFIN, E.D.	Classified Group 111. 'Dvr. Mechanic' 4. Jan '43.
310.	WX29402.	Pte. FARNSWORTH, C.J.	Classified Group 111. 'Dvr. Mechanic' 4. Jan '43.
1.	WX26585.	Pte. COLLERAN, J.P.	Relinquishes Group 11. 'Cook', 14. Jan '43.
2.	WX26597.	Pte. HIGGINS, K.C.	Do.
3.	W 11836.	Pte. CAPLE, W.T.	Relinquishes Group 111. 'Dvr Mech.', 13. Jan '43.

PUNISHMENTS :-

314.	WX26760.	Pte. MCGURK, J.J.	<u>OFFENCE</u> - Found beyond the limits fixed by Bn., without a pass or written leave By his C.O. 9. Jan '43.
			<u>AWARD</u> - Fined £3/-/- By C.O. 11. Jan '43.



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<u>PUNISHMENTS :- (Cont)</u>				
315.	WX28751.	A/Cpl. WRIGHT, ( B.H.Q. )	C.W.	<u>OFFENCE</u> - Found beyond the limits fixed By Bn., without a pass or written leave By His. C.O. 9. Jan '43. <u>AWARD</u> - Reduced to Rank of L/Cpl. By C.O. 11. Jan '43.
6.	WX26592.	Pte. HISLOP, ( B.H.Q. )	T.	<u>OFFENCE</u> - Conduct to the prejudice of good order and Military Discipline. 9. Jan '43. <u>AWARD</u> - Fined 10/- By C.O. 11. Jan '43.
7.	WX28749.	L/Cpl. TOWNSEND, (B.H.Q.)	R.W.	<u>OFFENCE</u> - Found beyond the limits fixed by Bn., without a pass or written leave. By His. C.O. 9. Jan '43. <u>AWARD</u> - Reduced to Rank of Pte. By C.O. 11. Jan '43.
8.	W25928.	Pte. VALLENCE, (B.H.Q.)	J.W.	<u>OFFENCE</u> - Found beyond the limits fixed by Bn., without a pass or written leave. By His C.O. 9. Jan '43. <u>AWARD</u> - Fined £3/-/- By C.O. 11. Jan '43.
9.	W25524.	Pte. HANNAY, (B.H.Q.)	W.P.	<u>OFFENCE</u> - Found beyond the limits fixed by Bn., without a pass or written leave by his C.O. 9. Jan '43. <u>AWARD</u> - Fined £3/-/- By C.O. 11. Jan '43.
320.	WX18105.	Pte. KIMPTON, (B.H.Q.)	J.E.	<u>OFFENCE</u> - Neglecting to obey Standing orders. 9. Jan '43. <u>AWARD</u> - Fined 10/- By C.O. 14. Jan '43.
1.	WX20000.	Pte. THOMPSON, (B.H.Q.)	J.D.	<u>OFFENCE</u> - Neglecting to obey Standing Orders. 9. Jan '43. <u>AWARD</u> - Fined 10/- By C.O. 14. Jan '43.
2.	W25413.	Pte. COX, (B.H.Q.)	S.R.	<u>OFFENCE</u> - (1) Disobeying a lawful command. 11. Jan '43. <u>OFFENCE</u> - (2) Disobeying a lawful command. 12. Jan '43. <u>AWARD</u> - Fined 28 days detention By C.O. 12. Jan '43.
3.	W11733.	Pte. BLUNT, (B.H.Q.)	V.C.	<u>OFFENCE</u> - Conduct to the prejudice of good order and Military Discipline. 9. Jan '43. <u>AWARD</u> - Fined £5/-/- By C.O. 11. Jan '43.
324.	WX26861.	Pte. DIEDRICH, G.R. (B.H.Q.)		<u>OFFENCE</u> - Found beyond the limits fixed by Bn., without a pass or written leave by his C.O. 9. Jan '43. <u>AWARD</u> - Fined £3/-/- By C.O. 11. Jan '43.

44. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F. 2.        V.,

Sub. No.	Army No.	Rank and Name.		Particulars, Casualties, Etc.,
<u>PUNISHMENTS :- (Cont)</u>				
325.	W11417.	Pte. MATHEWS, (B.H.Q.)	F.A.	<u>OFFENCE</u> - A.W.L. from 1050 hrs 22. Dec. '42 to 1050 hrs 5. Jan '43. <u>AWARD</u> - Fined £3/-/- By C.O. 11. Jan '43. Aut. Forf. 14. Days Pay.
6.	W12256.	Pte. NICHOLLS, (B.H.Q.)	N.W.	<u>OFFENCE</u> - Found beyond the limits fixed by Bn., without a pass or written leave by his C.O. 9. Jan '43. <u>AWARD</u> - Fined £3/-/- By C.O. 11. Jan '43.
7.	WX32766.	Pte. RICKETS, (B.H.Q.)	W.	<u>OFFENCE</u> - Found beyond the limits fixed by Bn., without a pass or written leave by his C.O. 9. Jan '43. <u>AWARD</u> - Fined £3/-/- By C.O. 11. Jan '43.
8.	WX26772.	Pte. HUME, (B.H.Q.)	R.M.	<u>OFFENCE</u> - Found beyond the limits fixed by Bn., without a pass or written leave by his C.O. 9. Jan '43. <u>AWARD</u> - Fined £3/-/- By C.O. 11. Jan '43.
9.	WX 26557.	Pte. STRUDWICK, (B.H.Q.)	E.V.	<u>OFFENCE</u> - Found beyond the limits fixed by Bn., without a pass or written leave by his C.O. 9. Jan '43. <u>AWARD</u> - Fined £3/-/- By C.O. 11. Jan '43.
330.	WX27882.	Pte. OSTLE, (B.H.Q.)	R.H.	<u>OFFENCE</u> - A.W.L. from 1345 hrs 22. Dec. '42 to 1615 hrs 4. Jan '43 <u>AWARD</u> - 28. days detention 11. Jan '43. Aut. Forf. 14. days pay.
1.	WX34429.	Pte. CARSON, (B.H.Q.)	M.	<u>OFFENCE</u> - A.W.L. from 1400 hrs 28. Dec. '42 to 1400 hrs 2. Jan '43. <u>AWARD</u> - Fined £2/-/- By C.O. Aut. Forf. 5. days pay. 11. Jan '43.
2.	WX25877.	Pte. PAGOTTI, (B.H.Q.)	C.	<u>OFFENCE</u> - (1) Failing to obey a lawful command given by his super- ior Officer. 1. Jan '43. <u>OFFENCE</u> - (2) Refusing a lawful command given by his Superior Officer. 8. Jan '43. <u>OFFENCE</u> - (3) Prejudice to good order and Military Discipline. 2. Jan '43. <u>AWARD</u> - Fined £5/-/- and 28 days detention. By C.O. 12. Jan '43/
333.	WX29422.	Pte. HISLOP, N. (B.H.Q.)		<u>OFFENCE</u> - Drunkenness. 14. Jan '43. <u>AWARD</u> - Fined £5/-/- By C.O. 15. Jan '43. Aut. Forf. 1. days Pay.

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REDUCED PAY :-

334.	W39074.	Pte.	COTTRELL, E.L.	Ref. R/O 51/4711 of 16. Sept. '42. and R/O 3/352 of 21. Jan '43. Adm to 122 Spec. Hosp., 16. Aug '42. Disch. to Duty 27. Aug. '42. (Neis., Ureth.,)
5.	WX29420. (W39073)	Pte.	CHRISTIE, A.J.	Ref. Hospt. Sheet. A/365 Adm to 122 Spec., Hosp., 1. Aug '42. Disch. to Duty. 27. Aug. '42. A/36/3.

HOSPITAL :-

6.	WX18189.	Cpl.	McCOWDY, J.E.	Ref R.T.B. R/O 8/347/42, Adm., to R.A.A.F. Hosp/ 29 May '42. Disch. to Duty. 29. May '42. (Ureth.,)
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COURT OF INQUIRY - ILLEGAL ABSENTEE.

7.	WX26757.	Pte.	CARTER, E.	Court of Inquiry Held 29. Dec. '42. Declared Illegal Absentee. from 0615 hrs 30. Nov '42. Total Kit. Deficiency £8/14/7.
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SCHOOLS AND COURSES :-

8.	WX15682.	Pte.	MARSHALL, R.	M/O to 3. Corps Cipher Course. No 13. 12. Jan '43.
9.	WX26783.	Sgt.	McALLISTER, J.L.	M/O to A/TK. School 'Geraldton'. 12. Jan '43.

MARCHED OUT :-

340.	WX28740.	Pte.	LEWIN, E.A.	M/O to G.D.D. to 2 weeks leave W/Out pay 12. Jan '43 A28/304/3.
1.	WX26747.	Pte.	BROCKMAN, D.N.	M/O to G.D.D. to 3. weeks leave. W/Out Pay 12. Jan '43. A35/138/3.
2.	WX13585.	Pte.	WILLIAMS, W.J.	M/O to G.D.D. to 3 weeks leave. W/Out pay, 14. Jan '43 A28/51/10.

MARCHED IN :-

3.	WX26782.	Pte.	SINGLETON, E.	M/I ex G.D.D. Ex. Leave W/Out Pay. 10. Jan '43.
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DETACHMENTS :-

4.	WX32758.	Cpl.	HOWARD, F.A.	Detached to G.D.D. for Med. Exam and interview for 3 Aust Ind. Coy. 14. Jan. '43.
5.	WX28736.	Pte.	HOLLAND, M.G.	Do.
6.	WX26591.	Pte.	McPHERSON, A.G.	Do.
7.	WX26395.	Pte.	CULLEN, C.T.	Do.
8.	WX26776.	A/Cpl.	JOHNSTON, F.W.	Do.
9.	N352256.	Pte.	BUTCHER, V.L.	Do.
350.	TX 4979.	Pte.	GITTUS, R.L.	Do.
351.	WX 26759.	Pte.	GIBSON, L.	Detached to 2 Div. Provost Coy. 2 weeks probation prior to transfer. 12. Jan '43.

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CORRIGENDUM :-

352. W39074.	Pte.	COTTELL,	F.L. Ref R/O 51/4711 of 16. Sept. '42 Should read. 16. Aug. '42.
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Lieut.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By  
Lt Col W. Brendon Garner  
Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn A.I.F.

120 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	22/23 Jan	Capt J.H. Mould
Bn O Officer	" "	Lieut A.L. McDonald
Camp Medical Officer	" "	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	" "	Sgt Bird N.
Bn O Cpl	" "	Cpl Barkla R.J.
Duty Coy	" "	HQ Coy

121 APPOINTMENT

During the temporary absence of the Adjt Capt R.F. Johnston will be A/Adjt.

122 INTER COY TRANSFER

WX 26741 Pte Griffiths E.A. from No. 3 Pl HQ Coy to A Coy and detached for duties to Sgts' Mess as steward.

123 MEALS FOR PERSONNEL ON PACK TRAINS

As from 22 Jan 43 there will be meals provided at WONGAN HILLS, MOORA and MINGENEW to personnel travelling on pack trains. Personnel will provide own messing gear.

124 NAME OF UNIT

As from 1 Jan 43 this Bn will be known as the 44 Aust Inf Bn A.I.F. Auth. G.R.O. G1 of 1/1/43.

All ranks to note the above when placing address on letters, particularly those using the incorrect classification 2/44.

It is also pointed out that Unit name will NOT be placed on telegrams or the outside of envelopes.

Attention of all officers is drawn to A.S.Os. Chap. 2 Sec. 3.  
Specimen Address

WX 29053,

Pte Brown C.T.,

B Coy.,

44 Aust. Inf. Bn. A.I.F.,  
Australia.

125 ESCAPES OF PRISONERS OF WAR FROM ENEMY HANDS

From General Routine Orders, 15 Jan 43.

1. It is the duty of all soldiers if captured by the enemy to effect their escape at the earliest possible moment.

2. It is equally important that the soldier having completed his escape should not disclose the method by which he, or any companions he may have had, evaded the enemy and achieved freedom.

3. The disclosure of such information -

- prejudices the chances of other escapees;
- prevents other members of allied forces from using the same or similar methods of escape;
- endangers the lives of those who may have assisted the escapees at any stage of their escape.

4. Therefore, escaped prisoners of war will not, without the permission of G.S.I. of a corps or higher formation, disclose any details of their experiences in connection with their escape:-

(a) either verbally or in writing to their friends and relatives;

(b) either verbally or in writing to the press or broadcast stations.

5. Full details, however, will be given by escaped prisoners of war at the earliest opportunity to the nearest Allied Military Headquarters, from whence it will be transmitted to G.S.I. at L.H.Q. or Advanced L.H.Q. direct.

6. This order shall be read in conjunction with G.R.O. A.443/1942 regarding giving parcels by officers and other ranks.

126

#### ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE

From General Routine Orders, 15 Jan 43.

Attention is directed to the fact that the seriousness of the offence of absence without leave is not properly appreciated and that the commission of this offence has become very prevalent.

All officers will ensure that the members under their command are instructed in the reasons for the offence being regarded seriously and will bring to particular notice the facts that absence without leave reflects adversely on the offender's unit, that it throws a heavier burden on his comrades and disrupts leave rosters and that it is not a sign of "toughness" on the offender's part but a betrayal of the national cause by its resulting wastage of transport, manpower and money and impairment of the efficiency and fighting strength of the offender's unit.

The attention of all officers appointed as presidents or members of courts-martial is directed to A.M.R. & O. 558 (3).

127

#### MISUSE OF ARMY TRANSPORT - THEFT OF PETROL

From General Routine Orders, 15 Jan 43.

1. Whenever it appears that an officer or soldier has used both a Government motor vehicle and Government petrol for an unauthorized purpose he will be charged with the unauthorized use of both the vehicle and the petrol.

2. The charge of unauthorized use of the vehicle will normally be laid under section 11 of the Army Act with an alternative charge under section 40 of that Act.

3. The charge of unauthorized use of the petrol (consumed by the unauthorized use of the vehicle) will be laid under section 18 (4) of the Army Act as stealing public property and an alternative charge under section 40 of the Army Act will always be laid.

4. The charges laid concerning the one incident should all be on the one charge sheet and may be heard together.

128

#### COURTS OF INQUIRY

A Court of Inquiry will be assembled to inquire into the removal of inner tube from M/c No. 37051 on charge to W 12213 D/R Johnson A.G.

President Capt H.P. Braddock Member Lieut A.W. Bentley  
Proceedings to be at this HQ by 1800 hrs 24 Jan 43.

A Court of Inquiry will be assembled to inquire into the loss of a tube from Veh No. 44579 on charge to WX 32926 Dvr Fielder A.G.

President Capt G.A. Fountain Member Lieut K.C. Pilley  
Proceedings to be at this HQ by 1800 hrs 24 Jan 43.

A Court of Inquiry will be assembled to inquire into the loss of rifle No. 2815 on issue to W 11733 Pte Blunt V.C.

President Capt H.N. Bentley Member Lieut J.L. Fitzpatrick  
Proceedings to be at this HQ by 1800 hrs 24 Jan 43.

129 LOST

Paybook belonging to WX 26731 Pte Goudge C.R.  
Tobacco pouch containing 22, between canteen & B Coy lines, on  
night of 15 Jan 43; property of W 62509 Pte Grose A.  
Lid of tool box on Veh No. 16050.  
Identity discs and gold-plated cigarette case belonging to  
WX 26798 Pte Nicholas L.S.  
Water bottle on issue to W 11844 Pte Gunson W.I.

130 BLOOD GROUPING

Following personnel to report to B.H.Q. 0800 hrs 24 Jan 43.

- WX 26844 Cpl Sheedy J.
- W 25953 Pte Foster G.C.
- WX 26553 " Accl J.
- WX 32762 " Smirk C.

T.O. to provide transport to report to Bn H.Q.  
Cpl Sheedy J. O/C party to report to B Coy 5 Field Ambulance.

*R. F. Johnston*  
..... Capt  
A/Adjt 44 Aust Inf Bn A.I.F.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I A

131 PROMOTIONS

- WX 26480 Sgt Atkins C.E.
- WX 26696 " Purchase P.C.

To be Acting Lieuts as from 10 Dec 42.

*R. F. Johnston*  
..... Capt  
A/Adjt 44 Aust Inf Bn A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION

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- Pay Sgt

A. M. P.

SECRET

44 Aust Inf Bn

Copy No. 17

COPIES - of A. I. P.

22 Jan 43

MOVEMENT ORDER No. 4

1. 44 Bn will move to P. & R.T. Camp DONGARRA.

2. Method of Movement.

Movement will be in two echelons.

a. No. 1 echelon

- B HQ
- HQ
- A
- B
- C
- D

S.T. 0800 hrs Sunday 24 Jan 43.

S.P. EXIT GATE.

M.I.H. 20.

V.T.M. 88 yds between vehs  
440 yds between blocks.  
(In Coy blocks with exception HQ Coy,  
which will be in blocks of not more than  
twelve vehs)

D.P. DENISON turn off DONGARRA.

GUIDES Will NOT be necessary.  
Each Coy will occupy same area as previous visits.  
On arrival at P. & R.T. Camp T.O. will arrange  
for sufficient vehicles to be returned to lift  
No. 2 echelon.

b. No. 2 ech

Coy Kitchens.

Approx time of departure 1145 hrs.  
Other details as for No. 1 echelon.  
Each kitchen to take own firewood.

3. Adm.

a. Sunday

Reveille 0600 hrs  
Breakfast 0700 "

Q.M. will arrange for cold midday meal.

Post Office will function in Bn HQ area.

Office van will be stationed in Bn HQ area &  
parade states will be rendered as usual.

Sig office this area will close down, leaving  
phone connected through to Bn HQ.

(If here) 101 set move with HQ.

DONGARRA is out of bounds to ALL personnel unless  
in possession of duty pass or has permission of  
C.O. or Adjt in writing.

Duties Town picquet

- 1 Offr
- 1 Sgt
- 12 C Is

Tour of duty 1200 - 2200 Sunday  
0900 - 1400 Monday



Canteen picquet

1 Offr  
1 N.C.O.  
6 O. Rs.

Hour of duty 1830 - 2100.

Other Duties

R.Q. Store 1  
Offrs' Mess 1  
Cooks  
(HQ No. 1) 1  
Canteen 2  
Q. Store 2  
Amm Dump 2  
Fire Lookout 2  
Orderly offr 1  
" NCO 1  
Veh & Dvr 1  
Coy picquet 4 each  
D.R. 1  
Fatigues 3 (No. 1 Kitchen)

Syllabus of Work

Sun 1130-1230 Swimming Pde  
1500-1600 Unarmed Combat  
1600-1700 Swimming Pde  
1930-2030 Items by Band (Vicinity DENISON)  
Mon 0630-0645 E.M. Pde on Beach  
0830-0900 Church Pde  
0900-1000 Sand Table Ex. (Coy arrangements)  
1000-1200 Swimming Pde

All non-swimmers each accompanied by one swimmer  
report B HQ at 1600 Sun & 0900 Mon.

Capt Bentley & Capt Waters instructors.

*R. F. Johnston*  
..... Capt  
Adjnt 44 Aust Inf Bn A.I.F.

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4. T.O.
5. Q.M.
6. Sig Offr
7. R.M.O.
8. HQ Coy
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10. B "
11. C "
12. D "
13. War Diary
14. " "
15. File
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17. I.O.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

44 Aust Inf Bn

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By  
Lt Col W. Brendon Garner  
Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn A.I.F.

Serial No. 18  
No. 132 - 142  
23 Jan 43

132 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	23/24 Jan	Lieut J.G. McCulloch
Bn O Officer	" "	Lieut C. Atkins
Camp Medical Officer	" "	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	" "	Sgt Samson D.J.
Bn O Cpl	" "	Cpl Clowes A.R.
Duty Coy	" "	HQ Coy

133 REVEILLE & BREAKFAST

Reveille tomorrow (Sunday) will be at 0600 hrs.  
Breakfast 0700 hrs.

134 M.T. VEHS

All bar tread tyres on front wheels will be reversed so that arrow indicating direction of rotation will now point to rear of veh.

135 FOUND

Found in Bn area: 1 tyre pressure gauge, 1 injector lubricant.  
Owner apply to T.O.

136 COURT OF INQUIRY

Ref R.O. 128. Court of Inquiry concerning loss of tube from veh No. 44579 is cancelled.

137 INTER COY TRANSFER

W.O.II Piggott to be attached to HQ Coy for duty and rations.

138 SECURITY OF INFORMATION - MAILING OF NEWSPAPERS

From 2 Aust Div R.Os., Serial No. 3.  
1. Owing to several recent attempts to evade censorship on newspapers, and also disclosures of information of military value on such newspapers, it has been decided to prohibit the sending of newspapers by troops under command 3 Aust Corps.  
2. This instruction will be passed on to all unit officers.

139 ARMS IN UNATTENDED VEHICLES

From 2 Aust Div R.Os., Serial No. 3.  
1. Recent cases have been reported of vehicles containing Arms and equipment of a security category being left unattended in public places.  
2. This practice must cease, and a guard will be placed over such vehicles, or, alternatively, such arms or equipment will be removed from the vehicle and will be kept under supervision at all times.

140 3 AUST CORPS SCHOOL

From 2 Aust Div R.Os., Serial No. 3.  
1. Reports have been received from the C.I. 3 Aust Corps School advising that personnel selected to attend are NOT arriving on the day indicated in the joining instructions issued by this HQ.  
2. Personnel are also reporting to the school with deficiencies of equipment  
3. Attention is drawn to G1/6/13 of 19 Jul 42 General Joining Instructions, 3 Aust Corps Schools. In future all units will comply with the instructions contained therein.

141 HOTELS - OFFICERS

From 2 Aust Div R.Os., Serial No. 3.

(i) Commencing Monday 15 Dec 42, officers will not be permitted to enter a saloon or public bar in any hotel within a radius of 15 miles of GPO Perth.

(ii) This does not prohibit the use by officers of hotel lounges and such club bars as are available by reason of Hon Membership that has been conferred on all officers.

142 LOST

Any unit in possession of rifle 10903 please communicate with HQ 2 Aust Div., "C" Branch. Rifle lost during "Robber Exercise."

Rifle No. 126624. Bolt No. Y7890. On 27 Dec 42, in DANDARRAGAN - MOORA Area during "Robber Exercise." Coys to submit result of search by 1800 hrs 24 Jan 43.

Lieut J.G. McCulloch  
Lieut C. Atkins  
Capt T.E. Waters  
Sgt Hanson D.L.  
Col Glendon A.R.  
HQ Coy

Adjutant Officer  
Co Officer  
Squad Medical Officer  
Platoon Sgt  
Platoon Cpl  
Platoon Coy

*R.F. Johnston*  
.....  
Adjnt 44 Aust Inf Bn A.I.F. Capt

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- T.O.
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- R.A.P.
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*War diary*

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

44 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.)

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By  
Lt Col W. Brendon Garner  
Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.)

143 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	26/27 Jan	Capt G.A. Fountain
Bn O Officer	" "	Lieut A.W. Bentley
Camp Medical Officer	" "	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	" "	Cpl Brooks A.W.
Bn O Cpl	" "	Cpl Pritchard J.
Duty Coy	" "	A Coy

144 FOUND

Gold signet ring in B Coy lines. Owner apply B HQ.

145 SICK PARADES

Sick parades are arriving late. Continued neglect of duty by Coy Orderly N.C.Os. in this matter will result in disciplinary action being taken.

146 INTER COY TRANSFERS

WX 29405 Sgt Height M.V. to be detached from Sig Pl to A/A Pl.  
 WX 26480 Lieut C.E. Atkins from A Coy to D Coy and to be O.C. No. 18 Pl.  
 WX 26696 Lieut P.C. Purchase from B Coy to C Coy and to be O.C. No. 16 Pl.  
 WX 29288 Lieut B.N. Joel and WX 29267 Lieut R.P.J. Woodley to be reinforcement officers and to be attached for duty to B Coy vice WX 29274 Lieut A.J. Jamieson and WX 29411 Lieut J.R. Giles.  
 WX 31186 Cpl Phillips R.W. from A Coy to B Coy.  
 WX 26802 Cpl Diggins T.B. from HQ Coy to B Coy.

*R. Johnston*  
 ..... Capt  
 A/Adjt 44 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.)

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I A

147 PROMOTIONS

WX 16170 A/Cpl Pritchard J.J. to be Cpl.  
 WX 16170 Cpl Pritchard J.J. to be A/Sgt and transferred to B Coy.  
 WX 16131 Pte Ball M.C. to be A/Cpl and transferred to C Coy.  
 WX 19072 Pte Sanders A.N. to be A/Cpl and transferred to D Coy.  
 WX 26881 A/Cpl Simmons W.E. to be Cpl.  
 WX 26499 A/Cpl King E.W. to be Cpl.  
 WX 26751 A/Cpl O'Donohue K.J. to be Cpl.  
 WX 26490 A/Cpl Dellar G.G. to be Cpl.  
 WX 26647 A/Cpl Teede R.C. to be Cpl.  
 WX 26483 A/Cpl Baskerville N.T. to be Cpl.

148 APPOINTMENTS

WX 26483 Cpl Baskerville to be L/Sgt.  
 WX 18292 Pte Penatuna C.J. to be L/Cpl.  
 WX 18139 Pte McGowdy J.E. to be L/Cpl.  
 WX 18469 Pte Jackson S. to be L/Cpl

149 REVERSIONS

- WX 26824 Cpl May W.J.H. reverts to tank of Pte at own request.
- WX 26776 A/Cpl Johnston F.W. reverts to L/Cpl.
- WX 26739 A/Cpl Cunningham T.C. reverts to L/Cpl.
- WX 32758 A/Cpl Howard F. reverts to L/Cpl.

*R.F. Johnston*  
 Adjutant 44 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.) Capt

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WX 1870 A/Cpl Pittchard J.L. to be Adj.  
 WX 1870 Cpl Pittchard J.L. to be Adj and transferred to H Coy.  
 WX 1871 Pte Ball M.C. to be Adj and transferred to C Coy.  
 WX 1872 Pte Sanders A.R. to be Adj and transferred to D Coy.  
 WX 2881 Cpl Simpson W.B. to be Adj.  
 WX 2882 Cpl King M.W. to be Adj.  
 WX 2883 Cpl Cunniff E.E. to be Adj.  
 WX 2884 Cpl King M.W. to be Adj.  
 WX 2885 Cpl King M.W. to be Adj.  
 WX 2886 Cpl King M.W. to be Adj.

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44 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.)

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By  
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Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.)

150 DUTIES

Bn O Officer	27/28 Jan	Lieut K.C. Pilley
Camp Medical Officer	" "	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	" "	Cpl Genoni A.C.
Bn O Cpl	" "	Cpl Etherton E.R.
Duty Coy	" "	A Coy

151 COOKS

The following allocation of cooks within the Bn will operate as from Reveille 28 Jan 43 and the necessary inter-coy transfers will be effected forthwith.

Coy	Sergeant	Corporal	T.G.II	Assistants
A	WX 28734 Sgt Harwood J (Supernumerary)	WX 29407 Cpl Ginn A.J.	WX 31539 Pte Swan I.C. WX 26847 Pte Trew M.G.T.	
B	-	WX 26707 L/Sgt Bovell B.	WX 26492 Pte Foster R.	WX 26654 Pte Church W. WX 32764 Pte Green J.
C	WX 28782 Sgt Ford W. (Supernumerary)	WX 31542 Cpl Stubbs F.H.R.	WX 32757 Pte Goltz E. WX 26579 Pte Matthews T.	
D	WX 28733 Sgt Griffiths R.H. (Supernumerary)	WX 28744 Cpl Morse G.H.	WX 31545 Pte Hagan P.E.	WX 29413 Pte Hagan B.H. WX 29410 Pte Gabrielson H.C.
HQ No. 1	WX 26716 Sgt Chamberlain (Supernumerary)	-	WX 26873 Pte Sanford L.H.	WX 26630 Pte Hughes E.O. WX 26726 Pte Aggis WX 26549 Pte Savage S.E.
HQ No. 2	WX 26662 Sgt Stead J.	W 11977 Cpl Kyrwood S.	WX 26639 Pte Preston J.C. WX 26527 Pte Smith C.T.	WX 26718 Pte Rowley
Off- icers Mess			WX 26819 Pte Edwards L.S. (HQ Coy)	W 46693 Pte Dearden S. (B Coy)

152 ADVERTISEMENTS, CIRCULARS, PEN-PALS

From 3 Aust Corps Administrative Standing Orders.

(a) All ranks are forbidden to insert advertisements or letters inviting correspondence with strangers in any newspaper or magazine. Nor must they enter into correspondence with any stranger in response to such an advertisement or invitation.

(b) Correspondence with "pen-pals" is prohibited.

(c) All ranks are forbidden to reply to circulars.

(d) All ranks are warned to exercise the greatest care in acknowledging presents from unknown "friends."

153 MALAY CLASSES

Next class 0845 hrs Friday 29 Jan.

154 CLOTHES LINES ETC.

The practice of hanging wire etc between trees is dangerous unless suspended sufficiently high to prevent accidents through collision, especially during hours of darkness.

155 LECTURE

A lecture on combined operations will be given by C.O. in Offrs' Mess at 0830 hrs Thurs 28 Jan 43.

156 FOUND

Bayonet (no No.) and two pouches basic.

157 DANCE AT DONGARRA

All personnel attending dance to report to B HQ at 1900 hrs today, where they will be picked up by transport.

Coys to submit return showing personnel attending dance.

..... Capt  
Adjnt 44 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.)

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I A158 PROMOTION

WX 20208 Pte Nisbett L.J. to be A/Cpl.

WX 20208 A/Cpl Nisbett L.J. to be A/Sgt.

159 REVERSION

WX 26679 Sgt Stirling R. reverts to Pte at own request.

160 APPOINTMENT

WX 26849 Pte Green G.S. to be L/Cpl.

161 TRADE GROUPING

WX 26491 Pte Elton A.P. to be T.G.II.

WX 21834 Pte McKenzie R.J. to be T.G.II.

WX 19599 Pte Russell J.W. to be T.G.II.

..... Capt  
Adjnt 44 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.)

DISTRIBUTION

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R.S.M.	5 Aust Inf Bde
B HQ	File 2
HQ Coy No. 1	War Diary
" " " 2	Canteen
A "	Officers' Mess
B "	Sgts' Mess
C "	Postal Sgt
D "	Pay Sgt

*War Diary*

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
ROUTINE ORDER PART 11  
No. 4.

44TH BATTALION,

REC 30 JAN 1943

IN YOUR  
27 Jan. '43.

OTHER RANKS.

44 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F. 2 AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Last Part 11 Order No. 3.

Sub. No. 352

Pub. 21 Jan. '43.

Sub. No.	Army No.	Rank and Name	Particulars, Casualties, Etc.
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STRENGTH INCREASE (REJOINED UNIT) AND STRUCK OFF "X" LIST.

353	WX 28744	Cpl. MORSE G.H.	From School 20 Jan. '43
4	WX 26583	Pte. WITHERS D.A.	From Detn. Bns. 15 Jan. '43
5	WX 34432	Pte. STEVENSON R.G.	do. 20 Jan. '43.
6	WX 29288	Pte. CORBOY B.E.	do. 21 Jan. '43
7	WX 26552	Pte. BRENNAN L.R.	do.
8	WX 26857	Pte. MUIR W.R.	From leave W/Out Pay 15 Jan. '43
9	W. 25948	Pte. CROZIER G.	do. 16 Jan. '43

STRENGTH DECREASE (MARCHED OUT)

360	W. 41407	Pte. FAULDS J.J.	To G.D.D. for Trans. to Area Ess. service 16.1.43 (C.C.R. 75/3/389)
1	WX 26851	Pte. LANE P.D.	To G.D.D. for disc. to R.A.A.F. 5.1.43 (C.C.R. 75/4/167)

STRENGTH DECREASE (TRANSFERS)

2	WX 29424	Pte. MOORE J.J.	To 10 Aust. L.H. Regt. 16 Jan. '43
3	WX 29426	Pte. MORTON M.C.	do.
4	WX 43888	Pte. DOIG R.K.	To R.R.D. re-allotment Section 20 Jan. '43

REVERSIONS.

5	WX 20182	L/Cpl. POWELL D.D.	Reverts to Pte. by order of C.O. 3 Jan. '43
6	WX 19174	A/Cpl. YATES J.	do.
7	WX 26518	W.O. 11 SYKES L.H.	Reverts to Sgt. (at own request) 14 Jan. '43

SENTENCE - REMISSION OF.

8	WX 29288	Pte. CORBOY B.E.	Ref. R/O L/132 of 5.1.43 Remission of one sixth of sentence of 28 days approved by Col. I/C Adm. 16 Jan. '43.
			<u>TOTAL FORF:</u> 24 days.

SCHOOLS AND COURSES.

9	WX 26571	Cpl. BOLAND H.	To 3 Aust. Tng. Sch. (Gas Course Serial G43/15) 21 Jan. '43
370	WX 26625	A/Cpl. FOLLINGTON A.A.J.	To 3 Aust. Trng. Sch. (3" Mortar Course Serial M43/7 21 Dec. '43)

MARCHED IN.

1	WX 26672	Pte. GARTRELL H.	From G.D.D. Ex leave W/Out Pay 16 Jan. '43
372	WX 29681	Pte. SMITH G.	do.



27 Jan. '43.

44 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F. 2 AUST. DIVISION.

Sub. No.	Army No.	Rank and Name	Particulars, Casualties, Etc.
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MARCHED OUT.

373 WX 26774 Pte. ANDERSON R.C.

To G.D.D. for leave W/Out pay 2 weeks 23.1.43 A28/361/4

4 WX 21108 Pte. YATES S.M.

To G.D. for leave W/Out pay 2 weeks 23.1.42 A/23/340/3

CORRIGENDA.

5 WX 26888 Pte. DURTANOVICH S.P.

Ref. R.O. 1/141 of 5 Jan. '43

Should read W/I e~~x~~ leave with pay

376 W. 24953 Pte. LIMPUS S.T.

Ref. R.O. 2/222 of 13 Jan. '42

Should read Trans. to Area

3 Jan. '42.

DISTRIBUTION.

Unit Clerk (2)  
 Card Index  
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NO. 3,

28. January '43.

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44. AUST. INF. BN. A.I.F.

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STRENGTH INCREASE (REJOINED UNIT) AND STRUCK OFF 'K' LIST -

- |              |             |          |                          |
|--------------|-------------|----------|--------------------------|
| 16. WX29257. | Capt. H.N.  | RENTLEY. | From Hosp., 22. Jan '43. |
| 17. WX29256. | Capt. H.B.  | HANTON.  | From School. 6. Jan '43. |
| 18. WX29273. | Lieut. P.W. | SMITH.   | Do.                      |

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS -

- |              |               |              |                                                            |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 19. WX26696. | A/Lieut. P.C. | PURCHASE.    | Appointed to A/Lieut. 10 Dec. '42.<br>Auth. A.G. List. 31. |
| 20. WX26480. | "             | C.E. ATKINS. | Do.                                                        |

SCHOOLS AND COURSES -

- |              |           |         |                                           |
|--------------|-----------|---------|-------------------------------------------|
| 21. WX29262. | Lieut. E. | CHRISP. | To A/Tank Sch. Geraldton.<br>12. Jan '43. |
|--------------|-----------|---------|-------------------------------------------|

REJOINED UNIT -

- |              |              |         |                          |
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| 22. WX29244. | Lt-Col. W.B. | GARNER. | From School. 2. Jan '43. |
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DETACHMENTS -

- |              |             |           |                                                                                           |
|--------------|-------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 23. WX29271. | Lieut. G.A. | PETERSON. | To G.D.D. Claremont. For Med.<br>Exam and Interview for 3 Aust Ind.<br>Coy., 14. Jan '43. |
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For Officer i/c Records Office.  
W.A. L of C. Area.

*to diary*

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SECRET  
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28 Jan. 43

44th AUST INF BN (AIF)

EXERCISE "CORDITE"

Ref DONGARRA Sheet 1" to 4 miles  
GERALDTON " 1" " 4 "

1. Between 27 and 29 Jan. 43, 18 Fd Regt R.A.A. will carry out field firing practice. Opportunity will be taken during this period to practice officers, N.C.O's and specialists of Inf Bns in co-operation with Fd Arty.

2. Object.

To practice the following roles:-

- (a) Inf moving to attack under cover of quick barrage.
- (b) Cooperation of Infantry and Fd Arty in Fd Ops.
- (c) Intercomm between Infantry and Arty units.
- (d) Indication of arty tasks by Inf Comds.

3. Tps taking part.

(a) 44 Aust Inf Bn will organise a composite Coy and will be known as "A" Coy.  
 Comd. Maj. H.R. Golding  
 2 i/c Capt. G.A. Fountain.  
 Other positions will be filled as per arrangements at conference.

(b) 54 & 56 Bn will organise a composite coy & will be known as "B" Coy  
 Comd Maj R. Bryen

4. Time & place.-

Exercise will commence in vicinity of ref map GERALDTON 398408 23.7 mls from STRAWBERRY Sta - Date 29 Jan Time 0730 hrs.

5. Details of exercise.

(a) Attack will be carried out in four phases.

- Phase A. Start line to flag line Blue
- Phase B. Flag line Blue to flag line White
- Phase C. " " White " " " Blue & White
- Phase D. " " Blue & White to flag line  
Blue White Blue

Distance between each phase approx 200 yds - Axis of advance along line of centre flags.

Rate of advance - between each flag line 100 yds in 2 mins. Pauses each flag line one min.

- (b) Arty tasks. - Safety zone 1000 yds in front of adv tps. Quick barrage for each phase. Rate normal (4 RPGM).
- (c) On arrival at flag line for Phase D Inf Comd will indicate targets.
- (d) Synchronisation of watches by three Inf Comds & Comd 18 Fd Regt at 0715 hrs at HQ 18 Fd Regt.

6. Movement.

A Coy will move by M.T. as follows.

- S.P. EXIT gate.
- S.T. 1500 hrs Thurs 28 Jan 43.
- Route - To main rd - thence West to STRAWBERRY turn North at ref DONGARRA 320381 thence to D.P. - Rear of coln to clear 320381 by 1600 hrs.

D.P. Vicinity biv area ref DONGARRA 315398.  
 Guides. Bn I Section will provide guides.  
 M.I.H. 15.  
 V.T.M. 88 yds between vehs.  
 440 yds between blocks.

## ADM.

7. Dress.- Trousers  
Fighting order (personal arms)  
Helmets Steel.
8. Hygiene.- Arrangements are to be made for construction of latrines & refuse pits & filling in before vacating area. Area to be left clean with foul ground properly marked with date etc.
9. Amm.- Personnel are to be inspected to ensure NO LIVE amm is carried to exercise.
10. Water.- 54 Bn will provide water cart. Water point WALKAWAY.  
In addition Q.M. will take tank filled.
11. Medical.- R.A.P. will be established at 18 Fd Regt.  
Comds will acquaint themselves with location.  
Genuine casualties will be used to denote actual accidents or casualties.
12. Rations.  
C Coy will draw normal rations for breakfast & midday meal on 28 Jan & rations for composite coy for evening meal.  
Rations for TWO meals on 29 Jan will be drawn in normal manner at 2130 hrs at usual point.  
Balance of C Coy personnel remaining in camp will mess at B Coy kitchen.  
Officers' Mess will NOT function during above meals.
13. Messages.- All messages & correspondence in connection with the exercise will be prefixed by the word "CORDITE."
14. Tpt.  
T.O. & coys will arrange to provide necessary transport as at conference detailed.
15. Safety Signal.- To indicate cease fire in emergency RED FLARES.  
- Capt Fountain arrange necessary flares & pistols signalling.

*Quischn*  
 ..... Capt  
 Adjnt 44 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.)

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44 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.)

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By  
Lt Col W. Brendon Garner  
Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.)

162 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	29/30 Jan	Capt G.A. Fountain
Bn O Officer	" "	Lieut J.E. Hardwick
Camp Medical Officer	" "	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	" "	Sgt Hanrahan J.
Bn O Cpl	" "	Cpl Nash R.

163 SGTS' MESS

Actg W O I Blackhurst will be President of the Sgts' Mess as from 29 Jan 43.

164 CHURCH PARADES

Holy Communion will be held at 0700 hrs at Recreation Hut.  
Church parade at 0830 hrs at usual place.  
R.C. church parade at 0830 hrs.

165 WHITE AUSTRALIA POLICY

A group discussion on the above subject will be held in the small marquee adjacent to Chaplain Brown's tent at 1915 hrs on Sunday night. All interested are invited to attend.

166 DRESS

The attention of all concerned is drawn to the fact that correct dress is necessary for mess parades. The practices of some personnel parading in sandshoes or with shirts out etc are irregular and shall cease.

167 INTER COY TRANSFER

WX 26560 Pte Vagg H.K. from D Coy to B Coy.

168 STATIONERY

Coys to submit stationery requisitions to this HQ by 1700 hrs 30 Jan 43.

169 FOUND

Rifle No. 8282. Apply B HQ.

*W. S. S. S.*  
..... Capt  
Adjnt 44 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.)

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I A

170 REVERSIONS

WX 26556 A/Sgt Smoker R.J. to L/Sgt & transferred to Carrier Pl.  
WX 26878 A/Cpl Passmore W.E. to L/Cpl.  
The above reversion to take effect as from 28 Jan 43.

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Adjnt 44 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.)

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## Intelligence Report

Week ended 29 Jan 43

Training

Training as per syllabus including two days 24/25 Jan at P. & R.T. Camp was carried out during the week.

Officers & N.C.O's. formed a composite Coy for the purpose of advancing under a quick Arty barrage. This was followed by an Arty Demonstration, engaging various types of targets. This experience was greatly appreciated by all ranks.

Morale

Good.

Subversive Activity

Slight case due to ignorance of an instruction. Could not be termed subversive.

Evasion of Capture

Nil.

Strength

	Officers	O. Rs.	Total
	30	783	813
Attached	2	10	12

General

Further A.I.F. enlistments are continually coming in. Discipline is reaching a higher standard. There appears to be a shortage of clothing, namely, trousers, boots and socks.



Lt Col

(W. Brendan Garner)  
Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.)



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30 Jan 43

44 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.)

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By  
Lt Col W. Brendon Garner  
Comd 44 Aust Inf Bn ( A.I.F. )

171 DUTIES

Gd Mounting Officer	30/31 Jan	Capt H.B. Hanton
Bn O Officer	" "	Lieut H.M. Kelley
Camp Medical Officer	" "	Capt T.E. Waters
Bn O Sgt	" "	Sgt Neaves S.R.
Bn O Cpl	" "	Cpl Phillips R.W.
Duty Coy	" "	B Coy

172 TRAINING STATES

In future coy training states to be at Bn HQ by 1800 hrs the previous day.

173 CHURCH PARADES - Sun 31 Jan 43

Holy Communion 0700 hrs.  
R.C. and general church parades 0900 hrs.  
All parades at usual places.

174 INTER COY TRANSFERS

Ref R.O. 170 The transfer of WX 26556 L/Sgt Smoker to Carrier Pl is cancelled.

Instead

WX 29282 Cpl Forrest D. from A Tk Pl to Carrier Pl.

WX 26816 Actng W.O. I Blackhurst W.A. from HQ Coy to B HQ.

W 52716 Pte Spark G.O. from B HQ to A Coy.

WX 26498 Pte Kenny H.C. from B Coy to D Coy.

WX 26496 Pte Holmes H.F. from B Coy to C Coy.

W 49838 Pte Robinson T.A. from B Coy to B HQ.

WX 17675 Pte Hodsdon R. from A Coy to B HQ.

175 DENTAL PARADE

The following personnel will parade at Bn HQ at 0830 hrs 31 Jan 43.

WX 29478 Pte Nelson R.

WX 26609 Pte McGough

WX 26791 Sgt Neaves S.

WX 26549 Pte Savage S.

WX 26775 Pte Robertson J.

WX 26509 Pte Tyrell R.

Any of the above personnel unable to attend will notify B HQ by 0830 hrs 31 Jan 43.

*W. Buschell*  
..... Capt  
Adjnt 44 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.)

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C "	Sgts' Mess
D "	Postal Sgt
	Pay Sgt