

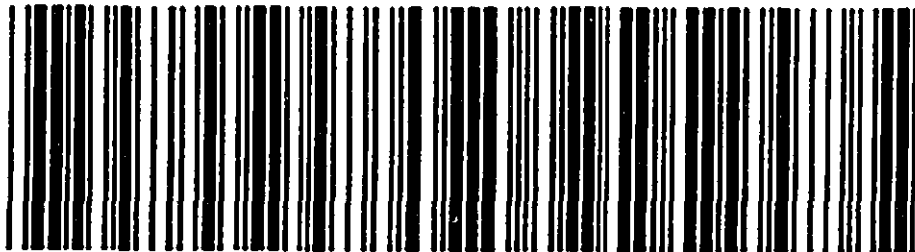
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1953
Australian Coronation Contingent.

Part IV

United Kingdom

This part covers the period whilst the Contingent is in the UK, commencing on Wed 6 May 53, the Contingent having disembarked from HMAT S. Sydney, and marched into Parklight Camp, Brookwood, near Woking, Surrey, England at 1930 hrs on Tue 5 May 53.

To date the various components have maintained their separate identity for most purposes. Hereafter the whole Contingent comes under the direct command of Brig D.A. Whitehead CBE DSO MC ED, and will be administered from a single HQ.

Wednesday - 6 May 53.

1. Pirbright Camp : Contingent HQ opened at 0800 hrs.
This is one of the depot camps of the Household
Brigade, and is approx 14 miles from Brookwood
Railway Station. It is to be the camp for the
Commonwealth Coronation Contingents.

It is a permanent camp of stone buildings
and huts, with formed and surfaced roads
and parade grounds. It is covered, and
has water and electric power supplies.

Male members only are quartered here.

2. Strength :

	RAF	RAF	RAF
Officers	10	21	6
ORs	42	109	50.

3. Female members of the Contingent are quartered in
the Kingston Gate Barracks, Richmond Park,
having arrived in the UK on 3 May 53

Strength :

	RAF	RAF	RAF
Officers	1	2	2
ORs	2	3	2.

4. Accommodation : Pirbright Camp

(1) Officers - Pirbright : majors or equivalent rank
and above - in Officers Quarters
adequately provided. Two messes.

Stone Castle : distant approx 14 miles from
the main camp. Tent camp, with
large building as a mess.

For remaining majors, or equivalent
rank, plus all officers of lower rank.
Two officers to a tent. Not satisfactory
for the senior officers concerned, and by
arrangement with camp HQ, some
moved to Pirbright to share single
rooms with those originally allotted them.
A bus runs almost continuously

as required between Pirbright and Stone Castle.

- (2) ORV : all in dormitory huts at Pirbright -
22 to a hut. Each man has a bed with
mattress blanket sheet & pillow, and chair
a small combination cupboard. There is
some additional shelf space, plus helpings.

Shower and bath facilities are inadequate by
Australian standards - eg at Stone Castle Officers
have a time sheet for baths at one place.
Boiler facilities were improved by RAN
technicians.

5. Organisation : The previous organisation is
continued plus the following HQ appointments:
Staff Offr RAN - Lieut H.E. Bailey DSE
Staff Offr RAAF - Sgt Ldr T.G. Jones.

Public Relations Committee - Major P.L. Head MBE
Lieut H. Lyne CE. SM.
P/O W.C. Rivers DSE

Entertainment Committee : W/C R.M. Lockner DSE
Lt Ldr J.S. Mould CE. SM.
Lieut J.A. McPherson

Sports Committee : Lieut W.T. Banks.
F/Lt J.R. Britton.
Lt C.W. Kahn.

6. Food : Uniformly good and plenty of it. The
normal Army ration is supplemented
in some items eg. meat - increased
from 3oz to 5oz per man per day.

7. Training : Very little training owing to sitting in
and administration.

8. Morale : All are in good spirits and very
attracted to the countryside which is
green and beautiful.

9. Leave : General leave granted from 1600 hrs.
many paid their first visit to London.
Normal transport to London is by bus to
Apschwood & Woking, thence train to
Waterloo Station. Total journey exceeds 1 hour.

10. Entertainment : RAN AMF RAAF
12 7 7
Sandown Races
Programme of entertainments for Commonwealth
Contingents and Aux Contingent Association -
see Appendix 107

11. Camp Standing Orders : Appendix ¹⁰⁸ 173

12. Camp Orders Serial 1 : Appendix ¹⁰⁹ 174

13. Contingent Orders :
Appointment of Entertainment Committee - Appendix ¹¹⁰ 175
Appointment of Sports Committee - Appendix ¹¹¹ 176

14. Public Relations : Numerous press reporters
visited the camp.

15. Officers Messes : 5 cases of Australian wines
received from the Australian
Wine Importers Board London - as a gift
to Officers messes from Mildura Wineries
limited.

16. Medical : All personnel are fit to train.
Sick parade fixed for 0745 hrs daily to be
conducted by the Contingent M.O. (Capt Beard).
RAN was set up in the ^{Camp} M.R. A 24 hour
emergency service is maintained by the
camp medical staff.

Thursday - 7 May 53.

1. Training: Serious training commenced. Rifle exercises and short marches.

Palace Guard: approx 63 of the AMF have been selected for special training for the guard for St James and Buckingham Palaces, to mount on 26 May for 24 hours. Out of these two groups the guard will be finally selected. They commenced special training under instructors from the Brigade of Guards.

Special consideration is being given to the remainder of the AMF, who may possibly lose some of their keenness because of their non-selection.

2. Absentee Voting for Commonwealth Senate election was conducted under the supervision of the ~~British~~ ^{Army} staff. A large

3. Pay: a special pay is being arranged for tomorrow. Most troops have little money in their pockets.

4. Hot water and laundry facilities for the men will be improved by the camp staff.

5. Entertainment:

	RAF	AMF	RAF
Sandown Races -	12	7	7

Sunday - 8 May 53.

1. Public Relations : A group of about 40 pressmen and photographers visited the camp, also a mobile ~~base~~ recording unit of the BBC, for data, interviews, and photographs.
2. Pay : Special pay made of £5 per man,
 ~ £3 if not in credit £5.
3. Contingent Routine Orders Series 64-80
 Appendix ¹¹² ~~117~~
4. Training : The Palace Guard group train for periods separately. Other rifle exercises and marching continued, components training separately as groups.
5. Entertainment:

	RAN	AMF	RAAF
Wentworth Park Races	5	10	6
Visit - Stables Home	.	7	.
Bomber Command Mass	.	.	4 Cdr.
6. Canadian Contingent marched in.

Saturday - 9 May 53.

1. Leave : General leave was granted, and there was no training.

2. Officers : Some slackness in carrying out their duties has been noticed in the case of some of the officers who have direct responsibilities to the troops. This matter will be taken up on Monday.

3. Papua and New Guinea Constabulary :

This contingent, comprising 3 European officers and 25 native police, marched in. They came under the command and ^{administration} of the first contingent.

(They shall be referred to in future as the "Constabulary")

Nominal Roll - Appendix ¹¹³ TFS
Short History Notes - Appendix ¹¹⁴ TFS

4. Command Contingent took part in the ABC Breakfast "In Town Tonight"

5. Entertainment :

Cricket - The Oval

Sandhurst Military

Academy Visit

Races - invitation

RAN

RAF

RAAF

16

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will interested.

Sunday - 10 May 53.

1. Leave : General leave. Nil training.
2. Church Parade : There was no contingent parade. Voluntary services were held in the camp churches.
3. Entertainment : Nil organised. Troops generally were keen to have time to themselves to go where they wanted.
4. Coronation Procession Rehearsal : The senior officers of the Queens and Prime Minister's mounted guards (maj white and capt Park) reported at 0440 and 0500 hrs respectively in London, and took part in a rehearsal of part of the coronation procession.
5. Social : Capt. Lt Col Brindley, 2nd Lt, and Major Williamson were guests of Brig ~~W. W. Wilson~~ (last army staff), and Mrs Wilson.

Monday - 11 May 53

1. Instructions to Duty Officers : appendix ¹¹⁵/₁₂₀

2. Visit and Inspection : Lieut General Sir Edmund Herring, leader of the Contingent, visited ^{camp} and inspected the contingent en parade. He then addressed the troops, with emphasis on how much energy and effort all concerned with the coronation, from 14 M downwards, were putting into their training and preparations, and the necessity for the contingent to do the same. Sir Edmund Herring remained in camp for the day, during which time he observed the training activities (including the Palace guard group, and an officers Squad, drilling under Brigade of Guards NCO instructors). He also inspected the Constabulars, and saw them drilling. Their performance was good, and it was specially noted that their method of changing arms with the rifle was very effective as a drill movement.

3. Training : After the address by Lieut General Sir Edmund Herring, the contingent drilled as a whole in a single group for the first time. With the drum and fife band of the Guards Training Bn to assist, the contingent marched in 12's, and practised wheeling without checking for those on the inner flank, as is required by the orders for the coronation procession. This movement was found to be almost impossible, if the order is literally construed, without losing the dressing.

The training period was continued till 1600 hrs.

4. Conference of all officers of the rank of major or equivalent rank ^{and above}, was called by the 2nd Lt, who referred to some apparent slackness, by junior officers mostly, and the necessity to keep to normal unit running up in such things as roll call. Leave lists for the troops was not being checked. He stressed that it was the duty of all officers not to leave camp without ensuring that they were not on duty.

5. Training Period : Command has ruled that training will continue to 1600 hrs daily. Syllabus will be published tomorrow.

Saturday next is to be a work day. Consideration will be given to granting extra free time on some other day.

6. Conference at Camp Office re visit of the Duke of Edinburgh on 26 May, training, parade grounds, bands, and whereabouts. The 2nd Lt, and Capt R. Taylor attended.

7. Entertainment : Nil organised.

Tuesday - 12 May 53.

1. Contingent Routine Orders - Serial 81-86.
Appendix ¹¹⁶
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2. Entertainment : ~~RSS~~ ~~Admin~~ ~~Chap~~

(1) Visit Windsor Castle -

(2) Reception given by Lieut General Sir Edmund Herring at Annetoria House - attended by all Contingent Officers.

list of distinguished guests - Appendix ¹¹⁷
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Comd has ruled that Contingent members will not take part in ~~further~~ morning engagements till further notice owing to the interference with training, particularly by the Palace Guard Group. Organised entertainment -

list - Appendix ¹¹⁸
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3. Training : This continues in accordance with the syllabus for period 12-23 May

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4. Presentation of Coronation Medals on 3 June :

London District Special Order Received :

Appendix ¹²⁰
~~125~~

5. Palace Guard : Comd. ~~2^{1/2}~~, Major Peters, Shants, and the RSS saw the guard change at Buckingham Palace, and discussed arrangements for the Unit's component guard. They were conducted by an officer of the Brigade of Guards.

6. Mounted Escort : Major White made arrangements, subject to confirmation, to obtain 5 horses daily from private stables (in King) at Cambridge for mounted escort training.

Wednesday . 13 May 53.

1. Training: Continues as per schedule, with particular attention to Palace Guard group and to marching in 12's by the Contingent in a group.

2. Entertainment:

1. Police dog demonstration - all marched to see it, but owing to some error ^{in timing} was not seen.
2. Visit to R.N. College Greenwich RAN AMF RAFF
35
3. Virtues Company. Luncheon (Efto):

Thursday, - 14 May 53.

1. Training: A new form of "change arms" ^{done in few movements} was adopted and co-ordinated throughout the contingent when it was training again as a group. This appears to be an immediate success, and avoids the difference in timing previously apparent in the three components.
2. Whit Monday, 25 May, will be a free day.
3. Parade: Normal parade for all ranks.
4. Constabulary was inspected by Brig. Wilson, Chief Army Staff, London.
5. Mounted Escort will cease to ride from Hyde Park as from tomorrow. Commencing on Monday next they will use horses from livery stables (Miss Adams) at Woking. This arrangement will avoid much time wasted in travelling to and from London.
6. Weather: In the first time since our arrival light rain fell during ^{the} training period, but it was not enough to stop training.
7. Contingent Section Order - Serial 5)-94 121/
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8. Presentation of Construction models: Sq/Lt James attended a conference at Camp HQ re this parade.
9. Conference: The Dm attended a conference at Camp HQ reference re-embarkation of Contingent.

10. Entertainment

	RAN	AMF	AAAF
River trip to Port of London - 9		18	7
Visit白金汉宫 Palace +		7	4
Drapers Hall dinner		1	1 (Officers)

Lord & I ^{26 and 27 Sept} attended a reception given in
 NO1 mess by the Pakistan Contingent Command,
 This followed a parade and inspection of
 the Pakistan Contingent, which was very
 good, and a hearing of Retreat by the
 Pakistan Contingent Pipe Band, which was
 magnificent.

Friday - 15 May 53.

1. Training : Routine training as per schedule in the morning, in spite of light rain. Stand down in the afternoon owing to bad weather.
Morning training however included marching in 125 as a contingent together with the Canadian contingent.
2. Inspection by CICS : Parade on Monday next for this inspection is for the AMF component only. General Sir John Harding GCB, CBE, DSO, MC, ADC.
3. Public Relations : Mr Duckmant of the ABC who will be broadcasting for the BBC, and covering the Commonwealth contingents during the Coronation march, called at the camp and was supplied with much information about the Australian contingent.
4. Visits to Army Establishments : Return called for of those wishing to visit army establishments, giving reasons. Visits to RE and RA Schools cancelled.
5. Entertainment : Nil organised.

Saturday - 16 May 53

1. Palace Guard members went to see the guard change at Buckingham Palace.
2. Ground Sheets : are available for issue to all ranks.
3. Baranets : Special ^{plates} baranets ^{have been} ~~are now~~ available. round through NATS LONDON.

4. Entertainment :

Reception to all ranks by the Australian High Commissioner at 1530 hrs at Australia House.

Buses were available for return at 1730 hrs but after the reception all, except duties, had general leave till 0700 hrs on Monday, 18 May.

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|--|---|------|------|------|
| | | RAN. | AMF. | RMAF |
| 2. Visit - Royal Naval College Greenwich | 5 | 8 | 4 | |
| 3. Overseas League - Dancing | 1 | 1 | 1 | |

Sunday - 17 May 53

1. Leaves : General leaves
2. Entertainment : Nil organised

Monday - 18 Mar 53.

1. Training : Normal routine, including guard, contingent and component training.

2. Anti Corruption Contingent Instruction NOS

issued re Corruption Bar procedure:

Appendix ¹³²~~137~~

3. Clothing : Check to be made of the position of stripes and medal ribbons.

4. Parade and Inspection of the Contingent by the CIGS, General Sir John Harding GCB, CBE, DSO, MC, ADC. The CIGS spoke to all officers and nearly all the troops.

5. Entertainment :

	RAN	RNMF	RAAF
Visit Royal Naval College	4	8	5
" Portsmouth RAF Fitchham	.	.	10
Cocktail Party, RAF Spittlegate	2	.	2 (by air)

Tuesday - 19 May 53.

1. Training includes a rehearsal of marching in 12s by all contingents in camp together.

2. Contingent Routine Orders: Serial 95-103.
Appendix 123
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3. Entertainment

Dancing - Lyceum Hall

RAN AMF RAAT

12 23 12

plus all women's
Services

cocktail Party - Leather Sellers

1 . 1 .

troops marked by number and line, Tail by line only.
At 1234 hrs 41 guns will be fired over 1 minute period - troops to
at attention. Marchers responsible for planning feeding in
assembly area with 4p & sub-4p bands. No liquor in packet pattern.
Clean up litter ^{extend to}

At 1335 hrs. ~~troops~~ and dress ready to march - last inspection before start.
Forming up position at Stanhope Gate is marked.

No salutes with swords, but bring swords flags and colours
to carry, with 4p left at Conestoga.

Agreed change arms given by contingents and components if necessary.
Bands have packet metronomes to fix pace at 112 per minute.
Move from assembly area to forming up position at Stanhope
Gate takes approx 45 mins. Halt then 15 mins, contingents to
be dressed, not to march, relax, but remember they are
in the public view.

Signal for moving off given with red disc 15" diameter with 3
diagonal white stripes 1 1/2" wide

Stand by order will be given approx 3 mins before march.
Brazilian white and blue signal flag will be used for march
off signal. Contingents should practice picking up step. Step
shall be called if necessary.

Page 9 of Instructions - delete para 18. All arches now
covered by para 17. In Hyde Park corner arches a specific
turning point will be marked, opposite centre gate.

If any emergency halt, reason if known will be passed to
marshalls to appreciate question of re-starting. Accidents
such as wheels off vehicles will not stop the procession. If the
wireless is not working, gap may develop before column is halted.
Where ambulance available for horse casualties.

Rifle on left shoulder when passing Conestoga and entering the Mall.

Group 17 to march to left of Queen Victoria monument to reach
Constitution Hill. Women to wheel out of moving column
at the appointed place. Emphasis - whole success, apart
from the marching of the troops, depends on the work of
the marshalls. Chief marshall says ~~only~~ marshalls and
Band masters can spoil the show. First duty of marshall,
pick and help 4p bands. They must know the route
perfectly and advise 4p bands of best way of dealing
with any particular part of it.

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Thursday - 21 May 53.

1. Officers Saluting in Coronation procession.

Now decided that officers
carrying swords will salute Conestoga with
the sword, and other officers will salute
with the hand.

2. Leave: 5-12 June (both incl). General leave, less duties, will be granted. Return required of any who will be in camp.

3. Lunch - 4p's mess - will be from 1245 - 1330 for Australian contingent owing to large numbers involved. Training not affected till Wednesday next, for which time grounds available will be known and times can be fixed.

4. Tickets (free) for London: Now available. ^{two for with provisions}

5. Aust. Coronation Contingent Instruction No 6 re march to and from within Coronation Camp London issued. Appendix ²⁴/₂₀

6. Training included route march of approx 10 miles. Petal guard trained in the afternoon also. All others, Stand down.

7. Entertainment:

	RAN	RAF	RAAF
Rat Technical College Haulow		1	
RACE Dinner Aldershot		5	
Dancing by evening Hall	10	20	10
River trip - organised by NZ boat	9	18	10

Programme & allotment - 28 May to 13 June - Appendix ¹²⁵/₁₂₅

8. Broadcast Recording to BBC "Pacific Service"

Orders issued to those selected to take
part.

Appendix ¹³⁴₁₃₅

Friday - 22 May 53.

1. Training: Normal routine training.
Palace Guard practices hand over
and take over with NZ Army Guard.

2. Entertainment:

	Ran	Ami	RAAF
Empire Theatre	9	18	9
Craft Workers Dinner	.	1	3 (offrs)

3. Palace Guard Inauguration Ceremony:

Orders issued for movement by the Contingent,
less guard, to London to see this
ceremony.

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Saturday - 23 May 53.

1. Training: The whole contingent took part, with the other Commonwealth contingents, in a dress rehearsal, on the Queen's Training Bn Parade Ground, of the coronation march.
2. "Stand Down": At 1200 hrs the whole contingent stood down until 0700 hrs Tuesday 26 May, with the exception of the Palace Guard which was required for training on Monday 25 May.
3. Entertainment:
Dancing - Overseas League RAF AMF RAFF

Sunday - 24 Mar 53

Nil contingent activities - all traps,
except ditches, on leave.

Monday - 25 May 53

1. "Whit Monday" : General leave for all ranks except duties and Palace Guard.
2. Palace Guard : Training and preparation for guard mounting tomorrow.
3. Entertainment : Nil organised.
4. Training Syllabus issued for period 25-30 May.
Appendix ¹³⁸₁₂₅

(x) Present in the forecourt of Buckingham Palace at the guard mounting ceremony were the Prime Minister of Australia, ~~The High Commissioner~~ (The Rt. Hon. A. G. Menzies PC, CH, QC) The High Commissioner for Australia (The Hon. Sir Thomas White DFC) ~~and~~ The Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia (The Hon. Sir Owen Dixon) The leader of the Australian Coronation Contingent (Lieut. General Sir Edmund Herring, KC, C, KBE, DSO, MC, ED), ~~The~~ Lord Bruce of Melbourne, and members of the Australian Service Staffs in London.

Tuesday - 26 May 53.

Palace Guard : at 1030 hrs , 4 offrs and
54 ORs of the AMF Component
took over from the Grenadier Guards and
mounted guard for a 24 hour period
at St James and Buckingham Palaces

The guards provided full duties for all posts, ^{and} carried out the full normal ceremonial take over and mounting. Some duties included the posting of double sentries at 2 points. Battle dress was worn, officers carrying revolvers not swords.

All grand members carried out their duties with distinction, to the great credit of the S.M.F.

(X) Nominal roll of Quds members - Appendix 129

The grand mounting ceremony, was
witnessed by the remaining members of the Contingent.

2. Social Functions - Palace Guard Room

The Captain and Officers of the Guard entertained 414 guests at luncheon, 414 guests at dinner, and all contingent officers plus over 100 other guests at cocktails.

The cost of this entertainment was carried by Contingent Funds.

Specimen insertion card - Appendix ¹³⁰₁₀₃

list of guests at luncheon
and dinner - appendix ^{13/16} 156

In holding these functions in the Guard room, the officers of the Guard exercised an ancient privilege granted to the Guard.

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3. Inspection by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh.

After returning from London, the Contingent, less guard, paraded for an inspection by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh at Pirbright Camp. HRH shook hands with all officers and spoke to many of the ORs. He travelled by helicopter between the grounds of Buckingham Palace and Pirbright Camp. He was accompanied by Maj Gen J.A. Gaseyne CB, DSO, Command The Household Brigade.

He later took afternoon tea with the senior members of the Contingent inspectees. ~~on the grounds of the camp~~

4. Entertainment:

	RAN	RAF	RAAF
Cocktail Party - Air Council	-	-	all offrs
" " COC Aldershot	-	+	-

Wednesday - 27 May 53.

1. Palace Guard handed over at 1030 hrs this morning to a guard provided by Army members of the New Zealand Ceremonial Contingent.

The ceremony was marred by constant rain which saturated both guards. In the circumstances the performance of the Army Guard can be regarded as most satisfactory.

2. Training was resumed for the Contingent, less Guard, and it included march practice in 12s ~~for the whole~~ as a contingent.

3. Broadcast Recording: Five Officers and four ORs recorded interviews for the Pacific Section of the BBC. (See Appendix ¹²⁶~~125~~ under date 20 May, 53)

4. Entertainment:

The Royal Canadian Navy Ceremonial Contingent entertained 3 Officers and 15 ORs to cocktails.

5. Army Council Dinner: Lieut General Sir Edmund Herring and Command attended, in the State Rooms of the Chelsea Hospital. A small select group only - see list and seating arrangements at table - Appendix ¹³²~~131~~

Thursday - 28 May 53.

1. Training : Contingent and component training in short periods in the morning in view of pay parade. Palace guard stood down in the afternoon. Remains carried out component training.
2. Pay parade - in all ranks. Pay for 4 weeks, including 2 weeks in advance.
3. Photographs - decided to arrange for a local photographer to photograph the contingent tomorrow. This is to be of the individual members only, and is not to be a charge on public or contingent funds. The Comd having no objection.
4. Parade at Earl's Court : All personnel must read a pamphlet issued concerning orders and routine. Officers are permitted to take up civilian clothes. Pamphlet - appendix ¹³³/₁₃₅
5. Officers Messing Fees : It is now understood that officers messing fees at Pirbright, and a fee of 1/4 per officer per day at Earl's Court, is to be the responsibility of the individual officer. It is noted that officers quartered at Stoney Cottage are being charged 4/6 per day.
6. Royal Garden Party : This was attended by Comd, Lt Col Persons, and Wldr Austin, who received personal invitations sent to them direct about 10 days ago. There was no allocation of tickets ^{by nominations} at the disposal of Contingent HQ to permit other contingent officers to attend as such.

See also
28 May
30 May

This position contrasts most unfavorably with that of other Commonwealth Contingents. e.g. all Canadian officers attended, and 12 NZ officers. Contingent officers felt very strongly that an official representation of three at this important gathering of some 7000 guests was ^{wholly} inadequate, and there was a failure to give proper recognition to the representative character of the Contingent.

7. Entertainment:

	RAN	RANF	RAAF	
mess Dinner - mess Barracks	.	1	.	officer
" " - Sandhurst	2	3	1	officer
Army Council Reception	2	8	3	officer

8. Rehearsal - Queen's Birthday Parade - 4 Jun 53

General Instruction for Contingent - Appendix ¹³⁴₁₂₉

Friday - 29 May 53.

1. Photographs of each component were taken by a professional photographer, in purchase by individuals if they wish. Could ruled that the cost was not to be a charge on public or contingent funds.
2. Training. Restricted in the morning by the parade for photographs. Stand down in the afternoon to prepare for move to Earls Court tomorrow.

3. Entertainment:

Reception by South Australian Premier and Trade Commissioners for all contingent members from South Australia.

QARANS Dance - 3 Army Officers.

4. Orders - Earls Court:

Orders published:

Extract from Camp Standing
appendix ¹³⁵~~130~~

Saturday - 30 May 53.

1. Comd addressed all Contingent Officers: He said that after warnings on the ship about the proper method of complaint, it was the officers who had first transgressed in respect of the Royal Garden Party. He said that the full facts were not known to him but so far as he could ascertain, the Lord Chamberlain approved applications and issued invitations, there being no invitations issued en bloc, but that a quota was available to Australia House which was normally re allotted amongst the States; that this was the procedure followed this year; that Australian Staff had asked for three in the Contingent and had later arranged for 2 more for the Senior women officers; and that there had been no objection to the Contingent to permit nomination by Contingent HQ. Comd said that as soon as he had heard about the other Contingents (namely all Canadian Officers and twelve New Zealand Officers) he had taken steps to see if the matter could be remedied in the future, but he had found that the next Garden Party was ^{to be} after the Contingent had left the UK. Comd said Officers should not complain about missing "a little bit of Sugar", as they had been very well treated so far as entertainment was concerned.
2. Move to Carlo Court: Contingent packed for unloading at 0900 hrs, moved off at 1030 hrs to Brookmans Station, and entrained at 1200 hrs. All carried their own kit including blankets, arriving at Carlo Court at 1200 hrs, and were well received by excellent organisers. Chms were quartered together, two tier bunks and bedding being provided. Officers similarly were grouped in partitioned areas, with beds and a few hanging wardrobes. Moving proved

difficult because of the large numbers involved, necessitating long queues and waits. Food was good. Ablution facilities were bad and shower and bath facilities were negligible, and lacking in hot water. Having regard to the very large numbers accommodated (about 9000) and the short period involved, no serious complaint is justified.

"Stand down" in the afternoon.

3. Conference: Of Comd and Marshalls. The 2nd ^{IC} ~~IC~~ represented the Comd.

4. Entertainment:

Dancing: American League
 Afternoon tea party - by Duke
 Brothers of Gloucester - for
 representation of units affiliated
 with units with which the hosts
 are associated.

RAN	AMT	RAAF
'	'	'
0	24	0

Sunday - 31 May 53.

1. Practice marches and followed by route marches, both morning and afternoon.
2. Church Parade by all contingents after return from the morning march.
3. Conference : By bands and marshals

4. Contingent Ball will be held at Anstruther House, for members and a guest each, on 17 June if there is sufficient support. Return called for. Alcohol will not be supplied if available, nor may it be brought.

5. Entertainment :

Visit - Nuffield Centre
Magic Circle Show

RAF	RAF	RAF
12	23	12
33	67	24.

Monday - 1 June 53.

1. Conference: By Comdr. re disposal of
keeps.

2. Parade 10.30 hrs, to check dress and
equipment. Then stand down to 2200
by which time all must be in camp.

3. "Drying Out". No liquid is to be taken
after 2100 hrs so that keeps
will be able to cover the long march without
discomfort or danger.

Tuesday - 2 June 53.

Coronation Day : In spite of the rain which drenched the procession and onlookers, the day proved a tremendous occasion. All contingent members did their best to justify their presence and to take their part with credit.

So much has and will be written about the procession that it serves no purpose to make a condensed record here. It is sufficient to say that all arrangements affecting the contingent went off as planned, and at the end of the long day, it could be seen how closely the timings had been adhered to.

The march from Earl Court to the Assembly ~~area~~ starting point in Birdcage Walk was made wearing groundsheet. The pocket ^{hand} ~~hand~~ provided was adequate and sustaining, but thereafter the rain kept up almost continually, and the march was made in battle dress without covering. Over the procession route marching proved difficult because the continuous cheering of the huge crowd completely drowned the nearest Band, which was some 150 yards in rear of Land Contingent, for most of the time. When it was audible as a drum beat, it assisted little and was usually blotted out again before the step could pick it up. This factor, plus the necessity to divide at the arches and islands, called for the highest standard of marching, and placed a considerable strain on contingent members. All finished the march, including the return to Earl Court.

The 1st mile march and the emotional strain was not sufficient however to prevent the majority from going out again at night to join the vast crowds in the streets and elsewhere. In many, this involved more walking in long periods.

As the Chinese to long periods of training. The wet day was not only a great disappointment, but to some extent the troops were prevented from showing them of what they were capable, but their performance must have been the less rate highly. There is no doubt that a hand leading the contingent would have made a significant improvement.

Detailed orders for the march have been the subject of orders previously referred to in this diary. (See appendix ~~122~~¹²²)

Wednesday - 3 June 53.

1. Parade at Buckingham Palace for presentation of Companion medals by Her Majesty to all contingents. Contingent marched from Horse Court to the Palace and paraded on the lawn in the Palace grounds. Contingent Comd personally received their medals from HM, the remainder were handed medals by the senior officer of each component. HM inspected the front rank of each contingent. After lunch Sir Edmund Herring, commanding the parade, had called for hats off and three cheers for HM, contingents marched past HM in column, and march by march route to Kensington Gardens, to which all kit and baggage had been sent from Horse Court.
2. Kensington Gardens Camp: Permission was given to sleep out of camp if desired. Most did so. The camp was tented, was wet and sticky in parts, troops were to sleep on bed boards but could draw blankets, officers were to a tent but had beds, ablution facilities were hopelessly inadequate, and generally the camp was most unattractive, even for one night. Food was good.
It is to be noted that members of the mounted branch had been accommodated in this camp for some fortnight prior to this day.
3. Leave to 0630^{hrs} tomorrow was granted.
4. Contingent Ball will not be held owing to lack of support. A beer party will be provided for troops at Parknight Camp on 13 June.

Thursday - 4 June 53.

1. Drapping of the Colour: The contingent marched from Earl's Court to the Home Guards Parade to see the drapping of the colour by the ^{Brigade of} Guards. The ceremonies followed being that to be used in the presence of H.M. on 12 June.

The great advantage of marching behind a band was again illustrated by the high standard reached by the contingent which was ahead of it today the pipe band of the Buffs.

2. Return to Peribright: a ^{special} ~~train~~ train was available, but troops were permitted to return independently if desired.

3. Leave: Extended leave commenced for all full duty personnel on 4 June.

4. Diary: As Major P. L. Head is to leave his period of full time duty with the Contingent tomorrow, Major L. B. Peters will take over responsibility for the diary as from 5 June 53.

Friday 5 June

There were no training or service activities
training -
touch - arrangements.

Outline - normal for anti personnel see ^{only mention} ~~the~~ attached -
effort ~~1300~~ for personnel on anti. ~~in force~~

Leave - General for all ranks less anti. Free rail travel
proceeds to anywhere in UK. Leave expires 13 June 20
0600 hrs.

Personnel - May Peters assumed duties of Public relations
office and may leave available on 5 June

100 6 June

~~Long~~

~~sub.~~

2000

30 tickets provided for the Daily.

~~Station~~

~~La Campesina~~
~~La Campesina~~ ~~La Campesina~~ ~~La Campesina~~ ~~La Campesina~~

~~La Campesina~~

June 7 June

Long

see

June

6 tickets for race for concert at Royal Festival Hall
Dingled.

Bentley

~~to George~~
~~George Res. at home - for~~

~~George~~

Chas 5 Jan.

my

sub

Dear Sir

and

20 ticket provided for L. L. Shaw - evening.
We offer tickets for a new 1000 Barracks.

mine

~~The Conference is still in session~~

last

General

~~the 1st~~

my -

no

back -

no arrangements.

market -

~~in a few days. the market is up~~

some

good

Mon 10 Jan.

~~Monday~~ Wed

~~Wed~~ Three tickets for Royal Linnæan to Cal. Cont
- afternoon

~~Monday~~

~~Monday~~ General

General Instructions for marching out of Pulvaga Camp on 14 Jan
issued today from Camp Staff Pulvaga

Thu 11 Jun.

~~Monday~~

the

and.

Le tickets for Royal Leonard & Sons Court
in afternoon.
Lily tickets for Prince of Angkor Wat
Cacao - evening. Prince Margaret & Stuart.

~~Tuesday~~

~~Wednesday~~ General

Free 12 June

~~Very~~ ~~Yes~~

and

20 tickets for Royal Larnard & Eals Court

- ~~from~~

members of Pys. Mess. Gals by the attendance
members of all contingent in this mess to regts.
officers mess. Gals by the invited contingent officers
to found mess. CO. etc. & Capt attendance.

~~Handwritten~~

~~General~~

1st 13 Jan.

Evening

Att.

Band

Members of Contingent 82d Airborne ran party - this
was for all contingent members. Some invitations
issued to go by the staff & other contingents.

Routine

all personnel returned from leave. Reorganization
for move out of camp tomorrow.

Leave

General leave expense \$ 500.00.

General

5 Offs. and 1st attended School of Infantry dem
at Warrington. Moved to 2 from 1st.

Program - Demo of role & capabilities of all of
weapons.

Demo - bayonet attack supported by
tanks & armor.

The demonstration was very effectively presented
and was enjoyed by all who attended.

June 14 June

~~Training~~

~~de~~

~~Local~~

~~de~~

Activities

0500 hrs

Reveille

0715 "

Made out Culbright Camp

0815 "

Depart Brookhouse by rail

1100 "

Arrive Portsmouth by rail

1400 "

Man away embarked HMS Agency

See Copied P.O. attached as appx 137
for entries for June 14 to 15 June 172

~~Side~~

~~de~~

Mon 15 Jan

Training -

Rehearsal practice ^{during morning} for contingents for "clearing ship"
parade in afternoon & for parade for inspection by
C in C Commander Navy ~~inspector~~ tomorrow.

Land

Spithead Naval Review. Officers entertained guests
for lunch & in afternoon to witness review.
Duke & Duchess of Gloucester visited ship in afternoon
& met some contingent officers in the warehouse.

Routine

Contingents paraded on flight deck for Naval Review
by HQR The Queen at 1500 hrs. & at divisions
for inspection by HAN the Duke of Gloucester at 1600 hrs.
The Commanders early dawn started at approx 1330.
~~The Commanders early dawn started at approx 1420
for action for January 15 Jan.~~

The Prime Minister of Australia, the Rt Hon R.G.
Menzies, came aboard HMS ~~Hyacinth~~ and spoke especially
to individual members of the contingent whom
found it no parade for HAN the Duke of
Gloucester.

Sea -

nil

General -

^{illumination}
Fleet illuminations at 2210 hrs
Fireworks display by the fleet at 2240.
The HMS Lynx briefing sheet started at
approx 1330 ~~1420~~ for days programme.

Line 16 June

~~Heavy~~ - ~~the~~

~~Round~~ - ~~the~~

Routine - See Comman's Daily Cross section & offer ¹⁴⁰~~142~~
~~the Comman's Daily Cross section offer 142 for~~
~~for June 142 for~~
Comman's store down.

Line - General for 1300 lbs to 2400 lbs for Army Comman.

Personnel - Brig Whitehead relinquished and to go to Capt Parsons
RAAF to 1000 lbs. to be included as usual since
Army Comman.

PART V

Return Voyage to Australia

* at a gathering of all officers in the Warroom D 1900 hrs, a presentation of their rings (pewees) was made to the Warroom. Each officer of the And & NZ Contingents contributed a ring. A speech was made by Gp Capt Parsons for the And Contingent & Lt Col Campbell for the NZ Contingent. A planning officer for the ~~HMAS~~ HMAS agency company.

Wed 17 June

~~Leaving~~
~~Round~~

Officers in ship arrived D 2000 hrs.

~~Round~~

Ship sailed D 0900 hrs (one hour late)

See Comman only wants the ~~14/15~~ ^{14/16} ~~14/17~~ ^{14/18}

See Comman ~~POs attached~~ ^{POs attached} ~~14/15~~ ^{14/16} ~~14/17~~ ^{14/18}

f. ~~14/15~~ ^{14/16} ~~14/17~~ ^{14/18}

See Comman ~~POs attached~~ ^{POs attached} ~~14/15~~ ^{14/16} ~~14/17~~ ^{14/18}

~~Leaving~~ ~~Round~~

~~General~~

A conference was called by Comman of all composed representatives & ship staff to work out system for working parties for the voyage.

CO Army Comman called conference of all army officers to discuss daily routine & training during voyage.

Thursday 15 Jan.

Training. Lie beyond PO. attached - effn ~~141~~¹⁴²

Band. Pictures in ships cinema at 2015 hrs. Some very bad
& many are not put show out.

Practice. Working parties commenced
See beyond PO. attached - effn ~~141~~¹⁴²

~~See -~~ ~~but~~ ~~with~~ ~~ships~~ ~~attached~~ ~~141~~

Ground. Weather bad. Heavy snow & rain with sleet & hail.
Ships flying ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~air~~

March through Baltimore: see below, memo to
59 for arrangements received today. attached - effn ~~141~~¹⁴³

Thi 19 Jun

Training.

rel - due to bad weather flight deck could not be used.

Amenities
social.

Routine - ship crew. some very bad

Routine

See Commanders security review attached - after 1447

General

Weather bad. Heavy rain with rain & wind. Ship flying programme cancelled.

Set 20 June

Training

me. Due to bad weather fogged out and available

Local

Some details of entertainment at Heliport received today. See attachment to Comman's news. Started as 145 ~~150~~

Route

See Comman's daily news. Started as 145 ~~150~~

General

Weather Good. Heavy seas with wind & rain. A number of contingent personnel sea sick. Perhaps flying programme cancelled.

Sun 21 June

Training - me

Annexes
Social - Picture show in Warroom for officers & engls.

Routine - Blunch parcels for limited number on quarter deck.
See Commaners ~~memo~~ daily runs attached
as offn ¹⁴⁶.

General - Instructions regarding pay & allowances for H. L. J. & crew.
See Commaners memo no 91 attached
as offn ¹⁴⁷ & Captains memo no ³³ attached
as offn ¹⁴⁸.

Weather: Heavy seas & bad visibility.

Envoys vessel H.M.C.S. Aurora leaving a long time.

During the night seas high & water ^{taken} from own
flood & gaskets on Rye way.

Mon 22 June

Fanning - me

Amelia

Wood

- Pictures - ship camera.

Went to - see Germans early over sea - off 149 ~~154~~

General - Weather bad. Wind to give force & heavy seas.
Have 1/2 hr. delayed. Ship's motion violent &
a number of contingent personnel missing.
Argency has altered course to the North in an
attempt to clear disturbed area but without result.
Lifboat off the watercraft, stove - damaged by
following seas. Ship has been proceeding to 4
knots to reduce strain, & is considerably behind
schedule.

Sue 23 June

Training.

nil

Local

Belfast entertainment programme issued today.
See contingent now attached as oppo. 150
- HQ E. Connaught attached as oppo. 151

11.00

See Connaught early now attached as oppo 152
157

Leave:

Ships instructions re leave in Belfast issued today.
See Connaught now No 92 attached as oppo. 153
153

General -

Weather unsuitable. Sunny & clear. Wind speed
over 25 knots. Ships making speed to
outside schools.

Heavy fog encountered in afternoon & night.
caused cancellation of afternoon flying
programme

Wca 24 June

Training - nil

~~Training~~ ~~nil~~

~~Route~~ ~~nil~~

Route : The Commence daily news started on offer ¹⁵⁴
the Component ROs attached on offer. 155 155
for units for period 15 June / 1 July.

~~Route~~ ~~nil~~

General : Weather : Foggy & cold. Fog lifted mid morning
but cloud cover again in afternoon.
Pay issued. Limited to 15 dollars per person.

Thurs 25 June.

Training - nil
~~training~~

Load - Entertainment - Belfast according to programme issued
on the 23rd. offers to entertain party @
Assembly House @ 1000 hrs.

Police : See Commanders' orders attached - offer ¹⁵⁶ 1st.
Re Belfast R.O. attached - offer ¹⁵⁷ 162 for action
for period 25-31 July - for stay in Belfast.
Ship arrived Belfast & secured @ 1430 hrs.

Leave : General from 1600 hrs.

General : Press interview @ 1450 on ship

For 26 June

- Training : ^{in morning.} Route march through Heliopolis. Rehearsal for Baltimore march. Route was taken by Rt Hon J. L. Tolley Chief Justice of Nova Scotia & A/Lt Govt of the province. Distance 6 miles. Duration 1 1/2 hrs.
- Band : Entertainment according to programme commencing on Sunday. Officers to welcome party to RA mess at 1500 hrs & then to Governor's Ball at HMCS Stadacona at 2030 hrs. CO Contingent (Lff Lff Person) & CO Band (Lff Lff Person) to official luncheon at home of Commissioner of HMCS Stadacona.

Porting : The Commanders only were cleared & approx ¹⁵⁸ ~~162~~.

Leave : General from 1300 hrs

General : Rain fell during much of morning but cleared in afternoon. While at RA officers mess party, officers were presented with certificates & were members of Nova Scotia Order of the Good Star. Certificates presented by Mr J. G. Pless on behalf of Premier of Nova Scotia (the marshall).

12 27 June

training - mil

Entertainment according to programme issued on Tuesday. Officers to welcome party on HMCS Sydney at 1800 hrs & then to Luncheon Ball at HMCS 'Maritime' at 2050 hrs. Ship's guests - COL E. and Mrs. E. P. Lewis, Chief of Staff Col. Donald & Mrs. Donald & some other staff officers & wives. ^{Land} CO and Army band & my ~~business~~ ^{land} guests of CVC for the way. Ship's Capt & Land (air) also present.

Outline: See below and only ones attached to app. ¹⁵⁹~~167~~

Leave: General from 0930 h.

Genesee: Weather fine & cool.

Ship was open to public inspection

Sun 25 June

Swimming - All. Contingent prepared for church service.

Land - Entertainment according to programme.

Brig Griffin (Coma Nova Scotia Territorial Base) entertained a party of officers for the day.

Ship's Captain's supper on ship in evening. And Army

Colonel CO & Maj Cameron attended also.

Junior Col & The Doctor representing GOC E Comd.

CO later visited PMG E Comd officers mess & thanked him on behalf of contingent for hospitality (Frank Cameron)

Routine : The Command Daily Order attached to office. ¹⁶⁰~~155~~

Leave : Granted from 1030 hrs.

General : Many contingent personnel enjoying private hospitality. Weather hot & suitable for swimming.
Ship was open to public inspection.

Mon 29 June.

Tramway - nil. Contingent passed at 0900 hrs for leaving harbour.

Board - 60 amelia letters of Thanks to GOC E. cone for hospitality.

60 amelia letters of Thanks to Premier of New South Wales for extension of membership of 'Orange & Green Line'.

Route : See ~~Commonwealth~~ Daily Transvaal as after 16th 1966.
Ship sailed at 0900 hrs.

Leave : General leave accepted at 0730 hrs today.

General : Light rain falling in morning. Ship encountered heavy fog on leaving harbour & proceeded at reduced speed. Fog cleared approx 1600 hrs & planes flew off as scheduled.

June 30 June

Training -

all rails PT - afternoon
Officers issued with schedule of lectures to ship staff.
last attached - after 162

Board -

last of entertainment - US issues & attached
- after 163

Routine -

See German daily runs attached - after 164

~~June 30~~

General -

Day clear & hot when fog cleared off at 0930 h.
afternoon very warm. Heavy fog again during
darkness, clearing by daylight.

Information received from Washington re mails.
- Baltimore. Last mails to be carried out.

Army store:- in morning, 35 all rails, in
afternoon 44 all rails. To be done by No. 1 & No. 2
ways respectively.

Wear 1 Jul.

Training

PT as ~~scheduled~~ ^{scheduled}. Personnel training for Baltimore march.

Offs preparing lectures to ship staff & to NCOs preparing for promotion exam.

Commander's Memo No 96 under covering march through Baltimore on 4 July. attached - affix ¹⁶⁵ ~~172~~ Component instruction on same subject attached as affix ¹⁶⁶ ~~171~~.

Sound

Ship's cinema show cancelled until after Panama.

This is due to poor attendance caused by poor sound.

Attention may ^{improve} ~~improve~~ when evenings are dark enough to show with light platform down.

Routine

See Commander's daily runs, attached - affix ¹⁶⁷ ~~172~~.

" " memo No 97 regarding Baltimore attached as affix ¹⁶⁸ ~~173~~.

See Component RO attached - affix ¹⁶⁹ ~~174~~. Dates per memo 6/19 July.

~~Team~~

General

all sails into summer dress
Weather hot.

Thu 3 July.

Training -

me

Local -

OR entertainers as scheduled
officer entertainment. And since offrs - Washington
gave welcome party & dance for all And offrs from
HARRIS, Sydney to Rolling Field are for offrs
mess. ^{WASHINGTON} This comparatively small number of offrs bore
the total cost financially.

Routine : See tomorrow's daily ~~orders~~ ^{orders} ~~issued~~ ^{issued} as offrs ¹⁷²/₁₇₇..
~~Plans for for public inspection. In tomorrow's news~~
~~no go ^{to} studies as offrs.~~ . . .

Leave : General from 0930 to 0730 hrs.

General : Weather : hot & humid
Incoming Australian mail.

Sat 4 July.

Training

lie

Sound

on morning. Ships left. Contingent came a
CO Army composed a German Army. The
passing out ceremony to Bainbridge, Maryland. The
US Navy and Army. Capt Buchanan acted
as reviewing officer to really graduation parade.
In evening Contingent & Ships officers gave cocktail
party aboard. To leave - guests were King, Nelson &
officers of staff of ^{AMM} ~~man~~ in Washington & wives

OPs entertainment as scheduled

Marches through Baltimore - morning & afternoon
as scheduled. See app's ¹⁶⁵ ~~173~~ & ¹⁶⁶ ~~174~~ attached.

Porter

See commands early news attached - app's ¹⁷³ ~~174~~

Ship open for public inspection. See commands memo
no 95 attached - app's ¹⁷³ ~~174~~ 174

Leave

from 0930 to 0700 hr for personnel not on duty or
on marches.

General

Weather: hot

Marches: marching was very good & crowds gave
enthusiastic very good reception.

Sun 5th July

Training : nil

Search : nil

Boats : the boats only ones attached as of 17th
Ship sailed for Baltimore at 0900 hrs as scheduled
check found to 1000 hrs.

Sea : breeze to 0700 hrs. all important personnel
reported.

General : Weather : hot & clear.

Mon 6 July.

Evening : hand routine resumed. P.T. & organized games in morning & afternoon. Officers preparing lectures for NCO promotion examination coaching course.

Evening : Evening shows resumed in ship's cinema.

Radio : The German navy was attacked on 9/7. 126

~~Letter~~ ~~sent~~

General - Neither had

Luc 7 July

Tram.

PT 9 organised games. Compound distribution is NCO
working with immediate. Attached as appx 177

Board.

W.C.

Porter.

The common study room attached as appx 178

~~Handwritten scribble~~

Guard.

Weather hot. Sea rough with heavy strong wind.
Rifles planes flew off to Jamaica.

Wear 5 July.

framing. 1st a genuine photo.

Rec'd 

Re: : See comments early on attached as appx 179.
See comment RO. attached as appx. 155. 180
(See 131-134)

See : Instructions for leave to Kingston under - RO. refused to
leave. See also comments sent to 100 attached
as appx. 136.

Thurs 9 Feb

Training - me

Board -

offr came and contingent (4th Regt Fusiliers), 50 Army
component (to be reviewed). Ship's captain (Capt Buchanan)
& Commander Bell attended luncheon at home of ^{Bry} Jackson
of ^{Bry} Jackson. Bry Jackson commanding British British troops
in B.W.I. Gov of Jamaica &
also attended.

Ship's officers & offrs of contingent gave welcome party on
ship to residents of Kingston from 1880 to 1930.
Gov of Jamaica & Bry Jackson attended also some
officers of the British army in Jamaica.

Route : Ship took up to Kingston at 0500 hrs. Sailed at 0600 hrs.
The Commander's clerical staff attended - offrs 1871/82
Leave : General from 0945 to 1730 hrs.

General : Heavy rain to 1700 and most of morning returning to
the ship.

Fri 10 Jul.

Training: PT & Organized sport. NCO coaching courses began. Lectures given by Majors Ewins & Cameron ~~on schedule given after 182.~~

~~Food~~

Routine: see comments early war attached as appx ¹⁸³ 185.

~~See~~

General: Weather hot. Sea choppy with slight swell. Ship plans flew off to Colon 20,600 hrs. Signal received from HQ re illness of father of WO Hartigan & advised no action regarding accelerated return to And proposed.

Harvey

American Naval & Army authorities planned facilities of
shore bases ^{bases} at disposal of ship company & contingents.
Many officers ^{members} & N.C. visited ^{Port Gullible} ~~the~~ ^{the} army base.
a base ~~base~~, the naval, air base & enjoyed hospitality
there. The memo attached is approx 1971.

Ship gave whiteboard party on ship from 1970 to 2000 to
serve & civil officials. Senior have & Army American
officers attend.

Officers of component later attended officers mess and
to Fred Gullik. YMCIB ~~also~~ gave name for OIR
from the ship.

Ship further to Colon to 0830 hrs. The Com. arrived, and
was attached - after ¹⁹⁴193. He composed ROs attached as
after ¹⁸⁶191 (Months 135-142)

General from ¹¹³⁰1000 to 1400 h. the bonanzas
runs to 101. Stead - off ¹³⁷192. - covered 20. (above)
Stead as off ¹³⁶+9.1.

heavy rain fell while entering harbor & caused cancellation of passage for entering harbor.

Heavy rain & 900 lbs caused officers to stand partly or
flyed back to where boats to get away. Very hot.

Mail : There was no inward mail, ~~again this~~ 24
is worthy of note that last mail received was at
Baltimore on 3 July. As the next post, Paul
Hobson will not be reached until 26 July, the
contingent will be 23 days without mail.

Sun 12 Jul.

Fanning: ~~sub~~

Boat: ~~sub~~

Porter: Ship departed with 2 below it 0600 hrs for Panama Canal. The banana daily runs attached to office ¹³⁸ 470...

Ship: ~~sub~~

Ground: Ship negotiated Panama Canal today. of great interest to all ranks. Ship entered canal 0700 hrs & cleared southern end at 1700 hrs.

Ship plane flew on from Colon at 1500 hrs.

Mon 13 Jul

Training : PT - food resumed.

~~Sound~~

Route : See commands daily address attached - appx. ¹⁸⁹ 1.9.74

~~Sound~~

General : Water restrictions. See commands memo No 103
attached as appx ¹⁹⁰ 5.7.5.

Signal received from AMQ advising death of father
of WO Hartigan C.M.F.

Ship started engine failure during night. Ship
proceeding on port engine.

Ship company & volunteers stood down for
afternoon.

See 14 Jul.

Training : NCO coaching lessons continued. Lecture given by B. Khan as speaker. Lt Col R. Thompson gave invited lecture "Submarine/Air Warfare".
PT a sport - morning & afternoon.

Board. ^{of the} ~~the~~ ship's memo regarding race meeting with 1st classed as appx 1970.

Routine : See Commandant's daily ram's attached as appx. ¹⁹²~~197~~
Ship's Captain issued an instruction regarding coordination of flight deck activities. See Capt's memo no 35/53 attached as appx ¹⁹³ 1975.

~~See~~ 

General. Weather hot, sea calm.
Damage to electrical equipment. See Commandant's memo no 10x attached as appx. ~~197~~ 194

Wed 15 Feb

Training : Officers gave lectures to NCO coaching classes. ^{Barnden} Maj. ~~Samson~~ & Capt. Kura were scheduled.

CO gave lecture to ^{air crew} ~~ship crew~~ "Org of the NMF"
PT & games morning & afternoon
Board : Race meeting proposed for next PD postponed to following
Wed.

Route : See ~~Commander~~ daily runs started on 19th Feb 200...

~~Leave~~ ~~the~~

General : Signals received from NMFQ concerning contingent as follows :-

- (a) There will be no contingent march in Sydney
- (b) Disbandment instructions have been despatched & should be received in Honolulu

Starboard engine repaired & ship proceeding under full power.

Weather hot. Sea calm.

Thurs 16 July.

Training: PT & games.

Board: Cinema show on quarters for officers
Machine broken down & and show was not
continually
completed

Routine: The Commanders daily runs attached to office ¹⁹⁶ 20.1.
The Component ROs attached to office ¹⁹⁷ 20.1.
(In 143-145)

~~Low: int.~~

General: Weather bad. The air ... fair breeze.
Flying training for 817 Pqn on morning

Customs ^{concessions} ~~concessions~~ for arrival - Australia via Bay.
The Commanders memo No 106 attached as office ¹²⁸ 20.1.

During afternoon and 2 NZ army components formed
groups on deck representing kayakers & himi for
an photo of ship. Reduced for probable display on
evening broadcast.

Ship plans to fly 10,000 ft. before landing

Fri 17 Jul.

Training

PT & games.

Sound

Ships band gave musical salute on flight deck @
2030 hrs.

Routine : See Comman's daily orders attached as appx ¹⁹⁹ 100.

Leave  me

Ground : Weather hot & sea calm.

Plane crashed barrier on landing ~~runway~~ during
afternoon flying practice. Pilot unhurt
but plane extensively damaged.

Set 15 Jul.

Fanning: PT - spots morning & afternoon

~~Route~~ ~~via~~

Route: The Comanches actually saws started as the ¹⁰⁰ ~~205~~...
Contingents stood down in afternoon.

~~Route~~ ~~via~~

Good:

Sun 19 Jul.

Framing. re Voluntary sports - afternoon

~~Handwritten scribble~~

Outline: See bananas daily runs. Teacher as offa ²⁰¹ ~~200~~ 6
In ships instruction re working parties for next week
Teacher as offa ~~200~~ 200

~~Handwritten scribble~~

General: Selection of photos from centralized official collection
offered for sale to personnel. Maximum 4 per person
at 3' each. Restriction due to shortage of printing
paper

Mon 20 Jul

Training : mid. ships ratings undergoing examinations for promotion

Lunch : Peter Rivers Sports. See Commaners memo 145109 re sports programme for 1. 2 Aug, attached - cpx ~~207~~ 208

Exercise : See Commaners daily comm attached - cpx ~~207~~ 204.

~~Leave~~ ~~me~~

General : Component officers held a meeting at 1400 hrs to discuss holding of a party on arrival in Sydney.

and photographs reported loss by theft of parts of winged official photo collection.

Weather changed to cooler. Breeze now a choppy sea.

Thu 21 Feb.

Training: PT & games. NCO coaching course continues.
Lectures to NCOs by Lt Williams ~~substance~~
& to the 1st is scheduled.

Mail: Retire received that a ball is proposed to Auckland
to which contingent is invited.

Routine: The bombards early runs started as after 205 ~~hrs~~

Leave: ~~the~~

General: Signal received from AMQ that contingent will reach
on arrival - Lyany.

Wed 2nd Jul

Training

PT & games. May Lyons gave lecture "Org of an Lf Bn" to an ~~apart~~ staff.
air crew 8/7 Sept

Travel.

Routine: see comments, early runs, started as of 20th.

Leave

General. Pay passed today 1030 hrs.

Thu 23 Jul.

~~Training~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~.



Sound :

The Auger Towing Club - Fuelwell meeting held.
Commenced at 1330 & concluded 1530. Funds
received \$55 for Westminster away rotation for
launched by ship to raise \$100.
Programme attached as appx ²⁰⁸
ships have gone north on ferry and to 1030h.

Weather :

See Commander's daily report attached as appx ²⁰⁷
ships say a contingent's stores down - 1st moon

~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~ca~~

General.

light rain

Jun 24 Jul.

Learning.

me

Paul

6.30 am. in warroom
- in quarters & night for officer.
- after 1000 call for O.P.

Outline : As German army units attached to effn ²⁰⁹ ~~214~~

General : Compared instruction issued for much through
Cumbland on 10 Aug. Attached to effn ²¹⁰ ~~214~~

Ships company a contingent force pattern of hangar
- have a new M21AC on deck. Photographed by
ships plane. 1000 h.

to 25 Fri.

Planning - nil

Board - Levels of volley ball competition. Army officers team narrowly beaten by ship ratings PT team. Two games played - very good. Army team capt. LYN Lyle, Capt. BRANDEY, Capt. BERRY, Lt. RICHARD and N. GREENE. Pictures - after light well to night.

Routine: See Commander's daily orders attached as appx 2116
See Commander's 190s attached as appx 21712

General. Ship plans flew off to Pearl Harbor at 0830 hr.

... 26 Jul

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Boat - Party given ashore by Lt Col Peter, RN (Attache
US Navy base at Pearl Harbor) & Mrs Peter for
party of officers from ship. Army officers attending :-
Lt Col Mitchell, Maj D.A.H. White, Maj Edwards.

1500 - 2000

During day parties invited Honolulu & Waikiki
& were guest of private citizens & US officers.

Boat : Ship left at 0830 hrs at ^{Boat B} Balboa is from Pearl
Harbor
See communications daily from Attache & effs ²¹³ ~~212~~

Boat : 1030 E 0730 L. to ...
See component BOs Attache & effs ²¹² ~~211~~
See communications from No 112 Attache & effs ²¹⁴ ~~213~~

Boat : Component underway instructions received from R.H.Q.

Mon 27 Jul.

Shawney - me

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Board - Captain Lincoln on ship. CO composed - CO
brought several. Some US nurse officers &
were invited.

Reception at home of Lord Hawaiian Sea Frontier
(A quarter, Naval Base, Pearl Harbor) to Col. Huber
& Maj. R. Cannon attend for any composed at
1730 hrs.

Cocktail Party at home of Mr & Mrs Bennett of
Honolulu. Maj C Benson, Capt D Benson & Lt
B. K. attend for any composed. 1730 - 1910 hrs.
Remains after reception. Juste hospitality on
with on night seeing tips over the island
Dinner was furnished for ORs for island tips from
1230 to 1700 hrs. Dance to YMCA & night

Parties: See comments early name attendance - 215
250

Leave: 1230 hrs to 0730 hrs tomorrow.

General:

Hints on Economy of the Use of Printing and Stationery

ENVELOPES

1. Don't use a large envelope when a small one will do by folding the enclosure to the smallest practicable size.
2. Don't use a new envelope except for the (outside public) when a "use-again" envelope can be used with economy stickers.
3. Don't use an envelope at all when the same result may be obtained by postal-folding the communication, or for any but confidential matter within your own Unit.

PAPER

4. Don't use foolscap paper when a quarto or octavo sheet will do. Octavo will suffice for short memoranda, and quarto for minute-sheets and files in many cases.
5. Don't use a new sheet of paper for rough drafts, notes or messages, when the backs of obsolete forms or memoranda, which have served their purposes, are available.
6. Don't write on backs of unused printed forms.
7. Don't keep stocks of paper and forms in a place open to dust—Dirt leads to Waste.

BLOTTING PAPER

8. Don't be extravagant with blotting paper—it is scarce and expensive.

RUBBER STAMPS

9. Don't demand unnecessary rubber stamps—supplies of rubber require to be conserved.

PADS FOR INDIA RUBBER STAMPS

10. Don't leave the lid of the tin open. The life of a pad is prolonged if the lid is closed, and the tin is turned upside down when not in use.

TYPING AND DUPLICATING

11. Don't use double spacing unless you have instructions to do so for particular documents or classes of documents.
12. Don't insist on retyping for trifling errors. A manuscript correction saves paper and the typist's time.
13. Don't ask for unnecessary carbon copies.
14. Don't throw away carbon sheets when they are only half exhausted, nor discard typewriter ribbons until they have been turned.
15. Don't neglect the regular cleaning and oiling of machines. A clean typewriter means its longer life, fewer repairs, and better output.

PRINTING AND DUPLICATING

16. Don't be extravagant when requisitioning for printing or duplicating paper, as paper is scarce. Stocks are not to be built up and hoarded by Units, Branches and Sections.
17. Don't duplicate if a typist can run off a sufficient number of carbon copies at one typing.

ARMY FORMS

18. Don't create new forms: approval must be given by L.H.Q. Whenever possible, adapt and use standardized forms, obtainable from Stationery Depots.
19. Don't destroy old forms. They may be used for memoranda or other purposes.

MISCELLANEOUS

20. Don't use large memoranda books when smaller ones will suffice, and Don't use small ones unless absolutely necessary.
21. Don't leave the cover off the bottle—Ink evaporates—paste hardens—gum gets dirty and thick—by undue exposure.
22. Don't use wire clips and paper fasteners when pins will serve. Pins are cheaper, consume less metal, and in many cases are more effective—they can be taken from old papers and used again.

WASTE

23. Don't throw away wrapping paper and string. Save it for future use.
24. Don't forget that a small economy in each office means a large saving throughout the Service.