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Date and Time.—From Mon., 22 July To Wed., 31 July.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Vict. Bks.,	22 July		Brig. Tovell, Commander 26 Brigade, appointed Lt.-Col.	
Melbourne.			Bernard Evans, to command the 23 Bn. of that Brigade.	
			Lt. Col. Evans set about forming his own command.	
			Capt. W. C. Haworth taken on strength from 3 Div. H.Q.	
"	25th July		(57/60 Bn.) Major R. E. Wall taken on strength from 57/60 Bn.	
"	27 July		A.M.F. Major H. R. Birch (from 22 Bn. A.M.F.). taken on strength as 2 I.C. Lieuts. H.W.S. Jackson (from 57/60 Bn. A.M.F.) and H. I. Marshall (from 29 Bn. A.M.F.) taken on strength. Capt.	
"	31 July.		Capt. F. E. Kiel, from 6 Bn. A.M.F. (R.M.R.) taken on strength as Adjutant.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Vict. Bks., Melb.	2 August		Pte. J.D.Mulcahy posted to unit.	<i>Sm</i>
"	3 "		Pte. C.R.Glover posted to unit.	<i>Sm</i>
"	5 "		Officers posted to unit - Capts. P.E.Spier (from M.U.R.), M.R.Brown (from 23/21 A.M.F.), and G.I.Malloch (from 6 Bn. R.M.R.).	<i>Sm</i>
"	8 "		Capt. F.G.Morrell (from the Permanent Staff) joined unit as Q.M.	<i>Sm</i>
"	12 "		Capt. J.MACD. Agar, from A.A.M.C., attached as ^R M.O.	<i>Sm</i>
ALBURY	13 Aug.		Lt.-Col. Evans, staff, and two clerks moved out of Victoria Bks. by car and truck en route to Camp at Albury Showgrounds, where 4 T.B. were in occupation under Lt.-Col. Story.	<i>Sm</i>
"	18 "		Strength O.R.) 2 cpls., 17 privates.	<i>Sm</i>
"	18 "		Officers joined unit - Lt. G.A.Sheldrick (from 57/60 A.M.F.) Lt. H.G.Byron-Moore (from 57/60 A.M.F.), and Lt. W.F.Barker (from 57/60 A.M.F.)	<i>Sm</i>

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ALBURY	19 Aug.		Officers joined unit - Capt. G.F. Urquhart, from 22 Bn. A.M.F. Lt. J.N. Bowden, from 13/19 L.H. "W.F. Brown, " B.B. Grogan, from 22 Bn. A.M.F. " J.M. Methven, from 22 Bn. A.M.F. " K.O. Neuendorf, from 6 Bn. A.M.F. " T.O. Neuendorf, from 6 Bn. A.M.F.	
"	19 Aug.		First B.R.O. issued.	
"	20 "		Lt.-Col. Evans took over command from Lt.-Col. Story at Showgrounds Camp. Lt.-Col. Story took final salute at march past. 709 men of 4 T.B. were handed over to 2/23, making, with 21 officers and 19 O.R. (mainly N.C.O.'s and potential N.C.O.'s selected by Lt.-Col. Evans) plus the 4	

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ALBURY	20 Aug.		officers mentioned in next entry, a total initial strength of 753.	
"	20 "		Officers joined unit - Capt. S.M.Gahan, from 57/60 A.M.F., Lt. E.H.McRae, from 32 Bn. A.M.F., Lt. J.F.Fallon, from 52 Bn. A.M.F., and Lt. C.M.Jess, from 6 R.M.R. A.M.F.	
"	24 Aug.		Bn. attended Patriotic Race Meeting as guests of the Albury R.C.	
"	27 Aug.		Lt. Mackie J.M. attached to Bn. Seconded from 4 T.B.	
"	27 Aug.		Officers joined unit - Capt. W.H.Perry, from I.T.B. Balcombe Lt. G.G.ardiner, from 4 T.B. Albury.	
"	27 Aug.		Draft of 250 men arrived under Capt. W.H.Perry from Colac T. Depot, making total strength of Bn. 28 officers and 950 O.R.	
"	28 Aug.		Flower and vegetable gardens begun. Concrete flagpole foundation completed.	

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ALBURY	28 Aug.		C.O.ordered all personnel to take an active interest in some form of sport. Sports Committee formed - Major Birch, Capt. Agar, Lt. Fallon, and Mr. Maxwell of the Y.M.C.A.	
"	28 Aug.		Lt. M.A.B. Wilton attached from 4 T.B.	
"	29 Aug.		First monthly leave period begun. 803 left Albury by spec. train. S.M. paid tribute to troops' orderly behaviour. Lined up on platform, they entrained within 30 seconds. An additional 61 O.R.left by later train - total 864. Main body to return Sunday 1 Sept., and balance Mon. 2/9/40.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ALBURY	1 Sept.		Lt. B.B.Grogan proceeded to Caulfield to undertake No. 4 (M.G. Carrier) course at School of Mechanisation, 75 Kooyong Rd.	
"	2 Sept.		Strength O.R. 5 sergts., 5 cpls., 968 privates. Attached - I W.O.II; 7 Div. Sigs., I Sgt. A.A.P.C.	
"	3 Sept.		Band formed, with personnel of 27. Issued with full set instruments. Played as band 2 hours later. Set of drums presented by Albury Commercial Club - 10 side-drums, 2 tenor drums, and bass drum.	
"	3 Sept.		Bn. marched through streets of Albury to attend Patriotic Rally in Dean Square, to mark first anniversary of Australia's entry into the second European war. Brig. Tovell took salute at Base appointed opposite Commonwealth Bank, attended by Mayor, Ald. D.G.Padman.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ALBURY	4 Sept.	X	Brigade Gas School commenced under Lieut. I. Barnes, Gas Officer 3 Div.	x
"	7 Sept.		Bn. attended Gymkhana in aid of Albury Patriotic Fund, at "Maryvale", Tabletop, (property of Mr. Roy Gibbons). Transport provided from Albury by N.E.S.C. (National Emergency Service Convoy), O.C. Mr. A.J. Newnham. C.O. thanked N.E.S.C. through press.	
"	7 Sept.		Strength O.R. - 2 Sergts., 2 Cpls., 948 Privates. Attached - I W.O.II, 7D.Sigs., ISergt A.A.P.C.	
"	7 Sept.		Brigade Gas School concluded.	
"	7 Sept.	/	H .Q. Coy. awarded pennant for cleanliness of lines.	
		/	D Coy. awarded horseshoe for marching.	
"	7 Sept.	/	Rev. Theodore B. McCall attached as padre (Anglican).	
"	9-10 Sept.	/	First aid and stretcher-bearing courses begun by Band under M.O. (Daily lectures.)	x

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ALBURY	13 Sept.	✓	C.O. complimented "C" Coy. on work in connection with miniature range; also "B" Coy. for erection of fence round cook-house.	<i>Em</i>
"	14 Sept.		Albury R.C. extended to all ranks an invitation to race meeting. Over 500 attended.	<i>Em</i>
"	14 Sept.		"B" Coy. awarded pennant for cleanliness of lines; "D" Coy. horseshoe for marching; "B" Coy. hold sword for best guard.	<i>Em</i>
"	15 Sept.		Bn. held Tabloid Sports Meeting on Bn. Parade Ground for Reg. funds. Attendance 3000. 2/23 benefited to extent of over £50. Brig. Tovell inspected Bn., presented trophies, and moved vote of thanks to public.	<i>Em</i>
"	16 Sept.		Albury Legacy Club holding a picture night at Regent Theatre. Funds for care of children of members of second A.I.F.	<i>Em</i>

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ALBURY	16 Sept.	✓	Lt. J.A.Hutchinson, from 6 Bn. R.M.R., taken on strength. <i>Em</i>	
	16" "	✓	Bn. vaccinated and inoculated. <i>Em</i>	
"	17 "	✓	" " " " <i>Em</i>	
	17 "		Concert and dance to be given by 2AY. C.O. to receive mace presented by Mr. E.Jewell for Bandmaster. Part of proceeds to Reg. fund. <i>Em</i>	
"	18 "	✓	R.S.M. Folland taken on strength. Officers' new quarters ready for occupation. 4 brick incinerators completed. <i>Em</i>	
"	18 "		G.O.C. Ist. Aust. Divn. witnessed changing of guard. <i>Em</i>	
"	18 "		"Co-Optimists" company of entertainers extended invitation to 400 A.I.F. to attend variety show. <i>Em</i>	
"	19 "	✓	G.O.C. Ist. Aust. Divn. inspected 2/23 Bn. <i>Em</i>	
"	19 "	✓	Bn. parade to Regent Theatre led by Band. Ald. Waugh presented drummer's ceremonial skin apron to C.O. <i>Em</i>	

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ALBURY	21 Sept.	✓	I inch of rain fell from 0900 H. 20 Sept. to 0900H. to-day.	
			Still raining.	
"	21 "		Federal Elections.	
"	21 "		"B" Coy. win pennant; "D" Coy. win horseshoe; "C" win sword	
"	22 "		Bn. concert at Plaza Theatre.	
"	23 "		Appointment of official Bn. Historian by C.O. (Lt Cpl. J.A. Allan, V.X.37927.)	
"	23 "		Second T.A.B. inoculation to Bn.	
	24 "		" " " "	
"	24 "		Bn. Boxing Tournament at Palais Royal.	
"	25 "	0840 H.	Bn. parade. Move to Bonegilla. March began 0850 H. via Wodonga. Total mileage 12. Crowded streets at Albury and Wodonga. Head of column arrived at Bonegilla Camp, led by C.O., at 1330 H. Time occupied on march 4 H. 40 M. This	

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ALBURY	25 Sept.	✓	<p>time includes 4 stops of 10 minutes each. Dress worn was S.D. with puttees, belt, side-arm, hats, pack with water-bottle, knife, fork, spoon, plates, and pannikins. Day warm. Men arrived fresh. First Bn. casualty, in person of Pte. W. Goodwin, V.X.24733, who died on march between Albury and Wodonga, of cerebral haemorrhage. He was taken to Albury Hospital by Capt. Agar, who worked in the ambulance throughout return journey in an unsuccessful attempt to restore animation.</p>	
BONEGILLA	25 Sep.		<p>Pay period this (Wed.) p.m. instead of on Thursday 26 Sept., owing to general leave having been granted from the latter date to Tuesday 1 Oct. Message was read by Mayor of Albury (Ald. D.G. Padman) to 2/23 ("Albury's Own") prior to their departure for Bonegilla, in which he stated people of</p>	

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BONEGILLA	25 Sept.	✓	Albury would present Regimental Colours to the Bn. These colours are being made at Davy Jones', Sydney. Date of presentation and consecration to be notified. <i>[Signature]</i>	
"	26 Sept.		844 O.R. and 25 officers left Bonegilla on week-end leave for various destinations. <i>[Signature]</i>	
"	29 Sept.		Lt. J.N.Bowden detached to attend Drill Hall, Melb. Univ., for course for officers and N.C.O's, Rifle Wing, M.U.R., Southern Command. <i>[Signature]</i>	

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2/23 Bn. A.I.F.,
BCNEGILLA

RECRUIT AND INDIVIDUAL TRAINING

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2/23 BN.

BAYONET - B.Y.

- | | | |
|---|-------------------|----|
| 1. On Guard High Port controlled Charge | SAT 1 Pam 12 Less | 1. |
| 2. The Point. | " | 2. |
| 3. Two points | " | 3. |
| 4. The Training Stick | " | 4. |
| 5. Self-defence | " | 5. |
| 6. Assault practice | " | 6. |

FIELD CRAFT AND APPLICATION OF FIRE - F.C. M.T.P. No. 33.

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|---|------------------------|-----|
| 1. Cover from view | Sec 8 ISL 47. | |
| 2. " " " | " 8 " 47. | |
| 3. Cover from fire | " 9 | |
| 4. Ground for fire position | " 10 | |
| 5. Observation training | " 12 | |
| 6. " " | " 12 | |
| 7. Fire Control | SAT. Vol. 1 Pam 2 Less | 11. |
| 8. Normal Fire Control Orders | " | 12. |
| 9. " " " " | " | 13. |
| 10. Brief Anticipatory and Snapshooting fire orders | " | 14. |

RIFLE - R.T.

SAT. Vol. 1 Pam 3.

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| 1. (Aiming at targets service distance | Less | 7. |
| (Aiming off for wind Service targets | " | 11. |
| 2. Snapshooting training | " | 17 & 18. |
| 3. Rapid fire training | " | 19 |
| 4. Fire discipline training | " | 23 |

GRENADE - G.T.

SAT. Vol. 1 Pam. 13.

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| 1. Description and mechanism | Less | 1. |
| 2. Points before firing or throwing | " | 2. |
| 3. The Discharger | " | 3. |
| 4. Firing position | " | 4. |
| 5. Smoke grenades and their use | " | 6 & 7. |
| 6. (Standing position throwing | " | 8. |
| (Lying " " | " | 9. |

L.M.G.

SAT. VOL. 1 Pam. 4a.

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|------------------------------------|------|----------|
| 1. Stripping, assembling, cleaning | Less | 5, 6, 7. |
| 2. Firing | " | 4. |
| 3. Mechanism | " | 11. |
| 4. Elementary handling | " | 1-7, 12. |
| 5. Advanced handling | " | 16. |
| 6. " " | " | 17. |

N O T E S

1. First period daily will be devoted to P.T. and Smartening Drill, 30 mins. each.
2. Where possible exercises will be carried out with and without respirators.
3. Night Exercises will be carried out as shown in previous Syllabus

(Signed) F. E. KIEL, Capt.
Adj. 2/23 Bn.

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APPENDIX "A"

2/23 Bn. A.I.F.,
BONEGILLA.

6 Oct. 40.

RECRUIT AND INDIVIDUAL TRAINING

2/23 BN.

Date	P e r i o d							
	0830 to 0930 hrs.	0930 to 1030 hrs.	1030 to 1130 hrs.	1130 to 1230 hrs.	1345 to 1445 hrs.	1445 to 1545 hrs.	1545 to 1645 hrs.	
1940 M.7 Oct.	P.T.	F.C.1	G.T.1	B.Y.1	L.M.G.1	F.C.2	Rest	Night Exercises Two hours.
T.8 Oct.	30 mins.	R.T.1	B.Y.2	G.T.2	F.C.3	LMG.2	Rest	Night Exercises Two hours.
W.9 Oct.		R.T.2	LMG.3	F.C.4	B.Y.3	G.T.3	Reserve	
T.10 Oct.	DRILL	G.T.4	F.C.5	B.Y.4	LMG.4	P a y		Night Exercises Two hours.
F.11 Oct.	30 mins.	R.T.3	B.Y.5	G.T.5	F.C.6	LMG.5	Rest	Night Exercises Two hours
S.12 Oct.		F.C.7	LMG.6	B.Y.6	R.T.4	G.T.6	F.C.8	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BONEGILLA	1 Oct.	1840 H. ✓	Special troop train left No. 9 platform, Spencer Street, with 25 officers and 844 O.R., returning from leave, arriving Ebdon R.S. 1230 H.	
"	2 Oct.		3rd. T.A.B. inoculation begun (conducted by Capt. Agar and Sergt. L.B.Allen at R.A.P.)	
"	2 Oct.	1930 H.	Lecture by R.S.M. Folland, addressed to N.C.Os., on "Correct and incorrect methods of instruction". C.O. and officers present. Meeting addressed by C.O. at termination of lecture.	
"3	3 Oct.		3rd. T.A.B. inoculation concluded.	
"	2 Oct.		Lieut. J.Cudlipp (from 23/21 BN. A.M.F.) taken on strength.	
"	2 Oct.		" R.James " 57/60 " " " " "	

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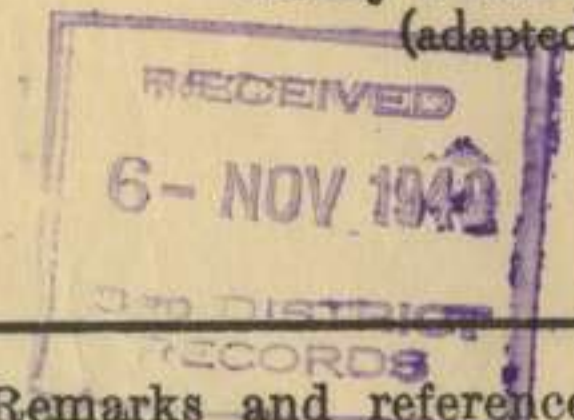
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B ONRGILLA	2 Oct.	✓	2/23 Reinforcements organised as a Coy. Housed in Block I2. O.C. Lt. Mackie, assisted by Lts. Gardiner, McRae , Hutchinson, and James. 189 O.R. Coy. formed of personnel in excess of war establishment from various Coys. of Bn.. Weather fine and warm.	
"	4 Oct.	0830 to 1245 H.	Recce. by I.O. and staff for 10-mile circular route march.	
"	5 Oct.		10-mile circular route march by A and B Coys. of BN., I.O. ACTING AS GUIDES. Dress - working, with respirators and steel helmets. ROUTE - W. from Camp about 1 mile, 2 miles N., then E. by S. to Hume Weir and Ebden R.S., then back to Camp. Weather fine.	
"	5 Oct.	1000 to 1100 H.	First Aid lecture by M.O. to members of Band, on bandaging of fractures.	
"	6 Oct.	0645 H.	Holy Communion Service conducted by Chaplain, Rev. T.B. McCall.	

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B ONEGILLA	6 Oct.	0930 H. ✓	Bn. attended Church Parade conducted by Rev. T.B. McCall.	
			Weather warm and fine.	<i>Em</i>
"	7 Oct.		Lt. McRae marched I.S. out for lesson in use of prismatic compass; warm and fine.	<i>Em</i>
"	7 Oct.		Recruit and Individual Training begun as laid down in Adjt's Syllabus dated 5 Oct.	<i>Em</i>
"	7 Oct.		Route march by C and D Coys. over route taken by A and B Coys. on 5 inst.	<i>Em</i>
"	8 Oct.		Rifle and Lewis gun practice at min. R.R. by Bn. H.Q. staff and personnel from various Co's. Weather sultry. Rain-storm 1500 H. R.&I.T. Syllabus continued.	<i>Em</i>
"	9 Oct.	1030 H.	Vacc. and inoculation by Capt. Agar of various members of personnel who had missed previous inoculations.	<i>Em</i>

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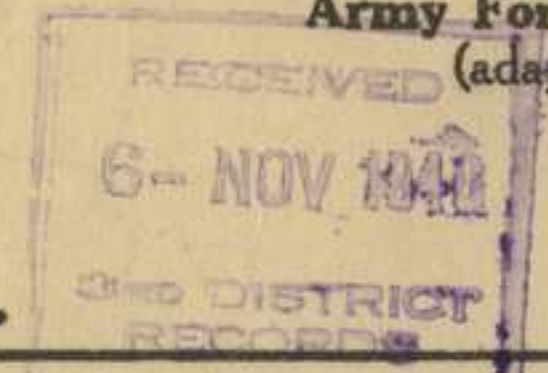
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BONEGILLA	9 Oct.	✓	Rifle and Lewis- gun practice on Min. R.R. by I.Sec.	
			personnel and units from various Coys. Weather fine and warm.	
"	9 Oct.		Route march 10 miles by "B" Co. led by Capt. Perry. Two	
			members of I.Sec. personnel acted as guides.	
"	10 Oct.		Lt. McRae, of I. Sec., seconded to Brigade H.Q. Pte.	
			J.Turnbull in charge of I.Sec. during Mr. McRae's absence.	
"	10 Oct.		Presentation of Union Jack to Bn. by ladies of the Albury	
			Harmony in the Home Club.	
"	11 "		"D" Coy. - horseshoe for marching	
			"A" " sword for best guard	
			"C" " pennant for orderly lines.	
"	11 "	0830 H.	Cadre training period for N.C.O's and platoon commdrs. begins.	
"	13 "		Prohibition as to fields adjoining 2/11 Regt. now lifted.	
			Bn. at home. First Sunday of open camp.	

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Bonegilla	13 Oct.	✓	Authorised color patch now on issue. E	
"	14 "		Ist. Carrier platoon in 2/23 established (in H.Q.Coy.) E	
"	15 "		Regimental concert at Plaza Theatre. Blood-grouping tests begun by Capt. Agar. E	
"	16 "		Blood-tests continued. Lt. A.N.McKoy returned to unit from Duntroon. E	
"	17 "		Bn. paid up to 24 Oct. - ordinary pay plus 1 week advance on/c final leave. Lt. McRae rejoined unit. E	
"	18 "		Pre-embarkation leave began. 29 officers & 883 O.R. E	
"	19 "		Dance at Drill Hall, Albury, in aid of Bn. funds. E	
"	25 "		Troops returned from P.E. leave. E	
"	26 "		Lt. Cudlipp transferred to Bde.H.Q. as (26) as L.O. E	
"	30 "		Bn. inoculated - T.T.2. E	
"	31 "		Unit baggage being marked for embarkation. E	

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Date and Time.—From Friday, 1st. November to Sat., 30th. November, 1940

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BONEGILLA	1st. Nov.	✓	Unit baggage being marked for embarkation. Fine and warm.	APPENDIX 1 & 2
"	2nd. "		" " " " " " "	APPENDIX 3
"	3rd. "		Presentation of drums, and presentation and consecration of colors at Sports Ground, Albury. (Gift of citizens of Albury.)	
"	4/16 Nov.		Packing and general preparation for embarkation. Printing press bought from Bn. funds. Printers' furniture, type, &c., presented by Melbourne "Herald", Cooke & Son, & Vereona Press, Melbourne.	APPENDICES 4 to 13-14
"	16 Nov.		Embussed at Bonegilla 0300 Hrs.. Left Camp by motor truck 0320 Hrs. for Wodonga. Entrained at Wodonga R.S.. No personnel allowed to leave train en route. Arrived Melbourne 1000 Hrs. & proceeded straight to Port Melbourne pier without leaving train. Embarked on H.M.T.S. "Strathmore"	

B. Evans H. Col

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY SECRET

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required)

Unit 2/23 Bn. Date and Time.—From Fri., 1 Nov. To Sat., 30 Nov., 1940.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	16 Nov.	/	(23,428 tons) lying at Outer East Berth, Station Pier, Port Melbourne. Embarkation completed 1.32 (1332 Hrs.) Left pier 1505 Hrs. Anchored in Port Phillip Bay off Hovell Beacon for the night. Weather fine.	
AT SEA	17 Nov.	.	Cleared Rip at 1015 Hrs. and turned W.. Dropped pilot 1031 Hrs.. At 1700 Hrs. joined H.M.T.SS. "Orion" and "Batory" (former carrying Commodore of convoy) with H.M.A.S. "Adelaide" acting as escort. Passed N. of Cape Wickham, King Island, and took course extending to 60 miles S. of usual steam routes. Cool to cold P.M., with rising sea.	
AT SEA	18 Nov.		Convoy joined at 1700 Hrs. by H.M.T.S."Stratheden", from Adelaide, with troops completing personnel of 26 Bde.. H.M.A.S."Perth" took over escort duty.	
"	19/20 Nov.		Routine duties and sports.	APP.

Edward H. Col

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

SECRET.

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Unit 2/23 Bn.

Date and Time.—From Fri., 1 Nov. To Sa., 30 Nov.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AT SEA	21 Nov.	1600 Hrs.	Sighted land (Mt. Gardiner, 10 m. E. of Albany). Turned W.N.W. at 16 p.m. (1800 Hrs.) then N.N.W.. Anchored at Shed "G", Victoria Wharf, Fremantle Harbour, Swan R., at 2000 Hrs.. Leave granted to troops from 2000 to 2359 Hrs.	Fine and warm.
FREMANTLE	22 Nov.		Leave granted to troops from 1130 Hrs. to 2359. German raider rumoured 1100 m. W. of Fremantle.	"
"	23 Nov.		Bn. route march through Fremantle, starting 1000 Hrs..	"
"	24 Nov.	1000 Hrs.	Bn. church parade. Fine and warm.	"
"	25 Nov.	0900 "	Bn. route march	"
"	26 Nov.	0900 "	Bn. route march and bathing.	"
"	27 Nov.	1345 "	"Strathmore" left Fremantle Harbour. Anchored in Fremantle Roads 1450 H..	"
"	28 Nov.	0554 H.	Left Fremantle escorted by H.M.A.S. "Perth" & "Canberra". Direction W., then W.N.W. & N.W..	"
	29 Nov.		Direction N.W.. Routine, P.T., and swimming in ship's pools.	

[Signature]
Capt.
Adjutant 2/23 Bn.

[Signature]
Lt. Col.
Commanding 2/23 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - SOUTHERN COMMANDMOST SECRETHeadquarters
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE. S.C.1.NO.40

1st November 1940.

EMBARKATION INSTRUCTIONA.I.F. : CONVOY U S 7

(Issued in conjunction with A.H.Q. S.M. 5088 of 24/10/40, S.M.5265 of 29/10/40 and S.M. 5320 of 31/10/40.)

With reference to above, personnel of Units of A.I.F. detailed to proceed overseas by Convoy U.S. 7 will embark in accordance with the following instructions: -

1. MOVEMENT:

- (a) Personnel will move from camp locations and embark for overseas as shown on Appendices A, B and C.

2. EMBUSSING AND ENTRAINING:

- (a) Embussing and Entraining operations will be carried out in accordance with the detailed arrangements shown on Appendices A, B and C.
- (b) Troops will be formed up ready for embussment and entrainment 20 minutes prior to times set down for departure.
- (c) Units proceeding by special trains to allotted transports, will, when entraining, occupy compartments as follows:

"ORION"
REAR TO FRONT

On changing trains at Albury, troops will occupy compartments as on detrainment from Victorian train.

"STRATHMORE"
REAR TO FRONT

"STRATHEDEN"

Units entraining 3 M.D. - REAR TO FRONT
" " 4 M.D. - FRONT TO REAR,

by consecutive numbers corresponding with Nominal Rolls (A.A.F. A.206) and Pay Embarkation Cards (W.F. 47).

- (d) (i) Embussing and Entraining Staffs are to be detailed by Area and Camp Commandants concerned at all points of movement, within their respective Commands. Staffs so detailed will be responsible for orderly and smooth operations.
- (ii) It is essential that the programme laid down be strictly adhered to.

(e) ...

CONTROL OF TROOPS:

- (e) 4 M.D. Troops. Under 4 M.D. arrangements
3 M.D. Troops.
- (f) Camp Comdts Geelong Racecourse and Bonegilla and Area Comdt Seymour will detail O.C. Special trains, who will be responsible for the orderly conduct of troops during their respective journeys.

RAIL WARRANTS:

- (g) Camp Comdts Geelong Racecourse and Bonegilla and Area Comdt Seymour will provide the necessary rail warrants (2nd Class) for all personnel travelling from their respective Areas. Warrants are to be endorsed "A.I.F."
4 M.D. will arrange issue of warrants and endorse same in a similar manner for 4 M.D. troops.

3. DETRAINMENT:

AT STATION PIER (3 M.D.) AND OUTER HARBOUR (4 M.D.)

- (a) Unit Markers. Prior to leaving camp locations, each Unit will detail a marker, who will on arrival at Station Pier, Port Melbourne and Outer Harbour, Adelaide, immediately detrain and stand opposite his compartment until directed by the R.T.O. to marker positions as indicated by signboards showing Unit Serial Numbers.
- (b) Detrainment Signal. All ranks (other than Unit Marker will NOT detrain until R.T.O. has given the signal to do so, which will be - THREE SHORT WHISTLE BLASTS.
- (c) Form up on Markers. All ranks will then detrain and form up on Unit Marker in accordance with their positions shown on Nominal Rolls (A.A.F. A .206) and Pay Embarkation Cards (W.F.47).
- (d) Collection of A.A.F. T.51. A representative from E.S.O. Staff will collect from Unit representative prior to moving from Assembly points on respective Piers for Embarkation, four copies of the completed A.A.F. T.51 (Strength Return on Embarkation.)

4. EMBARKATION:

- (a) From assembly point a guiding officer from E.S.O's. Staff will guide personnel (ALL RANKS) on to ship.
- (b) Pay Embarkation Card (W .F.47), which will be readily accessible in top left hand pocket of tunic, will be handed to representative of Pay Section at foot of gangway.
- (c) Guides will then lead Troops (accompanied by a suitable number of Officers and N.C.O's,) to their respective berth allotments, where personnel will immediately proceed to pack their kit bags and equipment neatly away in their cabins. Troops will remain in their allotted accommodation (unless other instructions are given) until after final inspection of Ship.
- (d) -

4. EMBARKATION (Contd.)

- (d) Where personnel are allotted to Troop Deck accommodation (Hammock Space) they will stow Packs and Rifles in Pack Room and Armoury under arrangements made by O.C. Troops on completion of embarkation.
- (e) On completion of Inspection of troops in their accommodation, Officers, W.O's. and Sgts. who have been on duty with the troops will then proceed to the purser's office, where they will be directed to their accommodation.
- (f) Once embarked no personnel will be allowed to leave the Ship without permission of O.C. Troops, who will consult E.S.O. before giving same.

5. "ORION", "STRATHEDEN" and "STRATHMORE".

- (a) Officers' light baggage required for use during the voyage, will be clearly marked, "WANTED ON VOYAGE" and will accompany personnel on train. Labels for this purpose are available from Embarkation Staff Officer, Southern Command.

The following scale will not be exceeded: -

Commanding Officers	...	50 lbs.
Other Officers		36 "

On arrival at respective at respective ports of embarkation this baggage will be taken over by baggage officer (E.S.O.'s Staff) and placed in respective cabins. Officers will be notified the numbers of their cabins as soon as berthing has been arranged.

- (b) Other Ranks: will each carry and retain their arms, equipment and personal effects (Universal and Sea Kit Bags) from Camp Location to embarkation, and troops will change into sand-shoes as soon as practicable after embarkation.

6. UNIT WAR EQUIPMENT AND OFFICERS' HEAVY BAGGAGE.

- (a) War Equipment and Officers' Heavy Baggage of Units in 3 M.D. will be ready for Transporting to Railway Stations for loading into rail trucks and delivery to Ships in accordance with Appendices attached as follows:

H.M.T.	" STRATHMORE"	Appendix	"D"
H.M.T.	"STRATHEDEN"	"	"E"
H.M.T.	" ORION"	"	"F"

- (b) OFFICERS' LIGHT BAGGAGE "WANTED ON VOYAGE" for all Units embarking at Melbourne, Adelaide and Sydney will accompany Units on trains to respective ports of embarkation.
- (c) Baggage Officer (E.S.O. Staff) will record stowage particulars of each Unit's War Equipment and will inform Ship's Baggage Officer of same.

7. PACKING AND MARKING OF STORES AND WAR EQUIPMENT AND PREPARATION AND DISPOSAL OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE SHIPMENT OF STORES, ETC.

- (a) Instructions regarding above are contained in Southern Command Circular memo No. Q.57970 of 17th October 1940, which has already been issued to Units concerned.

8. / -

8. COMPILATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS RELATING TO PERSONNEL EMBARKING.

The compilation and distribution of records and documents will be carried out in accordance with instructions contained in Southern Command Memo. S.C. A.35 of 25th October 1940 - Attached where necessary "Standing Orders for Compilation and Distribution of Embarkation Records."

9. OFFICE LOCATIONS : RECORDS AND E.S.O. :

A District Records and E.S.O.'s Office will be established and located on upper concourse Station Pier. This will be indicated by a Sign Board. 4 M D will make own arrangements.

10. BERTHING ACCOMMODATION :

Berthing Lists will be forwarded to those concerned as soon as berthing has been arranged.

11. MECHANICAL TRANSPORT :

- (a) Where the use of M.T. is required for the movement of personnel, baggage and stores, during this operation and is to be provided by A.D.S.T., separate instructions will be issued by A.D.S.T. where necessary.
- (b) A.D.S.T. will provide 2 x 3 ton lorries to report to E.S.O. on STATION PIER at 0915 hrs. on 13 Nov 40, for purpose of transferring Officers' baggage from train to ship.

12. MEALS :

- (a) Arrangements for meals on moves to ports of embarkation are shown on Appendices "A" "B" and "C".
- (b) Orders for meals, where provided at Railway Stations in accordance with Appendices, will be made out on A.A.F. 59 Forms and presented to the Refreshment Authorities concerned. R.T.O's Seymour & Spencer St (under separate instructions) will prepare F 59's & hand same to O.C.Trains.
- (c) MEALS ON DAYS OF EMBARKATION :

For Units proceeding from 3rd I.D. first meals provided on board H.M. Transports are as follows:

"STRATHMORE"	MELBOURNE.	MIDDAY MEAL
"STRATHEDEN"	ADELAIDE	MIDDAY MEAL
"ORION"	SYDNEY	MORNING MEAL

13. MEDICAL :

- (a) 4 M.D. will arrange a R.A.P. at Outer Harbour.
- (b) D.D.M.S. will arrange a R.A.P. on Station Pier consisting of :

- 1 Cff.
- 1 Sgt.
- 2 Ptes. (w/stretchers)

who will report for orders to E.S.O. on upper concourse Station Pier at 0800 hrs. on 13 Nov 40 and will not dismiss until so ordered by E.S.O.

14. /-

14. SHIPS' STAFFS FOR TRANSPORTS :

- (a) O.C. CONVOY: Brigadier R.W. TOVELL, D.S.O., E.D.
- (b) O.C. TROOPS : Lt.-Col. A.P. CRISP, D.S.O., V.D.
"STRATHMORE" 2/8 Fd. Regt.
- O.C. TROOPS : Lt.-Col. W.J.V. WINDEYER,
"STRATHEDEN" 2/48 Bn.
- (c) O.C. TROOPS will appoint the necessary Ships' Staffs (vide Standing Orders for the A.I.F. Chapter VIII, Para. 8).
- (d) CHAPLAINS :
"STRATHMORE".

Rev. Howard Kettle. Meth. 2/8 Fd. Regt.
 " E.J. Conlan R.C. 2/24 Bn.
 " J. McColl C. of E. 2/24 " 3
 " W.G. Frean R.C. 17 Inf. Bde.
 (attached H.Q. 26 Inf. Bde. for the voyage.)

"STRATHEDEN"

Rev. E. R. Baragry R.C. 2/7 Fd. Regt.
 " B.C. Archbold, Meth. 2/48 Bn.
 " W.L. Collins Pres. 2/12 Fd. Regt.

(e) SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICERS :

"STRATHEDEN" Major W. Park, 2/2 C.C.S.
"STRATHMORE" Major A.W.L. Row, 2/2 C.C.S.

(f) PHILANTHROPIC REPRESENTATIVES WILL EMBARK AS UNDER:

Melbourne "STRATHMORE"
 Mr. J.F. Maxwell, Y.M.C.A.
 Major A. Mawson, Salvation Army.

Adelaide. "STRATHEDEN"
 Mr. H.R. Thomas, Y.M.C.A.

- (g) In order that Ship's Staff will be fully conversant with procedure on board transport and can co-operate with the Ship's Master and his officers in regard to disposal of accommodation and arrangements on board for the comfort of troops, the following will embark as follows:

"STRATHMORE " at 1030 hrs. 11/11/40.
"STRATHEDEN" early as possible by 4 M.D.

- (i) O.C. Troops on Board
 - (ii) Ship's Adjutant
 - (iii) Ship's Quartermaster
 - (iv) Ship's Baggage Officer
 - (v) Ship's Messing Officer
 - (vi) Ship's Sergeant-Major
 - (vii) Ship's Quartermaster-Sergeant
 - (viii) Troop Deck Sergeants (8).
- Ship's Officers will instruct these details in their respective duties and responsibilities.

15. INSPECTION :

- (a) After completion of Embarkation, a final inspection of the Ship will be made.
- (b) -

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15. INSPECTION (Contd.)

"STRATHMORE" AND "STRATHEDEN"

- (b) Inspecting party will rendezvous on board ships at head of Staff gangways immediately all troops have been embarked, and will consist of the following officers: -

Naval Sea Transport Officer
Embarkation Staff Officer
Medical Officer (not proceeding with troops)
O.C. Troops on passage
Senior Medical Officer on passage.

16. WAR EQUIPMENT AND OTHER STORES TO BE PLACED ON TRANSPORT :

- (a) War equipment and other stores have been allotted to transports in accordance with Appendix "G" and delivery at Station Pier is to commence at 0800 hours on MONDAY 11 NOV 40, and to be called forward by E.S.O. as required.
- (b) 4 M.D. will make own arrangements regarding calling forward and shipment of war equipment and other stores in conjunction with S.S.T.O.

17. STORES FOR TRAINING ON VOYAGE :

- (a) Special arrangements will be made on board transport for accommodation of stores for training purposes on voyage.
- (b) Where such stores comprise portions of the Units War Equipment or are specially provided from Ordnance Depots, they are to be marked with "Wanted on Voyage" labels.

18. CENSORSHIP :

- (a) Censorship instructions for personnel under the Command of O.C. Troops have been included in Standing Orders for A.I.F. and Army Field Censorship Instruction No. 7.

- (b) DISEMBARKING AT INTERMEDIATE PORTS : The Senior Officer or N.C.O. of Detachments disembarking at Intermediate Ports should be instructed to impress on those under his command the importance of safeguarding information in regard to the Units and detachments continuing the Voyage.

19. TRAFFIC: The Superintendent of Police, Metropolitan District, has been requested and has agreed to provide adequate control.

20. GUARDS AND PICQUETS : These will be arranged by G.S.O. (M.I.) and G.S.C. (O) as required to be mounted by Southern Command at Melbourne : 4 M.D. will make own arrangements.

21. SEAWARD PATROL : A Seaward Patrol will be provided by the Navy.

22. SECURITY :

- (a) Secrecy - Too much stress cannot be placed upon the importance of preventing any leakage of information in respect of dates and times of embarkations and subsequent departure of H.M.Ts.

- (b) Photographers - Only persons in possession of special passes for the purpose will be permitted the use of cameras.

23. PETS : No animals of any description are to be taken on board. Disregard of this order will be a serious offence.

24. SMOKING : Attention of all ranks is directed to the following regulation of the Harbour Trust :-

"Smoking on the wharf is prohibited".

25. RECEIPTS : Acknowledge (A.A.F. A.57 attached).

J. E. Robinson

Lt.-Col,
A.Q.M.G., Southern Command.

DISTRIBUTION:

1	Q M G (Movement) For information				
2-4	E Comd				
5-11	4 M D	Copy for each	serial	174,268,273,409	
12-20	Area Comdt, Seymour	"	"	"	229,262,271,351,269,274
21	Camp Comdt, Puckapunyal				
22-25	Camp Comdt, Royal Park	"	"	"	424,203,302
26	Camp Comdt, Bonegilla				
27-28	H Q 3 Dist Tng Depots	"	"	"	153
29-34	H Q 26 Inf Bde	"	"	"	406,407,408,410,411
35	H Q Corps Arty				
36	H Q 9 Div Arty				
37	Matron in Chief				
38	Brig Adm				
39	G S O (M I)				
40	G S C (O)				
41	Brig R A A				
42	C E				
43	C S O				
44-45	A A G				
46-48	A Q M G				
49-52	E S O	1 copy each for	O C Troopship	("Strathmore" & R.A.A.F.)	
53	A D S T				
54	D A D T				
55-58	Rail Movement				
59	D D M S				
60	A P M				
61	A D O S				
62	D A D O S				
63	D F O				
64	D A D (Posts)				
65	Asst. D.F O (3 Dist Accts. Office)				
66	3 Dist Records				
67-68	D N O				
69-70	Ship Masters, "Stratheden", "Strathmore", c/o E S O				
71-72	Harbour Trust Commissioner (1 copy for Capt. JOY)				
73	Supt. Police Metrop. Dist., Russell St., City.				
74	File				
75-76	War Diary				
77-80	Spares				

UNITS ALLOTTED TO H.M.T. "STRATHMORE"
 EMBARKING STATION PIER, PORT MELBOURNE, ¹⁵ 11/40.

Amended 1110 hrs. 10 Nov 40 per phone. Adv Area Comd Advance 72 hrs 48 hrs phone headband 202 hrs

APPENDIX A

Serial No.	UNIT	UNIT STRENGTH					MOTOR TRANSPORT				TRAIN SCHEDULE				REMARKS
		Off.	W.O.	Sgts	O.R.	Ttl.	DATE	Hrs. Dep.	To	Hrs. Arr.	DATE	Hrs. Dep.	To	Hrs. Arr.	
261	DETAILS 7 Gen Hosp (Dental Personnel)	1	-	1	2	4	SEYMOUR	0425	DYSART	0455	DYSART	0525	NO. 1 SPECIAL Station Pier	0800	MORNING MEAL at Flinders St. S No.10 East Platform 0712 to 07 hrs.
269	2/8 Fd Regt, less 2/16 Bty. inc. 1 Chaplain or 1 Batman	21	6	19	279	325	PUCKAPUNYAL CAMP	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
"	-do- 1 Reinfts.	5	-	2	35	42	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
TOTAL NO.1 SPECIAL TRAIN		27	6	22	316	371									
269	2/8 Fd Regt 2/16 Bty.	14	4	15	239	272	PUCKAPUNYAL CAMP	0525	DYSART	0555	DYSART	0625	NO. 2 SPECIAL Station Pier	0900	MORNING MEAL at Flinders St. S No.10 East Platform 0815 to 0845 hrs.
TOTAL 2/8 Fd Regt & Reinfts		40	10	36	553	639	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
274	64 L.A.D.	1	1	-	11	13	SEYMOUR OLD CAMP	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
229	7 Div Sigs Details (K Sec. No. 3 Coy)	2	-	2	34	38	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
TOTAL NO.2 SPECIAL TRAIN		17	5	17	284	323									
203	A.I.F. Admin. H.Q. Details Finance Sec.	-	-	-	8	8	ROYAL PARK	0900	STATION PIER	0930					Will report to E.S.O. Station Pier at 0930 hours. MIDDAY MEAL at Spencer St. on arrival of Express. Will report to E.S.O. Station Pier at 0930 hrs.
139	HQ. 17 Inf. Bde. (Chaplain)	1	-	-	-	1	ROYAL PARK	0900	STATION PIER	0930					
302	2/2 C.C.S. Details	1	-	1	9	11									
	Salvation Army	1	-	-	-	1									
	Y.M.C.A.	1	-	-	-	1									
	R.A.N.	-	-	-	2	2									
407	2/23 Bn. inc. 1 Chaplain & 1 Ratman						BONEGILLA CAMP	0320	WODONGA	0350	WODONGA	0425	NO. 3 SPECIAL Station Pier	1018	MORNING MEAL at Seymour 0730 - 0800.
	Bn. H.Q.	51	6	1	5	39									
	H.Q. Coy.	227	8	2	11	206									
	A Coy.	129	5	1	4	119									
	B Coy.	129	5	1	4	119									
	C Coy.	129	5	1	4	119									
TOTAL NO.3 SPECIAL TRAIN		29	6	28	602	665									
407	2/23 Bn. "D" Coy. 129	5	1	4	119	129	BONEGILLA CAMP	0410	WODONGA	0440	WODONGA	0515	NO. 4 SPECIAL Station Pier	1110	MORNING MEAL. All Serials at Seymour Station. Train arrive 0820 hrs. Departs 0850 hrs.
	1 Reinfts. 154	7	-	7	140	154									
TOTAL 2/23 Bn. & Reinfts.		12	1	11	259	283									
406	H.Q. 26 Inf. Bde. and Int. Sec.	9	1	4	53	67	ALBURY	0420	"	"	"	"	"	"	
408	2/24 Bn. incl. 1 Chaplain & 1 Batman						BONEGILLA CAMP	0410	WODONGA	0440	WODONGA	0515	"	"	
	Bn. H.Q.	51	6	1	5	39	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	H.Q. Coy.	227	8	2	11	206	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
TOTAL NO.4 SPECIAL TRAIN		35	5	31	559	630									

NO. 5 SPECIAL

APPENDIX " " (Contd.)

Serial No.	Unit	UNIT STRENGTH					MOTOR TRANSPORT				TRAIN SCHEDULE				Remarks
		Off.	W.O.	Sgts.	O.R.	Ttl.	DATE <u>15/11/40</u>				DATE <u>15/11/40</u>				
							From	Hrs. Dep.	To	Hrs. Arr.	From	Hrs. Dep.	To	Hrs. Arr.	
408	2/24 Bn. A Coy. 129	5	1	4	119	129	BONEGILLA CAMP	0455	WODONGA	0525	WODONGA	0555	Station Pier	1200	MORNING MEAL at Seymour. Train arrives 0900 hrs " departs 0935 "
	B Coy. 129	5	1	4	119	129									
	C Coy. 129	5	1	4	119	129									
	D Coy. 129	5	1	4	119	129									
	1 Reinfts. 154	7	-	7	140	154									
TOTAL 2/24 BN. REINFTS.		41	7	40	860	948									
TOTAL NO. 5 SPECIAL TRAIN 27		4	23	616	670										
	A.A.N.S. (NURSES)	4	-	-	-	4									Will be transported by M.T. provided by A.D.S.T. from J Block, Vic.Bks. and report to E.S.O. Station Pier at 1530 hours on 12/11/1940.

ALLOTMENT OF UNITS TO H.M.T. "STRATHEDEN".

EMBARK ADELAIDE - 16/11-11-40.

*Amended
1110 hrs 10 Nov 40
per phone Adj
Area Comd.
Advance 48 hrs*

Serial No.	UNIT	Unit Strength					MOTOR TRANSPORT				TRAIN SCHEDULE				Remarks
		Off.	W.O.	Sgts	O.R.	Ttl	From	Hrs Dep.	To	Hrs Arr.	From	Hrs Dep.	To	Hrs Arr.	
262	2/12 Fd Regt (2/24 Bty) 1st Reinfts	14 5	4 -	15 2	239 35	272 42	Puckapunyal	1650	Dysart	1720	Dysart	1745 13/11/40	Outer Harbour Adelaide	1048 14/11/40	At SPENCER St Ry Stn Train arr 1930 hrs dep 2025 hrs. MORNING MEAL 14/11/40 At MURRAY BRIDGE Stn Train arr 0650 hrs dep 0734 hrs.
	NO.1 SPECIAL TRAIN	19	4	17	274	314									
262	2/12 Fd Regt & 1 Reinfts less 2/24 Bty	21	6	19	279	325	Puckapunyal	1830	Dysart	1900	Dysart	1925 13/11/40	Outer Harbour Adelaide	1211 14/11/40	EVENING MEAL 13/11/40 For all Serials - Prior to leaving Camp locations. MORNING MEAL 14/11/40 At MURRAY BRIDGE - Train arr 0803 hrs dep 0856 hrs.
	Total 2/12 Fd Regt & Reinfts	40	10	36	553	639									
259	61 L A D I Q Corps Arty	1 5	1 1	- 1	11 15	13 22	466 St.Kilda Rd	2030	Spencer St Stn	2105	Spencer St Stn	2130 13/11/40	" "	" "	" "
260	I Q 9 Div Arty	6	1	2	22	31	Royal Park	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	2 Adv Depot Med Stores Total NO.2 SPECIAL TRAIN	1 34	- 9	1 23	7 334	9 400									
174	2/10 Bn 3/4 Reinfts	12	-	12	286	310	Cheltenham Camp	Date 14/11/40	Cheltenham Ry Stn		Cheltenham Ry Stn	1415	Outer Harbour Adelaide	1435	Move to Port of Embarkation under 4 M D arrangements.
	Total NO.3 SPECIAL TRAIN	12	-	12	286	310									
268	2/7 Fd Regt (less 2/14 Bty) & 1 Reinfts incl Chaplain & Batman	26	6	21	314	367	Woodside Camp	Date 14/11/40	Oakbank		Oakbank	1315	Outer Harbour Adelaide	1520	Move to Port of Embarkation under 4 M D arrangements.
273	63 L A D	1	1	-	11	13	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
409	2/48 Bn H Q H Q Coy	6 8	1 2	5 11	39 206	51 227	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
	Total NO.4 SPECIAL TRAIN	41	10	37	570	658									
409	2/48 Bn "A" Coy	5	1	4	119	129	Woodside Camp		Oakbank		Oakbank	1400	Outer Harbour Adelaide	1607	Move to Port of Embarkation under 4 M D arrangements.
	"B" Coy	5	1	4	119	129	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	"C" Coy	5	1	4	119	129	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	"D" Coy	5	1	4	119	129	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	1 Reinfts	7	-	7	140	154	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	Total 2/48 Bn & Reinfts	41	7	39	861	948									
	Total NO.5 SPECIAL TRAIN	27	4	23	616	670									
302	2/2 C C S (Details)	1	-	1	9	11	Spencer St	Date 11/11/40 1410	Stn Pier	1430					Midday Meal at Spencer St Ry S Stn on arr of Albury Express. A D S T to provide M T to convey personnel & baggage from Spencer St to Stn Pier. from J Block, Vic. Bks. Will be transported by M T provided by A D S T and report to E S O on Stn Pier at 1430 hrs on 11/11/40.
	A A N S (Nurses)	4	-	-	-	4									
	Y N C A	1	-	-	-	1									
	R A N	-	-	-	2	2									
		139	27	113	2091	2370									

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DATE OF EMBARKATION. ¹³ 12-11-40

*Amend
110 hrs to Nov. 40
per phone call
Area Command
Depart 54 hrs
T48*

ALLOTMENT OF UNITS TO H M T "ORION"

APPENDIX C.

Serial No.	Unit	Personnel Units					By Motor Transport Date 11.11.40				By Special Train Date 11.11.40				Remarks
		Off.	W.O.	Sgt	O.R.	Ttl	From	Dep Hrs	To	Arr Hrs	From	Dep Hrs	To	Arr Hrs	
	R A A F	31	-	-	-	31	Showgrounds	1000	Spencer St.Stn	1040	Spencer St.Stn	1100	PYRMONT	650	<p><u>MIDDAY MEAL</u> 1. For R A A F & Serial 153 at SEYMOUR RY STN at 1230 hrs. 2. For Serial 229 prior to leaving Camp Location.</p> <p><u>EVENING MEAL</u> For all Serials on train AT ALBURY RY STN</p> <p><u>MORNING MEAL</u> <u>12/11/40</u> For all Serials - on board ship.</p> <p><u>ENTRAINING AT ALBURY</u> All Serials will entrain at Albury Ry Stn occupying Compartments from <u>REAR TO FRONT</u> of train.</p>
153	3/3/4 Reinfts 2/2 Fd Regt	9	-	9	117	135	Geelong by Rail from R.C.P/form	0845	Spencer St.Stn	1035	Spencer St.Stn	"	"	"	
229	7 Div Sigs "G" Sec (No.2 Coy)	1	-	1	26	28	Seymour Camp	1230	Seymour Stn.	1300	Seymour	1330	"	"	
410	26 Anti Tank Coy	4	1	4	73	82	Bonegilla Camp	1700	Albury	1745	Albury	1910	"	"	
11	78 L A D	1	1	-	11	13	Bonegilla Camp	1700	Albury	1745	Albury	"	"	"	
		46	2	14	227	289									

WAR EQUIPMENT & OFFICERS' HEAVY BAGGAGE

To be shipped at Melbourne on H. M. T. "Strathmore."

Ser. No.	Unit	To be transported as under from Camp Location to Ship							Remarks
		To be ready for lifting at			By I.T. to	Transfer to Rail Trucks			
		Camp Location	Time Hours	Date		AAt	Loading to be completed by	Consign to E.S.O. at	
406	HQ. 26 Inf. Bde	ALBURY	0800	7.11.40	ALBURY	ALBURY	1600 hrs.	Station Pier Port Melb.	
407	2/23 Bn.	BONEGILLA	0800	7.11.40	EBDEN	EBDEN	1600 hrs.	"	
408	2/24 Bn.	BONEGILLA	0800	7.11.40	EBDEN	EBDEN	1600 hrs.	"	
239	7 Div. Sigs. K Sec. No. 3 Coy.	SEYMOUR	0800	7.11.40	SEYMOUR	SEYMOUR	1600 hrs.	"	
269	2/8 Fd. Regt.	PUCKA.	0800	7.11.40	SEYMOUR	SEYMOUR	1600 hrs.	"	
351	Details 7 A.G.H.	SEYMOUR	0800	7.11.40	SEYMOUR	SEYMOUR	1600 hrs.	"	
274	64 L.A.D.	PUCKA.	0800	7.11.40	SEYMOUR	SEYMOUR	1600 hrs.	"	
302	2/2/C.C.S. Details			11.11.40	PT. MELB.			Arriving Spencer St. ex Sydney Express. 11/11/40	
	A.A.N.S. (NURSES)	J Block Vic. Bks.	1100	11.11.40	PT. MELB.				

WAR EQUIPMENT & OFFICERS' HEAVY BAGGAGE.

To be shipped at Melbourne and Adelaide on N.E.T. "Stratheden."

Serial No.	Unit	To be transported as under from Camp Location to Ship						
		To be ready for lifting at			By N.T. to	Transfer to Rail Trucks		
		Camp Location	Time Hrs.	Date		At	Loading to be completed by	Consign to E.S.C. at
262	2/12 Fd. Regt.	Pucka.	0800	7.11.40	SEYMOUR	SEYMOUR	1600	Station Pier Port Melb.
271	61 L.A.I.	"	0800	"	"	"	"	"
259	H.Q. Corps Arty.	466 St. Kilda Rd.	0800	11.11.40	PT. MELB.			
260	H.Q. 9 Div. Arty.	"	"	"	"			
424	2 Adv. Dep. Med. Stores	ROYAL PARK	0800	8.11.40	"			
302	2/2 C.C.S. Details A.A.N.S. (Nurses)			11.11.40 11.11.40	PT. MELB. "			Arriving Spencer St. ex Sydney Express. Collect Nurses' Baggage at Spencer St. Station on arrival Sydney Express.
268 273 409 174	2/7 Fd. Regt. 53 L.A.D. 2/48 Bn. 2/10 Bn. 3/4 Reinfts.	WOODSIDE " " CHELTENHAM						To be transported from Camp Locations in 4 M.D. and shipped under arrangements made by 4 M.D. - at outer harbour Adelaide.

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WAR EQUIPMENT AND OFFICERS HEAVY BAGGAGE
TO BE SHIPPED AT SYDNEY ON H M T "ORION"

APPENDIX F.

Serial No.	Unit	To be transported as under from Camp Location to Ship.						Remarks
		To be ready for lifting at			Transfer to Rail Trucks			
		Camp Location	Time Hours	Date	By M T to	At	Loading to be completed by	Consign to E S C at
	R.A.A.F.	Showgrounds	1100	7.11.40	Spencer St.	Spencer St	1500	Alexandria Goods Yard.Sydney
153	2/3/4 Refts. 2/2 Fd Regt	Geelong	1100	7.11.40	Spencer St.	Spencer St	1500	" "
229	7 Div Sigs "G" Sec No.2 Coy	Seymour	1100	6.11.40	Seymour	Seymour	1700	" "
410	26 A/Tank Coy	Bonegilla	1100	7.11.40	Albury	Albury	1700	" "
411	78 L A D	Bonegilla	1100	7.11.40	Albury	Albury	1700	" "

NOTE:-

Descriptive lists of all war equipment on Delivery Notes A.A.B.66, and Bills of Lading A.F. G.964 (six copies) covering war equipment of above units are to be forwarded marked EXPRESS DELIVERY to E S C, H Q, Southern Command to reach him not later than 1200 hrs on Friday, 8 Nov 40. Lists showing particulars of Officers Heavy Baggage to be forwarded along with above documents.

ALLOTMENT OF UNIT WAR EQUIPMENT, BAGGAGE, STORES,
AMMUNITION, ETC.

TO BE LOADED AT MELBOURNE

H.M.T. "STRATHMORE"

<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TONS MEAS</u>	
		<u>WAR EQUIPT.</u>	<u>BAGGAGE</u>
406	26 Inf. Bde. H Q & Int Sec	20	4
407	2/23 Bn & 1 Reinfts	50	20
408	2/24 Bn & 1 Reinfts	50	20
229	7 Div Sigs K Sec (No.3 Coy)	5	$\frac{1}{2}$
269	2/8 Fd Regt & 1 Reinfts	50	20
274	64 L A D	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
203	A I F Adm H Q (Details)	1	-
302	2/2 C C S (Details)	-	1
351	Details 7 Gen Hosp	-	$\frac{1}{2}$

WANTED ON VOYAGE - STORES.

	<u>TONS MEAS.</u>
Training Stores	28
Unit Blankets	60
Salvation Army	3
Y. M. C. A.	3
A. R. C. S.	9
A. C. F. 300 c/s Fresh Fruit and	20
<u>Ammunition:-</u> Ctgs S.A. Ball .303 MK VII	20000 rds.
" " " " .455	480 "
Sandbags (to be filled after issue)	500

WAR EQUIPMENT OF UNITS PROCEEDING FROM 3 M D

H.M.T. "STRATHEDEN"

<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TONS MEAS</u>	
		<u>WAR EQUIPT.</u>	<u>BAGGAGE</u>
262	2/12 Fd Regt & 1 Reinfts	95	20
271	61 L A D	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
259	H Q Corps Arty	4	2
260	H Q 9 Div Arty	5	3
424	2 Adv Depot Med Stores	100	$\frac{1}{2}$
302	2/2 C C S	-	1

BULK STORES.

	<u>TONS MEAS.</u>
A. C. F.	75
Aust Red Cross	60
Salvation Army	8
A. I. F. Canteens	2000

<u>RATIONS :-</u> Reserve)	
Emergency)	234
Landing)	

<u>Ammunition:-</u> Ctgs S.A. Ball .305 MK VII	20000 rds.
" " " " .455	480 "
Sandbags (to be filled after issue)	500

WANTED ON VOYAGE - STORES./

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WANTED ON VOYAGE - STORES.

TONS MEAS.

Training Stores
Unit Blankets
A C Fund, 100 c/s Fresh Fruit and
Aust Red Cross
Y M C A

28
25
8
9
3

TO BE LOADED AT ADELAIDE

H.M.T. "STRATHEDEN"

<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TONS MEAS.</u>	
		<u>WAR EQUIPT.</u>	<u>BAGGAGE</u>
409	2/48 Bn & 1 Reinfts	50	20
268	2/7 Fd Regt & 1 Reinfts	40	13
273	63 L A D	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
174	2/10 Bn 3/4 Reinfts	2	6

BULK STORES.

TONS MEAS.

Aust Comforts Funds
A I F Canteens

30
55

WANTED ON VOYAGE - STORES.

Unit Blankets

50

TO BE LOADED AT SYDNEY

H.M.T. "ORION"

WAR EQUIPMENT OF UNITS PROCEEDING FROM 3 M D

<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TONS MEAS.</u>	
		<u>WAR EQUIPT.</u>	<u>BAGGAGE</u>
410	26 A T Coy	2	2
411	78 L A D	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
153	2/2 Fd Regt 2/3/4 Reinfts	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$
229	7 Div Sigs Details) G Sec (No.2 Coy)	10	$\frac{1}{2}$

SECRET.

APPENDIX 2

Serial 34

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. A 71.

AREA COMMAND ALBURY.
Administrative Headquarters,
Block 24. Bonegilla Camp.
1/11/40.

MOVE P.E. LEAVE - MEN TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

MOVEMENT.

Personnel shown hereunder will proceed by train leaving WODONGA on 3rd November, 1940 at 0819 hours to MELBOURNE thence by Overland Express at 1900 hours the same day.

These men will not return to their Units but on completion of their leave will report to the Recruit Reception Depot Claremont W.A. on 14th November, 1940.

REPORTING
O.C. TROOPS
MELBOURNE.

These men will be instructed to Report to Capt M.V. Robertson who will be O.C. Troops, at the Office of the R.T.O. Spencer S Railway Station at 1830 hours on 3rd November 1940.

RAIL WARRANTS.

Combined leave pass and Rail Tickets are attached hereto. These will be handed in to the Camp Commandant, Recruit Reception Depot, Claremont on reporting thereto.

PERSONAL ARMS
& EQUIPMENT.

Personal Arms and Equipment including Universal and Sea Kit Bags will be taken by each soldier who will be personally responsible for Safe Custody throughout the period of his leave.

PERSONNEL.

WX.5811 Sgt BRACEY T.S. 2/24th Bn. Destination GERALDTON.

Entrain Melbourne 3/11/40 as above.
Arrive Perth 6/11/40 at 0945 hours.
Depart Perth 7/11/40 at 0610 hours
Arrive Geraldton 8/11/40 at 0103 hours

RETURN

Depart Geraldton 14/11/40 at 0415 hours
Arrive Perth 14/11/40 at 2150 hours

VX.38137 JOHANSEN V.R. Pte 78th L.A.D.
Destination. MIDLANDS JUNCTION (Suburb of Perth)

Melbourne to Perth as above
Arrive Midlands Junction 6/11/40
Depart Midlands Junction 14/11/40
Arrive Perth 14/11/40

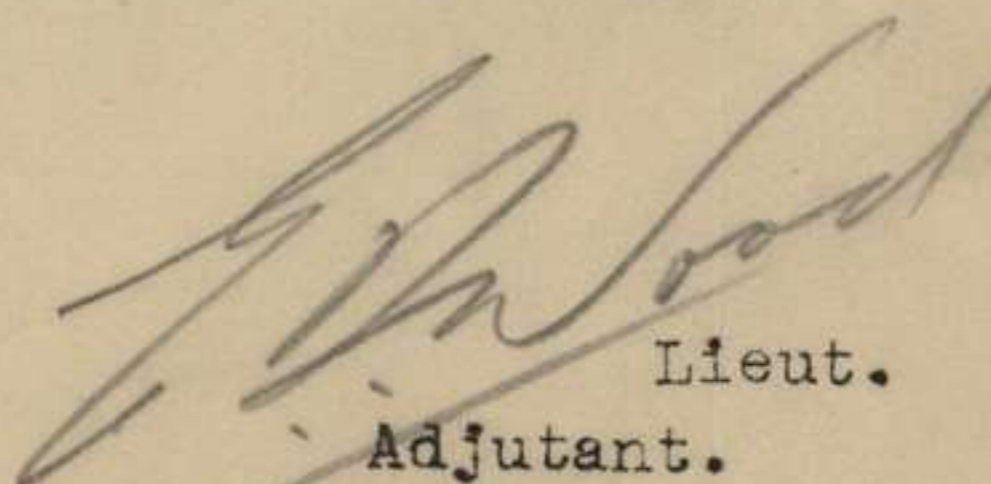
VX.47585 DEMPSTER S.M. Pte 78th L.A.D.
Destination PERTH.

Melbourne to Perth as above
Reporting Perth 14/11/40.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. Acknowledge on A.A. Form A.57 attached.

DISTRIBUTION.

26th Aust Inf Bde 4.
D.A.Q.M.G.(M) Southern Comd. 1.
File 1.


Lieut.
Adjutant.

AREA COMMAND ALBURY.

CENSORSHIP OF CORRESPONDENCE ON AND AFTER
EMBARKATION OF A UNIT.

1. General. Although we all realise how irksome a censorship is, no one will dispute that it is absolutely essential for the successful conduct of a war and more particularly our own safety. A careless word may lead to enormous losses of men and materials and it is this that we must guard against.

The object of this circular is to make each man aware of matters he must not refer to, and thus save deletions from his letter which would detract from the recipient's enjoyment of reading it.

On embarkation all correspondence is the subject of censorship. It cannot be evaded by use of civil postal services as the letters will be held by the censor on reaching Australia and apart from the delay which will then occur the sender will be liable to disciplinary action.

2. Method of posting mail. Mail will be handed by Officers and other ranks to the officer immediately over them.

(a) Ordinary letters. - are placed in addsd envelopes which must be left open to enable them to be franked.

(b) Parcels - will be left open for franking and a declaration of the contents must be placed on the outside wrapper.

(c) Registered letters or parcels. - left open but will be franked and sealed in the presence of the sender or his representative.

After franking the mail is sealed and passed on to the unit/censor, and there is no further delay.

3. Field Service Post Card. The field service postcard will be available for use on arrival overseas.

It is a printed form and will not be franked or otherwise delayed provided nothing is added apart from official address, name of sender, date of despatch and of last communication received, and lines erasing sentences not required.

4. The Green Envelope. Will also be made available on arrival overseas but is issued on a limited scale for transmission of private and family matters only.

It will be posted by the unit without franking but it is liable to normal censorship at the base, and the privilege is liable to be withdrawn if it is found to be abused.

The following must be observed -

- (i) The certifsate regarding its contents printed on the face of the envelope must be signed by the sender.
- (ii) Green envelopes cannot be registered and should not be used for transmission of valuables.
- (iii) Writers may enclose up to three of their own letters in ordinary covers in one envelope. When used for more than one letter the green envelope will be addressed to the Deputy Chief Censor. The covers of the enclosed envelopes will be left open by the sender.

5. Instans regarding mail.

- (1) Address - The correct postal address will be made known to every soldier, but no addition to this address is permitted.

- (2) Codes, ciphers and shorthand - cannot be sent.
- (3) Photos & films - only those taken under proper authority may be despatched.
- (4) Official docs, maps, and captured papers - may not be sent to unauthorised person
- (5) Correspondence with strangers - Enemy agents will endeavour to communicate with troops in sundry ways in order to find out certain matters such as location of unit. Troops therefore must not acknowledge presents from unknown donors nor reply to any circulars sent to them.
- (6) Ships note-paper - or any paper which would disclose the location of a unit must not be used.
- (7) Posting - Mail must be dealt with in accordance with these instns and it is a serious offence to post anything through a civil P.O.

The following matters must NOT be referred to whether they relate to naval, military or air forces -

- (a) Strength, morale, or organisation.
- (b) Location of any unit.
- (c) Armament or equipment.
- (d) Distinguishing signs used for identifications of formations, units and their transport.
- (e) Plans and forecasts or orders for future operations.
- (f) Communications - such as use, condition or probable extension of roads, railways etc..
- (g) State of the maintenance services including any reference to reserves.
- (h) Position of billets, bivouacs or camps.
- (i) Casualties.
- (j) Effect of any enemy action.
- (k) Criticisms, and statements of our forces.
- (l) Communicate with Press or Broadcasting stations.
- (m) To publish an opinion on military policy or to take part in a public discussion on a military matter.

6. Telegrams. - Subject of censorship in the same manner as for mail.

7. Telephone messages - cannot be censored but will be overheard and necessary action taken.

8. Private Diaries and notes - Despatch of above through post forbidden and they will be collected by Security Officers:-

- (a) before contact with enemy or battle;
- (b) if an attack by enemy threatens;
- (c) at all other times fortnightly;

and transmitted through nearest censor Officer for storing.

Diaries must be clearly marked

Private Diary of.....			
Reg. No.	Rank.	Name & unit	Date.

Diaries may be recovered on application but only with authority of war office. Note books will be disposed of similarly.

9. Security whilst on board ship. Throwing message bottles etc. overboard

Nothing must be thrown overboard during a voyage which would give information to the enemy, and particular care must be paid to preceding instns in this regard.

10. Co-operation - In security matters the co-operation of all officers and men is essential, and anything no matter how trivial, which affects the security of a unit should be brought under the notice of Security Officer promptly.

[Handwritten signature]

Lieut.

10 26 AUST INF BDE

Novy 3/40.

JDL.

INSTNS TO FRANKING OFFICERS.

Officers will frank the mail of all men under their immediate control. Any communication which contravenes the censorship regulations laid down will be deleted. If it is impossible to delete efficiently, portions of a letter will be excised and in some cases whole pages will have to be destroyed.

The sender must not be informed of any portions of his correspondence which have been so dealt with, and franking officers must make no notes or remarks on the letter itself.

When the letter has been dealt with as above the franking officer will sign his name (NOT initials) at the foot of the body of the letter, seal it in the envelope and sign his name (NOT initials) on the bottom left hand corner of the envelope. On no account must rank or unit be added to either signature.

He will then hand it direct to the unit censor (who keeps the censor stamp) and never through any other person including the sender.

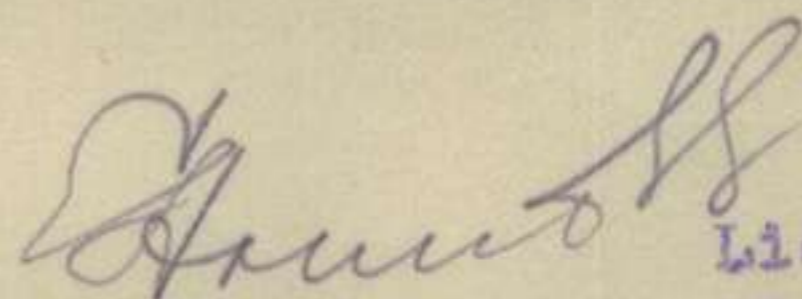
With regard to parcels the franking officer will sign his name only on the outside of the wrapper in a similar position to that indicated for an envelope.

Franking officers must respect the secrecy of all information coming into their possession in the performance of their duties.

DUTIES OF UNIT CENSOR.

It is the duty of the unit censor (officers in charge of censor stamps) to see that the mail is correctly franked and sealed before stamping it and to ensure its delivery to the postal service. *Mail is to be stamped on top left hand corner.*
In the case of 78 LAD (not having a unit censor stamp) the mail will be franked by the OC and then handed direct to the nearest ~~civil~~ censor.

unit


Lieut.

10 26 AUST INF BDE

3 Nov, 40.

TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
NO. 200/1/68

SECRET.

EPT/RGP

B42

HQ 26 AUST INF BDE
"Tara",
621 Olive St,
ALBURY : NSW.

8 Nov, 40.

SHIP'S STAFF.

The undermentioned personnel will report to Captain M.R. Brown at the 2/23 Bn Orderly Room at 0600 hrs 10 Nov, 40 with full embarkation kit., and necessary records (Pay Embarkation Cards).

Motor Transport will be provided by 2/23 Bn to conduct these men to Albury Station and entrain at 0805 hrs.

The personnel will be met at Spencer St Station and will be directed as to their future movements.

Personnel will be issued with rail warrants by Units:

2/23 Bn

Captain M. Brown

47943

WO.1. Folland, F.L.M.

Sgt. Rundle, A.H.R.

"Thriwell am"
Sgt. Atkinson, J.W.H.

2/24 Bn

Captain L.G. Canty

Sgt. Halloran, J.P.

Sgt. Poidevin, G.G.

Sgt. Roden, J.

Sgt. Wilshire, L.G.J.

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Major.
BM 26 AUST INF BDE.

DIST:

- 2/23 Bn
- 2/24 Bn
- Bde HQ
- File.

TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
NO. 200/1/60A

Secret.

T.U.W/E.S.R.

B43

H.Q. 26 Aust. Inf Bde.
'Yara'
olive street.
Albury. N.S.W.
7 Nov. 40

2/87d. Regt.
Puckapunyal.

Ships Staff (appx. AS. bond secret items. 1940/471)

The following confirms today's telephone conversation with
Adj. 2/87d. Regt. in regard to that portion of the ships staff
being detailed within Bde.

Appx.	Unit Providing.	Place.	Name	Init
Adj.	26 Inf Bde.	Albury.	Boff livey	E.P.
Messing officer	2/23 Bn.	Bonegilla	" Brown	M.
Baggage officer	2/24 Bn	"	" banty.	L.G.
R.S.M.	2/24 Bn.	"	✓X 38825. WO1 Holland.	74M.
Provost Sgt.	2/24 Bn	"	✓X 38448 Sgt. Halloran	J.P.
Truck Deck Sgts.	2/23 Bn.	"	✓X 23467 Sgt. Rundle	A.H.R.
	2/23 Bn.	"	✓X 27876 Sgt. Shywell	C.M.
	2/23 Bn.	"	✓X. 42927 Sgt. Atkinson	J.W.H.
	2/24 Bn	"	✓X. 29686 Sgt. Pordwin	G.G.
	2/24	"	✓X. 26678 Sgt. Roden	J.
	2/24	"	✓X 21576 Sgt. Wilshire	L.G.S.

Sydney T. Warren white
Major.
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde.

Copy for information

2/23 Bn
2/24 Bn

TELEPHONE

SERIAL 33

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
No. 199/1/57

SECURITY.

TWW/ROP

HQ 26 AUST INF BDE
"Tara",
621 Olive St,
ALBURY : NSW.

4 Nov, 40.

DRESS FOR EMBARKATION AND KIT TO BE CARRIED.

1. Service Dress will be worn by all ranks on embarkation, and the equipment carried will be as for Marching Order.
2. Kit bags and sea kit bags will be carried by all ranks and the items to be carried in the latter will be those listed in Ch XI para 33 of AIF Standing Orders. Kit bags will be stowed in the baggage room and will be available to units on specified days not exceeding once weekly.

N. White

Capt.

SC 26 AUST INF BDE.

DIST.

2/23 Bn
2/24 Bn
2/48 Bn
26 A Tk Coy
78 LAD
File (for circulation)

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
NO. 200/1/70

AKB/RGP

SECRET.

HQ 26 AUST INF BDE
"Tara",
621 Olive St,
ALBURY : NSW.

8 Nov, 40.

PRE-EMBARKATION INSTRUCTION NO.8.1. FORMS REGISTRATIONS REPORTS.

The attention of Units at this stage of pre-embarkation is drawn to the necessity for complying with instructions relative to the compilation of correct forms and reports up to the actual time of embarkation.

Consideration should be given to the administrative procedure necessary after embarkation. Vide Standing Orders AIF.

2. BDE. INSTRUCTIONS.

Bde. Pre-embarkation Inst. No.5 should be referred to, and in particular:

- Para 2. AAF T51 Strength Return on Embarkation and Disembarkation.
- " 3. Unit Serial Nos.
- " 5. W.F. 47 Embarkation Cards.

3. EMBUSSING ENTRAINING DETRAINING.

Arrangements from unit areas Bonegilla to Wodonga per MT, and subsequent entrainment will be made by 23 Bde HQ, who will issue orders and contact direct with Units.

4. EMBARKATION GENERAL.

Vide S Comd No 40 Embarkation Inst. AIF Convoy U S 7 Para 4. Particularly sub-para (B) in that WF 47 will be carried by all ranks in Top-left hand pocket of tunic and handed to representative of Pay Section at foot of gangway.

5. ON DETRAINMENT.

- a. Ref S Comd No.40 Emb. Inst. AIF Convoy US.7. Para 3. Particularly Sub para (a) One marker to be detailed by each unit, with Coy markers standing by if needed.
- b. Sub Para (D) Collection of T. 51 by ESO Staff from Unit Adjutant at Assembly Point on Pier of Embarkation.

6. EQUIPMENT BAGGAGE PERSONAL ISSUE.

- a. At this stage a kit inspection should be carried out relative to the packing of items in Universal and Sea Kit bags and to ensure that each man is fully equipped.
- b. Officers light baggage will comply to S Comd Inst 40 Emb Inst. especially as to scale of weights allowed.

7. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

S Comd No. 40 Para 13.

Command arrange for R.A.P. Station Pier reporting ESO Upper Concourse 0800 hrs day of Embarkation.

APPENDIX 5.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

- 2 -

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
No.SECRET.PRE-EMBARKATION INST. NO.8.8. MEALS.

Units concerned on arrival at Seymour will remain in train where a meal will be brought to the troops consisting of 2 meat pies and tea.

9. UNIT LINES:

Separate instructions have been issued re this matter by 23 Bde HQ, which are in your possession.

Every effort will be made to leave unit lines in a clean and tidy condition.

10. DRESS EMBARKATION.

Bde Instructions 199/1/57 Nov, 4, will be adhered to.

11. CASUALTY RETURNS DAILY.

After Nominal Rolls 206 have been lodged with Camp HQ casualty returns with 4 extra copies for Camp HQ will be passed should a casualty or casualties arrive. Where there are no casualties a nil return will be furnished to Camp HQ.

All returns to be at Camp HQ daily by 1200 hrs in the day for which refubns refer.

12. EMBARKATION NCO & MEN.

Vide S Comd No 40 Para 4.

- a. In particular that under guides men will be led to their respective cabins, pack equipment and remain there until further orders.
- b. Para. 4 E. Officers NCOs and men on duty with troops will proceed to Purser's Office for directions re accommodation on completion of Inspection of Troops.

Manuellet's
Capt.
SC 26 AUST INF BDE.

DIST:

2/23 Bn ✓
2/24 Bn
26 A Tk Coy.
78 LAD.
File (3)



A.A. Form A. 57.
(Reprinted June, 1940.)

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Receipt for SECRET Documents.

Issued to 2/23 Bw Date 13th Nov 1940

I hereby acknowledge receipt of Copy No. Miss (3) of Secret Document
Mr B. G. HO

(Signed)

(Appointment)

Date

NOTES.

1. THE TITLE OF THE DOCUMENT MUST NOT BE WRITTEN ON THIS FORM.
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3. THE RECIPIENT OF THE SECRET DOCUMENT MENTIONED ABOVE WILL ACCOUNT FOR IT ANNUALLY ON THE RETURN OF SECRET DOCUMENTS. (STRIKE OUT THIS NOTE IF NOT APPLICABLE.)
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(To be completed and original returned immediately in a single unregistered envelope).

To Adjutant, Area Command

(Head-quarters Issuing Document.)

S E C R E T

EMBARKATION INSTRUCTION

COPY NO. 3

Reference Southern Command Instruction No.40.
1st November, 1940. and
23rd Aust Inf Bde Movement Order 10th November, 1940.

The following Instructions are issued in connection with the above Movement.

1. O.C.TRAINS The following Officers are appointed O.Cs Trains in accordance with Para 2 - f.

- No.3. Special Train Lt-Col B.Evans.
Serial 407. C.O.2/23rd Bn.
- No.4. Special Train Lt-Col A.Spowers.
Serials 406, 407, 408. C.O. 2/24th Bn.
- No.5. Special Train Major L.A.Fell.
Serials 408. 2/24th Bn.

2. RAIL WARRANTS in bulk will be issued to R.T.O.who will hand O.C.Train the necessary Bulk Ticket for journey.

3. MEALS AT SEYMOUR
Trains No.3,4,5.

Cup of tea and two pies per man will be provided and handed to personnel in trains by Railway Staffs,who will also collect empty cups before the departure of train from station.

PERSONNEL MUST NOT ON ANY ACCOUNT LEAVE THE TRAINS.

4. CASUALTIES All Units concerned must forward daily 4 copies of Casualty Returns to Area Command using separate sheets for ON and OFF strength. The final Casualty will be rendered to Area Command Headquarters at 1000 hours on Friday 15th November. Any Casualties after 1000 hours on Friday 15th November, 1940 will be prepared and handed in to E.S.O's Office on arrival at pier.

NIL RETURNS ARE TO BE RENDERED DAILY.

5. EMBARKATION CARDS W.F.47.

The following are the arrangements for the issue of W.F.47s to Units :-

- (1) Members of the Embarkation Staff will attend Units and supervise the signing and issue of cards as allotted hereunder.
- (2) Units will be paraded as required by the Staff who are responsible for the checking of each individual signature.
- (3) Embarkation Staff will attend each Unit on Thursday 14th November to arrange details of method to be adopted.
- (4) Allocation of Staff and Times

2/23rd Bn. 1400 hours Friday 15th November 1940.

<u>Staff</u>	Sgt Stephens
	Sgt Kennedy
	Sgt Maloney

S E C R E T

Part 2.

2/24th Bn. 1400 hours Friday 15th November, 1940.

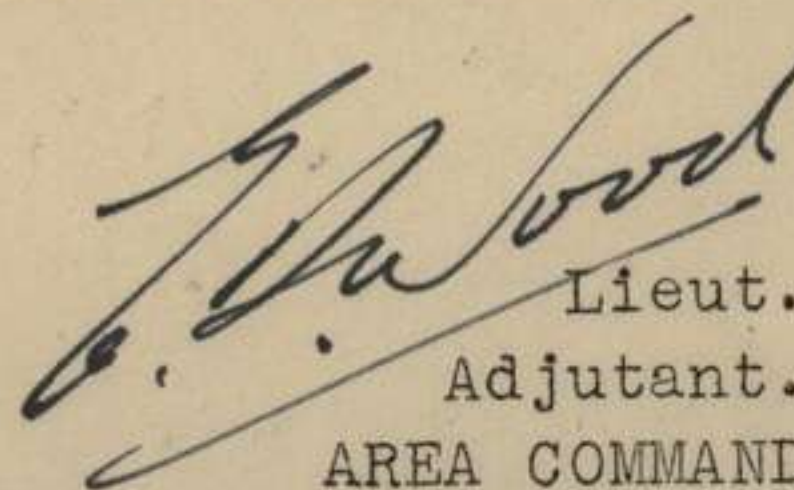
Staff Sgt Volton
 Sgt Robinson
 Sgt Bird

H.Q. 26th Aust Inf Bde 1630 hours Friday 15th November '40.

Sgt Volton

Units will report completion of issues of W.F.47, in writing to the Adjutant Area Command.

6. BUS MOVEMENT Bonegilla to Wodonga will be carried out in accordance with the Movement Order issued by the 23rd Aust Inf Bde dated 10th November 1940.
7. RECEIPT Acknowledge (A.A.F., A.57. Attached)


Lieut.
Adjutant.
AREA COMMAND.

DISTRIBUTION.

23rd Aust Inf Bde (for information)	No.1.
26th Aust Inf Bde	No.2.
2/23rd Bn	No.3.
2/24th Bn	No.4.
A.Q.M.G. Southern Command	No.5.
O.C.Movement Southern Command	No.6.
A.D.F.O. Craigs	No.7.
R.T.O. Albury	No.8.
D.A.P.M.Albury	No.9.
Camp Paymaster Bonegilla,	No.10
File	No.11
Spares	Nos. 12,13,14.

ISSUED IN CONJUNCTION WITH ADM INSTN

EMBARKATION of 11 NOV 40

AMENDMENT OF DATES :

Dates shown in the Embarkation Instruction amended as follows:-

For 14 Nov read 15 Nov

For 15 Nov read 16 Nov

AMENDMENT OF TIMES :

Embussing para.
 For 0320 hrs read 0259 hrs
 For 0350 hrs read 0340 hrs
 For 0410 hrs read 0352 hrs
 For 0440 hrs read 0425 hrs

Embussing Point para.

Delete details, substitute "M.T. columns will be drawn up as shown in Appendixes "B" and "C". Coys will parade at the respective embussing points at -

- (a) Echelon 0230 hrs
- (b) Echelon 0325 hrs

EMBUSSING AND DEBUSSING OFFICERS :

Col. "A" Major H.R. Birch
 Col. "B" Capt. G.I. Malloch

Embussing Officers will report to Major Jack at 1500 hrs on the 14 Nov at the old 2/11 Camp Site, Bonegilla, in connection with embussing arrangements. They will be responsible for embussing personnel at the appointed times, and, immediately on arrival at Wodonga, debussing and forming the troops up at the side of the road in the order of embussing. When ready to move they will report to the Col. Comd. at the head of the Col.

EMBUSSING AND DEBUSSING SIGNAL :

3 Long whistle blasts.

DISTINGUISHING BANDS :

O.C. Col. - One white band on each arm.
 Embussing officers - white band on hat.

MARKING OF VEHICLES :

Vehicles will be numbered in large figures on both sides and on the tail board. Vehicles marked "spare" are not to be allotted. They are included in the Col. purely and simply for use in the event of a breakdown. Vehicles will be lined up at intervals of 5 yards with 10 yards distance between blocks.

BAGGAGE :

One 3 ton lorry will be available for each Col. for transporting Officers' baggage, office records, and other gear to Wodonga station, and will report to Bn. H.Q. by 2300 hrs 15 Nov. These vehicles will move to Wodonga Railway Station with baggage guards half an hour before the respective columns move. Baggage will be loaded on to the train immediately on arrival. All baggage belonging to officers in "A" Col. and office equipment, etc. will be stacked outside Bn. H.Q. by 2300 hrs. Baggage guard and loading party will be personnel with serial numbers 7 to 12 both inclusive.

All baggage belonging to officers in "B" Col and office equipment, etc. will be stacked at a point and time to be selected by Capt. Malloch. Baggage guard and loading party for "B" Col will be personnel with serial numbers 670, 671 and 672.

SAFETY : Whilst travelling in vehicles troops must not under any circumstances stand up or remove equipment.

Adjnt. 2/23 Bn.

Capt.

APPENDIX "B"

COLUMN "A" - EMBUSSING & DEBUSSING OFFICER -
MAJOR H.R. BIRCH.

Embussing Point - McKenzie Ave. Head Coln at Junction
McKenzie Ave & Lind Road. Vide App. "D".
Embussing Time - 0252 hrs.
Starting Time - 0259 hrs.

<u>Vehicle No.</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Serial Nos. to be Loaded.</u>	<u>Coy.</u>
54	13	Spare	
53	13	1-13	Bn. H.Q.
52	13	14-26	
51	13	27-39	Bn. H.Q. & H.Q. Coy.
50	13	40-52	
49	13	53-65	
48	13	66-78	
47	13	79-91	
46	13	92-104	
45	13	105-117	
44	13	118-130	
43	13	131-143	
42	13	144-156	
41	13	157-169	
40	13	170-182	H.Q. Coy.
39	13	183-195	
38	13	196-208	
37	13	209-221	
36	13	222-234	
35	13	235-247	
34	13	248-260	
33	13	261-273	
32	13	274-286	H.Q. Coy. & A Coy.
31	13	287-299	
30	13	300-312	
29	13	313-325	
28	13	326-338	
27	13	339-351	A Coy.
26	13	352-364	
25	13	365-377	
24	13	378-390	
23	13	391-403	
22	13	404-416	A & B Coys.
21	13	Spare	
20	13	417-429	
19	13	430-442	
18	13	443-455	
17	13	456-468	
16	13	469-481	B Coy.
15	13	482-494	
14	13	495-507	
13	13	508-520	
12	13	521-533	
11	13	534-546	B & C Coys.
10	13	547-559	
9	13	560-572	
8	13	573-585	
7	13	586-598	
6	13	599-611	C Coy.
5	13	612-624	
4	13	625-637	
3	13	638-650	
2	13	651-663	
1	13	Spare	

APPENDIX "C"

COLUMN "B" - EMBUSSING & DEBUSSING OFFICER
CAPT. G.I. MALLOCH.

Embussing Point - Tovell Rd. Head Coln at Sth Junction of
Tovell Rd. and Peverill Cres. facing south.
vide App. "E".

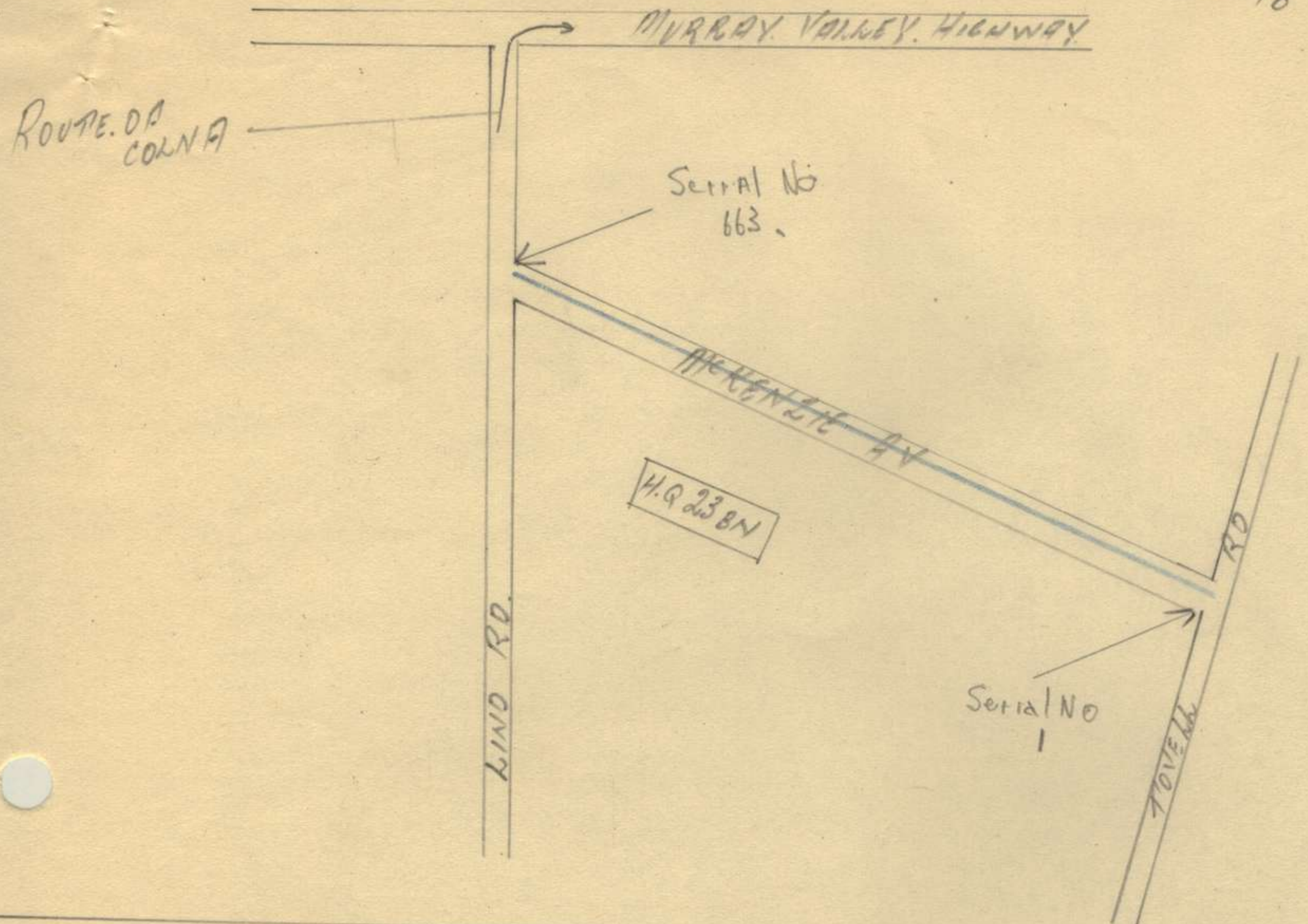
Embussing Time - 0345 hrs.
Starting Time - 0352 hrs.

<u>Vehicle No.</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Serial Nos.</u> <u>to be loaded.</u>	<u>Coy.</u>
20	15	Spare	
19	15	664-678	D Coy.
18	15	679-693	
17	15	694-708	
16	15	709-723	
15	15	724-738	
14	15	739-753	
13	15	754-768	
12	15	769-783	
11	15	784-798	
10	15	799-813	
9	15	814-828	Reinf Coy.
8	15	829-843	
7	15	844-858	
6	15	859-873	
5	15	874-888	
4	15	889-903	
3	15	904-918	
2	15	919-933	
1	15	934-946	

App. D

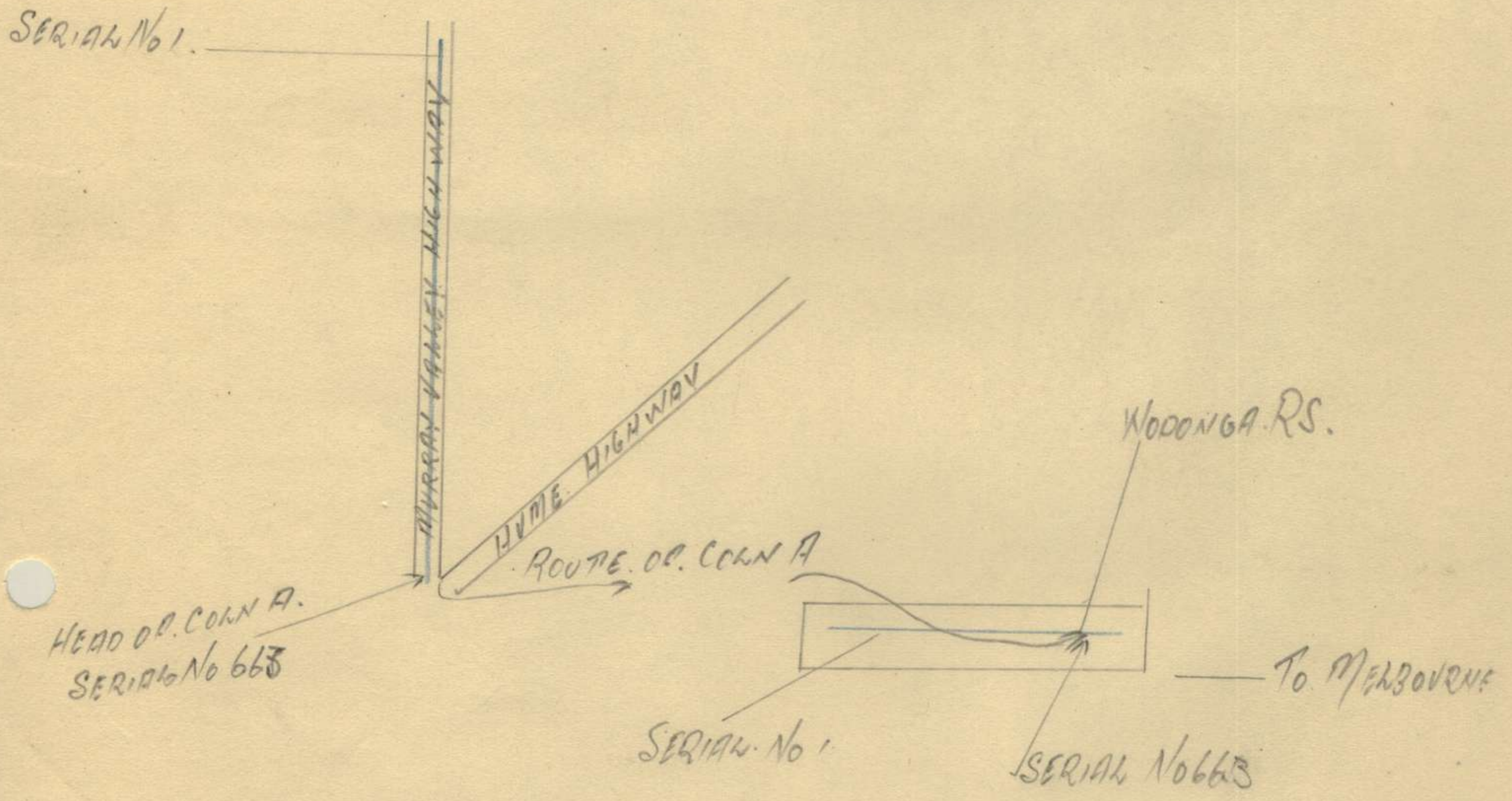
COLN. A. — EMBUSSING.

→ To WODONGA



- H.Q
- H.Q Coy.
- A "
- B "
- C "

COLN. A. — ENTRAINING



App "E"

COLN B

EMBUSSING

MURRAY VALLEY HIGHWAY → TO WODONGA

D. COY
REINF. COY

MCKENZIE AV

HEAD OF COLN B
SERIAL NO 946

PEVERALL GROVE

SERIAL NO 664

TOVELL ROAD
ROGERSON ROAD

COLN B — ENTRAINING

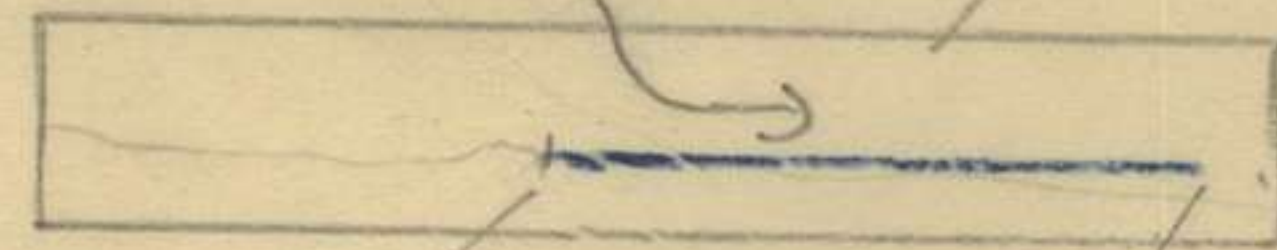
MURRAY VALLEY
HIGHWAY

SERIAL NO 664

WODONGA RS.

HUME HIGHWAY

ROUTE OF COLN B



→ TO MELB.

HEAD OF
COLN B
SERIAL NO 946

SERIAL NO ~~946~~
664

SERIAL NO ~~946~~

H.Q., 2/23 Bn. A.I.F.,
BONEGILLA.

14 Nov. 40.

S E C R E T

AMENDMENT ADM INSTN - EMBARKATION - 11 NOV.

PALLIASES : Para 1 - Delete instructions therein, substitute the following :-

Straw will be emptied from palliases in one hut per Block, as under :-

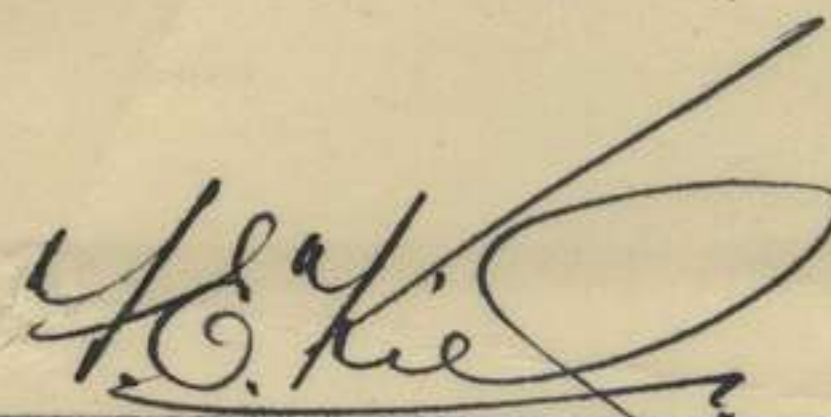
Bn. H.Q. & H.Q. Coy.	Hut to be selected by Major Wall.
A and B Coys	do. Major Perry.
C and D Coys	do. Capt. Malloch.
Reinf.	do. Lieut. Rattray.

The straw is to be neatly stacked in the hut selected and empty palliases turned inside out, folded in two and stacked in bundles of ten in Coy Stores ready for collection and checking by 0930 hrs.

BLANKETS : Para 2 - Delete instructions therein, substitute :-

Blankets to be folded in half along their length and in three across width, placing in bundles of ten with single edges on one side to facilitate checking. Tie securely both ends.

Ready for checking in Coy Stores by 0930 hrs.



Adj. 2/23 Bn. Capt.

Distribution :
H.Q. Coy.
A, B, C, D, Coys.
Reinf.
File.

SECRET

APPENDIX 8.

TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

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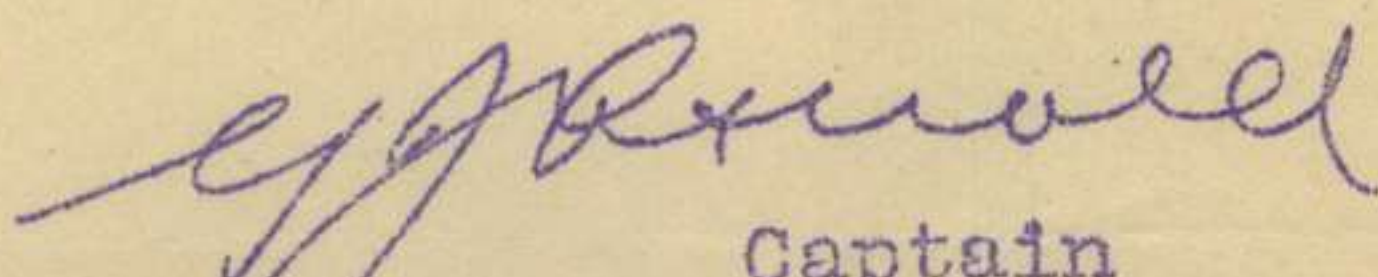
H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde
Block 23 BONEGILLA
11 Nov 40.

REFERENCE ATTACHED "MOVEMENT ORDER - UNITSn 26
AUST INF BDE to WODONGA 15 NOV 40."

Area Command ALBURY advise that this
movement has been postponed until 16 Nov 40.

Please amend dates in order accordingly;
i.e. for 14 Nov 40 read 15 Nov 40 wherever
appearing and for 15 Nov 40 read 16 Nov 40
wherever appearing.

ACKNOWLEDGE.


Captain
Staff Captain 23 Aust Inf Bde

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

S E C R E T .

H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde
Block 23, BONEGILLA
10 Nov 40.

Copy No. 4

MOVEMENT ORDER - UNITS 26 AUST INF BDE TO WODONGA 15 NOV 40

UNITS AND DATES.

- 1.
- (a) 2/23 and 2/24 Bns will move by M.T. on 15 Nov 40 from Camp Sites BONEGILLA to WODONGA in accordance with attd movement tables, Appx A, B, C and D.
 - (b) H.Q. 26 Aust Inf Bde will move by M.T. on 16 Nov 40 from ALBURY to WODONGA in accordance with movement table Appx E.

TPT AVAILABLE. 2.

- (a) A special M.T. Coln under Comd of Maj D. Jack, 1 Ord Fd Pk and consisting of 70 30-cwt lorries and 30 3-ton lorries will be available for the move.
- (b) Maj Jack will be responsible for seeing that the vehicles for each coln are in position and are ready to move to WODONGA at the times stated and for subsequent disposal. He will also ensure that the vehicles in each coln are numbered in accordance with the movement tables attached hereto.
The vehicles should be numbered in large figures on both sides and on the tail board.
In the case of spare vehicles they are to be numbered and are also to be marked "Spare, not to be loaded." The drivers of those vehicles are to be instructed accordingly. They are included in the coln purely and simply for use in the event of a breakdown.

EMBUSSING POINTS FOR VEHICLES.

3.

- (a) Coln A - In MCKENZIE Ave BONEGILLA facing SOUTH with head of Coln at LIND Rd; to be in position by 1800hrs 15 Nov 40.
- (b) Coln B - In TOVELL Rd BONEGILLA facing SOUTH with head of Coln at Southern junction of PEVERILL Crescent and TOVELL Rd; to be in position by 1810 hrs 14 Nov 40.
- (c) Coln C - In TOVELL Rd BONEGILLA facing SOUTH with head of Coln 100 yards in rear of Coln B; to be in position by 1815hrs, 14 Nov 40.
- (d) Coln D - To assemble in LIND Rd BONEGILLA facing SOUTH with head of Coln at junction LIND and TOVELL Rds by 1820 hrs 15 Nov 40 and to move to embussing point at 0415 hrs 15 Nov 40 with head of coln at Southern junction of PEVERILL Crescent and TOVELL Rd; to be in position by 0424hrs 15 Nov 40.
- (e) Coln E - In KIEWA St ALBURY facing SOUTH with head of coln at junction of KIEWA and WILSON Sts; to be in position by 2200hrs 14 Nov 40.
- (f) In all cases vehicles will be lined up with 5 yards distance between vehicles and 10 yards distance between blocks.
- (g) Embussing Offr of each coln and Maj Jack will report to S.C. 23 Aust Inf Bde at 1000hrs Tuesday, 12 Nov 40.

EMBUSSING and DEBUSSING ARRANGEMENTS.

4.

- (a) Units will be responsible for placing their tps in position opposite the vehicles to be loaded, by the appointed time and the senior offr in each coln will be responsible for embussing and debussing arrangements.
- (b) Tps must be ready to embus and the coln must be ready to move off at the appointed time. When ready to move the senior offr of each coln will report to the coln comd at the head of the coln.

EMBUSSING
and DEBUSSING
ARRANGEMENTS

4. (Continued)

- (c) Coln comds, detailed by Maj Jack, will be responsible for vehicles on the move and subsequent disposal after debussing.
- (d) The senior offr in each coln will be responsible for debussing the tps immediately on arrival at WODONGA and for forming them up on the side of the road in the order of debussing.
- (e) When each coln has debussed tpt will move straight into the WODONGA station via the EAST ramp and will form up on the platform ready for entrainment in accordance with separate instruction to be issued by H.Q. 26 Aust Inf Bde.
- (f) LOADING OF VEHICLES WILL BE FROM REAR TO FRONT ACCORDING TO SERIAL NUMBERS (i.e. No. 1 in rear vehicle of each coln).

BAGGAGE
LORRIES

5.

- (a) One 3-ton lorry will be available for each coln for transporting officers baggage and office records to WODONGA Ry Stn.
- (b) T.O. 23 Aust Inf Bde will detail these vehicles from tpt available in BONEGILLA (other than the special coln) to report to each Bn H.Q. and 26 Aust Inf Bde H.Q. by 2300hrs on 15 Nov 40.
- (c) These vehicles will move to WODONGA Ry Stn with Unit baggage guards half an hour before their respective Bns coln moves and the baggage will be loaded on to the train immediately on arrival. On completion vehicles will return to BONEGILLA via ALBURY and HUME WEIR Rd.

TPT FOR UNIT
AND COLN COMDS

6.

- (a) T.O. 23 Aust Inf Bde will allot vehicles and drivers as under:-

For O.C. A Coln - 1 Car D.S. and driver.
1 motor cyclist.

For C.O. 2/23 Bn - 1 Car D.S. and driver.

For O.C. B Coln - 1 Car D.S. and driver.

For O.C. C Coln - 1 Car D.S. and driver.

For C.O. 2/24 Bn - 1 Car D.S. and driver.

For O.C. D Coln - 1 Car D.S. and driver,
1 motor cyclist.

For O.C. E Coln - 1 Car D.S. and driver.

For Comd 26 Aust

Inf Bde and

staff - 2 Cars D.S. and drivers.

1 Car D.S. to be placed at disposal of Maj Jack at 1800 hrs 10 Nov 40, and 1 motorcyclist at 0900hrs 15 Nov. S.C. 23 Aust Inf Bde - 1 Car D.S.

- (b) These vehicles will report to head of each coln at times and places set out in para 3 of this order except that Car D.S. for S.C. will be available at H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde from 0900 hrs 14 Nov 40.

TRAFFIC
CONTROL

7.

2/21 Bn will be responsible for traffic control in the Camp Area and will establish traffic control posts as under from 0230 to 0530hrs 15 Nov 40:-

- I. Junction WOOD ST and LIND RD.
- II. Junction LIND and TOVELL RDS.
- III. Junction TOVELL and ROGERSON RDS.
- IV. Junction TOVELL RD and MCKENZIE AVENUE.
- V. Southern junction TOVELL RD and PEVERILL CRESCENT.
- VI. Junction LIND RD and MCKENZIE AVENUE.
- VII. Junction LIND RD and MURRAY VALLEY HIGHWAY.
- VIII. Junction TOVELL RD and MURRAY VALLEY HIGHWAY.

TRAFFIC CONTROL
(Continued)

7. (Continued)

All roads in BONEGILLA Camp are closed to traffic other than Colns A, B, C and D between the hours of 0230 and 0515, 15 Nov 40.

All traffic passing Colns formed up on roads after 1800hrs on 14 Nov 40 must proceed at a speed not exceeding 10 m i h. All traffic control personnel will carry hurricane lamps (RED if available).

D.A.P.H. ALBURY will be responsible for traffic control in WODONGA and will establish traffic control posts as under:-

- (I) Ry Crossing half mile EAST of WODONGA on MURRAY VALLEY HIGHWAY.
- (II) Junction MURRAY VALLEY HIGHWAY, BEECHWORTH AND WODONGA RDS.
- (III) Junction ALBURY and MELBOURNE RDS, WODONGA.
- (IV) EAST Ramp entrance WODONGA Ry Stn.
- (V) Ry Crossing, WODONGA.
- (VI) WODONGA end of series of bridges on HUME HIGHWAY between WODONGA and ALBURY.
- (VII) Junction HUME HIGHWAY and WODONGA Rd, ALBURY.

All above posts will be manned from 0315-0600 hrs 15 Nov 40. All civilian traffic to be warned of Army Colns on road and if necessary stopped during actual movement of colns.

R.T.O. STAFF.

8.

2/22 Bn will detail two officers to report to R.T.O. WODONGA Ry Stn at 0300 hrs 15 Nov 40.

Names of these officers to reach H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde by 1500 hrs 12 Nov 40.

THES

9.

Representatives from 2/23 Bn and 2/24 Bn and Maj Jack will meet S.C. 23 Aust Inf Bde at H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde at 2000 hrs on ~~14~~ Nov 40 to synchronize watches.

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DISTINGUISHING BANDS.

20.

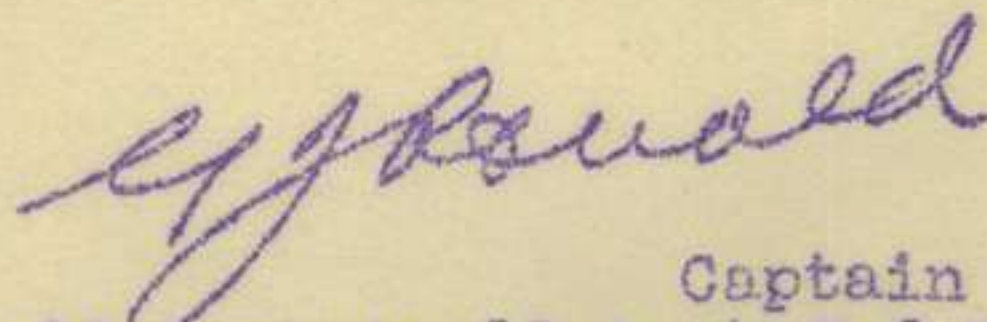
Arm bands will be worn as under:-

O.C. Coln - One white on each arm.

O.C. tps in each coln - White band on hat.

ISSUED WITH 7 APPENDICES.

ACKNOWLEDGE.



Captain
Staff Captain 23 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

H.Q. 26 Aust Inf Bde	Copy	No. 1 and Appx A, B, C, D, E and F.
H.Q. 26 Aust Inf Bde	"	No. 2 and Appx E
2/23 Bn	"	No. 3 and Appx A, B, C and F.
2/23 Bn	"	No. 4 and Appx B and C
2/24 Bn	"	No. 5 and Appx B, C and F.
2/24 Bn	"	No. 6 and Appx C.
Major Jack	"	No. 7 and Appx A, B, C, D, E and F.
Major Jack	"	No. 8 and Appx A, B, C, D, E and F.
Major Jack	"	No. 9 and Appx A and F.)
Major Jack	"	No. 10 and Appx B and F.) For Coln
Major Jack	"	No. 11 and Appx C and F.) Comds
Major Jack	"	No. 12 and Appx D and F.)
Major Jack	"	No. 13 and Appx E and F.)
T.O. 23 Aust Inf Bde	"	No. 14 and A, B, C, D, E and F.
2/21 Bn	"	No. 15 and Appx F.
2/22 Bn	"	No. 16
Comd	"	No. 17 and Appx A, B, C, D, E and F.
B.M.	"	No. 18 and Appx A, B, C, D, E and F.
S.C.	"	No. 19 and Appx A, B, C, D, E and F.
Camp Comd	"	No. 20 and Appx A, B, C, D, E and F.
D.A.P.M.	"	No. 21 and Appx A, B, C, D, and E.
R.T.O.	"	No. 22
File	"	No. 23 and Appx A, B, C, D, E and F.
War Diary	"	No. 24 and Appx A, B, C, D, E and F.
War Diary	"	No. 25 and Appx A, B, C, D, E and F.

MOVEMENT ORDER UNITS 26 AUST INF BDE to WODONGA 15 NOV 40

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APPENDIX B

COLN	UNIT	STRENGTH			VEHICLE NO.	TYPE and CAPACITY	EMBUSSING POINT	EMBUSSING TIME	START TIME	ROUTE	DESTINATION	TIME ARRIVAL	TRAIN LEAVES			
		OFF	O/R	Total												
B	2/23 Bn				1-10	3 ton lorries Capacity 15	TOVELL RD Head of Coln at SOUTHERN junction of TOVELL RD and PEVERILL CRESCENT facing SOUTH	0345	0352	TOVELL RD - MURRAY VALLEY HIGHWAY - WODONGA	Junction MELBOURNE and ALBURY RDS WODONGA	0422	0515			
	D Coy	5	124	129												
	1 Re Inf	7	147	154												
	Total	12	271	283	11-19				0354			0424				
					20 SPARE	30 cwt lorry Capacity 13			0355			0425				

REMARKS.

- (a) After debussing vehicles will move direct to Ann Depot via ALBURY and HULME WEIR RD.
- (b) SPEED - 20 m i h.
DENSITY - 17 v t m.
- (c) Vehicle No. 20 is spare and is not to be loaded except in case of breakdown.

MOVEMENT ORDER UNITS 26 AUST INF BDE to WODONGA 15 NOV 40

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Appendix C

COLN	UNIT	STRENGTH			VEHICLE NO	TYPE and CAPACITY	EMBUSSING POINT	EMBUSSING TIME	START TIME	ROUTE	DESTINATION	TIME ARRIVAL	TRAIN LEAVES
		OFF	O/R	Total									
G	2/24 Bn Bn H.Q. H.Q.Coy	6	45	51	1-10	)3 ton)lorries)capacity	TOVELL RD Head of Coln 100x SOUTH of rear of Coln B facing SOUTH	0350	0357	TOVELL RD - MURRAY VALLEY HIGHWAY - WODONGA	Junction MURRAY VALLEY HIGHWAY and BEECHWORTH and ALBURY RDS WODONGA	0427	0515
		8	219	227									
	TOTAL	14	264	278	11-19) 15							
					20 SPARE	30 cwt lorry capacity 13		0400				0430	

REMARKS

- (a) After debussing vehicles will move direct to Arm Depot via ALBURY and HOME WEIR RD.
- (b) SPEED - 20 m i h.
DENSITY - 17 v t m.
- (c) Vehicle No. 20 is spare and is not to be loaded except in case of breakdown.
- (d) To move immediately in rear of Coln B. Start time interval 2 minutes.

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APPENDIX 9.
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES : SOUTHERN COMMAND

Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE. S.C.1.

NO. 145

12 Nov 40

EMBARKATION : NOVEMBER : CONVOY U S 7

With ref to S Comd Embarkation Instruction No.40 dated 1 Nov 40, it is advised that the following additional personnel will be required to embark :-

Serial 407	One Pay Cpl	2/23 Bn
" 408	" " "	2/24 Bn
" 409	" " "	2/48 Bn (Embark Adelaide)

Please make necessary amendment to Appendices A and B.

Lt-Col,
A Q M G, S Comd.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 Q M G (Movement) for information
- 2 4 M D (Copy for Serial 409)
- 3 Area Comdt, Albury
- 4- 6 H Q 26 Inf Bde (Copies for Serials 407, 408)
- 7- 8 A A G
- 9-10 A Q M G
- 11-12 E S O (1 Copy for O C Troop Ship "STRATHMORE")
- 13 Rail Movement
- 14 D F O
- 15 D A D (Posts)
- 16 Asst D F O (3 Dist Accts Office)
- 17 3 Dist Records
- 18 File
- 19-20 War Diary
- 21 Letter Book File
- 22-25 Spares

TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND
SC/RNSECRET.IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
NO.H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde
Block 23, BONEGILLA
13 Nov 40.

Copy No. 4

AMENDMENT TO MOVEMENT ORDER - UNITS 26 AUST INF BDE to
WODONGA, 15 Nov 40.

Reference to the above order issued on 11 Nov 40 the following amendments and additions are promulgated.

1. Baggage and Lorries. Para 5 (a) one 3-ton lorry for each coln is amended to read two 3-ton lorries for each 2/23 Bn and 2/24 Bn and one 3-ton lorry for H.Q. 26 Aust Inf Bde for transporting officers' baggage and office records to WODONGA Ry Sta.

These vehicles will report as under:-

H.Q. 2/23 Bn and 2/24 Bn 2100hrs 15 Nov 40.

H.Q. 26 Aust Inf Bde 2300hrs 15 Nov 40.

Vehicles for 2/23 Bn and 2/24 Bn will, when loaded, move to WODONGA Ry Sta under instructions to be issued by Bn Comds, no movement before 2230hrs. At the WODONGA Ry Sta they will unload and place the stores in the EASTERN end of the Ry Sta platform in the following order from the EAST:-

2/23 Bn

2/24 Bn

H.Q. 26 Aust Inf Bde.

Units will detail loading parties and baggage guards to care for these stores whilst at WODONGA Ry Sta.

Vehicle for 26 Aust Inf Bde will, when loaded, move under the orders of the B.M. 26 Aust Inf Bde

2. Para 6 (a), add -

One 15-cwt van for D.A.P.M. to report ALEURY Police Station 0230hrs 16 Nov 40.

Cars D.S. and motor cyclists allotted to Coln Comds will report to Coln Comds in the 2/11 Fd Regt lines, BONEGILLA at 1745hrs on 15 Nov 40.

3. Appx A. Embussing Point amended to read -

~~MCKENZIE~~ Ave BONEGILLA, head of Coln at junction MCKENZIE Ave and LIND Rd.

4. Para 8 - R.T.O. Staff -

In accordance with the above para 2/22 Bn has detailed the following officers who will report to R.T.O. at WODONGA Ry Sta at 0300hrs 16 Nov 40:-

Capt F. E. Shier.

Capt A. G. Cameron.

5. Embussing Officers Colns A, B, C and D will report to Maj-D. JACK at 1500hrs Thursday, 14 Nov 40 in the 2/11 Fd Regt lines, BONEGILLA.

6. Motor Vehicles. All motor vehicles in use on 15 Nov 40 by H.Q. 26 Aust Inf Bde, 2/23 Bn, 2/24 Bn will be returned to H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde by 1700hrs Friday, 15 Nov 40 except one car D.S. for Comd 26 Aust Inf Bde. This vehicle to be returned to H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde prior to movement of Coln E.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

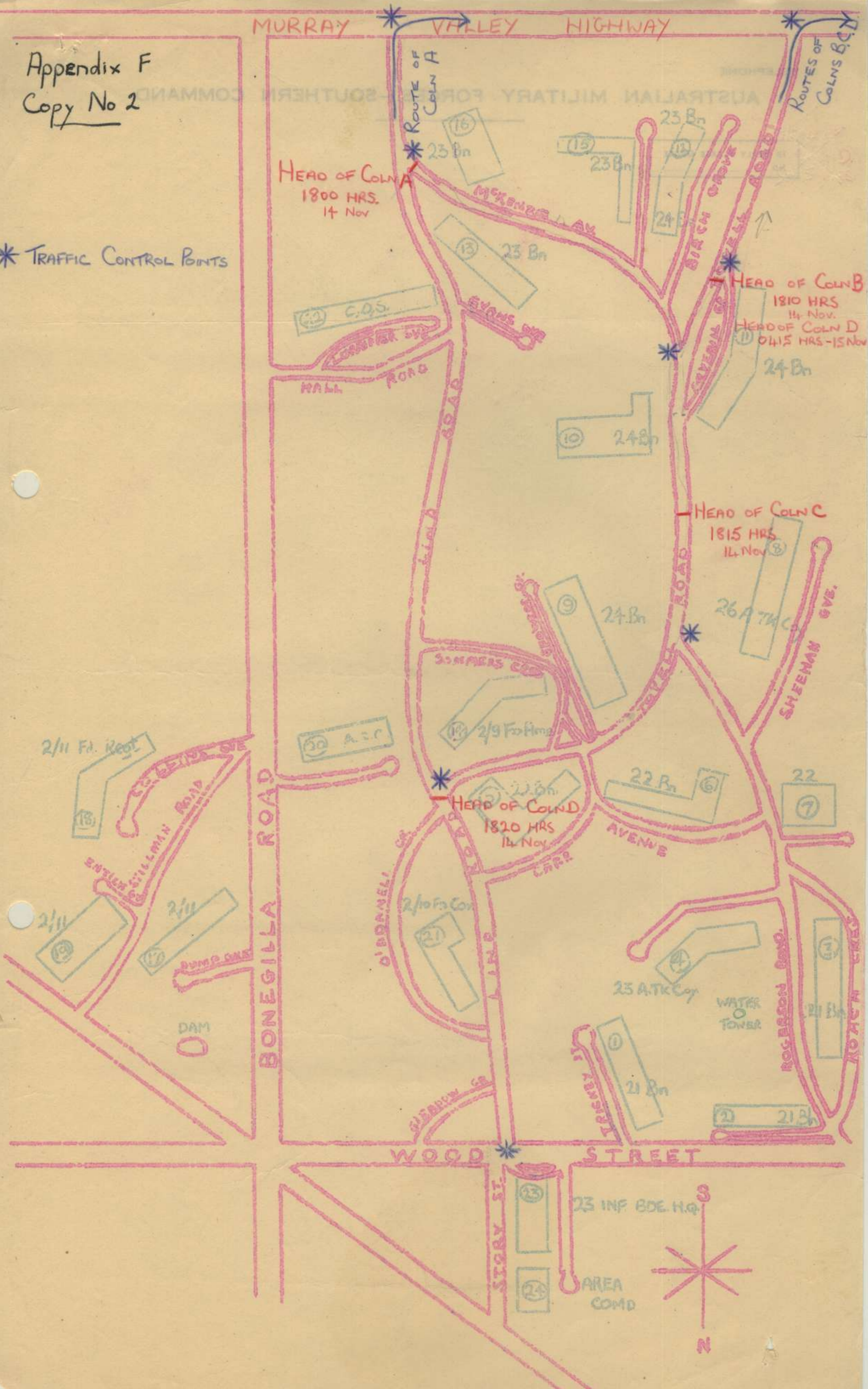
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Captain
Staff Captain 23 Aust Inf Bde

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2/23 Bn	"	No. 4	
2/24 Bn	"	No. 5	
2/24 Bn	"	No. 6	
Major Jack	"	No. 7	
Major Jack	"	No. 8	
Major Jack	"	No. 9)
Major Jack	"	No. 10) For
Major Jack	"	No. 11	) Coln
Major Jack	"	No. 12	) Comds
Major Jack	"	No. 13)
T.O. 23 Aust Inf Bde	"	No. 14	
2/21 Bn	"	No. 15	
2.22 Bn	"	No. 16	
Comd	"	No. 17	
B.M.	"	No. 18	
S.C.	"	No. 19	
Camp Comd	"	No. 20	
D.A.P.M.	"	No. 21	
R.T.O.	"	No. 22	
File	"	No. 23	
War Diary	"	No. 24	
War Diary	"	No. 25	

Appendix F
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* TRAFFIC CONTROL POINTS



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

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H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde
Block 23, BONEGILLA,
14 Nov 40.

REF MOVEMENT ORDER UNITS 26 AUST INF BDE to
WODONGA 15 NOV 40 issued 10 NOV 40.

Colns A, B, C, D and E will report to Embussing
Points as laid down in the above order, at 2400hrs on 15 Nov
40 and not at the times previously stated.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

E. J. Oswald

Captain
Staff Captain 23 Aust Inf Bde.

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2/24 Bn	"	No. 6
Major Jack	"	No. 7
Major Jack	"	No. 8
Major Jack	"	No. 9
Major Jack	"	No. 10
Major Jack	"	No. 11
Major Jack	"	No. 12
Major Jack	"	No. 13
T.O. 23 Aust Inf Bde	"	No. 14
2/21 Bn	"	No. 15
2/22 Bn	"	No. 16
Comd	"	No. 17
B.M.	"	No. 18
S.C.	"	No. 19
Camp Comd	"	No. 20
D.A.P.M.	"	No. 21
R.T.O.	"	No. 22
File	"	No. 23
War Diary	"	No. 24
War Dia ry	"	No. 25

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

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 TWW:JDL.

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HQ 26 AUST INF BDE
 BOX NO 131
 ALBURY. NSW.

NOVR. 14/40.

TRAIN MOVEMENT ORDER - 26 AUST INF BDE

16 NOVR 1940.

1. Rail timetable: HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde, 2/23 and 2/24 Bns, will move by rail to Station Pier Melbourne arriving 16 Novr 40 in accordance with the attached entrainment tables (App. "A", "B", and "C")

2. Entrainment procedure at Wodonga.

(a) After debussing at Wodonga, Units will assemble on the foot-path beside their lorries ready to move into the station. When ready to move unit, entraining offrs will report at the rail crossing, to the RTO who will order the move into the train.

(b) Unit/entraining offrs will then see that the men are marched into the station in the order of debussing and are assembled on the platform according to their serial Nos and the loading capacity of carriages. Nos of carriages will be marked on each carriage window by the RTO before the arrival of each train.

(c) When ready to entrain unit entraining offrs will report to the RTO at the centre of the train, and the RTO will order the entrainment.

(d) The signal for entrainment will be three (3) short blasts of a whistle blown by the RTO.

(e) When entrainment is complete Unit entraining offrs will report to the RTO.

3. Baggage.

(a) All men will carry their equipment kit bags etc with them into the carriage where ^{they} will be placed in the racks etc, care being

Para 3 Sec "b" after "arrival of each train", read:

" Baggage will be taken on to the platform by the gate at the end of the station building and platform trollies will be used for moving the baggage down the platform".

(e) Baggage guards will remain with the baggage until loaded, and a responsible Oftr will be detailed to ensure that it is loaded into the correct train immediately on arrival.

4. Meals en route. Breakfast will be provided at Seymour and all men will remain in their carriages. Pies and tea will be served through the windows by the Restuarant Staff. Offrs and NCO's in each carriage will ensure that cups are not taken away when the train leaves.

5. Retrainment procedure. Attention is drawn to S Comd S 1940/471 para 3 which clearly outlines the procedure on arrival at Station Pier Melbourne.

OC Trains:

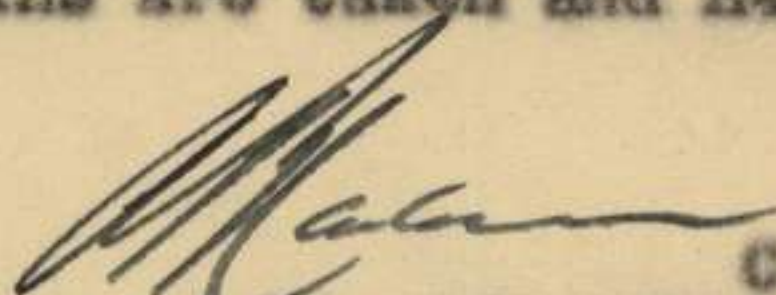
6. (a) The following Offrs are appointed OC trains:-

No 3 Special	- Lt-Col B. Evans	2/23 Bn
No 4 Special	- Lt-Col A. Spowers	2/24 Bn
No 5 Special	- Major L. A. Fell	2/24 Bn

H.Q. 26 AUST. INF. BDE.

6. (Contd.)

(b) OC trains will ensure that trains are taken and handed over in the normal way.


Capt.
SC 26 AUST INF BDE.

DISTRIBUTION:

2/23 Bn
2/24 Bn
HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde.
Area Comd.
RTO Albury.
File (2) ✓

Novr. 14/40.

APPENDIX "A".

TRAIN NO. 3 SPECIAL.

MT Convoy coln A arriving WODONGA at 0329 - 0349
Time of entrainment at WODONGA - 0400 16 Novr 40.
Time of departure from WODONGA - 0425 16 Novr 40.
Time of arrival STATION PIER - 1018 16 Novr. 40.
Morning meal at SEYMOUR - 0730 - 0800 16 Novr 40.

<u>SERIAL.</u>	<u>ORDER OF ENTRAIN- MENT, ENGINE END TO REAR.</u>	<u>MEN ENT- RAINING.</u>	<u>CARRIAGE NO.</u>
1	C Coy 2/23 Bn	60	1
2	C Coy 2/23 Bn	60	2
3	C Coy 2/23 Bn	9	3
4	B Coy 2/23 Bn	51	3
5	B Coy 2/23 Bn	60	4
6	B Coy 2/23 Bn	18	5
7	A Coy 2/23 Bn	42	5
8	A Coy 2/23 Bn	60	6
9	A Coy 2/23 Bn	27	7
10	HQ Coy 2/23 Bn	34	7
11	HQ Coy 2/23 Bn	61	8
12	HQ Coy 2/23 Bn	61	9
13	HQ Coy 2/23 Bn	61	10
14	HQ Coy 2/23 Bn	10	11
15	Bn HQ 2/23 Bn.	51	11

APPENDIX "B"

TRAIN NO 4 SPECIAL.

MT Convey Colns B, C and E arriving WODONGA 0422 - 0435 16 Novr 40.
 Time of Entrainment at WODONGA - 0450 16 Novr 40.
 Time of Departure from WODONGA - 0515 16 Novr. 40.
 Time of Arrival STATION PIIR - 1110 16 Novr 40.
 Morning meal at BRYMOUR - 0820 - 0850 16 Novr 40.

SERIAL.	ORDER OF ENTRAINMENT, ENGINE END TO REAR.	MMN UNTRAINING.	CARRIAGE NO.
1	HQ Coy 2/24 Bn.	60	1
2	HQ Coy 2/24 Bn.	60	2
3	HQ Coy 2/24 Bn.	60	3
4	HQ Coy 2/24 Bn	47	4
5	Bn HQ 2/24 Bn	13	4
6	Bn HQ 2/24 Bn	38	5
7	HQ 26 Bde	22	5
8	HQ 26 Bde	47	6
9	Reinf. 2/23 Bn	60	7
10	Reinf. 2/23 Bn	60	8
11	Reinf. 2/23 Bn	34	9
12	D Coy 2/23 Bn	9	9
13	D Coy 2/23 Bn	60	10
14	D Coy 2/23 Bn	60	11

14 Novr 40

APPENDIX "C"

TRAIN NO. 5 SPECIAL.

MT Convoy Coln D arriving WODONGA	-	0501 - 0510	16 Nov 40
Time of Entrainment at WODONGA	-	0530	16 Nov 40
Time of Departure from WODONGA	-	0555	16 Nov 40.
Time of Arrival STATION PIHR	-	1200	16 Novr 40.
Morning Meal at BRYBOUR	-	0900 - 0935	16 Nov 40

SERIAL NO.	ORDER OF ENTRAINMENT, ENGINE NO. TO BEAR.	MEN ENTRAINING.	CARRIAGE NO.
1	Reinf 2/24 Bn	61	1
2	Reinf 2/24 Bn	61	2
3	Reinf 2/24 Bn	52	3
4	D Coy 2/24 Bn	39	3
5	D Coy 2/24 Bn	61	4
6	D Coy 2/24 Bn	39	5
7	E Coy 2/24 Bn	22	5
8	E Coy 2/24 Bn	61	6
9	F Coy 2/24 Bn	46	7
10	B Coy 2/24 Bn	15	7
11	B Coy 2/24 Bn	61	8
12	B Coy 2/24 Bn	53	9
13	A Coy 2/24 Bn	8	9
14	A Coy 2/24 Bn	61	10
15	A Coy 2/24 Bn	60	11

SERIAL 36

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

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APPENDIX 13

H Q
S Comd

O C,
2/23 Bn,
BONEGILLA CAMP.

H.M.T. "Strathmore".

Herewith list of Berths allotted to Officers.

Officers' Baggage is to be marked with -

Serial No. (not name of Unit)
Officer's Name and Rank
Deck
Cabin No.

so that as far as is practicable it can be placed in their respective cabins.

W.O.'s and Sergeants on embarking are to state their rank clearly (verbally) to the E S O on duty at the inboard end of the embarkation gangway, so as to ensure they obtain the correct berthing cards.

Alm Gears
Capt,
E S O, S Comd.

Serial No.	Unit	Rank	Name	Berth
407	2/23 Bn.	Lt-Col	EVANS, B. T	384 ✓
		Major	BIRCH, H.R. T	400 ✓
		"	WALL, R. T	400 ✓
		Captain	KIEL, F.E. T	358 ✓
		"	SPIER, P.E. T	358 ✓
		"	BROWN, M.R. T	358 ✓
		"	PERRY, H.V.J. T	358 ✓
		"	GAHAN, S.H. T	360 ✓
		"	HAWORTH, W.C. ⁶ Hos. T	360 ✓
		"	JACKSON, H.W.S. T	360 ✓
		"	MALLOCH, G.I. T	360 ✓
		"	URQUHART, G.T. ^{School} T	407 ✓
		"	MORELL, F.G. T	407 ✓
		Lieut.	MCRAE, E.H. T	403 ✓
		"	HARDING, W.C. T	404 ✓
		"	BROWN, W.F. T	404 ✓
		"	BARKER, W.F. T	396 ✓
		"	GROGAN, B.B. T	396 ✓
		"	ORR, T.H. T	396 ✓
		"	CLARKE, K.C. T	396 ✓
		"	JESS, C.M. T	398 ✓
		"	BYRON-MOORE, H.G. T	398 ✓
		"	WILTON, N.A.B. T	398 ✓
		"	SHELLDRICK, G.A. T	398 ✓
		"	MARSHALL, H.I. T	401 ✓
		"	NETHVEN, J.N. T	401 ✓
		"	NEVENDORF, K.O. T	401 ✓
		"	NEVENDORF, T.O. T	401 ✓
		"	HUTCHISON, J.A. T	366 ✓
		"	FALLOW, J.F. T	366 ✓
		"	JAMES, R.W. T	366 ✓
		"	BOWDEN, J.W. T	366 ✓
		"	GARDINER, G. T	366 ✓
		"	HUGHES, A.G. T	366 ✓
		"	ANDERSON, C.G. T	368 ✓
		"	RATTRAY, R. T	368 ✓
		"	MCMASTERS, N.F. T	368 ✓
		"	URQUHART, D.C.P. T	368
		"	NO NAME ^{McKay} T	368
		Captain	AGAR, J.M. T	415 ✓
		Chaplain	MCCOLL, REV. J. ^{Morrison} T	375 ✓

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APPENDIX 14.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES : SOUTHERN COMMAND

Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE. S.C.1.

NO. 135

19 Nov 40

MOST SECRET

AMENDED EMBARKATION INSTRUCTION

FOR A I F CONVOY U S 7

(Issued in conjunction with A H Q, S M 5463 of 7/11/40 and
A H Q Telegrams dated 9/11/40 & 11/11/40)

With ref to S Comd Embarkation Instruction No.40 dated 1 Nov 40,
it is advised that the following amendments, deletions and
additions are to be made thereto :-

1. SHIPS STAFF FOR TRANSPORTS

See Page 5 Para 14

(a) O C Convoy -

DELETE: Brig R W TOVELL, D S O E D

ADD: Brig J A GLOWES, D S O M C
(C C R A 1 Aust Corps)

(b) Unaltered

(c) ADD: O C Troops "STRATHEDEN" and small advance party
from 4 M D will join ship at MELBOURNE on WEDNESDAY
13 Nov 40 and travel in the ship to ADELAIDE.
4 M D will arrange rail movement.

2. DATES OF EMBARKATION

(a) See APPENDIX "A" H M T "STRATHMORE"

DELETE: 13/11/40

ADD: 16/11/40

(b) See APPENDIX "B" H M T "STRATHEDEN"

DELETE: 14/11/40

ADD: 17/11/40

(c) See APPENDIX "C" H M T "ORION"

DELETE: 12/11/40

ADD: 14/11/40 AT SYDNEY

3. MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL FROM CAMP LOCATIONS TO PORTS OF EMBARKATION

All TIMES scheduled for departures and arrivals of M T and
railway movement in Appendices A B & C will be adhered to, but
DATES of movement will be delayed in accordance with AMENDED
DATES OF EMBARKATION (PARA 2).

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4. PERSONNEL EMBARKING - ADDITIONS AND DELETION

(a) See APPENDIX "A" H M T "STRATHMORE"

<u>ADD:</u>		<u>Off.</u>	<u>W.O.</u>	<u>Sgts.</u>	<u>O.Rs.</u>	<u>Ttl</u>
Serial 477	M L O Bombay	1	1	1	-	3
-	N Z Air Force	4	-	13	-	17
-	R N Z N	-	5	-	25	30

(b) See APPENDIX "B" H M T "STRATHEDEN"

DELETE:

Serial 260	H Q 9 Div Arty	6	1	2	22	31
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ADD:

Serial 260	H Q 9 Div Arty	4	1	2	20	27
-	R A A F (Join No.2 Special at SPENCER ST)	1	-	2	75	78
-	R A N (Passage Adelaide to Fremantle)	-	-	-	65	65

5. WAR EQUIPMENT AND OFFICERS' HEAVY BAGGAGE

See APPENDICES D E & F

These operations will be carried out as originally laid down.

6. ALLOTMENT OF UNIT WAR EQUIPMENT, BAGGAGE, STORES, AMMUNITION, ETC.

See APPENDIX "G"

To be loaded at MELBOURNE in H M T "STRATHEDEN".

ADD: 3475 packages naval dry stores 106 tons
 45 vans 1-ton G'S F'D

To be loaded at ADELAIDE in H M T "STRATHEDEN".

BULK STORES

AMEND: Aust Comforts Fund 60 Tons Mess

7. RECEIPT

Acknowledge (A A F A 57 attached).

H. W. Rivers
 Lt-Col,
 A Q M G, 3 Comd.

DISTRIBUTION:

DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 Q M G (Movement) For information
- 2-4 E Comd
- 5-11 4 M D
- 12-20 Area Comdt, Seymour
- 21 Camp Comdt, Puckapunyal
- 22-25 Camp Comdt, Royal Park
- 26 Camp Comdt, Bonegill
- 27-28 H Q 3 Dist Tng Depots
- 29-34 H Q 26 Inf Bde
- 35 H Q Corps Arty
- 36 H Q 9 Div Arty
- 37 Matron in Chief
- 38 Brig Adm
- 39 G S O (M I)
- 40 G S O (O)
- 41 Brig R A A
- 42 C E
- 43 C S O
- 44-45 A A G
- 46-48 A Q M G
- 49-52 E S O - 1 copy each for O C Troopship ("Strathmore" & R.A.A.F.)
- 53 A D S T
- 54 D A D T
- 55-58 Rail Movement
- 59 D D M S
- 60 A P M
- 61 A D O S
- 62 D A D O S
- 63 D F O
- 64 D A D (Posts)
- 65 Asst. D F O (3 Dist Accts. Office)
- 66 3 Dist Records
- 67-68 D N O
- 69-70 Ship Masters, "Stratheden", "Strathmore", c/o E S O
- 71-72 Harbour Trust Commissioner (1 copy for Capt. JOY)
- 73 Supt. Police Metrop. Dist., Russell St., City.
- 74 File
- 75-76 War Diary
- 77-80 Spares

Copy for each serial 174,268,273,409
 " " " " 229,262,271,351,269,274
 " " " " 424,203,302
 " " " " 153
 " " " " 406,407,408,410,411

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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(page 1)
(Adapted)

Wardraw →

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/23/40 (Unit) 2-11 1940 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	5		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	36		
Corporals	55		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	810		
TOTALS	914	7	

* 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.
<i>Pay Sgt</i>	<i>AAPB</i>		
<i>W.M.A.</i>	<i>AAOC</i>		
<i>W.M.A.</i>	<i>AAOC</i>		
<i>MVFITTER</i>	<i>AAOC LAD.</i>		

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).

War Diary

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

423 B Co (Unit) *2/1/20*

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	8		
Lieutenants ...	22		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ... <i>Capt</i>	1		
TOTALS ...	34		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lieut. Col	4417919	EVANS R	2/23 B.I.	Yes	
Major	4417917	SMITH H.R.	"	"	
"	4417918	WALL R.P.	"	"	
Lieut	4417914	HAINWATER W.L.	"	"	
"	4417915	KILG R.E.	"	"	
"	4417916	SIBBELL D.E.	"	"	
"	4417913	BROWN M.S.	"	"	
"	4417912	MULLIGAN G.T.	"	"	
"	4417911	MURRAY F.S.	"	"	
"	4417910	URQUHART G.P.	"	"	
"	4417909	SMITH S.M.	"	"	
"	4417908	DEWY R.W.	"	"	
Lieut	4417907	TAYLOR H.W.S.	"	"	
"	4417906	MORSE R.T.	"	"	
"	4417905	SMITH G.A.	"	"	
"	4417904	SMITH H.S.	"	"	
"	4417903	BROWN W.R.	"	"	
"	4417902	ROBERTS J.H.	"	"	
"	4417901	ROBERTS W.R.	"	"	
"	4417900	GILCHRIST R.P.	"	"	
"	4417899	MCCORMACK J.M.	"	"	
"	4417898	BEAUCHAMPE K.D.	"	"	
"	4417897	SMITH T.D.	"	"	
"	4417896	MCCORMACK S.H.	"	"	
"	4417895	FULLON T.F.	"	"	
"	4417894	TASS G.M.	"	"	
"	4417893	SMITH G.	"	"	
"	4417892	BUTCHER J.A.	"	"	
"	4417891	TAMM R.W.	"	"	
"	4417890	MURPHY R.S.	"	"	
"	4417889	MURPHY W.R.	"	"	
"	4417888	MURPHY G.S.	"	"	
"	4417887	BATTERY R.	"	"	
"	4417886	LUDLOW J.	"	Yes	attached to 26 Aus Inf Bde.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	4417911	SMITH J.M.S.	RAM 6	12/9/40	R.M.O.

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

(Date of Despatch.)

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

"J" Sec.

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H.Q. 2/23 Bn. A.I.F.,
BCNEGILLA.

ROUTINE ORDERS

1 Nov. 40.

by

Lt.-Col. B. EVANS, Commanding 2/23 Bn.

R/O Part 1. No. 60/4041.

1. DUTIES :

The following duties will mount at Retreat on 2 Nov. 40 :-

Orderly Officer	...	Lieut. Gardiner.
Orderly Sergeant	...	A/Cpl. Hacking, R.J.
Orderly Corporal	...	A/L/Cpl. McCausland, W.
Duty Coy.	...	"D" Coy.

2. NEXT FOR DUTIES :

Orderly Officer	...	Lieut. Fallon.
Orderly Sergeant	...	A/Sgt. Rand, L.
Orderly Corporal	...	A/Cpl. Froud, M.C.
Duty Coy.	...	Reinf. Coy.

3. CREDITS IN PAY BOOKS :

All personnel wishing to have amounts credited in their Pay Books can do so only in cash or by a marked Bank Cheque. Personnel doing so must report to Camp Paymaster with Pay Books, when the entry will be made.

4. DRESS :

Gaiters will be worn by all personnel wearing shorts, whilst training.

5. DEFAULTERS :

Defaulters will parade at 1700 hrs. daily at Bn. H.Q. Dress - as ordered. Rifle equipment, respirators and steel helmets will be worn.

6. SALVAGE :

Jam tins will be collected in sacks and placed with the rest of kitchen refuse at the recognised collecting points for Coy. lines. These tins must be kept separate from all other articles and refuse, and be placed in the prepared position daily.

7. CHURCH PARADE :

Owing to move to Albury on Sunday, where consecration service will be held, there will be no Church Parade on Sunday.

HOLY COMMUNION will be held in the new C. of E. Hut - (Cr. Carr Ave. and Tovell Rd.), next to Field Ambulance, at 0645 hrs. on Sunday, 3 Nov.

R. C. DENOMINATION - Service in C.W.C. Hut (almost opposite Post Office) at 0700 hrs.

(Signed) F. E. KIEL, Capt.
Adj. 2/23 Bn.

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1 Nov. 40.

ADM. INSTRUCTION

by

Lt.-Col. B. EVANS, Commanding 2/23 Bn.

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MOVE TO ALBURY

Sunday, 3 Nov.

OBJECT :

Presentation and Consecration of Regimental Colours and Presentation of Drums of the Regiment at Sports Ground, Albury.

PARADE :

Bn. Parade 0850 hrs. Dress - Service. Sidearms and Rifle.

FORWARD JOURNEY :

Embuss BONEGILLA 0930 hrs. N.E.S. Convoy.

Route - WODONGA - ALBURY.

Debuss ALBURY (Wodonga Fl. Vicinity Sports Ground) 1000 hrs. approx.

REHEARSAL :

The ceremony will be rehearsed at the Sports Ground on arrival.

LUNCH :

1215 hrs. - A cut lunch for all ranks will be delivered at the Sports Ground.

MARCH :

The Bn. will march through the Town of Albury.

Starting time 1400 hrs.

Starting point - Main Gates Albury Sports Ground.

Route - WODONGA FL.-CREEK ST.-STANLEY ST.-SWIFT ST.-
YOUNG ST.-DEAN ST.-WODONGA FL.-SPORTS GROUND.

The 2/23 Trg Bn will line the Portion of Dean St. during the march.

CEREMONY :

Details will be issued separately.

HANDING OVER OF COLOURS :

At conclusion of ceremony Bn. will march via Dean St. to Albury Town Hall where the colours will be handed over to the Mayor - Alderman Padman, for safe keeping in the Town Hall.

/RETURN JOURNEY

ADM. INSTRUCTION.

RETURN JOURNEY :

Embussing Point - vicinity Old Show Grounds.
Bn. will move from the Town Hall via Dean and Young Streets.
Embuss - 1730 hrs. N.E.S. Convoy.
Debuss - Bonegilla 1800 hrs.

(Signed) F. E. KIEL, Capt.
Adj. 2/23 Bn.

Distribution :

All Coys.
2d Aust Inf Bde.
Area Comd.
Town Clerk.
Presdt. Commercial Club.
N.E.S. Convoy - Mr. Newnham.
Police.
File.

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BONEGILLA.

2 Nov. 40.

ADM. INSTRUCTION

by

Lt.-Col. B. EVANS, Commanding 2/23 Bn.

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MOVE TO ALBURY - NO. 2

Sunday, 3 Nov.

EMBUSSING STRENGTHS :

Bn. H.Q.	40
A Coy.	123
B "	123
C "	123
D "	110
HQ "	220
Rft "	145

The balance of Coy. strengths will remain in Camp for Security duties, under the Orderly Officer.

ALLOCATION TO CONVOYS :

No. 1 Convoy	Bn. HQ.	40
	C Coy.	18
" 2 "	Reinfts.	145
	C Coy.	105
" 3 "	D Coy.	56
" 4 "	D Coy.	50
" 5 "	B Coy.	58
" 6 "	HQ Coy.	220
	A Coy.	116
" 7 "	B Coy.	65
	D "	4
	A "	7

Where Coys. are split into different convoys Coy. Comds. will ensure that an officer or senior N.C.O. is detailed with the sub groups.

LIASON OFFICER :

Capt. Jackson will act as Liason Officer, and will report to Mr. Newnham on arrival of the convoy at the embussing point.

ADM. INSTRUCTION

EMBUSSING POINT :

Along Wodonga-Tallangatta Road - No. 1 Convoy at corner of Tovell Street. Other convoys extending eastwards.

RETURN JOURNEY :

The same allocation to convoys will be maintained on the return journey. The exact embussing points of the convoys for the return journey will be as shown on the attached sketch.

(Signed) F. E. KIEL, Capt.
Adjt, 2/23 Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

2 Nov. 40.

by

Lt.-Col. B. EVANS, Commanding 2/23 Bn.

R/O Part 1. No. 61/4041.

1. DUTIES :

The following duties will mount at Retreat on 3 Nov. 40 :-

Orderly Officer	...	Lieut. Fallon.
Orderly Sergeant	...	A/Sgt. Rand, L.
Orderly Corporal	...	A/Cpl. Froud, M.C.
Duty Coy.	...	Reinf. Coy.

2. NEXT FOR DUTY :

Orderly Officer	...	Lieut. Jess.
Orderly Sergeant	...	L/Cpl. Stuckey, G.A.
Orderly Corporal	...	Pte. Straton, S.F.
Duty Coy.	...	"A" Coy.

3. GAMBLING :

Attention is drawn to the fact that gambling is a punishable offence. All ranks are warned to this effect.

4. GOVERNMENT CLOTHING :

Attention of all ranks is drawn to the fact that shirt sleeves are not to be cut nor are trousers K.W.D. to be cut down to shorts, nor should any article of Government issue be mutilated in any way.

5. PREVENTION OF FIRE :

All ranks are warned that special care is to be taken to prevent the outbreak of fire in this area, which is rapidly drying off and which is still very well grassed. At least one fire beater per section will be carried on all movements in the field.

(Signed) F. E. Kiel, Capt.
Adj. 2/23 Bn.

NOTICES

The new League of Soldiers' Friends Hut (C. of E.) will be open to all camp personnel (Cr. Carr Ave. and Tovell Rd.) as from Sunday, 3 Nov. 40, for reading and writing.

Personnel residing within the boundaries of the City of South Melbourne are advised that the Municipality is desirous of obtaining their names, for the purposes of providing comforts; forms detailing the information required may be obtained from Bn. H.Q.

"J" sec.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

4 Nov. 40.

by

Lt.-Col. B. EVANS, Commanding 2/23 Bn.

R/O Part 1. No. 62/4041.

1. DUTIES :

The following duties will mount at Retreat on 5 Nov. 40 :-

Orderly Officer	...	Lieut. Methven.
Orderly Sergeant	...	A/Cpl. Francis, T.
Orderly Corporal	...	A/L/Cpl. Nugent, J.R.
Duty Coy.	...	"B" Coy.

2. NEXT FOR DUTY :

Orderly Officer	...	Lieut. Hutchinson.
Orderly Sergeant	...	A/Sgt. Farrell, L.
Orderly Corporal	...	A/Cpl. Ferguson, W.M.
Duty Coy.	...	"C" Coy.

3. OUT OF BOUNDS :

The Junction Hotel, situated one and three-quarters miles S.E. of Wodonga on the road Wodonga-Bonegilla, commonly known as the Blazing Stump, is out of bounds to all ranks.

4. NEW TESTAMENT :

The British & Foreign Bible Society are desirous that every man proceeding overseas has a copy of a special edition of The New Testament, containing a message from His Majesty The King. Coys. will advise Bn. H.Q. by 1500 hrs. Tuesday, 5 Nov. 40, the number required by them.

(Signed) F. E. KIEL, Capt.
Adj. 2/23 Bn.

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Unit

2/23 Bn

Date and Time.—From

1 Dec 40

To

31 Dec 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			Routine Order	APPDX 8
			Field Returns (NOT issued in Voyage)	APPDX 9
			C.O.'s Report LT-COL BERNARD EVANS.	APPDX 12
			Q.M.'s Report Capt. C. MORRELL.	APPDX 13
			T.O.'s Report LIEUT. K. CLARKE.	APPDX 14
			R.M.O.'s Report CAPT. J. M. AGAR.	APPDX 15

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Unit

2/23 Bn

Date and Time.—From

1 Dec 40 To 15 Dec 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
At Sea	1 Dec	1000	Church Parade. Weather Fine & Warm. <i>ANN</i>	No Routine Orders
"	3 "		H.M.S. "CAPETOWN" relieved H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" in escort <i>ANN</i>	issued at Sea.
"	5 "	0300	DONDRA HEAD light sighted <i>ANN</i>	
		0500	The HAYCOCK passed. <i>ANN</i>	
		1600	Anchored at COLOMBO <i>ANN</i>	
COLOMBO	6 "	0930	All personnel granted shore leave. <i>ANN</i>	
"	7 "	1300	Sailed from COLOMBO. A.A Defence Mounted <i>ANN</i>	APPDX "1"
At Sea	8 "	1330	Sighted MINIKOI Island light. Calm sea <i>ANN</i>	
"	11 "	0800	Sighted SOCOTRA. H.M.S. "CALYPSO" & two destroyers joined escort. Calm sea. Weather fine & warm <i>ANN</i>	
"	13 "	0500	Entered RED sea. Weather mild. <i>ANN</i>	
"	14 "		Embarkation warning Order from 26 Aust Inf Bde <i>ANN</i>	Appdx "2"
"	15 "		H.M.A.S. "PERTH" H.M.S. "CALYPSO" & one destroyer left escort. Weather Fine & cool <i>ANN</i>	<i>10/12/40</i>

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Unit 2/23 Bn

Date and Time.—From 15 Dec 40 To 18 Dec 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
At Sea	15 Dec	1400	Sighted SUEZ <u>AMM</u>	
		1615	Anchored at SUEZ <u>AMM</u>	
"	16 "	0647	Entered SUEZ Canal. HMS. "CAPETOWN" left escort	
			Adm Instr re Disembarkation and	
			movement to Camp site issued by LT. COL. B. EVANS <u>AMM</u> Appdx "3" 4 & "5"	
		1027	At EL KANTARA. HMT. "STRATHMORE" tied up. <u>AMM</u>	APPDX 5A
EL KANTARA	17 "	0530	Disembarkation commenced. Completed 0715 <u>AMM</u>	
		0855	Entrained for DIMRA Camp area where <u>AMM</u>	
DIMRA		1530	detrainment was completed at 1530 hrs <u>AMM</u>	
"		1645	General Blamey visited Camp. Weather Cold <u>AMM</u>	
"	18 "	1000	Bn. Parade - Instructions to Troops by LT. COL. B. EVANS	
			Adjustment of Tents to provide separate	
			Coy area for Rft Coy whose Tentage had	
			been included in other Coy areas by Foster Unit <u>AMM</u>	

*Blamey
Lt Col*

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Unit 2/23 Bn

Date and Time.—From 18 Dec 40 To 26 Dec 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DIMRA ✓	18 Dec	0830	Lieut. E. H. McRae transferred to Rpt Coy & Lieut. A. W. McKay instructed to take over duties of Security & Intelligence Officer. 13 O.R.s to undergo two weeks training from which personnel for I section will be chosen.	APPD X 7
"	19 "		General adjustments to Camp Area commenced.	APPD X 8
"	21 "	1455	Bn Parade for inspection by Brigadier Towell	
"		1630	Three (3) Bren Carriers received from O.	
"	22 "	0600	Heavy rain during night - Drainage necessary	
"	23 "	0930	Bn. Parade for inspection by G.O.C. 1 Aust Corps	
"	25 "	0930	Bn attended 26 Bde Parade Christmas Carols and address by Brig Towell & Pardres	
"	26 "	1430	Bn Boxing Day Sports on Camp Area	

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Unit 2/23 Bn.

Date and Time.—From 27 Dec 40 To 31 Dec 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DIMRA ✓	27	0900	Further drainage work carried out. Weather Fine. Tents muddied as a precaution against Air observation.	<i>Accum</i> APPDX 10
	28	0830	Weather Fine but Cool. Since arrival Training has been of a "hardening-up" nature. P.T and Route marches etc. DEIR SUNEID Sand Hills area mapped in preparation for Tactical exercises.	<i>Accum</i> APPDX 11
	29	0930	Unit attended 26 Aus Inf Bde Church Parade - Weather Fine and mild	<i>Accum</i>
	30	0900	Split Trenches prepared throughout Unit	<i>Accum</i>
	31	1400	Rehearsal of Parade at 7 Aust Div in preparation for Review by Rt. Hon. P.C. Spender M.H.R. Minister for the Army and Lt. Gen V.A.H. Sturdee CBE DSO. on 2 Jan 40	<i>Accum</i> APPDX 6

Al McKay Lieut.
I.O. 2/23 Bn.
Sturdee

SPECIAL ORDERSA.A. DEFENCE H.M.T. "STRATHMORE."

by

Lt.-Col. B. EVANS, Commanding 2/23 Bn.1. AIRCRAFT ATTACK :

- (a) Henceforth until port of disembarkation this ship will be placed in a continuous state of readiness to meet hostile aircraft attacks. The protective measures are to be maintained with complete efficiency throughout the voyage. This becomes increasingly important as the voyage proceeds, because the danger increases as the ship moves into confined waters.
- (b) Protective measures.
- (c) Particular care will be taken by all safety officers to see that vigilance is maintained at all times, as boredom and slackness are likely to increase after days of inactivity.

2. PROTECTIVE MEASURES :

In addition to measures already taken (one 3.7 A.A. Gun; two .303 Hotchkiss Guns; three .303 Vickers Guns) one rifle Coy will be supplied daily, alternatively by this unit and the 2/24 Bn.

3. MILITARY OFFICERS OF THE WATCH :

- (1) Duties -
- (a) To assist observers in establishing identity of planes.
- (b) To pass identification to Sec Comd in charge MG's.
- (c) When hostile aircraft is identified to give Sec Comd immediate permission to open fire and to give the alarm signal of aircraft attack (short blasts on whistle).
- (d) In co-operation with the Ship's Officer of the watch to see that the above orders are passed to No. 5 gun by phone through the 3-inch A.A. Gun Comd.
- (e) Give "all clear" when aircraft have passed.

(11) SHIFTS :

No. 1 Shift	-	0800/1200
" 2 "	-	1200/1600
" 3 "	-	1600/2000
" 4 "	-	2000/2400
" 5 "	-	2400/0400
" 6 "	-	0400/0800

(11) ROSTER :

<u>Date</u>	<u>Major Wall</u>	<u>Major Perry</u>
8/12/40	No. 1 Shift	No. 3 Shift
9/12/40	" 5 "	" 1 "
10/12/40	" 3 "	" 5 "
11/12/40	" 1 "	" 3 "

This rotation will continue until further orders.

4. RIPLEMEN : The A.A. Duty Coy will supply the following who will remain on deck at all times during their tour of duty unless the ship's alarm signal for boat stations is sounded, in which case they will proceed to their allotted boat stations :-

Coy Comd and one runner; 3 Platoons each 1 Subaltern, 1 Sgt.
33 O/R.

- (a) Position on Deck : 2 Pls. and Coy H.Q. aft of swimming pool on "C" Deck (a Pl. on each side) and 1 Pl. forward of the bridge on "C" Deck vicinity ship's orderly room distributed on both sides of ship.
- (b) Four of Duty : 0400 hrs to 1900 hrs.
- (c) Dress : Shorts, shirts, respirators, steel helmets.
- (d) Order to Open Fire : Fire will be opened on enemy aircraft when within range of 600 yds on orders of the Coy Comd aft and Pl Comd fwd, fire to be in controlled volleys. These Comdrs will only order fire when given permission to do so by the Military Officer of the Watch stationed on the bridge, or in the case of the rear Pls, the Air Force Observer on the aft M.G. tower.

5. ACTION AT STATIONS :

Rifles will be loaded with 10 rounds in magazine and safety catches applied. Rifles will be placed in a convenient position and a Guard detailed.

- (a) Normal Training : Normal training may proceed on the deck allotted for stations for these troops.
- (b) When aircraft is reported rifles will be immediately collected and troops stand to in their correct positions. Safety Catches will remain applied.
- (c) When hostile aircraft is identified a round will be loaded and safety catches released. (Note - Troops will only fire on the orders of their Coy or Pl Comds; every precaution is to be taken to avoid unauthorised firing).

6. ADM. :

- (a) Ammunition : 1000 rounds amm. will be drawn from the Ship's Q.M. on mounting duty and will be returned at the conclusion of the duty, the necessary receipts being obtained and given.
- (b) Messing : Meals will be served on decks. Details will be issued later. Personnel will carry mess tins, etc.
- (c) Reports Centre : Reports to Military Officer of the Watch located on the bridge.
- (d) A.A. Duty Coy will be relieved of all duties the following day.

7. DUTY ROSTER :

8/12/40	-	Reinf. Coy.
10/12/40	-	H.Q. "
12/12/40	-	A "
14/12/40	-	B "
16/12/40	-	C "
18/12/40	-	D "

This rotation will continue until further orders.

8. AIRCRAFT ATTACK :

Alarm signal - succession of short rings on the ship's bells in addition to Military Officer of the Watch blowing his whistle in short blasts and all Coy, etc. Comds. repeating the signal issued.

- (a) Action to be taken by personnel not on duty : Immediately the alarm is given all personnel not on A.A. duty will proceed to decks below D Deck where they will lie flat. If the attack is delivered before this is possible they will lie flat on the deck to avoid splinters until the "all clear" signal is given.

(Signed) P. E. KIEL, Capt.
Adj. 2/23 Bn.

S/23 Lt. A.I.F., AT SEA.

8 Dec. 43.

SECRET

Reference Special Orders A.A. Reference H.E.T. "Ustrathore."

Issued today :-

(a) This order should be dated 7 Dec. 43.

(b) Para 7 Duty Roster, amend to read as follows :-

8/12/43	-	Chief Coy.	
10/12/43	-	"A"	"
12/12/43	-	"B"	"
14/12/43	-	"C"	"
16/12/43	-	"D"	"

(c) Attention - The following additional para will be inserted in Para 6 -

(e) All personnel on A.A. duties will carry their field dressing in the hip pocket of their shorts.

(Signed) F. E. HINE, Capt.
Adj. S/23 Lt.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND 023

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. S7

AKB:GC

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde,
HMT Strathmore,
At Sea.SECRET.

14 Dec, 40.

DISEMBARKATION WARNING ORDER.1. MOVEMENT OF TROOPS FROM CONVOY.

Unit Comds will anticipate a probable disembarkation at Suez.

On receipt by Bde HQ of detailed instructions units will immediately be advised.

2. LIKELY DRESS ON DISEMBARKATION.

(a). Tropical Dress. Hat, fur, Shirt, Shorts, Stockings, Gaiters, Boots.

(b). Marching Dress.

3. BLANKETS.

(a). One blanket to be rolled, folded over top and sides of pack, held to pack by supporting straps.

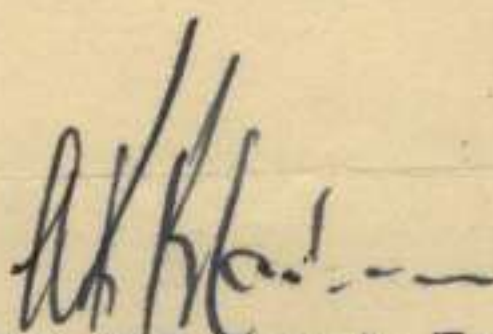
(b). Two blankets to be rolled together, tied by cord and labelled with soldiers No, Name, Unit, Coy. It is likely that these blankets will be carried by MT to concentration areas.

4. UNIVERSAL AND SEA-KIT BAGS.

Both Universal and Sea-Kit bags to be packed similar to that when troops embarked in Australia.

5. RATIONS.

Instructions re meals to be issued later.

 Capt.
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION.

2/23 Bn. ✓
2/24 Bn.
Details.
File.

2/23 Bn. A.I.F.,
KANTARA EAST.SECRET

16 Dec. 40.

ADM INSTRUCTION

by

LT.-COL. B. EVANS, Commanding2/23 Bn. A.I.F.DISEMBARKATION.

TIME : In order to agree with Palestine time, at 2100 hrs. today watches will be advanced one hour.

BREAKFAST : Breakfast will be provided on shore.

CUT LUNCHES : Cut lunches for mid-day meal 17 Dec will be issued in Tourist Dining Saloon "F" Deck Aft in the following order :-

Baggage Party 0515 hrs.
"D" Coy. commencing 0530 "
Followed in rotation by Reinf. Coy., Bn. H.Q., H.Q. Coy.,
A, B and C Coys.

This lunch will be carried in the mess tin.

Water bottles must be carried filled.

DRESS : Battle dress, hats khaki fur felt, boots, gaiters, rifles.
Marching order. Kit bags Universal and Sea, together with
rolled blankets 2 to be carried.

ARMS AND AMMUNITION : Ten rounds per fifleman will be issued prior to disembarkation. All ranks must be warned that great care is to be taken of rifles and ammunition, loss of either entailing Court Martial. Until further orders rifles will be carried by personnel AT ALL TIMES and on no account will be left unguarded.

ASSEMBLY AREAS : Assembly areas for disembarkation are as follows :-

Bn. H.Q.	-	Men's mess room G Deck starbd. side fwd.
H.Q. Coy	-	do. aft.
A "	-	do. port side aft.
B "	-	do. starbd. side fwd.
C "	-	do. port side fwd.
D "	-	C Deck port side.
Reinf."	-	C Deck starbd. side.

Time - 0600 hours.

The Bn. will disembark in the above order. Arrangements have been made for the disembarkation of sick personnel being evacuated to hospital.

BAGGAGE : O.C. Baggage party - Capt. Morrell.
2 N.C.O.'s and 20 O/R's as already detailed.
The above party will be responsible for the transporting and safeguarding of baggage - officers' light baggage and essential office equipment from the ship to the camp, and will act on instructions issued separately. This party will travel in the car next to the shabak (guards van).
Officers' baggage and essential office equipment will be stacked in the foyer "F" Deck by 0530 hrs. 17 Dec.

REAR PARTY : The following rear party will remain on the transport and will proceed to Port Said where further instructions will be issued. O.C. Rear Party - Lieut. Hutchinson.
2 N.C.O.'s and 2 O/R's to be detailed by B Coy.

ENTRAINMENT : O.C. Train - Lt. Col. B. Evans.
Entrainment & Detrainment Officer - Lieut. Fallon.
Train departs 0900 hrs.
Kit bag Universal and the 2 rolled blankets will be stacked in Coy dumps near the shabak and will be loaded by the baggage guard. Sea kit bags will be carried.
Order of entrainment - From front to rear - Bn. H.Q., H.Q. Coy. A, B, C, D and Reinf Coys.

DETRAINMENT : Personnel will not leave the train until signal is given by Entraining Officer. Detrainment on off side of train. Personnel will immediately fall in with their backs to the train in assembly areas as indicated.

On arrival C.Q.M.S.'s will be called forward and guided to camp Q.M. to assist in the issue of blankets.

Guides will lead Coys from the assembly areas to Coy lines where blanket issue, tent allotment and messing arrangements will be completed.

All Officers excluding Coy 2 I/C's and 2 Subalterns from H.Q. Coy will be led to the Officers quarters by guides.

CAMP GUARD AND PICQUET : "C" Coy will supply guard and picquet to relieve the guard and picquet supplied by the foster unit. Strength - 1 Sgt. 2 Cpls. 12 O/R's. This is subject to variation. A "prowler" patrol will also be supplied. Details as to strength and duties will be supplied by foster unit.

COOKS AND MESS ORDERLIES :

Cooks and mess orderlies will be detailed to relieve foster unit immediately after the first meal.

Adj. 2/23 Bn. Capt.

DISTRIBUTION :

C.O.
Bn. H.Q.
H.Q. Coy.
A B C D & REINF COYS

MESSAGE FORM.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.	IN	No. of Groups GR.	Serial No. OFFICE DATE STAMP
	OUT		

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TO *All Cays Secret.*

FROM *Bu HQ*

Originator's Number. *76* Date. *14* In Reply to Number *—*

<i>Amend</i>	<i>Baggage</i>	<i>para</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>7 p.m.</i>	<i>'A'</i>
<i>issued</i>	<i>with</i>	<i>ADM</i>	<i>INSTN</i>	<i>EMBARK.</i>	<i>of</i>
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<i>to</i>	<i>read.</i>	<i>2100</i>	<i>h.s.</i>	<i>line</i>	<i>7</i>
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MOST SECRET

ARRIVAL OF "NICETY".

G.H.Q. MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER NO. QM2/129

COPY NO. 19.....

CR/ME/1471/Q(M).

20 December, 1940.

ARRIVAL OF REINFORCEMENTS FROM AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND IN CONVOY U.S.7
DUE TO ARRIVE AT SUEZ ON OR ABOUT 16th DECEMBER, 1940.

Issued in conjunction with Movements and Customs Instructions 1937.

1. CODE NAME FOR THE MOVE "NICETY".
2. COMPOSITION OF CONVOY AND PRIORITY OF ARRIVAL.

<u>DATE.</u>	<u>TIME.</u>	<u>SHIP.</u>	<u>PORT.</u>
16/12/40.	-	W.43.	SUEZ.
17/12/40.	0600*	W.100.	KANTARA.
"	1000*	W.440.	"
18/12/40.	-	W.75.	HAIFA.

*The time at which ships will berth cannot be laid down accurately, but it is hoped that they will berth at these times.

3. DISEMBARKATION.

(a) Disembarkation of personnel detailed at Appendix "A" attached will take place as under:-

- SUEZ - Under orders of H.Q., M.C., CANAL BASE AREA.
- KANTARA } - Under orders of Movement Control, H.Q., B.F.P. & T.J.
- HAIFA } R.T.O., KANTARA will assist.

(b) Ships Adjutants will remain on board until disembarkation is complete.

(c) SICK PERSONNEL.

(i) D.D.M.S. Suez Canal Base & I. of C. Area will arrange for disembarkation of sick as follows:-

- From W.43 at SUEZ.
- W.100 } at KANTARA, all walking sick able to travel by train.
- W.440 } at PORT SAID, all lying sick

and arrange transfer of lying cases by road, to a Military Hospital in the Suez Canal Base Area.

(ii) All sick personnel in Ship W.75 will be disembarked at HAIFA under arrangements to be made by D.D.M.S., H.Q., B.F.P. and T.J.

(d) BAGGAGE.

(i) Officers and Nursing Sisters.

/Officers will

Officers will disembark with one suitcase and Valise only.
Nursing Sisters will disembark with all heavy baggage.

(ii) Other Ranks. Other Ranks will disembark with Universal Kit Bags, Sea Kit Bags, Rifles, Web Equipment and 10 rounds S.A.A. per man. One blanket per man will be placed in Universal Kit Bags and Greatcoats will be carried.

(iii) Baggage mentioned in (d) (i) and (ii) above of Officers, Nursing Sisters and O.Rs. disembarking at KANTARA will be discharged from ship to lighter and not carried down gangways. Provision of lighter to be arranged by H.Q., M.C., CANAL BASE AREA. Heavy Baggage will be discharged at Ports as follows and despatched by goods train :-

- From Ship W. 43.....at SUEZ,
- From Ship W.100.....at PORT SAID,
- From Ship W.440.....at PORT SAID,
- From Ship W. 75.....at HAIFA.

(e) Nominal Rolls. Movement Control at Ports of disembarkation will arrange collection of nominal rolls from O.S.C. Troops on board and forward three copies to Q(M) ~~CHQ. M. S.~~ as early as possible, together with all available A.Fs.W.5169.

4. RAIL ARRANGEMENTS. See Appendix "C" attached.

5. DISEMBARKATION ORDERS.

H.Q., B.F.P. & T.J. will detail one officer per ship from H.Q. 1st Australian Corps. to embark at SUEZ with Disembarkation Orders for his allotted ship. This officer will be responsible for handing over these orders to O.C. Troops and Ships Adjutants and explaining the disembarkation arrangements to be carried out.

These officers will report to Movement Control, SUEZ by p.m. 15/12/40. Movement Control, SUEZ, will ensure the embarkation of these officers prior to ships entering the CANAL.

Movement Control, SUEZ, will arrange reception and accommodation of these officers.

6. O.S.C. TRAINS.

Movement Control at disembarkation ports will, in each case, detail the senior officer travelling for duty as O.C. Train.

7. MEDICAL.

D.Ds.M.S., SUEZ CANAL & L. of C. BASE AREA and P. & T.J. will make all necessary medical arrangements for rail journeys. One First Class Compartment will be reserved on each special train by Movement Control at entraining stations, for medical use during journeys.

D.D.M.S., H.Q., P and T.J. is arranging for a Medical Nursing Orderly, with requisite equipment, to travel on each special train on the Palestine Railway.

8. MOVEMENT CONTROL.

(a) Entrainment at PORT TEWFIK will be under the orders of H.Q., Movement Control, CANAL BASE AREA.

...../ (b) Entrainment at

(b) Entrainment at KANTARA and HAIFA and detrainment at stations in PALESTINE will be under the orders of Movement Control, H.Q., B.F.P. and T.J.

(c) Detrainment at MAADI will be under the orders of Movement Control, CAIRO AREA.

9. VEHICLES AND STORES.

A detailed list of Vehicles and Stores, by ships, together with disposal instructions, is given at Appendix "B" attached. Stores will be discharged at Ports as under:-

Ex W.43	SUEZ.
" W.100)	
" W.440)	PORT SAID
" W.75	HAIFA.

*Not to be driven off ships by personnel on board
Reasons - Port detachment*

10. REAR PARTIES.

Each Unit and Draft will detail a Rear Party to consist of one officer, two N.C.Os and two Other Ranks. When the Unit or Draft arriving consists of less than two officers and twenty Other Ranks, the Senior W.O. or N.C.O. will be detailed, with not less than two Other Ranks, to form the Rear Party.

In addition to the above, H.Q., M.C. CANAL BASE AREA and Movement Control, PALESTINE, will, in conjunction with Ships Adjutants detail a party of two officers, four N.C.Os and twenty Other Ranks from each vessel to carry out the following duties at SUEZ, PORT SAID and HAIFA.

(i) Assist in the protection of Stores from ship to lighter, lighter to quay and quay to rail.

(ii) Assist in the checking of Unit Equipment from ship to quay and quay to rail.

All Rear Parties in ships W.100, 440 and 75 will remain on board until arrival at PORT SAID or HAIFA as the case may be.

11. ACCOMMODATION, SUBSISTENCE AND DISPOSAL OF REAR PARTIES.

Personnel detailed to form Rear Parties will be accommodated and subsisted at SUEZ and PORT SAID under arrangements to be made by H.Q., CANAL BASE & L. of C. AREA and at HAIFA under the arrangements of H.Q., B.F.P. & T.J. Should insufficient Government accommodation be available at the Ports, parties will be accommodated and subsisted at Hotels. On completion of duty Rear Parties will be despatched to destinations by normal passenger train, under arrangements of Movement Control at the Ports, who will signal the time of arrival at destinations to all concerned.

12. CONVOY NOTES.

A Convoy Note stating the contents and the name of the Unit will be placed inside each truck prior to despatch.

13. SUBSISTENCE - KANTARA and HAIFA.

(a) H.Q., CANAL BASE & L. OF C. AREA will arrange with the E.F.I.

/for the provision

for the provision at KANTARA EAST, prior to entrainment of each party, of a Hot Meal, cost not to exceed one shilling and a train ration, cost not to exceed sixpence per head.

H.Q., B.F.P. and T.J. will arrange similar meal and train ration for troops disembarking at HAIFA.

Bills for meals to be rendered to H.Q., 1st Australian Corps.

(b) Other Ranks will have their knives, forks and mess tins readily available for use at KANTARA and HAIFA.

(c) H.Q., B.F.P. and T.J. are arranging the issue of a meal to Units on arrival at destinations.

(d) H.Q., B.F.P. and T.J. are arranging for one other rank A.A.S.C. with reserve rations for 1000 men to travel with each special train.

(e) No landing rations will accompany in special trains.

14. EXCHANGE OF CURRENCY.

All New Zealand or Australian currency in possession of troops arriving will be collected prior to disembarkation by Os.C. Units, under instructions to be issued by Os.C. Troops, and exchanged for local currency by New Zealand and Australian Paymasters, who will meet vessels at SUEZ. Australian Paymasters will embark and travel in the vessels to KANTARA and HAIFA.

All troops will be warned against purchasing British sterling notes from vendors or other sources. Such notes will NOT be exchanged into local currency under any circumstances whatever.

15. CARE OF ARMS.

Movement Control, PALESTINE, will remind all Os.C. Units and Drafts that all ranks are personally responsible for the safe custody of their Arms, Ammunition and Equipment.

16. SECURITY.

Movement Control, PALESTINE, will remind all Os.C. Units and Drafts not to discuss publicly on any future occasion their movements between AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND and EGYPT.

17. TRANSPORT - CAIRO AREA.

H.Q., N.Z.E.F. will arrange necessary M.T. for conveyance of New Zealand personnel and kits from detraining stations to final destinations.

CS. Ward
Brigadier,
Director of Movements.

G.H.Q., M.E.
CAIRO.

/DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION.

R.A. Alexandria.	1 - 3	H.Q., B.F.P. & T.J.	45 - 54
H.Q. 1st Australian Corps	4 - 33	H.Q., N.Z.E.F.	56 - 57
H.Q. M.C. Canal Base Area.	34 - 39	H.Q., Canal Base &	
M.C. Haifa.	40 - 44	L. of C. Area.	58 - 62

COPIES TO.

S.B.N.O., S.C.A.	63	P.S.T.O. Egypt, Port Said.	74
D.S.T.O., Suez.	64	D.S.T.O. Port Said.	75
M.C. Port Said.	65 - 66	M.C. Suez.	76 - 81
M.C. Lydda.	67	M.C. Alexandria.	82
M.C. Cairo Area.	68 - 69	R.T.O. Gaza.	83
R.T.O. Kantara.	70	D.D.M.S. Canal Base &	
O. i/c RASC (EFI) Abbassia.	71	L. of C. Area.	84
A.P.M. Cairo.	72	C.P.(IE) Jerusalem.	85 - 86
Docks Ord. Officer, P.Said.	73	Docks Ord. Officer Suez.	87
		A.I.F. Port Detachment, Suez.	88 - 89

Branches G.H.Q., M.E.

P.A.I.	90	D.Q.M.G.	108
G(O)	91	G(SD)	109
GS(I)	92	D.S.	110
A.	93	Q.	111
R.N.	94	D.S.T.O.	112
Tn.	95	Provost.	113
S.T.	96 - 97	M.	114 - 118
O.S.	98 - 104	O.2.E.	119 - 121
Pay	105	F.A.	122
Postal	106	C.C.	123
Signal Master.	107	Q(M) War Diary.	124

Branches H.Q., B.T.E.

A.D.C. to G.O.C. in C.	125	B. i/c A.	129
GS(I)	126	C.P.	130 - 131
Chief Field Censor.	127	Ciphers.	132
Signal Master.	128		

SECRET.

APPENDIX "A" TO M.C.O. NO. QM2/129.

Ex Ship. (a)	Serial. (b)	Unit. (c)	Offs. (d)	WOs. (e)	ORs. (f)	Train. (g)	Detrain At. (h)	
<u>EX KANTARA.</u>								
W.100.	19.	2/23 Bn & 1st Reinfs.	39	1	906	1.	DIMRA.	

	20.	2/24 Bn & 1st Reinfs.	39	4	894	2.	DIMRA.	

	15.	Details 7 A.G.F.	1	-	3	3.	GAZA.	
	22.	Salvation Army.	1	-	-			
	23.	Y.M.C.A.	1	-	-			
	24.	HQ. 17 Inf Bde.	1	-	-			
	25.	Stragglers.	-	-	6			
	42.	A.A.N.S.	4	-	-			
	16.	2/8 Fd. Regt & 1st Reinfs	37	1	602	3.	KILO 89.	
	17.	64 L.A.D.	1	1	11		KILO 89.	
	18.	HQ. 26 Inf Bde & Int.Sec.	9	1	59		DIMRA.	
	21.	Details 2/C.C.S.	1	-	10		DIMRA.	
	26.	Details 7 Div Sigs.	2	-	35		MAJDAL.	

	43.	Details.	-	-	1		Normal Passenger CAIRO for MAADI.	

EX KANTARA.

W.440.	30.	2/48 Bn & 1st Reinfs.	40	6	904	4.	DIMRA.
	31.	Details 2/2 C.C.S.	1	-	10		

	32.	15 Dental Unit.	1	-	4	5.	BEIT JIRJA.
	33.	Y.M.C.A.	1	-	-		
	34.	2/10 Bn. 3rd & 4th Reinfs	12	-	298		
	36.	2/7 Fd. R. & 1st Reinfs.	40	10	590			MAJDAL.

	27.	A.A.N.S.	4	-	-	6.	GAZA.
	28.	2 Adv Depot Med. Stores.	1	-	8		
	29.	HQ. Corps Arty.	5	1	16		
	35.	HQ. 9 Div. Arty.	4	1	22		
	37.	63 L.A.D.	1	1	11		
	38.	2/12 Fd. R & 1st Reinfs.	38	10	594		
	39.	61 L.A.D.	1	1	11	MAJDAL.	

EX HAIFA.

W.75.	4.	26 A/T Coy.	4	1	76	7	DIMRA. DEIR SUNEID.
	2.	2/6 Fd. R & 1st Reinfs.	38	8	591		

...../ Ship W. 75 Contd.

APPENDIX "A" Contd.

Ex	Ship.	Serial.	Unit.	Offs.	WOs.	ORs.	Train.	Detrain	At.
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)		
<u>EX HAIFA.</u>									
W.75.	14.	2/7	Fd.Coy.& 1st Reinfs.	5	-	254			
(Ctd)	13.	2/4	Fd.Coy.& 1st Reinfs.	6	1	252			MAJDAL.
	8.	2/2	Fd.R. 2,3,&4 Reinfs.	7	-	128			
	7.		Salvation Army.	1	-	-			BEIT JIRJA.
	6.	2/2	C.C.S. & 1st Reinfs.	11	2	75			
	5.	78	L.A.D.	1	1	12	8.		DIMRA.
	3.	53	L.A.D.	1	1	11			DEIR SUNEID.
	1.		A.A.N.S.	4	-	-			
	40.		Medical Staff.	-	-	10			GAZA.
	41.	41	L.A.D.	-	-	2			

	12.		Details 7 Div Sigs.	1	-	27			
	11.		6 Div. Sigs.	1	-	27			
	10.		71 L.A.D.	1	1	11	9.		MAJDAL.
	9.		3 A/T Regt.& 1st Reinfs.	32	6	581			

	44.		Div Cavalry.	9	-	92			Normal Passenger
	45.		Ord. incl. L.A.D.	2	1	15			Train.
	46.		Pay and Records.	-	-	1			CAIRO for MAADI.

<u>EX SUEZ.</u>									
W.43.	50.		Inf. Rifles & A/T.	25	5	598			
	51.		Inf. M.G.	3	-	67	10.		MAADI.
	56.		N.Z.A.N.S.	6	-	-			MAADI for HELWAN.

	47.		N.Z. Arty.	11	1	138			
	48.		Divnl. Engrs.	2	-	59			
	49.		Non-Divnl. Engrs.	2	-	49			
	52.		Inf. Maori.	12	1	268			
	53.		N.Z.A.S.C.	2	-	52			
	54.		Ord. incl. L.A.D.	-	-	3	11.		MAADI.
	55.		N.Z.M.C.	3	-	47			
	57.		Chaplains.	2	-	-			
	58.		Pay and Records.	-	-	3			
	59.		Postal.	-	-	2			
	60.		Y.M.C.A.	1	-	-			
	61.		Ships Staff.	3	-	2			

	62.		R.N.	-	-	3			Normal Passenger Train to ALEXANDRIA.

APPENDIX "B" TO M.C.O. No. QM2/129.

VEHICLES AND STORES.

DESCRIPTION		DISPOSAL.
<u>SHIP W.43.</u>		
Mail (31 Armour Bags) Meas.	Tons 310.	CAIRO MAIN STATION.
Reserve Rations.	" 127	
Cool Stores.	" 6	MAADI.
Army Xmas Gifts. (2198 cases)	" 143	
S.A.A. (98 cases)	1	ABBASSIA.
Gifts for HMS "LEANDER" (63 cases)	5	
<u>SHIP W.75.</u>		
Unit War Equipment.	Meas. Tons 161	As addressed.
Reserve Emergency & Landing Rations.	" 171	Under instructions of A.I.F. at Port.
Blankets.	" 7	
A.C.F. Stores.	" 116	
Aust. Broadcasting Comm. Pckg.	1	
Pipes for C.E. 1/Aust. Corps Tons	13	
Salvation Army. Meas. Tons.	5	
Canteen Service.	" 90	
Vans G.S. Chevrolet 1 ton. No.	90	
Cars D.S. Chevrolet. No.	35	
<u>SHIP W.100.</u>		
Unit War Equipment.	Meas. Tons 104	As Addressed.
Reserve Emergency & Landing Rations.	" 223	Under instructions of A.I.F. at Port.
Salvation Army.	" 4	
Dental Overseas Base Pckg.	1	
Vans G.S. Ford 1 ton. No.	6	
<u>SHIP W.440.</u>		
Unit War Equipment.	Meas. Tons. 163	As Addressed.
Reserve Emergency & Landing Rations.	" 243	Under instructions of A.I.F. at Port.
A.C.F. Stores.	" 131	
Canteen Service.	" 1757	
Austr. Red Cross.	" 69	
Ordnance.	Pckg. 1	
Vans G.S. Ford 1 ton. No.	16	
Vans G.S. Chevrolet 15 cwt. No.	23	

APPENDIX "C" to G.H.Q. MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER No. QM2/12Q.

PART ONE - TRAIN COMPOSITIONS.

Train No.	1st Class Coaches	1st/2nd Compo	2nd Class Coaches	3rd Class Coaches Large	3rd Brake Small Pass. Compartment	Shabaks	Box Vans	Goods Brake.	REMARKS.
1	1	1	3	7	1 ✓	1 ✓	-	-	
2	1	1	-	10	1	1	-	-	
3	2	-	3	6	1	1	-	-	Kilo 89 Baggage to be loaded in Shabaks. All other Baggage to be loaded in 3rd Brake.
4	1	-	-	-	-	-	38	1	1 Box Van for Baggage.
5	1	1	-	-	-	-	36	1	1 Box Van for MAJDAL Baggage 1 Box Van for other Baggage.
6	1	1	-	-	-	-	28	1	1 Box Van for Majdal Baggage. 1 Box Van for GAZA Baggage.
7	1	-	3	6	1	1	-	-	DEIR SUNEID Baggage to be loaded in Shabaks. All other Baggage to be loaded in 3rd Brake.
8	1	1	-	9	1	1	-	-	MAJDAL Baggage in Shabaks. All other Baggage in 3rd Brake.

Appendix "C" ctd.

APPENDIX "C" Contd.

PART ONE - TRAIN COMPOSITION (Continued).

Train No.	1st Class Coaches.	1/2 Compo.	2 Class Coaches.	3 Class Coaches. Large.	3rd Brake. Small Pass Compartment.	Shabaks.	Box Vans	Goods Brake.	REMARKS.
9.	1	-	3	6	1	1	-	-	
10.	1	-	-	9	1	-	-	-	
11.	1	-	-	9	1	-	-	-	

NOTES.

- (i) On Trains 1,2,3,7,8, and 9 Universal Kits Bags will be carried in the Shabaks and 3rd Brake. Sea Kit Bags will be taken in the compartments.
- (ii) On Trains 4,5 and 6 both Kit Bags will be taken in the Box Vans with the men.
- (iii) Men travelling in the Box Vans should be warned against the danger of doors shutting due to train motion.

...../ APPENDIX "C" PART TWO.

APPENDIX "C" TO M.C.O. No. QM2/129 Contd.

PART TWO.
TRAIN TIMINGS.

A. PALESTINE.

(i) Ex KANTARA.

	T.1.		T.2.		T.3.	
	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.
KANTARA.	-	0900.	-	1000.	-	1100.
GAZA.	1420.	1435.	1515.	1530.	1645.	1700.
KILO 89.	-	-	-	-	1705.	1735.
DIMRA.	1445	1515.	1540.	1610.	1740.	1755.
BEIT JIRJA.	-	-	-	-	-	-
MAJDAL.	-	-	-	-	1815.	-

	T.4.		T.5.		T.6.	
	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.
KANTARA.	-	1430.	-	1800.	-	1830.
GAZA.	2200.	2215.	2345.	2359.	0215.	0250.
KILO 89.	-	-	-	-	-	-
DIMRA.	2225.	2315.	-	-	-	-
BEIT JIRJA.	-	-	0040.	0100.	-	-
MAJDAL.	-	-	0200.	-	0315.	-

(ii) EX HAIFA.

	T.7.		T.8.		T.9.	
	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.
HAIFA.	-	1030.	-	1130.	-	1230.
LYDDA.	1300.	1315.	1400.	1415.	1500.	1515.
MAJDAL.	-	-	1515.	1545.	1615.	-
BEIT JIRJA.	-	-	1555.	1610.	-	-
DIMRA.	1430.	1440.	1615.	1630.	-	-
DEIR SUNEID.	1445.	1515.	1635.	1640.	-	-
GAZA.	-	-	1650.	-	-	-

NOTE :- All above times are PALESTINE SUMMER TIME which is one hour ahead of Egyptian Time.

...../ B. EGYPT.

APPENDIX "C" PART TWO Continued.

TRAIN TIMINGS.

B. EGYPT.

PORT TEWFIK - ABBASSIA, BASSATINE (DESERT LINE).

	T.1.		T.2.		T.3.		T.4.		T.5.	
	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.
PORT TEWFIK.	-	0530.	-	0830.	-	0930.	-	1100.	-	1230.
SHARABIAH.	0745.	0755.	1015.	1025.	1145.	1155.	1315.	1325.	1445.	1455.
ABBASSIA.	0815.	-	1045.	-	1215.	-	1345.	-	1515.	-
BASSATINE.	0855.	-	1125.	-	1255.	-	1425.	-	1555.	-
	T.6.		T.7.		T.8.		T.9.		T.10.	
	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.
PORT TEWFIK.		1330.	-	1600.	-	1830.	-	2100.	-	2200.
SHARABIAH.	1545.	1555.	1815.	1825.	2045.	2055.	2315.	2325.	0015.	0025.
ABBASSIA.	1615.	-	1845.	-	2115.	-	2345.	-	0045.	-
BASSATINE.	1655.	-	1925.	-	2155.	-	0035.	-	0125.	-

NOTE :- Timings selected will be signalled to all concerned by M.C. SUEZ as soon as known.

SECRET.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

SHIP'S ORDERLY ROOM
HMT "STRATHMORE"

16 Dec, 40.

DISSEMBARKATION INSTRUCTION NO. 1.

1. DISSEMBARKATION FROM TRANSPORT.

All Units HMT "Strathmore" will disembark Kantara as per Movement Sheet in Unit's possession.

Under orders Movement Control HQ BFP and TJ and proceed to Camps as per Appx A to ICO, No. QM 2/129.

- a. HMT "Strathmore" will berth at Kantara approx. 0600 hrs 17 Dec, 40. (Palestine time).

All Units will be ready to move off the Ship at 0600 hrs. (Palestine time)

2/23 Bn will form up on C Deck.

2/24 Bn will form up on B Deck.

2/8 Fd Regt and Details will form up on A Deck.

Unit markers will report to E.S.O. on the wharf with guides prior to Units moving off, Unit guides will return and be ready to lead units to markers.

The 2/23 Bn will march off the Ship to these markers followed by 2/24 Bn and 2/8 Fd Regt and details (as below).

Units will be served with breakfast on the wharf, every man must have a cut lunch provided by the Ship.

On completion of breakfast Units will form up and await to be called forward to entrain by R.T.O.

2/23 Bn and 1st Reinf.	No. 1 Train	0900 hrs.
2/24 Bn and 1st Reinf.	" 2 "	1000 "
2/8 Fd Regt.)	
7 A.G.H.)	
Salvation Army)	
Y.M.C.A.)	
HQ 26 Bde)	
Stragglers)	
A.A.N.S.)	
64 LAD)	
2/2 CCS)	
7 Div Sigs)	
	" 3 "	1100 "

2. DRESS.

- A. Battle Dress - Marching Order, Officers and O.Rs.
- B. Universal and sea kit bags to be carried.
- C. Hats, felt, khaki, fur to be worn.

3. BLANKETS.

- A. One blanket to be rolled and placed over top and sides of pack held in position by supporting straps.

3. BLANKETS cont.

- B. Other two blankets issued to be rolled together, secured by cord and labelled with Soldier's no., name, unit, coy. To be carried off Transport to train.
- C. Above arrangement of blankets optional for Units as blankets may be rolled in threes and carried as per 3A above.

4. RATIONS.

- A. Water bottle to be filled.
- B. Haversack rations carried, to be provided by Ship - cut lunch issued at 0530 hrs.

2/23 Bn C Deck Midships Portside.

2/24 Bn B " " "

2/8 Fd Regt. & details A Deck midships Portside.

5. BREAKFAST.

Will be provided on Shore by Embarkation Staff.

6. BAGGAGE.

- A. Officers Heavy Baggage: To remain on Ship in charge of Ship's Baggage Master to proceed to Port Said for disembarkation.

- B. Nurses' Baggage.

Heavy and light baggage to be moved from the Ship by Baggage Party and loaded on Train No. 3.

- C. Officers Light baggage, Valises, and Essential Office Equipment.

To be taken on train with personnel. Off-load from ship to pontoon, thence to shore to be loaded on train with instructions from R.T.O.

7. OFFICERS BAGGAGE PARTY.

Officer in charge of baggage party - CAPT. A.N. RAY.
Each unit will supply 1 Officer, 2 NCOs and 20 O.Rs to carry Officers suitcases and valises and essential office equipment from ship to train at Kantara, with the exception of 26 Bde HQ who will supply 1 Offr, 1 NCO and 9 O.Rs., to handle Bde HQ Offrs' gear and gear of details.

This party will rendezvous 0530 hrs F Deck Foyer with Officers' luggage. Officers will arrange for light baggage to be in foyer F Deck by 0530 hrs 17 Dec 40.

After loading on train this party will report back to respective units for breakfast ashore and proceed on respective trains in rear carriage next to luggage car under instructions from R.T.O.

Baggage parties will report luggage van immediately on reaching destination to unload baggage.

Equipment of Officers' Baggage Guard to be taken ashore first load, and a guard mounted over it, to be provided by units concerned.

Guards to be mounted over Officer's Baggage at various stages up to luggage vans.

16 Dec, 40.

8. SHIP'S GUARDS AND REAR PARTIES.

- A. Ship's Baggage Guard who will stay with the Ship until Port Said will consist:-

Captain Canty - Ship's Baggage Master

1 Offr, 4 NCO, 20 O.R. to be drawn from 2/24 Bn

- B. All units will supply rear Parties consisting of:

1 Officer *Hutch*

2 NCOs

2 O.Rs.

9. AMMUNITION.

10 rounds SAA to be issued to each man.

To be drawn from Ship's Q.M. at SHIP'S ORDERLY ROOM by Unit Q.M. at 1130 hrs, 16 Dec, 40.

10. TIMES.

Summer time - i.e. one hour ahead of normal time operates in Palestine.

This time will be observed for disembarkation.

11. O.C. TRAIN.

- A. The Senior Officer travelling on each train to be O.C. Train.

- B. O.C. Train to appoint Entraining and Detraining Officers.

E. J. ...
CAPT.

SHIP'S ADJUTANT.

Capt. Collier
H. McKay

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1 AUST CORPS

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 33.

ARRIVAL AND RECEPTION OF CONVOY US 7.

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APPX.

- A - Unit Strengths and Camp Allocations.
 - B - Stores & Equipment.
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1 AUST CORPS.ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 33.CONVOY US 7.PART 1.

1. DATE OF ARRIVAL. (a) Convoy US 7 arrives at a time and place to be communicated.
(b) Disembarkation will commence on D1 day.
2. UNITS IN CONVOY. The units and their respective strengths are shown in Appx A att.
3. STORES IN CONVOY. The unit equipment, stores and ordnance carried by US 7 are shown in Appx B att.

PART 2.CAMPS & FOSTER UNITS.

4. LINES. The camps and the Lines within those camps to which the units are allotted are shown in Appx A att.
5. FOSTER UNITS. In order to ensure that new units will settle down with the maximum of speed and the minimum of discomfort the units shown in col (k) of Appx will act as Foster Units.

PART 3.DUTIES OF FOSTER UNITS.

6. TAKING OVER CAMP SITE. In the case of unoccupied camps, Foster Units will arrange with the D.C.R.E. of the area in which the camp is situated for the taking over of the camp.
7. TENTAGE AND ACCOMMODATION. Foster Units will -
 - (a) submit forthwith to Aust Base Ord Depot, BARBARA, indents for tentage and accommodation stores.
 - (b) ensure that all tents are erected and ready for occupation by D-1 day.
8. PREPARATION OF STORES AND EQUIPMENT. (a) Foster Units will pack all stores conveniently to facilitate checking by the incoming units.
(b) Only essential stores will be distributed throughout the lines. These will include -
 - (i) cooking gear for first meal, tables and forms in messes.
 - (ii) any equipment from Ordnance or Aust Comforts Fund, for A.A.C.S. or recreation rooms.
 - (iii) latrine buckets.

(c) All cooking utensils will be thoroughly cleaned before the arrival of the units.

(d) If ice is still being delivered at D1 day all ice containers are to be made fit for use. The first delivery of ice will be on the day before arrival of the units.

9. RATIONS. (a) Foster units will submit forthwith to S.S.O. BARBARA ration indents based on the respective strengths shown in Appx A att.

(b) Rations for consumption on the day of arrival of Units will be delivered to Foster Units on the preceding day. The meat issued will consist of preserved meat and meat loaf; otherwise the ration will be normal.

10. FIRST MEAL FOR NEW UNITS. (a) Foster Units will arrange to have a meal, appropriate to the hour of arrival, ready for units one hour after arrival in camp.

(b) Cooks, who will be provided by Foster Units, will use the equipment of the incoming units for this meal. On its completion all this equipment will be cleaned and laid out ready to be taken over by the incoming unit.

(c) Offrs' and Sgts' messes will draw their food from the mens' kitchens. Incoming units will be responsible for collecting this from the messes.

11. STRENGTH OF FOSTER UNIT PARTIES. (a) On the day, but prior to the hour, of arrival of units, the strength of Foster Unit parties will be reduced to one Offr and one section or its equivalent in each Lines, exclusive of cooks, i.e., one N.C.O. and seven men in each Lines.

remain.

(b) Foster Unit Q.Ms. will also

(c) These parties will remain for three clear days and march out on the fourth day. They must be fully conversant with the layout of the Lines and be prepared to act as advisers to the incoming units. They will be rationed and accommodated by the incoming units, but Foster Units are responsible for seeing that the accommodation selected is likely to be suitable to the incoming unit.

(d) Cooks will, however, march out after cleaning up after the first meal.

PART 4.

DISEMBARKATION.

12. RECEPTION ARRANGEMENTS AT PORT OF DISEMBARKATION. These arrangements as soon as they are known. will be promulgated

13. AUST. PORT DETACHMENT, SUEZ. O.C. Aust Port Detachment will, in conjunction with the local authority, control the disembarkation at the port of disembarkation.

14. 1 AUST CORPS PERSONNEL. Personnel to be detailed by H.Q., 1 Aust Corps will depart GAZA by road on D-2 day for the port of disembarkation to assist as required.

15. LIAISON OFFICERS. (a) Liaison Offrs will be detailed by 7 Aust Div as and when required by H.Q. 1 Aust Corps.

(b) The duty of a Liaison Offr will be -

(i) to assist in disembarkation;

(ii) to accompany the O.C. of such train to which he is detailed.

(iii) to ensure that the O.C. train is thoroughly conversant with his orders.

16. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS. (a) Sick unable to travel will be disembarked and evacuated under arrangements to be communicated.

(b) Sick able to travel will be detrained at GAZA and evacuated in accordance with Medical Instructions to be issued by D.D.M.S. 1 Aust Corps.

PART 5.

INSTRUCTIONS TO O.C. TRAINS AS TO STOWING OF BAGGAGE & DETRAINMENT.

17. ENTRAINMENT. The departure times of trains ex port of disembarkation and their composition will be promulgated at a later date.

18. O.C. TRAIN. The senior Offr. travelling on each train will be O.C. Train.

19. BAGGAGE. The following principles will apply to the stowing of kit bags but the R.T.O. Entraining Station will give detailed instructions for each train -

(a) In trains which are complete with one Unit or Units detraining at the one destination kit bags will be stowed in the vans of the trains.

(b) In all other cases kit bags will be taken by personnel into the compartment.

(c) In all cases the sea kit bags will be taken by personnel into the compartment.

(d) Offrs' kit will be placed in the van. When there is more than one unit on the train, arrangements for separate stowing must be made.

20. DETRAINMENT. (a) In all cases detrainment of personnel and baggage will be carried out as quickly as possible.

(b) Troops will detrain and fall in with their backs to the train on a line to be indicated by the Reception Officer.

21. PERSONNEL AT DETRAINING POINTS. (a) At all detraining points trains will be met by -

(i) an R.T.O.

(ii) a Reception Officer.

(iii) guides.

(b) The R.T.O. is appointed by the Movement Control concerned and is in charge of everything to do with the train and detrainment.

(c) The Reception Offr will be detailed by the Foster Unit and will take over responsibility once the personnel are clear of the train, and he is in charge of the embussing or movement.

(d) Guides will be detailed by the Foster Unit and will lead Units to their lines.

22. PROCEDURE AT DETRAINING POINTS. (a) As soon as the R.T.O. has reported to the O.C. Train that he is ready for the men to detrain (but not before) personnel will detrain with full equipment and kit bags which are in their possession.

(b) As soon as all personnel have detrained at the last stopping place the officer who will have been detailed at entraining station by the O.C. Train, will inspect the train with the R.T.O. or his representative.

23. BAGGAGE PARTIES. (a) A baggage party will be detailed before the departure of the train to handle offrs' kit and all baggage other than in the possession of personnel.

(b) Baggage parties will travel in the compartment nearest to the van of the train.

(c) Immediately detraining commences baggage parties will proceed to unload baggage from the train into the load carrying vehicles.

(d) Baggage parties will move with the baggage lorries. On arrival in Unit Lines they will proceed to unload the vehicles immediately.

(c) A baggage offr will be appointed for each Unit. His duty will be to ensure that baggage is loaded into the correct vehicles.

24. M.T. MOVE. (a) Where the move to the unit lines is by M.T. all personnel will take into the vehicle with them such kit bags and equipment as they carried with them in the train.

(b) Offrs and men will be told off in such parties as may be required by the Offr i/c tpt at detraining point.

(c) When the whole train is reported to the O.C. train as being told off he will order vehicle parties to move off. The senior of each vehicle load will ensure that his complement get into the foremost vacant vehicle allotted to his unit.

25. STANDING ORDERS. The Movement Control at the place of entrainment will issue to each O.C. Train a copy of "Standing Orders for O.C. Troop Trains Palestine" (CR/PAL/24077/Q(M)) of 18 Oct 40. The foregoing instructions will be read in conjunction with these Standing Orders.

PART 6.

DETRAINING AND MOVE TO LINES.

26. DETRAINING POINTS. The detraining points for the various camps are shown in Appx A' att together with the method of the move from such points to the Lines.

27. PROVISION OF M.T. FOR MOVE. (a) Foster Units or other authority responsible for reception will provide transport for the above M.T. moves, requisitioning for same if necessary upon Transport Officer, BARBARA.

(b) All such transport will be at detraining points 60 minutes before due arrival of trains.

28. PROVOST. 7 Aust Div will -

- (i) provide such T.C.Ps as are necessary for M.T.moves.
- (ii) provide personnel at all detraining points for general patrol work.
- (iii) arrange for civil police detachments at all detraining points to control spectators.

29. SECURITY. O.C. Units will warn all ranks not to discuss publicly on any occasion whatsoever their movements between AUSTRALIA and PALESTINE.

D.W. Ireland
for Brig. Major
D.A. & Q.M.G. 1 Aust Corps.

GAZA
30 Nov 40.

APPX A TO 1 AUST CORPS ADM INSTN NO. 33

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SERIAL NO. FOR REF.	AUSTRALIAN SERIAL NO.	SHIP.	UNIT	STRENGTHS					DESTINATION		DETRAINING POINT	METHOD OF MOVE FROM DETRAINING POINT TO CAMP.	FOSTER UNIT OF OTHER AUTHORITY RESP. FOR RECEI- TION.	
				Off.	W.Os.	Sgts	R & F.	TOTAL	LINES	CAMP.				
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)					(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)
1	302		A.A.N.S.	4	-	-	-	4		GAZA RIDGE	GAZA Rly Sta	Personnel & baggage by M.T.	1 A.G.H.	
2	217		2/6 Fd Regt & 1st Reinf	38	8	44	547	637	New Lines	DEIR SUNEID	Rly Line opp camp	(a) Personnel March Route (b) Baggage M.T.	A Unit to be detailed by 7 Aust Div	
3	221		53 L.A.D.	1	1	-	11	13						
4	410		26 A.Tk Coy	4	1	5	71	81						
5	411		78 L.A.D.	1	1	-	12	14	Bde Hq Lines	DIMRA (i.e. NEW DEIR SUNEID)	Rly Line opp Camp			
6	302	B1	2/2 G.C.S. (less details) & 1st Reinf	11	2	8	67	88	L6					
7			Salvation Army	1	-	-	-	1	Royston	BEIT JIRJA	Rly Line opp Camp			Hq Aust Gen Base Depot
8	153		2/2 Fd Regt(2/3/4 Reinf)	7	-	9	119	135						
9	360		3 A.Tk Regt & 1st Reinf	32	6	36	525	599	New Lines	JULIS	MAJDAL Rly Sta	Personnel & baggage by M.T.	A Unit to be detailed by 7 Aust Div	
10	364		71 L.A.D.	1	1	-	11	13						
11	117		6 Div Sig Details(E Sec No 2 Coy)	1	-	1	26	28						
12	229		Details 7 Div Sigs (G Sec No 2 Coy)	1	-	1	26	28	Ghauvel	QASTINA	MAJDAL Rly Sta			
13	224		2/4 Fd Coy & 1st Reinf	6	1	13	239	259	New Lines L1					
14	276		2/7 Fd Coy & 1st Reinf	5	-	10	244	259	" L2					
			TOTAL	113	21	127	1898	2159						
15	351		Details 7 Gen Hosp (Dental personnel)	1	-	1	2	4		GAZA RIDGE	GAZA Rly Sta	Personnel & baggage M.T.	1 A.G.H.	
16	269		2/8 Fd Regt & 1st Reinf	37	1	54	548	640	Holmes	KILO 89	Rly Line opp Camp	(a) Personnel March Route (b) Baggage M.T.	A Unit to be detailed by 7 Aust Div	
17	274	B2	64 L.A.D.	1	1	-	11	13						
18	406		Hq 26 Inf Bde & Int Sec	9	1	3	56	69	Bde Hq Lines	DIMRA (i.e. NEW DEIR SUNEID)	Rly Line opp Camp			
19	407		2/23 Bn & 1st Reinf	39	1	33	873	946	L1					
20	408		2/24 Bn & 1st Reinf	39	4	35	859	937	L2					
21	302		Details 2 G.C.S.	1	-	1	9	11	L6					
22			Salvation Army	1	-	-	-	1	Royston	BEIT JIRJA	GAZA Rly Sta	Personnel & baggage M.T.	Hq Aust Gen Base Depot	
23			Y.M.C.A.	1	-	-	-	1						
24	139		Hq 17 Inf Bde Details(Chaplain)	1	-	-	-	1						
25			Stragglers	-	-	-	6	6						
26	229		Details 7 Div Sigs(K Sec No 3 Coy)	2	-	2	33	37	Ghauvel	QASTINA	MAJDAL Rly Sta	A Unit to be detailed by 7 Aust Div		
			TOTAL	132	8	129	2397	2666						

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)			
27	302		A.A.N.S.	4	-	-	-	4		GAZA RIDGE GAZA TO N	GAZA Rly Sta	Personnel & Baggage M.T.	1 Camp Gona 1 Aust Corps	
28	424		2 Adv. Dep Med Stores	1	-	1	7	9						
29	259		Hq Corps Arty	5	1	2	14	22						
30	409		2/18 Bn & 1st Reinf	40	6	37	867	950	13	DINRA	Rly line opp Camp	(a) Personnel March Route	A Unit to be detailed by 7 Aust Div	
31	302		Details 2/2 G.C.S.	1	-	1	9	11	16					
32		85	15 Dental Unit	1	-	1	3	5		Roxton Glasgow	BEIT JIRJA	Rly Line opp Camp	(b) Baggage M.T.	Hq Aust Gen Base Depot
33			Y.M.C.A.	1	-	-	-	1						
34	174		2/10 Bn (3/4 Reinf)	12	-	12	286	310						
35	260		Hq 9 Div Arty	4	1	3	19	27		Bde Hq Lines Cannon Brand	GASTINA	MAJDAL Rly Sta	Personnel & Baggage by MT.	A Unit to be detailed by 7 Aust Div.
36	268		2/7 Fd Regt & 1st Reinf	40	10	32	558	640						
37	273		63 L.A.D.	1	1	-	11	13						
38	262		2/12 Fd Regt & 1st Reinf	38	10	36	558	642						
39	271		61 L.A.D.	1	1	-	11	13						
			TOTAL	149	30	125	2343	2647						

APPX B TO 1 AUST CORPS ADM INSTN NO. 33
STORES ETC IN CONVOY U.S.7.

Serial No.	Unit or Service	Ship.	Detail.	Destination.
1	Unit War Equipment.	S.1	512 packages-124 tons measurement	Unit locations at Appx A.
2		S.2	632 packages-104 tons measurement	
3		S.3	packages-200 tons measurement	
4	Ordnance Vehicles.	S.1	90 vans GS Chevrolet 1 ton 35 cars DS "	As conveyed by Port Ord Off.
5		S.2	6 vans GS Ford 1 ton	
6		S.3	16 vans GS Ford 1 ton 23 vans GS Chevrolet 15 cwt 1 package number plates	
7	Ordnance Stores.	S.3	Blankets-7 tons measurement	BARBARA.
8	S u p p l y.	S.1	Reserve Emergency & Landing Rations 3830 packages-171 tons measurement.	Base Supply Depot, FIRDAN.
9		S.2	Reserve Emergency & Landing Rations 5048 packages-223 tons measurement.	
10		S.3	Reserve Emergency & Landing Rations 5367 packages-243 tons measurement.	
1	Aust Broad-casting Commission.	S.1	1 package.	GAZA.
12	Aust Comforts Fund.	S.1	2171 packages-100 tons measurement	To be communicated.
13		S.3	packages-147 tons measurement.	
14	Salvation Army	S.1	28 packages - 5 tons measurement.	
15		S.2	77 packages - 4 tons measurement.	
16	Aust Canteen Services.	S.1	2477 packages-90 tons measurement	To be communicated.
17		S.3	21226 packages-1757 tons measurement.	
18	Engineer Services.	S.1	158 packages pipes- 13 tons measurement.		REHOVAT.
19	Aust Red Cross.	S.3	866 packages-69 tons measurement.	
20	Medical (Dental Overseas Base)	S.2	1 package.	GAZA.

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26 AUST INF BDE - ADM ORDER No. 1.

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REMS: Map GAZA 1:100,000
Att sketch DEIR SUNEID Parade Ground.

1. The Right Honorable P. C. Spender, PC, MHR, Minister for the Army, and the Chief of the General Staff, Lt-Gen V. A. M. Sturdee, CBE, DSO, will arrive in the AIF Camp Area on 2 Jan 41.

2. All major units in Camps KILO 89 (less HQ Cds Bn) and DEIR SUNEID will parade at DEIR SUNEID 1445 hrs, 2 Jan 41. Personnel only; MP NOT on parade.

3. REHEARSAL: DEIR SUNEID, 1445 hrs, 31 Dec 40. All instns for parade apply.

4. COMD: Parade Comd - Brig J. J. MURRAY, DSO, MC, VD
2/4, 2/5, 2/6, 2/8 Fd Regts - Senior RAA offrs.
26 Aust Inf Bde incl 26 Bde details and
2/13 Bn - Brig R. W. LOVELL, DSO, VD.
2/4 Fd Amb - Lt-Col S. H. LOVELL, AAMC.

hebequip -
Belts, braces
& streamers

5. DRESS: (a) Offrs - Offrs FS, web belts, hats turned up (no arms). *& spikets.*
(b) ORs - FS, Drill order. The equipment to be worn will be ordered so that all personnel of the unit have the same pattern.

6. MOVEMENT: March table att.

7. FORMING UP: Units form up on markers as a unit in close column of five equal sub-units in threes (Manual of Ceremonial 1935 - Plate X). Units will conform to the following:-

- OO Four paces in front of leading sub-unit comd.
- Each sub-unit disposed with comd four paces in front of centre; junior offrs spaced equally two paces in front, one pace between ranks; supernumerary ranks, sgts and above two paces in rear.
- Twelve paces between leading ranks of sub-units: ranks not to be opened.

8. MARKERS: One marker per unit will report to Capt BACKHOUSE on the parade ground at 1400 hrs and will carry with him a small distinguishing flag of the unit. The flag and the marker will be placed on the right of the frontage to be occupied.

9. BANDS: Bands will be formed up in line on the left of point "B" facing the inspection line in the order 2/13 Bn, 2/23 Bn, 2/24 Bn, 2/48 Bn. As bands arrive on parade, they will report to Lieut KERRATH.
2/13 Bn Band will play the "General Salute".
2/13 Bn and 2/23 Bn bands will play "The British Grenadiers" during the march past of all Arty Regts and will stop playing when 2/8 Fd Regt passes point "B".
2/24 and 2/48 Bns' bands will play the

9. BANDS:
(contd) remainder of the parade past with a selected march and will continue till they have left parade ground.
The four bands will march past following 2/4 Fd Amb and rejoin their Bns.
10. PREPARATION OF GROUND: Capt V. C. Combs, 58 LAD, will arrange and will co-operate with OC, 78 LAD. Requests for working parties should be made to 2/4 Fd Regt if required.
11. AA PROTECTION. ^{AA} Pls. from each Inf Bn will report to Capt TIVELY, 26 Aust Inf Bde, at 1230 hrs. *at disc.* All LMG on charge Inf Bns will be utilised to form inner and outer circle of defence; 300 rds per gun. Plan to be submitted by 1600 hrs 30 Dec 40.
Units moving to and from parade ground will move disperser.
12. ARRANGEMENTS FOR CEREMONY. (i) Inspecting offr arrives by car from JULIS.
(ii) General salute (Parade will NOT be inspected.
Address by Inspecting Offr: March past by units in lines of coys in threes.
(See att sketch). 2/4 Fd Regt orders "QUICK MARCH", moves from "I" to "A"; on reaching "A", "LEFT TURN" and moves past the saluting base. "EYES RIGHT" at point "C"; "EYES FRONT" at point "D"; continues to "F", "LEFT TURN" and moves ~~past the saluting base.~~ "EYES RIGHT" at point "C"; "EYES FRONT" at point "D" continues to "F", "LEFT TURN" and ~~moves~~ across ry line to dispersal area in same formation.
2/5 Fd Regt orders "RIGHT TURN" moves forward to "I", "LEFT TURN" moves to "A", "LEFT TURN" and moves past saluting base and continues as with 2/4 Fd Regt.
Each unit in turn will follow and march past. Interval between regts when leaving "A", 150 paces.
At conclusion of parade, the Inspecting Offr in to proceed towards GAZA by car.
(NO dressing is to take place at points "H" and "A": "MARK TIME" will allow men to pick up their dressing).
(iii) Action of bands, see para 9.
(iv) Loud speakers will be used by the parade comd for all orders connected with the "General Salute".
If found unsuitable at rehearsal, a "C" sounded on the bugle will be blown for the executive (Sec 2(3) M OF Ceremonial).
For all other orders, unit comd will give cautionary and executive words of comd in rotation from right to left.
13. DISPERSAL: (i) 2/4, 2/5, 2/6, 2/8 Fd Regts will, after crossing ry line, move in a NW direction towards the sand dunes facing west in the same order, 2/4 Fd Regt being on right.
(ii) 26 Bde details and 2/13 Bn, after crossing ry line, will continue to move in a WESTERLY direction until well clear of ry line.
(iii) 26 Bde details, 2/23, 2/24, 2/48 Bns after crossing ry line will each "RIGHT TURN" and proceed NORTH to an area

Bugler to report
brig at Bde Hdq at
tomorrow

13. DISPERSAL: (iii) opposite 7 Aust Div HQ.
 (contd) (iv) 2/4 Pd Amb will halt at point "F".

All units remain in formation till "DISMISS" is sounded on bugle then apply Part II, March Table.

14. ROAD CONTROL: Movement in GAZA Rd is to be conducted by 1 Aust Cps from 1245-1430 hrs and for the period X (Dismiss sounding) plus 90 minutes.

15. ALTERNATIVE WET WEATHER PROGRAMME: In the event of wet weather, the Inspecting Offr will address representatives of units in the camp cinemas at DEIR SUNEID and KILO 89:

(i) KILO 89, 1530 hrs -

20 Aust Inf Bde	..	2	Offrs	50	ORs
2/8 Pd Regt	.. ..	6	"	200	"
2/13 Bn	.. ..	6	"	250	"
2/4 Pd Amb	.. ..	3	"	100	"

- (ii) DEIR SUNEID, 1430 hrs.
 26 Aust Inf Bde to make distribution.

- (iii) Cinemas to be filled to 50% capacity only.

MacDonald

(A. B. MacDonald) Maj,
 BM 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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Signed at 1200 hrs

		Nos.
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PART I.

MARCH TABLE.
(Apex I to Adm Order No. 1).

SECRET.

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Serial	Date 1941	Unit	From	To	S.P.	Time Past SP hrs	Route	Remarks.
1	2 Jan	2/4 Fd Amb	KILO 89	DEIR SUNEID	Concrete Bridge 1045 1045	1310	GAZA-TEL AVIV Rd - Parade Ground	Each unit
2	"	20 Bde Details	"	" "	June GAZA Rd & OLD GAZA Rd 1035 1040	1310	GAZA-TEL AVIV Rd - track south side of orchard - north to parade ground	divides road
3	"	2/13 Bn	"	" "	" "	1315		Disperse 10 ^x between Pls,
4	"	2/8 Fd Regt	"	" "	" "	1325		^x 50 between coys
5	"	26 Bde	To be in position by 1430 hrs. Bde arrangements				Track west of ry line 1068 1072 - south to parade ground	
6	"	2/4 Fd Regt) 2/5 Fd Regt) 2/3 Fd Regt)	to be in position by 1430 hrs				South end of parade ground to marker	

X denotes hr at which "DISMISS" is sounded.

PART II.

MARCH TABLE.

(Part of Appx I to Adm Order No. 1)

SECRET. 6

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<u>Serial</u>	<u>Date</u> 1941	<u>Unit</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>S P</u>	<u>Time</u> <u>Past SP</u> <u>hrs.</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1	2 Jan	2/4 Fd Amb	DISPERSAL AREA	KILO 89	SE corner of pde ground	X plus 10	TEL AVIV-GAZA Rd	Each unit
2	"	20 Bde Details	"	KILO 89	" "	X plus 15	" " "	divides Road
3	"	2/13 Bn	"	KILO 89	" "	X plus 20	" " "	Disperse 10 ^x between Pls
4	"	2/8 Fd Regt	"	KILO 89	" "	X plus 30	" " "	50 ^x between coys
5	"	26 Bde			Move direct to unit lines. Bde arrangements	X plus 1	" " "	
6	"	2/4 Fd Regt) 2/5 Fd Regt) 2/6 Fd Regt)			Move direct to unit lines) RAA Comd arrangements)	X plus 1	" " "	

X denotes hr at which "DISMISS" is sounded.

↓ To be in position by 1430.

App (11) to Adm Order No.1

DEIR SUNEID

PARADE GROUND

DISPERSAL AREAS

ORCHARD

PLOUGH

Railway Line

PLOUGH

2/4 Fd Regt	2/5 Fd Regt	2/6 Fd Regt	2/8 Fd Regt	20 Fd	2/13 Bn	26 Bn	2/23 Bn	2/24 Bn	2/48 Bn	2/4 Bn
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A		B	C	D	E	F
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BANDS

2/48	2/24	2/23	2/13
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SALUTING BASE

To GAZA ←

To TEL AVIV →

25 0 25 75

Scale: 1 inch to 50 yards

Magnetic →

ORCHARD

2/23 BN.

INTELLIGENCE SECTION - TRAINING SYLLABUS: 19 DEC 40 TO 4 JAN 41.

Lect - Lecture.
 I. C.- Instructional Class.
 I½ E.- Indoor Exercise.
 O. E.- Outdoor Exercise.

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DATE	HOURS	SUBJECT	PROCEDURE
19 Dec	0900-1000	Object of Intelligence.	Lect 1
	1000-1100	M.R. Definitions; Systems of reference; Conventional signs.	I. C.1
	1100-1130	North Points; Setting Maps.	I½ C.2
	1330-1430	M.R. Scales- their construction and reading.	I. E.1
	1430-1530	Service Protractor; Plotting Bearings from Map.	I. C.4
	1530-1630	Map Enlargements.	I. C.5
20 Dec	0900-1000	Prismatic Compass- Errors; Conversions; Bearings & how to take them	I. C.6
	1000-1030	Direction keeping by Day & Night	Lect 2
	1030-1130	M.R. Contours; Intervisibility.	I. C.8
	1330-1500	M.R. Making an enlargement.	I. E.2
	1500-1630	Recording & Transmitting information	I. C.8
21 Dec	0900-1030	Messages verbal & Written; Code names and abbreviations.	I. C.9
	1030-1130	Ciphers -	I. C.10
	1330-1500	Enciphering & deciphering Messages.	I. E. 3
	1500-1630	Construction of scales.	I. E. 4
22 Dec	SUNDAY	FREE	
23 Dec	0900-1000	Object of Field Sketches, form lines; natural objects.	I. C.11
	1000-1130	Organisation of Intelligence at Bn & Bde H. Q.	Lect 3
	1300-1430	Study of ground from the Map; what one may expect to see.	I. C.12
	1430-1630	Study of Map from the ground.	O. E. L
24 Dec	0900-1015	Semaphore & Field Signals	I. C.13
	1015-1130	Situation Maps.	I. C.14
	1330-1430	Fieldcraft; Indication; recognition; Judging distances; Movement by day and by night.	Lect 4
	1430-1530	M.R. Intervisibility & gradients.	I. C.15
	1530-1630	Recce 7 recce reports..	Lect 5
25 Dec	CHRISTMAS DAY	FREE	
26 Dec	0900-1000	Intelligence summaries & War Diaries	Lect 6
	1000-1130	Bn in Approach March & Intelligence duties in relation thereto.	Lect 7
	1330-1430	Semaphore & Field signals.	O. E. 2
	1430-1630	Bn in Attack & Intelligence duties in relation thereto.	Lect 8

DATE	HOURS	SUBJECT	PROCEDURE
27 Dec	0900-1030	M.R. Making an enlargement.	I.E. 5
	1030-1130	Security of information	Lect 9
	1330-1430	Conventional signs for troop & weapon dispositions & fire.	I.C. 16
	1430-1630	Filling in detail & military dispositions on map.	O.E. 3
28 Dec	0900-1000	Examination & disposal of P's of W & captured documents.	Lect 10
	1000-1100	Semaphore & Field Signals	O.E. 4
	1100-1130	Air Photos- types- interpretation	I.C. 17
	1330-1430	Intersected points.	I.C. 18
	1430-1630	Making a sketch with intersected points.	O.E. 5
29 Dec	SUNDAY	FREE	
31 Dec	0900-1030	Bn in defence & Intelligence duties in relation thereto.	Lect 11
	1030-1130	Messages; enciphering & deciphering	I.E. 6
	1330-1430	Weapons & their characteristics	Lect 12
	1430-1630	Making Field sketch with Compass	O.E. 6
1 Jan 40	0900-1000	Guiding by day & night.	Lect 13
	1000-1130	Semaphore & field signals.	O.E. 7
	1330-1630	Preparing night march by compass	O.E. 8
	1930-2100	Night march by compass.	OE. 9
2 Jan	0900-1030	Information; obtaining, recording & transmitting.	Lect 14
	1030-1130	Making an eye sketch.	O.E. 10
	1330-1630	Recce & recce reports.	I.C. 19
	1430-1630	Making a recce - reports by 2600hrs	O.E. 11
3 Jan	0900-1000	Protection against Gas.	Lect 15
	1000-1100	Semaphore & field signals.	O.E. 12
	1100-1130	Enciphering & deciphering messages	I.E. 7
	1330-1430	Selecting and occupying OP's; How & what to observe.	Lect 16
	1430-1630	Making sketch without compass.	O.E. 13
4 Jan	0900-1000	Intelligence files & their keeping	I.C. 20
	1000-1130	Organisation & W.E.	Lect 17
	1330-1630	Preparing night march by compass.	O.E. 14
	1930-2100	Night march by compass.	O.E. 15
5 Jan	0900-1000	Camouflage, concealment & deception.	Lect 18
	1000-1030	Semaphore & Field Signals.	O.E. 16
	1030-1130	Appreciations.	Lect 19
	1330-1500	Collating Information, Deductions & Intelligence summaries.	Lect 20
	1500-1630	Construction of scales; special forms & choice of scales.	I.C. 21

2/25 BATTALION SYLLABUS (14 DAYS)

LT-COL. B. EVANS

COMMENCING 23 Dec 49.

Day	Time	Subject	Ref to Manuals
Mon. 23 Dec.	0830-0930	P.T. & doubling for approx one (1) mile.	
	0930-0945	Bayonet training.	F.12 Lessons 1-3.
	0945-1045	Drill with arms.	F.12
	1045-1145	Field sigs. Sec formations	ISL Sec 45. ISL Sec 52.
	1400-1630	Route march : All Coys 7-8 miles. Practise deployment : Keep on roads : Go through villages.	
Tue. 24 Dec.	0830-0930	P.T. & doubling : One mile to be run on measured course.	
	0930-0945	Bayonet training.	F.12 Lesson 4.
	0945-1045	Drill with arms.	F.12
	1045-1145	Field sigs. Sec formations	ISL Sec 45. ISL Sec 52.
	1400-1630	Route march : Practise deployment : Keep on roads : Go through villages : 6 miles minimum.	
Wed. 25 Dec.		Xmas Day.	
Thu. 26 Dec.	0830-1000	P.T. & doubling : 1 1/2 miles on measured course.	
	1000-1200	Cross country march : keep off roads.	
	1400-1500	Rifle loading & unloading all positions.	F.3. Lessons 3, 13, 14, 15 & 16.
	1500-1600	P.T. & doubling 1 1/2 miles.	
	1600-1830	Bayonet training.	F.12 Lessons 5.
Fri. 27 Dec.	0830-1200	Cross country march : Keep off roads.	
	1430-1530	P.T. & doubling 1 1/2 miles.	
	1530-1630	Bayonet training.	F.12 Lessons 5 & 6.
Sat. 28 Dec.	0830-1200	Route march across country.	
	1400-1630	Organized games	
Sun. 29 Dec.	a.m.	Church Parade.	
	p.m.	Organized games.	
Mon. 30 Dec.	0830-0915	Bayonet training	F.12 Lessons XXXXXXXX 1-3.
	0915-1030	P.T. & doubling 1 1/2 miles.	
	1030-1200	Field sigs. Deployment of platoon	ISL Sec 45. IT ch VI. IT ch V.
Tue. 31 Dec.	0830-0930	P.T.	
	0930-1030	Bayonet training.	F.12 Lessons 4, 5 & 6.
	1030-1200	Double 2 miles	
	1400-1630	Route march.	
Wed. 1 Jan.	a.m.	No lunch : May buy fruit and carry on march : Full water-bottles. (Do without water if possible).	
	p.m.	Cross country route march all day. Distance 12 mile minimum.	

Day	Time	Subject	Ref to Manuals
Thu. 3 Jan.	0830-1200	F.T. Double 2 miles. Bayonet training.	F.12 Lessons 1-3.
	1400-1830	Demo. by all Coys. of full strength pl. to explain its organization, the duties of individuals, means of communication, ammunition available etc.	
Fri. 3 Jan.	a.m.	Cross country march.	
	1400-1430	F.T.	
	1430-1830	Bayonet training.	F.12 Lessons 4-6.
Sat. 4 Jan.	a.m.	Cross country march.	
	p.m.	Organized games.	
Sun. 5 Jan.	a.m.	Church Parade.	
	p.m.	Organized games.	
Mon. 6 Jan.	a.m.	Section stalks.	HTP No. 33.
	p.m.	(two sided)	HTP No. 37.

NOTES :

The object of this Syllabus is to harden up and obtain perfect discipline.

Three courses have been laid out for Coy. F.T. and doubling areas.

"A" & "B" Coys.	will alternate on course No. 1.
"C" & "Hfts" Coys.	" " " " No. 2.
"D" & "H.Q"	" " " " No. 3.

Bayonet training MUST be raised to a high standard of physical efficiency.

MARCHES :

At all times there will be two files on one side, and one file on the other side of the road.

Coys. will continually use and teach cover and concealment. They will become accustomed to moving dispersed. At the end of each route march, on return to camp, 15 minutes close order drill with rifles will be carried out before dismissal.

Rapid deployment of the platoon will be practised continually on route marches. In the second week, rapid deployment of Coys. will be practised.

In wet weather, this Syllabus will be substituted by subjects set out in "Wet Weather Syllabus".

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ROUTINE ORDERS

18 Dec. 40.

by

Lt.-Col. B. EVANS, Commanding 2/23 Bn.

R/O Part 1 - No. 26/4041

1. DUTIES :
- | | | |
|------------------|---|----------------------|
| Orderly Officer | - | Lieut. Anderson O.C. |
| Next for Duty | - | Lieut. Rowmasters. |
| Orderly Sergeant | - | Sgt. Eilen |
| Next for Duty | - | Sgt. Romanes |
| Orderly Corporal | - | Cpl. McCracken |
| Next for Duty | - | Cpl. Innocent |
| Duty Coy. | - | "D" Coy. |
| Next for Duty | - | Reinf. Coy. |
2. PROWLER PATROLS :
- Prowler Patrols will be arranged by each Coy as follows :-
Two by day and four by night, with the necessary reliefs.
Bayonets will be fixed, magazines charged. Duties - To safeguard Coy lines.
3. BW. DUTIES :
- The following duties will be supplied daily by the Duty Coy.
Canteen - (a) 1 Sgt. 1 Cpl. to regulate traffic.
(b) 1 C.Q.M.S. 1 O/R to assist in the sale of liquor.
Tour of duty - 1830 to 2100 hrs.
4. CANTEEN :
- The Canteen will be open during the following hours :-
- | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 1st Period - 1200-1330 hrs. |) | Sale of all commodities ex- |
| 2nd Period - 1700-1830 hrs. |) | cluding liquor. |
| 3rd Period - 1930-2100 hrs. | | Sale of all commodities in- |
| | | cluding liquor. |
- Note - Bottles must be returned to the canteen as these are particularly valuable in this country.
5. PASS WORD :
- All sentries and prowler patrols have been instructed to challenge any person when they deem same advisable. Pass words will be instituted, same being changed daily, and notified in Routine Orders. The pass word tonight is
- "MUD AND BLOOD"

(Signed) F. B. KIRK, Capt.
Adj. 2/23 Bn.

NOTICE

The C.O. is offering a prize for the best arranged tent and surroundings in the Unit. This will be judged on New Years Day and the prizes are as follows :-

First - £2.
Second - £1.

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ROUTINE ORDERS.

20 Dec 40.

by

Lt.-Col. B. EVANS, Commanding 2/23 Bn.

Part 1 - No. 28/4041.

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1. JUMPERS AND SWEATERS :

Coloured jumpers and sweaters if worn, must be worn in such a manner that they are not visible.

2. ROUTINE ORDERS :

The posting of routine orders on a notice board is not sufficient promulgation of orders to ensure that all ranks are acquainted with same. Relative portions of routine orders will be read out on appropriate parades.

3. PASS WORD :

The pass word tonight is "GUNDAGAI."

4. R.C. CHURCH PARADE :

Mass Sunday 22 Dec 40 7.15 a.m. and 10 a.m. - 1st Large Hospital Hut N.E. 2/24 lines on road running through 2/24 H.Q.

Mass every week-day 7 a.m. - Padre Conlan's tent, rear 2/24 Bn. Canteen.

Masses Christmas Day - 7.15, 9 a.m., 10 a.m.

Confessions - Every Sat morning. Any other convenient time. Christmas Eve. - Padre Conlan's tent.

5. CHURCH PARADE (OTHER DENOMINATIONS) :

Time - 0930 hrs. Padre Camroux. Details to be advised later.

6. BRIGADE RUNNER :

Duty Coy will detail runner, reporting Bde H.Q. 0800 hrs. daily and remaining on duty until 2230 hrs. or until dismissed.

(Signed) F. E. KIEL, Capt.
Adj. 2/23 Bn.

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2/23 Bn. A.I.F.,
DIHHA.

ROUTINE ORDERS

21 Dec 40.

by

Lt.-Col. H. EVANS, Commanding 2/23 Bn.

R/O Part 1 - No. 23/4041

1. ROUTINE TIMES :

Reveille	0630 hrs.
Sick & Adm Parades	0700 "
Men's Mess	0730 "
Sgt's Mess	0730 "
Officers' Mess	0800 "
Training	0900 to 1230 hrs.
Men's, Sgt's Offr's Mess	1300 hrs.
Training	1400 to 1630 hrs.
Retreat	1700 hrs.
Men's Mess	1715 "
Sgt's Mess	1800 "
Officer's Mess	1830 "
First Post	2145 "
Last Post	2215 "
Lights Out	2230 "

2. GUARD MOUNTING :

Commencing Wednesday, Dec 25, and each Wednesday thereafter, C.S.M.'s, in order of seniority, will take the guard mounting parade in place of the R.S.M.

3. CHURCH PARADE :

There will be a Bn. parade at 0915 hrs.

4. PASS WORD :

The pass word for tonight is "LUDO."

5. BREN GUN COURSE :

The Unit Bren gun course under Capt. Jackson will commence Mon. 23 Dec 40. The three N.C.O.'s per Coy selected to attend will report "C" Coy Orderly Room at 0825 hrs. Dress - K.W.D. Gaiters, Hats, note book and pencil. Coys will submit nominal roll of personnel selected by 1200 hrs. 22 Dec 40.

6. CARTER DUTIES :

The duty for C.Q.M.S. and 1 O/R will be discontinued.

7. GUARDS & SENTRIES :

Attention of Coys is again drawn to instructions issued re guards and sentries, correct procedure in challenging, etc.

(Signed) P. H. KILL, Capt.
Adj. 2/23 Bn.

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DIMHA
23 Dec 40.

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Lt.-Col. B. EVANS, Commanding 2/23 Bn.

R/O Part 1 - No. 30/4041.

1. DUTIES : Ord. Officer 26/12/40 - Lt. Gardiner will replace Lt. Sheldrick. Duty Coy. will in future detail 2 Fatigues to Sgts Mess, 0800 hrs. daily.
2. LATRINES : O/R's will not use latrines set aside for use of officers, W.O.'s and Sgts. Offenders will be severely dealt with.
3. POULING EARTH : Personnel detected fouling earth will be punished.
4. PASS WORD : The Pass word for tonight is - "MOUNTAIN."
5. WOODEN CASES : All ranks are advised that wooden cases are chargeable items and as such must be returned. Disciplinary action will be taken in all cases of wilful damage or mis-use as fire wood.
6. MAIL : The practice of taking mail individually to the I.O. for franking is to cease forthwith. Censored mail will be collected by Coys and forwarded in bulk to the Postal Corporal, who will make arrangements with the I.O. for the franking thereof.
7. CANTEEN : The Canteen will be up on from 1500 hours instead of 1700 hrs. tomorrow, 24 Dec, only.
8. CANTEEN ORDERS : Canteen orders will in future be signed by Coy Comds before being brought to Bn. HQ for the unit stamp.
9. LANGUAGES : Coys will submit returns of all personnel who can speak any language (other than English) fluently. State language spoken and standard attained. Return to reach Bn. H.Q. by 1800 hrs. 24 Dec 40.
10. CHRISTMAS GREETINGS : The Prime Minister of Australia has sent Christmas Greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all ranks of 7 Aust Div.
11. POLICE POST : A Police Post on the road JAFFA-GAZA is established in the vicinity of QASTINA village. As from Monday 23 Nov the officer in charge of the infantry picquet and the NCO in charge of the military Police at the post is to take the following action in regard to AIF personnel passing the post -
 - (a) Personnel in convey or leave buses in charge of an officer :- No particulars will be recorded.
 - (b) Officers passing the post :- The rank, name and unit of all officers and whether proceeding on leave or on duty will be recorded.
 - (c) All other AIF personnel :- The leave pass, duty pass or work ticket (in the case of drivers) will be inspected.
 - (d) Personnel NOT in possession of an authorised pass or work ticket will be returned to their unit under infantry escort.

(Sgd.) F. E. KIEL, Capt.
Adj. 2/23 Bn.

NOTICES

The G.O.C. 1st Aust Corps extends to all ranks of the AIF in the Middle East best wishes for Christmas and a Happy 1941.

The G.O.C. 7 Aust Div extends Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all ranks.

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24 Dec 40

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Lt.-Col. B. EVANS, Commanding 2/23 Bn.

R/O Part 1 - No. 31/4041.

1. DUTIES :

Orderly Officer - Mounting 25 Dec. Lieut. Methven will replace Lieut. Jess (on leave). On 26 Dec. Lieut. Jess will replace Lieut. Methven.

2. R.G. SERVICE XMAS DAY :

Mass 0630 and 0730 hrs.

3. PASS WORD :

The pass word for tonight is Xmas Eve.

4. OUT OF BOUNDS :

The Contractors yard on the west of the Bn area is out of bounds to all troops. This includes the Contractors saw-teen and timber yards. On no account must timber be removed.

5. NSM PARADE :

There will be a NSM parade Xmas Day, 25 Dec in the 2/24 Bn area. Coy's will detail a marker to report NSM 2/24 Bn at 0900 hrs.

Bn parade 0900 hrs. Dress - Service dress will be worn without arms and equipment. Officers - cloth uniforms.

On this parade Carols will be sung and addresses given by Brig Tovell, DSO, ED., Padre Conlan and Major Rauson.

(Signed) F. H. KIRK, Capt.
Adjt 2/23 Bn.

NOTICE

Christmas Greetings - The Commanding Officer extends to all ranks best wishes for a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

AUSTRALINA IMPERIAL FORCES

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HQ 2/23 Bn. AIF.
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ROUTINE ORDERS

25 Dec 40.

by

Lt.-Col. B. EVANS, Commanding 2/23 Bn.

R/O Part 1. - No. 32/4041

1. ISOLATION :

Until 5 Jan 41 this unit, as part of the Bde, is in isolation. Personnel will not proceed outside the Brigade boundaries except when on training.

2. AUST HQ GUARD BATTALION :

Vacancies exist in this Bn. To be eligible for consideration for transfer a soldier must be :-

- (a) An efficient soldier.
- (b) Of good character.
- (c) Medically fit.
- (d) Above the age of 35 years.
- (e) Recommended by his CO.

Applications are to be forwarded to reach these HQ by Retreat 26 Dec 40, together with Coy Comds recommendation.

3. CANTEEN :

Duty Coy will detail a picquet of 1 Officer 1 Sergeant and 4 O/R for Canteen on 25 Dec 40. 1800 hrs. to 2115 hrs.

4. PASS WORD :

The pass word for tonight is - Pee Wee.

(Signed) F. E. KIEL, Capt.
Adj. 2/23 Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

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HQ 2/23 Bn. AIF.

27 Dec 40.

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Lt.-Col. B. EVANS, Commanding 2/23 Bn.

R/O Part 1 - No. 32/4041.

1. DUTIES :
"D" Coy. will detail 1 NCO and 20 O/R reporting to L/Sgt. McDonald at Sgt's Mess at 0830 hrs. 28 Dec. 40.
2. SICK PERSONNEL RETURNING TO UNIT :
When personnel return to the Unit from C.R.S. or A.G.H. Hosp. they must report back to the authority that sent them from the unit before re-joining his Coy. It will be the duty of the Coy. Clerk to see that any man re-joining the Bn from Hosp. has reported himself to the R.A.P. and obtained a clearance therefrom.
3. SENTRIES :
Attention is again directed to the fact that sentries are not being properly instructed in their duties, particularly the necessity of challenging persons entering and leaving the camp.
4. PASSWORD :
The password for tonight is - "YARRA."
5. CANTEEN ORDERS :
It is advised that Canteen Orders may only be submitted to Bn HQ for stamping between 1630 and 1700 hrs.
6. ORDERLY ROOM :
Coys are advised that the time for cases to be remanded to C.O. at Orderly Room will be 0840 hrs. daily. Coys to advise the R.S.M. what cases are remanded to C.O. Coys to be responsible that the Charge Reports are correctly made out and submitted to Bn HQ 24 hrs prior to the C.O.'s Orderly Room. C.S.M.'s to have Charge Report, Prisoner's Escort and Witnesses at Bn HQ by 0835 hrs to hand over to R.S.M. Strict adherence to all of above details is necessary.
7. INTER UNIT LEAVE :
Coy Comds of all Coys may grant leave to members of their Coys to enable them to visit other units (except those in quarantine) in the Australian Camp area between incl QASTINA and incl GAZA RIDGE. Leave passes will be required. Camp lines of units in quarantine are out of bounds to members of other units. GAZA TOWN will be out of bounds to other ranks of 7 Div on New Years Day, Jan 1.
8. AUST ARMY CANTEEN SERVICE :
Applications are invited from personnel of units of 7 Aust Div who are desirous of transferring to the Aust Army Canteen Service. Vacancies exist for Canteen Sergeants, Canteen Assistants and escorts, Qualified Accountants are also required as Auditors. Applicants should state the appointments for which they are applying and their qualifications for same. Applications will be forwarded with recommendations of Coy Comds to reach Bn HQ by 1800 hrs 28 Dec 40.

(Signed) F. E. KIEL, Capt.
Adj. 2/23 Bn.

F Sec.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

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HQ 2/23 Bn AIF,
28 Dec 40.

04 DEC 40

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Lt.-Col. B. EVANS, Commanding 2/23 Bn.
R/O Part 1 - 34/4041.

1. DUTIES :

All Rifle Coys will detail 1 O/R each to report to the RQMS at 0900 hrs daily up to and incl Wed 1 Jan 40.

2. DAMAGE TO PROPERTY :

Complaints have been received from Arab farmers in regard to damage to their properties by troops as under :-

- (a) Damage to trees by lepping off branches.
- (b) Removal of pegs marking the boundaries of such properties, which pegs they are bound to maintain under law.

Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders in this regard.

3. LOSSES :

The following respirators have been lost bearing discs marked as follows :-

VX.47149	Pte. Sheffield.S.P.J.
" 38040	" Brazier A J.

Coys will advise Bn HQ by 0930 hrs 29 Dec whether these respirators have been discovered.

4. CHURCH PARADE (R.C.) :

29 Dec - 0700 hrs early morning mass. 0930 hrs Church Parade. Both masses and church parade to be held in first large hospital hut N.E. 2/24 Bn lines. Personnel attending Church Parade will report Lieut. Fallon Bn Duty Parade Gd 0910 hrs.

1 Jan - Parades on this day will be similar to 29 Dec.

5. CHURCH SERVICES - 29 Dec. Holy Communion C.of E. 0715 hrs Recreation Hut 2/24 Bn lines.

6. BDE CHURCH PARADE (OTHER DENOMINATIONS) :

29 Dec - Bn Parade 0850 hrs. Dress - Battle Dress without arms or equipment. Officers - cloth uniforms. Coys. will detail 1 marker each to report Staff Captain 0915 hrs same location as Xmas Day Bde Parade.

PROTECTION : HQ Coy will detail the following from the A.A. Pl. 4 Air sentries under an officer, 2 Bren teams (3 men each) complete with weapons and 300 rounds of amm. per gun. The above will report Capt Tivey E.P. at the dais on the parade ground used on Xmas Day at 0900 hrs for positioning.

If enemy aircraft observed the alarm will be short whistle blasts. The alarm will be sounded and fire opened under orders from an officer.

If the alarm is sounded the Bn will turn about and scatter outwards by sections. If bombs are dropped all ranks will lie flat on the ground after dispersal.

7. PASS WORD :

The pass word for tonight is - GODIVA.

8. BAND /

8. BAND :

The regimental band will play at the Gaza Ridge Hospital on Sunday 29 Dec from 1400 to 1630 hrs, reporting HQ 1 Aust Gen Hosp 1345 hrs. Transport will be available at Bn HQ at 1300 hrs.

(Signed) F. E. KIEL, Capt.
Adj. 2/23 Bn.

Call 1 O/R each to report to the
and final 1 O/R each to report to the

Damage to properties -
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(a) Damage to trees by felling off branches.
(b) Removal of posts marking the boundaries of such properties
which posts are found to maintain under law.

Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders in this
regard.

3. LOSSES
The following respirators have been lost bearing discs marked
as follows:-

W. 2719
Brazier 1.1.1.1
38040

Coy will advise Bn HQ by 0830 hrs 29 Dec whether these res-
pirators have been discovered.

4. CHURCH PARADE (1400)
29 Dec - 0700 hrs early morning mass. 0830 hrs Church Parade.
This mass and church parade to be held in Gaza Ridge Hosp-
ital at 0700 hrs. Personnel attending Church Par-
ade will report their status in Gaza Ridge to 0830 hrs.

1 Jan - Parade on this day will be similar to 29 Dec.

5. CHURCH SERVICES - 29 Dec. Holy Communion 0700 hrs. Resurrection
Mass 0830 hrs.

6. Bn CHURCH PARADE (OTHER DENOMINATIONS)
29 Dec - Bn Parade 0800 hrs. Mass - Battle Dress without arms
or equipment. Officers - cloth uniforms. Coy. will detail
1 member each to report Staff Captain 0715 hrs same location as
Xmas Day Bde Parade.

PROTECTION: HQ Coy will detail the following from the A.A. Pl.
1 Air section under an officer, 2 Bn team (8 men each) com-
manded by a sergeant and 300 rounds of amm. per gun. The above
will report Capt Tivy E.P. at the date on the parade ground
used on Xmas Day at 0900 hrs for positioning.

If enemy aircraft observed the alarm will be short whistle
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from an officer.

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7. PASS WORD
The pass word for tonight is - GODIVA.

8. BAND

"F" Sec.

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30 Dec 40.

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Lt.-Col. B. EVANS, Commanding 2/23 Bn.

R/C Part 1 - 35/4041

1. REMOVAL OF BUILDING MATERIALS ETC:

Sand, stone, timber and other building materials dumped within the Camp Area by the Contractors, must not be removed. Any personnel found removing same will be severely dealt with.

2. CANTEEN HOURS :

The amended Canteen Hours are notified:-

Dry Canteen	1230 hrs to 1345 hrs. 1630 hrs to 2100 hrs.
Wet Canteen	1630 hrs to 1700 hrs. 1800 hrs to 2045 hrs.

3. FIELD POST OFFICE :

Field Post Office has been established approximately 100 yds East of 2/24 Bn.H.Q. buildings, and will be open from 0800 hrs to 2200 hrs daily for transaction of all postal business.

4. UNIT LINES :

Personnel of one Unit will not pass through the lines of any other Unit after sunset except along made roads.

5. SPEED LIMIT :

Vehicles moving within the Camp Area will not exceed a speed of 15 M.P.H.

6. CRICKET PITCHES :

Coys will select practice cricket pitches within or near to Coy areas for approval by Bn.H.Q.

7. SCHOOLS & COURSES :

Personnel proceeding to Schools and Courses will be paraded by Coys to the C.O. prior to leaving.

8. PARADE STATES :

In the compilation of daily parade states, duties will not include such functions as Coy clerks, storemen, batmen, etc., if authorized by establishment. Only personnel on duties which prevent them from carrying out their normal functions within the Coys will be shown.

9. RETURNS :

It is noted that some Coys fail to submit returns to Bn.H.Q. by the times specified. As these returns have to be submitted to a higher authority, it is imperative that they reach Bn.H.Q. by the time specified. It will be necessary to take disciplinary action unless this is adjusted.

(Signed) F. B. KIEL, Capt.
Adj't. 2/23 Bn.

2/23 Bm

Unit.

Army Form W. 3009
(page 2)

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
General duty personnel														6	6
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)														6	6

2/23 Bm

[Signature]
Signature of Commander.

Unit.

Date of Despatch 23. 12. 40

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Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.		Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
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Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
General duty personnel														6	6
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)														6	6

2/23 Bm

Unit.

Date of Despatch

23. 12. 40

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Capt

Signature of Commander.

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Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/23 Bw. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	8		
Lieutenants	25		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters ... <i>hwt</i> ..	1		
TOTALS	38		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LIEUT-COL	VX 47819	EVANS B	2/23 BN	YES	
MAJORS	47997	BIRCH HR	"	"	
"	48254	WALL RE	"	"	
"	48540	PERRY HW	"	"	
CAPTS.	47814	HAYWORTH WG	"	"	
"	48640	KIEL FW	"	"	
"	48398	SPIER PE	"	"	
"	47903	BROWN MR	"	"	
"	48694	MALLOCH GI	"	"	
"	48504	MORRELL FS	"	"	
"	48258	URQUHART GF	"	"	
"	48379	GABRIAN SH	"	"	
"	48504	TALKSON HWS	"	"	
LIEUTS	48546	MARSHALL HI	"	"	
"	48319	SHELDON K GA	"	"	
"	48278	BYRON-MOORE HS	"	"	
"	48370	BARKER WF	"	"	
"	48357	BOWDEN TN	"	"	
"	48589	BROWN WF	"	"	
"	40591	GROGAN BS	"	"	
"	48690	METHVEN JM	"	"	
"	48977	NEVENDORF KO	"	"	
"	48783	NEVENDORF TO	"	"	
"	48791	MURAE EH	"	"	
"	48644	FALLON JF	"	"	
"	48792	JESS CM	"	"	
"	38674	YARVINEN G	"	"	
"	48132	HUTCHINSON JA	"	"	
"	38853	JAMES HW	"	"	
"	48281	HUGHES HS	"	"	
"	38918	HARDING WG	"	"	
"	48780	ANDERSON GS	"	"	
"	38937	RATRAY R	"	"	
"	26560	ORR TH	"	"	
"	37109	CLARKE KG	"	"	
"	40314	DEMASTER NE	"	"	
"	20116	VILTON MAB	"	"	
"	26764	McROY AN	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
	VX 48495	AGAN TACD	AA 116	12/8/44	RMO

2/23 BN.

(Unit.)

23. 12. 40.

(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

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(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/23 Bm

(Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	8		
Lieutenants ...	25		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters (Capt) ...	1		
TOTALS ...	38		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
2nd Lt	VX 47819	EVANS B	2/23 Bn	Yes	C.O.
Major	VX 47997	BIRCH H.B.	"	"	2 I.C.
"	VX 48254	WALL R.E.	"	"	O/C H.Q.
"	VX 48549	PERRY H.W.	"	"	O/C B Coy
Capt	VX 47814	HAWORTH W.C.	"	"	O/C C Coy
"	VX 48640	KIEL F.E.	"	"	ADJT
"	VX 48398	SPIER P.E.	"	"	O/C A Coy
"	VX 47943	BROWN H.B.	"	"	2 I.C. A Coy
"	VX 48694	MALLOCH G.I.	"	"	O/C D Coy
"	VX 45504	MORRELL E.S.	"	"	H.Q. D.M.
"	VX 48258	URQUHART G.F.	"	"	2 I.C. D Coy
"	VX 48379	GAHAN S.M.	"	"	2 I.C. B Coy
"	VX 48544	JACKSON H.W.S.	"	"	2 I.C. C Coy
Lieut	VX 48546	MARSHALL H.I.	"	"	PL Comd
"	VX 48319	SHELDON G.A.	"	"	"
"	VX 48278	BYRON-MOORE H.G.	"	"	"
"	VX 48332	BARKER W.F.	"	"	"
"	VX 48589	BROWN W.F.	"	"	"
"	VX 48357	BOWDEN J.H.	"	"	"
"	VX 40591	GROGAN B.B.	"	"	"
"	VX 48690	METHVEN J.M.	"	"	"
"	VX 48977	NEUENDORF K.O.	"	"	"
"	VX 48783	NEUENDORF T.O.	"	"	"
"	VX 48791	M'BAE F.H.	"	"	"
"	VX 48644	FALLOD J.F.	"	"	"
"	VX 48792	JESS C.M.	"	"	"
"	VX 38674	GARDNER S.	"	"	"
"	VX 45182	HUTCHINSON J.A.	"	"	"
"	VX 38652	JAMES R.W.	"	"	"
"	VX 48281	HUGHES A.G.	"	"	2 I.C. REINETS
"	VX 38918	HARDING W.C.	"	"	PL Comd
"	VX 48780	ANDERSON G.S.	"	"	"
"	VX 38937	RATTRAY R.	"	"	O/C REINETS
"	VX 26560	DRR J.H.	"	"	PL Comd
"	VX 37107	CLARKE R.C.	"	"	PL Comd
"	VX 48314	M'MASTERS H.E.	"	"	A Comd
"	VX 20116	WILTON M.A.D.	"	"	"
"	VX 26764	M'KUY H.N.	"	"	I.O.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT	VX 48595	AGAR J.M.D.	A.A.M.C.	12/9/40	R.M.O.

2/23 Bn
29. 12. 40 (Unit.)
(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)
26 Bde. 7 Div
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/23 Bn. A.I.F. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	8		
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2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters (Capt.)	1		
TOTALS	38		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
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Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
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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)
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.
(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col	VX 47819	Evans B.	2/23 Bn	Yes	
Major	VX 47997	Birch H.R.	"	"	
"	VX 48254	Hall R.S.	"	"	
"	VX 48549	Perry H.W.	"	"	
Capt	VX 47814	Haworth W.B.	"	"	
"	VX 48640	Kiel T.E.	"	"	
"	VX 48398	Spear P.S.	"	"	
"	VX 47963	Brown H.R.	"	"	
"	VX 48694	Shalloch G.F.	"	"	
"	VX 48504	Morrill E.G.	"	"	
"	VX 48258	Wright G.F.	"	"	
"	VX 48379	Gahan S.H.	"	"	
"	VX 48544	Fachon H.W.S.	"	"	
Lieut	VX 48546	Marshall H.S.	"	"	
"	VX 48319	Sheldrick G.A.	"	"	
"	VX 48278	Byron-Hoore H.S.	"	"	
"	VX 48332	Barber W.H.	"	"	
"	VX 48589	Brown W.H.	"	"	
"	VX 48357	Bowden F.H.	"	"	
"	VX 40591	Grogan B.B.	"	"	
"	VX 48690	Hutcheon F.H.	"	"	
"	VX 48977	Kunendorf K.O.	"	"	
"	VX 48783	Kunendorf J.O.	"	"	
"	VX 48791	McRae E.H.	"	"	
"	VX 48644	Fallon F.H.	"	"	
"	VX 48792	Jess G.A.	"	"	
"	VX 38674	Gardiner G.	"	"	
"	VX 45182	Hutchinson F.H.	"	"	
"	VX 38852	James R.W.	"	"	
"	VX 45281	Hughes A.S.	"	"	
"	VX 38918	Harding W.B.	"	"	
"	VX 48780	Anderson G.G.	"	"	
"	VX 38937	Rattray R.	"	"	
"	VX 26560	Clarke J.H.	"	"	
"	VX 37109	Clarke H.S.	"	"	
"	VX 40314	McQuatters H.S.	"	"	
"	VX 20116	Wilton B.J.B.	"	"	
"	VX 26704	McKoy A.A.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX 48595	Agar J.H.S.	A.A.M.B.	12/8/40	

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(Unit.)

14. 12. 40

(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)

7 Div. A.A. Bn.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/23 Bn (Unit) 14 12 19 40 (Date).

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

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.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6		
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants	34		
Corporals	51		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	802		6
TOTALS	902	.	6

* 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.
2 Pay Sgts	A.A.P. 6		
3 M.W. FITTERS	A.A.O. 6		
1 Cpl ARMOURER	A.A.O. 6		
1 SHOEMAKER	A.A.O. 6		

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).

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Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.		Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
General duty personnel															
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)															

2/23 Bw A.I.F.

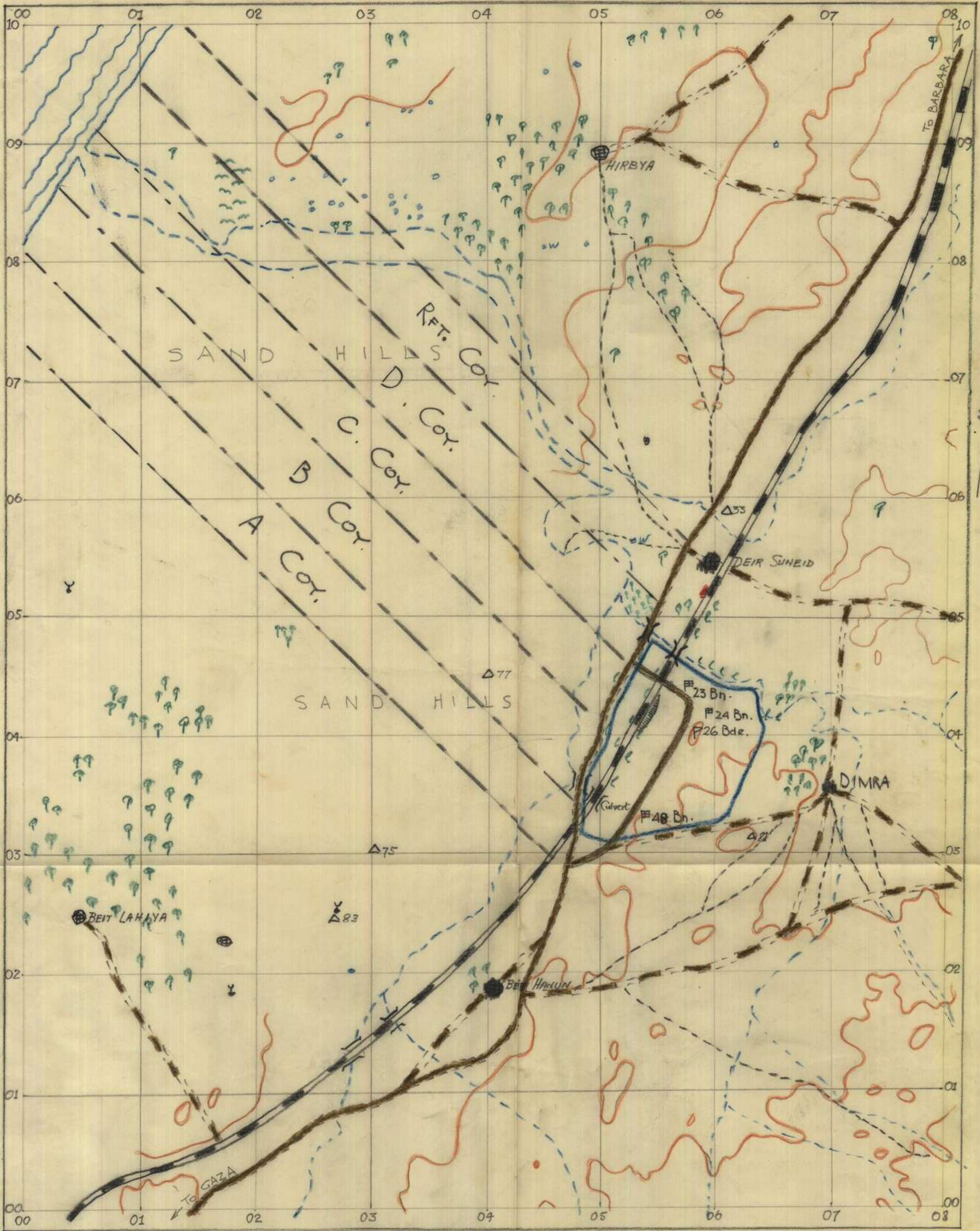
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Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 14 12 40

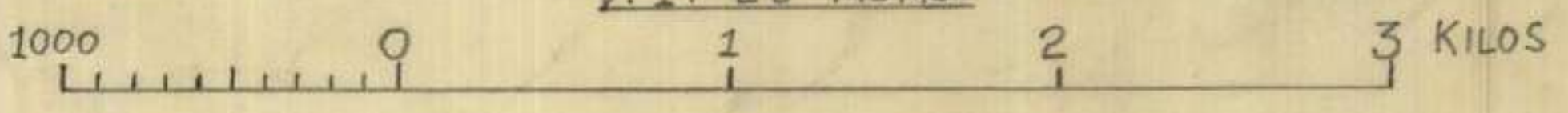
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Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

APPENDIX 10
DEIR SUNEID AREA
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SCALE: 4 cm. to 1 KILO
 RF. 1/25000
 V.I. 25 METRES

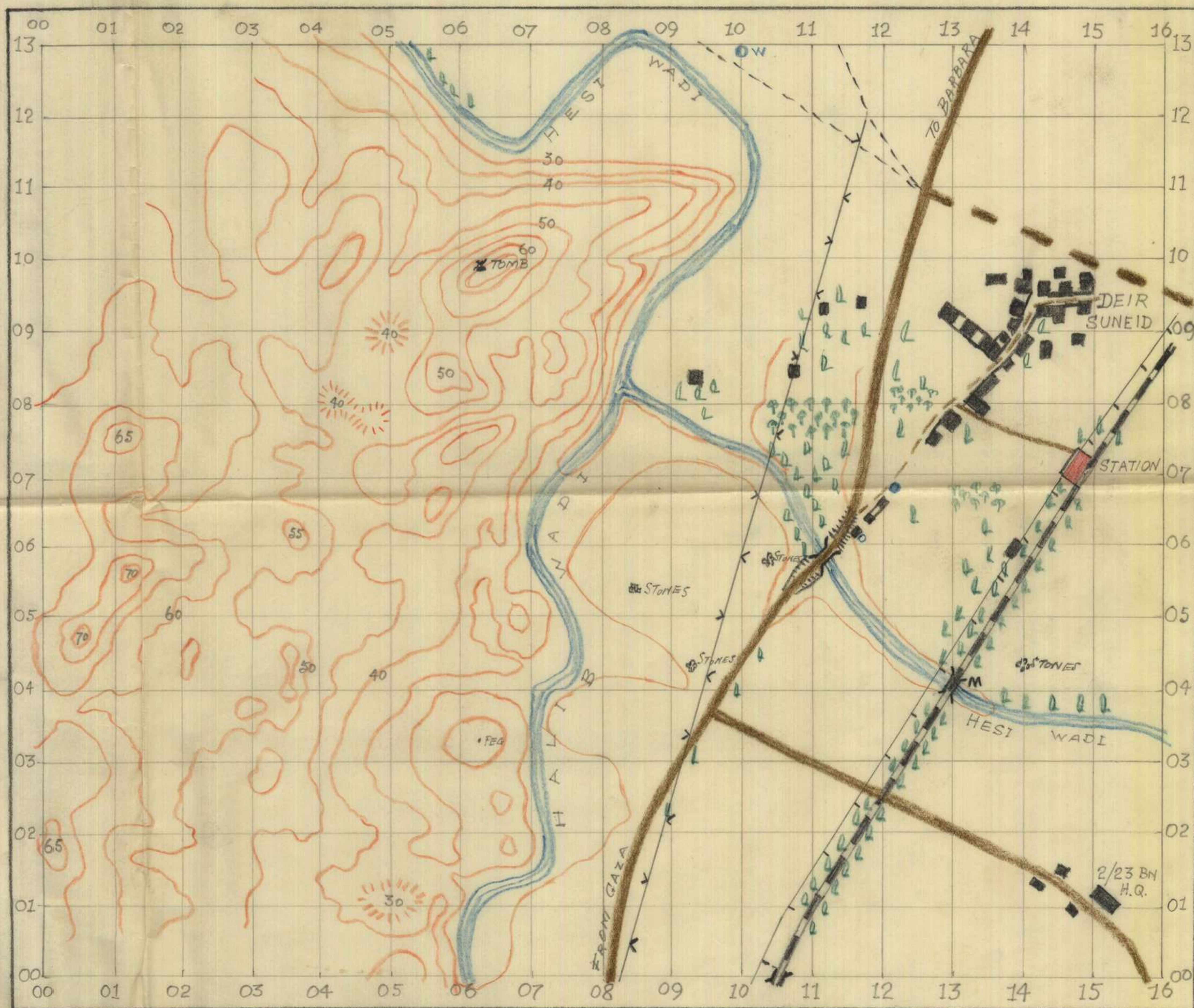
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 A.N. MCKOY LIUT. 2/23 Bn.
 27 DEC 40.



COY TRAINING AREAS MARKED -----

DEIR SUNEID SAND HILLS

REF. GAZA 1:100000



SCALE: 20 cm = 1 KILO

R.F. 1:5000

V. I. 5 METRES (ESTIMATED)

METRES 100

1 KILO

COMPASS SKETCH

DRAWN BY A.N. MCKOY LIEUT
2/23 BN.

29 DEC 40 - WEATHER DULL

APPENDIX II

NOTES FOR INCLUSION IN WAR DIARYTO 31 DECEMBER, 40.

The three weeks spent since arriving in Palestine have been solely taken up in the building of a new camp. The foster unit - the 13th Bn. - did excellent work in the erection of tents and the bedding down of the unit on the first night. A lot of their work was wasted in that the unit's establishment in Australia (ours) is different to theirs here. Consequently they had made provision for only five Coys. We have 6 (Reinforcements). We were able to obtain an odd sawyer or two, which enabled us to set up eventually an extra kitchen.

Our camp was badly sited originally and Division moved our tents off the flat and up on to some rising ground. All the permanent buildings, however, are built in the flat low-lying muddy area, and the result is a large sprawling camp with the essential services a long way from everything else. Fortunately it rained the first few days which showed us what we had to do.

For a fortnight we have been draining and isolating mess tents from kitchens. The great difficulty here was the refusal of Ordnance to supply picks and shovels to enable this work to be done quickly. These were refused as the unit already had tools, regardless of the fact that all our tools had yet to come from the ship at Suez. A week was thus wasted.

We have received three carriers and thirteen Bren guns. The Brens are welcome as we can now teach the weapon, but as there are no armourers' tools our armourer is unable to function at his normal job. This to some extent will be helped by the LAD attached to the Brigade endeavouring to get throughout the rifles of all Battalions. This will take a long time. The same trouble is experienced with the carriers. They are new, and our MV fitters have no tools with which to make the necessary adjustments. It will be some little time, therefore, before we can really depend upon these carriers being available with any degree of regularity.

I had hoped also to do some shooting, but ammunition is the problem. We hope to use the Morris tube when we get small ammunition and provided the tube can be supplied - at least a dozen will be needed to be worth while.

BUILDINGS : Like all our previous camps to date, the permanent structures are only partly erected. For a canteen we use a small shed and do not allow personnel to drink therein, members of the unit being allowed to take the liquor to their mess tents and consume it there, returning the bottles later. This no doubt causes inconvenience in other Units, whose canteens are large enough to allow drinking to take place but who do not allow bottles to be taken away. I am afraid that the result is that these units buy their liquor from our canteen or our troops buy it for them and they take it to their tents. We have no trouble in this Unit on this score, but others are inclined to complain of it.

I am loath to do without a canteen until the real building is erected as with blackout restrictions and no place for the men to congregate at night (more buildings under construction) the men must have some outlet. We have found that by shading the lamps and heavily muddying the tents blackout requirements are most effective. The position will be easier when the troops have some place to congregate.

The men are all in good spirits and charge sheets are few. Each Coy is now feeding its own show quite efficiently. Arabs coming to the camp still remain a trouble, as some units do not stop them coming into their lines and a certain amount of surreptitious bartering of Comforts Fund and other articles goes on. I am afraid this could only be stopped by camps being fenced.

Bernard Coaul
Lt Col

Q. No. 1 - War Diary 1st to 31 Dec 1940

The Period 1st to 15 Dec 1940

On board H.M.T.S. Chatham - Meals provided by ship's staff with unit representative - meals satisfactory but messes crowded and military control difficult. Complaints few and trip enjoyed by all ranks.

Disembarked at 0530 hrs on 16 Dec at El. Kantara with light baggage. Heavy baggage taken to Maid. This baggage was received some days late. It was handled much more roughly than one could reasonably expect. Many cases were dropped heavily and the great care taken to pack boxes in strong cases with wire supports prevented severe losses. Officers' suit trunks were badly damaged on arrival.

Lesson Packing is important
Owing to buildings in course of construction being painfully slow in reaching the stage where they could be occupied, the unit must use a tent E.P.I.P. for a ration store. The petition filed for Q. Stores. The use of tents for these services has resulted in a general shortage for other purposes.

On several days only $\frac{2}{3}$ rations were received. The Battalion however, received three food meals each day. War equipment requisitions have been submitted, but no issues have yet been made by Ordnance.

Crowell Capt
Q. 2/23/40

REPORT

FOR

WAR DIARY

2/23 Bn. A.I.F.

BY

TRANSPORT OFFICER

Six (6) C.V.T. 1 Ton Trucks drawn from
BASE Ordnance BARBARA on
Dec 40 were incomplete in that
only one (1) kit of Tools was
issued with consequent
disadvantages when recurring
repairs are necessary.

Furthermore, Ordnance
M.T. Fitters att. have not as yet
received Tools. This make the
Maintenance of Vehicles on
Strength very difficult.

E. Clarke Ltut
T.O. 2/23 Bn

AT SEAOVER CROWDING.

This was marked on the troop decks in H.M.T. STRATHMORE AND caused several medical problems.

1. Upper respiratory tract infectious. These were inevitable in the hot and moist atmosphere below, but the incidence generally was low.

2. Diarrhoea. Crowded messing conditions, accentuated by the fact that another Battalion used our mess decks resulted in insufficient cleansing of utensils and some haste and laxity in the handling of food.

This was apparently the cause of an epidemic of Diarrhoea which began on 29 Nov. , reached a maximum of 53 cases on 1 DEC. and gradually died down during the remainder of the voyage . It was controlled by strict supervision in the mess decks.

WEATHER.

1. ROUGH SEAS. :- None were encountered, and sea-sickness was very slight . The best treatment was work.

2. HEAT. Was not excessive, and sunburn was slight .

3. SUDDEN DROP IN TEMPERATURE. This was ~~not~~ marked, and was responsible for three cases of pneumonia.

SWIMMING POOLS.

Owing to the large numbers of men using the pools it was not possible to change the water as frequently as was desirable.

This resulted in an epidemic of acute Otitis Media which necessitated closing of the pools.

V.D. Four cases occurred, they were contracted in Perth.

D I M R A .DEC. 17 - 31.

Here the establishment and maintenance of hygienic conditions has been the biggest difficulty.

LATRINES. On arrival in the camp.

1. The latrines were in an inaccessible position, having been built for a site since condemned.

2. One small latrine in the centre of the camp was so overcrowded that it was soon in a disgusting condition.

3. The Otway pits for disposal of night soil were not completed, and the Arab workmen emptied the cans in the first convenient hole, or on the ground.

4. Very little attempt was made to clean the latrines by the Arabs, whose work in general was most unsatisfactory.

The following steps were taken to improve the position.

1. Temporary latrines were erected on sites more accessible to the camp. 2. The small latrine ^{was} closed, until a temporary one was built near it .

3. A deep trench was dug for the night soil and used (some being carted away) until the Otway Pits were completed.

4. Personal contact was made with the Sanitary Contractor, and arrangements made for the BN. Sanitary L/Cpl. to control the Arab workmen. The L/Cpl. was given full power with disciplinary powers.

Permanent latrines are now being built in convenient positions.

GREASE TRAPS

These are a disgrace . They are badly built and built of poor materials. The main chamber consists of a box, the sides of which are just placed together and not cemented with the result that the chamber does not hold water, and therefore cannot work. The foul water escapes into the surrounding earth , which is becoming impregnated with decaying food particles. The proper authorities will do nothing to remedy these effects.

ABLUTION PLACES

There are three for the Battalion, one with four taps and two with one each. No hot water is available and washing is extremely limited.

LACK OF FUEL.

This means a shortage of hot water, which results in faulty cleaning of mess utensils. The men are unable properly to remove the grease from their mess tins, which in consequence are still dirty for the next meal.

All these factors combined are the probable cause of a mild outbreak of Diarrhoea in the camp, followed by 8 more serious cases of bacillary dysentery, in Reinforcement Coy.

MUD.

Parts of the camp are low and flat and the mud is extraordinary tenacious. This mud cakes on the boots, and has caused a number of cases of strained Achilles tendon, necessitating 3-4 days off duty.

BOILS.

These are frequent and hard to heal and all sores become infected. A satisfactory treatment has not yet been found.

EVACUATION OF SICK.

This is made difficult by lack of transport both in the A.A.M.C. AND IN THE UNIT.

J. M. Agan
R.M.O. 2/23 BN.

CAPT.