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20 Infantry Brigade
November 1940

20 Inf Bde

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From Nov 1 To Nov 30, 40.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
"QUEEN MARY"	Friday Nov 1		Training continued, including PT and swimming	E2, E3, E5.
			All personnel were instructed to wear hats on open decks to	
			avoid sunstroke.	
		1500	Band recital given on forward main deck.	
			Picture shows in the evening.	
			The weather was very hot and humid.	
	Saturday Nov 2	1030	Conference of Security Officers held to discuss Security of	D4
			Information in India.	
		1230	Conference of COs.	
			Packing of stores, training equipment begun.	
	Sunday Nov 3	0600) 0700)	Church parades held	A
			Boxing finals and sports contests held on "aft" deck.	} See Appendix E5.
	Monday Nov 4	0930	Convoy drew in alongside Bombay harbour, HTs AX and MX pro-	
			ceeded into wharves, HT QX remaining approx 6 miles outside	

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BOMBAY		1030	"Nizam" drew alongside QX to load stores.	
		1730	The advance party left QX on ferry "Begum".	
	Tuesday Nov 5		The "Nizam" remained alongside all day.	
		1700	The Prov Coy went ashore.	
		1720	Advance party including representatives of HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde,	
			2/13 Bn and 2/17 Bn departed by train from Bombay for Deolali	
			rest camp arriving at approx 2100 hrs	
	Wednesday Nov 6	1100	20 Inf A/Tk Coy left QX with 2 A/Tk Regt for Bombay docks by	B1, III , D1A
			SS "SHeralla".	
			On arrival 20 Inf A/Tk Coy moved to Colaba Rest Camp, Bombay,	
			where they were stationed until Nov 11.	
		1800	HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde, 2/17 Bn, 7 Div Sigs, 7 Div Sup Col, 7 Div	
			Amn Sup Coy and 50 hospital patients left QX by SS "Rhona".	
			Capt Backhouse and two clerks remaining on board.	

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BOMBAY	Nov 6	2100	The "Rhona" arrived at Alexandria Docks and disembarkation was	
	(Contd)		begun. Troops moved direct to special Govt trains.	
		2315	Train left for Deolali.	
DEOLALI	Thursday Nov 7		Units of 20 Inf Bde arrived at Deolali. HQ 20 Inf Bde marched	C1
			into camp at 0620 hrs.	
BOMBAY			Brig J. J. Murray and Lieut McMaster remained at Bombay. Capt	
			Backhouse and party disembarked and proceeded to Colaba Camp	
			Bombay, where they arrived at 1900 hrs.	
DEOLALI		0730	2/17 Bn marched into the Rest Camp.	
		2330	2/13 Bn arrived.	
			Units of 20 Inf Bde occupied the "North Camp". No.6 Area.	
			All tps, on entering camp, immediately deposited their arms in	
			the camp guard houses. Those units that arrived early in the	
			day spent the rest of it resting.	

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DEOLALI	Friday Nov 8		A short period of hardening exercises and drill ensues to smarten the tps after their long period of travelling.	
			Quarter guards, fire patrols and other piquets or parties required for camp administration were supplied by units of 20 Bde and other 7 Div units.in camp.	
	Saturday Nov 9 ^m		General leave was granted to Bde personnel from 0900 hrs until 0100 9/10 Nov.	
			Troops availed themselves of the leave to visit the nearby villages, buy souvenirs at the bazaars and see the country around. Piquets were left on huts all day to guard against theft.	
	Sunday Nov 10	0200	Reveille for 2/17 Bn.	
		0630	2/17 Bn marched out of Rest Camp en route for Bombay.	
		0830	Church parades were held by all units remaining in camp.	

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DEOLALI	Nov 10 (Contd)	0930	Blankets were returned to store by 2/13 Bn and 20 Bde HQ.	
		1200- 1730.	General leave was granted so that men might have final chance to visit villages and bazaars.	
			At Bombay 2/17 Bn embarked on SS "Rhona".	
DEOLALI		1800- 2145	Preparations for departure were made - during which a muster parade was held, kit-bags stacked - lamps, mugs, etc. were returned to store, and rifles were drawn from the guard house.	
			Weather was fine throughout the entire stay at Deolali.	
		2200- 2230	2/13 Bn and Bde HQ marched off to Deolali troop siding.	
		2350	Train left for Bombay.	
BOMBAY	Monday Nov 11	0615	Train arrived at No. 18 Wharf, Alexandria Docks, alongside the "MS Christiaan Huygens" and troops proceeded on board, 2/13 Bn embarking first. Also on board were 2/4 Fd Amb under the command of Lt-Col Lovell, and the 51, 52, 54, 55, 56, 58	
"MS Christiaan Huygens"				

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BOMBAY	Nov 11 (Contd)		59 LADs.	
			The following appointments were made: OC Tps, Brig J. J.	
			Murray, Ship's Adj't Capt Backhouse, Messing Officer Capt	
			Murphie, Ship's RSM WO (II) Bancroft (AAOC att 20 Inf Bde)	
		0745	Messing arrangements were completed and explained to the men.	
			The 58 LAD and HQ 20 Bde were to mess in the forward saloon	
			(a portion being partitioned off from the officers saloon)	
			and the 2/13 Bn, 2/4 Fd Amb, 51, 52, 54, 55, 56 59 LADs in	
			two sittings in the "aft" saloon.	
		1030	20 Inf A/Tk Coy embarked on SS "Slamat".	
		1400- 1930	Leave granted from "Christiaan Huygens", for visiting the town	
			of Bombay - 2/13 Bn having gone ashore at 1200 hrs.	
		1705	"Slamat" left wharf at Bombay and anchored in stream.	
		2200	"Christiaan Huygens" moved out from wharf and anchored outside	EX

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BOMBAY	Tuesday Nov 12	0700	The "Rhona" moved out from the wharf	B2, C1A, C2, C3.
(MS "Christiaan Huygens")			RC mass and Holy Communion according to the rites of the C of E	
			were celebrated every morning of the voyage, at 0630 hrs.	
		1130	Troops on board the "Christiaan Huygens" were advised of the	
			Ship's Orders.	
		1400	"C.H." sailed and joined the other ships of Convoy BN 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ wait-	
			ing ahead - other ships followed in our wake making a total	
			convoy of 13 (exclusive of escorting naval vessels).	
		1445	Cameras were collected from troops on Christiaan Huygens and	
			deposited under key until end of voyage.	
			Deck space was allotted to various units for training. However,	
			space was so limited that only elementary training and lectures	
			could be carried out.	
			The lounge, forward, and adjoining decks were reserved for	

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"MS Christiaan Huygens"	Nov 12		offrs and the library and adjoining decks for WOs and Sgts.	
	(Contd)		Permission to sleep on deck was granted to all tps who were not allotted cabins.	
	Wednesday Nov 13	0930	Boat drill	C4
			Training, including rifle drill, respirator drill, map reading	
			physical training and swimming was begun.	
		2359	Clocks were retarded 60 minutes.	
	Thursday Nov 14	0900	Boat drill	C4A
	c c		Training as above was continued.	
		1751	Blackout.	
	Friday Nov 15	1000) 1030)	Emergency drills, including boat drill, surface raid and Air-	C5, C6
			craft drills were practised.	
			Laundry arrangements were completed. Times allotted for	
			various units to be announced in SROs.	

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MS "Christiaan Huygens"	Saturday 16 Nov		An order was read to all units, that from 0600 hrs today, tps must at all times and in all places carry felt hats and life-belts with them. Portholes on D and E decks to remain closed day and night.	C7
		1000	Boat drill - two lifeboats were lowered, and method of embarking in them explained.	
			Usual training continued.	
		1500	Conference of COs held by Brig Murray	
		1650	Convoy was joined by a cruiser.	
		1823	Blackout.	
		2130	Emergency boat drill was carried out in blackout conditions	
		2359	Clocks were retarded 60 minutes.	
	Sunday 17 Nov	0630) 0930)	Church parades were held in the tps messing saloon aft. Owing to the extreme heat and humidity portholes in the saloon were	C8

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MS "Christiaan	Nov 17 (contd)		opened.	
Huygens"			The convoy was joined by an additional destroyer.	
		1754	Blackout.	
	Monday Nov 18		Usual parades and training were carried out.	C9
		1500	Our convoy overtook another consisting mainly of tankers.	
		1811	Blackout.	
		2359	Clocks were retarded 30 minutes.	
Convoy BN 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	Tuesday Nov 19	0900	Enemy recce plane flew over convoy, disappearing west. All	C10
			clear signal given at 0945 hrs. The escorting cruiser fired	
			approx 15 AA shots. Friendly plane then flew with convoy	
			until 1415 and then turned east and appeared to crash into	
			the sea. Smoke rose, but the plane was not seen again. No	
			report of this incident was afterwards received.	
		0950-1000	Second aircraft alarm but no enemy activity was observed.	

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MS 2Christiaan	Nov 19 (Contd)	1750	Blackout.	
Huygens"	Wednesday Nov 20	1350	Issue of war equipment blankets to all units on a basis of one	C11
			per man.	
		1750	Destroyers left convoy.	
		1750	Blackout.	
		2359	Clocks retarded 60 minutes.	
	Thursday Nov 21	0900	Ship's blankets returned by all units to ship's store.	A1, C12, E1
		0930	Kit inspection held by 2/13 Bn.	
		1515	A convoy consisting of 18 ships travelling in a contrary	
			direction met us and we exchanged our escorting cruiser for	
			their destroyer.	
		1650	Blackout.	
	Friday 22 Nov	0900	Demonstrations were given of the way to carry blankets attach-	C13
			ed to pack. All gear was packed and deposited on deck.	

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MS "Christian Huygens"	Nov 22 (contd)		Kit and cabin inspections were held simultaneously, after which all gear was returned to cabins.	
		1630	Tps were issued with sun-glasses.	
		1700	Blackout.	
MS "Christiaan Huygens" at Port Suez	Saturday Nov 23		The convoy approached the entrance to Suez Canal. At 0600 hrs the "Rhona" entered the Suez Canal. The "Christiaan Huygens" and the "Slamat" anchored in the fairway.	C14
"Slamat"		1000	The "Slamat", with 20 Inf A/Tk Coy aboard, proceeded into the Canal.	
"Christiaan Huygens"		1700	Blackout.	
	Sunday Nov 24		The "Christiaan Huygens" remained all day at the entrance to the Canal.	E1A, D1.
		0630) 0930)	Church parades were held on the "Christiaan Huygens".	Times of arrival at
		1435	Capt Searl addressed Bde HQ on Palestine and copies of "What	El Kantara are given

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"Christiaan	Nov 24 (contd)		of Palestine" were distributed to troops.	in Palestine time.
Huygens"		1530	"Slamat" arrived at El Kantara. 20 A/Tk Coy disembarked.	Other times given
		1700	Blackout.	are ship's time.
	Monday Nov 25	0400	"Rhona" arrived at El Kantara. 2/17 Bn disembarked and after	D2
			a hot meal on shore entrained for Kilo 89.	
		0630	The "C.H." moved into the canal and anchored at Ismailia at	
			1100 hrs, proceeding further into canal at 1400 hrs, anchoring	
			finally for the night at 1640 hrs below El Kantara.	
Kilo 89		1500	2/17 Bn detrained and marched to Ryrie lines at Kilo 89.	
"Christiaan		1700	Blackout on "Christiaan Huygens".	
Huygens"		2000	All watches were advanced 60 minutes to Palestine time, but	
			ship's time remained unaltered.	
"Christiaan	Tuesday Nov 26		All troops disembarking, except those sick were issued with	B 3
Huygens" at El Kantara			SAA on the scale of 10 rpm	

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El Kantara	Nov 26 (contd)		The routine for disembarkation was as follows:	
		0430	Reveille	
		0500	Coffee	
		0600	Kits were stacked on deck	
		0630	Cabins cleared and cleaned	
		0630	The boat moved towards El Kantara, and pontoons were brought	
			out from land to it.	
		1045	Disembarkation was carried out in the following order HQ 20	B3 D1
			Aust Inf Bde and baggage parties for 2/4 Fd Amb and for all	
			LADs, 2/4 Fd Amb, 50, 51, 52, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59 LADs, baggage	
			party for 2/13 Bn, 2/13 Bn, Sick.	
		1230	Entraining began, 58 LAD and HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde travelling by	
			1st train.	
		1830	Bde HQ and 58 LAD detrained at Kilo 89 and marched to camp area	

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	Nov 26 (contd)		It was already dark and tps were received in blackout con-	
			ditions and guided to their quarters by Offrs and ORs of 72 Bn	
			AIF the "foster" unit of the area. Tps were glad to renew	
			acquaintance with the 20 Inf A/Tk Coy who had arrived in the	
			same area two days previously.	
		2100	2/13 Bn detrained and marched to Herring lines, Kilo 89.	
Kilo 89, HQ area	Wednesday Nov 27		Reveille at 0600 hrs, in darkness. Daylight revealed the	C15, D3
			appearance of our new home. A map of the camp area showing	
			location of units is attached as an appendix.	
		0930	Tps issue of amn (10 rpm) was returned to store.	
			Capt Searl addressed Bde HQ on behaviour to be observed towards	
			natives, Lieut Petersen gave security and censorship talk.	
		1500	Lieut McPherson of 72 Bn addressed HQ personnel on the customs	
			of the country and the rules and precautions to be observed	

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Kilo 89, HQ	Nov 27 (contd)		both in camp and whilst on leave.	
area	Thursday Nov 28		New camp routine issued by Capt Backhouse.	
HQ area			It was announced that the 20 Inf A/Tk Coy would be responsible	
			for supplying a guard for HQ area, whilst HQ personnel would	
			take over the majority of the fatigue duties.	
			Camp cleaning fatigues were begun.	
			Bde cameras were collected, registered and later returned to	
			tps.	
	Friday Nov 29		Usual training was continued. Digging foundations for petrol	
			store was begun.	
	Saturday Nov 30		Training continued. Capt Alison, Lieut McMaster and Lieut	A2, C16
			Jensen departed from Gaza for Cairo to attend a training	
			school for Liaison Officers.	

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

20 Aust Inf Bde HQ (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
* Brigadier			
* Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	4		
Lieutenants ...	3		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	9		

* 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)

20th Bde HQ 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.)																

20th Bde HQ Unit.
Date of Despatch 3/11/40

Signature of Commander. S.C.
20th Bde HQ 1 DIV A.I.F.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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<i>Brigadier</i> *	<i>1</i>		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	<i>1</i>		
Captains ...	<i>4</i>		
Lieutenants ...	<i>3</i>		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	<i>9</i>		

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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.

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Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

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

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Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in
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	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																

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Date of Despatch

21 Nov 40

Alan Blackman

Callan Blackman (Sgt)

7 Dec 40

Signature of Commander.

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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Quartermasters ...	-		
TOTALS ...	9		

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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.

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Bricklayers																	
Butchers																	
Carpenters and Joiners																	
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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.)																	

20 Aust Inf Bde HQ

Unit.

Date of Despatch

21 Nov 40

Allen Blackhouse
(Allen Blackhouse) Capt
Signature of Commander
7 Dec 40
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Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

20 Inf Anti Tank Coy (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...			
Captains ...	One 1		
Lieutenants ...	Three 3		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	Four 4		

* 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)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

20 Inf Anti Tank Coy (Unit) 22 Oct 1940 (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.			
W.Os. Class II.	One 1		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	One 1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	Four 4		
Corporals	Seven 7		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	Seventy five 65		5 Five
TOTALS	Seventy eight 78	*	5 Five

* 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.

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).
NX 40759	L/6pl	LAING J.G	20 Inf AT Coy	Brit. Mil. Hosp. Colaba or if discharged whereabouts unknown.
NX 27421	"	DIXON A.E	"	" "
NX 40891	Plt	BRAUND B.D	"	" "
NX 33542	"	DENNE A.K	"	" "
NX 40537	"	ERRATT W.M.K	"	" "

20 Inf Anti Tank Coy

Unit.

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(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																	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)																	

20 Inf Anti Tank Coy
Unit.

Date of Despatch 22 Oct 40

Arthur C. W.
Signature of Commander.

20 Anti. Inf Bde

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2A 20 Inf Bde HQ (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	*		
Brigadier	*		
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	3		
Lieutenants ...	1		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	6		

* 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.
Capt	alison am	a I f	30/11/40	Liaison Wing. Middle East
Lieut	McMaster J E	"	30/11/40	Tactical Course
Lieut	Jensen T C	"	30/11/40	do.

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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(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS. (Adapted)

20 Inf Bde HQ (Unit) 30 Nov 1940 (Date).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

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

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20 Inf Bde HQ

Unit.

Army Form W. 3009
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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																
Batmen														2	2	
General duty personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)														2	2	

20 Inf Bde HQ

Unit.

Date of Despatch 30 Nov 40.

(ALLAN BACKHOUSE) CAP
7 DIV a 2 4 Bde HQ
Signature of Commander.

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

H.T. "OX".
DISSEMBARKATION NOMINAL ROLL - 20 AUST INF BDE. H.Q.

OFFICERS.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Rank.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Rank.</u>	<u>Name.</u>
NX305.	Brig.	Murray. J. J.	NX33372.	L/Cpl.	Blackwell. L. L.
NX449.	Capt.	Murphy. H. D.	NX36150.	Pte.	Myers. P. P.
NX492.	Capt.	Searle. B. F. W.	NX36340.	Pte.	Enness. A. C.
NX12211.	Lieut.	Bjelke-Petersen. D. G.	NX36429.	Pte.	Edwards. R.
NX12230.	Capt.	Backhouse. A. N.	NX36561.	Pte.	Blackman. J. D.
NX12510.	Lieut.	McMaster. I. F.	NX50561.	Pte.	Turner. J. C.
NX70327.	Capt.	Alison. A. M.	NX53189.	Pte.	Friend. W. S.
SX4539.	Maj.	MacDonald. A. B.	NX53221.	Cpl.	Holloway. F.
QX6196.	Lieut.	Jensen. H. C.	NX58614.	L/Cpl.	Mazetti. M.

W. Os & SGTs.

NX13845.	S/Sgt.	Linklater. D.
NX14963.	WO1.	Bancroft. T.
NX15592.	Sgt.	Winnicott. L. G.
NX19354.	Sgt.	Pring. K. W.
NX21195.	Sgt.	Maughan. D. W. B.

NX59590.	Pte.	Bolton. H. M.
NX60068.	Pte.	Pryor. L. G.

INTEL. CPS ATTACHED.

NX14945.	Cpl.	Searle. R. J.
NX17094.	L/Cpl.	Maclean. C. W.

ORs.

NX11309.	L/Cpl.	Gard. E. M.
NX13484.	Pte.	Clarke. J.
NX13926.	Pte.	Murray. J.
NX14333.	L/Cpl.	Pearce. J. E.
NX14501.	Pte.	Martin. A.
NX14933.	Pte.	Roberts. F. A.
NX14943.	L/Cpl.	Wright. A. J. B.
NX14962.	Pte.	Murray. C. J.
NX15159.	Pte.	Vincent. S. J.
NX15590.	Cpl.	Pickering. M. V.
NX15593.	Pte.	Priddle. A. H.
NX15594.	Pte.	Pettitt. G. C.
NX15596.	Pte.	Hargreaves. A. C.
NX15600.	Pte.	Reid. M. F.
NX15617.	Pte.	Willson. H. D.
NX15735.	Pte.	Watson. E. J.
NX15883.	Pte.	Ritchie. A. R.
NX16500.	Pte.	Asher. A. E.
NX16501.	Pte.	Starr. K. T.
NX16502.	Cpl.	Harrison. W. C. J.
NX16564.	Pte.	McLeod. W. J.
NX16613.	Pte.	Gartner. L. W.
NX16662.	Pte.	Simonds. A.
NX18546.	Pte.	Wentworth-
		Perry. E. A.
NX19195.	L/Cpl.	Moloney. P. A.
NX19660.	Pte.	Cunningham. C.
NX19887.	Pte.	Kings. W. H.
NX20741.	L/Cpl.	Waterworth. N. E.
NX21310.	Pte.	Johnston. M. J. A.
NX21745.	Pte.	Pettitt. J. R.
NX22549.	Pte.	Cassidy. J.
NX22619.	Pte.	Ellis. T. J.
NX22698.	Pte.	Bolton. K.
NX23957.	Pte.	Frankland. G. R.
NX2 4409.	Pte.	Devenish-
		Meares. C. R.
NX26928.	Pte.	Dargan. A. L.
NX28474.	Pte.	Edwards. G. A.
NX29633.	Pte.	Lindsay. D.
NX30134.	Cpl.	Ricketts. I. E.
NX30756.	Pte.	Harris. J.
NX31622.	Pte.	Lee. A. G.
NX32590.	Pte.	Arber. R. N.

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TELEPHONE—

Australian Military Forces—Eastern Command.



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Address H M. T. K306, HQ. 2/13 Bn.
Date 12 Nov. '40

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O.C.
Troops.

Cameras.

It is hereby certified that all cameras
have been collected from personnel and
same are safely stored under lock and
key

W. Stogers
Lieut
Security Officer
2/13 Bn A.I.F.

O.C. Troops.

Troopship H. 306.

Cameras

I certify that all cameras
belonging to personnel of 54 L.A.D. have
been collected by me and are under
lock and key

Glenn Noble Capt
O.C. 54 L.A.D.

2/4 Field Ambulance

12/11/40

Adjutant

Shepp's N. O.

We wish to advise that all
cameras in this unit have been
collected and are now in security.

Hoover L. O.

C. O. 2/4 Field Amb.



with
Australian Imperial Force

Australian Young Men's Christian Association

Patron: HIS MAJESTY THE KING

Address your reply as the following example:—
Reg. No. V1234, Pte. T. Atkins,
A Company, 2/5 Battalion
(or Headquarters, Squadron, Battery or Reinforce-
ments, as the case may be)
2nd Australian Imperial Forces Abroad.

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Write Home First

58 L.A.D

12 NOV 40

20th Inf Bde H.Q.
Camera Report;

58 L.A.D are collected.

All cameras from personnel of

1 Popular Brownie Box Camera. L/Sgt D. Anderson

NX18122 58 L.A.D

1 Ensign Midget

Pte D. Mobbsey

NX17336

58 L.A.D

Ibbotson

Capt. O.M.E.

O.O. No. 58 L.A.D.

55 L. A. II.
12th Nov. 1940

Ships. H.Q.

Security — Cameras

The cameras owned by personnel of this unit have been collected & are safely stored under lock & key.

John East
O.C. 55 L. A. II

54. L. A. D.

12 Nov. 40.

O. C. Troops.

Wireless Sets.

I certify that
no personnel of 54. L. A. D.
are in possession of
wireless sets.

Gl Noble Capt.
O. C. 54. L. A. D.

55 L. A. II

12th Nov. 1940

Ships. H. Q.

Security — Private Wireless Sets

I hereby certify that there are no wireless sets in the possession of any member of this unit.

L. J. G. Capt

O.C. 55 L. A. II

TELEPHONE—

Australian Military Forces—Eastern Command.

Please quote this Number when replying.

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2/4 Field Ambulance,
Address H.T. 306
Date 13/11/40

Ship's Adjutant.

Re: SECURITY

This is to certify that no personnel of this Unit are
in possession of Wireless sets.

A. G. Rowell *Capt*
.....
A.G. ROWELL (CAPT)
Acting Adj.
2/4 Field Ambulance

H.T. XXXX 306 CONVOY BN8¹/₂.
DISSEMBARKATION NOMINAL ROLL - 20 AUST INF BDE. H.Q.

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Nov 26/40

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NX36561.	Pte.	Blackman. J.E.
NX50581.	Pte.	Turner. J.C.
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