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Unit 2/10 Battalion 2nd A.I.F.

Date and Time.—From 0900 Hrs 6 Nov 39 To 1800 hrs 15 Nov. 39

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WOODSIDE.	6 Nov. 39.	1115	Advance Party Arrived Woodside Camp area from Wayville, Recruit Training (Depot	CoQ., Adj. Q.M., and R.S.M & 2 Officers 41 O.R's (Appendix A)
"	"	1145	Battalion Headquarters Establish at Woodside Camp, and erecting Camp Commenced.	
"	7 Nov. 39	1200	Battalion arrived from Recruit Training Depot. Drafted to Companies	12 (Appendix B) officers, 455 O.R's
"	"	1400	Settled down in , erected Mens Lines, Companies establish Headquarters.	Officers administering Coys (Appendix C)
"	8 Nov. 39	11 1100	Drafts No. 1 & 2 arrived, No. 2 Draft ex Militia Personnel, total in the two drafts 2 Officers 74 O.R's Total Strength reads 180 O.R's 1 W.O. 570 O.R's.	Officers arrived draft No.2 (App.D)
"	9 Nov. 39	0930	Innoculation against Typhoid. (T.A.B.)	
"	"	1100	Drafts arrived. 7 O.R's	
"	"	1400	Elementary Training Begins,	
"	10 Nov. 39	1100	Drafts arrived 32 O.R's Strength. 18 Offs. 2 W.O's 609 O.R's	Padre. Senior Chap. Donald McNicol arrived
"	11 Nov. 39		Temporary Appointments and Promotions announced R.O. Part II	
"	12 Nov. 39	0930	First Church Parade of 2nd A.I.F., Bn. was joined by other Sth. Aus. Units of 2nd A.I.F. and joint Church Parade, Senior Chaplain Donald McNicol	took the service
"	13 Nov. 39	1100	Draft arrived 17 O.R's Strength 18 Offs. 2 W.O.s 47 N.C.Os 612 O.R's	
"	14 Nov 39	1100	Draft arrived X2200 26 O.R's	
"		0900	1 Officer marched in and taken on Strength	Officer see App. E
"	15 Nov 39	1100	Draft arrived. 5 O.R's after many inter-unit transfers etc our Strength on this day read 20 Offs. 3 W.O 48 N.C.O 647 O.R's	

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Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 15 Nov 39 To 1800 hrs 21st Nov. 1939

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WOODSIDE	16 Nov 39	0900	Coy Training Continued (Elementary,)	
"	16 18 Nov 39	1100	Drafts Arrive Strength 20 Offs. 3 W.O. 48 N.C.O's 667 O.R.'s	
"	17 Nov.39	0900	Coy Training Continued (Elementary)	
"	"	1100	Draft Arrived Strength after several inter-unit transfers, and further Temp. Appoint. announced read 20 Offs. 3 W.O's 51 N.C.O.'s 673 O.R's	
"	"	1900 1800	Brigadier L.J.Morshead C.M.G.,D.S.O. Commander 18 Inf. Bde. arrived	
"	18 Nov.39	0830	Battalion inspected by Brigadier L.J.Morshead C.M.G.,D.S.O.. after which Battalion Marched past.	
"	"	0930	Training Continued	
"	"	2025	Brigadier L.J.Morshead C.M.G., D.S.O.. departed.	
"	19 Nov. 39	0930	2nd A.I.F. Church parade.	
"	20 Nov.39	0900	Training Continued.	
"	"	0800 1800	Mounted First Officers Guard of 2nd. XX A.I.F. for 3rd. Inf.Bde. A.M.F. Cmdr. Lt. F.P.Wilson, relieved 10th Bn. A.M.F.	
"	21 Nov 39	0900	Training Continued.	
"	"	1100	Draft Arrived, 5 O.R's discharged as being medically unfit. Strength read 20 Offs. 3 W.O's 51 N.C.O's 684 O.R's	
"	"	0800 1800	First Guard of 2nd. A.I.F. relieved by 2nd Guard of 2nd A.I.F. New Guard Cmdr. Lt. D. McLean Smith.	

Unit 2/10 Bn. 2nd A.I.F.

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 22 Nov To 2359 hrs 30th Nov. 1939

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Appendix to WAR DIARY from 2/10 Bn., 2nd. A. I. F.

Appendix A.

Names of Officers of Advance Party 6/11/39.

Commanding Officer	Lt.Col. A. D. Verrier, D.C.M., E.D.	43rd. Bn.
Adjutant	Lt. T. J. Daly	Aust. Staff Corps.
Quartermaster	Lt. E. F. Allchin	Aust. Inst. Corps.
	Lt. D. McL. Smith	27th. Bn.
	Lt. J. E. Brocksopp	10th. Bn.

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Appendix B.

Names of Officers who arrived with main body 7/11/39.

Capt. L. G. Bruer	43rd. Bn.
Capt. C. H. Fidock	27th. Bn.
Capt. G. R. Matthews	10th. Bn.
Lieut. G.G.F. Martin	43rd. Bn.
Lieut. I. D. Hayward	43rd. Bn.
Lieut. J.H. Trevivian	43rd. Bn.
Lieut. W.A. Brocksopp	3rd. L.H.
Lieut. F. P. Wilson	48th Bn.
Lieut. J. H. Williams	27th. Bn.
Lieut. E.H.D. Lines	10th. Bn.
Lieut. N. I. Haigh	A.A.P.C.
Capt. D. W. Brummitt	A.A.M.C. R.M.O.

Appendix C.

Names of Officers administering ^{Coring} Coys.

A. Coy.	Lt. G. G. F. Martin.
B. Coy.	Capt. G. R. Matthews.
C. Coy.	Capt. A. W. Buttrose.
D. Coy.	Capt. C. H. Fidock.
H.Q.W.	Lt. W. A. Brocksopp.

Appendix D.

Names of Officers who arrived with Draft No. 2.

Capt. A. W. Buttrose	27th. Bn.
Capt. G. D. T. Cooper	27th. Bn.

Appendix E.

Names of officers who arrived with various drafts. Arrived Singly.

Lieut. R. Matheson	43rd. Bn.	14/11/39.
Lieut. G. R. Miethke	10th. Bn.	24/11/39.

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Unit 2/10 Battalion, 2nd. A.I.F. Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs. 1/12/39 -2359 hrs. 9/12/39/

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WOODSIDE.	1 Dec. '39	0900	Training continued. Many still on pre concentration leave	
"	2 Dec. '39	1100	Draft arrived 22 other ranks.	
"	3 Dec. '39	0930	Church Parade.	
"		2359	Pre concentration leave completed.	
"	4 Dec. '39	1100	Warning order to move to Greta N.S.W. received.	Appendix A. (Telegram)
"	5 Dec. '39	1000	Draft arrived 35 other ranks.	
"	6 Dec. '39	0900	Training continued.	
"	7 Dec. '39	1200	Cross Belt of Sam Browne no longer to be worn, waist belt to be replaced by cloth belt as soon as possible.	Mascot taken on strength Appendix B.
		1600	11 other ranks discharged medically unfit.	
"	8 Dec. '39	1100	Draft arrived 32 other ranks.	
		1430	Militia Units leave camp, C.O. 2/10 now camp commandant.	
"	9 Dec. '39	0900	Training on digging continued.	
		1000	Draft arrived 5 other ranks.	

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Unit 2/10 Battalion, 2nd. A.I.F. Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs. 10/12/39 to 2359 hrs. 15/12/39.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WOODSIDE.	10 Dec. '39	0930	Church parade with 2/3 Fd. Rgt. Conducted by Padre C. Watts.	
"	11 Dec. '39	0900	Injection against Tetanus and examination of vaccinations.	
			Draft arrived 1 officer, 1 sergeant, 3 other ranks.	Officer. Appendix C.
		1600	4 other ranks discharged medically unfit.	
"	12 Dec. '39	1400	Capt. W. Hocking presents Silver mounted drum major's mace to Bn.	
		1930	Battalion carries out night march.	
"	13 Dec. '39	0900	Completion of digging trench system.	
		1400	2 members leave for school overseas.	(appendix D.)
		1600	6 other ranks discharged medically unfit.	
"	14 Dec. '39	1630	Advance Party leave for Greta.	3 Officers, 50 other ranks. Appendix E.
		2000	Concert in Adelaide Town Hall by 2/10 Bn. (Profit £60.)	
"	15 Dec. '39	0900	Farewell march by Battalion through Woodside.	
			1 Officer marched in.	Appendix F.
		1400	4 other ranks discharged medically unfit.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WOODSIDE.	16 Dec.'39	1230	First party A.C. & H.Q. Companies entrain at Woodside.	
		1330	Remainder of Battalion entrain.	
		1645	Presentation of flag by 1/10 to 2/10 Bn. at Parade Ground Adelaide.	
		1715	Battalion marched through Adelaide, cheered by enthusiastic crowds.	
		1800	Excellent tea provided by Cheer-Up Scty. at Torrens Hall.	
		1930) 2000 }	Entrained at Adelaide after delay caused by tremendous crowd.	
		2020	First train left Adelaide.	
		2100	Second train left Adelaide.	
Adelaide - Greta.	17 Dec.'39	0800	Breakfast at Ballarat.	
		1150	Arrived at Melbourne. No person left platform.	
		1400	Lunch at Seymour.	
		1800	Dinner at Albury. Changed trains and left one hour later.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Albury - Greta.	18 Dec.'39.	0730	Breakfast at Gosford.	
		1045	Arrived at Greta and marched to camp. Huts provided.	
		1345	Party from second train arrived at Greta.	
		1800	Party of M.M.G. transferred to 2/1 Bn.	1 Officer, 60 O.R.'s. Appendix G.
GRETA.	19 Dec.'39	0900	Re-organization of Companies,	
		1500	Camp inspected by B Gen. Sturdee and Brig. Morshead.	
"	20 Dec.'39	0900	Issue of Rifles and equipment continued.	
"	21 Dec.'39	0730	Sick parade 120. Mainly with bad throats.	
		1145	Area Commandant Lt-Col. Penrose inspected camp site.	
			Transport and communications still very poor - no telephone.	
"	22 Dec.'39	1600	1 officer and 1 O.R. transfer to 2/1 Bn.	Appendix H.
"	23 Dec.'39	1330	Approximately ¹⁰⁰ all ranks left Greta on Xmas leave.	
		1510	Second train left Greta with 530 all ranks on Xmas leave.	
"	24 Dec.'39)			
"	25 Dec.'39)		Over 600 all ranks still on Xmas leave.	

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Date and Time.—From 0100 hrs 26/12/39 To 2359 31/12/39.

W. K. K. Lt. Col.
Comdg. 2/10 Bn., 2nd A.I.F.