

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

**Item number: 8/3/10**

**2/10 Infantry Battalion**  
**January - October 1940**



WAR DIARY PRECIS.

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Classification  
of Subject.

2/10 Battalion

September 40.

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Visitors.

Hon. Winston Churchill  
H.R.H. The Duke of  
Kent.

War Diary.  
2/10 Bn.  
4 September 40.  
17 September 40.

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Invasion.

Preparation  
" Stand to "  
Battalion on three  
hours notice.

War Diary.  
2/10 Bn.  
7 September 40.  
22 September 40.

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Enemy Air  
Activity

Bombs in 12 Bn.  
lines.

War Diary.  
2/10 Bn.  
29 September 40.

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10 Bn.

2nd. ECHELON  
2nd. A.I.F. Overseas

2 - NOV. 1940

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## WAR DIARY

or

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required).

Oct.  
NOV. 40.

Army Form C. 2118.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Lopcombe Camp	Oct. 1	0900 1530	Frost - Bde exercise to start in afternoon Bn. marches out to commence exercise.	
	Oct. 2		exercise completed at 1700 hrs- tps proceed back to camp by bus from area SOUTH of WIMBURTON. 9 and 12 bns. opposed with ancilliary tps. opposed to 10 Bn. with arty. and M.G. support. Exercise very satisfactory from 10 Bn. view. ( See "I" log for details). " Stand To " order received regarding Australian Force exercise on 4 Nov. - Weather sunny and mild.	Appendix 1
	Oct. 3	0915 1000 1400	Coys. cleaning guns. "Action Stations " received re Australian Force exercise. Organized sports.	
	Oct. 4	0500 0615 0800 1845	Reveille "O" Gp. met for instructions. Bn. left embussing point on SALISBURY - STOCKBRIDGE road. exercise carried on through out the day in rainy and cold weather. Bn. arrived back in camp. First rum issue to tps.	
	Oct. 5		Foot inspection 25% personnel on leave	
	Oct. 6	0900	Church parade cancelled on account of wet weather	Y
	Oct. 7		Instruction in field works. Slit trenches dug in A Coy. lines for protection. Elementary Drill in saluting. Instruction in duties of Guards and Sentries.	
	Oct. 8	0600 1115-1145	Recce party left left to report on new area for barracks. Gas period.	Appendix 2
	Oct. 9	0900 1400	Map reading and verbal messages practiced by Coys. Two bombs exploded N.E. of camp area. Organized sports. Hockey match 10 Bn. V 70 BN.	
	Oct. 10	0900 1400	A.B.D. and H.Q. Coys. on route march. Recce Officer returned from COLCHESTER Court of Enquiry held to investigate absence of three members.	
	Oct. 11	0900	General training. Adv. party left for COLCHESTER.	Appendix 3A
	Oct. 12	0900 1400	Packing and checking of stores ready for move to COLCHESTER 25% personnel proceed on leave	
	Oct. 13	0900 1000	Church parade Leave granted to 1700 hrs. only.	
	Oct. 14	0500 0745 2000	Reveille First party of Bn. moves to GRATELY to entrain for COLCHESTER Arrive COLCHESTER -in dark. Coys. move direct to billets.	Appendix 3
	Oct. 15	0630	Reveille General cleaning of barracks and settling in. Coy. cmdrs. go over defensive scheme and see Coy. areas. Leave granted to 33 1/3 % personnel	



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Col - chester	Oct. 16	1000	General training Coys. march to positions to start improvements.	
	Oct. 17	1930	Coys. march to areas. Coys. move to areas in darkness. takes approx. 45 mins. for Bn. to settled in positions.	
	Oct. 18		General training and improving positions.	
	Oct. 19		33 1/3 % personnel proceed on leave.	
	Oct. 20	0900	Church parade. 33 1/3 % personnel proceed on leave.	
	Oct. 21	0900	General training	
	Oct. 22		Thick fog hung over barracks until 1300 hrs. general drill and smartening up exercises	
	Oct. 23		"A" Coy. on rifle range. general training continued.	
	Oct. 24		"B" Coy. on rifle range. New orders for defensive scheme. Our <del>XXXX</del> extended on N. flank Arty. & A/T to take over 9 Bn. area. 9 Bn. in reserve. front	Appendix 4
	Oct. 25		"C" Coy. on rifle range. Coys. digging slit trenches in barrack areas.	
	Oct. 26	0900	General training.	
		1400	Organized sports and make and mend.	
	Oct. 27	0900	Church parade	
	Oct. 28	0900	General training	
		1200	10 Bn. takes over new area from 9 Bn.	
		1400	C.O. receives instructions from A/Div. Cmr. re visit of Mr "X"	
	Oct. 29	0900	Bn. route march	
		1400	Coy. cmdrs. allotted areas and tasks for visit of Mr. "X"	
	Oct. 30	0900	General drill and smartening up exercises	
		1100	Bn. parade	
		1115	Bn. marches to area for visit of Mr. "X".	
		1245	His Majesty King George VI. inspects tps. at EAST BRIDGE. Inspects defences.	Appendix 5
	Oct. 31	1400	Coys. continue digging slit trenches and splinter proofing huts. C.D. and H.Q. Coys. sports afternoon. Training films shown for A and B Coys. Bn. to attend church services in COLCHESTER instead of on barrack square.	

*[Signature]*  
Comdg. 2/10 Bn.,

*[Signature]*  
Lt. Col.

A.I.F.



13 MIXED BRIGADE EXERCISE - 1/2 OCTOBER 40

Copy No.....

Objects of Exercise

To practice

- (a) Comdrs in making rapid decisions
- (b) Issue of Orders
- (c) Rapid movement by Bns. on foot
- (d) Recce. by mobile troops
- (e) CC-Operation with supporting arms

Ref. Maps:-

SALISBURY 1" to 1 mile  
WIMBORNE & RINGWOOD 1" to 1 mile  
WINCHESTER " " " "  
PORTSMOUTH " " " "

The attached General Idea shows the situation of the forces of WILLOP and the JELDIWALLAHS.

INITIAL MOVE

1. The HENSTING rifles (10 Bn) will move to SQUAB WOOD 7641

METHOD

2. ORDER OF MARCH.

Adv. Gd. Cmdr. Capt. W.A. Brocksopp  
Adv. Gd. "C" Coy.

1 Sec. Carriers  
1 Patrol M/C.

Main Body

Bn. H.Q.  
1 Sec. Carriers  
1 M/C. Patrol

Sigs.

"D" Coy.

"A" Coy.

"H.Q." Coy.

"B" Coy. 1 Det. 3 Fd. Amb.

1 Sec. Carriers

1 M/C. Patrol

3. Start Time. 1600 hrs.

4. Starting Point. Rd. Junc. 718551

5. Route. Rd. Junc. 735550 - DUNBRIDGE - Rd. Junc. 756422.

6. TRANSPORT.

Adv. Gd. Transport will move with Coy. Remainder will move as a block in order of march by bounds at rear of column.

15 V.T.M. 15 M.I.H.

7. Assembly areas

Coy transport will join Coys at Rd. Junc. 755422 where guides will direct Coys to their assembly areas.

8. Supporting Troops.

Mobile Troops in support will remain in TIDWORTH AREA on the night 1/2 Oct. and will proceed to rendezvous - Rd. Junc. 761417

Report at rendezvous 0500 hrs. 2 Oct.

Route. TIDWORTH - Rd. Junc. 721586 - Rd. Junc. 735550 - DUNBRIDGE.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS.

9. RATIONS.

Evening Meal 1800 hrs. 1 Oct. SPEARYWELL WOOD 7548

Supper. Coffee and biscuits 2130 hrs.

Breakfast is to be completed by 0445 hrs 2 Oct.

Midday Meal. Haversack lunches to be carried on Pl. trucks and issued at breakfast.

NOTE. (a) At evening meal it is necessary to expedite the return of cooking utensils to Coy. Cooks.

(b) All food containers (6 Gallon and 1 Gallon) will be taken on the exercise and will be available for use by cooks.

10. Ammunition. Blank ammunition will be issued by the Q.M. to Coys. when a certificate is presented that all live S.A.A.



Sufficient ammunition will be carried in Coy Tspt. in order to engage enemy planes should they come within range. Care is to be taken not to mix blank and live ammunition.

11. DRESS. Fighting Order with felt hats, water bottles slung and trenching tools to be carried.
12. BLANKETS. Two blankets per man will be carried in packs in Pl. Trucks.
13. UMPIRES will report to Coys. at 1530 hrs. 1 Oct. 40
14. M.T. and CARRIERS will carry a white flag
15. WATER BOTTLES will be filled at breakfast from water carts water carts will then return to "T" Group.
16. R.A.P. will move at the head of Transport Black.
17. PETROL A.S.C. truck with 250 galls of petrol will report at 1400 hrs. 1 Oct 40 and will proceed on exercise.

*[Signature]* Lieut,

Adj. 2/10 Bn. A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION:-

C.O.  
2 I/O.  
Adj.  
I.O.  
Q.M.  
O.O. "A" Coy.  
" "P" "  
" "C" "  
" "D" "  
" "H.Q" Coy (2 Copies)  
Tspt. Officer  
R.M.O.  
File  
War Diary



18 MIXED BRIGADE EXERCISE - 1/2 OCTOBER 40GENERAL IDEA.

The kindly, rich and prosperous Earl of WALLOP has been kidnapped.

While hunting one day in BENTLEY WOOD he became separated from his retainers. Every effort to find him proved in vain and it was finally concluded that he had fallen down a disused well and had been killed. His court issued a bulletin stating that the Earl was considerably overdue and must be presumed lost.

His son, Lord Lopcombe, became Earl, and all the loyal peasants of WALLOP mourned their late lord,

One day, an envoy arrived from beyond the R. TEST. He carried a despatch from the wild and lawless Wali of GUFF, who ruled over the semi-civilised JELDIWALLAHS, who inhabited the country East and South of the R. TEST.

The message stated that the lately mourned Earl was being held captive by the WALI at his summer residence at EAST WELLOW 7440, and demanded a ransom of 50,000 golden dados for his release.

As soon as the news became public, scores of loyal peasants swarmed across the TEST to rescue their lord. However they proved no match for the WALI'S 1,000 well equipped soldiers and his new iron carriages, and in spite of gallant efforts, were badly defeated, suffering heavy casualties.

Meanwhile, the forces of WALLOP, a regular army 2,000 strong including machine guns, engineers and some heavy cannon, arrived back from the North after extracting taxes from the Earl's loyal subjects. Immediately plans were made for an expedition across the TEST, to rescue the Earl and wreak vengeance on the wicked WALI and his followers.

SPECIAL IDEA. (JELDIWALLAHS).

News that the WALLOP forces were mustering caused considerable consternation among the WALI'S wise men. He had not counted on their returning from their tax gathering until well into the Winter, by which time he would retire to his winter quarters, behind the formidable R. ITCHEN, at LONGWOOD 877446. He immediately gave orders for everyone to be ready to move to LONGWOOD as early as possible.

As the attitude of the tribesmen between the TEST and the ITCHEN had been very hostile since one hundred of their number had been shot for poaching the WALI'S partridges, it was decided that the complete entourage would move, protected by the army. This would be very slow, but the WALI hoped to reach LONGWOOD in daylight.

Order of battle. - JELDIWALLAHS.

Comdr. The Jam Sahib of JELDIWALLAH ( Lt. Col. Verrier).  
6 Bty. J.A.  
Pl. PAUNCEFOOT Regt. (M.G's)  
Sec. J.E.  
10 Bn. - The HENSTING Rifles.



## LOG DIARY.

1/2 OCT. 40

UNIT - ITEN.BDE. EXERCISE.

NO	TIME	ORIGIN	INFORMATION
1			
1	0900		R. Gp. Conference.
2	0930		O. Gp. Rv. for Orders.
3	1548		Carriers leave S.P. 778551
	1552		C Coy. advance guard leave S.P.
	1600		B.H.Q. leave S.P.
			H.Q. (Sigs) leave S.P.
	1602		D Coy. leave S.P.
	1606		A Coy. leave S.P.
	1609		B Coy. leave S.P.
	1615		Tail of Tpt. Column passes S.P.
3a	1655	CHICK	Head of Adv. Gd. reached 753500, Carriers report line of advance to BENTLEY FARM 746496 clear.
4	1725	CHIC	Carriers in SPEARYWELL WOOD-No sign of enemy
5	1730		Adv. Gd. reaches SPEARYWELL WOOD. Bn. halts for tea.
6	1830		Orders issued for Bn. to move at 1900 hrs.
7	1855		Adv. Gd. left S.P. 754486
8	1900		Battalion moved off.
9	2105		Battalion arrives SQUABWOOD 767417
LO	2130		Battalion dispersed for night. B.H.Q. 764416            C Coy. 766416 B Coy. 761415            D Coy. 764412 A Coy.
LL	2200		O Gp. at B.H.Qs. for Orders.
12	2300		Supper arrived for troops
13	0530		I.O. met Commanders of supporting arms at 761427
14	0600		Battalion left S.P. 782407 Carriers reported ROMSEY clear of enemy.
15	0653	MANO	Now at THREE TUNS UNN about one mile behind next Coy.-Gap filled by Coy. Tpt, Engineers, Artillery, and M.G. Pl.
16	0625	CHIC	BATTERSLEY COMMON all clear.
17	0746	No. 3 Sec. Carriers	Patrolled N.E. & W. from Rd. June. 864429 No Enemy sighted.



No	Time	Origin	Information
18	0746	CHIC	OTTERBOURNE Bridge held by Sec of Carriers and Tank Hunting Pl. No Enemy sighted.
L 19	0749	MANO	Now at 806411 - No Enemy sighted.
20	0800		Orders issued for B Coy to follow Arty through EASTLEIGH then N to OTTERBOURNE, A Coy now to act as rear guard for Bn.
21	0820	CHIC	Bridges held - No enemy in sight. Carrier in position EAST of RD.
22	0935 X	MANO	Now at X rds. 881393 - No enemy sighted (C Coy delayed at bridge by British. Bn tpt. cleared bridge at 0840)
22A	0945		C Coy to move on road N.E. from June. 925410 to act as flank guard for Bn
23 23AA1015	0945		O Gp. to meet at Pt 411 ref 966437. Orders issued to Arty and tasks allotted. M/G tasks allotted.
24	1025	NEDI	Sec of Carriers presumed captured now returned - report enemy approx 3 Coys moving S.W. along road to junction 895427 - have engaged enemy (1 Coy) from railway line at OTTERBOURNE bridge - Am holding at ALLBROOK - No enemy sighted in this area.
	1030		Company dispositions allotted
25	1039	NEDI	Rear guard held up 889423 - enemy carrier engaged road leading WEST to enemy M.C. (12 Bn) captured. Rear guard pushing on - enemy carrier withdrawn WEST
26	1043	CHIC	MORESTEAD clear of enemy CHIC H.Q. X rds 952443
27	1045		OTTERBOURNE bridge destroyed ALLBROOK bridge destroyed.
28	1145	NEDI	Have withdrawn from positions along RIVER ITCHEN - ene Enemy ONE Coy held on other side of river - will be ONE hour in rear of Bn
29	1115		C Coy dispersed from Rd June 956436 to X Rd 963441
30	1200		Withdrawal of 2 Pls of C Coy to 974437 covered by remaining Pl.
	1210		B Coy in position in S.W. corner of copse 968440
	1300	Gp 1 1 Sec	Enemy L.M.G. sighted 965453
	1301	I Sec	Own Tps moving EAST across our front O.P. at 972445
33	1338	CHIC	Waiting advance of A Coy (9Bn) as told by D.R. D.R. reported enemy approx. ONE Coy in OWSLEBURY
34	1340	Gp 1 I Sec	Man in hedge 970445. Coy of enemy approaching along road from MORESTEAD. ONE Coy enemy in OWSLEBURY
35	1345		B Coy in position 981451
36	1355	NEDI	2 Pls in position forward of LONGWOOD HOUSE. Coy H.Q. 978446.
37	1400		Mortar fire road June N.E. OWSLEBURY. Arty fire on OWSLEBURY. M.G. fire OWSLEBURY
38	1430		Spasmodic firing N.E. of Bn H.Q.
39	1430		Tpt at MORESTEAD HOUSE shelled by Arty. TWO Sec wiped out vicinity of M. HOUSE



No.	Time	Origin	Information
39	1430		Tpt at MORESTEAD HOUSE shelled by Arty. TWO sec wiped out vicinity of MORESTEAD HOUSE by M.G. Fire.
40	1435	NEDI	Arty fire heard in N.E. direction.
41	1433		C.O. issued orders for Bn H.Q. to take up fire position along edge of copse.
42	1436		Bn H.Q. in fire position
43	1500		Exercise ended.
44	1517	Tank Hunt. Pl	From 968441 wiped out section of enemy at 972445 and mortar 300 yds. EAST.
45	1545		Assembly area for Coys to embuss 963441.



1.O.

*Handwritten initials*

7 Oct. 40.

PRECIS OF CONFERENCE AT H.Q. AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

7 Oct 40.

RECCE. PARTY.

To leave Tuesday 8 Oct 40 by rail and road. Officers and O'Rs of Recce. Party to sleep in barracks they will eventually occupy.

Rail Party leaves Salisbury 0657 hrs arrives Waterloo 0913 hrs.  
leaves Liverpool Street 1015 hrs arrives Colchester 1133 hrs.

Car Party leaves H.Q.A.I.F. 0800 hrs. All units to assemble at H.Q. no later than 0745 hrs.

All ranks Train Party to report to Major Baker, O.C. <sup>Party.</sup> Train not later than 0630 hrs. at Salisbury Station.

Return.

Train Party, Wednesday night arriving Salisbury Thursday morning.  
Car Party Thursday morning.

One Officer and 2 O'Rs of each Bn or Unit of Recce. Party will remain at Colchester. Rail Warrants available at Bde H.Q. or this H.Q.

COMPOSITION OF RECCE PARTY.

H.Q. : G.I. D.A.A.G. (Fixed)  
D.A.Q.M.G. Catering Officer.  
D.A.D.M.S. Capt. Binnie.  
A.D.O.S. (Mob) 1 W.O.  
2 N.C.O's.

Staff Captains of Bdes.

Basis of Recce Party - 2 Officers and 2 O'Rs per Bde or similar unit.

ROAD PARTY.

Will travel as follows :-

1. G.I., C.R.E., W.O. Letch.
2. D.A.Q.M.G., D.A.D.M.S., D.A.A.G. (Fixed)
3. A.D.O.S. (Mob) Capt. Kroger., 1 W.O.
4. 1 Offr., 1 O.R. Ordnance Details, 1 Offr. A.A.S.C.
5. Staff Capt. 18 Bde.
6. Staff Capt. 25 Bde.
7. Details of one Bn. of 25 Bde.
8. Capt. Binnie., Sig. Offr., 1 O.R. H.Q.

PERSONNEL TRAVELLING BY TRAIN.

18 Bde.	3	Officers	5	O.R's.
25 Bde.	2	"	6	"
Fd Ambs.	2	"	2	"
Fd Coys.	1	"	2	"
Sigs.	1	"	2	"
Fd Regt.	2	"	2	"
Depot of Personnel	1	"	1	"
D.A.P.M.			2	"
A.A.S.C.	2	"	2	"
M.G. Bn.	2	"	2	"
A/T Regt.	1	"	2	"
H.Q.			1	"



18 Bde will be responsible for move to Salisbury Railway Station of details from 18 Bde and 3 Fd Amb.

25 Bde is responsible for details from 25 Bde, 3 Fd Regt, 1 A/T Regt, 3 Fd Coy, 13 Fd Coy, 11 Fd Amb and 1 M.G. Bn. These units are responsible for liaison with H.Q. 25 Bde to ensure that all personnel are transported. Details from Force H.Q., Sigs, Depot of Personnel, Detention Barracks and Provost Unit will move under comd of officer i/c Force A.A.S.C. party.

Train party arrives Colchester before Car party. To meet at Garrison H.Q. Not possible to make arrangements for transport from station to barracks. Suggested make arrangements with Garrison H.Q. or take taxis.

Stores :

Bed, paillasse, blankets, sheets, pillow slip and soldier's box for all troops. Drawing of stores to be done direct with Barrack Master except troops billeted outside who will indent through Ord.

Mess Equipment :

All mess equipment brought from Australia and that drawn here in accordance with scale laid down in Standing Orders of A.I.F. is, and remains property of unit. Attention to be paid, on breaking of camp, to kitchen stoves, etc. Possibility of not obtaining cutlery for Officers Mess. All unit cutlery to be packed in small packages, readily accessible. Crockery to be packed permanently. All units NOT going into actual Barracks to prepare indents and stores to be drawn by Advance Party. Sergeant's Mess equipment all provided. Men to provide own knife, fork, spoon, etc.

Schedules of accommodation stores for units which are required to submit indents for their stores are forwarded under separate cover. They will be used in lieu of A.F. G1098 and supported by a covering indent.

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*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Major.  
D. A. Q. M. G.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

SECRET.

Headquarters,  
2/10 Bn. A.I.F.  
12 Oct. 40.

Distribution:  
C.O.  
2 i/c.  
Adj't.  
Q.M.  
T.O.  
All Companies.  
R.M.O.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MOVEMENT.

The following instructions are subject for alteration on receipt of orders from Austral. Force:-

MAIN PARTY.

RAIL.

(a) First Train. 14.5.21. Departs Grateley 0845 Hrs.

O.C. Train	Major G.R. Matthews.
"A" Company	3 Officers. 92 Other Ranks.
"B" Company	3 Officers. 88 Other Ranks.

Total	5 Officers	180 Other Ranks.
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14 Colchester 1645 hrs  
222 9BN

(b) Second Train. 14.5.22 Departs Grateley 0945 Hrs.

O.C. Train	Major A.S.W. Arnold.
"C" Company	4 Officers 91 Other Ranks.
"D" Company	4 Officers 38 Other Ranks.
"H.Q. Company	5 Officers 143 Other Ranks.
"Bn. H.Qs.	2 Officers 37 Other Ranks.

Total	15 Officers	359 Other Ranks.
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10 Colchester 1745  
186 9BN

(c) Carrier Train. 14.5.25. Departs Amosbury 1245 Hrs.

"H.Q." Company	1 Officer	15 Other Ranks.
Carriers	10 Carriers.	

Carrier Party will move under separate instructions

(d) ROAD.

Road Party consisting of 4 Officers and 100 Ranks will move under separate instructions.  
No. of Vehicles 32 (excluding Hired).  
No. of M/Cycles 36.  
O/C. Road Party Capt. J.H. Trevivian.

2. Buses will be available to convey personnel of the Rail Party from the Camp site to GRATELEY.

O.C. Trains will be responsible for the embussing of all members.

3. ROUTINE. 14 Oct., 40.

Reveille 0500 Hrs.  
Breakfast 0530 Hrs.  
First Train Embus 0745 Hrs.  
First Train Entrein 0815 Hrs. (approx).



Second Train Embus 0845 Hrs. (approx).  
Second Train Entrain 0915 Hrs. (approx).

4. DRESS.

All ranks will wear full marching order S.D. equipment, pack, haversack, water bottle to be filled.  
Felt hat to be worn and Tin Hat to be carried on pack.  
Great Coats will be worn.

5. BAGGAGE.

(a) Company Baggage.

10 Tons on 14.5.21.

30 Tons on 14.5.22.

Remaining baggage will move by road on Company Transport.

(b) Officers' Heavy Baggage.

Officers' Heavy Baggage will be packed and placed in Company dumps by 0800 hrs. 13 Oct. 40.

Valises will be packed in Company Transport by 0800 hrs. 14 Oct. 40.

(c) O/Rs. Kitbags. (Sea and Universal) will be carried by members with the exception of:-

M/Cyclists 34.

Band 26.

Gun numbers providing A/A protection. Nine per Rifle Company.

These Kitbags will be packed and directed by T.O. in Coy. Tspt.

(d) Band:- Will carry its instruments ; packs may be loaded in Coy. Tspt. if sufficient space is available.

6. RATIONS.

A cut lunch will be carried by all ranks. Q.M. will make necessary arrangements for evening meal.

7. A/A PROTECTION.

Rail.

1 Bren L.M.G. per Rifle Pl.

Road.

1 Bren L.M.G. per Rifle Coy. Tspt. A/A Pl. will provide protection for Coy. Tspt.

8. STRAW; will be burnt under Coy. arrangements (preferably in slit trenches).

Rear Party consisting of 1 Officer and 20 Other Ranks as detailed will move under separate instructions on 16 Oct. 40.

Three ~~A/A~~ A.A.S.C. three ton Trucks will report to Bn.H.Qs. at 0800 Hrs. 14 Oct. 40 for use by rear Party for return of Stores.

*5701 Pte R James  
Australian Force  
Blankets + packages in bundles of 10  
Capes  
Sashoods?*

*J. Volume 2/10* Lieut.  
Adj. 2/10 Bn. A.I.F.

*Blankets + packages in bundles of 10*

*It should  
include pack  
Capes  
Sashoods?*



DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONNEL.

Coy.	Reece. Party		Advance Party		Road Party		Carrier Party		Main Party		Rear Party		Total	
	Offs.	O.R's.	Offs.	O.R's.	Offs.	O.R's.	Offs.	O.R's.	Offs.	O.R's.	Offs.	O.R's.	Offs.	O.R's.
"A"				3	1	1			3	92		3	4	99
"B"	1			3		1			3	88		3	4	98
"C"				3		1			4	91	1	3	5	98
"D"			1	3		1			4	88		3	5	95
"H.Q."		1		11	3	92	1	15	5	143		8	9	270
Bn H.Q.		1		1		4			6	37			6	43
Total	1	2	1	24	4	100	1	15	25	539	1	20	33	700

NOTE:→ (a) The above strengths may vary as to numbers of sick and A.W.L. and require adjustment.

(b) If hired vehicles (5) move, the road party will be increased by 10, and other strengths decreased accordingly



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ORDER.

Headquarters.  
10 En. A.I.F.  
11 Octr 40.

TO ALL COMPANIES.

ADVANCE PARTY.

(a) The following members will move on Oct 11 and will act as Advance Party to the En.-

O.C. Party		Capt. G. R. Mielthke	
En. H.Q.'s		H.C.O.'s.	O.R.'s.
A. Coy		1	1 (clerk)
B "		1	2
C "		1	2
D "		1	2
H.Q. "		1	10 (incl. Drivers 4. Cooks 5 Ration store 1
<u>Total.</u>		<u>5</u>	<u>19</u>

(b). A total of 3 H.C.O.'s and 7 O.R.'s from En. H.Q., A, B, and C Coys will report to En. H.Q.'s at 0545 hrs and will then report to Bde H.Q.'s by 0600 hrs. These members will move by Road under Force Arrangements and will report to O.C. Advance Party on arrival at destination. All personal gear and equipment will move with these members in the Transport provided by A.A.S.C.

(c) One 8 cwt and one 15 cwt truck each with two drivers, complete with gear, will report to En. H.Q.'s at 0545 hrs. to move with above Road Party.

(d) 1 officer, 2 H.C.O.'s and 8 O.R.'s will report to Bde. H.Q.'s at 0745 hrs. to move by Rail under Bde. Arrangements. Officers gear, packs and kitbags of the rail party will be packed in the 15 cwt truck as above by 0830 hrs. Necessary personal gear will be carried in the haversack.

(e) Each member will carry a cut lunch. Breakfast at 0500 hrs.

(f) Blankets, Pailliasse Bolster, and one ground sheet will be returned to the Q.M. before departure.

NOTES RE RAIL PARTY.

1. Rail Warrants will be issued by O.C. Train. Capt. Gatewood
2. Timetable. Depart Grately 0904 hrs  
Arrive Waterloo 1109 hrs.  
Depart Liverpool St. 1415 hrs.  
Arrive Colchester 1609 hrs.

NOTES RE ROAD PARTY.

1. En. vehicles consist of one 8 cwt truck with two drivers  
1 15 " " " " " " "  
1 A.A.S.C. " " 10 O.R.'s.
2. All Transport will move under Force arrangements.
3. O.C. Convoy Capt. Fleming.
4. Start Time 0700 hrs.
5. Starting Point Traffic Lights Andover.
6. Route as per instructions to Transport officer.

*J. B. Schmitt* Lieut.  
Adj't. 10 En. A.I.F.



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SECRET

26 Oct. 40

NOTES ON CONFERENCE

HELD AT H. Q. AUSTRALIAN FORCE

at 2030 hrs. 23 Oct. 40

1. "A" SECTOR COLCHESTER DEFENCES

3 Fd. Regt. and 1 A.Tk. Regt. will take over "A" sector COLCHESTER defences at 1200 hrs. Monday 28 Oct.  
Cmd: Lt.Col. Strutt, Cmd. 3 Fd. Regt.

2. MODIFICATIONS TO "A" SECTOR

Rt. boundary incl 10 Bn.: Rd. COLCHESTER - HILL END.

NOTE The feature immediately NORTH of NORTH STATION will be the responsibility of 10 Bn. and boundary in this vicinity to be decided by Sector Cnds.

Left boundary - BLUEBOTTLE GROVE incl. "A" Sector

3. RESERVE COLCHESTER DEFENCES

9 Bn.

One Coy. Home Guard

The 9 Bn. will take over the responsibility of guarding vulnerable points and bridges prepared for demolition as from midday 28 Oct. 40.

10 Bn. will still be responsible for Road Blocks and patrolling.

Coy. will still be responsible for those Road Blocks within their areas until further notification.

4. A TK. GUNS

The two A.Tk. guns remaining with 1 A.Tk. Regt. will come under cmd. 10 Bn. from 1200 hrs. 24 Oct. 40 for protection vicinity sewage works COLCHESTER.

5. 3 Fd. Regt. and 1 A. Tk. Regt. will come under cmd. 18 Mxd. Bde. from time and date they assume responsibility for "A" Sector, viz, 1200 hrs. 28 Oct. 40.

*[Signature]* Lieut.

Adj. 10 Bn. A.I.F.

Distribution - List "A"



Ref. No. Z/607/G.

*Capl. Langford*

HEAD QUARTERS  
18 MXD  
SECRET  
Copy No. 3  
28 Oct 40.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VISIT OF "X"  
to AUSTRALIAN FORCE COLCHESTER

30 October 40.

1. MANNING OF DEFENCES.

(a) Only rd blocks, pill-boxes, fortified houses and earthworks in the vicinity of the route will be manned. Certain pill-boxes etc have been selected for inspection by "X". The personnel manning such posts will be inside them but in other cases will be formed up in line outside with their Bren guns and A.Tk. Rifles in position in the defence works.

Any earthworks which are so sited that "X" can see the men as he drives along will also be occupied.

LEXDEN Rd blocks will be manned until after "X" departs.

(b) In the same way only M.M.C. posts in the vicinity of the route will be manned,

(c) Personnel of 3 Fd Regt, 1 A.Tk. Regt, 10 and 12 Bns other than those manning defences vide para 1 (a) above will line the route at places which have been selected.

(d) Comds are to ensure that all defence works are clean and tidy.

2. ROUTE MARCHES.

The time allowed for each bn carrying out a route march to pass a point will NOT exceed 15 mins. No tpt nor Bren carriers will accompany these bns. 9 Bn is to use its band to lead the coln.

3. DRESS.

(a) Battle dress will be worn by all ranks except Staff Officers of H.Q. Australian Force and Comds 18 and 25 Bdes and their B.Ms and S.Cs. Jackets will be done up at the neck.

(b) Steel helmets will be worn by tps actually manning defences. Other Officers and O.Rs are to wear hats and carry steel helmets except those of 31 Bn.

(c) Officers and other ranks of 31 Bn will wear drill order and of the 9 and 33 Bns marching order. Personnel of other units will wear the order of dress appropriate to the work they will be doing.

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4. BAND : 31 Bn.

25 Bde may borrow a band from 18 Bde (say 10 Bn) for parade of 31 Bn.

5. LEAVE etc.

All personnel must be in barrack or camp areas except those on duty elsewhere. It is most important that soldiers are NOT allowed to stray about the streets during the visit. This applies particularly to units which are inspected in the morning or early afternoon. No leave will be granted until after 1730 hrs.

This order applies to all units in COLCHESTER.



VISIT OF "X" (contd)

6. A.A. POSTS.

- (a) Unit Comds will ensure that all A.A. posts for which they are responsible are manned during the visit.
- (b) Units will establish special A.A. posts at places where "X" is to stop, if none exists at present.

7. LUNCH.

Officers attending lunch except those actually accompanying "X" will be at the Officers Mess, Cavalry Barracks at 1300 hrs.

8. TIME-TABLE AND DETAILED PROGRAMME.

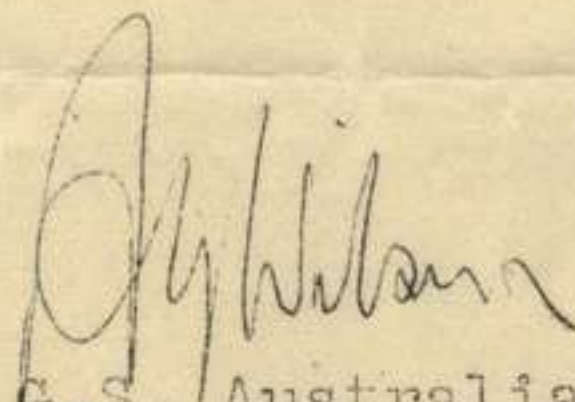
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9. ROUTE.

- (a) See Appx "A" att.  
Arrangements are being made for the issue of marked maps to:-  
18 Bde 4  
D.A.P.M. 1
- (b) It is essential that all Officers travelling in cars inform their drivers of the route over which they will be moving.

10. ORDER OF MOVEMENT OF CARS.

See Appx "B" att.

 Lt.Col.  
G.S. Australian Force.

DISTRIBUTION :-

- Copy No. 1-5 18 Bde
- 6-10 25 Bde
- 11 3 Fd Regt
- 12 1 A.Tk.Regt
- 13 Sigs
- 14 1 M.G. Bn
- 15 A.A.S.C.
- 16 Depot of Personnel
- 17 A/Comd.
- 18 Col i/c Adm.
- 19-20 G
- 21-22 AQ
- 23 C.R.E.
- 24 Med.
- 25 Ord.
- 26 Pro.
- 27 Camp
- 28 L.O.
- 29 Garrison Comd
- 30-31 War Diary
- 32-33 File.



DETAILED PROGRAMME AND TIME-TABLE.  
(issued in conjunction with "Instructions for visit of "X" to  
Australian Force, COLCHESTER, 30 Oct 40"  
dated 28 Oct 40.)

## APPENDIX "A"

Ref map : 1 inch sheet 97.

Serial No.	PLACE	TIME		UNITS.	ACTION.	ROUTE.
		Arrives hrs	Departs hrs			
1.	MARKSTEY 3642	1130	1130		M.C. escort Aus Pro Unit takes over from 11 Corps escort	
2.	43 LEXDEN Rd	1140	1205		(a) Meets G.O.C., 11 Corps and A/Comd. Australian Force; received by guard of honour 9 Bn. (b) Meets staff H.Q. Australian Force. (c) Morning Tea.	LEXDEN Rd.  LEXDEN Rd - SUSSEX Rd.
3.	End of rd: 432436	1207	1217	3 Fd Regt 1 A.Tk.Regt	Meets A/Comd and staff 18 Bde and C.O. 3 Fd Regt: begins inspection of defence works	Track and new concrete rd joining BY-PASS. at 433442
4.	BATHING PLACE bridge: 439443	1219	1229	3 Fd Regt 1 A.Tk.Regt	Walks between troops and then inspects defence works including 6 pr gun post	BY-PASS
5.	X rds :457439	1232	1242	10 Bn	Inspects defence works	BY-PASS -EAST St.
6.	EAST BRIDGE 455436	1245	1255	10 Bn	Inspects defence works	EAST ST - MERSEA Rd - BERECHURCH Rd -Rd south of ABBAY FIELDS.
7.	ABBAY FIELDS about C in BARRACKS 444423	1300	1315	31 Bn	X meets Comd 25 Bde and inspects 31 Bn formed up on parade.	ABBAY FIELDS rd
8.	Cavalry Officers Mess	1317	1430		LUNCH	Rd south of ABBAY FIELDS - POWNALL CRESCENT - MERSEA Rd.



9.	Cr MERSEA Rd- BOURNE Rd 452419	1433	1448	9 Bn	X takes salute of 9 Bn on route march	MERSEA Rd.
10.	Bend in rd 453413	1450	1515	12 Bn Comds 3,13 Fd Coys	X meets C.R.E., C.O. 12 Bn, Os.C 3, 13 Fd Coys; inspects defence works and fd coys revetting anti-tank ditch	MERSEA Rd.
11.	CHERRY TREE Camp	1518	1558	32,33 Bns	X takes salute of 33 Bn moving out on route march; meets staff 25 Bde and inspects 32 Bn training in camp area.	MERSEA Rd.  MERSEA Rd - BERECHURCH HALL Rd -BERECHURCH Rd
12.	Track running west from bend in rd 440413	1603	1610	12 Bn	Inspects defence works	Bend in rd 440413- thence track to barracks 433415 - Avenue South - Artillery Rd to junc AISNE & YPRES Rds 436417
13.	Area S.E. and South of rd junc 436417	1612	1635	A.A.S.C. 1 M.G. Bn (less dets)	Inspects:- (a) A.A.S.C. formed up with vehicles. (b) 1 M.G. Bn (less dets) training. in area east of KIRKEE and McMUNN Barracks	Via AISNE Rd
14.	SOBRAON Huts - ABBAY FIELDS	1636	1646	3,11 Fd Ambs	Inspects 3 and 11 Fd Ambs at training.	Rd South of ABBEY FIELDS -GOOJERAT Rd - CONSTANTINE Rd - MALDON Rd - CREFFIELD Rd - BEVERLEY Rd - LEXDEN Rd.
15.	43 LEXDEN Rd	1650	1715		Afternoon tea	LEXDEN Rd.
16.	"WOODLANDS" LEXDEN Rd	1716	1716		H.Q., Australian Force and Sigs under C.O. Sigs line route and cheer X as he passes through.	
17.	MARKSTEY	1725			Police escort 11 Corps takes over from M.C. escort Aus Pro Unit.	



NOTES :

- (a) Units training will be within a reasonably small area and NOT scattered.
- (b) On X leaving an area the unit concerned will, where practicable 'phone the next unit to be inspected stating the time.
- (c) Times are, of necessity, approx only. Units will, therefore, ensure that they are ready to receive X at least 15 mins before the times shown.

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APPENDIX "B"

ORDER OF MOVEMENT OF CARS.

(issued in conjunction with "Instructions for visit of X to Australian Force COLCHESTER, 30 Oct 40" dated 28 Oct 40.)

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Car No.

- 1. Police
- 2. X and A/Comd Australian Force.
- 3. Equerry, G.I and A.D.C. to A/Comd Australian Force.
- 4. ☉ Comd of Bde being inspected.
- 5. ☉ Comd of Unit being inspected.
- 6. G.O.C. 11 Corps, Col i/c Adm and A.D.C.
- 7. High Commissioner, Commonwealth of Australia and A.Q. Australian Force.

Police

Press

☉ These cars will only travel with convoy when other troops of the bde or unit are to be inspected immediately afterwards.

1045 1100  
 1150 1115  
 1130 1145  
 1230



WAR DIARY PRECIS.

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Classification  
of Subject

2/10 Battalion.

October 40.

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Training

Battalion  
Exercises.

War Diary.  
2/10 Bn.  
1-4 October 40.

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Location

Lopcombe - Colchester

War Diary.  
2/10 Bn.  
14 October 40.

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Visitors.

H.M.th King inspects  
defence at East Bridge.

War Diary.  
2/10 Bn.  
30 October 40.

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# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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DISTRICT RECORDS OFFICE  
EASTERN COMMAND

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

Date and Time.—From 001 Hrs. 1/1/40 To 2359 hours 10 Jan 1940.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Greta.	1 Jan '40	0900 hrs. 2359 Hrs.	3 Officers, 3 N.C.O.'s commence Infantry School. Expiration of New Years' Leave.	Appendix A.
"	2 Jan '40	0900 hrs.	Musketry Practise - 30 yd. Range.	
"	3 Jan '40	0900 hrs. 1500 "	8 N.C.O.'s leave for O.T.C. School. Brigadier Morsehead C.M.G., D.S.O., E.D., inspects camp.	
"	4 Jan '40	1700 "	Received 3 lorries, 30 cwt. and 2 vans light G.S.	
"	5 Jan '40	0630 "	"A" Company Fire Table B Part I. at Cessnock and Singleton.	
"		1800 "	"B" Company Fire Table B Part I at West Maitland. "A" Company complete Table B. Part I.	
"	6 Jan '40	0800 " 0900 "	2 Officers to staff and Command School. Battalion combines with 2/11 Bn. in parade and march past	Appendix B.
"			G.O.C. 6 Aus. Div. Major General Blamey. Lt. G. R. Miethke acting Adjutant during absence of Capt. T.J. Daly.	
"	7 Jan. '40	0900 "	Church parade cancelled owing to rain.	
"	8 Jan '40	0600 " 0630 " 0700 " 1100 " 1130 " 0900 "	Lt. W. A. Brocksopp, commences Brem School. "B" Company fires Table B Part I West Maitland. "D" Company fires Table B. Part I at Cessnock and Singleton. "B" Company completes Table B. Part I. "C" Company fires Table B. Part I West Maitland. Warning order to move to Ingleburn received..	
"	9 Jan '40	1300 " 17 00"	"D" Company complete Table B. Part I. "C" Company complete Table B. Part I.	
"	10 Jan '40	1100 " 1535 "	1 officer, 20 other ranks advance party leaves for Ingleburn. 5 officers, 155 other ranks take part in farewell march through Newcastle.	Appendix C. Appendix D.

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

Date and Time.—From 0000 hrs. 11/1/40 To 2359 hrs. 23 Jan 1940.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Greta.	11 Jan '40.	1200 hrs. 1615 "	Table B Part I. completed by all companies. Battalion Parade C.O. warns troops re penalties for being A.W.O.L.	
"	12 Jan '40	1100 hrs. 1400 "	Draft of 49 O.R.'s arrive at Ingleburn. 3 Officers, 3 N.C.O.'s return to Ingleburn from Inf. Course.	
"	13 Jan '40	0800 " 1400 "	Battalion entrains for Ingleburn. Battalion takes up new quarters at Ingleburn.	
Ingleburn	14 Jan '40	0900 "	Church Parade, 6 Div Supplu Column and 6 Div Am. Sub Park combine. Capt. E. F. Allechin acting adjutant during sickness Lt. G.R. Miethke.	
"	15 Jan '40	1400 "	Majority of Signalling Stores received.	
"	16 Jan '40	0900 " 1400 "	Rations unsatisfactory and not received at specified time. Equipment for Intelligence Section received.	
"	17 Jan '40	0800 " 1800 "	Lt. Lines and 1 N.C.O. leave for Bren School. Lt. W. A. Brocksopp returns from Bren Course.	
"	18 Jan '40	0930 "	8 A.I.C. instructors arrive for training purposes.	
"	19 Jan '40	0900 "	Institution of Bull Ring. 8 subjects taught by A.I.C. in rotation.	
"	20 Jan '40	0815 "	Lt. J.H. Trevivian & 5 N.C.O.'s leave for Infantry School.	
"	21 Jan '40	0900 " 1000 "	Church parade. Conference of Q.M. on messing at Victoria Barracks. Paddington.	
"	22 Jan '40	0900 "	Continuation of Bull Ring System.	
"	23 Jan '40	1000 " 1930 "	Horses arrived, 28 Limber, 12 hacks. Night operations.	



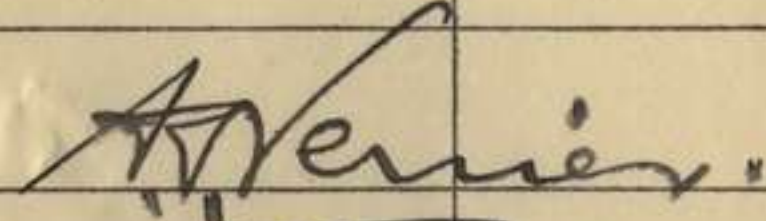
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Unit 2/10 Bn., 2nd. A.I.F.

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs. 24/1/40 to 2359 hrs. 31/1/40.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Ingleburn	24 Jan '40	0900 Hrs. 1400 "	Training on preparation of wire obstacles. Horses being trained to become accustomed to band music.	
"	25 Jan '40	1500Q "	14 Limbers received.	
"	26 Jan '40	1700 " 1800 "	1 officer, 1 N.C.O. returns from Bren School. 14 recomendations for first appointment to Commission Rank forwarded to Brigade.	Appendix E..
"	27 Jan '40	1230 "	C.O. lunches at Brigade with Minister for Army, Brig. Street.	
"	28 Jan '40	0900 "	Church parade, 2/12 Bn. and A.A.S.C. combine with 2/10 Bn. 2 Officers return from Staff and Command School.	
"	29 Jan '40		Capt. T. J. Daly resumes as adjutant.	
"	30 Jan '40	0715 "	"A" Company fire and complete Table B. Part II on Anzac Range Liverpool.	
"	31 Jan '40	0715 "	"B" Company fire and complete Table B. Part II on Anzac Range. Liverpool	
			Strength of Battalion.      21 Officers.   804. Other Ranks.	
			Other ranks includes 100 N.C.O.'s	
				 Lt. Col. Comdg. 2/10 Bn., 2nd A.I.F.



# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 2/10 Battalion, 2nd A.I.F. Date and Time.—From 0830 hrs. 1/2/40 To 0830 hrs. 12/2/40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
INGLEBURN.	Feb. 1	0830	C. Coy. fires Table B. Pt. II. at Anzac Range.	Appendix A. <span style="float: right; color: blue; font-size: 2em;">207</span>	
		0830	D. Coy. fire Table B. Pt. II		
		1730	One Officer & 5 O.R's return from Infantry Course, at Narellan.		
		0830	Training continued.— General Leave.		
		0900	Church Parade under Padre Helmore, 6. Div. Sup. Column, and 6 Div. Ammu. Pk. attended.		
		0830	H. Q. Coy. fire Table B. Pt. II.		
		0830	Bull Ring System Continued. New Syllabus.		
		1500	Lecture by R.M.O. on First Aid.		
		0830	H. Q. Coy. continue firing Table B. Pt. II. Personnel commence class on duties of stretcher bearers.		Appendix B. <span style="float: right; color: blue; font-size: 2em;">208-110</span>
		0830	R.S.M. promoted to rank of Lieutenant. A. Coy fire table L.		
			1000		Gas Lecture given by Lieut. Callow at open Air Theatre.
			1700		Return of Destinations for pre-embarkation leave forwarded to Bde.
		0830	B. Coy fire Table L. Unit Color Patches issued.		
		1500	Court Martial assembles on Pte Gaskin— Adjourned. Capt. T. J. Daly attended conference at Bde. re discharges.		
		0830	C. Coy fired Table L. 10 personnel discharged as Medically Unfit. 2 Members awarded punishment of 28 days Detention.		
		0900	A & B Coys practice marching in sixes.		
		0900	H. Q., C, & D Coys practice marching in sixes for H. E. Governor.		
		1000	Draft of 22 Reinforcements from 4 M. D. March in. 2 Cooks leave for course at East. Command Cooking School.		
		1400	Sports Meeting held - organized by Lieut. Sanderson.		
		0900	Church Parade. C.O's Birthday.		
		0830	D. Coy fires table L. 5 A.I.C. instructors march out. 3 A.I.C. instructors remain.		



# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 2/10 Bn. 2nd. A.I.F. Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs. 12/2/40 to 0900 hrs. 21/2/40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
INGLEBURN	12/2/40	0900 hrs.	Bn practices march past in 6's. 3 Officers appeared in gazette 17/40	
		1400 Hrs.	C.O., 2I/C and Adj. attend Bde. T.E.W.T.	Appendix C.
	13/2/40	0830 "	1 Officer evacuated to Prince Wales Hospital for appendicitis	Appendix D.
		0900 "	H.Q. Coy. carrier group fire <del>Capital</del> Table M. Pt. II	
		1930 "	Medical Xray examinations Blood Typeing and Tetanus Injecs.	
	14/2/40	0830 "	A., B., C., and D. Coys. carry out night exercises	
		" "	Medical Xray Ex. completed	
		" "	A/A Pl. fire table E.	
		1630 "	C.O. and Adj. attend conference on Pre-embarkation leave at Bde.	
	15/2/40	17 00 "	Col Burston visits Camp.	
		0830 "	Bn. Parade for presentation of prizes from sports meeting	
		" "	Casuals fire Table L.	
		1400 "	Muster parade held for check of nominal rolls	
		1600 "	Lecture C.O. to Officers and N.C.O's on umpiring	
	16/2/40	1930 "	Night manouvers	
		0830 "	H.Q. Coy complete Table B. part 1.	
		1400 "	Pay Parade	
	17/2/40	0800 "	4 N.C.O's leave for Inf. Leaders Course at Marellan	
	18/2/40	1500 "	Prime Minister Mr. Menzies visits camp and inspects lines etc.	
		0900 "	Church Parade.	
		1100 "	Boy Scouts visit Camp	
	19/2/40	0900 "	Rehearsal for march past of H.E. Governor General	
		2030 "	Advance party for Em-barkation leave depart. 3 Off. 60 O.R's.	
	20/2/40	1000 "	Gov. Gen. Lord Gowrie visits lines	
		1500 "	Bn. march past H.E. Gov. Gen.	
		1600 "	One member discharged Medicaly unfit.	
	21/2/40	0830 "	A. & C. Coys. complete table B. Part II.	
		0900 "	5 members boarded for 2nd. Xray.	



# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 2/10 Bn. 2nd. A.I.F. Date and Time.—From 0830 22/2/40 To 1400 29/2/40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
INGLEBURN	22/2/40	0830	H.Q. Coy. complete table B. part II.	
		0930	G.O.C. 2nd. A.I.F. Sir. Thomas Blamey visited camp and inspected training.	
	23/2/40	0830	B. and D. Coys. complete table B. part II.	
		"	D.C.G.S. Maj. Gen. J. Northcote inspected training.	
		1700	Senior Officers attended lecture on Palestine by D.C.G.S.	
	24/2/40	0830	Final Xray Examinations.	
		1200	1 Officer 6 Div Postal Unit attached for rations and quarters.	
		1300	9 new 30 cwt trucks arrived.	
	25/2/40	0900	Bn. church parade. A.A.S.C. details attended.	
	26/2/40	0830	A. B. C. D. Coys. casuals complete table L.	
		1000	A. Coy. leave for 2 day bivouac.	
		1645	Capt. Daly attended conference of adjts. re Pre-embarkation leave.	
	27/2/40	0830	H.Q. Coy. complete casuals on table M. part II.	
		"	A.B. and C. Coy. complete casuals on table B. part II.	
		1030	5 Officers and 6 senior N.C.O.'s attended a lecture and demonstration of field engineering by Capt. H.E.J. Bell	
		1500	C. coy. leave for 2 days bivouac.	
		1600	27 members depart for pre-embarkation leave.	
		1900	H.Q. coy. leave for night maneuvers staying out all night.	
	28/2/40	0830	A.B.C. and D. coys casuals fire table B. part II.	
		1030	3 Officers and 6 senior N.C.O.'s attend lecture on field engineering by Capt. H.E.J. Bell	
		1100	Lt. T. Schmedge returns from em-barkation leave. Major Arnold returns from Prince Wales hospital.	
		1630	Cricket match between Officers and sergeants. Off. win 13 runs.	
	29/2/40	0900	Bn. attended lecture and demonstration by light tank coy.	
		1000	Advance party returns from em-barkation leave.	
		1400	Limbers and horses returned.	
			3 Officers and 17 O.R.'s from 1st. Lt. Tank Coy. attached for rations and quarters.	

Battalion strength. 20 officers 166 ~~xxxxx~~ N.C.O.'s 694 O.R.'s.

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Unit 2/10 Battalion, 2nd. A.I.F. Date and Time.—From 1/3/40 1000hrs To 5/3/40 0900 hrs.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
INGLEBURN	1 March 40	1000 hrs	Demonstration by 1 <sup>st</sup> Light Tank Coy. at Greenhills attended	
		to 1400 "	by all Officers and N.C.O's.	
	2 March 40	0830 "	Demonstration of Anti/Tank guns firing at moving targets -	
			Greenhills. All Officers and 25 selected N.C.O's attend.	
	3 March	0900 "	Church parade	
		1000 "	Pay parade	
		1500 "	Warrants and passes issued for Pre-embarkation leave.	
		2200 "	All Country personnel and 100 Adelaide personnel depart on	Appendix I.
			first train for pre-embarkation leave.	
	4 March	1200 "	Remaining Adelaide personnel depart on second train for pre-	Appendix 2.
		embarkation leave.		
1700 "		11 Members discharged as Medically Unfit		
1800 "		Broken Hill personnel depart on Pre-embarkation leave.		
5 March	0900 "	Parade of all personnel remaining in camp.		

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Date and Time.—From 5/3/40 - 1200hrs To 1000 hrs. 16 March 40.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
INGLEBURN	5 March	1200 hrs.	Victorian personnel depart for Pre-embarkation leave.	
			During period 5 - 16 all mebers excepting rear party and pending discharges were on leave. Training on L.M.G. and rifle carried out with personnel remaining in camp	
	9 March		6 Discharges effected	
	11 March		2 " "	
	14 March	1500 "	All personnel in leave at South Australia assemble at Torrens Hall Parade ground and march through Adelaide	
			Victorian personnel return from Embarkation leave.	
		2035 "	Entraining at Adelaide for return to Ingleburn.	
		2045 "	Two special trains used.	Appendix 3.
	15 March		3 Discharges effected	
	16 March	1000 "	All S.A. personnel and Broken Hill personnel return from leave.	



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Date and Time.—From 17/3/40 - 0900 To 21/3/40 - 1200 hrs.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
INGLEBURN	17 March	0900	Church parade on Bn. parade ground. - Attended by 2/3rd Fd.	
			Regt. 2/3rd Fd/Amb., 2/3rd. Fd. Coy., 2/1 Fd. Pk. Coy. A.A.S.C.	
	18 March	0900	Bn. route march	
		1400	Complete kit inspection. Issue of sand shoes and field dressings. Court Martial on Pte. Gaskin proceeded with.	
	19 March	1000	Coys. carry out defensive schemes and bivouac out fo r night	
			A. & B. Coys train in 'Approach Trench' & occupation of	
			outpost position . C. & D. Coy. - Coy. in defence with one Coy. releiving the other.	
		1000	Completion of T.A.B. & Tetanus injections and Vaccinations	
	20 March	1600	Coys. return to camp after continuing with defensive schemes.	
	21 March	0830	Photographs taken for records	
		1200	P/T school finishes - 5 members return. A. & B. Coy. carry out further training in defensive schemes. C. & D. Coys. do occupation of outposts. H.Q. Coy. specialists do Tactical Training.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
INGLEBURN	22 March	0930	Brigade church parade. Good friday.	
		1630	N.C.O's course in drill under R.S.M. commences.	
	1400	5 Officers and 120 O.R's commence practise for composite parade at Royal show.	Appendix 4.	
	1400	Bn. practises march in 6's.		
	23 March	0900	Bn. route march.	
		1000	Rehearsal for march of Composite parade at Royal show	
	1200	One discharge effected.		
	24 March	0900	Church parade - general leave.	
	25 March	0900	'A' Coy, carry out field firing at Greenhills. B.C.D. Coys.	
			continue with further defensive schemes. Bn. bivouac for night.	
	26 March	0900	Rehearsal for March through Sydney.	
		1000	B. Coy. carry out Field firing. One member discharged Medically unfit. One member transferred to 2/6Bn.	



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Date and Time.—From 27/3/40 - 0900 To 31/3/40 - 0900

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
INGLEBURN	27 March	0900	Pl. and Coy. drill carried out and final rehearsal for march	
		1200	through Sydney	
		1100	Visit of G.O.C.	
	28 March	0930	Bn. entrains at Ingleburn for Sydney	
		1135	March through Sydney	
		1500	Bn. returns to Camp.	
	29 March	0900	C. Coy. instructed in method of using assault boats on Georges	
			River. One discharge effected 'unlikely to become an efficient	
			soldier'. During the day practise in packing for Embarkation	
			carried out.	
		1830	Bn. prepare to leave camp for Embarkation.	
	30 March	0830	Pay parade	
	31 March	0900	Church parade.	
			Battalion Strength. 20 Officers. 103 <del>xxxx</del> N.C.O.'s 669 O.R.'s.	

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INGLEBURN

APPENDIX 1.

O.C. 1st. Train Embarkation leave  
Capt. W.A. Brocksopp  
Entraining Officer  
Capt. G.R. Miethke

APPENDIX 2.

O.C. 2nd. Train Embarkation leave  
Lieut. Col. A.D. Verrier  
Entraining Officer  
Capt. A.W. Buttrose

APPENDIX 3.

O.C. 1st. Train - Return Journey  
Lieut. Col. A.D. Verrier  
Entraining Officer  
Capt. G.R. Miethke  
O.C. 2nd. Train - Return Journey  
Major L.G. Bruer  
Entraining Officer  
Capt. A.W. Buttrose

APPENDIX 4.

Names of Officers for Composite Parade at Royal Show,  
Sydney.

O.C. Coy. Major L.G. Bruer  
2 I/C. Capt. T.J. Daly  
Pl. Cmds. Lieut R.W. Sanderson  
Lieut I.D. Hayward  
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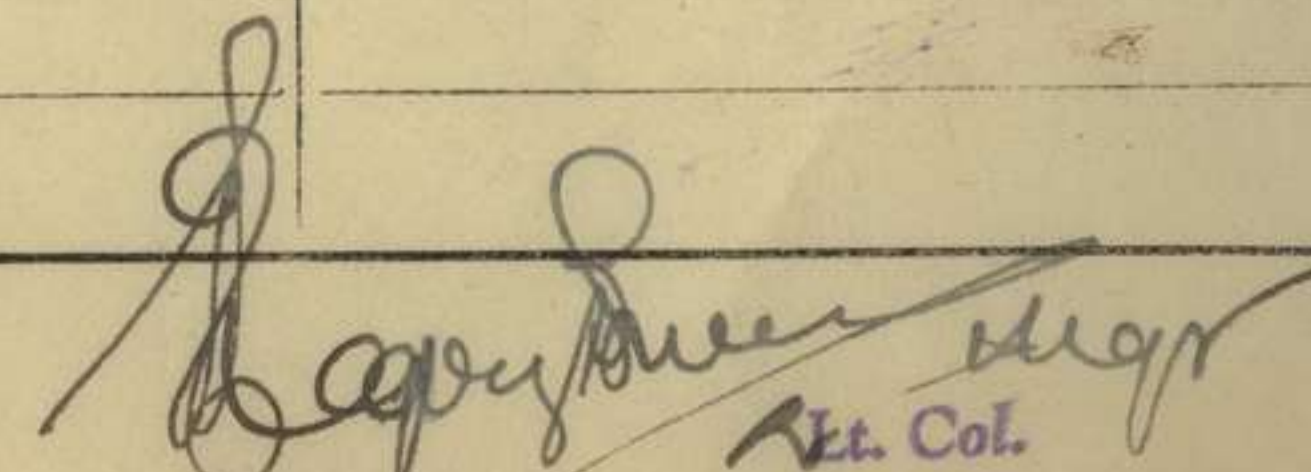
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Ingleburn.	1 APRIL	0830	"A" Company Practice Van Guard in Attack.	
		to	"B" Company. Carry out normal training on training area.	
		1630	"C" & "D" Companys. Fire Range, practices at Anzac Range	
		1300	"C" Company. Bivouiac at Glenfield for the night.	
			4 discharges effected (Medically unfit)	
			Strength - 20 Offs. & 769 O.R.'s.	
			Sudden Cool change of weather.	
	2 APRIL	0830	"C" & "D" Companies. Carry out Field Firing Exercise, at	Appendix 1.
	to		Greenhills 927023. (Ref. Liverpool 1" - 1 mile). Further	
	1700		practices carried out at Anzac Range by "B" Coy.	
	1100		Bn. Band takes part in parade held by R.T.D. with inspection by General Sturdee.	

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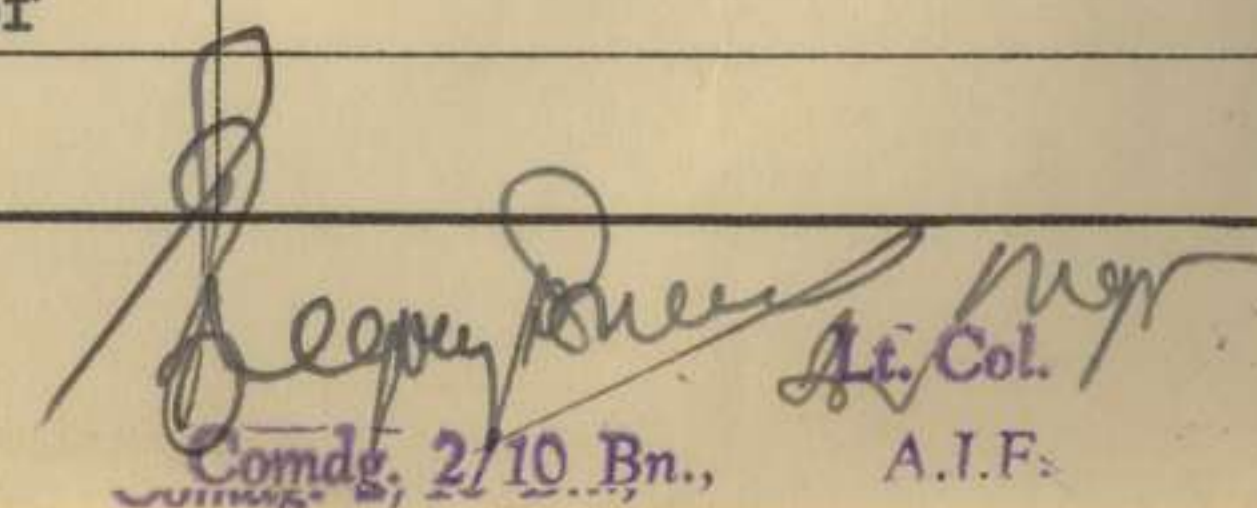
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Ingleburn.	2 APRIL		Advice received from Dept. of Army of a new type of	
			War Gas "Arsine" that is thought the Germans may attempt	
			to use.	
			Increase of common colds in Camp.	
	3 APRIL	0830	"A" Company Fire small arms course at Anzac range.	
		1630		
			Remaining Coys. continue with Tactical Training with A & B	
			Coys. bivouacing for the night.	
	4 APRIL	0900	First issue of Respirators.	
	5 APRIL	1030	Inspection of Training in the Field by the Governor of	
		-1230		Sth. A.,s. - Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey

  
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Ingleburn.	5 APRIL		Exercises of Coy. in attack carried out.	Appendix 2. Copy of orders issued for exercise.
		1230	March past in the Field by the Bn.	
		1500	Inspection of the Camp by Gov. of N.S.W., Lord Wakehurst and Gov. of Victoria, Sir. Winston Dugan.	
	6 APRIL	0900	Individual Training carried out by	
		-1200	Coys. in Camp Area.	
	7 APRIL	0900	Church Parade.	
		1100 -	Cricket match played between 2/10 Bn. and N.S.W. Cricket	
		1700	Assn. at Glenfield Agricultural College. N.S.W. Cricket	
			Assn. won by 1 wicket.	
	8 APRIL	0830	D Coy. carried out Field Firing at Greenhills. Tactical	
		to	training & Range Practices by other Coys.	
		1630		

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Ingleburn.	9 APRIL		H.Q. Coy. carry out Field Firing Exercise .	
			3 Discharges effected. (Compassionate Grounds)	
		2000	Lecture by Capt. T.J.Daly to all Officers, & Sgts.  Subject - Bn. in Defence.	
	10 APRIL	0830	Carriers Gp. & Mortar Pl. carry out a field Firing	
		to 1630	Exercise at Holdsworthy.	
		1400	Bn. sports held for selection of personnel to take	
			part in Bde. Sports.	
		2000	Bn. attends pictures -"Damaged Goods" in Open Air Theatre.	
			Education in prevention of Venereal Diseases.	
		1855	Warning Order issues followed by Confirmation & Operation	Appendix 3.
			Order at 2130 hrs. for Tactical Exercises to be carried	
			out in vicinity of Bringelly.	

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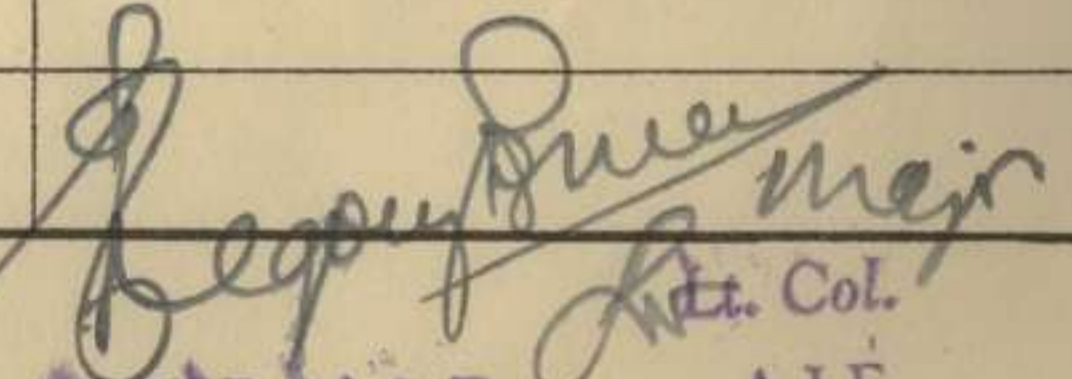
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Ingleburn	11 APRIL		Tactical Exercise of Bn. occupying a Defensive position carried out.		
		0730	Bn. in full marching order leaves Camp. & proceeds towards Luddenham at head of Main Body as per instructions in Appendix 3.		
		1135	Bn. Cmds. having received Brigadiers outline Scheme issues his orders to O.Gp. - Bn. to occupy a defensive position in Bringelly Area, with B.C. & D. Coys. forward & A. in Reserve.		
		1300	Coys move forward from Assembly from Areas & commence tasks.		
		1700	All tasks completed.		
		12 APRIL	0900	Bn. withdraws from position & commences march back to Camp.	
			1230	Bn. marches into Camp.	

  
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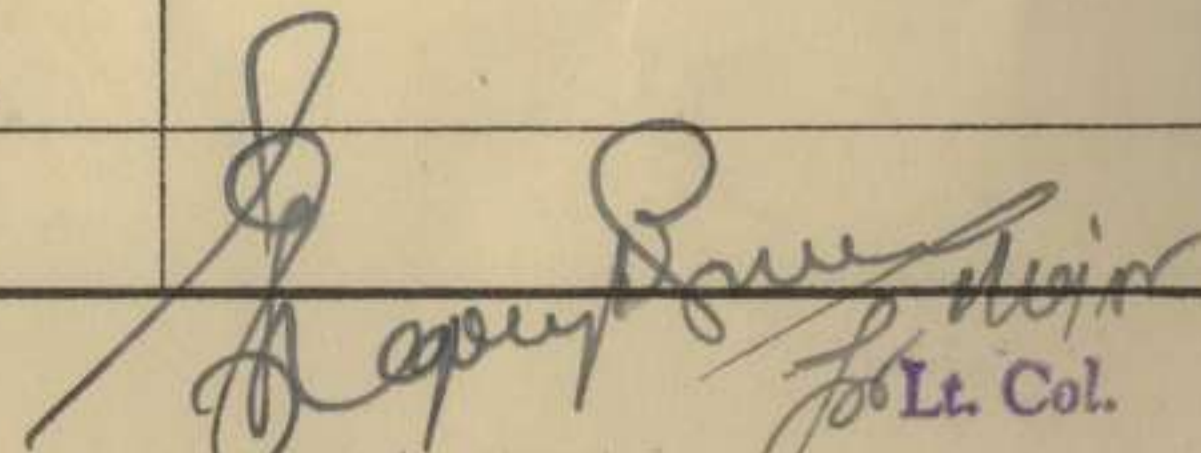
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Ingleburn.	12 APRIL	1400	Conference of all Officers & Sgts. on Scheme - Criticism by C.O. & Adj. bringing out various points learnt during occupation.	
		1530	Pay Parade.	
		1600	First information received of new appointments 15 Officers Gazetted.	Appendix 4.
	13 APRIL	1000	Heavy rain. Individual training carried out in Huts. 8 Discharges effected (Medically Unfit) Strength - 36 Offs. 739 O.R.	
	14 APRIL	0900	Church Parade.	
	15		B. Coy. complete Small Arms Courses at Anzac Range, Remainder of Bn. carry out Fitting of Respirators.	
		1830	Operation Orders, issued by Bde. for Tactical Exercise to be carried out on 16 Apr. 40.	

  
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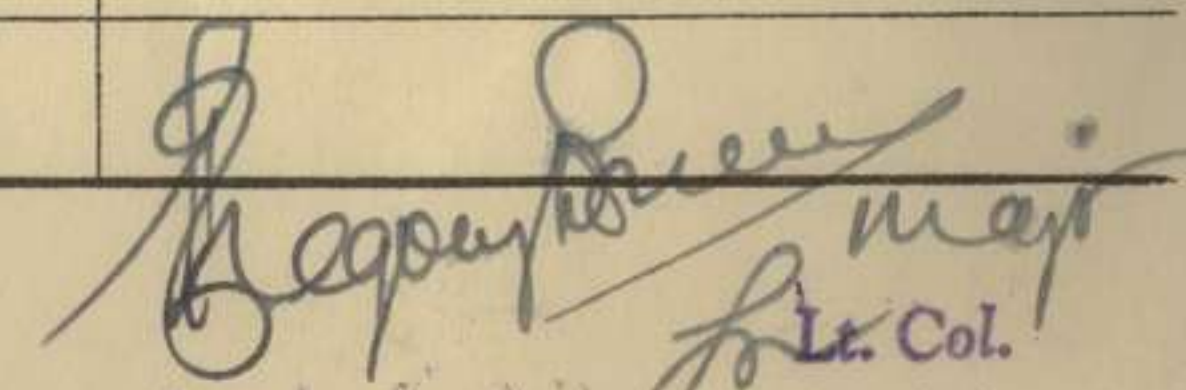
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Ingleburn	16 Apr.		Tactical Exercise of BN. in Attack carried out - Scheme issued by Brigade.	
		0730	Bn. marches out to relief of Trans Border Rifles at Post 1/15.	Appendix 5. Copy of orders issued.
		0940	First contact made with enemy on St. Andrews Road.	
		1200	Attack by Bn. to clear enemy from Ridge 8199 allow advance to be proceeded with, C Coy having been pinned down by enemy on left of St. Andrew Rd. 817992.	See opening Order
		1300	Bn. moves forward with A Coy. acting as the Advance Guard.	
		1600	With A Coy held up in Creek 817020, C Coy. attack from Rt. flank along track running S.W. from Leppington, the intention being to attack & take & take Leppington Ridge.	See Operation Order
		1700	Exercise terminates.	
	17 APRIL	1000	Steel Helmets issues.	

  
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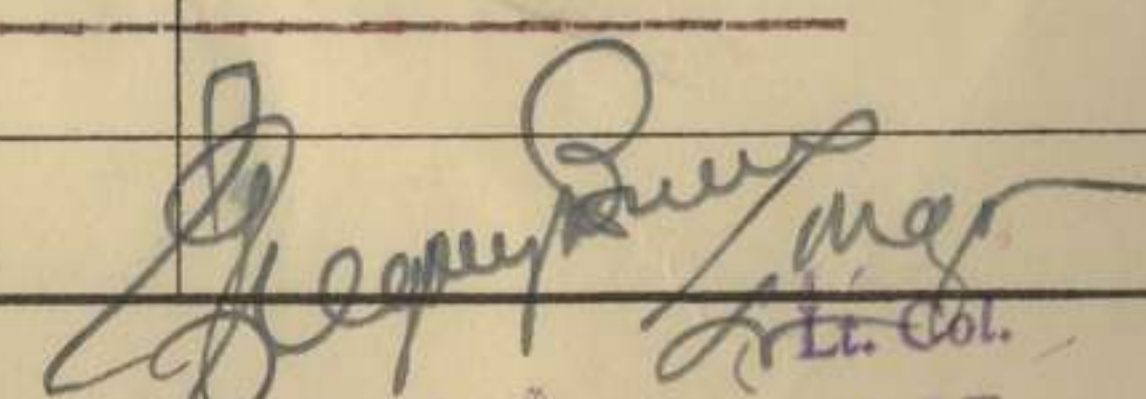
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Ingleburn	17 APRIL	1400	Bn. Sports - A. Coy. attain highest number of points.	
		2000	Major Bru <del>er</del> attends conference at Bde. regarding strength of Bn.	
	18 APRIL	0830 to 1630	Coys carry out exercise in Attack 1 Discharge effected (Medically Unfit)	
	19 APRIL		Training in Gas & Gas Chamber Tests. 1 Discharge effected ( Unlikely to become Eff. Soldier)  Strength 36 Off. 737 O.R.'s.	
	20 APR.	1000	Conference of all Officers & Sgts. - Criticism by Brigadi <del>er</del> Morshead & Chief Umpire on Bde. Scheme carried out on April 16.	
		1200	4 Discharges effected (Med. Unfit.)	
	21 APR.	0900	Church Parade attended by 2/9 & 2/10 Bn.	
		1100	138 Reinforcements arrive - drafted from 4 M.D.	

  
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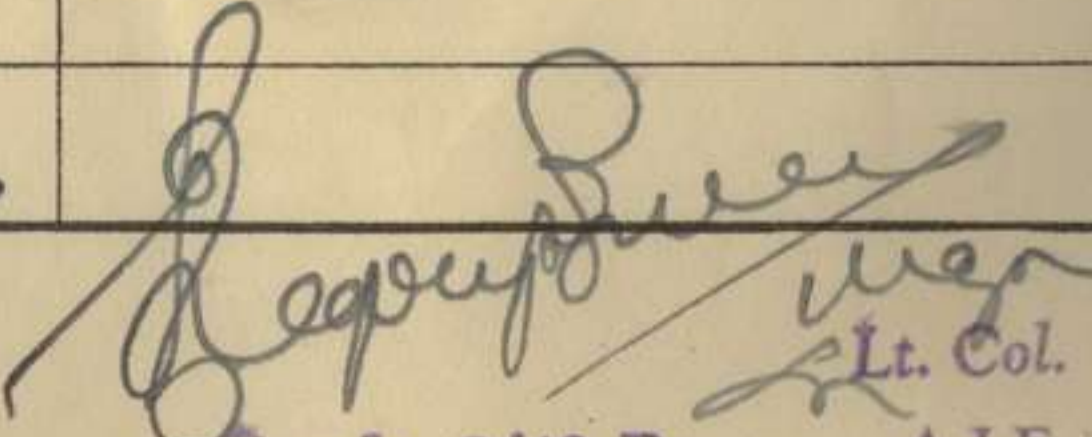
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Ingleburn	21 APR.	X	Strength 36 off. 870 O.R.'s.	
	22 APR.		Reinforcements receive issues & commence training under Capt. W.A. Brocksopp. Reinforcement Officers allotted.	Appendix 6
	23 APR.	0830	Full Kit Inspection carried out by all Coys. to ensure every emmber has his full issue before embarkation.	
		1200	1 Discharge effected (Unlikely =to become Eff. soldiers)	
	24 APR.	0800	Q. Instructions for Embarkation - Time Table, Return of Stores etc. issued.	
		0830	Coys. carry out exercises in defence	
		-1630	& attack. 1 Discharge effected. (Med. unfit)	
	25 APR.	09??	Pay Parade. Bde. Sports Held:- 2/10 Bn. obtain highest number of points.	

  
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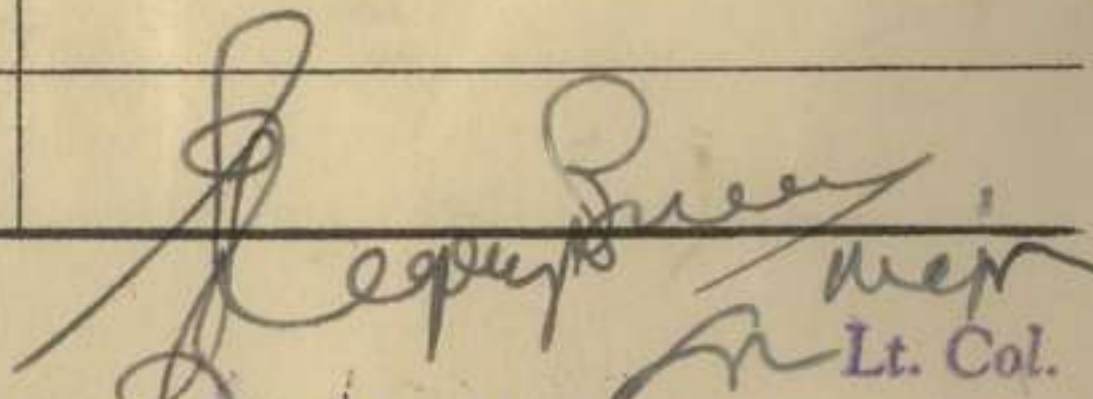
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Ingleburn.	26 APR.	0830	Bn. Parade & Route March.		
		1030	Coys. carry out Weapon & Gas training.		
	27 APR.	0600	Aust. Broadcasting Commission take recording, representing life of A.I.F. from Reveille to commencement of training and to be Broadcasted when news of embarkation is released.		
			1200	10 Reinforcements march in from R.T.D. at Menangle. 1 Transfer to Railway Construction Maintenance Gp.  Strength. 36 Off. 862 O.R.'s.	
	28 APR.	0900	Church Parade.		
	29 APR.	0900	Rehershal for Review to be held on May 1 1940.		
			Last parade of Brigade in Australia.		
	30 APR.	0830	Muster Parade held for checking of Embarkation Roll by D.F.O.. All members warned of this parade of embarkation.		

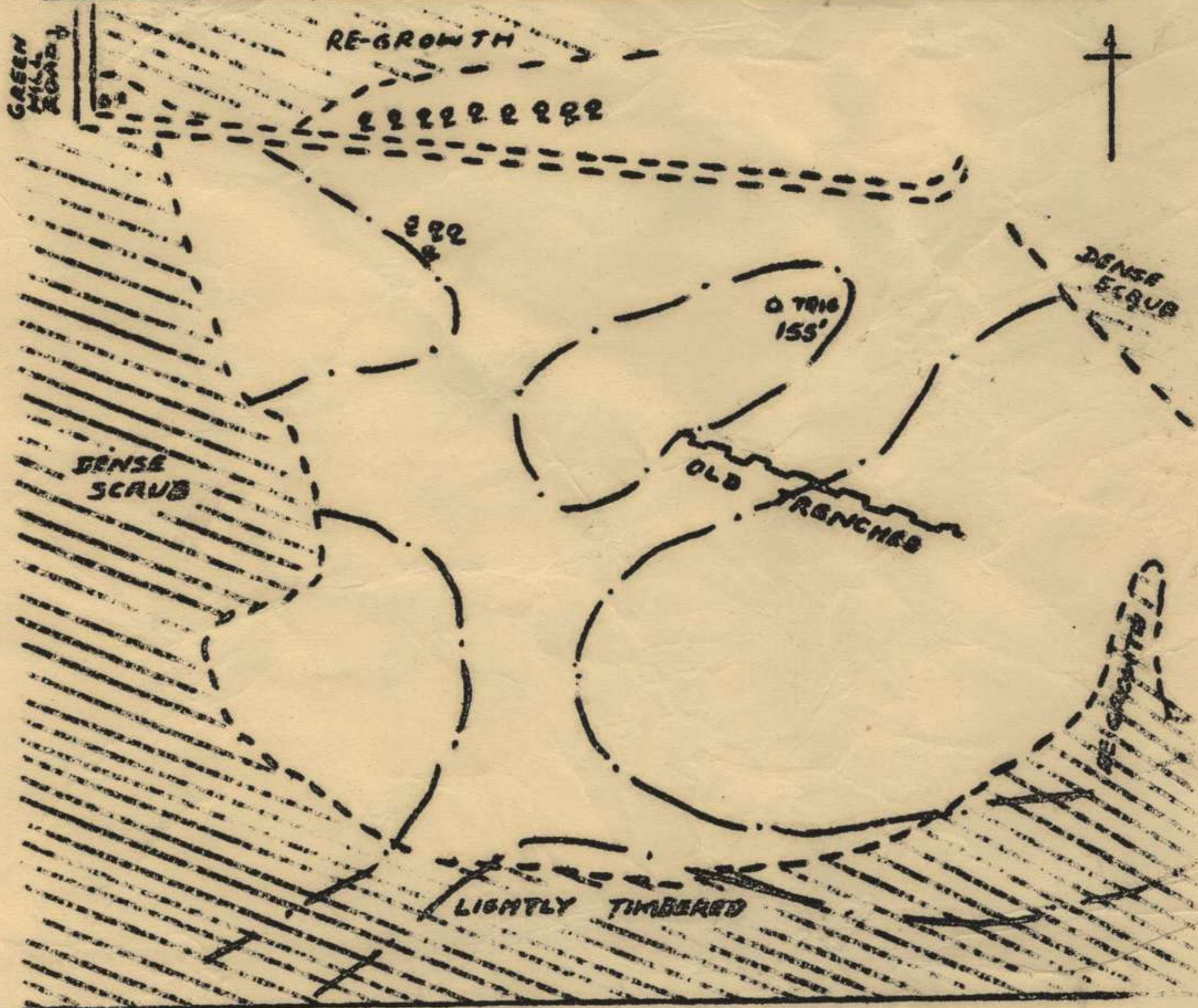
  
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FIELD FIRING EXERCISE.

2/10 Bn. 25, 26, 27 March, 1940.

SKETCH MAP OF FIELD FIRING RANGE. GREENHILLS.



SCALE. 1" = 200 Y

21/3/40.



Notes for Safety of Officers.

- (a) During fire and movements ensure that one section does not fire while the other is in advance of it.
- (b) Ensure that the section giving covering fire from the 155 feature is well to a flank.
- (c) That when troops are advancing safety catches are applied.

Phase II.

The full platoon came into action and the two or three figures were seen disappearing into the scrub.

The platoon resumed the advance but on reaching the edge of the scrub clearing again came under fire.

Notes for umpires.

- (a) Action of Pl. Commanders.
- (b) Fire order etc. by Sec. leaders.
- (c) Orders & Messages.

Forecast of Events.

- (a) It is likely that one of the left sections would be withdrawn into reserve.
- (b) Right section would probably move around 155 feature using ground & cover.

Notes for Safety of Officers.

As for Phase I.

Phase III

The Platoon was unable to advance any further.-

Exercise terminates.

Q 7's will be returned by Coys. on completion of exercises.

Administrative Arrangements.

Umpires and Safety Officers.

Chief Umpire	Capt. Matthews.
Asst. "	Capt. Cooper.
" "	Capt. Miethke.
" "	Capt. Martin.

Umpires will also act as Safety Officers.

Reccs. Umpires will proceed with the Adjutant on a Reccs. of the F.F. range at 0830 hrs. 25 Mar. 40.

Messing.

Companies will arrange for the following meals in the field.

25 Mar.	Midday Meal	"A" Coy.
26 "	" "	"B" "
27 "	" "	"D" "

TRANSPORT.

The Q.M. will arrange for the following transport to be available:-

25 Mar.	0830 hrs.	30 cwt.	7.	utility.	1.
26 "	1030 "	"	7	"	1.
26 "	1300 "	"	7	"	1.
27 "	1030 "	"	7	"	1.

T.J.D.



2/10 BATTALION.

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.

5 APR. 40.

COMPANY IN ATTACK.

REF. MAP. LIVERPOOL 1" to 1 Mile.

(1) LESSONS TO BE BROUGHT OUT.

- (a) The procedure for an attack.
- (b) Formations.
- (c) Ground and Cover.
- (d) Use of M.M.G's. in support.
- (e) Use of Smoke.

(2) OPENING SITUATION.

EASTLAND and WESTLAND are at war. 2/10 Bn. is acting as advance guard to 18 Bde. WESTLAND forces which is advancing on LIVERPOOL from BRINGELLY along the HUMB HIGHWAY. "B" Coy. is Vanguard for 2/10 Bn. The advance continued during the morning of 5 Apr. until 1100 hours. At this time the leading elements of "B" Coy. were approaching the bridge over CARRAMATTA CREEK when they came under rifle and L.M.G. fire from spur, 853049, hill 200, 8505 and edge of wood 852057. The Main Guard had reached road Junction BRINGELLY ROAD, OLD COWPASTURE ROAD 828057. The enemy force is estimated at two platoons astride the HUMB HIGHWAY, but it is obvious that extensive digging has not been undertaken.

COMPOSITION OF VAN GUARD 18 INF. BDE.

O.C. Capt. G.R. Matthews. 2/10 Bn.  
"B" Coy. 2/10 Bn.  
"A" Pl. Carrier Gp. 2/10 Bn.  
No. 3 (Mortar Pl.) 2/10 Bn. less two detachments.  
Two pls. 2/1 M.G. Bn.

PHASE I.

(a) FORECAST OF EVENTS.

The leading platoon of the vanguard, coming under fire, will automatically take cover. The Pl. Commander must make a quick recce. of the enemy position and send a message to his Coy. Commander giving a clear concise picture of the situation.

If the enemy strength precludes his advancing farther, he must remain in observation and at all costs, maintain contact.

(b) NOTES FOR UMPIRES.

- (i) Action of Sec. Leaders on coming under fire.
- (ii) Action of Pl. Commanders.
- (iii) Orders and Messages.

PHASE II.

(a) FORECAST OF EVENTS.

O.C. "B" Coy. having received a message would come forward to recce. accompanied by M.G. and Mortar Commanders.

PROCEDURE SHOULD BE:-

- (i) Hand over Van Guard to 2 I/C ~~to~~ proceed to Assembly position.

- (ii) Appoint time and R.V. to meet Pl. Comdrs.

Having carried out recce. and formulated a plan, procedure will be :-

- (i) Issue orders to Pl. Comdrs., M.G. and Mortar Comdrs.



- (ii) Pl. Comdrs. order pls. to suitable Pl. assembly positions.
  - (iii) Appoint R.V. and time to meet Sec. Leaders.
  - (iv) Carry out RAPID recce.
  - (v) Issue orders to Sec. Leaders.
- Similar procedure will be followed by Sec. Leaders.

(3) NOTES FOR UMPIRES.

- (i) Strict attention must be paid to ensure that the correct procedure is carried out.
- (ii) Orders must be issued in proper sequence and must be simple and concise without omitting necessary detail.
- (iii) Assembly positions should be handy to probable starting points and should provide cover from air.

PHASE III.

(a) FORECAST OF MOVES.

The Coy. will carry out the attack, probably with two pls. forward. If the resistance on the left appears too strong he is likely to throw in his attack on the enemy's left flank supported by his M.G.'s. from M.G. Bn. and with close support from Mortars, possibly using Snake to screen the last stages of the advance. The Carrier Co. would be invaluable for consolidation.

(b) NOTES FOR UMPIRES.

- (i) Formation of attacking troops. Dispersion essential.
- (ii) Fire and movement - co-operation necessary between Pl. C omdrs. and between Sec. Lds.
- (iii) Discipline during the attack.

PHASE IV.

Exercise ends on capture of position.  
Conference of all ranks on Hill 200.



2/10 BATTALION.

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.

5 APR. 40.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

(1) UMPIRES.

CHIEF UMPIRE & ASSISTANTS.

CAPT. T.J. DALY  
R.S.M. J.G. PERCIVAL.  
SGT. K.R. JACOBS.

ASSISTANT UMPIRES.

CAPT. G.D.T. COOPER.  
CAPT. G. R. MIETHKE.  
LIEUT. E.H.D. LINES.  
C.S.M. S.L. HOPTON.

(2) SKELETON ENEMY.

Skeleton Enemy will be provided by "A" Coy. - One Off. and 30 O.R's. to report to Capt. Daly at gate 857055 at 0945 hours.

(3) BLANK.

- (a) Blank will be drawn at the rate of 10 Rds. per firing rifle.
- (b) Skeleton enemy will draw 20 rds. per rifle.
- (c) Tins with stones in them will be used to represent L.M.G. fire.
- (d) Six Smoke Candles will be drawn by O.C. "B" Coy.

(4) CASUALTY SCREENS.

O.C. "B" Coy. will draw five red and five blue screens.

(5) LUNCH.

Lunch will be in the field at 1300 hours.

(6) TRANSPORT.

The following transport will be made available:-

30 CWT. LORRIES.

One per Coy. for meals.  
One for Officer's Mess.  
One for Mortar Pl.  
Two for Carrier Gp.

TOTAL 2.

UTILITY TRUCKS.

One for Chief Umpire.

TOTAL 1.

BICYCLES.

One for R.S.M.  
One for Sgt. Jacob.

TOTAL 2.

(7) RECCE.

All Umpires will report to Capt. T.J. Daly at 1600 hours 4 Apr. at Hill 200, 856058.

Capt.,  
Adj. 2/10 Battalion, 2nd. A.I.F.



2/1 Aust. Machine Gun Bn. -- Coy. in attack.

Tactical exercise with troops held in conjunction with 2/10 Bn.  
5 April 1940.

HORNINGSEA PARK AREA

Reference map Liverpool 1" to 1 mile.

M.G. Coy. Commander's orders issued to M.G. Ptn. Commanders at 0930hrs.  
5 April at Road Junction 838058.

INFORMATION

Enemy estimated at 2 Ptns. with L.M.G. holding high ground  
vicinity Hill 200 Featura -- 856055 -- astride HUME HIGHWAY.  
Leading elements of vanguard (B Coy. 2/10 Bn.) held up at  
bridge over CABRAMATTA CREEK -- 848058. Vanguard Coy. is attack-  
ing enemy position.

INTENTION

"C" Coy. 2/1 A.M.G. Bn. (Less 1 platoon) will support the  
attack of the Vanguard.

METHOD

<u>PL</u>	<u>PLATOON AREAS</u>		
10 Ptn.	BALDHILL	approx.	842050
11 "	Contour 150	"	838062

<u>PL</u>	<u>ASSEMBLY POSITION</u>		
10 Ptn.	vicinity GATE COWPASTURES ROAD	approx.	832052
11 "	OLD COWPASTURE ROAD	approx.	835065.

<u>PL</u>	<u>TASKS</u>		
10 Ptn.	No. 1 Sec. Right flank protection arcs indicated.		
	No. 2 Sec. Right of arc - TRACK -- 857054.		
	Left of arc - ROAD JUNCTION -- 855055.		
11 Ptn.	Both Secs. same arc		
	Right of arc TRACK JUNCTION -- 856045		
	Left of arc TRACK -- 857054		

platoons will fire by observation on located centres of enemy  
resistance within arcs.

On attacking troops reaching safety limit, both platoons will  
lift and bring fire down on reverse slopes of HILL 200  
features by lifting fire above the crest.

This fire to be maintained until capture of objective.

AMMUNITION

Not more than 8 belts per gun. Commence with 1 belt rapid  
(for the purpose of this exercise 2 belts per gun blank amm.  
have been allowed.)

TIMINGS

Zero -- (not before 1100 hours)  
10 and 11 Platoons will commence at Z - 5 and continue normal  
rate until capture of objective.

SUBSEQUENT ROLE

On capture of objective 11 Ptn. will be ready to move forward  
in close support of vanguard.

10 Ptn. will move to ROAD JUNCTION -- 838058 -- and await  
further orders.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

COY. H.Q. - HOUSE -- ROAD JUNCTION -- 838058.

ADMINISTRATIVE

S.A.A. Reserve  
R.A.P.

S.P. -- 814037

*W. H. H. H. H.* Major,  
C.O. "C" Company, 2/1 A.M.G. Bn.



APPENDIX 3.

Orders issued for Tactical Exercises, Bn. in Defence, carried out  
on 11 Apr. 40.



# MESSAGE FORM.

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

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO REDO. REGO. RELO. RENO. REKO.

FROM REKO.      Originator's Number. W.O.I.      Date 10      In Reply to Number

WARNING.	ORDER	11 APR.	NO MOVEMENT
BEFORE 0715 hrs @	BREAKFAST	0630 hrs.	
SICK. PARADE	0600 hrs	REVEILLE	0530 hrs
CONFIRMING	ORDERS	ISSUED	TONIGHT 2130 hrs

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN** by any means:

If liable to be intercepted or fall into Enemy Hands, this message must be sent **IN CYPHER.**

Originator's instructions  
Degree of priority.

Time of Origin.

SIGNED

SIGNED

IMMEDIATE

1855.

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

T.H.I.

System In.	Time In.	Reader.	Sender.	System Out.	Time Out.	Reader.	Sender.	System Out.	Time Out.	Reader.	Sender.

T.O.R.



SECRET.

2/10 Battalion, 2nd. A.I.F.  
Ref. Map. Liverpool. 17. to 1. mile.

Operation Order No...Sl.....  
Copy No.....<sup>15</sup>.....  
Date.....10 April 1940...

1. The WESTLAND Adv. Gd. has established a strong bridgehead at PENRITH and air reports at 1800 hours indicate that a force of approximately one div. with one coy. light tanks have crossed the border and occupied KINGSWOOD. 7229. The enemy div is bivouacking the night in the area ORCHARD HILLS 7225 - KINGSWOOD. Five or six light tanks have been seen about MULGOA 6518 but these withdrew at dusk to KINGSWOOD.

2. 12 Bn. is occupying outpost positions on the line of the high ground east of SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY CHANNEL 8202, 8203. Tomorrow 11 April the Bde. will march to LUDDENHAM. The Adv. Gd. is comprised as follows:-

Adv. Gd. Mob. Tps.  
"A" Sqn. Div. Recce Regt.  
Van. Gd.  
9 Bn.  
One Pl. 1 M.G. Bn.  
Main Gd.  
10 Bn. F.F.  
11 Bn.  
12 Bn.  
A Coy. 1 M.G. Bn. (Less one Pl.)  
3 Fd. Regt.  
3 Fd. Coy.  
3 Fd. Amb.  
Det. Recce. Regt.

3. 10 Bn. will proceed by march route to LUDDENHAM at the head of the Main Gd.

4. Order of March.

D. Coy.  
Bn. H.Q.  
One Det. A.A. Pl.  
"A" Pl. Carr. Gp.  
C Coy.  
B Coy.  
A Coy.  
Mortar Pl.  
Pioneer Pl.  
"B" Pl. Carr. Gp.  
"F" Gp Tpt.  
A.A Pl. less 1 det. to move with F. Gp. Tpt.

5. ROUTE.  
COWPASTURE RD. 843016 - S.P. 814037 - Rd. June. 813036 - Rd.  
June. 798048 - Rd. June. 801059 - BRINGELLY - LUDDENHAM.

6. STARTING TIME.

Coys. will be fallen in in Column of Route in the order of march facing South on PARSONS ROAD and unmade road to INGLEBURN.  
F. Gp. Tpt. will be assembled on left side of road with head at "B" Coy. H.Q. in following order:-



- 6. Bn. H.Q. Utility.
- A Pl. Carr. Gp. Tpt.
- Bn. H.Q. Office Lorry.
- Sigs Stores Lorry.
- D. Coy. truck.
- A.A.Pl. truck.
- C. Coy. truck.
- B. Coy. truck.
- A. Coy. truck.
- Mortar Pl. Lorry.
- Utility for Pioneer stores.
- B Pl. Carr. Gp. Tpt.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

a. Routine 11 April.

- 0530 Reveille.
- 0600 Sick Parade.
- 0630 Breakfast.
- 0720 Bn. ready to move off.

b. Rations.

Midday meal will be cooked in the bivouac area and move with "T" Gp. Tpt. Q.M. will arrange for 20 cooked rations to be available for Bn. H.Q. They will be kept in separate hot boxes. These will be marked "Bn. H.Q." and carried with A Coy. rations

c. Transport.

The following transport will report to Bn. H.Q. and Coys. at 0630 hours:-

- |                  |                                      |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Bn. H.Q.         |                                      |
| Utilities        | 1                                    |
| 30 cwt. Lorries  | 1 (Bn. Office, R.A.P., & S.A.A. Res) |
| H.Q. Coy.        |                                      |
| 30 cwt. Lorries  | 4 For Carr. Gp.                      |
|                  | 1 Mortar Pl.                         |
|                  | 1 Sig. Pl.                           |
|                  | 1 For pioneer stores.                |
| Utilities        |                                      |
| "A" Coy.         |                                      |
| 30 cwt. Lorries. | 1 for tools and blankets.            |
| "B" Coy.         |                                      |
| 30 cwt. lorries. | 1 For tools and blankets.            |
| "C" Coy.         |                                      |
| 30 cwt. Lorries  | 1 For tools and blankets.            |
| "D" Coy.         |                                      |
| 30 cwt. Lorries  | 1 For tools and blankets.            |

d. DRESS.

Marching Order.  
Water proof capes will be carried rolled over the top of packs  
1 blanket per man will be carried in company lorry.  
Repirators will NOT be carried.

8. Bn. H.Q. will close down at INGLEBURN BLOCK at 0700 hours and will proceed as shown in order of march.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. J. Daly* Capt.  
Adj. 2/10 Bn., A. I. F.

METHOD OF ISSUE.

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TIME OF SIGNATURE.

*2121 hrs.*

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R.M.O.	4	A. Coy.	11	File	17
Q.M.	5	B. Coy.	12		
		C. Coy.	13		



APPENDIX 4.

The following appointments to first Commissioned ranks appeared in Gazette Supplement No. 65 of 11 Apr. 40. To be Lieutenants as from 1 Mar. 40. In order of seriority.

Lieut. A.C. Bray.  
L.I. Hopton.  
M.R. Ellenby.  
R.E. Porter.  
R.W. Seddon.  
D.D. Balfour-Ogilvy.  
S.L. Hopton.  
K.R. Jacob.  
F.W. Cook.  
T.K. Fisher.  
C.H. Mackie.  
R.G. Cundell.  
A.R. Scott.  
P.H. Bright.  
D. Tweedie.



Appendix 5.

Copy of orders issued by Bn. Commdr. for Bde. Exercise,  
Advance march & Bn. in attack, carried out on 16 Apr. 40.



SECRET.

2/10 B33a

Operation Order No...S5.....

Ref. Map. WINTERBROOK 1" to 1 mile.  
CAMDEN 1" to 1 mile.

Copy No.....  
Date...16.April.1940.....

INFORMATION.

- (1) The BRINGELLY heavily attacked the TRANS BORDER RIFLES picquet at POST 445 early this morning. They are reported to be armed with some machine guns of various types as well as rifles and are also in possession of some armoured cars. Their numbers are probably not more than 1000. It is believed that they have attained a high standard of efficiency in handling their weapons.
- (2) The Bde. less 9 Bn. and 10 Bn. is remaining in the CAMPBELLTOWN-DOUGLAS PARK - MENANGLE area.

INTENTION.

- (3) 10 Bn. will march to the relief of POST 445.

METHOD.

- (4) Order of march.

Adv. Gd.  
Capt. A.W. Buttrose, Comd.  
"C" Coy. 2/10 Bn.  
"B" Pl. Carr. Gp.  
One det. No. 3 (M) Pl.  
Main Body.  
Bn. H. P.  
No. 1 (Sig.) Pl.  
No. 4 (Pioneer) Pl.  
"B" Coy.  
"A" Coy.  
A Pl. Carr. Gp.  
No. 3 (Mortar) Pl. less one det.  
No. 2 A.A. Pl.  
"A" Coy. 2/3 Fd. Amb.  
"F" Gp. Tpt.  
Rear Gd.  
Capt. G.D.T. Cooper, Comd.  
"D" Coy.

- (5) Route.  
CAMPBELLTOWN -- LUMEAH 8493 - MINTO. 8496 - Rd. June. 833967 - ST. ANDREWS RD. -- then along South bank WATER SUPPLY CHANNEL to POST 445.
- (6) Starting Point.  
The Bn. will be formed up with head of Adv. Gd. at rd. June. 815921, at 0730 hrs.  
Adv. Gd. will move not more than 300 yds in front of the main body.
- (7) Picqueting.  
The Adv. Gd. Comd. will arrange to picquet the following points until the rear gd. has passed.  
Hill 200 - 817980  
Hill 250 - 813991  
Hill 300 - 827997  
Hill 300 - 813998  
Hill 450 - 823004  
Hill 300 - 804003  
Hill 400 - 823022



(8) ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

- (\*) Tpt.  
W/T Gp. Tpt. will move as follows:-
  - a. Adv. Gd.
    - C. Coy. Tpt.
    - B. Pl. Carr. Gp. Tpt.
  - b. Main Body.
    - Bn. H. Q. Office Lorry.
    - W/T Tender
    - No. 1. Sig. Pl. Lorry.
    - No. 3 Mortar Pl. Lorry.
    - B. Coy. Tpt.
    - A. Coy. Tpt.
    - A. Coy. 2/3 Fd. Amb.
    - R.A.P.
    - A.A. Pl.
    - A. Pl. Carr. Gp. Tpt.
    - D. Coy. Tpt.

(9) D. R's. Will ride as follows:-

- Bn. H. Q. 1
- W/T Tender 1.

(10) Rations.

Midday meal will be carried on the man.

(11) S.A.A. Reserve.

will be carried on pl. trucks.

(12) R.A.P.

Will move in front of the rear gd.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

(13) Bn. H. Q. with the O Gp. will move at the head of the main body

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. J. Gady.* Capt.  
 Adj. 2/10 Bn., A.I.F.

METHOD OF ISSUE. D.R.

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2/3 Fd. Amb.	11
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Bde. H. Q.	15



2/10 BN

REF. MAP. GLENFIELD-CAMPBELTON  
AREA. 2" to 1 MILE

SECRET.  
0054.

16. APR. 40  
COPY No 14

INFORMATION

Enemy estimated strength 600  
withholding bridge at 13 993. C. Coy is held  
up on left of road 817 997.

Intention 10 BN will attack and capture  
bridge 250

Method B. Coy 4 companies B. Coy.  
Objective 250 ridge route. SW. of spur  
817 987.

ZERO. 1200.

Rate of advance 100 yds 2 minutes  
Staff line back 817 984  
Reserve troops C. Coy follows the  
attack at 600 yds distance.

Supporting fire.

Barrier Group

To support attack from zero - 2 photo from  
both side St. Andrews Road.  
Mountain PL. provide fire located enemy  
positions 822 983.

C. Coy. support attack by fire  
R.R. Creek & Rd junction 823 988.

Intercommunication BN. H.Q. creek road  
junction 823 988. Acknowledge.

J. G. Galt  
Capt. 2/10 BN



1.011 No. 1

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16. A. 40  
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A. 40

REF. MAP. GRANFIELD-CAMPBELLTOWN

AREA 2. to 1 mile

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INFORMATION

Enemy estimated strength 600  
C. Coy in the  
up on life of near 81187

149  
10 AM 9 AM 7 AM 5 AM

250  
Mortar  
4 10/10

2/3 31 Amb. 11  
81187

near Dian 11. 13.  
ZERO 1200.

100 Yds  
Reserve Group  
Attack at 600 yds distance

Supporting fire  
former group

to support attack from 320-5 phospor

left side of Anderson Pass  
Mortar Pl. provide fire support

81183  
position

C. Coy. support attack by fire  
81181  
81182  
81183  
81184  
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2nd Bn

Secret

MAP REF. GLENFIELD-CAMPBELLTOWN AREA  
2" to 1 mile

O. O. S. 5  
Copy No 12  
16 Apr 40

Information

Enemy are holding the ridge running N+S through ~~LEPPINGTON~~ LEPPINGTON with a force estimated at 150. A Coy is held up along the line of the breach 817020. B Coy has a platoon committed about 815023. The Bn will attack and take LEPPINGTON RIDGE.

METHOD

Forward boys  
E Coy Route - track running south west from LEPPINGTON Z  
Z 1600 hrs  
starting line - edge of timber 810007

Reserve boys

B Coy less 1 Pl to follow the adv at a distance of 600 yds  
D Coy continue rear rd role and ATK defence  
A Coy Assist in covering the advance and come into reserve on the objective being captured.

Supporting fire - A Pl barr Gp divide fire on North end of LEPPINGTON RIDGE about 820025 - B Pl from area 810007  
Mortars - 1 Det area 812012 bringing fire to bear on observed targets south off LEPPINGTON HOUSE - 1 Det from same area fire on LEPPINGTON HOUSE - 2 Det area 812015 to fire channel and rd junction 818025



beaver

RAP - Bridge 804008

Intercommunicator

Mr HQ will be on page 814018 then  
break page 818019

acknowledge

Ady 2/10/47  
LEPPING-TON  
A 27

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METHOD

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6 Aus. Div.

SECRET

Map Ref:  
Camden 1" to 1 Mile  
Liverpool 1" to 1 Mile

2/3 Fd. Amb. Operation Order No. 5

Copy No. 7

16 April 40

1. INFORMATION. (a) Regarding enemy: Post 445, at Hill 455, is beleaguered by the Bringelly to the number of approx. 1,000. The Bringelly are well armed and have machine guns and a number of old type armoured cars.  
(b) Regarding our own forces: 2/10 Bn. is to proceed without delay to the relief of the beleaguered garrison at Post 445.
2. INTENTION. (a) 2/10 Bn. is to attack enemy forces in vicinity of post 445.  
(b) A.A.M.C. will treat and evacuate casualties of 2/10 Bn. and attached troops.
3. METHOD. (a) A. Coy. 2/3 Fd. Amb. will be attached to and will move with 2/10 Bn.  
(b) O.C.A. Coy. will immediately contact 2/10 Bn. regarding March Table.  
(c) O.C.A. Coy. will establish collecting posts and/or A.D.Ss as the occasion warrants.  
(d) A. Coy. will evacuate casualties to M.D.S. established by Ambulance H.Q. at Campbelltown.  
(e) B. Coy. will remain mobile in reserve at Campbelltown.
4. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. (a) TRANSPORT. A. Coy. will be completely mechanised. Three lorries, 30 cwt., G.S., (covered), 2 motor Ambulances and 1 utility will be attached to A. Coy. T.O. will detail Transport N.C.O. to accompany A. Coy.  
(B) EQUIPMENT
- |                           |    |
|---------------------------|----|
| F.M.P. No. 1              | 1  |
| F.M.P. No. 2              | 1  |
| F.S.P. No. 1              | 1  |
| F.F.P.                    | 1  |
| Surgical Haversack        | 1  |
| Medical Companion         | 1  |
| Splints, Thomas, arm      | 2  |
| Splints, Thomas, knee     | 2  |
| Haversack, Shell Dressing | 1. |
- (C) MESSING. Personnel will carry cut lunches and waterbottle
5. INTERCOMMUNICATION. 1 D.R. from Sigs., 6 Div., will be attached to A. Coy.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

METHOD OF ISSUE: By hand.

TIME OF ISSUE: 1830 hrs

Lt. Col.,  
Comdg. 2/3 Fd. Amb.

DISTRIBUTION:

O.C.A. COY.

O.C.B. COY.

MAJOR, H. Q.

Q.

T.O.

R.S.M.

C.O., 2/10 BN.

18 AUS. INF. BDE.

A.D.M.S.

W.D.

FILE.



2/10 Bn.

FIELD FIRING EXERCISES - GREEN HILLS AREA. 25-26 & 27 MAR. 40.

Ref. MAP. LIVERPOOL 1" to 1 Mile.  
CAMDEN 1" to 1 Mile.  
Sketch Map. Greenhills Area.

NARRATIVE.

On 25 Mar. 40.

- 2/10 Bn. part of a NORTHLAND force is advancing in a southerly direction along the GREENHILLS road, the object being to seize the Woronora Dam (934860)

- Coy. the advance guard is moving with two platoons forward astride the GREENHILLS ROAD.

At 1000 hrs on 25 Mar. 40 - Coy. issued the following orders:-

INFORMATION

The enemy estimated strength One Bde. are reported to have bivouacked in the BULLI PASS Area on the night 24/25 Mar. Air reports at first light state that small enemy patrols have been located in the area COMPLETE. (946987).

The 2/10 Bn. is moving on WORONORA DAM to seize the dam and safeguard the water supply.

Intention.

- Coy. will act as advance guard to the Battalion.

Method.

We will move with two platoons forward No. - on right of GREENHILLS ROAD and No. - on the left.

First bound. Trig 155. Reserve Platoons on Greenhill

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

Will be at head of reserve.

PHASE I.

At 1030 hrs. the leading elements of No. - Platoon which was advancing through the scrub east of Trig 155 was fired on by what appears to be two or three rifles.

Notes for Umpires.

- (1) Action of Sec. Leader.
- (2) Fire orders & fire control.
- (3) Action of Pl. Commander.
- (4) Choice of Ground & Cover.
- (5) Orders & messages.

Forecast of events.

The probable action on the part of the Pl. Commander will be as follows:-

- (a) Come forward to 155 feature - out to recon.
- (b) Bring one sec. into action on the 155 feature to provide covering fire.
- (c) One section to advance through scrub with original forward elements by fire and movement.



# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)

Unit 2/10 Battalion A.I.F. Date and Time.—From 1 May 1940 To 31 May 1940.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Ingleburn	1 May	1100	A review and Inspection by G.O.C., A.I.F. Sir Thomas Blamey.	
		1130	Presentation of Trophies won at Sports Meeting by G.O.C.	
	2 May	1400	Sth. Aus. Comforts Fund Parcels issues - consisting of articles for sea voyage.	
			6 Transfer to R.T.D., Ingleburn effected.	
	3 May	0630	Muster Parade held in order to check Embarkation Rolls.	
		1400	17 Reinf. from R.T.D. Menangle march in.	
	4 May	0900	Rehearsal of embarkation procedure - Personnel in numerical order allotted to carriage Gps.	
			14 Transfers (A.W.Ls) to R.T.D. Ingleburn - thus finalizing Embarkation Rolls. Strength now as per establishment.	

at. mail



# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 2/10 Battalion

Date and Time.—From 0300 hrs. 5.5.40 To 2000 hours 5 May 40.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Ingleburn	5 May	0300	Reveille - commence prepn. for marching out of camp.	
		0610	A.B.C. & D Coys. march out - entrain at Ingleburn at 0700 hours.	
		0740	H.Q. Coy. & Reinf. march out - entrain at Ingleburn at 0845. hours.	
H.M.T. X 4.		1115	Embarkation of Bn. on H.M.T. X 4 completed. Personnel allotted to cabins by Groups in which they entrained.	
		1230	Boat Drill carried out - Method of adjusting life belts demonstrated by Ships Officers.	
		1305	H.M.T. X4 leaves wharf to join Convoy.	
		2000	Broadcast welcoming all personnel to the boat by Captain of the Ship and address by Chief Officer re discipline and boat drill.	



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Unit 2/10 Battalion Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs. 6.5.40 To 1100 hrs. 10 May 40.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.M.T. X.4.	6 May	0900	Training on board commences - 1½ hrs. per day allotted to Physical Training.	
		1000	2 Officers admitted to Ship's Hospital suffering from Tonsillitis.	Appendix 1.
	7 May		Empress of <del>India</del> <sup>CANADA</sup> joins Convoy off Victorian Coast.	
	8 May	0930	Issue of Sporting Gear - Boxing Gloves, Med Balls etc.	
			5 Officers detailed as Mail Censors.	Appendix 2.
	9 May	0900	Short Arm Inspection.	
		1100	Pay Parade - Troops receive first Pay of 5 days on board Ship.	
		2000	Lecture by Bde. M. on Organization and Tactical Doctrine of German Army.	
	10 May	1000	Closing of Mail for Posting at Fremantle.	
		1000	Boat drill carried out.	



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Unit 2/10 Battalion. Date and Time.—From 1200 hrs. 10.5.40 To 0900 hrs. 13 May 40.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.M.T. X.4.	10 May	1200	Combined Rail & Leave Passes issued.	
		1300	Arrive at Fremantle Wharf - All troops granted leave till 2400 hrs.	
		2000	7 Officers, 148 O.Rs. 2/11 Bn. Reinf. embark and attached to 2/10 Bn.	Appendix 3.
	11 May		2 Members, temporarily unfit, disembarked.	
		0700	Transport leaves wharf and anchors in Harbor.	
	12 May	0900	Church Pde. held on Sports Deck - attended by 2/10 Bn, 2/11 Reinf. and Engs.	
		1200	Convoy leaves Fremantle.	
	13 May		First indication of bad weather - To date excellent conditions. Lectures given to Coys, under cover.	
		0900	Security Instructions in form of lectures given to troops.	



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Unit 2/10 Battalion. Date and Time.—From 14 May 1940 To 18 May 40.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.M.T. X.4.	14 May		Lectures by -M.O. given to Coys. on Venereal Diseases and Personal Hygiene.	
			Swimming on board commences - Coys. allotted times for use of bathing pool.	
	15 May		Tropical weather encountered - new order of dress for all ranks. Shorts and shirts to be worn.	
			Lectures on Palestine given by Padre.	
			2100 (Approx.) Course of convoy altered from W.W. to S.W.	
	16 May		General training contd. - Landscape Targets made use of for instructions in Fire Orders etc.	
	17 May		General Training.	
		2000	Band Concert given by 2/10 Bn.	
	18 May		Alteration in method of censoring correspondence - Each Pl. Comdr. to censor own Pl. Mail.	



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Unit 2/10 Battalion.

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs. 19.5.40 To 23 May 40.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.M.T. X.4	19 May	0900	Church Parade.	
		1400	Co-ordination of Coy. Training Syllabus and allotment of lecture Rooms to Coys.	
	20 May		Further lectures by M.O. on Hygiene and Sanitation.	
			Routine Training.	
	21 May		Routine Training.	
		1000	Copy of organization of German Army issued to all Officers.	
		1530	Boxing Tournament held - Elementary rounds.	
	22 May	0730	Conference of Coy. Comdrs. re training and discipline	
			Generally.	
			Lectures given by C.O. to Coys. on Trench Warfare.	
			Training Films used.	
	23 May		Training Contd.	



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Unit 2/10 Battalion

Date and Time.—From 2045hrs. 23.5.40 To 27 May 40.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.M.T. X.4	23 May	2045	Commencement of night lectures to Officers.	
			Lecture given by Capt. T.J.Daly and Lieut. T.J.Schmedje.	
			Final Rounds of =Boxing Tournament held.	Appendix 4 (Results)
	24 May		General Routine and Training.	
		1400	Ships Sports held.	
	25 May	1000	Burial of 1 member of 2/9 Bn. - Died of pneumonia.	
		1400	Final of S hips Sports.	Appendix 5 (Results)
	26 May	1000	Convoy arrives at Capetown.	
		1115	Church Parade, held on Sun Deck.	
	27 May	0730	Pay Parade in Sth. African coinage - Officers paid £2 and O.R's. £1.	
		0930	Bn. H.Qs., H.Q. Coy, 1st Reinf. and 2/11 Reinf. granted shore leave till 1700 hrs.	
			Remainder of Bn. proceed on Route March.	



# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 2/10 Battalion. Date and Time.—From 0930 29.5.40 To 31 May 40.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.M.T. X.4	28 May	0930	A, B, C & D. Coys. granted shore leave till 1700 hrs.  Route march for remainder of Bn.	
		2000	1 Officer admitted to Hospital.	Appendix 6.
	29 May	0800	H.M.T. X.4. leaves wharf and anchors in Table Bay.  Normal training Contd.	
		1400	C.O's. Orderly room for A.W.L. cases during leave in Capetown.	
		1600	1 Member disembarked suffering from Spinal injury.  1 Officer admitted to Hospital.	
	30 May	0900	Sth. African coinage converted to Aust. Currency and troops repaid.	
		1400	C.O's. Orderly Room contd. on A.W.L. cases in Capetown.	
		1630	H.M.T. X.4. Return to wharf.	
	31 May	1100	Convoy leaves Capetown. General Training Continued.	



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*Address* H.M.T. X.4.

*Date* 31 May 40.

Officer In Charge,  
D.R.O.,  
Southern Command,  
4 M.D.,  
KESWICK BARRACKS.  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

## WAR DIARY.

Herewith War Diary for the month of May.

*W. Menier*, Lieut. Col.  
Commanding 2/10 Bn. A.I.F.





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## APPENDIX I.

Names of Officers admitted to Hospital on 6 May 40:-

Lieut. M.R. Ellenby.

Lieut. E.H.D. Lines.



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## APPENDIX 2.

Names of Officers detailed as Mail Censors:—

Capt. G.R. Miethke

Capt. J.H. Trevivian.

Lieut. J.E. Brocksopp.

Lieut. T.J. Schmedje.

Padre. Helmore.



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APPENDIX 3.

Names of Reinf. Officers of 2/11 Bn. attached to 2/10 Bn.:—

Capt. J.P. Burnett.

Lieut. D.F. Eacott.

Lieut. T.R. Woogan.

Lieut. G.W. Bennett.

Lieut. G.E. Dixon.

Lieut. G.F. Roberts.

Lieut. C. Brownrigg.



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## APPENDIX 4.

### Results of Boxing Tournament.

Heavy Weight	WX1995	Bullingham.
Light Heavy Weight	QX1237	Matthews.
Middle Weight	SX1722	Kite.
Welter Weight	SX252	Whitaker.
Light Weight	QX1333	Jones.
Feather Weight	QX4444	Madden.



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APPENDIX 5.

Results of Ships Sports.

Tunnel Ball	2/11 Bn. Reinf.
Straddle Ball	2/10 Bn. "B" Team.
Overhead Ball	2/10 Bn. "B" Team.
Relay Race.	2/10 Bn. "A" Team.
Tug-o-war	2/3 Fd. Coy.



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APPENDIX 6.

Officer admitted to Hospital on 28 May 40.

Lieut. I.D. Hayward.



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APPENDIX 7.

Officer admitted to Hospital on 29 May 40:—

Lieut. R.E. Porter.



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*Address* Ingleburn.  
*Date* 1 May 40.

Officer in Charge,  
D.R.O.,  
Southern Command,  
4 M.D.  
KESWICK BARRACKS.  
Adelaide.  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

## WAR DIARY.

Herewith copy of War Diary for the month ended  
30 Apr. 40.

*Henry Jones*  
Lieut. Col.  
Commanding 2.10 Bn. A.I.F.





# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 2/10 Battalion A.I.F. Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs. 1/6/40 To 1200 hrs. 11 June 40.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.M.T. X4	1 June 40.		General training continued	
	2 "	0900 hrs.	Church parade.	
	"	1200	Orders issued for life belts to be carried at all times as extra safety precautions.	
	3 "		Personnel in lower cabins allotted to decks for sleeping purposes	
	"	2000	Instruction in French vocabulary and pronunciation commenced. Afternoons allotted for P.T. and Organised Games. Training to be carried out in the mornings.	
	4 "		V.M.G. tested on Sun Deck for A.A. purposes.	
	5 "		Increased activity regarding Air Recce.	
	6 "	1800	Fault in steering gear of H.M.T. x3 - causes convoy to deploy.	Results successful Difficulty of feed overcome by special guides attached to feed block.
	7 "	0900	Pay Parade in Australian Coinage.	
	"	1000	Arrived Freetown, Sierra Leone.	
	"	1700	Mail closes for posting at Freetown. Precautions taken for disease carrying mosquitoes - all portholes to be closed during night.	Conditions due to this heat extremely unpleasant.
	8 "	1400	1 Officer, 1 Sergeant and 13 Other Ranks from carriers transferred to H.M.T. x5 to provide A.A. protection with V.M.G.'s.	Appendix I. Officer, Capt. Miethke.
	"	1700	Departed Freetown. Destination England. All ranks line decks to cheer H.M.S. Albatross when departing.	
	"	2030	Address by Captain of Ship re general behaviour and assistance in the event of emergency.	
	9 "	0900	Church Parade	
	"		Aircraft Carrier "Hermes" joins escort.	
	10 "	1500	Issue of tobacco from Comforts Fund. 832 2oz. tins and 9200 Cigarettes.	
	"	1650	Instructions for return of training stores, Baggage etc. received from the Ships O. Room.	
	11 "	1200	News by wireless to the effect that Italy has declared war on France.	



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Unit 2/10 Battalion A.I.F.

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs. 12/6/40 14 30 hrs. 18 June 40.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.M.T. X4.	12 June 40.		Battalion Standing Orders for War compiled and issued to all Officers.	Appendix 2.
	13 "	0930	Return of ships training stores. Disembarkation rolls prepared and checked off.	Appendix 3.
	14 "	0930	Officer detailed to supervise unloading of baggage.	<i>Appendix 3</i>
		1230	Message Battle conducted by Bde. Bde. H.Q. and 9 & 10 Bn. H.Q. function in imaginary battle controlled by umpires.	
	15 "	1100	Burning vessel sighted off the Port Bow.	Unable to identify vessel and cause. Proved to be friendly fishing trawler.
		1300	3 vessels sighted on horizon - escort investigates while convoy commences zig zag course	
		1500	All Office records and cases marked 'Wanted on Voyage' returned to baggage room. Orders for cleaning of cabins issued by ships Orderly Room	
	16 "	0900	Coys. parade with kits in full marching order in preparation for disembarkation.	
		1400	Arrive at Grenoch, Scotland and anchor.	
		1630	G.O.C. Scotland Forces arrives on board to welcome troops.	
	17 "	1000	Instructions issued from Bde. for disembarkation. All kit bags assembled by Coys. on deck taken off by lighter and transported to Camp Area.	
		1800	2/9 Bn. disembark and proceed to Lopcombe Corner.	
	18 "	0900	Issue of rations for 3 meals.	
		1000	Coys. parade on deck for disembarkation.	
		1030	Bn. disembarks by lighter in 2 groups. Group 1. Bn. H.Q., H.Q. Coy., A Coy. " 2. B. C. D. Coy. & Reinforcements.	
		1400	No. 1 group entrains at <del>Grenoch</del> and proceeds via Edinburgh down East Coast.	
		1430	No. 2 group entrains at Gourock and proceeds via Carlisle down west coast. Refreshments provided at Edinburgh and Carlisle. Travelling Conditions and accomodation satisfactory.	



# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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

Date and Time.—From 19 June 40.

To 1430 hrs. 25 June 40.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Lopcombe	19 June 40	0600	No. 2 Group arrive at Salisbury	
		0815	No. 1 Group " " "	
			Bus transport provided at Salisbury and troops embuss to Camp Area - Lopcombe Corner - 9 miles East of Salisbury.	
			All members fed and allotted to tents - eight per each Bell Tent.	
		1400	Issue of palliasses, blanketts and camp equipment. Preparatory precautions taken against possible air raids - Coys. allotted areas to disperse to.	
	20 "	0830	Training commences with drill and rifle exercises.	
		1030	All personnel issued with 50 rounds of ammunition.	
		1100	Members transferred to H.M.T. X5 at Freetown return to Unt.	
	21 "		Commencement of first task of digging trenches for cover in the event of Air Raid. Trenches 2'x3' with 10 yd. traverses	
			Construction of First Aid Post commenced - Centre for M.O. and Orderlies in the event of an Air Raid.	
		1 Officer seconded to 18 Aus Inf Bde. as Transport Officer	Appendix 5.	
		1 " " " " Liaison "		
		P.A.D. Officer for Bn. appointed. Route marches commenced.		
22 "	0900	2/11 Reinforcements attached march out. Transferred to Tidsworth Camp.		
	1400	25% Personnel granted leave to Bournemouth, Salisbury and Andover. Remainder continue with digging secondary task - development of trenches 3'X 5' commenced .		
23 "		Further 25% of the Bn. granted leave.		
24 "	1100	Visit to camp by press and B.B.C. representatives. Recordings of typical Australians and interviews. Photos taken of		
	to 1300	troops undergoing training.		
25 "		Reorganisation of Bn. under British War Establishment. - Mortars reduced to 2 sections. Carrier grp. reduced to 1 Pl. As a result 57 members transferred to 25 Bde. Strength now		



# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 2/10 Battalion A.I.F.

Date and Time.—From 26 June 40.

To 1 July 40.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Lopcombe	26 June 40	0015	Air raid warning red received. All troops in readiness to disperse to trenches.	
		0300	All clear signal given.	
		1100	Visit by Rt. Hon. Stanley Bruce, High Commissioner. Inspects camp - addresses all N.C.O's.	
		1510	Pte. Williams first casualty on active service.	
	27 "	0045	Died at Tidsworth suffering from Double Pnuemonia.	
		0800	Air Raid yellow received. No further action taken.	
		1300	10% Bn. commence London leave. 36 hrs. granted.	
		1400	I.O. attends demonstration on method of camouflage of tents etc. at Bde. H.Q.	
	28 "	1400	Pay Sgt. and O. Room Sgt. transferred to Force H.Q's at Amesbury Abbey.	
		0030	Air Raid Message Yellow received.	
		0700	C.O. acting in absence of Brigadier Morsehead.	
	29 "	1600	Pay for London Leave personnel drawn from Force H.Q's.	
		0800	Conference at Bd. attended by C.O. & Adj. re general administration details.	
		1000	Further 10% leave granted for London	
	30 "	1400	G.O.C. Austral Force, Major General H.D. Wynter accompanied by G.O.C. in C. Southern Command inspect camp.	
			2/10 Bn. play cricket match against Bulford Garrison - Bn. beaten by 7 wickets.	
	1 July 40		No warning of Air Raid - strong activity in air recce. C.O. & Adj. attend Bde. conference re training and administrative details. B. Coy. act as a mobile column for protection of Wallop aerodrome ready to act in emergency in event of parachutists landing. 1 Pl. C. Coy. take up defensive position in Danebury Hill to prevent likelihood of enemy occupying. These duties to be drawn from duty Bn. and to carry on for 3 nights.	
			Camouflaging of trench system completed. Bn. P.A.D. instructions compiled - method of action and warning to be taken on Air Raid.	Appendix 6



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

SECRET

Headquarters,  
2/10 Bn, A.I.F.

4 July 40.

Officer i/c,  
Records,  
2nd. Echelon.  
A.I.F.

WAR DIARY 2/10 BN.

Enclosed find copy of War Diary for 2/10 Bn.  
to 1 July 40.

*A. Verrier* . Lieut. Col.  
Commanding 2/10 Bn., A.I.F.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Headquarters  
2/10 Battalion.

WAR DIARY

APPENDIX I.

Name of Officer in charge of V.M.G's transferred for  
A.A. protection to H.M.T. X5.

Capt. G.R. Miethke.

APPENDIX 2.

Copy of Bn. standing Orders for War.

APPENDIX 3.

Baggage Officer detailed on H.M.T. X4

Lieut. H.K. Fisher

APPENDIX 4.

Umpires for Bde. message Battle.

Major L.G. Bruer

Capt. T.J. Daly.

APPENDIX 5.

Officer seconded to Bde. as transport Officer

Lieut. I.D. Hayward

" " " liaison "

Lieut. R. Seddon

" detailed as P.A.D. Officer

Lieut. T.J. Schmedje

APPENDIX 6

Copy of P.A.D. instructions.



*Appendix 2*

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

STANDING ORDERS FOR WAR

FOR

2/10 BN

BY

LIEUT. COL. A. D. VERRIER D.C.M. E.D.

12 JUN. 1940



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.STANDING ORDERS FOR WAR

FOR

AN INFANTRY BNINDEX

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1. GENERAL. The object of these Standing Orders is to ensure that all ranks have uniformity and common methods in all operations within the Unit, in order to promote efficiency.
2. DISTRIBUTION. A copy of these Orders will be issued to all Officers, who must make themselves familiar with the contents and the general principles and explain same to all ranks under their command.
3. SECURITY. Under no circumstances are these documents to be taken beyond Bn H.Q. during any operations in which they are likely to be lost or fall into enemy hands.
4. CHANGE IN PERSONNEL. Where personnel or appointments are named for a particular job, it is to be understood that the person holding the appointment, either permanently or temporarily, is meant.

I.E. "Adjutant" or "Pl. Sgt." means - whoever is acting in that capacity.

5. BN MOVES. Will be of two categories:-

Category "X" = OPERATIONS NOT IMMINENT.

Category "Y" = OPERATIONS IMMINENT.

6. SECURITY OFFICER. The Bn I.O. will control all matters affecting Security and will be responsible for the safe custody of secret and Security Documents.
7. BATTLE PROCEDURE ETC. - GROUPS. The following personnel will form the various groups as under (subject to minor alterations):-

<u>R. GROUP.</u>	<u>O. GROUP.</u>	<u>F. GROUP.</u>	<u>T. GROUP.</u>
C.O.	Coy. Cmdrs.	Remainder	"B" Ech. Tpt.
Adjnt/I.O.	I.O./ Adjnt.	of Bn.	
Sig. Off.	Carrier Pl.	(Less T. Gp.)	
D.R.s(2 O.Rs)	Cmdr.		
	Mortar Off.		
	Runners(5 O.R.)		

BILLETING GP.

Bn I.O.  
"I" Sec. (2 O.R.)  
Guides (5 N.C.Os)

WITHDRAWAL GP.

Bn 2 I/C  
Sig. Off. or N.C.O.  
"I" Sec. (2 O.R.)  
Tpt. Off. or Sgt.  
Coy. 2 I/C (4)  
17 Pl. reps.  
Runners (2 O.R.)

NOTE. All runners to be detailed by Officers concerned.

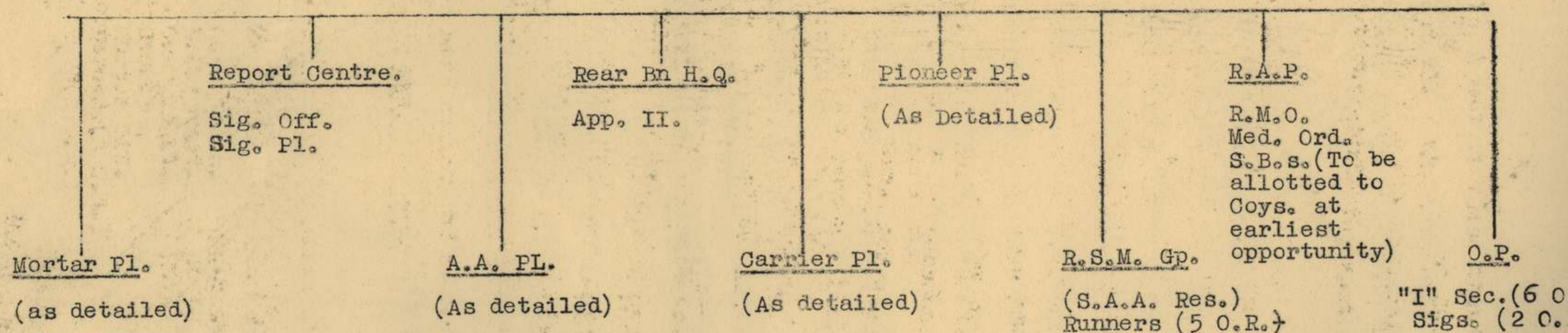


8. BATTALION HEADQUARTERS

Will be selected by Bn I.O. and O.C. H.Q. Company, who will organize the various groups as under :-

COMMANDER AND STAFF.

C.O.  
Adjt.  
Bn I.O.  
O.R. Sgt.  
Clerks (2)  
Runner (1)  
Sigs. (2)  
Batmen (3)  
I. Sgt.



- Note.
- i. Each group to be at least 100 yds. from any other group (depending on nature of country)
  - ii. Alternative positions to be prepared for quick transfer for all above personnel.
  - iii. When a withdrawal is to be made I.O. will remain with C.O. and Sig. Off. will organize rear Bn H.Q.
  - iv. Mortars, A/A and Pioneer Pl. will be distributed according to C.Os plan based on situation



9. COMPANY AND GROUP HEADQUARTERS. All Sub-Units to have alternate H.Q. positions selected and established and occupied in rotation. Bn H.Q. to be notified of any such changes and a runner to be left at old H.Q. sufficiently long to guide all runners to new H.Q.
10. UNDERSTUDIES. Every leader shall have an understudy trained in all the necessary duties, who is capable of taking over command at any time. This principle shall apply from the C.O. to the most junior N.C.C.
11. TRANSPORT. Organized in two Echelons:-  
 "F" Transport = "A" echelons or the fighting vehicles.  
 "T" Transport = "B" echelon, includes baggage, kitchen, Officers' Mess Cart.
- Note. i. All under Q.M. who will delegate Tpt. Off. to supervise all movements.
- ii. CATEGORY X = (OPERATIONS NOT IMMINENT), all vehicles move together.
- iii. CATEGORY Y = (OPERATIONS IMMINENT), "B" Echelon does not move.
- iv. For allotment of M/Transport, M/Cycles, Bicycles and personnel see Appendix I.
- v. Before movement all drivers M.T. given route, speed, density, destination.
- vi. Location of Rear Bn H.Q. and transport lines to be determined by Bn 2I/C in conjunction with Q.M. and a Rear Bn H.Q. established, as per Appendix II.
12. COMMUNICATION Sig. Off. will establish and maintain L.T. between Report Centre and the following stations at all times:-  
 Bn H.Q.  
 O.P.  
 "A" Coy. H.Q.  
 "B" Coy. H.Q.  
 "C" Coy. H.Q.  
 "D" Coy. H.Q.  
 Rear Bn H.Q. (whenever possible)



- Note.**
- i. The Report Centre to be the signals exchange and copies of all messages and reports to be entered in log.
  - ii. Visual stations to be established according to situation.
  - iii. All messages and reports to be delivered to Report Centre and NOT Bn H.Q.
13. GENERAL SIGNALS      S.O.S. to be laid down by formations and only to be given by Officers detailed to give it.
- GAS ALARM.      Long continuous whistle blast or beating on gong.
- AIR ATTACK.      Short whistle blasts.
14. SIGNAL TRAFFIC.      All Officers will see that L/T signals and messages are reduced to a minimum as H.Q. positions can be traced by means of enemy detectors which locate exactly the areas from which frequent signal traffic emanates.
15. CODES.      Code names of formations, units, and sub-units will be used in all messages and reports, whether written or verbal.
- These code names will be changed from time to time and it will be the duty of all Officers to see that such changes are duly notified to personnel concerned.
16. WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION.      All weapons are to be kept ready for immediate use; all magazines for rifles and L.M.Gs. and pouches W.E. and pistols to be maintained full, as soon as Category "Y" is proclaimed. A/A equipment for mounting L.M.Gs. and A/T rifles will be held in readiness at all times on marches or during halts during this period.



17. RATION AND AMMUNITION PARTIES. Rations and ammunition will always

be carried forward from rear to front. This will normally be done by reserve companies or reserve platoons.

Only in exceptional cases, and when all other means have failed, will men be sent back for supplies.

18. SENTRIES. All companies will post sentries during halts, on the move, or during position warfare, against the following:-

- i. Air attack.
- ii. Ground Attack
- iii. Gas attack
- iv. Tank attack or sudden attack by other A.F.Vs. (armed Cs. etc.)

In position warfare, at least two sentries per section will remain on duty in reliefs during the whole period of darkness. These sentries will be relieved alternatively at the hour and half-hour to provide a continuous watch on the position.

19. SITUATION REPORT. Coy. Cmdrs. will render to Bn HQ daily by 0800 hours a report, as per pro forma App. III, on the 24 hour tour of duty calculated from 0600 hours on the previous day. This information must be entered immediately in the Coy. Log Book.

The report to cover as briefly as possible all events happening in the Coy. area or any enemy activities noticed.

Reports to be accompanied by a sketch of the sector, with details plotted, giving bearings, times, map references, etc.

All Officers will assist in the collection of information for Coy. Cmdrs.



20. ADMINISTRATION. <sup>8.</sup> All Companies will keep up to date by means of card index the records of all personnel in their Coy. These records are to be left with "B" echelon with C.Q.M.S.

21. RELIEFS OF TRENCHES. This will be done after reconnaissance ~~MMH NCGM MARKED~~ has been carried out by "R" Gp. plus one Officer from each Coy. and either an Officer or senior N.C.O. from each Pl.

Whenever the time allows it will be normal for certain personnel to do a tour of duty of 24 hours with the old garrison-these personnel will consist of :-

1 Off. Bn H.Q.

Sigs. 1 N.C.O. and 1 man

"I" Sec. 1 N.C.O. and 1 man

1 Off. per Coy.

1 N.C.O. per Pl.

} To obtain all inform-  
)-ation about enemy's  
} and own sector.

} Routes of patrols etc.

Command of a sector will not be taken over until the relief is complete and a report to this effect has been received from all Pls. and Coy. Cmdrs. by Bn H.Q.

22. OCCUPATION OF TRENCHES. When a sector of trenches is taken over certain rules must be observed to obtain the highest degree of efficiency. The following is a summary of tasks to be carried out:-

- (a) Posting of sentries for gas, air ground and tanks.
- (b) Detailing officer in charge by night and day per Coy.
- (c) Trench store book to be checked.
- (d) Repairs to be made to parapets etc.
- (e) Sketches of work
  - i. In progress
  - ii. Projected.
- (f) Sketch of wire obstacles and tank traps etc.
- (g) Liaison between Pls. and Coys. on each flank and in the rear.



9.

- (h) Check and improve sanitary arrangements.
- (i) Coy. and Pl. S.A.A. always to be full
- (j) All ranks to avoid, as much as possible, movement by day.
- (k) Equipment not to be removed at night.
- (l) Verbal messages will not be given to any person without first checking identity.
- (m) Ensure that all ranks know the pass-word.
- (n) Stand to arms will be carried out morning and night by all ranks, for one hour before first light and one hour after darkness, and to remain at posts until ordered to stand down.

23. PATROLS. All patrols will be detailed and controlled by Bn H.Q. Coys. will not send out patrols without approval from Bn H.Q.
24. LISTENING POSTS. Coys. responsible for maintaining own listening posts, which must not be beyond line of wire; Bn H.Q. to be notified of locations on situation reports.
25. Salvaging Coys. and Pls. and H.Q. Groups will form dumps adjacent to their respective sub-unit H.Q., for the collection of spare arms and equipment for return to Bn Q.M. by carrying parties on their return trips.
26. MAINTENANCE M/T. All Coys. will notify T.O. immediately, through Bn H.Q., any breakages or damage to vehicles in their charge. This is to be shewn on situation report.
27. BREAKAGES. LOSSES AND REPLACEMENTS of Stores, Weapons and Equipment to be shewn on Coy's. daily situation report to Bn H.Q.



"A" ECHELON TPT. DISTRIBUTION ("F") TPT.

(Vehicles Nos. 1-44)

Vehicle	Sub-Unit	I/O and Load etc.	Types of Vehicles				Transport Personnel	
			4 S. Car.	3 cwt. Truck	15 cwt. Truck	30cwt. Lorry		Carrier.
No. R1	Bn H.Q.	O.C. and Staff	1					1 Driver
No. R2	Bn H.Q.	2I/O		1				1 Driver
No. R3	Bn H.Q.	Sig. Off		1				1 Driver
No. R4	No. 1Pl (sig) H.Q. Coy	O.C.		1				1 Driver
No. R5	Bn H.Q.	Adj. Bn Off. O.R.S. Clk. 2 )			1			1 Driver
No. R6	Bn H.Q. R.M.O.	R.M.O. Med. Stores )			1			1 Driver
No. R7	Bn H.Q. No. 1Pl (Sigs)	Sigs. N.C.O. Sigs. Store.			1			1 Driver
No. H8	A/A. Pl. (No. 2)	A/A. Off. L.M.G's & Amm.			4			4 Drivers
No. H9								
No. H10								
No. H11								
No. H12	Mortar Pl. (No. 3)	Mor. Off. Bn. Marts. 5" & Amm.			2			2 Drivers
No. H13								
No. H14	Carrier Pl. No. 4	Carrier Pl. Com.			1			1 Driver
No. H15	Carrier Pl. (No. 4)	Carr. N.C.O.s and Crew					10	
No. H16								
No. H17								
No. H18								
No. H19								
No. H20								
No. H21								
No. H22								
No. H23								
No. H24								
No. A25	"A" Coy	O.C. and Staff/Res. Tools		1				1 Driver
No. A26		F.O.R. Cpl. C.S.M. S.A.A.		1				1 Driver
No. A27		Pl. N.C.O. L.M.Gs.			1			1 Driver
No. A28		Pl. N.C.O. Mortars			1			1 Driver
No. A29		Pl. N.C.O. 2" and Tools			1			1 Driver
Totals Fwd.			1	4	14	-	10	19 Drivers



MOTOR CYCLE DISTRIBUTION

Vehicle	Sub-Unit	I/C	Use
No. 1	Bn H.Q.	I.O.	Gen. information
No. 2) No. 3)	Bn H.Q.	D.Rs.	Gen. messages
No. 4) No. 5)	Bn H.Q.	Prov. Sgt. Tpt. Sgt.	Spare & Gen. Inform.
No. 6) No. 7) No. 8)	Bn H.Q.	Sigs. Pl. (No. 1)	General Messages and Spares
No. 9) No. 10)	Bn H.Q.	A/A Pl. (No. 2)	Gen. Control
No. 11) No. 12)	Bn H.Q.	Sec. Cmdrs Mort. Pl. 3	Gen. Control
No. 13	Bn H.Q.	Pion. Sgt. P. Pl. 5	General
No. 14	Bn H.Q.	Q.M. Storeman	General

BICYCLE DISTRIBUTION

(Nos. 1-35)			
No. 1) No. 2) No. 3)	Bn H.Q.	"I" Sec.	Gen. Information
No. 4) No. 5) No. 6) No. 7) No. 8) No. 9) No. 10) No. 11)	Bn H.Q.	Sigs. Pl. (No 1) & Bn Runners	Sigs. Cyclists
No. 12) No. 13)	Bn H.Q.	Mort. Pl. (No. 3)	Mortar det. Runners
No. 14) No. 15)	Bn H.Q.	Pion. Pl. (No. 4)	Mounted Duties
No. 16) No. 17) No. 18) No. 19) No. 20)	"A" Coy.	Coy. H.Q. Pl. H.Q.	Runners
No. 21) No. 22) No. 23) No. 24) No. 25)	"B" Coy.	Coy. H.Q. Pl. H.Q.	Runners



APPENDIX I (CONT)

BICYCLE DISTRIBUTION (CONT)

Vehicle	Sub-Unit	I/C	Use
No. 26) No. 27) No. 28) No. 29) No. 30)	"C" Coy.	Pl. H.Q. Coy. H.Q.	Runners
No. 31) No. 32) No. 33) No. 34) No. 35)	"D" Coy.	Coy. H.Q. Pl. H.Q.	Runners



APPENDIX I (CONT)

Vehicle	Sub-Unit	I/C and Load etc.	Types of vehicles				Transport Personnel
			4 S Car.	8 cwt. Truck	5 cwt. Truck	30 cwt. Lorry	
"A" Ech. totals fwd.			1	4	14	10	19 Driver.
No. B30	"B" Coy.	O.C. and staff		1			1 Driver
No. B31		P.O. Cpl. C.S.M. L.M.G./			1		1 Driver
No. B32		Pl. N.C.O.) /Tools			1		1 Driver
No. B33		Pl. N.C.O.) Mort			1		1 Driver
No. B34		Pl. N.C.O.) ars 2"			1		1 Driver
No. C35)	"C" Coy.	O.C. and staff		1			1 Driver
No. C36)		P.O. Cpl. C.S.M./L.M.G./			1		1 Driver
No. C37)		Pl. N.C.O.) /Tools			1		1 Driver
No. C38)		Pl. N.C.O.) Mort			1		1 Driver
No. C39)		Pl. N.C.O.) ars 2"			1		1 Driver
No. D40)	"D" Coy.	O.C. and staff		1			1 Driver
No. D41)		P.O. Cpl. C.S.M. L.M.G./					1 Driver
No. D42)		Pl. N.C.O.) /Tools					1 Driver
No. D43)		Pl. N.C.O.) Mort					1 Driver
No. D44)		Pl. N.C.O.) ars 2"					1 Driver
<u>Totals "A" Ech.</u>			<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>34 Drivers</u>

"B" ECHELON TPT. DISTRIBUTION ("T" TPT.)

(Vehicles Nos. 45-66)

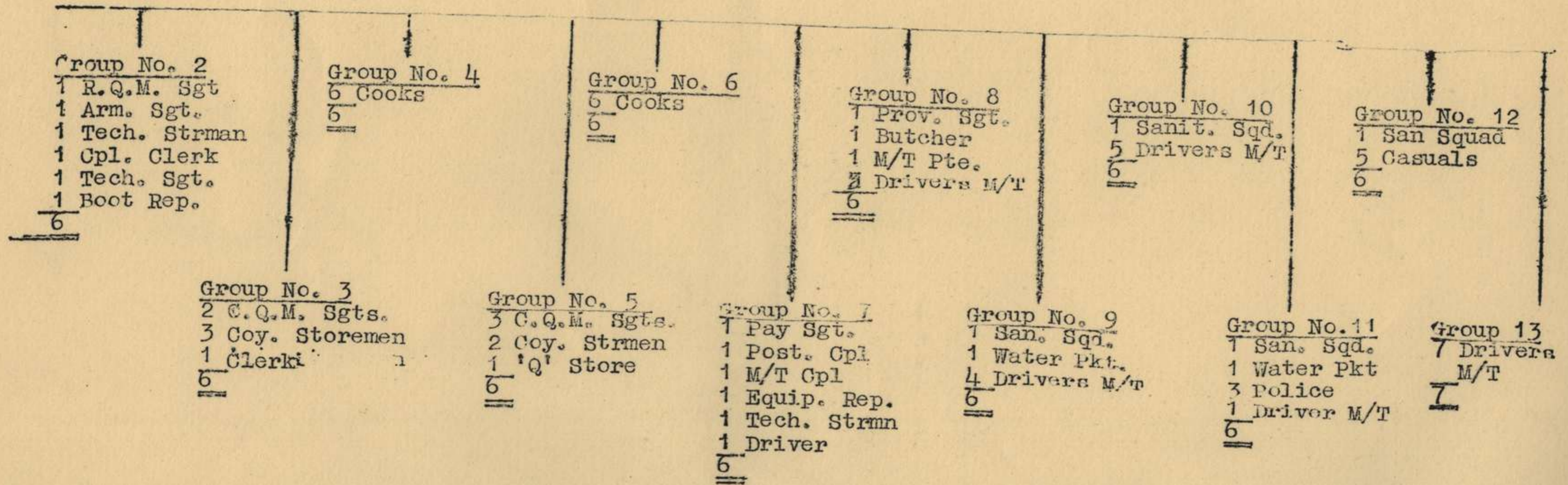
No. Q45	Bn H.Q.	Q.M. and staff		1			1 Driver
No. Q46)	Bn H.Q.	Q.M. or/ Res.					1 Driver
No. Q47)		R.S.M. S.A.A.					1 Driver
No. Q48)							1 Driver
No. Q49)							1 Driver
<p>Note:- These vehicles to be normally under Q.M. during Category "X" but during "Category "Y" to come under R.S.Ms control.</p>							
No. Q50	Bn H.Q.	Picn. Sgt. Decontam. Stores					1 Driver
No. Q51)	Bn. H.Q.	R.Q.M.S. / gas			1		1 Driver
No. Q52)		capas Res. Cloth.			1		1 Driver
No. Q53)	Bn H.Q.	R.Q.M.S. Q Store			1		1 Driver
No. Q54)					1		1 Driver
No. Q55)	Bn H.Q.	Cook Sgt. Water Tks.		1			1 Driver
No. Q56)				1			1 Driver
No. Q57)	"A" Coy.	Sgt. Cook				1	1 Driver
No. Q58)	"B" Coy.	Cockers				1	1 Driver
No. Q59)	"C" Coy.					1	1 Driver
No. Q60)	"D" Coy.					1	1 Driver
No. Q61)	HQ Coy.					1	1 Driver
No. Q62	Bn H.Q.	T.O. Staff		1			1 Driver
No. Q63	Bn H.Q.	M/T Cpl. M/T Stores				1	1 Driver
No. Q64	Bn H.Q.	T/Sgt. Petrol				1	1 Driver
No. Q65	Bn H.Q.	Off. M. Sgt. Mess gear etc.				1	1 Driver
<u>Total "B" Ech.</u>			<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>		<u>21 Drivers</u>



REAR BN H.Q.. TRANSPORT LINES AND PERSONNEL GROUPS.

APPENDIX II

H.Q. GROUP NO. 1  
 1 Bn 2 I/C  
 1 Q.M.  
 2 Batmen  
 1 Sgt. Cook  
 1 Armourer Cpl.  
 2 Runners  
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NOTES.

- i. If the Bn nucleus formed 2I/C will remain in charge of details- reducing this Gp. by 2.
- ii. In billeting these Groups will be split up as above where circumstances permit, with distances of approx. 100 yds. between Gps.
- iii. Gps. 3-4-5 and 6 to be attached to Coys. where the situation permits.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

SITUATION REPORT

- | 1. <u>SUB-UNIT</u>                     | <u>DATE</u>                   | FROM | HRS. to | HRS |
|--|-------------------------------|------|---------|-----|
| 2. <u>SECTOR</u>                       |                               |      |         |     |
| 3. <u>ENEMY ACTIVITY</u>               |                               |      |         |     |
| (a) <u>Patrols</u>                     | i. Routes                     |      |         |     |
|  | ii. Strength                  |      |         |     |
|  | iii. Times                    |      |         |     |
| (b) <u>Listening Posts</u>             | i. Location                   |      |         |     |
|  | ii. Times occupied            |      |         |     |
| (c) <u>M.M.Gs. and L.M.Gs.</u>         | i. Location                   |      |         |     |
|  | ii. Type of post              |      |         |     |
|  | iii. Tasks                    |      |         |     |
|  | iv. Suggested counter measure |      |         |     |
| (d) <u>Mortars.</u>                    | i. Location                   |      |         |     |
|  | ii. Type of post              |      |         |     |
|  | iii. Tasks                    |      |         |     |
|  | iv. Suggested counter measure |      |         |     |
| (e) <u>Arty.</u>                       | i. Direction                  |      |         |     |
|  | ii. Type of fire              |      |         |     |
|  | iii. Plan of shelling         |      |         |     |
| (f) <u>Wiring</u>                      | i. New wire                   |      |         |     |
|  | ii. Plan of                   |      |         |     |
| (g) <u>Any other works or movement</u> |                               |      |         |     |
| (h) <u>Gas, use of</u>                 |                               |      |         |     |
| (j) <u>Air craft</u>                   |                               |      |         |     |
| (k) <u>Tanks and A.F.Vs.</u>           |                               |      |         |     |



4. OWN ACTIVITIES(a) Patrols

- (i. Routes
- ii. Times
- iii. Strength

(b) Works

- i. Projected
- ii. Completed

(c) General remarks5. DAILY RETURNS BY 0800 HRS. (As at 0600 hrs.)(a) Ammunition expenditure

- i. S.A.A.
- ii. Grenades
- iii. Verrey lights
- iv. "2" Mortars
- v. A/T .5 ammunition

(b) <u>Strength State</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>W.O.</u>	<u>Sgts.</u>	<u>Cpls.</u>	<u>C.R.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
With Sub-Unit						
Att. personnel						
TOTAL						
Detached for duty						
Casualties						
TOTAL						

(c) Casualties (Officers and O.Rs.) in last 24 hours.6. IMMEDIATE RETURNS

- (a) Alteration of location of Sub-Unit H.Q.
- (b) Fire opened on S.O.S. signal.
- (c) Use of gas by enemy.
- (d) Crashed air-craft - enemy or our own.

7. GENERAL REPORT AND SUGGESTIONSC.C.  
Sub-unit



# Appendix 6.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Headquarters,  
2/10 Bn. A.I.F.

## P.A.D. INSTRUCTIONS NO. 2.

Sirens are now available and they will be situated as follows :-

- 1 at Bde. H.Q.'s.
- 1 at H.Q.'s 12 Bn.
- 1 at H.Q.'s 10 Bn.

Due to this previous instructions will be amended as follows.

1. AIR RAID MESSAGE 'YELLOW'  
On receipt of the above message runners from Bn. will notify all Companies Orderly Rooms. No further action will be taken.
2. AIR RAID WARNING 'RED' BY NIGHT
  - (a) The receipt of this warning will be notified as previously by bugle.
  - (b) To avoid the necessity of key personnel being turned out needlessly they should sleep in or alongside the place at which they will be required to function should any emergency arise. It will not then be necessary for them to turn out on the Bugle Sound.
  - (c) On this warning 1 Runner from each Coy. will report to Bn. Orderly Sgt. at Bn. H.Q.'s marquee and not on YELLOW as previously indicated.
  - (d) Other Key Personnel with the exception of A.A. , Intelligence and Regimental Police are not required to turn out but Coys. are to ensure that they are in a State of Readiness ; ready to man their posts immediately.
  - (e) Troops are still to be prepared to occupy trenches on the three G's being sounded. Coy's will be responsible that this is carried out.
  - (f) Should it be necessary for personnel to turn out into the trenches and all posts to be manned the signal for such action will be given by sounding the Camp Sirens. This signal will be a warbling note lasting for 2 mins. It will be originated from Bde. H.Q.'s siren or from Sirens located at other H.Q.'s at their discretion. The sirens will only be sounded should the enemy operate in close proximity to the camp.
  - (g) If personnel have been turned out the 'ALL CLEAR' signal will first be given by the Siren at Bde. H.Q.'s and will be taken up by the other 2 sirens. This signal will be a continuous note lasting for 2 mins. If personnel have not been turned out, to indicate the all clear signal the bugler will sound 'dismiss'. A.A. posts and other Key Personnel will then proceed to their tents.
3. A.A. PERSONNEL  
All guns will be manned on 3 G's being sounded by the Bugle. H.Q. Coy. Orderly Room will be responsible to ensure that O.C. Carriers is notified of Air Raid Warning 'RED'.
4. Key P.A.D. personnel who have been on duty during the night will be allowed to sleep portion of the day under Coy. Managements.

*H. S. Medley*  
Capt.  
Adj. 2/10 Bn., A.I.F.



# Appendix 6.

2/10 Bn.

## P.A.D. INSTRUCTIONS.

The following instructions are issued to ensure that in the event of an air raid all personnel are fully conversant with the procedure.

### 1. MESSAGES & WARNINGS & ACTION TO BE TAKEN.

All messages and warnings are received at Garrison H.Q. and are circulated as in the form underlined below and by siren. (if available)

#### AIR RAID MESSAGE-YELLOW.

Raid anticipated. Received by Unit Telephone Orderly who will notify P.A.D. Officer and Bn. Ord. Sgt. sleeping in Bn.H.Qs. Tent. The Bn. Ord. Sgt. will in turn warn the following personnel in order.

C.O.  
Adj't.  
P.A.D. Officer  
M.O. & First Aid Party.  
Sigs. Officer.  
Runners.  
Lockouts.  
Gas Officer.  
Gas Cleansing Personnel.  
Gas Defence Personnel.  
Reg. Police.  
A.A. Posts.  
I. Sec.  
Quarter Gd.

The P.A.D. Officer will take post at the Telephone with orderly Bugler and Runners.

Remaining personnel will proceed to their place of duty as in Appendix "A".

#### AIR RAID WARNING RED.

Raid imminent - Sired sounds a wailing note for 2 mins or Bugler sounds 3 Gs on Bugle.

Action. 1. During hours of daylight.

All troops will take cover in trenches allotted to them. Troops away from camps and who cannot find cover should lie down keeping their mouths open and their heads off the ground.

2. During hours of darkness.

(a) With the exception of P.A.D. Key Personnel there will be no movement, unless otherwise ordered by C.O., reliance being placed on the efficiency of blackout.

(b) Should the C.O. decide for troops to occupy trenches this will be done by a bugle call - Reg. call to be sounded 3 times - or by phone.

(c) The Reg. Police will ensure that all lights are dimmed.

3. DRESS.

Jersey, Trousers, Greatcoats, boots, steel helmets with respirators, respirators to be at the alert, rifles and equipment and whatever available of gas capes, eye shields and field dressing s.

4. Observation for Parachutists - Day and Night.

Lockouts and all ranks will watch for parachutists or air landings and report immediately to Command Post.

#### AIR RAID MESSAGE - GREEN.

Raiders passed - Sirens sound a continuous note for 2 mins -  
Everybody stands fast.

#### AIR RAID MESSAGE - WHITE.

All personnel will disperse and carry on with normal work as instructed by their commanders.



NOTES.

- (a) At night when troops are ordered to their trenches all Officers and senior N.C.O.'s will act as wardens ensuring all lights are extinguished and ushering the men to the trenches, maintaining order and control.
- (b) In the event of insufficient time in which to warn key personnel they will proceed direct to their posts on the first indication of an air attack.
- (c) In the case of a gas alarm, the senior Officer will be notified at the Command Post and if satisfied give the order for Gas Alarm i.e. Rattles or 'Gas'.

If time is not available Officers will take it on their own initiative to sound the warning.

All personnel will remain under cover until 'Gas Clear' - 'Handbells' or 'verbal order'.

- (d) Stretcher Bearers.  
12 Stretcher Bearers detailed by Stretcher Sgt. will report to First Aid Post and they will be allotted tasks by M.O. as required.
- (e) Sigs. Officer.  
The Sigs. Officer will be warned on 'Air Raid' Message Yellow and will proceed with the required signallers to the Sig. Centre.  
He will arrange for sufficient personnel to be ready to act in any emergency, i.e. to sleep with necessary equipment.  
On Air Raid message Yellow they will stand ready and then on Air Raid Warning Red will man their posts.

2. CASUALTIES.

- (a) Wounded:- If able to walk will proceed to the Camp First Aid Post. If unable to walk will be taken to the Camp First Aid Post.
- (b) Contaminated by Blister Gas. If able to walk will proceed to the Camp Gas Cleansing Centre. If unable to walk will be taken to the Camp Gas Cleansing Centre, (vicinity of showers)

3. ORAL WARNING.

Until sirens are available a bugler will be mounted by the Duty Unit with the Main Guard. A telephone orderly, on receipt of an Air Raid Warning RED will immediately notify the Duty Bugler who will blow three G's and repeat at frequent intervals for two minutes. Unit Buglers will repeat the warning within their own unit lines.

4. FIRE FIGHTING.

Orders for Fire Fighting will be issued.

5. ACTION TO BE TAKEN AFTER GAS ATTACK.

- 1. A Recce. Party on Air Raid Message given will be sent out to report to P.A.D. Officer the effects of the Raid.
- 2. Necessary action will be taken by the P.A.D. Officer regarding decontamination of effected areas; making off of unexploded bombs etc.
- 3. On all clear signal all Coys except H.Q. Coy will fall in under Senr. Off. on Bn. Pde. Ground. H.Q. Coy will parade on own Ground.
- 4. P.A.D. Officer will advise the C.O. when it is safe to dismiss.

*W. H. ...*  
Capt.  
Adj. 2/10 Bn.



## APPENDIX A.

## P.A.D. PERSONNEL.

Details of P.A.D. Personnel.	Supplied by.	To be instructed in.	Action to be taken and Place to Report on Air Raid Warning Yellow.
C.O. Adj. P.A.D. Officer.	Bn.H.Q.		Report to Command Post.
First Aid Party M.O. & 3 Orderlies	Bn.H.Q.	First Aid Duties by R.M.O.	First Aid Post.
Fire Party 1 N.C.C. & 8 O.R.'s. 1 N.C.O. & 4 O.R.'s.	A Coy. H.Q. Coy.	Duties as a Fire Brigade in accordance with instructions issued.	No. 1 Gas Defence Post. No. 2 Gas Defence Post.
Gas Cleansing Personnel. 4 O.R.'s	3 Coy.	Method of cleansing, contaminated personnel. To be trained by Lieut. Fisher.	Report to Gas Defence Centre and if available draw necessary clothing and equipment - thence to Gas Cleansing centre.
Gas Defence Personnel, H.Q. Coy. 2 N.C.O.'s & 16 O.R.'s Pioneers.		Methods of dealing with contaminated areas. To be trained by Lt. Fisher	1 N.C.O. & 12 O.R.'s to No. 1 Gas Defence Post 1 N.C.O. & 4 O.R.'s to No. 2 Gas Defence Post
Note. Gas personnel will not function until material is available and then under instructions from the Command Post.			
Reg. Police	Bn.H.Q.	Duties of black-out wardens & if necessary Traffic control	Report to Bn.H.Q.'s Trenches.
Sig. Officer & Signallers	H.Q. Coy.		Report to Sig. Centre, established in Bn.H.Q. trenches.
Runners 5 O.R.'s	One from each Coy.	Capable of conveying verbal messages correctly. Knowledge of Coy. Dispositions.	Report to trench north of Bn. H.Q.'s Tent in vicinity of Command Post.
Quarter Guard.	Duty Coy.		Gd. Comdr. to post one sentry at First Aid Post one at Bn.H.Q.'s trenches, one at No. 1. Gas Defence Post.
A.A. Posts.	H.Q. Coy.	As detailed	To man posts and generally observe.
Intelligence Sgt. & No. 1 Gp. No. 2 Gp. No. 3 Gp.	Bn.H.Q.'s		Report to Bn.H.Q.'s Trenches. Report to O.F.s
Lookout. By day - 1 N.C.C. & 3 men By night 1 N.C.C. & 6 men.	Duty Coy.	Observation for air attack & parachutists landing	Lookout post to be continually manned. 1 N.C.O. and 6 men will mount with Guard at Retreat, 3 O.R.'s to be dismissed at Reveille.
Stretcher Bearers	Bn.H.Q.'s	Duties as stretcher bearers	To report to South Trench of First Aid Post



WAR DIARY PRECIS .

Classification of Subject.	2/10 Battalion.	June 40
Voyage. Aust.-U.K.	Routine Freetown A/A Protection	War Diary. 2/10 Battalion. June 4-0. 7 June 40. 8 June 40.
Philanthropic Activities.	Issue of tobacco, by comforts fund.	War Diary. 2/10 Battalion. 10 June 40.
Disembarkation U.K.	Gourock Scotland.	War Diary. 2/10 Battalion. 16 June 40.
Location.	Lopcombe	War Diary. 2/10 Battalion 19 June 40
Organisation	New establishment	War Diary 2/10 Battalion. 25 June 40
Leave	25% to Bournemouth Salisbury and Andover. 36 hours London leave.	War Diary. 2/10 Battalion. 22 June 40. 27 June 40.
Visitors.	B.B.C. Rt.Hon.Stanley Bruce Australian High Comm.	War Diary. 2/10 Battalion. 24 June 40. 26 June 40.
Operational Roll.	Parachutist protection	War Diary. 2/10 Battalion. 30 June 40.



# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Unit 10 Battalion, A.I.F.

Date and Time.—From 1 July 40. To 0125 hrs. 9 July 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Lopcombe Cr.	1 July 40		12 Bren Guns received.	
	2 July 40	0900 hrs	General Wynter visits and inspects camp. Two Officers leave for Carrier and Tspt. Schools. Adjutant admitted to Hospital with Mumps,	
	3 July 40	1000 hrs.	March past by Battalion for newsreels.	
		1330 hrs.	Issue of A. Tank rifles Rehearsal for ceremonial parade to take place on 4 July 40.	
	4 July 40	1130 hrs.	Bde. ceremonial parade. - Review for H.M. King George VI. - After inspection troops lined the road and gave 3 cheers as the king departed.	
	5 July 40		First Aid Post and camouflaging of slit trenches completed.	
	6 July 40	1200 hrs	2" Mortars arrive - Further issue of S.A.A. and amm. for 2" & 3" Mortars.	
	7 July 40	1400 hrs 0900 hrs 1100 hrs	Organised washing day for whole Bn. Church Parade Battalion Route march through WALLOP area.	
	8 July 40	2000 hrs	General training continued. Lecture to Officers on priming of H.E. Grenades and description of Mortar Bombs.	
	9 July 40	0045 hrs 0050 hrs 0110 hrs 0125 hrs	Message received from Bde. to prepare to march out on test exercise. Coys notified. Coys assembled and checked - standing by ready to move. Message received to dismiss.	



# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 10 Battalion, A.I.F.

Date and Time.—From 1045 hrs. 9 July To 0800hrs 18 July 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Lopcombe Corner	9 July 40	1045 hrs. 1930 hrs	Officers and N.C.O.'s from each Coy. commence 2" Mortar Course Junior N.C.O.'s course under R.S.M. commenced,	
	10 July 40	0740 hrs 0915 hrs 1400 hrs 1600 hrs	Bn scheme carried out. Warning Order issued to Coys. Bn marches out. Bn. returns to Camp 5 M.T. vehicles received from Bde.	
	11 July		General training carried out.	
	12 July 40	1130 hrs	Visit of Field Marshall the Rt. Hon. Lord Birdwood to camp.	
	13 July 40	0830 hrs	Attack on camp by enemy plane - identified as Dornier 117 - One casualty S.X. 1363 Pte. A.S. Webb received bullet wound in right groin and evacuated to Tidsworth Hospital. Several bursts fired into Store tentsdamaging five tunics.	
	14 July 40		Company Schemes and weapon training carried out.	
	15 "	1400 hrs.	Instructor from S.A.S. Hythe attached - 5 day course on weapons commenced. Two Officers and One N.C.O. leave for British Schools.	APPENDIX I.
	16 "		Battalion scheme carried out - object being to test mobility of trspt. and to exercise Bn and Coy. H.Q.'s in the field.	
	17 "		Officers reece. of ANDOVER and WALLOP Aerodromes commenced. London leave concluded.	
	18 "	0800 hrs	Mobile Column duties under Bde Security Scheme commenced. D. Coy. attached to ANDOVER Aerodrome and A Coy. attached to WALLOP Aerodrome for 3 days tour of duty.	



# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)

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Unit 10 Battalion, A.I.F. Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 19 July To 0830 27 July 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Lopcombe Corner	19 July	0900	Demonstration flight by R.A.F. over Camp Area - Object being to practice troops at identifying planes at various heights and demonstrate dive bombing.	
		1200	2nd. issue of clothing and 560 prs. of boots received . A. & D. Coys. continue with mobile duties	APPENDIX 2. Details re rations & equipment.
	20 "		Weapon and Gas training continued.	
	21 "	0800 1000 1300	Church parade cancelled to avoid large congregation of troops A. & D. Coys. relieved of Mobile duties by 2/12 Bn. C. Coy. isolated - believed infection of scabies. 20 % personnel granted leave to Winchester and Salisbury.	
	22 "		Isolation of C. Coy. lifted - skin irritation proved to be mite itch.	
	23 "		Battalion scheme carried out, march out of camp at short notice. to deal with reported parachutist landing.	
	24 "		Weapon training carried out.	
	25 "	0800 1030	One Officer attends Arty. demonstration 15 all ranks attend gas demonstration - method of spraying mustard from a plane demonstrated. Bn. route of 23 miles carried out	Object to exercise march discipline.
	26 "		Four officers attend demonstration shoot by A/Tank guns. Training in Section and individual stalking carried out. Schemes for rail and road movement received from Bde.	APPENDIX 3.
	27 "	0830	Coy. Cmds. conference re administrative details. Formation of M/Cycle pl. commenced.	



# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 10 Battalion , A.I.F.

Date and Time.—From 1300 hrs 27 July To 1700 hts. 30 JULY 40.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
Lopcombe Cr.	27 July	1300	25 % personnel granted leave to SALISBURY, WINCHESTER , and BOURNEMOUTH.		
	28 July	0900	Church parade - large congregation overcome by dispersing the parade and making use of loud speakers.		
	29 July		0845	Coy. Cnds conference re storing of kits and equipment in event of a move.	
			1200	Surplus kits in sea kit bags and Officers heavy luggage assembled in Company lines and transported for storing at Bulford Kit Store.	
			1400	Three buses allotted to Bn to carry out practice in embussing and debussing.	
			1500	Design of Thompson M.G. spring replacement tool by Armourer Sgt. approved by Australforce and forwarded to Southern CMD.	
	30 July		Bde. Exercise carried out.	APPENDIX 4.	
	31 July		1000	1000 A/Gas capes received from Australforce.	
			1300	3 N.C.O.'s depart for JUNIOR OFF. school at TILLSHEAD LODGE	
			1700	Bde. conference , C.O. and Adj. attend discussion on Bde. scheme carried out on 30 July 40.	



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Headquarters.  
2/10 Bn.A.I.F.  
3 Aug.40.

18 Mxd. Bde.

WAR DIARY.

Please find enclosed herewith <sup>one</sup> ~~in duplicate~~ copy  
of War Diary of the 2/10 Bn. for the month of Jul 40.

*A. Venier*

Lieut. Col.

Commanding 2/10 Bn.A.I.F.

2nd. ECHELON  
2nd. A.I.F. Overseas  
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

WAR DIARY.

APPENDIX. I.

Names of Officers attending British Schools.

Sniping School: S.A.S. Bisley.

15 Jul - 2 Aug. 40.

Lieut. M.R. Ellenby.

Army Gas School - Winterborne Gunner.

15 Jul - 4 Aug. 40.

Lieut. T.K. Fisher.



APPENDIX 2.

Rations & Equipment Details.



WAR DIARY.

RATIONS & EQUIPMENT DETAILS.

1. RATIONS.

The ration allowance of approx. 1/1½ plus an extra 1½d allowance per day per man is similar to that for troops during the last war.

It is sufficient to maintain a man in a fit and healthy condition but after hard training is not always ample enough to fully satisfy him.

Many men spend a small sum daily at the N.A.A.F.I. Canteen in the purchase of food.

The noticeable feature of the English Ration is the light meal for tea.

2. CLOTHING.

A second issue of clothing was received on 19 Jul 40. This was of very thin material and 5% of personnel could not be issued, due to small sizes. No further stocks were available. 10% of men are without badges which have either been lost or given away.

3. BOOTS.

The situation regarding boots is satisfactory having received 500 pairs on 19 Jul 40. Every man now has 2 good pairs and 50% have 3 pairs.

4. EQUIPMENT.

The Bn. has now the following War Equipment of importance:-

- 1. 3" Mortar.
- 2. 2" "
- 5. Anti-Tank Rifles.
- 1. Thompson M.G. Guns.
- 21. Bren L.M.G.
- Full issue of Revolvers including 19 old Patters .455.
- 1. Rangefinder.

Signalling Equipment is good with the exception of Don. 5 Telephones. All the necessary stores for Decontamination Squads have been obtained. Gas capes and Eye Shields sufficient for each personnel were issued on 31 Jul.

5. M.T. VEHICLES.

The Bn. is equipped with the following Transport, sufficient to move majority of Coy & Q. Stores and weapons.

- 1 5 seater car.
- 2 8 cwt.
- 2 12 "
- 15 15 "
- 1 30 " attached.
- 1 30 " civilian. attached.
- 7 Motorcycles.

6. AMMUNITION.

The Bn. has now a full issue of all types of Ammunition.



Appendix. 3

Rail & Road Movement.



WAR DIARY

APPENDIX 3.

RAIL AND ROAD MOVES

1. There are 3 types of moves that may be required by this Mxd. Bde.
  - 'a' Normal marching personnel by rail and Transport by road.
  - 'b' Normal marching personnel by 'bus with transport accompanying the column.
  - 'c' By route marching accompanied by transport.
  
2. Consideration of these types of moves make it evident that a separate allotment of personnel and stores must be made to available Unit transport in case of 'a' as opposed to cases 'b' and 'c'.
 

In case of 'a' the majority of stores and the minimum of personnel should travel by road but it will be necessary for a proportion of the majority of light automatic weapons and a proportion of S.A.A. to be taken with the troops on rail.

In case of 'b' a proportion of automatic weapons and ammunition would accompany the troops in the busses.

In the case of 'c' automatic weapons would be left on the vehicles or carried by personnel, dependent on the tactical situation at the time.
  
3. Where a combined rail and road movement is made the principles underlying such movements must be that the rail personnel are capable of limited maintenance and are able to protect themselves and fight for a short period divorced from their transport.
  
4. Attached hereto are suggested allotment of personnel and equipment to transport.
  - Table 'A' - Movement by bus or march route.
  - Table 'B' - Movement by rail

Where troops move by rail some motor cycles should be taken on train for inter-communication purposes upon arrival at destination.

The tables quoted are to form the basis on which the Infantry Battalions will work in order to obtain uniformity throughout the Bde. Slight modifications will be permitted in the actual allotment of personnel and vehicles but no major changes are to be made.

Signed ( A.R. Garrett )  
Major . B.M. 18 Aus Mxd. Bde.



WAR DIARY PRECIS.

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Classification  
of Subject.

2/10 Battalion

July 40.

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Equipment

Bren Guns.  
A/Gas Capes.

War Diary  
2/10 Bn.  
1 July 40.  
31 July 40.

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Training

Route March.  
H.E. Grenades and  
Mortar Bombs.  
N.C.O. Course.  
Mortar Course

War Diary.  
2/10 Bn.  
7 July 40.  
8 July 40.  
4 July 40.  
9 July 40.

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Visitors.

H.M. King George VI.  
Field Marshal  
Lord Birdwood.

War Diary.  
2/10 Bn.  
12 July 40.

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*ENEMY*  
Evening Air  
Activity.

Camp attacked.  
one casualty.

War Diary.  
2/10 Bn.  
13 July 40.

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Health

Skin irritation

War Diary.  
2/10 Bn.  
22 July 40.

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Organisation.

M/cycle P.C. added  
to strength

War Diary.  
2/10 Bn.  
27 July 40.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

TABLE A.

WAR

DIARY

APPENDIX 3.

MOVEMENT BY BUS OR MARCH.

ALLOTMENT OF TRANSPORT

TYPE	SUB UNIT	LOAD	PERSONNEL	Off.	O'R's.
Car)					
4 Seater	Bn. H.Q.	Bn. Staff	C.O., Adj., Clerk Driver	2	2
8 cwt.	Bn. Staff	Bn. Staff	2 i/c., Driver 2 Batmen	1	3
8 cwt.	H.Q. Coy.	H.Q. Coy. Staff	Clerk, sigs, driver		5
15 cwt.	Bn. H.Q.	Bn. Office	Sgt. Clerk, 2 clerks Driver, P.O. clerk		5
15 cwt.	Bn. H.Q.	R.A.P. Equip.	M.O., Orderly, 2 S.B's Driver	1	4
15 cwt.	H.Q. Coy.	Sigs. Equip.	Sig. Sgt., driver		4
15 cwt.	H.Q. Coy.	Coy. S.A.A. A/A. & Amm.	2 O.R's A/A personnel & driver		6
12 cwt.	H.Q. Coy.	3" Mortar & Amm.	Mortar Off. Cpl. 2 O.R's, driver.	1	4
15 cwt.	H.Q. Coy.	M.M.G. 8 & stores, S.A.A.	Officer, 2 O.R's Driver	1	3
15 cwt.	A. Coy. (a)	Weapons & Coy S.A.A. chests	2 i/c. 4 O.R's	1	4
15 cwt.	A. Coy. (b)	Q. stores & Bicycles	Storeman & driver		2
15 cwt.	B. Coy. (a)	Weapons & Coy S.A.A. Chests	2 i/c. 4 O.R's	1	4
15 cwt.	B. Coy. (b)	Q stores, bikes	Storeman & driver		2
15 cwt.	C. Coy. (a)	Weapon & Coy S.A.A. chests	2 i/c. 4 O.R's	1	4
15 cwt.	C. Coy. (b)	Q stores & Bycycles	Storeman & driver		2
15 cwt.	D. Coy. (a)	Weapon & Coy S.A.A. chests	2 i/c. 4 O.R's	1	4
15 cwt.	D. Coy. (b)	Q. stores & Bicycles	Storeman & driver		2
8 cwt.	H.Q. Coy	Q.M. & record	Q.M., staff 3, Dvr.	1	4
30 cwt.	BN. H.Q.	Res. S.A.A.	Dvr. 3 O.R's		4
12 cwt.	Bn. H.Q.	Off/Mess. Bn. H.Q. stores	Driver & mess Servant.		2
30 cwt.	H.Q. Coy.	Stores, bks. Gear	R.Q.M.S., Cooks, 2. Sgt. cook, Dvr.		5
15 cwt.	H.Q. Coy.	Q. stores & Bicycles	Storeman & Dvr.		2
15 cwt.	H.Q. Coy.	M.T. stores Petrol	Dvr. T/Sgt. Clerk M.T. fitters 2		5
M/Cycles	H.Q. Coy.	D.R.'s	T.O., S.O., A/A Off. 4 D.R's	3	4
3)					
Carriers	H.Q. Coy.	Weapons , Amm.	Crew, 3 each		9
				14	95

SUMMARY

Type	Bn. H.Q.	H.Q. Coy.	A. Coy.	B. Coy.	C. Coy.	D. Coy.	TOTAL
Car	1						1
8 cwt.	1	2					3
12 "	1	1					2
15 "	2	5	2	2	2	2	15
30 "		2					2
M/Cls.		7					7
Carr's.		3					3
	5	20	2	2	2	2	33

NOTES

- (a) Weapons carried with personnel.
- (b) If march, Bicycles are ridden.



TABLE B.

WAR DIARY

APPENDIX 3.

MOVEMENT BY RAIL

ALLOTMENT OF TRANSPORT

TYPE	SUB UNIT	LOAD	PERSONNEL	OFF. O.R's
Car				
4 Seater	Bn. H.Q.		T.O., Driver	1.
15 cwt	Bn. H.Q.	Bn. Office	Driver	1
15 cwt (a)	Bn. H.Q.	R.A.P. Equipment	Driver, Water duty	2
15 cwt	H.Q. Coy.	Sig. equip. & H.Q. Administration	Driver, storeman	2
12 cwt	H.Q. Coy.	Mortars, Amm.	Driver, Mortar Cpl.	2
15 cwt (f)	H.Q. Coy.	M.M.G.'s, Amm.	Driver, M.M.G. Cpl.	2
8 cwt	A. Coy.	Coy. Office, Stores	Driver, Storeman	2
15 cwt	A. Coy.	Arms chests and Res. S.A.A.	Driver	1
15 cwt (g)	A. Coy. (B)	Q. Stores & Bikes	Driver	1
8 cwt	B. Coy.	Coy. Office, Stores	Driver, storeman	2
15 cwt	B. Coy.	Arms chests & Res. S.A.A.	Driver	1
15 cwt (g)	B. Coy. (B)	Q. Stores & Bikes	Driver	1
8 cwt	C. Coy.	Coy. Office, Stores	Driver, Storeman	2
15 cwt	C. Coy.	Arms Chests & Res. S.A.A.	Driver	1
15 cwt (g)	C. Coy. (B)	Q. Stores, Bikes	Driver	1
12 cwt	D. Coy.	Coy. Office, Stores	Driver, Storeman	2
15 cwt	D. Coy.	Arms, chest & Res. S.A.A.	Driver	1
15 cwt (g)	D. Coy. (B)	Q stores & Bikes	Driver	1
15 cwt (g)	H.Q. (B)	" "	Driver	1
15 cwt	Bn. H.Q.	Reserve S.A.A.	Driver, Offsider	2
15 cwt	H.Q. Coy.	M.T. stores petrol	Drv. clerk, 2 MT. fitters	4
30 cwt	H.Q. Coy.	Q stores	R.Q.M.S. driver	2
30 cwt (h)	H.Q. Coy.	Off. Mess, cook, gear	Driver, Officer	1
M/Cycle	H.Q. Coy.		T/Sgt.	1
M/Cycles (c)	H.Q. Coy.		D.R.'s	4
Carriers (d)				
(3)	(e) H.Q. Coy.	Bren Gun, Amm. each	Crew 3 each.	9
				2
				50

SUMMARY

Type	Bn. H.Q.'s	H.Q. Coy.	A Coy.	B Coy.	C Coy.	D Coy.	Total
Car							
4 Seater	1						1
8 cwt			1	1	1		3
12 cwt		1				1	2
15 cwt	3	4	2	2	2	2	15
30 cwt		2					2
M/Cycles		5 (c)					5
Carriers		3					3
	4	15	3	3	3	3	31

Notes

- (a) M.O. & Orderly with some equipment travel on rail with troops
- (b) One bicycle per Coy. to be taken on rail.
- (c) 2 M/Cycles to be taken on Rail
- (d) Carriers as A.A. defence of convoy.
- (e) Anti/Tank rifle carried on Carriers.
- (f) 4 M.M.G.'s carried on rail
- (h) Percentage of bookin gear on rail.
- (g) If any spare capacity report to R.Q.M.S. re left surplus.



APPENDIX.4

Bde. Exercise.

Copy of Narrative, issue of Verbal Orders by L.O's and  
sequence of events.



Appendix. 4

ISSUED TO L.O.'s at 0630 hrs.

Secret

NARRATIVE

At 0605 hrs. G.O.C., A.I.F. rang Comd. 18 Mxd Bde and the following Conversation ensued :-

G.O.C. If the reports coming are correct the situation is serious. V. Corps appear to be having a bad time and the German Motor Cyclists and L. Tanks are reported to be as far NORTH as LYNTHURST and RINGWOOD. Brig. St. Clair has been ordered to get as strong a force as possible onto the line of the SOUTHERN Railway to prevent any break through onto the Plain. I have agreed to your employment for this purpose and your Bde. is to occupy the line WEST DEAN - MOTTISFONT both inclusive. Tps. from S.P.A. will be on your Right but I do not know yet what Unit will be in touch with you and I expect that they will be some time in getting in touch with you and getting into position, so watch that flank. By the way, when can you move and what time do you think that you can get into position.

Bde. Comd.

I expected a move when I first heard reports this morning and all Units have been warned to be ready for it. It is now 6.7 My Order should be out to Units by 6.30, say 6.35, they ought to be away by 7.30. What about my marching personnel, are you sending any busses. I have only those three per Bn. that reported yesterday.

G.O.C. Sorry G.H.Q. has collard everything it can lay its hands on so I cant give you any more.

Bde. Comd.

Well in that case -- One minute while I look at my map --- the left Bn. will have 9 . 10 Miles to go, thats at least 3 hours. I know that country, it's very enclosed and difficult, I think it will take 2 hours for sub Units to get into position. That makes it 1230.

G.O.C. That is a long time, don't you think that you could cut it down.

Bde. Comd.

I doubt it, Sir, but we shall try.

G.O.C. Right! Now I told you about your right -- The Chemical Warfare Group will be on your left. They will probably be in position before you are. 5 Fd. Bty. and 1 A.T. Bty have been ordered to join you and should be down inside the hour. Representatives from both should be reporting to you at any minute now. Risson is also reporting to you but I cant move his Coy. until I can squeeze some tspt. out of somebody.

Bde. Comd.

What about Amm. and supplies Sir?

G.O.C. A.A.S.C. will establish one or possibly two A.P.'s Q. will give you locations as soon as possible. I suppose your B. echelon will be left in camp, in which case supplies will be delivered there.

Bde. Comd.

One last question, Sir, - what about kits.?

G.O.C. Dump them. A.A.S.C. will pick them up and take them to the kit store. You will be under St. Clair's Orders now but refer to me if you think it necessary. I'll be at the Abbey.



Gist of verbal orders issued through L.O.'s - 0635 hrs.

INFORMATION

As narrative.

INTENTION

18 Mxd. Bde. will defend line S. Ry.  
incl. WEST DEAN - MOTTISFONT

METHOD

1. Mobile Gps. - Under Cmd. Bde. H.Q.'s
  - (a) From each Battalion.  
One Coy  
One sect. carriers  
W/T det.
  - (b) Move forthwith and occupy positions :-  
9 Bn Gp - WEST DEAN FM 6746  
12 Bn Gp - LOCKERLY 7345  
10 Bn. Gp - AWBRIDGE HOUSE 7644 covering  
approaches from South.
  - (c) Routes :-  
9 Bn - WARREN COURT 7053 - WEST TYTHERLY  
7150 - WEST DEAN 6946.  
12 Bn.- rd. & track junct. 723551 - WHITESHOOT  
HILL 7253 - EAST TYTHERLY 7349 -  
LOCKERLY  
10 Bn - Cross Rds 73551 - rd. junc. 744525 -  
MOTTISFONT.
  - (d) To be withdrawn as soon as Bns. in position and  
revert Bn. control. Order for withdrawal from  
Bde. H.Q.
2. MAIN Bodies.
  - (a) Move on Routes as for mobile gps.
  - (b) Cross rd SALISBURY - STOCKBRIDGE 0800 hrs.
  - (c) Each responsible for own protection.
  - (d) Inter Bn boundaries - on map.  
Any adjustments to be made after positions occupied
  - (e) To be in position by 1230 hrs.
  - (f) Under comd. each Bn - Det 3 Fd Amb.  
One Tp I A.T. Bty.

Reps. report 0700 hrs.
3. Adv Bde H.Q. accompanied by recce parties R.A.A., R.A.E.  
follow centre mobile gp. Opens STARR INN 7348.
4. 3 Fd Bty moves in rear 12 Bn.

ADM

5. All kits to be dumped for tpt. to kit store by A.A.S.C.
6. Rear parties - 1 Offr. 5 N.C.O's, 25 O.R's remain each  
Bn.
7. T.C.P. Cross rds 707554
8. B. echelon Tpt. remains camp.

INTERCOMM

9. Bde. H.Q. closes present location 0730 hrs reopens  
EAST TYTHERLY.
10. One W/T det to each Bn forthwith for mobile cols.  
Revert to Bn. H.Q. when mobile gps withdrawn.
11. Location statement to Bde. H.Q. by each Bn. when in  
position.
12. Bn. Cnds report to Adv Bde H.Q. 1030 hrs.

Issued ~~XX~~ 0655 hrs. by L.O's



18 Mxd Bde Exercise 30 July 40

Forecast of events

28 July 40

0900 hrs. Bns. and 3 Fd. Amb warned breakfast  
30 July to be 0600 hrs. Will be away from Camp  
until approx. 2100 hrs. Ball amn. to be  
collected from all personnel taking part in exercise  
and carried on Pl. trks. Buses reporting 1400  
hrs. 29 July 40 and Coy's to be practiced embussing  
and debussing.

30 July 40

0430 hrs. Rumours of enemy landings.  
Units put at 1 hours notice to move.  
Order kits to be dumped.

0530 hrs. Landing at BOURNEMOUTH confirmed  
0605 hrs. G.O.C., A.I.F. rings Bde Comd. Narrative.  
0630 hrs. Umpires and R.A.A. reps. report to Bns.  
Det. 3 Fd Amb report to Bns.  
0635 hrs. L.O.'s to Bns with verbal orders and  
narative. Bde H.Q. warned of move  
S.C. to recce new area. Adv. H.Q.s  
to be ready to move at 0715 hrs.  
0720 hrs. Mobile Gps. move  
Adv Bde H.Q.s move with centre Gp.  
0750 hrs. Mobile Gps in areas given.  
Bde. Comd makes recce. with R.A.A. , R.AE  
0800 hrs. Bns. cross Co-ordinating line.  
0900 hrs. - 1030 hrs. R.A.F. attacks on columns.  
1030 hrs. Bns. reach area  
C.O.'s report to Bde. Comd having recce  
own ares.  
1100 hrs. - 1230 hrs. R.A.F. attacks on troops &  
transport. Concentrations observed.  
1230 hrs. Defensive position occupied.  
Mobile Gps withdrawn.  
1300 hrs. Enemy A.F.V. appear on front and attempt  
crossings at various points.  
1400 hrs. Reported A.F.V.'s penetrated front  
Chemical Warfare Gp.  
10 Bn. ordered to hold BOSSINGTON bridge  
1530 hrs. Dive bombing attack by R.A.F. on front  
9 & 12 Bns and attack by enemy inf.  
1630 hrs. Exercise ends.  
2000 hrs. Arrive at camp.



APPENDIX A

Officer evacuated to Hospital

Lieut.M.R. Ellenby

APPENDIX B

Officer taken on strength from A.I.F. Depot. Lieut. D.M. Syme

APPENDIX C

Officer taken on strength from A.I.F. Depot

Lieut. M.L. Bidstrup



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

WAR DIARY.

APPENDIX I.

Names of Officers attending British Schools.

Sniping School: S.A.S. Bisley.

15 Jul - 2 Aug. 40.

Lieut. M.R. Ellenby.

Army Gas School - Winterborne Gunner.

15 Jul - 4 Aug. 40.

Lieut. T.K. Fisher.



APPENDIX 2.

Rations & Equipment Details.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

WAR DIARY.

JULY 40.

RATIONS & EQUIPMENT DETAILS.

1. RATIONS.

The ration allowance of approx.  $1/1\frac{1}{2}$  plus an extra  $1\frac{1}{2}$ d allowance per day per man is similar to that for troops during the last war.

It is sufficient to maintain a man in a fit and healthy condition but after hard training is not always ample enough to fully satisfy him.

Many men spend a small sum daily at the N.A.A.F.I. Canteen in the purchase of food.

The noticeable feature of the English Ration is the light meal for tea.

2. CLOTHING.

A second issue of clothing was received on 19 Jul 40. This was of very thin material and 5% of personnel could not be issued, due to small sizes. No further stocks were available. 10% of men are without badges which have either been lost or given away.

3. BOOTS.

The situation regarding boots is satisfactory having received 500 pairs on 19 Jul 40. Every man now has 2 good pairs and 50% have 3 pairs.

4. EQUIPMENT.

The Bn. has now the following War Equipment of importance:-

- 1. 3" Mortar.
- 2. 2" "
- 5. Anti-Tank Rifles.
- 1. Thompson M.G. Guns.
- 21. Bren L.M.G.
- Full issue of Revolvers including 19 old Patters .455.
- 1. Rangefinder.

Signalling Equipment is good with the exception of Don. 5 Telephone. All the necessary stores for Decontamination Squads have been obtained. Gas capes and Eye Shields sufficient for each personnel were issued on 31 Jul.

5. M.T. VEHICLES.

The Bn. is equipped with the following Transport, sufficient to move majority of Coy & Q. Stores and weapons.

- 1 5 seater car.
- 2 8 cwt.
- 2 12 "
- 15 15 "
- 1 30 " attached.
- 1 30 " civilian. attached.
- 7 Motorcycles.

6. AMMUNITION.

The Bn. has now a full issue of all types of Ammunition.



Appendix 3

Rail & Road Movement.



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APPENDIX 3.

RAIL AND ROAD MOVES

1. There are 3 types of moves that may be required by this Mxd. Bde.  
'a' Normal marching personnel by rail and transport by road.  
'b' Normal marching personnel by 'bus with transport accompanying the column.  
'c' By route marching accompanied by transport.
2. Consideration of these types of moves make it evident that a separate allotment of personnel and stores must be made to available Unit transport in case of 'a' as opposed to cases 'b' and 'c'.  
In case of 'a' the majority of stores and the minimum of personnel should travel by road but it will be necessary for a proportion of the majority of light automatic weapons and a proportion of S.A.A. to be taken with the troops on rail.  
In case of 'b' a proportion of automatic weapons and ammunition would accompany the troops in the buses.  
In the case of 'c' automatic weapons would be left on the vehicles or carried by personnel, dependent on the tactical situation at the time.
3. Where a combined rail and road movement is made the principles underlying such movements must be that the rail personnel are capable of limited maintenance and are able to protect themselves and fight for a short period divorced from their transport.
4. Attached hereto are suggested allotment of personnel and equipment to transport.  
Table 'A' - Movement by bus or march route.  
Table 'B' - Movement by rail.

Where troops move by rail some motor cycle should be taken on train for inter-communication purposes upon arrival at destination.

The tables quoted are to form the basis on which the Infantry Battalions will work in order to obtain uniformity throughout the Bde. Slight modifications will be permitted in the actual allotment of personnel and vehicles but no major changes are to be made.

Signed ( A.R. Garrett )  
Major . B.M. 18 Aus Mxd. Bde.



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

TABLE A.

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APPENDIX 3.

MOVEMENT BY BUS OR MARCH.

ALLOTMENT OF TRANSPORT

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SUB UNIT</u>	<u>LOAD</u>	<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O'R's.</u>
Car)					
4 Seater	Bn. H.Q.	Bn. Staff	C.O., Adj't., Clerk Driver	2	2
8 cwt.	Bn. Staff	Bn. Staff	2. 1/c., Driver 2 Batmen	1	3
8 cwt.	H.Q. Coy.	H.Q. Coy. Staff	Clerk, sigs, driver		5
15 cwt.	Bn. H.Q.	Bn. Office	Sgt. Clerk, 2 clerks Driver, P.O. clerk		5
15 cwt.	Bn. H.Q.	R.A.F. Equip.	M.O., Orderly, 2 S.B's Driver	1	4
15 cwt.	H.Q. Coy.	Sigs. Equip.	Sig. Sgt., driver		4
15 cwt.	H.Q. Coy.	Coy. S.A.A. A/A. & Amn.	2 O.R's A/A personnel & driver		6
12 cwt.	H.Q. Coy.	3" Mortar & Amn.	Mortar Off. Cpl. 2 O.R's, driver.	1	4
15 cwt.	H.Q. Coy.	M.M.G. 3 & stores, S.A.A.	Officer, 2 O.R's Driver	1	3
15 cwt.	A. Coy. (a)	Weapons & Coy S.A.A. chests	2 1/c. 4 O.R's	1	4
15 cwt.	A. Coy. (b)	Q. stores & Bicycles	Storeman & driver		2
15 cwt.	B. Coy. (a)	Weapons & Coy S.A.A. chests	2 1/c. 4 O.R's	1	4
15 cwt.	B. Coy. (b)	Q stores, bikes	Storeman & driver		2
15 cwt.	C. Coy. (a)	Weapon & Coy S.A.A. chests	2 1/c. 4 O.R's	1	4
15 cwt.	C. Coy. (b)	Q stores & Bicycles	Storeman & driver		2
15 cwt.	D. Coy. (a)	Weapon & Coy S.A.A. chests	2 1/c. 4 O.R's	1	4
15 cwt.	D. Coy. (b)	Q. stores & Bicycles	Storeman & driver		2
8 cwt.	H.Q. Coy	Q.M. & record	Q.M. staff 3, Dvr.	1	4
30 cwt.	Bn. H.Q.	Res. S.A.A.	Dvr. 3 O.R's		4
12 cwt.	Bn. H.Q.	Off/Mess. Bn. H.Q. stores	Driver & mess Servant.		2
30 cwt.	H.Q. Coy.	Stores, bks. Gear	R.Q.M.S., Cooks, 2. Sgt. cook, Dvr.		5
15 cwt.	H.Q. Coy.	Q. stores & Bicycles	Storeman & Dvr.		2
15 cwt.	H.Q. Coy.	M.T. stores Petrol	Dvr. T/Sgt. Clerk M.T. fitters 2		5
M/Cycles	H.Q. Coy.	D.R.'s	T.O., S.O., A/A Off. 4 D.R's	3	4
3) Carriers	H.Q. Coy.	Weapons, Amn.	Crew, 3 each		9
				<u>14</u>	<u>35</u>

SUMMARY

<u>Type</u>	<u>Bn. H.Q.</u>	<u>H.Q. Coy.</u>	<u>A. Coy.</u>	<u>B. Coy.</u>	<u>C. Coy.</u>	<u>D. Coy.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Car	1						1
8 cwt.	1	2					3
12 "	1	1					2
15 "	2	5	2	2	2	2	15
30 "		2					2
M/cis.		7					7
Car's.		3					3
	<u>5</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>33</u>

NOTES

- (a) Weapons carried with personnel.
- (b) If march, Bicycles are ridden.



**TABLE B.**

**WAR DIARY**

**APPENDIX 3.**

**MOVEMENT BY RAIL**

**ALLOCATION OF TRANSPORT**

TYPE	SUB UNIT	LOAD	PERSONNEL	OFF. O.R.'s
Car				
4 Seater	Bn. H.Q.		T.O., Driver	1.
15 cwt	Bn. H.Q.	Bn. Office	Driver	1
15 cwt (a)	Bn. H.Q.	R.A.P. Equipment	Driver, Water duty	2
15 cwt	H.Q. Coy.	Sig. equip. & H.Q. Administration	Driver, storeman	2
12 cwt	H.Q. Coy.	Mortars, Amm.	Driver, Mortar Cpl.	2
15 cwt (f)	H.Q. Coy.	M.M.G.'s, Amm.	Driver, M.M.G. Cpl.	2
8 cwt	A. Coy.	Coy. Office, Stores	Driver, Storeman	1
15 cwt	A. Coy.	Arms chests and Res. S.A.A.	Driver	1
15 cwt (g)	A. Coy. (B)	Q. Stores & Bikes	Driver	1
8 cwt	B. Coy.	Coy. Office, Stores	Driver, storeman	2
15 cwt	B. Coy.	Arms chests & Res. S.A.A.	Driver	1
15 cwt (g)	B. Coy. (B)	Q. Stores & Bikes	Driver	1
8 cwt	C. Coy.	Coy. Office, Stores	Driver, Storeman	2
15 cwt	C. Coy.	Arms chests & Res. S.A.A.	Driver	1
15 cwt (g)	C. Coy. (B)	Q. Stores, Bikes	Driver	1
12 cwt	D. Coy.	Coy. Office, Stores	Driver, Storeman	2
15 cwt	D. Coy.	Arms, chest & Res. S.A.A.	Driver	1
15 cwt (g)	D. Coy. (B)	Q stores & Bikes	Driver	1
15 cwt (g)	H.Q. (B)	" "	Driver	1
15 cwt	Bn. H.Q.	Reserve S.A.A.	Driver, Offsider	2
15 cwt	H.Q. Coy.	M.T. stores petrol	Drv. clerk, 2 M.T. fitters	4
30 cwt	H.Q. Coy.	Q stores	R.Q.M.S. driver	2
30 cwt (h)	H.Q. Coy.	Off. Mess, cook, gear	Driver, Officer	1
M/cycle	H.Q. Coy.		T/Sgt.	1
M/Cycles (e)	H.Q. Coy.		D.R.'s	4
Carriers (d)				9
(3) (e)	H.Q. Coy.	Bren Gun, Amm. each	Crew 3 each.	9
				50

**SUMMARY**

Type	Bn. H.Q.'s	H.Q. Coy.	A Coy.	B Coy.	C Coy.	D Coy.	Total
Car							1
4 Seater	1						1
8 cwt			1	1	1		3
12 cwt		1				1	2
15 cwt	3	4	2	2	2	2	15
30 cwt		2					2
M/cycles		5 (e)					5
Carriers		3					3
							31

**Notes**

- (a) H.Q. & Orderly with some equipment travel on rail with troops
- (b) One bicycle per Coy. to be taken on rail.
- (c) 2 M/cycles to be taken on Rail
- (d) Carriers as A.A. defence of convoy.
- (e) Anti/Tank rifle carried on Carriers.
- (f) 4 M.M.G.'s carried on rail
- (g) Percentage of beekin gear on rail.
- (g) If any spare capacity report to R.Q.M.S. re left surplus.



APPENDIX 4

Bde. Exercise.  
Copy of Narrative, issue of Verbal Orders by L.O's and  
sequence of events.



Appendix. 4ISSUED TO L.O.'s at 0630 hrs.SecretNARRATIVE

At 0605 hrs. G.O.C., A.I.F. rang Comd. 18 Bde and the following conversation ensued :-

G.O.C. If the reports coming are correct the situation is serious. V. Corps appear to be having a bad time and the German Motor Cyclists and L. Tanks are reported to be as far NORTH as LYNNHURST and RINGWOOD. Brig. St. Clair has been ordered to get as strong a force as possible onto the line of the SOUTHERN Railway to prevent any break through onto the Plain. I have agreed to your employment for this purpose and your Bde. is to occupy the line WEST BEAN - MOTTISFONT both inclusive. Tps. from S.P.A. will be on your right but I do not know yet what Unit will be in touch with you and I expect that they will be some time in getting in touch with you and getting into position, so watch that flank. By the way, when can you move and what time do you think that you can get into position.

Bde. Comd.

I expected a move when I first heard reports this morning and all Units have been warned to be ready for it. It is now 6.7 My Order should be out to Units by 6.30, say 6.35, they ought to be away by 7.30. What about my marching personnel, are you sending any busses. I have only those three per Bn. that reported yesterday.

G.O.C. Sorry G.H.Q. has collared everything it can lay its hands on so I cant give you any more.

Bde. Comd.

Well in that case -- One minute while I look at my map -- the left Bn. will have 9 . 10 Miles to go, thats at least 3 hours. I know that country, it's very enclosed and difficult, I think it will take 2 hours for sub Units to get into position. That makes it 1230.

G.O.C. That is a long time, don't you think that you could cut it down.

Bde. Comd.

I doubt it, Sir, but we shall try.

G.O.C. Right! Now I told you about your right -- The Chemical Warfare Group will be on your left. They will probably be in position before you are. 5 Pd. Bty. and 1 A.F. Bty have been ordered to join you and should be down inside the hour. Representatives from both should be reporting to you at any minute now. Risson is also reporting to you but I cant move his Coy. until I can squeeze some tapt. out of somebody.

Bde. Comd.

What about Am. and supplies Sir?

G.O.C. A.A.S.C. will establish one or possibly two A.P.'s Q. will give you locations as soon as possible. I suppose your B. echelon will be left in camp, in which case supplies will be delivered there.

Bde. Comd.

One last question, Sir, - what about kits.?

G.O.C. Dump them. A.A.S.C. will pick them up and take them to the kit store. You will be under St. Clair's Orders now but refer to me if you think it necessary. I'll be at the Abbey.



Gist of verbal orders issued through L.O.'s - 0635 hrs.INFORMATION

As narrative.

INTENTION18 Mtd. Bde. will defend line S. Ry.  
incl. WEST DEAN - NOTTISFORDMETHOD1. Mobile Gps. - Under Cmd. Bde. H.Q.'s

(a) From each Battalion.

One Coy

One sect. carriers

W/T det.

(b) Move forthwith and occupy positions :-

9 Bn Grp - WEST DEAN EM 6746

12 Bn Cp - LOCKERLY 7345

10 Bn. Cp - ABRIDGE HOUSE 7644 covering  
approaches from South.(c) Routes :-9 Bn - WARREN COURT 7055 - WEST TYHERLY  
7150 - WEST DEAN 6946.12 Bn. - rd. & track junct. 723551 - WHITESHOOT  
HILL 7253 - EAST TYHERLY 7349 -  
LOCKERLY10 Bn - Cross Rds 73551 - rd. junct. 744525 -  
NOTTISFORD.(d) To be withdrawn as soon as Bns. in position and  
revert Bn. control. Order for withdrawal from  
Bde. H.Q.2. MAIN Bodies.

(a) Move on routes as for mobile gps.

(b) Cross rd SALISBURY - STOCKBRIDGE 0600 hrs.

(c) Each responsible for own protection.

(d) Inter Bn boundaries - on map.

Any adjustments to be made after positions occupied

(e) To be in position by 1230 hrs.

(f) Under cmd. each Bn - Det 3 Fd Amb.

One Tp 1 A.T. Bty.

Reps. report 0700 hrs.

3. Adv Bde H.Q. accompanied by recon parties R.A.A., R.A.E.  
follow centre mobile gp. Opens STARR INN 7348.

4. 3 Fd Bty moves in rear 12 Bn.

ADM

5. All kits to be dumped for tpt. to kit store by A.A.S.C.

6. Rear parties - 1 Offr. 5 H.C.O's, 25 O.R's remain each  
Bn.

7. T.C.P. Cross rds 707554

8. B. echelon Tpt. remains camp.

INTERCOM9. Bde. H.Q. closes present location 0730 hrs reopens  
EAST TYHERLY.

10. One W/T det to each Bn forthwith for mobile coms.

Revert to Bn. H.Q. when mobile gps withdrawn.

11. Location statement to Bde. H.Q. by each Bn. when in  
position.

12. Bn. Cnds report to Adv Bde H.Q. 1030 hrs.

Issued EM 0635 hrs. by L.O's



18 Mxd Bde Exercise 30 July 40

Forecast of events

<u>28 July 40</u>	0900 hrs.	Bns. and 3 Fd. Amb warned breakfast 30 July to be 0600 hrs. until approx. 2100 hrs. collected from all personnel taking part in exercise and carried on Pl. trks. Buses reporting 1400 hrs. 29 July 40 and Coy's to be practiced embussing and debussing.
<u>30 July 40</u>	0430 hrs.	Rumours of enemy landings. Units put at 1 hours notice to move. Order kits to be dumped.
	0530 hrs.	Landing at BOURNEMOUTH confirmed
	0605 hrs.	G.O.C., A.I.F. rings Bde Comd. Narrative.
	0630 hrs.	Umpires and R.A.A. reps. report to Bns. Det. 3 Fd Amb report to Bns.
	0635 hrs.	L.O.'s to Bns with verbal orders and narrative. Bde H.Q. warned of move S.C. to recce new area. Adv. H.Q.s to be ready to move at 0715 hrs.
	0730 hrs.	Mobile Cps. move Adv Bde H.Q.s move with centre Cp.
	0750 hrs.	Mobile Cps in areas given. Bde. Comd makes recce. with R.A.A. , R.A.F.
	0800 hrs.	Bns. cross Co-ordinating line.
	0900 hrs. -	1030 hrs. R.A.F. attacks on columns.
	1030 hrs.	Bns. reach area C.O.'s report to Bde. Comd having recce own area.
	1100 hrs. -	1230 hrs. R.A.F. attacks on troops & transport. Concentrations observed.
	1230 hrs.	Defensive position occupied. Mobile Cps withdrawn.
	1300 hrs.	Enemy A.F.V. appear on front and attempt crossings at various points.
	1400 hrs.	Reported A.F.V.'s penetrated front Chemical Warfare Cp.
	1530 hrs.	10 Bn. ordered to hold BOSSINGTON bridge Dive bombing attack by R.A.F. on front 9 & 12 Bns and attack by enemy inf.
	1630 hrs.	Exercise ends.
	2000 hrs.	Arrive at camp.



10<sup>th</sup> Bn  
August

WAR DIARY

or

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2nd. A. I. F. Overseas  
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Aug			
Lop-combe Camp.	1	0900	Coy exercises on road blocks and stalking	
	2	0900	Bn exercise on all-round defence of area	
	3	0900 1400	Camouflaging of tents. Two more carriers received. 25% personnel proceed on leave.	
	4	0900 1500	Church Parade Cricket Match at Tidworth. Bn defeated Ordnance Corps.	
	5	0930 1930	Lectures on gases given over amplifier to Bn. New pattern '37 equipment issued. Two more carriers received.	
	6	0930	Anti-gas Lectures all day. First batch of Australian mail arrived.	
	7	0930 1400	Gas Lectures Organized Sports. Inter-Coy Football and cricket matches.	
	8	0930	Gas Lectures continued I.O. attended first of series of Div I lectures by G.S.O. 3 (I) at Amesbury Abbey	
	9	0900 0500	Bn marched to Winterbourne Gunner Gas School. Various types of lethal gases were demonstrated and Bn in mass marched through concentrations of Chlorine C.A.P. and D.M. Aircraft sprayed substitute for Mustard Gas. Lectures to Officers on gases at N.A.A.F.I.	
	10.	0900 1400	Gas Lectures. Discussion on weaknesses brought out by yesterday's gas experiences. Sports and Make & Mend. 25% personnel proceed on leave.	
	11	0900	Church Parade 25% personnel proceed on leave	
	12	0800 0830	Exercise message from Bde. Bn H.Q. and Coy Cmdrs to go out on T.E.W.O.T. Bn "O" Group meet at Bde for orders	



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Lopcombe Camp	12	1015	Personnel leave camp for Starting Point- X roads at Wallop.	
		1027	Leave Starting Point	
		1820	Personnel return from T.E.W.O.T.	
	13	0900	Bn route march- lunch in the field	
		1607	Air raid warning RED received. Bn marched in and moved to slit trenches	
		1620	Four enemy 'planes dive from clouds from direction of Wallop 'drome.	
		1650	Eight bombs dropped 1208 EAST of camp. No casualties.	
	14	0900	General Training	
		1400	Organized sports	
		1700	Air raid warning RED received- lasted 2½ hrs.	
	15	0800	Bde Exercise- stayed in field overnight. Air raid warning RED in Camp area,	
	16		Bde Exercise continued. Two RED warnings received while Bn out.	
		1745	Air raid RED as Bn came back from exercise.	
	17	0900	General Training	
		1330	25% personnel proceed on leave	
	18		Instructions for general leave received from Australforce. Approx. 15% to proceed on leave every alternate day commencing 21 Aug 40.. Free rail warrants for troops.	
		0900	Church Parade.	
	19		Discussion at Y.M.C.A. on Bde exercise carried out 15/16 Aug	
	20		Leave instructions received from Bde. Piquet of 1 Officer, 1 Sgt. and 9 O.Rs. and Reporting Staff of 2 O.Rs. detailed for duty in London One Officer evacuated to hospital.	
	21	0830	Two Officers and 40 O.Rs commenced long leave. Intelligence Course for Bn personnel commences under Bde I.O. at Bde.	

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	21	1400	Organized sports.	
	22	0900	Coy training "A" and "C" Coys carry out exercises.. Pls reach objectives by various routes , practising Pl Cmdrs in map reading.	
		1415 to 1500	Gas Training period- all personnel wear respirators - spray attack from the air.	
	23	0830	One Officer, 41 O.RS commence leave Three Officers visit 50 Div to inspect defence works in Bournemouth area.	
	24	0900 1630	Coy Training Air raid warning RED received. Bn in slit trenches for 40 mins. 25% personnel proceed on leave. One Officer taken on strength from A.I.F. Depot Bulford	Append B
	25	0900 1330	Church Parade. 25% personnel on leave.	
	26	0900 1630	Coy Training. Approach march to Whaddon area where all-round defensive position occupied. Air raid warning RED received. Bn in slit trenches for 1½ hrs.	
	27	0900 1630	Coy Training- "B" Coy to bivouac overnight. Air raid warning RED received- duration 1 hr.	
	28	1100 1400	"B" Coy returned from exercise. Intelligence School terminates. Organized sports. Officers played O.Rs at football- O.Rs won.	
	29	0900 1400 2230 2330	Weapon Training Organized sleeping in preparation for all night Bdeexercise Air raid warning RED. Bn marched out on exercise near Winchester area.	
	30	1600	Bde Exercise-10 Bn attacking, 12 Bn defenders. Bn returned from exercise. One Officer taken on strength from A.I.F. Depot. Bulford.	Append C



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Aug 31	0900	Weapon Training- Cleaning of Arms	

*A. Verrier* Lt. Col.  
Comdg. 2/10 Bn., A.I.F.



WAR DIARY PRECIS.

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Classification  
of Subject.

2/10 Battalion.

August 40.

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Training.

Road blocks and  
stalking.  
Defence exercise.  
Gas Lecture  
Aircraft spray gas  
Bde. Exercise overnight  
night work

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Sport.

Cricket  
Organised sports

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Lopcombe Corner	1 Sep	0900	Church Parade- One Officer proceeded to Intelligence Course at Matlock Derbyshire	Appendix A
	2 Sep		4 bombs dropped $\frac{1}{2}$ mile N.N.E. of camp area.	
	3 Sep		Practiced for Ceremonial Parade	
	4 Sep	1000	Review by Mr. Winston Churchill- 10 Bn. paraded with 9 Bn. on 9 Bn. Area. 5 bombs which did not explode dropped 600 yds EAST of camp area- picquetted by 9 Bn.	
	5 Sep		Sports Afternoon	
	6 Sep		Bde. gas period- 4 Bombs exploded by R.E. vicinity of NETHER WALLOP	
	7 Sep	2245	Bombs exploded by R.E. in vicinity of NETHER WALLOP Orders from Bde. for Bn. to "Stand To" ready to move out of camp.	
	8 Sep	0010 0100	Bn. packed, standing to. Personnel ordered to go to bed dressed, ready to move at minute's notice.	
	9 Sep	0900	Church Parade cancelled. Bn. to stand to until further notice.	
	10 Sep	0900	Orders received for all boxes and baggage to have new numbers and colours. General training and packing of stores.	
	11 Sep	0945 1020	Bde. conference re route to prospective position <del>NIXBLANDFORD</del> in event of invasion C.O. and I.O. and Carrier Cmdr. left on recess of position in BLANDFORD area Visit of C.I.G.S. cancelled.	
	12 Sep		General Training	
	13 Sep		General wet weather training	
	14 Sep	0900 1400	Kit inspection and training. Voting for Federal elections. Organized Sports	



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Lopcombe Camp	Sep 15	0900	Church Parade.	
	Sep 16	0900	General training. Lieut. T.J. Schmedje posted as Adj. Capt. T.J. Daly seconded to Bde. as B.M. Lieut. C.L. Durant acting as Assistant Adj.	
	Sep 17	0900 1330 1630	General Training. Guard of 3 Officers and 100 O.Rs provided by "C" and "D" Coy. for Duke of Kent. Duke of Kent inspected Bn. lines for 45 mins. - accompanied by <del>MAJOR-GEN.</del> Major- Gen. H.D. Wynter and staff.	
	Sep 18	0900	Gas lecture by Lieut. T.K. Fisher - General training.	
	Sep 19	0930 2205	Coys. packing trucks for night exercise- very wet. Buses conveyed troops to BLANDFORD FARM area	
	Sep 20	1130	Bn. returned from BLANDFORD night exercise.	
	Sep 21	0900 1300	Issue 22 new Bren guns Make and mend	
	Sep 22	0900 1300	Church Parade- raining Notice received for Bn. to be prepared to move at three hours notice. 1 Thompson sub.machine gun and 1500 rounds to Bde.H.Q.	
	Sep 23	0900 1750	Still on three hrs. notice- Coys proceeding with training within recall distance. Bn. taken off "Stand-to"	
	Sep 24	0900	Bn. route march to KING SOMBOURNE- Band played Bn. through towns enroute.	
	Sep 25	0900 1300	Coy training Organized Sports	
	Sep 26	0900	Coy. training- weather sunny with cold wind.	
	Sep 27	0900	Coy. training - Sunshine	



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Lop-combe Camp	Sep 28	0900 1300	Coy. training- sunny weather Organized sport.	
	Sep 29	0900 2030	Church parade Two bombs dropped in 12 Bn. lines-"Bread basket" on hill approx. 1½ miles south of camp no damage or casualties.	
	Sep 30	0900 1630 1930	Coy. training Conference held in. N.A.A.F.I. tent attended by all Officers and combatant N.C.Os on tactical exercise by 9 Bn. 2 hr. compass march by Officers.	



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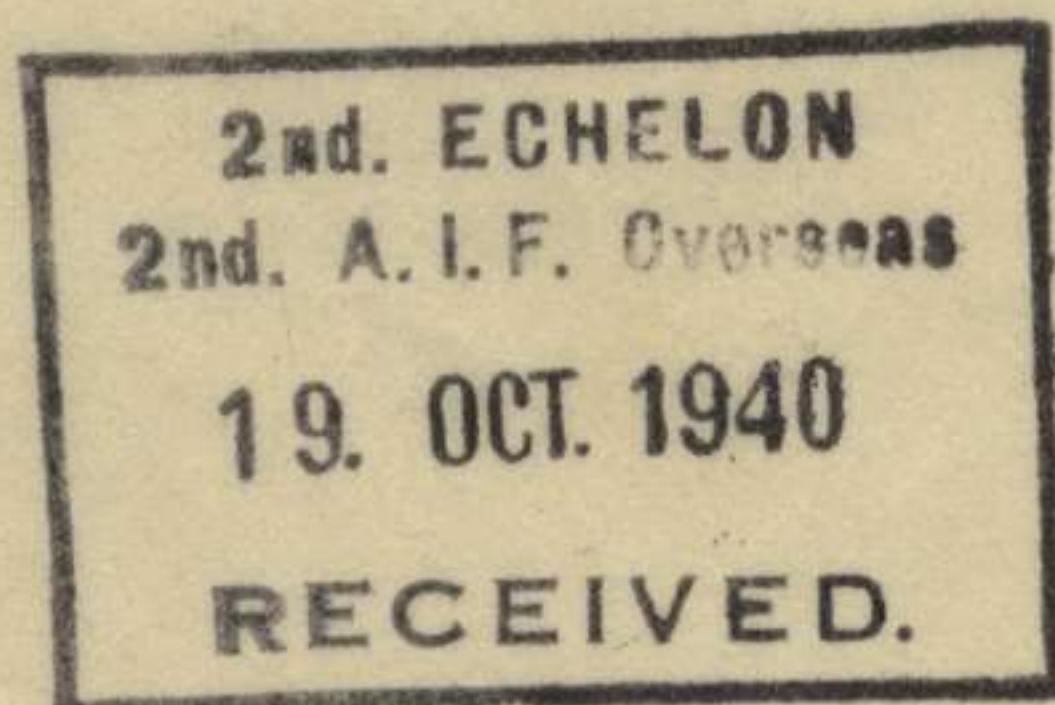
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the month of ~~October~~ <sup>Sept</sup> 40. together with duplicate copy of the above  
for month of ~~Sept~~ <sup>AUG.</sup> 40.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Lieut.Col.

Commanding 2/10 Bn.A.I.F.





Lieut. M. R. Ellenby proceeded to Matlock, Derbyshire 1 Sept 40.  
Intelligence course.