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diaries, 1939-45 War

Item number: 8/3/10

2/10 Infantry Battalion
November - December 1940

10 Bn.

WAR DIARY

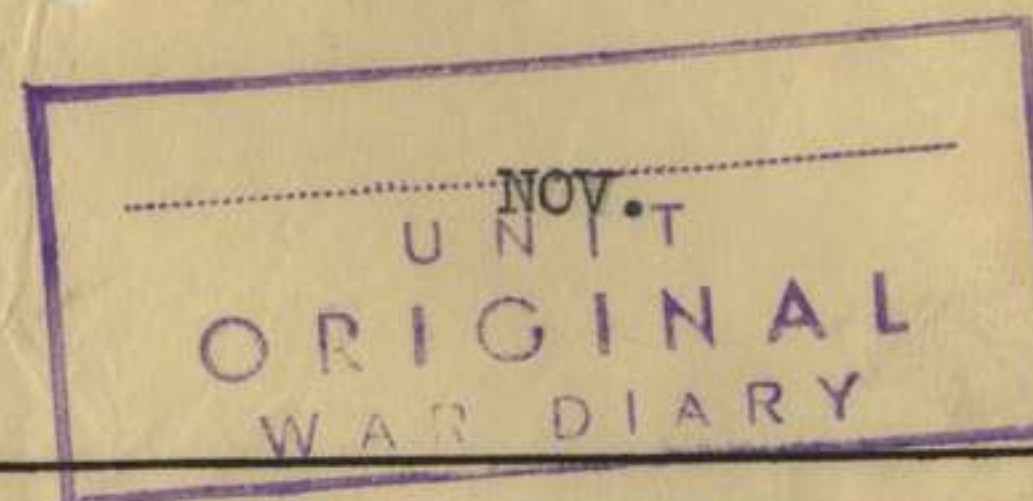
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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices |
|-------------|---------|----------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| COL-CHESTER | 1 Nov. | 0900 1400 | Bn. moved to "Stand To" position. H.Q. Coy. on range. Training films continued. | |
| | 2 Nov. | 0900 1300 | Completing slit trenches. Instructions that A.I.F. in U.K. now on 12 hrs. notice Order that leave may be granted to anywhere within 20 miles of COLCHESTER. | App. I |
| | 3 Nov. | 1030 | Bn. marched out to Congregational, Methodist and Church of England churches. | |
| | 4 Nov. | 0900 | Wet and foggy. Slit trenches and splinter proofing of huts being completed. | |
| | 5 Nov. | 0900 1700 | Recce. of MALTING GREEN area for Bn. exercise on following day. Bn. filling sand bags. X Lt. Scott breaks arm while on recce. as O.C. enemy for tomorrow's exercise. | App. II |
| | 6 Nov. | 0900 1430 | Bn. exercise cancelled due to wet weather. Bn route march. Make and mend. | |
| | 7 Nov. | 0930 | 10 Bn. one year old today. Pl. drill competition. Gen. Wynter visited barracks to watch drill. Lt. Balfour-Ogilvy with Carrier Pl. wins drill competition. All tps. not on duty given leave to celebrate anniversary. Orders received that all unaccompanied baggage for movement overseas to be packed and marked Adj. promoted to T/Capt. | App. III |
| | 8 Nov. | 0900 1245 2000 | General training. Bn. marched out to attend Tank demonstration near ROCK FARM. All available original members of Officers' Mess invited to birthday dinner. | |
| | 9 Nov. | 0900 | Packing and marking gear for movement. | |
| | 10 Nov. | 1030 | Church parade. | |

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| COL- chester | 11 Nov. | 0900 | Packing and marking continued. | |
| | | 1100 2100 | Visit of Sec. of State for Dominions - inspected Barracks. (Lord Cranbourne) Baggage party leaves with baggage - other personnel delayed for 24 hrs. | |
| | 12 Nov. | | Coy. route marches and general training. | |
| | 13 Nov. | | Route marches and packing stores. I.O. accompanies B.M. and staff of 25 Bde. and 31 Bn. over area recce. | |
| | 14 Nov. | 0720 | Handing over barracks to 31 Bn. Ship's Staff, Adj. R.Q.M. and R.S.M. left for port of embarkation. Portion of Bn. baggage loaded on to H.M.T. L.9 - remainder in lighter alongside. | |
| | 15 Nov. | 0945 1245 1100 | First party leaves COLCHESTER + A, B, C, & D Coys. Second party leaves - H.Q. Coy. and Bn. H.Q. Ship's Staff arrived at GREENOCK and embarked on H.M.T. L.9 (Pasteur) | |
| | 16 Nov. | | Bn. spends night in transit camps near GLASGOW - A, B, C, D, Coys. at GREENOCK, H.Q. at WISHAW. | |
| | 17 Nov. | 0800 1700 | Orders to Ship's Staff to transfer to H.M.T. L.13 at PORT GLASGOW. Bn. embarks on to H.M.T. L.13 (Strathaird). Ship sailed approx. 1230 hrs. Lt. Bray appointed A/R.Q.M. Capt. Allchin appointed Ship's Q.M. Bn. baggage transferred from L.9 to L. 13 by lighter at GREENOCK. | |
| | 18 Nov. | 1000 | Settling on ship. Rather choppy - some seasick. Boat Drill | |
| | 19 Nov. | | P.T. and returning rifles to armourer to relieve congestion in sleeping quarters. | |
| | 20 Nov. | | Morning devoted to P.T. Afternoon to specialist training and lectures. | |
| | 21 Nov. | | General training. Inf. received that English mail will be sent from first port. | |
| | 22 Nov. | 1000 2200 | Moving towards hot weather. Boat Drill Passed approx. 40 miles WEST of AZORES in Nth. Atlantic. | |

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|-------------|---------|--------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| H.M.T. L 13 | 23 Nov. | | Specialist training and sports. Concerts for tps. and Officers in the evening. Secret instructions received re new organization of Bn. M/C to be decreased and merged with Carriers who are to be increased by 4 carriers and necessary personnel. | ? |
| | 24 Nov. | | Church Parade. General sports and rest. | |
| | 25 Nov. | 1700 | Much hotter today - tps. sunbathing. Lectures and P.T. Moving pictures for tps. on decks. Lectures for Officers in dining hall. Short arm inspection. | |
| | 26 Nov. | 1000 1500 | Boat Drill - life jackets returned. Lecture to Officers. | |
| | 27 Nov. | 1445 | Normal deck training. English mail to be posted at first port of call, closes today. Lecture to Officers. | |
| | 28 Nov. | | General training. Sea plane from cruiser circled around convoy and dropped some explosives in sea. Ships in convoy execute strange manoeuvres, changing places and formation. Pay parade. | |
| | 29 Nov. | 0700 1145 | Land sighted. Dropped anchor in Freetown Harbour, Sirra Leone. Ships commence refuelling. Blackout not until 1900 hrs. Smoking allowed on decks while in harbour. | |
| | 30 Nov. | 1445 | Lecture to "B" and "D" Coys. by Major Lowar, Grenadier Guards, on Egypt and its peculiarities. Sports cancelled. Officers Lectures. | |

A. Venier Lt.Col.
Cmdg. 10 Bn. A.I.F.

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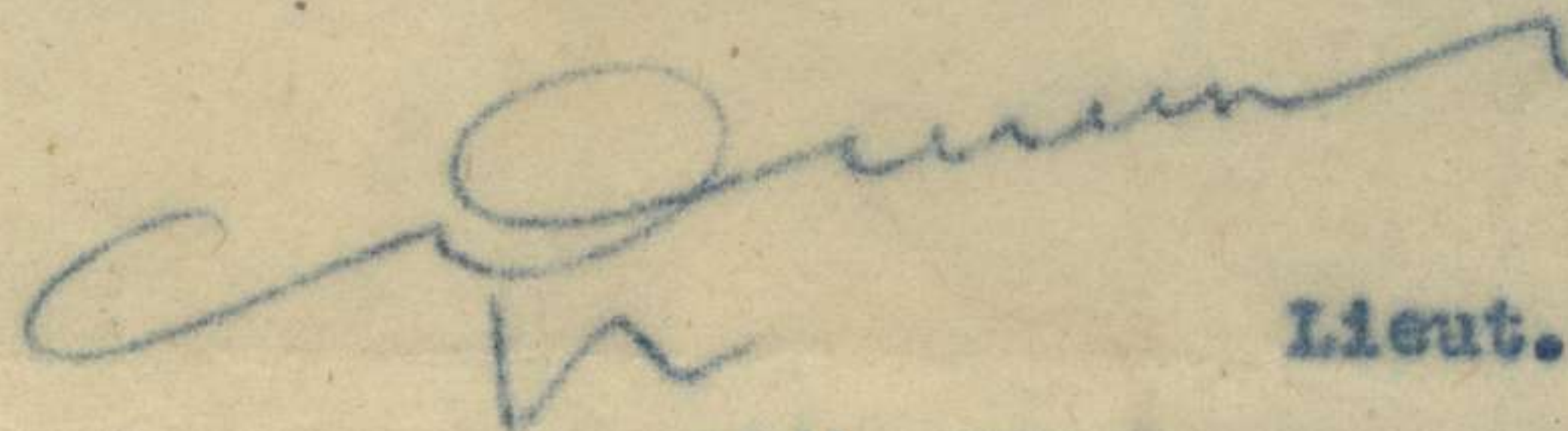
H.Q.
10 Bn.
2 Nov. 40

COLCHESTER DEFENCE SCHEME

APPX. "C"

Delete Para 2 and substitute :-

"2. During the 'Normal' period which will exist from 0100 hrs. 2 Nov. 40 all Australian Force and att. tps. will be at 12 hrs. notice.



Lieut.

Adj. 10 Bn. A.I.F.

19 Bn. Exercise 6 Nov. 40.

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BATTALION IN ATTACK.

GENERAL IDEA.

The German High Command, after many long and arduous conferences, decided it was due time an invasion of England was carried out. They were fast losing superiority in the air and in some manner had to gain prestige.

It was thought that if the invasion was attempted between CLACTON and WEST MERSEA and the advance continued North to COLCHESTER, resistance would be weak as the only support available was a few Australian troops equipped with boomerangs and presumably empty beer bottles. An added attraction would be experience gained in bridging the RIVER COLNE, thereby exercising Regts. which would in future be utilized for a crossing to AMERICA.

The invasion was carried out in the early hours of 5 Nov. 40 and landings were effected at MARTELLO TOWER 6131, COLNE POINT 5430, and WEST MERSEA 4630.

During the whole of that day fierce fighting took place. The forces which landed EAST of the RIVER COLNE did not have sufficient bridging materials to cross the marshes and were obliterated. The enemy at WEST MERSEA were more successful and managed to advance. By nightfall the forward elements were reported to be in the vicinity of ABBERTON 4537. The strength of this force was estimated at a Bde. and were accompanied with light tanks and Arty.

An attempt was also made to land air-borne troops in a general area NORTH of COLCHESTER with a view to hindering traffic and destroying communications. Due to a new secret weapon which Britain had been developing since the outbreak of war the results were rather disastrous. This weapon proved to be a complicated mechanical gadget having the effect of contracting scales on maps and consequently the air-borne troops were considerably out in their estimation.

The majority of these troops descended in a reservoir WEST of ABBERTON and were drowned. A large percentage landed in close proximity to the brewery and decided the war need not be further continued; others were mistified by the strange odour when in contact with the glue and other factories. Amongst these members was an eminent German chemist who failed to classify this new and terrifying war gas. Several efforts were made to establish a gas cleansing centre but this was unsuccessful and all members were advised to surrender. Twelve were found frizzling and frying on the high voltage wires and two Germans even had the misfortune to land in the slit trenches in HYDERABAD. They were immediately buried on impact. This was indeed an unfortunate day for air-borne troops.

The 41 Cuddleston Regt. had been pushed back to a general line NORTH of ABBERTON along the ROMAN RIVER.

The G.O.C. Australian Force issued orders at 1900 hrs. that night for 18 Mxd. Bde. with 2/3 Fd. Regt. and 3 Fd. Coy. under cmd. to reinforce the 41 Cuddleston Regt.

P. J. Selman Lieut.
Adj. 2/10 Bn. A.I.F.

Instructions for the exercise.

1. Tps. to carry out ----- whole Bn.
2. Skeleton Enemy --
 - (a) Enemy will be represented by Tank Hunting Pl. and Transport personnel.
 - (b) Lieut. A.R. Scott cmdg. enemy.
 - (c) Skeleton enemy will wear battle order with hats.
 - (d) Enemy to be in position by 0930 hrs.
3. Bn. will parade on the Barrack square at 0845 hrs. and to be in assembly position at approx. 1000 hrs.
4. Umpires
The following will be detailed as umpires and will be allotted to Coys. by the Chief Umpire- Major L.G. Bruer :-

| | <u>Off.</u> | <u>N.C.Os.</u> |
|-----------|-------------|----------------|
| H.Q. Coy. | 2 | 6 |
| A. Coy. | | 1 |
| B. Coy. | | 1 |
| C. Coy. | 1 | |
| D. Coy. | 1 | |
5. Conferences
At conclusion of the exercise the following conferences will be held :-
 - (a) Umpires' Conference: attended by all umpires and O.C. enemy.
 - (b) Chief Umpire's Conference: with Officers and sgts.
6. Administration
 - (a) Armuniton Blank S.A.A. will be issued to Coys. when Coy. Cmdrs. render a certificate that all live S.A.A. is withdrawn.
 - (b) Rations A cut lunch will be carried by all ranks.
 - (c) Dress Battle Order- Entrenching tools and filled water bottles to be carried slung.
7. Transport
T Co. Tpt. will for the purpose of the exercise be brigaded.
F Co. Tpt. will not move SOUTH of BLACK HEATH - MAYPOLE FARM ROAD until orders allowing movement are issued.

Dy/Schumers Lieut.

Adjnt. 10 Bn. A.I.F.

Ditribution :-

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| C.O. | H.Q. |
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| Adjnt. | War Diary (2) |
| I.O. | File. |
| Q.M. | |
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| B. | |
| C. | |
| D. | |

10 BATTALION EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.Bn. in Attack

- Object: (a) To practice the Bn. in attack against prepared defensive positions.
 (b) Co-operation with Arty. and Engineers.
 (c) Issue of verbal and written orders.

Opening Situation.

- (1) At 0800 hrs on 6 Nov. 40 the 41 Cuddlestone Regt. which had withdrawn to the RIDGE NORTH of ROMAN RIVER from PARK FARM 442389 to KINGSFORD 420400 reported that the enemy, approx. 400 were holding a general line from ABBERTON 4537 to NEEDLE'S EYE FARM 418390.
- (2) 10 Bn. with Bty. Arty. and Sec. Engineers under command arrived at Assembly Area BERECHURCH HALL 438401 at approx. 1000 hrs. and were ordered by the Bde. Cmdr. to attack and capture the HIGH GROUND LOWER HOUSES 4338.
- (3) The Bn. Cmdr. issued his orders which included the following:-
- (a) Detection of Attack - South.
 - (b) Attack to be carried out with two Coys. forward, "A" Coy. on the Right, "B" Coy on the Left, "C" and "D" Coys. to follow 600 yds. in rear.
 - (c) Inter-Coy. boundary incl. to right Coys. ROAD, MAYPOLE FARM 434403 - LOWER HOUSES 430385.
 - (d) Attack to be supported by Arty. and fire from 41 Cuddlestone Regt.
 - (e) On reaching the objective "A" and "B" Coys. to continue the advance.
 - (f) Zero not before 1100 hrs.
 - (g) Rate of advance - 100 yds. in 2 mins.
 - (h) Coy. assembly areas:-
 "A" and "C" Coys. WOOD 427399
 "B" and "D" Coys. WOOD 438395

W. K. ...

Lieut.

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

MOVEMENT OVERSEAS - INSTRUCTION NO. 2.

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1.

BAGGAGE

- (a) All baggage with the exception of that carried on the person and the undermentioned L.M.Gs. will leave by Baggage Train No. 1223 on 11 Nov. 40 from COLCHESTER NORTH Rly. Station.
- (b) Baggage will be ready and available for loading by 1500 hrs. 10 Nov. 40.
- (c) Universal kitbags will be laid out on verandahs in Coy dumps.
- (d) Officers' baggage (including valises) will remain outside door of rooms until 1200 hrs. 10 Nov. 40 and will be placed in Main Hall of Officers' Mess Building by 1500 hrs. 10 Nov. The only baggage to be retained by Officers is that which can be carried on the person i.e. light suitcase.
- (e) The following L.M.Gs. (with 2000 rds. S.A.A. per gun) will be retained by Coys. and used for A/A protection of baggage and Personnel Trains. :-

| | |
|------|-----------|
| A. | 2 L.M.Gs. |
| B. | 2 L.M.Gs. |
| C. | 2 L.M.Gs. |
| D. | 2 L.M.Gs. |
| H.Q. | 4 L.M.Gs. |

Rifle Coys. will provide 1 L.M.G. each for A/A protection of the baggage train.

The above L.M.Gs. and ammunition will be carried by gun nos. Chests will move with baggage and rifles of gun nos. will be carried by other members.

2.

BAGGAGE PARTY

- (a) A Baggage Party detailed as follows will move on Baggage Train No. 1223 to the Port of Embarkation and will be responsible for the shipment of baggage.

O.C. Baggage Party
Officers

Capt. G.R. Miethke
Lieut. D.D. Balfour-Ogilvy
Lieut. T.K. Fisher

45 O.Rs. as follows

| | Sgts. | Cpls. | Ptes. |
|------|----------|----------|-----------|
| A. | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| B. | | 1 | 7 |
| C. | | 1. | 7 |
| D. | | 1. | 7 |
| H.Q. | 1 | 1 | 11 |
| | <u>2</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>38</u> |

Names of personnel detailed will be submitted to Bn. H.Q. by 0900 hrs. 10 Nov. 40.

O.C. Baggage Party will report to H.Q. Austral Force at 1000 hrs. 10 Nov. 40 for further details.

Baggage Party and Tpt. Officer will co-operate in movement of baggage to the station.

TRAINING

movement of Personnel will be included in ~~Instruction~~
No. 3.

H. Miethke
Capt.
Adj. 10 Bn. A.I.F.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

SECRET.

Headquarters,
13 Nov 40.

C.O.
2 i/c
Q.M.
ALL COMPANIES.

MOVEMENT OVERSEAS - INSTRUCTION No.6.

1. PERSONNEL TRAINS will depart from COLCHESTER NORTH Station on the following times on 15 Nov. 40:-

Train No. 1603-1100 hrs.
O.C.;- Major G.R. Matthews.

Train No. 1609:-1420 hrs.
O.C. Major A.S.W. Arnold.

2. STOPPING PLACES.

Train No. 1063.

| | | | |
|----------------------|---------|-----------|------------|
| Manch. | 15 Nove | arr. 1410 | Dep. 1430. |
| Newcastle Central | 15 Nov. | arr. 2215 | Dep. 2349. |

Train No. 1609.

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|-------------------|---------|-----------|------------|
| Doncaster | 15 Nov. | arr. 2138 | dep. 2158. |
| Edinburgh Wav. | 16 Nov. | arr. 0650 | dep. 0704. |

3. Routine for 15 Nov. 40 will be arranged by O.C. Trains.
4. Embarkation rolls will move with Sgt. Wake in train No. 1603.
5. Coys. will notify Sgt. Wake of any casualties en route for alteration to embarkation rolls.
6. O.C. Trains will contact the Staff Capt. 18 Bde. for issue of rail warrants.

Q. INSTRUCTIONS.

1. Blankets, &c.
All blankets, sheets and bolster covers will be returned to C.Q.M.S. Store, rolled in bundles of 20 and transported to the transport garage by 0900 hrs. 15 Nov. 40.
2. Cleanliness of Barracks.
All Barrack Rooms, Mess Huts and Kitchens to be thoroughly cleaned before leaving.
3. Meals. Breakfast as usual at 0730 hrs.
Haversack meals for 5 periods will be issued by C.Q.M.S. snack meals will be supplied at 2 points along the route. Water bottles to be filled. Lunch will be provided at 1100 hrs. for members of the second train (H.Q. Coy. and Bn.H.Qs.).
4. Baggage. All Officers' Baggage that cannot be carried will be in the main hall by 0830 hrs. 15 Nov. 40. It is advisable that Officers carry light baggage in order to facilitate entraining. All other stores including Coy. stores, medical stores, ammunition, Office and war equipment must be at Q.M. Store by 0900 hrs. 15 Nov. 40.

[Signature]
Capt.
Adj. 2/10 Bn. A.I.F.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

3rd & 4th Regt, 2/10th Bn. (Unit) 30th Nov. 1940.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| 1 Ranks. | 2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | 3 Surplus to Establishment. | 4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment). |
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| Lieut.-Colonels ... | | | |
| Majors ... | | | |
| Captains ... | | | |
| Lieutenants ... | 12 | | |
| 2nd Lieutenants ... | | | |
| Quartermasters ... | | | |
| TOTALS ... | 12 | | |

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
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Officers QUITTED during week.

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

| Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known) |
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---|---|
| Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held. | Personal Number. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No). | If not present with Unit, state how employed. |
| Lieut. | SX 515 | Beames W. B. | 3rd Reim | YES | |
| ✓ | 468 | Picks W. W. | do | do | |
| ✓ | 1017 | Brown M. J. | do | do | |
| ✓ | 408 | Myrnan S. J. | do | do | |
| ✓ | 460 | McBallyan J. J. | do | do | |
| ✓ | 214 | Kent W. R. | 4th Reim. | do | |
| ✓ | 424 | Macdonald J. J. | do | do | |
| ✓ | 1158 | Kumnick P. J. | do | do | |
| ✓ | 1597 | Wilson K. B. | do | do | |
| ✓ | 1642 | Piper W. W. | do | do | |
| ✓ | NX 10122 | Kobri J. A. | do | do | |
| ✓ | SX 622 | Seadak Smith P. S. | do | NO | Ship's Postal Officer |

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held. | Personal Number. | Name and Initials. | Corps | Date of attachment. | Nature of attachment. |
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3rd & 4th Reim, 2/10th Bn.
(Unit.)

16th Dec. 1940
(Date of Despatch.)

Beames W. B.
(Signature of Commander.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

3rd + 4th Bns, 2/10th Bn (Unit) 23rd Nov 1940 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

| 1 Detail. | 2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | 3 Surplus to Establishment. | 4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments). |
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| W.Os. Class I. | | | |
| W.Os. Class II. | | | |
| Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants | | | |
| Staff Serjeants | | | |
| Serjeants | 12 | | |
| Corporals | 24 | | |
| Troopers, Privates, &c. | 262 | | |
| TOTALS | 298 | . | . |

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

| Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. | Detail. | Unit and Corps to which they belong. |
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Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known). |
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

3rd & 4th Reins, 2/10th Bn. (Unit) 23rd Nov. 1940.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---------------------|---|---------------------------|---|
| Ranks. | Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | Surplus to Establishment. | Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment). |
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| Lieut.-Colonels ... | | | |
| Majors ... | | | |
| Captains ... | | | |
| Lieutenants ... | 12 | | |
| 2nd Lieutenants ... | | | |
| Quartermasters ... | | | |
| TOTALS ... | 12 | | |

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
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Officers QUITTED during week.

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

| Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known) |
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|------------------|--------------------|----------|---|---|
| Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held. | Personal Number. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No). | If not present with Unit, state how employed. |
| Lieut | SX 515 | Beames W B | 3rd Rein | YES | |
| / | 468 | Picks W | do | do | |
| / | 1019 | Brown J B | do | do | |
| / | 408 | Hurran J G | do | do | |
| / | 460 | Malbyan J G | do | do | |
| / | 214 | Hend J W | 4th Rein | do | |
| / | 423 | Sturdoch J G | do | do | |
| / | 1158 | Sumnick P J | do | do | |
| / | 1597 | Wilean R R | do | do | |
| / | 1642 | Piper J W | do | do | |
| / | NX 10122 | Ryrie J A | do | do | |
| / | SX 622 | Seddale-Smith P S | do | No. | Ship's Postal Officer. |

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held. | Personal Number. | Name and Initials. | Corps | Date of attachment. | Nature of attachment. |
|---|------------------|--------------------|-------|---------------------|-----------------------|
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3rd & 4th Rein, 2/10th Bn.
(Unit.)

16th Dec. 1940.
(Date of Despatch.)

Beames Lt.
(Signature of Commander.)

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

B.

WAR DIARY ~~or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit 2/10 Battalion, A.I.F. Date and Time.—From 1 December, 40 To 31 December, 40.

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|------------------|------------|------------------------------|---|--|
| H.M.T. L13 do | 1 Dec. 40 | 1000 1700 | Church Parade. General rest and washing for Troops Convoy leaves Freetown. Ships pass H.M.S. Furious and Hermes Aircraft Carriers and 2 Battleships. | |
| H.M.T. L13 | 2 Dec. 40 | 2100 | Convoy again in formation. Very smooth sea and cold weather. Concert in Officers' Dining Hall. | |
| H.M.T. L13 | 3 Dec. 40 | 1445 | General Training resumed. Commencement of Ship's Sports. Tunnel Ball and Tug-o-war. Convoy crosses equator at approx. 1500 hrs. | |
| H.M.T. L 13 | 4 Dec. 40 | 1000 | Practice Action and Emergency Stations. F.G.C.M. Pte Niehus, J.E. | Appendix 1. |
| H.M.T. L 13 | 5 Dec. 40 | 1400 | Weather very cool-slight rain. Orders received that at Durban Bn. to have route march each morning and leave from 1400 hrs. to 2359 hrs. each day. Practice on other ships with A/A heavy guns and A/A L.M.G. | |
| H.M.T. L13 | 6 Dec. 40 | | Continuation of Ship's Sports. Recreation and rest. | |
| H.M.T. L13 | 7 Dec. 40 | 1000 | Church Parade on A Deck. Pictures for Officers in Dining Hall. | |
| H.M.T. L13 | 8 Dec. 40 | 0900 | Lectures, P.T. and general training. | |
| H.M.T. L13 | 9 Dec. 40 | 1100 1430 | Lecture to Officers, Sgts. and A/A Platoon by O.C. 129 R.A. (A/A) Boxing Tournament. | |
| H.M.T. L13 | 10 Dec. 40 | 0950 1000 1500 | Convoy changes formation. L13 now on right flank. Action Stations. Rifles to be withdrawn from Armoury for route marches. | |
| H.M.T. L13 | 11 Dec. 40 | | General Training. Convoy splits-4 ships going ahead to berth earlier. | |
| H.M.T. L13 | 12 Dec. 40 | 0730 1100 1240 1400 | Land sighted. Convoy pulling in to Durban Harbour. H.M.T. L13 ties up at Point Decks. Troops to be paid and allowed off on leave as soon as possible. Difficulty experienced in obtaining African coinage. Enough English money obtained to pay half Bn. Instructions received that all leave personnel must be in possession of African money-leave delayed. Duty Bn.-all personnel not on duty to proceed on leave. | |

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required).

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices |
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| H.M.T. L13 | 12 Dec. | 1630 1700 | African money obtained for conversion. Bn. proceeds on leave. | |
| H.M.T. L1313 | 13 Dec. | 0930 | March through Durban-ceremonial march past Mayor and Brigadier Moreshead. Dress:-S.D., Hats, gaiters and rifles. Humidity ? | |
| H.M.T. L13 | 14 Dec. | 0930 1400 | Route March-8 miles to Durban Club House and back. Dress changed from S.D. to shirts, hats and slacks. Balance of Bn. paid and whole Bn. proceeds on leave. | |
| H.M.T. L1315 | 15 Dec. | 1000 1430 | Church Parade. Muster parade for all ranks. No leave to be granted before ship sails. | |
| H.M.T. L1316 | 16 Dec. | 0725 1030 1445 | Anniversary of Bn. leaving S.A. for Greta N.S.W. H.M.T. L13 pulls out from dock to continue voyage. C.Os. Orderly Room. 1 A.W.L. when ship left Durban. 1 O.R. evacuated to Military Hospital. Officers' Lectures continued. | |
| H.M.T. L1317 | 17 Dec. | 1600 | Normal Training continued. Semi-Finals of Boxing Tournament. | Appendix 2. |
| H.M.T. L1318 | 18 Dec. | 0915 | P.T. and general training. | |
| H.M.T. L1319 | 19 Dec. | 2100 | Preliminary instructions issued re unloading stores and disembarkation. Concert in Officers' Dining Hall. | |
| H.M.T. L1320 | 20 Dec. | 1710 1730 | Reported death of Major Allen R.A.M.C. Officers' Sports cancelled on account of funeral of the Late Major Allen. All personnel take up positions at Boat Stations for funeral. Ship slows down. Last Post sounded for the late Major Allen. | |
| H.M.T. L13 | 21 Dec. | 1500 | General P.T. and specialists training. Finals of Boxing Tournaments. | Appendix 3. |
| H.M.T. L1322 | 22 Dec. | 1000 | Church Parade. Make and mend and general rest. | |
| H.M.T. L1323 | 23 Dec. | | & | |
| H.M.T. L1324 | 24 Dec. | 0900 1500 2100 | General Training and Lectures. Eng. v Aust. in Boxing Tournaments. 6 Bouts. Results:- 3 Eng. 3 Aust. Carol singing and Xmas Concerts. | |
| H.M.T. L1325 | 25 Dec. | 1000 1200 | Christmas Church Parade. Brigadier and C.O. visited men in messes. Special Christmas dinner-extra issue of Comforts. | |

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| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices |
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| H.M.T.L13 | 25 Dec | 1600 1630 1800 | Land sighted-Coast of Arabia on starboard Bow-French Somaliland on Port. Passing through straits of BAL-EL-MANDIB to Red Sea. Convoy in file with booms down for mines. Passing Perin Island. | |
| H.M.T.L13 | 26 Dec | | Boxing Day. General Training and Lectures. | |
| H.M.T.L13 | 27 Dec | 0900 1630 | Packing of stores and cleaning gear for disembarkation. Sgt. G.O. Forward transferred to Bde. as I. Sgt. Cpl. E. Thomas "C" Coy. reduced to ranks by F.G.C.M. Pte Niehus, J.E. sentenced to 90 days detention. Presentation of sports prizes by Brigadier Morsehead. 2/10 Bn. presented with cup for first in P.T. and highest aggregate, score for sports. | |
| H.M.T.L13 | 28 Dec | 0700 1500 1545 | Land sighted on port and starboard bows. Convoy in single file. 62 personnel in hospital. 116 personnel on no duties, influenza cases very prevalent. Convoy drops anchor at TANJIG entrance to Suez Canal. | |
| H.M.T.L13 | 29 Dec | 0700 1745 1800 | H.M.T.L13 enters Suez Canal. Morning chilly. Port Said reached. Ships drop anchor. Disembarkation instructions No. 3 issued:-personnel to disembark Alexandria at 1230 hrs. 31 Dec. 40. | |
| H.M.T.L13 | 30 Dec | 1000 1330 1340 1445 1455 1535 1800 | New disembarkation instructions received. Personnel to disembark 1100 hrs. and reach IKINGA MURIAT at approx. 1330 hrs. H.M.T.L13 breaks stern tie ropes and starts to drift. L13 collides with ZAM ZAM Egyptian passenger ship-little damage to either ship-tugs push L13 away. Officers Lecture. H.M.T.L13 leaves Port Said for Alexandria. L13 grounded on sand bank till dark. Ship now on way again. | |
| H.M.T.L13 | 31 Dec | 0730 0900 0930 1000 1030 | Alexandria in sight. H.M.T.L13 pulls in at wharf. Instructions received to prepare for immediate disembarkation. Coy. Cmdrs. conference on C Deck. All Coys. ready to disembark. | |

WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices |
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| H.M.T.L13 | 31 Dec | 1110 1210 1325 1800 | <p>Bn. entrains in closed trucks. Train moves out. Train arrives IKINGI MURIAT -Bn. detrains and marches to camp about 2½ miles. Adj. reports to Bde. H.Qs. Bn. fed and bedded-Happy New Year.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>A. Venn</i> Lieut. Col. Cmdg. 2/10 Bn. A.I.F.</p> | |

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

210th Avn Coy (Unit.) For Week Ending 17/12/40

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| War Establishment. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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| Ranks. | Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached). | Surplus to Establishment. | Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment). | |
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| Lieut.-Colonels | 1 | | | |
| Majors... | 3 | | | |
| Captains | 8 | | | |
| Lieutenants | 18 | | | 2 |
| 2nd Lieutenants | | | | |
| Quartermasters | 1 | | | |
| District Officers | | | | |
| TOTALS ... | 31 | | | 2 |

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
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Officers QUITTED during week.

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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

| Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known). |
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PAR D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

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| | M. or S. | Substantive Rank. | Higher acting or temporary rank, if held. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No). | Date Joined Unit. | If not present with Unit, state how employed. |
| 1 | | Lt. Col. | | Turner AD | 2/10 Bn | YES | | |
| 2 | | Major | | Bruce L.S. | " | " | | |
| 3 | | " | | Arnold ACW | " | " | | |
| 4 | | " | | Matthews GR | " | " | | |
| 5 | | Batt | | Brocksopp W | " | " | | |
| 6 | | " | | Cooper G.D. | " | " | | |
| 7 | | " | | Medwin J | " | " | | |
| 8 | | " | | Marlin G.H. | " | " | | |
| 9 | | " | | Maitre GR | " | " | | |
| 10 | | " | | Alchin G.F. | " | " | | |
| 11 | | " | | Brocksopp G.E. | " | " | | |
| 12 | | " | | James E.H. | " | " | | |
| 13 | | " | | Schmede J | " | " | | |
| 14 | | Lieut | | Sanderson R | " | " | | |
| 15 | | " | | Durant C | " | " | | |
| 16 | | " | | Moateson H.K. | " | " | | |
| 17 | | " | | Bran A.F. | " | " | | |
| 18 | | " | | Hopson L. | " | " | | |
| 19 | | " | | Gillies M.H. | " | " | | |
| 20 | | " | | Porter R.C. | " | " | | |
| 21 | | " | | Liddon H.S. | " | " | | |
| 22 | | " | | Balfour G.H. | " | " | | |
| 23 | | " | | Jacob H.R. | " | " | | |
| 24 | | " | | Coak G.W. | " | " | | |
| 25 | | " | | Fisher T.K. | " | " | | |
| 26 | | " | | Mackie G.H. | " | " | | |
| 27 | | " | | Scott A.H. | " | " | | |
| 28 | | " | | Tweedie D. | " | " | | |
| 29 | | " | | Bowie R.A. | " | " | | |
| 30 | | " | | Bidstrup M.L. | " | " | | |
| 31 | | " | | Sydney A.M. | " | " | | |
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Substantive Rank. | Higher acting or temporary rank, if held. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Date of attachment. | Nature of attachment. |
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| Batt | | Burmann H. G.W. | A.A. MC | 7/1/39 | Reno |
| Chaplain | | Belmore R.A. | A.A. C.S. | 29/12/39 | Padre |

2/10 Bn A & Z
(Unit.)
14/12/40
(Date of Despatch.)

A. Verrier Lt. Col.
Comdg. 7th Bn A.I.F.
(Signature of Commander)
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(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

3rd & 4th Reins, 2/10th Bn (Unit) 7th December 1940.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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| Ranks. | Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | Surplus to Establishment. | Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment). |
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| Lieut.-Colonels ... | | | |
| Majors ... | | | |
| Captains ... | | | |
| Lieutenants ... | 12 | | |
| 2nd Lieutenants ... | | | |
| Quartermasters ... | | | |
| TOTALS ... | 12 | | |

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

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Officers QUITTED during week.

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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

| Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known) |
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|------------------|---------------------|-----------|---|---|
| Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held. | Personal Number. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No). | If not present with Unit, state how employed. |
| Lieut | SX 515 | Beames W.B. | 3rd Rein. | YES | |
| ✓ | 468 | Pick W | do | do | |
| ✓ | 1017 | Brown M.B. | do | do | |
| ✓ | 408 | Murray J.H. | do | do | |
| ✓ | 460 | Aballyan J. | do | do | |
| ✓ | 214 | Kent W.R. | 4th Rein | do | |
| ✓ | 424 | McLurdoch J.S. | do | do | |
| ✓ | 1158 | Kumnick J. | do | do | |
| ✓ | 1597 | Nelson R.R.G. | do | do | |
| ✓ | 1642 | Piper W.W. | do | do | |
| ✓ | NX 10122 | Rhodes J.C. | do | do | |
| ✓ | SX 622 | Salodale Smith P.A. | do | No | Ship's Postal Officer |

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held. | Personal Number. | Name and Initials. | Corps | Date of attachment. | Nature of attachment. |
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3rd & 4th Rein, 2/10th Bn.
(Unit.)
16th Dec. 1940.
(Date of Despatch.)

W. Beames Lt
(Signature of Commander.)
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2nd + 4th Regts, 3/10th Bn. (Unit) 14th Dec. 1940.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| 1 Ranks. | 2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | 3 Surplus to Establishment. | 4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment). |
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| Lieut.-Colonels ... | | | |
| Majors ... | | | |
| Captains ... | | | |
| Lieutenants ... | 12 | | |
| 2nd Lieutenants ... | | | |
| Quartermasters ... | | | |
| TOTALS ... | 12 | | |

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
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Officers QUITTED during week.

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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

| Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known) |
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
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| Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held. | Personal Number. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No). | If not present with Unit, state how employed. |
| Lieut | SX 515 | Beames W B | 3rd Reins | YES. | |
| / | 268 | Pickel W | do | do | |
| / | 1019 | Brown M J | do | do | |
| / | 208 | Sutton J B | do | do | |
| / | 260 | Ballyan J S | do | do | |
| / | 214 | Grant J W B | 4th Reins | do | |
| / | 224 | Macdonald J S | do | do | |
| / | 1138 | Summich P J | do | do | |
| / | 1599 | Wilson R B G | do | do | |
| / | 1642 | Piper W W | do | do | |
| / | NX 10122 | Blow J A J | do | do | |
| / | SX 622 | Schadler S J PS | do | No | Ship's Postal Officer |

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held. | Personal Number. | Name and Initials. | Corps | Date of attachment. | Nature of attachment. |
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3rd & 4th Reins, 2/10th Bn.
(Unit.)

16th Dec. 1940
(Date of Despatch.)

W Beames Lt
(Signature of Commander.)

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

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

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(page 2)

Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

| DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC. | SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT. | | | | | | | REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED. | | | | | | | REMARKS. |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|----------|
| | W.Os. Class I. | W.Os. Class II. | S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S. | Staff-Serjeants. | Serjeants. | Corporals. | Troopers, Privates, &c. | TOTAL. | W.Os. Class I. | W.Os. Class II. | S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S. | Serjeants. | Corporals. | Troopers, Privates, &c. | |
| Bricklayers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Butchers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carpenters and Joiners | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clerks | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Despatch Riders | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Draughtsmen (topo) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Drivers H.T. and/or I.C. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Electricians | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Farriers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Masons | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Painters and Decorators | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Plumbers and Gasfitters | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saddlers and Harness Makers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Signallers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Storemen technical | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Vickers Machine Gunners | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cooks | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| General duty personnel | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.) | | | 11 | | | | 2 | | 18 | | 18 | | | 19 | |

2/10 BATTALION, A.I.F. Unit.
Date of Despatch 21 Dec 40

Comdg. 2/10 Bn A.I.F.
Signature of Commander.
18 Aus Area Bde.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.



FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/10 BATTALION, A.I.F.
(Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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| Ranks. | Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | Surplus to Establishment. | Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment). |
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| Lieut.-Colonels ... | 1 | | |
| Majors ... | 3 | | |
| Captains ... | 8 | | |
| Lieutenants ... | 18 | | 2 |
| 2nd Lieutenants ... | | | |
| Quartermasters ... | 1 | | |
| TOTALS ... | 31 | | 2 |

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
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Officers QUITTED during week.

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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

| Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known) |
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.
(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

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| Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held. | Personal Number. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No). | If not present with Unit, state how employed. |
| St. Col | | Turner J.D. | 2/10 Bn | Yes | |
| Major | | Brown L.H. | " | " | |
| " | | Donald A.S.W. | " | " | |
| " | | Matthews J.R. | " | " | |
| Capt. | | Brookhoff W.A. | " | " | |
| " | | Cooper J.G.D. | " | " | |
| " | | Lawrie J.H. | " | " | |
| " | | Martin J.G.T. | " | " | |
| " | | Mathie J.R. | " | " | |
| " | | McLellan J.P. | " | " | |
| " | | Brookhoff J.R. | " | " | |
| " | | Lines G.H.D. | " | " | |
| Lieut-Adjutant | | Schneidgen J.J. | " | " | |
| Lieut | | Sanderson R.V. | " | " | |
| " | | Durant G.L. | " | " | |
| " | | Murphy H.R. | " | " | |
| " | | Bray A.L. | " | " | |
| " | | Hopton L.J. | " | " | |
| " | | Ellenby M.R. | " | " | |
| " | | Porter R.L. | " | " | |
| " | | Siddons R.V. | " | " | |
| " | | Balfour Dyer P.D. | " | " | |
| " | | Faciel K.R. | " | " | |
| " | | Boyd J.W. | " | " | |
| " | | Fisher J.H. | " | " | |
| " | | Maclean G.H. | " | " | |
| " | | Scott J.R. | " | " | |
| " | | Jewell P. | " | " | |
| " | | Bourne R.H. | " | " | |
| " | | Dibbitt M.L. | " | " | |
| " | | Sydney G.M. | " | " | |

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held. | Personal Number. | Name and Initials. | Corps | Date of attachment. | Nature of attachment. |
|---|------------------|--------------------|----------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Capt. | | Brunnitt P.V. | A.F.M. | 7.11.39 | R.M.O. |
| Chaplain | | Delmore A.C. | A.F.C.D. | 29.12.39 | Pache |

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(Date of Despatch.)

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Comdr. 2/10 Bn. A.I.F.
(Signature of Commander.)

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Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

| DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC. | SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT. | | | | | | | REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED. | | | | | | REMARKS. | |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------|------------|----------|-------------------------|
| | W.Os. Class I. | W.Os. Class II. | S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S. | Staff-Serjeants. | Serjeants. | Corporals. | Troopers, Privates, &c. | TOTAL. | W.Os. Class I. | W.Os. Class II. | S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S. | Serjeants. | Corporals. | | Troopers, Privates, &c. |
| Bricklayers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Butchers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carpenters and Joiners | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clerks | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Despatch Riders | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Draughtsmen (topo) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Drivers H.T. and/or I.C. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Electricians | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Farriers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Masons | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Painters and Decorators | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Plumbers and Gasfitters | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saddlers and Harness Makers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Signallers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Storemen technical | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Vickers Machine Gunners | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cooks | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| General duty personnel | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.) | | | 1 | 1 | | | | 2 | 1 | | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 22 |

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

Date of Despatch 28 DEC 1940



FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/10 BATTALION, A.I.F.

(Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---------------------|---|---------------------------|---|
| Ranks. | Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | Surplus to Establishment. | Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment). |
| * | | | |
| * | | | |
| Lieut.-Colonels ... | 1 | | |
| Majors ... | 3 | | |
| Captains ... | 8 | | |
| Lieutenants ... | 18 | | 2 |
| 2nd Lieutenants ... | | | |
| Quartermasters ... | 1 | | |
| TOTALS ... | 31 | | 2 |

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
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Officers QUITTED during week.

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

| Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known) |
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|------------------|--------------------|---------|---|---|
| Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held. | Personal Number. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No). | If not present with Unit, state how employed. |
| Lt Col | | Venier AD | 2/10 Bn | YES | |
| Major | | Bruer LG | " | " | |
| | | Arnold ASW | " | " | |
| Capt | | Matthews GR | " | " | |
| | | Brookhoff WR | " | " | |
| | | Cooper GDS | " | " | |
| | | Newman GR | " | " | |
| | | Martin SGT | " | " | |
| | | Merrick GR | " | " | |
| | | Alchin GZ | " | " | |
| | | Brookhoff VE | " | " | |
| | | Lines EAD | " | " | |
| | | Schmede G | " | " | |
| | | Sanderson RWS | " | " | |
| | | Durrant CH | " | " | |
| | | Matheson RR | " | " | |
| | | Boan AC | " | " | |
| | | Hobson SA | " | " | |
| | | Ellenby MR | " | " | |
| | | Porter RB | " | " | |
| | | Seddon RWS | " | " | |
| | | Balfour-Gibby DB | " | " | |
| | | Jacob RR | " | " | |
| | | Brook SW | " | " | |
| | | Fisher GR | " | " | |
| | | Markie GR | " | " | |
| | | Scott AC | " | " | |
| | | Wheeler G | " | " | |
| | | Rennie RA | " | " | |
| | | Ridstrup GR | " | " | |
| | | Sydney SDB | " | " | |

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held. | Personal Number. | Name and Initials. | Corps | Date of attachment. | Nature of attachment. |
|---|------------------|--------------------|-------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Capt | | Burman H SW | AAMC | 7.11.39 | RWS |
| Chaplain | | Hellmore RA | AACX | 7.12.39 | Padre |

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Lt. Col

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