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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

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Unit 20 AUST INF BDE

Date and Time.—From FEBRUARY 1943 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MASSAWA	1		Tps continue to take part in physical trg and boxing as deck space is available. The 1 Aust HQ Gd Bn band provided an open deck concert between 1930 and 2030 hrs - this performance was well attended and is to be repeated on 2 Feb. A drastic reduction in the scale of mens messing made without warning at the evening meal caused much dissatisfaction. The OC Troops therefore arranged for a conference next day with ships officers concerned.	D
	2		At conference at 1000 hrs attended by Brig WINDEYER (OC Troops) and Staff Capt SMARDEN (Cunard White Star Line) and representatives of the Ship's and military staffs OC Troops was advised that the laid down Ration Scale for Offrs WOs Sjts and ORs could no longer be maintained owing to the possible exhaustion of the ships food supplies before reaching the next port. OC Troops requested that as from 3 Feb 43 rations be the same in quantity and quality for all military personnel (See Document of 2 Feb 43 Ref 16/2). At 1630 hrs Maj H.T. ALLEN lectured offrs of the 20 Bde and any others whom the lounge could accomodate - the main subjects were Physical Fitness - Health - Supply etc in NEW GUINEA.	
AT SEA	3		The Ship left MASSAWA at 1740 hrs. The same scale of rations for all military personnel on board was adopted. Boat Drill at 1530 hrs.	D
	4		The ship joined the main convoy which consisted of - H.M. Ts Queen Mary, Aquitania, Ile De France, New Amsterdam, and Queen of Bermude, The composition of the escort varied during the voyage - but usually consisted of a cruiser and one or more destroyers. Repairs and maintenance of ship's plumbing and sanitary facilities was not satisfactory. Reports sent from the Ship's Orderly Room	D

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			at times failed to get the matters adjusted promptly.	
AT SEA	5			D A
	6			D
	7		Voluntary church services and parades were held in various parts of the ship during the morning.	D
	8		Boxing tournament commenced.	D
	9		The convoy stopped at 1930 hrs at an atoll (the name of which was not publicly disclosed) where water and fruit were taken in. Blackout restrictions were relaxed to allow smoking on the weather deck while at anchor.	
	10		Brig WINDEYER went aboard the New Amsterdam to report to Lieut Gen Sir LESLIE MORSHEAD (GOC 9 Aust Div). Owing to excessive heat the boxing tournament was postponed. The ship weighed anchor at 1325 hrs after having refuelled and taken in water during the morning. At 1530 hrs a trial boat drill was signalled and practised.	D
	11			D
	12		Mr J PAYNE (Aust Trade Commissioner to ME) lectured the Offrs on the "Suez Canal and History of the Canal Systems in Egypt"	D
	13			AD
	14		Church parades were held in various parts of the ship during the morning.	BD
	15		The boxing tournament was concluded. For result see RO No. 21. Mr J PAYNE lectured the WOs and Sjts on the "Suez Canal and the history of Canal Systems in Egypt". The 1 Aust Gd Bn band played a band number entitled "The Last Post" the music for this was obtained from an AIF Sjt now POW and is believed to have been composed by him.	D
	17			
	18		Convoy arrived at FREEMANTLE and the troops were on their parade	

W. J. Payne

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Unit 20 AUST INF BDE

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			areas at 1340 hrs when the ship dropped anchor in Gates Roads outside the Port.	D
	18		Disembarkation of West Australian personnel commenced at about 1500 hrs and the lighter drew away at 1620 hrs.	D
	19		Maj-Gen J.J. MURRAY (GOC 4 Div AMF) who commanded 20 Aust Inf Bde during the siege of TOBRUK came aboard and spoke to offrs of the Bde in the Ship's lounge. NX 32697 Pte BUCKINGHAM W.G. of the Depot Bn died of pneumonia at 0920 hrs. This was the only death on the ship during the voyage. Brig WINDEYER accompanied by Maj B.V. WILSON (Ship's Adjnt) attended a conference on the New Amsterdam on which Div Staff were travelling matters dealt with at the conference included administration connected with the dispersal for leave and concentration of the Div after leave. Four Offrs and 5 Sjts came aboard as liaison personnel to travel on the ship for the remainder of the voyage. During the morning the troops continued to load rations on to the vessel apparently because of the unsatisfactory spirit prevailing among the wharf labourers at the port.	
	20		During the morning troops continued to load rations on to the vessel. At 1800 hrs units paraded at their boat stations and at 1820 hrs the ship commenced to move.	D
	21		A conference of Adjts QMs and Pay personnel was held in the library - conducted by Offrs of the liaison staff.	
	22		A boat drill practice was held at 2130 hrs. A number of conferences dealing with disembarkation and leave were held during the day.	D
	23)			(D)
	24)		Period spent in administration - pay, issuing of clothing	B) D
	25)		tea and sugar ration cards.	
	26)			
	27		Convoy entered SYDNEY HEADS at 1400 hrs berthed at WOOLLOOMOOLOO	

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SYDNEY	27		Docks at 1630 hrs when disembarkation began immediately with 2/13 Bn. Bde HQ disembarked at 2230 hrs and the Bde proceeded by Bn convoys to NARELLAN and WALGROVE camps.	
	28		Personnel having handed in rifles and blankets proceeded on leave as from 1200 hrs.	
			<u>SUMMARY OF THE VOYAGE ON HMT ACQUITANIA</u>	
			<p>A total of 6,215 troops on HMT Acquitania had been transported some 9000 miles in a voyage lasting 31 days without a hint of enemy interference. Though much deck space had to be utilised as sleeping quarters what remained was used systematically through daylight hours for PT, and at night a percentage of tps from lower decks were permitted to sleep in the open. As a result, all ranks disembarked looking brown and fit.</p> <p>Messing arrangements throughout the voyage worked smoothly and the standard of both rations and cooking was satisfactory; although for offrs it was, as previously stated, for a period much below the authorised scale.</p> <p>Band concerts, a boxing tournament and Tug of War competition, together with numerous boat drills were efficiently carried out and the general smooth running of daily routine was in accordance with the normal standard of Bde discipline in an operational move.</p> <p>Offrs and NCOs were mentally prepared for operational conditions in the SW Pacific area and contact with the JAPANESE Army by numerous lectures and discussions.</p> <p>Co-operation between ships and military staffs was excellent and a concert given for the Ship's officers enabled us to show our appreciation of their efficiency and hard work.</p> <p>The excitement of our entry into the harbour followed by the evidence of much excellent staff work for our smooth disembarkation and subsequent leave was fitting climax to a splendidly uneventful voyage.</p>	

W. J. V. ...
Brig
Cmd. 20 Inf. Bde.

...
Acting IO HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

(Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
Brigadier	1		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains	6		
Lieutenants	4		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	12		

*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

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank. Army No.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held. Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
NX 396	Brig.	W.J.V. WINDEYER	A.I.F.	Yes	Comd.
NX 328	Maj.	B. V. WILSON	"	"	BM
VX 15146	Capt.	H. M. HAMILTON	"	"	SC
QX 6200	Capt.	B. WILLIAMS	"	"	BM(L)
NX 15590	T/Capt.	M. V. PICKERING	"	"	SC(L)
NX 35094	Capt.	J. H. ELLIOTT	"	"	BASCO.
NX 29407	T/Capt.	G.F.J. HOLTSBAUM	"	"	LO 1.
NX 13029	T/Capt.	H. J. WINSLOW	"	"	TO.
QX 6647	Lieut.	N. L. HARPHAM	"	"	IO.
QX 949	Lieut.	W. G. MURISON	"	"	LO.
NX 70750	Lieut.	R. W. HESLOP	"	"	LO.
NX 15055	Lieut.	J.R.B. NORRIS	"	"	Amenities Offr
<u>OFFICERS ATTACHED FOR DUTY.</u>			Date of Attachment.		
NX 57320	Capt.	E. C. LECKY	A.I.F.	6. 9.41	OC J Sec Sigs
VX 38133	Lieut.	W. F. FRAWLEY	"	15. 9.42	2 i/c do
NX 18932	Capt.	A. I. MORRISBY	"	11. 1.42	OC 58 L.A.D.
VX 2021	Lieut.	J.N.S. WARD	"	26.12.42	OC 1 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn

(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.
SX 12188	Chap.	A. J. ROBJOHN	AACHD	19.11.42 to 2/13	Bn f
QX 22602	Chap.	E. A. JAMES	"	22.10.42 to 2/15	Bn ^d
VX 47864	Chap.	W. L. BYRNE	"	21. 4.42 to 2/17	Bn

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

6 Feb 43.

(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

A. Hamilton Capt.
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde. (Signature of Commander.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE (Unit). 6 Feb 1943 (Date)

(To be furnished by all Units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os Class I.	1		
W.Os Class II.	2		
W.Os Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.			
Staff Sergeants.	1		
Sergeants.	4	1	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	6	1	
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	56	3	2
TOTALS.	70	* 5	* 2

* 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.
Cpl Havercroft,	GW 9 Aust Div Int Sec	58 Aust L.A.D.	16 ORs
L/Cpl. Laws, SM	do	J Sec 9 Aust Div	Sigs 50 ORs.
Pte SELICK, SWP	2/11 Aust Fd Amb.		
A/Cpl Roads, ME	YMCA Services.		
Pte Barber, WJ	2/17 Aust Inf Bn	1 Pl 2/1 Aust Hq	Gd Bn 45 ORs.
Pte Shatten, RJ	do		
Pte Ryder, S	Supernumerary Attached personnel		
Pte Allen, HH			

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).

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 1.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W. Os. Class I	W. Os. Class II.	W Os Class III	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.		Sergeants	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers.																				
Carpenters and Joiners..																				
Clerks						1	1		2											
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																				
" (Wheeled) ..																				
Driver-Mechanics																				
Driver-Operators.																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers..																				
Fitters... ..																				
Machine Cunnors																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneer, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors.																				
Wheelers																				
AAOC Armourers																		2	2	
General duty personnel .									3	3										
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)						1	1	3	5									2	2	

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde. Unit.

Date of Despatch 6 Feb 43.

[Signature] Capt.
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde. Signature of Commander.

9 Aust Div.
Bde, Divn, Area, etc, with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde (Unit) 13 Feb 1943 (Date)

(To be furnished by all Units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os Class I.	1		
W.Os Class II.	2		
W.Os Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.			
Staff Sergeants.	1		
Sergeants.	4	1	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	6	1	
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	56	3	2
TOTALS.	70	* 5	• 2

* 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.
Cpl Havercroft, GW	9 Aust Div Int Sec	58 Aust L.A.D.	16 ORs.
L/Cpl Laws, SM	do		
Pte Sellick, GWP	2/11 Aust P4 Amb	J Sec 9 Aust Div Sigs	50 ORs.
A/Cpl Roads, ME	YMCA Services	1 Pl 2/1 Aust Hq Gd Bn	45 ORs.
Pte Barber, WJ	2/17 Aust Inf Bn		
Pte Shatten, RJ	do		
Pte Ryder, S	Supernumerary Attached Personnel.		
Pte Allan, MH	do		

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).

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.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W. Os. Class I	W. Os. Class II.	W Os Class III	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.		Sergeants	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ...																				
Butchers ...																				
Carpenters and Joiners...																				
Clerks ...						1		1	2											
Cooks ...																				
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" (Wheeled) ..																				
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Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers ...																				
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Wheelers ...																				
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General duty personnel .									3	3										
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)						1		1	3	5									2	2

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

Unit.

W. Hamilton
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Capt.

Signature of Commander,

Date of Despatch 13 Feb 43.

9 Aust Div.
Bde, Divn, Area, etc, with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
Brigadier	1		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains	6		
Lieutenants	4		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	12		

*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

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank. Army No.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
NX 396	Brig.	W. J. V. WINDEYER	AIF	Yes	Comd
NX 328	Maj.	B. V. WILSON	"	"	EM
VX 15146	Capt.	H. M. HAMILTON	"	"	SC
QX 6200	Capt.	B. WILLIAMS	"	"	BM(L)
NX 15590	T/capt.	M. V. PICKERING	"	"	SC(L)
NX 35094	Capt.	J. H. ELLIOTT	"	"	BASCO
NX 29407	T/capt.	G. E. J. HOLTSBAUM	"	"	LO 1.
NX 13029	T/capt.	H. J. WINSLOW	"	"	TO.
QX 6647	Lieut.	N. L. HARPAM	"	"	IO.
QX 949	Lieut.	W. G. MURISON	"	"	LO.
NX 70750	Lieut.	R. W. HESLOP	"	"	LO.
NX 15055	Lieut.	J. R. B. NORRIS	"	"	Amite soffr.
OFFICERS ATTACHED FOR DUTY.					
				Date of Attachment.	
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NX 18932	Capt.	A. I. MORRISBY	"	11. 1.42	OC 58 L.A.D.
NX 2021	Lieut.	J. N. S. WARD	"	26. 12.42	OC 1 P1 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn

(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.
SX 12188	Chap.	A. J. ROBJOHN	AACHD	19.11.42 to 2/13	Bn f duty
QX 22602	Chap.	E. A. JAMES	"	22.10.42 to 2/15	Bn "
NX 47864	Chap.	W. L. BYRNE	"	21. 4.42 to 2/17	Bn "

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

(Unit.)

13 Feb 43.

(Date of Despatch.)

H. Hamilton
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde. (Signature of Commander.)
Capt. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE

(Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
Brigadier	1		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains	6		
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Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	12		

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Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank. Army No.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held. Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
NX 396	Brig.	W. J. V. WINDEYER	AIF	Yes	Comd
Nx 328	Maj.	B. V. WILSON	"	"	BM
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NX 35094	Capt.	J. H. ELLIOTT	"	"	BASCO
NX 29407	T/Capt.	G. F. J. HOLTSBAUM	"	"	LO 1.
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NX 70750	Lieut.	R. W. HESLOP	"	"	LO.
NX 15055	Lieut.	J. R. B. NORRIS	"	"	Amenities Offr
<u>OFFICERS ATTACHED FOR DUTY.</u>					
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NX 18932	Capt.	A. I. MORRISBY	"	11. 1.42	OC 58 L.A.D.
NX 2021	Lieut.	J. N. S. WARD	"	26.12.42	OC 1 P1 2/1 Aust HQ Gd En

(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.
SX 12188	Chap.	A. J. ROBJOINS	AACHD	19.11.42 to 2/13	En fd
QX 22602	Chap.	E. A. JAMES	"	22.10.42 to 2/15	duty
VX 47864	Chap.	W. L. BYRNE	"	21. 4.42 to 2/17	"

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE

(Unit.)

20 Feb 43.

(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
Capt.
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde
Signature of Commander.)
9 Aust Div.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde (Unit). 20 Feb 1943 (Date)

(To be furnished by all Units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os Class I.	1		
W.Os Class II.	2		
W.Os Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.			
Staff Sergeants.	1		
Sergeants.	4	1	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	6	1	
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	56	3	2
TOTALS.	70	* 5	* 2

* 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.
Cpl Havercroft, GW	9 Aust Div Int Sec	58 Aust L.A.D.	16 ORs
L/Cpl Laws, SM	do		
Pte Sellick, S.W.P	2/11 Aust FD Amb	J Sec 9 Aust Div Sigs	50 ORs
A/Cpl Roads, ME	YMCA Services		
Pte Barber, WJ	2/17 Aust Inf Bn	1 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn	45 ORs
Pte Shatten, RJ	do		
Pte Ryder, S	Supernumerary Attached Personnel		
Pte. Allan, HH	do		

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).

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.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W. Os. Class I	W. Os. Class II.	W Os Class III	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Sergeants		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ...																				
Butchers. ...																				
Carpenters and Joiners..																				
Clerks ...						1	1		2											
Cooks ...																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																				
" (Wheeled) ..																				
Driver-Mechanics																				
Driver-Operators.																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers..																				
Fitters...																				
Machine Cunnners																				
Masons ..																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneer, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers ...																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors. .																				
Wheelers																				
AACC Armourers																		2	2	
General duty personnel .									3	3										
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)						1	1	3	5									2	2	

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Bde, Divn, Area, etc, with which unit is serving.

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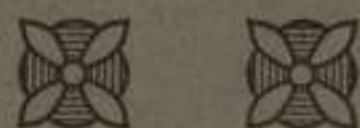
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14 Feb 43

"THE SUEZ CANAL"

Between SUEZ at the extreme NE of the Red Sea and the synthetic town of Port Said on the Mediterranean, lies the most vulnerable and one of the two most strategically important rectangles in the world. Over the 101 miles length and within the borders of a few hundred yards, there runs from N to S a sweet water canal, a railway, a superb motor road, electric service and the Suez Canal.

It is for the possession of the Suez Canal that armies have been fiercely battering one another in the mountains of Greece, Syria and the hot Libyan plateau, because it has always been to German conception that once Great Britain has been driven from military control of the Canal, the whole structure of her Imperial might will dissolve, and the Islands of Great Britain would be forced to yield to a conquering force.

I have travelled the entire length by ship, by car, and more recently by air and it has a glittering wonder that cannot sink into anything commonplace. From the air, travelling North from Suez, there would be, to many, a complete monotony of perspective and outline which stretches out East to the distant mountains of Sinai which look infinitely remote - almost to the borderline of Asia. To the West of Lake Gressals and the Bitter Lakes you look down on what was once one of the most fertile valleys of the Nile Delta, but long since overwhelmed by the desert, leaving only the comparatively narrow belt in the vicinity of Ismailia. Beyond that you fly over more desert until in a few minutes you come to Lake Menzaleh on which the town of Port Said has sprung from the reclamation work of the Canal. From this marshy lake, separated by a thin strip of sand from the Mediterranean, come the excellent prawns which are the only decent fish reminder of home.

It is my intention to give you a quick run over four thousand years leading up to the completion of the ~~greatest~~ ^{greatest} waterway in the world.

Egypt has written a long and eventful chapter in the story of Modern Civilisation, and over 4000 years of her history has been associated with canal constructions opening up communications direct and indirect between the Mediterranean and the Red Sea.

As a result, the ambition of past empires and modern Imperialism has brought Egypt within the vortex of International politics because of the desire of the Great Powers to at least have some control over the Suez Canal which gives a speedy means of transit between the Orient and the Occident and in addition gives access to immense supplies of raw materials required by those Powers unable to procure them at home.

My talk on this to you must necessarily be sketchy rather than in detail. It is however interesting to know that one of the ablest enterprises constructed by civilised men was the linking of the Med. with the Red Sea by a waterway and its advantages were first discussed in the 20th Century BC.

Egypt is the natural gateway between East and West and when inter continental trade routes were opening up, it was inevitable that through Egypt should pass the wealth of the then known nations.

Egypt as the centre of the world had prosperous cities where the goods of the ~~xxxx~~ Far East, Persia, Babylon and Arabia, and Somaliland and the Jordan on the Southern boundary and of Greece, Rome, Southern France, Spain and Northern Africa to the ~~xxxx~~ North. As a result of being the market centre of the world, successive empires have always sought by conquest to take possession of this great commercial position. Most of the Cities were established on one of the ~~xxxx~~ Nile Delta rivers of which there were perhaps seven or eight at this time.

One of these channels crossed the edge of the Suez Isthmus and 4000 years ago the first thought was given to the joining of this branch with the Red Sea. Canal builders about this time then envisaged opening up this Canal to first of all produce greater facilities for transporting the ivory, gold and species of Somaliland to their great inland cities.

Details of the construction of this first navigatable canal have been lost in the mists of antiquity but tradition leaves no doubt that during the next 1000 years such a canal was available for commerce, and it was known as the "Canal of the Pharaoh". This canal followed the green belt of the Wadi Tunila eastward from the Pelusiac Branch of the Nile reaching the Red Sea through the Bitter Lake. Political changes caused the maintenance of the Canal to be abandoned about 700 BC and it was silted up.

Later on one of the Pharaohs who defeated Josiah, King of Judah, decided to recut it and he put 120,000 slaves to work on it. He subsequently got the tip that it would make the way easy for the Persians to come in and conquer Egypt, so he discontinued the work. Within the next 100 years two Persians did come in and it was a Persian ruler of Egypt who ultimately enlarged the Canal.

It was again destroyed by the Persians and a couple of hundred years elapsed before the Greek interference resulted in the reconditioning of the Canal.

Until the Arab conquest of Egypt in the first 700 years of the new century, it was subjected to many vicissitudes but was again opened up for 100 years or thereabouts. Again it was opened up because it was considered it would confer advantages to the shipping of the Christian Countries.

For the next 700 years Egypt steadily declined as a means of traffic to the Orient: probably this was due to the steady ascendancy of Turkey, which put an end to the Venetians and Genoses who were almost entirely dependent on the Levant. On this account it was essential that some other Trade routes were opened up, and Vasco De Gama first rounded the Cape of Good Hope and opened up the long route to India and the Far East.

The Venetians took a poor view of this loss of their commerce and then the Suez Canal proposition again arose. Nothing happened for a few years until the rise in power of a Turkish Pasha in Egypt who saw the possibilities of creating a passage for the Turkish fleet, by opening up the old Canal from the Nile to Suez. Again the scheme was deferred and nothing was done until some years later when French influence in the Eastern Mediterranean became a strong factor. Following on this a fight for World Commerce was taking place between England and France who by this time had succeeded in controlling most of the trade of India.

The loss of Canada by France and the American Colonies by England transferred the struggle to the Asiatic Theatre and the intense competition which followed decided Britain to be Mistress of the seas, to protect her Cape Route.

France then turned her attention to the Suez Canal route, but although successive representatives secured advantages for their merchants to use the Port of Suez and the overland route, nothing concrete was done although the Canal scheme was never lost sight of. Britain kept of the picture apparently, being satisfied by the obstructive policy of Turkey.

In the meantime French Consuls in Egypt were ~~xxxxx~~ urging the acquisition of Egypt as a French possession.

Napoleon's expedition followed in 1798 and his instructions were to take possession of Egypt, cut through the Isthmus of Suez and take the necessary ships to assure the free and exclusive possession of the Red Sea to the French Republic.

England was taken completely by surprise. Napoleon's army included the most eminent French Engineers and Scientists to attack the Canal proposition, which was of keen personal interest to Napoleon. He personally led his technicians from Suez over the path of the former Canal which had ceased to flow for 1000 years.

Somehow or other, the French technicians decided there was a fall of 30' from the Mediterranean to the Red Sea and they reported against a direct Canal from Port Said. This idea persisted for another 50 years during which French influence had waned through Napoleon's defeat in the Battle of the Nile and Aboukir. France however still had a keen interest in the Canal proposition.

Turkish influence in Egypt had also began to wane by the beginning of the 19th century, and forceful Albanian influence began to develop in Egypt. As this influence favoured France, Cairo became a hotbed of intrigue, with Great Britain well in the centre of things.

Consideration of the Canal project followed almost over the first half of the 19th century and then the great French Engineer De Leaseps came on the scene.

He decided that the only scheme was to build a canal straight through from Suez to Port Said and after some years he was able to secure the necessary support and concessions to proceed

He was supported by the Sultan and at once ~~received~~ received the concession authorising him to form a company. The concession was to remain in force for 99 years from the opening of the Canal.

Every effort was made by the Government of Great Britain to prevent the inauguration of the work, but De Lesseps visited the main commercial towns of England and brought in the support of most of the leading commercial men who were prepared to take up shares in the Coy which had a capital of 200 million francs.

The U K Govt was shortly afterwards faced with the Indian Mutiny and it was necessary to land troops at Alexandria and send them to Suez in time to permit of the relief of Lucknow. This lessened the opposition and investments from England followed.

The enterprise was commenced in 1859 and De Lesseps was forced with every conceivable opposition.

De Lesseps appealed to Napoleon and he agreed to back the work. Operations were pushed ahead and in 1862 the waters of the Mediterranean entered Lake Timsati.

That sounded easy but you must consider that the whole of the area traversed was a waterless waste.

It had been necessary to cut a fresh water canal from Lake Timzah to Port Said and Port Said was then only in process of reclamation from the Canal itself. At this time there were some 60,000 persons employed on the undertaking.

The U K Govt still did everything in its power to retard the work and every influence in the Ottoman Empire was brought to bear.

All sorts of new charges were levied on the Company and they were forced to give up 180,000 acres of land at Suez and were limited to a narrow strip on either side amounting to 30,000 acres.

Work then went ahead and the Mediterranean and the Red Sea were joined at the Bitter Lakes in 1869.

The earlier anticipations of the Coy regarding finance by dues were not realised and for 10 years the financial position was serious. During this period the Khedive of Egypt had been living to the tune of 7 millions a year and had landed into difficulties. He was a large shareholder and the UK came in and bought his shares for 100,000,000 francs (£4,000,000) and this represented almost half the canal shares. Disraeli was the man who engineered this ^{The} political position between France and UK was eased by this acquisition and all loans were consolidated at £91 millions.

However, the Egyptians began to realise that Foreign control was becoming too pronounced in the running of their country, and their Nationalist spirit began to develop into a revolt against the authority of the Khedive, and Anglo-French protective intervention was imperative.

Rioting broke out in Alexandria in 1882 and the Egyptian military leader was told to go quietly. He refused and we shelled Alexandria prior to a landing of British Troops just in time to prevent the destruction of the canal. The battle of Tel el Kebir followed and Britain occupied Egypt.

France had lost her status in Egyptian affairs and Egypt became a British protectorate.

England acquired more seats on the Canal Coy , they also agreed to a free passage of all ships but reserved a right to defend the canal.

This caused dissension amongst the Powers who shortly afterwards signed a Convention to the effect that the Suez Canal shall always be free and open, in war as in peace, to every vessel of commerce or of war, without distinction of Flag. The Canal never should be subjected to the right of blockade.

The signing of the convention in 1888 did not by any means terminate the controversy .

The Canal was a part of the Egyptian question and so was closely linked with the Mediterranean question.

Both questions were subsidiary to the European envy of British Power.

France and Russia were dissatisfied with the prolonged British occupation of Egypt and it was felt that Britain was taking over the rights of Turkey as Egyptian mentor.

Everything was done by France particularly to get the Sultan on the move, and the sultan ordered the withdrawal of Egyptian troops from the Sinai.

It was also rumoured that Turkey proposed building a Railway across the Sinai to Suez and this was taken by Great Britain as a distinct threat to the Canal. Turkey was promptly warned off and our Fleet appeared in Egyptian waters. That was in 1906 and the sultan took the hint and gave way.

European powers had in the meantime got together and pressure followed which resulted in Britain consenting to French

claims in Morocco and Italian claims in Tripoli and Cyrenaica.

Then Germany realised that she must get raw materials, but found Britain Mistress of the Seas. An intensive German Naval programme followed and search for raw materials dictated an economic drive to the East then the unexplored territory of the Ottoman Empire. A through railway system from Berlin to Baghdad and the Persian Gulf was part of the scheme, and the result and issue of that would provide Turkey eventually with an opportunity to re-occupy Egypt.

Great Britain was slow to realise the danger and the line was indeed in progress and almost completed to Baghdad before she took action.

Discussions followed and Great Britain agreed to the construction to Basra only, reserving the right of control to Kuwait the Port of Iraq, and just in time because the war of 1914 was about to break. Their action had allowed us to retain control of the most vital part of the Persian Gulf.

On the outbreak of war, Germany had taken advantage of the protective clauses of the Canal agreement and Suez, Port Said and the Lakes were full of shipping. The protection of the Canal was then a vital matter and Egypt ordered the clearance of all enemy shipping which was given a free pass to leave.

As the French and British Navies controlled the Eastern Mediterranean, there was no chance of a sea attack on the Canal. The Turkish attack developed in Feb 1915 and the Turkish Command had anticipated a rising of the Egyptian Nationals co-incident with their attack on the Canal.

We concentrated troops in Egypt and you all know that we were able to knock the Turks back from the Canal.

GROWTH OF CANAL

After these historical details, you may be interested in some technical details.

The Canal has never been a static construction as it has had to keep pace with ;

- (a) the growth of tonnage of vessels using it and
- (b) with the increase of the number of ships requiring transit.

When the Canal was first built, probably DeLesseps never visualised the passage of the 42000 ton liners through the Canal.

Length: The Canal in length, has not changed, is 101 miles from the Port Saif lighthouse to the end of the quay at at Tewfik.

Width: Originally the width of the Canal at the bottom was 72 feet and its depth 26 feet. There were 8 stations or sidings where ships could pass and here the Canal was 90 feet.

In addition they could pass at Lakes Timsah or the Bitter Lakes.

It has one straight stretch of 87 miles and has only 14 curves over its whole length.

since the original construction, it has been enlarged periodically and curves have been straightened out. At the Southern end from Lake Timsah widening to 197 feet at the bottom, necessary owing to the Tidal currents from the Red Sea. Currents at the Mediterranean end are negligible.

The depth has been increased generally to 42 ft which gives a surface width from 400 - 500 ft..

The Port Said and Tewfik Ports have been extensively improved. At Port Said the Basin covers 650 acres with a 2000 ft roadstead opening into the Mediterranean.

Probably no single human enterprise during 100 years has done more to affect the destinies of nations than the completed conception of the Canal. Aviation in time may take away the transport of passengers and light freight the sea transport between East & West must necessarily be the best and cheapest channel of communication for many years to come

What will happen when the canal reverts to Egypt in 1968 remains to be seen.

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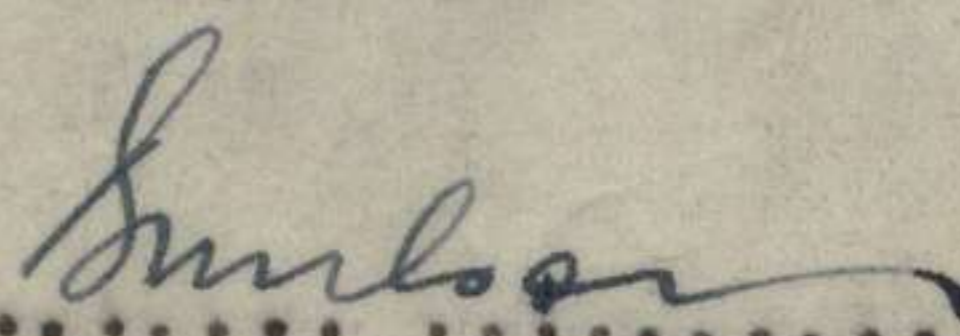
Ship's Orderly Room,
HMT.VV.324.
2 Feb 43.

NOTES ON CONFERENCE HELD ON
HMT.VV.324 at 1000 hrs, Tues, 2 Feb 43.

PRESENT: Ship's Staff: Staff Capt, Purser, Chief Steward.
AIF: OC, Tps, Ship's Adj, Ship's QM, Ship's Messing Offr.

PROCEEDINGS:

1. OC, Tps was advised that laid down ration scale for Offrs, WOs, Sgts and ORs could no longer be maintained owing to possible exhaustion of ship's food supplies before reaching next port.
2. OC, Tps requested that following arrangements be made to cover period of emergency:
 - (a) As from Wed 3 Feb 43, rations to be same in quantity and quality for all military personnel irrespective of class of passage under which they are travelling.
 - (b) Thereafter, OC, Tps to be advised immediately of any proposed alteration etc, or reduction of quality or quantity of food supplied, which would materially alter standard from that of previous day.
3. Landing rations:
In the event of ship's supplies becoming exhausted, 2 days landing rations, property of AIF, be made available to Ship on application to OC, Tps, and necessary financial settlement will be made through proper authorities.
4. A report upon period of emergency will be forwarded at conclusion of voyage in usual manner by OC, Tps for purpose of any financial readjustment necessitated by above arrangements.


.....Maj
Ship's Adjutant.

Distribution:
Master, HMT.VV.324.
OC, Tps.
Ship's Adj.
Ship's QM.
Ship's Messing Offr

Lieut Harpman.
File.

APPENDIX A/L1

TRANSPORT L1

STRENGTH OF UNITS EMBARKED (SEE FOOTNOTE)

Serial No.	UNIT	Offs	W.O's and Sgts	O.R.	A/NS	TOTAL ALL RANKS	Equipment & Baggage Tons (Meas.)
1	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde, incl Sig Sec & L.A.D.	19	12	170		201	27
2	2/28 Aust Inf Bn	56	65	1042		1163	150
3	2/32 " " "	47	72	881		1000	142
4	2/43 " " "	53	80	940		1073	146
5	9 Aust Div Cav Regt incl.L.A.D.	45	64	620		729	102
6	2/2 Aust M.G. Bn.incl.L.A.D.	49	73	890		1012	142
7	2/3 Aust Pioneer Bn	36	76	991		1103	145
8	HQ R.A.E. 9 Aust Div	11	5	24		40	12
9	2/3 Aust Fd Coy R.A.E.	9	16	293		318	50
10	2/7 Aust Fd Coy R.A.E.	8	16	305		329	50
11	2/13 Aust Fd Coy R.A.E.	9	25	306		340	50
12	24 Aust Fd Pk Coy R.A.E.	6	14	187		207	25
13	9 Aust Div Cav Trng Unit	-	1	3		4	-
14	HQ A.A.S.C. 9 Aust Div	15	4	36		55	11
15	10 Coy A.A.S.C.	16	37	421		474	59
16	11 Coy A.A.S.C.	15	37	421		473	59
17	12 Coy A.A.S.C.	14	33	404		451	59
18	2/8 Aust Fd. Amb.	12	20	242		274	33
19	4 Aust Con Depot	10	20	100		130	19
20	3 Aust A.M. Control Unit	1	1	6		8	1
21	4 " " " "	1	1	6		8	1
22	Det 6 Aust Gen Hospital	7	9	69	133	218	87
23	Aust Fd Surgical Unit	1	-	10		11	2
24	24 Aust Dental Unit	1	1	3		5	2
25	41 " " "	1	1	3		5	2
26	1 Aust Boring Sec	2	7	66		75	14
27	2/6 Aust Fd Hyg Sec	1	5	25		31	4
28	A.I.F. Concert Party	1	3	13		17	2
29	Admin. Personnel	2	22	17		41	7
	R.A.A.F.	15	14	13		42	(not stated)
	<u>TOTAL</u>	463	734	8507	133	9837	1403

NOTE: Above figures are subject to adjustment following disembarkation and transhipment of certain personnel at Fremantle.

TRANSPORT L2

Strength of Units Embarked (See Footnote Page 2)

Serial No.	U N I T	Offs	W.O's and Sgts.	O.R.	AANS	TOTAL ALL RANKS	Equipment & Baggage Tons (Meas.)
1	HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde incl Sig Sec & L.A.D.	17	19	169		205	27
2	2/13 Aust Inf Bn	56	87	997		1140	150
3	2/15 " " "	55	66	1004		1125	150
4	2/17 " " "	49	72	1042		1163	150
5	2/3 Aust Fd Amb	12	22	230		264	32
6	2/4 " Fd Hyg Sec	1	4	27		32	4
7	9 Aust Div Sigs less Dets	26	37	355		418	54
8	9 Aust Div Prov Coy & S.I.B.	3	14	111		128	16
9	9 Aust Div Salvage Unit	1	3	35		39	4
10	9 Aust Div Sec Corps Reception Camp	-	1	6		7	1
11	9 Aust Div Concert Party	-	3	16		19	2
12	18 Aust Operating Sec	2	-	10		12	8
13	19 " " "	1	2	35		38	4
14	6 Aust Line Maint Sec	1	3	24		28	4
15	11 Aust D.R. Sec	1	1	24		26	4
16	101 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	9	22	344		375	45
17	1 Aust Con Depot Details	11	16	73		100	13
18	3 Aust Dental Unit	1	1	3		5	1
19	4 " " "	1	1	3		5	1
20	2nd Echelon	6	43	75		124	18
21	A.I.F. Kit Store	-	1	19		20	2
22	Aust S.I.B.	-	4	6		10	2
23	Finance Sec	-	28	70		98	17
24	A.I.F. Officers Shop No.1	-	4	3		7	1
25	A.I.F. Officers Shop No.2	1	4	4		9	1
26	A.A.C.S. Details	4	50	34		88	11
27	Details A.C.F.	-	4	3		7	1
28	1 Aust Base Postal Unit	1	4	57		62	15
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TRANSPORT L2

Serial No.	UNIT	Offs	W.O's and Sgts	O.R.	AANS	TOTAL ALL RANKS	Equipment and Baggage Tons (Meas).
29	Salvation Army	1	-	2		3	1
30	Y.M.C.A.	1	-	5		6	1
31	Red Cross	3	-	1		4	2
32	5 Aust Fd Censor Sec	2	-	3		5	1
33	6 " " " "	2	-	4		6	1
34	Admin Personnel	3	13	9		25	8
35	S.U.S.	-	-	85		85	-
36	1 Aust Det Bks	1	17	1		19	2
37	A Sec 2/4 Aust M.A.C.	1	3	50		54	6
38	Det 2/2 Aust Ord Store Coy	1	3	47		51	15
39	1 Aust Depot Bn Details	10	50	382		442	50
40	2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn	4	25	185		214	-
41	6 A.G.H. (A.A.N.S.)	-	-	-	12	12	1
42	Aust Medical Returnees	3	10	117		130	12
43	N.Z.E.F.	19	22	207		248	See Below
	<u>TOTAL</u>	310	659	5877	12	6858	838

Following Stores on board for transshipment to N.Z.:-

Ordnance	240 c/s	14 tons D.W.
Medical	59 c/s	10 " "
Stationery	28 c/s	4 " "
Deceased Officers' Kits	50 c/s	2½ " "
Films	2 c/s	5 cwt "
Currency	20 c/s	1½ tons "
	<u>399 c/s</u>	<u>32 tons 5 cwt D.W.</u>

NOTE: Above figures are subject to adjustment following disembarkation and transshipment of certain personnel at W.A.

TRANSPORT L3
Strength of Units Embarked (See Footnote)

Serial No.	U N I T	Offs	W.O's and Sgts.	O.R.	AANS	TOTAL ALL RANKS	Equipment & Baggage Tons (Mas.)
1	HQ R.A.A. 9 Aust Div	7	6	25		38	11
2	2/12 Aust Fd Regt incl Sig Sec & L.A.D.	55	86	784		925	122
3	3 Aust A/Tank Regt incl Sig Sec & L.A.D.	54	100	777		931	122
4	4 Aust Light A.A. Regt incl Sig Sec & L.A.D.	43	84	828		955	119
5	2/11 Aust Fd Amb	12	24	240		276	33
6	2/1 Aust A. Fd. W/shop	17	73	483		573	69
7	1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	6	10	97		113	14
8	2 Adv Ord W/Shop	12	68	435		515	65
9	Aust Ord Prov Sec	3	4	4		11	1
10	2 Aust L of C Recov Sec	1	5	24		30	4
11	8 Aust Spec Hospital and (81) Spec Coy	11	27	89		127	17
12	14 Aust Dental Unit	1	1	3		5	1
13	20 " " "	1	1	4		6	1
14	1 Aust Mob Printing Unit	1	6	26		33	4
15	HQ Aust Ry Constn & Maint Gp	6	6	15		27	5
16	1 Aust Ry Svy Coy	8	9	59		76	12
17	1 " " Constn Coy	7	21	255		283	36
18	2 " " " "	7	17	267		291	36
19	3 " " " "	5	18	242		265	35
20	6 A.G.H.	-	-	-	68	68	12
21	9 Aust Div Mob Laundry & Fwd Decontamination Unit	3	7	94		104	12
22	Aust Depot Bn Details	12	37	344		393	40
23	2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn less 3 Coys	3	12	210		225	29
24	2/3 Aust C.C.S.	13	16	132	8	169	27
25	3 Aust Mob Bac Lab	1	1	3		5	1
26	Admin Personnel	1	18	6	10	35	3
27	N.Z.E.F.	2	3	47		52	10
	<u>TOTAL</u>	292	660	5493	86	6531	851

NOTE: Above figures are subject to adjustment following disembarkation and transhipment of certain personnel at Fremantle.

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TRANSPORT L4.

Strength of Units Embarked (see footnote)

SERIAL NO.	UNIT	OFFRS.	W.O. & SGT.S.	OR.	AANS	Total all Ranks	Equipt & Baggage Tons (Meas.)
1	H.Q. 26 Aust. Inf. Bde	15	12	143	-	170	27
2	78 L.A.D.	1	2	18		21	3
3	2/23 Aust. Inf. Bn.	50	82	965		1097	146
4	2/24 " " "	46	86	870		1002	142
5	2/48 " " "	48	70	883		1001	140
6	2/7 Aust. Fd. Regt inc. Sig. Sec. & L.A.D.	60	81	786		927	120
7	2/8 " " " "	56	90	798		944	123
8	H.Q. 9 Aust. Div.	42	40	264		346	60
9	9 Aust. Div. Postal Unit	1	6	22		29	3
10	9 Aust. Div. Fd Cash Office	1	8	3		12	1
11	H.Q. A.I.F. M.E. Details	19	23	57		99	14
12	7 Aust. Gen. Hospital	34	41	183	152	410	94
13	"B" Aust. Fd Surgical Unit	2	1	9		12	2
14	5 Aust. Dental Unit	1	1	3		5	1
15	8 " " "	-	2	2		4	1
16	1 Aust. D.I.D.	2	3	27		32	5
17	2 Aust. Prov. Coy L of C.	3	10	103		116	14
18	Admin. Personnel	-	6	6		12	2
<u>TOTAL</u>		381	564	5142	152	6239	898

NOTE : Above figures are subject to adjustment following disembarkation and transshipment, of certain personnel at Fremantle.

TRANSPORT L5.
Strength & Units embarked.

Serial No.	UNIT	OFF	W.O. & SGT.	O.R.	A.A.N.S.	Total all Ranks	Equipt & Baggage Tons (Meas)
1	HQ AIF M.E. incl.Int.Sec. FSW & S.I.B.	27	44	117		188	45
2	HQ Sigs AIF M.E. incl. 6 Tech.Maint.Sec.	3	3	51		57	7
3	2/1 Aust. HQ. Gd Bn.	4	7	187		198	25
4	2nd Ecl. AIF M.E.	-	1	2		3	1
5	Finance Sec.	-	22	27		49	6
6	Audit Sec.	2	7	1		10	1
7	Base Tpt. Pl. AASC	2	4	119		125	18
8	Det. 6 A.G.H.	28	39	224		291	110
9	1 Aust. Adv.Depot Med. Stores incl Dental Sec.	1	2	8		11	2
10	Det. 1 Aust Con. Depot	1	6	20		27	6
11	12 Aust. Dental Unit	1	3	3		7	1
12	2/2 Aust. Ord.Store Coy.	7	29	95		131	22
13	HQ AIF M.E. Officers Shop	1	1	-		2	-
14	3 Aust L of C Prov. Coy	4	10	121		135	20
15	3 Aust. Detention Bks	1	12	4		17	3
16	1 Aust.Base Postal Unit	2	5	30		37	5
17	AIF M.E. Port Detachment	2	11	18		31	5
18	AIF M.E. Kit Store	-	4	21		25	6
19	Det. A.A.C.S.	5	29	32		66	10
20	1 Aust. Depot Bn. Staff	1	3	21		25	6
21	1 " " " Details	15	18	142		175	29
22	Details Red Cross	3	1	7		11	4
23	AIF M.E. Staging Camp	21	8	46		75	14
24	8 Aust. Special Hospital	1	1	8		10	1
25	Det. 1 Aust L of C Postal Unit	-	1	7		8	1
26	S.U.S.	-	-	17		17	3
	TOTAL	132	271	1328		1731	351

COMPOSITION BY STATES

APPENDIX "B"

	L1				L2				L3				L4				L5				Total by States			
	Off	O.R.	AANS	Tot- al.	Off	O.R.	AANS	Tot- al.	Off	O.R.	AA NS	Tot- al.	Off	O.R.	AA NS	Tot- al.	Off	O.R.	AANS	Tot- al.	Off	O.R.	AANS	Tot- al.
NSW	119	2755	42	2916	146	3399	1	3546 (plus NZEFNZ 250)	125	2357	43	2525 Plus NZ 50	59	371	16	446	52	544	-	596	501	9426	102	10029 plus 300NZ
VIC	93	1638	38	1769	48	739	11	798	108	2028	10	2146	180	3024	64	3268	39	413	-	452	468	7842	123	8433
Q.LD	61	1328	14	1403	62	1601	-	1663	23	719	18	760	25	184	12	221	9	150	-	159	180	3982	44	4206
S.A.	71	1467	14	1552	11	234	-	245	11	381	10	402	70	1392	23	1485	10	133	-	143	173	3607	47	3827
TAS.	7	163	8	178	2	71	-	73	4	80	4	88	23	347	19	389	2	31	-	33	38	692	31	761
DAR- WIN	-	8	-	8	1	9	-	10	-	2	-	2	-	3	-	3	-	4	-	4	1	26	-	27
N.G.	-	1	-	1	1	4	-	5	-	3	-	3	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	9	-	11
TOTAL (excl. W.A.)	351	7360	116	7827	271	6057	12	6340 (plus NZEFNZ 250)	271	5570	85	5926 Plus NZ 50	358	5322	134	5814	112	1275	-	1387	1363	25584 Plus NZ 300	347	27294 300
W.A.	90	1860	17	1967	3	309	-	312	12	556	1	569	34	459	17	510	7	162	-	169	146	3346	35	3527
GRAND TOTAL	441	9220	133	9794	274	6366	12	6652 (plus NZEFNZ 250)	283	6126	86	6495 Plus NZ 50	392	5781	151	6324	119	1437	-	1556	1509	28930 (plus 300 NZ)	382	30821

RAIL TIMETABLES TRANSPORT L4.

Serial No.	Personnel all Ranks	TRAIN SCHEDULES		Arrive Destination	Last meal on Board	Meals en route	Remarks
		Port Melbourne Station Pier	Depart				
1	500 Vic.	Feb.24	0848	Trawool Feb.24 1130	Breakfast		
2	500 Vic.	" "	0936	Seymour Feb.24 1155	"		
3	500 Vic.	" "	1012	Seymour Feb.24 1230	"		
4.	250 Qld.	" "	1048	Sth Brisbane Feb.26 0850	"	Feb.24 midday Seymour 1305-1355 evening Albury 1730-1855 Feb.25 b'fast Gosford 0900-1030 midday Newcastle 1215-1350 evening Gloucester 1700-1835	See footnote "A"
5	500 Vic.	" "	1131	Trawool Feb.24 1420	"		
6	500 Vic.	" "	1224	Seymour Feb.24 1445	Midday		
7	500 NSW.	" "	1300	Glenfield Feb.25 0835	"	Feb.24 Evening Wangaratta 1732-1830 Feb.25 B'fast Moss Vale 0550-0710	Transfer at Albury Feb.24 1940-2040
8	500 VIC.	" "	1400	Trawool Feb.24 1635	"		

RAIL TIMETABLES TRANSPORT L4 (contd)

Serial No.	Personnel all Ranks	TRAIN SCHEDULES		Arrive Destination	Last meal on Board	Meals en route	Remarks
		Port Melbourne Station	Melbourne Pier Depart				
9	500 Vic.	Feb.24	1436	Seymour Feb.24 1700	Midday		
10	500 S.A.	" "	1524	Mitcham (Springbank) Feb.25 0810	"	Feb.24 Evening Ballarat 1840-1935	
11	500 S.A.	" "	1636	Mitcham (Springbank) Feb.25 1000	"	Feb.24 " " 1955-2045 Feb.25 B'fast Taillem Bend 0550-0655	
12	500 S.A.	" "	1748	Mitcham (Springbank) Feb.25 1132	"	Feb.24 Evening Spencer St.1820-1902 Feb.25 B'fast Taillem Bend 0705-0805	

- NOTES:
- H.Q. Q'ld L. of C. Area and Mvmt Control, Brisbane will arrange for provision of necessary meals at Clapham and onmovement to destinations in Queensland.
 - Tasmanian personnel are included in Victorian totals.
 - Rear party (L4) 250 Vic. personnel will NOT disembark until completion of duties on board. Movement to Seymour to be arranged by Mvmt. Control, Melbourne.

FERRY AND RAIL TIMETABLE TRANSPORT "L1"

Serial No.	Personnel All Ranks	Embark Ferry	Ferry arrives Pymont	TRAIN SCHEDULES		Last Meal on Board	Meals en route	Remarks
				Pymont Depart	Arrive Destination			
1	500 NSW	Feb 26	1415	1505	1545	Mid-day	-	
2	500 "	" "	1500	1550	1630	"	-	
3	500 "	" "	1545	1635	1715	"	-	
4	500 S.A.	" "	1630	1720	1800	"	Feb.26 Evening Meal (Cartons on train Pymont) Feb.27 Breakfast Albury 0610-0650 Midday Sunshine 1159-1255 Evening Ararat 1715-1755	
5	500 NSW	" "	1715	1805	1845	Evening		
6	500 S.A.	" "	1800	1850	1930	"	Feb 27 Breakfast Junee 0614-0720 Midday Benalla 1300-1345 Evening Sunshine 1708-1850 Feb 28 Breakfast Taillem Bend 0705-0805	Feb 27 Transfer Albury 1028-1110
7	500 NSW	" "	1845	1935	2015	"		
8	450 Q'ld	" "	1930	2020	2100	"	Feb 27 Breakfast Taree 0620-0722 Midday Coffs Hbr 1202-1305 Evening Casino 1803-1930	See Foot-note "A"
9	500 NSW	" "	2015	2105	2145	"		

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Serial No.	Personnel All Ranks	Embark Ferry	Ferry arrives Pymont	TRAIN SCHEDULES		Last meal on board	Meals en route	Remarks
				Pymont Depart	Arrive Destination			
10	500 S.A.	Feb 26 2045	2135	2215	Mitcham(Springbank) Feb 28 1325	Evening.	Feb 27. Breakfast Junee 0851-0953 Midday Albury 1235-1330 Evening Seymour 1700-1750	
11	500 Vic.	" " 2215	2305	2345	Mangalore Feb 27. 1750	"	Feb 28. Breakfast Serviceton(AST) 0515-0615 Feb 27. Breakfast Harden 0756-0900 Midday Albury 1353-1450	
12	450 Q'ld	" " 2345	0035	0115	Clapham Feb 28. 0345	"	Feb 27. Breakfast Gloucester 0852-1015 Midday Kempsey 1424-1530 Evening Sth Grafton 1935-2050	See Footnote "A".
13	500 Vic.	Feb 27 0030	0120	0200	Mangalore Feb 27. 2105	"	Feb 27. Breakfast Goulburn. 0708-0815 Midday Junee 1328-1430 Evening Albury 1655-1740	
14	500 Vic	Feb 27 0115	0205	0245	Mangalore Feb 27. 2220	"	Feb 27. Break. Moss Vale 0630-0740 Midday Cootamundra 1317-1430 Evening Albury 1820-1910	
15	450 Q'ld	" " 0245	0335	0415	Clapham Feb 28. 0700	"	Feb. 27. Breakfast Newcastle 0840-1940 Midday Gloucester 1256-1410 Evening Kempsey 1832-1955	See Footnote "A".
16	500 Vic.	" " 0330	0420	0500	Mangalore Feb 28. 0105	"	Feb 27. B/fast Moss Vale 0849-0950 Midday Harden 1403-1532 Evening Junee 1730-1842	Transfer Albury Feb 27 2110-2155
17	400 Vic. 100 " ex L3 500	" " 0445	0535	0615	Mangalore Feb 28. 0200	"	Feb 27. Breakfast Cartons on Train Pymont. Midday Goulburn 1138-1250 Evening Cootamundra 1648-1800	Transfer Albury Feb 27 2205-2300

Serial No.	Personnel All Ranks	Embark Ferry	Ferry arrives Pymont	TRAIN SCHEDULES		Last meal on board	Meals en route	Remarks
				Pymont Depart	Arrive Destination			
18	250 Qld 200 " ex L3 450	Feb 27. 0530	0620	0700	Clapham Feb 28 0900	Evening	Feb 27. Breakfast Cartons on Train Pymont Midday Newcastle 1145-1245 Evening Tarse 1738-1840	See Foot-note "A".
19	100 S.A. 400 " ex L3 500	" " 0615	0705	0745	Mitcham(Springbank) March 1 0035	"	Feb 27. Breakfast Cartons on Train Pymont. Midday Moss Vale 1129-1230 Evening June 1905-2020 Feb 28. B/fast Sunshine 0505-0610 Midday Ararat 1125-1210 Evening Tailembend 1955-2108	Transfer Albury Feb 27/28 2330-0010

- NOTES:
- A. H.Q. Queensland L of C and Movement Control Brisbane arrange for provisions necessary meals at Clapham and on movement destinations in Queensland.
 - B. Rear Party (L1) 500 N.S.W. personnel will NOT disembark until completion of duties on board. Movement to Walgrove Camp to be arranged by Movement Control Sydney.
 - C. Tasmanian personnel are included in Victorian totals.

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ROAD MARCH TABLE - L2

APPENDIX E/L2

Serial No.	Personnel All Ranks	Commence Embusment	Convoy Departs	Narellan arrive	Last meal on board	REMARKS
1	500 NEW	Feb 26 1600	Feb 26 1630	Feb 26 1900	Midday	Composition of Convoys 1 to 6. - 12 double decker Buses - Capacity 42 personnel 1 single decker Bus - (Mechanical services - Not available for troops). 5-3 ton G.S. - For conveyance of Sea and Universal Kit Bags, and Officers' Baggage. Troops will retain personal arms.
2	500 "	1730	1800	2030	Evening	
3	500 "	1900	1930	2200	"	
4	500 "	2030	2100	2330	"	
5	500 "	2200	2230	Feb 27 0100	"	
6	500 "	2330	Feb 27 0001	0230	"	
7	300 "	Feb 27 0100	0130	0400	"	

NOTES: 1. ROUTE -- Forward journey. Woolcomooloo wharf. Sir John/Gen-Haig Ave-College St-Wentworth Ave-Elizabeth St-Eddie Ave-Railway Square-Broadway-Parramatta Rd (To Liverpool Rd turnoff Ashfield) Thence Hume Highway to Narellan. Return Journey. Narellan-Hume Highway-Liverpool Rd- left at Wentworth Rd (Enfield) to Parramatta Rd-right into Parramatta Rd (Omnibus Depot on right for POL, maintenance, spare buses, etc). Thence via Parramatta Rd to Wharf as for forward journey.

2. Upon debusment at destination at destination, omnibuses return immediately to starting point.
 3. Baggage M.T. will return to Starting Point as separate convoy commencing return journey not later than 20 mins. after departure of omnibuses.
 4. Speed - 15 M.I.H. Density 34 VTM in City and Suburbs, 17 VTM on open sections.
 5. H.Q. N.S.W. L of C will arrange provision of M.T. for baggage, O.C. Convoy, and necessary traffic control in collaboration with the N.S.W. Road Transport Department.
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FERRY & RAIL TIMETABLES - TRANSPORT L2

APPENDIX F/L2

Serial No.	Personnel All Ranks	Embark Ferry	Ferry Arrive Pymont	TRAIN SCHEDULES		Last meal on board	Meals en route		Remarks
				Pymont Depart	Arrive Destination				
1	500 Vic	Feb 27 0745	0835	0915	Mangalore Feb 28 0430	Break- fast	Feb 27. Midday Goulburn Evening Junee	1400-1515 2026-2130	Transfer Albury Feb 28 0035-0130
2	300 Q'ld 150 (Q'ld Ex I3 450	0830	0920	1000	Clapham(Q) Feb 28 1250	"	Feb 27. Midday Gosford Evening Taree Feb 28. B/fast Casino	1221-1321 1922-2035 0647-0810	See Footnote "A"
3	250 S.A.	0915	1005	1045	Mitcham (Springbank) Mch 1 0300	"	Feb 27. Midday Moss Vale Evening Harden Feb 28 B/fast Seymour Midday Ballarat Evening Serviceton	1411-1520 1940-2050 0610-0650 1200-1300 1900-2000 (AST)	Transfer Albury Feb 28 0212-0300
4	450 Q'ld	1000	1050	1130	Clapham(Q) Feb 28 1355	"	Feb 27 Midday Gosford Evening Gloucester Feb 28 B/fast Casino	1351-1456 1942-2110 0831-0945	See Footnote "A"
5	400 Vic 100 ex I3 500	1045	1135	1215	Seymour Feb 28 0720	"	Feb 27 Midday Carton on Train Pymont Evening Goulburn	1723-1840	Transfer Albury Feb 28 0315-0410
6	450 Q'ld	1400	1450	1530	Clapham Feb 28 1820	Midday	Feb 27 Evening Gosford Feb 28 B/fast Sth Grafton Midday Casino	1814-1915 0825-0940 1300-1404	See Footnote "A"
7	450 Q'ld	1545	1635	1715	Clapham Feb 28 2230	"	Feb 27 Evening Gosford Feb 28 B/fast Kempsey Feb 28 Midday Sth Grafton Evening Casino	2000-2115 0807-0930 1313-1434 1655-1820	See Footnote "A"

NOTES: A. H.Q. Q'ld L of C and Movement Control Brisbane will arrange for provision of necessary meals at Clapham and onmovement to destinations in Queensland.

B. Tasmanian personnel are included in Victorian totals.

T. Rear Party(L2) 250 NSW personnel will NOT disembark until completion of duties on board. Movement to Narellan Camp to be arranged by Movt Control Sydney.

C. NZEF - will disembark before troops commence embussing for Narellan, and will move to Liverpool under arrangements made by Movt Control Sydney.

ROAD MARCH TABLE L3

APPENDIX G/L3

Serial No.	Personnel All Ranks	Commence Embusment	Convoy Departs	Narellan arrive	Last Meal on board	REMARKS
1	500 NSW	<u>Feb 26</u> 1645	1715	1945	Midday	<p><u>Composition of Convoys 1 to 4.</u> - 12 double decker buses capacity 42 personnel 1 single decker bus (Mechanical Services. Not available for troops). 5 x 3 ton GS - For conveyance of Sea and Universal Kitbags and Officers' Baggage. Troops will retain personal arms.</p>
2	500 "	1815	1845	2115	Evening	
3	500 "	1945	2015	2245	"	
4	500 "	2115	2145	<u>Feb 27</u> 0015	"	
5	300 "	2245	2315	0145	"	
						<p><u>Composition of Convoy No.5</u> - 8 double decker buses 1 single " bus (Mechanical Services) 3 x 3 ton G.S.</p>

- NOTES: 1. ROUTE - Forward journey. Woolloomooloo wharf. Sir John Young's Cr-Haigh Ave-College St-Wentworth Ave- Elizabeth St- Eddie Ave- Railway Square- Broadway - Parramatta Rd (To Liverpool Rd turnoff Ashfield) Thence Hume Highway to Narellan. RETURN JOURNEY - Narellan- Hume Highway- Liverpool Rd- left at Wentworth Rd (Enfield) to Parramatta Rd- right into Parramatta Rd (Omnibus Depot on right for POL, maintenance, spare buses, etc). Thence via Parramatta Rd to Wharf as for forward journey.
2. Upon debusment at destination, omnibuses return immediately to starting point.
3. Baggage M.T. will return to Starting Point as separate convoy commencing return journey not later than 20 mins. after departure of omnibuses.
4. Speed - 15 M.I.H. Density 34 VTM in City and Suburbs, 17 VTM in open sections.
5. H.Q. N.S.W. L of C will arrange provision of M.T. for baggage, O.C. Convoy, and necessary traffic control in collaboration with the N.S.W. Road Transport Department.

FERRY AND RAIL TIMETABLES - TRANSPORT L3

Serial No.	Personnel All Ranks	Embark Ferry	Ferry arrive Pymont	TRAIN SCHEDULES		Last Meal on board	Meals on Route	Remarks
				Pymont Depart	Arrive Destination			
1	100 Vic 400 Vic ex L1 500	Feb 27 0445	0535	0615	Mangalore Feb 28 0200	Evening	Feb 27. B/fast Cartons on Train at Pymont Midday Goulburn 1138-1250 Evening Cootamundra 1648-1800	Transfer at Albury Feb 27 2205-2300
2	200 Q'ld 250 Q'ld ex L1 450	Feb 27 0530	0620	0700	Clapham(Q) Feb 28 0900	"	Feb 27 B/fast Cartons on Train at Pymont Midday Newcastle 1145-1245 Evening Taree 1738-1840	See Footnote "A"
3	400 S.A. 100 S.A. ex L1 500	Feb 27 0615	0705	0745	Mitcham (Springbank) March 1 0035	"	Feb 27 B/fast Cartons on Train at Pymont Midday Moss Vale 1129-1230 Evening Junee 1905-2020 Feb 28 B/fast Sunshine 0505-0610 Midday Ararat 1125-1210 Evening Tailem Bend 1955-2108	Transfer at Albury Feb 27/28 2330-0010
4	450 Q'ld	Feb 27 0700	0750	0830	Clapham(Q) Feb 28 0945	B/fast	Feb 27 Midday Newcastle 1310-1410 Evening Gloucester 1710-1819	See Footnote "A"
5	150 Q'ld 300 Q'ld ex L2 450	Feb 27 0830	0920	1000	Clapham(Q) Feb 28 1250	"	Feb 27 Midday Gosford 1221-1321 Evening Taree 1922-2035 Feb 28 B/fast Casinc 0647-0810	See Footnote "A"
6	100 Vic 400 Vic ex L2 500	Feb 27 1045	1135	1215	Seymour Feb 28 0720	"	Feb 27 Midday Cartons on Train at Pymont Evening Goulburn 1723-1840	Transfer at Albury Feb 28 0315-0410

FERRY AND RAIL TIMETABLES - TRANSPORT L3 (continued)

APPENDIX H/L3 (continued)

Se- rial No.	Personnel All Ranks	Embark Ferry	Ferry arrive Pyrmont	TRAIN SCHEDULES		Last meal on board	Meals on Route	Remarks
				Depart Pyrmont	Arrive Destination			
7	500 Vic	Feb 27 1215	1305	1345	Seymour Feb 28 0750	B/fast	Feb 27 Midday Cartons on Train at Pyrmont Evening Goulburn 1859-2010	Transfer at Albury Feb 28 0400-0440
8	500 Vic	Feb 27 1300	1350	1430	Seymour Feb 28 0845	Midday	Feb 27 Evening Moss Vale 1813-1930	Transfer at Albury Feb 28 0505-0540
9	500 Vic	Feb 27 1445	1535	1617	Seymour Feb 28 0955	"	Feb 27 Evening Cartons on Train at Pyrmont Feb 28 B/fast Benalla 0750-0830	Transfer at Feb 28 0535-0610
10	500 Vic	Feb 27 1630	1720	1800	Seymour Feb 28 1125	"	Feb 27 Evening Cartons on Train at Pyrmont Feb 28 B/fast Albury 0610-0710	

NOTES: A. Headquarters Queensland L of C and Movement Control Brisbane will arrange for provision of necessary meals at Clapham and onmovement to destinations in Queensland.

B. Tasmanian personnel are included in Victorian totals.

C. N.Z.E.F. will disembark before troops commence embussing for Narellan and will move to Liverpool under arrangements made by Movement Control Sydney.

D. Rear Party (L3) 250 H.S.W. personnel will NOT disembark until completion of duties on board. Movement to Narellan Camp to be arranged by Movement Control Sydney.

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HMT. VV 324.

23 Feb 43.

DISEMBARKATION INSTRUCTIONS.LIDDINGTON.1. Secrecy:

(a) The need for secrecy in regard to tp movements, shipping and all matters concerning the return of 9 Aust Div and att units from ME will be impressed on all ranks.

(b) Concentration areas of units after leave will not be divulged other than to offr.

(c) Appx "B" to this instruction will be promulgated to offr and then returned to Ship's HQ for destruction.

2. Personal Arms & Eqpt:

(a) Personal arms will be handed in at L.T.D. for safe custody before personnel depart for leave. These will be re-issued to men on return from leave.

(b) Arms of soldiers for hospital discharge or, in custody and disembarking under arrangements made by D.A.P.M, N.S.W. L of C, will be collected and handed over to Baggage Master. Baggage Master will arrange to hand these arms over to Ordnance rep and a receipt obtained.

(c) Personal eqpt will be retained by all ranks on disembarkation and will remain in the possession of the offr or soldier until he rejoins his unit (or is transferred to a General Details Depot in the case of those units which are to be disbanded). At G.D.D, personal arms and eqpt will be withdrawn and returned to Ordnance.

3. Amn:

Amn not at present handed in and in possession of 9 Aust Pro Coy and 1 Aust Detention Barracks personnel will be handed in to Baggage Master (Lieut T.E.SWAN) after S.U.S. have been disembarked.

4. Blankets:

(a) All ranks will disembark with the blanket which is on issue to them as military stores. Blankets will be handed in at L.T.D. before proceeding on leave.

(b) Gps will arrange a uniform method by which blankets will be carried.

5. Return of Ship's Blankets & Life-belts:

(a) Gps will be responsible for collecting, prior to disembarkation, all ship's blankets which are to be rolled (from the end) in bundles of ten (10), lashed, and neatly stacked in tps quarters.

(b) Rope yarn for this purpose will be obtainable, by a responsible N.C.O, from Ship's Tp Man (POTTS) on "D" Deck square on Fri 26 Feb 43 from 1400-1600 hrs.

(c) Gps are responsible for the collection and stacking in tps quarters of all life-belts. Where special racks are provided, these will be used.

6. Surplus Personal Kit:

Any surplus personal kit found after disembarkation of tps will be collected, listed and fwded to 8 SEC AUST KIT STORE, PARRAMATTA.

7. Offrs Excess Baggage:

(a) Offrs may place valises and other excess baggage, which they are not able to handle personally, with hy baggage in the hold. This kit will be fwded by 8 Sec Aust Kit Store to the address stated in the application made for the disposal of hy baggage.

(b) A baggage party will be organised from the rear party and permission sought from Movts (SYDNEY) to use the party for carrying offrs valises to Bus Convoy and ferry.

Offrs are reminded however that permission may not be granted and should organise their personal gear in such a manner to enable them to handle it personally.

8. Unit Stores:

Unit Stores on board ship will be unloaded and stored under arrangements made by L of C Ares. These stores will be fwded, if possible, with personnel returning from leave to the new unit location.

9. Rifles:

During disembarkation and movt to trains and buses, rifles will be carried with the butt uppermost.

10. Pay Arrangements:

Arrangements have been made for the changing of outstanding stg currency at L.T.D's.

11. Disembarkation of Personnel:

Disembarkation will be made strictly in accordance with the instructions and schedules att at Appx "A".

12. Special Move of 2nd Ech Personnel:

Members of 2nd Ech travelling to MELBOURNE under special arrangements will be given home leave on the completion of duties stated by O2E.

13. Dress:

Dress for disembarkation will be FS or SD. Hats or Caps will be worn.

14. Concession Rail and Tram fares:

Schedules of concessions to army personnel in uniform are att at Appx "C" and will be promulgated to all ranks.

15. Cleaning of Ship and Tps quarters:

(a) Water will be available during Fri 26 Feb 43 for the thorough cleaning of ship and tps quarters under detailed instructions to be notified.

(b) Gps will ensure that quarters under their control are cleaned and left in the condition so stated.

Emilio Maj.
Ship's Adjutant.

DISTRIBUTION:

To all Gps for all units.
Ships Staff Captain, Purser, Mr AUSTIN.

ORDER OF MARCH AND TIMETABLES.

Appx "A".

Order of March:

- (a) (i) S.U.S.
(ii) Hospital cases, C2, D Class and SAT, under arrangements made by S.M.O. with E.M.O. SYDNEY.
(iii) A.A.N.S. and V.A.D.
(iv) N.Z.E.F. and 1 civilian.
(v) N.S.W.
(vi) Interstate.
(vii) Rear Party.

(b) Personnel will disembark in the order shown above and in accordance with the Road & Ferry timetables att.

(c) In the event of a change of time of the berthing of the ship, personnel will disembark in the same order of march and in accordance with the time-spacing laid down.

2. Control Pt:

A Control Pt will be established in the vicinity of the gangway on D or E Deck, whichever is used. OC convoys will report with one runner from each sub-unit 15 mins prior to the commencement of disembarkation.

3. OsC Convoys:

OC Convoys will be responsible for the following matters:-

- (a) Checking at the gangway, the number of personnel from each sub-unit with the nominal rolls supplied to him by those sub-units.
Where time permits, convoys will be assembled on the wharf and re-checked.
- (b) Handing in the nominal rolls, HL and Rail Warrant passes of those personnel under his charge to Camp Comd LTD on arrival.
HL Passes will be filled in by the Camp authority and issued to the soldiers concerned.
- (c) Discipline during journey from the Ship to LTD.

4. N.Z.E.F:

Will disembark before other tps commence embussing for NARELLAN, and will move to LIVERPOOL under arrangements made by Movts Control SYDNEY.

5. TASMANIAN Personnel:

OC Det-Lieut T. CONNOR, (Sigs, 9 Aust Div).
Tasmanian personnel from all gps as stated in Ferry Timetable, convoy No 5, will assemble on "A" Deck Portside aft.
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6. Rear Party:

Rear Party, enumerated below, are NOT incl in timetables but will disembark under special arrangements made by Sh
HQ, with Movt Control SYDNEY:-

OC, Capt HOLTSBAUM.
2/13 Aust Inf Bn- 1 offr 99 ORs.
2/17 Aust Inf Bn- 1 offr 99 ORs.
101 Aust Gen Tpt Coy-1 offr 49 ORs.

7. Assembly of Convoy sub-units:

(a) Gps will be responsible for the assembly of all sub-units, with all kit and eqpt, ready for disembarkation.

(b) Sub-units will form up in the order stated in the nominal rolls supplied to OSG Convoys.

(c) Where possible, personnel will be assembled in tps quarters.

(d) Under NO circumstance will the following be used for assembly of tps:-

"E" Deck working alleyways.

"D" Deck square (except for A.A.N.S. & VAD plus baggage).

All stairways.

8. Convoy Nominal Rolls and Leave Passes:

Gps will forward Nominal Rolls and HL Passes for personnel named therein, as soon as is possible to Convoy
Comd's and NOT later than 1200 hrs 26 Feb 43.

Nominal Rolls will show: Army No, Rank, Name, Town of Leave.

9. 2nd Ech Personnel: The following will be disembarked and entrained for MELBOURNE under special arrangements
made by Capt BROCK (Liaison) with ESO SYDNEY:-

4- Adm Gp, 1- 2/13 Aust Inf Bn, 1- 2/15 Aust Inf Bn, 1-2/17 Aust Inf Bn, 1-Sigs 9 Aust Div,
55- Gp ll.

These personnel will assemble on "A" Deck Portside fwd by 0900 hrs on second day of disembarkation.

Spencer Maj.
Ship's Adjutant.

FERRY AND RAIL TABLES.

Con-Voy No.	Personnel- All Ranks.	Convoy Comd.	Composition of Convoy.	Ferry		TRAIN SCHEDULES.		Last meal on board.	Meals en-route.
				Embark Ferry	Arrive PYRMONT	Depart. PYRMONT	Arrive Destination.		
1.	500 (Victoria)	Maj WOODFORD, HH Sigs, 9 Aust Div.	52- Gp 1. 25- " 2. 25- " 3. 40- " 4. 127- " 5. 53- " 6. 45- " 7. 16- " 8. 31- " 9. 86- "10.	0745.	0835	0915.	MANGALORE- 0430.	Breakfast.	Midday GOULBURN 1400-1515 hrs. Evening JUNEE 2026-2 30 "
2.	300. (QUEENSLAND)	Capt ROBIN, BP. Sigs, 9 Aust Div.	44- " 1. 27- " 2. 77- " 3. 32- " 4. 60- " 5. 13- " 7. 28- " 8. 19- " 9.	0830.	0920.	1000.	CLAPHAM (Q) 1250.	"	Midday GOSFORD 1221-1321 hrs. Evening TAREE 1922-2035 " Breakfast CASINO 0647-0810 "
3.	243. (SOUTH AUSTRALIA)	Capt STEVENS, DW, 101 Aust Tpt Coy.	9- " 1. 8- " 2. 3- " 3. 7- " 4. 21- " 5. 12- " 6. 9- " 7. 12- " 8. 1- " 9. 58- "10. 102- "11. 1- "12.	0915.	1005.	1045.	MITCHAM. (SERINGBANK) 0300.	"	Midday MOSSVALE 1411-1520 hrs. Evening HARDEN 1940-2050 " Breakfast SEYMOUR 0610-0650. " Midday BALLARAT 1200-1300 " Evening SERVICETON 1900-2000 "
4.	450. (QUEENSLAND)	Maj STRANGE, BD. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	Gp 3.	1000.	1050.	1130.	CLAPHAM (Q) 1355.	"	Midday GOSFORD 1351-1456 hrs. Evening GLOUCESTER 1942-2110 " Breakfast CASINO 0831-0945 "

--FERRY AND RAIL TABLES--

Con- voy No.	Personnel- All Ranks.	Convoy Comd.	Composition of Convoys.	Ferry-		Train Schedules.		Last meal on board.	Meals en-route.
				Embark Ferry.	Arrive PYRMONT.	PYRMONT Depart.	Arrive Destination.		
5.	337. (VICTORIA & TASMANIA)	Capt HOWARTH, WH, 1 Aust Con Depot)	87- Gp 10.) 167- " 11.) 6- " 12.) 77-	1045.	1135.	1215.	SEYMOUR 0720.	B'fast.	Midday carton on train PYRMONT. Evening GOULBURN. 1723-1840 hrs.
6.	450. (QUEENSLAND)	Maj SUTHERS, RA, 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	Gp 3.	1400.	1450.	1530.	CLAPHAM. 1820.	Midday.	Evening GOSFORD 1814-1915 hrs. B'fast. STH GRAFTON 0825-0940 " Midday CA SINO 1300-1404 "
7.	328. (QUEENSLAND)	Cap t HW, FREDERICK S, (2/3 Aust Fd Amb).	213- Gp 6. 48- " 10. 66- " 11. 1- " 12.	1545.	1635.	1715.	CLAPHAM. 2230.	"	Evening GOSFORD 2000-2115 hrs. B'fast KEMPSEY 0807-0930 " Midday STH GRAFTON 1313-1434 " Evening CA SINO 1655-1820 "

ROAD MARCH TIMETABLE.
NSW Personnel and others taking leave therein.

Bus Convoy No.	Personnel- All ranks.	Convoy Comd.	Commence Embussing.	Convoy Departs.	Arrives NARELLAN.	Last meal on board.	Composition of Convoy and Movement off Ship.	Remarks.
1.	500.	Capt SOMERVILLE, RJ. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	1600 hrs.	1630 hrs.	1900 hrs.	Midday.	500- 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	
2.	500.	Maj GILLAN, HG, 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	1750 hrs.	1800 hrs.	2030 hrs.	Evening.	474- 2/13 Aust Inf Bn. 26- 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	Excl- 2/13 Bn-100 per- sonnel Rear Party
3.	500.	Maj BROADBENT, JR. 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	1900 hrs.	1930 hrs.	2200 hrs.	Evening.	75- 2/15 Aust Inf Bn. 425- 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	
4.	500.	Maj BLISS, LG, 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	2030 hrs.	2100 hrs.	2330 hrs.	Evening.	500- 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	2/17 Bn-100 per- sonnel Rear Party (Excl)
5.	503.	Maj JUNIOR, D, Sigs, 9 Aust Div.	2200 hrs.	2230 hrs.	0100 hrs.	Evening.	47- 2/17 Aust Inf Bn. 117-HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde. 162- Sigs 9 Aust Div. 69- Gp 6. 48- Gp 7. 60- Gp 9.	This convoy is less OC Tps, Adj, A/Adj QM, QM Sjt, Ord Room Sjt-remaining on board.
6.	500.	Capt COFFILL, FS, 101 Aust Gen Tpt Coy.	2330 hrs.	0001 hrs.	0230 hrs.	Evening.	259- 101 Aust Tpt Coy. 187- Gp 10. 54- Gp 11.	101 Aust Tpt Coy- 50 NSW personnel Rear Party. (Excl)
7.	103	Capt CHAPMAN, GH, 6 Aust Fd Censor Unit.	0100 hrs.	0130 hrs.	0400 hrs.	Evening.	184- Gp 11. 9- Gp 12.	

M.T. Composition of Convoys 1 to 6.

12 double decker buses- Capacity 42 personnel.

1 single decker bus- (mechanical services-not available to tps).

5-3ton GS-for conveyance of sea and universal kit-bags and offrs baggage. Tps will retain personal arms.

Composition of Convoy No 7.

8 double decker buses.

1 " " " (mechanical services).

3-3ton GS.

FINAL DISPOSAL OF UNITS.

Appx "B".

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Action for Disposal of Members of Units.</u>
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.) Concentrate in Northern QUEENSLAND.
2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	
2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	
2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	
2/3 Aust Fd Amb.) " " " " "
2/4 Aust Fd Hygiene.	
A Sec 2/4 MAC.	Concentrate ATHERTON (Q)
3 Aust Dental Unit.) To form 2/8 Aust Dental Unit-
4 Aust Dental Unit.) Concentrate ATHERTON (Q).
9 Aust Div Pro Coy.	Concentrate Northern QUEENSLAND.
101 Aust Gen Tpt Coy.	Concentrate in BRISBANE (Q)
HQ Sigs AIF (ME)	Concentrate QUEENSLAND-re-designated and absorbed in Sigs, 2 Aust Corps.
18 Aust Op Sec.) To be concentrated at BONEGILLA and form part of HQ 1 Aust Ind Sig Gp.
19 Aust Op Sec.	
6 Aust Line Maint Sec.	
11 Aust DR Sec.	Concentrate QUEENSLAND and join Sigs 2 Aust Corps.
2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn.	Concentrate SYDNEY. (NSW)
2/2 Aust Ord Store Coy.	Concentrate BANDIANA.
1 Aust Depot Bn.	To be disbanded-personnel absorbed from States of Origin
AIF Offrs Shops No 1 & 2.	Unit to be retained and re-designated and to replace existing HQ Offrs Shop on the O of B-Personnel to MELBOURNE.
A.A.C.S.	To be absorbed from States of Origin
1 Aust Base Postal Unit.	To be disbanded and personnel absorbed from States of Origin.
1 Aust Con Depot.	To be disbanded-personnel absorbed into 106 Aust Con Depot ATHERTON (Q)
2nd Ech.	To be absorbed into 2nd Ech MELBOURNE.
Finance Sec.	To be disbanded-personnel absorbed from States of Origin.
AIF (ME) Kit Store.	To concentrate in SYDNEY-further instns will then be issued.
Aust S.I.B.	To be disbanded-personnel absorbed into Pro Units of States.
5 Aust Fd Censor Unit.) Concentrate MELBOURNE. (VIC)
6 Aust Fd Censor Unit.	
Details "B" Class.	Unknown.
9 Aust Div Salvage Unit.	Concentrate Northern QUEENSLAND.
9 Aust Div Reception Camp.) Assumed concentration QUEENSLAND.
9 Aust Div Concert Party.	
A.C.F.) Unknown.
Y.M.C.A.	
Salvation Army.	
Red Cross.	
1 Aust Detention Barracks.	Concentrate Northern QUEENSLAND.

TRAVEL CONCESSIONS.

Travel Concessions will be granted as follows:-

NEW SOUTH WALES.

(a) Trains-Return ticket at single fare on any day (no minimum fare) to any station in NSW, available for return up to and incl date of expiry shown on Leave Pass.

(b) Trams- 1 and 2 sections- 1d, 3 and 4 sections- 2d,
5 sections- 3d.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

(a) Trains- (i) Free Home Leave passes once each month. Issue by units-leave only to be granted at intervals and under conditions specified in GRO A559/1942.

(ii) Service personnel in uniform are granted Return tickets at $\frac{1}{2}$ excursion fare between all stations within SA at all times.

(b) Trams- (i) No free travel.
(ii) Up to and incl 4 sections- 2d, 5-6 sections- 3d,
Over 6 sections 4d.

QUEENSLAND.

(a) Trains- Fares at single fare plus one-third rate for return journey.

(b) Trams- Fixed fare- 2d- for any distance.

TASMANIA.

Trains- (i) Main lines-Return tickets at $\frac{1}{2}$ ordinary single fare- minimum 2/-.

(ii) Emu Bay Ry Coy-Return ticket at single fare.

(iii) My Lyell Mining and Ry Coy-Return tickets at $\frac{1}{2}$ return fare, and single tickets at two-thirds single fare.

VICTORIA.

(a) Trains- Country- about $\frac{1}{2}$ single fare for return journey.
Suburban- about $\frac{1}{2}$ ordinary fare for return journey.

(b) Trams & Tramway Busses- $\frac{1}{2}$ ordinary fare.

N.S.W. DISEMBARKATION-ASSEMBLY AREAS.

Serial.	Gps.	No. of Personnel.	Assembly Areas.	Time of Assembly.	Time of Embussing.	Date.
1.	2.	500.	A Deck, blocks 1 & 2.	1430.	1600.	27 Feb 43.
2.	2 & 3.	474, 26.	B Deck, blocks 11 & 12.	1600.	1750.	27 " "
3.	3 & 4.	75, 425.	B Deck, block 12-quarters.	1730.	1900.	27 " "
4.	4.	500.	Quarters.	1900.	2030.	27 " "
5.	1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9.	117, 47, 162, 69, 48, 60.	B Deck aft & amid star.	2030.	2200.	27 " "
6.	8, 10, 11.	259, 187, 54.	B Deck aft & amid port.	2200.	2330.	27 " "
7.	11 & 12.	184, 9.	B Deck aft & amid star.	2330.	0100.	28 " "

NOTES:

- (a) Rep Gp 3 to report 26 Feb to Gp 2 for assembly arrangements.
- (b) Offrs in charge Assembly Docks:-Capt JENSEN, Lieuts MURISON, HARPAM.

INTERSTATE DISEMBARKATION-ASSEMBLY AREAS.

Serial.	Gps.	No. of Personnel.	Assembly Areas.	Time of Assembly.	Embarkation time-Ferry.	Date.
1.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.	52, 25, 25, 40, 127, 53, 45, 16, 31, 86.	B Deck aft & amid port.	0600.	0745.	28 Feb 43.
2.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9.	44, 27, 77, 32, 60, 13, 28, 19.	B Deck aft & amid star.	0700.	0830.	28 " "
3.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.	9, 8, 3, 7, 21, 12, 9, 12, 1, 58, 102, 1.	B Deck aft & amid port.	0745.	0915.	28 " "
4.	3.	450.	Quarters.	0830.	1000.	28 " "
5.	10, 11, 12, 1-12.	87, 167, 6, 77.	B Deck aft & amid star. Tasmanian personnel.	0915.	1045.	28 " "
6.	3.	450.	Quarters.	1230.	1400.	28 " "
7.	6, 10, 11, 12.	23, 48, 60, 1.	B Deck aft & amid port.	1415.	1545.	28 " "

NOTES:

(a) Convoys assembling on "B" Deck will move via stairway aft to assembly areas and disembark via "B" Deck main stairway.

(b) NZ personnel moving under orders Movt SYDNEY will assemble in quarters "C" Deck by 1400 hrs 27 Feb 43 and disembark via "C" Deck main stairway at a time to be notified. NZ Liaison offr to report to Ship's Orderly Room 1400 hrs 27 Feb 43 for disembarkation instructions.

(c) Disembarkation pts will be notified to Gps as soon as information is available.

(d) Mess times to be notified separately. Convoys assembling before Mess times, and disembarking after mess, will proceed to assembly areas, stack gear and return to assembly areas immediately after mess.

by

Brigadier W. J. V. WINDEYER, DSO, ED.

Official Use Only. (AMR & O 1587)

1 Feb 43.

1. Duties:Ships Fd Offrs:

Capt M.A. FERGUSON,

Capt E.A. HANDLEY,

Next for Duty-

Capt B.G. CRIBB,

Tour of Duty-

31 Jan to 4 Feb 43.

2 Feb to 6 Feb 43.

4 Feb to 8 Feb 43.

Ships Orderly Offrs:

Lieut L.T.A. HANSEN,

Lieut J.W. RYAN,

Next for Duty-

Lieut H.W. POPE,

31 Jan to 4 Feb 43.

2 Feb to 6 Feb 43.

4 Feb to 8 Feb 43.

Orderly Medical Offrs:

Capt P. GOODE,

Capt S. ROSE,

Next for Duty-

Capt W. HUGHES,

31 Jan to 4 Feb 43.

2 Feb to 6 Feb 43.

4 Feb to 8 Feb 43.

Ships Orderly Sjts:

Sjt STORY, I.D,

Sjt SLAUGHTER, P.R,

Next for Duty-

Sjt EARL, R.L,

31 Jan to 4 Feb 43.

2 Feb to 6 Feb 43.

4 Feb to 8 Feb 43.

Ships Orderly Cpls:

Cpl ANDERSON, V,

Cpl KENNEDY, R.J,

Next for Duty-

Cpl CARTER, N,

31 Jan to 4 Feb 43.

2 Feb to 6 Feb 43.

4 Feb to 8 Feb 43.

Unit for Duty-

2/15 Aust Inf Bn- 27 Jan to 4 Feb 43.

Next for Duty-

2/13 Aust Inf Bn- 4 Feb to 12 Feb 43.

2. OC Troops Conferences:

Ref RO 1 para 2 (b)

Afternoon conferences will in future be held at 1630 hrs.

3. Repairs to Ships Fittings:

When reporting to Tps Offr fixtures to be repaired Gps will state the sec or block of the ship where repairs are required.

4. Conversion of Currencies:

All ranks are advised that as from Wed 3 Feb 43 no further amounts of PALESTINIAN or EGYPTIAN currency will be accepted for conversion to stg.

5. Fd Returns:

Attention of all units is drawn to SO No 28. All returns normally fwded to 2nd Ech for period 30 Jan 43 will be lodged at Gpi Orderly Rooms not later than 1700 hrs 2 Feb 43. Gps will fwd returns to Ships Orderly Room by 1800 hrs same day.

6. Unit Part 1 Orders:

One copy of all unit Part 1 Orders published since embarkation will be fwded to Gpi Orderly Rooms by 1200 hrs 3 Feb 43. One copy of any further Part 1 Orders will be fwded immediately on publication. Gps will fwd Orders to Ships Orderly Room by 1300 hrs same day.

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7. Amenities.

Ref RO 4 para 11.

- (a) Concert- 1 Feb- Gps 8,9,10- Gp 8 to provide picquet.
- 2 Feb- Gps 11 & 13- Gp 11 to provide picquet.

(b) Sport-

A boxing tournament will be held at an early date.

Classes- Hy, Lt hy 12.7, Middle 11.6, Welter 10.7,
 Lt 9.9, Feather 9.0, Bantam 8.6,.

Nominations- will be fwded to Gp Sports Offr not later than 1100 hrs 3 Feb. No subsequent nominations will be accepted.

8. Life-belts:

- (a) Some personnel did not carry their life-belts during the journey to MASSAWA. From the commencement of the next stage of the voyage this order must be enforced.
- (b) Life belts have been found lying about in various parts of the ship. These will be collected by the Gp responsible for each area and returned to Tps Offr Mr AUSTIN.
- (c) Gps will ensure that a check is kept and that if a man has received a life-belt, he is not able to allege that he never had one.
- (d) Damaged life-belts should be replaced through the Tps Offr (Mr AUSTIN).

DISTRIBUTION:

As for Standing Orders.

Amickson Maj.
 Ship's Adjutant.

--NOTICES--

BAND CONCERT: 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn band will play on open well deck, aft from 1930 to 2030 hrs 1 Feb 43.

LOST:

During reorganisation of "C" Deck-
 1 blouse, battle dress, hat felt NZ pattern.
 Haversack-VX 3421 marked on back. Contents of sentimental value only. REWARD OF £2- stg.
 Between "F" Deck and Boat sta No 5 Port side.
 one belt waist, bayonet, scabbard and frog.
 1 American type fountain pen "C" Deck. REWARD offered. Finder return to Gp 13 Ord Room.

FOUND:

Sweater on "B" Deck.
 Camera case; Pay book No 189328; Wrist.watch;
 Identity Discs; NX 20931, NX 25359, NX 18971.

ROUTINE ORDER No 8.

by

Brigadier W. J. V. WINDEYER, DSO, ED.

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2 Feb 43.

1. Duties: As stated in NO No 6.
2. Deck Space:
 - (a) Gps will ensure that during the hrs set down for trg in SO all personnel are properly occupied in PT or other trg laid down in Gp syllabus on the deck space allotted. They must be in squads under offrs or NCOs.
 - (b) Housie or card games will NOT be played during parade hrs.
3. Ships Buckets, Mops & Brooms:
Buckets, mops and brooms are being removed from messes, causing considerable inconvenience. This practice must cease immediately.
4. Postal:
Cables and Telegrams will NOT be accepted by Ships Post Office. Mails will be accepted but will not be put ashore until final Port of disembarkation.

Rates:- (Stg- Surface mail within AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND).

up to 4 ozs- Free.
 over 4 ozs- Letters 1d per oz.
 Packets 1d per 4 ozs.
 Parcels AU ST only-
 1-lb 6d, 2lbs 9d, 3lbs 1/-, 5-lbs 1/3,
 8-lbs 1/6, 11-lbs 1/9.

Air mail within AUSTRALIA- 3d per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

5. Amenities: Ref RO 4 para 11.

<u>Concert-</u>	2 Feb-Gps 11 & NZEF-	Gp 11 to provide picquet.
	3 Feb-Gps 1 & 2-	Gp 2 to provide picquet.

Band Concert- 2 Feb from 1930 to 2045 hrs bands will play as follows:-
 20 Bde Band- aft, well deck.
 1 Aust HQ Gd Bn Band-fwd, on open deck below br.

Amateur Talent Quest:

An amateur talent quest will be held at an early date.

Entrants to submit:-

Name, unit and coy.

Type of item or act.

Approx time taken up by item.

All entries to be lodged with gp Amenities offrs NOT later than 1100 hrs 4 Feb 43. Contestants will be notified when they are to appear. Prizes will be given. Further particulars from Mr F. BRIGGS, Salvation Army.

Piano: The piano in "B" mess will not be used without written authority signed by the Ships Amenities Offr.

6. Life-belts:
As from 0600 hrs 3 Feb 43 life-belts will be carried at all times.

DISTRIBUTION:

As for Standing Orders.

W. J. V. Windeyer Maj.
 Ship's Adjutant.

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by

Brigadier W.J.V. WINDEYER, DSO, ED.

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3 Feb 43.

1. Duties:

<u>Ships Pd Offrs:</u>	<u>Tour of Duty-</u>
Capt E.A. HANDLEY,	2 Feb to 6 Feb 43.
Capt B.G. CRIBB,	4 Feb to 8 Feb 43.
<u>Next for Duty-</u>	
Capt H.H. COOPER,	6 Feb to 10 Feb 43.

<u>Ships Orderly Offrs:</u>	
Lieut J.W. RYAN,	2 Feb to 6 Feb 43.
Lieut H.W. POPE,	4 Feb to 8 Feb 43.
<u>Next for Duty-</u>	
Lieut R.G.M. TURNER,	6 Feb to 10 Feb 43.

<u>Orderly Medical Offrs:</u>	
Capt S. ROSE,	2 Feb to 6 Feb 43.
Capt W. HUGHES,	4 Feb to 8 Feb 43.
<u>Next for Duty-</u>	
Capt J. McDONALD,	6 Feb to 10 Feb 43.

<u>Ships Orderly Sjts:</u>	
Sjt SLAUGHTER, PR,	2 Feb to 6 Feb 43.
Sjt EARL, R.L,	4 Feb to 8 Feb 43.
<u>Next for Duty-</u>	
Sjt CARBON, A.B.	6 Feb to 10 Feb 43.

<u>Ships Orderly Cpls:</u>	
Cpl KENNEDY, R.J,	2 Feb to 6 Feb 43.
Cpl CARTER, N,	4 Feb to 8 Feb 43.
<u>Next for Duty-</u>	
Cpl FOURNIE, J,	6 Feb to 10 Feb 43.

<u>Unit for Duty-</u>	2/15 Aust Inf Bn- 27 Jan to 4 Feb 43.
<u>Next for Duty-</u>	2/13 Aust Inf Bn- 4 Feb to 12 Feb 43.

2. Darken Ship: Night 3/4 Feb 43- 1815 to 0635 hrs.

The convoy is now entering dangerous waters and all ranks must be impressed that the Blackout must be absolute. Smoking on deck is an offence during blackout hrs and offenders will be dealt with in accordance with SO para 10.

3. Housie:

No man is permitted to run "housie" unless in possession of a certificate signed by a Gp Comd. No profit will be made by organisers.

4. Library Hrs:

The offrs' Library will be open during the following hrs:-
0900 to 0930 hrs: 1530 to 1630 hrs.

5. Ironing Room:

The ironing room is out of bounds except for the following personnel:- Nurses, Offrs' batmen holding Duty Passes.

6. Traffic:

Attention is drawn to SO para 33. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

7. Religious Services:

Commencing tonight, OPD Religious Services will be held each Wednesday from 1900 to 1930 hrs in Ships Library "A" Deck.

8. Amenities:

Concert- 3 Feb- Gps 1 and 2- Gp 2 to provide picquet.
4 Feb- Gp 3 - Gp 3 to provide picquet.

9. Canteen:

(a) Commencing 4 Feb the Dry Canteen will be open from 1000 to 1100 hrs daily to WO's, Sjts, L/Sjts for the purchases of all, except rationed, items.

(b) Soft drinks will be available in Recreation Room, "B" Deck aft daily at the following times:-
1400 to 1600 hrs; 1900 to 21 00 hrs.

DISTRIBUTION:

As for Standing Orders.

Hamilton Maj.
Ship's Adjutant.

NOTICES.

Lost: On "C" Deck, one brown leather tobacco pouch, zip fastener.
In Rec Room, shirt containing Wallet Pay-book.
One wrist watch.
On "F" Deck- in washing room, 1 wrist watch.
In No 1 bathroom, wrist watch, black band, luminous.
Money belt and money, identity discs in E Deck latrine.
One Waterman Fountain Pen and Eversharp pencil.
One Waterman Fountain Pen and pocket book.
One wrist watch, bathroom "E" Deck aft, name NASH engraved.

Found: Pistol-No 844002- with belt and holster.
On "C" Deck- MM decoration.
Pipe.
Identity Discs- QX 20724; QX 28511.

ROUTINE ORDER- No 10.

by

Brigadier W.J.V. WINDEYER, DSO, ED.

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1. Duties: As stated in RO No 9.
2. Darken Ship: Blackout hrs for night 4/5 Feb 43- 1800 to 0705 hrs.
3. Ship's Clocks: Clocks will be adv 60 mins at 2359 hrs 4/2/43.
4. Bounds:
 - (a) Mens recreation room "B" deck deck aft is out of bounds except for cleaning fatigues and authorised trg classes until 1400 hrs daily.
 - (b) The recreation room will be closed at 2200 hrs daily and kept closed until opened to cleaning fatigues daily.
 - (c) After the canteen closes in the recreation room daily a general 'Housie' game will be conducted by the Duty Unit for personnel of any unit. No other game will be permitted.
 - (d) Gps desiring to use the recreation room for trg classes between 1100 and 1400 hrs daily will apply to Capt JENSEN at Ship's Hqs. Units using the room for classes will clean it immediately after use.
 - (e) The tops of domes and coverings of Public rooms on boat deck are out of bounds to all ranks. The domes and coverings are glass painted over, and several have already been broken.
5. Inspections:
 - (a) Inspection of Food:
Fd offrs will meet the Chief Steward, or his rep, at the following times to sample the food before each mess:-
0650 hrs; 1150 hrs; 1650 hrs.
RV: Outside Chief Stewards Office "D" Deck sq.
 - (b) Ship's Inspection:
NCOs in charge Toilet Fatigues will meet the inspection party in their own a reas.
6. Tropical Precautions:
Owing to a shortage of salt, para 3 (a) of RO No 6 will not be enforced.
7. Amenities: Ref RO No 4 para 11.
 - Concert: 4 Feb, Gp 3, gp to provide picquet.
5 Feb, Gp 4, gp to provide picquet.
 - Boxing: All entrants for Ship's boxing tournament will report to landing, main stairway, B Deck at 0900 hrs 5 Feb to be weighed in.

DISTRIBUTION:

[Signature] Maj.
Ship's Adjutant.

NOTICES.

Lost:

A Deck Sjts Lounge area-1 pr horn-rimmed glasses, leather case.
A or B Deck- Paybook- Sjt MASON: REWARD silver watch engraved
A Deck fwd-Swan pen, rose coloured: LD LECORNU, SX 8685.
A & B Decks- 1 issue clasp knife; Cig lighter HH WREN:
C Deck latrine-one web belt: Hat FS; Belt web braces pouches basic,
Neversack, photos-branded BW TUCKEY,

ROUTINE ORDER- NO 11.

by

Brigadier W.J.V. WINDEYER, DSO, ED.

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5 Feb 43.

1. Duties:

<u>Ships Pd Offrs:</u>	<u>Tour of Duty:</u>
Capt B.G. CRIBB,	4 Feb to 8 Feb 43.
Capt H.H. COOPER,	6 Feb to 10 Feb 43.
Next for Duty-	
Maj A.M. ALLISON,	8 Feb to 12 Feb 43.

<u>Ships Orderly Offrs:</u>	
Lieut H.M. POPE,	4 Feb to 8 Feb 43.
Lieut R.C.M. TURNER,	6 Feb to 10 Feb 43.
Next for Duty-	
Lieut K.B. BABINE,	8 Feb to 12 Feb 43.

<u>Orderly Medical Offrs:</u>	
Capt W. HUGHES,	4 Feb to 8 Feb 43.
Capt J. McDONALD,	6 Feb to 10 Feb 43.
Next for Duty-	
Capt K. ARROW SMITH,	8 Feb to 12 Feb 43.

<u>Ships Orderly Sjts:</u>	
Sjt EARL, R.,	4 Feb to 8 Feb 43.
Sjt CARSON, A.B.,	6 Feb to 10 Feb 43.
Next for Duty-	
Sjt McQUILTY, E.,	8 Feb to 12 Feb 43.

<u>Ships Orderly Cpls:</u>	
Cpl CARRER, N.,	4 Feb to 8 Feb 43.
Cpl FOURNIE, J.,	6 Feb to 10 Feb 43.
Next for Duty-	
Cpl VALLOTTO, G.J.,	8 Feb to 12 Feb 43.

Unit for Duty-	2/15 Aust Inf Bn- 4 Feb to 12 Feb 43.
Next for Duty-	2/17 Aust Inf Bn- 12 Feb to 20 Feb 43.

2. Darken Ship: Blackout hrs for night 5/6 Feb 43- 1835 to 0745 hrs.

3. Ship's Clocks: Clocks will be adv 60 mins at 2359 hrs 5/2/43.

4. Detention Deck:

(a) Detention deck on board HMT VV 324 will be inspected daily by the following persons:-

- (i) An orderly off'r detailed for duty by OC Tps.
- (ii) SMO or by a MO detailed by SMO for that purpose.

(b) Each occupant of the detention barracks will be seen daily by the off'r referred to in Para 1 who will furnish a daily report of their inspections to OC Tps.

(c) Staff of detention barracks will admit only the following persons to the detention barracks :-

- (i) Ship's offrs as required by Ship's Captain.
- (ii) Such persons as are expressly authorised by OC Tos HMT VV 324.

(d) A Chaplain desiring to visit detention barracks will apply to Ship's HQs for the requisite authority. If authorised to visit he will be accompanied by an off'r.

(e) LSO may visit detention barracks at such times as he may

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think fit and inspect all records, warrants etc and report to OC Tps on the lawfulness of the detention or custody of all persons confined.

(f) The provisions of Div 19 of AMR & O will be complied with as closely as possible in the administration of the said detention barracks.

5. Sunburn:

All ranks are warned against tropical sun. Many cases of bad sunburn have already been reported and the greatest of care should be taken when on open decks.

6. Copper Coin:

Owing to the shortage of stg copper, it has been found necessary to use NZ copper coin. As NZ currency is not legal tender in AUSTRALIA, all personnel are warned to change any copper in their possession ONE DAY prior to disembarkation at the Ship's Purser's Office.

7. Sleeping in Working Alleyways:

This practice will be controlled by Gps. A free passage will be left at all times. Mattresses will not be removed from cabins under any circumstance.

8. Toilet Paper Shortage:

All personnel must be warned that toilet paper is rationed to 6 sheets per man per day. Unless all ranks co-operate, a serious shortage will result.

9. Amenities: Ref RO No 4 para 11.

Concerts 5 Feb 43- Gp 4, GP to provide picquet.
6 Feb 43- Gps 5,6,7, GP 6 to provide picquet.

DISTRIBUTION:
As for Standing Orders.

Smilson Maj
Ship's Adjutant.

LOST:

NOTICES.

1 Groundsheet; 1 grey jersey sjt's chevrons; 1 brown wallet with £3½ and PAL money; 1 water bottle; 1 greatcoat; 1 hat KF; 1 paybook QX22502
BLYTH D; 1 brown leather wallet with £5/6; watch plaited strap
FONDACIER swiss; 1 pullover sjt's chev; small purse zip with key
small amount money;

FOUND:

Wallet EA WILLIAMS SX 6308; fountain pen EVERLAST; med sheet from pay book; 1 ring; identity discs VX 36176; NX57529; NX24822; NX 91507; QX31116;

CHURCH SERVICES.

Sunday 7 Feb 43.

C of E.

0650 hrs) Sjts Lounge "A" Deck.
0730 ") Holy Communion.
1000 ") Offrs Lounge "A" Deck.
Band- HQ Gd Bn.

O.P.D.

1000 hrs. Sjts Lounge "A" Deck.
1045 " Holy Communion-Library "A" Deck
Band- 20 Aust Inf Bde.

R.C.

0615 hrs.) Library "A" Deck.
0650 ")
0800 ")
0900 ")

ROUTINE ORDER NO 12.

by

Brigadier W.J.V. WINDEYER, DSO, ED.

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6 Feb 43.

1. Duties: As stated in RO No 11.
2. Darken Ship: Blackout hrs for night 6/7 Feb 43- 1915 to 0715 hrs.
3. Dress:
Some tps are attending Mess Parades improperly dressed. This practice will cease. Gps will ensure that tps dress in accordance with dress laid down in RO's. Tps insufficiently clad will NOT be permitted to enter the Mess Halls.
4. Identity Discs: Tps will wear identity discs at all times.
5. Amenities:
 - (a) Concert: Ref RO No 4 para 11.
6 Feb 43: Gps 5,6,7- Gp 6 to provide picquet.
7 Feb 43: Gps 8,9,10- Gp 10 " " " "
The concert on night 6 Feb will commence at 2000 hrs. Start time 1945 hrs as originally laid down will still apply to all other concerts.
 - (b) Picquet will in future report at 1900 hrs. Offr in charge will ensure that no personnel are allowed to enter concert hall until it has been properly cleaned by the mess orderlies.
 - (c) Sport: Ship's boxing tournament will commence 8 Feb 43. Bouts will be from 0930 hrs daily. Draw will be published before that date. Boxing ring is situated on well deck, aft.
 - (d) Trophies: All trophies to be competed for on ship will be displayed from 0930-1700 hrs 6,7,8 Feb 43 in windows outside barbers saloon, B deck.
 - (e) Volley Ball:
Due to shortage of medicine balls, some will NOT be used for playing volley ball over a net.
 - (f) Medicine Balls: Will be kept under Gp arrangements in orderly rooms at all times when not in use. The practice of keeping medicine balls in cabins will cease forthwith.

DISTRIBUTION:As for Standing Orders.

Emilson Maj.
Ship's Adjutant.

NOTICES.A.C.F.

The following has been received from the ACF and distributed to gps pro-
rate:- Fine cut tobacco 12986 ozs; cig papers 6493;
Toilet soap 6349 cakes; razor blades 6449 pkts.

Found.

Identity Discs: QX21309; NX22024; QX6820; NX83444;
Matchbox cover QX5887.

HMT.VV. 324
ROUTINE ORDER NO 13

by

Brigadier W.J.V. WINDEYER, DSO, ED

AT SEA

7 Feb 43

1. Duties: As stated in RO No 11.
2. Darken Ship: Blackout hrs for night 7/8 Feb 2000 to 0821 hrs.
3. D.C.M: NX 30776 Pte SCHAFER HAROLD of 2/15 Aust Inf Bn
Date of Trial: 3 Feb 43.
Place of Trial: HMT VV 324.
Convoking OFFR: Brig. W.J.V. WINDEYER
Officer Commanding Troops HMT VV 324
Charge: When on active service absenting himself without leave

in that he
at Julis absented himself without leave from
2215 hrs on 2 Jan 43 until apprehended by the
Australian Military Police at Tel Aviv at 1045
hrs on 14 Jan 43.
Finding: Guilty of charge.
Sentence: To undergo detn for ninety (90) days.
Date of sentence: 3 Feb 43.
Minute of Confirmation: I confirm the finding and sentence.
Confirming Officer: Brig W.J.V. Windeyer
Officer Commanding Troops HMT VV.324.
Date of Confirmation: 4 Feb 43.
Promulgation: Promulgated to accused on HMT.VV 324 on
6 Feb 43.

4. Detention Deck: Ref to RO No 4 of 5 Feb 43, the words "detention deck and ship's cells" shall be substituted for the words "detention barracks" wherever they appear therein.
5. Amenities: Ref RO No 4 Para 11.
(a) Concert: 7 Feb 43 Gps 8,9 & 10. Gp 10 to provide picquet.
8 Feb 43 Gp 11 and NZEF. Gp 11 to provide picquet.
(b) Sport: Owing to the inability of the ship to provide a mat or substitute covering for the ring, the boxing tournament as previously notified in RO No 7 para 7 (b), is hereby cancelled.

DISTRIBUTION:
As for Standing Orders

Wm. J. V. Windeyer
..... Maj
Ship's Adj't

NOTICES

FOUND:

1 Tobacco pouch passageway "C" Deck port side; Sum of money "A" Deck aft, full particulars may be had at Ship's orderly room; Metal match box cover inscribed; Spectacles in case property VX12300; 2 Keys on ring; Identity discs NX8546, TX3864, VX 23262, NX 73916, NX53890, QX27859.

LOST:

Web Belt property of NX81875, Identity discs NX24575, On "E" Deck Fwd 1 pr shorts, 1 pay book property of NX22435 Pte LEE J 2/17 Bn, 1 sweater property of NX19143 Cpl FIRTH, On starboard tennis court Sam Brown Belt, reward \$1 stg; Pannican, Greatcoat property QX7958 Pte Hay T, Hat K.F. property QX12992 Pte Hilleary E, Uniform FS property QX11913 Pte Smith G R, Hat K.f. property Pte Thompson C G

HMT. VV. 324
ROUTINE ORDER No. 14

by

BRIGADIER W.J.V. WINDEYER. DSO. ED.

AT SEA

8 Feb 43

1. DUTIES: As stated in RO No.11
2. DARKEN SHIP: Blackout hrs for night 8/9 Feb 43 2010 to 0754 hrs.

3. AMENITIES:

Concert: Ref EO. No.4 para 11.

8 Feb 43 Gp 11 and NZ EF : Gp 11 to provide picquet

9 Feb 43 Gps 1 and 2 : Gp 1 to provide picquet

Band Concerts: Until further notice the bands of HQ Gd Bn and 20 Aust Inf Bde will play at the two locations forward and aft. from 1500 to 1630 hrs
1830 to 2000 hrs.

Amateur Talent Quest: Contestants will be notified of the date of their appearance through Gps Orderly Rooms.

Boxing: Ref EO No.13 para 5 (b)

The boxing tournament will commence 0930 hrs 9 Feb and continue each morning at that time.

Officials:

Organizers: Lieut C. Huggett
Lieut F.G. Westhoven.
Referee & Judges: Capt M. Halliday
Lieut C. Huggett
S/Sjt Cubitt W. NZ E.F.
Steward: Lieut F. Westhoven
M.O.: Capt W.C.R. Goode M.C.
Timekeeper: Andrews D.E.C.
Announcer: Jii Kirkham J.A.
Official Seconds: Pte Juffnell H.
Pte Pemberton L.

Competitors will report to Lieut Westhoven at 0915 hrs on day of bout.

Tues 9th.

Pte HUDSON J	2/17 Bn	V Pte WOOD	AACS.
Pte LACEY M	2/15 Bn	V L/Cpl CLOTHIER	2/13 Bn.
Pte HODDER	2/17 Bn	V Pte WAYNE	2/13 Bn
Pte DAVIS	2/13 Bn	V Cpl HEALY	9 Div Pro

Wed 10th

Pte SHARP J	9 Div Sigs	V Pte McDOWELL	2/15 Bn
Pte BRIDGE W	2/13 Bn	V Pte SEATON	2/15 Bn
Pte GARDINER	AACS	V Pte EBLEY C	2/13 Bn
		V Pte BARNEY	2/17 Bn

THURS 11th

Pte BENTLEY	2/13 Bn	V Pte BOWKER	2/17 Bn
Pte OWEN	2/15 Bn	V Pte SMITH R	HQ Sigs
Pte DEVENNEY J	2/13 Bn	V Pte MATT E	2/17 Bn
Pte JOHNSTONE E	2/13 Bn	V Pte BURGE R	2/13 Bn

4. CLEARING OF OPEN DECKS:

All open decks used for sleeping out purposes will be cleared by 0630 hrs daily.

DISTRIBUTION:

As for Standing Orders.

Cat
Maj.
Ship's Adj't.

HMT VV 324
ROUTINE ORDER NO 15

by

BRIGADIER W.J.V. WINDEYER. DSO. ED

AT SEA

9 Feb 43

1. DUTIES:

Ship's Ed Offrs: Tour of duty
Maj A.M. ALISON 8 Feb to 12 Feb 43.
Capt C.H. WILSON 10 Feb to 14 Feb 43.
Next for duty:
Capt J.H. DIERING 12 Feb to 16 Feb 43.

Ship's Orderly Offrs:
Lieut K.B. SABINE 8 Feb to 12 Feb 43.
Lieut H.H. MAIN 10 Feb to 14 Feb 43.
Next for duty:
Lieut A.E. NICHOLSON 12 Feb to 16 Feb 43.

Ship's Medical Offrs:
Capt K. ARROWSMITH 8 Feb to 12 Feb 43.
Capt A. BRETT 10 Feb to 14 Feb 43.
Next for duty:
Capt D.C. DAWKINS 12 Feb to 16 Feb 43.

Ship's Orderly Sjts:
Sjt McQUILTY E 8 Feb to 12 Feb 43.
" PERKINS D.H. 10 Feb to 14 Feb 43.
Next for duty:
Sjt HOWARD J 12 Feb to 16 Feb 43.

Ship's Orderly Cpls:
Cpl VALLOTTO S.J. 8 Feb to 12 Feb 43.
Cpl RUDDER T. 10 Feb to 14 Feb 43.
Next for duty:
Cpl BENNETT C.W. 12 Feb to 16 Feb 43.

2. DARKEN SHIP: Blackout hrs for 9/10 Feb 43 - 1956 to 0749 hrs.
Strict observance of black-out regulations will be observed whilst in /Port.

3. ALLOCATION OF BOAT DECK:
(a) 2/15 Bn - the Port side of the boat deck is allotted to 2/15 Bn from 0900 hrs to 1600 hrs daily.
2/17 Bn - the starboard side of the boat deck is allotted to 2/17 Bn from 0900 hrs to 1600 hrs daily.
Overflow from 2/15 Bn & 2/17 Bn on Boat Deck to occupy "A" Deck aft Port side.
(b) Offrs, Nurses, WOs & Sjts - The boat deck is available to Offrs, Nurses, WOs and Sjts only till 0900 hrs and from 1600 hrs daily. The portion on the port side of the Boat Deck forward of No 4 AA Post is available to Offrs and Nurses at all times. Silence will be maintained in the area near the Ship's Offrs quarters.
(c) Mess Orderlies - Mess Orderlies when off duty are allotted the aft end of "A" Deck.

4. AMENITIES: Concert Ref RO No 4 para 11.
9 Feb Gps 1 & 2 : Gp 1 to provide picquet.
10 Feb Gp 3 : Gp 3 to provide picquet.

Deck Tennis: Until such time as the Offrs tournament is finished, competition matches only will be played on the Starboard court between 1600 hrs and 1830 hrs.

DISTRIBUTION:
As for ship's standing orders.

W. J. V. Windeyer Maj
Ship's Adj't

HMT. VV.324.

ROUTINE ORDER No. 16.

by

Brigadier W.J.V. WINDEYER, DSO, ED.

At Sea.

10 Feb 43.

1. Duties: As stated in RO No 15.
2. Darken Ship: Blackout hrs for night 10/11 Feb 43-1954-0734 hrs.
3. OC Tps Conference: OC Tps conference will be held at 1400 hrs daily commencing 12 Feb 43.

4(a) D.C.M. QX 3369 Cpl James Henry WATSON, 2nd Aust Fd Amb att Sigs

9 Aust Div.

Date of Trial 5 Feb 43.

Place of Trial HMT VV 324.

Convening Offr Brigadier W.J.V. WINDEYER, Offr

Commanding Tps HMT VV 324.

Charge When on active service,

Using insubordinate language to his superior offr.

AA Sec 8 (2)

Finding Guilty of the charge.

Sentence To be reduced to the ranks.

Date of sentence 5 Feb 43.

Minute of Confirmation I confirm the finding and sentence.

Confirming Offr Brigadier W.J.V. WINDEYER, Offr commanding
Tps HMT VV 324.

Date of Confirmation 8 Feb 43.

Forfeiture of Pay Nil.

Promulgation Promulgated to accused on HMT VV 324 on 10
Feb 43.

(b) D.C.M. QX 1482 S/Sjt WATKINS, VH.2/15 Aust Inf Bn.

Date of Trial 8 Feb 43.

Place of Trial HMT VV 324.

Convening Offr Brigadier W.J.V. WINDEYER, offr

Commanding Tps HMT VV 324.

Charge When on active service absenting himself without
leave

in that he

at 157 Leave and Transit Camp TEWFIK, absented him-
self without leave from 1230 hrs 25 Jan 43 until
1710 hrs 25 Jan 43.

AA Sec 15 (1).

Finding Guilty of the charge.

Sentence To be severely reprimanded.

Date of Sentence 8 Feb 43.

Minute of Confirmation I confirm the finding and sentence.

Confirming Offr Brigadier W.J.V. WINDEYER, Offr Commanding
Tps HMT VV 324.

Date of Confirmation 9 Feb 43.

Forfeiture of Pay Nil.

Promulgation Promulgated to accused on HMT VV 324 on 10
Feb 43.

5. Amenities: Ref RO 4 para 11.

Concept 10 Feb Gp 3 to provide picquet.

11 Feb Gp 4 " " " "

noon 2 00 PM

Boxing Bouts as set down for 10 Feb were cancelled owing to the excessive heat. The tournament will continue 11 Feb 43.

Pte BOLAND, 2/13 Bn v Pte RUMBLE 2/13 Bn.
Pte SEATON, 2/15 Bn v Pte CALLINAN, 9 Div Sigs.
Pte KAVANAGH, MAC, v Pte GARDINER, MACS.

6. PAY:

(a) Pay office is open for the transaction of business between the hrs of 0900-1200 only daily.

(b) A general pay will be made 11 Feb 43. Pay up to, but not in excess of, the scale laid down by OC Tps, i.e. for the entire voyage: Offrs £10, WOs and Sjts £5, ORs £2.

7. Cameras:

In accordance with AIF Standing Order 535, the use of cameras on board ship, other than by official photographers, is forbidden. Applications for the taking of photographs will be made to Ships HQs.

DISTRIBUTION:

As for Standing Orders.

[Signature]
Ship's Adjutant.

NOTICES.

Religious Services-OPD.

Midweek service will be held at 1900 hrs in Ships Library, A Deck tonight conducted by Chaplain BOTTRELL.

Lost:

Leather purse, 5/- and foreign coins: 1 pr Bausch & Lomb Binoculars 6x30 No 7695 9 Feb S/hrd Deck tennis court: small purse by Sister H WILSON: 1 cap offrs patt Hendersons marked VX 1641: wrist watch no 1937: gold locket-shield shaped: library book "Housemaster": 2 keys on ring: chromium watch circular anti-magnetic REWARD: 4 keys on silver chain: sum of money on B deck: sum of money in Throatie tin: Hat KF 2nd ech colour patch: 1 watermans fountain pen: watch luminous waterproof DAMAS, REWARD: hat KF 2/17 patch: tobacco pouch:

Found:

small sum money A deck: tobacco pouch RJM: 1 pipe: locket VX1602
Cameron: fountain pen Conway Stewart:

HMT. VV 324.

ROUTINE ORDER No 17.

by

Brigadier W.J.V. WINDEYER, DSO, ED.

At Sea.

11 Feb 43.

1. Duties:

Ships Fd Offrs:

Capt C.H. WILSON
Capt J.H. DINNING

Next for Duty-

Capt E. McN CHRISTIE

Tour of Duty-

10 Feb to 14 Feb 43.

12 Feb to 16 Feb 43.

14 Feb to 18 Feb 43.

Ships Orderly Offrs:

Lieut H.H. MAIN

Lieut A.E. NICHOLSON

Next for Duty-

Lieut A.M. MURPHY

10 Feb to 14 Feb 43.

12 Feb to 16 Feb 43.

14 Feb to 18 Feb 43.

Ships Medical Offrs:

Capt A. BIRTT

Capt D.C. DAWKINS

Capt S. ROSE

10 Feb to 14 Feb 43.

12 Feb to 16 Feb 43.

14 Feb to 18 Feb 43.

Ships Orderly Sjtts:

Sjt PERKINS, D.H

Sjt HOWARD, J

Next for Duty-

Sjt O'BRIEN, C.M

10 Feb to 14 Feb 43.

12 Feb to 16 Feb 43.

14 Feb to 18 Feb 43.

Ships Orderly Cpls:

Cpl RUDDER, T

Cpl BENNETT, C.W

Next for Duty-

Cpl SENCE, L.J

10 Feb to 14 Feb 43.

12 Feb to 16 Feb 43.

14 Feb to 18 Feb 43.

Unit for Duty-

2/17 Aust Inf Bn-12 Feb to 20 Feb 43.

Next for Duty-

2/15 Aust Inf Bn-20 Feb to 22 Feb 43.

2. Derken Ship: Blackout for night 11/12 Feb 43-1952 to 0715 hrs.

3. Mail: As the Australian Army Postal Services are not now in the position to exchange mails with the Civil Postal Services of PALESTINE & EGYPT, the benefit of free postage to civilian addressees in those countries will cease to exist and mail must now pass through the Australian Civil Postal Services and at the following rates:- Palestine 2^½d, Egypt 3^½d.

4. Amenities: Concert-Ref RO No 4 para 11

11 Feb 43- Gp 4- to provide picquet.

12 Feb 43-Gps 5,6,7- Gp 5 to provide picquet.

A.C.F.: An ACF issue will be made to Gp Amenities Offrs 12 Feb at time to be notified by sig. Location-as previously advised.

Boxing: The following bouts will commence at 0930 hrs 12 Feb:-

Pte BOLAND 2/13 Bn v Pte RUMBLE 2/13 Bn.

Pte KAVANAGH MAC v Pte GARDINER AACs.

Boxers will report to Lieut WESTHOVEN at ring, 0915 hrs.

There will also be two exhibition spars & one comedy bout.

DISTRIBUTION:

As per Standing Orders.

W. J. V. Windeyer . Maj.
Ship's Adjutant.

Found:

spectacles and case; 2 tobacco pouches; 1 wallet;

Lost: "Berlin Diary"; "Keys to the Kings door"; "Night life of the Gods";

Shirt-paybook No 639720-NX89354; grey tobacco pouch; Conway S pen; boc.

7/5 bayonet scabb trousers KD:W/wach vic B103:hat KF :

NOTICES.

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ROUTINE ORDER NO 18.

by

Brigadier W.J.V. WINDEYER, DSO, ED.

AT SEA. Officer Commanding Troops HMT. VV324. 12 Feb 43.

1. Duties: As stated in RO No 17.
2. Darken Ship: Blackout for night 12/13 Feb 43- 1937 to 0653 hrs.
3. Sleeping on Decks: Gps will ensure that when personnel sleep on decks a clear passageway, at least 3 ft wide, is maintained next to ship's rail.

4. Amenities: Ref RO No 4 para 11.
Concert: 12 Feb 43- Gps, 5, 6, 7: Gp 5 to provide picquet.
13 Feb 43- Gps 8, 9, 10: Gp 8 to provide picquet.

Boxing: The following bouts will commence 0930 hrs 13 Feb 43:-

Pte MOTT 2/17 Bn v Pte BOLAND 2/13 Bn.

Bantamweight Final-

Pte SHINN 2/15 Bn v Pte FLEMING 2/15 Bn.

Featherweight Final-

Pte HUDSON 2/17 Bn v Pte BENTLEY 2/15 Bn.

Distribution:
As for Standing Orders.

Smithson Maj.
Ship's Adjutant.

NOTICES.

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 14 Feb 43.

<u>C of E.</u>	0650 hrs	}	Sjts Lounge "A" Deck.
	0730 "		Holy Communion.
	1000 "		Offrs Lounge A Deck.
	Bend-		HQ Gd Bn.
<u>O.P.D.</u>	1000 hrs	}	Sjts Lounge A Deck.
	1045 "		Holy Communion-Library A Deck.
	Bend-		20 Aust Inf Bde.
<u>R.C.</u>	0700 hrs	}	
	0800 "		Library A Deck.
	0900 "		
	1000 "		

pr spectacles & case SX 13839: LOSE. blue Eversharp pencil:

souvenir belt: tobacco pouch with FOUND. steel mirror: fountain pen-PAL:
toilet bag and gear: "Berlin Diary".

HMT. VV 324.

ROUTINE ORDER NO 19.

by

Brigadier W.J.V. WINDEYER, DSO, ED.

AT SEA. Officer Commanding Troops HMT. VV324. 13 Feb 43.

1. Duties:

Tour of Duty-

<u>Ships Fd Offrs:</u>	Capt J.H. DINNING,	12 Feb to 16 Feb 43.
	Capt E. McN. CHRISTIE,	14 Feb to 18 Feb 43.
	Capt T.P. DAVIES,	16 Feb to 20 Feb 43.
<u>Ships Orderly Offrs:</u>	Lieut A.E. NICHOLSON,	12 Feb to 16 Feb 43.
	Lieut A.M. MURPHY,	14 Feb to 18 Feb 43.
	Lieut D.H. SEENEY,	16 Feb to 20 Feb 43.
<u>Ships Medical Offrs:</u>	Capt D.C. DAWKINS,	12 Feb to 16 Feb 43.
	Capt S. ROSE,	14 Feb to 18 Feb 43.
	Capt J. McDONALD,	16 Feb to 20 Feb 43.
<u>Ships Orderly Sjts:</u>	Sjt HOWARD, J.,	12 Feb to 16 Feb 43.
	Sjt O'BRIEN, C.M.,	14 Feb to 18 Feb 43.
	Sjt HORSFALL, A.L.,	16 Feb to 20 Feb 43.
<u>Ships Orderly Cpls:</u>	Cpl BENNETT, C.W.,	12 Feb to 16 Feb 43.
	Cpl SENECE, L.J.,	14 Feb to 18 Feb 43.
	Cpl CHASE, B.B.,	16 Feb to 20 Feb 43.
<u>Unit for Duty-</u>	2/17 Aust Inf Bn-	12 Feb to 20 Feb 43.
<u>Next for Duty-</u>	2/15 Aust Inf Bn-	20 Feb to 22 Feb 43.

2. Darken Ship: Blackout for night 13/14 Feb 43-1922 to 0628 hrs.

3. Amenities: Ref RO No 4 para 11.

Concert: 13 Feb: Gps 8, 9, 10- Gp 8 to provide picquet.
14 Feb: Gps 11, 13- Gp 11 to provide picquet.

Boxing: There will be no boxing on Sun 14 Feb. Bouts will re-commence Mon 15 Feb.

DISTRIBUTION:

As for Standing Orders.

W. J. V. Windeyer Maj.
Ship's Adjutant.

NOTICES.

A.C.F.

A distribution was made on 12 Feb on a pro-rata basis of the following:- 6398 ozs tobacco, 6398 cig papers, 6483 handkerchiefs, and 6483 tubes toothpaste.

Lost:

Money belt::Hat KF-NZEF::Watch ANCOR" oblong shaped::Books-TOPPER
TAKES A TRIP", ROUGHANAPES" ::Gold wrist watch "PWS" :: Shirt and wall::
pr spectacles-black metal case::

Found:

Rifle No 67840- gps will check:: Binoculars :: Hat KF::Cap Offrs patt::
pr spectacles Sjt RT HYDE::

For Official Use Only.
Not for Publication.

AMR & O. 1587.

HMT. VV 324.

ROUTINE ORDER NO 20.

by

Brigadier W.J.V. WINDEYER, DSO, ED.

AT SEA. Officer Commanding Troops HMT VV 324. 14 Feb 43

1. Duties: As stated in RO No 19.
2. Darken Ship: Blackout for night 14/15 Feb 43-1908 to 0600 hrs.
3. Ship's Property:
Ship's cutlery and crockery are not to be removed from messes. Disciplinary action will be taken against any personnel found to be improperly in possession of Ship's property.
4. Pay Office:
(a) Pay office will close at 1200 hrs 15 Feb 43 until further notice.
(b) Aust Canteen Orders will be collected, listed and cashed on a stg basis at the Pay office by 1200 hrs 15 Feb 43.
5. Amenities: Ref RO No 4 para 11.
Concert: 14 Feb: Gps 11, 13- Gp 11 to provide picquet.
15 Feb: Gps 1 & 2- Gp 2 to provide picquet.
Boxing: The following bouts will commence 0930 hrs 15 Feb 43:-
Welterweight final-
Pte WAYNE, 2/13 Bn v Pte MOTT, 2/17 Bn.
Lightweight final-
L/Cpl CLOTHIER, 2/13 Bn v Pte SHARP, 9 Div Sigs.
Light-heavyweight final-
Pte DAVIS, 2/13 Bn v Pte KAVANAGH, MAC.
Amateur Talent Quest: Results-
1. Pte PHEENNA, 1 Aust Con Depot.
2. Pte KENDALL, 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.
3. Pte JELICOE, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:
As for Standing Orders.

Smithson Maj
Ship's Adjutant.

NOTICES.

Hospital Library:

Ship's Hospital is urgently in need of any reading matter. Books and other matter can be left at Ship's Orderly Room for despatch. Books from Red Cross will also be received at Orderly Room.

Lost:

Sam Brown-on tennis court:: Pipe GBD:: RELIDE wrist watch:: inc
WR HANSEN::

Found: Trousers KD:: money belt-worn:: specs VX 11909 ROSS:: NX 86740::
Tobacco pouch-pipe pocket::

HMT. VV 324.

ROUTINE ORDER NO 21.

by
Brigadier W. J. V. WINDEYER, DSO, ED.

AT SEA, Officer Commanding Troops HMT VV 324. 15 Feb 43.

1. Duties.

Tour of Duty.

Ships Fd Offrs:

Capt E. McN. CHRISTIE,	14 Feb to 18 Feb 43.
Capt T. P. DAVIES,	16 Feb to 20 Feb 43.
Capt J. F. FAULKNER,	18 Feb to 22 Feb 43.
Capt J. DESCHAMPS,	20 Feb to 24 Feb 43.

Ships Orderly Offrs:

Lieut A. M. MURPHY,	14 Feb to 18 Feb 43.
Lieut D. H. SEENEY,	16 Feb to 20 Feb 43.
Lieut F. W. TYLER,	18 Feb to 22 Feb 43.
Lieut E. J. BEVAN,	20 Feb to 24 Feb 43.

Ships Medical Offrs:

Capt F. ROSE,	14 Feb to 18 Feb 43.
Capt J. McDONALD,	16 Feb to 20 Feb 43.
Capt K. ARROWSMITH,	18 Feb to 22 Feb 43.
Capt A. BRETT,	20 Feb to 24 Feb 43.

Ships Orderly Sjt:

Sjt O'BRIEN, C.M.,	14 Feb to 18 Feb 43.
Sjt HORSFALL, A.L.,	16 Feb to 20 Feb 43.
Sjt HARTLEY, N.,	18 Feb to 22 Feb 43.
Sjt RHODES, L.,	20 Feb to 24 Feb 43.

Ships Orderly Cpls:

Cpl SPENCE, L.J.,	14 Feb to 18 Feb 43.
Cpl CHASE, B.B.,	16 Feb to 20 Feb 43.
Cpl MITCHELL, I.S.,	18 Feb to 22 Feb 43.
Cpl SIMMONDS, S.,	20 Feb to 24 Feb 43.

Unit for Duty-

2/17 Aust Inf Bn- 12 Feb to 20 Feb 43.

Next for Duty-

2/15 Aust Inf Bn- 20 Feb to 22 Feb 43.

2. Darken Ship: Blackout for night 15/16 Feb 43- 1915 to 0600 hrs.

3. D.O.M.

(a) NX 24822 Pte BEAUMONT, George Newton, 9 Aust Div Concert Party.

Date of Trial- 10 Feb 43. Place of Trial- on HMT VV 324.

Convening Offr- Brig W. J. V. WINDEYER, Offr Comd Tps HMT VV 324.

Charges:

First Charge- When on active service, making away with by selling

his arms, in that he, near JULIS on or about 9 Jan 43 sold his arms namely, one rifle and bolt (valued at £9.9.0) to an unknown civilian.

(AA Sec 24 (1)).

Second Charge- When on active service, making away with by selling his arms, in that he,

near JULIS on or about 15 Jan 43 sold his arms, namely one rifle and bolt (valued at £9.9.0.) to an unknown civilian.

(AA Sec 24 (1)).

Finding- Guilty of both charges.

Sentence- To undergo detention for eighteen (18) months and to be put under stoppages of pay until he has made good the sum of £18.18.0 (Aust) currency) in respect of two (2) rifles & bolts.

Date of Sentence- 11 Feb 43.

Minute of Confirmation- I confirm the finding and sentence.

Confirming Offr- Brig W. J. V. WINDEYER, Offr Comd Tps HMT VV 324.

Date of Confirmation- 13 Feb 43.

Forfeiture of Pay- 547 days.

Promulgation- Promulgated to accused on HMT VV 324 on 14 Feb 43.

(b) NX 24195 Pte RITSON, Albert James, 1 Aust Depot Bn.
Date of Trial: 13 Feb 43; Place of Trial: on HMT VV 324.
Convening Offr: Brig W.J.V. WINDEYER, Offr Comd Tps HMT VV 324.

Charges:
First Charge- When on active service, drunkenness,
in that he,
on HMT VV 324 on 30 Jan 43 was drunk.
(AA Sec 19).

Second Charge- When on active service, conduct to the prejudice
of good order and military discipline,
in that he,
on HMT VV 324 on 30 Jan 43 when asked his name by Capt E.M.
CHRISTIE of 2/15 Aust Inf Bn, did not give it.
(AA Sec 40).

Finding- Guilty of both charges.
Sentence- To undergo detention for ninety (90) days.
Date of Sentence- 12 Feb 43.

Minute of Confirmation- I do not confirm the finding on the
First charge. I confirm the finding on the second. I confirm
the sentence but remit thirty (30) days.

Confirming Offr- Brig W.J.V. WINDEYER, Offr Comd Tps HMT VV 324.
Date of Confirmation- 13 Feb 43.

Forfeiture of Pay- 73 days.

Promulgation- Promulgated to accused on HMT VV 324 on 14 Feb 43.

(c) NX 22602 Pte WING, Dennis George, Aust Army Canteen Services.
Date of Trial- 12 Feb 43; Place of Trial- on HMT VV 324.

Convening Offr- Brig W.J.V. WINDEYER, Offr Comd Tps HMT VV 324.
Charges-

First Charge- When on active service, stealing property belonging
to a person subject to military law,
in that he,

at REHOVOTH on 21 Jan 43 stole three (3) blankets the property
of SX 2163 L/Sjt McCUBBINE, D.M., a person subject to military
law.

(AA Sec 18 (4)).
Second Charge- When on active service, conduct to the prejudice
of good order and military discipline,
in that he,

at REHOVOTH on 21 Jan 43 improperly was in possession of three
(3) blankets the property of SX 2163, L/Sjt McCUBBINE, D.M.
(AA Sec 40- (alternative to first charge)).

Finding- Not guilty of the first charge and guilty of the
second charge.

Sentence- To undergo detention for ninety (90) days.
Date of Sentence- 12 Feb 43.

Minute of Confirmation- I confirm the finding and sentence.
Confirming Offr- Brig W.J.V. WINDEYER, Offr Comd Tps HMT VV 324.

Date of Confirmation- 13 Feb 43.

Forfeiture of Pay- 90 days.

Promulgation- Promulgated to accused on HMT VV 324 on 14 Feb 43.

6. Amonities: Ref RO No 4 para 11.

Concert- 15 Feb 43- Gps 1 & 2- Gp 2 to provide picquet.

Boxing-Results- Heavyweight Championship- L/Cpl RUSSELL, 2/13 Bn.
Lt Hyweight " " " " Pte DAVIS, 2/15 Bn.
Middleweight " " " " Pte SEATON, 2/15 Bn.
Welterweight " " " " Pte WAYNE, 2/13 Bn.
Lightweight " " " " Sigm SHARP, 9 Div Sigs.
Featherweight " " " " Pte HUDSON, 2/17 Bn.
Bantamw eight " " " " Pte FLEMING, 2/15 Bn.

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[Signature] Maj.
Ship's Adjutant.

Lost: Brown leather wallet RGH gold letters.
Watch: SWISS MADE 1/pen: pipes (3): Hat: KE-DAVIS;

NOTICE S.

HMT. VV 324.

ROUTINE ORDER NO 22.

by
Brigadier W.J.V. WINDEYER, DSO, ED.

AT SEA. Officer Commanding Troops HMT VV 324. 16 Feb 43.

1. Duties: As stated in RO No 21.
2. Darken Ship: Blackout for night 16/17 Feb 43-1850 to 0630 hrs.
3. Ship's Clocks: Clocks will be adv 60 mins at 2359 hrs 16 Feb 43.

4. D.C.M:

NX 51922 Pte JORDAN, William Leonard, 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.

Date of Trial- 12 Feb 43; Place of Trial-on HMT VV 324.

Convening Offr-Brig W.J.V. WINDEYER, Offr Comd Tps HMT VV 324.

Charges:-

First Charge- When on active service using insubordinate language to his superior officer.

(AA Sec 8 (2)).

Second Charge- When on active service, conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in that he, on HMT VV 324 on 30 Jan 43 when asked his name by Capt T.P. DAVIES of 2/15 Aust Inf Bn did not give it.

(AA Sec 40).

Third Charge- When on active service neglecting to obey Ship's Standing Orders, in that he, on HMT VV 324 on 30 Jan 43 was gambling contrary to Ship's Standing Orders para 23 dated 25 Jan 43 directing that gambling is prohibited.

(AA Sec 11).

Finding- Guilty of all charges.

Sentence- To undergo detention for ninety (90) days.

Date of Sentence- 13 Feb 43.

Minute of Confirmation- I confirm the finding and sentence of the Court but commute the punishment to 40 days detention and forfeiture of all ordinary pay for a period of ninety (90) days commencing on 13 Feb 43, being date of commencement of the detention.

Confirming Offr- Brig W.J.V. WINDEYER, Offr Comd Tps HMT VV 324.

Date of Confirmation- 15 Feb 43.

Forfeiture of Pay- 102 days.

Promulgation- Promulgated to accused on HMT VV 324 on 16 Feb 43.

5. Red Cross: All Red Cross books in possession of personnel, other than patients in hospital, to be returned immediately to Ship's Orderly Room.
6. Hospital-visiting hrs: Offrs visit ing patients are requested to do so between 1500 and 1600 hrs daily.
7. Portholes: Those port holes on C & D decks which normally remain open should not be screwed up tight but allowed to swing free.
8. Latrines: Several lavatories have been blocked by rubbish and razor blades. Attention is drawn to SO's para 18.

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W. J. V. Windeyer
Maj.

Ship's Adjutant.

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HMT. VV 324.

ROUTINE ORDER NO 23.

by
Brigadier W.J.V. WINDEYER, DSO, ED.

AT SEA. Officer Commanding Troops HMT VV 324. 17 Feb 43.

1. Duties: As stated in RO No 21.
2. Darken Ship: Blackout for night 17/18 Feb 43-1930 to 0700 hrs.
3. Ship's Clocks: Clocks will be adv 60 mins at 2359 hrs 17 Feb 43.
4. G.O.C.
The following message has been received from the GOC and will be promulgated to all ranks:
"To every member of the Forces I send my sincere wishes for a happy homecoming and an enjoyable leave which you thoroughly deserve good luck to you all".

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W. J. V. Windeyer Maj.
Ship's Adjutant.

NOTICES.

Religious Service- OPD.

Midweek service will be held at 1900 hrs tonight in Ship's Library conducted by Chaplain BOTTRELL.

A.C.F.

The offers of all gps were issued with 2 ozs tobacco each by A.C.F. on 15 Feb 43.

Lost: w/watch-silver CYPRUS engraved-VX3314 ET HAYES::gold ring 1 stone missing, 2 stones remain, red, white engraved P-ABI:: f/pen mottled.

Found: w/watch WALTHAM::tobacco pouch engraved:: 6 keys on ring:: MM badge:: wallet-WHITE WJ:: keys 2 on ring:: yale key on chain:: souvenir-sacred heart and holy medal::

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HMT. VV 324.

ROUTINE ORDER NO 24.

by
Brigadier W.J.V. WINDEYER, DSO, ED.

AT SEA. Officer Commanding Troops HMT VV 324. 18 Feb 43.

1. Duties: As stated in RO No 21.
2. Darken Ship: Blackout for night 18/19 Feb 43-2005 to 0700 hrs.
3. Life-belts: Lifebelts are to be carried at all times while ship is at anchor.
4. D.C.M:

SX 7223, Cpl WHEPSTONE, Jack, "X" list 2/43 Aust Inf Bn-1 Aust Depot Bn.

Date of Trial: 17 Feb 43, Place of Trial- on HMT VV 324.

Convoking Offr: Brig W.J.V. WINDEYER, Offr Comd Tps HMT VV 324.

Charges-

First Charge: When on active service neglecting to obey Ship's Standing Orders, in that he, on HMT VV 324 on 10 Feb 43, did not proceed to boat station, contrary to Ship's Standing Order No 39 dated 25 Jan 43 directing that all troops, except those detailed for special duties, will proceed to their boat stations, on a continuous ringing of electric bells.

(AA Sec 11).

Second Charge: When on active service disobeying a lawful command given by his superior officer, in that he, on HMT VV 324 on 10 Feb 43, when ordered to report to his boat station by Lt-Col H.E. BASTIN, his superior officer, did not do so.

(AA Sec 9 (2)).

Third Charge: When on active service, conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in that he, on HMT VV 324, on 10 Feb 43, when asked his army number and name by Lieut I.G. LEONARD, of Aust Fd Censor Unit, did not give it.

(AA Sec 40).

Finding: Guilty of all charges.

Sentence: To be reduced to the ranks.

Date of Sentence: 17 Feb 43.

Minute of Confirmation: I confirm the finding and sentence.

Confirming Offr: Brig W.J.V. WINDEYER, Offr Comd Tps HMT VV 324.

Date of Confirmation: 18 Feb 43.

Promulgation: Promulgated to accused on HMT VV 324 on 18 Feb 43.

DISTRIBUTION:

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W. J. V. Windeyer Maj.
Ship's Adjutant.

NOTICES.

Lost: bolts-wob 2, lost Gp 9 parade deck 16 Feb 43.

H.M.T. VV. 324.
ROUTINE ORDER NO 25.

BY
Brigadier W.J.V. WINDEYER, DSO, ED.
Officer Commanding Troops HMT.VV. 324.

19 Feb 43.

AT SEA.

1. DUTIES.

Tour of Duty.

<u>Ship's Fd Offrs:</u>	Capt DF FAULKNER, Capt P DESCH MPS,	18 Feb to 22 Feb 43. 20 Feb to 24 Feb 43.
<u>Ship's Orderly Offrs:</u>	Lieut FW TYLER, Lieut EP BEVAN,	18 Feb to 22 Feb 43. 20 Feb to 24 Feb 43.
<u>Ship's Medical Offrs:</u>	Capt K A. BROWSMITH, Capt A BRETT,	18 Feb to 22 Feb 43. 20 Feb to 24 Feb 43.
<u>Ship's Orderly Sgts:</u>	Sgt HARELEY N, Sgt RHODES L,	18 Feb to 22 Feb 43. 20 Feb to 24 Feb 43.
<u>Ship's Orderly Cpls :</u>	Cpl MITCHELL IS, Cpl SIMMONDS S,	18 Feb to 22 Feb 43. 20 Feb to 24 Feb 43.
<u>Unit for duty:</u>	2/15 AUST INF BN	20 Feb to 22 Feb 43.

2. DARKEN SHIP.

Blackout for night 19/20 Feb 43: 2005 hrs to 0700 hrs.

3. D.C.M.

QX 6828 Pte SCROGGINS HR of 2/15 AUST INF BN.

Date of trial: 16 Feb 43. Place of trial: on HMT.VV.324.

Convening Offr: Brig WJV WINDEYER, Offr Commanding Tps HMT.VV.324.

Charges:

First Charge: When on active service conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline IN THAT HE on HMT.VV.324 on 9 Feb 43, improperly represented himself as a member of the crew of the said ship to QX 3927 Cpl CAMPBELL AC, 9 AUST DIV PROVOST COY. (AA Sec 40.)

Second Charge: When on active service conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline IN THAT HE on HMT.VV.324 on 9 Feb 43 when asked by QX 3927 Cpl CAMPBELL AC of 9 AUST DIV PROVOST COY for proof of identification did not give it. (AA Sec 40.)

Third Charge: When on active service striking his superior officer being in the execution of his office IN THAT HE on HMT.VV.324 on 9 Feb 43 struck with his fist in the face Cpl CAMPBELL AC, of 9 AUST DIV PROVOST COY, who was at the time on piquet duty. (AA Sec 8 (1)).

Fourth Charge: When on active service resisting an escort whose duty it was to have him in charge IN THAT HE on HMT.VV.324 on 9 Feb 43 when under escort of Cpl CAMPBELL AC of 9 AUST DIV PROVOST COY, resisted by kicking and struggling. (AA Sec 10(3)).

Finding: Guilty of all charges.

Sentence: To undergo detention for ninety (90) days.

Date of sentence: 17 Feb 43.

Minute of confirmation: I confirm the finding and sentence.

Confirming officer: Brig WJV WINDEYER, Offr Comd Tps, HMT.VV.324.

Date of confirmation: 18 Feb 43. Forfeiture of Pay- 97 days.

Promulgation: Promulgated to accused on HMT.VV.324 on 19 Feb 43.

W. J. V. Windeyer
.....Maj
Ship's Adjutant.

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HMT. VV 324.
ROUTINE ORDER NO 26.

by
Brigadier W.J.V. WINDEYER, DSO, ED.

AT SEA. Officer Commanding Troops HMT VV 324. 20 Feb 43.

1. Duties:		Tour of Duty.
<u>Ships Fd Offrs:</u>	Capt D.F. FAULKNER,	18 Feb to 22 Feb 43.
	Capt P. DESCHAMPS,	20 Feb to 24 Feb 43.
	Capt C.G. PITMAN,	22 Feb to 26 Feb 43.
	Capt G.T. REID,	24 Feb to 28 Feb 43.
 <u>Ships Orderly Offrs:-</u>	 Lieut F.W. TYLER,	 18 Feb to 22 Feb 43.
	Lieut E.P. BEVAN,	20 Feb to 24 Feb 43.
	Lieut P.I. POLLOCK,	22 Feb to 26 Feb 43.
	Lieut L.A. McRAE,	24 Feb to 28 Feb 43.
 <u>Ships Medical Offrs:</u>	 Capt K. ARROWSMITH,	 18 Feb to 22 Feb 43.
	Capt A. BRETT,	20 Feb to 24 Feb 43.
	Capt D.C. DAWKINS,	22 Feb to 26 Feb 43.
	Capt F. ROSE,	24 Feb to 28 Feb 43.
 <u>Ships Orderly Sjts:</u>	 Sjt HARTLEY, N,	 18 Feb to 22 Feb 43.
	Sjt RHODES, L,	20 Feb to 24 Feb 43.
	Sjt HOWARD, E,	22 Feb to 26 Feb 43.
	Sjt CAMERON, G.S,	24 Feb to 28 Feb 43.
 <u>Ships Orderly Cpls:</u>	 Cpl MITCHELL, I.S,	 18 Feb to 22 Feb 43.
	Cpl SIMMONDS, S,	20 Feb to 24 Feb 43.
	Cpl JAMIESON, C.M,	22 Feb to 26 Feb 43.
	Cpl DEW, E,	24 Feb to 28 Feb 43.
 <u>Unit for Duty-</u>	 2/15 Aust Inf Bn,	 20 Feb to 22 Feb 43.
<u>Next for Duty-</u>	2/13 Aust Inf Bn,	22 Feb to 24 Feb 43.
<u>To follow-</u>	2/17 Aust Inf Bn,	24 Feb to 28 Feb 43.

2. Corrigendum: Ref RO No 25 para 3. (DCM).
QX 6828 Pte SCROGGINS, HR of 2/15 Aust Inf Bn, will now read-
QX 6828 Pte SCROGGINS, HR, of 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.

3. Darken Ship: Blackout for night 20/21 Feb 43: 2005 to 0700 hrs.

4. Censorship: Censorship rules in AUSTRALIA are similar to those in ME and must be strictly adhered to.

5. Postal Address: The following form of postal address will be used by all ranks commencing 19 Feb 43:-

- Army No.....
- Rank and name.....
- Sub-unit.....
- Unit.....
- AUSTRALIA.

G. Milson Maj.
Ship's Adjutant.

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NOTICES.
Sunday 21 Feb 43.

C of E. 0650 hrs } Sjts Lounge A Deck.
0730 " } Holy Communion.
1000 " } Offrs Lounge A Deck, Special Thanksgiving Service.
Band- HQ Gd Bn.

O.P.D. 1000 hrs. Sjts Lounge A Deck. Band-20 Aust Inf Bde.
1045 " Holy Communion-Library A Deck.

R.C. 0700, 0800, 0900, 1000 hrs- Library A Deck.

Lost: Sam Brown Capt W ANGUS::w/watch, TITAN stool::Hat KF::black cig case::
w/watch steel, blue strap::razor and gear::pr sun specs-leather shields::

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HMT, VV 324.
ROUTINE ORDER NO 27.

by
Brigadier W.J.V. WINDEYER, DSO, ED.

AT SEA. Officer Commanding Troops HMT VV 324. 21 Feb 43.

1. Duties: As stated in RO No 26.
2. Darken Ship: Blackout for night 21/22 Feb 43- 2015 to 0645 hrs.
3. Pay: Pay and subsistence will be available to all personnel with the exception of sick, VD and SUS, on Wed 24 Feb 43. Units will submit application for Cash Advance to the Ship's Cash Office not later than 1600 hrs 23 Feb 43 and acquit by 1500 hrs 25 Feb 43. Detailed instns as to method of pay etc can be obtained from Cash Office.
The hours of duty will be from 0900-1200 hrs.
1400-1630 hrs daily.
On Wed 24 Feb 43 Cash Office will be open from 1830-2000 hrs in addition to the usual hrs.
4. R.A.Ps: Gps will arrange that all men reporting sick will do so at the proper R.A.Ps at the times laid down. Only emergency cases will be dealt with outside of these times.

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Ship's Adjutant. Maj.

NOTICES.

Lost: Library book- "My Country & my people" YULANG: 1 wallet contain-
ing 10/- and other foreign notes etc.:

Found: 1 wallet: 1 tobacco pouch:

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HMT. VV. 324.
ROUTINE ORDER NO 20.

BY

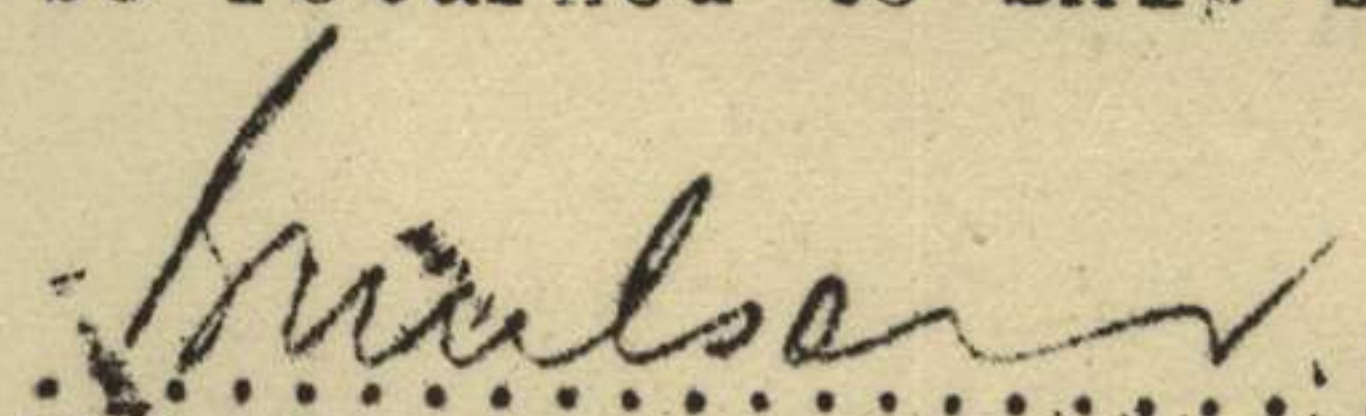
Brigadier WJV WINDEYER, DSO, ED.

AT SEA, Officer Commanding Troops HMT. VV. 324

22 Feb 43.

1. DUTIES; As stated in RO No 26.
2. Darken Ship: Blackout for night 22/23 Feb 43- 1945 - 0605 hrs.
3. WASHING OF CLOTHES:
Washing water will be available as follows:
Tues 23 Feb - - 0615 - 1730 hrs.
Thurs 25 Feb - 0615 - 1730 hrs.
Fri 26 Feb - - 0615 - 1730 hrs.
Rope yarn for hanging up washing will be available from 0800 to 1000 hrs tomorrow in "E" Deck square forward.
4. Ship's Inspection:
Towels are not to be folded, where possible they are to be hung on head of bunks.
5. Lifebelts: Surplus lifebelts will be returned to Ship's Orderly Room.

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..... Maj
Ship's Adjutant

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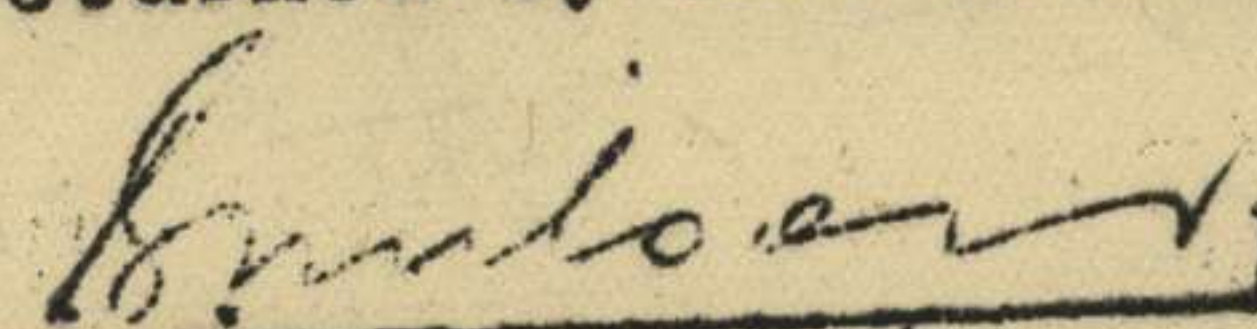
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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 29.

by
Brigadier W. J. V. WINDEYER, DSO, ED.

AT SEA. Officer Commanding Troops HMT. VV 324. 23 Feb 43.

1. Duties: As stated in RO No 26 with the following amendment:-
Ships Medical Offrs: Capt S. ROSE, 22 Feb to 26 Feb 43.
Capt P. GOODE, 24 Feb to 28 Feb 43.
2. Darken Ship: Blackout for night 23/24 Feb 43-1910-0630 hrs.
3. Ship's Clocks: Clocks will be adv 60 mins at 2359 hrs 23 Feb 43.
4. Canteens: Wed 24 Feb 43 will be the last day on which all Canteens will operate.
5. Ship's Library: The issue of library books will cease at 1630 hrs Wed 24 Feb 43. All library books to be returned by Thu 25 Feb 43.

DISTRIBUTION:
As for Standing Orders.


Ship's Adjutant. Maj.

NOTICES:
Found: w/watch-TITAN :: belt-72162 :: Wallet :: Cig case-metal ::
bible-CAMPBELL-LINLITHGOW :: -----

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HMT. VV 324.
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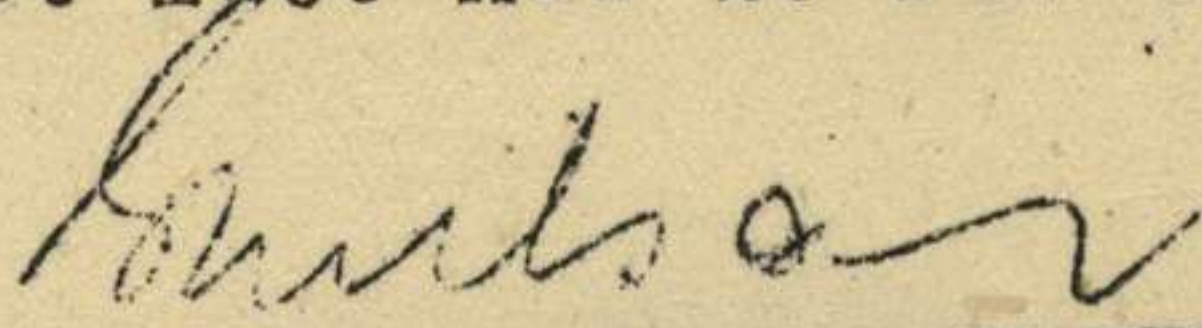
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Brigadier W.J.V. WINDEYER, DSO, ED.

AT SEA. Officer Commanding Troops HMT VV 324. 24 Feb 4.

1. Duties: As stated in RO 26.
2. Darken Ship: Blackout for night 24/25 Feb 43-1930-0600 hrs.
3. RAP's:
All RAPs will cease to operate except for emergency cases after 1600 hrs 26 Feb 43.
4. Dental Clinic:
Dental Clinic will close for all work at 1600 hrs 25 Feb 43.

DISTRIBUTION:
As for Standing Orders.


Ship's Adjutant. Maj.

NOTICES.

Mid-week Church Service: O.P.D. Ships Library-1900 hrs 24 Feb 43.

Lost: Wallet blue leather cont £3-& ration coupons HART BA::
small d/flap purse 7/6-canteen order 2/- :: camera RETINA 3.5 KODAK::

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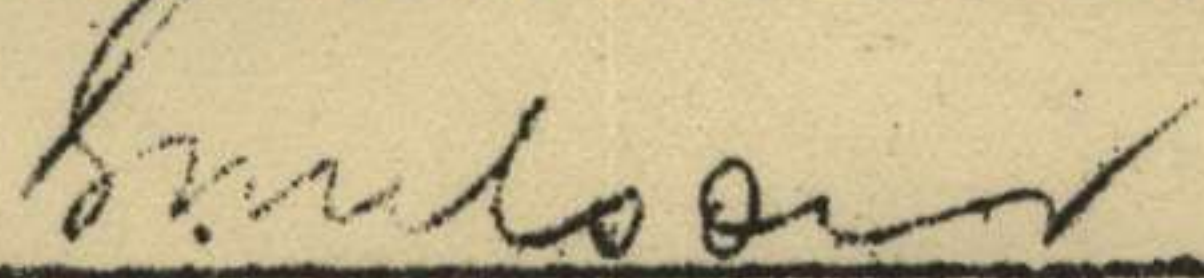
HMT- VV 324.
ROUTINE ORDER NO 31.

by
Brigadier W.J.V. WINDEYER, DSO, ED.

AT SEA. Officer Commanding Troops HMT- VV 324. 25 Feb 43.

1. Duties: As stated in RO No 26.
2. Darken Ship: Blackout for night 25/26 Feb 43- 1910-0630 hrs.
3. Ships Clocks: Clocks will be adv 60 mins at 2359 hrs 25 Feb 43.

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As for Standing Orders.


Ship's Adjutant. Maj.

N O T I C E S.

Lost gold w/watch gold band: wallet cont Aust notes on C Deck::
silver w/watch eng RC PEES REWARD 10/-::: offrs cap Capt PATTERSON
REAWARD::

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HMT- VV 324.

ROUTINE ORDER NO 32.

BY
Brigadier W. J. V. WINDEYER, DSO, ED.

AT SEA. Officer Commanding Troops HMT-VV 324. 26 Feb 43.

1. Duties: As stated in RO No 26.
2. Darken Ship: Blackout for night 26/27 Feb 43-1935-0630 hrs.

DISTRIBUTION:
As for Standing Orders.

Smilson Maj.
Ship's Adjutant.

NOTICES.

No 32 is the last RO to be issued for the voyage.

Lost: gold w/watch in A deck wash room :: ELCO w/watch in sc H GAUNT:
silver ring coloured photo. Gap offers SD:: army boots:: w/watch
SAUNDERS gold wash room A deck fwd port::

Found: small sum money starboard corridor B deck.

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1 Feb 43

Ref: G 2/26

GUARD DUTIES.

1. Duties for Sentries from Duty Battalion are att.
2. During the period of duty, Sentries will at all times be under the constant supervision of an officer.
3. Duty Unit will detail the necessary number of officers for this purpose in accordance with their plan to meet the required duties.
4. The unit next for duty will, prior to the day of taking over duties make the necessary arrangements with the unit to be relieved for the inspection of posts and the reliefs to be carried out.

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Orders, plus 5 each
Inf Bn

Smith
.....
Ship's Adjutant.

DUTIES OF SENTRY

GENERAL: Note: These duties apply to all Posts.

1. They will be alert at all times for outbreak of fire and will report any such outbreak immediately. They will know the position and use of fire fighting equipment in the vicinity of their post.
2. They will see that an efficient black-out is maintained on their posts during the hours of darkness.
3. They will prevent smoking in prohibited places and on open decks after Blackout.
4. They will prevent congestion in alleyways.
5. Sentries will be aware of the Special Orders and Duties appertaining to their respective posts.

DUTIES OF SENTRY - SPECIAL.

Note: These duties apply only to the posts specified.

Post No 1 Starboard, and No 2 Port: Fwd portion of "A" Deck.
To keep all ORs from entering the stairs leading to the Boat Deck or the Bridge.

Post No 3 Starboard and 4 Port: To prevent all personnel from going up stairways to Boat Deck.

Post No 5: "A" Deck, starboard side, aft.
To keep all ORs out of aisles except at meal times and boat drill.

Post No 6: Port Side of "A" Deck, aft.
To keep all ORs out of aisles except during meal time and boat drill.

Post No 7 Starboard, and No 8 Port: Fwd and starboard side of "B" Deck. Watch main aisles in two directions, forward and aft.

Post No 9: Starboard side aft, "B" Deck.
To keep all ORs from entering section during boat drill.

Post No 10: Port side, "B" Deck, aft.
To keep all ORs from entering section except during boat drill.

Post No 11: "C" Deck aft, at 6-in guns.
Keep all personnel except gun crews and ships crew from this deck.

Post No 12: "D" Deck forward at stairways.
Keep all troops from using stairways and entering crews quarters and recreation room.

Post No 13: "D" Deck aft, forward of canteen.
Guard potato store. See that all rubbish is placed in refuse room, and that no rubbish is dumped overboard during daylight.
Assist sentry No 14 in event of fire in magazine.

Post No 14: "D" Deck aft, at Magazine.
Prevent interference with magazine. Flood magazine in case of fire inside it. If necessary, call for help from sentry No 13. Prevent all smoking in vicinity of magazine.

Post No 15: "E" Deck forward end of working alleyways.
Allow only crew and authorised troops forward of post.

Post No 16: "E" Deck forward magazine and armoury.
Prevent breaking open of magazine, armoury or store.

DUTIES OF SENTRIES CONTD.

Post No 17: (A) - "E" Deck forward of the Ship's Bridge.
Patrol passageway. Allow NO soldiers to enter.

Post No 18: "E" Deck midships.
Patrol length of working alleyway. Allow only butchers, cooks and fatigues to enter butchers' shop.

Post No 19: "E" Deck midships port side of Dry Canteen.
Assist Canteen officers to control men at Canteen. Prevent dumping overboard of rubbish during daylight.

Post No 20: "E" Deck midships port side of Dry Canteen.
Assist Canteen officers to control men at Canteen. Post attended only one hour before opening till one hour after closing of Canteen.

Post No 21: "C" Deck midships. Port side of "C" Deck Square.
Control traffic in alleyways. Prevent men loitering so as to interfere with traffic.

Post No 22: "C" Deck midships, starboard side of "C" Deck Square.
Control traffic in alleyways. Prevent men loitering so as to interfere with traffic.

Special Post No 23: "F" Deck, port side.
Allow only orderlies to Bread Store. Prevent broking open of small gods store. Prevent troops entering galley.

Post No 24: Stairways opposite the starboard side of "A" Deck midships to keep all ORs out of aisles except at meal time or boat drill.

Post No 25: Stairways opposite elevators Port side of "A" Deck midships. To keep all ORs out of aisles except at meal time. To keep all personnel except gun crew from going up stairways to bot deck.

Feb 28 /43

MOST SECRET

Until arrival of convoy

EXTRACTS FOR INFORMATION OF UNITS FROM M.E.

(Para numbers shown are those of L.H.Q.
Adm Instn No. 5 from which these extracts
are made).

LEAVE.

6. (a) For all ranks: 21 days clear at home but total leave and travelling time must NOT EXCEED 35 DAYS counting from camp or Leave and Transit Depot in home state till return thereto: the days on which a man leaves and returns to camp do not count as clear days at home. Leave for sick and V.D. cases will be arranged later under separate L.H.Q. instructions.

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(c) Personnel on completion of home leave must return to the camp from which that leave was granted, except in the case of NORTH QUEENSLAND where exceptions may be arranged by H.Q. L of C.

DISSEMBARKATION.

7. (c) Under arrangements with local SSTO, Mvt Control PERTH will arrange for transhipment from vessel turning round to the remaining ships of the convoy of personnel for States other than WA.

(e) All those disembarking other than in their home states will be immediately moved from ship's side to their home state to a camp from which home leave will be granted as quickly as possible.

(f) SICK AND V.D.: L of C Areas will arrange hospital accommodation for $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ of those disembarking. Members of the special V.D. Coy less WX members will disembark in SYDNEY.

(g) SOLDIERS IN CUSTODY: L of C Areas will arrange for collection and disposal.

(h) PROHIBITED ANIMALS: Under no circumstances will animals, pets, mascots, etc. be allowed to land. OC Troops on each ship has been ordered to have destroyed all such animals on board and to provide a certificate that he has so done. ESO at ports of disembarkation will collect these certificates.

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PERSONAL ARMS AND EQUIPMENT:

8. (a) L of C Areas will arrange that men, before going on leave, hand in at camp their personal arms which will remain under L of C care until re-issued to the men on return from leave.

(b) Personal equipment will be retained by all ranks on disembarkation and will remain in possession of the officer or soldier until he rejoins his unit (or is transferred to a General Details Depot in the case of those units which are to be disbanded). At General Details Depots personal arms and equipment will be withdrawn from personnel and returned to Ordnance.

BLANKETS.

9. All ranks will disembark with the blankets which are on issue to them as military stores. Blankets will be handed in at camp before proceeding on leave.

AMMUNITION.

10. All ammunition will be withdrawn and packed prior to disembarkation. On arrival at final port of disembarkation it will be handed over to representatives of the L of C Area for return to Ordnance.

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SPECIAL MOVES OF MEMBERS OF 2ND ECH AIF (ME) AND OF UNIT ORDERLY ROOM PERSONNEL ATTACHED.

12. Each ship carries a det of 2 Ech and orderly room personnel attached thereto. Such men will be sent as early as possible after disembarkation to LHQ Records, MELBOURNE. They will be given home leave on the completion of the reception and disposal of all personal records and the promulgation of the necessary Unit Part II Orders covering casualties during the voyage.

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CONCENTRATION AFTER LEAVE:

14. (a) Owing to severe strain on the railways it is not practicable to assemble units before moving them to their area of strategic concentration.

(b) As soon as practicable after return from their leave, men will be moved by special train to their unit areas (see Appx A, col 2). L of C Areas will arrange for parties so moving to be organised under an officer and for Standing Orders for Movements within Australia to be complied with.

(c) L of C Areas will arrange the moves of those who are to remain in their home state pending disposal.

(d) If a man whose unit is to be disbanded takes leave in a state other than that indicated by his army number as his state of origin he will be held by the L of C area in which he took his leave. Similar action should be taken with a man whose unit is to be disbanded who returns to camp in an L of C area other than that in which he started his leave. In similar cases if the man's unit is not being disbanded the man is to be sent at once to L of C area in which his unit is to concentrate. In all cases mentioned above the L of C Area will immediately advise the L of C area in which the man started his leave, the L of C area indicated by the man's army number and L.H.Q. Records so that the man will not be posted as being A.W.L. if he is not so absent.

FOSTERING:

15. In all cases L of C Areas are authorised to arrange for formations to foster Units in their areas. Such fostering must continue until units are self supporting.

POSTAL:

16. (a) DELIVERY OF MAIL AND TELEGRAMS - Letters and telegrams will be delivered to the vessels upon arrival at FREMANTLE.

(b) Other classes of mail matter will be delivered to Units in the appropriate concentration areas shown in Appx. A, col. 2.

17. POSTAL ADDRESS - On arrival at FREMANTLE all ranks will be instructed to arrange for their correspondence to be addressed:-

Army No..... Rank..... Name.....
Sub-Unit.....
Unit.....
AUSTRALIA.

18. FREE TELEGRAMS - WA L of C Area will arrange to collect from each ship the lists of the addressees and senders of standard text free telegrams and will deliver them to the representative of the DADAPS. He will arrange with the Postmaster-General's Department for the transmission of the messages and the recovery of the charges.

CENSORSHIP.

19. (a) Censorship rules in AUSTRALIA are similar to those in ME and must be strictly obeyed.

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PAY ARRANGEMENTS.

20. Pay will be issued -

(a) in camp to members disembarking in WA prior to proceeding on leave.

(b) on transport prior to disembarkation to members disembarking at Eastern Ports.

21. (a) Pay will be made in Australian Currency in notes only.

(b) Members will be entitled to draw against their credit earnings calculated up to 11 March or alternatively they may draw up to £5 whichever is the greater.

(c) Instructions regarding calculation of credits and removal of exchange rate will be available from Finance Officer in Ship's liaison party.

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SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE:

22. An advance of Subsistence Allowance of £3 will be paid to all members going on leave : any balance due will be drawn on return from leave on production of leave pass.

CURRENCY - STERLING AND AUSTRALIAN:

23. Canteens will continue to operate in Sterling until disembarkation. Facilities will be available at Camps from which leave is granted for the changing of Sterling in possession of members.

RATION COUPONS FOR CLOTHING, TEA AND SUGAR:

24. (a) Except to those disembarking in WA coupons will be issued before disembarkation. WA members will be given coupons before they go on home leave.

x x x

UNIT STORES:

25. (a) Unit equipment (other than personal arms and equipment) and vehicles which are being brought out, other than with the unit, will remain in the custody of Ordnance until delivered to the unit at its concentration area. ADOS 9 Aust Div will be responsible for advising DOS of despatch particulars for equipment for units of 9 Aust Div.

(b) Any unit stores which accompany units in personnel ships will be stored in unit lots under L of C Area arrangements at the port of disembarkation of the Unit HQ. When members of the unit are moving to the place of concentration, local arrangements will be made for these stores to be forwarded, if possible with them, to the new location.

E2 EXTRACTS AND LISTS OF ACCOMMODATION STORES PREPARED BEFORE ARRIVAL.

26. Units are preparing lists and these will be handed by Units to the officer i/c Ship Liaison Party before disembarkation. (See Appx B, para 4 (f) (i)).

SOs FOR MOVES IN AUSTRALIA:

29. A copy of SOs for Movements within Australia will be issued to each unit. Copies of orders for OSC Troop Trains will also be provided.

NARELLAN

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21)
incl.)
22)

During this period all troops of the Bde were given leave, the duration of the leave was three weeks, excluding travelling time

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Appendix

Bde HQ began to reassemble at NARELLAN Camp at the conclusion of leave. Units reassembled at leave and transit depots at WALLGROVE and NARELLAN in NSW, KALINGA and OONCONBA in Qsld preparatory to the march and their movement to North Queensland.

25

Brig W. J. V. WINDEYER took cmd of all details of 9 Aust Div in camps at NARELLAN and WALLGROVE
Bde HQ began preparation for 9 Div march, incl drill, marching and cleaning of equipment.

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Parades of 9 Div troops took place through all the capital cities of AUSTRALIA- this Bde was represented in SYDNEY by Bde HQ and 2/13 and 2/17 Bns- in BRISBANE chiefly by the 2/15 Bn

W. J. V. Windeyer
Comd. 20 Inf. Bde. Brig.

30 JUL 1943

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required).

Unit HQ 20 AUST INF BDE

Date and Time.—From APRIL 1943 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SYDNEY	1		The NSW portion of the Bde together with ^{NSW. personnel} other 9 Div Units marched through SYDNEY. Brig WINDEYER led the march to the TOWN HALL where the salute was taken by His Excellency The GOVERNOR GENERAL (Lord GOWRIE) he then took his place on the dias. Bde HQ was commanded by Capt HULTSBAUM. The restrained bearing of the tps was in sharp contrast to the almost hysterical behaviour of a large proportion of the enormous crowds.	
KAIRI	2			
	3		3 offrs (Lieut MURISON (LO11) HESLOP (LO111) HARPHAM (IO) and 8 ORs arrived in the new camp site (Ref Map GORDONVALE one inch Map Ref 480367). Work was commenced. Showers, Latrines and Kitchens had previously been built by the RAE. Leading elements 2/13, 2/15 Bns also arrived in their camp sites.	A.
	4			
	5		1 Sjt 20 ORs "J" Sec Signals marched in to Bde HQ.	
	6		Col WELLS formerly (G1 9 Aust Div) and now BGS 2 Corps) visited Bde HQ during the afternoon. A telephone exchange was established.	
	7		Leading elements 2/17 Bn arrived in new area.	
	8		Col WELLS again visited the area. Jungle training for those troops in the area has commenced.	D
	9		Lieut FRAWLEY (J Sec Sigs) and 10 ORs arrived from VICTORIA.	A
	10			
	11		The 2/15 Bn complete except for a few interstate personnel.	
	12		The Main body of Bde HQ embussed at WALLGROVE and entrained at ROOTY HILL sta on the first stage of its journey to QUEENSLAND.	
	13			
	14		Bde HQ arrived at BRISBANE at 0120 and entrained again at 0330 hrs to proceed further North.	
	15		Gen Sir THOMAS BLAMEY (C in C Allied Land Forces) visited 2/15 Bn area and spoke to offrs of the Bn and Bde HQ. Lieut WARD (OC 1 Pl A Coy 1 Aust HQ Gd Bn) and 7 ORs of his Pl arrived	D

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 20 AUST INF BDE

Date and Time.—From APRIL 1943 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			at 1400 hrs.	
	16		Train arrived REDLYNCH at 1930 hrs. Troops staged for the night. Maj B.V. WILSON (BM) arrived at Bde HQ and during the evening Lt-Col BARHAM (G1 9 Aust Div) arrived at Bde HQ where he conferred with the BM.	
	17		6 Offrs and 71 ORs of Bde HQ entrained at RED LYNCH at 0930 hrs and proceeded to KAIRI arriving at 1700 hrs.	
	18		The 2/17 Bn now almost complete in its new area. HQ spent the day settling into new quarters. Opportunity for washing clothes, swimming etc, were granted. Brig WINDEYER arrived at Bde HQ during the evening. The bulk of the 2/13 Bn now in the trg area.	
	19		Brig WINDEYER went to Div HQ where he met Maj-Gen WOOTTEN (GOC 9 Aust Div).	D
	20		An exchange of small groups of offrs NCOs and men was made with 7 Div. Representatives from the 7 Div arrived at Bde HQ at about 1800 hrs and were sent on to the units. The parties from 7 Div were to tell the Bns some of the practical lessons learnt in the recent campaign in NEW GUINEA. While these from this Bde were to learn what they could from 7 Div units and to pass on some of the experiences of 9 Div relating to infantry generally.	
	21		During the afternoon Brig F. CHILTON (Comd 18 Aust Inf Bde) visited Bde HQ. Brig WINDEYER accompanied by Capt HAMILTON (SC) attended a conference at HQ 9 Aust Div - the business included the proposed new WE (with particular reference to the Inf Bde) and the trg policy. Capt K. WILSON (2/13 Bn) arrived to take up the duties of Staff Captain Learner.	
	22		Lt-col ARUNDEL (LO11 Aust Army) visited Bde HQ during the evening.	

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Unit 20 AUST INF BDE

Date and Time.—From APRIL 1943 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	23		<p>Church parade at 0930 hrs.</p> <p>At 1030 hrs Brig WINDEYER presided at a conference of Bn COs Lt-Col COLVIN (2/13 Bn) Maj GRACE (Admin Comd 2/15 Bn) and Lt-col SIMPSON (2/17 Bn) their 2 i/cs, Adjts and Offrs of Bde HQ.</p> <p>The Bde Comd laid down at length the training policy and outlined the programme to be adopted - he also dealt briefly with proposed transfers to 6 and 7 Aust Divs.</p> <p>At 1900 hrs Brig WINDEYER visited 2/17 Bn where he spoke to Lt-col SIMPSON and COLVIN.</p>	
	24		<p>A conference was held at Bde HQ at 1930 hrs at which Brig WINDEYER and Bn Comds discussed re-organisation of the Bns.</p>	A
	25		<p>A party which included Brig WINDEYER and the COs of Bns went to 7 Div area to see a demonstration on a Jungle Assault course by members of the 2/33 Bn.</p>	C2D
	26			
	27		<p>Brig WINDEYER inspected part of the Bde Trg area. Bde HQ tps organised as an infantry company under command Capt HOLTSBAUM (LOL) are to be trained as such, the object being to reach the higher standard of individual skill at arms and physical fitness demanded by warfare in close and undeveloped country.</p>	
	28		<p>Maj-Gen G.E. WOOTTEN (GOC 9 Aust Div) visited Bde HQ at 1200 hrs.</p>	
	29		<p>Capt A.J.C. NEWTON (2/17 Bn) was appointed Staff Capt Learner. Capt WILLIAMS (BML) left for the 1st Army Junior Staff Duties School at ASHGROVE. Capt WILSON (SCL) went to HQ 9 Aust Div to take up the appointment of Glll.</p>	
	30		<p>Application was made for the Bde to have a portion of the RAA Trg Area which was eminently suitable for jungle assault courses (see sketch).</p> <p>Lt-col H. SEARLY (AA&QMG) 9 Aust Div) visited Bde HQ.</p>	

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Unit 20 AUST INF BDE

Date and Time.—From APRIL 1943

To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<u>SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH</u>	
			<p>The early portion of the month was taken up in assembling the Bde in its new trg area and settling troops in. This phase ended on approx 19 when all Bns were complete in their new areas.</p> <p>From then on vigorous trg was commenced to accustom the troops to the conditions they will encounter in the jungle and hand in hand with this came the reorganisation of the Bde to its new establishment and the close examination of personnel to ensure that all members of the Bde - no matter in what capacity they are employed are physically fit for a campaign in the tropics.</p>	
			<p><i>W. J. V. Rindley</i> Comd. 20 Inf. Bde.</p>	<p><i>Duff Thompson</i> HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde Lieut</p>

D.3455/5.39.—C.4788.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*			
Brigadier *	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	6		
Lieutenants ...	1		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
Totals ...	9		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
T/Capt.	M.V. PICKERING		2.4.43	Attending Staff School (Aust) No. 4 Course Junior Wing.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If present with Unit, state how employed.
Brig.	NX 396	WINDYER, W. J. V.	-	Yes	Comd.
Maj.	NX 328	WILSON, B. V.		"	BM
Capt.	VX 15146	HAMILTON, H. M.		"	SC
Capt.	QX 6200	WILLIAMS, B.		"	BM (L)
T/Capt.	NX 15590	PICKERING, M. V.		No	Attending Staff School (Aust) No 4 Course Jnr Wing.
Capt.	NX 35094	ELLIOTT, J. H.		YES	B.A.S.C.O.
T/Capt.	NX 29407	HOLTSBAUM, G. F. J.		"	LO.
T/Capt.	NX 13029	WINSLOW, H. J.		"	TO.
Lieut.	NX 15055	NORRIS, J. R. B.		"	Amenities Offr.

<u>OFFICERS ATTACHED FOR DUTY.</u>					
				Date of Attachment.	
Capt.	NX 57320	LECKY, E. C.		6.9.41	OC J Sec Sigs 9 Aust Div.
Capt.	NX 18932	MORRISBY, A. I.		11.1.42	OC 58 Aust L.A.D.

(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.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

(Unit.)

3 Apr 43.

(Date of Despatch.)

H. M. Hamilton
(Signature of Commander.) Capt.
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.

9 AUST DIV.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE (Unit) 3 Apr 1943. (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	2		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	4	1	
Corporals	6	1	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	40		2
TOTALS	54	2	2

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Pte. SELICK, S.W.P.	AAMC -2/11 Aust Fd Amb.		
Cpl. HAVERCROFT, G.W.	9 Aust Div Int Sec		
L/Cpl. LAWS, S. M.	do		
Pte. BARBER, W. J.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn.		
Pte. SHATTEN, R. J.	do.		

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).

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE (Unit)

10 APR 19 43 (Date).

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Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	4	1	
Corporals	6	1	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	39		2
TOTALS	43	2	2

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Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Pte. SELICK, S.W.P.	AAMC - 2/11 Aust Fd AMB.	58 Aust LAD	9 ORs
Cpl. HAVERCROFT, GW	9 Aust Div Int Sec	J Sec 9 Aust Div Sigs	10 ORs.
L/Cpl LAWS, S.M.	do		
Pte. BARBER, W. J.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn		
Pte. SHATTEN, R.J.	do		

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE. (Unit)

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HQ 20 AUST INF BDE. (Unit.)

H. Hamilton Capt.
(Signature of Commander.)
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.

10 Apr 43 Date of Despatch.)

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

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDER No. 1.

BY

Brig W.J.V. WINDEYER. DSO. ED.

19 Apr 43.

PYTHON HILL.

1. Daily Routine:
- | | |
|-----------|-------------|
| 0630 hrs- | Reveille. |
| 0645 | Adm Parade. |
| 0730 | Breakfast. |
| 0830 | Parade. |
| 1230 | Dinner. |
| 1330 | Parade. |
| 1600 | Dismiss. |
| 1700 | Tea. |
| 2130 | Tattoo. |
| 2200 | Last Post. |
| 2215 | Lights out. |

Parade and meal times are merely suggested and are left to COs discretion.

Where possible marches and exercises should occupy a full day, and the midday meal consumed in the fd.

2. Unit Lines:

The practice of personnel walking through lines of other units must cease forthwith. Pathway along pipeline through lines of HQ RAE may be used.

3. Discipline:

Attention is drawn to 9 Aust Div A34/1/91 of 13 Apr 43. Units will ensure that a high standard of discipline is maintained and that proper attention is paid to saluting and the general bearing of all ranks.

Distribution: List "C".

W. Hamilton Cent.
SO, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE
CAMP ROUTINE ORDER No.1
by

PYTHON HILL

BRIG W.J.V. WINDEYER DSO.ED.

26 Apr 43

1. SECURITY - CIVILIANS

In AUSTRALIA the civilian is still a source of leakage of information to the enemy. Enemy agents are known to be operating in this district so that the need for internal security of units is as great as ever.

The area occupied by the camp has been declared a military training zone and only residents as at 1 Jan 43 have been allowed to remain.

Civilians including residents must not be permitted to loiter within the area and must be rigidly excluded from camp sites. Guards and sentries will be instructed accordingly.

If a civilian by virtue of his employment is obliged to pass through a camp area he is to be issued with a pass setting out the purpose for which it is issued and territory covered. These passes must be signed by the CO of the unit concerned and particulars of any such passes supplied to this HQ. In event of the withdrawal of rights of entry, passes should be destroyed by burning and this HQ advised. Civilians at all times can be asked to produce their identity cards.

2. DOCUMENTS

All documents with security gradings must be adequately safe guarded. Snap inspections of this phase are likely to be carried out by FS personnel.

3. CENSORSHIP

No mention of Queensland or towns passed through are to be mentioned in letters.

It must be brought to the notice of all ranks that the need for security of information is more important than ever before.

Field Censorship Regulations are to be followed closely and the following points are enumerated for special attention in dealing with mail:-

(a) State or place names are not to be mentioned. This applies not only to unit locations but also places visited in the course of movement or leave.

(b) No mention of other units or movements whether known or rumoured.

(c) When in camp all mail must pass through the Military Postal Service. On no account will civil post be used.

(d) When on leave civil post may be used if necessary, though censorship regulations still apply and letters will bear, number, rank, name, unit and home address.

4. PHOTOGRAPHY

Restrictions of photographic subjects are the same in Australia as in the Middle East. All films must be developed by authorised dealers, the nearest being Kodak, Cairns. Arrangements are being made for additional dealers to be authorised in this district, the names and locations of whom will be notified when available.

Films must not be sent to relatives or friends for developing.

5. HOTELS

All hotels on ATHERTON TABLELAND are OUT OF BOUNDS except to personnel carrying leave passes. Duty passes are NOT sufficient.

6. TOWNS AND VILLAGES

All towns and villages are OUT OF BOUNDS except for personnel carrying leave or duty passes.

7. LOCAL LEAVE

Consideration is being given to the granting of local leave in the near future. This will be on a roster basis with due allowance for capacity of towns, accommodation and available transport.

WATER CONSERVATION

Excessive use of water by washing clothes and waste has caused shortage for kitchen use. Washing of clothes should be done in the local creek.

SWIMMING.

Personnel swimming within 400 yards of the river Barron bridge on Main Camp road will wear swimming trunks. Swimming above the bridge is forbidden.

IDENTITY DISCS AND PAYBOOKS.

Identity discs will be worn and paybooks carried at all times.

J. J. J. Lieut
Camp Commandant

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
Ref: *A17574722*
25 Apr 43

SUBJECT: NX69605 Pte E.J. ANDREWS - 2/17 AUST INF BN
REQUEST FOR TRANSFER TO OTC.

9 AUST DIV

1. Ref 9 Aust Div A114/2/238 dated 20 Apr 43.
2. The CO 2/17 Aust Inf Bn reports that the abovenamed is a good soldier but without any outstanding qualifications. He has never shown any indication of powers of leadership or command in any way which would at present justify his promotion to NCO Rank much less appointment to commissioned rank.
3. The CO 2/17 Aust Inf Bn is thoroughly competent to decide the qualifications for advancement of the soldiers in his command, and is guided by no other consideration than merit.
4. It is regretted that the Minister should have been troubled by such an application. The soldier's attention will be directed to the provisions of AMR & O 307 and a statement obtained from him in accordance with AMR & O 307 (3).
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please investigate and forward report in duplicate to this HQ.

W. J. ... Lt. Col.
AA & QMG 9 Aust Div.

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