

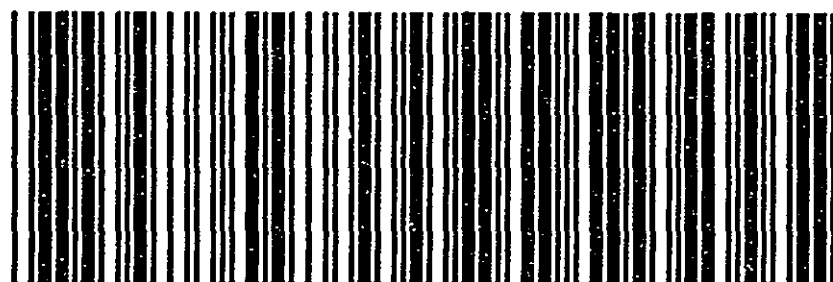
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Australian Military Forces, Army headquarters,
formation and unit diaries, 1939-1945

1/4/1 CORPS

1 Australian Corps
General Branch (1 Aust
Corps 'G' Branch)

February-August 1940



1/4/1-001.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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SHEET 1.

Army Form C2118
(adapted.)

Unit H.Q., 1ST AUSTRALIAN CORPS Date and Time.—From 14 Feb 40 To 31 Aug 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	25/2/40		War Cabinet Agendum No.22/1940 estimates the numbers required for "An Australian Corps of two Divisions, Corps Troops and Line of Communication Units - British Organization."	Appx.1. Numbers required for a Corps.
			(The Force at this time in existence, known as "The Second Australian Imperial Force, 6th Division and Ancillary Troops" was organized as described in Appendix 2. A summary of its formation, training, administration and problems to 30 Nov 39 is given in Appendix 3. For fuller accounts, refer War Diary 6 Division.)	Appx.2. S.M.517 of 14/2/40
			The proposal of a Corps conforming to British establishments meant that there would be a surplus of three battalions in 6th Division.	Appx.3. Note on 6 Div.
	26/2/40		Pending Government's decision to raise a Corps, A.H.Q. produced tentative recommendations for a distribution of units and	Appx.4. General Staff AHQ minute.

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G.S. 1/40

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Unit H.Q., 1ST AUSTRALIAN CORPS Date and Time.—From 14 Feb 40 To 31 Aug 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	26/2/40		personnel to Military Districts.	
	1/3/40		Meanwhile, the enlistment of 2nd reinforcements for 6th Division began.	
	6/3/40		Government's decision to raise a Corps of 2 Divisions plus Corps Troops was made public. G.O.C. 2nd A.I.F. asked AHQ for a conference on the method of raising the Corps.	Appx.5. G.O.C.'s letter to Mil.Board.
	7/3/40		Minister for the Army announced that G.O.C. 2nd A.I.F. (6th Division) would command the Corps.	
	8/3/40		The decision to expand 2nd A.I.F. to a Corps was cabled to War Office, London, with details of proposed organization.	Appx.6. Cablegram to London.
	12/3/40		G.O.C. wrote to AHQ on the manner of withdrawing three battalions from 6th Division and forming them into a Brigade of 7th Division.	Appx.7. G.O.C.'s letter to Mil.Board.
	15/3/40		G.O.C.'s proposals were approved in principle.	Appx.8. A.H.Q.'s letter.

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Unit H.Q., 1ST AUSTRALIAN CORPS

Date and Time.—From 14 Feb 40

To 31 Aug 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	22/3/40		Commanders of 6th and 7th Divisions announced as :-	
			6 Div. - Maj.-Gen. I. G. MACKAY, 7 Div. - Lt.-Gen. J. D.	
			LAVARACK.	
	4/4/40		Approval for raising H.Q., 19 Inf. Bde. was given, and	Appx.9. 6 letters
			question of providing a Signal Section discussed.	2/4/40 to 19/4/40
	5/4/40		War Office cabled comments on composition of Corps.	Appx.10. Cable & 2
			(Following this, certain modifications in the Australian plans	HQ memos.
	10-18/4/40		were made.)	
	5/4/40		Staff appointments to Corps H.Q., the Divisions and Ancillary	See Appx.35 for H.Q.,
			Units were announced.	1 Aust Corps appts. as amended on form- ation of 8th Division.
	11/4/40		Commonwealth Gazette No.65. states powers of G.O.C. and names	Appx.11. Extract
			the force "1ST AUSTRALIAN CORPS, AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE."	from Gazette.
	19/4/40		A memorandum by the Minister gives the principles governing	Appx.12. Copy of
			the control and administration of the A.I.F.	memo.

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY SHEET 4.

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Unit H.Q., 1ST AUSTRALIAN CORPS. Date and Time.—From 14 Feb 40 To 31 Aug 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE.	13/4/40		Formation of H.Q., 19 Inf. Bde. in Northern Command was announced, and 6th Division advised of the organization to take place in Palestine on arrival of this Bde. H.Q.	Appx.13. Copy of Corps "g" letter.
	15/4/40		STRENGTH OF H.Q., 1 AUST CORPS, 12 OFFICERS, 45 O.R.	Appx.14. Which also includes later strength figs.
	25/4/40		Despatch overseas of 7th Division was subject of cables to London. AHQ advised enlistment of 7th Division and Corps Troops was to start on 1st May, 1940, and wished to know what shipping and equipment would later be available.	Appx.15. Cables to and from Liaison Officer, London.
	26/4/40		Lists of new units to be raised for Corps, 6th and 7th Divs., Base and L. of C. troops issued. This gave composition envisaged after re-organization of 6th Division abroad.	Appx.16. A.H.Q. Memo.
	30/4/40		Organization, composition and distribution of Corps set out, with allotment of numbers to be raised by Commands.	Appx.17. AHQ S.M.1555.

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

SHEET 5.

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Unit H.Q., 1ST AUSTRALIAN CORPS

Date and Time.—From 14 Feb 40 To 31 Aug 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE.	13/5/40		Amendments to the above were received.	Appx.18. AHQ Memo.
	14/5/40		Raising of A.I.F. enlistment age limit to 40 years, and	
			lowering of minimum height limit to 5 ft. were announced.	
			(See entry below for 4th June, 1940.)	
	19/5/40		Portion of H.Q., 1 Aust Corps prepared for embarkation. This	Appx.19. Routine Order.
			was to include the Corps Commander, and on his departure the	Appx.20. Corps Circular.
			command and control (other than local administration by	
			Commands) was to pass to Commander, 7th Division. The further	
			moves of echelons of 1 Aust Corps H.Q. were planned.	
	20/5/40		Authority was given for the raising of additional units,	Appx.21. AHQ S.W.1342.
			including Anti-Aircraft Units and a Hospital Ship. Arrange-	
			ments were made for Corps Sigs. and 7 Div. Sigs. to concent-	Appx.22. AHQ 29988
			rate at Old Seymour Camp Site as from 27th May, 1940, for	
			training - 1,625 all ranks.	(STRENGTHS GIVEN)

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY SHEET 6.

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Unit H.Q., 1ST AUSTRALIAN CORPS Date and Time.—From 14 Feb 40 To 31 Aug 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	22/5/40		Prime Minister announced that a third Division, A.I.F., was to	
			be raised.	
	23/5/40		Authority to "Expand further the A.I.F." was given by C.G.S.	Appx.23.Memo from C.G.S.
	27/5/40		G.O.C. and some members of his Staff left for Sydney, intending	Appx.24.Corps R.C.
			to emplane for overseas. G.O.C. was recalled from Albury and	
			returned to Melbourne on 28/5/40	
	28/5/40		Operation of procedure whereby command and control of Corps	Appx.25.Corps Circular.
			in Australia passed to G.O.C. 7th Division was therefore	
			postponed.	
	31/5/40		In the meanwhile that part of Corps H.Q. which had prepared	
			for embarkation about 19/5/40 (See Appendix 19) and which	
			left Melbourne on 25/5/40, was stopped at Fremantle. It	
			disembarked, and most members subsequently returned by rail	
			to Melbourne.	

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Unit H.Q., 1ST AUSTRALIAN CORPS

Date and Time.—From 14 Feb 40

To 31 Aug 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	28/5/40		Transport US3 which had left Australia early in May for the Middle East, was part of a convoy diverted to England via South Africa. Advice was now received from London regarding accommodation and training facilities to be provided Salisbury Plain. This diversion of personnel intended for A.I.F. in Palestine created problems on which Gen. Mackay, commanding Austforce abroad, was asked to make recommendations.	Appx.26. Cable.
	29/5/40		His report described organization of 6 Div. into 16, 17, 19 Inf. Bdes., the shortages of equipment and a proposed improvisation of specialist units to replace those diverted. This was agreed to by A.H.Q. on 3rd June, 1940.	Appx.27. Cables.
	3/6/40		G.O.C. drew attention of AHQ to defects in physical standards some recruits for A.I.F. and urged that minimum height standard be raised to 5ft.4ins.	Notes on Cable. G.O.C.'s letter to Mil. Board.
	4/6/40			Appx.28. Letter to Mil. Board.

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Unit H.Q., 1ST AUSTRALIAN CORPS

Date and Time.—From 14 Feb 40

To 31 Aug 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	6/6/40		Authority for raising certain Corps, Base and L. of C. Units	Appx.29. Memo C.G.S.
	8/6/40		given. Minister announced Lt.-Gen. V.A.H.STURDEE to command	
			8th Division.	
	10/6/40		Authority given to raise one additional C.C.S. G.O.C. 1 Aust	Appx.30. G.G.S. Memo.
			Corps with one A.D.C., B.G.S., D.D.M.S. and G.2(O) with 7 O.R.	
			left for Sydney to go overseas by air.	
	11/6/40		Command of A.I.F. in Australia now vested in G.O.C., 7th	Appx.31. Corps Circular.
			Division. From this date, H.Q., 1 Aust Corps, was in	
			Palestine, and Rear H.Q., 1 Aust Corps, functioned at 441	
			St. Kilda Rd., Melbourne. See, therefore, 7th Division War	
			Diary for continuity from this date.	
REAR H.Q. 1 AUST. CORPS. MELBOURNE	5/7/40		Steps taken by A.H.Q. to check physical standards of recruits	Appx.32. ANQ Circular.
			for A.I.F.	
	19/7/40		Prime Minister announces limitation of strength of A.I.F. in	

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Date and Time.—From 14 Feb 40 To 31 Aug 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	19/7/40		Australia to 80,000. Recruiting is temporarily suspended.	
	5/8/40		A move of further personnel of H.Q., 1 Aust Corps from Melbourne was notified in a Corps Circular. Certain officers were to remain to assist H.Q., 7 Div., in administration of A.I.F. in Australia.	Appx.33. Corps Circular.
	13/8/40		Embarkation of above took place.	Appx.34. Corps Order.
	17/8/40		Remaining personnel of Rear H.Q., 1 Aust Corps, with personnel of A.I.F. Admin. H.Q. moved from 441 St. Kilda Rd. to 425 St. Kilda Rd., Melbourne.	Appx.35. Postings to H.Q. 1 Aust Corps Appointments. for periodical strength figures See Appx.14.
				Appx.36. Anti-Gas Training Instruction.
			WAR DIARY ENDS.	

CH/Rest Maj
G & 1 Aust Corps.

APPENDIX 1

SECRET

WAR OFFICE MEMORANDUM NO. 22/1940.

Notes for the War Cabinet -

Numbers required for an Australian Corps of two Divisions,
Corps Troops, and Line of Communication units - British
Organization.

25th February, 1940.

NOTE. The following comparative table does NOT include the first reinforcements for the 6th Division and ancillary troops (Total - 3,194) that have been raised and are being despatched with the Force.

Arm or Formation	Total required		Number already raised (Excluding Reinforce- ments for 6th Divi- sion)	Remainder required	
	Aust. organ	Brit. organ		Aust. organ	Brit. organ
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
<u>6th Division</u>					
Headquarters	159	150	159	-	9 surplus
Reconnaissance Regiment	440	457	440	-	17
Infantry	9,621	6,573	9,621	-	3,048 surplus
Artillery	2,345	2,359	2,345	-	14
Engineers	910	920	910	-	10
Signals	534	498	534	-	36 surplus
Army Service Corps	1,576	1,185	1,576	-	391 surplus
Miscellaneous	943	1,050	943	-	107
Total (excluding reinforcements)	16,528	13,192	16,528	-	surplus (3,336)
<u>7th Division</u> (excluding reinforce- ments) - Details as for 6th Division, column 4 above.	16,528	13,192	-	16,528	13,192

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
<u>Corps and Line of Communication Troops</u>					
Headquarters	411	411	297	114	114
Artillery	3,226	3,226	-	3,226	3,226
Engineers	898	898	-	898	898
Signals	989	989	292	697	697
Machine Gun Battalions	1,386	1,386	698	688	688
Anti-Corps	1,099	1,099	-	1,099	1,099
Army Service Corps	2,917	2,917	470	2,447	2,447
Medical	1,802	1,802	636	1,166	1,166
Miscellaneous (include Line of Communication Troops).	2,866	2,866	788	2,078	2,078
Total - Corps and Line of Communication Troops	15,594	15,594	3,181	12,413	12,413
GRAND TOTAL - AUSTRALIAN CORPS	48,650	41,978	19,709	28,941	25,605

(A)

NOTE (A) Column 4 - Excluding first reinforcements for 6th Division and Ancillary Troops.

NOTE (B) Information has been received that the British Battalion may be increased by 150 men in the near future. This would considerably reduce the nett surplus shown on page 1, column 6, "Infantry".

NOTE (C) If British establishments for the Divisions are adopted, there will be a surplus of three battalions from 6th Division. The absorption of these battalions within a proposed Corps requires the consideration of G.O.C., A.I.F., and cannot be subtracted from the numbers required for a new division, at present.

NOTE (D) Medical units are shown on Australian establishments.

AUSTRALIAN WAR ESTABLISHMENTS.

	Corps Troops	Unit Total			Corps Totals		
		Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total
H.Q.	Corps	51	289	340			
	Corps Arty.	5	10	15			
	Corps Med. Arty.	7	31	38			
	Corps Engrs.	5	13	18	68	313	411
R.A.A.	One med. regt. 60-pr.	30	613	643			
	One med. regt. 6" how.	30	629	659			
	One survey regt.	16	349	365			
	One A.A. regt.	37	936	973			
	One lt. A.A. regt.	20	566	586	133	3093	3226
R.A.E.	One fd. coy.	5	237	242			
	One corps fd. survey coy.	6	128	134			
	One corps fd. park coy.	4	170	174			
	One A.A. coy.	10	338	348	25	873	898
Sigs.	Corps sigs.	48	941	989	48	941	989
H.G. bn.	Two H.G. bns.	60	1326	1386	60	1326	1386
<i>White</i> Tanks	Two army tank bns.	10	61	71			
	Two army tank bns.	58	970	1028	58	1031	1099
A.S.C.	One corps petrol park	16	500	516			
	" " amm. park	26	885	911			
	Corps tps. supply coln.	19	542	561			
	" " amm. coy.	9	296	305			
	One A.A. regt. coy.	9	303	312			
	One army tank bde. coy.	8	304	312	87	2830	2917
A.A.O.C.	Two army fd. workshops	24	938	962			
	One ord. fd. park	14	321	335			
	One workshop (modified)	3	73	76			
	Ten L.A.Ds.	10	120	130	51	1452	1503
A.A.M.C.	One fd. amb.	12	222	234			
	One fd. hygiene sec.	1	28	29			
	One M.A.C.	8	221	229			
	Two C.C.S.	26	186	212	47	657	704
Hls.	I sec. corps	7	25	32			
	A.I.E.C. sec.	2	6	8			
	Two fd. cash offices	2	14	16			
	Corps postal unit	-	18	18			
	Provost coy.	2	103	110			
	Employment pl.	-	34	34			
	One mob. bath unit	1	19	20			
	One special salvage unit	1	41	42			
	One graves unit	3	35	38	18	500	518
	TOTAL CORPS TROOPS				605	12846	13451

LINE OF COMMUNICATION AND BASE UNITS.

Corps Troops	Unit Total			Corps Totals		
	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total
A.I.F. H.Q.	34	255	289	76	537	613
Overseas base	26	106	132			
Base ord. depot nucleus	5	17	22			
General base depot	11	159	170			
A.M.C. Two general hospitals, 600 beds.	48	300	348	155	943	1098
Two general hospitals, 1,200 beds.	72	474	546			
One convalescent depot, 500 men.	11	53	64			
One special hospital	7	45	52			
Fifteen dental units	15	60	75			
One mob. bacteriological lab.	1	3	4			
One adv. depot med. stores.	1	8	9			
rd. One ord. store coy.	17	359	376	17	359	376
A.S.C. Two supply personnel secs.	2	34	36	2	34	36
ay One command cash office	1	9	10	2	18	20
One depot cash office	1	9	10			
TOTAL L.O.C. AND BASE TROOPS				252	1891	2143
GRAND TOTAL				857	14737	15594

	Group	Date
HCond	one ATK Regt	X one A Fd Regt Cond Tan
4thD	one ATK Regt one ATK Regt one ATK Regt	one ATK Regt Cond SA
HCond	one ATK Regt	one ATK Regt less two batts = LAD
HCond	one SQ Regt one SQ Regt	one HQ Company one SQ Regt = LAD
SCond	one HQ Company one SQ Regt less one SQ Regt = LAD	
	? LAD	

WAR CABINET AGENDUM NO.22 (1940)

Notes for War Cabinet.

TABLE OF MONTHLY REINFORCEMENTS

CORPS OF TWO DIVISIONS (a) Australian Establishments.
 (b) British " "
 (c) Mixed " (one Division
 British, one Division Australian).

(a) AUSTRALIAN ESTABLISHMENTS			
Formation	Intense	Normal	No activity
Corps Troops and attached Base and Line of Communication Units	946	506	380
One Australian Division	2248	774	447
One Australian Division	2248	774	447
Total	5442	2054	1274
(b) BRITISH ESTABLISHMENTS			
Corps Troops and attached Base and Line of Communication Units	946	506	380
One British Division	1649	600	359
One British Division	1649	600	359
Total	4244	1706	1096
(c) MIXED ESTABLISHMENTS			
Corps Troops and attached Base and Line of Communication Units	946	506	380
One Australian Division	2248	774	447
One British Division	1649	600	359
Total	4843	1880	1186

TABLE OF REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED YEARLY

Formation	FRANCE	MEDITERRANEAN RESERVES
(a) Australian Establishment	36804	36640
(b) British Establishment	37082	29408
(c) Mixed Establishment	41913	33024

Notes: (i) The above table is based on the following periods of activity supplied by the War Office:-

ACTIVITY - FRANCE		ACTIVITY - MEDITERRANEAN RESERVE	
7 months	INTENSE	4 months	INTENSE
3 "	NORMAL	6 "	NORMAL
2 "	NO ACTIVITY	2 "	NO ACTIVITY

(ii) Numbers required from Australia will be reduced by the number of sick and wounded who rejoin the forces as "fit" after convalescence. These figures cannot be estimated in advance.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY.

MILITARY BOARD

SECURITY

APPENDIX 2

ARMY HEAD-QUARTERS,
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Melbourne, S.C.I.

S.M. 517

14th February, 1940.

N. Comd. (12)
E. Comd. (18)
S. Comd. (18)
W. Comd. (10)
6 Div. (15)
Overseas Base (12)
7 M.D. (3)
R.M.C. (2)
C. & S.S., C.T.D., S. of A., S.A.S.
S. of Eng., S. of Sigs., A.S.C. School.

Copies for information to:-

Soc. Co-ord (4), Sec. Army (4), C.G.S. (5),
A.G. (5), Q.M.G. (5), M.G.O. (5), F.H. (3), S.M.B.
M.L.O. (London), Chairman, Man Power Committee.

2ND. A.I.F. ORGANIZATION, COMPOSITION
AND DISTRIBUTION.

I am commanded by the Military Board to forward herewith
x copies of "Second Australian Imperial Force: 6th Division
and Ancillary Troops - Organization, Composition, Distribution
and Authority for Raising".

This includes all amendments which have been made to
date in S.M. 2805 of 3 Oct 39 which document is now cancelled.

Further copies can be supplied if required.

Secretary to the Military Board.

x Includes one each for Finance.,
Ordnance and District Records.

SECURITY

SECOND AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

6th Division and Ancillary Troops.

ORGANIZATION, COMPOSITION, DISTRIBUTION AND AUTHORITY
FOR RAISING.

1. Orders in Council.

In Commonwealth of Australia Gazette No.104, dated 12th October, 1939 approval has been given for the raising of the above-mentioned force for war service and the following copies of the relevant Orders in Council are promulgated for information of all concerned:-

(a) Authority to raise the Force

"Second Australian Imperial Force.
His Excellency the Governor-General in Council has approved of a Military Force, designated "The Second Australian Imperial Force, 6th Division and Ancillary Troops", being raised for war service and being composed of persons who voluntarily agree to serve within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.
(Ex.Min.No.313.)

G.A. STREET, Minister for Defence".

(b) Command

"His Excellency the Governor-General in Council has approved of the following:- Major-General Sir T.A. Blamey, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., from the unattached list is appointed to be General Officer Commanding the 6th Division and Ancillary Troops, Second Australian Imperial Force, and to be Lieutenant-General, with effect from 13th October, 1939. - (Ex.Min.No.324- Approved 11th October, 1939.)

G.A. STREET, Minister for Defence".

2. Organization.

The title of the force and the designation of its component Units have been adopted with the object of perpetuating the traditions of the original Australian Imperial Force and also, as far as practicable, Units will be recruited on the same territorial basis as that approved for the 1st Division, Australian Imperial Force, in 1914.

The organization and composition of the force is:-

ORDER OF BATTLE

2ND AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

6TH DIVISION AND ANCILLARY TROOPS

DIVISIONAL UNITS

Headquarters 2nd A.I.F. (attached Headquarters 6th Division)

Headquarters 6th Division

Headquarters 6th Division (attached 1 Veterinary Officer)

6th Divisional Intelligence Section

6th Divisional Reconnaissance Regiment

(39th Light Aid Detachment attached)

Headquarters 16th Infantry Brigade

(45th Light Aid Detachment attached)

Intelligence Corps attached

2nd/1st Battalion

2nd/2nd Battalion

2nd/3rd Battalion

2nd/4th Battalion

Headquarters 17th Infantry Brigade

(46th Light Aid Detachment attached)

Intelligence Corps attached

2nd/5th Battalion

2nd/6th Battalion

2nd/7th Battalion

2nd/8th Battalion

Headquarters 18th Infantry Brigade

(47th Light Aid Detachment attached)

Intelligence Corps attached

2nd/9th Battalion

2nd/10th Battalion

2nd/11th Battalion

2nd/12th Battalion

Headquarters 6th Divisional Artillery

Headquarters 2nd/1st Field Regiment

(43rd Light Aid Detachment attached)

2nd/1st Field Battery

2nd/2nd Field Battery

Headquarters 2nd/2nd Field Regiment

(40th Light Aid Detachment attached)

2nd/3rd Field Battery

2nd/4th Field Battery

Headquarters 2nd/3rd Field Regiment

(41st Light Aid Detachment attached)

2nd/5th Field Battery

2nd/6th Field Battery

Headquarters 6th Divisional Engineers

(42nd Light Aid Detachment attached)

2nd/1st Field Company

2nd/2nd Field Company

2nd/3rd Field Company

2nd/1st Field Park Company

6th Divisional Signals

(49th Light Aid Detachment attached)

6th Divisional Reconnaissance Regiment Signal Section

Headquarters 6th Divisional Army Service Corps

6th Divisional Supply Column

6th Divisional Ammunition Company

6th Divisional Petrol Company

2nd/1st Field Ambulance

2nd/2nd Field Ambulance

2nd/3rd Field Ambulance

2nd/1st Field Hygiene Section

Headquarters, 19th Infantry Brigade

ORDER OF BATTLE

2ND AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

6TH DIVISION AND ANCILLARY TROOPS

DIVISIONAL UNITS

Headquarters 2nd A.I.F. (attached Headquarters 6th Division)
Headquarters 6th Division
Headquarters 6th Division (attached 1 Veterinary Officer)
6th Divisional Intelligence Section
6th Divisional Reconnaissance Regiment
(39th Light Aid Detachment attached)
Headquarters 15th Infantry Brigade
(45th Light Aid Detachment attached)
Intelligence Corps attached
2nd/1st Battalion
2nd/2nd Battalion
2nd/3rd Battalion
2nd/4th Battalion
Headquarters 17th Infantry Brigade
(46th Light Aid Detachment attached)
Intelligence Corps attached
2nd/5th Battalion
2nd/6th Battalion
2nd/7th Battalion
2nd/8th Battalion
Headquarters 18th Infantry Brigade
(47th Light Aid Detachment attached)
Intelligence Corps attached
2nd/9th Battalion
2nd/10th Battalion
2nd/11th Battalion
2nd/12th Battalion
Headquarters 6th Divisional Artillery
Headquarters 2nd/1st Field Regiment
(43rd Light Aid Detachment attached)
2nd/1st Field Battery
2nd/2nd Field Battery
Headquarters 2nd/2nd Field Regiment
(40th Light Aid Detachment attached)
2nd/3rd Field Battery
2nd/4th Field Battery
Headquarters 2nd/3rd Field Regiment
(41st Light Aid Detachment attached)
2nd/5th Field Battery
2nd/6th Field Battery
Headquarters 6th Divisional Engineers
(42nd Light Aid Detachment attached)
2nd/1st Field Company
2nd/2nd Field Company
2nd/3rd Field Company
2nd/1st Field Park Company
6th Divisional Signals
(49th Light Aid Detachment attached)
6th Divisional Reconnaissance Regiment Signal Section
Headquarters 6th Divisional Army Service Corps
6th Divisional Supply Company
6th Divisional Ammunition Company
6th Divisional Petrol Company
2nd/1st Field Ambulance
2nd/2nd Field Ambulance
2nd/3rd Field Ambulance
2nd/1st Field Hygiene Section

6th Field Cash Office
6th Provost Company
6th Divisional Postal Unit

CORPS UNITS

Air Intelligence Liaison Section
* Headquarters 1st Anti-Tank Regiment
(44th Light Aid Detachment attached)
1st Anti-Tank Battery
2nd Anti-Tank Battery
3rd Anti-Tank Battery
4th Anti-Tank Battery
Headquarters Corps Signals
Headquarters No. 1 Company
Headquarters No. 2 Company
1st Construction Section
1st Despatch Rider Section
1st Wireless Telegraph Section
1st Line Maintenance Section
1st Operating Section
1st Mechanized Cable Section
1st Technical Maintenance Section
* "H" Section 6th Divisional Signals (for Anti-Tank Regiment)
2nd/1st Machine Gun Battalion
(48th Light Aid Detachment attached)
6th Divisional Ammunition Sub Park
Corps Troops Supply Column (details)
Corps Troops Ammunition Company (details)
Corps Troops Ammunition Sub Park (details)
2nd/1st Casualty Clearing Station
1st Army Field Workshop
6th Divisional Section 1st Ordnance Field Park

LINE OF COMMUNICATION UNITS

Headquarters Overseas Base
Australian Infantry and General Base Depot
(Headquarters and two Companies)
1st General Hospital (600 beds)
2nd General Hospital (1200 beds) *3rd Special Hospital*
1st Convalescent Depot
1st Advanced Depot Medical Stores
1st Dental Unit
2nd Dental Unit
3rd Dental Unit
4th Dental Unit
5th Dental Unit
6th Dental Unit
2nd/1st Australian Ordnance Store Company.

NOTE

- * These units become component parts of 6th Division after re-organization overseas.

3. Distribution.

The distribution of brigades and units to Commands and Military districts is as shown hereunder -

SECOND AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

6th Division and Ancillary Troops

(a) Allotments to Commands and Military Districts.

NORTHERN COMMAND

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EASTERN COMMAND

Units to be raised	Quota			1st Rein - forcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total
Headquarters 6th Division (details)	10	63	73	-	-	-	10	63	73
Veterinary Officer (attached)	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
Details Intelligence Corps (attached)	1	5	6	-	-	-	1	5	6
6th Divisional Reconnaissance Regiment ✓									
Headquarters Squadron	5	104	109	1	16	17	10	180	190
"A" Squadron (less Nos. 3, 4 & 5 Troops)	4	60	64						
<u>Artillery</u>									
Headquarters 6th Divisional Artillery ✓	6	23	29	-	-	-	6	23	29
2nd/1st Field Regiment	34	557	591	4	38	42	38	595	633
2nd/3rd Field Regiment									
"D" & "F" Troops, 2nd/6th Field Battery ✓	6	118	124	1	8	9	7	126	133
<u>Engineers</u>									
Headquarters 6th Divisional Engineers ✓	7	32	39						
2nd/1st Field Company ✓	5	237	242	1	15	16	13	284	297
<u>Signals</u>									
6th Divisional Signals (less "D" "F" "G" "H" "K" & "L" Sections)	14	243	257	1	12	13	15	255	270
1st Despatch Rider Section Corps Signals	1	26	27	-	1	1	1	27	28
<u>Infantry</u>									
Headquarters 16th Infantry Brigade ✓	10	63	73	-	-	-	10	63	73
Details Intelligence Corps (attached)	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
2nd/1st Battalion ✓	34	749	783	7	74	81	41	823	864
2nd/2nd Battalion ✓	34	749	783	7	74	81	41	823	864
2nd/3rd Battalion ✓	34	749	783	7	74	81	41	823	864
2nd/4th Battalion ✓	34	749	783	7	74	81	41	823	864
2nd/1st Machine Gun Battalion (details) ✓	10	220	230	2	12	14	12	232	244
<u>Army Service Corps</u>									
6th Divisional Supply Column (less "E" Section) ✓	15	591	606	-	14	14	15	605	620
Corps Troops Supply Column (details) ✓	-	10	18	-	-	-	-	18	18
"B" & "C" Sections, 6th Divisional Ammunition Sub-Park ✓	2	210	212	-	4	4	2	214	216
<u>Army Medical Corps</u>									
2nd/1st Field Ambulance ✓	12	245	257	-	5	5	12	250	262
2nd/1st Field Hygiene Section ✓	1	28	29	-	1	1	1	29	30
1st General Hospital ✓	24	150	174	1	5	6	25	155	180
2nd General Hospital (Medical - & Surgical details) ✓	1	30	31	-	1	1	1	31	32
2nd Dental Unit (details) ✓	1	4	5	-	-	-	1	4	5
<u>Army Ordnance Corps</u>									
2nd/1st Army Field Workshop (less three Recovery Sections)	6	240	246	-	8	8	6	248	254
6th Divisional Section 1st Ordnance Field Park (less Vehicle Sub-Section) ✓	2	57	59	-	4	4	2	61	63
45th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
<u>Army Pay Corps</u>									
6th Field Cash Office (details)	1	7	8	-	-	-	1	7	8

EASTERN COMMAND -Continued -

Units to be raised	Quota			1st. Re in- forcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total
<u>Provost Company</u>									
6th Provost Company (less five Sections)	1	31	32	-	3	3	1	34	35
<u>Postal Unit</u>									
6th Divisional Postal Unit (details)	1	7	8	-	-	-	1	7	8
<u>Overseas Base</u>									
Headquarters Australian Overseas Base (details)	5	56	61	-	-	-	5	56	61
<u>Infantry & General Base Depot</u>									
Australian Infantry & General Base Depot (details)	-	32	32	-	-	-	-	32	32
<u>Ordnance Store Company</u>									
2nd/1st Ordnance Store Company (details) ✓	-	8	8	-	-	-	-	8	8
TOTAL	323	6475	6798	39	443	482	362	6918	7280
<u>Army Nursing Service</u>									
1st General Hospital									50
<u>SOUTHERN COMMAND (3 M.D.)</u>									
Headquarters 2 A.I.F. (details)	3	7	10	-	-	-	3	7	10
Headquarters 6th Division (details)	10	62	72	-	-	-	10	62	72
Details Intelligence Corps (attached)	1	5	6	-	-	-	1	5	6
Air Intelligence Liaison Section	2	6	8	-	-	-	2	6	8
6th Divisional Reconnaissance Regiment ✓									
Regimental Headquarters "B" Squadron	5	17	22)	2	12	14	14	125	139
	7	96	103)						
<u>Artillery</u>									
2nd/2nd Field Regiment ✓	34	557	591	4	38	42	38	595	633
<u>Engineers</u>									
2nd/2nd Field Company	5	237	242	1	15	16	6	252	258
Headquarters 2nd/3rd Field Company	2	45	47	1	3	4	3	48	51
<u>Signals</u>									
"D" "F" & "K" Sections 6th Divisional Signals	5	154	159	-	6	6	5	160	165
6th Divisional Reconnaissance Regiment Signal Section	1	11	12	-	1	1	1	12	13
Headquarters Corps Signals	4	25	29)						
Headquarters Nos. 1 & 2 Companies, Corps Signals	4	17	21)	1	2	3	9	44	53
1st Wireless Telegraph Section, Corps Signals	1	28	29	-	1	1	1	29	30
1st Line Maintenance Section, Corps Signals	1	27	28	-	1	1	1	28	29

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SOUTHERN COMMAND (4 M.D.)

Units to be raised	Quota			1st Rein- forcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total
Headquarters 6th Division (details)	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
6th Divisional Reconnaissance Regiment "C" Squadron (less 13 14 & 15 Troops)	4	60	64	-	6	6	4	66	70
<u>Artillery</u>									
Headquarters 2nd/3rd Field Regiment	6	45	51	-	-	-	6	45	51
2nd/5th Field Battery (less "A" & "B" Troops)	8	138	146	1	12	13	9	150	159
<u>Engineers</u>									
One Section, 2nd/3rd Field Company	1	64	65	-	4	4	1	68	69
<u>Signals</u>									
1st Operating Section Corps Signals	1	40	41	-	2	2	1	42	43
<u>Infantry</u>									
2nd/10th Battalion	84	749	783	7	74	81	1	823	864
2nd/1st Machine Gun Battalion (details)	4	57	61	1	10	11	5	67	72
<u>Army Service Corps</u>									
"C" Section, 6th Divisional Ammunition Company	2	127	129	-	3	3	2	130	132
Three Sub-Sections, "D" Workshop Section	-	48	48	-	-	-	-	48	48
6th Divisional Petrol Company	-	48	48	-	-	-	-	48	48
<u>Army Medical Corps</u>									
2nd General Hospital (Medical & Surgical details)	7	29	36	1	5	6	8	34	42
1st Advanced Depot Medical Stores	1	8	9	-	-	-	1	8	9
4th Dental Unit	1	4	5	-	-	-	1	4	5
<u>Army Ordnance Corps</u>									
40th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
41st Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
<u>Provost Company</u>									
One Section, 6th Provost Company	-	16	16	-	-	-	-	16	16
<u>Overseas Base</u>									
Headquarters Australian Overseas Base (details)	1	8	9	-	-	-	1	8	9
<u>Ordnance Store Company</u>									
2nd/1st Ordnance Store Company (details)	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	73	1410	1491	10	116	126	83	1534	1617
<u>Army Nursing Service</u>									
2nd General Hospital									12
<u>SOUTHERN COMMAND (6 M.D.)</u>									
6th Divisional Reconnaissance Regiment No 15 Troop, "C" Squadron	1	12	13	-	2	2	1	14	15
<u>Artillery</u>									
1st Anti Tank Regiment (details)	8	132	140	1	10	11	9	142	151
<u>Engineers</u>									
One Section, 2nd/3rd Field Company	1	64	65	-	4	4	1	60	69

SOUTHERN COMMAND (6 M.D.) -Continued -

Units to be raised	Quota			1st Rein- forcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total
<u>Signals</u>									
1st Mechanised Cable Section, Corps Signals	1	31	32	-	2	2	1	33	34
<u>Infantry</u>									
2nd/12th Battalion (Less "B" & "C" Companies)	24	537	561	4	37	41	28	574	602
2nd/1st Machine Gun Battalion (details)	2	57	59	-	10	10	2	67	69
<u>Army Service Corps</u>									
"B" Section, 6th Divisional Petrol Company	1	68	69	-	2	2	1	70	71
<u>Army Medical Corps</u>									
2nd General Hospital (Medical & Surgical details)	5	29	34	-	-	-	5	29	34
6th Dental Unit	1	4	5	-	-	-	1	4	5
<u>Army Ordnance Corps</u>									
42nd Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
<u>Provost Company</u>									
One Section, 6th Provost Company	-	16	16	-	-	-	-	16	16
<u>Overseas Base</u>									
Headquarters Australian Overseas Base (details)	1	8	9	-	-	-	1	8	9
Total	46	970	1016	5	67	72	51	1037	1088
<u>Army Nursing Service</u>									
2nd General Hospital									8
<u>WESTERN COMMAND</u>									
6th Divisional Reconnaissance Regiment Nos 13 & 14 Troops, "C" Squadron	2	24	26	-	2	2	2	26	28
<u>Artillery</u>									
2nd/3rd Field Regiment 2nd/6th Field Battery (Less "D" & "F" Troops)	8	130	146	1	10	11	9	148	157
<u>Engineers</u>									
One Section, 2nd/3rd Field Company	1	64	65	-	4	4	1	68	69
<u>Signals</u>									
"G" Section, 6th Divisional Signals	1	29	30	-	2	2	1	31	32
1st Technical Maintenance Section	1	24	24	-	1	1	1	25	26
<u>Infantry</u>									
2nd/11th Battalion	34	749	783	7	74	81	41	823	864
2nd/1st Machine Gun Battalion (details)	2	57	59	-	10	10	2	67	69
<u>Army Service Corps</u>									
"D" Workshop Section (Less three Sub-Sections), 6th Divisional Petrol Company	2	50	52	-	2	2	2	52	54

WESTERN COMMAND -Continued-

Units to be raised	Quota			1st Rein- forcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total
<u>Army Medical Corps</u>									
2nd General Hospital (Medical & Surgical details)	7	29	36	-	-	-	7	29	36
1st Convalescent Depot	11	53	64	-	-	-	11	53	64
5th Dental Unit	1	4	5	-	-	-	1	4	5
<u>Army Ordnance Corps</u>									
43rd Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
44th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
<u>Provost Company</u>									
6th Provost Company (details)	-	16	16	-	-	-	-	16	16
<u>Overseas Base</u>									
Headquarters Australian Overseas Base (details)	3	87	110	-	-	-	3	87	110
Total	75	1268	1343	8	105	113	83	1373	1456
<u>Army Nursing Service</u>									
2nd General Hospital									11
<u>7th MILITARY DISTRICT</u>									
<u>Artillery</u>									
2nd/3rd Field Regiment									
"A" & "B" Troops 2nd/5th Field Battery	6	118	124	1	8	9	7	126	133

ø These officers may be raised from other Districts as selected, by arrangement between G. O's. C. 6th Division and the Commands concerned.

S U M M A R Y

COMMAND	QUOTA			1st Rein- forcements			TOTAL			Army Nursing Service
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	
NORTHERN COMMAND (including New Guinea)	115	2667	2782	11	183	194	126	2850	2976	18
EASTERN COMMAND	323	6475	6798	39	443	482	362	6918	7280	50
SOUTHERN COMMAND										
3 M.D.	347	6052	6399	39	412	451	386	6464	6850	39
4 M.D.	73	1418	1491	10	116	126	83	1534	1617	12
6 M.D.	46	970	1016	5	67	72	51	1037	1088	8
WESTERN COMMAND	75	1268	1343	8	105	113	83	1373	1456	11
7 MILITARY DISTRICT	6	118	124	1	8	9	7	126	133	-
TOTAL	985	18968	19953	113	1334	1447	1098	20302	21400	138

3. Distribution (Contd.)

(b) Allotment of Light Aid Detachments

PERMANENT ATTACHMENT TO UNITS ON CONCENTRATION

<u>Military District in which raised.</u>	<u>No. of L.A.D.</u>	<u>UNIT TO WHICH ATTACHED</u>
3rd	39th	6th Divisional Reconnaissance Regiment
4th	40th	2nd/2nd Field Regiment
4th	41st	2nd/3rd Field Regiment
6th	42nd	6th Divisional Engineers
5th	43rd	2nd/1st Field Regiment
5th	44th	1st Anti Tank Regiment
E.C.	45th	16th Infantry Brigade
S.C. 3 M.D.	46th	17th Infantry Brigade
N.C.	47th	18th Infantry Brigade
S.C. 3 M.D.	48th	2nd/1st Machine Gun Battalion
S.C. 3 M.D.	49th	6th Divisional Signals

4. War Establishments.

Australian War Establishments are the authority for the appointment of officers, enlistment of other ranks, and the provision of animals, and transport shown therein but in each case subject to such modifications as are directed by the Military Board from time to time.

5. War Equipment Tables.

The relevant Australian War Equipment Tables are the authority for the issue of equipment, subject to modification as in the case of War Establishments. The issue of equipment, clothing and necessaries is dealt with in Military Board Instruction 59 of 1939.

6. Terms of Service.

Service in the force will be voluntary and all ranks will serve, if required, for the duration of the war and for twelve months thereafter.

Members at present serving in the Australian Military Forces, persons with previous Military Service and persons without previous service will be eligible in such proportions as are determined by the Military Board from time to time.

7. Pay and Allowances.

The rates of pay and allowances have been promulgated in M.B.I.s 82 and 83 of 30th December, 1939 as amended by Defence memos Nos. 43603 of 30th November 1939 and 46495 of 16th December 1939 respectively, and will be embodied in War Financial Regulations in due course.

8. Embodiment.

(a) Appointment of officers will be made from time to time as approved by the Military Board.

(b) Enlistment of other ranks commenced as under -

- (i) Personnel with no previous military service and
- (ii) Personnel with previous military service:- 20th October, 1939.
- (iii) Personnel serving in Australian Military Forces:- 3rd November, 1939

THE FORMATION OF THE 2ND A. I. F.GOVERNMENT DECISION TO RAISE THE 2ND A.I.F.

1. The decision by the Australian Government to raise the 2nd A.I.F. was announced in a radio broadcast by the Prime Minister on . In his statement Mr. Menzies gave a general outline of the organization of the Force and stressed that it would be enlisted for service at home or overseas according to the circumstances of the international situation. Enlistment was to be for the period of the war and twelve (12) months thereafter.

ORDER OF BATTLE.

2. On The Military Board issued the Order of Battle of the 2nd A.I.F. and the detailed distribution of units to Military Districts. This, ~~with minor amendments subsequently made, is set as Annexure 1.~~

COMMAND.

3. On Major General Sir Thomas Blamey, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. Unattached List, Australian Military Forces, was appointed to command the 2nd A.I.F., comprising 6th Division and Ancillary Troops.

SUBORDINATE COMMANDERS AND STAFFS.

4. ~~The names of Subordinate Commanders and Staffs as at 30 Nov 39 are shown in Annexure 2.~~

RECRUITMENT.

5. In the initial instructions, the Military Board laid down that the ages for enlistment were to be between 18 and 35, although this could be relaxed in the case of selected Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers.

6. The following maximum ages were fixed for officers:-

Lieutenants	-	30.
Captains	-	35.
Majors	-	40.
Lt.-Cols.	-	45.

These were subsequently varied to allow the acceptance of officers above these ages, provided they were needed for particular appointments for which no other suitable applicants were forthcoming.

7. The original allotment of recruits was 50% Militia, 25% previous service and 25% without any service.

8. Registration of applicants and medical examinations of recruits without previous service commenced in all Districts on , but no personnel were attested until

. It was found at an early stage that the response from serving members of the Militia Forces was quite inadequate to supply the requirements of 50% of the Force, and authority was accordingly given for the balance to be met from further enlistments of men without previous Service. This matter is referred to again in para 16 below.

9. On the Military Board authorised the attestation of recruits and ordered an initial period of recruit training under Command and District arrangements in Recruit Reception and Training Depots.

EMBODIMENT.

10. On 3 Nov 39 the embodiment of the Force commenced when personnel recruited from the Militia entered Camp as advanced parties. Drafting from Recruit Training Depots to camps commenced on 6 Nov 39 and by 30 Nov 39 the 2nd A.I.F. with the exception of some medical and ordnance units had reached War Establishment - ~~details of strength as at 30~~

~~Nov 39 are shown in Annexure B.~~

CAMP SITES.

11. Concurrently with the decision of the Government to raise the Force, action was taken to acquire camp Sites on which to construct semi-permanent hatted camps. In VICTORIA, PUCKAPUNYAL, 6 miles west of SEYMOUR was selected for one Brigade Group, and in NEW SOUTH WALES, INGLEBURN, 5 Miles South of LIVERPOOL. Generally speaking, the construction work in these camps has been completed by 30 Nov 39, although sewerage, lighting and

road making had not been finalized. Some delay occurred in selection of a site for a third camp in the NEWCASTLE area. Finally a decision was made to acquire a site at GRETA, but by Nov 30 39 construction had only been commenced for two battalions.

12. In Q'LAND, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA and TASMANIA, troops were accommodated in tented camps in view of a decision to concentrate, as soon as possible, the whole of the Force in VICTORIA and NEW SOUTH WALES.

13. TRAINING.

The objectives aimed at in the first month's training were:-

- (a) Completion of the "hardening" of men commenced in Recruit Reception Depots.
- (b) Establishment of the permanent organization of units and sub-units.
- (c) A satisfactory standard of individual training.

The standard reached at 30 Nov 39 varied rather markedly by units. The difficulties noted later in this summary effected units in differing degrees and only in Eastern Command had anything approaching the required standard been reached.

CONCENTRATION.

14. Training and administrative difficulties made it essential that some degree of concentration of widely scattered units should be effected without delay. Approval was accordingly given for concentration of the following units by 30 Nov 39:-

Recce Regt (less one Sqn in VICTORIA)	- INGLEBURN.
Sigs 6 Div { " three Secs " }	- " "
Corps Sigs (complete)	- MELBOURNE.

15. In the meantime, plans were made with a view to ensuring the complete concentration in VICTORIA and NEW SOUTH WALES by 31 Dec 39. These plans were based on the temporary use of RUTHERFORD and LIVERPOOL camps in N.S.W. until the completion of building at GRETA.

MOBILIZATION OF H.Q. 2nd A.I.F.

16. H.Q. 2nd A.I.F. was established at 441 St Kilda Rd MELBOURNE on 23 Oct 39 with those officers appointed at that time and a staff of temporary civilian employees provided by the Staff Inspector of Defence Department. Enlistments of Clerks, Drivers M.T., Orderlies, etc. had proceeded and by Nov 30 39 the majority of the personnel required had been obtained.

THE ATTITUDE OF SERVING MEMBERS OF THE MILITIA FORCES TO 2/AIF.

17. Reference has already been made in para 3 above to the failure of the Militia Forces to provide their quota of the 2nd A.I.F. In fact the actual response was between 20% and 25%. The chief reasons advanced for this were:-

- (a) Absence of an inspiring lead by the Commonwealth Government.
- (b) Reluctance on the part of many members of the Militia to relinquish well paid positions to join a force which might not go overseas.
- (c) Opposition, both active and passive, by Commanders of Militia formations and units.

It is probable that all three reasons contributed their share to the disappointing quota of enlistments from the Militia. There was, however, considerable evidence that Militia Commanders were concerned that their best officers and N.C.Os were being taken from them to join the 2nd A.I.F. and that they would be left with inadequate trained personnel to carry out the projected three months Militia camps. This led to the issue by the Military Board of a direction that volunteers from the Militia were not to be permitted to enlist if, as a result, their Militia Units would be unduly weakened. ~~The submission of the G.O.C. 2nd A.I.F. on this direction is attached at Annexure 1.~~

DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN ESTABLISHING 2ND A.I.F.

18. Reference has already been made in para 17 to the failure of the Militia to provide its quota. Though the effect of this was serious, in that it resulted in having to train an unduly high proportion of recruits with an

inadequate number of N.C.Os, there were other difficulties, Chief among these were:-

- (a) The incidence of Militia Camps of Training at the same time as the 2nd A.I.F. was being established.
- (b) The inadequate supply of training and war equipment.
- (c) The method of allocation of A.I.F. units to Military Districts.
- (d) Lack of uniforms.
- (e) The complications due to Commands, in which A.I.F. Units were situated, being responsible for the local administration of such units.

These are dealt with in some detail below.

THE INCIDENCE OF MILITIA CAMPS.

19. In considering this difficulty, a comparison has to be drawn between the formation of 1st Division in 1914 and of 6th Division in 1939. In 1914, all training, other than that of Senior Cadets, was at once suspended and all resources in personnel of the Permanent & Citizen Forces were available. In 1939, the opposite was the case, since the 2nd A.I.F. was formed at a time when the permanent & militia Forces were working at high pressure with camps of one month's duration as well as with many other activities occasioned by the War. The result was that it was difficult to arrange interviews with officers and equally difficult to ensure that the required Permanent Staff were withdrawn to meet the needs of the A.I.F.

20. The reluctance of the Militia Commanders to release officers and N.C.Os, in view of their own training commitments, has already been commented upon. In addition it was an undoubted fact that the comradeship between men existing in Militia units went some way to dissuading those members, in a position to enlist, from doing so, since they would be leaving their friends who were not able to enlist, during a period of active camp training.

INADEQUACY OF EQUIPMENT.

21. The outbreak of War found the Australian Military Forces with only a limited amount of Camp Equipment and with serious deficiencies in training and war equipment. As Militia camps were in full swing when the 2nd A.I.F. was embodied, the former were naturally provided for to the detriment of the latter. Although the situation as regards Camp Equipment was generally satisfactory except in VICTORIA, the training and war equipment available was totally inadequate in all Districts. For example, there was great difficulty in obtaining transport and guns for artillery units, while 16 Aus Inf. Bde. was in camp for over a fortnight before it even received its first issue of rifles.

22. To meet the situation, the Military Board had, in October, issued an instruction giving 2nd A.I.F. priority over the Militia in regard to equipment. Most articles needed were, however, on issue to Militia units in camp, and there was a definite lack of direction by Commands in regard to ordering withdrawal from the Militia. In spite of repeated protests by 2nd A.I.F., the position at 30 Nov 39 was far from satisfactory, and promised to become even more acute with the concentration of the main body of the Force in Eastern Command during the month of December.

THE METHOD OF ALLOCATION OF UNITS.

23. The distribution of units of the 2nd A.I.F. to the several Military Districts provided serious administrative difficulties. Small detachments of the same unit were raised in States so widely separated as Q'LAND and WESTERN AUSTRALIA, with the result that selection of personnel and control of training in the period prior to concentration resulted in much less of time and efficiency.

LACK OF UNIFORMS.

X 24. Although the decision to raise the Force was made on Sep 39, there were men at the end of November without even working dress, while only approximately 1/3rd to half of the troops had received a first issue of Service Dress. Apart from the inevitable damage to civilian clothes, the general shortage led to considerable dissatisfaction among the troops who were reluctant to take leave unless properly dressed.

ADMINISTRATION BY COMMANDS.

X 25. In view of the dispersion of the 2nd A.I.F. over the whole Commonwealth, it was essential that the local administration of A.I.F. units should be undertaken by the Commands in which these units were situated, G.O.C. 2nd A.I.F. being responsible for training the Force. This gave rise to a certain amount of friction and to differing interpretations by Commands of Army Headquarters instructions, particularly in so far as the priority of issue of equipment was concerned. The effect of this resulted in an unusually large number of complaints by units most of which were justified, while Divisional and Brigade Staffs, already working at high pressure on the initial organization of the Force, were compelled to devote much time to work which should have been done by Command Staffs.

POSITION AS AT 30 NOV 39.

26. In spite of the many difficulties listed in the foregoing paragraphs, definite progress had been made by 30 Nov 39. Considerable quantities of essential training equipment was still outstanding, but definite progress in individual training was reported. The standard of training attained varied considerably in the various units but in most cases the progress was satisfactory. The shortage of officers and of other personnel capable of imparting instruction, in certain units contributed largely to the various standards reached. Comparisons are invidious,

but it should be recorded that the standard of training in the three infantry brigades was in the order 16, 17 and 18 Aus Inf Bdes. Apart from other factors, the state of readiness of accommodation and the relative speeds with which enlistments were completed to establishment, together with the relative assistance afforded by the Command H.Q. concerned are the main reasons for the above relative states of progress in training.

27. Training in divisional units and in technical arms suffered from similar restrictions to the above, but, taken by and large, the standard of training reached was as satisfactory as could be expected in the circumstances.

APPENDIX 4

H. Q. 6TH DIVISION 9/31.

SECRET

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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MINUTE PAPER

SUBJECT: GENERAL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS - A CORPS OF TWO DIVISIONS
AND AUXILIARY TROOPS.

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I attach hereto General Staff recommendations
for raising personnel of the remainder of a Corps of two divisions
and auxiliary troops.

2. Sheet 1 shows the guiding principles on which
recommendations are based. The following sheets show proposed
distribution of units and personnel to Military Districts.

3. These recommendations are tentative pending
decision by Government on raising of force.

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REFERENCE - WAR CABINET AGENDUM 22/40.

"RAISING A CORPS OF HEADQUARTERS, CORPS TROOPS, TWO DIVISIONS AND CERTAIN LINE OF COMMUNICATION AND BASE UNITS".

GENERAL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF UNITS AND SUB-UNITS TO MILITARY DISTRICTS, APART FROM THOSE ALREADY RAISED FOR 6TH DIVISION AND AUXILIARY TROOPS.

NOTES :-

1. British War Establishments for fighting units have been adopted with very little change in most cases.
2. For some administrative units (Base) special Australian War Establishments have been drawn up.
3. The following were the guiding principles in submitting the recommendations :-
 - (a) Complete units or sub-units to be raised in Districts. This should reduce the volume of troop movements for concentration and training as was necessary with 6th Division owing to distribution.
 - (b) Strength allotted to Districts on proportion of manpower.
 - (c) Units to be raised and trained where trained personnel and training equipment is most likely to be available.
 - (d) Headquarters allotted to Districts to facilitate control during organization and training. Although Corps Headquarters and Divisional Headquarters are located in 3rd and 2nd Military Districts respectively, it is appreciated that personnel will be drawn from other districts as well.

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REFERENCE WAR CABINET AGENDUM 22/40.

SUMMARY OF NUMBERS AND DISTRIBUTION TO COMMANDS AND MILITARY DISTRICTS
TO COMPLETE A CORPS OF TWO DIVISIONS AND NECESSARY L. OF C. AND BASE UNITS.

Command or M.D.	Numbers to be Raised			1st Reinforcements			Grand Total Yet to be Raised			Remarks
	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total	
Northern	171	3,397	3,568	14	211	225	185	3,608	3,793	✓
Eastern	468	8,926	9,394	49	774	823	517	9,700	10,217	✓
Southern 3 M.D.	361	5,648	6,009	25	381	406	386	6,029	6,415	✓
" 4 M.D.	88	1,828	1,916	8	150	158	96	1,978	2,074	✓
" 6 M.D.	45	953	998	-	13	13	45	966	1,011	✓
Western 5 M.D.	86	1,762	1,848	13	185	198	99	1,947	2,046	✓
Total	1,219	22,514	25,733	109	1,712	1,821	1,328	24,228	25,556	

* Portion to be
raised in 7 M.

COMPARISON BETWEEN NUMBERS ALLOTTED TO COMMANDS
AND NUMBERS WHICH IT IS SUGGESTED SHOULD BE
ALLOTTED ON A POPULATION BASIS

Command or M.D.	Numbers suggested on population basis.	Alotted in proposed distribution of units.	Difference.
Northern 1 M.D.	3833	3793	-40
Eastern 2 M.D.	10224	10217	-7
Southern 3 M.D.	6389	6415	+26
" 4 M.D.	2044	2074	+30
" 6 M.D.	1022	1011	-11
Western 5 M.D.	2044	2046	+ 2
Totals	25556	25556	+58 -53

N O R T H E R N C O M M A N D

S E C R E T

Serial No.	Arm	2nd A.I.F. War Estab-lishment	No. of Units	Units	WAR ESTABLISHMENT			1ST REINFORCEMENT			Total to be raised including reinforcements			Re
					Offr.	C.Rs.	Total	Offr.	C.Rs.	Total	Offr.	C.Rs.	Total	
203	Cav.	II/6/1	One	Sqn.div.cav.reg't.	8	100	108	-	-	-	8	100	108	
210	R.A.A.	II/7 ^A /1	One	Fd. reg't. (div.)	34	557	591	4	38	42	38	595	633	
211(b)		II/7/1	Two	A. Fd. Reg't.	12	240	252	-	-	-	12	240	252	
215	R.A.A.	III/15 ^A /1	One	Fd. Coy. (Corps)	5	237	242	1	15	16	6	252	258	
221	Sigs. (Corps)	III/30 ^A /1	One	A. Fd. Coy.	1	39	40	-	2	2	1	41	42	
222		III/20/1	Details	Operating Sec.	2	60	62	-	2	2	2	62	64	
223		III/20/2	One	Line Sec.	1	27	28	-	1	1	1	28	29	
232	(div.)	II/11/1	One	Div.cav.reg't.sec.	1	11	12	-	-	-	1	11	12	
"		II/11/1		H.Q. No. 2 Coy.	1	3	4	-	-	-	1	3	4	
"		II/11/1	One	"J" Inf.bde.sig. sec.	2	36	38	-	-	-	2	36	38	
233	M.Gs.	III/32 ^B /1	One	M.G. Coy.	5	128	133	-	-	-	5	128	133	
235	Inf.	II/2/1	One	H.Q. Inf. Bde.	9	56	65	-	-	-	9	56	65	
236(a)		II/12 ^F /1	One	Inf. Bn.	33	648	681	8	124	132	41	772	813	
237(a)		II/12 ^C /1	One	A.T. Coy.	4	77	81	-	-	-	4	77	81	
242	A.A.S.C.	III/42/1	One	Corps Tps. Sub. Coln.	19	524	543	1	16	17	20	540	560	
250(b)	A.A.O.G.	III/53/1	Three	Rec. Sec.	6	201	207	-	-	-	6	201	207	
257	A.A.M.C.	III/49/1	One	M. Amb. Convoy	8	221	229	-	8	8	8	229	237	
		III/43/1	One	C.C.S.	13	93	106	-	3	3	13	96	109	
		"	Details	C.C.S.	1	9	10	-	1	1	1	10	11	
259	A.A.M.C.	II/17/1	One	Fd. Hyg. Sec (Div.)	1	28	29	-	1	1	1	29	30	
276(a)	Intell.	III/362/1	One	Inf. Bde. In' Sec.	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2	
Div. Corps Tps.					166	3,297	3,463	14	211	225	180	3,508	3,688	

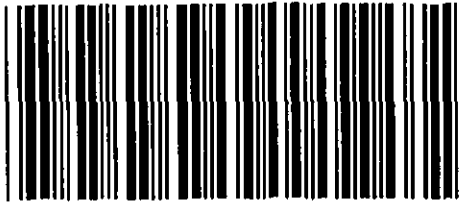
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235(a)	A.A.M.C.	III/50 ^C /1	One	Dental unit	1	4	5	-	-	-	1	4	5	
268	Ord.	IV/50/1	Details	Ord. Store Coy.	4	96	100	-	-	-	4	96	100	
Base & L. of C. Units					5	100	105	-	-	-	5	100	105	
GRAND TOTAL					171	3,397	3,568	14	211	225	185	3,608	3,793	

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Serial No.	Arm	PATP War Est. Number 1940	No. of Units	Units	1st Lt. Force			2nd Lt. Force			3rd Lt. Force		
					1st Lt.	2nd Lt.	3rd Lt.	1st Lt.	2nd Lt.	3rd Lt.	1st Lt.	2nd Lt.	3rd Lt.
202		III/2/1	One	Inf. Regt. Coy.	1	1	1				7	31	63
203	Chve.	I/1/1	One	Inf. Regt. Coy.	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	143	179
206	(Div.)	III/101/1	One	Inf. Regt. Coy.	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	371	703
207		III/102/1	One	Inf. Regt. Coy.	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	373	391
210	(Div.)	III/103/1	One	Inf. Regt. Coy.	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	140	144
211(a)		III/104/1	Two	Inf. Regt. Coy.	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	84	50
212		III/105/1	Two	Inf. Regt. Coy.	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	382	341
213		III/106/1	One	Inf. Regt. Coy.	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	357	367
217	(Div.)	III/107/1	One	Inf. Div. Regt.	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	31	38
218	Pioneers	III/108/1	One	Inf. Div. Regt.	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	372	368
221	Signs. (corps)	III/201/1	One	Op. Sec.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	42
222		III/202/1	One	Op. Sec.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
223		III/203/1	One	Op. Sec.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
224		III/204/1	One	Op. Sec.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
225		III/205/1	One	Op. Sec.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
226		III/206/1	One	Op. Sec.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
227		III/207/1	One	Op. Sec.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
228		III/208/1	One	Op. Sec.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
229		III/209/1	One	Op. Sec.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
230		III/210/1	One	Op. Sec.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
231		III/211/1	One	Op. Sec.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
232(f)	(Div.)	III/212/1	One	Op. Sec.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
232(g)		III/213/1	One	Op. Sec.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
232(h)		III/214/1	One	Op. Sec.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
233(a)		III/215/1	One	Op. Sec.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
234		III/216/1	One	Op. Sec.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
235	Inf.	III/217/1	One	Inf. Sec. R.A.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
236		III/218/1	Two	Inf. Sec. R.A.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
237		III/219/1	One	Inf. Sec. R.A.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
238	Trucks	III/220/1	One	Inf. Sec. R.A.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
239		III/221/1	One	Inf. Sec. R.A.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
240	A.A.S.C. (corps)	III/222/1	One	Corps Sec. Park	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
241		III/223/1	One	Corps Sec. Park	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
242		III/224/1	One	Corps Sec. Park	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
243		III/225/1	One	Corps Sec. Park	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
244		III/226/1	One	Corps Sec. Park	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
245		III/227/1	One	Corps Sec. Park	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
246	(Div.)	III/228/1	One	Corps Sec. Park	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
250	A.A.S.C.	III/229/1	One	Corps Sec. Park	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
252		III/230/1	One	Corps Sec. Park	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
253		III/231/1	One	Corps Sec. Park	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
259(a)	A.A.S.C. (corps)	III/232/1	One	Corps Sec. Park	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
264	Postal	III/233/1	One	Corps Sec. Park	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
266	Pro.	III/234/1	One	Corps Sec. Park	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
268	Med.	III/235/1	One	Corps Sec. Park	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
270		III/236/1	One	Corps Sec. Park	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
271		III/237/1	One	Corps Sec. Park	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
275	Inf.	III/238/1	One	Corps Sec. Park	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
276		III/239/1	One	Corps Sec. Park	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	41
Total Force and Lt. of C.					50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Grand Total					463	463	463	463	463	463	463	463	463

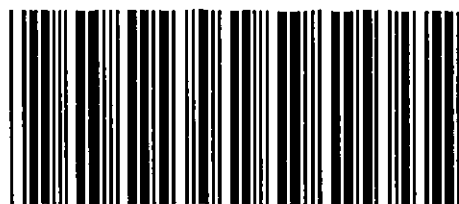
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SOUTHERN COMMAND 3 M.D.

Serial No.	Arm	2AIF War Est. Number	No. of Units	Units	War Establishment			1st Reinforcement			Total to be raised including reinforcements		
					Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total
200	H.Q.	1940	One	Corps H.Q.	51	289	340				51	289	340
201		III/5/1	One	H.Q. Corps Arty.	5	10	15				5	10	15
203	Cav.	II/6/1	One	Sqn. Div. Cav. Regt.	8	100	108				8	100	108
204	Arty.(corps)	III/10/1	One	Med. Regt. 60-pr.	30	613	643	4	42	46	34	655	689
208		III/120/1	One	Lt. A.A. Regt.	30	586	616	3	39	42	23	605	628
210(a)	(div.)	II/74/1	One	21. Regt. from 21st	30	301	331	4	58	62	24	330	354
212	Engrs.(corps)	III/14/1	One	H.Q. Corps Tps. Engrs.	5	13	18				5	13	18
214		III/20/1	One	Corps Rd. Svy. Coy.	6	128	134		7	7	6	135	141
215		III/16A/1	One	Corps Rd. Park Coy.	4	170	174		11	11	4	181	185
218(h)	(div.)	II/104/1	One	2nd. Coy. from 2nd	5	237	242	1	13	14	6	252	258
220	Sigs.(corps)	III/22/1	Det. ails	No. 3 Coy.		11	11					11	11
222(c)		III/23/1	One	Line Sec.	2	60	62		2	2	2	62	64
228		III/27D/1	One	Lt. A.A. Regt. Sec.	1	25	26		1	1	1	26	27
229(b)		III/27C/1	One	Med. Arty. Regt. Sec.	1	28	29				1	28	29
232(a)	(div.)	II/11/1	One	H.Q. Div. Sigs.	4	20	24				4	26	30
232(b)		II/11/1	One	H.Q. No. 1 Coy.	1	25	26				1	25	26
232(c)		II/11/1	One	'A' Wireless Sec.	2	40	42				2	40	42
232(d)		II/11/1	One	'B' Cable Sec.	1	41	42				1	41	42
232(e)		II/11/1	One	'M' Maint. Sec.	1	26	27				1	26	27
233(c)	H.Q.(corps)	III/32E/1	One	H.Q. Coy.	5	128	133				5	128	133
235	Inf.(div.)	II/2/1	One	Inf. Bde. H.Q.		56	56				5	56	61
236(b)		II/12B/1	One	Bn.	2	648	650	8	124	132	41	772	813
237(c)		II/12C/1	One	A.T. Coy.		77	77				4	77	81
239	Tanks	III/33A/1	One	Tank-Bn.	2	485	487	4	67	71	33	522	555
247	A.A.S.C.(div.)	II/15/1	One	Div. Sup. Coln.	1	444	445		13	13	15	457	472
251	Ord.(Corps)	III/54/1	Det. ails	Ord. Rd. Park	1	251	252		3	3	11	254	265
259	A.A.M.C.(div.)	II/16/1	One	Pl. Bn.	2	222	224		7	7	12	229	241
262	Pay	III/57/1	One	Fd. Cash Office		8	8				1	7	8
263	Postal	III/58/1	One	Corps Postal Unit		18	18					18	18
265	Pro.	III/60/1	One	Corps Pro. Coy.		108	110		6	6	2	114	116
267	Misc.(corps)	III/75/1	One	Employment Pl.		34	34					34	34
269		III/26/1	One	Mobile Bath Unit		19	20				1	19	20
272		III/63/1	One	Graves Regist. Unit		35	35				3	35	38
273	Int.)	III/362/1	One	Corps Int. Sec.		25	25				7	25	32
276	Int.)		One	Bde. Int. Sec.		2	2					2	2
Total, Corps and Div.					25	5,203	5,537	24	375	399	323	5,643	5,966
BASE AND L. OF C. UNITS													
277	H.Q.		Det. ails	2nd A.I.F. H.Q.									
278			Det. ails	2nd A.I.F. H.Q.	13	52	70				13	52	70
279		IV/76/1	Det. ails	Gen. Base Depot		96	100				4	96	100
280			Det. ails	Base Ord. Depot		17	22				3	17	22
281	A.A.H.Q.	IV/43/1	One	Gen. Hosp. (300 beds)		174	174					174	174
284		IV/43A/1	One	Special Hospital	7	43	52		1	1	7	46	53
285		III/50C/1	Two	Special Dental Units	2	8	10				2	8	10
286		III/50/1	One	Med. Bact. Lab.	1	3	4				1	3	4
289	Pay	IV/61/1	One	Gen. Cash Office	1	9	10				1	9	10
Total, Base and L. of C					21	385	412		2	2	23	385	419
GRAND TOTAL					46	5,588	5,949	26	381	401	346	5,988	6,385

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SOUTHERN COMMAND (4 M.D.)

Serial No.	Arm	2AIF War Est. Number 1940	No. of Units	Unit	War Establishment			1st Reinforcement			Total to be raised including reinforcements		
					Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total
203	Cav.	II/6/1	One	Sqn. Div. Cav. Regt.	8	100	108				8	100	108
210	Arty.	II/7A/1	One	Fd. Bty.	14	256	270				14	256	270
219	Eng.	III/16A/1	One	Fd. Park Coy. (Groups)	3	153	156		10	10	3	163	166
224(a)	Sigs.	III/30B/1	One	D.R. Sec.	1	26	27		1	1	1	27	28
232(m)	(div.)	II/11/1	One	'F' Fd. Regt. Sec.	1	27	28				1	27	28
232(n)		II/11/1	One	'L' Inf. Bde. Sec.	2	33	35				2	33	35
236(e)	Inf.	II/12B/1	One	Bn.	33	648	681	8	124	132	41	772	813
249	A.S.C.	II/13A/1	One	Div. Pet. Coy.	7	292	299		8	8	7	300	307
253	A.O.C.	III/53/1	Five	L.A.Ds.	5	60	65				5	60	65
259(c)	A.M.C.	II/16/1	One	Fd. Amb. (div.)	12	222	234		7	7	12	229	241
285(d)	A.M.C.(BASE)		Two	Dental Units	2	8	10				2	8	10
GRAND TOTAL					88	1,828	1,916	8	150	158	96	1,978	2,074

* Portion may be raised in 7 M.D.

SOUTHERN COMMAND (6M.D.)

Serial No.	Arm	2AIF War Est. Number 1940	No. of Units	Unit	War Establishment			1st Reinforcement			Total to be raised including reinforcements		
					Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total
220(c)	Arty.	II/7A/1	One	Pd. Bty.	14	256	270				14	256	270
227	R&E Sigs.(corps)	III/25/1	One	H.Q. Corps Med. Arty. Sec.	2	58	60		2	2	2	60	62
232(a)	(div.)	II/11/1	One	'G' Pd. Regt. Sec.	1	27	28				1	27	28
233(a)	M.G.	III/32E/1	One	M.G. Coy.	5	128	133				5	128	133
233	Inf.	II/12B/1	Two	Comps	10	194	204				10	194	204
233(b)	A.S.C.	II/13/1		'D' & 'G' Sec. Div. Amn. Coy.	4	172	176		10	10	4	182	186
234	A.O.G.	III/53/1	Three	L.A.Ds.	3	36	39				3	36	39
235	A.M.C.	III/47/1	One	Pd. Hyg. Sec.	1	28	29		1	1	1	29	30
TOTAL, CORPS 3: DIV.					40	892	932		13	13	40	912	932
	Base		Det-ails	Overseas Base & A.I.F. H.Q.	4	50	54				4	50	54
	A.M.C.	III/503/1	One	Dental Unit	1	4	5				1	4	5
GRAND TOTAL					45	953	998		13	13	45	966	1,011

WESTERN COMMAND

Serial No.	Arm	2AIF War Est. Number 1940	No. of Units	Unit	War Establishm ^t			1st Reinforcement			Total to be raised including reinforcements		
					Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total
210(e)	Arty.	II/7A/1	One	21. Regt. less one bty.	20	301	321	4	63	67	24	539	563
218(c)	Engrs.	II/10A/1	One	21. Regt. less one bty. 21. Coy. (div.)	5	237	242	1	15	16	6	252	258
223(c)	Sigs.(corps)	III/25/1	One	Wireless Sec.	1	27	28		1	1	1	23	29
232(p)	(div.)	II/11/1	One	21. Ed. Regt. Sec.	1	27	28				1	27	28
232(q)		II/11/1	One	21. Inf. Ede. Sec.	2	36	38				2	36	38
233(e)	L.G.	III/32E/1	One	H.Q. Coy.	5	123	133				5	123	133
236(g)	Inf.	II/123/1	One	21. less 2 Coys.	23	454	477	8	124	132	31	578	609
248	A.S.C.	II/13/1	One	21. Amn. Coy. less 'E' & 'C' Secs.	7	203	215				7	203	215
254	A.O.C.	III/53/1	Seven	A.A.Ds.	7	84	91				7	84	91
255	A.H.C.(corps)	III/46/1	One	21. Amb.	12	222	234		7	7	12	229	241
285(j)		III/50C/1	One	21. Mental Unit	1	4	5				1	4	5
291.	A.S.C.		Two	21. Sup. Per. Secs.	1	17	18				1	17	18
292					1	17	18				1	17	18
GRAND TOTAL, CORPS, DIV. & BATT. UNITS					83	1,762	1,845	13	185	198	99	1,947	2,046

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APPENDIX 5
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MELBOURNE. S.C.2.
6th March, 1940.

Secretary,

MILITARY BOARD.

GENERAL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS - A CORPS
OF TWO DIVISIONS & ANCILLARY TROOPS.

With reference to the minute of the C.G.S. on the above subject dated 26 Feb. 40. I desire to invite attention to the fact that some of the proposals, if given effect to, will give rise to very much the same difficulties as occurred in organizing 6th Division. I appreciate that it is not an easy matter to avoid splitting units, having in view the need for proper representation of arms by States. I would request, however, that this Headquarters be represented at a Conference before a decision is finally made, so that benefit may be taken of the experience already gained.

(Sgd.) T. A. Blamey

Lt.-Gen.,
Comd. 2nd A. I. F.

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H. Q. 6TH DIVISION

APPENDIX 6
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9/34. H.I. 770.

IMPORTANT

CABLEGRAM TO THE WAR OFFICE

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To TROOPERS, LONDON.

From ARMY, MELBOURNE.

C.276 8/3

Commonwealth Government has decided expand 2nd A.I.F. to one corps of two division and corps troops with necessary reinforcements(.) Decision involves raising 7th Division and corps troops with required L. of C. and base units (.) Re-organisation 6th Division on basis British Army organisation and establishments after arrival abroad now under consideration (.) Will inform you later (.) 7th Division will be organised on British Army basis and establishments, comprising three brigades each of three battalions (.) Corps troops, including units of corps troops already raised as ancillary troops with 6th Division, listed as follows (.) Headquarters Corps (.) Headquarters Corps Artillery (.) Headquarters Corps Medium Artillery (.) Headquarters Corps Engineers (.) Corps Artillery (.) Two medium regiments (see below) (.) One survey regiment (.) One A.A. regiment (.) One light A.A. regiment (.) Corps engineers (.) One field company (.) One corps field survey company (.) One corps field park company (.) One A.A. company (.) Corps signals (.) Two M.G. battalions (.) Two Army tank battalions (.) Corps Army service corps (.) One corps petrol park (.) One corps ammunition park (.) Corps troops supply column (.) Corps troops ammunition company (.) One A.A. regiment company (.) One Army field workshops (.) One Ordnance field park (.) One workshop (modified) (.) Ten L.A.Ds. (.) Corps Army medical corps (.) One field ambulance (.) One field hygiene section (.) One H.A.C. (.

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9/34. H.I. 770. ✓

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H. Q. 6TH DIVISION 9/34.

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Two C.C.S. (.) Miscellaneous (.) Corps intelligence section (.)
A.I.L. section (.) Two field cash offices (.) Corps postal unit (.)
Provost company (.) Employment platoon (.) One mobile bath unit (.)
One special salvage unit (.) One graves unit (.) Line of communication and base units listed as follows (.) Administrative Headquarters Australian Imperial Force (.) Overseas Base (.) Nuclear base
ordnance depot (.) General base depot (.) Two general hospitals (600 beds) (.) Two general hospitals (1,200 beds) (.) One convalescent depot (500 men) (.) One special hospital (.) Fifteen dental units (.)
One mobile bacteriological laboratory (.) One advance depot medical stores (.) One ordnance store company (.) Two supply personnel sections (.) One Command cash office. (.) One depot cash office (.)
Corps units are substantially same British war establishments except minor modifications principally substitution junior officers for warrant officers Class 3 which do not exist Australian Army (.)
Line of communication and base units on Australian war establishments (.) Proposed raise two medium regiments for six-inch Howitzers unless War Office wishes equip one regiment with sixty-pounders, in which case corps troops composed one medium regiment six-inch Howitzers and one medium regiment sixty-pounders (.)
Proposed raise two Army tank battalions, but not headquarters Army tank brigade (.) War Office concurrence composition Corps Troops urgently required (.) All foregoing information being confirmed air mail (.) Foregoing composition refers personnel only (.)
Policy for equipping 7th Division and corps troops forms subject separate communication (.) Please inform Military Liaison Officer Australia House contents this message (.)

Enciphered and despatched via R.A.A.F.

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MELBOURNE. S.C.2.
12th March, 1940.

Secretary,

MILITARY BOARD.

EXPANSION 2nd A.I.F. - INFANTRY
REORGANIZATION.

At a Directors Conference held at Army Headquarters on 8th March, at which this Headquarters was represented, it was learned that the basis of the General Staff proposals for reorganizing the infantry of the 2nd A.I.F. was that each of three existing Bns of 6th Division should form the nucleus of the 19th, 20th and 21st Infantry Brigades of 7th Division. It was further suggested that the reorganization should be deferred until the arrival abroad of the 7th Division and that, in the meanwhile, infantry brigades of 6th Division should remain on a four battalion basis.

2. In my view, this proposal is open to two very serious objections. First, it is incumbent on the A.I.F. to fall into line with the British organization at the earliest possible moment, a fact which has been recognised by bringing the expanded A.I.F. on to the basis of British organization and establishments. There appears, therefore, no proper alternative to forming the 19th Inf. Bde. as soon as practicable after the arrival in Palestine of the remainder of 6th Division, the only limiting factor being the time required to re-allot camping areas. Further, it is conceivable that 6th Division may be required for active operations with other British troops before the arrival of the remainder of the Australian Corps. Such participation will be facilitated by the organization being on the British basis.

3. Secondly, it would be a waste of fighting efficiency to brigade one Battalion recruited in November, 1939 with two Battalions raised in May 1940. The practical effects of the dilution of unseasoned with seasoned troops can only be felt when the dilution is carried right down into the lower sub-units.

4. In view of the above, it is recommended that the formation of 19th Inf. Bde. should be effected in Palestine as soon as practicable by the withdrawal of the 4th, 8th and 12th Bns. from 6th Division. To give effect to this, it is recommended that the following variations be made to the General Staff proposals for expansion of the A.I.F. -

- (a) That approval be granted to proceed forthwith for the raising of Serial No. 235 - H.Q. 19th Inf. Bde. and for its despatch overseas with the remainder of 6th Division.

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- (b) That Serial No. 237 (a) - A.Tk. Coy. be deleted from the Schedule. It will, in any case, be necessary to raise A.Tk. Coys. for 16th, 17th and 18th Inf. Bdes abroad from reinforcements, and similar action can be taken, as equipment becomes available, in the case of the 19th Inf. Bde.

5. I see no reason to disturb the proposed arrangements in the method of raising divisional units of 7th Division, in spite of the fact that 19th Inf. Bde. will already be abroad. If it should be required for active operations before the arrival of the remainder of 7th Division, the necessary Signal Section could be provided from Corps Signals, while a minor reorganization of A.A.S.C. units, 6th Division, would meet the problem of maintenance.

6. I would be pleased to have very early approval to the recommendations contained in para. 4, so that executive *order* can be taken to raise the Brigade Headquarters in question.

Lt.-Gen.
Comd. 2nd A.I.F.

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APPENDIX 8

H. Q. 6TH DIVISION
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE The Army.

MILITARY BOARD

(CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF)

Quote in

ARMY HEADQUARTERS.

VICTORIA BARRACKS.

Reply

Sm-900

Melbourne, S.C.1,

15 MAR 1940

6th Division.

EXPANSION 2nd A.I.F. - INFANTRY REORGANIZATION.

With reference to your S/36 of 12th March, 1940, I am directed to inform you that the proposals in para. 4 thereof are agreed to in principle.

I am to point out however, that the expansion of the 2nd A.I.F. has so far only been approved in general terms by the Government and that a decision on detailed organization and establishments has still to be obtained. Pending this, action cannot be taken to authorize the raising of the 19th Infantry Brigade Headquarters.

You will be advised as soon as the necessary decision has been received.

Please acknowledge receipt of this communication on the attached form and forward by return of post.

p.l.v. G.
G. 18/3
A.A.G.
CS.
See by G.O.C.
18/3
See 18/3

Colonel,
Director of Military Operations & Intelligence.

APPENDIX 9

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE. THE ARMY.

MINUTE PAPER.

(This side only to be written on.)

D.3153/7.33.-C.3044.

SUBJECT: RAISING 19 INF. BDE. H.Q. AND A.T. COY.

A.G.
Q.M.G.
M.G.O.
1 Aust. Corps. ✓

1. Approval is given for the raising of H.Q. 19 Inf. Bde. in accordance with A.I.F. War establishments A.I.F. No. II/1940/2/1.
2. If possible this unit should be included in 3rd convoy A.I.F.
3. A.T. Coy. for 19 Inf. Bde. is to be raised overseas from personnel available. It will not be raised in Australia with 7 Div.

4 Apr. 40.

Northcott
General,
Chief of the General Staff.

Copy to -

D.S.D.
D.M.C.
D.H.T.

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weaver advises that instructions were issued on 4/4/40. to Northern Command that this HQ is to be raised in Northern Command

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MELBOURNE. S.C.2.
2nd April 1940.

Secretary,

MILITARY BOARD.

EXPANSION 2nd A.I.F. - INFANTRY REORGANIZATION.

In continuation of this H.Q. Memo S/36 dated 12 Mar 40 and with reference to Defence S.M. 900 dated 15 Mar 40 on the question of the formation of 19th Infantry Brigade, it is recommended that approval be granted to raise "J" Section Signals 7th Division at the same time as H.Q. 19th Infantry Brigade, and for its despatch overseas with 6th Division.

2. The necessary trained personnel can be provided from Corps Signals.

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CG

Lt.-Gen.
Comd. 2nd A.I.F.



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MILITARY BOARD

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Reply *Rm. 1366*

ARMY HEAD-QUARTERS.

VICTORIA BARRACKS.

Melbourne, S.C.I.,

17 APR 1940

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1 Aust. Corps.

RAISING 19 INF. BDE. SIG. SEC.

Reference your 2711, dated 2 Apr. 40.

I am commanded by the Military Board to inform you that approval cannot be given for the immediate raising and despatch of the Sig. Sec. 19 Inf. Bde.

2. You will appreciate that there are several other units which are also required to enable an Inf. Bde. to function efficiently in active operations, and these sub-units will be raised with 7 Div. in accordance with A.H.Q. proposals submitted to you.

3. Consideration has not been given to the separate raising of 19 Inf. Bde. Sig. Sec. as you expressed the view in para. 5 of your memo. of 12th March that this would not be necessary.

4. Please acknowledge receipt of this communication on the attached form and forward by return of post.

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18 Apr 40

H. Williams
for Secretary to the Military Board.

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IMMEDIATE.

S. 2996

MELBOURNE. S. C. 2.
18th April, 1940.

Secretary,
MILITARY BOARD.

RAISING 19 INF. BDE. SIG. SEC.

With reference to Defence S.M. 1366 of 17th April, 1940 and in continuation of this H.Q. 2711 of 2nd April, 1940 on the above subject, the decision conveyed therein is noted.

2. I desire, however, to invite attention to the fact that the recommendation given in para 5 of my memo 36 of 12th Mar., 1940, regarding the utilisation of Corps Signals personnel, was made at a time when it was anticipated that this unit would proceed abroad with the remainder of 6th Division. It was not until the full implications of the expansion of Corps Signals were appreciated that I recommended the retention of the unit in Australia.

3. Quite apart from the aspect of possible active operations, 19 Aus. Inf. Bde. will be hampered in its training by the lack of a Signal Section, which can now only be provided abroad for some considerable time, by improvisation from within the existing establishment of Signals, 6 Aus. Div.

4. Under the circumstances, I would be glad if the matter could be reconsidered and approval granted to my original recommendation.

Lt.-Gen.
Comd. 1 Aus. Corps.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY.

MILITARY BOARD.

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ARMY HEAD-QUARTERS.

VICTORIA BARRACKS.

Melbourne.

13 APR 1940

1st Australian Corps

19 INF BDE SIG SEC

With reference to this office SM.1366 of 17 Apr 40, I am commanded by the Military Board to state that the decision contained therein is cancelled. Several new circumstances have arisen which make it now necessary that a signal unit should be despatched overseas with H.Q. 19 Inf Bde.

2. I am to request that the necessary arrangements be made to select details of Sigs 1 Aust Corps to constitute this section and to despatch them overseas with the 3rd Convoy. Personnel selected should be of the ranks, numbers and trades similar to an inf. bde sig sec as shown in War Establishments for a Divisional Signals (2 A.I.F. II/1940/II/I).

3. I am to add that these details will return to Sigs 1 Aust Corps after the arrival overseas of 19 Inf Bde Sig Sec of Sigs 7 Div. Full details, showing sections affected, of the numbers and ranks detached from Sigs 1 Aust Corps should be forwarded to A.H.Q. The personnel so detached are NOT to be replaced by additional enlistments.

4. Please acknowledge receipt of this document on the ... attached form and forward by return of post.

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Secretary to the Military Board.

Copies to :-

A.G., Q.M.G., M.G.O.

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MELBOURNE. S.C.2.
19th April, 1940.

7 Aus. Div.

19 INF. BDE. SIG. SEC.

--- The att. Copy of Defence S.M. 1391 of
18 APR. 40 on the above subject is forwarded for
information and action where necessary.

2. Arrangements are being made for the
embarkation of this Section on H.M.T. X5.

--- 3. Please ack receipt on the att form
and forward by return post.


Brig.
G.S. 1 Aus. Corps.

M.I. 1023

APPENDIX 10
SECRET

DECIPHERED MESSAGE

TO: Defence Melbourne
FROM: Troopers London. 67802 4 2862 & C276.

Welcome your proposals for formation of Australian Corps of two divisions (.). Based on your detailed proposals for corps and L. of C. units and standard British corps of two divisions we are sending separately by air mail our ideas complete composition such a corps for your consideration (.). Comparison of this with your proposals and including all units sent with first Australian contingent will show detailed variations which may be required at your discretion (.). In the meantime we give below main comments on list units given in your telegram (.). Suggest not (repeat not) worth while raising two army tank battalions and connected ancillary units since impossible provide equipment for considerable time (.). Standard British corps has two army field regiments and one gun and one howitzer medium regiments (.). Would like medium regiments on this basis and army field regiments if possible (.). Standard British corps has three army field companies as compared one company mentioned by you, but there is no necessity in our views to provide an anti-aircraft company (.). Assume you intend making up a complete corps signals with all necessary sections (.). Our policy to provide pioneer battalions on scale one per division and one road construction company per two divisions (.). Suggest you will certainly require pioneer battalions for essential assistance to field companies but question roads construction company open to consideration (.). Other units required to complete are comparatively small but include such units as workshops sections for anti-aircraft regiment (.). Since possibility forming ANZAC corps is being discussed separately will also forward for information only a list of units for a three division corps.

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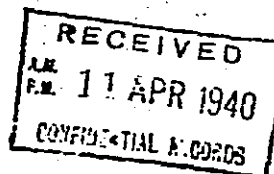
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SUBJECT:

EXTENSION OF A.I.F.

SECRET

Aust. Corps



I am directed to inform you that a list of proposed units to constitute your Corps Troops was forwarded to the War Office for their observations.

A detailed reply by air mail is now awaited but cabled advice indicates that the following are the major changes which will be suggested:-

Onit Two Army Tank Battalions and connected Ancillary units.
One searchlight battery.
One modified workshop.

Add. Two Army Field regiments (and connected ancillary units).
Two pioneer battalions.
One or two field companies.
One A.A. regiment workshop.

You will be further advised in due course.

18 Apr. 40.

Director of Military Operations & Intelligence.

Colonel,

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IMPERIAL GENERAL STAFF
(AUSTRALIAN SECTION).

ARMY HEADQUARTERS,
VICTORIA BARRACKS.

MELBOURNE.

18 April, 1940.

No. _____

Dear General,

I forward herewith a copy of a draft memo.
which has been prepared pending arrival of complete
advice from the War Office, relative to Corps Troops.

You will appreciate that it is very
tentative and can be taken only as a very rough guide.
It may require ~~extensive~~ revision when we know the full
British ideas, *although the main knots are I think*
really firm.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. Thompson.

Lieutenant-General Sir T.A. Blamey, C.B.,
C.M.G., D.S.O.,
General Officer Commanding
1st Australian Corps,
441 St. Kilda Rd.,
MELBOURNE, S.C.2.

Alterations made

(DRAFT)

*Unaffiliated & not
contained*

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A.G.
Q.M.G.
M.G.O.
F.M.
1 Aust. Corps

Copies to -
D.M.O.I.
D.S.D.
D.M.T.

GENERAL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS - AUST. CORPS OF TWO
DIVS. AND ANCILLARY TPS. - RAISING OF UNITS.

Further to General Staff recommendations submitted
on 25 Feb. 40 the following units will be deleted from list of
units to be raised :-

- (a) H.Q. Army Tk. Bde.
- (b) Two Army Tk. Bns.
- (c) One Army Tk. Bde. Sig.
- (d) One Army Tk. Bde. Coy. A.A.S.C.
- (e) One A.A. Coy. (later changed to S.L. Bty.)
- (f) One Modified Wkshop.
- (g) Two L.A.Ds.

2. The following additional units will be raised :-

- (a) Two A. Fd. Regts. ✓
- (b) Two A. Fd. Coys.
- (c) Two Pnr. Bns.
- (d) One A.A. Regt. Wkshop.
- (e) Two A. Fd. Regt. Sig. Secs.

3. As a result of the above alterations, hereunder are
the General Staff recommendations for new re-distribution of the
following arms :-

<u>Arty.</u>	N. Comd. - One A. Fd. Regt.
	E. Comd. - One Med. Regt. 6" (H) —
	One Svy. Regt.
	One A.A. Regt.
	Two Fd. Regts. (Div.)

/ S. Comd.

*Alterations
submitted 20/2/40
C.M.S.*

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S. Comd.

3 M.D. - One Med. Regt. 60-pr. ✓
 One Lt. A.A. Regt. ✓
 One A. Fd. Regt. (less one bty.) ✓
~~One Fd. Regt. (Div.)~~ -

4 M.D. - Two Btys. A.Tk. Regt. ✓

6 M.D. - One Bty. A. Fd. Regt.

W. Comd. - One A.Tk. Regt. (less two btys.)

Engrs. N. Comd. - One A. Fd. Coy. ✓

E. Comd. - H.Q. Div. Engrs.

Three Fd. Coys.

S. Comd.

3 M.D. - H.Q. C. Tps. Engrs.

One A. Fd. Coy.

One C. Fd. Svy. Coy.

Two Secs. A. Fd. Coy.

4 M.D. - One C. Fd. Pk. Coy.

6 M.D. - One A. Fd. Coy. (less two secs.)

W. Comd. - One Fd. Pk. Coy.

Pnr. Bn. E. Comd. - One Bn.

S. Comd. - One Bn.

A.A.O.C. E. Comd. - One A.A. Regt. Wkshop.

Sigs. E. Comd. - Two A. Fd. Regt. Sig. Secs.

4. Certain minor alterations in establishments of Corps A.A.S.C. Units will be necessary as a result of the above alterations. War Establishments are now in the course of preparation.

17. Apr. 40.

 Major-General,
 Deputy Chief of the General Staff.

POWERS OF THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING
1ST AUSTRALIAN CORPS, AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

SCHEDULE EXTRACT FROM COMMONWEALTH GAZETTE, NO. 65, DATED
11th APRIL 1940.

1. The power to appoint or promote officers to acting rank in the Military Forces provided that any officers appointed or promoted to acting rank under this delegation shall cease to hold the office if the Governor-General refuses to confirm the appointment or promotion,
2.
 - (a) the power to convene courts-martial;
 - (b) the power to appoint officers to constitute courts-martial;
 - (c) the power to confirm the finding, or finding and sentence of any court-martial, or to send back the finding and sentence or either of them for revision;
 - (d) the power to mitigate or remit the punishment or any part of the punishment awarded by any sentence, or to commute the punishment awarded by any sentence, or to which the offender might have been sentenced by the court-martial; and
 - (e) the power to suspend the execution or currency of any sentences on such terms and conditions (if any) as he thinks fit;
3. the power to employ persons in a civil capacity in pursuance of section 63 of the Defence Act 1903-1939;
4. the power to establish and control administrative headquarters and base and line of communication units in conformity with the organization of that portion of His Majesty's Military Forces with which he is operating;
5. the power to change, vary or group units and formations;
6. the power to fix and alter Establishments and War Equipment Tables and the composition and equipment of units and formations, subject to confirmation by the Minister;
7. the power to transfer officers and soldiers from one corps or unit to another;
8. the power to place officers on a supernumerary list and to second officers and soldiers;
9. the power to detail to any corps or unit officers and soldiers placed on a supernumerary list or seconded;
10. the power to detail to any corps or unit officers and soldiers of first and subsequent reinforcements;
11. the power to return to Australia either through any organization created for administrative purposes or otherwise, officers and soldiers medically unfit or for any other reason whatsoever;
12. the power subject to any direction that may be given by the Minister, to enter into contracts for and on behalf of the Commonwealth Government or otherwise to buy, requisition or provide supplies and material required to equip and maintain the Australian forces under his command, provided that the exercise of the power given by this paragraph will be subject to agreement with the Commander-in-Chief of the Force with which 1st Australian Army Corps is serving and also subject to such agreements as may be made between the United Kingdom and Australian Governments;

13. the power to administer, subject to the provisions of the Defense Act and any regulations made thereunder and any instructions of the Minister, the pay and finances of the Force;

14. the power to delegate to any officer forming part of the Force all or any of the powers given to him as aforesaid save and except those numbered 1, 2 and 3.

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APPENDIX 12

SECURITY.

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Commonwealth of Australia,
Department of the Army.

General Officer Commanding,
1st Australian Army Corps, A.I.F.

PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE CONTROL AND ADMINISTRATION
OF THE A.I.F.

I issue herewith, for your information and guidance, instructions on the principles that are to govern the control and administration of the Australian Imperial Force, when abroad. The principles have been approved by the War Cabinet.

Control and Administration Abroad.

2. The Force under your command comprises the 1st Australian Army Corps (consisting of the 6th and 7th Infantry Divisions and Corps Troops) and such administrative services and Base and Line of Communication units as are attached thereto, and such other formations or units as may in the future be added to your command.
3. The Commonwealth and United Kingdom Governments have agreed that the following principles will govern the control and administration of this Force, while serving abroad : -
 - (a) The Force to be recognised as an Australian force under its own Commander, who will have a direct responsibility to the Commonwealth Government with the right to communicate direct with that Government. No part of the Force to be detached or employed apart from the Force without his consent.
Questions of policy regarding the employment of the Force to be decided by the United Kingdom and Commonwealth Governments, in consultation; except that, in an emergency, the Commander of the Force may, at his discretion, take a decision on such a question, informing the Commonwealth Government that he is so doing.
 - (b) The Force to be under the operational control of the Commander-in-Chief of the theatre in which it is serving.
 - (c) Administration of supply services, and such other questions as are amenable to the adoption of a common system, to be controlled by the Commander-in-Chief of the Forces in which the Force is serving - subject to a financial adjustment between the respective Governments concerning the cost of such administration incurred by the British Government. All major financial questions, arising from the service of the Force abroad, to be reserved for direct discussion between the Commonwealth and United Kingdom Governments.
 - (d) Administration of the Force in domestic matters to be the prerogative of the General Officer Commanding 1st Australian Army Corps, subject to general control by the Minister for the Army.

Honours and Awards.

4. (a) Periodical recommendations for awards, other than "immediate" gallantry awards, will be submitted to the Minister for the Army for consideration by the Australian Government and subsequent transmission to the United Kingdom Government.
- (b) Recommendations for "immediate" gallantry awards will be submitted to the Commander-in-Chief of the Force in which the Australian Force is serving.

5. With reference to paragraph 4 (a) above, the procedure for the recommendation of "periodical" awards has been submitted for reconsideration and, in the event of any modification in that procedure, you will be informed accordingly.

Order-in-Council : Powers of the G.O.C., 1st Australian Army Corps.

6. I have arranged for the issue of an Order-in-Council which defines your powers in matters of internal administration, and I attach a schedule which specifies those powers (Appendix A).

Control and Administration in Australia.

7. (a) The system of control and administration of the A.I.F., or any part thereof, while in Australia before embarkation, was specified in M.B.I. No. 59/1939, dated 18th October, 1939.
- (b) The same system will be continued when the A.I.F. returns to Australia.

(Sgd.) G.A. Street,
Minister for the Army.

19 April 1940.

SECRET.

1 AUS. CORPS

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S. 2916

441, St. Kilda Road.
MELBOURNE S.C. 2.

13th April 1940.

Adv. H.Q. 6 Aus. Div.,
 8 Aus. Div.,
 7 Aus. Div. (2)
 D.A. & Q.M.G., 1 Aus. Corps.

FORMATION - 19 AUS. INF. BDE.

In accordance with the decision to bring Australian and British Army organization into line it is advised that 19 Aus. Inf. Bde. (7 Aus. Div.) will be formed from existing units of 6 Aus. Div. after the concentration of that formation overseas.

2. The formation will be carried out as follows:-

(A) BDE. H.Q.

Bde. H.Q. will be formed in Northern Command in accordance with M.E. A.I.F. II/1940/2/1 and will embark with the 3rd Convoy under instructions to be issued later.

(B) UNITS

Units to comprise 19 Aus. Inf. Bde. will be 2/4, 2/8 and 2/12 Bns.

(C) CONCENTRATION.

Concentration of the above units will be effected in Palestine as soon as possible after the arrival of 3rd Convoy. It is appreciated that certain local difficulties such as accommodation will have to be overcome, but it is desired that the formation be carried out with the least delay possible.

3. 6 Aus. Div. will notify 1 Aus. Corps by cable when formation is completed.

4. As from the date of its formation, 19 Aus. Inf. Bde. will come under orders 6 Aus. Div. for all purposes until further notice.

5. A further instruction is being issued to 6 Aus. Div. on the subject of variation in .Es. for Inf. Bns. of that formation.

Col.
 O.S. 1 Aus. Corps.

Headquarters 1st. Australian Corps Strengths..

APPX 14

15.4.40	8 x 37
22.4.40	12 x 45
29.4.40	21 x 66
6.5.40	25 x 88
13.5.40	30 x 119
20.5.40	36 x 164
27.5.40	23 x 226
3.6.40	28 x 226
10.6.40	44 x 375
17.6.40	44 x 289
24.6.40	46 x 282
8.7.40	53 x 287
27.7.40	43 x 305
5.8.40	53 x 290
18.8.40	43 x 183
26.8.40	46 x 201

} Rear H.Q. 1 Aust Corps.

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APPENDIX 15

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4. TO:- AIR BOARD MELBOURNE.

Date: 25/4/40

Receipt

Despatch

Time of 0750/25

From:- AUSTRALIAN LIAISON OFFICER AIR MINISTRY.

Originator's No. and Date:- M.243 April 24th (.)

Your L.492 April 17th (.) ARMY(.) Seventh Division and Corps troops(.) Matters raised still under consideration War Office but in view number factors to be considered it will be some days before reply available(.) Have emphasised necessity earliest possible decision(.) Discussions already held indicate earliest date shipping available mid September(.)

3. To:- M.L.O., Australia House, London.

From:- Army, Melbourne.

L.521 22nd April Army(.) Reference your M.233 dated 18th April(.) Enlistments 7th Division and Corps Troops begins 1st May(.) Decided to accept completely War Office modification suggested in War Office 67802 dated 4th April to Corps Troops listed in our C.276 dated 8 March(.) Glad to receive very urgently any other modifications other units(.) Confirmation mentioned C.276 not despatched War Office but included A.M.L.O. letter 2/1940 dated 11 Mar.

22/4/1940

To:- AIR BOARD MELBOURNE

Date: 20/4/40

Receipt

Despatch

Time of 0835/19

2. From:- AUSTRALIAN LIAISON OFFICER

Originator's No. and Date:-

M.233 April 18th (.) L.491 April 17th (.)

ARMY

War Office Air Mail letter regarding co-operation Corps not repeat not yet forwarded(.) Your Air Mail letter vide fourth last sentence your Cypher Z862 Mar. 8th Army C 276 March eight not yet received and War Office withholding their letter pending receipt(.)

1. To:- M.L.O. Australia House, London.

From:- Army Melbourne.

L.492 17 Apr. 40 Army(.) This sent prior to receipt air mail War Office letter regarding corps troops(.) Desire commence raising 7 Div. and corps troops about beginning May(.) Despatch 7 Div. and rest corps troops depends on availability of shipping training equipment and accommodation abroad(.) Main factors are if 6 Div. fast convoy with capacity 14000 returns Australia it will be available mid July(.) Similarly 6 Div. slow convoy could be available Australia August(.) Australia will send Vickers guns for

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HQ. 1 Aus. Corps. (for information)

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two M.G. battalions and M.G. carriers for 7 Div.(.) No Lewis guns being sent(.) Assume 24 artillery equipments now in Palestine will be available for 7 Div. during August(.) Government still considering provision of transport beyond 314 vehicles already sent(.) Alternatives open are(.) To raise all units concurrently(.) Or delay raising units for which training equipment not available in Australia or abroad or shipping not available(.) Or send early probably mid July units such as light anti-aircraft regiment, anti-tank companies, anti-tank regiment, Survey regiment, with 6500 to 7200 reinforcements for 6 Div. if training equipment which is not available Australia can be provided abroad(.) Desire earliest possible information regarding availability shipping for 7 Div. and corps troops and equipment overseas for above mentioned units and any possible indication of date of allotment other training equipment overseas for 7 Div. and corps troops(.)

17 Apr. 40.

APPENDIX 16

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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A.G. (6)
Q.M.G. (6)
M.G.O. (6)
P.H. (3)
1 Aust. Corps (4)

1ST AUSTRALIAN CORPS - BASE AND L. OF C. UNITS A.I.F.

Authority to expand the A.I.F. to a Corps, comprising a Corps Headquarters, Corps Troops, two divisions and certain Base and L. of C. Units has been received.

2. Lists of the units to be raised are contained in Appendices A, B and C attached hereto. First reinforcements will be raised with all units.

Copies of War Establishments have been issued to all concerned.

3. That portion of the A.I.F. already raised and embarked or under orders for embarkation will remain as at present organized. Re-organization will take place overseas under the orders of G.O.C. 1 Aust. Corps. In this connection H.Q. 19 Inf. Bde. and personnel to provide an Inf. Bde. Sig. Sec. are proceeding overseas with 6 Div. to provide the necessary command for the 2/4, 2/8 and 2/12 Bns. which are to be transferred from 6 Div. to 7 Div. and constitute 19 Inf. Bde.

4. Detailed instructions are being issued in due course by the Adjutant-General as to the method of raising and distribution amongst the Commands. In this connection it is to be noted that in some cases, especially Base and L. of C. Units, portions of units have already been raised and only the balance is now required. Attention is also invited to the fact that several units are not to be raised pending further instructions.

26 Apr. 40.

J. H. Thompson *W. G.*
General,
Chief of the General Staff.

Copies to -
D.M.O.I. (3)
D.S.D. (6)
D.M.T. (3)

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APPENDIX "A".

CORPS UNITS A. I. F.

A.I.F. War Bsc. Number	Formation or Unit
III/1940/3/2	One Corps H.Q.
III/1940/52/1	One Corps Int. Sec.
III/1940/62/1	One A.I.F. Sec.
III/1940/7/1	One H.Q. Corps Arty.
III/1940/8/1	One H.Q. Corps Med. Arty.
III/1940/10/1	One Med. Regt. (60-pr.)
III/1940/10A/1	One Med. Regt. (6" how.)
III/1940/13/1	One Art. Regt.
III/1940/12E/1	One A.A. Regt. x
III/1940/12C/1	One Lt. A.A. Regt. x (See note)
III/1940/9/1	Two A. Fd. Regts.
III/1940/53/1	Five L.A.Is.
III/1940/14/1	One H.Q. S.T. Engrs.
III/1940/15A/1	Three A.Pd. Coys.
III/1940/20/1	One Corps Fd. Svy. Coy.
III/1940/16A/1	One Corps Fd. Pk. Coy.
III/1940/53/1	One L.A.D.
III/1940/22/1	One Corps Sigs (See one line Sec. and one W/T Sec.)
III/1940/27A/1	Two A. Fd. Regt. Sigs Secs.
III/1940/27C/1	Two Med. Regt. Sig. Secs.
III/1940/27B/1	One Lt. A.A. Regt. Sig. Sec.
III/1940/28/1	One A.A. Bde. Sigs.
III/1940/32A/1	One A.A. Bde. Sigs. (See note)
III/1940/32B/1	Two A.A. Bde. Sigs. (See note)
III/1940/55/1	Two A.A. Bde. Sigs. (See note)
III/1940/19H/1	One Pnr. Bns.
III/1940/38A/1	One Corps Fd. Pk.
III/1940/38B/1	One Corps Fd. Pk.
III/1940/42/1	One C.P. Sigs. Sec.
III/1940/43/1	One C.P. Sigs. Sec.
III/1940/43A/1	One A.A. Bde. Sec. A.A. Regt.
III/1940/43C/1	One A.A. Bde. Sec. A.A. Regt.
III/1940/45/1	One A.A. Bde. Sec. A.A. Regt.
III/1940/47/1	One A.A. Bde. Sec. A.A. Regt.
III/1940/49/1	One A.A. Bde. Sec. A.A. Regt.
III/1940/48/1	Two C.P.S.
III/1940/56/1	Two A. Fd. Workshop.
III/1940/54/1	One Ord. Pl. Pk.
III/1940/53B/1	One A.A. Bde. Workshop.
III/1940/57/1	Three Fd. Cash Offices
III/1940/59/1	One Corps Postal Unit
III/1940/50/1	One Pro. Coy.
III/1940/75/1	One Temp. Pl.
III/1940/26/1	One Mob. Bath Unit
III/1940/76/1	One Salvage Unit
III/1940/65/1	One Graves Registration and Enquiries Unit
III/1940/72/1	One A.A. Bde. Sec. A.A. Regt.

x NOT to be raised pending further orders.

APPENDIX B

DIVISIONAL UNITS A.I.F. FOR EACH 7TH DIVISION AND 6TH
DIVISION AFTER REORGANIZATION OVERSEAS.

A.I.F. War Est. Number		Formation or Unit
II/1940/1/1	One	Div. H.Q.
III/1940/62/1	One	Div. Sec. Int. Corps.
II/1940/6/1	One	Div. Cav. Regt.✓
III/1940/53/1	One	L.A.D.
II/1940/5A/1	One	H.Q. Div. Arty.
II/1940/7A/1	Three	Fl. Regts.
II/1940/7/1	One	A.Tk. Regt.
	Four	L.A.Ds.
II/1940/4/1	One	H.Q. Div. Engrs.
II/1940/10A/1	Three	Fl. Coys.
II/1940/9/1	One	Fl. Park Coy.
III/1940/53/1	One	L.A.D.
II/1940/11/1	One	Div. Sigs.
III/1940/53/1	One	L.A.D.
II/1940/2/1	Three	Inf. Bde. H.Q.
III/1940/62/1	Three	Inf. Bde. Secs. Int. Corps.
III/1940/53/1	Three	L.A.Ds.
II/1940/12E/1	Three	A.Tk. Coys. x (See note).
II/1940/12B/1	Nine	Inf. (rifle) Bns.
II/1940/5/1	One	H.Q. Div. A.A.S.C.
II/1940/15/1	One	D.v. Sup. Coln.
II/1940/13/1	One	D.v. Amn. Coy.
II/1940/13A/1	One	D.v. Pet. Coy.
II/1940/16/1	Three	Fl. Amb.
II/1940/17/1	One	Fl. Hyg. Sec.
II/1940/21/1	One	D.v. Postal Unit.
II/1940/20/1	One	D.v. Pro. Coy.
II/1940/25/1	One	Emp. Pl.
II/1940/26/1	One	Mob. Bath Unit.
II/1940/24/1	One	Not homologated Ben. unit with labour Sec.
II/1940/27/1	One	Salvage Unit.

x NOT to be raised pending further instructions.

APPENDIX C.

BASE AND LINE OF COMMUNICATION UNITS, A.I.F., 1940

Final composition after reorganization of A.I.F. overseas

A.I.F. War Etab. No.		Formation or Unit
IV/1940/1B/1	One	A.I.F. Adm. H.Q.
IV/1940/1A/2	"	Aust. Overseas Base Sub Area
IV/1940/78/1	"	Gen. Base Depot
IV/1940/78A/1	"	Gen. Base Depot (Instructional Wing)
IV/1940/48/1	"	Base Ord. Depot (Nucleus)
	(Over)	
IV/1940/31/1	"	Sup. Per. Secs. A.A.S.C.
IV/1940/31/1	"	Det. Issue Depot
		R. Sup. Det.
IV/1940/50/1	"	Ord. Store Coy.
IV/1940/43/1	Two	Gen. Hosp. (600 bed)
IV/1940/42/1	Two	Gen. Hosp. (1200 bed)
IV/1940/44/1	One	Con. Depot (500 bed)
IV/1940/43/1	"	Gen. Hosp. (Special)
III/1940/50C/1	Fifteen	Dental Units
III/1940/50/1	One	Mob. Bact. Lab.
III/1940/51/1	"	Adv. Depot Med. Stores
IV/1940/61/1	"	Comd. Cash Office
IV/1940/64A/1	"	A.I.F. H.Q. Postal Unit
IV/1940/47/1	"	Hospital Ship.

~~one~~ ~~township~~ Depot

one Detention Barracks

already raised
abroad.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY.

MILITARY BOARD

ARMY HEAD-QUARTERS.
VICTORIA BARRACKS

S.M. 1555

Melbourne, S.C.I.

30th April, 1940.

N. Comd. (12)	7 M.D. (3)	S. of A.
E. Comd. (16)	13 Hy. Bty.	S.A.S.
S. Comd. (18)	N.G. Vol. Rifles.	S. of E.
W. Comd. (10)	R.M.C. (2)	S. of Sigs.
1 Aust. Corps (30)	C. & S.S.	A.S.C. School.
O/Seas Base (12)	C.T.D.	

Copies for information to:-

Sec. Co-Ord. (4); Sec. Army (2); C.G.S. (5); A.G. (5);
Q.M.G. (5); M.G.O. (5); F.M. (3); S.M.B.; M.L.O. (London)
Sec. Air Bd. (2); Chairman Man Power Committee.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ORGANIZATION, COMPOSITION AND DISTRIBUTION

I am commanded by the Military Board to state that authority has been granted to expand the A.I.F. (organized as set out in S.M. 517 of 14 Feb. 40) to a Corps, comprising a Corps Headquarters, Corps Troops, two divisions and certain Base and L. of C. units.

2. Table I attached hereto gives the composition of the whole force together with a reference to the relevant War Establishment in each case. Table II shows the allotment to Commands and Military Districts of the Units still to be raised (in whole or in part). Attention is invited to the fact that several units are not to be raised pending further orders.

3. That portion of the A.I.F. already raised and embarked or under orders for embarkation will remain as at present organized. Re-organization will take place overseas under the orders of G.O.C., 1 Aust. Corps. In this connexion it is advised that H.Q. 19 Inf. Bde. and personnel to provide an Inf. Bde. Sig. Sec are proceeding overseas with 6 Div. to provide the necessary Command for the 2/4, 2/8 and 2/12 Bns. which are to be transferred from 6 Div. to 7 Div. and constitute the 19 Inf. Bde. The signal personnel referred to above have been provided from Corps Sigs. which unit they will rejoin when relieved by the arrival overseas of 7 Div. Sigs.

4. The preliminary organization and administration of units will be effected more smoothly if arrangements can be made for the assembly of a cadre of officers and N.C.O's. prior to the commencement of general recruiting. This will involve also the enlistment of some administrative personnel to serve the cadre while in training. This initial assembly of officers and N.C.O's. should cover a period of ten to fourteen days. The actual period will be dependant, among other considerations on the dates when accommodation can be made available.

5. Officers, senior N.C.O's. (including N.C.O's. of the Militia) and some administrative details should be selected and should assemble for organization and training purposes at unit camp localities by 6 May 40 or as soon thereafter as accommodation is available. This training should include the training of administrative officers and N.C.O's. in their duties.

6. General recruiting will be timed to commence so that the first batch of recruits, having passed through the Recruit Reception Depot, will be drafted into camp about the third week in May.

7. Between the dates given above further administrative personnel should be selected and organized so as to be available for the reception of drafts.

8. During the preliminary period of organization and Cadre training Commands and Military Districts will be responsible for:-

- (a) Provision of camp and training equipment
- (b) Provision of Instructors as required and available
- (c) Provision of Administrative services.



Secretary to the Military Board.

TABLE I

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCECOMPOSITION OF THE FORCE

War Establishment A.I.F.	Unit or Formation	Remarks
	<u>Corps Units</u> (Now to be raised unless otherwise stated)	
III/1940/5/2	1st. Australian Corps Headquarters	Portion already raised (S.M. 517 of 14 Feb 40)
III/1940/62/1	Corps Intelligence Section	
III/1940/62/1	Air Intelligence Liaison Section	
III/1940/7/1	Headquarters Corps Artillery	
III/1940/8/1	Headquarters Corps Medium Artillery	
III/1940/10A/1	2nd/1st Medium Regiment (6" How.)	
III/1940/10/1	2nd/2nd Medium Regiment (60-pr)	
III/1940/13/1	2nd/1st Survey Regiment	Not to be raised pending further orders.
III/1940/12E/1	1st Anti-Aircraft Regiment	
III/1940/12C/1	2nd Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment	
III/1940/9/1	2nd/7th Army Field Regiment	
"	2nd/8th Army Field Regiment	
III/1940/53/1	60th Light Aid Detachment	
"	61st Light Aid Detachment	
"	62nd Light Aid Detachment	
"	63rd Light Aid Detachment	
"	64th Light Aid Detachment	
III/1940/14/1	Headquarters Corps Troops Engineers	Portion already raised (S.M. 517 of 14 Feb 40)
III/1940/15A/1	2nd/7th Army Field Company	
"	2nd/8th Army Field Company	
"	2nd/9th Army Field Company	
III/1940/20/1	2nd/1st Corps Field Survey Company	
III/1940/16A/1	2nd/3rd Corps Field Park Company	
III/1940/53/1	65th Light Aid Detachment	
III/1940/22/1	Corps Signals	
III/1940/27A/1	1st Army Field Regiment Signals Section	
"	2nd Army Field Regiment Signals Section	
III/1940/27C/1	2nd/1st Medium Regiment Signals Section	Already raised (S.M. 517)
"	2nd/2nd Medium Regiment Signals Section	
III/1940/27B/1	2nd Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment Signals Section	
III/1940/28/1	1st Anti-Aircraft Brigade Signals	
III/1940/32E/1	2nd/1st Machine Gun Battalion	
"	2nd/2nd Machine Gun Battalion	
III/1940/53/1	48th Light Aid Detachment	
"	66th Light Aid Detachment	
III/1940/32H/1	2nd/1st Pioneer Battalion	
"	2nd/2nd Pioneer Battalion	
III/1940/36A/1	1st Corps Petrol Park	Portion already raised (S.M. 517)
III/1940/37A/1	1st Corps Ammunition Park	
III/1940/42/1	1st Corps Troops Supply Column	
III/1940/40/1	1st Corps Troops Ammunition Company	
III/1940/43C/1	1st A.A.S.C. Section Anti-Aircraft Regiment	

War Establishment A.I.F.	Unit or Formation .	Remarks
III/1940/46/1	2nd/7th Field Ambulance	Already raised (S.M.517)
III/1940/47/1	2nd/3rd Field Hygiene Section	
III/1940/49/1	2nd/1st Motor Ambulance Convoy	
III/1940/48/1	2nd/1st Casualty Clearing Station	
"	2nd/2nd Casualty Clearing Station	
III/1940/53/1	2nd/1st Army Field Workshop	Portion already raised (S.M.517)
"	2nd/2nd Army Field Workshop	
III/1940/54/1	1st Ordnance Field Park	Portion already raised (S.M. 577)
III/1940/53B/1	1st Anti-Aircraft Brigade Workshop	
III/1940/57/1	1st Corps Field Cash Office	Already raised(S.M.517)
"	6th Field Cash Office	
"	7th Field Cash Office	
III/1940/59/1	1st Corps Postal Unit	
III/1940/60/1	1st Corps Provost Company	
III/1940/75/1	1st Corps Employment Platoon	To be formed from 6th Divisional Reconnaissance Regiment
II/1940/26/1	1st Corps Mobile Bath Unit	
III/1940/76/1	1st Corps Salvage Unit	
III/1940/63/1	1st Graves Registration & Enquiries Unit	
<u>6th Division</u> (Already raised (S.M.517) unless otherwise stated)		
II/1940/1/1	Headquarters 6th Division	
III/1940/62/1	6th Divisional Section, Intelligence Corps	
II/1940/6/1	6th Divisional Cavalry Regiment	
III/1940/53/1	39th Light Aid Detachment	
II/1940/3A/1	Headquarters 6th Divisional Artillery	
II/1940/7A/1	2nd/1st Field Regiment	
"	2nd/2nd Field Regiment	
"	2nd/3rd Field Regiment	
II/1940/7/1	2nd/1st Anti-Tank Regiment	
III/1940/53/1	40th Light Aid Detachment	
"	41st Light Aid Detachment	
"	43rd Light Aid Detachment	
"	44th Light Aid Detachment	
II/1940/4/1	Headquarters 6th Divisional Engineers	
II/1940/10A/1	2nd/1st Field Company	
"	2nd/2nd Field Company	
"	2nd/3rd Field Company	
II/1940/9/1	2nd/1st Field Park Company	
III/1940/53/1	42nd Light Aid Detachment	
II/1940/11/1	6th Divisional Signals	
III/1940/53/1	49th Light Aid Detachment	
II/1940/2/1	Headquarters 16th Infantry Brigade	
III/1940/62/1	16th Infantry Brigade Section, Intelligence Corps	
II/1940/12B/1	2nd/1st Battalion	
"	2nd/2nd Battalion	
"	2nd/3rd Battalion	

War Establishment A.I.F.	Unit or Formation	Remarks
II/1940/12E/1	16th Anti-Tank Company	Not to be raised pending urther. orders
III/1940/53/1	45th Light Aid Detachment	
II/1940/2/1	Headquarters 17th Infantry Brigade	
III/1940/62/1	17th Infantry Brigade Section	Not to be raised pending further orders
	Intelligence Corps	
II/1940/12B/1	2nd/5th Battalion	
"	2nd/6th Battalion	
"	2nd/7th Battalion	
II/1940/12E/1	17th Anti-Tank Company	
III/1940/53/1	46th Light Aid Detachment	Not to be raised pending further orders
II/1940/2/1	Headquarters 18th Infantry Brigade	
III/1940/62/1	18th Infantry Brigade Section	
	Intelligence Corps	
II/1940/12B/1	2nd/9th Battalion	
"	2nd/10th Battalion	
"	2nd/11th Battalion	Not to be raised pending further orders
II/1940/12E/1	18th Anti-Tank Company	
III/1940/63/1	47th Light Aid Detachment	
II/1940/5/1	Headquarters 6th Divisional Army Service Corps	
II/1940/15/1	6th Divisional Supply Column	
II/1940/13/1	6th Divisional Ammunition Company	
II/1940/13A/1	6th Divisional Petrol Company	
II/1940/16/1	2nd/1st Field Ambulance	
"	2nd/2nd Field Ambulance	
"	2nd/3rd Field Ambulance	To be raised overseas on re-organisation
II/1940/17/1	2nd/1st Field Hygiene Section	
II/1940/21/1	6th Divisional Postal Unit	
II/1940/20/1	6th Provost Company	
II/1940/75/1	6th Divisional Employment Platoon	
II/1940/26/1	6th Divisional Mobile Bath Unit	
<u>7th Division</u>		
(Now to be raised unless otherwise stated)		
II/1940/1/1	Headquarters 7th Division	
III/1940/62/1	7th Divisional Section, Intelligence Corps	
II/1940/6/1	7th Divisional Cavalry Regiment	
III/1940/53/1	50th Light Aid Detachment	
II/1940/3A/1	Headquarters 7th Divisional Artillery	
II/1940/7A/1	2nd/4th Field Regiment	
"	2nd/5th Field Regiment	
"	2nd/6th Field Regiment	
II/1940/7/1	2nd Anti-Tank Regiment	
III/1940/53/1	51st Light Aid Detachment	
"	52nd Light Aid Detachment	
"	53rd Light Aid Detachment	
"	54th Light Aid Detachment	

War Establishment A.I.F.	Unit or Formation	Remarks
II/1940/4/1 II/1940/10A/1 " " II/1940/9/1 III/1940/53/1	Headquarters 7th Divisional Engineers 2nd/4th Field Company 2nd/5th Field Company 2nd/6th Field Company 2nd/2nd Field Park Company 55th Light Aid Detachment	
II/1940/11/1 III/1940/53/1	7th Divisional Signals 56th Light Aid Detachment	
II/1940/2/1 III/1940/62/1	Headquarters 19th Infantry Brigade 19th Infantry Brigade Section Intelligence Corps	Already raised (S.M. 517)
II/1940/12B/1 " " " " II/1940/12E/1	2nd/11th Battalion 2nd/8th Battalion 2nd/12th Battalion 19th Anti-Tank Company	Already raised (S.M. 517) Already raised (S.M. 517) Already raised (S.M. 517) Not to be formed until further orders & then formed overseas from personnel already raised.
III/1940/53/1	57th Light Aid Detachment	
II/1940/2/1 II/1940/62/1	Headquarters 20th Infantry Brigade 20th Infantry Brigade Section Intelligence Corps	
II/1940/12B/1 " " " " II/1940/12E/1	2nd/13th Battalion 2nd/15th Battalion 2nd/17th Battalion 20th Anti-Tank Company	
III/1940/53/1	58th Light Aid Detachment	Not to be raised pending further orders.
II/1940/2/1 II/1940/62/1	Headquarters 21st Infantry Brigade 21st Infantry Brigade Section Intelligence Corps	
II/1940/12B/1 " " " " II/1940/12E/1	2nd/14th Battalion 2nd/16th Battalion 2nd/27th Battalion 21st Anti-Tank Company	
III/1940/53/1	59th Light Aid Detachment	Not to be raised pending further orders.
II/1940/5/1	Headquarters 7th Divisional Army Service Corps	
II/1940/15/1 II/1940/13/1 II/1940/13A/1	7th Divisional Supply Column 7th Divisional Ammunition Company 7th Divisional Petrol Company	
II/1940/16/1 " " " " II/1940/17/1	2nd/4th Field Ambulance 2nd/5th Field Ambulance 2nd/6th Field Ambulance 2nd/2nd Field Hygiene Section	
II/1940/21/1 II/1940/20/1 II/1940/75/1 II/1940/26/1	7th Divisional Postal Unit 7th Provost Company 7th Divisional Employment Platoon 7th Divisional Mobile Bath Unit	

War Establishment A.I.F.	Unit or Formation	Remarks
	<u>Base & Lines of Communication Units</u> (Now to be raised unless otherwise stated)	
IV/1940/1B/1	Australian Imperial Force Administrative Headquarters	) Absorb H.Q., A.I.F. and H.Q. Overseas Base
IV/1940/1A/2	Headquarters Australian Overseas Base Sub-Area.	
IV/1940/78/1	Australian General Base Depot	Absorbs -Infantry & General Base Depot
IV/1940/78A/1	Australian General Base Depot (Instructional Wing)	
IV/1940/48/1	Australian Base Ordnance Depot (Nucleus)	
IV/1940/31/1	1st Supply Personnel Section A.A.S.C.	
IV/1940/31/1	2nd Supply Personnel Section A.A.S.C.	
IV/1940/50/1	2nd/1st Ordnance Store Company	Portion already raised (S.M.517)
IV/1940/43/1	1st General Hospital (600 beds)	Already raised (S.M. 517)
IV/1940/42/1	2nd General Hospital (1200 beds)	Already raised (S.M.517)
IV/1940/43A/1	3rd Special Hospital	Already raised (S.M.517)
IV/1940/43/1	4th General Hospital (600 beds)	
IV/1940/42/1	5th General Hospital (1200 beds)	
IV/1940/44A/1	1st Convalescent Depot	Already raised (S.M.517)
III/1940/50C/1	1st Dental Unit	Already raised (S.M.517)
"	2nd Dental Unit	Already raised (S.M.517)
"	3rd Dental Unit	Already raised (S.M.517)
"	4th Dental Unit	Already raised (S.M.517)
"	5th Dental Unit	Already raised (S.M.517)
"	6th Dental Unit	Already raised (S.M.517)
"	7th Dental Unit	
"	8th Dental Unit	
"	9th Dental Unit	
"	10th Dental Unit	
"	11th Dental Unit	
"	12th Dental Unit	
"	13th Dental Unit	
"	14th Dental Unit	
"	15th Dental Unit	
III/1940/50/1	Australian Mobile Bacteriological Laboratory	
III/1940/51/1	1st Advanced Depot Medical Stores	Already raised (S.M.517)
IV/1940/61/1	Command Cash Office	
IV/1940/64A/1	Australian Imperial Force Headquarters Postal Unit	
IV/1940/70/1	Australian Detention Barrack	Already raised overseas

TABLE II.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCESDistribution to Commands and Military Districts of
brigades and units of 7th Division and Corps Troops (not already raised)NORTHERN COMMAND

UNIT	Quota			1st Rein- forcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total
<u>Cavalry</u>									
"A" Squadron 7th Divisional Cavalry Regiment	8	100	108	-	-	-	8	100	108
<u>Artillery</u>									
2nd Anti Tank Regiment	30	526	556	2	35	37	32	561	593
<u>Engineers</u>									
2nd/7th Army Field Company	5	238	243	1	15	16	6	253	259
<u>Signals</u>									
Headquarters No.2 Company 7th Divisional Signals	1	3	4	-	-	-	1	3	4
"J" Section 7th Divisional Signals	2	36	38	-	-	-	2	36	38
"C" Section 7th Divisional Signals	1	11	12	-	-	-	1	11	12
2nd Operating Section Corps Signals	1	39	40	-	-	-	1	39	40
1st Line Section Corps Signals	2	63	65	-	-	-	2	63	65
2nd Wireless Section Corps Signals	1	27	28	-	-	-	1	27	28
<u>Infantry</u>									
Intelligence Section 19th Infantry Brigade	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
2nd/15th Battalion	33	686	719	8	124	132	41	810	851
"A" & "B" Companies 2nd/2nd Machine Gun Battalion	10	256	266	-	-	-	10	256	266
<u>Army Service Corps</u>									
1st Corps Troops Supply Column (a)	19	532	551	1	16	17	20	548	568
<u>Army Medical Corps</u>									
2nd/2nd Field Hygiene Section	1	28	29	-	1	1	1	29	30
2nd/1st Motor Ambulance Convoy	8	221	229	-	8	8	8	229	237
2nd/2nd Casualty Clearing Station	13	94	107	-	3	3	13	97	110
7th Dental Unit	1	4	5	-	-	-	1	4	5
<u>Army Ordnance Corps</u>									
Three Recovery Sections 2nd/2nd Army Field Workshop	6	201	207	-	-	-	6	201	207
2nd/1st Ordnance Store Company (details) (a)	4	96	100	-	-	-	4	96	100
<u>Postal Unit</u>									
1st Corps Postal Unit (details)	-	10	10	-	-	-	-	10	10
Total	146	3173	3319	12	202	214	158	3375	3533
<u>Army Nursing Service</u>									
2nd/2nd Casualty Clearing Station									8
5th General Hospital									16

(a) Portion already raised vide S.M. 517 of 14 Feb. 40

EASTERN COMMAND

UNIT	Quota			1st Rein- forcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total
Headquarters 7th Division	23	128	151	-	-	-	23	128	151
Intelligence Section (attached)	2	10	12	-	-	-	2	10	12
<u>Cavalry</u>									
7th Divisional Cavalry Regiment (less "A" "B" & "C" Squadrons)	10	123	133	4	42	46	14	165	179
<u>Artillery</u>									
Headquarters 7th Divisional Artillery	6	24	30	-	-	-	6	24	30
2nd/5th Field Regiment	34	557	591	5	37	42	39	594	633
2nd/6th Field Regiment	34	557	591	5	37	42	39	594	633
2nd/1st Medium Regiment (6" How.)	30	629	659	4	42	46	34	671	705
2nd/1st Survey Regiment	19	346	365	2	24	26	21	370	391
1st Anti Aircraft Regiment (3.7")	38	1033	1071	4	72	76	42	1105	1147
<u>Engineers</u>									
Headquarters 7th Divisional Engineers	6	29	35	-	-	-	6	29	35
2nd/4th Field Company	5	238	243	1	15	16	6	253	259
2nd/5th Field Company	5	238	243	1	15	16	6	253	259
2nd/6th Field Company	5	238	243	1	15	16	6	253	259
<u>Signals</u>									
Headquarters No.3 Company 7th Divisional Signals	1	3	4	2	19	21	3	22	25
"D" Section 7th Divisional Signals	2	85	87	-	-	-	2	85	87
"E" Section 7th Divisional Signals	1	27	28	-	-	-	1	27	28
Headquarters Corps Signals									
Administrative Section (details) (a)	-	9	9	-	-	-	-	9	9
3rd Operating Section Corps Signals	1	39	40	-	-	-	1	39	40
2nd Line Section Corps Signals (C)	1	30	31	-	-	-	1	30	31
3rd Wireless Section Corps Signals	1	27	28	-	-	-	1	27	28
1st Army Field Regiment Signal Section	1	28	29	-	1	1	1	29	30
2nd Army Field Regiment Signal Section	1	28	29	-	1	1	1	29	30
2nd/1st Medium Artillery Regiment Signal Section	1	28	29	-	1	1	1	29	30
1st Anti Aircraft Brigade Signals	6	144	150	-	7	7	6	151	157
<u>Infantry</u>									
Headquarters 20th Infantry Brigade	12	61	73	-	-	-	12	61	73
Intelligence Section (attached)	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
2nd/13th Battalion	33	686	719	8	124	132	41	810	851
2nd/17th Battalion	33	686	719	8	124	132	41	810	851
20th Anti Tank Company (b)	4	78	82	-	-	-	4	78	82
	315	6421	6426	45	575	621	360	6687	7047

EASTERN COMMAND - Continued -

UNIT	Quota			1st Rein- forcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total
Forward	315	6111	6426	45	576	621	360	6687	7047
2nd/2nd Machine Gun Battalion (less "A" "B" "C" & "D" Companies)	10	153	163	7	64	71	17	217	234
2nd/1st Pioneer Battalion	30	812	842	6	158	164	36	970	1006
<u>Army Service Corps</u>									
Headquarters 7th Divisional Army Service Corps	7	30	37	-	-	-	7	30	37
1st Corps Ammunition Park (a)	20	557	557	1	18	19	21	555	576
1st Corps Troops Ammunition Company (a)	10	353	363	-	10	10	10	363	373
1st A.A.S.C. Section Anti Aircraft Regiment	3	127	130	-	4	4	3	131	134
<u>Army Medical Corps</u>									
2nd/4th Field Ambulance	12	226	238	-	7	7	12	233	245
5th General Hospital (1200 beds)	36	235	272	1	6	7	37	242	279
8th Dental Unit	1	4	5	-	-	-	1	4	5
9th Dental Unit	1	4	5	-	-	-	1	4	5
<u>Army Ordnance Corps</u>									
2nd/1st Army Field Workshop (details) (a)	-	26	26	-	4	4	-	30	30
2nd/2nd Army Field Workshop (less Three recovery Sections)	6	269	275	-	19	19	6	288	294
1st Anti Aircraft Brigade Workshop	5	145	150	-	5	5	5	150	155
2nd/1st Ordnance Store Company (details) (a)	11	219	230	1	9	10	12	228	240
50th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
51st Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
52nd Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
53rd Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
<u>Army Pay Corps</u>									
7th Field Cash Office	1	7	8	-	-	-	1	7	8
<u>Postal Unit</u>									
7th Divisional Postal Unit	1	24	25	-	1	1	1	25	26
<u>Provost Corps</u>									
7th Provost Company	2	109	111	-	6	6	2	115	117
<u>Miscellaneous</u>									
7th Divisional Employment Platoon	-	34	34	-	-	-	-	34	34
7th Divisional Mobile Bath Unit	1	19	20	-	-	-	1	19	20
1st Corps Special Salvage Unit	1	41	42	-	-	-	1	41	42
Total	477	9534	11011	61	887	948	538	10421	10959

Army Nursing Service

5th General Hospital

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(a) Portion already raised vide S.M. 517 of 14 Feb 40

(b) Not to be raised pending further instructions

(c) Absorbs 1st Mechanized Cable Section vide S.M. 517 of 14 Feb 40

SOUTHERN COMMAND

(3rd MILITARY DISTRICT)

UNIT	Quota			1st Reinforcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total
1st Australian Corps Headquarters	59	330	389	-	-	-	59	330	389
Corps Intelligence Section	11	30	41	-	-	-	11	30	41
Air Liaison Intelligence Section (a)	1	2	3	-	-	-	1	2	3
Administrative Headquarters } (d)									
A.I.F.	27	265	292	-	-	-	27	265	292
H.Q. Australian Overseas Base } Sub Area									
Cavalry									
"B" Squadron 7th Divisional Cavalry Regiment	3	100	103	-	-	-	3	100	103
Artillery									
2nd/4th Field Regiment	34	557	591	5	37	42	39	594	633
Headquarters Corps Artillery	5	10	15	-	-	-	5	10	15
Headquarters Corps Medium Artillery	7	31	38	-	-	-	7	31	38
2nd/8th Field Regiment (less 16th Field Battery)	20	301	321	5	37	42	25	338	363
2nd/2nd Medium Regiment (60 pr)	30	613	643	4	42	46	34	655	689
2nd Light Anti Aircraft Regiment (2 pr) (b)	20	566	586	3	39	42	23	605	628
Engineers									
Headquarters Corps Troops Engineers	5	16	21	-	-	-	5	16	21
2nd/8th Corps Field Company	5	238	243	1	15	16	6	253	259
Two sections 2nd/9th Corps Field Company	2	128	130	-	-	-	2	128	130
2nd/1st Corps Field Survey Company	6	128	134	-	7	7	6	135	141
Signals									
Headquarters 7th Divisional Signals	4	26	30	-	-	-	4	26	30
Headquarters No 1 Company	1	25	26	-	-	-	1	25	26
"A" Section	2	40	42	-	-	-	2	40	42
"B" Section	1	41	42	-	-	-	1	41	42
"M" Section	1	26	27	-	-	-	1	26	27
Headquarters Corps Signals (Pay Sert. & 1st Reinforcements) (a)	-	1	1	1	16	17	1	17	18
3rd Lino Section	2	63	65	-	-	-	2	63	65
4th Lino Section (details) (c)	1	2	3	-	-	-	1	2	3
Headquarters No 3 Company	1	7	8	-	-	-	1	7	8
2nd Light Anti Aircraft Regiment Signal Section	1	25	26	-	1	1	1	26	27
2nd Medium Artillery Regiment Signal Section	1	28	29	-	1	1	1	29	30
Infantry									
Headquarters 21st Infantry Brigade	12	61	73	-	-	-	12	61	73
Intelligence Section (attached)	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
2nd/14th Battalion	33	686	719	8	124	132	41	810	851
21st Anti Tank Company (b)	4	78	82	-	-	-	4	78	82
2nd/2nd Pioneer Battalion	30	812	842	6	158	164	36	970	1006

SOUTHERN COMMAND
(3rd MILITARY DISTRICT) -Continued -

UNIT	Quota			1st Rein- forcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total
<u>Army Service Corps</u>									
7th Divisional Supply Column	15	444	459	-	13	13	15	457	472
1st Corps Petrol Park	16	515	529	-	15	15	16	528	544
<u>Army Medical Corps</u>									
2nd/5th Field Ambulance	12	226	238	-	7	7	12	233	245
4th General Hospital (600 beds)	24	151	175	1	5	6	25	156	181
10th Dental Unit	1	4	5	-	-	-	1	4	5
11th Dental Unit	1	4	5	-	-	-	1	4	5
1st Mobile Bacteriological Laboratory	1	5	6	-	-	-	1	5	6
<u>Army Ordnance Corps</u>									
1st Ordnance Field Park (details) (a)	11	251	262	-	3	3	11	254	265
Detachment Base Ordnance Depot	2	11	13	-	-	-	2	11	13
<u>Army Pay Corps</u>									
1st Corps Field Cash Office	1	7	8	-	-	-	1	7	8
Command Cash Office	1	7	8	-	-	-	1	7	8
<u>Provost Corps</u>									
Corps Provost Company	2	109	111	-	6	6	2	115	117
<u>Postal Unit</u>									
A.I.F. Headquarters Postal Unit	3	22	25	-	-	-	3	22	25
<u>Miscellaneous</u>									
Australian General Base Depot (c)	4	96	100	-	-	-	4	96	100
Australian General Base Depot (Instructional Wing)	8	35	43	-	-	-	8	35	43
1st Corps Employment Platoon	-	34	34	-	-	-	-	34	34
1st Corps Mobile Bath Unit	1	19	20	-	-	-	1	19	20
1st Graves Registration & Enquiries Unit	3	35	38	-	-	-	3	35	38
Total	440	7211	7651	34	526	560	474	7737	8211

Army Nursing Service
4th General Hospital

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- (a) Portion already raised vide S.M. 517 of 14 Feb. 40
 (b) Not to be raised pending further instructions
 (c) Absorbs 1st Construction section vide S.M. 517 of 14 Feb. 40
 (d) Absorbs H.Q. 2nd A.I.F. & H.Q. Australian Overseas Base vide S.M. 517 of 14 Feb. 40
 (e) Absorbs Infantry & General Base Depots vide S.M. 517 of 14 Feb. 40

SOUTHERN COMMAND
(4th MILITARY DISTRICT)

UNIT	Quota			1st Rein- forcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total
<u>Cavalry</u>									
"C" Squadron 7th Divisional Cavalry Regiment	8	100	108	-	-	-	8	100	108
<u>Artillery</u>									
2nd/7th Army Field Regiment (less 14th Field Battery)	20	301	321	5	37	42	25	338	363
<u>Engineers</u>									
2nd/3rd Corps Field Park Company	4	170	174	-	11	11	4	181	185
<u>Signals</u>									
"F" Section 7th Divisional Signals	1	27	28	-	-	-	1	27	28
"L" Section 7th Divisional Signals	2	36	38	-	-	-	2	36	38
2nd Despatch Rider Section Corps Signals	-	25	25	-	-	-	-	25	25
<u>Infantry</u>									
2nd/27th Battalion	33	686	719	8	124	132	41	810	851
<u>Army Service Corps</u>									
7th Divisional Petrol Company	7	294	301	-	8	8	7	302	309
<u>Army Medical Corps</u>									
2nd/6th Field Ambulance	12	226	238	-	7	7	12	233	245
12th Dental Unit	1	4	5	-	-	-	1	4	5
13th Dental Unit	1	4	5	-	-	-	1	4	5
<u>Army Ordnance Corps</u>									
54th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
55th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
56th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
57th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
58th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
Total	94	1933	2027	13	187	200	107	2120	2227

Army Nursing Service
4th General Hospital

SOUTHERN COMMAND

(6th MILITARY DISTRICT)

UNIT	Quota			1st Rein- forcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total
<u>Artillery</u>									
16th Field Battery, 2nd/8th Army Field Regiment	14	256	270	-	-	-	14	256	270
<u>Engineers</u>									
2nd/9th Field Company (less two sections)	3	110	113	1	15	16	4	125	129
<u>Signals</u>									
"G" Section 7th Divisional Signals	1	27	28	-	-	-	1	27	28
Headquarters Corps Medium Artillery Signal Section	2	58	60	-	-	-	2	58	60
<u>Infantry</u>									
"C" Company 2nd/2nd Machine Gun Battalion	5	128	133	-	-	-	5	128	133
<u>Army Service Corps</u>									
7th Divisional Ammunition Company	11	380	391	-	10	10	11	390	401
<u>Army Medical Corps</u>									
2nd/3rd Field Hygiene Section	1	28	29	-	1	1	1	29	30
14th Dental Unit	1	4	5	-	-	-	1	4	5
<u>Army Ordnance Corps</u>									
60th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
61st Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
62nd Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
<u>Miscellaneous</u>									
Headquarters Australian Overseas Base Sub-Area (details) (d)	7	56	63	-	-	-	7	56	63
Total	48	1083	1131	1	26	27	49	1109	1158
<u>Army Nursing Service</u>									
5th General Hospital									

(d) Absorbs H.Q. Overseas Base.

WESTERN COMMAND

UNIT	Quota			1st Rein- forcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total
<u>Artillery</u>									
14th Field Battery 2nd/7th Army Field Regiment	14	256	270	-	-	-	14	256	270
<u>Engineers</u>									
2nd/2nd Field Park Company	3	153	156	-	10	10	3	163	166
<u>Signals</u>									
"H" Section 7th Divisional Signals	1	25	26	-	-	-	1	25	26
"K" Section 7th Divisional Signals	2	36	38	-	-	-	2	36	38
<u>Infantry</u>									
2nd/16th Battalion	33	686	719	8	124	132	41	810	851
2nd/2nd Machine Gun Battalion "D" Company	5	128	133	-	-	-	5	128	133
<u>Army Medical Corps</u>									
2nd/7th Field Ambulance	12	226	238	-	7	7	12	233	245
15th Dental Unit	1	4	5	-	-	-	1	4	5
<u>Army Ordnance Corps</u>									
59th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
63rd Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
64th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
65th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
66th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
<u>Postal Unit</u>									
1st Corps Postal Unit (details)	-	9	9	-	-	-	-	9	9
<u>Miscellaneous</u>									
1st Supply Personnel Section	1	18	19	-	1	1	1	19	20
2nd Supply Personnel Section	1	18	19	-	1	1	1	19	20
Total	78	1619	1697	8	143	151	86	1762	1848
<u>Army Nursing Service</u>									
4th General Hospital									10

S U M M A R YTOTAL INCLUDING FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

COMMAND	T O T A L			Army Nursing Service
	Off.	O.R.	Total	
NORTHERN COMMAND	158	3375	3533	24
EASTERN COMMAND	538	10421	10959	58
SOUTHERN COMMAND (3)	474	7737	8211	31
SOUTHERN COMMAND (4)	107	2120	2227	10
SOUTHERN COMMAND (6)	49	1109	1158	8
WESTERN COMMAND	86	1762	1848	10
TOTAL	1412	26524	27936	141

APPENDIX 18

1 AUS CORPS 1675
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AMENDMENTS TO COMPOSITION A.I.F.

1. Consideration has been given to suggestions made by the War Office as to the composition of the A.I.F.

In consequence, it has been decided to make the alterations set down in Appendices I and II attached hereto, to the Appendices to this office memo. of 26 Apr. 40.

2. Additional and revised War Establishments necessitated by these alterations will be issued as soon as practicable.

3. It should be noted that British Divisional Cavalry Regiments are being formed into light armoured reconnaissance brigades, each of three regiments, which are employed as Army troops on the scale of one Brigade per Army. This will not affect the raising of the Divisional Cavalry Regiment 7th Division in Australia.

4. The reorganization of the A.I.F. abroad is a matter for the G.O.C., 1st Australian Corps. It should be noted, however, that the additions to Appendix B of the memo. of 26th April, 1940 shown in Appendix I attached hereto, are not to be raised in Australia for 6th Division.

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C. B. M. H.

May 40

General,
Chief of the General Staff.

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APPENDIX I.

A.M.F. War Estab. No		Formation or Unit
		To Appendix "A" add the following: III/1940/6/1 One E.C. A.A. Bde. III/1940/125/1 One A.A. Regt. III/1940/45/1 One A.A. Bde. Coy. H.Q. A.A.S.G. III/1940/43/1 One A.A. Regt. Sec. A.A.S.G. III/1940/30/1 One Op. Sec. Corps admt. III/1940/5/1 One Line Main Sec. G.H.Q. Sign. III/1940/32/1 One Special K.F. Sec. Type "R". III/1940/32/1 One Special K.F. Sec. Type "C". III/1940/54/1) IV/1940/72/1) One Mkt. Laundry and Decontamination Unit with Labour Secs.
III/1940/54/1) IV/1940/72/1) III/1940/76/1	One One	To Appendix "B" add the following: Mkt. Laundry and Decontamination Unit with Labour Secs. Salvage Unit.
IV/1940/47/1	One	To Appendix "C" add the following: Hospital Ship.

APPENDIX II.

A.I.F. War Estab. No.		Formation or Unit
III/1940/22/1	One	<u>From Appendix "A" delete:-</u> Corps Sigs. and substitutes:- Corps Sigs. less one Mine Sec. and one W.F. Sec.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

H.Q. 1 AUST. CORPS

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ROUTINE ORDER

19 May 40.

No. 9

BY

MAJOR L.H. LEMAIRE, CAMP. COMDT.

H.Q. 1 AUST. CORPS.

The personnel detailed from 1 Aust. Corps to proceed overseas on 25 May 40 will embark in accordance with the following instructions:-

1. MOVEMENT
(MAIN BODY)
 - (a) On 24 May 40 O.Rs (less W.Os.) on subsistence will parade at 1200 hrs with full kit at 441 St. Kilda Rd. and move under R.S.M's orders to H.Q. 1 Aust. Corps Squad, Caulfield, for mid-day meal 24 May 40 and quartering for the night of 24/25 May 40. No leave to O.Rs quartered at Caulfield will be granted on the night of 24/25 May 40.
 - (b) All O.Rs (less special squad) will assemble on the bricked road circuit 50 yds inside the main gate entrance to Caulfield Race Course at 0815 hrs on 25 May 40 under Captain Wright, who will hand the parade over to Lieut. Probyn at 0840 hrs.
 - (c) Officers will report at No. 10 East Platform, Flinders Street Railway Station at 0920 hrs to board train departing at 0930 hrs.
2. ENTRAINMENT.
 - (a) O.R. personnel 1 Aust. Corps will be completely formed up under command of Lieut. Probyn on station platform at Caulfield Race Course at 0900 hrs and will entrain under instructions from entraining staff detailed by Camp Comdt. R.R. Depot, Caulfield. Compartments will be occupied from front to rear of train by consecutive numbers corresponding with nominal roll A.A.F. 206 and pay embarkation cards (W.F. 47).
 - (b) O.C. Special Train.

Camp. Comdt. Caulfield R.R. Depot will detail from units entraining an O.C. Train for the journey. Troops will not be permitted to leave the train at Flinders St., Railway Station.
 - (c) O.Rs will each carry and retain their arms, equipment and personal effects (universal and sea-kit bags) from Caulfield to embarkation.
3. DETRAINMENT.
 - (a) Unit Markers.

On arrival at Station Pier one unit marker previously detailed will immediately detrain and stand opposite the compartment until directed by an R.T.O. to the correct marker position as indicated by sign board showing the unit serial number.

3 (Contd.)

(b) Detrainment Signals.

All ranks (other than unit markers) will NOT detrain until the R.T.O. has given the signal to do so, which will be THREE SHORT WHISTLE BLASTS.

(c) Form up on Markers.

All ranks will then detrain and form up on the unit marker by consecutive numbers as shown on nominal rolls and pay embarkation cards.

(d) Collection of A.A.F. T. 51.

A representative of E.S.O.'s Staff will collect completed A.A.F. T. 51 from Lieut. Probyn prior to moving from assembly point for embarkation.

4. EMBARKATION. On completion of detrainment ALL RANKS will be embarked in accordance with the following instructions:-

- (a) A guiding officer from E.S.O. Staff will guide personnel (ALL RANKS) in the order of detrainment on to the ship.
- (b) Pay Embarkation Card W.F. 47, which will be readily accessible in top left hand pocket of tunic, will be handed to representative of Pay Section at foot of gangway.
- (c) Troops will then be led by guides to their respective berth allotments (accompanied by officers and N.C.Os.) where troops will remain in their cabins.
- (d) Lieut. Probyn, S/Sgt. Blaine, and Sgt. Stockfield will remain with and keep control of personnel in unit quarters until after final inspection of the ship.
- (e) All other officers, W.Os. and Sgts. will report to E.S.O. Staff, located near Purser's Cabin, who will direct them to their cabins.
- (f) After completion of final inspection of ship, Lieut. Probyn, S/Sgt. Blaine and Sgt. Stockfield will report to E.S.O. staff located as above and be directed to their cabins.

5. OFFICERS'
LIGHT
BAGGAGE.

- (a) Officers' light baggage required for use during the voyage (not exceeding the following scale - Commanding Officers 50lbs; Other Officers 36lbs) will be clearly labelled and marked "WANTED ON VOYAGE". Labels may be obtained from the C.Q.M.S. This baggage will be handed to the C.Q.M.S. by the evening of 24 May 40, and will be conveyed direct to the ship and placed in respective officer's cabins under arrangements made by Baggage Officers.
- (b) All officers will carry respirators complete as part of personal baggage.

6. SHIPMENT OF
UNIT WAR
EQUIPMENT AND
HEAVY BAGGAGE
STATIONERY AND
TRAINING STORES.

- (a) To be moved to port under Command arrangements and delivered to ships side on 24 May 40 from 441 St. Kilda Rd., where it will be checked in the presence of unit representative Cpl. Taylor A.G.
- (b) Officers' heavy baggage to accompany 2nd Priority not to exceed 100lbs, and must be handed over ready for loading to Q.M.S. H.Q. 1 Aust. Corps by the evening of 23 May 40, and will be placed in ship's baggage room under supervision of Baggage Section, Embarkation Staff; and Unit Representative.
- (c) Unit stationery and training stores required on the voyage will be marked by C.Q.M.S. 1 Aust. Corps with unit serial number and colour lines and "UNIT STATIONERY FOR USE ON VOYAGE". Such packages will accompany officers' heavy baggage.
- (d) Unit representative will report to E.S.O. at the wharf simultaneously with arrival of first delivery, and will be responsible for noting stowage position of all unit stores and baggage.

7. DELIVERY NOTES,
USE OF (A.A.B. 66)

- (a) The C.Q.M.S. will ensure that Delivery Note (A.A.B. 66) in duplicate is prepared for all stores and given to all drivers conveying stores to transport.

These notes will show:-

Serial No.
Unit mark
Code name of ship.
Consecutive number of packages.
Measurements of the packages they cover, otherwise cannot be reconciled correctly with the stores shipment programme by the check clerks in charge.

One copy of these notes will be retained by the check clerks in charge and the other after being duly receipted by these officials will be returned to the drivers for return to the C.Q.M.S.

- (b) The C.Q.M.S. will be responsible to Camp Comdt. for despatch of stores to the wharf.

8. A.A.F. G.964
WAR EQUIPMENT.

- (a) Descriptive lists for all war equipment shipped by or for the unit will be prepared by C.Q.M.S. on A.A.F. G. 694; eight copies will be prepared, six copies will be delivered together with the stores they cover to the Embarkation Staff who is to dispose of them as follows:-

One copy to the Master of the Ship.
One copy, after checking, returned to Unit representative accompanying the stores - for delivery to Camp Comdt.
One copy to the Master in an envelope for delivery to Movement Control at Port of discharge.

5. (a) (Contd.)

One copy retained with Embarkation Records at the Port.

Two copies are to be returned through Camp Comdt. to Lieut. Probyn for checking delivery. The two copies not handed to Embarkation Staff will be handed to Lieut. Probyn.

- (b) Bills of Lading (A.A.F. G.964) will show number and description of the packages they cover together with total measurement of all stores included thereon.

9. DOCUMENTS.

- (a) Strength Return on Embarkation and Disembarkation -- A.A.F. T.51.

Immediately prior to embarkation A.A.F. T.51 will be prepared by Chief Clerk in quadruplicate. Three copies of this return will be handed to Embarkation Staff for use and disposal as set out hereunder:-

- (i) One copy to O.C. Troops, one copy to D.N.O., one copy to A.H.Q.
- (ii) Nominal Rolls A.A.F. A.206 will be attached to the A.A.Fs T.51 at the Port of Embarkation by the Embarkation Staff who will receive them from the representatives of the District Records Offices after they have been duly amended and brought up to date by Unit Casualty Returns.

10. OFFICE LOCATIONS
RECORDS AND
E.S.Os.

A.D.R. and E.S.Os office indicated by a sign board will be established and located on Upper Concourse opposite H.M.T. and embarking troops.

11. PHOTOGRAPHS
FOR RECORDS.

On 23 May 40 all ranks of 2nd Priority whose photographs for Record purposes have not yet been taken will be photographed at A.H.Q. 2nd Echelon, 425 St. Kilda Rd.

Officers will assemble at 2nd Echelon at 1130 hrs.

O.Rs will be paraded by R.S.M. at 2nd Echelon at 0900 hrs.

12. PAY BOOKS &
EMBARKATION
CARD.

On 23 May at 1500 hrs all officers concerned may obtain their pay Books and pay embarkation cards from Paymaster at Camp Comdt's office, 441 St. Kilda Rd.

O.Rs will be paraded by R.S.M. at 1130 hrs to collect their pay books and pay embarkation cards from Paymaster.

13. MEALS ON
DAY OF
EMBARKATION.

- (a) Morning meal for those quartered at Caulfield Camp will be provided in Camp.

- (b) Mid-day meal will be provided on H.M.T.

14. PETS.

No animals of any description may be taken on board H.M.Ts.

15. BERTHING
ACCOMMODATION

ALLOTMENT OF CABINS to officers may be seen in Camp Comdt's office.

16. SECURITY
PHOTOGRAPHS.

Only persons in possession of special passes for the purpose will be permitted the use of cameras.

..... Major.
Camp Comdt. H.Q. 1 Aust. Corps.

DISTRIBUTION.

G.O.C.	1.
B.G.S.	1.
G.S.O: (o)	II
G.S.O. (o)	III
G.S.O. (o)	III
G.S.O. (i)	II
G.S.O. (i)	III
Camp Comdt.	1.
D.A.&Q.M.G.	1.
A.Q.M.G.	1.
D.A.A.G. (a)	1.
D.A.A.G. (b)	1.
D.A.Q.M.G.	1.
Liaison Officer	1.
D.A.G.	1.

Artillery.

C.C.R.A.	1.
C.S.O.	1.
C.C.M.A.	1.
B.M.	1.
C.B.O.	1.

Engineers.

C.E.	1.
S.O.E.	1.
C.C.R.E.	1.
A.D. of Svy.	1.
G.S.O.	1.

Signals.

C.S.O.	1.
C.O.	1.
C.O. Corps Sigs.	1.
A.C.S.O.	1.

Medical.

<u>D.D.M.S.</u>	1.
D.A.D.M.S.	1.

Supplies and Transport.

D.D.S.&T.	1.
D.A.D.S.	1.
D.A.D.T.	1.

Ordinance.

A.D.O.S.	1.
C.O.M.E.	1.
D.A.D.S. Corps Tps.	1.
D.A.D.O.S.	1.
O.O.	1.
D.A.D.O.S. Corps Tps.	1.

Miscellaneous.

C.Q.M.S.	1.
File	2.
D.R.O.	1.
Admin. Aust.	1.
A.D.F.O.	1.
O.C. R.R. Depot	1.
O.C. H.Q. 1 Aust. Corps	
Squad.	1.
Camp P.M. Caulfield	1.

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7 Aust Div.

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Camp

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Adv. H.Q. 1 Aus Corps
Northern Command
Eastern Command
Southern Command
Western Command
Sec. Mil. Bd.
War Diary.

1 AUST CORPS CIRCULAR G11

COMMAND AND CONTROL 7 AUST DIV. AND CORPS TROOPS.

1. The Corps Comd. will leave Australia on approximately 25 May 40. On and from the date of his departure, the Command and Control of 7 Aust Div and Corps Troops, except in matters such as local administration which are delegated by A.H.Q. to G.O.Cs Command, will devolve on Comd. 7 Aust Div.
2. The movement of H.Q. 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Corps, H.Q. of Corps Troops and of that portion of A.I.F. Adm. H.Q. and Base Sub-Area to be raised in Australia will be carried out in four echelons as shown in appx. "A"
3. The following points are emphasised:-
 - (a) In the period between the departure of the second and third echelons the personnel comprising the latter will be available to Comd. 7 Aust Div for such duties as may decide, although it must be realised that a considerable adm. problem will still remain in completing the recruitment and equipment of Corps H.Q. D.A.G. will be responsible to Comd. 7 Aust Div for the local adm and discipline of the personnel concerned in this period.
 - (b) The following H.Q. of Corps Troops will remain in Australia with 7 Aust Div. to assist in supervising the training and adm of Corps Troops -

H.Q. Corps Arty.
H.Q. Corps Med. Arty.
H.Q. Corps Tps Engrs.
A.D.S.T.
D.A.D.O.S.

In addition it will be noted that three officers of the staff of H.Q. 1 Aust Corps (G.S.O.3(o), D.A.A.G. and D.A.Q.M.G.) will also be retained to augment the staff of H.Q. 7 Aust Div. Details for the move of these officers will be arranged later.

4. Comms to H.Q. 1 Aust Corps after 25 May 40 should be addressed until further notice to H.Q. 1 Aust Corps, PALESTINE or to "AUSFORCE" if cabled.

G. J. Rowell

Brig.
G.S. 1 Aust. Corps.

THE MOVEMENT OF H.Q. 1 AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE CORPS, H.Q. OF CORPS TROOPS, AND OF
THAT PORTION OF A.I.F. H.Q. AND BASE SUB AREA TO BE RAISED IN AUSTRALIA WILL
BE CARRIED OUT IN FOUR ECHELONS AS SHOWN IN APPENDIX 'A'.

APPENDIX 'A' Page 1

Details	Off H.Q. S/S. O.R. Tot. Sgts	Off H.Q. S/S. O.R. Tot. Sgts	Off H.Q. S/S. O.R. Tot. Sgts	Off H.Q. S/S. O.R. Tot. Sgt	Off H.Q. S/S. O.R. Tot. Sgt	Off H.Q. S/S. O.R. Tot. Sgt
	Total Estab.	1st Echelon	2nd Echelon	3rd Echelon	4th Echelon	Not Yet Raised
G.O.C.	1		1	1		
As.D.C.	2		2	2		
<u>STAFF</u>						
<u>G.S. Branch</u>						
B.G.S.	1		1	1		
G.S.O. (II)	1		1	1		
G.S.O. (III)	2		1	1	1	
<u>INTELLIGENCE</u>						
G.S.O. (II) o/s						
G.S.O. (III) 2				2		
<u>BRANCH</u>						
& G.S.O.						
D. & G.S.O.	1	1	1			
A. & G.S.O.	1	1	1			
D. & G.S.O.	2	2	1			
D. & G.S.O.	1	1			1	
S.C. (I)	1	1			1	
L.S. (L. Co.)	1	1			1	
<u>MISCELL.</u>						
<u>APPOINTMENTS</u>						
Liaison Officer						
L.-Col.	1	1				
Majors	2	2	1	1		1
<u>TECHNICAL</u>						
<u>APPOINTMENTS</u>						
<u>Engineers</u>						
C.S.O.	1	1	1	1		
G.S.O. to C.S.O.	1	1	1	1		
S.O. R.A.E.	1	1	1	1		
I.O. R.A.E.	1	1	1	1		
Clerks	1	3	1	3		
Draughtsmen		1		1		
Batmen		4		4		
<u>Signals</u>						
C.S.O.	1	1	1	1		
Ass's to C.S.O.	1	2	1	1		
Clerks		3		3		
Batmen		3		3		
<u>Local Adm.</u>						
<u>Appointments</u>						
Camp Comdt.	1	1	1	1		
Ass Camp Com.	1	1				
C.S.K.	1	1				
C.Q.M.S.		1				
Clerks		3				
Batmen		2				
Storeman		1				

in accordance with order.

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Details	Off W.O. S/S O.R. Tot. Lgt	Off W.O. S/S O.R. Tot. Sgt	Off W.O. S/S O.R. Tot. Sgt	Off W.O. S/S O.R. Tot. Sgt	Off W.O. S/S O.R. Tot. Sgt	Off W.O. S/S O.R. Tot. Sgt	Remarks
	Total Estab.	1st Echelon	2nd Echelon	3rd Echelon	4th Echelon	Not Yet Raised	
<u>ATTACHED</u>							
Chaplains	3				3		
H.Os.	3				3		
H.O. Orderlies		3			3		
Bat-Drivers for Chaplains		3			3		
Batmen H.O.		3			3		
Drivers for H.Os.		3			3		
Sgt. A.A.P.C.	1	1			1		
<u>SERVICES</u>							
A.D. of Svy.	o/s						o/s
Capt. R.A.M.	1				1		
Sgt.		1			1		
Sappers (Tech)		3			3		
Batmen		2			2		
<u>Chaplains</u>							
D.A.C.G.	1			1			
Clerk		1					
Batman		1					
<u>Medical</u>							
D.D.M.S.	1		1				
D.A.D.M.S.	1		1				
D.A.D.Hyg.	1		1				
Clerks A.A.M.C.		1	2				
Batmen		3	3				
<u>Labour</u>							
A.D. of Lab.	1		1				
S.C. Lab.	1		1				
Clerks		1	2				
Batmen		2	2				
Driver H.F.		1	1				
<u>Provost</u>							
A.P.M.	1		1				
D.A.P.M.	1		1				
Clerks		2	2				
Batmen		2	2				
<u>Post</u>							
D.A.D.P.S.	1		1				
Clerks		1	1				
Batmen		1	1				
<u>S. & T.</u>							
D.D.S. & T.	1		1				
D.A.D.S.	1		1				
D.A.D.T.	1		1				
Major Regs	1		1				
Capt. Amn.	1		1				
Adjt.	1		1				
Lieut. A.A.S.C.	1		1				
H/cs.		3	3				
Clerks	1	1	7				
Batmen		7	7				

Detail		Off W.O. S/S O.R. Tot. Sgt				Off W.O. S/S O.R. Tot. Sgt				Off W.O. S/S O.R. Tot. Sgt				Off W.O. S/S O.R. Tot. Sgt				Off W.O. S/S O.R. Tot. Sgt				Off W.O. S/S O.R. Tot. Sgt				Remarks				
Total 1stab.						1st Echelon				2nd Echelon				3rd Echelon				4th Echelon				Not Yet Raised								
Ordnance																														
A.D.O.S.		1			1					1			1																	
O.M.B. 1st		1			1					1			1																	
D.A.D.O.S.		1			1																									
Ord. Off. 4th		1			1					1			1																	
O.M.B. 2nd		1			1																									
Arm Artificer			o/s		o/s						o/s		o/s																W.O. O/A	
Ann. Exam				1	1						1		1																	
Clerks		5	1	13	19						3	1	8	12					2				5	7						
Storemen				4	4																	4	4							
Draughtsmen Mech				1	1								1	1																
Batmen				5	5								3	3									2	2						
Salvage																														
Control Offr		1			1														1											
Clerk				1	1																		1	1						
Batman				1	1																		1	1						
Driver M.T.				1	1																		1	1						
MISCELLANEOUS																														
Clerks to G.		2	2	8	12						2	1	3	6					1				1	1						
Clerks to A.		2	2	10	14	1	1	3	5													1	2	3						
Map Issuar				1	1								1	1																
Draughtsmen				3	3								2	2																
Drivers I.T.			1	89	90			3	3				20	20				1	65	66			1	1					2 to be	
L.G. Dets				8	8																								h/c	
H.O. Orderly				1	1																									
Cooks 4 Offr				6	6			1	1				1	1																
2 Sgt. Messes				2	2								1	1									1	1						
Rank & File Messer			1	6	7			1	1				2	2			1	2	3				1	1					incl 1 C	
General Duty Mess																													of.	
for:																														
3 Offr Messes				6	6			1	1				2	1				3	3				1	1						
2 Sgt Messes				2	2								1	1				1	1											
R & F Messes				5	5			1	1				1	1				2	2											
Batmen				20	20			3	3				7	7				2	2				1	1					1 O/S.	
Orderlies				34	34								6	6				3	3				5	5					1 to be	
Water Duties				2	2								1	1				1	1										h/c	
Sanitary Duties				3	3								1	1				2	2											
Total H. 1.		39	13	17	302	391	3	1	1	13	18	20	6	6	79	111	13	2	7	130	152	19	3	3	76	101	2	2	4	
INF. CORPS																														
1x Subsec		1			1a	2														1	2									
1a Subsec		4			7b	11														4	11									
1b Subsec		1			1a	2														1	2									
1c		2		1	2c	5																								
Cipher Person		1	3	3d	9						1	5	o/s	7				1	2	5										
Field Security																														
Police		1	1	2	1e	15											1	1	2	11	15									
		1	2	6	25	44						1	5	o/s	7	9	1	3	22	35						1	1	2		

a Batman
b 3 Clerks, 4 Batmen
c 1 Batman, 1 B/Dr.
d incl. 1 Batman
e incl. 1 B/Dr.

Detail	Off W.O. S/S O.R. Tot. Sgt				Off W.O. S/S O.R. Tot. Sgt				Off W.O. S/S O.R. Tot. Sgt				Off W.O. S/S O.R. Tot. Sgt				Off W.O. S/S O.R. Tot. Sgt								
	Total Estab.				Already Sailed				1st Echelon				2nd Echelon				3rd Echelon				4th Echelon				
ADMIN. H.Q.																									
Cmdt. (Brig)	1				1																OS				
STAFF																									
D.A. & Q.I.G. Col	1				1																OS				
D.A.G. (Col)	1				1																				
A.A.G. (Lt. Col)	1				1				1																
A.Q.I.G. (Lt. Col)	1				1				1										1		1				
Staff Capt.	1				1				1																
Clerks	1	1	2	4														1			2 OS				
FOR DUTY WITH																									
D.A.G.																									
Staff Capt.	1				1																				
Clerks	1	1	1	3														1							
MEDICAL																									
D.D.M.S. (Col)	1				1																				
S.O.M.S. (Maj)	1				1																				
S.O.D.S. (L.C.1)	1				1																				
Consult Surgeon	1				1																OS				
Consult Physician	1				1																OS				
Clerks	1	1	3	5																	4OS				
A.A.N.S.																									
Matron-in-Chief																									
Assistant																									
LEGAL																									
D.J.A.G.	1				1																				
Clerk		1			1																				
PROVOST																									
D.A.F.M. (Capt)	1				1																				
Clerk			1		1																				
RECORDS																									
Lt. Col.	1				1																OS				
Maj.	1				1																OS				
Cpts.	2				2																OS				
Lieuts.	4				4																OS				
Clerks	4	39	39	82																	OS				
HISTORICAL RECORDS																									
Captain	1				1																				
Clerk		1			1																				
REGISTRY																									
W.O. Class (i, Sgts.	1				1																				
		2			2																				
SUPPLIES & TRANSPORT																									
D.D.S.&T. (Col)	1				1																OS				
Clerks		1	1	2																	OS				
ORDNANCE																									
D.D.O.S. (Col)	1				1																O.S.				
D.A.D.O.S. (Capt)	1				1																OS				
Clerks	1	1	3	5																	OS				

Detail	Off W.O. S/S O.R. Tot Sgt.				Off W.O. S/S O.R. Tot Sgt				Off W.O. S/S O.R. Tot Sgt				Off W.O. S/S O.R. Tot Sgt				Off W.O. S/S O.R. Tot. Sgt				Off W.O. S/S O.R. Tot. Sgt				
	Total Estab.				Already Sailed				1st Echelon				2nd Echelon				3rd Echelon				4th Echelon				
FINANCE																									
Colonel (Chief Paymaster)	1				1																		OS		
Lt. Col.	1				1																		OS		
Majors	1				1																		OS		
Capt.	4				4																		OS		
Lieuts.	3				8																		OS		
Clerks		5	70	70	145																		OS		
AUDIT																									
Lt. Col.	1				1																		OS		
Capt.	1				1																		OS		
Lieuts.	2				2																		OS		
Clerks		1	4	5	10																		OS		
POSTAL																									
A.D.F.S. (M.)	1				1																				
C.O. (I)		1			1												1			1					
Corpl.				1	1													1		1					
LOCAL A.D.L.																									
POINTMENTS																									
Camp Cdt. (Capt)	1				1																		OS		
H.O. (Capt)	1				1												1			1					
C.S.M.		1			1												1			1					
C.Q.M.S.			1		1													1		1					
Sgt. Cook			1		1												1			1					
Clerks			1	2	3												1			3					
H.Os. Orderlies				1	1													1		1					
MISCELLANEOUS																									
Batmen				27	27							2	2						5	5				BOS	
Cooks																									
Officers' Mess				1	1														1	1					
Sgts Mess				3	3														1	1					
Rank & File				5	5														1	1					
Gen. Duty Men:																									
Officers' Mess				5	5														1	1			BOS		
Sgts' Mess				12	12														1	1			BOS		
Drivers I.T.			1	24	25																				
Mechanic H.T.				1	1																				
Motorcyclist Orderlies				12	12																				
Orderlies				4	4																				
Sanitary Duties				2	2																				
Storeman				1	1														1	1					
Water Duties				1	1																		OS		
ATTACHED																									
Provost Sec.		1	15	16													1	15	16						

To be expanded Overseas

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1 AUS. CORPS

APPENDIX 21
SECURITY

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY.

MILITARY BOARD

1 AUS. CORPS

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ARMY HEAD-QUARTERS.

VICTORIA BARRACKS

SM1842

Melbourne, S.C.I.
20th May, 1940

N. Comd. (12)	7 M.D. (3)	S. of A.
E. Comd. (18)	13 Hy. Bty.	S.A.S.
S. Comd. (18)	N.G. Vol. Rifles	S. of Eng.
W. Comd. (10)	R.M.C. (2)	S. of Sigs.
1 Aust. Corps (15)	C. & S.S.	A.S.C. School
0/Seas Base (12)	C.T.D.	

Copies for information to:-

Sec. Co-Ord. (4); Sec. Army (2); C.G.S. (5); A.G. (5); Q.M.G. (5);
M.G.O. (5); F.M.; S.M.B.; M.L.O. (London); Sec. Air Board (2);
Chairman Man Power Committee.

ADDITIONAL UNITS 1st AUSTRALIAN CORPS & 7th DIVISION

I am directed by the Adjutant-General to state that approval has been given for the raising of the undermentioned units for 1st Australian Corps and 7th Division, additional to those shown in Table I of SM.1555 of 30 April, 1940.

H.Q. 1st Anti-Aircraft Bde.
2nd Anti-Aircraft Regt.
H.Q. 1st Anti-Aircraft Bde. Coy. A.A.S.C.
2nd A.A.S.C. Soc. Anti-Aircraft Regt.
4th Operating Section Aust. Sigs.
2nd Line Maintenance Section Aust. Sigs.
1st Special Wireless Section (Type B)
2nd Special Wireless Section (Type C)
1st Corps Mobile Laundry and Decontamination
Unit (with 3 Labour Sections)
7th Divisional Mobile Laundry and Decontamination
Unit (with 3 Labour Sections)
7th Divisional Salvage Unit
2/1 Hospital Ship

The distribution of these units is set out in the attached Table.

S.M. 1555 will be amended in due course.

M. F. K. H. H.
Lieutenant-Colonel,
Director of Organization and Recruiting.

G. 22/5
seen by BLS

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DISTRIBUTION OF NEW UNITS - 1ST AUST CORPS AND 7TH DIVISION

Northern Command		Eastern Command		Southern Command (3 M.D.)		Southern Command (4 M.D.)		Southern Command (6 M.D.)		Western Command	
A.I.F. War Estab. No.	Unit	A.I.F. War Estab. No.	Unit	A.I.F. War Estab. No.	Unit	A.I.F. War Estab. No.	Unit	A.I.F. War Estab. No.	Unit	A.I.F. War Estab. No.	Unit
III/1940/ 54A/1 IV/1940/ 72B/1	1st Corps Mobile Laundry and Decontamination Unit (with 3 Labour Sections)	III/1940/ 6/1	Headquarters 1st Anti- Aircraft Brigade	III/1940/ 12E/1	2nd Anti Aircraft Regiment (less 2 Batteries)	III/1940/ 12B/1	5th Bty. 2nd Anti- Aircraft Regiment	III/1940/ 76/1	7 Divisional Salvage Unit	III/1940/ 12B/1	6th Bty. 2nd Anti- Aircraft Regiment
III/1940/ 54A/1 IV/1940/ 72B/1	7 Divisional Mobile Laundry and Decontamination Unit (with 3 Labour Sections)	III/1940/ 43A/1	Headquarters 1st Anti- Aircraft Brigade Coy A.A.S.C.	III/1940/ 43C/1	2nd A.A.S.C. Section Anti- Aircraft Regiment						
		III/1940/ 32A/1	1st Special Wireless Section (Type B)	III/1940/ 30A/1	4th Operating Section Aust. Sigs.						
		IV/1940/ 47/1	2/1 Hospital Ship	III/1940/ 30C/1	2nd Line Mainten- ance Section Aust. Sigs.						
				III/1940/ 32B/1	2nd Special Wireless Section (Type C)						

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY.

SECURITY

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ARMY HEAD-QUARTERS,
VICTORIA BARRACKS

Melbourne, S.C.I.

S.M.1983.

28th May, 1940.

N. Comd. (12)	7 H.D. (3)	S. of A.
E. Comd. (18)	13 Hy. Bty.	S.A.S.
S. Comd. (18)	N.G.Vol.Rifles	S. of E.
W. Comd. (10)	R.H.C. (2)	S. of Sigs.
1 Aust. Corps (15)	C. & S.S.	A.S.C. School
O/Seas Base (12)	C.T.D.	

Copies for information to:-

Sec.Co-Ord.(4); Sec.Army (2); C.G.S. (5); A.G. (5);
Q.H.G. (5); M.G.O. (5); F.H. (3); S.H.B.; M.L.O. (London)
Sec. Air Bd. (2); Chairman Man Power Committee.

ADDITIONAL UNITS 1st AUSTRALIAN CORPS AND 7TH DIVISION.

With reference to S.M. 1842 of 20th May, 1940, I am directed by the Adjutant-General to state that the following amendments are to be made in the Table attached to S.M.1842.

Eastern Command.

Delete III/1940/6/1. Headquarters 1st Anti-Aircraft Brigade.

Southern Command.(3 M.D.)

Insert III/1940/6/1. Headquarters 1st Anti-Aircraft Brigade.

For 2nd Anti-Aircraft Regiment (less two batteries),

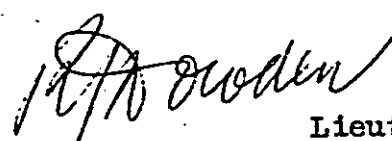
Substitute 2nd Anti-Aircraft Regiment.

Southern Command (4 M.D.)

Delete III/1940/12E/1. 5th Bty. 2nd Anti-Aircraft Regiment.

Western Command.

Delete III/1940/12E/1. 6th Bty. 2nd Anti-Aircraft Regiment.


Lieutenant-Colonel,
Director of Organization and Recruiting.

APPENDIX 22



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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY.

MILITARY BOARD

ARMY HEAD-QUARTERS,
VICTORIA BARRACKS

Melbourne, S.C. 20th May, 1940.

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N. Comd. (6)	7 M.D. (6)	S. of A.
E. Comd. (10)	13 M. Pky.	S.A.S.
S. Comd. (14)	M.E. Vol. Rifles	S. of E.
W. Comd. (6)	R.M.C.	S. of Sigs.
1 Aust. Corps (15)	G. & C.S.	A.B.C. School.
Overseas Base (3)	G.F.D.	

Copies for information to:-

Sec. Co-ord. (4)	A.B. (3)	P.M. (2)
Sec. Army. (2)	Q.M.G. (6)	S.H.E.
C.G.S. (3)	H.B.O. (4)	M.L.O. (London)
		Sec. Air Board (2)
		Chairman, Man Power C'ttee.

A.I.P. : CONCENTRATION FOR TRAINING OF SIGNAL UNITS.

In continuation of Military Board Circular Memo. 26712 of 9 May, 40, I am commanded by the Military Board to inform you that accommodation for all ranks of Sigs. 1 Aust. Corps and Sigs. 7 Div. will be available at the Old Seymour Camp Site, Seymour, Victoria, as from 27 May, 40.

3. I am to add that Commands and Districts may then complete preliminary arrangements with Southern Command for concentration of sections, etc. of the Signal units named as from 27 May, 40. When sections, etc. are ready to be moved to Seymour, Victoria. Commands, etc. will notify Q. (Movements) Branch, Army Headquarters, who will issue the necessary orders for the move to take place.

5. Where enlistments have been delayed or, for any other reason, the strength of sections, etc. is not up to War Establishments in time to concentrate as complete sub-units within ten (10) days of 27 May, I am to state that Commands and Districts will report the circumstances to Army Headquarters giving an estimate of the additional period required to complete sections, etc. to War Establishments.

4. Owing to variations in the composition of Sigs. 1 Aust. Corps, the approximate total strengths shown in the last paragraph of Military Board Circular Memo. 26712 of 9 May should be amended to read :

Sigs. 1 Aust. Corps	- 43 offrs.	1075 O.Rs.	= 1118 all ranks.
Sigs. 7 Div.	- 26 offrs.	490 O.Rs.	= 506 all ranks.

C. J. Laffan

Secretary to the Military Board.

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APPENDIX 23

SECRET

(H)

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

A.G. (6)
Q.M.G. (4)
E.C.O. (6)
F.H. (3)
1 Aust. Corps. (4)

1ST AUSTRALIAN CORPS - BASE AND L. OF C. UNITS, A.I.F.

1. Authority is given to expand further the A.I.F. to a Corps, comprising a Corps Headquarters, Corps Troops, three Divisions and certain Base and L. of C. Units.
2. Lists of the additional units and increments to existing units to be raised are contained in Appendices A, B and C, attached hereto. First Reinforcements will be raised with all units.
3. Detailed instructions are being issued in due course by the Adjutant-General as to the method of raising and distribution among the Commands.

(Sgd) G. B. WHITE General
Chief of the General Staff

23 May 40.

Copies to:
D.M.O. & I. (3)
D.S.D. (6)
D.S.T. (3)

APPENDIX "A"

ADDITIONAL CORPS UNITS A.I.F. AUTHORIZED 22 MAY 40.

<u>A.I.F. Establishment Number</u>		<u>Formation or Unit</u>
III/1940/22/1	One	Line Sec. Corps Sigs.
III/1940/22/1	One	Wireless Sec. Corps Sigs.
III/1940/32E/1	One	Inf. (H.Q.) Bn.
III/1940/53/1	One	L.A.B.
III/1940/32H/1	One	Par. Bn.
III/1940/37A/1	One	Div. Sub. Pk. Corps Arm. Pk.
III/1940/36A/1	One	Increment to Corps Pet. Pk.
III/1940/42/1	One	Increment to C.F. Sup. Coln.
III/1940/53/1	One	A. & d. Workshop
III/1940/54/1	One	Corps Sec. Ord. Pk. Pk.
III/1940/54/1	One	Div. Sec. Ord. Pk. Pk.
III/1940/57/1	One	Pd. Cash Office

APPENDIX "B"

DIVISIONAL UNITS A.I.F. FOR 8TH DIVISION

A.I.F. War Establishment Number.		Formation or Unit
II/1940/1/1	One	Div. H.Q.
III/1940/62/1	One	Div. Sec. Int. Corps.
II/1940/6/1	One	Div. Cav. Regt.
III/1940/53/1	One	L.A.D.
II/1940/3A/1	One	H.Q. Div. Arty.
II/1940/7A/1	Three	Fd. Regts.
II/1940/7/1	One	A. Tk. Regt.
III/1940/53/1	Four	L.A.Ds.
II/1940/4/1	One	H.Q. Div. Engrs.
II/1940/10A/1	Three	Fd. Coys.
II/1940/9/1	One	Fd. Pk. Coy.
III/1940/53/1	One	L.A.D.
II/1940/11/1	One	Div. Sigs.
III/1940/53/1	One	L.A.D.
II/1940/2/1	Three	Inf. Bde. H.Qs.
III/1940/62/1	Three	Inf. Bde. Secs. Int. Corps.
III/1940/53/1	Three	L.A.Ds.
II/1940/12E/1	Three	A. Tk. Coys.
II/1940/12B/1	Nine	Inf. (Rifles) Bns.
II/1940/5/1	One	H.Q. Div. A.A.S.C.
II/1940/15/1	One	Div. Sup. Coln.
II/1940/13/1	One	Div. Arm. Coy.
II/1940/13A/1	One	Div. Pet. Coy.
II/1940/16/1	Three	Fd. Ambs.
II/1940/17/1	One	Fd. Hyg. Sec.
II/1940/21/1	One	Div. Postal Unit
II/1940/20/1	One	Div. Pro. Coy
II/1940/25/1	One	Exp. Pl.
II/1940/26/1	One	Mob. Bath Unit.
III/1940/54A/1) IV/1940/72B/1)	One	Mob. Laundry and Ecen. Unit with Labour Secs.
III/1940/76/1	One	Salvage Unit

ADDITIONAL BASE AND LINE OF COMMUNICATION UNITS A.I.P.
AUTHORIZED 22nd MAY 1940

<u>A.I.P.</u> <u>War Etab. Number</u>		<u>Formation or Unit</u>
IV/1940/31/1	One	Su. Por. Sec. A.S.S.C.
IV/1940/43/1	One	Gen. Hosp. (600 Bed).
IV/1940/42/1	One	Gen. Hosp. (1200 Bed).

APPENDIX 24
MOST SECRET.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

SECRET

Copy No 42.

H.Q. 1 AUST CORPS

21 May 40.

ROUTINE ORDER

NO. 10/40

BY

MAJOR L.H. LEMAIRE, CAMP COMDT.

H.Q. 1 AUST CORPS.

The nominal roll of personnel as included in H.Q. 1 Aust. Corps R.O. 6/40 and 8/40 of 14 May 40 and 19 May 40 respectively is subject to the following amendments :-

1.

- (a) The Special Squad instead of leaving for Sydney on Tuesday 21 May 40 will depart from 441 St. Kilda Rd. at 0800 hrs on Wednesday 22 May 40.
- (b) VX 16695 Dvr. Williams E.J. will be included in lieu of VX 12784 Deslandes V.I.
- (c) The following officers at present located at Melbourne will embark in Sydney with Special Squad -
Major Eadie N.
Capt. Donald C.D.
Capt. J.F. Connell, at present in Sydney, will also embark with Special Squad.
- (d) The following additional personnel is to be added to nominal roll of R.O. 6/40 of 14 May 40:-

Following VX 14717 Pte McPhail G. include
SX 2825 Pte. Kinlough F.J.

Following NX 390 Capt. Fletcher C.J.
include VX 15788 Pte. Nicol A.R.

Following VX 12640 Pte. Meyer J. include
VX 10590 Pte. Mawbey J.H.C.

Following VX 12841 Capt. Howard F.J.
include SX 2510 Pte. Cawley B.K.

Following VX 15174 Pte. O'Rourke include
SX 2809 Pte. Clark E.B. and
VX 15339 Pte. Smith R.J. in
lieu of Robertson E.

2.

The names of the undermentioned have been deleted from the nominal roll of personnel (Main Body) referred to in R.O. No. 6/40 of 14 May 40 and No. 9/40 of 19 May 40 and will depart from Melbourne to Sydney by Spirit of Progress as follows:-

- (a) No. 1 Group as hereunder will depart Melbourne at 1830 hrs on Thursday 23 May 40 -

VX 2	Col. Burston S.R.	
VX 14282	Lt.-Col Rourke H.G.	
VX 8260	A/W.O.I. Beauchamp W.E.	Chief Clerk.
VX 14702	Pte. Bradley J.C.	Clerk.
VX 13779	Pte. May J.D.	"
VX 11404	Pte. Wilson L.B.	"
VX 15125	Pte. Plummer F.W.	Batman.

Note. Lt.-Col. Baillon J.A. will join No. 1 Group at Sydney.

- (b) No. 2 Group as hereunder will depart Melbourne at 1830 hrs on Monday 27 May.-

VX 1	Lt.-Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey.	
VX 3	Brig. Rowell S.F.	
VX 11996	Capt. Carlyon N.D.	
VX 398	A/W.O.2 Lawson R.A.	Clerk.
NX 10048	Pte. Farrier W.B.	Batman.
VX 16694	Pte. Ferguson W.C.	"
VX 16782	Pte. Blyth W.L.	"

Note. No. 2 Group will also include one officer to be nominated later.

- (c) No. 3 Group as hereunder will depart Melbourne at 1830 hrs on Monday 3 June -

VX 13259	Pte. Willis J.A.	Clerk.
VX 14717	Pte. McPhail J.	Batman.

Note. No. 3 Group will also include one officer and one batman to be nominated later.

3. ENTRAINMENT.

- (a) O.R. Personnel in No. 1 Group will be paraded by A/W.O.1 Beauchamp W.E. at 441 St. Kilda Rd. at 1745 hrs on Thursday 23 May and will proceed to Spencer St. Rly. Station by M.T.
- (b) O.R. Personnel in No. 2 Group will be paraded by W.O.2 Lawson at 441 St. Kilda Rd. at 1745 hrs on Monday 27 May, and will proceed to Spencer St. Rly Station by M.T.
- (c) O.R. personnel in No. 3 Group will be paraded by R.S.M. Knight at 441 St. Kilda Rd. at 1745 hrs on Monday 3 June and will proceed to Spencer St. Rly Station by M.T.

4. BAGGAGE.

- (a) Officers' baggage to accompany Tps is limited to 100 lbs and all baggage must be delivered to 441 St. Kilda Rd. at 0900 hrs on day of departure of Groups.
- (b) O.Rs will each carry and retain their equipment (less steel helmet) and personal effects (universal and sea kit bags)

5. PHOTOGRAPHS FOR RECORDS.

Arrangements for photographs for record purposes will be as laid down in para. 11 R.O. 9/40 of 19 May 40;

6. RESPIRATOR FITTING.

All personnel will carry respirators complete and will attend for gas chamber test as laid down in para 8 (a) of R.O. 6/40 of 14 May 40.

7. PAY BOOKS AND PAY.

Pay books and pay will be available at Camp Comdt's office, 441 St. Kilda Rd., as follows:-

No. 1 Group, at 1230 hrs on Thursday 23 May.

No. 2 Group, at 1600 hrs on Friday 24 May.

No. 3. Group, at 1600 hrs on Friday 31 May.

8. DISTRIBUTION.

The distribution of this Routine Order is as hereunder, and in future R.Os such distribution will be known as Distribution Camp list A.

..... Major.
Camp Comdt. H.Q. 1 Aust. Corps.

DISTRIBUTION. LIST A.

G.O.C.	1.	<u>Supplies and Transport.</u>	
B.G.S.	1.	D.D.S. & T.	1.
G.S.O. (o) II	1.	D.A.D.S.	1.
G.S.O. (o) III	1.	D.A.D.T.	1.
G.S.O. (o) III	1.		
G.S.O. (i) II	1.	<u>Ordnance.</u>	
G.S.O. (i) III	1.	A.D.O.S.	1.
Camp Comdt.	1.	C.O.M.E.	1.
Assist Camp Comdt.	1.	D.A.D.S. Corps Tps.	1.
D.A.&Q.M.G.	1.	D.A.D.O.S.	1.
A.Q.M.G.	1.	O.O.	1.
D.A.A.G. (a)	1.	D.A.D.O.S. Corps Tps.	1.
D.A.A.G. (b)	1.		
D.A.Q.M.G.	1.	<u>Miscellaneous.</u>	
Liaison Officer	1.	C.Q.M.S.	1.
D.A.G.	1.	File	2.
		D.R.O.	1.
<u>Artillery.</u>		Admin. Aust.	1.
C.C.R.A.	1.	A.D.F.O.	1.
C.S.O.	1.	O.C. R.R. Depot.	1.
C.C.M.A.	1.	O.C. H.Q. 1 Aust Corps	
B.M.	1.	Squad.	1.
C.B.O.	1.	Camp P.M. Caulfield	1.
<u>Engineers.</u>			
C.E.	1.		
S.O.E.	1.		
C.C.R.E.	1.		
A.D. of Svy.	1.		
G.S.O.	1.		
<u>Signals.</u>			
C.S.O.	1.		
A.C.S.O.	1.		
C.O. Corps Sigs.	1.		
A.C.S.O.	1.		
<u>Medical</u>			
D.D.M.S.	1.		
D.A.D.M.S.	1.		

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APPENDIX 25

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

SECRET

Headquarters,
1 Aust Corps
441 St. Kilda Road
MELBOURNE. S.C.2

24th May, 1940

7 Aust Div

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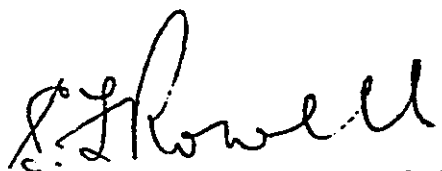
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1 AUST CORPS CIRCULAR NO. G.25

COMMAND AND CONTROL. 7 AUST DIV AND CORPS TROOPS

With reference to 1 Aust Corps Circular G.11, owing to a change in the date of departure of the Corps Comd and certain members of the Staff, the delegation of the command and control of 7 Aust Div and Corps Troops referred to in G.11 will be deferred for the time being.

2. Instructions in para. 4 regarding the addressing of comms will NOT be complied with.



G.S. 1 Aust Corps Brig.

SECRET

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

SECRET.

Headquarters,
1 Aust. Corps.
441 St. Kilda Rd.,
MELBOURNE. S.C.2.

27th May 1940.

7 Aust Div.

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1 AUST CORPS CIRCULAR NO. G.26

COMMAND AND CONTROL, 7 AUST. DIV AND CORPS TROOPS.

With reference to 1 Aust. Corps Circulars G.11 and G.25, dated 24 May 40, the instructions contained in 1 Aust. Corps Circular G.11 will apply from 28 MAY 40.

A. G. Rowell

Brig.
G.S. 1 Aust. Corps.

1/11/40
G III (0)
G III (i)

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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Headquarters,
1 Aust Corps
441 St. Kilda Rd.
MELBOURNE. S.C.2.

28th May, 1940.

7 Aust Div

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1 AUST CORPS CIRCULAR NO. 3 27

COMMAND AND CONTROL 7 AUST DIV AND CORPS TROOPS

1 Aust Corps Circular 3 26 dated 27 May 40, relating
to the above subject is cancelled.

W. P. ...
pr. Brig.
G.S. 1 Aust Corps.

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APPENDIX 26

TO: AIR BOARD

FROM: AUSTRALIAN LIAISON OFFICER AIR MINISTRY.

M.200 May 28th (.)

AMM

Troops Convey U S will be accommodated in tents Salisbury Plain but War Office assure no this arrangement temporary only(.). Other accommodation will be provided before winter for any Australian troops still in England(.). In view present situation and probable developments consider above decision wise(.). Advised following approximate scale training equipment will be available initially(.). For Battalion Borne eighteen anti tank rifles ten mortars two inch three three inch one(.). For regiment field guns six two pounder anti tank guns two(.). Engineers lower training scale approximately twentyfive per cent War Equipment (.). Signals scale not yet available (.). Pistols total one hundred and fifty four (.). Only minimum vehicles necessary can be provided (.). Post disembarkation not decided (.). Detailed arrangements now being worked out in conjunction Southern Command (.).

Dist.

A.O.

JPB. 6/6.

CCRA CL. 7/6

CE R.A. L. CE 8/6.

CSD (E.H.) F. 8/6/40.

ADOS (E.H.) F. 8/6/40.

DDST (E.H.) F. 8/6/40.

G. F. 1e.

7 June 40. JPB.

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APPENDIX 27

SECRET

TO : AUST FORCE
FROM : ARMY MELBOURNE

DESIRED GENERAL BACKWAX FURNISH BY CABLE
BRIEF APPRECIATION DEALING GENERALLY WITH SITUATION AND
SPECIFICALLY WITH CONDITIONS A.I.F. ORGANIZATION, TRAINING,
WAR EQUIPMENT AND TANK ALLOTTED AND DISPOSITIONS.

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(4)

REF ID: A667

SECRET

TO : ARMY MELBOURNE
FROM: AUSTRALIAN JERUSALEM.
A.D. 100 22/5 C 007 22/5

FROM AUSTRALIAN A.D. 100 MAY 20th (.) YOUR COPY DATED MAY 20th
(.) SECTION ONE REVERSED PART 1 (.) UNITS ALREADY DISSEMINATED
HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED INTO 6 AUSTRALIAN DIVISION OF 15, 17 AND
19 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADES (2nd letter comprising 2/3 2/3
2/11 Dec) PLUS REPLACEMENTS UNITS IN PALESTINE (.) PERSONNEL
THUS NUMERICALLY COMPLETE EXCEPT FOR DIVISIONAL UNITS AND
PERSONNEL ON CONVOY U.S.S (.) BUT SEE PART 7 (.) THIS (.)
3 OTHER SECTIONS FOLLOW

2. Correct but may read as shown.

SECRET

KL. 1. COPI.

TO : ARMY MELBOURNE
FROM: AUSFORCE JERUSALEM
A.S. 169 29/6

FROM AUSFORCE A.S. 169 MAY 29^X PART 2 BEGINS (.)^X PART 2 (.)
SHOWS ESSENTIAL WAR EQUIPMENT DIVISION^X AND
FIGHTING VALUE MODERN WARFARE (.) GENERAL DESCRIPTION IS
FIRSTLY DIVISION RECCE REGIMENT NO FIGHTING VEHICLES AND ONLY
20%^X MEDIUM TANKS 33% ANTI-TANK RIFLES (.) SECONDLY^X DIVISIONAL
ARTILLERY ONLY ONE REGIMENT WITH WEAPONS BUT SERIOUS SHORTAGE
OPTICAL STORES (.) THIRDLY ENGINEERS ONE FIELD COMPANY MAINLY
EQUIPPED ONE FIELD COMPANY PRACTICALLY NIL (.) STORES VOCABULARY
SECTIONS W^X, X, Y AND Z^X ABOUT TO BE RECEIVED (.) FOURTHLY
DIVISIONAL SIGNALS ONE^X FIELD REGIMENT AND FOUR BATTALIONS HAVE
RECEIVED SIGNAL EQUIPMENT (.) ONE FIELD REGIMENT AND FIVE
BATTALIONS BEING DELIVERED^X SHORTLY (.) WIRELESS SETS FOR
DIVISION, RECCE REGIMENT ARTILLERY AND DIVISIONAL SIGNALS AIRWIRE
(.) FIFTHLY INFANTRY ONLY 26 OLD TYPE BRUSH CARRIERS ON HAND (.)
ENOUGH^X WEAPONS TO GIVE NINE BATTALIONS EACH 22 BRUSH^X GUNS & 2"
MORTARS AND 6 ANTI TANK RIFLES (.)^X 3" MORTARS TWO TO EACH
FOUR BATTALIONS (.) 1937 PATTERN TEE EQUIPMENT VOUCHERED BUT NOT
REPEAT NOT TO HAND (.) NO ANTI-GAS CLOTHING (.) 50% BRUSH TAGES
STEEL HELMETS MODERN PATTERN (.) REVOLVERS ABOUT 30% HELD (.)
MEDIUM & GS SURPLUS ON REORGANIZATION (.) SIXTHLY MAINTENANCE
SERVICES VERY SHORT ESSENTIAL WORKSHOP EQUIPMENT AND TECHNICAL
VEHICLES (.) LINES (.) 3 OTHER SECTIONS FOLLOW

X All corrupt and long message very corrupt throughout
but may read as shown if suitable.

C O P Y

S E C R E T

TO : ARMY, MELBOURNE
FROM : AIRFORC, JERUSALEM

SECTION 3 BEGINS (.) PART 3 (.) ARMEDITION (.)
AIR HOLD INSIGNIFICANT STOCKS ALL MATURES IN PARTICULAR
ONE HOWITZER ANTI-TANK RIFLE AND REVOLVER ARMEDITION (.)
PART 4 (.) VEHICLES REQUIRED FOR PRESENT UNITS PALESTINE
NOT REPEAT NOT COMPLETE IN ANY TYPE (.) EXPRESSED NO
PERCENTAGE AGGREGATE DEFICIENCY ALL MATURES IS 60% (.)
PART 5 (.) AIR ORGANIZATION (.) WITH LLOYD AND IRVING
INCLUDED EXPANDED DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS WILL BE CAPABLE
DEALING WITH AIR MATTERS IN ADDITION TO THOSE OF
DIVISIONAL MATTERS BOTH UNDER CENTRAL CONTROL HACEAT AT
ONE HEADQUARTERS (.) DO NOT REPEAT NOT PROPOSE ANY
REORGANIZATION AUSEASE THIS JUNCTURE SINCE PERSONNEL
REMAINING PALESTINE AUSEASE UNDER PRESENT ORGANIZATION (.)
PART 6 (.) TRAINING (.) UNITS HAVE BECOME BATTALION OR
EQUIVALENT TRAINING (.) SHORTAGE VEHICLES SERIOUS.
INTERFERES IN ALL PARTICULARS (.) DIVISION CAN NOT BE
GET READY FOR WAR UNTIL FULL SCALE WEAPONS AND VEHICLES
DELIVERED AND PERIOD BRIGADES WITH HIGHER TRAINING
COMPLETED LADS (.) 3 OTHER SECTIONS FOLLOW

NOTE. - A number of corruptions but may read
as shown if suitable.

Cipherer seems to have put "3 other
sections follow" on all messages.

RE. COPY

SECRET

TO : ARMY MELBOURNE
FROM : JERUSALEM

SECTION 4 BEGINS (.) PART 7 (.) AN ORGANIZING FROM
TRADESMEN AND OTHERS AVAILABLE SUBSTITUTES PERSONNEL
DIVISIONAL SIGNALS NUMBER ONE^{X2} COMPANY AND SIGNAL SECTIONS
17 AND 19 INFANTRY BRIGADES ALSO READY OTHERS PERSONNEL 19
INFANTRY BRIGADE (.) AN REORGANIZED AASC PERSONNEL (.)
PENDING RECEIPT BRIM CARRIERS EXISTING NO PLATOONS BEING LEFT
WITH BATTALIONS BUT PERSONNEL BEING TRAINED IN READINESS FOR
CONVERSION (.) EARLY REORGANIZATION UNDER NEW WAR ESTABLISHMENT
RECOMMENDED IMMEDIATELY BEFORE ENTERING UPON HIGHER TRAINING (.)
REQUEST CABLED AUTHORITY (.) PART 8 OWING ISOLATION GIN
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION AND REPORTED^{X3} IMPLEMENT PART 7 ESSENTIAL
FURTHER DELEGATION POWERS VIDE 1 AUSTRALIAN CORPS 1943 DATED
16/4 BE MADE (.) FOLLOWING CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL (.) C
POWERS 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13 (.) PART 9 (.) GIN
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION DISPOSED IN ORIGINAL CONCENTRATION AREA
BETWEEN INCLUSIVE QUASTINA AND SAZA (.) NO MAJOR TASK ALLOCATED
(.) PART 10 (.) FOREGOING DISCUSSED WITH COMD^{X4} MILPAL
WHO CONCURS^{X5} (.) THREE OTHER SECTIONS FOLLOW (.) ADDRESSED
ARMY MELBOURNE REPEATED MILPAL AUSTRALIAN PAGE (.) A.D.^{X6} 169
MAY 20th REFERENCE YOUR C.847 DATED 20th MAY (.) FROM
AUSTRALIAN FORCE

X 1 3 4 5 6 corrupt - may read as shown
X 8 file

REF ID: A621

SECRET

TO : AIRFOUR
FROM: ARMY, MEMPHIS.

-----(.) REFERENCED YOUR AD 100 DATED 29 MAY 40
REORGANIZATION OF DIVISION AND ATTACHED TROOPS UNDER

NEW ESTABLISHMENTS AUTHORIZED (.) AGREE STEPS TAKEN
TO ORGANIZE WITHIN YOUR RESOURCES UNITS REQUIRED TO
REPLACE OR CARRY OUT FUNCTIONS THOSE DIVERTED US 3 (.)
ADVISE AIR MAIL (.)

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Notes on Ansfor cable A.D. 169, -

- (a) "Medium tanks" incorrect. may refer to vehicles or Brens.
- (b) 16 15pr + 8 how sent from Aust. It seems that no further equipments have been made available. 25 pr were due in Aug, but I believe that an extra 8 15pr were to have been issued.
- (c) Sections W, X, Y + Z correct. may be W + Z etc. specific tools, pneumatic tools, water olans, demolition.
- (d) Wireless sets are new British type. Aust sets were provided for training.
- (e) 90 carriers are required for inf.
- (f) 645 ground ~~AA~~ LMGs are required for a div
237 Lewis guns were sent from Aust. They have therefore a total of (237 Lewis + 198 Bren) 435 LMGs.
4 2" mortars is one ~~third~~ ^{third} of war scale.
6 2" rifles per bn - total 54. 204 are needed for three inf bdes. Total for div 362.
3" mortars were sent from Aust. Scale is 2 per Bn.
- (g) Technical vehicles were to be supplied from U.K.
- (h) Sufficient gun + how amm was to be sent for a complete ech in front of RH for 16 15pr + 8 45 Hms, but it is possible that this has not yet been despatched. An extra amount was to be sent for practice. 140 tons in USB. No other to be sent.
- (i) About 2000 vehicles are needed for a full div. If they have about 500 vehicles, about 1500 must have been supplied from U.K.
- (j) Training beyond bn training will be very different until units are more mobile.
- (k) This seems to be very desirable.

incorrect.
Possible that
155 Lewis guns
have been sent
to Aust.

think

M. J. 1385-

SECRET

Deciphered Message

Army Melbourne

Headquarters Jerusalem A.D. 169 29/5 C 627 29/5-

From AUSFORCE A.D. 169 May 29th (1) Your C 627 dated May 28th (1) Section one begins Part-1 (1) Units already disembarked have been organized into 6 Australian Division of 16, 17 and 19 Australian Infantry Brigades (*Latter comprising 2/4 7/8 2/11 Bns) plus replacements units in Palestine (1) Personnel thus numerically complete except for divisional unit and personnel on convoy U.S. 3 (1) But see part-7 (1) Ends (1) 3 other sections follow.

*Convoy but may read as shown

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See by GOC 1640 30/5

Authority to reorganise to be arranged in 1955.

M. I. 1386

Deciphered Message

Army Melbourne

His force Jerusalem A.D. 169 75-

From HIS FORCE A.D. 169 May 29 Part 2 begins (*) Part 2 (.)

Shortages essential war equipment chiefly Division * any fighting value modern warfare (.) General description is firstly Division Recce. regiment no fighting vehicles (.) and only 20% * Medium Tanks 33% Anti-tank rifles (.) Secondly * Divisional Artillery only one regiment with weapons but serious shortage optical stores (.) Thirdly Engineers one field company mainly equipped one field company practically nil (.) Stores vocabulary sections W, X, Y and Z about to be received (.) Fourthly Divisional signals, one * field regiment and four battalions have received signal equipment (.) One field regiment and five battalions being delivered shortly (.) Wireless sets for Division, Recce regiment Artillery and Divisional Signals arriving (.) Fifthly Infantry only 26 old type Bren

2

Bren carriers on hand (.) Enough weapons to give nine
 battalions each 22 Bren * guns 4 2" * mortars
 and 6 anti-tank rifles (.) 3" mortars two to each
 four battalions (.) 1937 pattern web equipment
 vouchered but not report not to hand (.) No anti-gas
 clothing (.) 50% shortages steel helmets modern pattern
 (.) Revolvers about 30% held (.) Medium Ab. Gs surplus
 on reorganization (.) Sixtily maintenance services
 very short essential workshop equipment and
 technical vehicles (.) Ends (.) 3 other sections
 follow

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Army Melbourne

Airforce Jerusalem 9 D 115 195-

Section 3 Topics (.) Part 3 (.) ~~Ammunition~~ (.) A.I.F.(.) Hold insignificant stocks - all natures in particular
gun howitzer anti-tank rifle and revolverammunition (.) Part 4 (.) Stocks required for present units
Palestine not repeat not complete in any type (.)Expressed no percentage aggregate deficiency all natures
as 60% (.) Part 5 (.) A.I.F. - Organization (.) With Lloydand Irving included expanded divisional Headquarters
will be capable dealing with A.I.F. matters in addition to
those of divisional nature both under central controlMACKAY at one headquarters (.) Do not repeat not propose
any reorganization FUSBASE this juncture since personnel
remaining Palestine, adequate under present organization (.)(.) Part 6 (.) Training (.) Units have begun battalion or
equivalent training (.) Shortage vehicles serious impedes

~~Security~~

M.I.

Enciphered Message

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the above subject. The same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours obedient servant,
John D. Smith

Very truly,
John D. Smith

Enclosure

Very truly,
John D. Smith

interferes in all particulars (1) Division can
not be got ready for war until
full scale weapons and vehicles delivered
and period brigades with higher
training completed ends (2) 3 other
sections follow.

Note:- A number of corrections
but may read as shown if
suitable.

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sections follow" on all messages
with

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MELBOURNE. S.C.2.
3 Jun 40.

Secretary,
MILITARY BOARD.

REORGANIZATION OF 6 DIV IN PALESTINE.

With reference to SM 1555 dated 30 Apr 40,
para 3, and Ausforce cable AD 169 dated 29 May 40,
it is requested that a reply be sent to AD 169
in the following terms -

TO: AUSFORCE

FROM: ARMY, MELBOURNE

-----(.) REFERENCE YOUR AD 169 DATED 29 MAY 40
REORGANIZATION 6 DIVISION AND ATTACHED TROOPS UNDER
NEW ESTABLISHMENTS AUTHORIZED (.) AGREE STEPS TAKEN
TO ORGANIZE WITHIN YOUR RESOURCES UNITS REQUIRED TO
REPLACE OR CARRY OUT FUNCTIONS THOSE DIVERTED US 3 (.)
ADVISE AIR MAIL(.)

Delivered to Dmsor by hand

*1/10/40
J. L. L.*

C. B. F. Lt.-Gen.,
Comd 1 Aust Corps.

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State of 6 DIV
May 41.

APPENDIX 28

Headquarters,
1 Aust Corps,
441 St. Kilda Rd.,
MELBOURNE S.C.2.

4 June 1940.

Secretary,

MILITARY BOARD.

PHYSICAL STANDARDS - A.I.F.

The physical standard of a considerable number of recruits for the A.I.F. who are arriving at Fockapunya from Caulfield is a matter of grave concern.

It is obvious that very little attempt is made to ensure that only men within the authorized age limits are accepted. A number of recruits are obviously well over the age.

The reduction in the height standard is permitting the enlistment of a considerable number who are too small to endure the strain of carrying the ordinary equipment of a soldier over any lengthened period, or to stand up to arduous training with men of greater physique. It is understood that this reduction in height was introduced largely because of the greatly increased number of drivers of mechanical vehicles in modern military organizations.

It is desired to submit that no regard is being given to any qualifications in this direction in admitting small men, and many will prove unsuitable for this work. Moreover, drivers should not be enlisted unless they are possessed of the normal physical strength of the average man, since they may often be called upon to exercise great physical strength on occasions of breakdowns, bogged vehicles, etc.

The arrival of men of small physical proportions is causing much concern to unit commanders. It is feared that both the fighting value and the prestige of the A.I.F. will suffer greatly. These weaknesses will lead to much unnecessary expenditure, since many of these recruits, after a short period of service, will have to be discharged as unlikely to make efficient soldiers.

In view of the large number of men now offering, there seems to be no reason why small men who are not capable of meeting and fighting bigger men should be accepted, lest the fighting quality of the A.I.F. be greatly reduced.

I beg to urge most seriously that the minimum height standard be raised to 5 feet 4 inches, and that only men of exceptional physical quality who are of that minimum should be accepted.

Lieutenant-General,
Commanding 1st Australian Corps.

Copy to War Diary.

21/6
G. H.D.

1 AUS. CORPS 276 24.

APPENDIX 29
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A.G.
Q.M.G.
H.G.O.
F.V.
1 Aust. Corps.

1 AUST. CORPS BASE AND L. OF C. UNITS.

Authority is now given to raise the units marked with an asterisk in the appendices to G.S. letter of 26 Apr. para. 4 regarding composition of Aust. Corps.

Forster
General,
Chief of the General Staff.

Copies to -
D.E.O.
D.S.D.
D.M.T.

6 JUN 1940

APPENDIX 30

1 AUS. CORPS 227 13

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A.G. (6)
Q.M.G. (6)
M.G.O. (6)
F.H. (1)
1 Aust. Corps. (4)

AMENDMENT TO COMPOSITION A.I.F.

1. Authority is now given to raise one additional C.C.S.
2. This unit should be added to Appendix "A" to G.S. letter of 23 May 40.

10/7 Jun. 40.

[Signature]
General,
Chief of the General Staff.

10 JUN 1940

Copies to -

D.M.O. & I. (3)
D.S.D. (6)
D.M.T. (3)

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APPENDIX 31

SECRET.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

1 Aust Corps
441 St.Kilda Road
MELBOURNE. S.C.2

10th June, 1940.

7 Aust Div

Copies to:

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1 AUST CORPS CIRCULAR G.33.

COMMAND - AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE IN AUSTRALIA.

With reference to 1 Aust Corps Circulars G/11, G/25, G/26 and G/27, on above subject, it is advised that the Command of that portion of the Australian Imperial Force now in Australia and placed under the command of the GOC 1 Aust Corps will devolve on Comd 7 Aust Div as from 11 Jun 40.

2. The following variations are made to the Schedules shown in Appendix "A" to Circular G/11:-

(a) 2nd Echelon.

The move of this Echelon is postponed indefinitely with the exception of the following:

- (i) Corps Comd, one ADC, BGS, DDMS, G2(O), 2 clerks and 5 Batmen will leave for service Overseas on 10th June.
- (ii) Asst Camp Comd and 39 other ranks are at present in Western Command. Their subsequent disposal is now under consideration by Military Board.

(b) 3rd & 4th Echelons.

The move of these Echelons is deferred indefinitely.

3. After 10 Jun, comms to Adv HQ 1 Aust Corps should be addressed, until further notice, to HQ 1 Aust Corps Palestine, or if cabled, to "AustForce". Correspondence for rear HQ 1 Aust Corps should be sent to 441 St.Kilda Road, Melbourne.

S. J. Howell

Brig.
GS 1 Aust Corps

APPENDIX 32

HC

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S.M. 2707

5th July, 1940

N. Comd. (6)	O/Seas Base (3)	S. of A.
E. Comd. (10)	7 M.D. (3)	S.A.S.
S. Comd. (18)	R.M.C.	S. of E.
W. Comd. (6)	C. & S.S.	S. of Sigs.
1 Aust. Corps (15)	C.T.D.	A.S.C. School
		S. of Mech.

Copies for information to:-

Sec. Co-Ord. (4); Sec. Army (2); Pte Sec. (2); C.G.S. (3); A.G. (3);
Q.M.G. (3); M.G.O. (3); F.M.; S.M.B. M.L.O. (London); Sec. Air Bd. (2);
Chairman Man Power Committee.

RECRUITING A.I.F. - PHYSICAL STANDARDS

I am directed by the Adjutant-General to state that it has been brought to notice that cases are occurring of men who are over the age of 40 years and of men of poor physique being enlisted in the A.I.F.

A.H.Q. memo. 10147 of 21 Feb 40 drew attention to the necessity for a thorough and careful preliminary medical examination.

In para. 1 of A.H.Q. memo. 29962 of 20 May 40 special mention was made of the necessity for good general physique in men enlisted under the new provisions as to age and height.

On 20 Jun 40 the D.F.M.S. issued instructions to the D.D.M.S.s all Commands once more emphasising these points.

It is essential that men enlisted for the A.I.F. should be of thoroughly good physique, and in view of the numbers now offering it is hard to understand why any others should be accepted.

With regard to the age limits it must be distinctly understood that the upper and lower limits are to be adhered to. In cases where there is any doubt as to whether a man's age comes within these limits, a birth certificate must be obtained before the man is attested.

As it appears that the instructions previously issued are in some cases not being followed the Adjutant-General desires that G.O.C.s and Commandants will give this matter their personal attention.



Lieutenant-Colonel,
Director of Organization and Recruiting.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

SECRET.

Rear H.Q., 1 Aust Corps,
441 St. Kilda Rd.,
MELBOURNE. SC.2.

5th August, 1940.

7TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
8TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

1 AUST CORPS CIRCULAR G.41.

COMMAND AND CONTROL - A.I.F. IN AUSTRALIA.

1. In continuation of 1 Aust Corps Circular G.33 of 10th June, 1940, a further echelon of H.Q., 1 Aust Corps and details of A.I.F. Admin. H.Q., in accordance with separate instructions issued to all concerned, will leave Australia on approximately 13th August, 1940. Except in such matters as local administration, which are delegated by A.H.Q. to G.C.C.'s Command, the command and control of A.I.F. formations and units in Australia which are placed under the command of G.C.C., 1 Aust Corps, will devolve on Comdr., 7 Aust Div.

2. (a) This command and control will be effected in general through H.Q., 7 Aust Div.

(b) H.Q. of Corps Troops and services of H.Q., 1 Aust Corps, remaining in Australia, will assist in supervising the training and administration of Corps Troops and units of Base Sub-Area in Australia and will be available to Comdr., 7 Aust Div., for such duties as he may decide.

3. The following officers of the Staff of H.Q., 1 Aust Corps, and A.I.F. Admin. H.Q. (G.S.O.3.(C), D.A.Q.D.G., A/D.A.A.G. : - Capt. L. H. Newton) will be retained for the present to augment the staff of H.Q., 7 Aust Div.

4. The G.S.O.3.(C) will be responsible to Comdr., 7 Aust Div., for the local administration and discipline of personnel of the Staff H.Q., 1 Aust Corps.

5. Correspondence for Rear H.Q., 1 Aust Corps, will continue to be sent to 441 St. Kilda Rd., Melbourne, S.C.2.

[Signature]
Brigadier.
G.S. 1 Aust. Corps.

Copies to :-

C.C.R.A.	A.G.B. Depot.
C.C.F.A.	2/1 Pnr. Bn.
C.E.	2/2 Pnr. Bn.
C.S.O.	2/3 Pnr. Bn.
D.D.S.T.	Adv. H.Q., 1 Aust Corps.
A.D.C.S.	H. Comd.
D.D.N.S.	S. Comd.
Camp.	E. Comd.
D.A.G.	E. Comd.
A.P.M.	Secretary, Military Board.
A.D. POSTS.	War Diary.

APPENDIX 34

H O S T S E C R E T.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

HQ 1 AUST CORPS ROUTINE ORDER NO. 26

Copy No. 36.

BY

2 Aug 40

MAJOR L.E. LEMIRE, CAMP CO-DET HQ 1 AUST CORPS.

1. S.A. PRIORITY.

The following personnel from HQ 1 Aust Corps and attached troops are approved for embarkation on 13 Aug. 40, and will embark in accordance with the instructions hereinafter given:-

VX 127	Major	MURRELL	W.B.
SX 3199	Major	FILLS	K.A.
VX 12396	Colonel	BEAVIS	L.E.
NX 12425	Lieut	DUFFY	I.R.
VX 12475	Major	LEMIRE	L.E.
VX 12722	Lt.-Colonel	DOLLERY	E.R.
VX 13763	Major	HURLEY	G.E.F.
VX 40124	Major	ROGERS	J.D.
VX 46892	Lieut	MCKAY	A.I.
	Lieut	McVICAR	A.O.
TX 780	L/Cpl	SHERRLIN	J.
VX 1342	L/Cpl	SHERRY	T.
VX 3052	L/Sgt	KARAGHEUSIAN	V.N.T.
VX 3214	Sgt	PRITCHARD	G.S.
SX 3294	Pte	CLOAK	N.J.
VX 7127	T/Sgt	GRONL	H.G.
VX 7430	Cpl	McKENZIE	K.J.
VX 8216	Pte	ILSON	H.J.
VX 8260	WO I	BEAUCHAMP	E.E.
VX 8284	Pte	BURGE	R.A.
VX 8364	Pte	GRAHAM	R.A.
QX 9436	Pte	ROBINSON	A.N.
VX 10626	Sgt	STOCKFELD	A.H.
VX 11398	S/Sgt	SUTTON	A.C.
VX 11404	L/Cpl	ILSON	L.V.
VX 11508	Cpl	SMITH	L.D.
VX 11509	WO II	WHITE	T.T.
VX 11514	COMS	NICHOLLS	G.A.
VX 11696	Sgt	FUGGER	E.
VX 11701	S/Sgt	TAYLOR	R.T.
VX 12386	Cpl	FLANAGAN	J.J.
VX 12622	Dvr	JACKS	T.T.
VX 12629	Pte	McARTHUR	P.H.
VX 12640	Pte	MYERS	J.
VX 12650	Pte	COYLE	C.J.
VX 12696	Pte	CROMB	G.R.
VX 12711	Pte	MARSHALL	I.L.
VX 12740	Sgt	JABOOR	T.

VX 13029	L/Cpl	GILES	E.
VX 13038	Pte	SOLERS	E.A.
VX 13279	Pte	CROSS	W.F.
VX 13521	L/Sgt	McLEOD	J.A.
VX 13678	L/Sgt	BOULTER	T.A.L.
VX 13779	L/Cpl	MAY	J.D.
VX 13858	WO.II	PROBERT	J.W.
VX 13916	Pte	TRAPP	A.N.
VX 13968	S/Sgt	GREENWOOD	H.P.
VX 13999	Pte	IVES	E.J.
VX 14158	Pte	McKENZIE	G.
VX 14186	Cpl	McMAHON	T.H.
VX 14234	Pte	MACKINLAY	J.
VX 14279	Pte	DUNCAN	J.A.
VX 14412	Pte	LIONKS	A.S.
VX 14418	Pte	KOZMINSKY	G.C.
VX 14452	Dvr	MERRETT	R.S.
VX 14617	Pte	LEMAIRE	T.P.
VX 14626	Pte	KEITH	K.D.
VX 14688	Dvr	PHILIPS	G.
VX 14710	Pte	STEPHENS	J.O.
VX 14903	S/Sgt	LEWIS	E.F.
VX 15007	Cpl	BOROWSKI	J.H.
VX 15015	Pte	FRASER	D.C.
VX 15107	Sgt	WATSON	A.E.
VX 15365	Pte	DUMENIL	L.S.
VX 15590	Pte	MAWBEY	J.H.C.
VX 15731	L/Cpl	SCOTT	F.K.
VX 16030	Pte	HARSH	A.E.
VX 16231	Pte	SHARP	A.J.
VX 16466	Cpl	SEARLE	F.M.
VX 16474	Cpl	CLARK	R.A.
VX 16502	Dvr	WIGGERMAN	A.
VX 16782	Pte	BLYTH	L.W.
VX 16843	Pte	CONRON	R.C.
QX 17012	Pte	STOCK	H.V.
VX 17048	Pte	COLBERT	M.H.
VX 17102	Pte	ROBINSON	T.M.
VX 17125	Pte	LARKAN	L.W.
VX 17608	Pte	DURAND	N.R.L.
VX 17672	Pte	MURPHY	T.B.
VX 17753	S/Sgt	MORRIS	D.
VX 18298	Pte	RYAN	E.
VX 18392	L/Cpl	CHAMMON	W.J.
VX 18696	Dvr	ROSAN	W.R.
VX 18711	L/Cpl	CAMERON	R.E.
VX 18721	Pte	RADFORD	J.G.
VX 18980	L/Cpl	LODEWYCKX	K.A.
VX 19021	Pte	HAMILTON	G.E.
VX 19611	L/Cpl	HUTTON	H.B.
VX 19678	Pte	BELL	G.F.
VX 19876	Pte	PHILLIPPS	W.M.
VX 20167	Pte	McDOUGALL	H.
VX 20371	L/Cpl	MOORE	T.M.T.
VX 20407	Pte	BOERS	W.
VX 20862	Pte	NEWMAN	K.S.
VX 21043	Sgt	WILLIAMS	D.M.
VX 21054	L/Sgt	TINSON	T.F.
VX 21637	Pte	MATTHEWS	W.R.
VX 21914	Sig	EDWARDS	R.L.
VX 22161	L/Cpl	WALSH	J.C.
VX 22334	Pte	YOUNG	W.W.
VX 22473	Dvr	MYTE	W.

VX 22519	Cpl	GRAY	J.J.B.
VX 22906	Pte	HANDS	L.J.
VX 23705	Pte	SUTTON	R.T.W.
VX 23708	Pte	McCLURE	L.J.K.
VX 24447	Dvr	WHARTON	R.J.
VX 24654	Pte	ROBERTSON	E.
VX 25003	Pte	HARRISON	D.E.
VX 25940	Pte	ABRAHAMS	L.R.
NX 27944	L/Cpl	MORRISON	C.
NX 27945	L/Cpl	SMITH	C.G.
NX 27946	L/Cpl	KING	N.D.
VX 27983	Pte	DeSERVILLE	J.S.H.
VX 29255	Pte	KUSCHERT	A.L.
VX 33618	Sgt	HOGAN	J.P.
VX 35799	Cpl	RUSSELL	T.
VX 40402	Pte	MANLEY	C.G.
VX 43621	Pte	TOSH	J.C.
VX 46851	Sgt	OGDEN	J.
VX 46907	Sgt	DUNN	J.N.
	Chaplain	MEYER	V.Y.
	Chaplain	PHILLIPS	J.B.
VX 11160	Capt	LARKIN	W.L.
VX 13755	Ccl	ANDREW	B.J.
VX 8211	S/Sgt	HODGINS	J.P.
VX 13791	Sgt	STEVENS	O.H.
VX 13827	Pte	MURPHY	S.P.M.
VX 14244	WO II	TISDALL	G.D.
VX 16373	Sgt	CADE	F.A.M.
VX 23812	Pte	FERGUSON	H.G.
VX 25061	Cpl	DeLABERTAUCHE	R.E.
VX 19730	Capt	BLRD	H.M.
VX 24403	S/Sgt	AITCHISON	E.
VX 25940	Pte	BOWEN	P.
VX 28779	Cpl	BOWER	D.

2. LOVELENT.

(a) On 12 Aug 40, ORs (less WOs) on subsistence will parade at 1500 hrs at 441 St Hilda Rd., with full kit, and move under CSM's orders to HQ 1 Aust Corps Squad, Caulfield, for evening meal on 12 Aug 40 and quartering for the night of 12/13 Aug 40. No leave will be granted to ORs quartered at Caulfield on the night of 12/13 Aug 40.

(b) Lieuts. Duffy, McKay, McVicar, and all ORs will assemble on the bricked road circuit 50 yards inside the main gate entrance to Caulfield Racecourse at 0815 hrs on 13 Aug 40 under Captain A. Kershaw, OC 1 Aust Corps Squad, Caulfield.

(c) Officers other than above will report at No. 10 East Platform, Flinders Street Railway Station at 0945 hrs to board train departing at 0952 hrs 13 Aug 40.

3. ENTRAINMENT.

(a) OR personnel 1 Aust Corps will be completely formed up under command of Captain Kershaw on station platform Caulfield at 0905 hrs, and will entrain under instructions from entraining staff detailed by Camp Comdt R.R. Depot, Caulfield. Compartments will be occupied from front to rear of train by consecutive numbers corresponding with nominal roll (AAF 206) and pay embarkation cards (WF 47).

(b) OC Special Train.

OC unit entraining at Frankston will be OC train for the journey. Troops will not be permitted to leave the train at Flinders Street Railway Station.

(c) ORs will each carry and retain their arms, equipment, and personal effects (universal and sea-kit bags) from Caulfield to embarkation.

4. DETRAINMENT.

(a) Unit Markers.

On arrival at Station Pier one unit marker previously detailed will immediately detrain and stand opposite his compartment until directed by an RTO to the correct marker position as indicated by a sign board showing the unit serial number.

(b) Detrainment Signals.

All ranks (other than unit markers) will NOT detrain until the RTO has given the signal to do so, which will be THREE SHORT WHISTLE BLASTS.

(c) Form up on Markers.

All ranks will then detrain and form up on the unit marker by consecutive numbers as shown on nominal roll and pay embarkation cards.

(d) Collection of AAF T 51.

A representative of the ESO's Staff will collect completed AAF T 51 from Lieut Duffy prior to moving from assembly point for embarkation.

5. EMBARKATION.

On completion of detrainment ALL RANKS will be embarked in accordance with the following instructions :-

(a) A guiding officer from ESO Staff will guide personnel (ALL RANKS) in the order of detrainment on to the ship.

(b) Pay Embarkation Card WF 47, which will be readily accessible in top left hand pocket of tunic, will be handed to representative of Pay Section at foot of gangway.

(c) Troops accompanied by Officers and NCOs will then be led by guides to their respective berth allotments where troops will remain in their cabins until after final inspection.

(d) Lieuts Duffy, Mackay, McVicar, WOs Beauchamp, Probert, Pisdall, White, S/Sgt Sutton, and Cpl McKenzie will remain with and keep control of personnel in unit quarters until after final inspection of the ship.

5. EMBARKATION (contd)

- (e) All officers other than above will report to Purser's Office whence they will be directed to their cabins.
- (f) After completion of final inspection of troops in their cabins, the controlling staff (sub para (d)) will report to Purser's Office and be directed to their cabins.

6. MARKING OF UNIT BAGGAGE.

- (a) Unit baggage MUST NOT bear the title of the unit.
- (b) Each package or article of unit baggage not already marked will be handed in to the CQMS HQ 1 Aust Corps by 1200 hrs Wed. 7 Aug 40 for marking with the unit serial number and distinguishing colour lines.
- (c) The serial number of HQ 1 Aust Corps is 202, and for HQ AIF the serial number is 203. Representative colours for these numerals are :- Two (2) Blue, G.S.; nought (0), Brown, dark G.S., three (3), yellow (Amn).
- (d) All packages will be marked in accordance with the terms of Para 3 of RO No. 6, dated 14 May 40.

7. OFFICER'S BAGGAGE.

- (a) Officer's light baggage required for use during the voyage (not exceeding the following scale - Commanding Officers, 50 lbs; other Officers 36 lbs) will be clearly labelled and marked "WANTED ON VOYAGE". Labels may be obtained from the CQMS. This baggage must be delivered to the CQMS by 1700 hrs Sun. 11 Aug 40, for conveying direct to the ship and placing in respective Officers' cabins under arrangements made by Baggage Officer. (ESO Staff).
- (b) All Officers will carry respirators complete as part of personal baggage.
- (c) Officers are permitted to carry an additional 100 lbs of heavy baggage. All packages coming within this category must arrive Corps HQ, 441 St Hilda Rd., by 1700 hrs Sun. 11 Aug 40. The CQMS will arrange transport to ship.

8. UNIT WAR EQUIPMENT, HEAVY BAGGAGE, STATIONERY ETC.

- (a) Will be ready for loading at 0600 hrs 12 Aug 40 and moved to port under Command arrangements and taken from 441 St Hilda Rd. to ship's side, where it will be checked and stowed in the presence of unit representative, Cpl. T.R. Russell.
- (b) Unit stationery and training stores required on the voyage will be marked by CQMS 1 Aust Corps with unit serial number and colour lines and "UNIT STATIONERY FOR USE ON VOYAGE". Such packages will accompany Officers' heavy baggage.
- (c) Unit representative will report to ESO at the wharf simultaneously with arrival of first delivery, and will be responsible for noting stowage position of all unit stores and baggage.

9. DESPATCH OF EQUIPMENT AND BAGGAGE TO WHARF.

- (a) The CQMS will ensure that Delivery Note (AAB 66) in triplicate is prepared for all stores taken by drivers conveying stores to transport. These notes will show:-

Serial No.
Unit Mark.
Code Name of Ship.
Consecutive number of packages.
Measurements of packages.

One copy of these notes will be retained by the check clerks in charge, another, after being duly receipted by these officials, will be returned to the drivers for return to the CQMS, the third copy will be handed to Camp Comdt.

- (b) The CQMS will be responsible to the Camp Comdt for despatch of stores to the wharf.

- (c) Stores wanted on voyage will be labelled "WANTED ON VOYAGE".

- (d) The CQMS will place a completed packing note in each case of stores, retaining two duplicates, one copy to Camp Comdt.

10. DESCRIPTIVE LISTS OF WAR EQUIPMENT.

- (a) Descriptive lists of all war equipment shipped by or for the unit will be prepared by CQMS on AAF G 964. Nine copies will be prepared, six copies will be delivered together with the stores they cover to the Embarkation Staff who is to dispose of them as follows:-

One copy to the Master of the Ship.
Two copies, after checking, returned to unit representative accompanying the stores - for delivery to Camp Comdt.
One copy to the Master in an envelope for delivery to Movement Control at port of discharge.
One copy retained with Embarkation Records at the Port.
Two copies to be returned through the Camp Comdt to the OC Troops, for checking delivery.
The two copies not handed to the Embarkation Staff will be handed to the OC Troops.

- (b) Bills of Lading (AAF G 964) will show number and description of the packages they cover, together with total measurement of all stores included thereon.

11. DOCUMENTS.

Strength Return on Embarkation and Disembarkation-
AAF T 51.

Immediately prior to embarkation AAF T 51 will be prepared in quadruplicate. Three copies of this return will be handed to Embarkation Staff for use and disposal as set out hereunder:-

- (I) (a) One copy to OC Troops, one copy to DNO, one copy to AHQ.
(b) The fourth copy to Camp Comdt.
(II) Nominal Rolls AAF A 206 will be attached to the AAF'S T 51 at the Port of Embarkation by the Embarkation Staff who will receive them from the representative of the District Records Office after they have been duly amended and brought up to date by Unit Casualty Returns.

12. OFFICE LOCATIONS RECORDS AND ESOs.

A District Records and ESO's office indicated by a sign board will be established and located on Upper Concourse opposite HMT.

13. MEALS ON DAY OF EMBARKATION.

- (a) Morning meal for those quartered at Caulfield will be provided in Camp.
- (b) Midday meal will be provided on board on completion of embarkation

14. PAY, PAY BOOKS, AND EMBARKATION CARDS.

- (a) All Officers and ESOs concerned will obtain pay, pay books, and embarkation cards from the Paymaster at Camp Comdt's Office, 441 St Kilda Rd at 0930 hrs on Sat., 10 Aug 40.
- (b) (I) CRs on duty at 425, 441, and 466 St Kilda Rd. will be paraded by CMS at 1000 hrs on Sat 10 Aug 40 to collect their pay.
(II) Pay books and embarkation cards will be issued at HQ 1 Aust Corps Squad Caulfield at 1600 hrs Mon. 12 Aug 40.
- (c) CRs training at Caulfield will collect pay, pay books, and embarkation cards at HQ 1 Aust Corps Squad Caulfield at 1500 hrs Monday 12 Aug 40.

15. BERTHING ACCOMMODATION.

Berthing list will be available for inspection in Camp Comdt's Office after receipt from AHQ.

16. RESPIRATOR FITTING.

- (a) Arrangements have been made for all Officers included on the draft to undergo gas chamber test at 1430 hrs on Tuesday 6 Aug 40 at 466 St Kilda Rd. under the direction of Captain Callow, GSO III, Engrs.
- (b) ORs stationed at 425, 441, and 466 St Kilda Rd proceeding abroad will bring their steel helmets and respirator gear and attend for fitting and gas chamber test at 466 St Kilda Rd. at 1000 hrs on Tues. 6 Aug 40.
- (c) ORs at Caulfield will undergo fitting, and test at Caulfield.

17. WILLS.

Wills or notification of whereabouts of wills of all ranks proceeding with SA Priority are due to reach Camp Comdt by 1200 hrs Wed. 7 Aug 40.

18. PHOTOGRAPHS FOR DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION.

Officers on the draft who have not yet been photographed for the Department of Information should arrange to attend at Cinema Theatre, just inside North Gate, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne. Appointments can be arranged with Mr. Stewart, phone LX 2498, to whom biographical details and name of State in which best known should be submitted.

19. SECURITY.

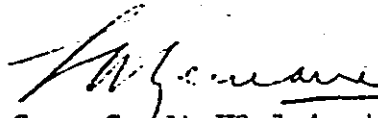
(a) Too much stress cannot be placed upon the importance of preventing any leakage of information in respect of date, time of embarkation, and subsequent departure of HMT.

(b) Photographs.

Only persons in possession of special passes for the purpose will be permitted the use of cameras.

20. PETS.

No animals of any description may be taken on board HMT.

 Major,
Camp Comdt HQ 1 Aust Corps.

DISTRIBUTION.-

As per Camp List "A".

DETAIL	POSTING	REMARKS.
G.O.C.	Lt.-Gen. Sir T.A. Blamey, C.B., C.M.S., D.S.O.	
A.D.C.	Capt. J. A. Wilmoth.	
A.D.C.	Capt. N.D. Carlyon.	
<u>GENERAL STAFF BRANCH.</u>		
Brigadier	Brig. S. F. Rowell.	
<u>Operations.</u>		
G.S.O. (II)	Lt.-Col. R. G. H. Irving.	
G.S.O. (III)	Maj. C. M. L. Elliott.	
G.S.O. (III)		
<u>Intelligence.</u>		
G.S.O. (II)		
G.S.O. (III)	Maj. J. D. Rogers.	
G.S.O. (III)	Maj. K. A. Wills.	
G.S.O. (II)		
<u>Liaison Officer.</u>		
G.S.O. (III)		
<u>Liaison Officer.</u>		
G.S.O. (III)		Maj. Alec Russell - (Noted)
<u>BRANCH OF A.G. & Q.M.G.</u>		
D.A. & Q.M.G.	Brig. H. D. Wynter.	
A.Q.M.G.	Lt.-Col. C. E. M. Lloyd.	
D.A.A.G.	Maj. A. G. Wilson.	
D.A.A.G.	Maj. G. E. W. Hurley.	
D.A.Q.M.G.	Maj. L. G. Binns.	
S.C. (Q)		
<u>Attached.</u>		
L.S.O.	Maj. T. P. FRY.	Recommended.
<u>Technical Appts. Engineers.</u>		
C.E.	Brig. C. S. STEELE.	
G.S.O.	CAPT. A. R. CALLOW.	
S.O. (R.A.E.)	Maj. R. R. McNICOLL.	
I.O. (R.A.E.)	LIEUT. J. W. SMITH.	

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

DETAIL	POSTING	REMARKS.
<u>Signals.</u>		
C.S.O.	Col. C. H. Simpson.	
Asst. to C.S.O.	Maj. D. N. Veron.	
Asst. to C.S.O.	Capt. L. J. Bruton.	
<u>Local Admin Appts.</u>		
Camp Commandant.	Maj. L. H. Lemaire.	
Asst. Camp Commandant.	Lieut. D. H. Challingsworth.	
<u>Medical Officers.</u>		
Medical Officer.	Maj. J. E. Gillespie.	
Medical Officer.	Capt. J. C. English.	
<u>SERVICES.</u>		
<u>Survey.</u>		
A.D. of SVY.	Lt.-Col. A. S. Wilson.	
Capt. R.A.E.	Capt. A. F. Kurrle.	
<u>CHAPLAINS.</u>		
Senior Chaplain.	Chap. Rt. Rev. C. L. Riley.	Anglican.
Senior Chaplain.	Chap. Rev. T. McCarthy.	Roman Catholic.
<u>Medical.</u>		
D.D.M.S.	Col. S. R. Burston.	
D.D.D.M.S.	Maj. K. W. Starr.	
D.A.D. of HYG.	Maj. J. M. Dwyer.	
<u>Labour.</u>		
A.D. of L.		
S.C.	Capt. G. J. Wright.	
<u>Provost.</u>		
A.P.M.	Maj. J. Walstab.	
D.A.P.M.	Capt. H. M. Lewis.	

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Appendix 36

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

1 Aust. Corps.
466 St. Kilda Road,
MELBORNE S.C.2.

1 AUST. CORPS. CIRCULAR G.20.

14 May 40.

GENERAL POLICY FOR ANTI GAS TRAINING.

1. To carry out anti gas work, unit gas officers and N.C.Os. must be trained to a high degree of efficiency.

Personnel selected for this training should --

- (a) Have sufficient time to carry out their duties adequately in addition to their regimental duties.
- (b) Have the ability and personality to instruct.
- (c) Not be likely to be moved soon to some other position where they would not be available.

Anti gas personnel should be selected for training on the following scale; if possible additional persons should be trained -

Each battalion or equivalent unit -	1 officer
Each company or equivalent unit --	1 N.C.O.
Each battalion, in addition -	Comd Pnr Pl.

Only personnel who have been recently specially trained as instructors in this work should be used for anti gas instruction.

2. Respirators and steel helmets should be issued and anti gas training begun as early as possible in the recruit training period after unit anti gas personnel have been trained.

Attention is directed to the fact that "Defence against Gas 1935" is now obsolete and all training will be based on "Protection against Gas and Air Raids" pamphlets 1, 2 and 3.

3. Facepieces should be fitted under the general supervision of the unit gas officer and every man must be given a comfortable as well as gas-tight, fit. As soon as possible any man that cannot be fitted with either small, normal, or large sized facepiece should be reported to G.S.O. for C.W. Aust. Corps and a special fitting will be made at P.S.I. Laboratories.

4. Anti gas training should be continuous and progressive, and should, as far as possible, be blended with other branches of training once the elementary stage has been passed.

5. During respirator training emphasis must be placed on the importance of this subject to the individual, and of the necessity for proper care of his equipment.

When all ranks have been taught respirator drill, they should be given experience of working with facepiece adjusted, at first for short periods of say 15 minutes, increasing gradually to one hour. When this stage has been reached, at least one hour each day should be spent during regimental training, wearing the respirator in the "Gas" position to enable all ranks to accustom themselves to the limiting effects produced.

6. The respirator should be worn at all times during field training and on as many other occasions as possible during regimental training. It will be worn at the "Normal Alert" position, except when facepiece is adjusted.

7. During this elementary training, instruction should be given in the characteristics of war gases etc., and as much training as possible given in their recognition by smell, appearance etc., It must be emphasised that the enemy will in many cases attempt to camouflage the various chemical agents, both in smell and physical appearance, Mixtures of various agents are very likely,
8. All ranks are responsible for their own personal decontamination, and units for their own minor decontamination problems; for this reason, training in decontamination must be given prominence. With units and sub-units whose specific duties include decontamination, e.g. pioneer battalions and pioneer platoons, this branch of training must be given even greater prominence.

Decontamination training will include as much field work as possible, using training expedients, as well as the wearing of anti gas clothing to accustom troops to the limiting effects produced thereby.
9. Training in the duties of both classes of gas sentries i.e. gas and air spray, needs much attention, with special emphasis on the latter type.
10. On the completion of elementary gas training, "Tests of Elementary Training" as laid down in Secs. 101 - 104, pamphlet No.1, will be carried out and the results will be recorded by sub-units.
11. When individual anti-gas training is completed, the threat of gas should be included in all training exercises, both tactical and administrative, aided as far as possible by the use of training expedients. During all exercises full personal anti gas equipment should be worn by all ranks.
12. It is important that commanders of all grades should know how gas is likely to be used by an enemy. Attention is directed to Secs 25 - 30 inclusive, Pamphlet No.1 "Protection against Gas and Air Raids".

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6 Aug. 40.

MAJOR L.H. LEMIRE, CAMP COMDT HQ 1 AUST CORPS.

1. RESPIRATOR FITTING.

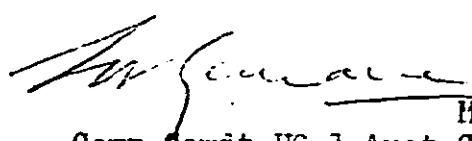
In view of the unavailability of gas chamber and equipment on Tues. Aug. 6 the arrangements made in Para 16, sub-paras (a) and (b) of RO No 26 MOST SECRET are cancelled. Gas chamber test and respirator fitting for personnel included on the S.A. Priority roll will now be conducted as follows:-

- (a) Officers will undergo gas chamber test at 1430 hrs on Thurs. 8 Aug. 40 at 466 St. Kilda Rd under the direction of Captain Callow, GSO III Engrs.
- (b) ORs stationed at 425, 441, and 466 St. Kilda Rd will bring their steel helmets and respirator gear and attend for fitting and gas chamber test at 466 St. Kilda Rd. at 1000 hrs on Thurs. 8 Aug. 40.

2. CORRIGENDA.

The following corrections to the nominal roll in RO No. 26 MOST SECRET are noted:-

VX 3214	S/3gt	PRITCHARD	G.S.
VX 16843	Pte	CONDON	R.C.
	Chaplain	PHILLIPS	E.B.


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