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24 Infantry Brigade
July - December 1940

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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(adapted.)

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Unit H.Q. 24 Inf Bde A.S.F. Date and Time.—From 5 Jul 40 To 27 Jul 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Brisbane	5-16 Jul		Raising of Bde HQ personnel proceeds	Clu
Grovelly	17 Jul		Bde HQ. moves to temporary HQ at Grovelly. Comd asked for E.L. + phones. Unsatisfactory conditions at Camp reported to Comd (Road + messing) Recommended that Bde HQ. move to S ₂ mg in order to be more centrally placed.	Clu
Grovelly	20 Jul		Again request E.L. + phone - also report again unsatisfactory conditions - dust nuisance from road + poor messing facilities	Clu
"	23 Jul		Arrangements made for 2/55 bn to occupy new Camp site on 28 Jul.	
"	"		Capt. Wand S.O. reported for duty as Staff Capt.	Clu
"	25 Jul		Electric light + 'phone installed	Clu
"	27 Jul		Maj. T. W. White departs from Bde H.Q.	Clu

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Unit 1st Div AF

Date and Time.—From 26 June 40 To 5 Jul 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Brisbane	26 June	2 pm	Brigadier F.P. Plant ^{psr} BE. ADC. Mr King, Commanding 24 Inf Bde & Maj. T.W. White ^{psr} visit Brisbane in connection with formation of Bde HQ & 2/5 Bn. T/Brig Marshall selected to command with Major CB Luthy as second i/c.	a
Melbourne	1 July	-	Brig & Bn visit HQ 1 Aust Corps + A.H.Q. to discuss arrangements raising Bde	a
Adelaide	2 July		Brig & Bn visit Adelaide, selection of CO. Major W W Bellin 21 Inf Bde AF selected to command 2/4 Bn	Bn
Perth.	3 July		Brig visits Perth + selects Major Lloyd to command 2/5 Bn	a
Brisbane	5 July		Bn. commences raise HQ. 24 Inf Bde with temporary HQ at Vic Bks.	a

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit HQ 24 Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 1 Aug 40 To 19 Aug 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Grawley	12 Aug		Brig arrived at HQ	Am
"	13 Aug		New camp site chosen at old VET Hospital Quaggara, considered to be more suitable than present site. To move in approx 17 Aug	
"	16 Aug		Balance of 2/25 Bn Troops to march in 19 Aug training to commence 20 Aug	Am
"	16 Aug		2/28 Bn Additional 400 personnel to march to new camp site on 16 Aug total strength now 565 Training expected to commence 19 Aug	Am
"	16 Aug		2/43 Bn training commenced, position satisfactory	Am
"	17 Aug		In view of the above it appears that the training of this Bde will be considerably behind	Am
Quaggara	19 Aug		HQ removed to new camp site, conditions improved but still rather unsatisfactory on	(cont.)

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Unit H Q 24 Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 19 Aug 40 To 31 Aug 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>Quoggera</i>	<i>19 Aug</i>		<i>(cont.) account of mass evacuation of other units in Buildings, position to be notified in a few days</i>	<i>Am</i>
"	<i>20 Aug</i>	<i>1300</i>	<i>Visit by Div Comdr (Maj Gen Sturdee</i>	<i>Am</i>
"	<i>21 Aug</i>		<i>Bde Comdr + Div Comdr inspect P.I.F. units in this Command.</i>	<i>Am</i>
"	<i>22 Aug</i>		<i>Bde Comdr continues to visit inspection of P.I.F. units.</i>	<i>Am</i>
"	<i>26 Aug</i>		<i>Bde Comdr left Bde H.Q. on a tour of inspection of 2/43 + 2/28 Bns, via Div H.Q. + P.H.Q.</i>	<i>Am</i>
"	<i>26 Aug</i>		<i>Weapon training of Bde H.Q. personnel comm.</i>	<i>Am</i>

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

H.G. 24 INF BDE. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...			
Captains ...	2		
Lieutenants ...	1		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	34	—	—

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	GELLIGRAND T.I.	A.I.F.	26 Jul 60	MARCHED IN FROM 20 th L.W.
CAPT	MANT L.C.	A.I.F.	27 Jul 60	MARCHED IN FROM 1 COY BDE.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
MAJOR	WHITE T.W.	A.I.F.	1 Jul 60	T'fer to HQ 26 INF BDE.

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

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 24 Inf Bde. (Unit) 5 AUG 1940 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	2		
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, &c.	17		
TOTALS	21	*	*

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
 			

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
 				

H.Q. 24 INF. BDE. Unit.

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

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

H.Q. 24 Inf Bde Unit.

C. Courant CAPT. for BRIG.
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 5 AUG 40.

Comd. 24 INF. BDE.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HR 24 INF PDE (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ. 74th INF. BDE (Unit) 12 Aug 1940 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	—		
W.Os. Class II.	—		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	2		
Corporals	—		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	20		
TOTALS	24	*	*

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 BATMAN	A A S C.		
1 CLERK	A A S C.		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

HQ 74 INF BDE

Unit.

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

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

HQ 74 INF BDE

Unit.

Date of Despatch

12 AUG 40

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Robertson CAPT IN BRIG

Signature of Commander.

COMO 74 INF BDE

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ. 24 INF BDE. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Beacon</i>	<i>E. C. P. Plant</i>	<i>A.I.F.</i>	<i>12. Aug.</i>	<i>MARSHED IN ON STRENGTH</i>

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 24 INF BDE (Unit) 19 Aug 1940 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			1
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	2		
Corporals			} 37
Troopers, Privates, &c.	17		
TOTALS	25	*	* 38

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Batman	A.R.S.C.		
1 Clerk	A.R.S.C.		
2 "	A.H.Q.		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

HQ 24 INF BDE Unit.

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

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

HQ 24 INF BDE Unit.

[Signature] BRIG.
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 19 AUG 40
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Comd 24 INF BDE.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ 24 INF BDE (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
* BRIGADIER	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...			1
Captains ...	3		
Lieutenants ...	1		2
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters <u>CHAPLAINS</u> ...	2		1
TOTALS ...	7		4

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
CAPT	GILLESPIE A.B.	AIF	20/11/45	FULL TIME DUTY PENDING APPOINTMENT.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit H Q 24 Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 1 Sep 40 To 13 Sep 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Quaggers	1 Sep	-	A I I units in Old came under command of this Bde. on 1 Sep	
"	3 Sep		2/28 Bu + 24 A/I Coy to move to Wartham Camp on 4 Sep Training in full progress	
"	10 Sep	1145	Maj Gen Lamerack GOC 7 Div arrived	
"	11 Sep	1415	do departed	
"	13 Sep		after inspecting units of this Command. 2/28 Bu + 24 A/I Coy moved to Wartham on 4 Sep.	
"	13 Sep		Major Ogle marched in as Bde Major	
"	13 Sep		Inf from N. Command that half of 2/25 Bu to move to Darwin middle of Oct. remainder to follow at later date	



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Unit H.Q. 24 Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 14 Sep 40 To 24 Sep 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Enoggera	18 Sep		Bde Comd. returned from inspection tour	
"	18 Sep		Convoy of motor vehicles for distribution to A.I.F. units arrived in Brisbane.	
"	23 Sep.		Conference at N. Comd. H.Q. on administrative matters relating to the proposed move of 2/25 Bn to Darwin.	
"			Attended by S.C. and several representatives of 2/25 Bn.	
"	24 Sep		Notified that the following units may anticipate moving to E. Comd. during second week in Oct. and that they sd be sent on pre-embarkation leave—	
"			2 A. Tr. Regt. 2/2 Fd Hygiene, 7 Bn. Mob. Coy & Food Account Unit, 5th L.A.D.	
"	24 Sep		Advised that 13 off. 357 O.R. of 2/15 Bn wd comprise the first detachment to leave Darwin. Ascertaining if similar details from 2/25 Bn will be sent as replacement	
"	24 Sep		Training Instruction No 2 issued to units of 24 Inf Bde	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit H Q 24 Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 24 Sep 40 To 30 Sep 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Enoggera	24 Sep		Requested that the total number of troops in 2/25 Bn to move to Darwin sd include first reinforcements and 3% wastage.	
"	28 Sep		Telegram from Army to N Comd. stating that the original intention to send portion of 2/25 Bn to Darwin on the next voyage was cancelled and that the whole of the battalion wd now move on the Zeelandia on its next voyage to Darwin.	
"	29 Sep		2/1 Ord. Stores Coy marched out of Paythorne camp and entrained for E. Comd.	
"	30 Sep		Bde. Anti-Gas School commenced at Redbank Camp under N. Comd instructor.	

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ 2nd INF BDE (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
<i>BRIGADIER</i> *			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...			1
Captains ...	3		
Lieutenants ...	1		2
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters <i>(CAPTAINS)</i> ...	2		1
TOTALS ...	7		4

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

HQ 74 INF BDE

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
BATMEN BATMEN-DRIVERS DRIVERS M.T.													2 3 1	2 3 1		
General duty personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)														6	6	

HQ 74 INF BDE

Unit.

[Signature] CAPT IN BRIG
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch

2 SEPT 40

COMD 74 INF BDE

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

NO 74 INF BDE. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
* BRIGADIER *	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...			1
Captains ...	3		
Lieutenants ...	1		2
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	2		1
TOTALS ...	7		4

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

.....(Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	1		
Captains	3		
Lieutenants	1		2
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
TOTALS	7		2

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
MAJOR	COLLE BING	A.I.F.	12 Sep 44	REMOVED B.M. from 29 Dec 44
POOR	BALLARD	A.I.F.	10 Sep 44	

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
BRIG.	61192	PLANT F.P.	D.I.F.	No	with 1st Bn.
MAJOR	61195	COLE R.W.G.	D.I.F.	YES	
CAPT.	61192	MARSH L.D.	D.I.F.	YES	
CAPT.	61195	WHITE J.H.H.	D.I.F.	YES	
CAPT.	61195	GILLESPIE	D.I.F.	YES	
LIEUT.	61194	GELBERG D.T.	D.I.F.	YES	
MAJOR	61197	STEWART R.E.	D.I.F.	No	with 2nd Bn.
MAJOR	61199	WALSH D.T.	D.I.F.	No	with 2nd Bn.
MAJOR		BALLARD	D.I.F.	No	with 1st Bn.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT.	61195	SANDER K.E.	MAST.	1940	S.O.

1st Bn. 1st Div. D.I.F. (Unit.)

14 Sept 40 (Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)

1st Bn. 1st Div. D.I.F. (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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

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

HQ 24 INF BDE AIF Unit.

Date of Despatch 14 SEPT 40

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[Handwritten Signature]

Signature of Commander.

COMD 24 INF BDE AIF

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HR 24 INF. BDE AIF. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
* <i>BRIG ADIFK</i> *	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	3		
Lieutenants ...	1		2
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	6		2

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

HQ 24 INF BDE AIF Unit.

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

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

HQ 24 INF BDE AIF Unit.

Date of Despatch 21 Sept 40

D.3459.

Signature of Commander.
COMD 24 INF BDE AIF
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ. 24 INF. BDE. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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CIRCULAR 67

H Q 8 Aust Div,
Rosebery Racecourse,
KINGSFORD. NSW.
23 Sep 40.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRAINING.

1. To ensure that the tng of the Div is properly organised it is essential that the main object should be kept in view. The divisional tng objectives may be stated as :-

- A. To prepare the Div to fight as a formation abroad;
- B. To be ready to undertake such tasks connected with the local defence of the State as may be allotted by G Os C Comds.

2. The requirements of these objectives are conflicting. Under objective A it is essential that all ranks receive a sound basic tng such as will fit them to take part in any of the tactical operations of war. This necessitates reaching a high standard of individual tng before collective tng can be attempted.

Whenever feasible, tng should be related to the tactical problems likely to be encountered in the theatre of operations in which the force may fight. The most probable theatre for 8 Div is the Middle East - the Western Desert of Egypt or Palestine.

The main tactical problems involved in this theatre in so far as they affect the early tng of units are :-

- (a) The presence of A F V units on both sides, and the bearing of this factor on the use of ground.
- (b) The problem of moving in formations suitable for protection against air and A F V attack - incl night movement.
Problems connected with comd and control in dispersed formations.
- (c) The possible absence of overhead cover from air observation.
- (d) Problems connected with climate and lack of water.

Under objective B, in the event of attention to the second objective becoming urgent, it would be necessary to arrange for units to be trained early in the particular type of tactical operation envisaged in their allotted task. Individual tng would have to be limited in the first instance to matters which tps must be taught to enable them to carry out their allotted tactical roll.

For the present, units will concentrate on the first tng objective. It is desired ^{individual} tng should continue until a thoroughly satisfactory standard has been reached.

3. Progress through the various tng periods will be governed by the amount of equipment and tpt available. It is not possible to predict accurately when equipment and tpt will be available, and priority must be given first to 7 Div and Corps Tps. It is probable, therefore, that 8 Div units will not be equipped sufficiently to justify more than regtl exercises until towards the end of 1940.

4. These factors lead to the division of the first six months tag into three main periods :-

- (a) First two months - individual tng of the men and the use of his weapons, the tng of unit specialists, the tng of ~~and~~ and technical personnel whose task is to keep personnel and equipment in a condition fit to fight, and the tng of junior leaders.
- (b) Second two months - the tng of the various parts of the unit to a stage at which they are capable of carrying out a tactical operation as a Bn, a regt or unit. This entails the tng of unit H Q sub-units and leaders, and, continuation or repetition of individual tng in subjects found during minor exercises, or by test, to need further attention.
- (c) Third two months - the tng of the unit and the preparation of H Q and divisional units for exercises of all arms. The tng of Div H Q and Div Sigs with subordinate H Q so that, at the end of the full period of six months, divisional exercises may be possible.

5. The method by which tng is organised will vary in each arm, and it is desired to leave Bde Comds and Comds of Non-Div units as much discretion as possible in the arrangement of their programmes, subject to general compliance with the tng objective stated above.

6. Advantage should be taken of every opportunity for tng personnel at Army and Comd Courses. Notice with regard to the commencement of such courses is unavoidably short. In order to ensure that opportunities are not lost, units should keep lists of persons selected for attendance at Courses. Vacancies at Army Schools, or courses arranged by Army H Q, will be allotted to units of the 8 Div by this H Q. Schools and courses in Comds will be allotted by the Offr Comd A I F units in each Comd to all A I F units under his adm control.

In order to enable 8 Div to keep in touch with the progress of tng at schools and courses, a return is to be forwarded to reach H Q 8 Aust Div by the end of each month. This matter is being dealt with separately.

7. Units will submit through the normal channels, a statement indicating the main tng activities for the next month, to reach H Q 8 Aust Div by the 30th of each month. Detailed syllabuses are not required. This return should show the date and type of activity, i.e., individual tng, range practice, tactical exercise, and the locality in which the activity is to take place. A brief summary of the more important activities completed in the past month and an indication of the standard reached will also be included.

W. R. Brown

Col.
GS 8 Aust Div.

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24 INF. BDE.

Enoggera Camp.
23 Sep. 40.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRAINING NO. 2.

1. With reference to para. 3, Instructions for Training 24 Inf. Bde, issued on 15 Aug. 40, owing to unforeseen Administrative difficulties in certain Military Districts it has been impracticable in most instances to comply with the suggested periods for the carrying out of Stages A, B, & C of unit training. C.Os. are therefore authorised to vary the dates mentioned previously, provided that not less than four weeks are devoted to Stages A & B.
2. Subject to C.Os. being satisfied that all concerned have reached a satisfactory standard of efficiency in individual training, they may complete the training as laid down for Stage C.
3. In order to improve the standard of training of Platoon Commanders and Section Leaders it is desired that each unit carries out a period of training during the sixth week as follows :-

Appendix A.- Training of Pl. Comdrs., Sec. Comdrs. Etc..

Appendix B.- Simultaneous training of Rifle Coy. personnel less their junior leaders.

The instruct^{ors}~~ors~~ required in connection with the syllabus for App. A, will be selected by C.Os. concerned and will be notified in ample time to ensure the thorough preparation of the subject matter for which the instructor is responsible.

As regards the training of the Battalion (less H.Q. Coy. and junior leaders) the bulk of the responsibility will fall on the 2 I/C Bn. and 2 I/C Coys. respectively, since the C.O. and Coy. Comdrs. will be mainly engaged in the supervision of the syllabus in Appendix A. During this period, selected privates should be appointed to act as Platoon and Section Commanders.

4. C.Os. are reminded that the objects to be achieved at present are:-
 - (a) Every man to be made fully efficient and confident in the handling of the weapons with which he is armed. This calls for special attention being devoted to men who are backward.
 - (b) Physical fitness by means of drill, route marching, P and R.t.
 - (c) Instilling of discipline in the individual soldier including instruction in saluting generally.
 - (d) Thorough training in the use of ground, both by individuals and sections during day and night
 - (e) Section Leading in its various phases. It is again stressed that section leading is the basis of all higher forms of training and particular attention must therefore be devoted to it.
 - (f) Inculcation of a night sense in all ranks.
 - (g) Movement in widely deployed formations by day.
 - (h) Anti aircraft protection on the march.
 - (j) Anti-gas training.
 - (k) Bivouacs and practice moves.
 - (l) Specialist training.

The following notes are included on the aforementioned paras:-

4b. Physical fitness by means of P&R.T.

This may be attained by

(1) Properly conducted P.T. parades.

(11) Organised sports and games.

The first means should be entrusted to trained instructors and every effort should be made to train these instructors within the unit. The personnel sent to Army Schools of P.T. should not only be medically and physically fit, but should be selected with a view to their ability to train unit instructors on their return. A well conducted course of physical exercises, especially those which coordinate movements of mind and muscle not only improves the health and physique of the troops but also grasps their personal interest.

Route Marching. The importance of foot baths should not be under-estimated. Troops should be so trained in the care of the feet that they subconsciously expect a foot bath to be ready at the end of a march.

4c. Saluting. The salute should be standardised throughout the unit; that shown in M.E.D. is the only approved salute. A good unit takes a pride in its saluting.

4 d, e & f. Fieldcraft. M.T.P. 33 contains many valuable lessons, most of which will be lost if instruction pushes on too quickly. The principle of Demonstration before Execution is important, the lesson being demonstrated by a selected group before being practised by the section. Reality should be introduced by always having an enemy represented, use of blank amm. very lights, maroons etc. The principle of demonstration demands prior preparation, accordingly every exercise should be preceded by a reconnaissance by the person directing it, the personnel demonstrating it and the representative of the enemy.

4f. Night sense. Night exercises should commence from the time the troops leave their huts. Platoons should move off by whispered commands, or signals, there should be a complete absence of noise and loud commands.

4g. Deployed formations. (1) When moving during daylight hours from the camp to the training areas, movement may be in threes and to attention in order to carry out drill movements on the march and to generally compensate for the absence of ceremonial drill. It must, however, be explained to the troops that such marching is for drill purposes only and that normal moves by roads during the day will always be undertaken in a widely dispersed formation.

(11) When moving along a road files will open out (I.S.L. Sec. 77). It is suggested that the two files remaining on one side of the road move in single file only, the centre section marching behind the outer section. This enables easy control by Section Commanders when it becomes necessary to move for cover from an air attack. In addition it allows free access of motor transport through the column. Distances between sub-units may vary with the cover available. Normal distances (M.T.P. 23, Part III, Sec. 24) are two yards for three men, ten yards between platoons, 50 yards between Coys. Five yards between sections may also be regarded as a normal distance. An extract from the above mentioned paragraph is repeated for emphasis, "When troops are moving in areas in which they are liable to air attack without warning, every endeavour should be made to move them on a broad front across country."

4j. Anti aircraft protection. This should be practised on all marches, opportunity being taken to utilise any training or commercial planes crossing the countryside. Passive defence measures should predominate. Troops should be taught that concealment can be obtained by moving in shadows eg. the shadow of a tree often gives more concealment than the foliage. Looking up whilst taking cover should be seriously discountenanced.

Active defence. measures should also be practised but the urge to push forward should be strong. An attack on one part of a long column should not be allowed to hold up the whole advance.

The A.A.Pl. should never march as a platoon when accompanying other troops. The personnel should learn early that their job is protection for the whole column. When vehicles become available one should be used periodically for mounting the A.A.L.M.G. using improvised means of fixing the A.A. mounting to the table top. Opportunity should also be taken to teach the A.A.Pl. its protective duties in bivouac or when the Bn. is halted.

4j. Anti gas training. When respirators come to hand the usual lessons described in the pamphlets will be practiced. In addition surprise gas alarms should be introduced during normal training. Bn. and Coy. H.Q. staff should work in respirators for gradually increasing periods each day. To do this, respirators should be worn on all training periods in the alert position.

4k. Bivouacs. As often as can be managed, Companies should move away from the camp and bivouac for one or more nights, carrying out their individual training in new areas. If transport is available, packs and blankets should ~~be~~ be transported.

These bivouacs provide training for the Coy. Q.M'S's who should experiment in the loading of his cocks vehicle, improvise cooking methods in order to observe the standard menu etc.

Dispersion should be practised at the bivouac site by allotting platoon bivouac areas. Platoons should feed in their platoon areas sending mess orderlies to the Company kitchen for the platoon's ration. Track discipline should be practised in approaching the Kitchen area and in the vicinity of Headquarters. Drivers should be solidly grounded in vehicle track discipline and in the concealment of their vehicles when parking. Here again the value of shadows should be appreciated. Every exercise with vehicles should be made to produce the tactical picture. Dispersion of vehicles under cover should always apply; they should never be parked in straight lines. Some night training should be carried out while on bivouac but it is frequently found advisable to close the training period at a defined time and devote a short period to camp-fire entertainment. Camp fires may be permitted in the early stages of training when no tactical significance is attached to the bivouac. It is advisable to minimise the number of hurricane lamps at kitchen from the commencement of bivouacs and thus introduce a mild "light" discipline. Postal, medical and pioneer services should be maintained during the course of bivouacs.

Practice moves. Mobility should be practiced by periodically staging what might be regarded as a pre-embarkation practice. The principle should be to make a complete "get-away" ie to move troops, blankets, headquarters, officers baggage and equipment and mess gear etc. etc. This will prevent troops from accumulating unauthorised equipment and personal gear which they would not normally carry and also serves to show them what they should carry in the various articles of equipment. To be used as a guide only, a specimen kit is quoted at the end of this paragraph. Kitbags, packs and blankets should be stacked in platoon groups ready for loading.

Office gear and all war equipment should be packed but not necessarily loaded. On completion, troops should move out of camp on a short route march to complete the picture.

Marking equipment. It should be explained to the troops that as reference to the identity of their unit should appear on their equipment. When the Bn. moves as suggested it may be advisable to institute a system of symbols identifying each company to be stencilled on the packs, kitbags and office stores etc. A number, stamped with a rubber stamp on the base of the # kitbag and pack for ease in identification. A suitable means for carrying blankets has been found by rolling not more than twelve blankets in a roll, the length of roll being equal to the width of the blanket. Identification can be effected by labelling the roll with a 3ply label marked with the company symbol, the platoon number and the names of the owners of the blankets.

Packing of personal issues etc. (Suggested only)

In the pack.:- spare clothing, sweater, holdall, housewife, boot cleaning gear, spare towel, shaving gear, steel helmet on outside secured by strap supporting.

In the haversack.:- Soap and towel, knife fork and spoon, pannikin, mess tin (last item placed in), ground-sheet folded flat and secured underneath the flap. In this way it can be quickly drawn out without opening the haversack. On the march the ground sheet can be removed by each rear man.

In the kitbag. Spare boots, greatcoat, working dress, pyjamas, other items of personal gear.

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Specialist training. Drivers M.T. and Drivers 1st. Class require more than an elementary knowledge of the mechanics of a motor vehicle. Lectures play an important part, but practical handling of motor parts is essential if a correct appreciation of their care and maintenance is to be understood. Local efforts should be made to procure on loan from private repair shops, old motor car parts which may be dismantled and reassembled by each squad in turn. Electrical parts, supplemented by magnets etc. might also be utilised for training signallers in elementary electricity.

R.W. O'Connell Maj.
B.M. 24 Inf. Bde.

++ The number referred to represents the Platoon number.

TRAINING OF PL. COMDRS., PL. SJTS., SEC. COMDRS.

APPENDIX 'A'

6th. WEEK

SYLLABUS.

OBJECT. 1. To train subalterns and their N.C.O's. in the handling of their Pls. & Secs.
SCHOOL ORDERS.

2. (a) Pl. Comdrs. and N.C.O's. will be released from duties during sixth week of training.
(b) ORGANISATION. The school will be divided into two Pls. formed by the combination of A & B Coy. and C & D Coy. personnel. Daily Pl. Comdrs., Pl. Sjts., and Sec. Leaders will be appointed apart from instructors
(c) ORDER OF DRESS. BATTLE ORDER. :- (i) Khaki Working Dress; (ii) Equipment and Rifles; (iii) Haversack on back containing :- F.S.P.B., Mess tin and pannikin, knife, fork, spoon, cardigan blue (if not worn) waterproof sheet, (iv) Waterbottle full (v) Steel helmet and respirator at gas alert (vi) Note books and pencils.
3. The syllabus calls for an extra effort on the part of all Pl. Comdrs., and Pl. N.C.O's., work will be hard, especially those preparing subjects for training. Preparation and revision of subjects is to be carried out continuously, and instructors preparation must be committed to paper and handed to Bde. Hqrs. two days prior to the actual work being carried out.

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DATE	TIME	SUBJECT	REFERENCE	INSTRUCTORS	REMARKS
First Day	0845 - 0900	Opening remarks		C.O. Bn.	I. Every opportunity must be given to Sec. Comds. to practice control of their Secs. II. Careful preparation of lessons is essential. III. The necessity for a good sequence of instruction must be emphasised.
	0900 - 0950	Smartening exs. Rifle and marching		Instructors will be selected by C.O. and named for each subject.	
	1000 - 1030	Sequence of Lessons	M. T. P. 33 Ch. 1. s2-6		
	1040 - 1200	Individual Fieldcraft	M. T. P. 33 Ch. 11 s7&8		
	1330 - 1420	Fieldcraft	" Ch. 11 s9&10		
	1420 - 1500	Communication Drill- types of orders			
	1500 - 1630	Fieldcraft	M. T. P. 33 Ch. 11. s. 12 & 13		
	1930 - 2100	Hygeine Lecture by R.M.O.			
Second Day	0900 - 0950	Sec. Formations	I. S. L. 1939. Sec. 52.	Ditto	
	1000 - 1050	Fire Control Orders	S. A. T. Vol. 1 Pam. 2. S4.		
	1100 - 1200	Messages & Reports	I. S. L. Ch. xiv		
	1530 - 1630	Map. Reading	M of M&PR & FS.		
	1930 - 2130	Movement by night	M. T. P. 33 Sec. 15.		

APPENDIX 'A' CONT.

DATE	TIME	SUBJECT	REFERENCE	INSTRUCTIONS	REMARKS
Third Day	0900 - 1050	Sec. as Patrol	M. T. P. 33 Sec. 28.	Instructors will be selected by C.O. and named for each subject	All Sec. Comd. must be practiced in issue of verbal orders.
	1100 - 1200	Demo. Sec. in Defence Verbal Orders	M. T. P. 33 Sec. 31 I. S. L. Sec. 101		
	1300 -	Pls. Route march first contact-attack-consolidation-withdrawal to def. position by night.			
Fourth Day.	1200 -	Move back to camp Rest period		Ditto	
	1530 - 1630	Sec. Battle procedure	I. T. 1939 Ch. viii		
	1930 - 2100	Sec. as patrol (night)	M. T. P. Sec. 29		
Fifth Day	0900 - 1000	Security Lecture:- A. I. F. Standing Orders		Security Officer	
	1010 - 1200	Demo. & Drill-Vickers Machine Gun			
	1330 - 1630	Reserved			
	1630 -	Return to Coys			

Adj. Capt.
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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

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Unit HQ 24 Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 1 Oct 40 To 4 Oct 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Enoggera	1 Oct		Advised that approximate date of sailing of 2/25 Bn is 10 Oct 40	
"	"		S.C. Conferred with N. Comd regarding A and Q matters relating to move of 2/25 Bn to Darwin.	
"	"		Endeavoured to arrange that rifles and equipment now on issue to personnel sd be taken to Darwin.	
"	2 Oct		Brig and S.C. Confer with N. Comd. Army approval given by telephone for rifles & equipment on issue to personnel of 2/25 Bn to be taken to Darwin	
"	2 "		Training Instruction No 3 issued to units of 24 Inf Bde with copies to A.I.F. units in N. Comd for information.	
"	4 "		Advised that a further convoy of 50 motor vehicles, mainly comprising Chev. cars, wd be ready for	

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.21
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Unit HQ 24 Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 4 Oct 40 To 7 Oct 40

Place	Date	Hour	(contd) Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Smoggera	4 Oct		distribution to A.I.F units within the forthcoming fortnight.	L100
"	5 "		Notified that owing to lack of accommodation the reinforcements of 2/25 Bn wd not proceed to Darwin with the main body.	L100
"	7 Oct		Information obtained from N. Comd that 2/25 Bn, comprising 34 off 159 OR wd embark at Brisbane on the Zealandia on 15 Oct 40 Half the Bn to remain on board ship at Darwin until embarkation of remainder of 2/15 Bn is completed. Personal arms and equipment of 2/25 Bn wd be taken with each man.	L100
	7 "		Ascertained from N Comd that the following units wd move to E. Comd on 13 Oct 40 —	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

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Unit H.Q. 24th Bde

Date and Time.—From 17 Oct 40 To 10 Oct 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Enoggera	7 Oct		(Contd) 2 A Tr Regt, 54 L A.D., 2/2 Fd Stryg. Sec., 7 Bn. Mob. Ldy. & Sec. Unit.	LAD
"	7 "		Brigadier conferred with G.O.C. N. Cmd. regarding a march through Brisbane of the units who will be leaving N. Cmd (including 1257 Bn), to take place on Friday 11 Oct. In addition a march by all A.I.F. units (including unattached Dep'ts) was discussed, this to take place on Friday 18 Oct.	LAD
	10 .		Notified that 2/7 Id Coy. and 2/2 a.c.s. may be expected to embark early in November and that they should now be sent on pre-embarkation leave.	LAD

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Unit HQ. 24 Inf Bde.

Date and Time.—From 10 Oct 40 To 12 Oct 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Enoggera	10 Oct.	2100 hrs	<p><u>contd</u> Advised by telephone from 2 I/c 7 Div Cav. Regt. that the unit would concentrate at Cowra N.S.W. in the near future</p>	LMO
	11 "		<p>March through Brisbane of the following units:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 A/Tk. Regt. 54. L.A.D. 2/25 Bn 7 Div. Mob. Ldy. & Fwd Decontamin unit. 2/2 Fd Hygiene unit. 	LMO
	12 "	1405 "	<p>Advised by telephone from H. Cnd. that all moves of troops intended for Sunday 13 Oct. were to be postponed. No move could be effected before Wednesday 16 Oct.</p> <p>Also notified in the same message that 2/25 Bn. would embark on Tuesday 15th Oct in time to sail at 1500 hrs.</p>	LMO

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit HQ. 24 Inf. Bde.

Date and Time.—From 13 Oct 40 To 15 Oct 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>Enoggera</i>	<i>13 Oct</i>		<i>Time table showing departure of trains from Grovely for the move of 2/25 Bn. received from N. Cmd.</i>	<i>RWD</i>
	<i>14 "</i>		<i>Notified by telephone from N. Cmd. that the move of 2 A.Tr. Regt., 54 L.A.D., 7 Div. Mob. Ldy., 2/2 Fd. Hygiene unit would take place on Thursday 17 Oct. at the times intended for the move on Sunday 13th.</i>	<i>RWD</i>
			<i>2/25 Bn. moved baggage to wharf</i>	
			<i>Notified by telephone from N. Cmd. that the Zealandia would arrive arrive in port at about 2130 hrs. 14 Oct.</i>	<i>RWD</i>
	<i>15 "</i>		<i>2/25 Bn. embarked on S.S. Zealandia for Darwin</i>	<i>RWD</i>

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Unit HQ. 24 Inf. Bde

Date and Time.—From 17 Oct 40 To 25 Oct 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Enoggera	17 Oct.		Notified that the proposed concentration of 7 Div. Cav. Regt. at Cowra N.S.W. would be deferred owing to lack of accommodation ^{accommodation} .	N/S
	17 Oct		March of all A.I.F. units through Brisbane Total strength 178 off 5110 O.Rs.	N/S
	18 "		Notified that certain 8 Div. units would be transferred to 9 Aust. Div. units concerned are 24 Inf. Bde. (2/25, 2/28, 2/43 Bn, 76 L.A.D., 2/7 Hd. Coy., 2/4 Hd Hygiene Sec.	N/S
	21 "		Bde HQ Training to day included a route march of 11 miles + a meal cooked in the field.	N/S
	25 "		Brig Plant to 8 Aust Div to discuss transfer of 24 Inf Bde Offrs to 8 Aust Div	N/S

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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(adapted.)

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Unit A.O. 24 Inf. Bde. Date and Time.—From 26 Oct 40 To 28 Oct 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>Enoggera</i>	<i>26 Oct</i>		<i>Notification from C.O. 2/25 Bde that they arrived Darwin 22 Oct + expect disembark half Bde on 23 Oct.</i>	<i>D</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>26 Oct</i>		<i>Disturbances in Brisbane by A.I.P. on leave commenced about 2000 hrs. Hotel property damaged as a protest against enforcement of early closing hrs by police. Proquests supplied by A.I.P. Depots + units.</i>	<i>D</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>27 Oct</i>		<i>Disturbances continued though quieter. Town proquested until 0200 hrs.</i>	<i>D</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>28 Oct</i>		<i>Conference at N. Cairns regarding measures to be adopted to prevent further disturbances.</i>	<i>D</i>

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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(adapted.)

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Unit H Q 24 Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 28 Oct 40 To 31 Oct 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Quegga	28 Oct		Lt Court (Bde I.O.) returned from "I" school. Lt Wills (I.O. in) commenced duty.	D
"	29 Oct		Notified that transfer of following units to 9 Aust Div would not take place until further ^{ordered} notified H.Q. 24 Inf Bde, 2/25 Bu 2/28 Bu 2/43 Bu 24 A Co Coy 76 LAD	D
"	30/31 Oct		Practice transfer of Bde H.Q. to Burmanac area involving route march of 18 miles meals cooked in field	D
"	31 Oct		Brig Plant returned to H.Q.	D

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

N.Q. 24 INF Bde. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
* Brigadier	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	3		
Lieutenants ...	2		1
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	7		
TOTALS ...	7	—	1

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Padre	BALLARD R.	A.I.F.		

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.
(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
BRIG.	Qx6392	PLANT. T.C.P.	A.I.F.	Yes.	
MAJ.	Qx12305.	OGLE. R.W.S.	A.I.F.	Yes.	
CAPT.	Qx6292	MANT. C.O.	A.I.F.	Yes.	
CAPT.	Qx6365.	WHITE. J.S.W.	A.I.F.	Yes.	
CAPT.	Qx6408.	GILLESPIE. A.B.	A.I.F.	Yes.	
LIEUT.	Qx48149	BELLISRAND. T.I.	A.I.F.	Yes.	
LIEUT.	Qx17030.	COURT. J.E.	A.I.F.	No	Attending Course - Juntroon

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT.	QY6315.	SOWDEN. K.C.	R.A.S.C.	16.7.40	S.O.
PADRE	Qx6396	GIBSON. S.K.	R.A.C.H.D.		CHAPLAIN. 2/25 Bn.
PADRE	WX3409	MACDONALD. T.B.			2/28 Bn.

H.Q. 24. Inf. Bde.

(Unit.)

12 Oct. 40.

(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)

24. Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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

H.Q. 24 Inf Bde. Unit.

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

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

H.Q. 24 Inf Bde
Unit.

Date of Despatch 12 Oct 40
D.3459.

[Signature]
BRIG
COTTID 24 INF Bde
Signature of Commander.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

H.Q. 24 INF. BDE. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
* BRIGADIER	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	3		
Lieutenants ...	2		1
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	7		1

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
	LIEUT. COURT. J.E.	A.I.F.		Appointed Lieut. as from 10 Aug. 40.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Brig.	OX.6392	PLANT, F.C.P.	A.I.G.	yes	-
Major	OX12305.	OSLE, R.W.G.	A.I.G.	yes	-
Capt.	OX6392.	PLANT, C.O.	A.I.G.	yes	-
Capt.	OX.6365	WHITE, J.S.W.	A.I.G.	yes	-
Capt.	OX6408	GILLESPIE, A.B.	A.I.G.	yes	-
Lieut.	VX.46149.	GELLIBRAND, T.I.	A.I.G.	yes	-
Lieut.	OX17030	COURT, J.E.	A.I.G.	No.	Attending course Dumb

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT.	OX.6315	SOWDEN, K.C.	ARSC	18.7.40	S.O.
Padre.	OX 8396	GIBSON, S.K.	ARCHY.		chaplain 2/25 By.
Padre.	WX 3409.	MACDONALD, T.B.			- 2/35 by.
Padre		BALLARD, D. G.			2/28

H.Q. 24 INF. BDE.
(Unit.)
5. Oct. 1940.
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)
BRIG. 24. Inf. Bde. A.I.G.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

H.Q. 214. Inf. Bde (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	*		
<i>BRIGADIER.</i>	*		
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1.		
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	3		
Lieutenants ...	2		1
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	7		1.

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Br 19 M.A.T. CAPT.	BX6392	PLANT, F.C.P.	A.I.F.	Yes.	
CAPT.	BX12305	OGLE, R.N.G.	A.I.F.	Yes.	
CAPT.	OX6292	MANT, C.O.	A.I.F.	Yes.	
CAPT.	OX6365	WHITE, J.G.W.	A.I.F.	Yes.	
Lieut.	OX6409	GILLESPIE, A.B.	A.I.F.	Yes.	
Lieut.	VX48149	JELLI BRAND, T.J.	A.I.F.	Yes.	
Lieut.	OX17032	COURT, J.E.	A.I.F.	No.	ATTENDING COURSE DUNTRON

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT.	OX6315.	SOWDEN, K.C.	A.A.S.C.	18.7.40	S.O.
CHAPLAIN	OX6396.	SIBSON, S.K.	A.A.C.D.		Chaplain 21st Bn.
CHAPLAIN	WX3409.	MCDONALD, T.B.			2/28 Bn.
LIEUT.		WILLS, G.P.	Aust Intell Corps	11.10.40	AWOL pending Approval of Appointment

HQ. 24 Inf. Bde.
(Unit.)
19th Oct 1940.
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)
Comd. 24 Inf. Bde.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

NO. 24 Inf Bde. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.		2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	*			
	*	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ...				
Majors ...		1		
Captains ...		3		
Lieutenants ...		20		1
2nd Lieutenants ...				
Quartermasters ...				
TOTALS ...		7		1

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
MAJ.	OX-6392	PLANT, E.C.D.	A.I.F.	Yes.	
MAJ.	NX12305	OGLE, R.W.R.	A.I.F.	Yes.	
CAPT	OX6292	MANT, C.O.	A.I.F.	Yes	
CAPT	OX6365	WHITE, J.R.V.	A.I.F.	Yes	
CAPT	OX6408	GILLESPIE, A.B.	A.I.F.	Yes	
LIEUT.	YX48149	BELLIORAND, T.H.	A.I.F.	Yes	
LIEUT.	OX17030	COURT, J.E.	A.I.F.	No.	Attending course Dunstoon

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT	AX6315	SOWDEN, K.C.	AASC.	18.7.40	S.O.
CHAPLAIN.	BY6396	GIBSON, G.K.	AASC.		CHAPLAIN 2/25 Bw.
CHAPLAIN	WX3408	MACDONALD, S.			" 2/28 Bw
LIEUT.		WILLS, G.P.	AUST. GN HILL CORPS	11.12.40	ATTENDING APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT.

A.C. 24 Inf Bde.
(Unit.)

26 Oct. 40.
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)

Comd. 24 Inf Bde.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

H.Q. 2nd Inf Bde. Unit.

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

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

H.Q. 2nd Inf Bde.
Unit.

[Signature]
Signature of Commander
Comd. 2nd Inf Bde.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

Date of Despatch *26 Oct 40*
D.2459.

War Diary

24 INF. BDE.

Enoggera Camp,
1 Oct 40.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRAINING No. 3

1. Following the period of training set down for the sixth week, viz., Appendices "A" and "B" of Training Instructions No. 2, training programmes will be arranged to conform with the following principles:-

2.

Period	Approximate Dates	Programme
Seventh week	7 Oct. to 12 Oct.	(i) Completion of Section Training.
Eighth week	14 Oct. to 19 Oct.	(i) Commencement of Platoon Training.
Ninth week	21 Oct. to 26 Oct.	(i) Continuation of Platoon Training. (ii) Range practices. (iii) One day for revision of Section training to correct faults observed during Platoon training.
Tenth week	28 Oct. to 2 Nov.	(i) Continuation of Platoon Training. (ii) Platoon battle practices. (iii) Training of Coy. and Bn. H.Q.
Eleventh week	4 Nov. to 9 Nov.	(i) Completion of Platoon Training. (ii) Further battle practices. (iii) Continuation of Coy. and Bn. H.Q. Training. (iv) All specialist training should be completed by the end of this week.
Twelfth week	11 Nov. to 16 Nov.	(i) Commencement of Coy. Training. (ii) Bn. H.Q. Training. (iii) Coy. Bivouacs.
Thirteenth week	18 Nov. to 23 Nov.	(i) Continuation of Coy. Training. (ii) Coy. Bivouacs. (iii) Move of Bn. H.Q. associated with Coy. Bivouac. (iv) One day for revision of Platoon training to correct faults observed during Coy. training.
Fourteenth week	25 Nov. to 29 Nov.	(i) Continuation of Coy. Training. (ii) Company three-day trek (attaching personnel of H.Q. Coy. to Rifle Coys.
Fifteenth week	2 Dec. to 7 Dec.	(i) Coy. Training including attachment to Rifle Coys. of personnel from H.Q. Coy.

- Sixteenth week 9 Dec. to 14 Dec.
- (i) From 16 Dec the Bn. should be capable of exercising as one unit without the necessity for repetition of pl. or coy. training subjects
 - (ii) The sixteenth week is to be used to further the training of Bn. and Coy. H.Q., transport and administrative personnel, co-operation of specialist platoons with Rifle Coys etc. and for general recapitulation in order to produce the conditions stated in the foregoing paragraph.

3. PLATOON TRAINING

(a) This should concentrate mainly on training the platoon to work at night and as a patrol. A platoon which is efficient in these two subjects will find little difficulty in carrying out other operations. During this phase particular attention will be paid to protection from air attacks. It must become second nature to comply with the instructions for dispersion. Failure will inevitably result sooner or later in severe losses. It will be a case of "disperse or die". All ranks must at all times be thinking of the "Danger from above".

(b) As regards digging during this period, it must be carried out with a definite tactical object in view. No weapon pit should be dug where it could not form part of a properly organised and sited defensive position. Consideration should be given to the development of a defensive position which may readily be used later for Coy and Bn training. Consideration should also be given to the construction of a series of section posts representing the enemy position. These should be tactically sited opposite the posts being dug for the exercise and may be manned by a skeleton enemy during patrol exercises.

(c) Wiring should also be erected tactically - even when teaching its elementary stages the troops should understand its position with relation to the defended post.

(d) Platoon exercises must be simple but well prepared and the main points committed to paper for examination by the Bn. Comd. This does not suggest that the exercise should be voluminous, nor that the written script should be seen by the troops, but its committal to paper will ensure that :-

- (i) The exercise has had due preparation.
- (ii) Country suitable for the lesson to be taught has been selected and reconnoitred.
- (iii) That it has been correctly organised in that the personnel responsible for conducting it have been nominated and warned.

4. PREPARATION OF EXERCISES.

The following are the general lines on which exercises are to be prepared : the magnitude of the exercise governing the amount of detail committed to paper. It should always be remembered that "paper-work" is to be reduced to a minimum. A message form delivered by an orderly is better than a statement on paper that "At-----hrs a message was received stating etc. etc."

Each exercise should take the following form.

(a) INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE EXERCISE.

This will be issued before the exercise begins, in sufficient time for preliminary administrative arrangements to be made and for its objects to be explained to the troops taking part.

It will contain a brief statement showing:-

- (1) Date, place and duration of the exercise.
- (2) Lessons to be taught. (This should not normally exceed two lessons).
- (3) Troops taking part.
- (4) Name of Director and Umpires and skeleton enemy.
- (5) Date and particulars of preliminary recce by personnel in (4).
- (6) Representation of enemy and of fire.
- (7) Time and place of final conference at conclusion of exercise.
- (8) Administrative arrangements including a signal denoting "Exercise completed".

- (b) GENERAL IDEA (only if considered necessary, and seldom in exercises below a Bn.)

A brief statement of events leading up to the tactical situation which is to be considered in the exercise. This must be logical and convincing. It should be issued just before the exercise commences together with the

- (c) OPENING SITUATION which provides the commander with local information concerning the tactical situation, and also indicates his task. This may often take the shape of one or more message forms from higher commanders.

- (d) The aforementioned constitutes the whole of the information distributed to the troops taking part in the exercise. Subsequent control by the Director is maintained through his Umpires. The instructions to the Umpires, which must be prepared in time to distribute them at their preliminary reconnaissance, should be marked "Forecast of Events" - "EXERCISE SECRET". It should contain the methods by which the exercise is to be controlled (here again the issue of messages from a higher commander should be the normal means) and the points on which the umpires will specially observe and later report.

- (e) The final conference should be held as soon as possible after the conclusion of the exercise, and, if possible, on the scene of the exercise. The Umpires' reports should be collated by the Chief Umpire, and presented to the Director before he issues his comments.

5. The following hints on the preparation of exercises are reproduced from Army Training Memorandum No. 26.

"In preparing exercises:

DO

- (1) Be clear as to the main lessons to be taught.
- (2) Select your ground carefully.
- (3) Take the enemy commander, if the enemy is controlled, over the ground beforehand; and give him some written instructions or notes, if possible, as to his action.
- (4) Make full use of available umpires, including N.C.Os. In small exercises it is often useful to have an N.C.O. umpire, who combines the function of critic with each section.
- (5) Hold a conference after the exercise for your subordinate leaders and the troops - possibly a separate conference for each. If possible the conference should be held before leaving the ground where the exercise took place.
- (6) Make full use of training expedients to obtain as much realism as possible. Appendix 1 of Army Training Memorandum No. 22 gives a list of such expedients. Use of blank ammunition and fireworks, in moderation, adds considerably to realism.
- (7) Remember that success finally depends on the enthusiasm of the officer or N.C.O. running the exercise.

DON'T

- (1) Be too ambitious - it is often better to take one small phase of an operation as a subject for an exercise.
- (2) Write long or elaborate general ideas or narratives. Often a very brief verbal general idea will suffice; or extracts from a verbal order may be given.
- (3) Go on too long. It is important not to form a habit of getting troops back late for meals.

In all tactical exercises without troops the likely action of the enemy should be fully considered. Whenever possible an officer, who has not been responsible for framing the exercise, should be detailed to place himself in the position of the enemy commander and to make his dispositions accordingly.

6. The attention of all officers is directed to the necessity of studying, amongst other things, Chapter 8 Infantry Training 1937, on the subject of "Battle Procedure". In war, time is very precious, more often than not the time factor is everything, hence the demand for speed and more speed, in the carrying out of military operations. Battle procedure is designed to save time. The ideal to be aimed at is that, in any operation, the man in the ranks should know exactly what he has to do. Without this knowledge he cannot be expected to show initiative, or to carry on when his section and platoon commanders have perhaps become casualties. It does not seem to be generally realised that in order to allow time for the men in the ranks to receive adequate orders time must be saved at the top. In other words, battalion and company commanders must carry out their reconnaissances and give out their verbal orders in reasonable time - or their orders may fail to reach their men.

When a commander has finished his reconnaissance, and is ready to give his verbal orders, his subordinate commanders must be at hand waiting to receive them - having already looked at the ground.

This procedure requires a quick appreciation of time and space by the commander concerned, and the selection of a suitable rendezvous for his subordinates. A company commander, for instance, on completion of the battalion commander's orders, must ask himself the following questions:-

- (1) Where shall I do my reconnaissance from?
- (2) How long will it take me?
- (3) Where do I want my platoon commanders, and at what time?
- (4) What assembly position do I want the company moved to?
- (5) Are there any special orders, as regards ammunition, weapons, transport etc.?

The answers to these questions will be sent back to his company, so that everyone will be moving forward during his reconnaissance. The same method applies equally to battalion and platoon commanders.

It is only by the smooth working of some such system that time will be saved.

7. BATTLE PRACTICES. Attention is drawn to the allotment of 30 rds per man for battle practices. An early recce for suitable country should be made. Considerable thought should be given to the preparation of the practice, the possibility of conducting the exercise on a sand model beforehand should be considered. Attention is drawn to "Weapon Training Sec 3, paras 29 to 41 inclusive, for details of practices and safety precautions.

The main object should be to familiarise the troops with the use and the effect of ball ammunition. They should also experience the effect of supporting fire alongside them. If possible, co-operation of carriers, mortars etc. should be obtained to provide realism.

8. RANGE PRACTICES. These should be completed before troops become engaged on battle practices. If ammunition becomes available, additional practices should be carried out.
9. SNIPERS. These should be selected and trained by the Intelligence Officer. They will be trained as expert scouts, observers and snipers and will also be grounded in intelligence duties.
10. UMPIRING AND H.Q. TRAINING. Detailed instructions on training of Umpires and Headquarters personnel will be issued in the near future.

R. W. Cook
B.M.
24 Inf. Bde.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

Army Form C.2112
(adapted.)

Unit H. Q. 24 Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 12 Nov 40 To 26 Nov 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Quoggera	17		cont. 1 Mac. 2/3 A Fd Workshop	R100
"	16		Bde Major (May Ogle) returned from inspection of	R100
"	16		2/43 Bus Supply Officer (Capt Sowden) left for Pre-emb. leave	R100
"	18		Bde Major (May Ogle) do do	R100
"	19		76 L.A.D. attached to this Bde. marched in Capt Lydon R. O.C.	R100
"	25		Bde Major (May Ogle) returned from Pre-emb. leave	R100
"	26		Notified that the transfer of 24 Inf Bde from 8 Div. to 9 Div. which had previously been held in abeyance was now to be effected	R100
"	26		Conference at N Cind attended by Brig and a representative from A.H.Q. regarding disembarkation and movement abroad. Brig. to be Commander	

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

11th Inf Bde (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	3		
Lieutenants ...	2		1
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	7		1

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

112th Inf Bde (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
BRIG.	AX 1392	PLANT, E.C.P.	H.I.F.	YES	
MAJ.	NX 12305	UGLE, R.W.G.	A.I.F.	YES	Reporting 2/11/40
CAPT.	AX 1392	MANT, C.A.	A.I.F.	YES	Temporary
CAPT.	AX 1365	WHITE, T.C.W.	A.I.F.	YES	
CAPT.	AX 1418	GILLESPIE, A.D.	A.I.F.	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 48149	GELLIARD, T.L.	A.I.F.	YES	Leave
LIEUT.	AX 17030	COURT, T.E.	A.I.F.	YES	
LIEUT.	AX 1444	WILLS, G.P.	A.I.F.	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT.	AX 1315	SOWDEN, K.C.	BASE	12-7-40	S.O.
CHAPLAIN	AX 1396	GIBSON, G.R.	BASE		CHAPLAIN 7/25 Bn
CHAPLAIN	AX 3408	MCDONALD, T.B.			7/28 Bn

HQ 3rd Inf Bde (Unit.)

[Signature] Brig.
(Signature of Commanding Officer)

9 Nov 40 (Date of Despatch.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

110 24 INF Bde (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
BT19	OX6392	PLANT, E.P.	AIF	YES.	
MAJ	WX12300	OGLE, R.W.	AIF	NO.	A.O.D.
CAPT	OX6292	MANT, C.O.	AIF	NO.	SICK LEAVE
CAPT	OX6365	WHITE, J.S.W.	AIF	NO	COURSE
CAPT	OX6408	GILLESPIE, A.B.	AIF	YES	
LIEUT	OX45149	GALLIBRAND T.I.	AIF	NO	Course
LIEUT	OX17030	COURT, T.J.E.	AIF	YES.	
LIEUT	OX6444	MILLS, S.P.	AIF	NO	COURSE

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT.	OX6315	SOWDEN, K.C.	AA SC	18.7.40	S.O
CAPT	OX6396	GIBSON, G.K.	AA SC		Captain 2/25 Br.
CAPT	WX3409	MACDONALD, T.B.			" 2/28 Br

HQ. 24 INF. BDE.
(Unit.)

16. NOV. 40.
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)

CAMD. 24 INF BDE.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

H.Q. 24 Inf. Bde. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
CAPT	LOCKYER N.W.	AIF	26 Nov	appointed L.O.I

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
BRIG	QX6392	PLANT. E.C.P.	A.I.F.	No	A.O.L.
MAJ.	NX12305	OGLE. R.W.G.	AIF	Yes.	
CAPT.	QX6292	MANT. C.O.	AIF.	Yes.	
CAPT	QX6365.	WHITE. J.G.W.	AIF	Yes.	
CAPT	QX6408	GILLESPIE. A.B.	AIF	No	A.O.L.
CAPT.	QX6450	LOCKYER. N.W.	A.I.F.	No	A.O.L.
Lieut	NX48149.	GELLIBRAND. T.I.	AIF	No	A.O.L.
Lieut	QX19030	COURT. J.E.	AIF	No	A.O.L.
Lieut	QX6444	WILLS. G.P.	AIF	No	A.O.L.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT.	QX6315.	SOWKEN. K.C.	AASF.	18.2.40.	S.O.
CAPT	QX6403	LYDON. R.T.B	76 LAD.		CO.
CHAPLAIN.	QX6396	GIBSON. G.K	AACHS		chap. 2/25 Brn
CHAPLAIN	NX3409	MACDONALD J.B.	"		" 2/28 Brn

H.Q. 24 Inf Bde
(Unit)
30. 11. 1940.
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)
H.Q. 24 INF. BDE.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

Unit 24 Inf Bde HQ

Date and Time.—From 1 Dec 40 To 6 Dec 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Zuoggera	2		Lieut. Mills & Lieut Court returned from Pre-Em. leave.	
"	4		Packing of war equipment proceeding received copy of new war equipment table authorising the supply of additional equipment some of which is being purchased locally by Ordnance.	<u>Also</u>
"	4	1230 hrs.	Advised by telephone (Northern Command) that the date of movement from this Command will be postponed for six days.	<u>Also</u>
"	4		^{Capt. N.W. Lockyer} L.O. II, Marched in after having completed Pre-Em. leave. L.O. II Lieut Gellibrand returned from Pre-Em. leave.	
"	6	1500 hrs.	Brigade Commander Brig. Plant. returned (cont)	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required).

Unit 24 Inf Bde H.Q. Date and Time.—From 6 Dec 40 To 14 Dec

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Quogera	6		(cont) from Pre 2nd leave + visit to 8 Aust Div	R
"	7		Advised that war equipment should be ready for shipment not later than Wed. 11 Dec	R
"	7		Brig Plant advised at N. Comd that Adv. of AIF units by this Bde H.Q. would cease from 8 Dec 40.	R
"	10		Brig. Plant left for Sydney	
"	12		Bde Equipment + Baggage loaded at Interstate Ste.	R
"	12		Bde personnel warned that they were under orders for embarkation.	APPENDIX (A) R
"	14	1100 hrs	Advised by telephone from N. Comd that the departure of units from N. Comd. would be postponed	R
"	14	1300 hrs.	Lieut Comd left Brisbane as Op advanced party	R

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2112
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required).

Unit 24 Inf. Bde. H. Q.

Date and Time.—From 16 Dec 40 To 24 Dec 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Enoggera	16		Embarkation grant equivalent to 4/- per head received. Arranged purchase of sporting gear etc.	RMB
"	19		Bde Hqs and L.A.D. departed on bivouac to Allens Crossing on South Pine River. Arranged cooperation with aircraft who dived on the established Headquarters	RMB
"	21		Returned from bivouac - aircraft "attacks" on motor vehicle column	RMB
"	23		Final arrangements concerning entrainment of troops to Sydney confirmed - type of train accommodation notified	RMB
"	23		Returned all motor vehicles to ordnance	RMB
"	24		Cooking stores returned to ordnance. meals supplied by P.A.C.	RMB

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.211^a
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required).

Unit HQ 24 Div Bde Date and Time.—From 24 Dec 40 To 27 Dec 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Quaggara	25		Christmas Day all troops on leave excepting four duties	D
"	26		Returning training stores to ordnance. Breakfast & lunch at D.A.C.	D
-	26	1210	Moved by lorries to Sth Brisbane Stn	D
-	26	1355	Departed Sth Brisbane Stn by train for Sydney	
	27	1230	Arrived Darling Harbour Sydney disembarked & embarked on ferry for Wharf at Wollamooloo. Embarked on H.M.S. "Aquitania". Troops quartered in cabins on "D" Deck. Best Stns. allotted	D
		1530	Inspection by M.G. the Governor General Lord Gowrie.	D

H.Q. 24 IMF. BDE.,

Enoggera.

The following personnel have been approved
for embarkation:

12 Dec 40.

Brig. E.C.P. Plant
Maj. R.W.G. Ogle
Capt. C.O. Mant.
Capt. N.W. Lockyer
Capt. A.B. Gillespie
Lieut. G.P. Wills
Lieut. J.E. Court
Lieut. T.I. Gellibrand.
Chap. T. Gard.
W.O. Cormie G.H.A.
C.Q.M.S. Fraser A.R.
Sgt. Warry G.S.
Sgt. Pearce E.T.S.
Pte. Rankine R.A.
Pte. Corbett F.J.
Pte. Sturdy J.H.
Pte. Jones A.K.
Pte. Stevens R.
L/Cpl. Crabtree G.R.
Pte. Farley C.D.
Pte. O'Brien W.P.
Pte. Williams J.B.
Pte. Nancarrow L.F.
Cpl. Hedden M.L.Y.
Pte. McGill R.K.
Pte. Key H.W.
Pte. Key G.A.
Pte. Cuddy E.P.
Cpl. Crapp W.G.
Pte. Storey F.T.
Pte. Walker R.W.
Cpl. Christian H.
Pte. Tyack C.D.K.
Pte. Gregory J.S.
Pte. Angus F.C.
Pte. Gray G.
Pte. Chinner R.E.
Pte. Upton J.F.
Pte. Rosen P.K.
Cpl. Cartwright L.G.
Pte. Keays A.C.
Pte. Secker L.G.
Pte. McMahon H.E.
Pte. LeFaucheur M.S.
Pte. Cash J.D.
Pte. Crompton J.T.
Pte. White J.L.
Pte. Collins F.
Pte. Norton P.
Pte. Smyth A.W.
Pte. White F.A.
Pte. Richardson A.C.
L/Cpl. Suckling J.E.
Pte. Chambers J.W.
Pte. Galletly W.
Pte. Raabe N.M.
Pte. Percival W.J.
Pte. Barkla C.A.
Pte. McDougall F.
Pte. Batterham C.T.
Pte. Jagers J.R.
Pte. Lillcrap V.
Pte. Hurst F.S.
Pte. Lee W.F.
L/Cpl. Manning G.M.
Pte. Williams A.

Capt. Sowden K.C.

L/Cpl. Flint G.A.
Pte. Murray J.P.
Pte. McDowell J.S.
Pte. Collins J.P.

The following personnel have
been approved as emergencies:-

S/Sgt. Hendry W.M.B.
Pte. Tainton G.T.
Pte. Heales W.G.
Pte. Burke L.J.
Pte. Ellis F.J.

Lt Col Maj
on 24 Inf Bde.
Personnel warned on 12 Dec
that they were under orders
for embarkation, in presence
of S/Sgt Hendry.

Copy to be placed in
files being kept by
N.C.R.O.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ 24 Inf Bde (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Chaplain	GARD, T	ARCHD.		Chaplain to 2/43 Bde

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Brig	BX 6392	E C P Plant	FILE	Yes	
Major	NX 12305	RWG Boyle	do	Yes	
Capt	BX 6292	GO Went	do	Yes	
Capt	BX 6365	J G W White	do	Yes	(Superannuated)
Capt	BX 6408	H K Gillespie	do	Yes	
Capt	BX 6450	N W Lockyer	do	Yes	
Lieut	VX 48149	T I Gellibrand	do	Yes	
Lieut	BX 17030	J E COURT	do	Yes	
Lieut	BX 6444	G P Wills	do	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT	BX 6315	R C Sawden	AA SC	18740	S.O.
CAPT	BX 6403	LYDON, RJD	AA SC		CO 76 LAD
CHAPLAIN	BX 6396	GIBSON, G R	AA CH O		Chap 425 Bde
DO	BX 3407	MACDONALD, JB	DO		Chap 425 Bde
DO		GARD, T.	DO		Chap 243 Bde

NO 24 Inf Bde
(Unit.)
7 Dec 40
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)
Command 24 Inf Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

H.Q. 24 Inf Bde Unit.

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

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

H.Q. 24 Inf Bde
Unit.
Date of Despatch *7 Dec 40*

[Signature]
Signature of Commander.
Command 24 Inf Bde.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

H.Q. 24 Inf. Bde,
Enoggera
17 Dec 40.

MOVEMENT OF A.I.F. UNITS - SPECIAL TRAIN NO. 7.

1. Allotment of Carriages.

Cars, 1 to 5 inclusive
Car 6, (Compartment No. 1 only) } 2/2 M.G. Bn, A & B Coys.
Car 6 (Compartments 2 to 6 inclusive) - 2/4 Fd. Hyg. Sec.
Car 6 (Compartments 7 and 8) - 76 L.A.D.
Cars 7 and 8 - H.Q. 24 Inf. Bde.
Cars are numbered from the engine-end of the train.

2. Move to South Brisbane.

2/2 M.G. Bn. - see Appendix I to N.C. Circ. S 578/40 of 11 Dec 40
2/4 Fd. Hyg. Sec. - 8 D.A.C. is allotting two lorries which will report at Artillery Square, Enoggera at 1815 hrs. on the day of departure. Troops will embus under unit arrangements and the lorries will lead the convoy which conveys 24 Inf. Bde into South Brisbane.

Starting Point - Steel Road Grille on Main Avenue at Southern end of Fraser's Paddock.

Starting Time - 1830 hrs.

H.Q. 24 Inf. Bde. }
76 L.A.D. } - Evening Meal at 8 D.A.C. Embusment at Main Avenue (facing South) under direction of O.C. 8 D.A.C.

3. Order of Movement.

2/4 Fd. Hyg. Sec.
76 L.A.D.
H.Q. 24 Inf. Bde.

4. Meals

In addition to the sandwich meals obtained at Taree and Newcastle, arrangements have been made for the supply of 400 additional carton meals at Newcastle as an emergency ration.

5. Mess Orderlies. The following orderlies will be detailed as shown :-

Detailed by	To serve Carriage No.	To distribute Tea	To obtain and distribute carton meals
2/2 M.G. Bn	1	2	1 NCO & 8 Men
"	2	2	1 NCO & 8 men
"	3	2	1 NCO & 8 men
"	4	2	1 NCO & 8 men
"	5	2	1 NCO & 8 men
2/4 Fd. Hyg.	6	2	1 NCO & 3 men
76 L.A.D.	6	Nil	5 men
24 Inf. Bde. H.Q.	7	2	1 NCO & 8 men
"	8	2	1 NCO & 6 men

War Diary

Ten minutes before the time of departure of the train from South Brisbane, the detailed NCO's and the "tea-men" will report to the train Q.M. (Capt. K.C.Sowden) at the Guards Van, when the Mess Kettles will be issued on the basis of two per carriage. These will be placed in each carriage by the tea-men who will be responsible for their safe-keeping during the voyage. On completion of the distribution of tea at Newcastle the tea-men will return the kettles to Capt. Sowden or his representative at the Guard's Van. On arrival at the destination the Q.M. will hand over the Camp Kettles to Ordnance Representative, Eastern Command, obtaining receipt on A.A.F. B66.

On arrival of the train at Taree and Newcastle the mess orderlies will detrain and move to the Refreshment Room where the Q.M. will supervise the issue of cartons and tea. Cartons will be carried back to their respective carriages and distributed to the men. Tea will be distributed by the "tea-men" who will be responsible for rinsing the kettles after distribution.

6. Reserve Ration. At NEWCASTLE the Mess Orderlies (less the tea-men) will return to the Refreshment Room after distribution of the cartons. The Q.M. will issue the reserve ration which will then be distributed in similar manner to the troops. O.C. Carriage will warn troops that the ration is a reserve and must not be eaten until ordered.
7. Train Discipline. O.C. Carriage will warn troops before entraining that they must observe Railway By-Laws in respect of care of Carriages and Equipment, allowing portions of the body to project from carriages etc., and will explain that troops are prohibited from leaving the carriage at stopping places except as detailed in para. 8.
8. Leaving the Train. O.C. Carriage will ensure that the mess orderlies are the only persons allowed to leave the train at Taree and Newcastle. On completion of distribution of the meal troops may go out on to the platform on the sounding of two long whistle blasts from the Q.M. On subsequently sounding one blast all troops must board the train.
9. Staff.

Train Quartermaster	-	Capt. K.C.Sowden	24	Inf. Bde.
Asst. " "	-	Sgt. A.R.Fraser	"	" "
O.C. No. 1 carriage			2/2	M.G. Bn.
" 2 "			"	"
" 3 "			"	"
" 4 "			"	"
" 5 "			"	"
" 6 "	-	Capt. Fryberg	2/4	Fd. Hyg. Sec.
" 7 "	-	Lieut. G.P. Wills	24	Inf. Bde.
" 8 "	-	Lt. T.I. Gellibrand	24	Inf. Bde.
10. Parade States. Orderly NCO's will hand to the train Q.M. a parade state showing carriage number, total number of persons travelling in the carriage. This will be handed in at the time of issue of Camp Kettles.
11. Orders for meals. Sgt. Fraser will carry A.A.F. 59's which will be signed by O.C. Train and handed to Refreshment Room Staff at Newcastle and Taree respectively.
12. Documents. Capt. Lockyer with Ptes. Chinner and Lee will report to Officer i/c N.Comd. Records Office to sign for and take delivery of all documents for the complete draft, 30 minutes before the time scheduled for the departure of the train

13. Entraining. Units arriving at the platform will immediately entrain and report to Train H.Q. when entraining is complete. O.C. Carriages will ensure that men stack their equipment promptly on entraining.

When reports have been received that all units are entrained, arrangements will be made for the admission of relatives to the platform.

Troops may then leave the Carriage and congregate on the platform.

On the sounding of one whistle blast by O.C. Train, troops will immediately entrain.

14. Detraining. On arrival at the destination, troops will remain in the carriages until the sounding of two whistle blasts when they will detrain and fall-in in order of numbers on their Pay Embarkation Cards, and face the head of the train.

Subsequent movement will be controlled by the Embarkation Staff.

15. Train H.Q. Carriage No. 8, Compartment No. 5.

16. Reports. 2/2 M.G. Bn. will notify H.Q. 24 Inf. Bde immediately on receipt of this order, the names and rank of O.C. Carriages allotted under para. 9.

17. Notification to Troops. O.C. Units will ensure that their personnel understand whistle signals and are generally acquainted with the instructions contained therein.

R.W. Ogle (R.W. Ogle)

Maj.
B.M. 24 Inf. Bde.
(O.C. No. 7 Train)

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2 to 8 D.A.C.
8 to 2/2 M.G. Bn.
2 to N.Comd.
2 to War Diary
1 to Pte. Chinner
1 to Pte. Lee
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Since the preparation of these instructions a possibility of alteration in time of departure and stopping places has arisen. A further message indicating revised starting time and stopping places will be issued as an appendix to this order if necessary.

R.W. Ogle

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ. 24 Inf. Bde. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Major	Good T	19th Inf Bde	2/13/43	Chaplain 2/13/43

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Brig.	QX6392	PLANT. E.C.P.	A.I.F.	No.	A.O.D.
MAJ.	NX12305	OGLE. R.W.G.	A.I.F.	Yes.	
CAPT.	QX6292	MANT. C.O.	A.I.F.	Yes.	
CAPT.	QX6365	WHITE. J.B.W.	A.I.F.	Yes.	(super-numary)
CAPT.	QX6408	GILLESPIE. A.B.	A.I.F.	Yes.	
CAPT.	QX6420	LOCKYER. N.W.	A.I.F.	Yes.	
Lieut.	NX48140	SELLIBRAND T.I.	A.I.F.	Yes.	
Lieut.	QX17030	COURT. G.F.	A.I.F.	Yes.	
Lieut.	QX16444	WILLS. G.P.	A.I.F.	Yes.	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT.	QX6315	SOADEN. K.C.	QASC.		
CAPT.	QX6403	LYDON A.J.B.	76 LAD.		
Chap.	QX6436	GARD. T.	ARCHD.		chap 2/438
Chap.	QX6396	GIBSON G.K.	"		" 2/256
	NX3409	McDONALD J.B.	"		" 1/28

(Unit.) *14 Dec 40*
 (Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.) *[Signature]*
 (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.) *Comd 2nd Inf Bde.*

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ 24th Inf Bde (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.
(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
BMA	QX 6392	PLANT E.C.P.	A I F	NO	A O D
MAJ	NX 12305	OGLE R.W.G.	A I F	YES	
CAPT	QX 6292	MANT C.O.	A I F	YES	
CAPT	QX 6365	WHITE J.G.W.	A I F	YES	(Superannuated)
CAPT	QX 6408	GILLESPIE A.B.	A I F	YES	
CAPT	QX 6450	LOCKYER N.W.	A I F	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 48149	BELLORAND T.I.	A I F	YES	
LIEUT	QX 17030	COURT J.E.	A I F	YES	A O D
LIEUT	QX 6444	WILLS G.P.	A I F	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT.	QX 6315	SOWDEN K.C.	RASC		
CAPT.	QX 6403	LYDIN A.T.B.	76 LAD.		
CHAP.	QX 6436	GARD T.	BACK D.		Chap 2/430
CHAP.	QX 6396	GIBSON P.K.			9358
	NX 3409	ADAMSON S.D.			

249th Bde.
(Unit.)
21st Dec 40.
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)
249th Bde.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

