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

1/4/1 CORPS

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

1939-1940, part4, appendices



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2 Ptes.

PERSONNEL FROM H.Q. 1 AUS. CORPS AND
A.I.P. ADM. H.Q. TO ACCOMPANY 3rd CONVCY.

Corps Headquarters:

Major General Wynter.

Lt.-Col. Lloyd.

Major A.O. Wilson.

3 Batmen.

3 Drivers H.T. (incl 1 Cpl)

2 Cooks.

2 General Duty men.

A.I.P. Adm. H.Q.

Lt.-Col. Wardell.

Capt. Barham.

2 Batmen.

Clerks A.Q. Branch

1 W.O. II.

1 Sgt.

1 Cpl.

2 Ptes.

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Army Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE. S.C.1.

EASTERN COMMAND (20)
SOUTHERN COMMAND (20)
WESTERN COMMAND (10)
1 AUS. CORPS (20)

22nd April, 1940.

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A.I.F. - 3RD CONVOY.

I am commanded by the Military Board to inform you that the embarkation of A.I.F. - 3rd Convoy will be carried out in accordance with the following allotments:-
Instructions issued with S.E. 1043 dated 29th March, 1940, will also be applied for embarkation of 3rd. Convoy.

2. ALLOTMENT OF UNITS TO TRANSPORTS:

H.M.T.	X.1	in accordance with appendix 1.a.
H.M.T.	X.4	in accordance with appendix 1.b.
H.M.T.	X.5	in accordance with appendix 1.c.

3. M.T. VEHICLES:

(a) Space has been requisitioned for a total of 50 light vans and cars on Transport X.4 (Sydney) and a maximum of 6 cars on Transport X.5 (Melbourne).

(b) Details of vehicles for shipment and instructions for preparation for loading will be issued separately.

4. BULK STORES ALLOTTED TO TRANSPORTS:

Bulk stores have been allotted to Transports in accordance with Appendix II.

Bills of Lading for war equipments shipped as bulk direct from Ordnance Stores or Holding Depots must be prepared by the Unit to whom issued. Two copies of these Bills will be held by O.C. Unit for checking at Port of Disembarkation.

5. STORES TO BE PLACED ON BOARD EACH TRANSPORT (EXCLUDING APPENDIX II)
VIDE APPENDIX III.

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6. DATES BY WHICH TRANSPORTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR LOADING OF STORES ETC. AND EMBARKATION OF UNITS:

Transport	Stores etc. to be embarked	Berth	Date
X.1	Stores allotted Appendix II Vehicles (if space available) Unit War Equipments etc. Appendix III Units - Appendix 1(a)	At anchor off) Bradley Head) Sydney)	To be arranged locally by S.S.T.O. - Embarkation Staff with ships agents D-1 day (complete 1400 hrs)
X.4	Stores allotted Appendix II Vehicles Unit War Equipments etc. Appendix III Units Appendix 1 (b)	Circular Quay) West)	To be arranged locally with ships agents the S.S.T.O. and Embarka- tion Staff. D.1. (complete 1500 hrs.
X.5	Stores allotted Appendix II Vehicles Unit War Equipments etc. Appendix III Units - Appendix 1(c)	Station Pier) Pt. Melbourne)	D-5 day onwards D.1. day (complete 1500 hrs)

N.B. Transports X.1 and X.4 will not call at Melbourne. Convoy will arrive Fremantle D.6. Day. Western Command will arrange embarkation of units included on appendices I(b) and I(c) in co-operation with S.S.T.O. Fremantle.

7. EMBARKATION OF UNITS - EASTERN COMMAND:

- (a) All units embarking in Eastern Command will proceed by rail to Berths 12 and 13, Pyrmont and thence by Ferry Service to their respective transports.
- (b) Details of Time Tables will be arranged by Embarkation Staff with S.S.T.O.

8. SHIP STAFFS:

- (a) The following are appointed O.C. Troops on board:-

H.M.T. X.1. Brigadier H.C.H. ROBERTSON D.S.O., Comdr. 19 Inf.Bde.
H.M.T. X.4. Lt.Colonel J.E.G. MARTIN O.C. 2/9 Bn.
H.M.T. X.5. Colonel F.H. BERRMAN D.S.O. G.S.O.I. 6 Div.

8 SHIP STAFFS (cont'd.)

(b) O.C. Troops on board will detail the following staff from units on board: ..

Adjutant
 Baggage Officer
 Quartermaster
 Messing Officer
 Sergeant Major
 A/Orderly Room Sergeant
 Deck Sergeants (one from each unit of strength 50 or over)

Details (a) and (b) will embark at least 2 days ahead of their units.

(c) SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICERS ON BOARD:

H.M.T. X.1. Lt. Colonel K.B. FRASER	2/3 Fd. Amb.
H.M.T. X.4. Major K.C. ROSS	2 A.G.H.
H.M.T. X.5. Major D.B. LEUDON	2 A.G.H.

To be present at Port day preceding embarkation for general supervision of medical arrangements on board.

(d) SHIP CHAPLAINS:

H.M.T. X.1. Chaplain M.L. REDDING	C. of E.	2 A.G.H.
H.M.T. X.1. Chaplain R. SCARFE	R.C.	2 A.G.H.
H.M.T. X.4. Chaplain W.F. HOEHNHOUSE	C. of E.	18 Aus. Inf. Bde.
H.M.T. X.4. Chaplain O.B. STEELE	R.C.	18 Aus. Inf. Bde.
H.M.T. X.4. Chaplain R.A. HELMORE	U.S.	18 Aus. Inf. Bde.
H.M.T. X.5. Chaplain L.S.A. BEHN	C. of E.	6 Aus. Div.

9. O.C. Australian Section of Convoy U.S.3.

Brigadier L.J. Morshhead C.I.G., D.S.O., E.D., Comdr.
 18 Aus. Inf. Bde. is appointed O.C. Australian Section of Convoy U.S.3.

10. Receipt of this document is to be acknowledged on A.A.F. A.57 attached.



Secretary to the Military Board.

A. I. F. - 3RD CONVOY

APPENDIX I(a)

ALLOTMENT OF UNITS TO TRANSPORT X.1

Port of Embarkation ... Sydney

Berth ... Off Bradley Head.

Date of Final Embarkation ... D-1 Day

Departing ...

Serial No.	Unit	Personnel				Present Location	Remarks
		Off.	W.Os. & Sgts.	O.Rs.	Total		
145	6 Div. Sigs. (Less W.A. Det.)	14	19	269	302	Eastern Command	
	1st Reinf.	1	1	22	24	" "	
146	6 Div. Sup. Col.	5	17	319	341	" "	
	1st Reinf.	1	1	15	16	" "	
151	49 L.A.D.	1	1	11	13	" "	
154	Corps Tps. Sup. Col. (Details)	-	-	18	18	" "	
155	" " Amn. Coy. "	-	-	27	27	" "	
157	6 Div. Amn. Coy. Sub Fk.	7	14	381	402	" "	
	1st Reinf.	-	-	8	8	" "	
158	Corps Tps. Amn. Sub Fk. (Details)	-	-	23	23	" "	
159	6 Div. Sec. Ord. Fd. Fk.	3	3	67	73	" "	
	1st Reinf.	-	-	6	6	" "	
171	2/3 Fd. Amb.	12	18	227	257	" "	
	1st Reinf.	-	-	5	5	" "	
176	2/12 Bn.	32	44	703	779	" "	
	1st Reinf.	7	4	70	81	" "	
179	2/3 Fd. Regt. (Less 2/6 Fd. Bty. / w/1st Reinf.)	25	31	385	441	" "	2/6 Fd. Bty. w/1st Reinf. embark H.M.T. X.5, W.Comd.
	1st Reinf.	3	3	25	31	" "	
180	41 L.A.D.	1	1	11	13	" "	
183	48 L.A.D.	1	1	11	13	" "	
184	1 A. Tk. Regt.	29	38	488	555	" "	
	1st Reinf.	2	2	33	37	" "	
185	"H" Sec. 6 Div. Sigs.	1	1	25	27	" "	
	1st Reinf.	-	-	1	1	" "	
186	2/1 H.G. Bn. (Less W.A. Det.)	28	49	562	639	" "	W.A. Det. embark H.M.T. Y.3, W.Comd.
	1st Reinf.	5	4	50	59	" "	
188	Adv. Depot Mod. Stores	1	1	7	9	" "	
190	No. 2 Spec. Dental Unit	2	1	3	5	" "	
	Totals carried to Sheet 2	179	254	3762	4215		
				3772	4205		

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Capt. H. H. Murphy

Serial No.	Unit	Personnel				Present Location	Remarks
		Off.	W.Os. & Sgts.	O.Rs.	Total		
	Totals carried from Sheet 1	179	254	3,772 3,782	4,205 4,215		
201	3 Spec. Hosp. (Details)	3		21	28	Eastern Command	
205	H.Q. 19 Inf. Bde.	6	8	52	66	" "	
209	Details Corps Sigs. (Attached H.Q. 19 Inf. Bde.)	5	2	40	47	" "	
	A.A.N.S. (Nurses)	18	-	-	18	" "	
	Y.M.C.A.	1	-	-	1	" "	
	A.C.F.	1	-	-	1	" "	
	Chaplains - Chaplain D.L.Redding (C.ofE.)	2	-	-	2	" "	
	" R.Scarfe (R.C.)	2	-	-	2	" "	
	R.A.N. Personnel	6	-	2	8	" "	3 3 Sigs. 3 Bandmen
	TOTAL	220	264	3,897 3,887	4,381 4,371		

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Lt. R.H.T. Robin R.R.M.R. Colombo.

1st Lt. T.H. Dwyer
2nd Lt. R. Brown
3rd Lt. J. K. Leonard

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APPENDIX I(b)

A. I. F. - 3RD CONVOY

ALLOTMENT OF UNITS TO TRANSPORT X.4.

Port of Embarkation ... Sydney

Berth ... Circular Quay West

Date of Final Embarkation ... D.1 Day

Departing ... 12.30 p.m.

Serial No.	Unit	Personnel				Present Location	Remarks
		Off.	W.Os. & Sgts.	O.Bs.	Total		
172	H.Q. 18 Inf. Bde.	7	8	55	70	Eastern Command	
	" " " Int. Corps attached	-	2	-	2	" "	
173	2/9 Bn.	337	44	704	781	" "	
	1st Reinft.	73	4	70	81	" "	
174	2/10 Bn.	337	44	704	781	" "	
	1st Reinft.	73	4	70	81	" "	
177	2/3 Rd. Coy. (Less W.A. Det.)	3	5	167	175	" "	W.A. Det. embark H.M.T. Y.3, W.Command.
	w/1 Reinft.						
	1st Reinft.	1	1	6	8	" "	
178	2/1 Rd. Park Coy.	3	6	137	146	" "	
	1st Reinft.	-	1	8	9	" "	
182	47 L.A.D.	1	1	11	13	" "	
	Nurses	6	-	-	6	" "	
	2 A.G.H. - Surgeon	1	-	-	1	" "	
189	No. 1 Spec. Dental Unit	1	1	3	5	" "	- Capt C. Adair
206	2/11 Bn. 2nd Reinft.	7	7	141	155	Western Command	Will embark Fremantle.
	S.A. Representative	1	-	-	1	Eastern Command	
	Official Press Corresp. (Mr.K.Slessor)	1	-	-	1	" "	
	Chaplains -	3	-	-	3	" "	
	Chaplain W.P.Hohenhouse (C.ofE.)						
	" O.B.Steele (R.C.)						
	" R.A.Helmors (U.B.)						
	R.A.N. Personnel	1	-	2	3	" "	
TOTAL		116	128	2,078	2,322		

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A. I. F. - 3RD CONVOY

APPENDIX I(c) 6

Port of Embarkation ... Melbourne
Date of Final Embarkation ... D.1 Day

ALLOTMENT OF UNITS TO TRANSPORT X.5

Berth ... Station Pier
Departing ... 3.30 p.m.

Serial No.	Unit	Personnel				Present Location	Remarks
		Off.	W.Os. & Sgts.	C.Os.	Total		
134	H.Q. 6 Div.	3	-	-	3	Southern Command	
147	6 Div. Amn. Coy.	8	12	329	349	" "	
	1st Reinf.	-	-	11	11	" "	
152	1/4 Fd. Workshop (Less One Recovery & Sec.)	10	57	319	386	" "	
	1st Reinf.	-	3	12	15	" "	
172	2/6 Fd. Bty.	8	8	130	146	Western Command	Will embark Fremantle.
	1st Reinf.	1	-	10	11	" "	" " "
194	No. 6 Spec. Dental Unit	1	1	3	5	Southern Command	
195	A.A.N.S. Nurses	8	-	-	8	" "	
201	3 Spec. Hospital (Less Details in E.Comb.)	2	-	25	27	" "	
202	1 Aust. Corps	3	2	13	18	" "	
203	H.Q., A.I.F.	2	-	2	4	" "	
204	Overseas Base Sub Area	2	1	2	5	" "	
207	2/5 Bn. 2nd Reinf.	7	7	141	155	" "	
208	2/8 Bn. " "	7	7	141	155	" "	
	A.R.C.S.	1	-	1	2	" "	
	2 A.G.H. Surgeon	1	-	-	1	" "	
	Chaplain C.W.A. Beam (C.O.F.E.)	1	-	-	1	" "	
	R.A.N. Personnel	1	-	2	3	" "	
TOTAL		66	98	1,141	1,305		

APPENDIX II

A. I. . . - 3RD CONVOY

ALLOTMENT OF BULK STORES TO TRANSPORTS
(To be covered by Bills of Lading A.A.F. G.964)

LOAD SYDNEY.

H.M.T. X.4 (Priority of Loading)

{a}	50 Vans, light, 15 cwt.	...	...	...	...	560 tons measurement
{b}	D.O.S. {Clothing	...	...	...	...	82
	{Stoves and Ins. Instruments}	...	...	...	...	33
{c}	Medical Stores - 1 A.G.H.	...	...	...	...	200
{d}	Aust. Red Cross Society	...	...	...	...	70
{e}	Aust. Comforts Fund	...	...	...	...	75
{f}	Aust. Canteens Service	...	...	...	...	320
TOTAL						1,340

H.M.T. X.5

D. of A. (Ammunition)	140
30 days' reserve rations	1,153
Emergency and landing rations	58
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TOTAL	1,351

H.L.T. X.1

No bulk stores allotted.

LOD MELBOURNE

E.L.T. X.5

D. of A. (Ammunition)	931
30 days' supplies (Balance not provided Sydney)	215
Emergency and landing rations	2
Australian Canteens Service	80
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6 Cars, D.S.					

APPENDIX III

A. I. F. - 3RD CONVOY

STORES TO BE PLACED ON BOARD EACH TRANSPORT
(In addition to those listed in Appendix II)

- (a) War Equipments of Units shown on Appendices I(a), (b), (c).
Tonnage space required -

X.1	...	...	...	...	596 tons
X.4	...	...	...	...	263 "
X.5	...	...	...	...	301 "

- (b) Unit Baggage - including personnel baggage of Officers and Universal and Sea Kit Bags of other ranks.

- (c) S.A.A. -

	<u>X.1</u>	<u>X.4</u>	<u>X.5</u>
.303	300 boxes	150 boxes	99 boxes
.455	30 "	20 "	10 "

To be at disposal of O.C. Troopship for use on voyage.

- (d) Expense stores for voyage use. (These will be issued to Units before embarkation).
- (e) 15 tons Australian Comforts Fund stores (Voyage consumption).
- (f) Stationery boxes for O.C. Troopship.

NOTES:-

- (i) All stores shown on this Appendix should be available for use on voyage.
- (ii) Stores in excess of the accommodation provided in any ship may, under direction from S.S.T.O. and E.S.O., be loaded into space which may be available in another ship of the convoy.
- (iii) Philanthropic Stores will be loaded as under -
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| X.4 | ... | Salvation Army - 2 tons. |
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- (iv) S.A.A. - .303 99 Boxes will be placed aboard X.5 Melbourne.
.455 10 " " " " " " " Melbourne.
- (v) Unit War Equipment will, if space is available, be loaded in Ship's Baggage Rooms and will be available for use on voyage.

IMMEDIATE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES : SOUTHERN COMMAND.

Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE. C.C. 17th May 1940.

LOST SECRET.

S. 1940/159.

1 AUS. CORPS	252	24
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EMBARKATION T.O. 1 AUS. CORPS WITH ATTACHED DETAILS
AND RAILWAYS AND POLICY UNITS.

1. A.I.F. personnel at present stationed in Southern Command (S.E.D.) as shown on attached Schedule "A" will embark on R.I.S. "Stratheden" at Station Pier Port Melbourne on 25th May 1940.

All personnel are located at R.R.D. Caulfield or at Corps H.Q. and embarkation rolls will be reproduced by and compiled under the supervision of H.Q. R.R.D. Caulfield.

2. In addition to personnel shown on Schedule "A", the following details of H.Q. 1 Aus. Corps at present stationed at R.R.D. will embark at Sydney on S.S. Largs Bay on 28th May 1940:-

Serial 202b. H.Q. 1 Aust. Corps. 1 Officer, 29 G.Rs.
TOTAL 30.

This party will move to Sydney under arrangements made by Southern Command for embarkation by Eastern Command.

As regards Records procedure - this move will not be considered as an inter-command transfer. Embarkation Rolls (Form A.206 series) and Embarkation Cards Form WF.47 will be prepared by Southern Command and handed to the C.C. Party for use at Embarkation in Sydney.

The move from Melbourne will be regarded as movement to the Port of Embarkation and A.I.F. T.51 will be compiled to show the strength at commencement of move from R.R.D. Forms WF.47 will be carried in bulk by C.C. and issued to individuals at the place of embarkation. Personal Records will be handed to the C.C. Party by District Records Office for delivery to the Embarkation Records Office in Eastern Command.

3. Instructions covering the compilation and distribution of Embarkation Records are issued separately to units concerned, for information and necessary action.

4. A.I. Forms T.51 will be supplied to units by H.Q. R.R.D. Caulfield.

5. Draft nominal rolls will be completed by units concerned and delivered to H.Q. R.R.D. on Saturday 18th May.

H.Q. R.R.D. will forward Copies No. 13 and 14 to District Records Office and District Accounts respectively on Monday 20th May.

6. Embarkation Cards Forms WF.47 will be prepared and issued to units under arrangements made by the D.F.O.

Copies 9. 63(0). 63(1).
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7. O.C. 3rd District Records Office and O.C. 3rd District Accounts Office will detail the necessary Records and Pay Staff for duty at Station Pier.

W. M. Allen
Major,
A.M.G. SOUTHERN COMMAND.

Distribution -

1 Aus. Corps.	3
Eastern Command.	2
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D.A.M.G.	2
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SCHEDULE "A".

SERIAL No.	U N I T	PERSONNEL				REMARKS.
		Off.	W.O. & Sgts.	O.Rs.	TOTAL.	
339a	2 Forestry Coy. (less two Secs.)	4	5	92	101	
338b	1 Sec. 1 Forestry Coy.	1	1	26	28	
333	E.S. Rlys.Const. & Maint. Group.	1	-	-	1	
335	2nd Rly. Construction Coy.	4	10	262	276	
336a	3rd Rly. Construction Coy.	1	1	28	30	
202a	E.S. 1 Aust. Corps.	20	12	50	82	1 officer embarking Adelaide. <i>(includes Baker, Clark, Johnson)</i>
103	E.S. 6 Aus. Div.	1	-	-	1	
203	E.S. A.I.F.	2	1	3	6	
101	E.S. Overseas Base.	1	-	1	2	
122	2/1 A.Fd. Workshop.	1	-	1	2	
104	1 Aus. Corps Int.Sec.	1	5	1	7	
	A.R.C.S.	2	-	1	5	(To be embarked on A.M.F. T.50.
	W.O. Records for attachment I.L.O. London.	-	1	-	1	(((

- NOTES - (1) For purposes of embarkation, Serials 103, 203, 101, 122 and 104 will be regarded as Details attached to E.S. 1 Aus. Corps (Serial 202(a)), and will be included under their separate serials on the same embarkation roll, following personnel of Serial 202(a). - one set of A.M. Forms T51 will be compiled to cover all personnel included on the embarkation roll,
- (2), Similarly, Serial 333 will be regarded as an attachment to Serial 335 and will be shown on same roll.

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Army Headquarters,
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S.P. 1767

MELBOURNE.
Melbourne, S.C.I.

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15th May, 1940.

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Southern Command (20)
1 Aust. Corps (10)
H.Q. Overseas Base (3)
Western Command (10)

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Q.M.G. (6); H.G.O. (6); F.H. (3); M.L.O. London (2);
Northern Command (2); S.M.B. (1); Sec. Co-ord. (2).

A.I.F. - DESPATCH OF H.Q. 1 AUST. CORPS AND
RAILWAY AND FORESTRY UNITS

I am commanded by the Military Board to inform you that the following instructions for embarkation of the above units are to be observed. -

2. Allotments of units to Transports. -

R.M.S. "Stratheden"	(See Appendix I. (No alterations in allotments will be authorized except under instructions from A.H.Q.)
S.S. "Largs Bay"	
3. Dates by which ships will be available for embarkation. -

"Stratheden" ...	Sydney, 22nd May.
	Melbourne, 25th May.
	Fremantle, 31st May.
"Largs Bay" ...	Sydney, 28th May.
4. Moves to the Ports of Embarkation.
 - (a) Units and Details.
 - (i) Units and Details allotted to transports will be moved by rail to the Port of Embarkation.
 - (ii) Detailed rail time tables will be compiled by the Commands in conjunction with local Railway authorities.
 - (iii) Each ship allotment (Appendices I(a) and I(b)) will be covered by a separate time table and only Units and Details for a particular allotment will be carried in the trains covered by that time table.

Southern Command will arrange movement 1 Aust. Corps Details Serial No. 202(6) to Eastern Command for embarkation "Largs Bay" 28th May.

Com *B.S.S.* *[Signature]*

4. Moves to the Ports of Embarkation (Cont'd.)

(b) Personal Kits.

- (i) Officers' kits to be placed in the luggage vans (not exceeding the following scale) -

Commanding Officers ... 50 lb.

Other Officers 36 lb.

These kits will be placed in cabins allotted under supervision of Baggage Section Embarkation Staff.

- (ii) Other ranks' kits consisting of -

Personal arms and equipment;

Universal and sea kit bags

will be taken into the carriage with the soldier in order to avoid sorting at the Port and carried on board by the soldier and placed in his allotted berth.

(c) Unit's heavy baggage and war equipment.

To be moved to the Port under Command arrangements and delivered to ship's side on day preceding embarkation of units (vide para. 3).

Departmental H.T. will be used, if sufficient is available, otherwise authority is approved for hire from civilian sources.

Officers' heavy baggage not exceeding 100 lb. will be included in this move and will be placed in ship's Baggage Room under supervision of Unit Baggage Officer and Baggage Section Embarkation Staff.

5. Rail warrants.

All warrants issued for movement to the Port of Embarkation will be endorsed "A.I.F."

6. Stores for training en voyage.

- (a) Special arrangements will be made on board transports for accommodation of stores required for training purposes en voyage.

- (b) 1 Aust. Corps will, however, take necessary action to ascertain requirements and notify A.H.Q. accordingly.

7. Ship staffs.

- (a) "Stratheden" O.C. Troops - Lt.Col. K. A. Fraser
S.H.O. - Col. A. P. Durham.

"Largs Bay" O.C. Troops - Major G. U. Hiddleston
S.M.O. - Capt. A.G.C. Budge.

- (b) O.C. Troops on board will detail the following staff from the Units on board -

7. (b) Cont'd.

Adjutant	}	Duties of these Officers will be as prescribed in Embarkation Standing Orders.
Baggage Officer		
Quartermaster		
Messing Officer		
Sergeant-Major		
Acting Orderly Room Sergeant		
Provost Sergeant	}	
Deck Sergeants as necessary		

8. Documents.

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

Immediately prior to embarkation Commanding Officers of Units and Os.C. of all details shown on the appropriate ship allotments, Appendices 1(a) and (b), will prepare A.A.F. T.51 in sextuple. This return will be prepared for all Units and parties of troops numbering five and over and handed to the Embarkation Staff for use and disposal as set out hereunder:-

- (i) Three (3) copies to be handed to the O.C. Troops on board for disposal at the Port of Disembarkation as described on the form.
- (ii) Three (3) copies will be retained by the Embarkation Staff, also for disposal as indicated on the form.
- (iii) Nominal Rolls ^{A.A.F. T.51} 206A, will be attached to the A.A.Fs. T.51 at the Port of Embarkation by the Embarkation Staff who will receive them from the representatives of the District Records Offices after they have been duly amended and brought up to date by Unit Casualty Returns.

(b) Embarkation Cards - A.A.F. T.50.

Parties numbering less than five (5) and individuals ordered to embark, i.e., representatives of Philanthropic Organizations, under A.H.Q. authority will be issued with Embarkation Cards, A.A.F. T.50, in duplicate.

If proceeding from a Unit, individuals will normally be provided by the Unit with their duplicate cards before leaving; failing this, arrangements will be made to issue Cards at the Port by the Embarkation Staff.

Embarkation Cards will be used and disposed of as follows:-

- (i) One (1) copy will be handed to O.C. Troops on board to enable him to complete the consolidated return of all personnel embarking.
- (ii) Duplicate copy of the Card will be used by the Embarkation Staff to compile a Nominal Roll in triplicate of all individuals and small parties embarking under the authority of Embarkation Cards.

These rolls will be attached to the sets of A.A.F. T.51 relating to the ship being loaded. The duplicate copies of the Embarkation Cards will be attached to one of the three copies of A.A.F. T.51 which is sent to A.H.Q.

8. (Cont'd.)

(c) Summary of Strength Return on Embarkation and Disembarkation - A.A.F. T.51A.

The compilation of this return is the responsibility of the O.C. Troops on board in respect to the copies of the Embarkation forms which are placed in his charge. The Embarkation Staff will also consolidate on this form the Embarkation Returns relating to each ship allotment.

9. Marking of Unit baggage.

In order to facilitate loading, clearing of ship and disposal of troops on landing, each package or article of a unit's baggage will, in addition to bearing the serial number of the unit, be painted with distinguishing colour lines. The colours will denote units in accordance with the following system:-

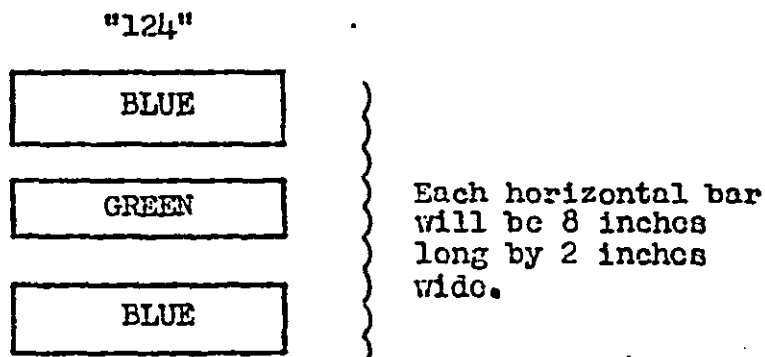
Numeral	Representative Colour
One (1)	Red, Bright, G.S.
Two (2)	Blue, G.S.
Three (3)	Yellow, (Amn.)
Four (4)	Green, Light, G.S.
Five (5)	Grey (Amn.)
Six (6)	Buff, G.S.
Seven (7)	Red, oxide of iron
Eight (8)	Service Colour, G.S.
Nine (9)	White Lead, G.S.
Nought (0)	Brown, Dark, G.S.

The colours to be painted on the baggage will be those given above, and will represent the last two figures (i.e., the ten and units digits) of the serial number of the unit.

The colours representing the tens digits will appear both below and above that of the units digits.

The serial number (2" high) in white paint on dark packages and black paint on light packages, will be placed above these lines.

Thus, for example, a unit whose serial number is "124" will use the following marks on all its baggage:-



The serial numbers for units are those shown on the Allotments, Appendices 1(a) and 1(b).

Instructions regarding this marking will be repeated in Unit Routine Orders at places of concentration.

At least two marks will be used on each article, usually on each end of a box or case, two sides of a bale, etc. Articles carried

9. (Cont'd.)

uncased or which it would be otherwise impracticable to mark will have securely attached to them a wooden tally with the unit's distinguishing mark painted on each side.

The titles of units will not appear on any unit baggage. When the title of the unit has been placed on baggage for any peacetime purpose, it will be painted out when the above system is put into operation. Universal and sea kit bags will be marked with serial number only.

Authority is given for C.Os. to acquire by direct purchase against Public Funds the necessary paints and brushes.

10. Secrecy.

Too much stress cannot be placed upon the importance of preventing any leakage of information in respect to movement overseas and particularly to the dates and times transports will be available for loadings, embarkations and subsequent departures.

11. A.H.Q. Instructions for War. Movement 401.

For information in regard to the general procedure of embarkations, reference should be made to A.H.Q. Instructions for War No. 11Q (Movement 401). Minor amendments will be issued.

12. Instructions to O.C. Troops and Medical Officers.

- (a) Records Procedure - Notes for guidance of O.C. Troops.
- (b) Discipline and Leave Instructions.
- (c) Instructions for Medical Officers attending troops during voyage.

Attention is drawn to Appendices II, III and IV under the above headings.

13. Commands will take the necessary action to ensure that each man embarking has been issued with sandshoes for use on voyage.

14. Please acknowledge receipt of this document on A.A.F. A.57 attached.



Secretary to the Military Board.

APPENDIX I(a)

ALLOTMENT OF UNITS TO R.M.S. "STRATHEDEN"

Ports of Embarkation
 Sydney 22nd May
 Melbourne 25th May
 Fremantle 31st May

Serial No.	Units	Personnel				Present Location	Remarks
		Off.	W.Os. & Sgts.	O.Rs.	Total		
338(a)	1 Forestry Coy. less 1 Sec.	6	6	118	130	E.Comd.	Includes M.O. and Orderly. Includes 1 Medical Orderly.
339(a)	2 Forestry Coy. less 2 Secs.	4	5	92	101	S.Comd.	
338(b)	1 Sec. 1 Forestry Coy.	1	1	26	28	"	
339(b)	3 Secs. 2 Forestry Coy.	2	2	52	56	W.Comd.	
333	H.Q. Railways Const. and Maint. Group R.A.E.	(1 (2	3	17	1 22	S.Comd. E.Comd.	
335	2nd Railway Const. Coy. R.A.E.	(2 (4	10	1 262	3 276	E.Comd. S.Comd.	
336(a)	3rd Railway Const. Coy. R.A.E.	(1 (1	1 -	28 1	30 2	S.Comd. E.Comd.	
336(b)	do.	1	3	78	82	W.Comd.	(1 Off. (attached from 1 (Rly. (Survey (Coy.
202(a)	H.Q. 1 Aust. Corps.	20	12	50	82	S.Comd.	
103	H.Q. 6 Aust. Div.	1			1	S.Comd.	
203	H.Q. A.I.F.	2	1	3	6	S.Comd.	
101	H.Q. Overseas Base	1	-	1	2	S.Comd.	(1 Off. (embarking (Adelaide.
122	2/1 A. Fd. W/shop	1	-	1	2	S.Comd.	
104	1 Aust. Corps Int. Sec.	1	5	1	7	S.Comd.	
	A.R.C.S.	2	-	1	3	S.Comd.	
	Railway and Forestry Warrant Officer for attachment M.L.O., London.	-	1	-	1	S.Comd.	
		53	50	732	835		

Australian Comforts Fund have 5 tons Wanted on Voyage stores for shipment at Melbourne.

APPENDIX I(b)

ALLOTMENTS OF UNITS TO s.s. "LARGS BAY"

Port of Embarkation ... Sydney, 28th May.

Ser- ial No.	Unit	Personnel				Present Location	Remarks
		Off.	W.Os. & Sgts.	O.Rs.	Total		
337	1st Railway Survey Coy. R.A.E.	6	5	59	70	E.Comd.	Loss 1 Off. em- barking Melbourne
336(c)	3rd Railway Const. Coy. R.A.E.	4	6	156	166	E.Comd.	
334	1st Railway Const. Coy. R.A.E.	6	18	255	279	E.Comd.	
202(b)	H.Q. 1 Aust. Corps	1	-	27 29	28 30	S.Comd.	1 Off. attached from 6 Div.Sigs.
	A.A.M.C.	1	-	-	1		S.M.O.
	TOTAL	18	29	499	546		

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APPENDIX II

RECORDS PROCEDURE

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE

OF

O.C. TROOPS : TRANSPORTS

1. Within 24 hours after embarkation a check will be made of Embarkation Nominal Rolls and any amendment thereto will be notified to 2nd Echelon, A.H.Q., from 1st port of call by quickest means.
2. Arrangements must be made during the voyage abroad so that the following documents are complete for handing over to the Officer i/c Records, 2nd Echelon, A.I.F. -
 - (a) Attestation paper (A.I.F. A.200) for all Officers, Nurses, Warrant Officers and Other Ranks on board. These documents will be checked with the embarkation Nominal Rolls and in cases where this paper is missing blank forms (to be provided by O.C. Troops) will be duly completed in every detail prior to disembarkation, and marked "Substitute pending receipt of Certified Copy of Original." Attestation papers for Officers must be completed as for Other Ranks with the exception of the "Oath."
 - (b) Original Medical History Sheets (A.I.F. D.I.).
3. Disembarkation Nominal Rolls must be checked and ready for disembarkation purposes. In all cases the date, number of Transport and port of embarkation of each unit should be clearly shown on the Nominal Roll.
4. Officers' Record of Service (A.F. B.199A), Casualty Form, Other Ranks A.F. B.103 must be completed in every detail, including particulars of embarkation.
5. Army Forms W.3010 (Officers) and W.3011 (Other Ranks) must be completed during the voyage and again immediately prior to disembarkation. This return must show all promotions, appointments, reversions and confirmation of Temporary Ranks with dates. All casualties such as Deaths, Stowaways (showing how disposed of), Deserters, and Absentees, showing place and date, sickness, men left at intermediate ports showing reason; men taken on strength, showing from where, and all other casualties during the voyage which affect the history of the soldier. O.C. Troops will invariably transmit direct to Officer i/c Records, 2nd Echelon A.H.Q., from each port of call en route a completed copy of the above-mentioned returns.
6. Army Form, B.2069 (Crime and Offence Report) must be completed during the voyage.
7. VENEREAL DISEASE. Particulars of Officers or Soldiers suffering from venereal disease should be shown on A.F.'s W.3010 and 3011 respectively. The entry should be complete showing nature of disease, date of admission and discharge from hospital. In the event of member staff suffering from V.D. on arrival at port of disembarkation, he should be shown in the last return as "still in isolation V.D.". Officers, Warrant Officers and Other Ranks forfeit one-third of daily rate of pay and of deferred pay for the period they are suffering from venereal disease.

NOMINAL ROLL OF TROOPS PARADING SICK

Transport No.
Embarked Melbourne - 16/1/40
Disembarked Plymouth - 9/3/40.

Personal or Army No,	Rank	Name	Unit	Date Parad- ing	Dis- ability	M.O. Remarks	Initials of M.O.
WX 172	Sgt,	SMITH, A.B.	2/1 Bn.	30/1/40	Cold	Medicine and Duty	

16. VOYAGE REPORTS. O.C. Troops on board H.M.A. Transports will furnish a general report addressed to Secretary, Military Board, Melbourne, from each port of call. A final report will be submitted at the end of the voyage dealing with:-

- (a) Departure.
- (b) Date of arrival and sailing from intermediate ports.
- (c) Date and port of disembarkation.
- (d) Health en route (including reports of Senior Medical Officer).
- (e) Training.
- (f) Discipline, with special reference to ports of call.
- (g) Personnel.
- (h) Casualties.
- (i) Messing facilities - food and food supplies.
- (j) Pay - Amount of Advances received and how accounted for.
- (k) Losses or deficiencies of stores chargeable against
 - (i) Troops
 - (ii) Commonwealth, and how adjusted.
- (l) Number of horses (i) embarked (ii) disembarked with remarks re health, quality and quantity of forage.
- (m) Fresh water supply.
- (n) Ships arrangements generally, including accommodation.
- (o) Sanitary arrangements.
- (p) Co-ordination of responsibility with master of vessel.
- (q) Recreation, amusements, etc.
- (r) Religious services, Chaplains, Y.M.C.A.
- (s) Weather conditions during voyage and effect on troops.
- (t) Any other matters of interest.
- (u) General remarks and recommendations.

17. In no circumstances should O.C. Troops communicate direct with District Records Officers. Channel of communication is through Army Headquarters.

APPENDIX II (Cont'd.)

8. DEATHS. Report should be rendered showing full particulars of deaths on voyage and should include the following information:- Personal or Army Number, full name, rank, unit, name and address of next-of-kin, date and cause of death, date and place of burial, list of personal effects and how disposed of, date and place of notification by cablegram of death to Secretary Military Board, Melbourne.

Any information which may be of interest to relatives.

Documents of deceased personnel will be handed over to Officer i/c Records, 2nd Echelon, A.I.F., on disembarkation.

Cash found in effects should be paid on arrival at destination to the Staff Paymaster, A.I.F.

9. RETURNED SOLDIERS, A.I.F. When applicable Nominal Rolls should be prepared on board showing present Personal or Army Number, name, unit, next-of-kin and address as shown on original Attestation Paper. In cases where a soldier re-enlists under a different name from that shown on original Attestation paper, the new Attestation paper must be accompanied by a Statutory Declaration to this effect.

10. PART I ORDERS. Copies of Part I Orders (in duplicate) issued during the voyage will be handed over on disembarkation to Embarkation Staff Officer, one copy for the information of O.I.C. Records, 2nd Echelon, A.I.F., and the other copy to be forwarded direct to the Officer i/c Records, 2nd Echelon, Army Headquarters, Melbourne.

PART II ORDERS. These should not be made out after embarkation from Australia; all information for their compilation should be embodied in A.F.'s W.3010 and 3011 and A.F. B.2069. On receipt of these forms by Officer i/c Records, 2nd Echelon, A.I.F., Part II Orders (A.F.O. 1810) are compiled for the various units and copies are sent to Officer i/c Records, 2nd Echelon, A.H.Q., Melbourne.

11. The whole of the above-mentioned documents will be checked by Embarkation Staff Officer immediately on arrival at the port of disembarkation. They will be in immediate readiness, and Officers Commanding Troops should therefore pay particular attention to the absolute necessity for accuracy in compilation of same.

12. Officers Commanding Units will have in their possession on arrival at the training centre complete Nominal Rolls and Field Conduct Sheets (A.F.'s B.122) as well as Training Records for all Soldiers under their Command.
(On disembarkation Orderly Room Sergeants will proceed with their Units to place of concentration.)

13. INQUIRIES:- It should be notified to all concerned that inquiries by relatives, etc., regarding members of the Australian Imperial Force should be addressed to:-

The Officer i/c Records of the Capital City of the State in which member enlisted, who will be in a position to furnish the latest reliable information available. Enquiries should state the Personal or Army Number, full name and unit of the individual concerning whom the enquiry is made.

14. The names of personnel to be disembarked on account of illness or other cause; or who are absent without leave at intermediate ports of call will be notified by radio telegraph to the Officer i/c Records, 2nd Echelon, Army Headquarters.

15. A nominal Roll will be maintained showing all troops parading sick during the voyage, irrespective of the fact that they are not admitted to Ship's Hospital. This roll will be handed to Embarkation Staff Officer on disembarkation for despatch to Officer i/c Records, A.H.Q., 2nd Echelon, Melbourne, and will be rendered in accordance with the following pro forma:-

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FOR INCLUSION IN INSTRUCTIONS TO
O. C. TROOPS

APPENDIX III

"Discipline. As a detachment commander the O.C. Troops has the disciplinary powers of a C.O. Notes containing these are contained in the pamphlet - 'Notes on the Administration of Discipline on War Service, Part I', copies of which will be handed to O's.C. Troops.

Leave. Leave may be granted, in consultation with local Commanders, at ports of call in British possessions, but not in foreign countries.

An emergency piquet of not less than ten per cent. of strength will be retained on board while the ship is in Port and a shore piquet of 2 officers and 30 others will be detailed to assist in maintaining discipline ashore and in collecting stragglers.

Leave after dark should not be granted."

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEDICAL OFFICERS ATTENDING TROOPS DURING VOYAGE

1. EMBARKATION:

The senior medical officer of each ship will attend the port of embarkation on the day preceding embarkation of troops for the supervision of medical arrangements on the ship.

2. MEDICAL ATTENTION OF TROOPS:

Medical attention for troops will be carried out by the medical officers accompanying the troops who will have the use of the ship's medical and surgical equipment. Certain items will be supplemented by the Command at the first port of embarkation of troops, according to a scale furnished to the Command concerned. At port of disembarkation all non-expendable and remaining expendable stores supplied by the Command will be handed over to A.D.M.S., Australian Overseas Base or his representative, for immediate return to Australia.

The senior medical officer may if necessary request the assistance of the ship's medical officer. In such cases scale of fees to be paid to the ship's medical officer will be at the rate of 5/- for first class passengers and 2/6d. for second class passengers per visit as laid down in M.F.R. & I. 262.

The names of persons attended will be inserted on the claim, together with the number of visits, and the claim endorsed by the senior medical officer.

3. INOCULATIONS AND VACCINATIONS:

Any inoculations or vaccinations not carried out before embarkation will be completed as soon as possible after embarkation.

4. VENEREAL DISEASE PROPHYLAXIS:

At port of call a "Blue Light" depot should be established on board.

5. FOOT INSPECTION:

Frequent foot inspections will be carried out and any minor foot ailments which may cause trouble later in the field should, if possible, be remedied during the voyage.

6. INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

Instructions concerning prevention and control of Infectious Diseases on transports will be supplied to S.M.O. by D.D.M.S. Command at port of first embarkation of troops.

7. DISSEMBARKATION OF SICK AT INTERMEDIATE PORTS:

All cases of contagious diseases developing on board before the ship leaves Australian waters will be landed at the next port of call in Australia. The S.M.O. of the ship should notify as early as possible, the D.D.M.S. of Command, as to the nature and number of cases to be disembarked.

D.D.M.S. Command will make all necessary arrangements for meeting the transport and disembarkation of the cases.

8. REPORTS DURING VOYAGE:

A medical report will be forwarded to the D.G.M.S. from each port of call during the voyage and after disembarkation, giving particulars of health of troops generally, casualties, diseases, evacuations if any, hospital accommodation, sanitation, medical and surgical equipment and recommendations.

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MELBOURNE. S.C.2.
17th April, 1940.

Secretary,

MILITARY BOARD.

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✓ 1 Aust. Corps.

Copies to -

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

DEPARTURE OF 3RD CONVOY, A.I.F.

With reference to this office S.M. 934 of 20th March, 1940, I am directed to inform you that the 3rd Convoy (previously referred to as second flight of 2nd Convoy) will depart from Sydney and Melbourne on 5th May, 1940. It will arrive at Fremantle on the 10th May and depart on the 13th May.

I am to emphasize the necessity for according these dates the utmost practicable degree of secrecy.

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[Signature]

Colonel,
Director of Military Operations and Intelligence.

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MELBOURNE. S.C.2.
17th April, 1940.

Secretary,

MILITARY BOARD.

It is desired that accommodation be reserved
on H.M.T. X5 for the following personnel -

<u>H.Q. 6 Aus. Div.</u>	One A.I.L.O.✓ G.S.O.1. G.S.O.2. D.A.D.O.S.	- 3 Officers.
<u>H.Q. 1 Aus Corps.</u>	D.A. & Q.M.G. A.Q.M.G. D.A.A.G.	- 3 Officers.
<u>Clerks</u> - W.O.11 Sgt. Cpl. Ptes.	- 2.5.	2 W.O. 5/10 12 O.R.s.
Batmen	- 2.3	
Drivers	- 2.3	
Cooks	- 2.	
General Dutymen	- 2. 13. O.Rs.	
<u>A.I.F. Adm. H.Q.</u>	A.A.G. Staff Captain	- 2 Officers.
Batmen	- 2. 2. O.Rs.	

Totals - 25 Officers, 16 Other Ranks.

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

TELEPHONE—FO. 455

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Australian Military Forces—Eastern Command.

Please quote this Number when replying.

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HCW.

Victoria Barracks,

Paddington, N.S.W.

H.Q. 18 Aus. Inf. Bde.

Ingleburn Camp.

13 Apr. 40.

Lt.Col. C.E.M. Lloyd,
A.I.F. Headquarters,
441 St. Kilda Rd.,
Melbourne S.C.2.

My dear *Lloyd*

Dodds has just telephoned from Melbourne to say that the Mauretania is to carry 18 Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q., 2/5 Fd. Regt., Engineers, Div. Sigs. and 2/9 Bn. (and presumably the attached L.A.Ds). This gives a total strength of 111 officers and 2193 O.Ss. and includes the Western Australian personnel of the 2/5 Fd. Regt. numbering approximately 130. Whether or not these 130 are to return from Western Australia to embark here I do not know.

For purposes of training and command I am most anxious to have the 2/10 Bn. with me and I should be very appreciative if this could be arranged. I told Dodds this.

To give a total strength approximating that of the present proposed allocation i.e. 2209 or, excluding Western Australian Artillery personnel 2079, the 2/10 Bn. could replace the Fd. Regt. and Div. Sigs. thus making a total of 2225 all ranks. If Western Australian personnel are not being taken into account, in addition the 2/1 Fd. Pk. Coy. could be transferred to another ship thus making the total 2039.

I trust that if Army H.Q. have not already agreed to my request that once again you will exercise those persuasive powers of yours.

Yours sincerely

J. G. Gresham

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1st AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

S.2940.

MELBOURNE. S.C.2.
15th April, 1940.

Q.M.G.

ALLOTMENT OF UNITS - CONVOY U.S.3.

With reference to your Minute of 10 APR 40 on the above subject, it is requested that the following variations be made -

- (a) H.Q. 18 Aus Inf Bde to be transferred from X1 to X4.
- (b) 2/10 Bn to be transferred from X1 to X4. and to be replaced on X1 by equivalent numbers from X4. This will allow Comdr. 18 Aus Inf Bde to exercise control over the training during the voyage of at least two of his battalions.
- (c) 20 Nurses should be allotted to X1.
- (d) Provision to be made for a Surgeon from 2 Aus Gen Hosp on X5.
- (e) Provision to be made for allotment of Chaplains. At present, chaplains are distributed as follows -

INGLEBURN

18 Aus Inf Bde. - W.P. HOHENHOUSE (C.E.)
O.B. STEELE (R.C.)
R.A. HELMORE (U.B.)

Attached to 18 Aus Inf Bde
from 2 Aus. Gen. Hosp. -

D.L. READING (C.E.)
R. SCARFE (R.C.)

PUCKAPUNYAL

Attached to 6 Aus. Div. Amn Coy. -

L.W.A. BENN (C.E.)

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

AIF

Chaplain available for duty with Third Convo

INGLEBURN

18th Bde. W.P. HOKENHOUSE (C.E)
O.B. STEELE (R.C)
R.A. HELMORE (UB)

Attached to 18th Bde from 2/AGH

D.L. REDDING (C.E)
R. SCARFE (R.C)

PUCKAPUNYAL

A.S.C. L.W.A. BENN (C.E)

Variations now proposed.

H.Q.R's. 18. Inf. Ade from ~~X4~~ ^{X1} to ~~X1~~ ^{X4}

G. Div Sec. Ord. Fd. Ph. from X4 to X1.

Understand. Commodore will be on board
one of N.T. transports which will berth
1st in barracks at intermediate and final
Ports.

X4 will berth 2nd in barracks. and

Suggest. O.C. Inf. Ade goes on his ship:

X1 may not come alongside.

W. B. B. B.
Major.

THE ARMY
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MINUTE PAPER.

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SUBJECT: ALLOTMENT OF UNITS - CONVOY U.S.3.

C.G.S.

A.G.

✓G.O.C. 1 Aus. Corps.

I submit for your comments proposed allotments of units to Convoy U.S.3 - departing on or about 5th May.

Accommodation is available on transports as under:-

<u>Transport</u>	<u>Accommodation Available</u>	<u>Accommodation Taken up</u>	<u>Vacant</u>
H.M.T. X.1, Sydney	4,500	4,336	164
" X.4 "	2,200	2,147	53
" X.5 Melbourne	1,322	1,034	288
TOTAL	8,022	7,517	505

The allotments have made provision for details Overseas Base, Headquarters 6 Div. (not embarking U.S.2) and for portion of Corps Headquarters and Headquarters 19 Inf. Bde. if desired that these latter should be included. The accommodation taken up on account of these two latter units is approximate only and can be altered as required.

Attention is also directed to the fact that 2/6 Pd. Bty. with 1st Reinforcements now in Western Command has been withheld from embarkation with Convoy U.S.2 and will now proceed with U.S.3 on H.M.T. X.5. This alteration is due to the reduction of accommodation available on transport Y.3 of the second convoy.

It is also understood that the 44 L.A.D. has been raised in Southern Command and is not available for embarkation in Western Command where it was originally proposed it should be raised. This unit has, therefore, been included with other units in Southern Command for embarkation on H.M.T. X.5.

Corps Signals have not been included on Convoy U.S.3 as it is understood that this unit will now be expanded and will be dealt with later.

In regard to the accommodation available on U.S.3 for additional embarkations 505, I suggest for your consideration that every endeavour should be made to utilise the total accommodation available by despatching appropriate drafts of second reinforcements, if available.

The question of taking up the spare accommodation with Forestry or Railway Construction Units has been considered, but, as the former are due for disembarkation Marseilles and the destination of the latter is not yet known, this is not considered advisable as it is understood transports of U.S.3 will not proceed beyond Port Said.

I would appreciate your early concurrence in these proposals in order that embarkation staff work for U.S.3 can proceed immediately.

E. K. Smart

Major-General,
Quartermaster-General.

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TENTATIVE SHIP ALLOTMENT - H.M.T. X.1

(Capacity 4,500)

MOST SECRET

Serial No.	Unit	Location	Off.	W.Os. & Sgts.	R.&P.	Total
146	6 Div. Sup. Col. 1st Reinf't.	E. Comd.	5	17 1	319 15	341 16
154	Corps Tps. Sup. Coln. (Details)	"			18	18
155	" " Arm. Coy. "	"			27	27
157	6 Div. Arm. Coy. Sub Park 1st Reinf't.	"	7	14	381 8	402 8
158	Corps Tps. Arm. Sub Park (Details)	"			23	23
171	2/3 Fd. Amb. 1st Reinf't.	"	12	18	227 5	257 5
172	H.Q. 18 Inf. Bde. X Int. Corps Att'd.	"	10	8 2	55	73 2
174	2/10 Bn. X 1st Reinf't.	"	33 7	44 4	704 70	781 81
176	2/12 Bn. 1st Reinf't.	"	32 7	44 4	703 70	779 81
181	44 L.A.D.	"	1	1	11	13
182	47 L.A.D.	"	1	1	11	13
183	48 L.A.D.	"	1	1	11	13
184	1 A. Tank Regt. J 1st Reinf't.	"	29 2	38 2	488 33	555 37
185	2/1 M.G. Bn. J 1st Reinf't.	"	28 5	49 4	562 50	639 59
190	No. 2 Spec. Dental Unit	"	1	1	3	5
188	Adv. Depot Med. Stores	"	1	1	7	9
	H.Q. 19 Inf. Bde. J Int. Corps Att'd.	"	10	8 2	55	73 2
	A.A.E.S. 2 A.G.H. Nurses	"	13	-	-	13
	2 A.G.H. Surgeon	"	1	-	-	1
193	No. 5 Spec. Dental Unit	"	1	1	3	5
	TOTAL		212	265	3,859	4,336
	Spare Berths					164
						4,500

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TENTATIVE SHIP ALLOTMENT - H.M.T. X.4

(Capacity 2,200)

MOST SECRET

Serial No.	Unit	Location	Off.	W.Os. & Sgts.	R.A.P.	Total
145	6 Div. Sigs. (Less "G" Sec.) 1st Reinft.		14 1	19 1	289 22	302 24
151	49 L.A.D. (6 Div. Sigs.)		1	1	11	13
159	6 Div. Sec. Ord. Pd. Pk. 1st Reinft.		3	3	67 6	73 6
173	2/9 En. 1st Reinft.		33 7	44 4	704 70	781 81
177	2/3 Fd. Coy. 1st Reinft. J		3 1	5 1	167 10	175 12
178	2/1 Pd. Pk. Coy. 1st Reinft. J		3	6 1	137 8	145 9
179	2/3 Fd. Regt. (Less 2/6 Fd. Bty. J w/1st Reinft.) 1st Reinft.		25 3	31 3	385 25	441 31
180	41 L.A.D. (2/3 Fd. Regt.)		1	1	11	13
185	H Sec. 6 Div. Sigs. 1st Reinft.		1	1	25 1	27 1
189	No. 1 Spec. Dental Unit		1	1	3	5
	Nurses		6	-	-	6
	A.G.H. Surgeon		1	-	-	1
	TOTAL		104	122	1,921	2,147
	Spare Berths					53
						2,200

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TENTATIVE SHIP ALLOTMENT - H.M.F. X.5

(Capacity 1,322)

MOST SECRET

Serial No.	Unit	Location	Off.	W.Os. & Sgts.	R.&F.	Total
147	6 Div. Arm. Coy. 1st Reinf.	S. Comd.	8	12	329	349
		"			11	11
152	A Hd. Workshop (Less One Recovery Sec.) 1st Reinf.	"	10	57	319	386
		"		3	12	15
179	2/6 Fd. Bty. 1st Reinf.	W. Comd.	8	8	130	146
		"	1		10	11
194	No. 6 Spec. Dental Unit	S. Comd.	1	1	3	5
195	A.A.H.S. Nurses		8	-	-	8
	3 A.G.H.	(S. Comd.	2	-	25	27
	<i>Spec.</i>	(R. Comd.	5	-	21	26
	■ Details Overseas Base, 6 Div. H.Q. & Corps H.Q.	S. Comd.	15	5	30	50
	TOTAL		58	86	890	1,034
	Spare Berths					288
						1,322

■ Approximate Allotment for these H.Q.

*Binnil.
Burgess
Booker
Simpson*

FIRST Convoy 2ND A.I.F

TRANSPORT	ALLOTTMENT-WAR ESTAB.			ACTUAL EMBARKATION			DISCREPANCIES					
	OFFICERS	WDS & SERGS	TOTAL	Officer	WDS & SERGS	TOTAL	OFFICERS		WDS & SERGS		TOTAL	
							+	-	+	-	+	-
U. 1												
U. 2	72	84	1465	55	64	1468		-17		-20	+3	
U. 3	77	94	1294	74	65	1339		-3		-29	+45	
U. 4	99	101	1263	84	58	1251		-15		-43		-12
U. 5	71	85	1164	72	65	1170	+1			-20	+6	
TOTAL							+1	-35		-112	+54	-12
NETT							-34		-112		+42	
FINAL NETT							-104					

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NOMINAL ROLLS A.A.F. 206. EMBARKATION 1ST CONVOY.

I am of the opinion that the question of Nominal Rolls for Embarkation needs reconsideration in time for a simpler procedure to be adopted before the departure of the next convoy.

Instructions issued by me placed a personal responsibility on O.C.'s of Units, or portion of a Unit allotted to a transport, to deliver to Embarkation Staff on arrival at the berth 6 copies of A.A.F. T.51 (Strength Return on Embarkation and Disembarkation).

As events transpired the returns which were rendered were indifferently prepared and had every appearance in most cases of complete unreliability. The net result of this was that Embarkation Staff were left in considerable doubt as to whether -

- A26/2/40.
- (a) Units were adhering to prearranged ship allotments.
 - (b) Accommodation was not being overtaxed on transports on which only a very small reserve was available.

I had previously discussed with you the general question of Embarkation returns and I expressed the opinion that a strength return unsupported by a nominal roll was of little value, and that I considered it important if my Staff were to carry out their duties satisfactorily, and ensure a correct embarkation, that O.C.'s of Units or portions of a Unit embarking should be placed under personal responsibility to produce a correct Nominal Roll to support their strength returns.

Sheet 3 of Strength Return on Embarkation and Disembarkation A.A.F. T.51 provided a suitable form of a Nominal Roll to be continued if necessary on foolscap size

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flimsy, and it was proposed that six copies of the complete return should be completed and the distribution proposed would have saved considerable overlap as provision was included in the 6 copies for

Officer-In-Charge Records Overseas
District Records Office
2nd Echelon

Sheet 3 of A.A.F. T.51 was however discarded and instructions issued by A Branch in connection with the compilation and distribution of Nominal Rolls. A.A.F. 206, provided as follows -

"In order that casualties which occur on the day of embarkation are duly recorded on Nominal Rolls, arrangements are to be made by District Records Offices and Camp Headquarters in conjunction for representatives to obtain office accommodation at the wharf, to receive Unit casualty returns and make any necessary entries therefrom on the six copies of Embarkation Nominal Roll A.A.F. 206 prior to their being handed to Embarkation Staff Officer for disposal."

I understand that the A.A.F.'s 206's were produced at least 7 days prior to embarkation with the view to relieving Units of as much administrative work as possible at a time when other important duties were requiring attention.

This was worthy enough in principle and on the assumption that Records at the wharf would produce correct Rolls to the Embarkation Staff I agreed to accept from O.C.'s Units or portions of Units embarking the Strength Return only.

The Strength Returns as previously mentioned proved to be unreliable, and far from receiving correct Rolls at the time of embarkation, it was not until the 24th January that Embarkation Staff Sydney were able to forward copies to Army Headquarters. The intervening period they reported was fully occupied in endeavouring to straighten out the very unsatisfactory state in which the Rolls were in.

I consider this is a most undesirable state of affairs, and it is not unreasonable to assume that if copies of Nominal Rolls were placed on board the ships in Sydney before departure they must have been very inaccurate.

Notwithstanding it was 14 days before I knew to what

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extent Units had adhered to their ship allotments, or otherwise at what strength they had embarked, i.e. whether above or below the accommodation provided, I still have considerable doubt whether the Rolls finally delivered on 24th January were reliable. If they were so, serious issues arise in respect to certain sub-units which, due to the accommodation available were unavoidably separated from their parent Units and are shown as embarking not under the charge of their Officers, e.g.

(a) Reinforcements 2/1 Bn.

Allotted to U.4 7 Officers 4 W.O. & Sgts. 70 O.R's.

Recorded as embarking - - 39 O.R's.

5 Officers in excess of authorised allotment are recorded on A 206 however as embarking on U.5.

(b) 1 Squadron. 6 Div. Recce. Regt.

Allotted to U.2 7 Officers 7 W.O. & Sgts. 89 O.R's.

Recorded as embarking Nil 9 " 80 O.R's.

6 Officers in excess of authorised allotment are recorded on A 206 however as embarking on U.3.

(c) 6 Div. Recce. Regt. Sig. Sec. is not recorded as having embarked but it may be assumed that as 6 Div. Sigs. embarked 12 other ranks in excess of its authorised establishment that other ranks of Recce. Regt. Sig. Sec. were included on this Units Nominal Roll.

It will be admitted that the considerable replacements effected at the last hour due in the main to medical examination contributed in no little degree to the difficulty in producing correct Nominal Rolls. Replacements were in fact being made up to the last minute of embarkation and were in fact delivered, in one known instance, to one of the transports after it had moved from its berth to its buoy, pending departure for its appointed rendezvous in the Convoy. The late hour replacements could only add to the difficulty of

O.C. Troops on board if the original Rolls were in an unsatisfactory condition, as it can be assumed that some of the personnel drafted at the last minute to Units must have been complete strangers to their new O.C.'s.

Apart from this consideration, if it is desired to effect last minute replacements, the importance of Embarkation Staff knowing the actual strength already embarked is most important as otherwise it will easily transpire that embarkations exceed accommodation available.

On the question of overlapping it is pointed out that of the 6 copies of the Nominal Roll A.206 delivered to the Embarkation Staff it was originally proposed that District Records - 2nd Echelon Army Headquarters and Records Overseas should each receive a copy, but separate provision was made in connection with the distribution of A.A.F. 206 and unnecessary overlap resulted. At least 11 copies of Nominal Rolls A.206 were produced in addition to 3 copies of A.206 (A) and 5 copies of A.206 (B) - total 19 sheets.

So far as I am interested however I consider that the A.206 is unnecessarily cumbersome, uneconomical, and, taken together with the large number produced under instruction, in itself contributed very largely to the difficulties experienced.

If, as may be as likely as not, more ships have to be handled at the one time consideration may have to be given to what extent special arrangements for office accommodation for Records and Pay Sections may tend to congest the general dock area.

In Sydney accommodation had to be specially built to house the Embarkation Staff, and the large Staff from District Records engaged in last minute correction of the Nominal Rolls and checking Pay Documents and Records, and the berthing arrangements for 1st Convoy ships at least were most convenient and made the provision of the special accommodation referred to possible without congestion to the general dock area

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but no reliance at this stage can however be placed on future embarkations on such a convenient programme.

This question will undoubtedly need particular attention in Melbourne as I anticipate that with 5 or 6 ships to be handled at Port Melbourne the problem of forthcoming embarkation will be very much more acute, and with the limited accommodation available it will be necessary for a considerable portion to be set aside for the embarkation and sea transport staff together.

I feel sure that if some simpler procedure is not devised and documents are not reduced to a handler form, difficulties that previously occurred will be aggravated rather than reduced.

In regard to the process of detailed allotment of accommodation on board ship and the actual berthing of Officers, Senior N.C.O.'s and Other Ranks in accordance with prearranged plans, I cannot place too much stress on the necessity for co-operation with Embarkation Staff and assistance by O.C.'s of Units and sub-Unit Commanders, and if this is to be achieved the closest supervision of Unit personnel is essential. This supervision by Unit Officers was however definitely lacking in Sydney and I feel sure that if, in future, O.C.'s of Units, or portions of Units embarking, are made personally responsible for the delivery of Nominal Rolls, supported by Strength Returns, to Embarkation Staff at the wharf and for subsequent assistance in checking of personnel through a properly conducted Roll call - and the issue of the Pay Identification cards, the general question of embarkation will be much more satisfactory from your point of view and mine also.

Middle East Command cabled for advice as to numbers by Units embarked on each ship and this information was supplied from the original ship allotments prepared by my Staff.

Subsequently after receipt of the Rolls from Sydney on 24th January, I despatched to Headquarters Overseas Base copies for each ship with instructions to Brigadier Morris to despatch a

liaison party to the Port of Disembarkation to co-operate with the British Authorities and to arrange as early as practicable a check of personnel on disembarkation. This action was taken in collaboration with your Branch and Finance Branch.

It is relevant to note in support of my contention of the cumbersome nature of the A.206 that the combined weight of one copy of a Nominal Roll for each ship was approximately 15 lbs. and cost £30 to despatch. The weight of the 11 copies, plus the 206 (A) and 206 (B's) for 1st Convoy would therefore approximately be 300 lbs. and if the whole of the Second A.I.F. had been embarked the nett weight would have been $300 \times 3\frac{1}{2} = 1050$ lbs. or nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ ton (minimum).

Inability of Records Section at the wharf to deliver the Nominal Roll to Embarkation Staff (in Sydney) left the problem of checking personnel on Board entirely in the hands of the Finance and Record representatives. Responsibilities passed out of the hands of Embarkation Staff and O.C.'s Unit, or sub-Unit, thus depriving the former of strict control over the prearranged berthing plan and the latter of personal interest and responsibility in the embarkation of their personnel. Thus relieved of these duties it was observed that many Officers were actually at Breakfast on U.4 whilst their personnel were being checked on gangways and berthed by Embarkation Staff.

At a very early stage in the planning for movement of the 1st Convoy advice had to be given to the Navy regarding particulars of accommodation required in the transport for Officers, M.C.O. and Other Ranks and I attach for your perusal and information statement showing discrepancies between accommodation requested and occupied. It is appreciated that O.C.'s Units comprising the 1st Convoy had not, prior to embarkation, made promotions to fill vacancies to complete their authorised Establishments and in consequence surplus accommodation was provided for Officers and Warrant Officers and Sergeants whilst accommodation was short for Other Ranks in some ships. It is suggested for future embarkations in an

endeavour to overcome this problem, that my Staff be furnished with more precise information regarding the strength of Officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants likely to be embarked.

It will be appreciated that discrepancies such as referred to previously, made it difficult for Ship's Personnel especially as regards Messing and Victualling arrangements etc., and for the Embarkation Staff as regards allotment of accommodation.

I suggest for your consideration that the general question of embarkation documents, i.e. Nominal Rolls, be considered conjointly by your Staff - Finance and my Staff and the present procedure examined in the light of past experiences.


Quartermaster General.

Copies for -

C.G.S.
M.G.O.
F.M.
6 Div.✓

EMBARKATION U.2.

			<u>Officers</u>	<u>W.O.'s</u>	<u>Sgts.</u>	<u>O/Ranks</u>
Serial No. 114	2/3 Bn.	W.E.	32	7	36	704
	1st Reinf.	W.E.	7	1	3	70
			39	8	39	774
	Embkd.		31		24	779
			-8		-23	+5
No. 116	2/1 Field Coy.	W.E.	5	1	5	230
	1st Reinf.	W.E.	1			15
			6	1	5	245
	Embkd.		7		8	245
			+1		+2	-
No. 124	Details 6 Div.					
	Supply Col.	W.E.	11	2	18	268
	Embkd.		10		17	270
			-1		-3	+2
No. 130 (B)	Div. Recce.					
	Regt.	W.E.	7	1	6	89
	Embkd.		-		9	80
			-7		+2	-9
No. 112 (C)	Serial C.					
	2/1 Bn.	W.E.	4	1	3	89
	Embkd.		2		6	94
			-2		+2	+5
No. 129	Nurses	W.E.	3			
	Embkd.		3			
			-			
No. 129	1 Gen Hos.	W.E.	1			
	Embkd.		1			
			-			
Y.W.C.A.		W.E.	1			
	Embkd.		1			
			-			

RECAPITULATION

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>W.O.'s & Sgts.</u>	<u>O/Ranks</u>
W.E.	72	84	1,465
Embkd.	55	64	1,468
	-17	-20	+3

EMBARKATION U.3.

			<u>Officers</u>	<u>W.O.'s</u>	<u>Sgts.</u>	<u>O/Ranks</u>
Serial No. 108	2/1 Fd. Amb. W.E.		12	2	16	227
	" 1st Reinf. W.E.		-	-	-	5
			12	2	16	232
	Embkd.		12		11	241
			-		-7	+9
No. 115	2/4 Bn. W.E.		33	7	37	704
	1st Reinf. W.E.		7	1	3	70
			40	8	40	774
	Embkd.		31		28	808
			-9		-20	+34
No. 130 (A)	6 Div. Recce. W.E.		20	6	17	286
	Regt. W.E.		26	-	21	288
	Embkd.					
			+6		-2	+2
No. 110	6 Fd. Cash Office W.E.		1	1	4	2
	Embkd.		1	1	4	2
			-	-	-	-
No. 129	Nurses	W.E.	3			
		Embkd.	3			
			-			
	Y.M.C.A.	W.E.	1			
		Embkd.	1			
			-			

RECAPITULATION

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>W.O.'s & Sgts.</u>	<u>O/Ranks</u>
W.E.	77	94	1,294
Embkd.	74	65	1,339
	-3	-29	+45

EMBARKATION U.4.

			<u>Officers</u>	<u>W.O.'s</u>	<u>Sgts.</u>	<u>O/Ranks</u>
Serial No. 113	2/2nd Bn.	W.E.	33	7	37	704
	1st Reinf.	W.E.	7	1	3	70
			40	8	40	774
		Embkd.	38		29	790
			-2		-19	+16
No. 112 (B)	2/1 Bn. 1 Reinf.	W.E.	7	1	3	70
		Embkd.	-	-	-	39
			-7	-1	-3	-31
No. 111	H.Qrs. 16th Inf. Bde.	W.E.	12	1	7	55
	1 Reinf.	W.E.				2
			12	1	7	57
		Embkd.	7	1	7	49
			-5	-	-	-8
No. 117	6 Div. Signals	W.E.	4	1	4	139
		Embkd.	4	1	4	151
			-	-	-	+12
No. 128	6 Div. Postal Unit	W.E.	1	-	2	19
		Embkd.	1		1	16
			-	-	-1	-3
No. 129	1 Gen. Hos.	W.E.	24	3	21	126
	1 Reinf.	W.E.	1		1	4
			25	3	22	130
		Embkd.	23		15	150
			-2		-10	+20
No. 109	2/1 Hy. Sect.	W.E.	1	-	4	24
	1 Reinf.	W.E.				1
			1	-	4	25
		Embkd.	1	-	4	22
			-	-	-	-3
No. 129	Nurses	W.E.	3			
		Embkd.	3			
			=			
No. 130 (O)	6 Div. Recce. Regt.	W.E.	3	1	3	38
	1 Reinf.	W.E.				
		Embkd.	1	-	-	34
			-2	-1	-3	-4
No. 131	6 Div. Recce. Regt. Signals	W.E.	1		1	10
	1 Reinf.	W.E.				1
			1	-	1	11
		Embkd.	-	-	-	-
			-1	-	-1	-11 X
War Correspondent			1			
Salvation Army			1			
			2			
		Embkd.	2			
			=			

X ? might be included with Serial No. 117.

EMBARKATION U.4. (Contd.)

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	<u>Officers</u>	<u>W.O.'s & Sgts.</u>	<u>O/Ranks</u>
W.E.	99	101	1,263
Embkd.	84 *	58 I	1,251
	-15	-29	-12

* Includes 4 Masseurs
I Excludes 4 do.

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EMBARKATION U.5.

			<u>Officers</u>	<u>W.O.'s</u>	<u>Sgts.</u>	<u>O/Ranks</u>
Serial No. 123	2/1 Fd. Regt.	W.E.	32	10	31	514
	1st Reinf.	W.E.	4	1	2	35
			36	11	33	549
	Embkd.		32		37	554
			-4		-7	+5

"	No. 112 (a)	2/1 Bn.				
		(less Serial C)	W.E.	30	6	35
		Embkd.	35		28	615
			+5		-13	+1

"	No. 129	Nurses	W.E.	3		
		Embkd.	3			
			-			
			=			

"	No. 129	1 Gen. Hos.	W.E.	1		
		Embkd.	1			
			-			
			=			

	Aust. Comforts	W.E.	1			
		Embkd.	1			
			-			
			=			

RECAPITULATION

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>W.O.'s & Sgts.</u>	<u>O/Ranks</u>
W.E.	71	85	1,164
Embkd.	72	65	1,170
	+1	-20	+6



SECOND AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—3RD MILITARY DISTRICT.

6 AUS. DIV. 83/12

(Address) H.Q. A.S.C. 6 Aus. Div.,
(Date) POCKAPUNTAL.

28 Dec. 59.

Districts Records Office,
Craig's Bldgs.,
Elizabeth Street,
MELBOURNE.

Copy-H.Q. 6 Aus. Div. 441 St. Kilda Road.
Southern Command, Victoria Barracks.

URGENT

EMBARKATION DOCUMENTS.

To enable this Unit to prepare its Embarkation Documents,
it is essential that the records of all soldiers be made available
to this Unit.

It is pointed out that this Unit is made up of personnel
not only from Victoria, but from all States of the Commonwealth,
and at present the only records held by this Unit in relation to
personnel are the records concerning Victorians. The document in
particular that is essential, is the Medical History Sheet (M),
and without this it is impossible to compile the necessary
Embarkation Documents.

It is requested, therefore, that this Unit be supplied
forthwith, with the records required.

If the records are not at present in your office, it is
suggested that urgent contact be made with the respective D.R.O.'s
of other States, with a view to having the required records
forwarded forthwith by first despatch to this Unit direct. It is
suggested that use of Air Mail be made.

Please treat this matter as one of extreme urgency.

A. 28/12/59

P.A. only 28/12

W.B. Lovridge

Lt. Col. -
C.A.S.C. 6 Aus. Div.

Transport	Date of Sailing	Port of Embarkation	Total Embarked on Transport		Attached Personnel		Units per Arms & attchd.	Total per Arms Embarked on Transport	Progressive Total per Arms Embarked to-date	Dist.	District Enlistments Total per Transport	District Enlistments Progressive Total Embarked
			O	O/R	AANS	ATT'D						
			46	58			Headqrtrs.	...32.....	...32.....	1 M.D.	.....7.....	.....7.....
							Cavalry	A ....8.....	.....8.....	2 M.D.	.....25.....	.....25.....
							Artllry.	B ....14.....	...14.....	3 M.D.	.....56.....	.....56.....
							Engineers	C .....6.....	.....6.....	4 M.D.	.....5.....	.....5.....
							Signals	D .....8.....	.....8.....	5 M.D.	.....7.....	.....7.....
							Infantry	E .....27.....	.....27.....	6 M.D.	.....4.....	.....4.....
							Tanks	F .....9.....	.....9.....	7 M.D.	.....	.....
							Sup. & Tpt.	G .....9.....	.....9.....	P.M.F.	.....	.....
							Medical	H .....9.....	.....9.....	Attchd	.....	.....
							Ordnance	J .....9.....	.....9.....			
							Vetinerary	K .....9.....	.....9.....			
							Remounts	L .....9.....	.....9.....			
							Pay Corps	M .....9.....	.....9.....			
							Provost	N .....9.....	.....9.....			
							Postal	O .....9.....	.....9.....			
							Labours	P .....9.....	.....9.....			
							Attached					
							Total	104				
							Progressive Total Embarked	104				

R.M.S. "STRATHALLAN"

15/12/

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Melb.

Date... Dec. 31st 1939

Transport	Date of Sailing	Port of Embarkation	Total Embarked on Transport		Attached Personnel		Units per Arms & attchd.	Total per Arms Embarked on Transport ...U.1....	Progressive Total per Arms Embarked to-date	Dist.	District Enlistments Total per Transport U.1.	District Enlistments Progressive Total Embarked
			U.1....		AANS ATT'D							
			O	O/R								
U.1.	11/1 1940	Melb & Free-mantle	52	694	38	11	Headqrtrs.	128	160	1 M.D.	7	14
							Cavalry	A	8	2 M.D.	204	229
							Artllry.	B	20	3 M.D.	469	525
							Engineers	C	12	4 M.D.	36	41
							Signals	D	8	5 M.D.	55	62
							Infantry	E	35	6 M.D.	13	17
							Tanks	F		7 M.D.		
			TOTAL:- 795.				Sup. & Tpt.	G	298	P.M.F.		
							Medical	H	x 50	Attchd	11	11
							Ordnance	J	175			
							Vetinerary	K	1		795	899
							Remounts	L				
							Pay Corps	M	37			
							Provost	N	64			
							Postal	O	11			
							Labours	P				
							Attached		11			
Total								795				
Progressive Total Embarked									899			

Date.....Jan.31st, 1940,.....

x Includes 38 Nurses.

Total Nurses Embarked 38.

Date.....Jan.31st.,1940;.....

x Includes 38 Nurses.

Total Nurses Embarked 38.

Page 3.													
Transport	Date of Sailing	Port of Embarkation	Total Embarked on Transport		Attached Personnel		Units per Arms & attchd.	Total per Arms Embarked on Transport	Progressive Total per Arms Embarked to-date	Dist.	District Enlistments Total per Transport	District Enlistments Progressive Total Embarked	
			U 2.	O/R	AANS	ATT'D		U 2.			U 2		
U 2	Jan 9/10 1940	SYDNEY	60	1519	3	1.	Headqtrrs.	(89)	160	1 M.D.	52	66	
							Cavalry	A	89	97	2 M.D.	1520	1749
							Artllry.	B		20	3 M.D.	9	534
							Engineers	C	260	272	4 M.D.	1	42
							Signals	D		8	5 M.D.		62
							Infantry	E	932	35	6 M.D.		17
							Tanks	F		-	7 M.D.		
							Sup. & Tpt.	G	294	601	P.M.F.		
							Medical	H	6	56	Attchd	1	12
							Ordnance	J		175			
							Vetinerary	K		1			
							Remounts	L		-			
							Pay Corps	M	1	38			
							Provost	N		64			
							Postal	O		11			
							Labours	P		-			
							Attached			1	12		
Total								1583					
Progressive Total Embarked									2482				
TOTAL:- 1583.													
Date.....JAN 31ST 1940.....													
x Includes 3 Nurses.													
Total Nurses embarked 41.													

Page 4												
Transport	Date of Sailing	Port of Embarkation	Total Embarked on Transport		Attached Personnel	Units per Arms & attchd.	Total per Arms Embarked on Transport ..U3.....	Progressive Total per Arms Embarked to-date	Dist.	District Enlistments Total per Transport U3	District Enlistments Progressive Total Embarked	
			.....U3...	O/R								
U3	Jan 9/10 1940	Sydney	68	1422	3	1	Headqtrrs.	8	168	1 M.D.	13	79
							Cavalry	336	433	2 M.D.	1244	2993
							Artllry.		20	3 M.D.	122	656
							Engineers		272	4 M.D.	60	102
							Signals		8	5 M.D.	41	103
							Infantry	866	35	6 M.D.	13	30
							Tanks			7 M.D.		
							Sup. & Tpt.	59	600	P.M.F.		
							Medical	216	272	Attchd	1	13
							Ordnance		175			
							Vetinerary		1			
							Remounts					
							Pay Corps	8	46			
							Provost		64			
							Postal		11			
				Labours								
				Attached		1	13					
Total						1494						
Progressive Total Embarked							3976					
Date.... Jan. 31st 1940												
x Includes 3 Nurses												
Total Nurses Embarked												
44												

x Includes 3 Nurses

Total Nurses Embarked

44

Transport	Date of Sailing	Port of Embarkation	Total Embarked on Transport		Attached Personnel		Units per Arms & attchd.	Total per Arms Embarked on Transport ..U4.....	Progressive Total per Arms Embarked to-date	Dist.	District Enlistments Total per Transport U4	District Enlistments Progressive Total Embarked	
			U.4.....	O/R	AANS	ATT'D							
U4	Jan 9/10 1940	Sydney	67	1295	7	3	Headqtrrs.		168	1 M.D.	87		
							Cavalry	A	35	468	2 M.D.	4317	
							Artllry.	B		29	3 M.D.	792	
							Engineers	C		272	4 M.D.	102	
							Signals	D	168	162	5 M.D.	104	
							Infantry	E	941	876	6 M.D.	30	
							Tanks	F			7 M.D.		
							Sup. & Tpt.	G		660	P.M.F.		
							Medical	H	X 215	487	Attchd	3	16
							Ordnance	J		175			
							Vetinerary	K		1			
							Remounts	L					
							Pay Corps	M		46			
							Provost	N		64			
							Postal	O	18	29			
							Labours	P					
							Attached		3	16			
Total								1372					
Progressive Total Embarked									5348				

Date....Jan. 31st.1940.....

X Includes 7 Nurses

Total Nurses Embarked

51

Transport	Date of Sailing	Port of Embarkation	Total Embarked on Transport U5		Attached Personnel		Units per Arms & attchd.	Total per Arms Embarked on Transport U5	Progressive Total per Arms Embarked to-date	Dist.	District Enlistments Total per Transport U5	District Enlistments Progressive Total Embarked
			O	O/R	AANS	ATT'D						
U5	Jan 9/10 1940	Sydney	58	1243	3	1	Headqtrrs.		168	1 M.D.		87
							Cavalry	A	468	2 M.D.	1301	5618
							Artllry.	B	621 541	3 M.D.	3	795
							Engineers	C	272	4 M.D.		102
							Signals	D	168	5 M.D.		104
							Infantry	E	678 1654	6 M.D.		30
							Tanks	F		7 M.D.		
							Sup. & Tpt.	G	660	P.M.F.		
							Medical	H	75 492	Attchd	1	17
							Ordnance	J	175			
							Vetinerary	K	1			
							Remounts	L				
							Pay Corps	M	46			
							Provost	N	64			
							Postal	O	29			
							Labours	P				
							Attached		1	17		
Total								1305				
Progressive Total Embarked								6653				

Date... Jan. 31st 1940

X Includes 3 Nurses

Total Nurses Embarked

54

Date... Jan. 31st 1940

X Includes 3 Nurses

Total Nurses Embarked

54

INAG

The attached may interest you.

G.O.C. wants action taken as follows:-

Secty
Despatched
15/2

(a) Arrangements made that Bde Comd or C.O. are not to be O.C. Troop in 2nd Group.

(b) Statement prepared showing extent to which units of 1st Group were short embarked.

O.C. 2nd Battalion A.H.Q.
is supplying the basic
data for this. 15/2

14/2



GDH.

FILE 29/1.

2nd AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

29 Jan., '40.

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL.

Colonel S.F. Rowell, O.B.E.,
Headquarters, 6th Australian Division,
411, St. Kilda Road,
MELBOURNE. Victoria.

Dear Sid,

We have had a very pleasant journey to date, and tomorrow will be at Colombo. Training has been carried out energetically on this ship, and I feel sure that the Syllabus laid down has been followed with the same zest on all other transports of the Australian Convoy. There are a few cases of German measles on board, but, as a result of the training and the time devoted to organized games, both officers and men are hard and fit.

The following matters in connection with the move were not quite satisfactory, and I feel sure that if attention was given to them before any similar move is made in the future, those concerned will benefit considerably. They are as follows :-

(1) MARKING & LOADING OF STORES.

I fully appreciate that there was a shortage of equipment right up to the time of departure, and possibly it was this fact which resulted in the stores being put on board in unmarked cases, which necessitated opening every case to see what was in it. As a result, days elapsed before blackboards, landscape targets, etc., could be located, and even now there are several items which we were informed would be placed on board, which have not been located.

I suggest that in future each case be numbered, and a list provided showing where each case is stored, and what it contains.

(2) SECURITY.

I was very anxious to commence full security measures immediately we left Sydney, and, although no unit censor stamps had been received, instructions were issued that all outward mail was to be dealt with in terms of the Manual of Military Intelligence Pamphlet No. 2-1938, only to discover that each Australian transport had received a copy of a letter written by the Director-General of Postal Services, to the Secretary to the Department of the Army, suggesting some entirely different system, and forwarding a rubber stamp reading (for this ship) "H.M. TRANSPORT No. 4".

As instructions had been issued that no reference to any location was on any account to be indicated in the men's letters, this special stamp was somewhat embarrassing.

(3) IDENTITY DISCS (NAME OF UNIT).

Manual of Military Intelligence, Pamphlet No. 2-1938, page 15, sub. para. 3, lays down that on no account will a prisoner of war disclose the name of his unit.

Already received by aches wire.

R.S.R. Vol.1, 1930, page 302, Sec. 125 (1) lays down that an identity disc will be marked with a soldier's name, number (if any) and religion (no reference to unit).

Yet Standing orders for the 2nd A.I.F., Chapter 9, Page 6, show a diagram of an identity disc with the name of the unit clearly marked in the centre of the disc.

Not only does this instruction appear to infringe security requirements, but it would also cause difficulties in the event of a soldier's transfer to another unit, as there is insufficient room for the name of another unit to be entered.

It is also noticed that the soldier's "unit" is shown in the Soldier's Pay Book. This book is of course, normally carried on the soldier.

(4) SENIOR MILITARY OFFICER'S POSITION IN THE CONVOY.

It would be of great assistance if the Senior Military officer were aboard the first ship to enter each port, as the burning question of leave has to be arranged as early as possible with the military authorities at each port.

I and my staff are in the transport which was seventh to enter the last port, and will be the fifth to enter port tomorrow. It is too late now to make any alteration.

The need to mention above, for me to enter port at the earliest possible moment is obvious, and I feel sure that, with a little more forethought and liaison with the sailors, the difficulty could be overcome on any future occasion.

And now for some general chat: we have 15 medical specialists on board, and their services are much appreciated. The four women masseurs are an innovation from the last war, and Campbell has already had successful treatment for the little finger of his right hand, which was dislocated by a medicine ball.

George Wootten, who sends his kind regards, is full of energy, and I intend to hand over to him 7 or 8 days before reaching our destination. Despite his bulk and the heat, he plays a very good game of deck quoits, and he, Campbell and Lovell, my Intelligence Officer, play together every afternoon with me.

We left behind a few men at Fremantle, but at present it is not possible to tell the exact number, as H.M.S. "Kent", which is one of our escorts, and was the last to leave port, picked up several stragglers.

I was concerned to see in the Daily Wireless Bulletin that it was rumoured that recruiting for the A.I.F. was to be stopped until next June. If this rumour is true, does it mean that we are going to be left in the air, as our reinforcements will require training, and we might need them soon after June.

10H
SYDNEY
In connection with this matter, we finally embarked about 100 men short, thanks to the last minute X-ray examination, and, as a few men were disembarked at Fremantle, and one or two go off tomorrow, we will need more reinforcements.

I have not yet received the instructions which you mentioned in your last letter, but possibly they are with the Australian mail, which is aboard H.M.S. "Kent", and which will be distributed tomorrow in port.

Please remember me kindly to the General.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sgd/-) ALLEN

By Hand to me for dispatch of pages 1, 2, 3, 4 in cipher, remainder by Air Mail
At. Aslett Major GENERAL STAFF

SECOND AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

SECRET

H.Q. 6 Aus Div.
441 St Hilda Rd.
MELBOURNE. S.C.2.

29th January 1940.

Major A. S. Wilson,
D.A.D.C.S. 6 Aus Div.

Copies to:

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6 AUS DIV CIRCULAR - G95.
COMMAND 6 AUS DIV H.Q. PERECIVILL - 1st CONVOY.

In order to facilitate organization during the voyage, the following details will be placed under the orders of MAJOR A.S. WILSON as from the time of embarkation -

<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>UNIT.</u>
103	Details H.Q. 6 Aus Div.
104	6 Aus Div Int. Sec.
105	Details H.Q. R.A.A. 6 Aus Div
106	Details H.Q. R.A.E. 6 Aus Div.
127	6 Aus Div Pro Coy.

2. Nominal roll of personnel of Serials 103 and 104 is attached hereto. Senior officers of Serials 105, 106 and 127 will provide nominal rolls to MAJOR WILSON immediately after embarkation.

G. H. Arnold

Col.
G.S. 6 Aus Div.

S E C R E T.

NOMINAL ROLL OF PERSONNEL OF H.Q. 6 AUS DIV.

AID DIV. INTELLIGENCE SECTION EMBARKING ON

U.I. 11th JANUARY, 1940.

VX 236	MAJOR A. S. WILSON	D.A.D.O.S. 6 Aus Div
NX 186	MAJOR N.H.W. SAXBY	D.A.D.N.S. 6 Aus Div
VX 2	CAPT. A.G. OLDFAM	G.S.O.III 6 Aus Div
VX 12	CAPT. W.W.K. IRVINE	L.S.O. 6 Aus Div.
VX 217	CAPT. C.J. POPE	Attached 6 Aus Div
VX 183	LINUT G. HOWALKER	6 Aus Div Int Sec
VX 3557	" R.R. VIAL	6 Aus Div Int Sec.
VX 7403	Sgt. I.R.C. BROWN)	
VX 7445	" H. p. BRADDOCK)	
VX 7618	" B.C.J. HEREDITH)	
NX 8805	" A.G. TONGE)	
NX 8309	" S. REES)	
NX 392	" L. H. CHRISTIE)	6 Aus Div Int Sec.
VX 393	" K. H. ST WENS)	
NX 9800	" H. HARRIS)	
VX 9819	Pte H. FRIMBLE)	
VX 6817	" R.R. MCCORMIE)	
NX 9251	W.O.I. C. McL. McRIZIE -	Ordnance Conductor
VX 3958	Cpl D.H. McCRAE -	Int Corporal Recorder
VX9545	Pte E.J. WILSON	Batman (Capt Oldham)
VX 8975	Cpl D. MARCEL	Medical Clerk
VX 9510	Pte R.R. ROBERTS	Batman (Maj. Saxby)
NX 0206	Pte A.E. ANNOLD	Ordnance
VX 7444	Pte R.E. TALBOT	Clerk (G)
NX 9108	Pte L.A. MARCEL	Ordnance
VX 4636	Pte F.W. TILFERN	Clerk (A2)
VX1452	Pte B.W. COOPER	Draughtsman
VX 2974	Pte W.A. Thomas	Cook (Men's mess)
VX 7473	Pte W.J. YOUNG	Cook (Officer's Mess)
VX 5211	" C.H. DAWSON	Driver H.T. (car)
VX 436	" E. COOLING	" "
VX 9487	" W. H. GOLDSBOROHN	" " (Car-Truck)
VX2203	" A. C. MacDONALD	" " Truck
VX 1441	" P. L.T. CULVER	" " (car-Van)
VX 1416	" J.P. BILBOURNE	" " (Van-truck)
VX 1425	" A.V. SMITH	Orderley (H-Cyclist)
VX 6811	" R. MORRISON	" "
VX 3392	" E.H. THOMPSON	Batman (Capt Irvine)
NX 6670	" J. R. JENKINS	Ordnance
NX8003	" P. HAYE	Storeman
NX6702	" J.R. BROWN	Storeman
NX 6663	" L.A. CROSE	Batman - Driver (Major Wilson)
VX 2431	" T.R. GILSON	Batman

SECOND AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

SECRET

497/16.

Headquarters,
6 Aus. Div.,
441, St. Kilda Road,
MELBOURNE S.C.2.

5th January 1940.

I M M E D I A T E

6 AUS. DIV. CIRCULAR G. 82.

COMMAND - TROOPS EMBARKING 1ST CONVOY

With reference to 6 Aus. Div. Circular G.30,
the units noted therein will come under the orders of
Comdr. 16 Aus. Inf. Bde., for all purposes, as from the
time of embarkation.

2. This instruction will be promulgated to all
unit Comdrs. forthwith.

S. Howell
Col.
G.S. 6 Aus. Div.

DISTRIBUTION.

6 Aus. Div. Recce Regt.	1
R.A. 6 Aus. Div.	2
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Sigs, 6 Aus. Div.	1
16 Aus. Inf. Bde.	1
A.S.C. 6 Aus. Div.	3
A.D.M.S.	4
D.A.D.O.S.	1
2/1 A. Hd. Workshop	1

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TELEPHONE CENTRAL 7115.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—3RD MILITARY DISTRICT.

DS. 27/12a

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
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H. Q. SOUTHERN COMMAND
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No. 1939 / 326

HEAD-QUARTERS,
SOUTHERN COMMAND.

Melbourne,

27 DEC 1939

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/ H.Q., 6 Div.
Camp Commandant, Puckapunyal.
Camp Commandant, Showgrounds.
3rd District Records Office.
Brig. 1/c Admin.
G.S.O.
D.A.Q.M.G.
D.D.M.S.
D.F.O.

TROOPS OF 1ST CONVOY 2ND A.I.F. - EMBARKING VICTORIA.

It is advised for information that the following units and details are included in the First Convoy which will embark at a date to be fixed. It is considered probable that the undermentioned personnel will embark in Melbourne:-

Serial	Unit	Officers	O.R's	Total
101	H.Q., Aust. Overseas Base	15	148	163
102	Aust. Ord. Store Coy.	2	44	46
103	Details H.Q., 6 Div.	3	22	25
104	6 Div. Int. Sec.	2	10	12
105	Details H.Q. 6 Div. Arty	2	5	7
106	" " " " Engrs	1	3	4
107	H.Q., 6 Div. A.A.S.C.	7	30	37
110	6 Fd. Cash Office	1	7	8
118	39 L.A.D.	1	12	13
119	42 L.A.D.	1	12	13
120	43 L.A.D.	1	12	13
121	45 L.A.D.	1	12	13
122	One Rec. Sec. A. Fd. Wkshop	2	68	70
125	Details 6 Div. Amn. Coy.	3	159	162
126	Details 6 Div. Petrol Coy.	3	82	85
127	6 Prov. Coy. less four Secs.	1	46	47
128	6 Div. Postal Unit	1	21	22
	<u>Total</u>	47	693	740

Serials 125 and 126 are located at Puckapunyal Camp and Camp Headquarters Puckapunyal are responsible for supervision of compilation of the Embarkation Nominal Rolls for these units.

Embarkation Nominal Rolls for all other units shown above will be prepared under the supervision of Headquarters, Showgrounds Camp, and it is requested that Officers-in-Charge of Headquarters Details arrange for all personnel for embarkation to report to Camp Headquarters, Showgrounds, not later than 0900 hours on the day preceding embarkation.

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As regards Serials 103 to 110, 127 and 128, it is not at present known to these Headquarters whether all personnel included in these details will be drawn from and embark in Victoria, and early advice from Headquarters, 6th Division, in this regard would be appreciated.

W. M. Algie
Major,
A.A.G., Southern Command.

6 MOS. DIV. 66/21

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
MILITARY BOARD

H.Q. 6th DIVISION 4497/12

Army Headquarters,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE, S.C.1.

S.M.3673

22nd December, 1939.

6 Div.
H.Q., Aust. Overseas Base.
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E. Comd., S. Comd., M.L.O. (London).
A.G., Q.M.G., M.G.O., F.M.

2ND A.I.F. - ORDER OF PRIORITY OF DESPATCH
1ST CONVOY - AMENDMENT NO.3.

With reference to my S.M.3418 dated 4 Dec. 39 and 6 Div. memoranda 724 and 774, I am commanded by the Military Board to forward Amendment No.3 which reads as follows :-

Appendix 1 (issued with Amendment No.2) -

Amend certain serials to read as follows :-

Serial.	Unit	Officers	Other ranks	Total
103	Details H.Q. 6 Div.	4	25	29
125	Details 6 Div. Amr. Coy.	3	166	169
126	Details 6 Div. Fet. Coy.	3	90	93
132	Details 2/1 Conv. Det	1	17	18
	(Sub-total)	39	6,294	6,664
	<u>TOTAL PERSONNEL FIRST CONVOY</u>	<u>393</u>	<u>6,295</u>	<u>6,631</u>

Delete all reference to 6 Mob. Vet. Soc.

2. The composition of the additional personnel will be as decided by H.Q., 6 Div.
3. I am to say that no further amendment is contemplated.
4. Please acknowledge receipt of this communication on the attached form and forward by return post.

Secretary to the Military Board.

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S E C R E T

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

I M M E D I A T E

Secretary,
Military Board.

2nd A.I.F. - COMPOSITION 1st CONVOY
INCREASE OF A.A.S.C. PERSONNEL DUE
TO AMENDED WAR ESTABLISHMENTS.

With reference to Defence S.M. 3495 of
11 Dec., '39, Appendix I, Serial 125 and Serial 126.

2. Amendments to the War Establishments for
Div. Amn. Coy. and Div. Pet. Coy., necessitate increases
in other ranks of 7 and 8 respectively to the detachments
detailed for embarkation with the First Convoy.

3. Would the necessary amendments be made to
the Order of Priority of Despatch 1st Convoy please.

(Sgd.) T. A. Blamey

Lt. - Gen.,
Commanding 6 Aus. Div.

YES

6 AUG. DIV. 42/6.

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ASC 15 NEW ESTABLISHMENTS ARMY SERVICE CORPS UNITS INVOLVE
INCREASES IN PERSONNEL CIRCULAR 3 30 AS FOLLOWS PETROL BIGHT AMMUNITION
SEVEN STOP CONSULT MOVEMENT AND WIRE LOVERIDGE IF INCREASE CAN BE
ACCEPTED

HOWELL 1 21JH

9/19/12

Q. Received 20/12/12 19 Dec. Rang Movement - unable to state definitely.
Rang Nicholls - told him to send him on pre embarkation leave, and if they
cannot be fitted in, they need not get it again.

H. Q. 6th DIVISION 497/7

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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Army Headquarters,
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S.M. 3495

11th December, 1939.

6 Div.

H.Q. Aust. Overseas Base.

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C.G.S., A.G., Q.M.G., M.G.O., F.M.,
E. Comd., S. Comd., M.L.O. (London).

2ND A.I.F. - ORDER OF PRIORITY OF DESPATCH
1ST CONVOY - AMENDMENT NO.2

With reference to my S.M. 3418 dated 4 Dec. 39, I am
commanded by the Military Board to forward herewith Amendment No.2
which reads as follows:-

Memorandum, paragraph 4. Cancel figures of Advanced Party
and insert the following:-

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other ranks</u>	<u>Total</u>
(a) Advanced Party -			
H.Q. Aust. Overseas Base	10	16	26
H.Q. 6 Div.	2	4	6
(b) Personnel attending courses abroad - Proportion from 1st Convoy estimated at	14	16	30
Total	26	36	62

Appendices:

Appendix 1.) Cancel and substitute new pages
Appendix 2. page 1.) attached.

Appendix 2, page 2:-

Amend 6 Prov. Coy. to read:-

6 Prov. Coy.

H.Q. Prov. Coy.
Two sections

1	14	15
-	32	32
1	46	47

Secretary to the Military Board.

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APPENDIX 1

2ND A.I.F.

ORDER OF PRIORITY OF DESPATCH

FIRST CONTINGENT

Serial	Unit	Officers	Other ranks	Total
101	H.Q. Aust. Overseas Base	15	148	163 ✓
102	Aust. Ord. Store Coy.	2	44	46 ✓
103	Details H.Q. 6 Div.	3 ⁴	22 ²⁵	25 ²⁹ ✓
104	6 Div. Int. Sec.	2	10	12 ✓
105	Details H.Q. 6 Div. Arty.	2	5	7 ✓
106	Details H.Q. 6 Div. Engrs.	1	3	4 ✓
107	H.Q. 6 Div. A.A.S.C. 1st Reinforcements	7	29 1	36 1 ✓
108	2/1 Fd. Amb. 1st Reinforcements	12	245 5	257 5 ✓
109	2/1 Fd. Hyg. Sec. 1st Reinforcements	1	28 1	29 1 ✓
110	6 Fd. Cash Office	1	7	8 ✓
111	H.Q. 16 Inf. Bde. Int. Corps (attd.)	12	63 2	75 2 ✓
112	2/1 Bn. 1st Reinforcements (10%)	34 3	749 75	783 78
113	2/2 Bn. 1st Reinforcements (10%)	34 3	749 75	783 78
114	2/3 Bn. 1st Reinforcements (10%)	34 3	749 75	783 78
115	2/4 Bn. 1st Reinforcements (10%)	34 3	749 75	783 78
116	2/1 Fd. Coy. 1st Reinforcements	5 1	237 15	242 16
117	Details 6 Div. Sigs.	7	147	154
118	✓ 39 L.A.D. (Div. Recce. Regt.)	1	12	13
119	42 L.A.D. (6 Div. Engrs.)	1	12	13
120	43 L.A.D. (2/1 Fd. Regt.)	1	12	13

Serial	Unit	Officers	Other ranks	Total
121	45 L.A.D. (16 Inf. Bde.)	1	12	13
122	One Rec. Sec. A. Fd. Workshop.	2	68	70
123	2/1 Fd. Regt.	34	557	591
	1st Reinforcements	4	38	42
124	Details 6 Div. Sup. Coln.	11	288	299
125	Details 6 Div. Amn. Coy. ✓	3	159	162
126	Details 6 Div. Pet. Coy. ✓	3	82	85
127	6 Prov. Coy. less four secs.	1	46	47
128	6 Div. Postal Unit.	1	21	22
129	1 Gen. Hosp. (600 beds)	24	150	174
	Nurses	50	-	50
	1st Reinforcements	1	5	6
130	6 Div. Recce. Regt.	31	409	440
	1st Reinforcements	3	42	45
131	Div. Recce. Regt. Sig. Sec.	1	11	12
	1st Reinforcements.		1	1
132	6 Mob. Vet. Sec.	1	32	33
	1st Reinforcements		1	1
		393	6,266	6,659
	Less 1st Convoy proportion of personnel for training abroad.	14	16	30
	<u>TOTAL, PERSONNEL, FIRST CONVOY</u>	379	6,250	6,629

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APPENDIX 2

2ND A.I.F.

PROPOSED DETACHMENTS OF HEADQUARTER & C. UNITS
TO ACCOMPANY FIRST CONVOY

Unit and Detail	Officers	Other ranks	Total
<u>H.Q. Aust. Overseas Base</u>			
H.Q. Section	6	72	78
No. 1 Sec. (Records)	3	20	23
No. 2 Sec. (Engr. Serv.)	3	2	5
No. 3 Sec. (Medical)	2	3	5
No. 4 Sec. (Ordnance)	4	6	10
No. 5 Sec. (Finance)	5	35	40
No. 6 Sec. (Postal)	1	10	11
Attached:-			
Prov. Coy. - H.Q. A/D.A.P.M.	1	-	1
One Prov. Sec.	-	16	16
Total	25	164	189
Less Recce. Party	10	16	26
TOTAL accompanying First Convoy	15	148	163
<u>H.Q. 6 Div.</u>			
Recce. Party (to join Staff of H.Q. 16 Inf. Bde. later) (G.S.O.2 A.A.Q.M.G.)	2	4	6
^{169th. 50.} G.S.O.III and Batman	2	1	2
<u>Medical</u>			
D.A.D.M.S.	1	-	1
Clerk	-	1	1
Batman	-	1	1
<u>Ordnance</u>			
D.A.D.O.S.	1	-	1
Clerks	-	2	2
Storemen	-	2	2
Batman	-	1	1
<u>Miscellaneous</u>			
Clerks - G.S. and A.Q.	-	2	2
Draughtsman	-	1	1
Cook	-	1	1
Drivers M.T. (A.A.S.C.)	-	6	6
Drivers M.T. 1st Class (A.A.S.C.)	-	1	1
Orderlies	-	2	2
Attached:- Sgt. A.A.A.C.	-	1	1
Total (less Recce. Party)	6	28	34
	4	25	29

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5th December 1939.

Secretary,
Military Board.2ND A.I.F. - ORDER OF PRIORITY OF DESPATCH
1ST CONVOYWith reference to S.M. 3418 dated 4 Dec., I desire
the following variations in the detail set out therein.1. Advance Party H.Q. 6 Div. as set out in Appendix 2, page 1.For the existing detail substitute A.A. & Q.M.G.,
G.S.O. 2, 1 Clerk, 1 driver M.F., 2 batmen - Total 2 officers
4 O.R.I understand a driver for 6 Div. Advance Party is
included in the numbers for H.Q. Overseas Base Advance Party.
This man can now be deleted and will be replaced by one from
H.Q. 6 Div.2. Serial 103, Details H.Q. 6 Div.Add 1 officer, G.S.O. 3, and 1 batman making the
total for this serial, 3 Officers, 22 O.R.3. Serial 137, 6 Prov. Coy. less four sections.One officer and one batman to be deleted from this
serial. It is very necessary for one officer to remain with
and train the four sections which will be remaining for a later
convoy.

(Sgd.) T. A. Blamont

Lt. Gen.,
Commanding 6 Aus. Div.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—3RD MILITARY DISTRICT.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
No. 1939/97/B/7

(Address) R.A.A. 6 Aus. Div.
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6 Aus. Div.

2 ND. A.I.F. - ORDER OF PRIORITY OF DESPATCH
1ST. CONVEY.

1/ The undermentioned have been selected relative to the above.

Capt. D.M. Cleland S.C. R.A.A. 6 Aus. Div.
VX 805 Gnr. Watson A.S.
VX 801 " Mounsey C.H.
VX 291 " Simmins W.H.
VX 713 " Lisson W.A.
VX 799 " Heaps H.W.

2/ No Chaplain is available for detail.

NH 9.25, - 930, Ser 105.

J. F. Herring

Brigadier.

C.R.A. 6 Aus. Div.

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3. R.M.E. 6 Aus Div.
4. Sigs. 6 Aus Div.
5. 16 Aus Inf Bde.
6. A.S.C. 6 Aus Div.
7. 2/1 A. Fd Wkshp.
8. A.D.M.S.
23. D.M.D.V.S.
9. D.M.P.M. (for 6 Aus Div Pro. Coy.)
10. D.M.D.C.S.
11. D.M.M.G. (for 6 Fd. Cash Office)

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14. G. File.
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16. D.M.Q.M.G.
17. Camp.
18 & 19. War Diary (2)
20. G.O.C.s File.
21. C.M.S.C.
22. D.M.M.G.

6 AUS. DIV. CIRCULAR G. 30 - AMENDMENT.

2ND A.I.F. - ORDER OF PRIORITY OF DESPATCH 1ST CONVOY.

1. The following amendment is made to the above circular:-

APPENDIX I.

	<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
After Serial 132 6 Feb Vet S.C.			
add Add 1st Reinforcements -	1		1.
TOTAL	394- 6267	-	6661.

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W. H. Dunning
for
Col.
G.S. 6 Aus. Div.

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6th DIVISION HEADQUARTERS,
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6 Aus. Div. Recce. Regt.
R.A.A. 6 Aus. Div.
R.A.E. 6 Aus. Div.
Sigs. 6 Aus. Div.
16 Inf. Bde.
A.S.C. 6 Aus. Div.
2/1 A. Fd. Wkshop.
A.D.M.S.
D.A.P.M. (for 6 Aus. Div. Tro. Coy.)
D.A.D.O.S.
D.A.A.G. (for 6 Fd. Cash Office)

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G I
G II
G File
A.A. & Q.M.G.
D.A.Q.M.G.
Camp
War Diary (2)

4. 30.

2nd A.I.F. - ORDER OF PRIORITY OF DESPATCH 1ST CONVOY

1. Units and details of 2nd A.I.F. comprising 16 Inf. Bde. with attached troops, will be prepared to embark at a date to be notified later in accordance with the order of priority shown in Appendix I.
2. In cases where details only of an headquarters or unit are shown in the order of priority, no increase in personnel is to be made. A Summary of details is given in Appendix II and any recommendation considered essential to vary the actual personnel within the total number is to be made a matter of urgency.
3. Instructions regarding unit equipment and administrative arrangements will be issued later.
4. The number of personnel shown in the order of priority do not include personnel of the advance party from H.Q. 6 Div. or those detailed to attend Courses in accordance with 6 Aus. Div. Circular G/25.
5. Please acknowledge receipt on the attached form and forward by return of post.

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Col.
G.S. 6 Aus. Div.

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APPENDIX I

2nd A. I. F.

ORDER OF PRIORITY OF DESPATCH.

FIRST CONTINGENT

Serial	U n i t	Officers	Other Ranks.	Total
101	H.Q. Aust. Overseas Base	16	149	165
102	Aust. Ord. Store Coy.	2	44	46
103	Details H.Q. 6 Div.	2	21	23
104	6 Div. ^{Lt} St. Sec.	2	10	12
105	H.Q. Details/6 Div Arty.	2	5	7
106	Details H.Q. 6 Div. Engrs.	1	3	4
107	H.Q. 6 Div. A.A.S.C.	7	29	36
	1st Reinforcements		1	1
108	2/1 Pz. Amb.	12	245	257
	1st Reinforcements		5	5
109	2/1 Pz. Hyg. Sec.	1	28	29
	1st Reinforcements		1	1
110	6 Pz. Cash Office	1	7	8
111	H. Q. 16 Inf. Bde.	12	63	75
	Int. Corps (Attached)		2	2
112	2/1 Bn.	34	749	783
	1st Reinforcements (10%)	3	75	78
113	2/2 Bn.	34	749	783
	1st Reinforcements (10%)	3	75	78
114	2/3 Bn.	34	749	783
	1st Reinforcements (10%)	3	75	78
115	2/4 Bn.	34	749	783
	1st Reinforcements (10%)	3	75	78
116	2/1 Pz. Coy.	5	257	262
	1st Reinforcements	1	15	16
117	Details 6 Div. Sigs.	7	147	154
118	29 L.A.D. (Div. Recco. Sect)	1	12	13
119	42 L.A.D. (6 Div. Engrs.)	1	12	13
120	43 L.A.D. (2/1 Pz. Sect).	1	12	13

Appendix 1 (contd).

Serial	U n i t.	Officers	Other Ranks.	Total.
121	45 L.A.D. (16 Inf. Bde.)	1	12	13
122	One Rec. Sec. A. Fd. W'shop.	2	68	70
123	2/1 Fd. Regt. 1st Reinforcements	34 4	557 38	591 42
124	Details 6 Div. Sup. Coln.	11	288	299
125	Details 6 Div. Amn. Coy. ✓	3	159	162
126	Details 6 Div. Pet. Coy. ✓	5	82	85
127	6 Prov. Coy. less four secs.	<u>2</u>	47	49
128	6 Div. Postal Unit.	1	21	22
129	1 Gen. Hospital (600 Beds) Nurses 1st Reinforcements	24 50 1	150 - 5	174 50 6
130	6 Div. Recce. Regt. 1st Reinforcements	31 3	409 42	440 45
131	Div. Recce. Regt. Sig. Sec. 1st Reinforcements	1 1	11 1	12 1
132	6 Mob. Vet. Sec.	1	32	33
TOTAL PERSONNEL FIRST CONVOY		394	6266	6660

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APPENDIX II.

2ND A. I. F.

PROPOSED DETACHMENTS OF HEADQUARTER &C. UNITS
TO ACCOMPANY FIRST CONVOY.

Unit and Detail	Officers	O.Rs.	Total.
<u>H.Q. Aust Overseas Base</u>			
H.Q. Section	6	72	78
No. 1 Sec. (Records)	3	20	23
No. 2 Sec. (Engr Serv.)	3	2	5
No. 3 Sec. (Medical)	2	3	5
No. 4 Sec. (Ordnance)	4	6	10
No. 5 Sec. (Finance)	5	35	40
No. 6 Sec. (Postal)	1	10	11
Attached:-			
Provost Coy. - H.Q.A/D.A.P.M.)	1	-	1
One Prov. •	-	16	16
Total	25	164	189
Less Recce Party	9	15	24
TOTAL accompanying 1st Convoy	16	149	165

H.Q. 6 Div.

VASEY IRVING		Recce. Party (to join Staff of H.Q. 16 Aus Inf Bde later) (G.S.O.3, D.A.A.G. and <u>O.M.E.</u>).	2	4	6
		NP	3	3	
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<u>Medical</u>					
		D.A.D.M.S.	1	-	1
		Clerk	-	1	1
		Batman	-	1	1
<u>Ordnance</u>					
		D.A.D.O.S.	1	-	1
		Clerks		2	2
		Storemen		2	2
		Batman		1	1
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
		Clerks - G.S. & A.Q.	-	2	2
		Draughtsman		1	1
		Cook		1	1
		Drivers M.T. (A.A.S.C.)		6	6
		Drivers M.T. 1st Class (A.A.S.C.)		1	1
		Orderlies		2	2
		Attached - Sgt. A.A.P.C.		1	1
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TOTAL less Recce Party			2	21	23

Unit & Detail	Officers	O.R.s	Total.
<u>Transport</u>			
Cars for G.	1.		
A.Q.	1.		
D.A.D.M.S.	1.		
D.A.D.O.S.	1.		
	4.		
Lorry, 30 cwt. for personnel	2.		
Van, heavy office	1.		
<u>6 Div. Intelligence Sec.</u>	2	10	12.
<u>H.Q. R.A.A. 6 Aus Div.</u>			
Staff Captain	1	-	1.
Clerk		1.	1.
Dr. M.T.		1	1.
Orderly		1	1.
Batman		2	2.
Att Chaplain	1	-	-
Total	2	5	7.
<u>Transport</u>			
Van, Light (for Recce)	1.		
<u>H.Q. R.A.E. 6 Aus Div.</u>			
Captain	1	-	1.
Clerk		1	1.
Mrs. M.T. for duty as batman		1	1.
for vehicle		1	1.
Total	1	3	4.
<u>Transport</u>			
Van, light for Captain	1.		
<u>6 Prov. Coy.</u>			
H.Q. Prov. Coy.	2	15	17.
Two Sections	-	32	32.
Total	2	47	49.

SUMMARY OF A.A.S.C. DETAILS.

(Dissection shown separately).

Detail	Officers	O.R.s	Total.
<u>6 Aus Div Sup Coln.</u>			
Coln H.Q.	1	31	32
Two Ech. H.Q.	4	92	96
'A' and 'E' Secs	2	62	64
'B' and 'F' Secs	2	64	66
'J' (Wkshop) Sec -			
H.Q.	2	11	13
Two Sub-Secs.	-	28	28
Total Supply Column	11.	288	299.
<u>6 Aus Div Amn Coy.</u>			
Coy H.Q.	1	20	21.
One Sec.	2	125	127.
Wkshop Sub-Sec.	-	14	14.
Total Ammunition Company	3	159	162.
<u>6 Aus Div Pet Coy.</u>			
Coy. H.Q.	2	18	20
'A' Sec. -			
Sec H.Q.	1	12	13
One Sub-Sec.	-	13	13
'B' Sec -			
Sec. H.Q.	-	7	7
Two Sub-Secs.		18	18
Wkshop Sub-Sec.		14	14
Total Petrol Company	3	82	85

DISSECTION OF A.A.S.C. DETAILS.

		Officers	O.A.s	Total.
<u>6 Aus. Div. Sup. Coln</u>				
<u>Coln H.S.</u>				
Maj.	..	1		1
R.S.M.	..		1	1
C.M.S.	..		1	1
Sgts.	..		2	2
Ptes.	..		27	27
Butchers	.. 2			
Cooks	.. 1			
Adm duties	.. 1			
<u>Drs. H.T.</u>				
Vehicles	.. 9			
Motor cyclists	2			
Fatman	.. 1			
Clerks	.. 2			
L.H.G.	.. 6			
Sanitary duty	2			
Storeman	.. 1			
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>32</u>

Transport (excl motor cycles)
less
Car, light .. 1 (Capt)
Lorries, 30 cwt .. 1 (unit
blankets)
" " .. 2 (Postal)
" " .. 1 (Water)

<u>an Ech. H.Q.</u>				
Offrs.	..	2	-	2
S/Sgt. Clerk			1	1
Sgt. Clerks			2	2
Sgt.			1	1
Ptes.			42	42
Sup. clerks.	.. 2			
Cooks	2			
<u>Drs. H.T.,</u>				
Vehicles	3			
Motor cycles	2			
Fatman	1			
Fatman dr	1			
Loaders	24			
Water duty	1			
Issuers	6			
<u>Total</u>		<u>2</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>48</u>

Transport (excl motor cycles)
Cars 2 (Offrs)
Lorries, 30 cwt. 2.
(Water, kitchen)

2.

6 Div Sup. Coln - Contd.

'A' and 'E' Secs (Each)
less Drivers, M.T. 7.

Transport (excl. motor
cycles)

less Vans, light

Lorries, 30 cwt

2. (Fd. Pk. Coy.
Mob. Vet. Sec)
4. (Div Recce Regt)
1. (Div Sup. Coln)

'B' and 'F' Secs

Complete.

6 Div Amn Coy.

Coy. H.Q.

Lieut.		1		1
C.S.M.			1	1
C.Q.F.M.			1	1
Sgt.			1	1
Cpls.			2	2
Drivers, M.T.			15	15
Cooks	1.			
Asst. at A.R.P.	1.			
Vehicle	1.			
Motor Cyclists	10.			
Batman	1.			
Clerk	1.			
Sanitary duty	2.			

Total

1

20

21.

Transport (excl Motor cycles)

only Car, light .. 1 (Lieut)

One Sec. and one Sub-Sec. of
Wkshop Sec. (Complete)

6 Div. Pet Coy.

Coy. H.Q.

Cpts.		2		2.
C.Q.M.S.			1	1
S/Sgt Clerk			1	1.
Sgt.			1	1.
Ptes and Drivers M.T.			15	15.
Supply clerks.	2.			
Cooks	2.			
Adm duty	1.			
Batmen drivers	2.			
Clerk	1.			
Sanitary duty	2.			
Storeman	1.			
Water	1.			
Vehicles	3.			

Total

2

18

20.

6 Div Pat Coy. - Contd.

Officers

O.R. s.

Total.

Coy. H.Q. (Cont)

Transport (excl motor cycles)

Only cars, light .. 2 (Capts)
 Lorry, 30 cwt 1 (anti-gas &
 greatcoats)
 1 (Kitchen)
 1 (water)

'A' Sec.Sec H.Q.

Lieut.

1

-

1

Drivers, M.T. (incl. Cpl)

12

12

Vehicles 3

Motor cycles 1

Batman 1

A.A.L.M.G. 3

Loaders 4

1

12

13

Transport (excl. motor cycles)

Car, light .. 1 (Lieut)
 Van, heavy 1 (A.A.L.M.G.)
 Lorry, 30 cwt 1 (Greatcoats etc)
 " " 1 (Kitchen)

One sub-sec. complete.

'B' Sec.Sec H.Q.

Sgt.

1

1

Drivers M.T.

6

6

Vehicles 2

Motor Cyclists 1

A.A.L.M.G. 3

Total

-

7

7

Transport (excl motor cycles)

Van, heavy . 1 (A.A.L.M.G.)
 Lorry, 30 cwt. 1 (Spare)

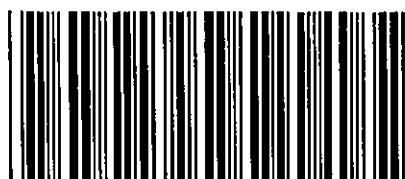
Two sub-secs. complete.

One sub-sec of wkshop sec. complete.

Detail.	H.Q.	Details 1 Coy.					12' Sec.	13' Sec.	Total.
		Details 'A' (W/T) Sec.	One Det. 'B' (cables) Sec.	Details 'D' Sec.		Details 'H' (Technical Maintenance) Sec.			
				1 Coy. Sub-Sec.	D. Ru.				
Major	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Adj. (Capt.)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Captain	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lieutenant	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total Officers	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Coy. Sgt. Major	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
G.I.S.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
G.I.S. (Foreman of Signals)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sergeants	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total Sgts. and S/Sgts.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Corporals	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Signalmen	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Drivers, M.T.	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Total Rank and File	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Total Other Ranks	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12

Total All Ranks	14	21	14	15	8	10	30	42	134
Tradesmen:-									
Carpenters	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Electricians	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cooks	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Despatch Riders	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Electricians Signals	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Writers Signals	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Instrument Mechanic	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Linemen	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Operators (Signals)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tech. Storemen	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total Tradesmen	4	17	8	9	7	8	23	32	108
Non-Tradesmen									
Drivers, M.T. for vehicles	5	1	4	2	1	1	4	4	21
Drivers, M.T. for Batteries	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5
Total Non-Tradesmen	6	2	5	3	2	2	5	5	26
TOTAL	10	19	13	12	9	10	28	37	134
Motor-Cycles	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cars, D.S.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Vans, light	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
B" heavy, G.S. for:-									
Cable laying and line maintenance	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Vans, heavy, wireless	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Trucks 30 cwt, G.S. for Kitchen	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Water tank	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cable laying and reserve cable	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Signal office etc.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Charging set	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Workshop	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lorry 30 cwt. office	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total, vehicles	5	5	6	3	7	1	14	19	60

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MESSAGE FORM

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TO* Defence Mltb.

FROM* General Colombo

Originator's Number.

Date.

In reply to Number and Date.

31/1

(Write horizontally.)

Part 1 from Brigadier ALLEN C/816 31/1⁵

Following for Colonel F. ROWELL.

Headquarters 6 Australian division (.) The¹⁵

following matters in connection with²⁰

the move were not quite²⁵

satisfactory, and I am sure that³⁰

if attention was given to them before³⁵

any similar move is made in future⁴⁰

those concerned will benefit considerably⁴⁵

(.) They are as follows (1) The⁵⁰

necessary arranging and loading stores⁵⁵

(.) I fully appreciate that there⁶⁰

was a shortage of equipment right⁶⁵

up to the time of departure, and⁷⁰

officers (.) It was this fact- which⁷⁵

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 and may be sent by W/T.

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Originator's Instructions.* Degree of Priority.*

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TO* Part 1, contd.

FROM*

Originator's Number.

Date.

In reply to Number and Date.

(Write horizontally.)

resulted in the stores being put
on board in unmarked cases which
necessitated opening every case to see
what was inside (.) As a result—
days elapsed before blackboards,
landscape targets etc could be located
and even now there are several
items, which we were informed would
be placed on board, which have
not been located (.) I suggest—
that in future each case be numbered
and a list provided showing where
each case is stored and what
it contains.

R.I. # 1/2

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RAAF Form A 22 (Revised May, 1937)
(RAAF Form 96A)
(S.575A. (Naval))

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Deephead Message

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TO* Defence Melbourne

FROM* General Colombo

Originator's Number.

Date.

In reply to Number and Date.

(Write horizontally.)

C 816

Part 11 (2) Security (.) I was very

anxious

commence full security measures

immediately

we left Sydney and although

no unit

censor stamps had been received

instructions

were issued that all outwards

mail

was to be dealt with in terms

manual

Military Intelligence pamphlet No 2 -

1938,

only to discover each Australian

transport

had received a copy of a letter

from the Director-General postal

services to the secretary to the department-

of the

army suggesting some entirely

different

system and forwarding a rubber

stamp

reading (for this ship) H. M.

transport

No - (.) As instructions had

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Signature

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and may be sent by W/T.
Signature

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TO* Part II control

FROM*

Originator's Number.

Date.

In reply to Number and Date.

(Write horizontally.)

been issued that no reference to any	6
location was on any account to be	10
indicated in the men's letters this	15
special stamp was somewhat	20
embarrassing	25
	30
	35
	40
	45
	50
	55
	60
	65
	70
	75

R.I. 4 1/2

This message must be sent AS WRITTEN
and may be sent by W/T.
Signature

This message must be sent IN CYPHER
and may be sent by W/T.
Signature

Originator's Instructions.* Degree of Priority.*

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D.2195.11. 35.-C.15040.

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Call

Decrypted Message

OUT

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TO* Defence Mello

FROM* General Colombo

Originator's Number.

Date

In reply to Number and Date.

31/1

(Write horizontally.)

C 816 Part III (3) Identity discs names
 units (.) Manual military intelligence pamphlet
 number 2 - 1938 page 15 sub-para 3
 lays down that on no account
 will a prisoner of war disclose name of
 his unit- (.) F.S.R. volume one, 1930
 page 202 section 125 (1) lays down that
 an identity disc will be marked with
 a soldier's name, number if any and
 religion (no reference to unit) (.) Jt standing
 orders for the second A.I.F. chapter 9
 page 6 shows a diagram of an
 identity disc with the name of the
 unit clearly marked in the center of the
 disc (.) Not only does this instruction

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 and may be sent by W/T.
 Signature

This message must be sent IN CYPHER
 and may be sent by W/T.
 Signature

Originator's Instructions.* Degree of Priority.*

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TO* *Part III Contd*

FROM*	Originator's Number.	Date.	In reply to Number and Date.
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(Write horizontally.)

<i>offer to infringe the security requirements</i>	5
<i>but it would also cause difficulty</i>	10
<i>in the event of a soldier's transfer to</i>	15
<i>another unit as there is insufficient room for</i>	20
<i>name another unit to be entered (.)</i>	25
<i>It is also noticed that the soldier's</i>	30
<i>"unit" is shown in soldier's pay book</i>	35
<i>(.) This book is of course normally</i>	40
<i>carried on the soldier</i>	45
	50
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<i>R.I. A. 1/2</i>	75

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D 2160.11. 25. - C.15060.

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No. of Groups.
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 Preface

IN

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Deciphered Message

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TO* *Defence Melbourne*

FROM* *General Colombo*

Originator's Number.

Date.

In reply to Number and Date.

31/1

(Write horizontally.)

Part IV (4) Senior military officers' position in the convoy (.) It would be of great assistance if the senior military officers were on board the first ship to enter each port, as the burning question of leave has to be arranged as early as possible with the military authorities at each port- (.) I and my staff all concerned transport- which was 7th to enter ^{last} port and will be 5th to enter port- tomorrow (.) It is too late now to make any alteration

R.T. H. 1/2

This message must be sent AS WRITTEN and may be sent by W/T. Signature

This message must be sent IN CYPHER and may be sent by W/T. Signature

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T.O.R.

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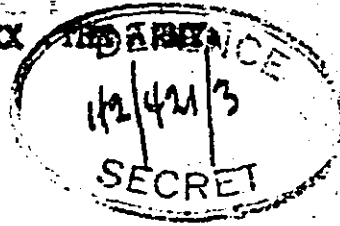
T.H.L.

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 D2105.11.30.- C.15060.

H. Q. 6TH DIVISION

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A.G.
R.H.G.
H.G.G.
F.H.

The attached report is forwarded for consideration so far as your Department is concerned.

[Signature]
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of the General Staff.

7 Feb. 40.

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6 Div.

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WESTERN COMMAND,
Headquarters,
Swan Barracks,
Francis Street,
Perth.

25 Jan. 40.

The Secretary,
Military Board,
MELBOURNE.

REPORT ON EMBARKATION, ETC., 1ST CONVOY,
2ND A.I.F. AND N.Z.E.F.

As a result of experience gained during the stay of the Convoy in port at Fremantle from 18 to 20 Jan. 40, many details have been brought to light which require consideration in procedure with future convoys.

In this instance, the troops were landed and were allowed leave in the metropolitan area of Perth and Fremantle. It appeared there was considerable lack of control during the period the troops were on leave from the various ships and no adequate co-ordination could be made between Western Command and the convoy in order to bring about a suitable solution thereto prior to the arrival of the convoy. During the stay of ships, there were between six and seven thousand troops on leave in the Perth-Fremantle area for periods up to 8 hours, but uncertainty occurred due to the transfer of ships from the North to the South side of the Harbour as well as sailing time. The number of stragglers was, therefore, inevitably large.

Not more than seven ships were able to berth at Fremantle at any one time, the remainder of the convoy being at anchor in Gage Roads. The ships in Harbour were berthed on both North and South Wharves. Those at North Wharf were filled with water and were then transferred to the South Wharf where berthing accommodation was available for fuelling. The ships at South Wharf received both water and fuel and were then moved to Gage Roads to await the rest of the convoy. The boats were berthed at approximately hourly intervals and left port when watering and fuelling was completed. As a consequence stragglers from troop ships were common and some method of returning them to their respective ships had to be evolved at short notice.

It is recommended that in future convoys the troop ship carrying the C.O. should berth first and should remain until the departure of all other ships carrying troops. It would be a great inconvenience if the Commanders of both Australian and New Zealand troops, together with the Naval Commodore in command of the convoy, together with their staffs, could be accommodated on the same ship.

Owing to lack of notice prior to the arrival of the convoy as to whether leave would be granted or not, no adequate arrangements could be made for the transport of personnel on leave between Fremantle and Perth.

The following detailed paragraphs are appended in amplification of the above.

1. EMBARKATION.

Details 1/2nd Convalescent Depot were embarked on Transport U.1 at 2030 hours 18 Jan. 40. The time of embarkation was confirmed with O.C. Troopship on arrival at Fremantle. Records and pay arrangements were carried out satisfactorily. The necessary forms were completed by the E.S.O. and three copies

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handed to the Ship's Adjutant and other copies were despatched as instructed. The accommodation shown on A.H.Q. memo S.M. 79 was not available, but the Ship's Adjutant eventually arranged adequate accommodation for officers. The men were temporarily accommodated in the ship's hospital pending arrangements to be made the following day.

2. ORDNANCE STORES.

Ordnance Equipment for 2/4 Bn. was delivered to Transport U.3 at 0800 hrs. on the 19 Jan. 40. Some stores were requisitioned by D.A.D.O.S. 2/1st Division on board U.1. These stores reached Fremantle after departure of U.1 from Port. They were delivered to U.3 and subsequently transferred to U.1 by launch in GAGE ROADS.

3. MEDICAL STORES.

War equipment 2/1 Convalescent Depot (10 cases) and 1 case for 2/1 General Hospital were delivered to Transport U.1 at 0800 hours 19 Jan. 40. They were stored on board under supervision of the Unit Baggage Officer. Medical stores requisitioned by ships were delivered by M. & V. Stores to the Embarkation Office, and were forwarded to ships concerned by launch on 20 Jan. 40.

4. LAUNCHES

A launch was requisitioned to carry out delivery of stores, mail and personnel to ships in GAGE ROADS at 1800 hours 19 Jan. 40 and 1000 hours on 20 Jan. 40. Naval authorities were unable to provide transport. From experience during the stay of this convoy it would seem that Navy cannot guarantee transport to ships at any time desired, and it is essential, therefore, to provide a regular launch service to Transports for use of officers on duty, stores and the return of stragglers. The necessary authority for this service is requested so that the G.O.C. Western Command may requisition launches when the necessity arises. Owing to weather conditions in Fremantle Port, transport to and from ships sometimes becomes difficult with a small launch and it may be necessary at times to hire a tug in lieu.

5. INTER-COMMUNICATION.

Great difficulty was experienced in obtaining adequate telegraphic communication between the Embarkation Staff, Headquarters Ship and Services. The best available accommodation for the Embarkation Staff is at the Government Tourist Bureau Office on South Wharf. One telephone was installed therein for the Government Tourist Bureau and one private telephone, the property of the R.A.C. Both of these 'phones were used during the period the convoy was in Port, but in spite of this, telephone communication was inadequate. It is recommended that a private line be installed for Military use from the Embarkation Office direct to Headquarters, Western Command.

6. LEAVE

It is anticipated that leave will be granted to troops in future convoys when in Port and it is recommended that arrangements be made in ample time on this assumption. During this convoy, the Railway Department has great difficulty in attempting to collect fares from personnel travelling to and from Perth and the suburban areas. The Railway Department has suggested a return fare to Perth and suburbs from Fremantle of 1/- and it is suggested that it may be practicable to arrange for all troops to be debited this amount in their Pay Books prior to landing at Fremantle. If this is practicable the railway authorities are prepared to allow all A.I.F. Troops to travel free within the Metropolitan and Suburban areas. In addition, they would make arrangements for special trains to be available at the wharves. Security would be assisted by an early promulgation of leave policy to enable arrangements to be made for personnel to be brought back to ships. Consideration should also be given to the

provision of Ships Guards by personnel from the ships while alongside wharf. A difficult problem arises in the identification of personnel on leave when returning to areas within the barricades.

7. MARCHES

Route marches were carried out by some detachments from this convoy. If future convoys desire their troops to go on route marches through Perth and Fremantle, it is requested that Headquarters, Western Command, be notified prior to the arrival of the convoy so that preliminary arrangements may be made with the police in adequate time.

8. CONTROL OF TROOPS ON LEAVE.

Transports in port provided pickets and patrols in the City area during their stay but the functioning of patrol was not adequate to ensure that stragglers were collected and returned to their ships. A system of patrol in the Fremantle and Perth areas from all Transports is considered essential for the collection of stragglers and provision should be made for a Guard Room on the wharf for the retention of personnel brought in by patrols until transport is available for convey them to their respective ships. It appears essential also, that a Provost Section should be raised in this Command for liaison duties during the stay of a convoy and for Military Police duties for stragglers picked up after the convoy leaves Port. The size of such section will necessarily depend on circumstances at present and the number of stragglers left behind from future convoys. The strength suggested will depend on the ultimate disposal of stragglers who have been apprehended since mid-day 20 Jan. 46. From experience during the stay of a convoy, it is essential that M.T. should be available for use by pickets for the collection of stragglers from streets and hotels. M.T. was made available for a New Zealand picket and a Navy picket. At our request, these pickets gave valuable assistance in the collection of both Australian and New Zealand stragglers when no Australian ship was left at wharf.

9. CAMERAS.

Instructions received from Army Headquarters were that two permits only for official photographers were to be issued in connection with the stay of the convoy. It was noticed that very many of the personnel of the convoy were in possession of cameras.

10. POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS.

Many parcels were received from Eastern States by P.M.G's. Department for delivery to troops on board. It would be of great assistance if a check of the contents of these parcels could be arranged before their despatch from Eastern States. This could be followed by a check in this Command where time permits, but as considerable mail may be received at the last moment owing to the efforts of the P.M.G's. Department to deliver as much mail on board as possible, a check of the parcel post is impracticable. It would be appreciated if the number of the boat could be clearly marked on the outside of parcels forwarded to this Command for delivery, in addition to the name of the officer to whom delivery is to be effected.

11. STAFF.

The Embarkation Staff was provided from Headquarters, Western Command and consequently many officers were necessarily detailed away from their normal duties. In addition, it was difficult to maintain satisfactory liaison with the C.O. of troops on board as his staff in turn, was very limited. It would be of great advantage if representatives of the staff of 6th Division were available for liaison duties in Western Command during the stay of the convoy.

(Sgd.) J. M. A. BURNETT,
Major-General,

G.O.C. WESTERN COMMAND.

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MELBOURNE. S.C.S.
7th February 1940.

Secretary,

MILITARY BOARD.

EMBARKATION ARRANGEMENTS.

1. With reference Secret Cable (attached hereto) received from Brig. A. S. Allen, D.S.O., V.D., regarding administrative details arising from the movement of the 1st Convoy, 2nd A.I.F., it is requested that the following arrangements be made -

(a) General Training Stores upon Transport -

- (i) That special accommodation be provided on each transport for general training stores.
- (ii) That cases, etc. containing such stores be painted a distinctive colour and numbered.
- (iii) That inventories be supplied to O.C. transport showing contents of each case, etc.

(b) Censorship -

- (i) That the normal system of unit postal censorship, vide M.M.I. Pamphlet No. 2, be put into operation once troops are aboard transport.
- (ii) That units be supplied with censorship stamps prior to embarkation.
- (iii) That units be supplied with service postcards and green envelopes prior to embarkation.

(c) Allotment to Transports -

- (1) That wherever possible arrangements be made that the Senior Military Officers are aboard transports that first enter ports of call in order that local questions of policy etc. may be decided with disembarkation authorities.

(Sgd.) T. A. Blamey

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

M.I. SERIAL. 623

DECIPHERED MESSAGE.

497/17

TO. Defence Melbourne.

FROM. General Colombo.

Date. 31/1

Part. 1. from Brigadier ALLEN C/816. 31/1 Following for Colonel F. ROWELL. Headquarters 6 Australian Division (.) The following matters in connection with the move were not quite satisfactory, and I am sure that if attention was given to them before any similar move is made in future those concerned will benefit considerably (.) They are as follows (1) The necessary arranging and loading stores (.) I fully appreciate that there was a shortage of equipment right up to the time of departure, and Officers (.) It was this fact which resulted in the stores being put on board in unmarked cases which necessitated opening every case to see what was inside (.) As a result days elapsed before black boards, landscape targets etc could be located and even now there are several items, which we were informed would be placed on board, which have not been located (.) I suggest that in future each case be numbered and a list provided showing where each case is stored and what it contains.

C.816 Part 11 (2) Security (.) I was very anxious commence full security measures immediately we left Sydney and although no unit censor stamps had been received instructions were issued that all outwards mail was to be dealt with in terms manual Military Intelligence pamphlet No.2 - 1938, only to discover each Australian transport had received a copy of a letter from the Director-General postal services to the Secretary to the department of the army suggesting some entirely different system and forwarding a rubber stamp reading (for this ship) H.M. transport No ----- (.) As instructions had been issued that no reference to any location was on any account to be indicated in the men's letters this special stamp was somewhat embarrassing.

C.816 Part 111 (3) Identity discs names units (.) Manual Military Intelligence pamphlet number 2 - 1938 page 15 sub-para 3 lays down that on no account will a prisoner of war disclose name of his unit (.) F.S.R. volume one, 1930 page 202 section 125 (1) lays down that an identity disc will be marked with a soldier's name, number if any and religion (no reference to unit) (.) Yet standing orders for the second A.I.F. chapter 9 page 6 shows a diagram of an identity disc with the name of the unit clearly marked in the centre of the disc (.) Not only does this instruction appear to infringe the security requirements but it would also cause difficulty in the event of a soldier's transfer to another unit as there is insufficient room for name, another unit to be entered (.) It is also noticed that the soldier's "Unit" is shown in soldier's pay book (.) This book is of course normally carried on the soldier.

Part 1V. (4) Senior Military Officer's position in the convoy (.) It would be of great assistance if the senior Military Officers were on board the first ship to enter each port, as the burning question of leave has to be arranged as early as possible with the military authorities at each port (.) I and my staff all concerned transport which was 7th to enter last port and will be 5th to enter port tomorrow (.) It is too late to make any alteration.

"SECRET"
905/12.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Headquarters,
6 Aus. Div.,
441, St. Kilda Road,
MELBOURNE S.C. 2.

26th February 1940.

6 AUS. DIV. CIRCULAR Q.170.

ALLOTMENT OF SERIAL NUMBERS FOR EMBARKATION.

1. Advice has been received (M.B. Memo. S.M. 625 of
- - - 22 Feb. '40) that serial numbers as shown in the attached
Appendix "A" have been allotted.
2. All unit stores, baggage and war equipment will be
- - - marked as set out in Appendix "B" attached.
3. Markings will be completed as soon as practicable.
- - - 4. Please acknowledge receipt on A.A. Form A.57 attached.

G.W. Woodward Maj
for Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G. 6 Aus. Div.

DISTRIBUTION.

17 Aus. Inf. Bde.	5	A.D.C.	1
18 Aus. Inf. Bde.	5	File	3
C.R.A.	4		
C.R.E.	4	H.Q. E. Comd.)	1
2/1 M.G. Bn.	1	H.Q. S. Comd.)	1
Sigs, 6 Aus. Div.	1	(for information)	
Sigs, Aus. Corps	1		
G	1		
A	1		
6 Aus. Div. Sup. Col.	1		
Arm. Coy.	1		
Pet. Coy.	1		
Arm. Sub Pk.	1		
A.D.M.S.	8		
D.A.D.V.S.	1		
D.A.P.M.	1		
6 Aus. Pro. Coy.	1		
D.A.D.O.S.	1		
O.H.E.	1		
2/1 A. Fd. Wkshop	1		
6 Aus. Div. Sec. 1 Ord.			
Fd. Pk.	1		
Aus. Overseas Base	1		
Camp	1		

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APPENDIX "A"
UNIT

SERIAL NO.	UNIT	SERIAL NO.	UNIT
133	H.Q. Overseas Base	165	1 W/T Sec.
134	H.Q. 6 Aus. Div.	166	1 Line Maint. Sec.
135	H.Q. R.A.A. 6 Aus. Div.	167	1 Oper. Sec.
136	H.Q. R.A.E. 6 Aus. Div.	168	1 Mech. Cable Sec.
137	2/2 Fd. Amb.	169	1 Tech. Maint. Sec.
138	Four Secs, 6 Aus. Div. Pro. Coy.	170	Air Int. Liason Sec.
139	H.Q. 17 Aus. Inf. Bde	171	2/3 Fd. Amb.
140	2/5 Bn.	172	H.Q. 18 Aus. Inf. Bde.
141	2/6 Bn.	173	2/9 Bn.
142	2/7 Bn.	174	2/10 Bn.
143	2/8 Bn.	175	2/11 Bn.
144	2/2 Fd. Coy.	176	2/12 Bn.
145	Sigs, 6 Aus. Div. (less H Sec.)	177	2/3 Fd. Coy.
146	6 Aus. Div. Sup. Col.	178	2/1 Fd. Pk. Coy.
147	6 Aus. Div. Amn. Coy.	179	2/3 Fd. Regt.
148	6 Aus. Div. Pet. Coy.	180	41 L.A.D.
149	40 L.A.D.	181	44 L.A.D.
150	46 L.A.D.	182	47 L.A.D.
151	49 L.A.D.	183	48 L.A.D.
152	2/1 A. Fd. Wkshop	184	1 Aus. A. Tk. Regt.
153	2/2 Fd. Regt.	185	H. Sec. Sigs, 6 Aus. Div.
154	Corps Tps. Sup. Col.	186	2/1 H.G. Bn.
155	Corps Tps. Amn. Coy.	187	1 Conv. Depot
156	2/1 C.C.S.	188	1 Adv. Depot Med. Store
157	6 Aus. Div. Amn. Sub. Pk.	189	1 Spec. Dental Unit
158	Corps Tps. Amn. Sub. Pk.	190	2 " " "
159	6 Aus. Div. Sec. 1 Ord. Fd. Pk.	191	3 " " "
160	H.Q. Sigs, Aus. Corps	192	4 " " "
161	H.Q. 1 Coy. Sigs Aus Corps	193	5 " " "
162	H.Q. 2 Coy. Sigs Aus. Corps	194	6 " " "
163	1 Construction Sec.	195	2/1 Aus. Gen Hosp.
164	1 D.R. Sec.	196	Aus. Inf. & Gen. Base Depot.

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APPENDIX "B"

MARKING OF UNIT BAGGAGE.

In order to facilitate loading, clearing of ship and disposal of troops on landing, each package or article of a unit's baggage will, in addition to bearing the serial number of the unit, be painted with distinguishing colour lines. The colours will denote units in accordance with the following system:-

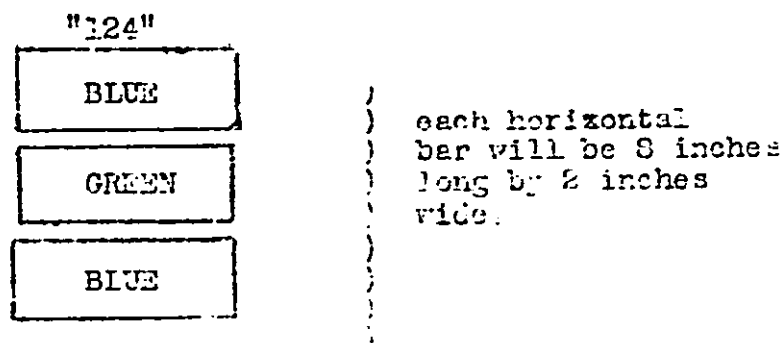
NUMERAL	REPRESENTATIVE COLOUR
One (1)	Red, Bright, G.S.
Two (2)	Blue, G.S.
Three (3)	Yellow. (ann.)
Four (4)	Green, Light, G.S.
Five (5)	Grey (Ann.)
Six (6)	Buff, G.S.
Seven (7)	Red, oxide of iron
Eight (8)	Service Colour G.S.
Nine (9)	White Lead, G.S.
Nought (0)	Brown, Dark, G.S.

The colours to be painted on the baggage will be those given above, and will represent the last two figures (i.e., the tens and units digits) of the serial number of the unit.

The colours representing the tens digits will appear both below and above that of the units digits.

The serial number (2" high) in white paint on dark packages and black paint on light packages, will be placed above these lines.

Thus, for example, a unit whose serial number is "124" will use the following marks on all its baggage:-



The serial numbers for units are those shown in Appendix "A" to this Circular.

Instructions regarding this marking will be repeated in Unit Routine Orders at places of concentration.

At least two marks will be used on each article, usually on each end of a box or case, two sides of a bale, etc. Articles carried uncased or which it would be otherwise impracticable to mark will have securely attached to them a wooden tally with the unit's distinguishing mark painted on each side.

APPENDIX "B" (Contd.)

The titles of units will not appear on any unit baggage. When the title of the unit has been placed on baggage for any peace time purpose, it will be painted out when the above system is put into operation. Universal and sea kit bags will be marked with serial number only.

Authority is given for C.Os. to acquire by direct purchase against Public Funds the necessary paints and brushes, quoting M.B. Memo. S.M. 3698 of 29 Dec. '39 as authority on claims.

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ARMY HEAD-QUARTERS,

VICTORIA BARRACKS

Melbourne, S.C.1,

22 FEB 1940

Eastern Command.
Southern Command.
Western Command.

.. I am directed by the Quartermaster-General to advise you that Serial numbers as shown in the attached appendix have been allotted to Units of the 2nd A.I.F.

All unit stores, baggage and war equipment will be marked in the manner set out in A.H.Q. Instructions for War 11Q (Movement 401), Para. 213, and in S.M. 3698 of 29th December, Para. 23.

Units will be instructed to have these articles marked as soon as practicable.

Ronald J. ...

Lt.-Colonel,

Director of S.T.M. & Q.

Copy to :- 6 Div. ✓
"G" Branch
"O" Branch
"A" Branch

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CHINA/BS

Serial No.

Unit

123	H.Q. Overseas Base
134	" ^{Aus} 6 Div
135	" ^{Aus} ^{RAA} 6 Div. ^{Inf.}
136	" ^{Aus} ^{RAE} 6 Div. ^{Eng.}
137	2/2 P.L. Amb.
138	^{Eng} 6 ^{Aus} ^{Secs} 6 Div. ^{Provost} Coy.
139	H.Q. 17 ^{Aus} ^{Inf.} Bde.
140	2/3 Bn.
141	2/6 Bn.
142	2/7 Bn.
143	2/8 Bn.
144	2/2 P.L. Coy.
145	6 Div. Sign. ^{6 Aus Div} ^(less H Sec)
146	^{Aus} 6 Div. ^{Sup.} Col.
147	^{Aus} 6 Div. ^{Ann.} Coy.
148	^{Aus} 6 Div. ^{Pat.} Coy.
149	40 L.A.D.
150	40 "
151	40 "
152	2/1 A.P.L. Workshop.
153	2/2 P.L. Regt.
154	Corps Tps. ^{Sup.} Col.
155	Corps Tps. ^{Ann.} Coy.
156	2/1 C.C.S.
157	^{Aus} 6 Div. ^{Ann.} ^{Sub.} ^{PK} ^{Para}
158	Corps Tps. ^{Ann.} ^{Sub.} ^{PK} ^{Para}
159	^{Aus} 6 Div. ^{Sec.} ¹ ^{Ord.} ^{PK} ^{Para}
160	H.Q. Corps ^{Sign.} ^{Amalg.}
161	H.Q. 1 Coy. ^{Sign.} ^{Corps} ^{Sign.}
162	" 2 Coy. ^{Sign.} ^{Corps} ^{Sign.}
163	1 Construction Sec.
164	1 D.R. Sec.

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APPENDIX A

Serial No.

Unit

165	1 W/T. Sec.
166	1 Line Maint. Sec.
167	1 Cper. Sec.
168	1 Mech. Cable Sec.
169	1 Tech. Maint. Sec.
170	Air Int. Liaison Sec.
171	2/3 P.L. Amb.
172	H.Q. 18 ^{Aus} ^{Inf.} Bde.
173	2/9 Bn.
174	2/10 Bn.
175	2/11 Bn.
176	2/12 Bn.
177	2/3 P.L. Coy.
178	2/1 P.L. Pk. Coy. ^{Tr. & E.}
179	2/3 P.L. Regt.
180	41 L.A.D.
181	41 "
182	47 "
183	48 "
184	^{1 Aus A.T.K. Regt.} ^{2/5 P.L. Regt.} ^(A.T.K. Regt.)
185	^{H.Q. Sec. ^{Ann.} ^{Sign.} ^{6 Aus Div} ^(A.T.K. Regt.)}
186	2/1 H.Q. Bn.
187	1 Comm. Depot
188	1 Adv. Depot ^{Med. Store}
189	1 Spec. Dental Unit
190	3 " " "
191	3 " " "
192	4 " " "
193	3 " " "
194	6 " " "
195	2/1 ^{Aus} ^{Gen.} ^{Resp.}
196	^{Aus} ^{Inf.} ^{&} ^{Gen.} ^{Base} ^{Depot.}

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

14th February 1940.

Secretary,
Military Board.

ISSUE OF EQUIPMENT TO 2nd A.I.F.

With reference to M.B. Secret Memo. 2519 of 16 Jan. '40, I desire to state that the objective laid down in para. 2 thereof is still far from attainment.

In my opinion, unless the whole question of provision and issue of War Equipment is given early and continuous supervision by Army Headquarters, the chaotic condition which obtained immediately preceding the departure of the First Contingent may recur. I consider that failing such supervision there is a definite prospect that the remainder of the 2nd A.I.F. will embark without various items of equipment that could be obtained locally and in time.

I consider that the methods adopted to effect local purchase, referred to in para. 8 of the above mentioned memo., merit investigation with a view to the removal of causes of delay. According to representations made by units there seems to be reason to believe that Ordnance staffs are inadequate in Commands. One result of this is that there is not a sufficiently close co-operation with the units requiring the equipment in making necessary purchases.

I am not in a position to verify these matters but it is clear that at the present rate of progress the equipment will not be made available in the limited time before embarkation.

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

Q 19/2 Retained only in case of later argument
unlikely to be required
F.D.A.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY.

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ARMY HEAD-QUARTERS,
VICTORIA BARRACKS

2519

Melbourne, S.C.
16th January, 1940.

N. Comd.
E. Comd.
S. Comd.
W. Comd.

ISSUE OF EQUIPMENT TO 2nd A.I.F.

1. I am directed by the Master-General of the Ordnance to inform you that immediate steps are to be taken to complete the issue of War Equipment, Training Equipment, and Camp Equipment to units of 2nd A.I.F. in Australia up to the full extent of the authorised scales.
2. It is the direction of the Minister that every endeavour is to be made to complete these issues before 1st FEBRUARY, 1940.
3. Special instructions have been issued regarding the scale of issue of Directors, Rangefinders, and Associated Stores, and the allotment of M.T. vehicles.
4. With regard to all other stores, it is most important that after allowing for the minimum requirements of Army Schools, preference be given to units of 2nd A.I.F.
5. Stocks on issue to Army Schools are to be reviewed to ensure that no item is withheld from issue to A.I.F. that is not essential for the proper functioning of the School concerned, and cannot be dispensed with even temporarily.
6. Where deficiencies exist in A.I.F. units and stocks are held by Militia Units, the necessary withdrawals must be made from Militia Units to provide the full equipment for the A.I.F.
7. Conferences should be held within Commands to ensure that such equipment as will remain after completing requirements of the A.I.F. is equitably distributed.
8. Where deficiencies exist in items authorised for local purchase, immediate purchase is to be arranged with the local Contract Board.
9. A report is to be furnished to reach Army Headquarters not later than 31 Jan. 40, showing action taken and giving a brief summary of the main items of equipment deficient for :-
(a) 2nd A.I.F., (b) Army Schools and P.I.F., (c) Militia.

Trans. 15/1/40.

*Agreed
This has been done in Sydney
by J. E. Legg*

G. E. H. Ancherley Colonel,
Director of Ordnance Services.

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2ND AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Headquarters,
Overseas Base,
Advance Party.
27/12/39.

The Secretary,
Military Board,
Melbourne,
AUSTRALIA.

2nd A.I.F. ADVANCE PARTY - "STRATHALLAN"

I have to report that the "Strathallan", with the Advance Party of the 2nd A.I.F., arrived at Colombo on 27th December, 1939, as reported in my cable of that date.

During the voyage the undermentioned matters have been discussed and are referred:-

1. PAY.

In connection with pay I am informed that the N.Z. contingent has been paid in sterling since leaving Adelaide. Pending decisions, the 2nd A.I.F. is being paid in Australian currency, which is changed on the ship to British currency. The uneven policy between the two groups gives ground for comment.

It is desirable that the A.I.F. be paid in sterling forthwith, rather than be given the impression that their pay is depreciated after receipt by the amount of exchange charged on Australian currency.

The published rate of pay is naturally assumed to be that which will be received by the troops during their active service abroad, as on the former occasion. I may add that after leaving last port in Australia the currency of the ship is in sterling. It is urged that decision in this important matter be communicated to me as quickly as possible. One pay has already been made on the ship, and there will be another before disembarkation.

2. FIELD ALLOWANCE.

This was referred to in my personal letter from Adelaide. Officers of the New Zealand contingent are receiving Ship Allowance on board and will receive Field Allowance on arrival at destination. They also receive £50 Outfit Allowance before leaving home and £20 per annum thereafter.

Early decision with regard to the payment of Field Allowance is pressed for.

3. INCOMPLETENESS OF RECORDS.

Clothing and Equipment,

No records of clothing and equipment issued to the personnel of the Advance Party were placed on board. It has been necessary to check all property and prepare records of items held.

Many deficiencies have been indicated, and endeavour is being made to cover these from the small stock accompanying the Advance Party and from British Army sources. With two exceptions personnel were not issued with blankets or waterproof sheets.

Personnel.

The duplicate records of personnel on appendix attached have not been received. The duplicate papers for N.X. 1138 Sgt. ROBERTS, Henry Edwards 6th Division Signals, are on board, but it has been ascertained that this

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H.C.C. was still at Ingleburn when representatives of the 16th Inf. Bde. left that Camp. He was possibly confused with W.X. 1277 Sgt. ROBERTS John Bertram, 6th Division Signals who is on board, but without any papers. Duplicate D1 records have been prepared to cover all cases in which papers are deficient, in order to provide for medical records. It is requested that the missing records be sent over by first available means.

4. TRAINING.

Training instruction has been seriously interfered with by vaccination and inoculation. Physical Training has been discontinued. While it is realized that later drafts will be likely to have completed these processes, it is urged that endeavour be made to ensure that all men embarking will be free of the necessity for further inoculations on board.

5. SUMMER AND VOYAGE CLOTHING.

Sand Shoes, shirts and shorts are deficient for many personnel on board. Sand shoes are essential for general wear, especially in heavy weather, and for Physical Training. Light summer clothing is important to conserve the health of the Troops in the tropics and is on issue to British Troops. The problem has arisen of suitable landing dress when in port.

It is recommended that the Authorities in charge of the War and Patriotic Funds in the various States be advised of the desirability of providing for any deficiency of articles of this nature, which are not authorised, before embarkation, and that calf length stockings of approved type be included. Endeavour will be made to obtain samples of British Army Pattern and despatch to you for guidance in this respect, so that uniformity of pattern may be gained, and our men be in line with the British Troops.

Other items which should be made available to the Troops either from the Patriotic Funds or private purchase are swimming costumes and, for Officers, shirts with shoulder straps for wearing badges of rank with.

6. POSTAGE AND CENSORSHIP.

The New Zealand troops have been throughout the voyage been regarded as being on active service and their mails are being despatched without stamps. In the absence of direction, I decided to treat postage as a private matter until arrival at destination, expecting then to receive orders. In the meantime no censorship is being carried out, but troops have been reminded of the necessity of secrecy as to essential military information.

It is intended to procure censor stamps from the Middle East Command and bring them into use on disembarkation.

Decision as to free postage for the troops on active service is requested.

7. CASUALTY.

Confirming my cable No.T.X.776 Sergeant P.C. PEARSON, 6th Divisional Engineers, was operated on 22nd December, 1939 for ruptured duodenal ulcer. The operation was apparently successful. He is being disembarked at Bombay for return to Australia when fit to travel, on the advice of the A.D.M.S. It is expected that he will be admitted to the British Military Hospital at Bombay. His papers were not received on board. His next of kin have not been informed.

Brigadier.
O.C. Troops.

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APPENDIX 1.

MISSING PERSONAL DOCUMENTS

NO.	NAME.	NAME.	E.O.
N.X.2287	Lt.-Col.	MILNE	R.C.E.
N.X.1.	Maj.	IRVING	T.H.
W.X. 28	Capt.	MAIDMAN	T.H.
T.X.8024	Capt.	VINCENT	H.W.M.
Q.X.8025	Capt.	NELSON	G.E.H.
S.X.1424	Capt.	BLEBY	E.W.
WX 1281	Lt.	ORDE	V.O.
WX 14	Lt.	DEGALLS	H.O.
WX 23	Lt.	REYNOLD	R.E.
QX 6018	Lt.	COURT	R.
TX 2053	Lt.	MADDERN	J.F.
VX 9715	W.O.(11)	MULRAN	H.E.L.
TX 726	Sgt.	GOODWIN	R.A.
VX 6342	Sgt.	MATTHEWS	D.H.A.
SX 422	Sgt.	FOOTE	F.R.
QX 1232	Sgt.	OGDEN	F.S.
QX 4623	T/Sgt.	ALLAN	F.R.
SX 1227	T/Sgt.	CHANDERLAIN	C.W.C.
QX 6542	T/Sgt.	DOOSTER	C.D.
WX 106	T/Sgt.	BECOME	V.
WX 711	Cpl.	DAVE	P.O.
WX 776	Sgt.	PEARSON	