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H.Q. 1 Aus Corps.
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29 Apr. 40.

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You should examine this matter with the C.-in-C. MIDDLE EAST and, subject to his approval, arrange for the Base to be moved to a location at which it can fulfil its proper functions.

(b) ESTABLISHMENTS OF OVERSEAS BASE AND A.I.F. ADM. H.Q.

(i) The present establishment of the Aus O'seas Base was framed to meet the situation occasioned by the early despatch overseas of the 16 Aus Inf Bde. It contains elements which properly belong to the H.Q. Adm. A.I.F. and which should be brought at the earliest possible date into their correct place in the adm. organization.

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(iii) Care should be taken that variations in the total est. of Aus O'seas Base and Adm. H.Q. should NOT exceed those which are necessary for the conditions which will exist in the MIDDLE EAST Comd. Grouping of the elements of the two organizations should, however, be designed to facilitate participation of the A.I.F. in active operations on a system which envisages the use by the British Forces and A.I.F. of a common L/C operating under G.H.Q. in the fd, but providing for the control by G.O.C., A.I.F., of Australian matters of domestic concern.

(c) <u>LOCATION OF H.Q. 1 AUS CORPS</u>.

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<u>RELATIONS WITH COMD 6 AUS DIV</u>.

4. Comd. 6 Aus Div commands the A.I.F. in PALESTINE and personnel of your H.Q. will accordingly come under his orders for purposes of discipline.

You should take every opportunity of discussing with Comd. 6 Aus. Div. any adm. changes proposed, particularly in so far as these may affect the local adm. of the Force under his comd. It is to be emphasised, however, that decisions on matters of general adm rest with you.

<u>CHANNEL OF COMN</u>.

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REPORTS.

6. Reports will be made as required direct to H.Q. 1 Aus Corps and copies passed to Comd. 6 Aus Div. where advisable or necessary.

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G.S. 1 Aus. Corps.

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Appx. A.

DETAILS FROM H.Q. 1 AUS. CORPS and A.I.F. ADM. H.Q

embarking H.M.T. X5 - MELBOURNE - 5 MAY 40.

H.Q. 1 AUS. CORPS.

D.A. & Q.M.G.
A.Q.M.G.
D.A.A.G.

Clerks.

W.O.ii.
S.Sgt.
3 Ptes.

Drivers, M.T.

Cpl.
2 Ptes.
3 Batmen.
2 Cooks.
1 Orderly.
1 General Dutyman.

A.I.F. ADM. H.Q.

A.A.G.
Staff Captain.

2 Batmen.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

SECRET.

Copy No...7..

H.Q. 1 Aus Corps.
441 St. Kilda Rd.
MELBOURNE. S.C.2.

29 Apr 40.

1 AUS. CORPS OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 1.

Maj.-Gen. H.D. Wynter, C.M.G., D.S.O.,
D.A. & Q.M.G. 1 Aus. Corps.

MOVEMENT.

1. You will embark at MELBOURNE on H.M.T. X5 on 5 MAY 40 with the details from H.Q. 1 Aus Corps and A.I.F. Adm. H.Q. shown in Appx. 'A'.

ROLE IN GENERAL.

2. (a) Your role on arrival in the MIDDLE EAST will be to examine the adm. organization of the A.I.F. Abroad and to make such changes as you may consider necessary. In this regard you are empowered, in accordance with F.S.R. I. Sec. 10 (4) to issue orders and instructions, on matters of general adm affecting the A.I.F. on the authority of the Corps Commander.

(b) Concurrently with the above, you will establish Adv. H.Q. 1 Aus Corps.

ROLE IN PARTICULAR.

3. The following matters, arising from your general role, are emphasised -.

(a) LOCATION OF OVERSEAS BASE.

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RELATIONS WITH COMD 6 AUS DIV.

4. Comd. 6 Aus Div commands the A.I.F. in PALESTINE and personnel of your H.Q. will accordingly come under his orders for purposes of discipline.

You should take every opportunity of discussing with Comd. 6 Aus. Div. any adm. changes proposed, particularly in so far as these may affect the local adm. of the Force under his comd. It is to be emphasised, however, that decisions on matters of general adm rest with you.

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Appx. A.

DETAILS FROM H.Q. 1 AUS. CORPS and A.I.F. ADM. H.Q

embarking H.M.T. X5 - MELBOURNE - 5 MAY 40.

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A.I.F. ADM. H.Q.

A.A.G.
Staff Captain.

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RELATIONS WITH COMDR. 6 AUS. DIV.

4. Comd 6 Aus Div Commands the A.I.F. in PALESTINE and personnel of your H.Q. will accordingly come under his orders for purposes of discipline.

You should take every opportunity of discussing with Comd. 6 Aus. Div. any adm changes proposed, particularly in so far as these may affect the local adm. of the force under his Command. It is to be emphasised however that decisions on matters of general adm rest with you.

CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION.

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Appendix A

Details from H.Q. 1 Aust Corps & A.I.F. Adv. HQ

embarking H.M.T. "S. MELBOURNE". 5 May 40

H.Q. 1 Aust Corps

D.A. & Q.M.G.

A. & Q.M.G.

D.A.A.G.

Clerks

W.O. (1)

S/Sgt.

3 Privates

Driver M.T.

Cpl

2 Pte.

3 Batmen

2 Cooks

1 orderly

1 general duty man

A.I.F. Adv. HQ

A.A.G.

Staff Captain

2 Batmen

5. As far as local circumstances permit, the transfer of personnel should be effected in accordance with the schedule att as Appx 'A'. It is essential that a fair average of trained men be posted to the M.G.Bn. to ensure that its standard of individual training compares favorably with that of existing Units: it is in Bn Comds own interests to see that this is done, as they must rely in action on support provided by the M.G.Bn. The actual detail of personnel to be transferred is left to the discretion of Inf.Bde and Bn Comdrs within the limits indicated in Appx 'A'.

6. (a) The names of Offrs selected for transfer will be notified by Inf Bdes to Div.H.Q. not later than 15 Dec.39.

(b) The appointment of Offrs to the M.G.Bn other than those transferred vide para 1 of Appx 'A' will form the subject of separate correspondence.

7. In cases where existing Inf.Bns are not up to W.E. (vide W.E. 1/1933/11/4 - present organization), personnel will be transferred to the M.G. Bn. on a pro rata basis, strength to Est. provided that a working nucleus of one M.G. pl. is so transferred.

8. Pending the provision of mech. transport for the new W.E. units will continue to use existing horse drawn transport. Every endeavour must be made, however, to have personnel, who are selected as drivers, trained in anticipation of the change. This will necessitate some interim adjustments in postings, since the number of drs differ in the two ests.

9. The details regarding transfer of equipment given in the draft instructions are cancelled. NO M.G. equipment will be transferred to the M.G.Bn. from existing units. Separate arrangements will be made for the issue of the necessary equipment direct to the M.G. Bn. from ord. stocks.

10. Detailed instructions will be issued in due course regarding rolls for personnel transferred and the documents to accompany them.

Sgd. S.F.ROWELL

Col.
G.S. 6 Aus.Div.

16 Aus.Inf.Bde. 5
17 Aus.Inf.Bde 5
18 Aus.Inf.Bde. 5
6 Aus.Div.M.G. Bn. 2

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War Diary(2)
Northern Command 2.
Eastern Command 2.
Southern Command 4.
Western Command 2.

SECURITY

GROUP CLASSIFICATION OF TRADESMEN AND SPECIALISTS. FOR UNITS OF AN A.I.F. DIVISION.

W.E. A.I.F.	Unit	Tradesmen and Specialists by Groups.		
		Group I	Group II	Group III
II/1940/1/1	H.Q. of Division	Draughtsmen Fitters	Cooks	Clerks
II/1940/2/1	H.Q. of Inf. Bde.	Fitters	Intelligence duties Cooks Armourers Mechanics, M.T.	Clerks
II/1940/3A/1	H.Q. of Div. Arty.	Draughtsmen	Cooks	Clerks
II/1940/4/1	H.Q. Div. Eng.	Draughtsmen	Cooks	Clerks
II/1940/5/1	H.Q. Div. A.A.S.C.			Clerks
II/1940/6/1	A Div, Cav. Regt.		Carpenters & joiners Driver-operators Mechanics M.T. Cooks Intelligence duties	Clerks Drivers M.T. 1st class Equipment repairers Storemen-technical Butchers
II/1940/7/1	An Anti-tank Regt.	Artificers (Arty.)	Mechanics M.T. Cooks	Clerks Drivers M.T. 1st class Equipment repairers Storemen - technical Gun layers (2 per gun)
II/1940/7A/1	A. Fd. Regt. R.A.A.	Artificers (Arty.)	Mechanics M.T. Bty. Comdrs. Assts. Cooks Signallers	Clerks Drivers M.T. 1st class Equipment repairers Storemen - technical Gun pos. Offs. Assts.

W.E. A.I.F.	Unit	Tradesmen and Specialists by Groups.		
		Group I	Group II	Group III
II/1940/7A/1 - Contd.				Gun layers (2 per gun) Battery surveyors. Rangetakers.
II/1940/9/1	A Div. Fd. Pk. Coy. R.A.E.	Blacksmiths Draughtsmen Engine artificers Fitters Plumbers Surveyors Welders	Carpenters & joiners Electricians Painters & decorators	Clerks Saddlers and harness makers Sawyers Tinsmiths Engine hands I.C.
II/1940/10A/1	A Fd. Coy. R.A.E.	Blacksmiths Bricklayers Draughtsmen Engine artificers Fitters Plumbers Surveyors	Carpenters & joiners Electricians Masons Miners Painters & decorators Cooks	Clerks Concretors Tinsmiths Engine hands I.C. Stokers (stationary engine)
II/1940/11/1	Div. Sigs.	Electricians Fitters Instrument-mechanics	Carpenters Linemen Operators Cooks	Clerks Despatch riders Draughtsmen (Signals) Butchers Shoemakers
II/1940/12B/1	Inf. Bn.	Bricklayers Blacksmiths Fitters	Carpenters & joiners Masons Mechanics M.T. Cooks Intelligence duties Signallers	Clerks Equipment repairers Drivers M.T. 1st class Storemen - technical Shoemaker Butchers Rangetakers

W.E. A.I.F.	Unit	Tradesmen and Specialists by Groups.		
		Group I	Group II	Group III
II/1940/12E/1	Inf. A. Tk. Coy.		Cooks	
II/1940/13/1	Div. Amn. Coy. A.A.S.C.	Blacksmiths Coppersmiths Electricians Fitters Turners	Carpenters & joiners Cooks	Clerks Coachtrimmers Drivers, M.T. 1st class Butchers
II/1940/13A/1	Div. petrol Coy. A.A.S.C.	Blacksmiths Coppersmiths Electricians Fitters Turners	Carpenters & joiners Cooks	Coach trimmers Drivers M.T. 1st class Clerks Butchers
II/1940/15/1	Div. Supply Coln. A.A.S.C.	Blacksmiths Coppersmiths Electricians Fitters Turners	Carpenters & joiners Cooks	Butchers Clerks Coach trimmers Drivers M.T. 1st class
II/1940/16/1	A Fd. Amb.	Hospital cooks	Carpenter & joiners Cooks Dental mechanics	Dental clerk orderlies Nursing orderlies Clerks
II/1940/17/1	A Fd. Hyg. Sec.	Bricklayers	Carpenters & joiners Painters and decorators	Clerks Tinsmiths
II/1940/20/1	A Provost Coy.		Cooks Mechanics, M.T.	
II/1940/21/1	A Div. postal Unit	-	-	-
II/1940/25/1	An Employment Pl.	-	-	-
II/1940/26/1	Mobile Bath Unit	Plumbers	Carpenters	Clerks

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Copy No.

1 AUS. CORPS OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 1.

Major-General H. D. Wynter,
D.A. and Q.M.G. 1 Aus Corps.

29 Apr. 40

MOVEMENT.

1. You will embark at MELBOURNE on H.M.T. X5 on 5 May 40 with the details from H.Q. 1 Aus Corps and A.I.F. Adm. H.Q. shown in Appx. "A".

ROLE IN GENERAL.

2. (a) Your role on arrival in the MIDDLE EAST will be to examine the adm organization of the A.I.F. abroad and to make such changes as you may consider necessary. In this regard you are empowered, in accordance with F.S.R. I. Sec. 10 (4) to issue orders and instructions, on matters of general adm affecting the A.I.F. on the authority of the Corps Commander.

(b) Concurrently with the above, you will establish Adv. H. Q. 1 Aus Corps.

ROLE IN PARTICULAR.

3. The following matters, arising from your general role, are emphasised -

(a) LOCATION OF OVERSEAS BASE.

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You should examine this matter with the C.-in-C. MIDDLE EAST and, subject to his approval, arrange for the Base to be moved to a location at which it can fulfil its proper functions.

(b) Establishments of Overseas Base and A.I.F. Adm. H.Q.

(i) The present establishment of the Australian Overseas Base was framed to meet the situation occasioned by the early despatch overseas of 16 Aus Inf Bde. It contains elements which properly belong to the Headquarters Administration of the A.I.F. and which should be brought at the earliest possible date into their correct place in the adm organization.

The revised W.E. (W.E. A.I.F. 14/1940/1A/2) to some extent adjusts the above anomalies, but it still contains appointments which should be included in A.I.F. Adm. H.Q.

In deciding variations to this establishment, care should be taken NOT to look beyond existing requirements in the MIDDLE EAST. Any subsequent amendment found necessary by the participation of the A.I.F. in active operations can be made as the circumstances demand.

(c) ~~Establishment of A.I.F. Adm. H.Q.~~

(ii) The Corps Comd. does not propose at present completely to raise A.I.F. Adm. H.Q. It will, however, be essential to commence at an early date the formation of the nucleus of this H.Q. so as to take over from the Overseas Base such matters as Records and Pay. Such sections as are at present required will form part of the Advanced Headquarters 1st Aust. Corps but will be organised on such a basis as will allow of them being detached to Admi H.Q. when this is formed.

(iii) Your immediate object in this regard should be to recommend only the completion of the establishment to the extent required by existing circumstances.

(d) Location of H.Q. 1 Aus. Corps.

For the present your H.Q. should be established at such place as will have the most direct contact with the G.O.C.-in-C PALESTINE and so maybe arranged with

ANNEXURE "C"

SECOND AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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

IMMEDIATE. 6th December 1939.

6 AUS. DIV. CIRCULAR C.55.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF INF. UNITS - 6 AUS. DIV.

1. In confirmation of verbal notification to 16, 17 and 18 Aus. Inf.Bdes on 4 Dec. preparations are now to be made for carrying out the re9organization of Inf. Bdes in accordance with ;

(a) Special establishment for 6th Division - An Infantry Battalion (with Mechanized 1st Line Transport)

and

(b) Australian W/E 111/1939/32K/1 - An Infantry (Machine Gun) Battalion.

copies of which have been distributed direct from A.H.Q.

2, (a) The reorganization will take place :-

16 and 17 Aus.Inf.Bdes - at once.

18 Aus.Inf.Bde - on concentration in E.Comd.

(b) Action should be taken to implement the change by -

(i) preparation of "manning tables" for the 'Special Bn' organization.

(ii) on completion of (1), reorganize the Bn. by postin personnel accordingly.

3. 6 Aus.Div.M.G. Bn. will be established at RUTHERFORD on 18 Dec. on which date 2/11 Bn is due to leave for GRETA

4. Existing Bns will transfer personnel posted to M.G. Bn. on the following dates :-

(a) 18 Aus.Inf Bde.
18 Dec. This date may be varied by arrangement between 18 Aus Inf Bde & M.G. Bn. in the case of personnel from 2/10 Bn.

(b) 16 & 17 Aus Inf Bdes.
On dates to be notified later after the conclusion off Xmas leave and before 30 Dec.

(c) B.M.G.O. 16 Aus.Inf Bde. will report at RUTHERFORD on 18 Dec.

ANNEXURE "B"

DA/TG/RF

MOST SECRET

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29th December, 1939.

Eastern Command. (8)
Southern Command (8)
6th Division. (8)
H.Q. Overseas Base (3)

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Copies for information to -
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A.G. (6); Q.M.G. (6); M.G.O. (6); F.M. (3);
N.L.O., London (2); Western Command (2);
Northern Command (2).

2ND A.I.F. - 1ST CONVOY

I am commanded by the Military Board to inform you that the tentative instructions for embarkation of 2 A.I.F. - 1st Convoy - issued under S.M. 3650 dated 20th December, 1939, are cancelled and the following instructions are to be substituted therefor:-

2. ALLOTMENT OF UNITS TO TRANSPORTS.

(a) H.M.T. U.1) See Appendix I
H.M.T. U.2) (No alterations
H.M.T. U.3) in allotments
H.M.T. U.4) are contemplated)
H.M.T. U.5)

3. ALLOTMENT OF VEHICLES AND ARTILLERY EQUIPMENTS TO TRANSPORTS.

M.T. Vehicles, Artillery Equipments, Travelling Kitchens and Watercarts have been allotted to Transports as detailed in Appendix II.

4. GENERAL OR BULK STORES TO BE PLACED ON CERTAIN TRANSPORTS (EXCLUDING APPENDICES II AND IV).

(a) General or Bulk Stores have been allotted to H.M.Ts. U.1, U.4 and U.5 only in accordance with Appendix III.

(b) General or Bulk Stores will include:-

(i) All natures of reserve stores and supplies for consignment to Overseas Base including Canteen Stores and those of Philanthropic Organizations for which shipping space has been made available.

(ii) Certain war equipments, or portions thereof, which it is not intended to issue to Units during the pre-embarkation period, viz., War Equipments of 1 Aust. Gen. Hos., 2/1 Fd. Amb., etc.

5. Stores to be placed on board each Transport (excluding Appendices II and III)

(a) The War Equipments of Units (less those not issued to Units during the pre-embarkation period) will be placed on the Transports to which Units (or Unit Headquarters) has been allotted.

(b) Other stores to be placed on each transport are shown generally on Appendix IV.

6. Dates by which ships will be available for loading of stores, etc., and embarkation of Units.

Transport	Stores to be placed on board	Berth	Date
U.4	Stores allotted on Appendix III Vehicles allotted on Appendix II	No. 8 Woolloomooloo	Z-6 to Z-3 day
	Units War Equipments and Stores shown on Appendix IV.	No. 8 Woolloomooloo	Z-2 day
	Units as shown on Appendix I(a)	Stone Wall (Berth No.14) Pyrmont	Z-1 day
U.2	Stores allotted Appendix III Units War Equipments and Stores shown on Appendix IV	Stone Wall) Pyrmont) Berth No.12)	Z-2 day
	Units as shown on Appendix I(b)	Stone Wall (Berth No.12) Pyrmont	Z-1 day
U.3	Stores allotted Appendix III Units War Equipments and Stores shown on Appendix IV	No. 20 Pyrmont	Z-1 day (p.m.)
	Units as shown on Appendix I(c)		Z day.
U.5	Stores allotted Appendix III) Vehicles allotted Appendix II) Stores shown on Appendix IV	Stone Wall Pyrmont	Z-8 to Z-3 day Z-1 day (pm only)
	Units shown on Appendix I(d)		Z day
U.1 Melbourne	Stores allotted Appendix III) Vehicles allotted Appendix II)	Station or Princes Pier, Port Melbourne.	Date of arrival in Melbourne not yet available.
	Stores shown on Appendix IV Units shown on Appendix I		Z day. Z+1 day
U.1 Sydney	Vehicles allotted Appendix II	Circular Quay, Sydney (Possibly No.4 berth)	Command arrange ship- ment as soon as vessel is able to re- ceive.

NOTES. Z day is the day of final embarkation in Sydney and this date, together with the names of Transports to which code numbers have been allotted, will be communicated under separate cover to G.O.C's Eastern and Southern Commands and 6th Division for the information of their officers who are most directly concerned.

Transport U.1 is at present in Sydney and its early departure for Melbourne is anticipated. Services responsible for the supply of vehicles shown on Appendix II for shipment Sydney are to take early action to ensure that they are held available for shipment at immediate notice. Southern Command will be informed of the earliest date by which shipments for U.1 can be commenced in Melbourne.

7. Ship Allotments (A.A.F. T.54).

(a) Details shown on Appendices I to IV will be consolidated at an early date on A.A.Fs. T.54 for ready reference and use by Embarkation Staffs.

(b) No variation in the composition of the ship allotments will be authorized except under instructions from A.H.Q.

8. 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) to I(e)) 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.

(iv) Rail time tables, Eastern Command, will, however, need to be so arranged that embarkations on each transport can be completed in the following order and at hour and day shown:-

H.M.T.	U.4	-	complete embarkation	10 a.m. Z - 1 day
H.M.T.	U.2	-	" "	12.30 p.m. Z - 1 day
H.M.T.	U.3	-	" "	10 a.m. Z day.
H.M.T.	U.5	-	" "	12.30 p.m. Z day.

(v) Rail time tables, Southern Command, will provide for the completion of Embarkations on U.1 on Z + 1 day at ~~10.30 p.m.~~ 1500 hrs

(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. 6).

Departmental M.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.

* Excluding those not issued to Units during the pre-embarkation period and treated as general or bulk stores.

(d) Bulk or General Stores.

The movement of these stores (shown on Appendix III) to the Port of Embarkation will be the responsibility of the Commands concerned.

It will be essential for close liaison to be maintained with the ship's agents through the Superintending Sea Transport Officer in order to ascertain the most suitable times for delivery to the ship for loading. Every endeavour will be made to adhere to the programme set out in para. 6.

(e) M.T. Vehicles, Artillery Equipments, Watercarts, etc.

(i) These will be moved to the Port on their own wheels. Delivery to the ship will be arranged with the ship's agents through the S.S.T.O. as defined in para. (d) above.

(ii) Vehicles will be grouped according to their proposed location on board the transports to which allotted (vide Appendix II). Thus vehicles allotted to No. 1 Hold should be grouped separately from those allotted to Orlop or Tween Decks or other holds.

(iii) M.T. Vehicles will be prepared as under for embarkation. -

M.T. vehicles will be despatched to the Port of Embarkation with the petrol supply arranged in such a way that as little as possible remains in the tank of each vehicle when it reaches the ship's side. Fuel tanks of all vehicles will be emptied at the quayside before they are placed in position for embarkation.

Embarkation Staffs will organize petrol emptying points near the ship's berths in a position convenient for placing the vehicles on the slings after fuel tanks have been emptied. Measures will be taken to ensure that no petrol is spilt on the quayside and that the petrol removed from the tanks is safely disposed of away from the berth and/or wharf sheds.

The engines of all M.T. vehicles will be kept running until the carburettors are dry of petrol before the vehicles are placed in the slings for loading. Vehicles will be oiled and containers filled with lubricants before movement to the Port of Embarkation. Sufficient oil and lubricants must be carried in the vehicles to complete the journey overseas.

Personnel accompanying convoys of vehicles will remain in the docks until such time as the embarkation of the vehicles in that convoy has been completed.

Drivers will be required to manoeuvre their vehicles up to the ship's berth in readiness for loading. In cases where vehicles have to be manoeuvred inside the ship, the assistance of the vehicle's own driver may be called for.

(f) Motor cycles.

Motorcycles will be ridden to the Port of Embarkation with the M.T. convoys and will be stowed under direction of the S.S.T.O.

The above instructions relating generally to mechanical vehicles will be applicable to motorcycles.

9. RAIL WARRANTS. All warrants issued for movement to the Port of Embarkation will be endorsed "2 A.I.F. - 1st Convoy."

10. CANTEENS ON BOARD TRANSPORTS.

(a) Dry canteens on board H.M.T. will be provided in accordance with the Regulations for H.M. Sea Transport Services by the ship's owners. Separate canteens operated by Units will NOT be authorized.

(b) A daily issue of beer on repayment will also be arranged under A.H.Q. instructions by the ship's owners. Bars, however, will NOT be established.

11. PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATIONS. Representatives of philanthropic organizations, i.e., Red Cross, Y.M.C.A., Salvation Army, together with such stores as may be permitted to proceed with them, will be embarked only under the authority of A.H.Q. Instructions and authority for embarkation will be issued direct to the individuals concerned by A.H.Q. Commands will be informed of particulars in all cases.

12. PACKING OF STORES, ETC., FOR SHIPMENT.

(a) Necessary instructions for packing of bulk or general stores will be issued by the Directorates responsible for supply.

(b) Reserve 30 days' supply and emergency rations, etc., are being obtained from the Navy Victualling Yard. Requisitions for supply have been tendered and delivery for shipment will be arranged by Eastern Command in conjunction with the Victualling Yard.

(c) War Equipments issued to Units during the pre-embarkation period will be packed for loading into transports under Unit responsibility. The objective should be to limit as far as practicable the number of packages comprising Unit War Outfit. Special care should be devoted to instruments, valuable stores and other small items of equipment, i.e., Boxes, Magazines of Lewis and Belt Boxes of Machine Gun Equipment which can be readily damaged by rough handling. All Units for embarkation 1st Convoy should ascertain as early as possible their requirements of packing cases, etc., and requisition for same on D.A.Ds.O.S. Early action to acquire anticipated requirements will be necessary on the part of Commands concerned.

13. 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) 6th Division will, however, take necessary action to ascertain requirements and notify A.H.Q. accordingly.

14. FITTING OUT OF TRANSPORTS.

(a) The "fitting out" of transports is the responsibility of the Naval Board and will be generally supervised by the Commodore in Charge, Sydney.

(b) Brigadier in Charge Administration, Eastern Command, will represent A.H.Q. when any question arises in regard to details and suitability of accommodation to be provided.

(c) Attention is directed to the necessity for the provision on each ship of -

(i) Office accommodation for O.C. Troops.

(ii) Guard room - 3 to 5 cells, one of which will be padded.

(iii) Hospital accommodation.

(iv) Office accommodation additional to (i) will be required on U.1 for H.Q. Overseas Base. Office accommodation will be required for -

H.Q. Section	.. ..	4 men
Record Section	.. ..	2 men
Pay Section	.. ..	4 men

(v) Accommodation for bulk storage of rifles and personal equipment will not be required - these will be kept by the troops in their cabins.

(vi) Accommodation for special ammunition storage will not be required. Ammunition to be shipped will be restricted to S.A.A.

15. SHIP STAFFS.

(a) The senior combatant officer on board each transport will be appointed O.C. Troops on board. Officers so appointed will be notified in writing by A.H.Q.

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

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

16. RATIONS AND MESSING.

(a) Rations for the voyage will be supplied by the ship owners on the scale prescribed by A.H.Q.

(b) All troops on board will mess in existing diningroom accommodation. Two or more sittings will be necessary.

(c) Messing arrangements generally will be considered by O.C. Troops on board in co-operation with the responsible Officer representing the Ship Master. The wishes of the latter in respect to organization of messes, production of mess rolls, arrangement of sittings, etc., will be met as far as practicable.

(d) O.C. Troops will detail Mess Orderlies on the usual scale (2 for each mess of 20) for duty during voyage.

(e) Mess Rolls A.A.F. T.55 will be completed as soon as possible after embarkation and when messes have been organized.

(f) The purpose of the Mess Rolls is to safeguard the ship owners against losses, damages, breakages, etc., of all mess utensils supplied during the voyage.

(g) Supplies of Mess Rolls will be placed on board each transport prior to sailing by the Embarkation Staff.

17. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION AT PORTS OF EMBARKATION.

(a) Organization and administration at the Ports of Embarkation will be the responsibility of the Commands in which they are situated.

(b) Organization at Embarkation Ports will include arrangements for:-

(i) Office accommodation - Embarkation Staff.

(ii) Office accommodation - Representatives District Records Section.

(iii) Provision of Stationery Supplies.

(iv) Medical arrangements such as "First Aid" posts, etc.

(v) Sanitation.

(vi) Accommodation for stores, supplies, etc., in transit to the ship.

(vii) Traffic control.

17. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION AT PORTS OF EMBARKATION (Contd)

(b) Cont'd.

Requirements for accommodation under (i), (ii) and (vi) will be arranged through the Harbour Masters, Port of Sydney and Port of Melbourne respectively.

(c) The Senior Embarkation Officer at each Port will deal with the G.O.C. of the Command in which the Port is situated on all questions concerning the administration and discipline of personnel working at or passing through the Docks.

18. DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE PORTS OF EMBARKATION.

(a) G.Os.C. of Commands will have entire control of all movements of Troops and Stores until they reach the berths where they are to be embarked.

(b) The Superintending Sea Transport Officer is responsible for the following:-

(i) Arrangements at the ship's side for actual embarkations.

(ii) All work ashore and afloat connected with berthing and loading of ship in co-operation with Harbour Officials and Agents of the Shipping Companies.

(iii) The supply of pilots, boats, lighters, tugs, etc., in co-operation with Harbour Officials.

(iv) The issue of instructions to Masters of Ships and Harbour Officials.

(v) The provision of slings and gears for loading mechanical vehicles and stores.

He will, however, consult with and meet the wishes of the Army authorities at all times possible. He is also the channel of communication between the Embarkation Staff and the Master of the Ship.

19. EXCLUSION FROM THE SHIP'S BERTHS.

(a) G.Os.C. of the Commands will make all necessary arrangements with the Port authorities for the exclusion of the Public from the wharves and/or the general area set aside for embarkation purposes.

(b) This restriction is to be applied to officers and other ranks who will not be employed on embarkation duties and who will otherwise not be required to be present at the ship's berths during embarkations.

(c) Officers and other ranks who are appointed for duty in the reserved embarkation areas will be issued with the necessary passes by the Commands concerned and by Movement Section (A.H.Q.) as required by A.H.Q. and G.O.C., 6th Division.

20. ORGANIZATION AND APPOINTMENT OF EMBARKATION STAFFS.

(a) Action will be taken by Eastern and Southern Commands for the organization and appointment of Embarkation Staffs as suggested hereunder:-

20. (Cont'd,)

(i) At Ports of Embarkation - Sydney and Melbourne.

¤1 Embarkation Staff Officer ¤1 Assistant Embarkation Staff Officer	)General supervision of all)embarkations,)embarkation)records, etc.
1 Railway Traffic Officer	Detrainments and clearnace of empty rolling stock.
3 Clerks	Office duties.

(ii) Personnel Section.

1 Officer 2 W. or N.C.Os.	(Detailed (allotment of (accommodation (on board.

(iii) Baggage Section.

1 Officer 2 N.C.Os.	(Supervision of (stowage of (Unit's baggage, (etc.

(iv) 1 Telephonist

(v) Orderlies and Guides (as required by Embarkation Staff Officer).

(b) In the case of Eastern Command where two ships will be dealt with simultaneously, additional staff to the above will be required on the following scale:-

(i) 1 Assistant Embarkation Staff Officer.

(ii) Personnel Section - 2 W. or N.C.Os.

(iii) Baggage Section - 2 W. or N.C.Os.

(iv) Orderlies and Guides (as required)

(c) The Staffs set out in (a) and (b) above will be regarded as minimum requirements and will be augmented at the discretion of the G.Os.C. of the Commands concerned.

(d) Officers marked thus (¤) will be called up for full time duty as and when required by G.Os.C. of the Commands. Provision for these officers will be made from Movement Section, Quartermaster-General's Branch of the Staff, as shown on War Establishment No. 4/1938/5/1 and noted as "Detached to Districts."

21. ALLOTMENT OF ACCOMMODATION ON BOARD TRANSPORTS.

Movement Section (A.H.Q.) will obtain from the Naval Staff a detailed plan of each ship and will detail therefrom the various bodies of troops to their respective decks, cabins and mess tables before embarkation.

A statement showing the whole of the troop accommodation on board and how it is allotted will be sent to the G.Os.C. of Commands for the use of the Embarkation Staffs at the Ports.

22. DOCUMENTS.

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

Immediately prior to embarkation Commanding Officers of Units and O.Cs. of all details shown on the appropriate ship allotments, Appendices 1(a) to (e), 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, 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.

(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.

(d) Requisition for Shipment of Stores. - A[illegible]52.

Directorates or Depots and Consignors requiring shipping

space will complete this form in quadruplicate and forward same to Movement Section (A.H.Q.) with the required information inserted in Columns (1) to (7) of the form.

When particulars of shipment have been decided, columns (8), (9) and (10) will be completed by Movement Section (A.H.Q.) who will return one copy to the Requisitioning Service or Depot or Consignor and will transmit two copies to Embarkation Staff, retaining the fourth copy for reference.

The consignors will then arrange for consignments to be despatched to ship's side on receipt of "calling forward" advice from the Embarkation Staff Officers at the Ports concerned.

Immediately after the sailing of the vessel to which consignments have been allotted, the Embarkation Staff Officer will endorse the forms relating to each as follows:-

(i) When the whole consignments has been shipped, by endorsing the bottom right hand corner of the form.

(ii) When only a portion has been shipped, by deleting the items and making an appropriate reference in the Remarks Column.

(iii) When no part of the consignment has been shipped, by making a note to this effect in the Remarks Column.

One copy of the form thus completed will be forwarded to Movement Section (A.H.Q.) (for noting and return to the consignor), the second copy being retained with Records kept at the Port.

(e) <u>Report of Sailing of Freight Ship. - A.A.F. T.53.</u>

This form is to be used to record the shipment of all general or bulk stores. Stores forming portion of the War Outfits of Units will not usually be recorded on this form, but will be shown on Sheet 2 of A.A.F. T.51. Certain exceptions will be necessary in the case of heavy or bulky War Equipments which are received at the ship direct from supplying depots or otherwise have not been issued to Units during the preembarkation period.

This exception will also apply to all M.T. vehicles which are being shipped with 1st Convoy.

It will be prepared immediately after the sailing of ships to which consignments have been allotted, in triplicate, by the Superintending Sea Transport Officer at each Port of Embarkation and disposed of as follows:-

(i) One copy for the Port of Discharge will be given to the Senior Embarkation Staff Officer who will compare it with the original "ship allotment" and will return it to Movement Section (A.H.Q.) for transmission to Movement Control at the Overseas Port of Discharge.

(ii) One copy will be forwarded for retention by A.H.Q. Movement Section.

(iii) The third copy will be retained t Embarkation Staff Officer at each Port and att to the Records relating to embarkations at ort.

(f) Bills of Lading. - G.964.

The following will be the procedure in connection with Bills of Lading:-

(i) All consignors will send to the Port of Embarkation Bills of Lading in sextuple for all stores destined for the Overseas Port.

(ii) The Embarkation Staff at the Port is responsible that Bills of Lading to cover all Military cargo in vessels loaded under supervision of the Superintending Sea Transport Officer are, after being signed by that Officer and by the Master, disposed of as follows:-

One copy will be handed to the Master of the Ship.

One copy will be returned to the consignor.

Two copies will be handed to the Master for delivery to the Docks Service or Movement Control at the Port of Discharge.

One copy will be delivered to the Master in an envelope addressed to the consignee for delivery through Movement Control at the Port of Discharge.

One copy will be retained with the records at the Port of Embarkation.

(iii) When only portion of a consignment is shipped, the Bill of Lading will be so endorsed by the Embarkation Staff, and a further Bill of Lading will be prepared by him if, and when, subsequent shipment of the balance is made at the same Port.

(iv) It must be clearly understood that Bills of Lading are not normally necessary in the case of items forming the War Outfit of a Unit. This rule will not, however, apply to M.T. vehicles and to certain War Equipments which are included on Appendix III and treated as bulk or general stores, i.e., War Equipments of the following Units:-

1st Australian General Hospital.
2/1st Field Ambulance.
2/1st Field Hygiene Section.

(v) Arrangements will be made by the Embarkation Staff with the Superintending Sea Transport Officer whereby stowage plans will be prepared from the Bills of Lading by the ship's agents. To assist in the preparation of these documents, the Embarkation Staff will place the Bills of Lading at the disposal of the Superintending Sea Transport Officer. The stowage plan will show the exact position of all cargo in the vessel, and will be handed by the Master to the Superintending Sea Transport Officer at the Port of Discharge.

(vi) Questions arising during and after shipment will be referred to Superintending Sea Transport Officer at Port of Loading or Discharge as the case may be and not to the Master

(g) Ship Allotment. - A.A.F. T.54.

This form will consolidate the allotment of Units, portions of Units, Drafts, etc., stores, supplies, equipments, vehicles, etc., allotted to each transport. It will be compiled by Movement Section (A.H.Q.) and forwarded to Embarkation Staffs for use at the Port.

(h) Mess Rolls. - A.A.F. T.55.

This form will be completed by Units on board ship after Embarkation and will record the names of personnel allotted to each mess.

It will also act as a form of receipt for all utensils used by the men during the voyage and will record damages, breakages, deficiencies, etc., as defined in Para. 16(f).

NOTE. Copies of all these forms included in Annexure "A" attached.

23. 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:-

"124"

BLUE

GREEN

BLUE

ch horizontal bar
be 8 inches
y 2 inches wide.

The serial numbers for units are those shown on the Allotments to Transports (Appendices 1(a) to 1(e)).

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.

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 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.

24. MARKING OF BULK AND GENERAL STORES.

Procedure prescribed in A.H.Q. Instructions for War No. 11Q (Movement 401) Para. 213, Appendix III, will be applied.

25. INSPECTION OF TRANSPORTS.

(a) A preliminary inspection of transports prior to embarkation will be arranged by the Commodore-in-Charge, Sydney, and D.N.O., Victoria, in co-operation with the Commands concerned to see that the ship is in every way fit for accommodation of troops.

(b) Commands will arrange for the Senior Embarkation Staff Officer to attend for inspection at the time and date appointed by the Naval authorities named.

(c) A Medical Officer will also be detailed to be present to report on the cleanliness and ventilation of cabins and berths and all sanitary and hospital arrangements.

(d) A final inspection will be held after embarkation and immediately prior to sailing. Representatives as in Paras. (a), (b) and (c) above will be warned by the Commands to attend.

26. 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.

27. 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.

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

Secret Memorandum No. 3630 dated 20th December, 1939, should now be destroyed.

for Secretary to the Military Board.

APPENDIX I(a)

2ND A.I.F. - 1ST CONVOY

Allotment of Units to U.4

Port of Embarkation ... Sydney. Berth ... Stone Wall 12, 13, 14 Pyrmont.

Date of final embarkation ... Z-1 day, departing 10 a.m.

Serial No.	Units	Personnel					Present Location
		Off.	W.Os.	Sgts.	O.Rs.	Total	
113	(2/2 Bn.	33	7	37	704	781	Ingleburn
	(" " 1 Reinf.	3	1	3	71	78	"
112(b)	2/1 Bn. 1 Reinf.	3	1	3	71	78	"
111	(H.Q. 16 Inf. Bde.	12	1	7	55	75	"
	(" " " "	-	-	-	2	2	"
	(1 Reinf.						
117	Details 6 Div.Sigs.	4	1	4	139	148	"
128	6 Div. Postal Unit	1	-	2	19	22	"
129	(1 Gen. Hosp.	24	3	21	126	174	"
	(" " " 1 Reinf.	1	-	1	4	6	"
109	(2/1 Hy. Scc.	1	-	4	24	29	"
c	(" " " 1 Reinf.	-	-	-	1	1	"
130(b)	6 Div. Recce. Regt. 1 Reinf.	3	1	3	38	45	"
*129	Nurses	3	-	-	-	3	
131	(6 Div. Recce. Regt.	1	-	1	10	12	Ingleburn
	(Sig. Sec.						
	(6 Div. Recce. Regt.	-	-	-	1	1	"
	(Sig. Sec.						
	(1 Reinf.						
	TOTAL ...	89	15	86	1,265	1,454	
*Add	Representative Philanthropic Organization Salvation Army	1	-	-	-	1	
	GRAND TOTAL ...	90	15	86	1,265	1,455	

* See note to Appendix I(e)

APPENDIX I(b)

2ND A.I.F. - 1ST CONVOY

Allotment of Units to U.2

Port of Embarkation ... Sydney. Berth ... Stone Wall 12, 13, 14 Pyrmont.

Date of final embarkation ... Z-1 day, departing 12.30 p.m.

Serial No.	Units	Personnel					Location
		Off.	W.Os.	Sgts.	O.Rs.	Total	
114	(2/3 Bn.	32	7	36	704	779	Ingleburn
	(" " 1 Reinf.	3	1	3	71	78	"
116	(2/1 Fd. Coy.	5	1	5	230	241	"
	(" " " 1 Reinf.	1	-	-	15	16	"
124	Details 6 Div. Sup. Coln.	11	2	18	268	299	"
130(b) ~~(a)~~	One squadron Div. Recce. Regt.	7	1	6	89	103	"
112(c)	Serial "C" 2/1 Bn.	4	1	3	89	97	"
≡129	Nurses	3	-	-	-	3	
	TOTAL	66	13	71	1,466	1,616	
≡Add	Representative Philanthropic Organization Y.M.C.A.	1	-	-	-	1	
	GRAND TOTAL ...	67	13	71	1,466	1,617	

≡ See Note to Appendix I(e)

APPENDIX I(c)

2ND A.I.F. - 1ST CONVOY

Allotment of Units to U.S

Port of Embarkation ... Sydney. Berth ... No. 20 Pyrmont.

Date of final embarkation ... Z day, departing 10 a.m.

Serial No.	Units	Personnel					Location
		Off.	W.Os.	Sgts.	O.Rs.	Total	
108	(2/1 Fd. Amb.	12	2	16	227	257	Ingleburn
	(" " " 1 Reinf.	-	-	-	5	5	"
115	(2/4 Bn.	33	7	37	704	781	"
	(" " 1 Reinf.	3	1	3	71	73	"
130(a)	6 Div. Recce. Regt. (less 1 squadron)	20	6	17	286	329	"
110	6 Fd. Cash Office	1	1	4	2	8	"
#129	Nurses	3	-	-	-	3	
	TOTAL ...	72	17	77	1,295	1,461	
	#Add representative philanthropic organization Y.M.C.A.	1	-	-	-	1	
	GRAND TOTAL ...	73	17	77	1,295	1,462	

See Note to Appendix 1(c)

APPENDIX I(d)

2ND A.I.F. - 1ST CONVOY

Allotment of Units to U.S

Port of Embarkation ... Sydney. Berth ... Stone Wall, 12, 13, 14 Pyrmont.

Date of final embarkation ... Z day, departing 12.30 p.m.

Serial No.	Units	Personnel					Location
		Off.	W.Os.	Sgts.	O.Rs.	Total	
123	(2/1 Fd. Regt.	32	10	31	514	587	Ingleburn
	(" " " 1 Reinf.	4	1	2	35	42	"
112(a)	2/1 Bn. less Serial "C"	30	6	35	615	686	"
#129	Nurses	3	-	-	-	3	
	TOTAL ...	69	17	68	1,164	1,318	
#Add	Representative of Philanthropic Organization - Aust. Comforts Fund	1	-	-	-	1	
	GRAND TOTAL ...	70	17	68	1,164	1,319	

See Note to Appendix 1(c)

APPENDIX I(e)

[illegible] A.I.F. - 1ST CONVOY

Allotment of Units to U.1

Port ... Melbourne Berth ... Station Pier, Port Melbourne. or Princes Pier.

Date of Final Embarkation ... Z + 1, departing ~~10.30 a.m.~~ 1500hrs

Serial No.	Units	Personnel					Present Location
		Off.	W.Os.	Sgts.	O.Rs.	Total	
101	H.Q. Overseas Base	15	2	6	140	163	Showgrounds
102	Aust. Ord. Store Coy.	2	2	5	39	46	"
118	39 L.A.D. (Div. Recce. Regt.)	1	-	1	11	13	"
119	42 L.A.D. (6 Div. Engr.)	1	-	1	11	13	"
120	43 L.A.D. (2/1 Fd. Regt.)	1	-	1	11	13	"
121	45 L.A.D. (16 Inf.Bde.)	1	-	1	11	13	"
122	1 Rec. Sec. A.E. W/shop	2	2	6	60	70	"
127	6 Provost Coy. - H.Q. Provost Co. 2 Secs.	1	1	3	42	47	"
103	Details 6 Div. H.Q.	4	1	1	23	29	St. Kilda Road (Div. H.Q.)
104	6 Div. Int. Sec.	2	8	-	2	12	"
105	Details H.Q. 6 Div. Arty.	2	-	-	5	7	Puckapunyal
106	Details H.Q. 6 Div. Engrs.	1	-	-	3	4	"
107	(H.Q. 6 Div. A.A.S.C.	7	1	2	26	36	"
	(" " " "	-	-	-	1	1	"
	(1 Reinf.						
125	Details 6 Div. Amn. Coy.	3	1	6	159	169	"
126	Details 6 Div. Pet. Coy.	3	1	4	85	93	"
#129	Nurses 1 Gen. Hosp. (less allotment to U.2, U.3, U.4, U.5)	38	-	-	-	38	Eastern Command.
~~#165~~ 132	Details 2/1 Conv. Depot	4	-	1	12	17	Western Command.
	TOTAL	88	19	36	641	784	
#ldd	Representatives Philanthropic Organizations:-						
	Y.M.C.A. (Officer status)	1	-	-	-	1	Melbourne
	Salvation Army (Officer status)	1	-	-	-	1	"
	A.R.C.S. (Officer status, 4; Soldier status, 4)	4	-	-	4	8	"
	TOTAL	94	19	36	645	794	

These Details will be embarked under Instructions issued by A.H.Q. Commands concerned will be informed of instructions to be issued.

APPENDIX II

2ND A.I.F. - 1ST CONVOY

Allotment of Vehicles to Transports

U.1

Cars, U.S.	4	No. 3 Hold	To be placed aboard Melbourne.
Vans, light, 12-cwt.	15	No. 2 "	
Guns, 18-pr., with carriage	5	No. 1 Orlop Deck	
Howitzers, 4.5" " "	4	No. 1 " "	
" " " "	4	No. 2 " "	
Trailers, No.9	10	No. 1 " "	
" No.12	8	No. 1 " "	
" "	8	No. 2 " "	
Utilities, 12-cwt.	2	Aust. Red Cross Vehicles.	
Watercarts	3	No. 1 Orlop Deck	To be placed aboard Sydney.
Motorcycles	10	No. 1 Hold	

U.4.

Vans, light, 12-cwt.	6	No. 1 Hold	To be placed aboard Sydney.
Vans, light, 12-cwt.	7	No. 1 Tween Decks	
Vans, light, 12-cwt.	20	No. 4 Hold	
Kitchens, travelling	21	No. 6 Hold	
Watercarts	10	No. 6 Hold	

U.5.

Vans, light, 12-cwt.	30	No. 4 Hold	To be placed aboard Sydney.
Vans, light, 12-cwt.	3	No. 5 "	
Vans, W/T, 15-cwt.	15	No. 5 "	
Kitchens, travelling	14	No. 4 "	
Watercarts	2	No. 1 Tween Decks	
Guns, 18-pr., with carriage	5	No. 6 Hold	
" " " "	6	No. 1 Tween Decks	
Trailers, No.9	10	No. 6 Hold	
" "	12	No. 1 Tween Decks	

APPENDIX III

2ND A.I.F. - 1ST CONVOY

Allotment of General or Bulk Stores to Transports

(To be covered by Bills of Lading - A.F. G.964)

U.1

Ordnance Stores Equipment (A.D.O.S., Overseas Base)	75	c.tons	To be placed aboard Melbourne.
General Stores (D.G.S.)	200	"	
Clothing (D.C.S.)	104	"	
M.T. Spares, etc. (D. of M.)	16	"	
Maintenance Stores (D. of A.)	20	"	
Red Cross Supplies	200	"	
Aust. Comforts Fund	27	"	
Salvation Army General Stores	1	"	
Y.M.C.A. General Stores	6	"	

U.2

General Stores	27	"	Aust. Comforts Fund. To be placed aboard Sydney.

U.3

General Stores	27	"	Aust. Comforts Fund. To be placed aboard Sydney.

U.4

Clothing (D.C.S.)	7	"	
Medical and Surgical Stores of -			
2/1 Fd. Amb.	6	"	
2/1 Fd. Hy. Sec.	1	"	
1 Aust. Gen. Hospital	64	"	
Ordnance Equipment of -			To be placed aboard Sydney.
2/1 Fd. Amb.	250	"	
2/1 Fd. Hy. Sec.	8	"	
1 Aust. Gen. Hospital	537	"	
Canteen Stores	40	"	
Red Cross Supplies	200	"	
Aust. Comforts Fund	27	"	

U.5

Small Arms Ammunition (.303) 3979 Boxes	100	"	To be placed aboard Sydney.
Reserve Supplies (S. & T.) ...	800	"	
Aust. Comforts Fund	27	"	
General Stores (Y.M.C.A.) ...	6	"	
Salvation Army General Stores ...	1	"	

APPENDIX IV

2ND A.I.F. - 1ST CONVOY

Stores to be placed on board each Transport (excluding Appendices II and III)

(a) Unit War Equipments (to be placed on Transport to which Unit Headquarters is allotted).

(b) Unit Baggage - including personal baggage of Officers and Universal and sea kit bags of other ranks.

(c) 99 Boxes of S.A.A. - to be at disposal of O.C. Troopship.

(d) Expense Stores for voyage use (these will be issued to Units before embarkation).

(e) 18 tons of Australian Comforts Fund Stores.

(d) Stationery boxes for O.C. Troopship.

All stores shown on this Appendix should be available "on voyage" with the possible exception of (a). If sufficient accommodation is available in the ship baggage rooms, Unit War Equipments (a) should be placed therein.

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SECURITY

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY.

MILITARY BOARD

ARMY HEAD-QUARTERS,
VICTORIA BARRACKS

Melbourne, S.C.1.

S.M. 2199 — 11th June, 1940.

N. Comd. (12)	7 M.D. (3)	S. of A.
E. Comd. (18)	13 Fy. Bty.	S.A.S.
S. Comd. (24)	N.G. Vol. Rifles	S. of E.
W. Comd. (10)	R.M.C. (2)	S. of Sigs.
1 Aust Corps (25)	C. & S.S.	A.S.C. School.
C/Near Base (12)	C.T.D.	

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ORGANIZATION, COMPOSITION AND DISTRIBUTION

I am commanded by the Military Board to state that authority has been granted to expand the 1st Australian Corps (organized as set out in S.M. 1555 of 14th Feb. 1940) by the inclusion of an additional Division and certain Corps and Base and L. of C. units.

2. Table I attached hereto gives the composition of the whole force, together with a reference to the relevant War Establishment in each case.

Table II shows the allotment to Commands and Military Districts of the Units to be raised (in whole or in part)

Attention is invited to the fact that -

(a) Several units which were shown in S.M. 1555 as "not to be raised pending further orders" are now to be raised.

(b) Certain units of the 7th and 8th Divisions (e.g. Div. Cav. Regts.) have been re-distributed to facilitate organization, while the grouping of battalions in brigades has been revised in certain cases.

3. For the preliminary organization and training of units of the 8th Division, similar arrangements as for the 7th Division will be made for the assembly of a cadre of officers and N.C.O's. prior to the commencement of general recruiting (vide para 2 of A.H.Q. memo 32066 of 29 May 40)

4. This instruction supersedes S.M. 1555 which is hereby cancelled.

C.B. Coffman

Secretary to the Military Board.

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TABLE I

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY.

MILITARY BOARD

ARMY HEAD-QUARTERS,
VICTORIA BARRACKS
Melbourne, S.C.1.

COMPOSITION OF THE FORCE

War Establishment A.I.F.	UNIT OR FORMATION	Remarks
	Corps Units (Now to be raised unless otherwise stated)	
III/1940/5/2	1st Australian Corps Headquarters	
III/1940/62/1	Corps Intelligence Section	
III/1940/62/1	Air Intelligence Liaison Section	Portion already raised (SM.517 of 14 Feb.1940)
III/1940/7/1	Headquarters Corps Artillery	
III/1940/8/1	Headquarters Corps Medium Artillery	
III/1940/10A/1	Headquarters 2/1 Medium Regt. (6" How.)	
"	2/1 Medium Battery (6" How.)	
"	2/2 Medium Battery (6" How.)	
III/1940/10/1	Headquarters 2/2 Medium Regt (60 Pdr.)	
"	2/3 Medium Battery (60 Pdr.)	
"	2/4 Medium Battery (60 Pdr.)	
III/1940/13/1	2nd/1st Survey Regiment	
III/1940/6/1	Headquarters 1st Anti-Aircraft Brigade	
III/1940/12E/1	Headquarters 1st Anti-Aircraft Regiment	
"	1st Anti-Aircraft Battery	
"	2nd Anti-Aircraft Battery	
"	3rd Anti-Aircraft Battery	
III/1940/12E/1	Headquarters 2nd Anti-Aircraft Regiment	
"	4th Anti-Aircraft Battery	
"	5th Anti-Aircraft Battery	
"	6th Anti-Aircraft Battery	
III/1940/12C/1	Headquarters 3rd Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment	
"	7th Light Anti-Aircraft Battery	
"	8th Light Anti-Aircraft Battery	
"	9th Light Anti-Aircraft Battery	

War Establishment A.I.F.	Unit or Formation	Remarks
III/1940/9/1	Headquarters, 2nd/7th Army Field Regiment	
"	2nd/13th Field Battery	
"	2nd/14th Field Battery	
III/1940/9/1	Headquarters 2nd/8th Army Field Regiment	
"	2nd/15th Field Battery	
"	2nd/16th Field Battery	
III/1940/53/1	60th Light Aid Detachment	Permanently attached to 2nd/1st Med. Regt.
"	61st Light Aid Detachment	" 2nd/2nd Med. Regt.
"	62nd Light Aid Detachment	" 2nd/1st Survey Regt.
"	63rd Light Aid Detachment	" 2nd/7th Army Fd.Regt.
"	64th Light Aid Detachment	" 2nd/8th Army Fd.Regt.
III/1940/14/1	Headquarters, Corps Troops Engineers	
III/1940/15A/1	2nd/7th Army Field Company	
"	2nd/8th Army Field Company	
"	2nd/9th Army Field Company	
III/1940/16A/1	2nd/3rd Corps Field Park Company	
III/1940/30/1	2nd/1st Corps Field Survey Company	
III/1940/53/1	65th Light Aid Detachment	Permanently attached to 2nd/3rd Corps Fd.Pk.Coy. (to serve Corps Troops Engineers when overseas)
III/1940/62/1	Corps Signals	Portion already raised (SM17)
III/1940/60A/1	4th Operating Section, Aust Sigs.	
III/1940/60C/1	2nd Line Maintenance Section Aust. Sigs.	
III/1940/63A/1	1st Special Wireless Section (Type B)	
III/1940/63C/1	2nd Special Wireless Section (Type C)	
III/1940/67A/1	1st Army Field Regiment Signal Section	
"	2nd Army Field Regiment Signal Section	
III/1940/67C/1	2nd/1st Medium Regiment Signal Section	
"	2nd/2nd Medium Regiment Signal Section	
III/1940/67/1	1st Anti-Aircraft Brigade Signals	

War Establishment A.I.F.	Unit or Formation	Remarks
III/1940/37B/1	1st Light Anti-Aircraft Regt. Signal Section	
III/1940/32E/1	2nd/1st Machine Gun Battalion	Already raised (SM517)
"	2nd/2nd Machine Gun Battalion	
"	2nd/3rd Machine Gun Battalion	
III/1940/53/1	43th Light Aid Detachment	Already raised (SM517)
"	66th Light Aid Detachment	Permanently attached to D.Coy. 2nd/3rd M.G.Bn. (to serve 2nd/3rd M.G. Bn. when overseas)
"	77th Light Aid Detachment	Permanently attached to 2nd/2nd M.G. Bn.
III/1940/32E/1	2nd/1st Pioneer Battalion	
"	2nd/2nd Pioneer Battalion	
"	2nd/3rd Pioneer Battalion	
III/1940/36A/1	1st Corps Petrol Park (including increment for corps of three divisions)	
III/1940/37A/1	1st Corps Ammunition Park (includ- one additional divisional sub-park for corps of three divisions)	Portion already raised (SM 517)
III/1940/41/1	1st Corps Troops Supply Column (including increment for corps of three divisions)	" " "
III/1940/40/1	1st Corps Troops Ammunition Company	" " "
III/1940/43A/1	Headquarters 1st Anti-Aircraft Bde. Coy. A.A.S.C.	
III/1940/43C/1	1st A.A.S.C. Section Anti-Aircraft Regt.	
"	2nd A.A.S.C. Section Anti-Aircraft Regt.	
III/1940/46/1	2nd/7th Field Ambulance	
III/1940/47/1	2nd/3rd Field Hygiene Section	
III/1940/49/1	2nd/1st Motor Ambulance Convoy	
III/1940/42/1	2nd/1st Casualty Clearing Station	Already raised (SM 517)
"	2nd/2nd Casualty Clearing Station	
"	2nd/3rd Casualty Clearing Station	
III/1940/33/1	2nd/1st Army Field Workshop	Portion already raised (SM 517)
"	2nd/2nd Army Field Workshop	
"	2nd/3rd Army Field Workshop	

War Establishment A.I.F.	Unit or Formation	Remarks
III/1940/54/1	1st Ordnance Field Park (including one additional corps section and one additional divisional section for corps of three divisions)	Portion already raised (SM 517)
III/1940/53B/1	1st Anti-Aircraft Brigade Workshop	
III/1940/54A/1	1st Corps Mobile Laundry and Forward Decontamination Unit (with 3 Labour Sections)	
IV/1940/723/1		
III/1940/57/1	1st Corps Field Cash Office	
"	6th Field Cash Office	Already raised (SM 517)
"	7th Field Cash Office	
"	8th Field Cash Office	
III/1940/59/1	1st Corps Postal Unit	
III/1940/60/1	1st Corps Provost Company	
III/1940/75/1	1st Corps Employment Platoon	
II/1940/26/1	1st Corps Mobile Bath Unit	
III/1940/76/1	1st Corps Salvage Unit	
III/1940/63/1	1st Corps Graves Registration and Enquiries Unit	
	6TH DIVISION (Already raised (SM 517) unless otherwise stated)	
II/1940/1/1	Headquarters, 6th Division	
III/1940/62/1	6th Divisional Section Intelligence Corps	
II/1940/6/1	6th Divisional Cavalry Regiment	To be formed from 6th Divisional Reconnaissance Regiment
III/1940/33/1	39th Light Aid Detachment	Permanently attached to 6th Div.Cav.Regt.
II/1940/3A/1	Headquarters 6th Divisional Artillery	
II/1940/7A/1	Headquarters 2nd/1st Field Regiment	
	2nd/1st Field Battery	
	2nd/2nd Field Battery	
II/1940/7A/1	Headquarters 2nd/2nd Field Regiment	
	2nd/3rd Field Battery	
	2nd/4th Field Battery	

War Establishment A.I.F.	Unit or Formation	Remarks
II/1940/7A/1	Headquarters 2nd/3rd Field Regiment	
	2nd/5th Field Battery	
	2nd/6th Field Battery	
II/1940/7/1	Headquarters 1st Anti-Tank Regiment	
	1st Anti-Tank Battery	
	2nd Anti-Tank Battery	
	3rd Anti-Tank Battery	
	4th Anti-Tank Battery	
III/1940/53/1	43rd Light Aid Detachment	Permanently attached to 2nd/1st Fd. Regt.
III/1940/53/1	40th Light Aid Detachment	Permanently attached to 2nd/2nd Fd.Regt.
"	41st Light Aid Detachment	" " 2nd/3rd Fd.Regt.
"	44th Light Aid Detachment	" " 1st Anti Tank Regt.
II/1940/4/1	Headquarters 6th Divisional Engineers	
II/1940/10A/1	2nd/1st Field Company	
	2nd/2nd Field Company	
	2nd/3rd Field Company	
II/1940/9/1	2nd/1st Field Park Company	
III/1940/53/1	42nd Light Aid Detachment	Permanently attached to 6th Div.Engineers
II/1940/11/1	6th Divisional Signals	
III/1940/53/1	49th Light Aid Detachment	Permanently attached to 6th Div.Signals
II/1940/2/1	Headquarters 16th Infantry Brigade	
III/1940/62/1	16th Infantry Brigade Section Intelligence Corps	
II/1940/12F/1	2nd/1st Battalion	
"	2nd/2nd Battalion	
"	2nd/3rd Battalion	
II/1940/12E/1	16th Anti-Tank Company	
III/1940/53/1	45th Light Aid Detachment	Permanently attached to 16th Inf. Bde.
II/1940/2/1	Headquarters 17th Infantry Brigade	

War Establishment A.I.F.	Unit or Formation	Remarks
III/1940/62/1	17th Infantry Brigade Section Intelligence Corps	
II/1940/12F/1	2nd/5th Battalion	
"	2nd/6th Battalion	
"	2nd/7th Battalion	
II/1940/12E/1	17th Anti-Tank Company	
III/1940/33/1	46th Light Aid Detachment	Permanently attached to 17th Inf. Bde.
II/1940/2/1	Headquarters 18th Infantry Brigade	
III/1940/62/1	18th Infantry Brigade Section Intelligence Corps	
II/1940/18F/1	2nd/9th Battalion	
"	2nd/10th Battalion	
"	2nd/11th Battalion	
II/1940/12E/1	18th Anti-Tank Company	
III/1940/33/1	47th Light Aid Detachment	Permanently attached to 18th Inf. Bde.
II/1940/3/1	Headquarters 6th Divisional Army Service Corps	
II/1940/15/1	6th Divisional Supply Column	
II/1940/13/1	6th Divisional Ammunition Company	
II/1940/13A/1	6th Divisional Petrol Company	
II/1940/16/1	2nd/1st Field Ambulance	
"	2nd/2nd Field Ambulance	
"	2nd/3rd Field Ambulance	
II/1940/17/1	2nd/1st Field Hygiene Section	
II/1940/21/1	6th Divisional Postal Unit	
II/1940/20/1	6th Divisional Provost Company	

...r Establishment A.I.F.	Unit or Formation	Remarks
II/1940/25/1	6th Divisional Employment Platoon	To be raised overseas on reorganization
II/1940/26/1	6th Divisional Mobile Bath Unit	
(III/1940/54A/1 (IV /1940/723/1	6th Divisional Mobile Laundry & Forward Decontamination Unit (with 3 Labour Sections)	
III/1940/76/1	6th Divisional Salvage Unit	
	7TH DIVISION (Now to be raised unless otherwise stated)	
II/1940/1/1	Headquarters, 7th Division	
III/1940/62/1	7th Divisional Section Intelligence Corps	
II/1940/6/1	7th Divisional Cavalry Regiment	
III/1940/53/1	50th Light Aid Detachment	Permanently attached to 7th Div. Cav. Regt.
II/1940/3A/1	Headquarters, 7th Divisional Artillery	
II/1940/7A/1	Headquarters 2nd/4th Field Regiment	
	2nd/7th Field Battery	
	2nd/8th Field Battery	
"	Headquarters, 2nd/5th Field Regiment	
	2nd/9th Field Battery	
	2nd/10th Field Battery	

A.I.F. Establishment A.I.F.	UNIT OR FORMATION	Remarks
II/1940/7A/1	Headquarters 2nd/6th Field Regiment	
	2nd/11th Field Battery	
	2nd/12th Field Battery	
II/1940/7/1	Headquarters 2nd Anti-Tank Regiment	
	5th Anti-Tank Battery	
	6th Anti-Tank Battery	
	7th Anti-Tank Battery	
	8th Anti-Tank Battery	
III/1940/53/1	51st Light Aid Detachment	Permanently attached to 2nd/4th Fd.Regt.
"	52nd Light Aid Detachment	" 2nd/5th Fd.Regt.
"	53rd Light Aid Detachment	" 2nd/6th Fd.Regt.
"	54th Light Aid Detachment	" 2nd Anti-Tank Regt.
II/1940/4/1	Headquarters 7th Divisional Engineers	
II/1940/10A/1	2nd/4th Field Company	
"	2nd/5th Field Company	
"	2nd/6th Field Company	
II/1940/9/1	2nd/2nd Field Park Company	
III/1940/53/1	55th Light Aid Detachment	Permanently attached to 2/2 Fd.Park Coy.(to serve 7 Div.Engrs. when overseas)
II/1940/11/1	7th Divisional Signals	
III/1940/53/1	56th Light Aid Detachment	Permanently attached to 7 Div. Sigs.
II/1940/2/1	Headquarters 19th Infantry Brigade	Already raised (SM 517)
III/1940/62/1	19th Infantry Brigade Section Intelligence Corps	
II/1940/12F/1	2nd/4th Battalion	Already raised (SM517)
"	2nd/8th Battalion	" "
"	2nd/12th Battalion	" "
II/1940/12E/1	19th Anti-Tank Company	To be formed overseas from personnel already raised.

Establishment	UNIT OR FORMATION	Remarks
III/1940/53/1	57th Light Aid Detachment	Permanently attached to 19 Inf. Bde.
II/1940/2/1	Headquarters 20th Infantry Brigade	
III/1940/62/1	20th Infantry Brigade Section Intelligence Corps	
II/1940/12F/1	2nd/13th Battalion	
"	2nd/14th Battalion	
"	2nd/17th Battalion	
II/1940/12C/1	20th Anti-Tank Company	
III/1940/53/1	58th Light Aid Detachment	Permanently attached to 20 Inf. Bde.
II/1940/2/1	Headquarters 21st Infantry Brigade	
III/1940/62/1	21st Infantry Brigade Section Intelligence Corps	
II/1940/12F/1	2nd/16th Battalion	
"	2nd/27th Battalion	
"	2nd/43rd Battalion	
II/1940/12C/1	21st Anti-Tank Company	
III/1940/53/1	59th Light Aid Detachment	Permanently attached to 21 Inf. Bde.
II/1940/5/1	Headquarters 7th Divisional Army Service Corps	
II/1940/15/1	7th Divisional Supply Column	
II/1940/13/1	7th Divisional Ammunition Company	
II/1940/13A/1	7th Divisional Petrol Company	
II/1940/18/1	2nd/4th Field Ambulance	
"	2nd/5th Field Ambulance	
"	2nd/6th Field Ambulance	
II/1940/17/1	2nd/2nd Field Hygiene Section	
II/1940/21/1	7th Divisional Postal Unit	
II/1940/20/1	7th Divisional Provost Company	
II/1940/25/1	7th Divisional Employment Platoon	

Establishment A.I.A.	UNIT OR FORMATION	Remarks
[illegible]1940/23/1	7th Divisional Mobile Bath Unit	
III/1940/54A/1 III/1940/72B/1	7th Divisional Mobile Laundry and Forward Decontamination Unit (with 3 Labour Sections)	
III/1940/76/1	7th Divisional Salvage Unit	
	8TH DIVISION	
	(Now to be raised unless otherwise stated)	
II/1940/1/1	Headquarters 8th Division	
II/1940/62/1	8th Divisional Section Intelligence Corps	
II/1940/6/1	8th Divisional Cavalry Regiment	
III/1940/53/1	67th Light Aid Detachment	Permanently attached to 8 Div. Cav.Regt.
II/1940/34/1	Headquarters 8th Divisional Artillery	
II/1940/74/1	Headquarters 2nd/9th Field Regiment	
	2nd/17th Field Battery	
	2nd/18th Field Battery	
"	Headquarters 2nd/10th Field Regiment	
	2nd/19th Field Battery	
	2nd/20th Field Battery	
"	Headquarters 2nd/11th Field Regiment	
	2nd/21st Field Battery	
	2nd/22nd Field Battery	
II/1940/7/1	Headquarters 3rd Anti-Tank Regiment	
	9th Anti Tank Battery	
	10th Anti Tank Battery	
	11th Anti Tank Battery	
	12th Anti Tank Battery	
III/1940/53/1	68th Light Aid Detachment	Permanently attached to 2nd/9th Fd.Regt.
"	69th Light Aid Detachment	" 2nd/10th " "
"	70th Light Aid Detachment	" 2nd/11th " "
"	71st Light Aid Detachment	" 3rd Anti Tank Regt.

Establishment A.A.F.	UNIT OR FORMATION	Remarks
II/1940/4/1	Headquarters 8th Divisional Engineers	
II/1940/10A/1	2nd/10th Field Company	
"	2nd/11th Field Company	
"	2nd/12th Field Company	
II/1940/9/1	2nd/4th Field Park Company	
III/1940/53/1	72nd Light Aid Detachment	Permanently attached to 8th Div.Engrs.
II/1940/11/1	8th Divisional Signals	
III/1940/53/1	73rd Light Aid Detachment	Permanently attached to 8th Div.Sigs.
II/1940/2/1	Headquarters 22nd Infantry Brigade	
III/1940/62/1	22nd Infantry Brigade Section Intelligence Corps	
II/1940/12F/1	2nd/18th Battalion	
"	2nd/19th Battalion	
"	2nd/20th Battalion	
II/1940/12E/1	22nd Anti Tank Company	
III/1940/53/1	74th Light Aid Detachment	Permanently attached to 22nd Inf.Bde.
II/1940/2/1	Headquarters 23rd Infantry Brigade	
III/1940/62/1	23rd Infantry Brigade Section Intelligence Corps	
II/1940/12F/1	2nd/21st Battalion	
"	2nd/22nd Battalion	
"	2nd/40th Battalion	
II/1940/12E/1	23rd Anti Tank Company	
III/1940/53/1	75th Light Aid Detachment	Permanently attached to 23rd Inf.Bde.
II/1940/2/1	Headquarters 24th Infantry Brigade	
III/1940/62/1	24th Infantry Brigade Section Intelligence Corps	
II/1940/12F/1	2nd/15th Battalion	
"	2nd/25th Battalion	
"	2nd/28th Battalion	
II/1940/12E/1	24th Anti Tank Company	

Establishment	UNIT OR FORMATION	Remarks
III/1940/53/1	76th Light Aid Detachment	Permanently attached to 24th Inf.Bde.
II/1940/5/1	Headquarters 8th Divisional A.S.C.	
II/1940/15/1	8th Divisional Supply Column	
II/1940/13/1	8th Divisional Ammunition Company	
II/1940/13A/1	8th Divisional Petrol Company	
II/1940/10/1	2nd/8th Field Ambulance	
"	2nd/9th Field Ambulance	
"	2nd/10th Field Ambulance	
II/1940/17/1	2nd/4th Field Hygiene Section	
II/1940/21/1	8th Divisional Postal Unit	
II/1940/20/1	8th Divisional Provost Company	
II/1940/25/1	8th Divisional Employment Platoon	
II/1940/26/1	8th Divisional Mobile Bath Unit	
III/1940/54A/1) IV/1940/725/1)	8th Divisional Mobile Laundry and Forward Decontamination Unit (with 3 Labour Sections)	
III/1940/70/1	8th Divisional Salvage Unit	
	BASE & LINE OF COMMUNICATION UNITS (Now to be raised unless otherwise stated)	
IV/1940/1B/1	Australian Imperial Force Administrative Headquarters	)Absorb H.Q., A.I.F.)and H.Q. Overseas)Base
IV/1940/1A/2	Headquarters Australian Overseas Base Sub Area	))
IV/1940/78/1	Australian General Base Depot	Absorbs Infantry and General Base Depot
IV/1940/78A/1	Australian General Base Depot (Instructional Wing)	
IV/1940/48/1	Australian Base Ordnance Depot (Nucleus)	
IV/1940/31/1	1st Supply Personnel Section A.A.S.C.(Detail Issue Depot)	
"	2nd Supply Personnel Section A.A.S.C.(Railhead Supply Detachment)	
"	3rd Supply Personnel Section A.A.S.C.	
IV/1940/50/1	C/1 Ordnance Store Company	Portion already raised (SH517)

Establishment	UNIT OR FORMATION	Remarks
IV/1940/43/1	1st General Hospital (600 beds)	Already raised(SM517)
IV/1940/42/1	2nd General Hospital (1200 beds)	Already raised(SM517)
IV/1940/43A/1	3rd Special Hospital (200 beds)	Already raised(SM517)
IV/1940/43/1	4th General Hospital (600 beds)	
IV/1940/42/1	5th General Hospital (1200 beds)	
IV/1940/43/1	6th General Hospital (600 beds)	
IV/1940/42/1	7th General Hospital (1200 beds)	
IV/1940/44A/1	1st Convalescent Depot (500 men)	Already raised(SM517)
IV/1940/47/1	2nd/1st Hospital Ship	
III/1940/500/1	1st Dental Unit	Already raised(SM517)
"	2nd Dental Unit	" "
"	3rd Dental Unit	" "
"	4th Dental Unit	" "
"	5th Dental Unit	" "
"	6th Dental Unit	" "
III/1940/500/1	7th Dental Unit	
"	8th Dental Unit	
"	9th Dental Unit	
"	10thDental Unit	
"	11thDental Unit	
"	12thDental Unit	
"	13thDental Unit	
"	14thDental Unit	
"	15thDental Unit	
III/1940/50/1	1st Australian Mobile Bacteriological Laboratory	
III/1940/51/1	1st Advanced Depot Medical Stores	Already raised (SM517)
IV/1940/61/1	Command Cash Office	
IV/1940/64A/1	Australian Imperial Force Headquarters Postal Unit	
IV/1940/70/1	1st Australian Detention Barrack	Already raised overseas.

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Table II

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Distribution to Commands and Military Districts of Brigades and units of 7th Division, 8th Division and Corps Troops (not already raised).

NORTHERN COMMAND

UNIT	Quota			1st Reinforcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off	O.R.	Total
Cavalry									
"A" & "B" Squadrons 7th Divisional Cavalry Regiment	16	200	216	-	-	-	16	200	216
Artillery									
2nd Anti Tank Regiment	30	526	556	2	35	37	32	561	593
2nd/10th Field Regiment	34	557	591	5	37	42	39	594	633
Engineers									
2nd/7th Army Field Company	5	238	243	1	15	16	6	253	259
2nd/11th Field Company	5	238	243	1	15	16	6	253	259
Signals									
Headquarters No 2 Company 7th Divisional Signals	1	3	4	-	-	-	1	3	4
"J" Section 7th Divisional Signals	2	36	38	-	-	-	2	36	38
"C" Section 7th Divisional Signals	1	11	12	-	-	-	1	11	12
Headquarters No.1 Company 8th Divisional Signals	1	26	27	-	-	-	1	26	27
"F" Section 8th Divisional Signals	1	27	28	-	-	-	1	27	28
2nd Operating Section Corps Signals	1	39	40	-	-	-	1	39	40
1st Line Section Corps Signals	2	63	65	-	-	-	2	63	65
2nd Wireless Section Corps Signals	1	27	28	-	-	-	1	27	28
	100	1991	2091	9	102	111	109	2093	2202

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UNIT	Quota			1st Reinforcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total
Forward	100	1991	2091	9	102	111	109	2093	2202
Infantry									
Intelligence Section 19th Infantry Brigade	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
Headquarters 24th Infantry Brigade	12	61	73	-	-	-	12	61	73
Intelligence Section (attached)	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
2nd/5th Battalion	33	759	792	7	147	154	40	906	946
2nd/25th Battalion	33	759	792	7	147	154	40	906	946
"A" & "B" Companies 2nd/2nd Machine Gun Battalion	10	256	266	-	-	-	10	256	266
Army Service Corps									
1st Corps Troops Supply Column (a)	19	578	597	1	16	17	20	594	614
8th Divisional Ammunition Company	11	380	391	-	10	10	11	390	401
Army Medical Corps									
2nd/2nd Field Hygiene Section	1	28	29	-	1	1	1	29	30
2nd/4th Field Hygiene Section	1	28	29	-	1	1	1	29	30
2nd/1st Motor Ambulance Convoy	8	221	229	-	8	8	8	229	237
2nd/2nd Casualty Clearing Station	13	94	107	-	3	3	13	97	110
7th Dental Unit	1	4	5	-	-	-	1	4	5
Army Ordnance Corps									
Nos. 8 & 9 Recovery Sections 2nd/3rd Army Field Workshop (u)	4	142	146	-	-	-	4	142	146
54th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
69th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
76th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
	249	5341	5590	24	435	459	273	5776	6049

NORTHERN COMMAND - Contd. -

UNIT	Quota			1st Reinforcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total
Forward	249	5341	5590	24	435	459	273	5776	6049
2nd/1st Ordnance Store Company (details) (b)	4	95	99	-	-	-	4	95	99
1st Corps Mobile Laundry and Forward Decontamination Unit (with three Labour sections)	2	132	134	-	-	-	2	132	134
7th Divisional Mobile Laundry and Forward Decontamination Unit (with three labour sections)	2	132	134	-	-	-	2	132	134
Army Pay Corps									
Finance Section Admin. H.Q. A.I.F. (details) (c)	1	9	10	-	-	-	1	9	10
8th Field Cash Office	1	7	8	-	-	-	1	7	8
Postal Unit									
1st Corps Postal Unit (details)	-	10	10	-	-	-	-	10	10
Total	259	5726	5985	24	435	459	283	6161	6444
Army Nursing Service									
2nd/2nd Casualty Clearing Station									8
5th General Hospital									16
6th General Hospital									16

NOTES:

(a) Portion already raised vide SM.517 (W.E. 2.A.I.F. 1939/2/1)

(b) Portion already raised vide SM.517 (W.E. 2.A.I.F. 1939/3/1)

(c) Portion already raised vide SM.517

(d) Absorb No.4 Recovery Section 2nd/2nd Army Field Workshop vide SM.1555

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UNIT	Quota			1st Reinforcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total
Headquarters 7th Division	23	128	151	-	-	-	23	128	151
Intelligence Section (attached)	2	10	12	-	-	-	2	10	12
Headquarters 8th Division	23	128	151	-	-	-	23	128	151
Intelligence Section (attached)	2	10	12	-	-	-	2	10	12
Cavalry									
7th Divisional Cavalry Regiment (less "A" & "B" Squadrons)	18	223	241	4	42	46	22	265	287
Artillery									
Headquarters 7th Divisional Artillery	6	24	30	-	-	-	6	24	30
2nd/5th Field Regiment	34	557	591	5	37	42	39	594	633
2nd/6th Field Regiment	34	557	591	5	37	42	39	594	633
Headquarters 8th Divisional Artillery	6	24	30	-	-	-	6	24	30
2nd/9th Field Regiment	34	557	591	5	37	42	39	594	633
3rd Anti Tank Regiment	30	526	556	2	35	37	32	561	593
2nd/1st Medium Regiment (6" How.)	30	629	659	4	42	46	34	671	705
2nd/1st Survey Regiment	19	346	365	2	24	26	21	370	391
1st Anti Aircraft Regiment (3.7")	38	1033	1071	4	72	76	42	1105	1147
Headquarters 7th Divisional Engineers	6	29	35	-	-	-	6	29	35
2nd/4th Field Company	5	238	243	1	15	16	6	253	259
2nd/5th Field Company	5	238	243	1	15	16	6	253	259
2nd/6th Field Company	5	238	243	1	15	16	6	253	259
Headquarters 8th Divisional Engineers	6	29	35	-	-	-	6	29	35
2nd/12th Field Company	5	238	243	1	15	16	6	253	259
2nd/4th Field Park Company	3	153	156	-	10	10	3	163	166
Signals									
Headquarters No 3 Company 7th Divisional Signals	1	3	4	-	-	-	1	3	4
"I" Section 7th Divisional Signals	2	85	87	-	-	-	2	85	87
	437	6003	6[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EASTERN COMMAND - Contd. -

UNIT	Quota			1st Reinforcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total
Forward	337	6003	6340	35	396	431	372	6399	6771
Signals (contd.)									
"E" Section 7th Divisional Signals	1	27	28	-	-	-	1	27	28
First Reinforcements 7th Divisional Signals	-	-	-	2	19	21	2	19	21
Headquarters 8th Divisional Signals	4	25	29	2	19	21	6	44	50
"B" Section 8th Divisional Signals	1	41	42	-	-	-	1	41	42
"G" Section 8th Divisional Signals	1	27	28	-	-	-	1	27	28
"K" Section 8th Divisional Signals	2	36	38	-	-	-	2	36	38
"M" Section 8th Divisional Signals	1	30	31	-	-	-	1	30	31
Headquarters Company Corps Signals - Administrative Section (details) (c)	-	9	9	-	-	-	-	9	9
3rd Operating Section Corps Signals	1	39	40	-	-	-	1	39	40
2nd Line Section Corps Signals (details) (d)	1	30	31	-	-	-	1	30	31
3rd Line Section Corps Signals	2	63	65	-	-	-	2	63	65
1st Special Wireless Section (Type F)	2	87	89	-	2	2	2	89	91
1st Army Field Regiment Signal Section	1	28	29	-	1	1	1	29	30
2nd Army Field Regiment Signal Section	1	28	29	-	1	1	1	29	30
2nd/1st Medium Regiment Signal Section	1	28	29	-	1	1	1	29	30
1st Anti-Aircraft Brigade Signals	6	144	150	-	7	7	6	151	157
Infantry									
Headquarters 20th Infantry Brigade	12	61	73	-	-	-	12	61	73
	374	6706	7080	39	446	485	413	7152	7565

EASTERN COMMAND - Contd.-

UNIT	Quota			1st Reinforcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total
Forward	374	6706	7080	39	446	485	413	7152	7565
Infantry -Contd. -									
Intelligence Section (attached)	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
2nd/13th Battalion	33	759	792	7	147	154	40	906	946
2nd/17th Battalion	33	759	792	7	147	154	40	906	946
20th Anti-Tank Company	4	78	82	-	-	-	4	78	82
Headquarters 22nd Infantry Brigade	12	61	73	-	-	-	12	61	73
Intelligence Section (attached)	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
2nd/18th Battalion	33	759	792	7	147	154	40	906	946
2nd/19th Battalion	33	759	792	7	147	154	40	906	946
2nd/20th Battalion	33	759	792	7	147	154	40	906	946
22nd Anti-Tank Company	4	76	82	-	-	-	4	78	82
2nd/2nd Machine Gun Battalion (less "A" & "B" Companies)	20	409	429	7	64	71	27	473	500
2nd/1st Pioneer battalion	30	812	842	6	158	164	36	970	1006
2nd/3rd Pioneer Battalion	30	812	842	6	150	164	36	970	1006
Army Service Corps									
Headquarters 7th Divisional Army Service Corps	7	30	37	-	-	-	7	30	37
Headquarters 8th Divisional Army Service Corps	7	30	37	-	-	-	7	30	37
8th Divisional Supply Column	15	444	459	-	13	13	15	457	472
1st Corps Ammunition Park (e)	27	833	860	1	27	28	28	860	888
1st Corps Troops Ammunition Company (f)	10	353	363	-	10	10	10	363	373
Headquarters 1st Anti-Aircraft Brigade Company A.A.S.C.	3	42	45	-	-	-	3	42	45
1st A.A.S.C. Section Anti-Aircraft Regiment	3	127	130	-	4	4	3	131	134
	711	14614	15325	94	1615	1709	805	16229	17034

EASTERN COMMAND - Contd. -

UNIT	Quota			1st Reinforcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total
Forward	711	14614	15325	94	1615	1709	805	16229	17034
Army Medical Corps									
2nd/4th Field Ambulance	12	226	238	-	7	7	12	233	245
2nd/10th Field Ambulance	12	22[illegible]	238	-	7	7	12	233	245
5th General Hospital (1200 beds)	36	236	272	1	6	7	37	242	279
6th General Hospital (600 beds)	24	151	175	1	5	6	25	156	181
2nd/3rd Casualty Clearing Station	13	94	107	-	3	3	13	97	110
8th Dental Unit	1	4	5	-	-	-	1	4	5
9th Dental Unit	1	4	5	-	-	-	1	4	5
2nd/1st Hospital Ship	11	61	72	-	2	2	11	63	74
Army Ordnance Corps									
2nd/1st Army Field Workshop (details)(g)	-	26	26	-	4	4	-	30	30
2nd/3rd Army Field Workshop (less Pos 8 & 9 Recovery Sections) (v)	8	328	336	-	19	19	8	347	355
1st Anti-Aircraft Brigade Workshop	5	145	150	-	5	5	5	150	155
2nd/1st Ordnance Store Company (details)(h)	11	220	231	1	9	10	12	229	241
50th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
52nd Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
53rd Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
57th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
58th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
60th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
62nd Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
68th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
71st Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
72nd Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
73rd Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
74th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
77th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
	850	16401	17340	97	1682	1779	955	18173	19128

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UNIT	Quota			1st Reinforcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total
Forward	858	16491	17349	97	1682	1779	955	18173	19128
Army Pay Corps									
7th Field Cash Office	1	7	8	-	-	-	1	7	8
Finance Section Admin. H.Q.A.I.F. (details) (c)	3	27	30	-	-	-	3	27	30
Postal Unit									
7th Divisional Postal Unit	1	24	25	-	1	1	1	25	26
8th Divisional Postal Unit	1	24	25	-	1	1	1	25	26
Provost Corps									
7th Divisional Provost Coy.	2	109	111	-	6	6	2	115	117
8th Divisional Provost Coy.	2	109	111	-	6	6	2	115	117
Miscellaneous									
7th Divisional Employment Platoon	-	34	34	-	-	-	-	34	34
8th Divisional Employment Platoon	-	34	34	-	-	-	-	34	34
7th Divisional Mobile Bath Unit	1	19	20	-	-	-	1	19	20
1st Corps Salvage Unit	1	41	42	-	-	-	1	41	42
Total	870	16919	17789	97	1696	1793	967	18615	19582
Army Nursing Service									
5th General Hospital									58
6th General Hospital									35
2nd/1st Hospital Ship									17
2nd/3rd Casualty Clearing Station									8

NOTES (c) Portion already raised vide SM.517
(d) Absorbs 1st Mechanized Cable Section vide SM.517
(e) Portion already raised vide SM.517(W.E.2 A.I.F. 1939/5/1 and 6 Div. Amn. Sub. Park)
(f) Portion already raised vide SM.517(W.E.2 A.I.F. 1939/3/1)
(g) Portion already raised vide SM.517(W.EIII/1937/53/2)
(h) Portion already raised vide SM.517(W.E.2 A.I.F. 1939/3/1)
(v) Absorbs No.5 Recovery Section, 2nd/2nd Army Field Workshop, vide S.M. 1555.

SOUTHERN COMMAND (3rd MILITARY DISTRICT)

UNIT	Quota			1st Reinforcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total
1st Australian Corps Headquarters	59	332	391	-	-	-	59	332	391
Corps Intelligence Section	11	30	41	-	-	-	11	30	41
Air Liaison Intelligence Section (j)	1	2	3	-	-	-	1	2	3
Administrative Headquarters A.I.F. (less Finance Section H.Q. Australian overseas Base Sub Area (k)	18	195	213	-	-	-	18	195	213
Cavalry									
8th Divisional Cavalry Regiment (less "B" & "C" Squadrons) (r)	16	223	241	4	42	46	22	265	287
Artillery									
2nd/4th Field Regiment	34	557	591	5	37	42	39	594	633
2nd/11th Field Regiment	34	557	591	5	37	42	39	594	633
Headquarters Corps Artillery	5	10	15	-	-	-	5	10	15
Headquarters Corps Medium Artillery	7	31	38	-	-	-	7	31	38
2nd/2nd Medium Regiment (60 pr)	30	613	643	4	42	46	34	655	689
2nd/8th Army Field Regiment (less 2nd/16th Field Battery)	20	301	321	5	37	42	25	338	363
Headquarters 1st Anti-Aircraft Brigade	6	20	26	-	-	-	6	20	26
2nd Anti-Aircraft Regiment	38	1033	1071	4	72	76	42	1105	1147
3rd Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment (2 pr)	20	566	586	3	39	42	23	605	628
Engineers									
2nd/10th Field Company	5	238	243	1	15	16	6	253	259
Headquarters Corps Troops Engineers	5	16	21	-	-	-	5	16	21
2nd/8th Army Field Company	5	238	243	1	15	16	6	253	259
Two Sections 2nd/9th Army Field Company	2	128	130	-	-	-	2	128	130
2nd/1st Corps Field Survey Company	6	128	134	-	7	7	6	135	141
Signals									
Headquarters 7th Divisional Signals	4	25	29	-	-	-	4	25	29
	328	5243	5571	32	343	375	360	5586	5946

SOUTHERN COMMAND (3RD MILITARY DISTRICT) contd.

UNIT	Quota			1st Reinforcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total
Forward	328	5243	5571	32	343	375	360	5586	5946
Signals - contd. -									
Headquarters No. 1 Company 7th Divisional Signals	1	26	27	-	-	-	1	26	27
"A" Section 7th Divisional Signals	2	40	42	-	-	-	2	40	42
"B" Section 7th Divisional Signals	1	41	42	-	-	-	1	41	42
"H" Section 7th Divisional Signals	1	30	31	-	-	-	1	30	31
Headquarters No.3 Company 8th Divisional Signals	1	3	4	-	-	-	1	3	4
"D" Section 8th Divisional Signals	2	85	87	-	-	-	2	85	87
"L" Section 8th Divisional Signals	2	36	38	-	-	-	2	36	38
"H" Section 8th Divisional Signals	1	25	26	-	-	-	1	25	26
Headquarters Company Corps Signals (Pay Sergt.)	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
4th Line Section Corps Signals (Details) (l)	1	2	3	-	-	-	1	2	3
3rd Wireless Section Corps Signals	1	27	28	-	-	-	1	27	28
Headquarters No.3 Company Corps Signals	1	7	8	-	-	-	1	7	8
2nd Special Wireless Section (Type C)	1	22	23	-	1	1	1	23	24
4th Operating Section Aust. Sigs.	1	39	40	-	2	2	1	41	42
2nd Line Maintenance Section Aust.Sigs.	1	27	28	-	1	1	1	28	29
3rd Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment Signal Section	1	25	26	-	1	1	1	26	27
2nd/2nd Medium Regiment Signal Section	1	28	29	-	1	1	1	29	30
1st Corps Signals (1st Reinforcements) (m)	-	-	-	1	16	17	1	16	17
	347	5707	6054	33	365	398	380	6072	6452

SOUTHERN COMMAND (3rd MILITARY DISTRICT) - contd -

UNIT	Quota			1st Reinforcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total
Forward	347	5707	6054	33	365	398	380	6072	6452
Infantry									
Headquarters 21st Infantry Brigade	12	61	73	-	-	-	12	61	73
Intelligence Section (attached)	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
2nd/14th Battalion	33	759	792	7	147	154	40	906	946
21st Anti-Tank Company	4	78	82	-	-	-	4	78	82
Headquarters 23rd Infantry Brigade	12	61	73	-	-	-	12	61	73
Intelligence Section (attached)	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
2nd/21st Battalion	33	759	792	7	147	154	40	906	946
2nd/22nd Battalion	33	759	792	7	147	154	40	906	946
"B","C" & "D" Coys 2nd/40th Battalion	15	372	387	-	-	-	15	372	387
23rd Anti-Tank Company	4	78	82	-	-	-	4	78	82
"E" Coy. 2nd/3rd Machine Gun Battalion	5	128	133	-	-	-	5	128	133
2nd/2nd Pioneer Battalion	30	812	842	6	158	164	36	970	1006
Army Service Corps									
7th Divisional Supply Column	15	444	459	-	13	13	15	457	472
8th Divisional Petrol Company	7	294	301	-	8	8	7	302	309
1st Corps Petrol Park	17	602	619	-	15	15	17	617	634
2nd A.A.S.C. Section Anti-Aircraft Regiment	3	127	130	-	4	4	3	131	134
Army Medical Corps									
2nd/5th Field Ambulance	12	226	238	-	7	7	12	233	245
2nd/9th Field Ambulance	12	226	238	-	7	7	12	233	245
4th General Hospital (600 beds)	24	151	175	1	5	6	25	156	181
7th General Hospital (1200 beds) (details)	36	186	222	1	6	7	37	192	229
	654	11834	12488	62	1029	1091	716	12863	13579

SOUTHERN COMMAND (3rd MILITARY DISTRICT) (Contd.)

UNIT	Quota			1st Reinforcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total
Forward	654	11834	12438	62	1029	1091	716	12863	13579
Army Medical Corps (Contd.)									
10th Dental Unit	1	4	5	-	-	-	1	4	5
11th Dental Unit	1	4	5	-	-	-	1	4	5
1st Mobile Bacteriological Laboratory	1	5	6	-	-	-	1	5	6
Army Ordnance Corps									
1st Ordnance Field Park (details) (n)	15	322	337	-	6	6	15	328	343
2nd/2nd Army Field Workshop (less Nos. 5 & 6 Recovery Sections.)	8	328	336	-	19	19	8	347	355
61st Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
56th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
59th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
61st Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
67th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
70th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
75th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
Detachment Base Ordnance Depot	2	11	13	-	-	-	2	11	13
Army Pay Corps									
1st Corps Field Cash Office	1	7	8	-	-	-	1	7	8
Command Cash Office	1	7	8	-	-	-	1	7	8
Finance Section Admin. H.Q., A.I.F. (details) (c)	2	13	15	-	-	-	2	13	15
Provost Corps									
1st Corps Provost Company	2	109	111	-	6	6	2	115	117
Postal Unit									
A.I.F. Headquarters Postal Unit	3	22	25	-	-	-	3	22	25
Miscellaneous									
Australian General Base Depot (c)	4	96	100	-	-	-	4	96	100
	709	12548	13548	62	1060	1122	771	13608	14379

SOUTHERN COMMAND (3rd Military District) -contd-

UNIT	Quota			1st Reinforcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total
Forward	702	12846	13548	62	1080	1122	764	13906	14670
Miscellaneous - contd.									
Australian General Base Depot (Instructional Wing)	8	35	43	-	-	-	8	35	43
1st Corps Employment Platoon	-	34	34	-	-	-	-	34	34
1st Corps Mobile Bath Unit	1	19	20	-	-	-	1	19	20
1st Corps Graves Registration and Enquiries Unit	3	35	38	-	-	-	3	35	38
Total	714	12969	13683	62	1060	1122	776	14029	14805
Army Nursing Service									
4th General Hospital									31
7th General Hospital									59

Notes
(c) Portion already raised vide SM.517
(j) Portion already raised vide SM.517 (WE.III/1937/62/2)
(k) Absorb H.Q. 2 A.I.F. & H.Q. Australian Overseas Base vide SM.517
(l) Absorbs 1st Construction Section vide SM.517
(m) Portion already raised vide SM.517
(n) Portion already raised vide SM.517 (6 Div.Section 1st Crd.Field Park)
(o) Absorbs Infantry and General Base Depot vide SM.517 (WE. IV/1936/75/1)
(r) Absorbs "B" Sqn. 7 Divisional Cavalry Regiment, vide S.M. 1555.

SOUTHERN COMMAND (4th Military District)

UNIT	Quota			1st Reinforcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total
Cavalry									
"B" & "C" Squadrons 6th Divisional Cavalry Regiment (P)	16	200	216	-	-	-	16	200	216
Artillery									
2nd/7th Army Field Regiment (less 2nd/14th Field Battery)	20	301	321	5	37	42	25	338	363
Engineers									
2nd/3rd Corps Field Park Company	4	170	174	-	11	11	4	181	185
Signals									
"F" Section 7th Divisional Signals.	1	27	28	-	-	-	1	27	28
"L" Section 7th Divisional Signals.	2	36	38	-	-	-	2	36	38
"C" Section 8th Divisional Signals.	1	11	12	-	-	-	1	11	12
"E" Section 8th Divisional Signals.	1	27	28	-	-	-	1	27	28
2nd Despatch Rider Section. [illegible] Corps Signals	-	25	25	-	-	-	-	25	25
Infantry									
2nd/27th Battalion	33	759	792	7	147	154	40	906	946
2nd/43rd Battalion	33	759	792	7	147	154	40	906	946
2nd/3rd Machine Gun Battalion (less "B","C" & "D" Companies)	15	281	296	7	64	71	22	345	367
Army Service Corps									
7th Divisional Petrol Company	7	294	301	-	8	8	7	302	309
3rd Supply Personnel Section.	1	18	19	-	1	1	1	19	20
	134	2908	3042	26	415	441	160	3323	3483

SOUTHERN COMMAND (4th Military District) (Contd.)

UNIT	Quota			1st Reinforcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total
Forward	134	2908	3042	26	415	441	160	3325	3483
Army Medical Corps									
2nd/6th Field Ambulance	12	226	238	-	7	7	12	233	245
2nd/8th Field Ambulance	12	226	238	-	7	7	12	233	245
12th Dental Unit	1	4	5	-	-	-	1	4	5
13th Dental Unit	1	4	5	-	-	-	1	4	5
Army Ordnance Corps									
Nos.5 & 6 Recovery Sections, 2nd/2nd Army Field Workshop	4	142	146	-	-	-	4	142	146
63rd Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
65th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
Army Pay Corps									
Finance Section Admin. H.Q. A.I.F.(details) (c)	1	7	8	-	-	-	1	7	8
Total	167	3541	3708	26	429	455	193	3970	4163
Army Nursing Service									
4th General Hospital									10
7th General Hospital									10

Note (c) Portion already raised vide SM.517
(p) Absorb "C" Squadron, 7th Div. Cav. Regt. vide SM.1555

SOUTHERN COMMAND (-6th MILITARY DISTRICT)

UNIT	Ducts			1st Reinforcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total
Artillery									
2nd/16th Field Battery 2nd/8th Army Field Regiment	14	256	270	-	-	-	14	256	270
Engineers									
2nd/9th Army Field Company (less two sections)	3	110	113	1	15	16	4	125	129
Signals									
"G" Section 7th Divisional Signals	1	27	28	-	-	-	1	27	28
"J" Section 8th Divisional Signals	2	36	38	-	-	-	2	36	38
Headquarters Corps Medium Artillery Signal Section	2	58	60	-	-	-	2	58	60
Infantry									
2nd/40th Battalion (less "B","C" & "D" Coys.)	18	387	405	7	147	154	25	534	559
"C" Company 2nd/3rd Machine Gun Battalion (s)	5	128	133	-	-	-	5	128	133
Army Service Corps									
7th Divisional Ammunition Company	11	380	391	-	10	10	11	390	401
Army Medical Corps									
2nd/3rd Field Hygiene Section	1	28	29	-	1	1	1	29	30
14th Dental Unit	1	4	5	-	-	-	1	4	5
7th General Hospital (1200 beds) (details)	-	50	50	-	-	-	-	50	50
Army Ordnance Corps									
64th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
Army Pay Corps									
Finance Section Admin. H.Q. A.I.F. (details) (c)	1	7	8	-	-	-	1	7	8
Miscellaneous									
Headquarters Australian Overseas Base Sub Area (details) (q)	7	56	63	-	-	-	7	56	63
7th Divisional Salvage Unit	1	41	42	-	-	-	1	41	42
	66	1580	1646	8	173	181	76	1753	1829
Army Nursing Service	-								
5th General Hospital									8
7th General Hospital									[illegible]

NOTES:

(a) Portion already raised vide SM.517

(q) Absorbs H.Q. Overseas Base vide SM.517

(s) Absorbs "C" Company 2nd/2nd Machine Gun Battalion vide SM 1555

WESTERN COMMAND

UNIT	Quota			1st Reinforcements			Total		
	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total	Off.	O.R.	Total
Artillery									
2nd/14th Field Battery 2nd/7th Army Field Regiment	14	256	270	-	-	-	14	256	270
Engineers									
2nd/2nd Field Park Company	3	153	156	-	10	10	3	163	166
Signals									
"H" Section 7th Divisional Signals	1	25	26	-	-	-	1	25	26
"X" Section 7th Divisional Signals	2	36	38	-	-	-	2	36	38
Headquarters No 2 Company 8th Divisional Signals	1	3	4	-	-	-	1	3	4
"A" Section 8th Divisional Signals	2	40	42	-	-	-	2	40	42
Infantry									
2nd/16th Battalion	33	759	792	7	147	154	40	906	946
2nd/28th Battalion	33	759	792	7	147	154	40	906	946
"D" Company 2nd/3rd Machine Gun Battalion (T)	5	128	133	-	-	-	5	128	133
24th Anti Tank Company	4	78	82	-	-	-	4	78	82
Army Service Corps									
1st Supply Personnel Section	1	18	19	-	1	1	1	19	20
2nd Supply Personnel Section	1	18	19	-	1	1	1	19	20
Army Medical Corps									
2nd/7th Field Ambulance	12	226	238	-	7	7	12	233	245
15th Dental Unit	1	4	5	-	-	-	1	4	5
Army Ordnance Corps									
55th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
66th Light Aid Detachment	1	12	13	-	-	-	1	12	13
8th Divisional Mobile Laundry & Forward Decontamination Unit (with three labour Sections)	2	132	134	-	-	-	2	132	134
Army Pay Corps									
Finance Section Admin. H.Q. A.I.F. (details) (c)	1	7	8	-	-	-	1	7	8
Postal Unit									
1st Corps Postal Unit (details)	-	9	9	-	-	-	-	9	9
Miscellaneous									
8th Divisional Mobile Bath Unit	1	19	20	-	-	-	1	19	20
8th Divisional Salvage Unit	1	41	42	-	-	-	1	41	42
Total	120	2735	2855	14	313	327	134	3048	3182
Army Nursing Service									
4th General Hospital									10
7th General Hospital									6

NOTES: (c) Portion already raised vide SM.517
(T) Absorbs "D" Coy 2nd/2nd M.G. Battalion vide SM.1555

S U M M A R Y

Total Including First Reinforcement

Command	Off.	O.R.	Total	Army Nursing Service
Northern Command	283	6161	6444	40
Eastern Command	967	18615	19582	118
Southern Command (3MD)	776	14029	14805	99
Southern Command (4MD)	193	3970	4163	20
Southern Command (5MD)	76	1753	1829	16
Western Command	134	3048	3182	16
TOTAL	2429	47576	50005	299

A special two months' course for 70 (Seventy) N.C.Os of 17th and 18th Aus. Inf. Bdes. was commenced at the Central Training Depot, LIVERPOOL, on 3rd January 1940. It was hoped that the successful candidates at this course would almost complete vacancies in infantry battalions.

GENERAL TRAINING.

8. The fear expressed in the War Diary to 30th November 1939, as regards the effect on training due to shortage of equipment was unfortunately realised. In the case of troops in Southern Command (VICTORIA), the equipment position was reasonably in order by the end of December 1939. In the Eastern Command, where stocks were depleted owing to issue of war equipment to the first contingent, the concentration of 18th Aus. Inf. Bde. and other divisional units, created a situation where progressive training was almost brought to a standstill. This had been remedied by interstate transfers by 31st January 1940 and at this date there was generally, little cause for complaint.

STANDARD OF TRAINING.

9. By the date of its embarkation, 16 Aus. Inf. Bde. had reached a reasonable standard of platoon training. The variation in standard between 17 and 18 Aus. Inf. Bdes. still persisted, and it was unlikely that the difference would be adjusted prior to embarkation.

10. In other arms, progress was determined largely by availability of equipment, but a satisfactory standard of technical training was generally reached in all units. It was not expected that tactical training would be attempted before the end of February 1940.

11. The standard of efficiency of officers was generally the chief weakness in the 2nd A.I.F. The material in the ranks was good and reasonably well trained and further progress depended on the capacity of officers.

FORMATION OF NUCLEUS OF ADMINISTRATIVE H.Q. 2nd A.I.F.

12. On the recommendation of the G.O.C. 2nd A.I.F., the Government approved on 18 Jan 40 of the formation of Administrative Headquarters, 2nd A.I.F. The initial Staff was to comprise 1 A.A.G., 1 D.A.Q.M.G. and 1 Staff Captain, with the necessary clerical establishment.

NON-MILITARY APPOINTMENTS TO 2nd A.I.F.

13. In the period under review, the following non-military appointments were made to the 2nd A.I.F. :-

Press: J.A.Hetherington - R.Glennie,
G.E.W.Harriott.

Official Photographer: D.P.Parer.

A.C.F. - R.S.Coward.

Salvation Army: Maj. H. Hosier.
Maj. W. Trestrail.

Red Cross: S.Corfield. D.R.Tapper.
B.A.Mellowship. H.A.Dwyer.
T.H.Keene.
D.Bellamy.

Y.M.C.A. A.M.Brown. A.McLaughlin.
B.Monfries.

14. Strength as at 31st January, 1940 is shown in Annexure 'D'.

Annexure 'D'

STRENGTH STATE AT 31ST JANUARY, 1940.

Formations & Units.	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total
Headquarters 6th Australian Division	22	139	161
6th Australian Divisional Intelligence Section	2	10	12
6th Australian Divisional Reccconnaissance Regiment	27	459	486
Headquarters 16 Australian Infantry Brigade	12	65	77
2nd/1st Battalion	34	747	781
2nd/2nd Battalion	33	748	781
2nd/3rd Battalion	32	747	779
2nd/4th Battalion	33	748	781
Headquarters 17th Australian Infantry Brigade	5	62	67
2nd/5th Battalion	27	796	823
2nd/6th Battalion	30	782	812
2nd/7th Battalion	28	735	763
2nd/8th Battalion	29	738	767
Headquarters 18th Australian Infantry Brigade	7	57	64
2nd/9th Battalion	21	826	847
2nd/10th Battalion	19	803	822
2nd/11th Battalion	26	732	758
2nd/12th Battalion	22	797	819
Headquarters 6th Australian Divisional Artillery	4	13	17
2nd/1st Field Regiment	28	644	672
2nd/2nd Field Regiment	33	593	626
2nd/3rd Field Regiment	31	557	588
Headquarters 6th Australian Divisional Engineers	2	5	7
2nd/1st Field Company	7	271	278
2nd/2nd Field Company	5	262	267
2nd/3rd Field Company	6	247	253
2nd/1st Field Park Company	3	152	155
Signals 6th Australian Division	21	470	491
6th Australian Divisional Reccconnaissance Regiment-Signal Section	1	11	12

Formations & Units.	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Total
Headquarters 6th Australian Divisional Army Service Corps	6	28	34
6th Australian Divisional Supply Column	5	338	343
6th Australian Divisional Ammunition Company - (including details Corps Troops Ammunition Company attached).	10	532	542
6th Australian Divisional Petrol Company	8	359	367
2nd/1st Field Ambulance	12	270	282
2nd/2nd Field Ambulance	17	271	288
2nd/3rd Field Ambulance	12	249	261
2nd/1st Field Hygiene Section	1	29	30
6th Field Cash Office	1	7	8
6th Australian Provost Company	2	99	101
6th Australian Divisional Postal Unit	1	17	18
1st Anti-Tank Regiment	30	448	478
Australian Corps Signals	19	465	484
2nd/1st Machine Gun Battalion	27	676	703
6th Australian Divisional Ammunition Sub-Park	6	358	364
Corps Troops Supply Column (details)	-	36	36
Corps Troops Ammunition Sub-Park (details)	-	24	24
2nd/1st Casualty Clearing Station	9	84	93
1st Army Field Workshop	15	444	459
6th Australian Divisional Section 1st Ordnance Field Park	3	78	81
Headquarters Overseas Base	14	148	162
1st Australian General Hospital	22	185	207
2nd Australian General Hospital	27	273	300
1st Convalescent Depot	5	28	33

ANNEXURE "A"

SECOND AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Folder 9

H.Q. 6 Aus. Div.
441 St Kilda Road.
MELBOURNE S.C.2.

3rd December, 1939.

SECRET

6 Aus. Div. Recce Regt.
R.A.A. 6 Aus. Div.
R.A.E. 6 Aus. Div.
Sigs. 6 Aus. Div.
16 Aus. Inf. Bde.
17 Aus. Inf. Bde.
18 Aus. Inf. Bde.
A.S.C. 6 Aus. Div.
Sigs. Aus. Corps

Copies to:-

"Q"
Northern Command.
Eastern Command.
Southern Command.
Western Command.

6 AUS. DIV. CIRCULAR G 25.

PERSONNEL TO ATTEND COURSES OVERSEAS.

1. Personnel as shown below will be required to be available for embarkation for Courses overseas ex Sydney 16 Dec. and ex Melbourne 18 Dec.

Nature of Course	Formation or Unit	Officers	N.C.Os. (not below rank of Sgt)	Total
Mechanised Cavalry	6 Aus. Div. Recce Regt.	4	4	8
Artillery	R.A.A. 6 Aus. Div.	4	4	8
Engineer	R.A.E. 6 Aus. Div.	2	4	6
Signals	Sigs. 6 Aus. Div.	3	3	6
	Sigs. Aus. Corps	1	1	2
Arty. Regt. Sigs.	R.A.A. 6 Aus. Div.	3	3	6
a.. Inf. Weapons	16 Aus. Inf. Bde.) 17 Aus. Inf. Bde.) ea. 18 Aus. Inf. Bde.)	4	4	24
b.) M.M.G.(Tactical)	Each Inf. Bde.	1	-	3
Army Service Corps Subjects	A.S.C. 6 Aus. Div.	3	6	9
	TOTAL	35	37	72

a. In view of the reorganisation of inf. into rifle & M.G. Bns, details of which will follow with the least delay possible, personnel for this course will be selected from existing Rifle Coys.

b. To be selected from offrs of existing Support Coys of the rank of captain.

2. Detailed movement orders will be issued in due course. Any variations required in ports of embarkation, in view of concentration of 18 Aus Inf Bde and other units now in course of progress, should be made the subject of urgent recommendations.

5. Names of personnel selected will be forwarded without delay. Formation and Unit Comds will appreciate the urgency of the position.

4. In making the selection, it should be remembered that the personnel chosen will be, as it were, the adv party of the 2nd A.I.F. in addition, therefore, to choosing offrs and N.C.Os who have the ability to impart the instructions they receive to their units at a later date, their personal characteristics must be above reproach.

5. Action should be taken at once to ensure:-

a. that the issue of the embarkation scale of clothing and necessaries is completed.

b. that personnel selected receive the requisite period of embarkation leave.

6. (a. It is anticipated that baggage for offrs will NOT be less than the following scale:-

To be taken into the field - 35 lbs.

To be left at the Base. - 100 lbs.

(b Plain clothes will NOT be taken.

7. Detailed adm instructions concerning issue of war outfit, payment of allowance, inoculation and vaccination, etc. will be issued at the earliest possible moment.

Col.
G.S. 6 Aus. Div.

ANNEXURE "A"

SECOND AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

SECRET

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SECRET

6th DIVISION HEADQUARTERS,
441 St. Kilda Road,
MELBOURNE, SC 2.

- 4 DEC 1939

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. Pro. Coy.)
D.A.D.O.S.
D.A.A.G. (for 6 Fd. Cash Office)

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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.

Col.
G.S. 6 Aus. Div.

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APPENDIX I

2nd A. I. F.

ORDER OF PRIORITY OF DESPATCH.

FIRST CONTINGENT.

Serial	Unit	Officers	Other Ranks.	Total
101	H.Q. Aust. Overseas Base	16	149	165
103	Aust. Ord. Store Coy.	2	44	46
103	Details H.Q. 6 Div.	2	21	23
104	6 Div. Mt. 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.	7	29	36
	1st Reinforcements		1	1
108	2/1 Fd. Amb.	12	245	257
	1st Reinforcements		5	5
109	2/1 Fd. Hyg. Sec.	1	28	29
	1st Reinforcements		1	1
110	6 Fd. 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 Fd. Coy.	5	237	242
	1st Reinforcements	1	15	16
117	Details 6 Div. Sigs.	7	147	154
118	39 L.A.D. (Div. Reconc. Rept)	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

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.	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.	2	47	49
128	6 Div. Postal Unit.	1	21	22
129	1 Gen. Hospital (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	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.
H.Q. Aust Overseas Base			
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.			
Recce. Party (to join Staff of H.Q. 16 Aus Inf Bde later) (G.S.O.3, D.A.A.G. and O.M.E.).	3	3	6
Medical			
D.A.D.M.S.	1	-	1
Clerk	-	1	1
Batman	-	1	1
Ordnance			
D.A.D.O.S.	1	-	1
Clerks		2	2
Storemen		2	2
Batman		1	1
Miscellaneous			
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
TOTAL less Recce Party	2	21	23

Unit & Detail		Officers	O.R.s	Total.
Transport				
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.			
6 Div. Intelligence Sec.		2	10	12.
H.Q. R.A.A. 6 Aus Div.				
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.
Transport				
Van, Light (for Recce)	1.			
H.Q. R.A.E. 6 Aus Div.				
Captain		1	-	1.
Clerk			1	1.
Drs. M.T. for duty as batmen			1	1.
for vehicle			1	1.
Total		1	3	4.
Transport				
Van, light for Captain	1.			
6 Prov. Coy.				
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:
6 Aus Div Sup Coln:			
Coln H.Q.	1	31	32
Two Sch. H.Q.	4	92	96
'D' 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.
6 Aus Div Amn Coy.			
Coy H.Q.	1	20	21.
One Sec.	2	125	127.
Wkshop Sub-Sec.	-	14	14.
Total Ammunition Company	3	159	162.
6 Aus Div Pet Coy.			
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.R.s	Total.
6 Aus Div Sup Coln				
Coln H.Q.				
Maj. ..		1		1
R.S.M. ..			1	1
C.Q.M.S. ..			1	1
Sgts. ..			2	2
Ptes. ..			27	27
Butchers ..	2			
Cooks ..	1			
Adm duties ..	1			
Drs. M.T.				
Vehicles ..	9			
Motor cyclists	2			
Batman ..	1			
Clerks ..	2			
L.M.G. ..	6			
Sanitary duty	2			
Storeman ..	1			
TOTAL		1	31	32
Transport (excl motor cycles) less				
Car, light ..	1 (Capt)			
Lorries, 30 cwt ..	1 (unit blankets)			
" " ..	2 (Postal)			
" " ..	1 (Water)			
An Ech. H.Q.				
Offrs. ..		2	-	2
S/Sgt. Clerk			1	1
Sgt. Clerks			2	2
Sgt.			1	1
Ptes.			42	42
Sup. clerks. ..	2			
Cooks	2			
Drs. M.T.,				
Vehicles	3			
Motor cycles	2			
Batman	1			
Batman dr	1			
Loaders	24			
Water duty	1			
Issuers	6			
Total		2	46	48
Transport (excl motor cycles)				
Cars 2 (Offrs)				
Lorries, 30 cwt. 2. (Water, kitchen)				

6 Div Sup. Coln - Contd.		Offrs.	O.R.s	Total.
'A' and 'E' Secs (Each) less Drivers, M.T.	7.			
Transport (excl. motor cycles)				
less Vans; Light	2.	(Fd. Pk.Coy. Mob.Vet.Sec)		
Lorries, 30 cwt	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.M.S.			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.				
Capts.		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 Pet 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.					'E' Sec.	'F' Sec.	Total
		Details 'A' (W/T) Sec.	One Det. 'B' (cable) Sec.	Details 'D' Sec. 1 Op. Sub-Sec	Details 'D' Sec. D.R.	Details 'M' (Technical Maintenance) Sec.			
Major	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Adjt. (Capt.)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Captain	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lieutenant	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	4
Total Officers	2	1	-	1	-	-	1	2	7
Coy. Sgt. Major	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
C.S.M.S.	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
C.S.M.S. (Foreman of Signals)	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Sergeants	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	2	4
Total Sgts. and S/Sgts.	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	2	7
Corporals	4	2	1	1	1	1	2	3	15
Signalmen	4	17	7	9	7	7	21	29	101
Drivers, M.T.	6	1	5	3	-	1	5	6	27
Total Rank and File	10	20	13	13	8	9	28	36	139
Total Other Ranks	12	20	14	14	8	10	29	40	149
Total All Ranks	14	21	14	15	8	10	30	42	156
Tradesmen:-									
Carpenters	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Clerks	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cooks	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3
Despatch Riders	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	17
Electricians Signals	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	2	5
Fitters Signals	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3
Instrument Mechanics	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3
Linemen	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	5	18
Operators (Signals)	1	16	8	7	6	-	12	20	55
Tech. Storemen	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Total Tradesmen	4	17	8	9	7	8	23	32	108
Non-Tradesmen									
Drivers, L.T. for vehicles	5	1	4	2	-	1	4	4	21
Drivers, L.T. for Batmen	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	5
Total Non-Tradesmen	6	1	5	2	-	1	5	6	26
TOTAL	10	18	13	11	7	9	28	38	134
Motor-Cycles	-	-	1	1	1	-	7	8	24
Cars, DS.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Vans, light	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	2	6
" heavy, G.S. for:-									
Cable laying and Line maintenance	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	4
Vans, heavy, wireless	-	4	-	-	-	-	3	6	13
Lorries 30 cwt, G.S. for Kitchen	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Water tank	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cable laying and reserve cable	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Signal office etc.	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	4
Charging set	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Workshop	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Lorry 30 cwt. office	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total, vehicles	5	5	6	3	7	1	14	19	60

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5th December, 1939.

S.M. 3434

6 Div.
Comdt. designate H.Q., Aust. Overseas Base.

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E. Comd., S. Comd., H.L.O. (London).

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

With reference to my S.M. 3418 dated 4 Dec. 39, I am commanded by the Military Board to forward herewith Amendment No. 1 which reads as follows :-

Appendix No. 1 - Add

	Unit	Officers	Other Ranks	Total
"Serial No. 132	6 Mob. Vet. Sec.	1	32	33
	1st Reinforcements		1	1"

Amend Total Personnel First Convoy

394	6267	6661

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

for Secretary to the Military Board.

H.Q. 6TH DIVISION 497/1

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4th December, 1939.

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

I am commanded by the Military Board to inform you that units and details of 2nd A.I.F., comprising an Infantry Brigade with attached troops, will be prepared to embark at a date to be notified later in accordance with the attached order of priority (Appendix 1).

2. In cases where details only of an headquarters or unit are shown in the order of priority, I am to request that no increase in personnel be made without reference to Army Headquarters. A summary of the composition of details is attached for information (Appendix 2). The actual personnel detailed may be varied within the total number of each detail.

3. Instructions regarding unit equipment and administrative instructions will be issued later.

4. The numbers of personnel shown in the order of priority do not include personnel of:-

	Officers	Other Ranks	Total
(a) Advance Party			
H.Q. Aust. Overseas Base	9	15	24
H.Q. 6 Div.	3	3	6
(b) Personnel attending courses abroad - Proportion from 1st Convoy estimated at	14	16	30
	26	34	60

These personnel (together with additional personnel from units for training abroad not included in 1st Convoy) will proceed independently. Separate instructions are being issued.

5. Advance party personnel from Headquarters, 6th Division, will be attached to the staff of Commandant, Headquarters Overseas Base, until disembarkation abroad of 1st Convoy, when they will join details of Headquarters, 6th Division, proceeding with that convoy for attachment to the staff of the Commander, 16th Infantry Brigade.

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

for A. G. Williams.
Secretary to the Military Board.

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107	H.Q., 6 Div. A.A.S.C. 1st Reinforcements	7	29 1	36 1
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109	2/1 Fd. Hyg. Sec. 1st Reinforcements	1	28 1	29 1
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131	Div. Recce. Regt. Sig. Sec. 1st Reinforcements	1	11 1	12 1
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APPENDIX 2

2ND A.I.F.

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No. 5 Sec. (Finance)	5	35	40
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Clerk	-	1	1
Batman	-	1	1
Ordnance			
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Clerks	-	2	2
Storemen	-	2	2
Batman	-	1	1
Miscellaneous			
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.P.C.	-	1	1
Total (less Recce. Party)	2	21	23

Unit and Detail	Officers	Other Ranks	Total
Transport 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			
6 Div. Intelligence Sec.	2	10	12
H.Q. 6 Div. Arty.			
Staff Capt.	1	-	1
Clerk	-	1	1
Driver, M.T.	-	1	1
Orderly	-	1	1
Batman	-	2	2
Attached Chaplain	1	-	-
Total	2	5	7
Transport Van, light (for recce.) 1.			
H.Q. 6 Div. Engrs.			
Captain	1	-	1
Clerk	-	1	1
Drivers, M.T., for duty as batman	-	1	1
for vehicle	-	1	1
Total	1	3	4
Transport Van, light for Captain 1.			
6 Prov. Coy.			
H.Q. Prov. Coy.	2	15	17
Two Sections	-	32	32
	2	47	49

SUMMARY OF A.A.S.C. DETAILS

(Dissection shown separately).

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Coln. H.Q.	1	31	32
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Wkshop. Sub-Sec.	-	14	14
Total Ammunition Company	3	159	162
6 Div. Petrol Coy.			
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	Other ranks	Total
6 Div. Sup. Coln.			
Coln. H.Q.			
Maj. ..	1		1
R.S.M. ..		1	1
C.Q.M.S. ..		1	1
Sgts. ..		2	2
Ptes. ..		27	27
Butchers .. 2			
Cooks .. 1			
Admin. duty .. 1			
Drivers, M.T.			
Vehicles .. 9			
Motor cyclists 2			
Batman .. 1			
Clerks .. 2			
L.M.G. .. 6			
Sanitary duty 2			
Storeman .. 1			
Total ..	1	31	32
Transport (excl. motor cycles) less			
Car, light .. 1 (captain)			
Lorries, 30-cwt. 1 (unit blankets)			
" " 2 (postal)			
" " 1 (water)			
An Ech. H.Q.			
Offrs. ..	2		2
S.Sgt. clerk ..		1	1
Sgt. clerks ..		2	2
Sgt. ..		1	1
Ptes. ..		42	42
Sup. clerks .. 2			
Cooks .. 2			
Drivers, H.T.			
Vehicles .. 3			
Motor cycles 2			
Batman .. 1			
Batman driver 1			
Loaders .. 24			
Water duty .. 1			
Issuers .. 6			
Total ..	2	46	48
Transport (excl. motor cycles)			
Cars 2 (officers)			
Lorries, 30-cwt. 2 (water, kitchen).			

6 Div. Sup. Coln. - Contd.			Officers	Other ranks	Total
'A' and 'E' Secs.(each) less Drivers, M.T.	7				
Transport (excl. motor cycles) less Vans, light	2	(Fd. Pk. Coy. Mob. Vet. Sec.)			
Lorries,30-cwt.	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.M.S. ..				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.					
Capts. ..			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				
Admin. duty ..	1				
Vehicles ..	3				
Batmen drivers ..	2				
Clerk ..	1				
Sanitary duty ..	2				
Storeman ..	1				
Water ..	1				
Total ..			2	18	20

		Officers	Other Ranks	Total
6 Div. Pet. Coy. - Contd.				
Coy. H.Q. - Contd.				
Transport (excl. motor cycles)				
Only cars, light ..	2 (capts.)			
Lorry, 30-cwt.	1 (anti-gas and greatcoats)			
	1 (kitchen)			
	1 (water)			
'A' Sec.				
Sec. H.Q.				
Licut. ..		1		1
Drivers, M.T. (incl. cpl.)			12	12
Vehicles ..	3			
Motor cycle ..	1			
Batman driver ..	1			
A.A.L.M.G. ..	3			
Loaders ..	4			
Total		1	12	13
Transport (excl. motor cycles)				
Car, light ..	1 (Licut.)			
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 cyclist ..	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.				

ESTABLISHMENT OF SIGNALS COMPONENT OF ADVANCED FORCE.

Detail	H.Q.	Details 1 Coy. Details 'A' (w/t) Sec.	Det. 'B' (cable) Sec.	Details 'D' Sec. 1 Op. Sub-Sec.	Details 'D' Sec. D.Rs.	Details 'E' (Technical Maintenance) Sec.	'E' Sec.	'F' Sec.	Total
Major	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adjt. (Capt.)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Captain	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Lieutenant	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-
Total Officers	2	1	-	1	-	-	1	2	7
Coy. Sgt. Major	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
C.Q.M.S.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C.Q.M.S. (Foreman of Signals)	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Sergeants	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	2	)
Total Sgts. and S/Sgts.	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	2	7
Corporals	-	2	1	1	1	1	2	3	-
Signalmen	4	17	7	9	7	7	21	29	-
Drivers, M.T.	6	1	5	3	-	1	5	6	-
Total Rank and File	10	20	13	13	8	9	28	38	139
Total Other Ranks	12	20	14	14	8	10	29	40	149
Total All Ranks	14	21	14	15	8	10	30	42	154
Tradesmen:-									
Carpenters	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Clerks	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cooks	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3
Despatch Riders	1	-	-	1	7	-	4	4	17
Electricians Signals	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	2	5
Fitters Signals	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3
Instrument Mechanics	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3
Linemen	-	-	8	1	-	-	4	5	18
Operators (Signals)	-	16	-	7	-	-	12	20	55
Tech. Storemen	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Total Tradesmen	4	17	8	9	7	8	23	32	108
Non-Tradesmen									
Drivers, M.T. for vehicles	5	1	4	2	-	1	4	4	21
Drivers, M.T. for:- Batmen	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	5
Total Non-Tradesmen	6	1	5	2	-	1	5	6	26
Total	10	18	13	11	7	9	28	38	134
Motor Cycles	-	-	1	1	7	-	7	8	24
Car, D.S.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Vans, light	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	2	6
Vans, heavy, G.S. for:- Cable laying and line maintenance	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	4
Vans, heavy, wireless	-	4	-	-	-	-	3	6	13
Lorries 30-cwt., G.S. for:-									
Kitchen	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Water tank	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cable laying and reserve cable	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Signal office etc.	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	4
Charging set	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Workshop	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Lorry 30-cwt. office	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total, vehicles	5	5	6	3	7	1	14	19	60

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