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Item number: 8/3/24

2/24 Infantry Battalion

July - October 1940

3RD DISTRICT
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 RECORDS 2/24 Bn.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

Army Form C.2118
 (adapted.)
 19 SEP 1940
 3RD DISTRICT
 RECORDS

Date and Time.—From 1 JUL 40 To 31 AUG 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Melbourne.				
Vic Barracks.	1 JUL		Major Spowers Corps HQ 2/AIF appointed to command 2/24 Bn of 26 Inf Bde.	
Vic Barracks.	31 JUL		"H" Block first Bn HQ, was room where initial preparations to form unit were made. Two officers taken on strength Capt Weir from RRD Caulfield, to be Adj, and Major Fell to be OC "A" Coy.	
Wangaratta Show Grounds			Capt Weir moved to 10 Trg Bn Wangaratta to make arrangements to take over certain personnel of 10 Inf Trg Bn.	
Vic Barracks.	2 AUG		Major Spowers & Major Fell engaged in selection of officers for unit.	
" "	10 AUG		Selection of personnel proceeding.	
			Lieut Gebhardt joined unit, and promoted Captain.	
			First field returns filled in and despatched.	
	11 "		Capt Dickenson marched in from 37Bn Sale to be QM.	

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Unit 2/24 Bn

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Vic Barracks.	AUG 12		The Unit took over one 30 Cwt, and One Utility Truck.	
			HQ of Unit moved to Wangaratta by road with vehicles.	
Wangaratta.	" "		Strength of Unit now 6 officers and 9 other ranks.	
"	" 14		L/Col Spowers & Capt Dickenson visited Rokeby to inspect personnel of 3 Coys of 2/40 Bn to be transferred to 2/24 as result of decision to form 2/40th solely of Tasmanian troops.	
"	" 15		Major Tasker, formerly of 10 Bde, Marched in to become 2.I.C. of Bn. Lieut Snell joined Unit.	
"	" 18		Col Spowers & Major Fell visited proposed new camp site near Albury.	
"	" "		W.O. Spring marched in from A.I.C. Seymour, to be R.S.M.	
"	" 19		Eleven Officers joined Unit as shown on field return 24 AUG 40. 435 O.Rs taken over from 10 Trg Bn Wangaratta, & 301 O.Rs from 2/40 Bn "Rokeby".	
"	" 20		Strength of Unit now 26 Officers & 772 O.Rs.	
"	" 26 31		Major Blanksby marched in from School Mech'n, to be O.C HQ Coy. Strength 28 Off's 904 O.Rs All ranks not previously innoculated, given TAB & Anti Tetanus by RMO.	

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APPENDIX A No. I.

Casualty Returns.

To 31 Sep 40. *P. G. H.*

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/24 Bn A.I.F. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
MAJ. ✓	SPUWERS. A.	2/24 Bn	31.7.40	Commanding Officer.
" ✓	FABER. FELL. LA	2/24 Bn	31.7.40	Company Comd.
" ✓	BLANKSBY. LHM.	2/24 Bn	27/7/40	" "
Capt. ✓	WEIR. CG.	2/24	31/7/40	Adjutant
" ✓	BAILLIEU. E.	2/24	8/8/40	

LT ✓ GEBHARDT. P. 2/24 10/8/40

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Major	VX.14840	SPOWERS. A.	2/24 Bn	yes.	
Major	VX 47818	FELL. L.A.	2/24. Bn	yes.	
Major	VX 48547	BLANKSBY. L.J.M.	2/24.	No	School of mechanization Campfield
Capt	VX.48434.	WEIR. C.G.	2/24	yes.	
"	VX 14039	BAILLIEU. E.	2/24	yes.	
Lieut.	VX.14044.	GERHARDT. P.	2/24	yes.	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

2/24 Bn.

10/8/40.

(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

Alan Spowers

(Signature of Commander.)

26th Inf Bde. 7 Div.

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

7/24 Am. 7th Div (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>LT.</i>	<i>DERKINSON, R.T.C.</i>	<i>7/24 Am.</i>	<i>11/2/40</i>	<i>10th Capt Quartermaster</i>

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Maj</i>	<i>BLANKSBY, I.J.</i>	<i>7/24</i>		<i>Temporarily posted to and while still on strength of School of Mechanization.</i>

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

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

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7/24/40 21st Div (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...			
Captains ...	76		
Lieutenants ...	16		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1		
TOTALS ...	26		13.

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>See attached list of 20 officers</i>				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>nil</i>				

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
<i>none</i>			

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

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1	2	3	4	5	
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT-Col	VX14840	SPOWERS A			
MAJOR	47118	FELL LA			
CAPT	48424	WEIR CG			
CAPT	14039	BAILLIEU E			
CAPT	47265	DICKINSON. RTC			
CAPT	14044	GEBHARDT. P			
LIEUT	48826	SERIE. RP			
LIEUT	48356	CANTY LG			
LIEUT	48100	BRYANT. GA			
LIEUT	48065	CHRISTIE. JS			
LIEUT	47551	HAWKE. RB			
LIEUT	48771	MOLLARD. K?			
MAJOR	47925	TASKER. WNK			
LIEUT	48559	MEIGHAN. RD			
		MONOTTI			
LIEUT	48535	GRAY. RJ			
LIEUT	48808	MONOTTI. FR			
LIEUT.	48636	SNELL. HW			
CAPT	47496	BIRD. ACB			
CAPT	VX48255	ANDERSEN LE			
CAPT	48105	BUDGE. WJR			
LIEUT	47976	SHELTON JT			
		WAIN			
LIEUT.	48175	BROCK JT			
LIEUT	48604	RASH GH			
LIEUT	48603	ROSEL JS			
LIEUT	48762	DAKLEY AH			
LIEUT	48625	WALKER LC			

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
LIEUT	V94119	CRUISE		2/7/40	AASC

2/24 Bn

(Unit.)

24/8/40

(Date of Despatch.)

Alan Spowers
(Signature of Commander.)

20 Bde 7 Div

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

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TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/24

(Unit)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			1
W.Os. Class II.	4		2
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	2		3
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	10		29
Corporals	18		43
Troopers, Privates, &c.	789		4
TOTALS	823	.	82

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
VX 17045	Sgt Bennett L.S.Y.	Pay Sgt.	AAP Co

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

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/24 BATTALION (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	7 (less 1 QM)		
Lieutenants ...	17		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1		
TOTALS ...	28		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Maj	BLANKSBY. LJM.	2/24	27/7/40	Should not have been written off strength
LT.	EBEL TL	2/24		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT. Col.	VX 14840	SPOWERS A	2/24	Yes	
Major	47925	TAYLER H.M.K.	"	"	
Major	47818	FELL L.A.	"	"	
"	48574	BLANKSBY L.J.M.	"	"	
Capt.	48424	WEIR C.G.	"	"	
"	46039	BAILLIEU E.	"	"	
"	48265	DICKINSON R.T.C.	"	"	
"	14044	GERHARDT P.	"	"	
"	47496	BIRD A.C.B.	"	"	
"	48355	ANDERSON L.E.	"	"	
"	48105	BUDGE W.F.R.	"	"	
LIEUT	48826	SERLE R.P.	"	"	
"	48356	CANTY L.G.	"	"	
"	48600	BRYANT G.A.	"	"	
"	48065	CHRISTIE J.S.	"	"	
"	48551	HAWKE R.B.	"	"	
"	48771	MULLARD K.F.	"	"	
"	48559	MEIGHAN R.D.	"	"	
"	46535	GRAY R.T.	"	"	
"	48808	MONOTTI F.R.	"	"	
"	48636	SNELL H.W.	"	"	
"	47976	SHELTON J.T.	"	"	
"	48775	BROOK J.T.	"	"	
"	48604	RASH G.H.	"	"	
"	48603	ROSEL T.S.	"	"	
"	48762	OAKLEY A.W.	"	"	
"	48625	WALKER L.C.	"	"	
"		EBEL J.C.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Cpt.	VX. 48597.	ROBERTSON. TEC	AAMC	26/8/40	to be R.M.O.

2/24 BATTALION

(Unit.)

31 AUG 1940

(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

26 Inf Bde 7 Div
(Bde., Divn., Ared, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

List of Officers joined during Week ending Aug 24. 1940

To be attached to W 3008.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
Lieut	48826	Serle R. P.
"	48356	Canty L G
"	48600	Bryant G A
"	48065	Christie J. S.
"	48551	Hawke R. B.
"	48771	Mollard K. F.
Maj	47925	Tasker H. McK
Lieut	48559	Meighan R. D.
"	48535	Gray R. J.
"	48808	Monotti F. R.
"	48636	Snell H. W.
Capt	47496	Bird A. C. B.
"	48255	Andersen L. E.
"	48105	Budge W. F. R.
"	47976	Shelton J. T.
Lieut	48175	Brock J. T.
"	48604	Rash G. H.
"	48603	Rossi J. S.
"	48762	Oakley A. W.
"	48625	Walker L. C.

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APPENDIX A No. 2.

Casualty Returns. 31Aug 40.
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Det 2/24 Bn (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...			
Captains ...	5		1
Lieutenants ...	9		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	14		1

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
	<i>As specified</i>	<i>Part D</i>		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
CAPT	VX 48255	ANDERSEN. LE		YES	
"	VX 48044	GEBHARDT. P		"	
"	VX 48105	BUDGE. WFR		"	
"	VX 47496	BIRD. ACB		"	
"	VX 48039	BAILLIEU. E		"	
LIEUT	VX 48605	CHRISTIE. JS		"	
"	VX 48604	RASH. GW		"	
"	VX 47776	SHELTON. JT		"	
"	VX 48603	ROSEL. JS		"	
"	VX 48762	OAKLEY. AW		"	
"	VX 48771	MOLNARD. KF		"	
"	VX 48175	BROCK. JT		"	
"	VX 48600	BRYANT. GA		"	
"	VX 48825	EBELH. JC		"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

Det. 2/24 Bn
(Unit.)

1 Sept 40
(Date of Despatch.)

Baillie Capt
(Signature of Commander.)

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

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"Echelon"
"Dancy."
Bde HQ.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/24 Bn AIF (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1 (one)		FILE COPY
Majors ...	3 (three)		
Captains ...	6 (six)		
Lieutenants ...	18 (eighteen)		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1 (one)		
TOTALS ...	29		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LT.	NATHAN. GE.		2/24	8/Aug 64 T.O.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	46840	SPOWERS A	2/24	-	
Maj	47925	TASKER HIA	"	-	
"	47818	FELL LA	"	-	
"	48574	BLANKSBY LHM	"	-	
Capt	48424	WEIR CB	"	-	
"	14039	BRILLIEU E	"	-	
"	48265	DICKINSON RTC	"	-	
"	11044	GERHARDT P	"	-	
"	47496	BIRD ACB	"	-	
"	48255	ANDERSON LE	"	-	
"	48105	BUDGE WFR	"	-	
Lieut	48836	SERLE RP	"	no	gas school Army
"	48356	CANTY LG	"	-	
"	48600	BRYANT GA	"	-	
"	48065	CHRISTIE JS	"	-	
"	48551	HAWKE RB	"	-	
"	48771	MULLARD HF	"	-	
"	48559	MEIGHAN RD	"	-	
"	46534	GRAY RT	"	-	
"	48505	MONETTI ER	"	-	
"	48636	SNELL HW	"	-	
"	47976	SNELTON JT	"	-	
"	48175	BROOK JT	"	-	
"	48604	RASH GN	"	-	
"	48603	ROSEL TS	"	-	
"	48762	OAKLEY AW	"	-	
"	48625	WALKER LC	"	-	
"	48825	EBEL JC	"	-	
"	48812	NATHAN GE	"	-	gas school Army

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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	48597	ROBERTSON JEG	2/24		R.M.O. (NAME)

2/24 Bn.

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(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature] Lieut. Col.

Comd. (Signature of Commander.)

26 Bde 7DN AIF

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/24 Bth AIF. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	6		
Lieutenants ...	19		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1		
TOTALS ...	30		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
D.	Clare McD.	2/24.	9/9/40	from R.R.R. Pyawak

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
 				

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

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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
lt col. ✓	48840	Spencer A			
Major	47935	Taylor H.M.K.			
	47818	Foley L.A.			
	48544	Blair B. J.M.			
capt.	48724	Weir C.B.			
	14679	Balchin S.			
	48267	Dickenson R.T.G.			
	14044	Gebhardt D.			
	47496	Brid A.E.B.			
	48255	Anderson L.S.			
	48105	Burton W.P.P.			
lt	48826	Stuart R.P.			
	48356	Canty L.G.			
	48460	Byrne G.A.			
	48065	Christie T.B.			
	48551	Hank R.B.			school mech.
	48791	McLeod K.F.			Kangaroo.
	48559	McGowan E.D.			
	46538	Gray E.J.			
	48808	Murphy S.B.			
	48676	Shell H.W.			
	48976	Shelton J.T.			
	48175	Brock J.T.			
	48604	Rash C.H.			
	48613	Ross J.S.			
	48462	Orkney A.W.			
	48675	Walker L.C.			
	48825	Ebbe J.C.			
	48812	Nathan G.F.			
	38761	Close M.D.			

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt. ✓	48597	Robertson T.E.C.	2/24	26/2/40	Rms.

2/24/40
 (Unit.)
 14 Sep 40
 (Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)
 26. Lt. Col. Bae J.D.W. Aik
 (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/24 Bn. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	<i>one 1</i>		
Majors ...	<i>three 3</i>		
Captains ...	<i>six 6</i>		
Lieutenants ...	<i>sixteen twenty 20</i>		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	<i>one 1</i>		
TOTALS ...	<i>thirty one 31</i>		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>LT</i>	<i>Kelly M J</i>	<i>2/24 Bn</i>	<i>29/7/40</i>	<i>from RRD Banfield</i>

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	14840	Spowers A	2/24	yes	-
Major	47925	Tankin H M. R.	"	"	
"	47818	Fell L. A.	"	"	
"	48574	Blankley L. M.	"	"	
Capt	48424	Warr G. G.	"	"	
"	14039	Baillieu E.	"	"	
"	48265	Dupinon R. T. C.	"	"	
"	14044	Yelhardt P.	"	"	
"	47496	Burd A. C. B.	"	"	
"	48255	Anderson L. E.	"	"	
"	48105	Budge W. R.	"	"	
Lt	48836	Sutt R. P.	"	"	
"	48356	Garty L. G.	"	"	
"	48600	Bryant G. A.	"	"	
"	48065	G. Hunter J. S.	"	"	
"	48551	Hawke R. B.	"	no	School of mechanical engineering
"	48771	Mollard H. J.	"	yes	Mechanics
"	48569	Bughan R. D.	"	"	
"	48535	Gray R. J.	"	"	
"	48808	Monette E. R.	"	"	
"	48686	Snell H. W.	"	"	
"	47976	Shetton J. T.	"	"	
"	48175	Brock J. T.	"	"	
"	48064	Rash G. H.	"	"	
"	48603	Road T. S.	"	"	
"	48762	Oakley A. W.	"	"	
"	48625	Walker L. C.	"	"	
"	48825	Blair G. C.	"	"	
"	48812	Nathan G. E.	"	"	
"	38761	Gloss M. D.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	48579	Robertson T. E. G.	2/24	24/9/40	R.M.O. (A.A.M.C.)

2/24 Bn

(Unit.)

21 Sept 40

(Date of Despatch.)

Allan Spowers

(Signature of Commander.)

26 Inf Bde 7 Div AIF

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

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- 2. G.H.Q.
- 3. W.D. (2)
- 4. Bde. H.Q. Information
- 5. File

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/24 Bn A.I.F. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
	Nil			

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
	Nil			

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
UNCLASSIFIED					
Lieut Col VX	14840	Spowers A.	2/24 Bn	yes	
Maj.	47925	Tasker H.M.R.	"	"	
Maj	47818	Fell L.A.	"	"	
Maj	48574	Blanksby L.J.M.	"	"	
Capt	48424	Weir C.G.	"	"	
"	14039	Baillieu E.	"	"	
"	48265	Dickinson R.T.C.	"	"	
"	14044	Gebhardt P.	"	"	
"	47496	Bird A.C.B.	"	"	
"	48255	Andersen L.E.	"	"	
"	48105	Budge W.F.R.	"	"	
Lieut	48836	Serle R.P.	"	No	No 3 I.O. Course DUNTRON.
"	48356	Canty L.G.	"	yes	
"	48600	Bryant G.A.	"	"	
"	48065	Christie J.S.	"	"	
"	48551	Haske R.B.	"	No	School Mech, CAULFIELD
"	48771	Mollard K.F.	"	Yes	
"	48559	Meighan R.D.	"	"	
"	46535	Gray R.J.	"	"	
"	48808	Monetti E.R.	"	No	No 20 School Sigs LIVERPOOL.
"	48686	Snell H.W.	"	yes	
"	47976	Shelton J.T.	"	"	
"	48175	Breck J.T.	"	No	26 Inf Bde H.Q.
"	48064	Rash G.H.	"	yes	
"	48803	Rosel T.S.	"	"	
"	48762	Oakley A.W.	"	"	
"	48625	Walker L.C.	"	"	
"	48825	Ebel J.C.	"	"	
"	48812	Nathan G.E.	"	"	
"	38761	Close M.D.	"	"	
"	48564	Kelly M.J.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX 48579	Robertson T.E.G.	2/24.	26/8/40	(A.A.M.C.) R.M.O.

2/24 Bn

(Unit.)

28/9/40

(Date of Despatch.)

Burgess s/sjt 2/24th Bn H.Q.
Lieut. Col.

Comd. 2/24 (Signature of Commander.)

26 Inf Bde 7 Div A.I.F.

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

WAR DIARY.

APPENDIX B. No.I.

Routine Orders. To 31 Sep 40.

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19 SEP 1940
3RD DISTRICT
RECORDS

20 Aug 40

ROUTINE ORDERS.

Part 1 No. 1
by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION.

DUTIES

ORDERLY OFFICER Lieut. Christie &
Next for duty Lieut. Monotti

ORDERLY SERGEANT A/Cpl. Hewitt E.J.
Next for duty " Rodson G.I.

ORDERLY CORPORAL "
Next for duty " Bailey L.K.
Catherall J.Mc.

DUTY COY.
Next for duty E. 2. Coy.
E. 2. COY.

To mount Duty at Retreat on 20 Aug 40.

GUARD

Duty Coy. will mount guard 1 Sgt. 1 Cpl. & 13 O/Rs.

FATIGUES

Orderly & Runner. Duty Coy. will detail 2 men to mount
duty as Orderly and Runner.

Sanitary. Duty Coy. will detail 1 NCO and 8 O/Rs to
mount duty at retreat.

ORDERLY at C. D. S. Duty Coy. will detail one man to
report to C. D. S. at 0715.

Cookhouse Fatigue. Duty Coy. will detail 10 men to
report to Sgt cook at 0700 hours.

Sgts Mess Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 3 men to report
to Sgts mess at 0830.

Officers Mess. Duty Coy will detail 4 men to report
to Officers Mess at 0715.

Hospital Orderlies. Duty Coy will detail 2 men to report
to Orderly Officer at 0715.

MUSTER
PARADE.

A complete muster parade will be held on the arena at
0945. on Aug. 20th.

H.M. TASKER, Major.
21/c 24 B.

07 0645 1700

21 Aug 40

ROUTINE ORDERS.Part 1 No. 2
byLieut. Col. A. SPOWERS commanding 2/24 BATTALION.

DUTIES

<u>ORDERLY OFFICER</u> Next for duty	Lieut. Serle Lieut. Snell
<u>ORDERLY SERGEANT</u> Next for duty	A/Cpt. Hodgson K. I. J. A/Cpl. Caple J. H.
<u>ORDERLY CORPORAL</u> Next for duty	A/Cpl. Gatherall J. M. " McConnell J. R.
<u>DUTY COY.</u> Next for duty	H. Q. Coy. "A" Coy.

To mount duty at Retreat on 21 Aug 40.

GUARD. Duty Coy. will mount guard 1 Sgt. 1 Cpl. & 13 O/Rs.

FATIGUES.

Orderly and Runner. Duty Coy. will detail 2 men to mount duty as Orderly and Runner.

Sanitary. Duty Coy. will detail 1 NCO and 8 O/Rs to mount duty at Retreat.

Orderly at C. D. S. Duty Coy. will detail one man to report to C. D. S. at 0715 hours. *R.A.P. 0645*

Cookhouse Fatigue. Duty Coy. will detail 10 men to report to Sgt.-Cook at 0700 hours.

Sergeants' Mess Fatigue. Duty Coy. will detail 3 men to report to Sergeants' Mess at 0830 hours.

Officers' Mess. Duty Coy. will detail 4 men to report to Officers' Mess at 0715.

Hospital Orderlies. Duty Coy. will detail 2 men to report to Orderly Officer at 0715.

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LOCAL LEAVE. Local leave will be granted to one third of each Coy. only from 1730 hours to 2359 hours. Under special circumstances this hour may be extended by permission of the C. O.

WEEK END LEAVE. Under instructions from 26 Inf Bde extended week end leave will be granted once per month in rotation of units.

HOT SHOWER BOILER. Sgt of Guard is responsible that Stick Orderly keeps fire going and water hot day and night under supervision of Pte Smith W. C.

COOK'S FIRES. Sgt. of Guard is responsible that Stick Orderly lights all fires in kitchens according to instructions of Sgt-cook

SPECIAL LEAVE. Telegrams in support of applications for leave on account of illness will not under any circumstances be recognised unless supported by medical evidence.

SICK PARADE. Sick parade will be held at 0645 hours and 1700 hours.

All applications for leave must be in the Coy.'s office by 0830 hours.

H. M. TASKER. Major,
2 I/C 24 Bn.

22 Aug 40

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1

No. 3

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION.DUTIES.ORDERLY OFFICER
Next for dutyLieut Snell
Lieut HawkeORDERLY SERGEANT
Next for dutyCpl Caple J. H.
" Geraghty E.ORDERLY CORPORAL
Next for duty" Nicholson A.J.V.
" Fry A.H.DUTY COY.
Next for duty"A" Coy.
"H.Q." Coy.

To mount duty at Retreat on 22 Aug 40.

GUARD

Duty Coy. will mount guard 1 Sgt 1 Cpl and 13 O/Rs.

FATIGUESOrderly and Runner. Duty Coy. will detail 2 men to mount duty as Orderly and Runner.Sanitary. Duty Coy will detail 1 NCO and 8 O/Rs to mount duty at Retreat.Orderly at C. D. S. Duty Coy will detail one man to report to C.D.S. at 0715 hours.Cookhouse Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 10 men to report to Sgt cook at 0700 hours.Sergeants' Mess Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 3 men to report to Sergeants' Mess at 0700 hours.Officers' Mess. Duty Coy will detail 4 men to report to Officers' Mess at 0715.CAMP ROUTINE.

0630 hours	Reveille
0640-0700 hours	P. T.
0645 hours	Sick Parade
0730 "	Breakfast
0845 "	Coy Parade
0900 "	Battalion Parade
1215 "	Dismiss
1245 "	Lunch
1345 "	Coy Parade
1700 "	Dismiss
1715 "	Sick Parade
1730 "	Dinner
1800 "	Retreat
1830 "	Officers' Mess
1830 "	Sergeants' Mess
2130 "	First Post
2200 "	Last Post
2215 "	Lights Out

H. M. TASKER Major

2 I/C 24 Bn.

H. Q. Jon

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1 No. 4

by

(4)

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION

DUTIES

ORDERLY OFFICER
Next for duty

Lieut Hawke
" Grey

ORDERLY SERGEANT
Next for duty

Cpl Geraghty E.
" Fraser W. L.

ORDERLY CORPORAL
Next for duty

" ~~FRASER W. L.~~
" ~~FRASER W. L.~~
" Kennedy H. B.

DUTY COY.
Next for duty

"H.Q" Coy.
"H.Q" Coy.

To mount duty at Retreat on 23 Aug 40.

GUARD

Duty Coy. will mount guard 1 Sgt 1 Cpl & 12/O/RS

FATIGUES

Orderly and Runner. Duty Coy will detail 2 men to mount duty as Orderly and Runner.

Sanitary. Duty Coy will detail 1 NCO and 12/O/RS to mount duty at Retreat.

Orderly at C.D.S. Duty Coy will detail 1 man to report to H.A.P. at 0645 hours.

Cookhouse Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 10 men to report to Sgt cook at 0700 hours.

Sergeants' Mess Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 3 men to report to Sergeants' Mess at 0700 hours.

MAIL (SATURDAYS)

Postal Orderlies will collect the mail at the Post Office on Saturdays at 1250 hours.

H. M. TASKER Major,
21/O 24 Bn.

24 Aug 40

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1 No. 5

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION.

DUTIES

ORDERLY OFFICER
Next for duty

Lieut Gray
" Canty

ORDERLY SERGEANT
Next for duty

Cpl ^{MCINTOSH F. J.} Geraghty E.
" Sullivan W.

ORDERLY CORPORAL
next for duty

" Kennedy N. B.
" Goldsmith N.

DUTY COY
Next for duty

"H.Q." Coy.
"A" Coy.

To mount duty at Retreat on 24 Aug 40

GUARD

Duty Coy will mount guard 1 Sgt 1 Cpl and 13 O/Rs.

FATIGUES

Orderly and Runner. Duty Coy will detail 2 men to mount duty as orderly and runner.

Sanitary. Duty Coy. will detail 1 N C O and 12 O/Rs to mount duty at Retreat.

Orderly at S.D.S. Duty Coy will detail 1 man to report to R.A.P. at 0645 hours.

Cookhouse Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 10 men to report to Sgt cook at 0700 hours.

Sergeants' Mess Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 3 men to report to Sergeants' Mess at 0700 hours.

Salvation Army Hut. Duty Coy will detail one light duty man to report to Salvation Army Hut at 0845 hours.

Picquet. Duty Coy will detail 1 man to report to Sgt Cook at 0630 hours to picquet coppers until 0830 hours.

Guard and H.Q. duties will have tea at 1700 hours.

A.S.C. Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 2 men to report to A.S.C. as loaders at 0845 hours.

FOOTBALL

A football match will be played on the oval between a team from Peechelba and a team selected from the camp.

The camp will be open to visitors from 1400 hours to 1700 hours.

SUNDAY

Reveille will be at 0700 hours, breakfast at 0800 hours and Church Parade at 0930 hours. Holy Communion will be celebrated in the Church of England Hut at 0720 hours.

H. M. TASKER. Major,

2 I/S, 2/24 Bn.

24 Aug 40.

R O U T I N E O R D E R S

Part 1

No 6

by

LIEUT COL A. SPOWERS COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION

DUTIES

<u>ORDERLY OFFICER</u>	Lieut	Canty
Next for duty	"	Walker
" " "	"	Meighan
<u>ORDERLY SERGEANT</u>	Cpl	Sullivan.W.
Next for duty	"	Ferris.F.P.
" " "	"	Sallows.S.P.
<u>ORDERLY CORPORAL</u>	Cpl	Goldsmith.N.
Next for duty	"	Lawrence.J.B
" " "	"	Burge.R.A.
<u>DUTY COY.</u>		"H.Q." Coy
Next for duty		"H.Q." Coy
" " "		"A" H.Q. Coy

To mount duty at retreat on 25 Aug 40.

GUARD

Duty Coy will mount guard 1 Sgt. 1 Cpl and 13 O/Rs

FATIGUES.

Orderly & Runner Duty Coy will detail 2 men to mount duty as orderly & runner.
Sanitary Duty Coy will 1 N.C.O. and 12 O/Rs to mount duty at retreat.
Orderly at R.A.P. Duty Coy will detail 1 man to report at R.A.P. at 06.45 hrs
Cockhouse Fatigue Duty Coy will detail 10 men to report to Sgt Cook at 07.00 hrs
Sergeants Mess Fatigue Duty Coy will detail 3 men to report to Sergeants' Mess at 07.00 hrs
Salvation Army Hut. Duty Coy will detail 1 man, light duty, to report to Salvation Army Hut at 08.45 hrs.
Picquet. Duty Coy will detail 1 man to report to Sgt Cook at 06.30 hrs to picquet coppers until 0830 hrs
Guard & H.Q. duties will have tea at 1700 hrs
A. S. C. Fatigue Duty Coy will detail 2 men to report at A.S.C. as loaders at 0845 hrs.

SUNDAY

Camp will be open from 1400 hrs until Retreat.

H. M. TASKER Major,
2 I/C 2/24 Bn.

26 Aug 40.

R O U T I N E O R D E R S

Part 1

No. 7

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION.

DUTIES

ORDERLY OFFICER
Next for duty

Lieut. Serle
" Monetti

ORDERLY SERGEANT
Next for duty

Cpl Sallows S. P.
" Gammon G.

ORDERLY CORPORAL
Next for duty

" Burge R. A.
" Hayman P. S.

DUTY COY.
Next for duty

"A" Coy.
"H.Q." Coy.

To mount duty at Retreat on 27 Aug 40.

GUARD

Duty Coy will mount guard 1 Sgt 1 Cpl and 13 O/Rs.

FATIGUES.

Orderly and Runner. Duty Coy will detail 2 men to mount duty as Orderly and Runner.

Sanitary. Duty Coy will detail 1 N.C.O. and 12 O/Rs to mount duty at Retreat.

Orderly at R.A.P. Duty Coy will detail 1 man to report at R.A.P. at 0645 hours.

Cookhouse Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 10 men to report to Sgt cook at 0700 hours.

Sergeants' Mess Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 3 men to report to Sergeants' Mess at 0700 hours.

Salvation Army Hut. Duty Coy will detail 1 light duty man to report to Salvation Army Hut at 0845 hours.

Picquet. Duty Coy will detail 1 man to report to Sgt cook at 0630 hours to picquet toppers until 0830 hours.

A.S.C. Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 2 men to report at A.S.C. as loaders at 0845 hours.

COCKHOUSE

The cookhouse is out-of-bounds to all personnel except those on duty.

DRESS

It has been generally noticed that unauthorised items of uniform and clothing are being worn by NCO's and other ranks. Personnel must at all times be properly and neatly turned out and irregularities such as the following must be immediately corrected:-

- (a) NCO's below Warrant Rank and other ranks wearing caps S.D. officers' pattern.
- (b) Wearing of collars and ties and the collar of the jacket S.D. being left open.
- (c) Wearing of unauthorised badges on Shoulder Strap of Jackets and Greatcoats- e.g. the wearing of Shoulder Titles "Australia" by personnel not enlisted in the A.I.F.
- (d) Wearing of "bright" instead of oxidised buttons and badges.

H. M. TASKER Major,
2 I/C, 2/24 Bn.

27 Aug 40.

R O U T I N E O R D E R S

Part 1.

No. 8

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION.

DUTIES

ORDERLY OFFICER
Next for duty

Lieut. Monotti
" Snell

ORDERLY SERGEANT
Next for duty

Cpl McNamara J.
" Fry A. H.

ORDERLY CORPORAL
Next for duty

" McConnell J.
" Gunning R. D.

DUTY COY.
Next for duty

"H.Q." Coy
"H.Q." Coy

To mount duty at Retreat on 28 Aug 40.

GUARD

Duty Coy will mount guard 1 Sgt 1 Cpl and 13 O/Rs

FATIGUES.

Orderly and Runner. Duty Coy will detail 2 men to mount duty as Orderly and Runner.

Sanitary. Duty Coy will detail 1 N C O and 12 O/Rs to mount duty at Retreat.

Orderly at R.A.P. Duty Coy will detail 1 man to report to R.A.P. at 0645 hours.

Cookhouse Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 10 men to report to Sgt Cook at 0700 hours.

Sergeants' Mess Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 3 men to report to Sergeants' Mess at 0700 hours.

Salvation Hut Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 1 light duty man to report to Salvation Army Hut at 0845 hours.

Officers' Mess Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 2 men to report to Officers' Mess at 0715 hours.

A.S.C. Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 2 men to report to A.S.C. as loaders at 0845 hours.

The Cpl of the Guard is responsible that the Guard coming off duty is properly fed and that all eating utensils are cleansed and returned to their correct place.

LEAVE CONDUCT-
ING OFFICERS.

O. C. Train

Lieut. Canty

Entraining Officer (Wangaratta)

MAJOR BLANKSBY

Detraining Officer (Spencer St)

Lieut. Meighan

Leave Conducting Officers:

Lieut. Snell

" Serle

" Gray

" Hawke

" Walker

O. C. Train (Return)

Lieut. Snell

Entraining Officer (Spencer St)

" Serle

Detraining Officer (Wangaratta)

" Walker

LATRINES.

All latrine seat covers must be covered after use.

H. M. TASKER Major

2 I/C, 2/24 Bn.

28 Aug 40

R O U T I N E O R D E R S .

Part 1

No. 9

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION.

<u>DUTIES</u>	<u>ORDERLY OFFICER</u> Next for duty	Lieut. Monotti " "
	<u>ORDERLY SERGEANT</u> Next for duty	Cpl Fry A. H. " Hayman P. S.
	<u>ORDERLY CORPORAL</u> Next for duty	" Fraser W. L. " McConnell J.
	<u>DUTY COY</u> Next for duty	"H.Q." Coy "A" Coy

To mount duty at Retreat on 29 Aug 40.

GUARD Duty Coy will mount guard 1 Sgt 1 Cpl and 13 O/Rs.

FATIGUES. Orderly and Runner. Duty Coy will detail 2 men to mount duty as Orderly and Runner.
Sanitary. Duty Coy will detail 1 N C O and 12 O/Rs to mount duty at Retreat.
Orderly at R.A.P. Duty Coy will detail 1 man to report to R.A.P. at 0645 hours.
Cookhouse Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 10 men to report to Sgt cook at 0700 hours.
Sergeants' Mess Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 3 men to report to Sergeants' Mess at 0700 hours.
Salvation Army Hut Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 1 light duty man to report to Salvation Army Hut at 0845 hours.
Officers' Mess Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 2 men to report to Officers' Mess at 0715 hours.
A.S.C. Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 2 men to report to A.S.C. as loaders at 0845 hours.

PICQUET. Picquet for coppers. Duty Coy will detail 1 man to report to Sgt cook at 0630 hours to picquet coppers as follows:-
0630 hours to 1000 hours
1230 hours to 1400 hours
1730 hours to 1830 hours

H. M. TASKER Major,
2 I/C, 2/24 Bn.

29 Aug 40.

R O U T I N E O R D E R S

Part 1

No. 90

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION.

To mount duty at Retreat on 30 Aug 40.

DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER
Next for duty

Lieut. Monotti
" "

ORDERLY SERGEANT
Next for duty

Cpl McNamara J.
Sgt Mair J. L.

ORDERLY CORPORAL
Next for duty

Cpl Fraser C. K.
" Thrower N. V.

DUTY COY.
Next for duty

"A" Coy
"H.Q." Coy

GUARD

Duty Coy will mount guard 1 Sgt 1 Cpl and 13 O/Rs.

FATIGUES.

Orderly and Runner. Duty Coy will detail 2 men to mount duty as Orderly and Runner.

Sanitary. Duty Coy will detail 1 NCO and 6 O/Rs to mount duty at Retreat.

Orderly at R.A.P. Duty Coy will detail 1 man to report to R.A.P. at 0645 hours.

Orderly at C.D.S. Duty will detail 1 man to report to C.D.S. at 0645 hours.

Cookhouse Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 3 men to report to Sgt. cook at 0700 hours.

Salvation Army Hut Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 1 light duty man to report to Salvation Hut at 0845 hours.

Officers' Mess Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 1 man to report to Officers' Mess at 0715 hours.

Sergeants' Mess Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 1 man to report to Sergeants' Mess at 0700 hours.

A.S.C. Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 2 men to report to A.S.C. as loaders at 0845 hours.

INOCULATION. The second T.A.B. inoculation will be given by R. M. C. commencing at 1400 hours 3 Sep 40.

C. G. WEIR Capt.,
Adjutant, 2/24 Br. A.I.F.

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WANGARATTA.

30 Aug 40.

R O U T I N E O R D E R S

Part 1

No. 11

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C. COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION A.I.F.

To mount duty at Retreat on 31 Aug 40.

1. DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER
Next for duty

Lieut. Monetti
" "

ORDERLY SERGEANT
Next for duty

Sgt Mair J. L.
" Williams A.

ORDERLY CORPORAL
Next for duty

Cpl Thrower N. V
" Fry A. H.

DUTY COY.
Next for duty

"H.Q." Coy.
"H.Q." Coy.

2. GUARD.

Duty Coy will mount guard 1 Sgt and 9 O/Rs.

3. FATIGUES.

Orderly. Duty Coy will detail one man to mount duty as Orderly at B.H.Q.

Sanitary. Duty Coy will detail 1 N C O and 6 O/Rs to mount duty at Retreat.

Orderly at R.A.P. Duty Coy will detail 1 man to report to R.A.P. at 0645 hours.

Cookhouse Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 3 men to report to Sgt cook at 0700 hours.

Salvation Army Hut Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 1 light duty man to report to Salvation Army Hut at 0845 hours.

Officers' Mess Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 1 man to report to Officers' Mess at 0715 hours.

Sergeants' Mess Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 1 man to report to Sergeants' Mess at 0700 hours.

A.S.C. Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 2 men to report to A.S.C. as loaders at 0845 hours.

4. REVEILLE.

Reveille will be sounded at 0700 hours on 31 Aug 40 and 1 Sep 40.

.....C. G. Weir... Capt.,

Adjutant, 2/24 Bn. A.I.F.

31 Aug 40.

R O U T I N E O R D E R S

Part 1

No. 12

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C. COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION

To mount duty at Retreat on 1 Sep 40.

1. DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER
Next for duty
Next for duty

Lieut. Monotti
" Serle
" Snell

ORDERLY SERGEANT
Next for duty
Next for duty

Sgt Williams A.
" Hayman P.
Cpl Hodson G.I.

ORDERLY CORPORAL
Next for duty
Next for duty

Cpl Fry A. H.
" McConnell J.
" Bailey L.K.

DUTY COY.
Next for duty
Next for duty

"H.Q." Coy
"A" Coy
"H.Q." Coy

2. GUARD.

Duty Coy will mount guard 1 Sgt and 9 O/Rs.

3. FATIGUES.

Orderly. Duty Coy will detail one man to mount duty as Orderly at B.H.Q.
Sanitary. Duty Coy will detail 1 N C O and 6 O/Rs to mount duty at Retreat.
Orderly at R.A.P. Duty Coy will detail one man to report to R.A.P. at 0845 hours.
Cookhouse Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 3 men to report to Sgt cook at 0700 hours.
Salvation Army Hut Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail one light duty man to report to Salvation Army Hut at 0845 hours.
Officers' Mess Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 1 man to report to officers' mess at 0715 hours.
Sergeants' Mess. Duty Coy will detail 1 man to report to Sergeants' Mess at 0700 hours.
A.S.C. Fatigue. Duty Coy will detail 2 men to report to A.S.C. as leaders at 0845 hours.

4. NOMINAL ROLLS. Coys will complete nominal rolls by 1000 hours 3 Sep 40 in preparation for checking with nominal roll at B.H.Q.

5. LEAVE - Return from No. 2 Special Leave train conveying approximately 300 personnel returning from leave is due for arrival at Wangaratta at 2300 hours on 1 Sep 40. On arrival at Camp coffee will be served to all ranks. The Orderly Officer will take over the parade from the Officer in charge on arrival at Camp.

G. G. Weir Capt.,

Adjutant, 2/24 Bn., A.I.F.

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APPENDIX B. No.2.

Routine Orders.

To. 31 Aug. 40.

ADMINISTRATIVE
INSTRUCTIONS.

To 30 SEP 40

R O U T I N E O R D E R S

Part 1 No. 13.

by

LIEUT COL. A.SPOWERS D S O , M C COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION.

1. DUTY ROSTER. The Duty Company will mount at Retreat in accordance with the following roster.

Sept	2/40	"A" Coy.
"	3/40	"H Q" "
"	4/40	" A" "
"	5/40	"H Q" "
"	6/40	"A" "

Companies will submit to Bn H Q. by 1000 hrs 2 Sept 1940 for publication in Routine Orders of that date, the names of Orderly Officer Ord Sgt & Ord Cpl in accordance with the above roster. This will supersede the duty roster published in B R O Part 1 No 12 dated 31 Aug 40.

DUTIES.&
FATIGUES

Unless otherwise ordered, & until the publication of Camp Standing Orders, the duty Company will provide the following duties & fatigues.

To Mount At RETREAT.

ORDERLY OFFICER
" SERGEANT
" CORPORAL

GUARD

One Sgt one CPL & 13 O R's

Orderly & runner (2 men to report to B H Q.)
Sanitary Fatigue (1 N C O & 12 O R's) to mount at
RETREAT. Sep. 2 40.
R A P ORDERLY to report at R. A P. at 0645 hrs.

To mount at 0700 hrs

Cookhouse Fatigue (10 men to report to Sgt Cook)
Sgt's Mess Fatigue (3 men to report Sgt's Mess)
Officer's Mess Fatigue (2 men to report to Officer
mess)

To mount at 0845 hrs. A S C Fatigue (2 men to report to
A S C as loaders)

Salvation Army Hut fatigue (1 light
duty man to report to S A Hut.)

LEAVE.

Companies will submit to
Companies to B H Q by 1000 hrs 3 Sept 40 numbers going on
leave next weekend, in order that necessary accommodation can
be provided by the railways.

CASUALTIES.

Companies will promulgate to all ranks the necessity for
reporting any change in state, affecting next of kin. It is
to be impressed upon all ranks that Births Marriages &
Deaths in a soldier's family are to be reported, so that
Casualty Returns may be prepared and submitted by B H Q.

C. G. WEIR. CAPT.,

Adjutant 2/24 Bn A.I.F.

2 Sep 40

R O U T I N E

O R D E R S

Part 1

No. 14

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O. COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION.

1. DUTY COY. Reference B.R.O. Part 1 No. 13, H. Q. Coy will take over tour of duty mounting at Retreat on 6 Sep 40 in lieu of "A" Coy.

2. DUTY ROSTER. The following duties are detailed to mount at Retreat on the dates shown.

	<u>ORDERLY OFFICER</u>	<u>ORDERLY SERGEANT</u>	<u>ORDERLY CORPORAL</u>
2 Sep 40	Lieut Canty	A/Sgt Russell	A/Cpl Bryant
3 Sep 40	Lieut Snell	A/Cpl Judd	A/Cpl Jeffcott
4 Sep 40	Lieut Walker	A/Cpl Geraghty	A/Cpl Macfarlane
5 Sep 40	Lieut Meighan	A/Cpl Caple	Pte Berry
6 Sep 40	Lieut Gray	A/Cpl Bailey	Pte Cooke

3. ISOLATION HUT The western end of the band hut, at present vacant will be used as an isolation hut and will be occupied only by personnel detailed by R.M.O.

The latrine in rear of R.A.P. is to be used as an isolation latrine and on no account is it to be used by personnel other than those ordered by R.M.O.

Personnel isolated by R.M.O. will not use sleeping quarters or latrines other than those indicated above.

4. CAMP BARBER. The attention of all ranks is drawn to the fact that by arrangement with the Canteen Services, a Camp Barber is under contract to do all haircutting etc. within the precincts of the camp. Barbering by any others within the camp boundaries is absolutely forbidden, and action will be taken against unauthorised persons or personnel who usurp the duties of the Camp Barber whether for profit or not.

It is pointed out that any scalp or skin infection resulting from unauthorised barbering may be unjustly blamed on the Camp Barber.

4. INOCULATION. Personnel to receive the 2nd T.A.B. inoculation will parade by Coys at 1400 hours. The order of dress will be such that the chest may be exposed without delay.

Personnel who have not yet received the 1st T.A.B. inoculation will not attend this parade.

6. POSTAL VOTING. Attention is drawn to instructions issued to Coys separately in connection with application for postal votes at forthcoming elections. All ranks are to be instructed in the procedure in applying for postal votes.

C. G. Weir Capt.,

Adjutant, 2/24 Bn., A.I.F.

3 Sep 40.

R O U T I N E O R D E R S

Part 1

No. 15

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION.

1. LECTURES BY R.M.O.

In accordance with "Standing Orders for "A.I.F." the R.M.O. will give lectures to Coys on 4 Sep 40 commencing at following times:

"A" Coy 0930 hours
"H.Q." Coy 1400 hours

2. SHORT ARM INSPECTION.

The lectures will be followed by a short arm inspection. Coy Cdrs will make any necessary arrangements requested by R.M.O. for the expeditious conduct of the inspection.

Coys will keep a record of men so examined and absentees will report to R.M.O. as required by him.

3. DEFAULTERS.

Coys will furnish B H Q daily by 1100 hours with names and army numbers of defaulters to parade next day and subsequent days. These details will be published in Bn. Routine Orders. A nil return will be submitted if there are no defaulters.

Defaulters will report daily to Bn Orderly Sgt at "Reveille" and 1700 hours, and at such other times as the "Defaulters Call" may be sounded.

Defaulters will parade in full marching order with packs.

At all times during the day they will be so dressed as to parade immediately on the sounding of "Defaulters Call".

4. DENTAL APPOINTMENTS.

The following personnel of "H.Q." Coy are scheduled for dental appointments on 4 Sep 40.

VX 35173	Pte Symonds T.	VX 35023	Pte Shaw A.F.
VX 34380	" Grantham E.	VX 35084	" Lye F.C.
VX 34366	" Culhane J.	VX 34326	" Sukroo B.
		VX 34321	McIntosh J.W.
		VX 34309	Saddington K.F.

They will parade to R.M.O. on sick parade, and if authorised by R.M.O. will be paraded to Dental Officer at C.D.S. by Bn Orderly Corporal, who will furnish the Dental Officer with a Roll of such personnel prepared by Coy H.Q.

5. USE OF NEWSPAPER
IN SEWERED LATRINES

All ranks will be warned that on no account is newspaper to be used in seweried latrines. There is an adequate supply of sanitary paper and the use of newspaper will result in the blocking of the sewerage system.

6. POSTAL VOTING.

Reference to B.R.O. Part 1 No. 14. A supply of application forms for Postal Vote certificate and postal ballot papers is available at B.H.Q. Coys may obtain any necessary supplies on application to

P.T.O

ROUTINE ORDERS (CONTD)

Part 1

No. 15.

B H Q. Attention is drawn to the fact that only electors from other States are required to vote by post

7. SALE OF GOODS BRANDED AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND.

Attention is drawn to the fact that the sale of goods branded with the insignia of the Australian Comforts Fund, Red Cross or other institutions or containing labels indicating that such goods have been donated for distribution by any of these organisations is definitely forbidden and any persons purchasing goods so branded must immediately report the circumstances to B.H.Q.

.....C..G..Weir...Capt.,

Adjutant, 2/24 Bn., A.I.F.

4 Sep. 40.

R O U T I N E O R D E R S

Part 1

No. 16

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS D. S. O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 Batt.

1. DEFAULTERS. The following personnel who have been confined to barracks will attend defaulters parades as from Reveille 4 Sep. 40.

H. Q. Company.			
VX 33482	Pte	O'Neill J.	2 Days
VX 31894	"	Hayes D. K.	2 Days
VX 33849	"	Bell C. A.	2 Days
VX 34011	"	O'Malley J. W.	2 Days
VX 32579	"	Rees A. W.	2 Days

"A" Company			
VX 34836	Pte	Carr R. E.	4 Days
VX 35019	"	Grundy D. S.	1 Day
VX 33912	"	Smith D. B.	2 Days
VX 34517	"	Young J. P.	2 Days

Companies will supply Battalion Orderly Officer at Retreat each day with names of men whose punishment has been deferred on account of sickness.

2. PERSONNEL
A.W.L. Personnel absent for more than 48 hours, and concerning whom no information has been received, will be reported to B.H.Q., which in turn will advise A. P. M. Southern Command.

3. PAY. Personnel to be paid by B.H.Q. will consist only of personnel on strength of B.H.Q. i.e. B.H.Q. Staff, Batmen to Officers on B.H.Q., Band, Intelligence Section, and personnel attached to B.H.Q. Pay Books of personnel to be paid by B.H.Q. will be handed to Pay Sergeant by 0900 hours on Tuesday preceding each pay day. All other personnel except those in C.D.S. or hospital will be paid by Companies.

C. G. Weir, Capt.,
Adjutant, 2/24 Bn., A.I.F.

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Part 1

No 18.

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS. D.S.O., M.C. . . COMMANDING 2/24 BN.

1. ROUTE MARCH. A route march for the Battalion is ordered for 7 Sept
The Bn will parade on the Bn Parade Ground at 0845 hrs
DRESS.

Marching order without packs.

MESSING.

The Q.M. will arrange for lunch to be made
available at luncheon rendezvous.

TRANSPORT.

H.Q. Coy will arrange transport for 4 Sawyer
stoves and will liason with A.A.S.C. Supply detail to
to provide horses for travelling kitchen

R.A.P.

Will move with B.H Q.

2. DISPOSAL OF
RUBBISH.

It has been reported on several occasions that papers
and cigarette boxes etc are being thrown into Green St
by personnel occupying huts in that area, and that others
are depositing rubbish on the river bank and donga in
rear of the Camp. This practice is to cease immediatley
and Company Cmdrs will take such action as necessary
to enforce this instruction.

DEFAULTERS.

VX 35013 ORMSBY D. H.Q. Coy.

Awarded 4 days C.B. commencing at Reveille
on 6 Sept 40.

C.G. WEIR. Capt.

Adj. 2/24 Bn ., A.I.F.

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ROUTINE ORDERS.

Part 1.

No 19.

By

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS. D.S.O., M.C. COMMANDING 2/24 BN.

1. DUTIES & FATIGUES. Reference to B.R.O's Part 1 No 13 & 17. the following amendments are to be noted to numbers of duties and fatigues to be supplied by Duty Company.

Officer's Mess Increase to 3 O.R's
Sgt's Mess..... Increase to 4 O.R's.

Town Picquet A Town Picquet consisting of

1 N.C.O. and 4 O.R's.

will mount at Retreat. They will report to Bn Provost Sgt

2. DUTY ROSTER. The following are detailed to mount at Retreat on the dates shown.

Date	Ord, Officer	Ord, Sgt.	Ord, Cpl.
7 SEPT 40	Lt BRYANT G.A.	Sgt HARTY B.P.	Cpl EVERETT F.
8 " "	" SHELTON J.	A/Cpl WHYTE I.W.	" SIBBIN A.J.
9 " "	" EBELL J.C.	A/Cpl THERMAN E.B.	A/cpl MAHER J.D.
10 " "	" NATHAN G.	Cpl JONES G.H.	Cpl GAMMON
11 " "	" CANTY L.G.	Sgt WILLIAMS	" ARCHER
12 " "	" BROCK J.T.	" MONK C.W.	" DINGWELL L.J.
13 " "	" ROSEL T.S.	Cpl RODEN	" WAKEMAN.

3. MILITARY POLICE. Companies are to submit to B.H.Q. by 1100 hrs 11 Sept names of selected personnel who wished to be transferred to B.H.Q. for permanent duties as Military Police. In the selection of personnel attention is to be paid not only to physique, but also to character and personality. As 3 only are required it is suggested that each Coy nominate one man and the final selection be made by B.H.Q.

4. DEFAULTERS Commencing at Reveille on dates indicated following personnel will answer Defaulter's Calls.

"H.Q." Coy. VX 34289 Pte ALFORD E.G. 1 day C.B. 7 SEPT
"C" " " 32530 " Mc MAHON J. " " " "

5. OFFENCE REPORTS. Attention is drawn to instructions in circulation relative to compilation of Offence reports & Coys will ensure that Offence Reports are submitted to B.H.Q. by 1100 on each Saturday

DRESS FOR MEAL PARADES A certain laxity of dress has been noticed on Mess Parades according to the order of dress for the day whether W.D or S.I. Coys will be responsible that proper dress is worn. Head dress and accoutrements will not be worn.

7. AIRING OF BLANKETS. Commencing 9 SEPT 40 Coys will arrange for the airing of blankets and bedding in the following order

9 SEPT 40	H.Q. Coy.	
10 SEPT 40	"A"	"
11 SEPT 40	"B"	"

See other side

SEPT. 3 40 cont.

11 SEPT 40 "B" COY.
12 SEPT 40 "C" "
13 SEPT 40 "D" "
14 SEPT 40 "E" "

This is of course contingent on the weather being fine.

8. WASHING OF CLOTHING. Coys will arrange for the regular washing of clothing and arrange between themselves for the regular use of facilities available.

10 PARADE STATES. It is obvious from ...Parade States given verbally to R.S.M. that sufficient care is not taken to ensure their accuracy. In future Coy Markers will report to R.S.M. 10 minutes (on the parade ground) before Bn Parades with parade states signed by the Coy Comdrs.

C.G. WEIR, Capt.

Adjt 2/24 Bn A.I.F.

NOTICE.

A money belt has been lost containing £1-10-0. It was lost in the latrine in rear of A.A.S.C. store on 8 Sept 40. Finder please return to "D" Coy Office.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1 No. 20

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION A.I.F.

1. DUTIES AND FATIGUES. It has been necessary to increase Cookhouse Fatigue (vide B R O Pt 1 No. 13) from 10 O/Rs to 20 O/Rs. Coys will amend duty list accordingly.
2. INOCULATIONS. Commencing at 1400 hours 10 Sep 40 all personnel who have not yet commenced or completed the series of 3 T.A.B. inoculations will parade to R.M.O. at R.A.P. in following order - "H.Q." Coy and then rifle companies in alphabetical order.
3. WILLS. Attention is directed to the necessity for all ranks to complete wills. Forms for this purpose will be made available to Coys on application to B.H.Q.
4. TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL. Coys will not complete inter-coy transfer of personnel until authority is received from B.H.Q. Lists of personnel to be transferred from one coy to another will be forwarded to B.H.Q. first for record purposes. When approval is received such personnel may then be transferred.
5. INSTRUCTION IN P.T. Coys will arrange for a P.T. instructor from each platoon to report daily at 1630 hours for 15 minutes' coaching in P.T. instruction by Sgt. Stevenson, Chief Instructor. They will report to Sgt. Stevenson on Bn Parade Ground.
6. DENTAL PARADE. Personnel to be paraded for dental appointments on 10 Sep 40 will first parade on morning sick parade to R.M.O.

C. G. Weir Capt.,

Adjutant, 2/24 Bn., A.I.F.

NOTICE.

A letter has been received from the Hon. Sec. of the Hansonville Farewell Committee expressing appreciation of the conduct of personnel from 2/24 Bn who recently attended a function organized by this Committee.

10 Sep 40.

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1

No. 21

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION A.I.F.

1. TRAFFIC CONTROL. All vehicles within the camp area will proceed at a speed not in excess of 4 m.p.h. Sentries and personnel will ensure that this instruction is enforced.
2. PICQUETS.
- (a) Town picquet on 12, 13 and 14 Sep 40 will be increased to 2 N.C.Os and 12 O/Rs. They will report to Provost Sergeant at B.H.Q. before marching to their duties.
- (b) The duty Coy will provide a control N.C.O. at Post Office from 1300 hours on 12 Sep 40 will remain on duty during the hours which the Post Office is open on that day.
3. LEAVE.
- (a) Leave has been approved for the following numbers who marched in from "Rokeby" on 6 Sep 40.
- | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------|---|-----|
| To Melbourne and beyond | "B" Coy | - | 67 |
| | "C" Coy | - | 63 |
| | "D" Coy | - | 70 |
| | "E" Coy | - | 20 |
| | TOTAL | | 220 |
| <hr/> | | | |
| To Albury and N.S.W. | "B" Coy | - | 3 |
| | "C" Coy | - | 4 |
| | TOTAL | | 7 |
- (b) Personnel will travel by the following trains
- | | | | |
|----|------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| on | <u>12 Sep 40</u> | Wangaratta to Melbourne | 1704 hours |
| | | arriving in Melbourne at | 2150 hours |
| | | Wangaratta to Albury | 0829 hours or |
| | | 1251 hours at discretion of Coy Cdrs. | |
| | <u>15 Sep 40</u> | Melbourne to Wangaratta | 1840 |
| | | hours Spencer Street arriving Wangar- | |
| | | atta | 2215 hours. |
- (c) Personnel whose homes are in N.S.W. will receive passes permitting of free travel on N.S.W. railways on application by Coys to B.H.Q.
- (d) Personnel for leave will march to Station on outward journey and from Station to Camp on home-ward journey. Leave will commence when dismissed at detrain- ing station and conclude when fallen in at entraining station on homeward journey.
- (e) O.C. "B" Coy will detail the following leave conducting officers and N C Os with the cooperation of O.Cs. "C", "D" and "E" Coys:-
- | |
|-----------------------------------|
| O.C. Train |
| Entraining and Detraining Officer |
| 4 leave Conducting Officers |
| 8 leave Conducting N C Os. |
- (f) Tickets will be purchased at Camp Booking Office. To save changing of money personnel travelling to Melbourne should present themselves in groups of 4 and hand the total money \$1.10. 0 to booking clerk who will issue 4 tickets.
- (g) Personnel on leave must be in possession of leave passes.

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Part 1

No. 21

4. PRIVATE CARS. All ranks will note that when the move to Bonegilla takes place no private cars will be permitted in the new camp or its environs unless specially authorised by B.H.Q.
5. CONDUCT OF TROOPS. Complaints have been received from the Police and civic authorities with regard to the conduct of troops on leave in the town. This matter is regarded with great concern as hitherto the conduct of troops has been exemplary and the relationship between the soldiers and the townspeople has been one of the greatest goodwill. It is regarded as a slight on the good name of this Bn that some irresponsible members of the unit should bring the whole into disrepute. In future the maximum disciplinary action will be taken against offenders and all ranks will give any assistance required by picquets and provost personnel in preserving the hitherto high standard of conduct.
6. CHARGE REPORTS. Greater attention is to be paid to the preparation of Charge Reports. When personnel are charged A.W.L. the time and date of expiration of this leave must be shown and the time and date of return. Similarly, for personnel who break camp and are apprehended without leave passes, similar details are to be recorded.
7. DEFAULTERS. The following personnel of "E" Coy will answer "Defaulters' Call" commencing at Reveille on 10 Sep 40 -
- | | | | |
|----------|-------------------|--------|------|
| VX 34143 | Pte Matheson R.L. | 2 days | C.B. |
| VX 34154 | Pte Matheson W.R. | 2 days | C.B. |
| VX 33482 | Pte O'Neil J.H. | 2 days | C.B. |
| VX 33297 | Pte Smith F.F. | 2 days | C.B. |
| VX 33155 | Pte Snowden H.L. | 2 days | C.B. |
| VX 34016 | Pte Maguire L.P. | 1 day | C.B. |

C. G. Weir Capt.,
Adjutant, 2/24 Bn., A.I.F.

NOTICE.

A concert arranged and conducted by Camp Personnel will be held in Salvation Army Hut commencing at 2000 hours 10 Sep 40.

A pair of gaiters has been lost and the finder is requested to return them to "D" Coy's office.

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12 Sep 40

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1

No. 23

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION A.I.F.1. "ARMY" DRIVERS' LICENCES.

The following are holding Army driving licences in the classes stated:-

Army No.	Rank	Name	Licence No.	Classes
VX 14840	Lieut. Col.	Spowers A.	19034	i, ii
VX 47818	Major	Fell L. A.	6586	i
VX 48547	Major	Blanksby L.	14517	i, ii, iv
VX 48424	Capt	Weir C.G.	10832	i
VX 48255	Capt	Andersen L.E	19037	i, ii
VX 48105	Capt	Budge F.	19038	i, ii
VX 14044	Capt	Gebhardt P.	10824	i, ii
VX 48826	Lieut	Serle R.	20350	i
VX 48812	Lieut	Nathan G.	14507	i, ii, iv
VX 45084	S/Sgt	Stafford-Brown	5445	i, ii
VX 38488	S/Sgt	Burgess E.	19035	i
VX 31857	Drvr	Olley	19039	i, ii
VX 35294	Drvr	Callanan	19036	i, ii

2. BOARD FOR TESTING DRIVERS.

The following officers will constitute a board for testing all candidates in this unit for Army driving licences:-

Major Blanksby L.
Lieut Nathan G.

Any personnel of this unit, other than those listed above who already hold army driving licences will submit their licences to Lieut Nathan Transport Officer, for checking by 0900 hours 13 Sep 40.

3. APPROVED CANDIDATES.

The following have been approved as candidates for Army driving licences and will be tested by the Board in classes stated at a time and date convenient to the Board:-

VX 47925 Major Tasker H. McK. Classes i and ii
VX 34666 Drvr Birchall J. E. Classes i and ii.4. VOTING.Attention is again directed to the fact that applications for postal votes for those resident outside Victoria must be forwarded immediately. Coys will be responsible for ensuring that those personnel concerned make immediate application.5. DENTAL PARADES.

Instructions concerning parading of personnel for dental treatment are not being adhered to. In future the following procedure will be rigidly maintained: The Dental Officer will forward daily a list of all those who have dental appointments for the following day and the times at which they are to be paraded. This list will be promulgated to the coys concerned, who will immediately prepare a roll. These personnel will be paraded to the Bn Orderly Corporal at B.H.Q., 15 minutes before the time of their appointment and the NCO in charge will hand to the Bn Orderly Corporal a copy of the roll. If for any reason any are absent, the reason will be stated against their names on the roll. The Bn Orderly Corporal will receive from B.H.Q. a complete roll of those to be paraded and he

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will check coys rolls against this. He will then march the parade to the Dental Officer, handing him the coys' rolls. Any personnel who present themselves to the Dental Officer unless in this fashion will not receive treatment.

6. SICK PARADES.

Coys will be responsible that those attending sick parade are marched to the R.A.P. by the Coy Orderly Corporal and that they report on time. Should the meal call sound before they have received attention, the Bn Orderly Corporal will notify the Bn Orderly Officer of the number of meals to be kept.

7. EXTRA DUTIES.

Coys are to note that no extra duties are to be supplied over those detailed in B.R.Os. unless a written authority from B.H.Q. is presented by B n Orderly Officer.

8. DUTY ROSTER.

Coys will mount duties at Retreat in accordance with the following roster.

14 Sep 40	"D" Coy
15 Sep 40	"E" Coy
16 Sep 40	"H.Q." Coy
17 Sep 40	"A" Coy
18 Sep 40	"B" Coy
19 Sep 40	"C" Coy
20 Sep 40	"D" Coy

9. BN PARADE.

A Battalion Parade is called for on 14 Sep 40 at 0845 hours. Dress will be as ordered on the morning of that day.

C.G. Weir... Capt.,

Adjutant, 2/24 Bn., A.I.F.

NOTICE.

A great-coat, cap (forage), and a pair of leather mittens were lost in 59 Bn Drill Hall on 7 Sep 40. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of these articles will notify "H.Q." Coy.

ROUTINE ORDER

Part 1

No. 24

by

LIEUT. COL. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION A.I.F.

1. DUTY ROSTER. Reference B.R.O. Pt 1 No. 23 Para 8 - Coys will submit to B.H.Q. by 2200 hours on 13 Sep 40 names of Bn Orderly Officers, Orderly Sergeants and Orderly Corporals for duties on dates allotted to them.
2. DRAWING AND RETURNING TRAINING EQUIPMENT. Coys who have the last use of training equipment each day will ensure that such equipment is immediately returned to R.Q.M. Store.
Coys required to draw training equipment from R.Q.M. Store will ensure that requisitions are placed with R.Q.M. on the evening before and that such equipment is drawn 15 minutes before Coy parade.
3. CHECK ON TRANSPORT. To obviate the possibility of unauthorised persons removing building materials etc. from camp, all transport vehicles will be stopped at the exit gate by the guard, and drivers will produce a chit signed by an officer or other person authorised to do so certifying that the load on the vehicle has been checked. This chit will show the time at which the authorising person cleared the vehicle.
4. AUTHORISED PERSONS. Persons authorised to clear vehicles as above are :-
In the case of A.A.S.C. vehicles and vehicles carrying supplies to and from the A.A.S.C. depot -, The O.C. A.A.S.C. Supply Personnel Coy.
In the case of vehicles supplying materials to builders in camp area - foreman in charge of operations, whose name will be posted in the guard room.
All other vehicles - the Bn Orderly Officer.
5. UNAUTHORISED USE OF BUILDING MATERIAL. All ranks are warned that on no account is gravel, timber etc. dumped in camp area for building operations to be misappropriated for any other purpose. The removal of such material by any unauthorised person is forbidden.
6. NOMINAL ROLLS. Coys will complete and keep up to date nominal rolls which will show the following particulars:-
(a) Army number
(b) Rank and name
(c) Date of Birth
(d) Religion
(e) Date of Attestation
(f) Next of kin
(g) Address of next of kin.
These rolls will be compiled from paybooks and be completed prior to the next pay period.
7. DEFAULTERS. VX 33579 Pte Rees A. W. "E" Coy 28 days C.B. from Reveille 14 Sep 40.
8. APPOINTMENT OF REGIMENTAL POLICE. The following are appointed Regimental Police. Coys concerned will arrange for them to be transferred, to B.H.Q. strength -
VX 26900 Pte Ockleford R.W. "C" Coy
VX 35011 Pte Bryce F. "E" Coy
VX 34645 Pte Hutchison A.R. "
- C. G. Weir Capt.,
Adjutant, 2/24 Bn. A.I.F.

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14 Sep 40.

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Part 1

O R D E R S
No. 25

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION A.I.F.

1. CHURCH PARADE.

A Bn Church Parade will be held at 0930 hours on 15 Sep 40.

Personnel attending the R.C. Church Parade will report to Lieut. Rosel at B.H.Q. at 0840 hours. Coy Orderly Corporals will supply Lieut Rosel with a roll of those to attend.

2. WASHING OF PLATES.

The practise of washing plates and other eating utensils under the hot showers is to cease immediately.

C. G. Weik Capt.,
Adjutant, 2/24 Bn., A.I.F.

N O T I C E.

A communion service will be held in the C. of E. hut immediately following the Church Parade for those desirous of attending.

R O U T I N E O R D E R S

Part 1

No. 26.

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION A.I.F.

1. DUTY ROSTER:

The following are detailed for Bn

Orderly Duties on the dates shown:-

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ORDERLY OFFICER</u>	<u>ORDERLY SGT</u>	<u>ORDERLY CPL</u>
14 Sep 40	Lieut Rash H.	Sgt Monk	Cpl Dingwell
15 Sep 40	" Mollard	" Walsh	" Hoart
16 Sep 40	" Meighan	" Hanson	" Tanzing
17 Sep 40	" Olse	" Russell	" Dare
18 Sep 40	" Christie	" Harty	" DUFF
19 Sep 40	" Shelton	L/Cpl Doughty	L/Cpl Milward
20 Sep 40	" Oakley	Cpl Wood	Cpl Jones

2. PERSONNEL RETURNING FROM LEAVE.

The Bn Orderly Sgt will arrange with R.Q.M.S. for issue of coffee to personnel returning from leave 15 Sep 40. The leave train is due at 2215 hours. The parade will be handed over to him at camp site by C.C. Train.

3. PHOTOGRAPHS.

Coys will prepare a list of all those who have not yet been officially photographed for record purposes.

4. RATIONS - PERSONNEL ON LEAVE.

Coys will in future supply R.Q.M.S. with figures showing when personnel going on leave are due for return, in order that adequate arrangements for the supply of rations may be made.

C. G. Weir Capt.,

Adjutant, 2/24 Bn., A.I.F.

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16 Sep. 40.

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R O U T I N E O R D E R S

Part 1

No. 27

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION A.I.F.

1. INCCULATIONS.

All personnel who have not yet completed (a) the series of 3 T A B inoculations since enlistment in the A.I.F. will parade at R.A.P. at 1400 hours 17 Sep 40.

(b) In addition those who received 3 inoculations in Militia Camps of Continuous Training will parade at the same time and place for a fourth injection of $\frac{1}{2}$ C.C. T A B vaccine. This is necessary as previous injections were not of strength required by Standing Orders - A.I.F. Ch. XII.

(c) Those who have not yet been inoculated against tetanus will parade as above for an injection of tetanus toxoid; in some cases this will include those who will also receive a T A B inoculation.

2. INSPECTION BY G O C OF DIV.

Major General J.D. Lavarack C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., G.O.C. 7 Aust Div will carry out an inspection of this Bn on Wednesday 18 Sep 40. A Bn Parade will be held on Bn Parade Ground at 1145 hours on that date. Coys will return from Training Areas in sufficient time to parade as ordered. An inspection of the training by the G.O.C. will be carried out in the afternoon.

3. DRESS ON LEAVE.

Personnel on leave will at all times be correctly dressed and be neat and soldierly in their appearance. On no account will hats or caps be carried but will be worn at all times. Picquets and Regimental Police will report any instances of incorrect dress.

4. REGIMENTAL POLICE.

Reference B.R.O. Pt. 1 No. 24 para 8 - Delete

VX 34645 Pte Hutchinson A.R. "E" Coy and substitute VX 35230 Pte Parr K.H. "E" Coy.

5. DEFAULTERS.

The undermentioned will attend all Defaulters' Parades as from "Reveille" on 16 Sep 40 for period shown -

VX 32270 Pte Rowles R.D. "H.Q" Coy - 2 days.

C. G. Weir Capt.,

Adjutant, 2/24 Bn., A.I.F.

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Part 1

No. 28

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A.I.F.

1. GUARDS AND SENTRIES. Commencing from Retreat on 18 Sep 40 the guard will mount an extra post. The location of sentry posts has been amended accordingly in Orders for the Guard.

2. GUARD MOUNTING. Guards as from Retreat on 17 Sep 40 will mount in accordance with procedure laid down by B.H.Q. Coy Cmdrs are to ensure that this procedure is practised and carried out.

3. DEFAULTERS. The undermentioned will attend defaulters parades from "Reveille" on dates shown to "Lights Out" for the number of days indicated.

- VX 23932 Pte Mossman H. "B" Coy-16 Sep 40-4 days
- VX 34403 Pte Ratcliffe W.J. "E" Coy-17 Sep 40
7 days
- VX 14143 Pte Boyce J.C. "B" Coy-18 Sep 40
2 days.

4. A.W.L. RETURN. Reference B.R.O. Pt 1 No 22 dated 11 Sep 40 para 3. The special return covering personnel absent for more than 48 hours is not now required. The daily return will be rendered as previously.

5. INOCULATION. Reference B.R.O. Pt 1 No 27 para 1. Inoculation of personnel referred to therein is deferred until further notice.

6. CHARGES REMANDED TO C.O. Charge sheets for personnel remanded to the Commanding Officer must be forwarded to the R.S.M. by 1100 hours of each day.

C. G. Weir Capt.,
Adjutant, 2/24 Bn., A.I.F.

NOTICE.

The Savings Bank opposite "A" Coy office will be open Mondays and Tuesdays from 1600 hours to 1800 hrs.

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1

No. 29

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A.I.F.1. GUARDS.

In view of provision of additional sentry ^{post} vide B.R.O. Pt. 1 No. 28 personnel for guard will be increased to 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl and 16 O/Rs. This order will cancel B.R.O. Pt. 1 No. 13 in so far as it applies to composition of the guard.

2. DUTY ROSTER.

Coys will mount duties at Retreat in accordance with the following roster, and will submit to B.H.Q. by 1100 hours on 19 Sep 40 names of Orderly Officer, Orderly Sergeant and Orderly Corporal to mount on the days on which their tour of duty is ordered:-

21 Sep 40	"E" Coy.
22 Sep 40	"H.Q" Coy.
23 Sep 40	"A" Coy
24 Sep 40	"B" Coy
25 Sep 40	"C" Coy
26 Sep 40	"D" Coy
27 Sep 40	"E" Coy.

"E" Coy may by arrangement with other Coys nominate an officer from another Coy to mount as Orderly Officer on 21 Sep 40.

3. COMMONWEALTH ELECTIONS. For all those with the right of franchise voting for the Commonwealth Elections is compulsory on 21 Sep 40. A polling booth will be established in the Camp area and voting will take place in the morning under the direction of Bn Orderly Officer.4. DENTAL PARADES.

Despite orders issued in connection with dental parades it would appear that these orders are not being carried out. It is intended to charge personnel absent from dental appointments without cause approved by Coy Cmdrs, with being A.W.L.

5. DEFAULTERS.

The following will answer all "Defaulters' Call" from Reveille on dates shown:-

VX 34365 Pte Howard E. "A" Coy 4 days - 19 Sep 40
 VX 27068 Pte Ratten L.H. "D" Coy 2 days-18 Sep 40
 VX 19956 Pte Holden H.E. "H.Q" Coy 2 days-18 Sep 40

C. G. Weir Capt.,

Adjutant, 2/24 Bn., A.I.F.

19 Sep 40

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1

No. 30

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPCWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A.I.F.1. DUTY ROSTER.

The following will mount duty at Retreat on the dates shown:-

	<u>ORDERLY OFFICER</u>	<u>ORDERLY SGT</u>	<u>ORDERLY CPL</u>
21 Sep 40	Lieut. Canty	Sgt Hayman	Cpl Jones
22 Sep 40	Lieut. Snell	Sgt Hanson	Cpl Sherriff
23 Sep 40	Lieut. Walker	Sgt McConnell	Cpl Geraghty
24 Sep 40	Lieut. Bryant	Sgt Wilshire	Cpl Dingwall
25 Sep 40	Lieut. Kelly	L/Cpl Crawley	L/Cpl Wakeham
26 Sep 40	Lieut. Oakley	L/Cpl Cameron	Pte Sambell
27 Sep 40	Lieut. Mollard	Sgt Macfarlane	Cpl Finlay

2. SALVAGE.

The attention of all ranks is to be directed to the fact that all waste products and refuse is disposed of under contract and the money obtained is paid to unit funds. All tins, paper and waste of this description is to be placed in bins provided for the purpose.

On no account are bottles, tins etc. to be placed in wet refuse bins, as this type of refuse is sold as pig food. If any waste material other than wet refuse is placed in these, the contractor will not take delivery of them.

3. DEFAULTERS.

The following will answer all "Defaulters' Calls" as from Reveille on 20 Sep 40:-

VX 23403 Pte Masters F.J. "C" Coy - 2 days
 VX 33089 Pte Shaw K. C. "C" Coy - 4 days.

C. G. Weir Capt.,
 Adjutant, 2/24 Bn., A.I.F.

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R O U T I N E O R D E R S
Partl No. 31

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COM ANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A.I.F.

- 1. FATIGUES. Duty Coy will provide two men daily to report to Salvage Corporal's tent at 0845 hours.
- 2. DEFAULTERS. The undermentioned will attend "Defaulters' Parades" as from Reveille on 20 Sep 40.
VX 32270 Pte Rowles R. G. "H.Q" Coy - 14 days.
- 3. CHURCH PARADE. A Bn Church Parade will be held at 0930 hours on 22 Sep 40.
Personnel attending the R.C. Church Parade will report to Lieut. Rosel at B.H.Q. at 0840 hours. Coy Orderly Cpls will supply Lieut. Rosel with a roll of those to attend.
- 4. MISSING BOLT. Bolt No S 7354 has been wrongly issued. Coy Comdrs will have inspection of rifles made and report result to B.H.Q.

H. M. Tasker Major,
2 I/C, 2/24 Bn., A.I.F.

NOTICES.

- 1. SAVINGS BANK. The Branch of the State Savings Bank will be open from 1600 hours to 1800 hours on Mondays and Thursdays.
- 2. LOST. Haversack, marked "G. A. BRYANT, 2/24 Bn" and containing respirator. Finder please return to "B" Coy's office.

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Part 1

No. 32

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A.I.F.

1. TRANSFER TO
NEW LOCATION.

The Battalion will commence to march to its new location at Bonegilla on 27 Sep 40.

2. LEAVE.

The general leave period has been deferred until after the arrival of the Bn at Bonegilla. Leave will be granted from 3 Oct 40 to 8 Oct 40. Special leave train will leave Bonegilla at 1230 hours on 3 Oct 40 arriving in Melbourne at 1830 hours. The return journey will commence at 1840 hours on 8 Oct 40 and will conclude at Bonegilla at 2345 hours. The fare to Melbourne will be 10/- return. Coys will notify B.H.Q. by 1700 hours on 24 Sep 40 the number of personnel travelling as under:-

To (a) Melbourne and (b) Intermediate Stations
(c) To N.S.W. via Albury
(d) To stations between Melbourne and Maryborough
(e) " " " Maryborough and Mildura
(f) " " " Melbourne and Ballarat
(g) " " " Ballarat and Serviceton
(h) " " " Melbourne and Geelong
(i) " " " beyond Geelong
(j) " " " between Melbourne and Warragul
(k) " " " Warragul and Bairnsdale

3. DEFAULTERS.

VX 22479 Pte McKenzie D. D. has been awarded 2 days C.B. as from Reveille on 23 Sep 40 and will answer all defaulters' calls in that period.

C. G. Weir Capt.,
Adjutant, 2/24 Bn., A.I.F.

NOTICE

The following letter has been received from the President of the C.W.O., Wangaratta.

CATHOLIC WELFARE ORGANISATION.

WANGARATTA. VIC
21st Sept. 1940

Lt.Colonel Spowers D.S.O., M.C.,
2/24 Battalion,
WANGARATTA. VIC.

My dear Colonel,

In view of the impending departure of your self and the troops under your command, I desire to convey to you the pleasure our people have felt in entertaining them and our appreciation of their exemplary conduct at the Club rooms.

The committee of the Club has reason to be grateful for the co-operation and assistance of the Battalion in the matter of the recent

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race meeting sponsored by St. Patrick's Race Club in aid of the funds for the Soldiers' Club and on that account feel impelled to make some appreciative gesture in return for the support that enabled the Club to meet the outlay consequent on the initiation of the movement.

In that spirit I would ask you to accept the enclosed cheque for twenty guineas to be applied as you think best to comforts for the men of the Battalion in their new home.

On behalf of the Catholic Welfare Association may I extend to you and all under your command every good wish for the future, God speed and, in the event of service overseas, success for your arms and a safe return to Australia.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sgd) M. J. Bowman,

President.

R O U T I N E . . . O R D E R S

Part 1

No. 33

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A.I.F.

1. BN PARADE.

A Bn Parade is ordered for 1400 hours 25 Sep 40. Dress, Officers and W.Os. - Service Dress, O/Rs W.D. A pennant from the citizens of Wangaratta will be presented by His Worship the Mayor. The public will be admitted to this ceremony.

2. COURT OF INQUIRY.

A Court of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned officers will assemble at B.H.Q. at 16 00 hours on 25 Sep 40 to inquire into the disappearance of a parcel from the Regimental Post Office on 21 Sep 40.

PRESIDENT

Major H. McK. Tasker

MEMBERS

Lieut. Mollard

Lieut. Walker

3. MEDICAL BOARD.

The undermentioned will report to R.A.P. at 1000 hours 25 Sep 40 for the purpose of being re-examined by a medical board.

VX 32884 WILSON J.H.	VX 24217 HARWOOD J.J.
VX 33280 SANDERS R.	VX 27878 BEECROFT F.J.
VX 33593 WELLS H.S.	VX 24985 LUND C.R.
VX 28443 AHERN H.J.	VX 32467 CONNERS H.F.G.
VX 24117 WILSON J.A.	VX 28665 STRACHAN M.
VX 34304 BODEY J.J.	VX 28455 OUSLEY H.
VX 30231 RYAN T.E.	VX 21103 HOGAN J.H.
VX 21980 TAYLOR V.	VX 28979 COOMBES A.R.
VX 22531 BENNETT R.T.	VX 32321 CURTIS A.J.
VX 36904 BOXSHALL J.	

4. MOVE TO BONEGILLA.

In preparation for the move to Bonegilla coys will note the following instructions.
Thursday 26 Sep 40 - All personal gear not to be carried or transported on the march i.e. kit bags etc. will be clearly marked with each man's name and coy and stacked in a dump in coy lines by 0900 hours. Coy Training Stores will also be checked and packed in coy lines by 0900 hours. Officers' and Sergeants' Mess Gear. All Officers' and Sergeants' Mess Gear not required on march will be packed in respective messes by 1400 hours.
Officers' Baggage. Officers' baggage will be packed and dumped with officers' mess gear by 1400 hours.
Friday 27 Sep 40. Reveille will be at 0500 hours. Breakfast will be at 0630 hours. Straw from palliasses will be dumped in old transport lines at following times.

"H.Q."	Coy	-	0515 hours
"A"	Coy	-	0545 hours
"B"	Coy	-	0605 hours
"C"	Coy	-	0650 hours
"D"	Coy	-	0710 hours
"E"	Coy	-	0730 hours

Palliasses when emptied will be rolled in bundles of 20 and returned to B.H.Q. store.

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Blankets and great-coats will be rolled vide para 3 annexure No 1 of Operation Order No 1 and dumped in coy lines by 0830 hours.

Rear Party. Coys, excluding H.Q. Coy will detail I N C O and 5 O/Rs to report to R.S.M. at B.H.Q. at 0800 hours.

Band personnel will report to R.S.M. at B.H.Q. at 0900 hours. 1 cook and butcher will report to R.S.M. at 1030 hours.

Advanced Party for March. Coy C.Q.M.S's., sanitary and water duties, Intelligence Sergeant, Sgt cook and 10 cooks, Pieneer Cpl and 2 O/Rs from No 5 Platoon and 2 O/Rs from each will report to T.O. at 0900 hours

C.G. Weir Capt.,

Adjutant, 2/24 Bn., A.I.F.

N O T I C E.

A concert commencing at 1930 hours will be held in Salvation Army Marquee on 26 Sep 40.

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R O U T I N E O R D E R S

Part 1

No 34.

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 Battalion A.I.F.

1. BATTALION Reference B.R.O. Para 1 No 33 the Bn Parade has been
PARADE. deferred to 1400 hrs 26 Sept 40.
Dress will be W.D. all ranks.
2. REAR PARTY Reference B.R.O. Part 1 No 33 para 4, Companies are
BONEGILLA. to note that 1 N.C.O. and 4 O.R's instead of 1 N.C.O
and 5 O.R's are to report to the R.S.M.
3. EXTRA DUTIES. Duty Company will provide 1 N.C.O. and 2 O.R's at
Post Office for traffic control on 26 Sept 40. They will
report at time ordered by Bn Orderly Officer.

G.G.WEIR. Capt,

Adj. 2/24 Bn A.I.F.

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MOVEMENT ORDER

2/24 BN FROM WANGARATTA TO BONEGILLA

1. INTENTION.

2/24 Bn will move from WANGARATTA to BONEGILLA on D 1.

2. METHOD.

The Battalion will march via ROAD WANGARATTA-BEECHWORTH-BONEGILLA in accordance with march table attached bivouacing en route.

3. ADMINISTRATION.

- (a) On D-1 all ~~mess equipment~~ kits, baggage and mess kit not required on the march will be moved to rail-head WANGARATTA for transport by rail to EBDEN
- (b) On D 1 the Battalion will move accompanied by transport detailed in para 4
- (c) On D~~1~~ rail movement will take place
- (d) Loading party consisting of 1 ~~with~~ W.O 4 N C Os and 30 O/Rs will also move by rail on D~~1~~
- (e) Change of clothing, ground sheet, shaving and washing kit and eating utensils will be carried on the man in packs. Equipment will be worn and water bottles filled prior to start and at midday and evening halts
- (f) Blankets, great-coats, requisite number of ~~Boyer~~ and ~~and~~ all necessary messing gear, except that detailed in sub-para (e) will be transported by M.T.
- (g) C.Q.M.Ss, cooks, sanitary and water duties and 30 O/Rs will travel by M.T. as advanced party for preparing bivouac sites.
- (h) Sanitary and Water Duties move by M.T. in advance of column with personnel in sub-para 9 above.

4. TRANSPORT.

The following transport will be required ..

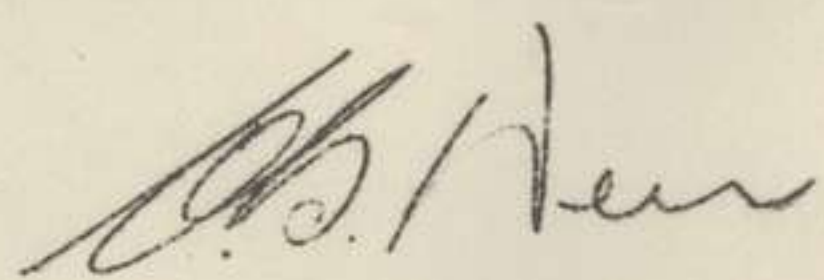
- (a) ROAD
 - para 3(a) 2 30-cwt vans
 - 1 van utility
 - (1 Ambulance M.T)
 - para 3(b) (8 30-cwt vans
 - "B" Echelon (1 van utility
 - Transport (2 400-gall Water Cart M.T.
 - 2 Travelling Kitchens M.T.
 - (~~with~~ ~~mess~~ ~~equipment~~
 - (1-3 ton Lorry
- (b) RAIL
 - 3 vans Louvre

5. SUPPLIES.

One days rations will be delivered daily each evening at bivouac sites.

6. MEDICAL.

R.A.P. will move in rear of column and will be established at B.H.Q. at bivouac sites. Casualties will be picked up and be moved as directed by R.M.O.

 Capt.,

Adjutant, 2/24 Bn., A.I.F.

MARCH TABLE ISSUED WITH
2/24 BN MOVEMENT ORDER

(a) MOTOR TRANSPORT

Serial No.	Date	Unit	Place		Starting Point	Time	Route	Remarks
			From	To				
1	D 1	"B" Echelon plus Advanced Party	Wangaratta Showgrounds	Midday Halting Place	Main Gate Showgrounds Wangaratta	1000	ROAD BEECHWORTH-WORRAGEE	Complete morning stage by 1030 hours. Int Sgt will act as guide to midday halt Distance 9 miles
2	D 1	"	Midday Halting Place	Golden Ball Bridge	Motor Transport Park	1440	" "	Complete afternoon stage by 1500 hours Distance 7 miles
3	D-1	M.T. with Rear Party Group 1	Wangaratta Showgrounds	Railhead	R.Q.M. Wangaratta Store	0810 1000	Direct	To complete para 3(a) of Operation Order by 1800 hours. These vehicles will be known as GROUP 1
4	D 1	Group 1	Wangaratta Showgrounds	Rising Sun Creek	R.Q.M. Store	1045	ROAD BEECHWORTH-WORRAGEE	Join "B" Echelon at 1200 hours
5	D 1	Group 1	Rising Sun Creek	EBDEN RAILHEAD	M.T. PARK	1350	" "	To complete by 1500 hours Distance 26 miles
6	D 1	Group 1	RAILHEAD EBDEN	BONEGILLA	RAILHEAD	When loaded	Direct	Commence unloading of stores in para 3(a)
7	D 2	"B" Echelon and Advanced Party	Golden Ball Bridge	Rising Sun Creek	M.T. PARK	0910	ROAD BEECHWORTH WORRAGEE	To complete by 0940 hours Distance 11 miles
8	D 2	Group 1	B onegilla	Railhead Ebden	R.Q.M. Store	0900	Direct	Complete unloading stores
9	D 3	"B" Echelon and Advanced Party	Rising Sun Creek	Midday Halting Point	M.T. PARK	0850	ROAD BEECHWORTH WORRAGEE	Complete morning stage by 0920 hours. Int Sgt will guide to midday halt Distance 10 miles
10	D 3	"	Midday Halting Point	LENEVA	" "	1440	" "	Complete afternoon stage by 1500 hours Distance 5 miles
11	D 4	Group 1 less 1-30 cwt and 1 utility	Bonegilla	LENEVA and Return	Ration Store	0500	ROAD BONEGILLA LENEVA	Bring out breakfast ration and return by 0730
12	D 4	Group 1 less 1-30 cwt.	Bonegilla	ALBURY	M.T. Park	0900	Bonegilla-Albury	Return to H.Q. 26 Aus Inf Bde

13	D 4	"B" Echelon and Advanced Party	LENEVA	BONEGILLA	M.T. PARK	0850	ROAD LENEVA BONEGILLA	Complete by 0920 hours Distance 11 miles
14	D 5	"B" Echelon less 1 utility	BONEGILLA	MELBOURNE	" "	0830	ROAD BONEGILLA MELBOURNE	To return to place appointed by A.D.T. S
								(b) <u>RAIL</u>
15	D 10	Goods Train	WANGARATTA	WODONGA	R. SIDING WANGARATTA	0200	RAILWAY	Shunt at WODONGA
16	D 10	" "	WODONGA	EBDEN	R. SIDING WANGARATTA	0930	"	" "
17	D 10	Passenger Train	WANGARATTA	WODONGA	R. STATION WANGARATTA	1250	"	Change at WODONGA
18	D 10	"	WODONGA	EBDEN	R. STATION WODONGA	1415	"	
								(c) <u>MAIN GUARD</u>
19	D 1	Main Guard	WANGARATTA	Golden Ball Bridge	Main Gate Showgrounds	0900	ROAD BEECHWORTH- WORRAGEE	Morning Stage 9 miles Lunch 1½ hours Afternoon Stage 7 miles
20	D 10	Rear Party	WANGARATTA	Railway Station	Showgrounds	1230	Direct	Proceed to Bonegilla changing trains at WODONGA
21	D 2	Main Guard	Golden Ball Bridge	Rising Sun Creek	B.H.Q.	0800	ROAD BEECHWORTH WORRAGEE	Complete in morning stage Distance 11 miles
22	D 3	"	Rising Sun Creek	LENEVA	B.H.Q.	0730	"	Morning Stage 10 miles Lunch 1½ hours Afternoon Stage 5 miles
23	D 4	"	LENEVA	BONEGILLA	B.H.Q.	0730	"	Complete in morning stage Distance 11 miles

[Signature] Capt.,
Adjutant, 2/24 Bn., A.I.F.

War diary

11 Sep 40

Reference Maps:- ALBURY - 1" to 1 mile (Military Survey)
EASTERN VICTORIA (Broadbent)

1. INFORMATION.

- (a) A large enemy force is reported moving South from Sydney towards Albury. Little information is available concerning their organisation.
- (b) There are none of our troops North of Wangaratta. 23rd Inf Bde is concentrated in SEYMOUR area and will move towards ALBURY prior to D 1. 2/24 Bn is at WANGARATTA.

2. INTENTION.

2/24 Bn will act as Advanced Guard to 23 Inf Bde and will move on D 1.

3. METHOD.

- (a) VAN GUARD: - Major L. E. Fell
"A" Coy
No 5 Pioneer Platoon
1 L.R. and 2 Sigs V.T. of No. 1 Platoon
No 4 Carrier Platoon (less 1 Section)
1 Detachment of No 3 Mortar Platoon

1st Objective - JUNCTION ROADS WANGARATTA-BEECHWORTH
EVERTON 06-1,2 (Broadbent)

2nd Objective - JUNC ROADS BEECHWORTH-YACKANDANDAH
BEECHWORTH-EL DORADO 06-4,4 (Broadbent)

3rd Objective - BRIDGE 879325

4th Objective - BONEGILLA

- (b) MAINGUARD. (In order of March)
B.H.Q.
"H.Q." Coy (less No 6 Platoon and details attached to Van Guard)
"B" Coy
"C" Coy
"D" Coy
"E" Coy

4. STARTING POINT.

At 0900 hours the head of the Main Guard will pass through GATE - WANGARATTA SHOWGROUNDS.

5. ROUTE.

Route will be via road WANGARATTA-BEECHWORTH-BONEGILLA.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE.

(a) March Discipline

The strictest march discipline will be observed. Water bottles will be filled daily and their use controlled by Pl. Comdrs. Coys will be responsible that every precaution is taken against fires at each halt.

During halts and on the march air sentries will be detailed by each Coy and A.A.L.M.Gs. mounted during halts.

ANNEXURE NO. 1.

ISSUED WITH 2/24 BN OPERATION ORDER NO. 1 - 11 SEP 40.

Q. M.

1. RAIL MOVE.

On D-1 all ~~essentials~~, kits, baggage and mess kit not required during the move will be transported to rail head Wangaratta and loaded into louvre vans.

4 days notice is required of the number of vans to be made available.

The vans will leave by goods train for Wodonga at 0200 hours on D-1 and will there be shunted to connect with train for EBDEN leaving at 0930 hours on D-1 provided D-1 is not Tuesday, Saturday or Sunday.

The rear party to carry out this work will consist of

R.G.M.

R.Q.M.S.

3 N C Os and 30 O/Rs (incl 1 cook)

This party will ensure that Wangaratta camp site is left scrupulously clean.

They will leave by train from Wangaratta at 1250 hours on D-1 changing trains at Wodonga where a motor train will carry them to Ebden.

They will become the unloading party and camp advanced guard at Bonegilla wher they will prepare the camp for the arrival of Bn on D 4.

2. ROAD MOVE.

Blankets, great-coats, a requisite number of soyer stoves and all necessary messing gear (except knife fork, spoon plate and pannikin which will be carried on the man) will be loaded on M.T. for transport by road to daily halting places. M.T. will be provided for ^{RM} C.Q.M.S. cooks, sanitary and water duties and 30 O/Rs who will prepare bivouac sites.

3. BLANKETS AND GREAT-COATS.

Blankets will be rolled full width in bundles of 16 with 4 great-coats per roll i.e. 4 men will have blankets and great-coats rolled in one bundle.

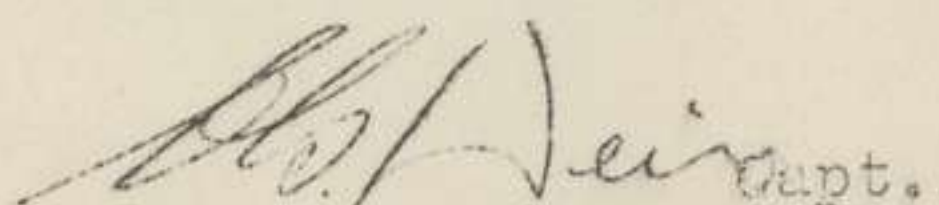
4. REQUISITIONS.

(a) Requisitions to complete full equipment will be submitted; i.e. water bottkes and carriers, haversacks, packs, braces and pouches - right and left, and leather for repairing boots

(b) Submit indents for rations and liaison with A.A.S.C. Supply Coy re delivery.

5. FINAL CHECK.

Prepare and submit to Adjutant by 1500 hours on 23 Sep 40 a detailed plan of complete "Q" arrangements for before, during and after move


Adjutant, 2/24 Bn., A.I.F.

ANNEXURE NO. 2.

ISSUED WITH 2/24 BN OPERATION ORDER NO.1 - 11 SEP 40.

TRANSPORT OFFICER.

You will immediately advise requisite amount of M.T. to move personnel and equipment detailed in Annexure No. 1.

You will arrange priority of loads and advise

(a) Transport required from Wangaratta to rail-head

(b) Transport required for move by road

(c) Transport required from rail-head EBDEN to camp Bonegilla

You will consider and advise on the possibility of the shuttle system for (b).

You will indicate what reduction in transport will be possible if this system is adopted having regard to the fact that the efficiency of the operation must not be impaired.

Provision must also be made for the transport of the unexpended portion of each days rations after delivery by A.A.S.C.

You are to prepare and submit to Adjutant by 1500 hours on 23 Sep 40 detailed transport arrangements for before, during and after march based on the assumption that the following transport will be available on the evening of D 1 ..

10	30-cwt vans
2	vans utility
2	water cart M.T. (400 galls)
2	water carts , water carts 30 out with 6 Fowler Stoves
1	3 ton lorry
1	Ambulance M.T.

A. B. Fair Capt.,

Adjutant, 2/24 Bn., A.I.F.


ANNEXURE 3.

ISSUED WITH 2/24 BN OPERATION ORDER NO. 1. - 11 SEP 40.

R. M. O.

You will please ensure that the following arrangements are completed in connection with move ordered.

1. Arrange with C.D.S. Wangaratta to take in Ambulance Cases ~~and to make ambulances available at camp.~~
2. Arrange ~~with Q.M.~~ to pick up "walking wounded" and foot cases for transport to R.A.P.
3. Arrange foot inspections and instruct platoon cmdrs in the method of inspecting feet.
4. Ensure that adequate medical supplies are available, including materials for bathing and treating feet.
5. Maintain supervision of sanitary and water duties.
6. Liaison with Q.M. to ensure that sufficient basins and buckets are available for the treatment of feet.
7. Prepare and submit to Adjutant by 1500 hours on 23 Sep 40, detailed medical arrangements with particular reference to paras 1 and 2 above.

 Capt.,

Adjutant, 2/24 Bn., A.I.F.

ANNEXURE 4.

ISSUED WITH 2/24 BN OPERATION ORDER NO. 1. ... 11 SEP 40.

O.C. A.A.S.C. Supply Detail.

Will you please make the following arrangements in connection with attached order:-

1. Ensure that 1 days rations are delivered to bivouac sites each evening.
2. ~~Ensure delivery of ration supplies with minimum loss~~
3. On D 3 supplies will be delivered to Bonegilla instead of to bivouac site.
4. Wood will be available en route so there will be no necessity for you to make provision for this.
5. Liaison with T.O. with regard to petrol supplies.
6. Advise Adjutant if possible by 1100 hours 23 Sep 40 whether A.D. of S. and T. concurs in these arrangements.

A. J. Heir Capt.

Adjutant, 2/24 Bn., A.I.F.

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P. H. J.

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DRILL	10 Hours.
ANTI-GAS	8 "
RIFLE	10 "
BAYONET	13 "
L. M. G.	19 "
APPLICATION OF FIRE	20 "
SECTION LEADING	6 "
P. & R. T.	14 "
ANTI-AIRCRAFT	2 "
WEAPON PITS ETC.	6 "
RESERVED	2 "
ROUTE MARCHING	12 "
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>122 "</u>

Three Weeks Recruit Training

19 SEP 1940

Period	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
0645-0700 0830-0920	<u>P. T.</u> <u>SQUAD DRILL</u> (MED Secs 5,6, 7 & 8)	<u>P. T.</u> <u>SQUAD DRILL</u> (MED Secs 12 & 16)	<u>P. T.</u> <u>SQUAD DRILL</u> (MED Secs 17 & 26)	<u>P. T.</u> <u>SQUAD DRILL</u> (MED Ch 1 Sec 2 Ch 2 Sec 19)	<u>P. T.</u> <u>SQUAD DRILL</u> (MED Ch 1V Secs 44,45&68)	<u>P. T.</u> ROUTE MARCH
0925-1015	<u>AIMING INSTRN.</u> (SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 Pars 1-4)	<u>AIMING INSTRN.</u> (SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 Par 6)	<u>AIMING INSTRN.</u> (SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 Pars 7 & 8)	<u>AIMING INSTRN.</u> (SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 Pars 11 & 12)	<u>FIRING INSTRN.</u> (SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 Pars 13 & 14)	" "
1020-1110	<u>L. M. G.</u> (SAT Vol 1 Pam 4a Less 2 & 3)	<u>L. M. G.</u> (SAT Vol 1 Pam 4a Lesson 4)	<u>L. M. G.</u> (SAT Vol 1 Pam 4a Lessons 5 & 6)	<u>L. M. G.</u> (SAT Vol 1 Pam 4a Lessons 7 & 8)	<u>L. M. G.</u> (SAT Vol 1 Pam 4a Lessons 9 & 10)	" "
1115-1215	<u>BAYONET TRNG.</u> (SAT Vol 1 Pam 12 Lesson 1)	<u>BAYONET TRNG.</u> (SAT Vol 1 Pam 12 Lessons 2 & 3)	<u>BAYONET TRNG.</u> (SAT Vol 1 Pam 12 Lessons 4 & 5)	<u>BAYONET TRNG.</u> (SAT Vol 1 Pam 12 Lesson 6)	<u>BAYONET TRNG.</u> Revision	" "
1345-1440	<u>RIFLE EXERCISES</u> (MED Ch iv Secs 46,47 & 66)	<u>RIFLE EXERCISES</u> (MED Ch iv Secs 48 & 49)	<u>RIFLE EXERCISES</u> (MED Ch iv Sec 52)	<u>RIFLE EXERCISES</u> (MED Ch iv Secs 58 & 59)	<u>RIFLE EXERCISES</u> (Mil Tng Pam No 18 Sec 3)	P. & R. T.
1445-1540	<u>APPLN. OF FIRE</u> (SAT Vol 1 Pam 2 Less 2,3 & 4)	<u>APPLN. OF FIRE</u> (SAT Vol 1 Pam 2 Less 5 & 6)	<u>A. A.</u> (SAT Vol 1 Pam 6 Lesson 1)	<u>PAY PARADE</u>	<u>APPLN. OF FIRE</u> (SAT Vol 1 Pam 2 Less 7, 8 & 9)	" "
1540-1645	<u>ANTI-GAS TRNG</u>	<u>ANTI-GAS TRNG</u>	<u>ANTI-GAS TRNG</u>	"	<u>ANTI-GAS TRNG</u>	" "

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2nd Week

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Period	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
0645-0700	P.T. RIFLE EXERCISES (MED Ch iv Secs 46, 47 & 66)	P.T. RIFLE EXERCISES (MED Ch iv Secs 48 & 49)	P.T. RIFLE EXERCISES (MED Ch iv Sec 52)	P.T. RIFLE EXERCISES (MED Ch iv Secs 58 & 59)	P.T. RIFLE EXERCISES (Mil Tng Pam No 18) Sec 3)	P. T. ROUTE MARCH
0830-0920	AIMING INSTRN. (SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 Pars 15 & 16)	AIMING INSTRN. (SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 Par 17)	AIMING INSTRN. (SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 Par 19)	AIMING INSTRN. (SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 Pars 20 & 21)	AIMING INSTRN. (SAT Vol 1 Pam 3 Par 22)	" "
0925-1015	L. M. G. Revision	L. M. G. (SAT Vol 1 Pam 4a Lesson 11)	L. M. G. (SAT Vol 1 Pam 4a Less 12 (less A.A))	L. M. G. (SAT Vol 1 Pam 4a Less 12 (less A.A))	L. M. G. (SAT Vol 1 Pam 4a Less 12 (less A.A))	" "
1020-1110	BAYONET TRNG. (SAT Vol 1 Pam 12 Lesson 1)	BAYONET TRNG. (SAT Vol 1 Pam 12 Lesson 2 & 3)	BAYONET TRNG. (SAT Vol 1 Pam 12 Lesson 4 & 5)	BAYONET TRNG. (SAT Vol 1 Pam 12 Lesson 6)	BAYONET TRNG. Revision	" "
1115-1200	APPLN. OF FIRE Revision	APPLN. OF FIRE (SAT Vol 1 Pam 2 Lesson 10)	APPLN. OF FIRE (SAT Vol 1 Pam 2 Lesson 11)	APPLN. OF FIRE (SAT Vol 1 Pam 2 Lesson 11)	APPLN. OF FIRE (SAT Vol 1 Pam 2 Less 12 & 13)	P. & R. T.
1345-1410	L. M. G. (SAT Vol 1 Pam 4a Lesson 13)	L. M. G. (SAT Vol 1 Pam 4a Lesson 14)	L. M. G. (SAT Vol 1 Pam 4a Less 12, 13 & 14)	L. M. G. (SAT Vol 1 Pam 4a Lesson 12, 13 & 14)	L. M. G. Revision	" "
1445-1540	ANTI-GAS TRNG	ANTI-GAS TRNG	ANTI-GAS TRNG	ANTI-GAS TRNG.	At discretion of Company Commanders	
1545-1645						

3rd Week

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Period	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
0700-0645 0830-0920	P.T. BAYONET TRNG (SAT Vol 1 Pam 12 Lesson 1)	P.T. BAYONET TRNG (SAT Vol 1 Pam 12 Less 2 & 3)	P.T. BAY ONET TRNG (SAT Vol 1 Pam 12 Less 4 & 5)	P.T. A. A. (SAT Vol 1 Pam 6 Lesson 2)	P.T. Leave	P.T. Week end.
0925-1015	<u>MARCH DISCIPLINE</u> (MED Ch 8)	<u>GUARD MOUNTING</u> (MED Ch vi Sec 76)	<u>CONSTRUCTION OF WEAPON PITS</u>	<u>GUARD MOUNTING</u> (MED Ch vi Sec 76)	"	"
1020-1110	L. M. G. Revision	L. M. G. (SAT Vol 1 Pam 4a Less 13)	do.	L. M. G. (SAT Vol 1 Pam 4a Less 12 & 13)	"	"
1115-1200	APPLN. OF FIRE (SAT Vol 1 Pam 2 Less 13 & 14)	AIMING INSTRN. Revision	do.	L. M. G. Revision	"	"
1345-1440	<u>USE OF GROUND</u> (I S L)	<u>SECTION LEADING</u> (I S L)	do.	<u>COMPANY DRILL</u>	"	"
1445-1540	"	"	do.	<u>PAY PARADE</u>	"	"
1545-1645	"	"	do.	" "	"	"

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APPENDIX C. No. I.

Syllabus. To, 31 Sep 40.

ONE WEEK'S CADRE COURSE

2/24 Bn.

Period	1st day	2nd day	3rd day	4th day	5th day	6th day
0645-0700	P. T.	P. T.	P. T.	P. T.	P. T.	P. T.
0845-0930	MED 5-12	MED 13-16	MED 17	MED 18-24	MED 32-35	MED 36 & 37
0930-1015	Pam 3 Less 1-3	Pam 3 Less 6	Pam 3 Less 11-12	Pam 3 Less 17-18	Pam 3 Less 23	Pam 2 Less 14
1015-1030	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
1030-1115	G. & S.	G. & S.	G. & S.	G. & S.	G. & S.	G. & S.
1115-1215	Pam 3 Less 2-4	Pam 3 Less 7-8	Pam 3 Less 13-14	Pam 3 Less 19	Pam 2 Less 9-10	T. O. E. T.
1345-1430	Pam 2 Less 1	Pam 2 Less 2-4	Pam 2 Less 5-6	Pam 2 Less 2-8	Pam 2 Less 11-12	T. O. E. T.
1430-1515	Pam 12 Less 1	Pam 12 Less 2-3	Pam 12 Less 4	Pam 12 Less 5	Pam 12 Less 6	
1515-1530	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	
1530-1615	Pam 3 Less 5	Pam 3 Less 9-10	Pam 3 Less 15-16	Pam 3 Less 20-22	Pam 2 Less 13	
1615-1700	MED 42-47	MED 48-49	MED 50-51	MED 52-54	MED 55-58	

Two hours per night will be devoted Lectures, Indoor and Outdoor Exercises in a selection from the following subjects:-

Organisation and Administration

Organisation of the Army in the field

Appreciations

Map Reading, Prismatic Compass, Night Marching

Orders and Messages

A. I. F. Establishments and Staff tables

Elements of Tactics

Reconnaissance and reconnaissance reports

Use of Air photographs

Recapitulation and discussion.

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APPENDIX C No. 2.

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Two hours per night will be devoted Lectures, Indoor and Outdoor Exercises in a selection from the following subjects:-

Organisation and Administration

Organisation of the Army in the field

Appreciations

Map Reading, Prismatic Compass, Night Marching

Orders and Messages

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Elements of Tactics

Reconnaissance and reconnaissance reports

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Recapitulation and discussion.

ONE WEEK'S CADRE COURSE

2/24 Bn.

Period	1st day	2nd day	3rd day	4th day	5th day	6th day
0645-0700	P. T.	P. T.	P. T.	P. T.	P. T.	P. T.
0845-0930	MED 5-12	MED 13-16	MED 17	MED 18-24	MED 32-35	MED 36 & 37
0930-1015	Pam 3 Less 1-3	Pam 3 Less 6	Pam 3 Less 11-12	Pam 3 Less 17-18	Pam 3 Less 23	Pam 2 Less 14
1015-1030	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
1030-1115	G. & S.	G. & S.	G. & S.	G. & S.	G. & S.	G. & S.
1115-1215	Pam 3 Less 2-4	Pam 3 Less 7-8	Pam 3 Less 13-14	Pam 3 Less 19	Pam 2 Less 9-10	T. O. E. T.
1345-1430	Pam 2 Less 1	Pam 2 Less 2-4	Pam 2 Less 5-6	Pam 2 Less 2-8	Pam 2 Less 11-12	T. O. E. T.
1430-1515	Pam 12 Less 1	Pam 12 Less 2-3	Pam 12 Less 4	Pam 12 Less 5	Pam 12 Less 6	
1515-1530	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	
1530-1615	Pam 3 Less 5	Pam 3 Less 9-10	Pam 3 Less 15-16	Pam 3 Less 20-22	Pam 2 Less 13	
1615-1700	MED 42-47	MED 48-49	MED 50-51	MED 52-54	MED 55-58	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.						
Wangaratta	1 Sep 40		Church Parade - 28 Officers and 910 O/Rs	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">3RD DISTRICT</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 33%; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">39</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 33%; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">1</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 33%; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">333</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">RECORDS</td> </tr> </table> </div>	39	1	333	RECORDS		
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	2 Sep 40		Inoculation - second T.A.B.							
	3 Sep 40		Medical Lecture and Short arm inspection 29 Offs and 926 O/Rs							
	4 Sep 40		Bn leave							
	6 Sep 40		Balance 2/24 Bn marched in from Rokeby 29 Offs and 918 O/Rs							
	7 Sep 40		Bn Route March							
	8 Sep 40		Church Parade - 29 Offs and 910 O/Rs							
	9 Sep 40		Inoculations - 3 T.A.B. Intercoy transfer personnel Lt. Close marched in - 30 Offs and 909 O/Rs							
	12 Sep 40		Bn leave - 30 Offs and 910 O/Rs							
	15 Sep 40		Church Parade - 30 Offs and 912 O/Rs							
16 Sep 40		Inoculations - 3 T.A.B. and tetanus - Lt. M.J. Kelly Marched in. 30 Offs and 912 O/Rs								
18 Sep 40		Inspection by Maj-Gen. Lavarack G.B., G.M.G., D.S.O., G.O.C. 7 Aust Div - 31 Offs and 907 O/Rs								
19 Sep 40		Short range shooting - 31 Offs and 906 O/Rs								
20 Sep 40		" " " 31 Offs and 914 O/Rs								

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Unit 2/24 BN Date and Time.—From 1 Sep 40 To 30 Sep 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Wangaratta	21 Sep 40		Voting - Commonwealth Elections - Route March	
	22 Sep 40		Church Parade 31 Offs and 915 O/Rs	
	23 Sep 40		Shooting-short range	
	24 Sep 40		Medical Board Re-examination - 10 O/Rs - 31 Offs and 907 O/Rs	
	25 Sep 40		Lt. Serle High School Duntroon	
	26 Sep 40		Preparation of baggage for movement of Bn to Bonegilla	
	27 Sep 40		31 Offs and 905 O/Rs	
	28 Sep 40		Bn leave on route march for Bonegilla - 1200 hrs, lunch at Tarrawingee - 1700 hrs bivouac at Yellow Creek - weather fine.	
			1400 hrs bivouac Rising Sun Creek - heavy rain and hail	
	29 Sep 40		1200 hrs lunch at Leneva Heights - 1700 hrs bivouac at Leneva Flats - weather fine.	
	30 Sep 40		1300 hrs, Bn beach Bonegilla - weather fine - 31 Offs and 895 O/Rs	

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2ND DISTRICT
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Unit 2/24 Bn

Date and Time.—From 10 Oct 40

To 18 Oct 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Bonegilla	1 - 6 Oct		Bn on monthly extended leave which was more appreciated since it was withheld for one week owing to movement from Wangaratta. Troops arrived fairly fresh from march.	3A 1 333
	7 - 18 Oct		Battalion Training - Rifle Coys on Section Trng and practices on Miniature and full distance ranges. Specialist sections commence specialist individual Trng.	RECORDS
	12 Oct		small pox All ranks receive/vaccination.	
	15 Oct		Notice of P.E. leave given to Bn to commence 18 Oct.	
	16 Oct		30 Re-inforcements from 2/23 Trng Bn Albury. 35 2/24 Bn men boarded out for various reasons to 2/23 Trng Bn.	
	17 Oct		20 Re-inforcements from 2/23 Trng Bn Albury. 32 2/24 Bn men boarded out to Albury.	
	18 Oct		Bn left on P.E. leave in 3 special trains - C.O., R S M, R Q M S and a small party remained to draw W.E. from Ordnance to complete Bn issue.	

WAR DIARY or ~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

(Erase heading not required)

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

OCT 1940
3RD DISTRICT
RECORDS

Unit 2/24 Bn

Date and Time.—From 19 Oct 40 To 31 Oct 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Bonegilla	19 Oct 40		Main body of Bn on P.E. leave - 300 men returned by train from	
	to		from Melbourne on 25 Oct 40. Great crowd made entraining difficult. Troops behaved well.	
	28 Oct 40		Remainder of Bn returned from leave, great difficulty experienced in entraining and getting train away at Spencer Street.	
			Rear party commenced P.E. leave.	
	29-31 Oct		Issues of war equipment to new re-inforcements and summer dress to all ranks, in addition to making up of individual shortages.	
			Return of training equipment commenced to Q M, packing of war ^{unit} equipment and branding of unit and individual baggage with	
			unit Serial No and colour markings.	

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WAR DIARY
Appendix A No 3

CASUALTY Returns

1 Oct 40 To

31 Oct 40

Dist,

1. D.R.O.
2. 26 Bde for information
3. war diary
4. do
5. 2nd Echelon G.H.Q. 2/24 Bn A.I.F.
6. File

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

(Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
	NIL			

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
	NIL			

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lieut Col	VX14840	Spowers A.	2/24	yes	
Maj	47925	Tasker H. McR	"	"	
"	47818	Fell L.A.	"	"	
"	48574	Blanksby L.J.M.	"	"	
Capt	48424	Weir C.G.	"	"	
"	14039	Baillieu E.	"	"	
"	48625	Dickinson R.T.G.	"	"	
"	14044	Gebhardt P.	"	"	
"	47496	Bird A.C.B.	"	"	
"	48255	Anderson L.E.	"	"	
"	49105	Budge W.F.R.	"	"	
Lieut	48836	Serle R.P.	"	no	No 3 I.O. course
"	48358	Canty L.G.	"	yes	DUNTHROON.
"	48600	Bryant G.A.	2	no	M.U.R. Officers Course
"	48605	Christie J.S.	"	yes	
"	48551	Hawke R.S.	NS	no	School Mech Caulfield
"	48771	Mollard K.F.	"	yes	
"	48559	Heighan R.D.	"	"	
"	46535	Gray R.J.	"	"	
"	48808	Menotti E.R.	"	no	No 20 School Sigs
"	49686	Snell H.W.	"	yes	LIVERPOOL
"	47976	Shelton J.T.	"	"	
"	48175	Breck J.T.	"	"	
"	48684	Rash G.H.	NS	no	M.U.R. Officers Course
"	48762	Oakley A.W.	"	"	
"	48625	Walker L.C.	"	"	
"	48825	Ebel J.C.	"	"	
"	48812	Nathan G.E.	"	"	
"	38761	Close M.D.	"	"	
"	49564	Kelly M.J.	"	"	
"	48603	Rasel T.S.	"	no	M.U.R. officers course

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	42579	Robertson T.B.G.	2/24	26/8/40	A.A.M.C. (R.M.O.)
Padre	NX70278	Ingh Jones	"	1/7/40	To be Padre (from Eastern Comd.)

2/24 Bn

(Unit.)

5 Oct 40

(Date of Despatch.)

L.A. Fell Major
(Signature of Commander)

Lieut. Col.

Comd: 2/24 Bn. A.I.F.

26 Aust Inf Bde 7 Div A.I.F.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/24 Bn (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	6		
Lieutenants ...	20		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1		
TOTALS ...	31		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-Col	14840	Sowers A.	2/24	yes	
Major	47925	Tascher H. M. K.	"	"	
"	47918	Fell L. H.	"	"	
"	47574	Blankenship J. M.	"	"	
Capt	47254	Wier G. G.	"	"	
"	14039	Baillieu G.	"	"	
"	47265	Hickinson R. T. C.	"	"	in Hospital.
"	14044	Hebbardt P.	"	"	
"	47496	Bird C. B.	"	"	
"	47255	Indeman L. B.	"	"	
"	47105	Budge E. R.	"	"	
Lieut	47686	Wells R. H.	"	"	
"	47356	Lantry J. H.	"	"	
"	47600	Bryant G. H.	"	"	MUR School Melbourne
"	47665	Christie J. S.	"	yes	
"	47551	Hampe R. B.	"	"	
"	47971	Mollard K.	"	"	
"	47559	Wesman R. D.	"	"	
"	47535	Carlay R. J.	"	"	
"	47508	Murphy R. R.	"	"	1103 School & Sigs. Intelligence School Duntroon
"	47536	Perle R. P.	"	"	
"	47976	Helton J. T.	"	yes	
"	47195	Brosch J. T.	"	"	
"	47664	Rosh G. H.	"	"	
"	47603	Fosch J. S.	"	"	MUR School Melbourne
"	47962	Tapley W. W.	"	yes	
"	47625	Walsh L. C.	"	"	
"	47825	Wells J. C.	"	"	
"	47812	Nathan J. G.	"	"	
"	38761	Doyle M. D.	"	"	
"	47564	Kelly M. J.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	48579	Robertson T. G.	1/24	24/1/40	R.M.O. (A.M.C.)

2/24 Bn
(Unit.)

Alan Sowers
(Signature of Commander.)

12 Oct 1940
(Date of Despatch.)

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

- Dist,
- 1 D.R.O.
- 2. 26 Bde (Information)
- 3. G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon
- 4. War Diary
- 5 War Diary
- 6 File.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/26 In A.I.F. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	2.		
Majors ...	3.		
Captains ...	6.		
Lieutenants ...	30.		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1		
TOTALS ...	32.		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lieut Col	71494a	SPOWERS A.	2/24 IN	Yes	
Maj	47925	Tucker H. Hon.	"	"	
"	47918	Pell L. A.	"	"	
"	48574	Blankby L. A.	"	"	
Capt	48424	Hair C. G.	"	"	
"	14039	Ballion R.	"	"	
"	48385	Dickinson R. R. C.	"	"	
"	14044	Coburn R.	"	"	
"	47496	Bird A. G. B.	"	"	
"	48355	Anderson R. H.	"	"	
"	48350	Edge P. H.	"	"	
Lieut	48356	Small R. H.	"	"	
"	48356	Conry L. G.	"	"	
"	48610	Dwyer C. A.	"	"	
"	48385	Christie J. S.	"	"	
"	48551	Hale R. B.	"	"	
"	48711	Holland R.	"	"	
"	48569	Malghan R. B.	"	"	
"	48536	Gray R. J.	"	"	
"	48308	Monetti R. H.	"	"	
"	48326	Serie R. P.	No	No	Schiffli Liverpool
"	47976	Shelton J. R.	"	"	
"	48175	Brook J. T.	"	"	
"	48064	Hugh C. H.	"	No	in H. G. Albury
"	48613	Regel T. S.	"	"	
"	48702	Colley A. P.	"	"	
"	48525	Holmes L. G.	"	"	
"	48328	Hugh J. C.	"	"	
"	48312	Hugh C. G.	"	"	
"	48701	Close R. D.	"	"	
"	48584	Kelly R. J.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX48579	Robertson T. R. C.		2/24 IN 28/2/40	A. M. C. & A. S. M. C.)
Capt	HA70279	Hugh Jones		2/24 IN 1/7/40	Chaplain.

2/24 IN

(Unit.)

Allan Spowers
(Signature of Commander.)

19/10/40

(Date of Despatch.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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26 Bde (Information)
G.H.Q. 2nd. Echelon.
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2/24 BN. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	5		
Captains ...	6		
Lieutenants ...	20		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1		
TOTALS ...	31		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col	VX 14840	Spowers Allan	2/24 Bn	Yes	
Maj.	" 47925	Tasker. H. MCK.	"	"	
"	" 47818	Fell. L.A.	"	"	
"	" 48574	Blanksby. L.J.M.	"	"	
Capt.	" 48424	Weir. C.G.	"	"	
"	" 14039	Baillieu. E.	"	"	
"	" 48265	Dickinson R.T.C.	"	"	
"	" 14044	Gebhardt P.	"	"	
"	" 47496	Bird. A.C.B.	"	"	
"	" 48255	Andersen. L.E.	"	"	
"	" 48105	Budge P. R.	"	"	
Lieut.	" 48636	Snell. N.W.	"	"	
"	" 48356	Canty. L.G.	"	"	
"	" 48600	Bryant. G.A.	"	"	
"	" 48065	Christie. J.S.	"	"	
"	" 48551	Hawke. R.B.	"	"	
"	" 48711	Mollard. K.	"	"	
"	" 48559	Meighan. R.D.	"	"	
"	" 46535	Gray. R.J.	"	"	
"	" 48308	Monotti. E.R.	"	"	
"	" 48836	Serle. R.P.	"	"	
"	" 47976	Shelton. J.T.	"	"	
"	" 48175	Brock. J.T.	"	"	
"	" 48064	Rash. G.H.	"	"	
"	" 48603	Rosel. T.S.	"	"	
"	" 48762	Oakley. A.W.	"	"	
"	" 48625	Walker. L.C.	"	"	
"	" 48825	Ebel. J.C.	"	"	
"	" 48812	Nathan. G.E.	"	"	
"	" 38761	Close. M.D.	"	"	
"	" 48564	Kelly. M.J.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	VX. 48579	Robertson. T.E.G.	2/24 Bn.	26/8/40.	R.M.O. (A.A.M.C.)
Capt.	VX. 70278	Hugh Jones.	" "	1/7/40.	Chaplain

2/24 Bn.

(Unit.)

[Signature]
Lieut. Col.
Comd. 2/24 Bn. AIF.
(Signature of Commander.)

26/10/40.

(Date of Despatch.)

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

WAR DIARY

Appendix B No 3

Routine Orders

Administrative
Instructions

1 Oct 40

To

31 Oct 40

R O U T I N E . O R D E R S .

Part 1

No 35.

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION A.I.F.

1. AREA OUT All ranks will be warned that the area East of BONEGILLA Road, is out of bounds. This comprises blocks 17 18 19 and of BOUNDS. all paddocks in the vicinity of 2/11th Field Reg. Should it become known that any member of this Bn whether knowingly or otherwise has entered this area, the matter will be reported to B.H.Q. without delay.

2. OVERCROWDING The following instructions will be rigidly adhered to, to prevent overcrowding in sleeping quarters.

IN CAMP

PREVENTION OF

- (a) The distance between centers of beds must not be less than five (5) feet.
- (b) Where accommodation is restricted men will sleep head to feet.

3. PREVENTION OF Cerebro Spinal Meningitis is prevalent in some parts of DISEASE Australia.

DISEASE

To prevent the spread of any infection the following instructions will be observed.

- (a) New drafts entering camp will sleep separate, for the first fortnight after they enter camp.
- (b) Crowded recreation huts and indoor picture shows should be avoided by all ranks.
- (c) All ranks should be guarded against undue fatigue excessive exposure and improper food, especially in the period following inoculation or vaccination.
- (d) All ranks are to be encouraged to get plenty of fresh air and expose contents of huts to fresh air and sunlight wherever possible.

4. LOCAL Local leave to ALBURY, WODONGA & surrounding areas is LEAVE restricted to 25% Coy strength.

LEAVE

5. DISPOSAL OF In order to clean lines all rubbish and litter from BUILDING LITTER. buildings will be gathered and dumped at the incinerator. Consumable rubbish will be destroyed in the incinerator and remainder will be removed by Camp Contractor.

6. GARBAGE CANS Owing to movement of garbage contractor being restricted to made roads, all garbage tins containing swill are to be placed at roadside in each block in a specially marked section as near to kitchens as possible. All garbage cans are to be placed accordingly by 0900hrs daily.

7. RESPIRATORS Any cases of abnormal fitting which require special ANTI GAS. face pieces will be reported forthwith to B.H.Q.

ANTI GAS.

(PTO)

8. BEGGING ALMS. The attention of all ranks is to be directed to the prevalence of the practice of begging alms by certain

BEGGING ALMS
(cont)

members of the forces in Melbourne and Suburbs.
Such conduct brings the unit whose color patches the offender is wearing and the Forces in general in disrepute. Severe action will be taken against any detected in this practice in future.

9. No3 REFRESHER PERSONNEL (in A.I.F. units) COURSE.

A course which has its object the training as instructors for Home Service who either served in the last war or are in the vicinity of 40 years of age and because of private obligations should not be serving in A.I.F. units when younger men are available, will be held from 19 Oct. 40 to 30 Nov 40, both dates inclusive, at special training school FYANSFORD.

Coys will submit to B.H.Q. not later than 7 Oct 40 names of VX personnel who wish to make application to attend this course. Personnel whose nominations are accepted will remain members of the A.I.F. until the course is completed. At any stage of the Course candidates may be returned to their unit if in the opinion of the C.I. they are unlikely to become suitable instructors or for disciplinary reasons. Successful candidates will be enlisted in the Citizen Forces and will be called up for full time duty for the duration of the war. The proportion by ranks will be 1 W.O.11. 1 S/Sgt 3 Sgts & 9 Cpls. The total vacancies for the whole of the 3M.D. will be 28.

10. DUTY

ROSTER.

Companies will mount duty at Retreat as from dates shown. At present the exact nature and number of duties required is not known, but this information will be promulgated as soon as it becomes known.

7 Oct 40	"H.Q." Coy.
8 "	"A"
9 "	"B"
10 "	"C"
11 "	"D"
12 "	"E"
13 "	"H.Q."

Coys will submit to B.H.Q. by 1100hrs 7 Oct 40 names of ord, Officers ord, Sgts & ord, Cpls. to mount on dates on which they commence their tour of duty

O.C. "E" Coy may by arrangement with other Coys nominate an Officer from one of the other Coys to mount as ord Officer on 12 Oct 40

11. DEFAULTERS Commencing at Reveille on the dates shown 2 Oct 40 the following will attend defaulters parade for the number of days shown

VX 24526 Pte Purcell C.V.	"D" Coy	14 days
VX 19973 " Holden H.E.	"H.Q."	7 "

12. MOVEMENT OF VEHICLES For the time being M.T. and cars authorized by B.H.Q. will be parked at the end of B.H.Q. lines near the guard hut. Vehicles will not move formed roadways nor move between lines of huts except where it is essential for loading or unloading purposes.

13. TELEPHONE CALLS

In view of congestion of telephone lines private calls at the Post Office have been prohibited during hours of parades. Urgent calls owing to sickness or death etc, must first be submitted to B.H.Q. for approval.

14.

CAMP ROUTINE. The following routine is to be observed

Reveille 0615hrs Retreat 1800hrs Last Post 2200hrs
Lights out. 2215.

Notice.

There will be a celebration of Holy Communion in the Y.M.C.A. at 0645 hrs 6 Oct 40

C.G. WEIR Capt

Adjt 2/24 Bn A.I.F.

War Diary

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

BONEGILLA

A M R & O 1587

7 Oct 40.

R O U T I N E O R D E R S

Part 1

No. 36

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION A. I. F.

1. GUARD, DUTIES AND FATIGUES.

Commencing from Retreat 7 Oct 40 the duty coy will provide the following duties:-

(a) ORDERLY DUTIES -

Orderly Officer, Orderly Sgt, Orderly Cpl and 2 O/Rs for orderly duties

(b) GUARD -

1 Sgt, 1 Cpl and 16 O/Rs

(c) SANITARY FATIGUE -

8 O/Rs to report to H.Q. Coy office

(d) MESS FATIGUE -

Officers' Mess - 3 O/Rs to report at 0700 hrs
Sergeants' " - 4 O/Rs " " " " "

Kitchen Fatigues will be supplied by each Coy for its own kitchen on the following scale -

"H.Q" Coy	-	4 O/Rs
"A", "B", "C" & "D" Coys	-	2 O/Rs
"E" Coy	-	3 O/Rs

2. SENTRY POSTS.

Sentry Posts will be established as under:-

- No. 1 Post - Guard Room
- No. 2 Post - Road immediately North of Hot showers
- No. 3 Post) "C" and "D" Coy Areas.
- No. 4 Post)

3. DUTY ROSTER.

The following will mount duty at Retreat on the dates shown:-

	<u>ORDERLY OFFICER</u>	<u>ORDERLY SERGEANT</u>	<u>ORDERLY CORPORAL</u>
7 Oct 40	Lieut. Nathan	Sgt. Hanson	Cpl. Caple
8 Oct 40	Lieut. Canty	Sgt. Williams	L/Cpl. Burge
9 Oct 40	Lieut. Christie	Sgt. Monk	Pte McBroom
10 Oct 40	Lieut. Shelton	L/Cpl. Doughty	L/Cpl. Wakeham
11 Oct 40	Lieut. Ebell	Cpl. Jones	Pte Francis
12 Oct 40	Lieut. Mollard	Sgt. Goldie	Cpl. McConnell
13 Oct 40	Lieut. Meighan	Sgt. Davey	Cpl. Travis

C. G. Weir Capt.,
Adjutant, 2/24 Bn., A.I.F.

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1

No. 37

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A.I.F.

1. COURT OF INQUIRY. A Court of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned officers will assemble at B.H.Q. at 1100 hrs 9 Oct 40.
President:- Major H. McK. Tasker
Members:- Lieut. Mollard
 Lieut. Walker
 The court will inquire into the illegal absence of the following soldiers:-
 VX 23528 Pte McCrimmon D. B.
 VX 24484 Pte Paynting H.
 VX 33482 Pte O'Neill J. W.
 VX 32072 Pte Cull C. W.
 VX 25841 Pte Blackham A.J.
 VX 25819 Pte Blackham H.V.
 VX 27222 Pte Gwynn A.
 VX 31232 Pte Barrass J.
 VX 32743 Pte Dunstan A.
 Coys concerned will arrange for necessary witnesses to be paraded at B.H.Q. at the above time.
2. DAILY ROUTINE. Whilst at Bondegilla reveille on Sundays will be at 0645 Hrs.
3. CAMP DUTIES The 2/24 Bn will be duty Bn on the following dates:-
 11 Oct 40
 17 Oct 40
 21 Oct 40
 27 Oct 40
 The coys detailed as duty coys for those dates will supply the following additional Camp Duties:-
 (a) Albury Town Picquet
 On 11 Oct 40 will consist of 1 officer and 20 O/Rs to report at 1745 hrs.
 On 17 Oct 40 and 21 Oct 40 will consist of 1 Sgt and 10 O/Rs to report at 1745 hrs.
 On 27 Oct 40 will consist of 1 Officer and 20 O/Rs to report at 1500 hrs.
 In each instance the picquet will report to the D.A.P.M. at the Albury Police Station at the time laid down and will remain on duty until released by him. Dress will be Service Dress, Waist Belts, Side Arms, Gaiters and Hats.
 The Bn Transport Officer will arrange to transport picquets to and from Albury in accordance with the above.
 (b) Postal Orderlies
 2 O/Rs will report to Camp Postmaster at 0900 hrs and remain on duty until 1800 hrs except for a break of 1 hour from 1230 hrs to 1330 hrs.
 The orderlies will carry a haversack and Bn T.O. will requisition on 23 Aust Inf Bde for 2 bicycles on each of the days on which 2/24 Bn is duty Bn.
3. WEEK-END LEAVE. The security party who remained on duty during the absence of the Bn on leave will report to B.H.Q. at 1700 hrs on 9 Oct 40.
4. MARKING OF HUTS Huts and permanent buildings in the camp area will not be marked with paint or chalk etc. but when necessary will be labelled by identification signs prepared by the Pioneer platoon.
 (Please turn over)

PRECAUTIONS
AGAINST
SNAKE -BITE

Because of the prevalence of snakes in this area coys will take adequate precautions, such as obtaining where possible short lengths of fencing wire or suitable sticks and ensuring that each section has some suitable means of dealing with snakes. They will ascertain from the R.M.O. the immediate action to be taken in cases of snake-bite.

SUNBATHING.

All ranks are to be warned that excessive sunbathing is harmful and that it will be considered an offence should a soldier be even temporarily incapacitated for his normal duties through sunburn.

IRREGULAR
RAIL TRAVEL.

The practice of travelling without tickets whilst on leave by members of the A.I.F. is causing concern. All ranks are to be warned that the Railway authorities may institute civil proceedings against soldiers so detected.

Should a soldier lose his ticket, another must be purchased before the rail journey can be completed. Should he be without the necessary means, the R.T.O. at any major station may, on production of the soldier's leave pass, issue a rail warrant for the journey back to camp, conditional upon the soldier's accepting a debit in his pay-book for the amount involved. Should the soldier not be in possession of his pay-book the R.T.O. may issue a warrant, subject to the above conditions and arrange through the unit for the amount involved to be recovered from the soldier's pay.

8. DEFAULTERS.

The undermentioned will attend all defaulters' parades as from Reveille 9 Oct 40 for the periods shown:-

VX 34841	PTE BRIDGEMAN L.E.S.	"H.Q." Coy	- 2 days
VX 29053	PTE MAYER J. L.	"C" Coy	- 2 days
VX 29084	PTE MOLONEY T. J.	"C" Coy	- 2 days
VX 23887	PTE JEFFERSON K.W.	"D" Coy	- 4 days
VX 17367	PTE LUXFORD R.S.	"E" Coy	- 2 days
VX 47975	PTE McELHINEY A.	"E" Coy	- 2 days

C. G. Weir Capt.,
Adjutant, 2/24 Bn., A.I.F.

R O U T I N E O R D E R S

Part 1

No. 38

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A.I.F.1. BN ROUTINE.

Breakfast in future will be at 0715 hrs. Morning Sick Parade will be at 0630 hrs.

2. DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE.

Kitchens and Messes will ensure that swill (pig food) is placed in separate containers from rubbish.

Fat and bones will also be kept separately from other by-products and when delivered to contractor will be weighed and a carter's receipt obtained.

3. SALVAGE.

Duty Coy will detail two men to report to sanitary corporal to assist in the disposal of rubbish from lines. Rubbish will be placed on the roadway with garbage bins and sanitary corporal will be responsible for collecting a receipt from contractor. This salvage fatigue will report back to coy lines for afternoon parade.

4. GANTEENS.

The following hours for sales to troops have been laid down.

<u>WEEK DAYS.</u>		<u>SUNDAYS.</u>	
0730	hrs to 0900 hrs	1100	hrs to 1300 hrs
1200	" to 1300 "	1400	" to 1730 "
1330	" to 1400 "	1900	" to 2000 "
1600	" to 1800 "		
1900	" to 2100 "		

5. ROUTE MARCH.

A route march is ordered for Saturday 12 Oct 40. Bn will parade on Bn parade ground at 0845 hrs.
Dress: Marching order (W.D.) without packs.
Messing: Q.M. will arrange for lunch to be made available at luncheon rendezvous.
Transport: "H.Q." Coy will arrange for transport of 4 soyer stoves and other mess gear.
R.A.P. will move with B.H.Q.

6. R.M.C.'s ORDERLY.

Duty coy will detail one man daily for duty at R.A.P. from Reveille until 1215 hrs.

H. McK. Tasker Major,
2 I/C, 2, 24 Bn., A.I.F.

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1

No. 39

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A.I.F.

1. GATES Care must be taken that all gates into training areas etc. are closed immediately after troops have passed through. This applies particularly to both gates leading across railway line.
2. BATHING Bathing will be permitted only in area marked "Safe Bathing" in sketch supplied to coys. Hours of bathing on Sundays will be between 1400 hrs and 1630 hrs when a patrol of four men will be supplied. Parades at other times will be held at discretion of Coy Comds who will be responsible for the provision of their own patrol.
3. MISSING RIFLE Rifle No 85747 was taken by mistake from R.A.P. on Sunday 29 Sep 40. Coy Comds will inspect rifles and report result to B.H.Q.
4. ROUTE MARCH Coys for vaccination will proceed independently on Route March at 1345 hours.
5. SMALL-POX VACCINATION Personnel who have NOT had small-pox vaccination will be paraded at R.A.P. on Saturday 12 Oct 40 at the following times:-
 "H.Q" Coy - 0900 hrs
 "A" Coy - 1030 hrs
 "E" Coy - 1115 hrs
 "B", "C", & "D" Coys - 1200 hrs
6. DENTAL TREATMENT All personnel requiring dentures are to be referred to R.M.O. for examination before Monday 14 Oct 40.
7. MEDICAL INSPECTION A medical inspection will be held on Sunday 13 Oct 40 at 1015 hours. Coys will supply nominal roll and one clerk. Parade will be in the order - "H.Q", "A", "B", "C", "D", "E" Coys.
8. CHURCH PARADE A Bn Church Parade will be held at 0930 hrs on 13 Oct 40.
 R. C. Church Parade will be held at Civic Centre at 0900 hrs. Personnel attending will report to C.S.M. McNAMARA at 0845 hrs. Coy Ord Cpls will supply to C.S.M. McNAMARA a nominal roll of those attending
9. RAIL TRAVEL (STH. AUST) Free rail travel has been instituted for personnel travelling to home towns in South Australia. This concession is available once a month to any individual member entitled to same from SERVICETON, MOUNT GAMBIER, or PINNAROC BORDER as required to the South Australian Railway Station nearest his home town.
10. ROWING BOATS Only personnel who are able to swim in rowing clothes are to be permitted to use rowing boats on the HUME WEIR. Units will ensure that on all occasions when the boats are used a N.C.O. or senior private is detailed to take charge of the crew.

H. McK. Tasker Major,
 2 I/C, 2/24 Bn, A.I.F.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1 No. 40

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A.I.F.

- 1. AREA OUT OF BOUNDS. Prohibition set out in B.R.O. No 35 is now lifted. (PARAG)
- 2. BATHING PATROL. Following patrol will be on duty in bathing area from 1400 hrs until 1630 hrs on Sunday 13 Oct 40.

Cpl G. M. POIDEVIN	"D" Coy
Pte G.E.J. NICHOLLS	" "
Pte F. WILLIAMS	"H.Q." Coy
Pte W. O'MARA	" "

- 3. TELEPHONE CALLS. Owing to the limited accommodation on the camp switchboard every effort is to be made to reduce the number of calls to a minimum. A directory has been issued and switch extensions must be asked for by number. The practice of making a call by name or appointment has been a burden to switchboard attendants.

- 4. ORDERLY OFFICERS' REPORT. Orderly Officers' reports must be handed in to B.H.Q. by 0900 hrs each day.

- 5. LOCAL LEAVE. In view of shortage of transport local leave is to be restricted to 10 per cent of strength of Coys.

- 6. DEFAULTERS. The undermentioned will attend all "Defaulters' Parades" as from Reveille on 13 Oct 40:-

VX 34996	Pte Elliott S. W.	"H.Q." Coy	- 14 days
VX 29998	Pte Vernon A.	"C" Coy	- 3 days
VX 34517	Pte Young J. B.	"E" Coy	- 7 days

- 7. ARMY DRIVING LICENCE - G 11. The following personnel have been tested for their Army driving licences (G 11) and found to be efficient:-

<u>Army No.</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Issued</u>	<u>Classes</u>
VX 47925	Major	TASKER H. McK.	24 Sep 40	1 and 11
VX 34666	Driver	BIRCHALL J. B.	24 Sep 40	1 and 11

H. McK. Tasker Major,
2 I/C, 2/24 Bn., A.I.F.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1 No. 41

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPONERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A.I.F.

1. DUTY ROSTER.

The following will mount duty at Retreat on the dates shown:-

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ORDERLY OFFICER</u>	<u>ORDERLY SGT</u>	<u>ORDERLY CPL</u>
14 Oct 40	LIEUT. WALKER	SGT McCONNELL	CPL GERAGHTY
15 Oct 40	LIEUT. CHRISTIE	SGT WILSHIRE	CPL DUFF
16 Oct 40	LIEUT. KELLY	CPL LAMBERT	L/CPL FITZPATRICK
17 Oct 40	LIEUT. RASH	CPL POIDEVIN	L/CPL GAZLARD
18 Oct 40	LIEUT. GRAY	SGT CATHERALL	CPL COOKE
19 Oct 40	LIEUT. CLOSE	SGT WILLIAMS A.	CPL FRY A.R.
20 Oct 40	LIEUT. ^{Christie} CLOSE	SGT WILSHIRE	CPL MACKIE

H. McK. Tasker Major,

2 I/C, 2/24 Bn., A.I.F.

NOTICE.

SOLDIERS' MOTION PICTURES

Arrangements have been made with the Y.M.C.A. to entertain troops at Bonegilla Camp on 14th and 15th Oct. - next Monday and Tuesday evenings. Further details may be available on Monday with the arrival of the Mobile Pictures Unit.

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Part 1

No. 42

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A.I.F.

1. PRIVATELY OWNED
CARS.

Permission to retain cars and cycles within the camp area is to be sought in writing, applications to be forwarded to B.H.Q. by 1800 hrs on 15 Oct 40. Owners of such vehicles are warned that cars and cycles are permitted to remain on Military premises at owners risk.

2. DEFAULTERS

The undermentioned will attend all "Defaulters' Parades" as from Reveille on 15 Oct 40:-

VX 33027 Pte Armstrong F.J.	- 7 days
VX 31055 Pte Cook J.W.E.	- 4 days
VX 24944 Pte Hocking T.	- 4 days
VX 32523 Pte Walpole	- 7 days

3. WATER SUPPLY.

Water Supply will be cut off from ablution benches in Block 9 from 0830 hrs Tues 15 Oct 40 to 0830 hrs 16 Oct 40.

4. WILLS.

Wills are to be completed and returned to B.H.Q. by 1100 hrs Thursday 17 Oct 40.

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R O U T I N E O R D E R S

Part 1

No. 43

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A.M.F.

1. COURT OF INQUIRY.

A Court of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned officers will assemble at B.H.Q. at 1100 hrs 16 Oct 40.

President: MAJOR H. McK. TASKER

Members: LIEUT. K. F. MOLLARD
LIEUT. J. SHELTON

The Court will enquire into the disappearance of one jacket S.D., officers pattern.

2. BLOOD TYPING.

Personnel of "D" Coy who have NOT been "blood typed" will parade at R.A.P. at 2000 hrs 15 Oct 40.

Personnel at present on leave and any others not yet typed will parade at R.A.P. at 0930 hrs Wed 16 Oct 40.

3. INOCULATION.

Personnel at present on leave and others who have not been vaccinated will parade at R.A.P. at 1400 hrs Wed 16 Oct 40.

All personnel who have yet to receive inoculations against typhoid will parade at R.A.P. at 1530 hrs Wed 16 Oct 40.

4. DENTAL TREATMENT.

Bn Orderly Cpl will march men for dental treatment to C.D.S. at 0845 hrs and 1345 hrs daily.

5. MISSING F 200.

A.A.F. F 200 belonging to VX 27184 PTE H. G. SHILTON has been lost and if found, is to be returned to "C" Coy office.

H. McK. Tasker Major,
2 I/C, 2/24 Bn., A.I.F.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1

No 44

by
LIEUT COL A SPOWERS D.S.O. M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A.I.F.

1. PAY BOOKS Pay books from A, D and E Coys will be handed in to R A P by 1930 hrs 16 Oct 40. In addition pay-books of personnel from other coys who have just returned from leave will be handed in at the R.A.P. at the same time.
2. UNIT SERIAL NO The Serial Number allotted this unit is 408. This number will appear on all unit baggage. Coy Cdrs will obtain instructions from B.H.Q. in connection with the stencilling of baggage.
3. LOSS OF PAY BOOK A pay-book belonging to VX 26765 CORLEY G. - 2/21 Bn has been lost. Coys will institute a search for this book and report to B.H.Q. accordingly.
4. TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS. The following arrangements for the conduct of Transport operating between Bonegilla Camp and Albury are hereby authorised:-
 1. Pick up and Set down places:
 - (a) South West entrance to Camp (Tovell Road). Park clear of roadway and up to 10 chains North of Murray Valley Highway.
 - (b) Wodonga.
 - (c) Albury via Wodonga to Wodonga Place and Smollett Street - To park in Smollett Street between Townsend and Kiewa Street, thence via Young Street to Hume Weir and return to Camp Park (Tovell Road). This is reversed when travelling without load.
 2. Dean Street is not to be used.
 3. One-way traffic to be observed:-
Loaded via Wodonga
Unloaded via Hume Weir
 4. Fare 2/- Return.
5. SCHOOLS AND COURSES. All schools and courses at present pending are forthwith cancelled.
6. INLYING PICQUET. The Duty Bn will supply an inlying picquet in Bonegilla Camp mounting at 1145 hours and dismounting at Retreat, consisting of 2 Sgts and 17 O/Rs. Dress will be Service Dress, hats, waistbelts, sidearms and gaiters. The 2 Sgts i/c picquet will report to B.H.Q. for instructions at 1100 hrs on the day on which they mount.
7. CAMP DUTIES. Reference B.R.O. No. 37 para 3 -
(1) On 17 Oct 40 this Bn will not be required to supply ALBURY town picquet but will supply the following additional duties:-

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(a) 3 postal orderlies instead of 2.

(b) 6 C/Rs to report to Supply Officer, Auxiliary Horse Transport Lines at 0900 hrs.

(11) On 27 Oct 40, 2/24 Bn will supply duties as ordered in B.R.O. No. 37 except that these duties will be amended and increased in accordance with sub-paras (a) and (b) above.

8. COURT OF INQUIRY.

A Court of Inquiry consisting of the under-mentioned officers will assemble at B.H.Q. at 1100 hrs on 17 Oct 40.

President: MAJOR H. McK. TASKER

Members: LIEUT. MOLLARD
LIEUT. WALKER

The Court will enquire into damage to rifle No. 91260 on issue to VX 23165 Pte Sherry P.R. "C" Coy. Necessray witnesses will attend at time laid down above.

9. ARMY DRIVING LICENCES.

The following personnel will be examined for Army Driving Licenses (Classes 1 and 11) on 16 Oct 40 by the Board constituted for the purpose (vide B.R.O. No. 23 para 2)

VX 34295 Pte Williams F.
VX 35300 Pte Collins F.J.
VX 34354 Pte Dorian M.A.

C. G. Weir Capt.,
Adjutant, 2/24 Bn., A.I.F.

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ROUTINEORDERS

PART 1

No. 46

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O.; M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION A.I.F.1. P.E. LEAVE.

Coys are to obtain from personnel returning from P.E. Leave, the combined pass and rail ticket issued to all ranks. These are to be checked and returned to B.H.Q. daily until completed. Coys will also render daily by 1000hrs numbers of personnel who have not returned from P.E. leave by due date.

2. ARTILLERY PRACTICE.

Notice is given that Artillery Firing Practice will be carried out on Table Top Artillery Range on 28, 29, 30, Oct 40. This area is to be regarded as a danger zone and will be out of bounds between the hours of 0900hrs on 28 Oct 40 and 1800hrs on 30 Oct 40.

3. DRIVING LICENCES.

Reference B.R.O. Pt 1. No 44. Para 9. the following having passed trials for Army Driving Licences as under.

VX.34295 Dvr. Williams F. Class 1.

VX.35300 " Collins F.J. " 2.

VX.34354 " Dorian M.A. " 2.

The following was tested on 18 Oct 40 and passed for Army Driving Licence as shown.

VX.34472 Dvr. McLay J.E. Class 1.

4. EMBUSSING POINT.

Personnel proceeding on leave to ALBURY or WODONGA will embus at the main entrance of the camp opposite the guard house being constructed. The safe bathing location in the Hume Weir for non swimmers has been altered. Coy Cdrs may peruse sketch at B.H.Q. of the new location.

5. BATHING.6. TRUNK LINE TELEPHONE SERVICE.

- In future all ranks will observe the following regulations with regard to trunk calls.
- (a) Conversations to be limited to three minutes.
 - (b) When a call has been lodged, the person making the call is to wait until it matures. If this is not possible, the operator is to be informed and the call cancelled.
 - (c) Personnel making trunk line Calls are not to enter into arguments with the telephone staff, as this causes unnecessary delay in the disposal of traffic.
 - (d) Trunk Line Calls whenever practicable, are to be lodged during the less busy periods.
 - (e) When booking calls the individual is to have the correct number, particular person required (if any) and correct change.

7. CHURCH PARADE

A Bn Church Parade will be held on Sunday 27 Oct 40 at 1000hrs.

The Bn will fall in on the Bn Parade Ground at 0950hrs.

Personnel wishing to attend R.C. Church Parade will report to Lieut ROSEL at B.H.Q. at 0845hrs.

8. SCHOOLS &
COURSES

The following Officers who attended No 2
O.T.S. (M.U.R.) received most favourable
report from the C I. for the period which
they were in attendance at the course.

VX.48603 Lieut ROSEL J.S.
VX.48600 " BRYANT G.A.

9. DUTY ROSTER.

Coy's will mount duty at retreat on dates
shown.

26 Oct 40	A	Coy.
27 " "	B	"
28 " "	C	"
29 " "	D	"
30 " "	H.Q.	"
31 " "	A	"
1 Nov "	B	"

Coy's will advise B.H.Q. by 0900hrs 27 Oct 40
names of orderly Officer, Orderly Sgt, and
Orderly Cpl for the dates on which they
mount duty.

C.G. WEIR. CAPT.
Adjutant 2/24 Bn
A.I.F.

27th Oct 40.

R O U T I N E

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PART 1

No. 47.

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS. D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION A.I.F.

1. PHOTOGRAPHS.

Coy's will prepare and check carefully a list of all Officers, N C O's, and O R's who have not yet been officially photographed. Such personnel will be paraded at a time and place to be appointed on Tuesday 5 Nov 40.

2. PRIVATE PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS ETC.

Attention is directed to the fact that personnel desiring of privately purchasing any Military Uniform, badge or emblem must produce a written certificate that he is an authorised person to wear the uniform etc. This certificate must be on the official headed stationery of the unit concerned and bear on the face of it the official unit stamp and registration number, and be signed by an Officer of the unit.

Members authorised to purchase uniforms etc, from private firms are to be informed of the necessity for the prior production of this certificate, which will show the number and nature of each article approved for purchase.

3. WILLS.

All ranks are reminded that Wills must be completed and forwarded to B.E.Q. by 31 Oct 40. If a soldier has already made a will he must notify the whereabouts of the will to B.E.Q. in writing.

All wills must be in envelopes AAF. A131, sealed and endorsed with Personnel or (army) number, Rank, name in full and unit.

4. DUTY ROSTER.

The following amendment to B.R.C. Pt. 1. No. 46. Para. 9. is to be made.

30 Oct 40	"A"	Coy	in lieu of H.Q. Coy
31 "	" "B"	" "	" " " A. Coy
1 Nov "	"C"	" "	" " " B. "

The following will mount at retreat on dates shown.

26. Oct. 40.
27. " . "
28. " . "
29. " . "
30. " . "
31. " . "
1. Nov. "

ORDERLY OFFICERS.

Lieut. Canty.
" . Bryant
" . Rosel.
" . Oakley.
" . Close.
" . Christie.
" . Shelton.

ORDERLY SGT.

Sgt. Russell.
" . Wilshire
Cpl. Doughty
Sgt. Wilkie.
" . Levett
" . Monk.
Cpl. Smith.

ORDERLY CPL.

Cpl. Burge.
" . Mackie.
L/Cpl. Wakeham.
Cpl. McKenzie.
" . Nicholson.
" . Bell.
L/Cpl. McGrath.

5. COMPLETION OF FIRING PRACTICE.

Firing practice will be carried out at new Albury Rifle Range on 28 Oct 40. Administrative instruction No 5 issued with this order contains all details in this connection.

C. G. WEIR. CAPT.
Adjutant 2/24 Bn A.I.F.

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PART 1

NO 47.

by

L.T. COL. SPOWERS. D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION A.I.F.

COMPLETION OF FIRING PRACTICE.

1. D Coy and E Coy will complete practice on the new Albury Range on Tuesday 29 Oct 40, in accordance with numbers submitted by Coy's as follows.

D Coy	25
E "	17

Reveille for the above will be at 0515 Hrs and breakfast at 0530 hrs. They will parade at M.T. park at 0600 hrs.

Practices will be commanded by Capt Bird and aiming instruction will be given to personnel not actually firing by W.O.11 Dalton.

BUTT PARTY.

D Coy will supply a butt party of 12 men, who will report to Lieut Oakley at M.T. Park at 0530 hrs. Ammunition and necessary stores will be drawn by Capt Bird.

RETURN.

All personnel will depart from Range at 1200 hrs for return to camp.

AUDIT OF PAY BOOKS.

An Auditing staff will be in attendance at B.H.Q. on 29 Oct 40 for the purpose of auditing all pay books. This is an essential part of pre-embarkation routine. Coy's will call in all pay books immediately.

C.G. WEIR. CAPT.
Adjutant 2/24 Bn A.I.F.

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1

No. 49

by

LIEUT. COL. A. SPOWERS D.S.O., M.C., COMMANDING 2/24 BATTALION, A.I.F.1. COMPLETION OF
FIRING PRACTICE.

"B" and "D" Coys will complete practices on New ALBURY Range on Wed 30 Oct 40 in accordance with numbers submitted by Coys as follows:-

"B" Coy - 32

"D" Coy - 15

Reveille for the above will be at 0515 hrs and breakfast at 0515 hrs. Personnel to fire will report at M.T. Park at 0600 hrs.

Practices will be commanded by Capt Andersen and aiming instruction will be given to personnel not actually firing by W.C. (11) McKenzie.

Each coy will supply a butt party of 6 men who will report to Lieut Rash at M.T. Park at 0530 hrs.

All personnel will depart from Range at 1200 hrs for return to camp.

"A" Coy will complete practice on Wed 30 Oct 40. 52 S/Rs will mess at 1100 hrs and report to M.T. Park at 1130 hrs for tpt to Range. Major Fell will command the practices and Lieut Close will be in command of butts.

2. PERSONNEL
AWAITING DISCHARGE.

All coys will notify B.H.Q. by 1000 hrs 30 Oct 40, of names etc. of all men who are awaiting discharge.

Nominal rolls of such personnel will be sent to B.H.Q. indicating for what reasons discharges are pending; i.e. Medically unfit, compassionate grounds, under or over age etc.

The nominal rolls of those awaiting medical boards will be endorsed by the R.M.C. with the reasons for which they are to be boarded.

3. CAMP ROUTINE.

The following alterations to Camp Routine as from 29 Oct 40 are to be noted:-

Roll Call - 0620 hrs

Breakfast - 0700 hrs

First Parade - 0800 hrs

Parades End - 1630 hrs

Other times remain unaltered except that there will be no P.T. parade before breakfast.

4. ARMY DRIVING
LICENCES.

The following will be tested in Classes 1 and 11 for Army Driving Licence G 11 at a time and place fixed by the Board constituted for this purpose

VX 34795 Pte Riley L.

VX 34846 Pte Aitken S.W.

VX 34260 Pte Mackwell J.

5. COURT OF
ENQUIRY.

A Court of Enquiry consisting of the undermentioned officers will assemble at B.H.Q. at 1000 hrs on 30 Oct 40:-

President - Major H. McK. TASKER

Members - Capt L. E. ANDERSEN

Capt E. BALLENEU

- (a) The Court will inquire into and report on damage to Car D.S. No. M 2197 on 17 Oct 40 on charge to H. G. 26 Aust Inf Bde.
The Court will state in its report whether the damage was due to neglect of duty, or other offence, on the part of any person.
- (b) The Court will also enquire into the circumstances of injuries suffered by VX 34295 Dvr Williams F., the driver of the car.
The Court will investigate the causes of the injury and whether and to what extent (if any) neglect, misconduct, carelessness or failure to observe any Act, regulation, order or instruction on the part of any person, caused, contributed to or aggravated the injuries.
The Court will obtain necessary medical evidence and will report on the facts it considers proved both in relation to the cause of injury and to the question whether the injury was contracted on duty.
Lieut. Nathan will assemble the necessary witnesses.

C.G. Weir Capt.,
Adjutant, 2/24 Bn., A.I.F.

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BONEGILLA

30 Oct 40.

R O U T I N E O R D E R S

Part 1 No. 50

by

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1. RETURN OF EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING STORES All slings, rifle, leather and all Lewis Guns will be returned to Bn Q.M. Store by 1000 hrs Saturday 2 Nov 40.
2. ARMY DRIVING LICENCES. Personnel referred to B.R.O. Pt 1 No 49 have been tested and passed for Army Driving Licences - Class 1.
3. CASUALTIES. Coys are again reminded that all casualties are to be notified immediately to B.H.Q. In this connection attention is directed to B.R.O. Pt 1 No 13 para 5.
4. MARKING OF KITS. "A" Coy will arrange to draw stencils, paints and brushes from Q.M. on 31 Oct 40 and will complete branding of Bags, Kit, Universal and Bags, Kit, Sea. Each will be stencilled with No., Name, Unit Serial No. and Index Letter indicating coy. This letter will be stencilled on the base of the bags. Stencils will be immediately passed on in order to "B", "C", "D", "E" and "H.Q" Coys when work is completed and in any case by 0900 hrs on the day following.

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N O T I C E.

A kit-bag branded W.S. DONEHUE VX 40071 was left in leave train on Monday 28 Oct 40 and was found on arrival at Bonegilla.
A Hat was also found.
Owners may have same on application to B.H.Q.

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2/24 BN ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 1.

RANGE PRACTICES

1. RANGE PRACTICES will be fired at ALBURY and WODONGA Rifle Ranges as follows:-

"H.Q." Coy	Thurs	10	Oct	40
"A" Coy and B.H.Q.	Frid	11	Oct	40
"B" Coy	Sat	12	Oct	40
"C" Coy	Mon	14	Oct	40
"D" Coy	Tues	15	Oct	40
"E" Coy	Wed	16	Oct	40

2. The following practices will be fired:-

PRACTICE	RANGE (Yds)	ROUNDS	DETAIL	REMARKS
Grouping	100	5	Lying	
Application	100	5	"	
Application	200	5	"	Two sighters not to count
Application	300	5	"	Two sighters not to count
Rapid	300	10	Lying, rifle loaded with one charger	

3. If time permits, repetitions will be allowed to obtain required classification, i.e. 50% of H.P.S. (including classification in spg).

4. Coy Comds will inform B.H.Q. by 0900 hrs on day prior to firing of estimated tpt requirements.

5. AMMUNITION will be drawn by C.Q.H.S. before 1500 hrs on day prior to day on which practices are to be fired.

6. The Coy next in order will supply a butt party of 1 officer, 2 N C Os and 10 men. O.C. butt party will be responsible for drawing targets, marking discs, spotting discs, patches, paste and brushes, flags and ground sheets for both ranges (i.e. 10 frames in all) and will leave 1 N C O and 4 men together with sufficient equipment for 4 frames at WODONGA range.

W.O. (1) SPRING will be in charge of WODONGA butt party.

7. The following time-table will be observed by coy proceeding to range:-

Reveille	0500 hrs
Breakfast	0530 "
Depart by H.T.	0600 "

Butt party will depart by H.T. at 0530 hrs.

8. MESSING:- One cook will proceed to WODONGA and one to ALBURY at 1000 hrs. C.Q.H.Ss will ensure that adequate messing arrangements are made.

9. Dress will be ordered by Coy Comds.

10. Coys will arrange to draw butt cards C 2 and C 3 from B.H.Q. and also Record of Range Practices AAF C 10.

11. At the conclusion of each day's shooting coys will immediately render to B.H.Q. certificate AAF C 7.

12. Range and firing point discipline and safety precautions will be strictly observed vide S.A.T. Vol 1 Pamp 1.

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PRE-EMBARKATION LEAVE.

1. PERIOD OF LEAVE. Pre-embarkation leave is granted to 2/24 Bn commencing 18 Oct 40 and is designed to allow each soldier six full days at his home.
2. TRAINS. The Bn will travel by trains as under:-
(a) Personnel whose homes are in Tasmania:-
Entrain at EBDEN - Train leaves at 0745 hrs, arrives WODONGA 0815 hrs, leaves WODONGA 0820 hrs.
(b) Personnel who are to connect with country trains from Melbourne on evening of 18 Oct 40:-
Entrain at Bonegilla - Train leaves at 1030 hrs, arrives MELBOURNE 1630 hrs.
(c) Balance of personnel to proceed on leave:-
Entrain at BONEGILLA. Train leaves 1155 hrs, arrives MELBOURNE 1800 hrs.
3. LEAVE PASSES. Combined rail and leave passes will be issued by Coys in accordance with instructions already issued. Books will be returned to B.H.Q. when passes have been completed and issued.
Leave passes will be handed in to Coys by soldiers on return from leave.
Coy will note carefully that any alteration whatever to a leave and rail pass will render it invalid.
4. TASMANIA PERSONNEL. Personnel mentioned in para 2 (a) above will report to Major Tasker at B.H.Q. at 1700 hrs 17 Oct 40 and will receive rail warrants from Tasmanian port of disembarkation to home stations and return.
On reaching Melbourne on 18 Oct 40 they will report to R.T.C. Spencer Street and obtain warrants (sea travel) to Tasmanian ports.
5. PERSONNEL N.S.W. & Q'LAND Details concerning these personnel will be promulgated to coys as soon as they are available.
6. W.A. PERSONNEL Soldiers whose homes are in Western Australia will not proceed on leave until further orders.
7. RETURN FROM LEAVE. Personnel returning from leave on 25 Oct 40 will entrain at Spencer Street at 1930 hrs.
They will fall in in Spencer Street opposite Bourke Street at 1900 hrs.
Balance of personnel, including those whose homes are in N.S.W., will return on 28 Oct 40.
There will be no return movement from Melbourne to Bonegilla on Sunday 27 Oct 40.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE. Coys will render to B.H.Q. by 1700 hrs 17 Oct 40 without fail details of numbers travelling by each train scheduled in sub-paras (a), (b) and (c) of para 1 of this instruction.
9. LEAVE CONDUCTING STAFF.
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| C.O. Train (1030 hrs) | Capt. Bird |
| Entraining and Detraining Officer | Lieut. Oakley |
| Leave Conducting Officers | " Ebell |
| | " Rash |
| | " Close |
- Personnel travelling on this train will parade on Bn Parade Ground at 0945 hrs.
14 N C Os will be appointed by B.H.Q. as leave conducting N C Os and will report to O.C. Train on this parade.

Please turn over.

O.C. Train (1155 hrs)
Entraining and Detraining Officer
Leave Conducting Officers

Major Blanksby
Lieut. Meighan
Lieut. Snell
" Hawke
" Gray
" Kelly

18 N C Os will be appointed by O.C. Train and will be selected by him on Bn Parade which is ordered for 1100 hrs.

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O.C. Train (1930 hrs)
Entraining and Detraining Officer
Leave Conducting Officers

Capt. Andersen
Lieut. Bryant
Lieut. Rosel
" Kelly
" Ebell
" Oakley
" Serle
" Nathan
" Mollard

All N C Os will, under the command of O.C. Train, act in capacity of leave conducting N C Os.

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2/24th Bn. A.I.F. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 5.

COMPLETION OF SHOOTING PRACTICES 28th Oct 40.

PERSONNEL TO FIRE.

1. Personnel to fire will be in accordance with numbers submitted by Coy's as under:-

H.Q. Coy	20.
A. "	12.
B. "	6.
C. "	48.
<u>Total.</u>	<u>86.</u>

ALLOTMENT OF RANGE.

2. H.Q., A. and B., Coy's will fire on the morning of 28th Oct 40 and C., Coy in the afternoon.

REVEILLE AND, BREAKFAST.

3. Reveille for personnel to fire in the morning will be at 0515hrs and breakfast at 0530hrs Butt party referred to in para 4 will breakfast at 0500hrs. Breakfast will be prepared in H.Q. Coy's Mess Hut.

BUTT PARTY.

4. A butt party commanded by Lt Snell and consisting of 12 O.R.'s detailed by "H" Coy will report ready to depart to Lt Snell at M.T. Park B.H.Q. at 0530hrs.

TIME OF DEPARTURE.

5. Those to fire in the morning will parade at M.T. Park at 0600hrs.

AMMUNITION.

6. Major Blankaby, who will be in command of the practices in the morning will arrange to draw sufficient ammunition for the whole days shooting, and will hand over the unexpended portion to Capt Budge at 1200hrs at Albury Rifle Range. Officers I/C practices will render AAF.07 on completion of shooting.

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF:

7. W.O.11. McNamara will supervise aiming and firing instruction at the range in the morning, for personnel not actually firing and W.O.11. Morrison will carry out similar duties in the afternoon.

TRANSPORT.

8. The T.O. will arrange and co-ordinate the use of available transport in accordance with this administrative instruction. 1 U.F. 12cwt, less driver will be available from H.Q. 26 Aust Inf Bde Albury in addition to Bn transport.

TIME OF RETURN.

9. Personnel of morning party will depart from the range at 1200hrs.

"C" Coy PERSONNEL.

10. Personnel of "C" Coy to fire in the afternoon will mess at 1200hrs and depart from M.T. Park B.H.Q. at 1230hrs. They will be accompanied by a butt party of 12 O.R.'s, also from "C" Coy, under the command of Lt Rosel.

The afternoon practice will be commanded by Capt Budge.

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EMBARKATION, -----PREPARATION FOR

1. PACKING OF STORES, ETC, FOR SHIPMENT:

- (a) War Equipment 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, which can be readily damaged by rough handling. All Units for embarkation should ascertain as early as possible their requirements of packing cases, etc., and requisition for same on D.A.D.S.O.S.
- (b) It is of the utmost importance that particular attention is paid to the packing of all stores, etc., and only STRONG and SOUND cases or crates, preferably bound with hoop iron or wire, are used.
- (c) The weight of packages should not exceed one hundredweight or otherwise difficulty is experienced in transshipment at Port of Disembarkation.
- (d) Unit serial numbers, code number of ship, and/or distinguishing marks must be clearly shown on two ends and one side of all packages.
- (e) Stores "Wanted on Voyage" should be clearly marked if convenient stowage is required. Special "Wanted on Voyage" labels have been printed and have been lodged with Commands for distribution. The Embarkation Staff cannot accept responsibility for accessible stowage of "Wanted on Voyage" stores in the absence of the distinguishing labels referred to.
- (f) The S.S.T.O. is authorized to reject any stores for shipment, which, in his opinion, are insufficiently packed. Broken or damaged cases or crates of stores will also be rejected for shipment.

2. STORES FOR TRAINING ON VOYAGE:

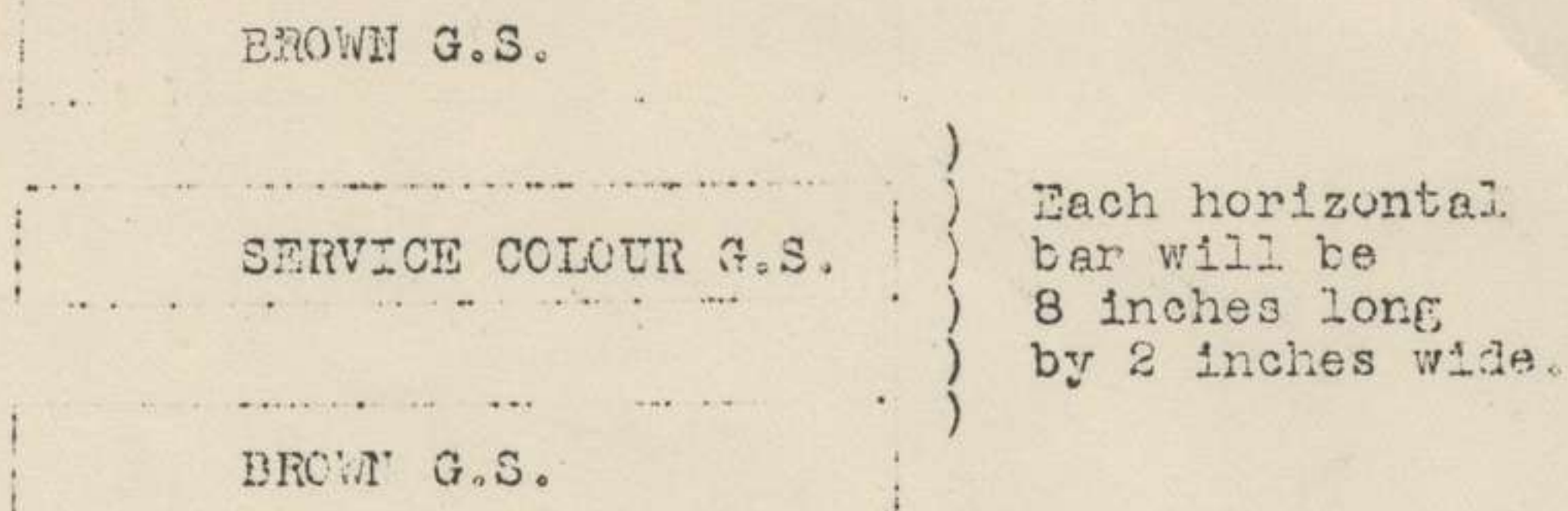
- (a) Special arrangements will be made on board transports for accomodation of stores required for training purposes on voyage.
- (b) Where such stores comprise portions of the Unit's War Equipment or are specially provided from Ordnance Depots, they are to marked with "Wanted on Voyage" labels.

3. MARKING OF UNIT WAR EQUIPMENT AND BAGGAGE:

- (a) In order to facilitate loading, clearing of ship and disposal of troops on landing, each package or article of a Unit's war equipment and baggage will, in addition to bearing the serial number of the Unit, be painted with distinguishing colour lines. The colours denoting this unit will be as follows:-

The serial number "408" (2" high) in white paint on dark packages and black paint on light packages, will be placed above these lines. For example:-

"408"



At least three marks will be used on each article, usually on each end and one on one side of a box or case, etc. Articles carried uncased or which it would be otherwise impracticable to mark will have securely attached to them a wooden tally with distinguishing marks painted on each side.

The titles of units will not appear on any unit war equipment or baggage. When the title of the unit has been placed on baggage for any peace time purpose, it will be painted out when the above system is put into operation. UNIVERSAL AND SEA KIT BAGS WILL BE MARKED WITH SERIAL NUMBER ONLY.

4. UNIT STATIONERY.

No stationery will be provided for units on board transports. A sufficient supply will be arranged beforehand. Packages of stationery will be clearly marked with Unit serial No. and distinguishing mark and "Unit Stationery for use on Voyage" Packages will accompany Officers' Baggage.

5. PREVENTION OF EMBARKATION.

Prevention of Embarkation of unauthorized persons, animals or articles will be ensured. The following will NOT be allowed to Embark:-

- Personnel, Animals or Vehicles in excess of Unit Establishments.
- Dogs, pets, or living mascots.
- Explosives, other than ammunition or service explosives.
- Intoxicants.- Officers and soldiers are prohibited from taking or receiving on board any wines, spirits, or Malt Liquors.

6. CAMERAS.

The use of Cameras, except by persons acting under specific authority during embarkation is forbidden.

7. MAILS.

All ranks are to note that the following is a correct example of how to address mail to soldiers while absent from Australia:

VX 1569 Pte DIGGER, A.
"B" Company,
2/24 Battalion,
Australian Imperial Force,
ABROAD.

The surname should be in block letters and the title of the unit as well as the words "Australian Imperial Force" must be shown in full.

Postal articles not bearing postage stamps and not exceeding four ounces in weight, posted by members of the A.I.F. at sea during transportation to destination and while serving abroad, will be delivered in Australia and its Territories free of any postage charge to the addressee. The concession will not, however, apply as regards:-

- (a) The registration fee on registered articles.
- (b) The postage on registered or unregistered articles exceeding four ounces in weight and
- (c) Articles for transmission by Air Mail.

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