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2/27 Infantry Battalion

December 1940 - March 1941

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
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(Adapted.)

UNIT. 2 nd.. Refs.. 2/27. Btn. DATE AND TIME. --From. 15 Dec. 40.....To... 24 Mar. 41.....

PLACE.	DATE.	HOUR.	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, Etc.
Wayville S.A.	14 Dec. 40	0900	Unit formed from members of 2 I.T.D. personnel Wayville.	
Wayville S.A.	15 Dec. 40	0001	Proceed on embarkation leave.	
Wayville S.A.	28 Dec. 40	0600	Lieut. Dean A.C. marched in from 2/27 Btn. (vide unit duties 2 I.T.D.)	
Wayville S.A.	20 Jan. 40	0900	SX10999 Lieut S.J. Jacobs marched in from 27th. Militia. Draft warned of departure for Woodside.	
Wayville S.A.	21 Jan. 41	1000	Entrained Keswick for Woodside. Arrived Woodside 1230. Came under command of Maj. F. Cawley M.C. as No. 3 Coy. of Reinforcement Unit No. 4.	
Woodside	22 Jan 41		This period was spent in completing preparations for embarkation. with such training as time permitted. All deficiencies of equipment and personal issues were remedied. Inoculations and records were completed. Training was confined to route marches elementary field craft and complete bayonet recapit. with stores lent by the 10th. Battalion.	
Woodside.	3 Feb 41	1400	Muster parade,	
Woodside	4 Feb 41	1430	Marched out Woodside and entrained Oakbank for port of embarkation.	
Port Melbourne	5 Feb.	1000	Arrived wharf and duly embarked on H.M.A.T. MX3. Sailed 1400, lay in Port Phillip Bay overnight.	
	6 Feb 41		Sailed 0600. Joined convoy at 1800.	
	7/9 Feb.		At sea. Allotted to Group 6, under Maj. Chambers, 7 Div. Cav. in organization of troops.	
	10/11 Feb		At Fremantle. Shore leave granted each day 1400 - 2359 hrs.	
	12 Feb.	1330	Departed Fremantle	

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	12/21 Feb.		At sea. Lectures and ^{only} restricted training possible.	
	22 Feb.	1100	Arrived Bombay.	
Bombay	23 Feb.	0700	Disembarked from MX3. Arrived wharf 1030. Unloaded stores on to train. Departed to Deolali 1700. Arrived 2330.	
Deolali	24 Feb to 9 Mar.		In camp at Deolali. Hygienic conditions not very satisfactory. Considerable sickness limited training.	
	10 Mar.	2130	Marched out Deolali. Entrained at 2230. One personnel remained in hospital.	
	11 Mar.	0630	Arrived Bombay. Embarked H.M.T. 322 at 1100 hrs. Lay in roads overnight.	
	12 Mar.		Absent member rejoined Unit. Sailed in Convoy at 1400 hrs.	
	13/22 Mar.		At sea. Bren Gun school under British Sergeants and Medical lectures.	
	22 Mar.	1900	Arrived Port Suez.	
	24 Mar.	1500	Disembarked H. M. T. 322 for destination.	

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21 Feb 2/27 Bn*