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23 Infantry Brigade
July - September 1940

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

Unit 23 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 1 Jul

To 31 Jul 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Melbourne	1 Jul		Date of official formation of 23 Inf Bde. Appointment of Brig E. F. LIND C.B.E. D.S.O. V.D. as Bde Comd and Major E. L. SHEEHAN as Bde Maj.	<div style="position: relative; height: 100%;"> <div style="position: absolute; top: 0; right: 0; transform: rotate(90deg); font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">23</div> <div style="position: absolute; top: 0; right: 0; transform: rotate(90deg); font-size: 1.5em;">July 1940.</div> </div>
			Bn Comds approved by Mil Sec. 2/21 Bn Lt-Col L. N. Roach	
			M.C. E.D. 2/22 Bn Lt-Col H. Carr 2/40 Bn Lt-Col G.A.D.	
			Youl M.C.	
			Bde H.Q. established with 7 Div H.Q. in ⁷ Block Victoria	
			Barracks temporarily.	
			Bn Comds with selection committee Southern Comd	
	2 Jul		Capt G. J. Arnold 24/39 Bn reported for duty from A.H.Q.	
			but still carrying out duties at A.H.Q.	
			C O 2/40 Bn reported from TASMANIA.	
			Bn formed with H.Q. H.Q. Coy and A Coy in TASMANIA and	
			B. C. and D. Coys in Victoria.	

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2112
(adapted.)

Unit 23 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 1 Jul To 31 Jul 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	2 Jul	1100hrs	Conference with Brig i/c Adm Southern Command re Camp Sites in SEYMOUR AREA.	2029
	3 Jul		Tables for move to Camp Sites arranged.	
	4 Jul		23 A Tk Coy formed with Capt Matheson O.C. and Lieuts Clark, Chinn and MacDonald as sub alterns.	
	8 Jul		Lieut Ashkanasy appointed as Liaison Offr.	2029 1940.
	11 Jul		Adv Parties moved to Camp at ROKEBY, SEYMOUR.	
			Capt Peverill appointed as Liaison Offr.	
	15 Jul		Brig and BM marched into camp at ROKEBY.	
ROKEBY	15 Jul		Bde drafts moved into Camp.	
			Transport available 10 30cwt trucks for whole area.	
			All 8 Div units in SEYMOUR area under command 23 Inf Bde for administration.	

3rd District Records		
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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)



Army Form C.2116
(adapted.)

Unit 23 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 1 Jul To 31 Jul 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ROKBY	17 Jul		Further drafts of units and Bde H.Q. reached Camp.	
	17 Jul		Conference with Brig Christenson, Area Commandant, Seymour.	
	19 Jul		Drafts marched in bring 2/21 Bn within 50 of war strength	
			and 2/22 Bn up to 600. This Bn unable to bring in more	
			owing to lack of accommodation.	
	21 Jul		Bde H.Q. occupied with administration particularly the	
			difficulty of obtaining adequate accommodation for units in	
			these camps which were originally intended for summer	
			bivouacs.	
	24 Jul		Bde Comd and Staff Capt to Melbourne on administrative	
			difficulties.	
	29 Jul		Inspection of Camp Site No. 2 prior to move in of 2/9 Fd Amb	
			at present cramped in C.D.S.	

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2116
(adapted.)

Unit 23 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 1 Jul To 31 Jul 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	30 Jul		Bde Comd and Bde Maj visit 2/40 Bn in Hobart. Notification that det of 2/40 Bn in SEYMOUR is to be transferred to 26 Bde necessitated visit. Officers to remain in 23 Bde and men to be transferred.	
	31 Jul		Conference with selection Committee 6 M.D. Selection of balance of officers for 2/40 Bn and arrangements for transfer of officers on one Coy. Maj Pond and Major Campbell to Tasmania.	
	31 Jul		One car D.S. taken on strength - the first motor car in the Bde.	
			<i>E. A. Thurman</i> Maj	
			BM 23 Aust Inf Bde.	

Headquarters,
23 Aust. Inf. Bde.
"Rokeby" Seymour.
12 July, 1940.

ROUTINE ORDERPART 1.NUMBER 1.

by BRIGADIER E.F. LIND, C.B.E., D.S. ., V.D.
Commanding 23rd Australian Infantry Brigade.

RECORDS.

1. Detailed instructions in relation to the submission of records are being forwarded by mail to-day from 3rd District Records office, Melbourne.
2. The instructions contained therein will operate as from Monday, 15th July, 1940.
3. Until that date, casualty returns will be submitted in duplicate direct to D.R.O.
4. No other statistical returns are required prior to Monday, 15th July, 1940.
5. Units will ensure that A.F. W3006 is submitted on and after Monday on the dates specified at the time required.

SUPPLIES.

6. Owing to the shortage of A.S.C. transport, arrangements have been made with Supply Officer, Southern Command, A.A.S.C., Old Camp site, Seymour, that Units will advise him by telephone before 0900 hours each day of the number of rations required for the third day following. This figure should make allowance for expected reinforcements.
7. A.A. B55 will be forwarded in duplicate daily to Supply Officer, A.S.C., by D.R. on his routine run.
8. When better transport facilities are available to the Supply Officer, the normal procedure for submission of A.B. 55s will be adopted.

PAY.

9. Camp pay office has been opened on the Old Camp site under the charge of Lieut. Warne.
10. Units will requisition by 1100 hours Monday, 15th July, 1940, and fortnightly thereafter on Mondays, for the cash which they require for pay. Such will be drawn from pay office on the following Thursday.
11. An indication of the amount required per head can be obtained from this Headquarters, and allowance should be made for estimated increase in strength occurring during each pay period.
12. One copy of W.F. 123, requisition for cash, is available at this Headquarters if units have not already stocks of this form.
13. Claims for subsistence allowance for personnel who were taken on strength prior to their movement into camp are to be submitted to Camp Paymaster by 1000 hours, Tuesday, 16th July, 1940, and are to cover the full period for which subsistence is allowable. It is to be understood that subsistence is not payable when quarters and rations are provided.

- COMMUNICATIONS. 14. Area Command has already issued to Units time-table of a D.R.L.S. within the area. In addition to this service, any official mail for Melbourne delivered to Signal Office Area Command prior to 1400 hours each day will be delivered in Melbourne that night.
15. Telephone communications are being re-arranged and complete information on this subject will be given at a later date.

LEAVE.

16. No Melbourne leave will be granted this week-end, but Units may grant local leave for a period not exceeding 12 hours to 25 per cent of their strength each day on either Saturday, 13th, or Sunday, 14th July.

LEAVE (Contd.) 17. Units will keep a strict roster of leave granted and will ensure that each individual is inspected before proceeding on leave and that he possesses a leave-pass stating the time and date of both commencement and end of leave.
18. All applications for week end leave should be in Regimental office not later than the Tuesday prior to the week end for which leave is required.
19. Instructions as to the percentage of week end leave which may be granted will be issued later.

PRIVATE CARS. 20. Permission is given for C.O's. to use their discretion in granting permission to individual members of their Units to bring their own cars into camp, but such cars are to be placed on unit lines immediately on arrival in camp and are not to be permitted to leave those lines without a special car leave-pass which will be in addition to the leave-pass held by the driver.

RAIL MOVEMENT ON LEAVE. 21. Attention is directed to Area Command Routine Order, Part 1, Number 43, dated the 11-7-1940 and instructions set out under paragraph headed 'Tickets', sub-paragraph 'B' headed 'A.I.F. Seymour Camp Sites & Administrative Units'.

GUARDS. 22. 2/21 Bn. will maintain a guard, 1 N.C.O. 6 O.Ranks, on camp site 25 until further instructions.

TRANSPORT. 23. Attention of Units is drawn to the fact that A.F.F. G.I's are to be submitted daily for transport required on the following day.
24. Military speed limits and road spacings will be strictly observed.

G. J. Arnold.
Captain.
Staff Captain 23 Aust. Inf. Bde.

DISTRIBUTION.
2/21 Bn.
2/22 Bn.
40 Bn. (2)
8 Div. Cav.
2/11 Fd. Reg.
2/10 Fd. Coy.
23 Anti-tank Coy.
2/9 Fd. Amb.
B Coy. 2/3 M.G. Bn.
Comd.
B.M.
C.Q.M.S.
8 Div.
D.A.Q.M.G. 8 Div.
Area Command
S.C. A.A.S.C.
Notice Board
File

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Headquarters,
23 Aust. Inf. Bde.
"Rokeby", Seymour.
14th July, 1940.

ROUTINE ORDER

PART 1.

NUMBER 2.

by BRIGADIER E.F. LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D.
Commanding 23rd Australian Infantry Brigade.

MAIL

ARRANGEMENTS.

1. Commencing Monday, 15th July, 1940, H.Q. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde. are arranging to pick up and deliver mail from and to camp post offices Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. The location of these post offices is as follows -
 1. Camp Site No. 2, Nagambie Road
 2. Camp Site No. 30, 2/40 Bn.
 3. Old Camp Site
 4. Camp Site No. 29, 2/22 Bn.
 5. Camp Site No. 25A, 2/21 Bn.
2. Units will make arrangements for the delivery of mail to these camp post offices prior to 0900 hours daily for delivery of outgoing mail.
3. Incoming mail will be available at these post offices after 1330 hours each day.
4. Whilst Units will ensure delivery of outgoing mail to camp post offices prior to 0900 hours daily, incoming mail will not be available at camp post offices until late in the evening of Monday 15th, Wednesday 17th, and Friday 19th July, 1940, owing to the fact that all trucks will be required in the early part of the day for transport of troops arriving on those dates.

RETURNS.

5. 3rd D.R.O. have advised that instructions have been forwarded to all Units in relation to the submission of returns and also instructions as to additional information required daily on A.A.F. W3006. If these instructions have not been received, this office is to be advised in writing at once.
6. Units will telephone to Bde. Headquarters between the hours of 0830 and 0900 daily their Strength state, vide A.A.F. W3006, and will then forward one copy to this office by D.R., the other copy to be forwarded direct to D.R.O. by the same D.R.

ENGINEER'S SERVICES.

7. All improvements or additions required to camp sites will be asked for on A.A.F. P.4, and the requisition will be forwarded direct to Brigade Headquarters.

AREA COMMAND.

8. Units will not deal direct with Area Command on any matter.

INDENTS.

9. Units will ensure that indents for supplies for expected reinforcements are submitted on time to Supply Officer, Seymour.

E. F. Lind
Captain.

Staff Captain 23 Aust. Inf. Bde.

DISTRIBUTION.

2/21 Bn.	Comd.
2/22 Bn.	B.M.
2/40 Bn. (2)	C.Q.M.S.
8 Div. Cav. Regt.	8 Div.
2/11 Fd. Regt.	D.A.Q.M.G. 8 Div.
2/10 Fd. Coy.	Area Command
23 A.Tk. Coy.	S.C. A.A.S.C.
2/9 Fd. Amb.	Notice Board
'B' Coy. 2/3 M.G. Bn.	File

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde
"Rokeby" Seymour.
26 Jul 40.

ROUTINE ORDER

PART 1.

NUMBER 3.

by BRIGADIER E.F. LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D.
Commanding 23 Australian Infantry Brigade.

INOCULATION.

1. Inoculation of 8 Div troops in the Seymour area will commence next week and will be carried out by the following Officers who have already been detailed by C.O. 2/9 Fd Amb. -

Major Burston	Bde H.Q.
Capt. Akeroyd	R.M.O. 2/22
Capt. Aitken	R.M.O. 2/21
Capt. Hardy	R.M.O. 2/11
Capt. Park	R.M.O. 2/9
Capt. Anderson	R.M.O. 2/9

2. Inoculation will be carried out according to the following time-table -

2/22 Bn. - Camp site 29 - 29 Jul 40, 1400 hours

2/40 Bn. -) Camp site 30B - 29 Jul 40, 1600 hours
23 A.Tk Coy)

H.Q. 23 Bde - Camp site 30B - 29 Jul 40, 1645 hours

2/21 Bn. - Camp site 25A - 30 Jul 40, 1400 hours

2/11 Fd Regt - Old camp site - 31 Jul 40, 1400 hours

2/3 M.G. Bn - Camp site 25A - 31 Jul 40, 1600 hours

2/10 Fd Coy. - Camp site 25 - 31 Jul 40, 1630 hours

8 Div Cav Regt - under arrangements made by C.O. 8 Div Cav Regt in conjunction with Capt. Burnside

8 Div Pet Coy - instructions will be issued later.

3. R.M.Os. of each unit will be responsible for unit medical arrangements and that adequate supplies of T.A.B. vaccine are available.

4. Capt. J.F. Park, R.M.O. 2/9 Fd Amb, will be responsible for requisitions, syringes, needles and adrenalin.

5. C.Os. should arrange adequate rest after inoculation.

6. Each unit will prepare a nominal roll in accordance with the pro forma shown as Appendix A to this order. This nominal roll to be handed in duplicate to R.M.O. prior to the time-table laid down for inoculation. Men should be formed up ready for inoculation in the order of the nominal roll.

7. Bde T.O. will arrange transport of medical officers.

DENTAL RECORDS

8. Each unit will submit to Major Scrivenor, Dental Corps, a copy of their nominal roll. One clerk will report to Major Scrivenor at the C.D.S. with this copy of the nominal roll in his possession at 1000 hours on Tuesday 30 Jul 40 for the purpose of dissecting dental record cards A.F. I.5033.

9. 2/9 Fd Amb will arrange to supply these clerks with a midday meal if the work cannot be completed in the morning.

10. Bde T.O. will arrange transport to pick up and return these clerks.

DUTY UNIT

11. Appendix B shows a list detailing units as Bde duty unit.

12. During their tour of duty, which will be from 0001 to 2400 hours, units will supply any Bde duties required.

13. Until further notice, piquets and patrols detailed in Appendix C of these orders will be supplied by the duty unit.

DUTY UNIT
(contd.)

14. Units will advise Bde T.O. 48 hours in advance of their transport requirements to fulfil these duties. Where units have transport on their own charge, such transport is to be used.

15. O.C. Seymour town piquet will be considered to be in charge of all piquets and will submit a report to Bde H.Q. by 1600 hours the following day. The Officer in charge of the road patrol will report similarly.

LEAVE.

16. C.Os. will ensure that no leave is granted to any person who has not purchased a rail ticket or who cannot produce satisfactory evidence that he has some other adequate means of transport.

17. Hitch-hiking is definitely forbidden.

18. In future, returns showing numbers proceeding on leave will be submitted on the pro forma shown as Appendix D to this order.

VISITORS.

19. Visitors' cars are not to be permitted to enter unit lines, but are to be formed up on an area to be indicated by each C.O.

DRAFTS

20. No unit is to arrange direct with any recruit reception depot or training unit or any other authority for the despatch of drafts. All requirements for reinforcements will be advised to this H.Q., which will arrange direct with Southern Command for the movement of the drafts concerned. This instruction is to be strictly adhered to in order that rail movement of troops can be controlled.

RIFLES

21. Units will each indent direct on Ordnance Officer, Seymour, for 3 B.S.A. 22 inch rifles and the necessary ammunition to enable recruits to fire practices at 30 yard ranges if scaled down targets are not already held by units.

CHURCH
PARADES

22. Owing to the fact that Padres have not yet reported to camp, C.Os. will make any arrangement they consider fit in relation to Church Parades this week end.

MOTOR CYCLES
IN CAMPS

23. Motor cycles for private use are not to be permitted in camps.

E. J. Arnold
Captain
Staff Captain 23 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

2/21 Bn.
2/22 Bn.
2/40 Bn. (2)
8 Div Cav Regt
2/11 Fd Regt
2/10 Fd Coy
23 A.Tk Coy
2/9 Fd Amb
'B' Coy 2/3 M.G. Bn
Comd.
B.M.
C.Q.M.S.
8 Div.
D.A.Q.M.G. 8 Div
Area Command
Sth. Comd. A.A.S.C.
21 Aust Inf Bde
O.C. 10 Prov Coy (Seymour)

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

Headquarters,
23 Aust Inf Bde.
"Rokeby" Seymour.
26 Jul 40.

ROUTINE ORDER No. 3.

APPENDIX A.

NOMINAL ROLL for Inoculation

UNIT		COY, etc.						
ARMY NO.	NAME	Tab			Tetanus		Vaccination	Remarks
		1	2	3	1	2		
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APPENDIX B.

DETAIL OF DUTY UNITS - SEYMOUR AREA

Date	Unit		
26 Jul 40	23 A Tk Coy	28 Aug 40	8 Div Sigs
27 " 40	2/40 Bn	29 Aug 40	1 Aust Corps
28 " 40	2/22 Bn	30 " 40	8 Div Cav Regt
29 " 40	2/21 Bn	31 " 40	23 A Tk Coy
30 " 40	2/10 Fd Coy		
31 " 40	B Coy 2/3 M.G. Bn		
1 Aug 40	8 Div Pet Coy		
2 " 40	2/11 Fd Regt		
3 " 40	7 Div Sigs		
4 " 40	8 Div Sigs		
5 " 40	1 Aust Corps		
6 " 40	8 Div Cav Regt		
7 " 40	23 A Tk Coy		
8 " 40	2/40 Bn		
9 " 40	2/22 Bn		
10 " 40	2/21 Bn		
11 " 40	2/10 Fd Coy		
12 " 40	B Coy 2/3 M.G. Bn		
13 " 40	8 Div Pet Coy		
14 " 40	2/11 Fd Regt		
15 " 40	7 Div Sigs		
16 " 40	8 Div Sigs		
17 " 40	1 Aust Corps		
18 " 40	8 Div Cav Regt		
19 " 40	23 A Tk Coy		
20 " 40	2/40 Bn		
21 " 40	2/22 Bn		
22 " 40	2/21 Bn		
23 " 40	2/10 Fd Coy		
24 " 40	B Coy 2/3 M.G. Bn		
25 " 40	8 Div Pet Coy		
26 " 40	2/11 Fd Regt		
27 " 40	7 Div Sigs		

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

68 23 Inf Bde

(Unit)



PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Brig	Lina E.F.	2nd Bde AMF	1.7.40	In command
Maj	Shochan E.H.	1st Bde	1.7.40	Taken on strength
Capt	Arnold G.G.	Army Regt	5.7.40	

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)

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

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

Brigadier
Major
Captain

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank,
and higher
temporary rank,
if held.

9.7.40
(Date of Despatch.)

8 Div SE 23 1st Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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1940 (Date).
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RECORDS

8.5.23 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

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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.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			3
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	1		3
Corporals			3
Troopers, Privates, &c.	1		52
TOTALS	2	.	59

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bn (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).
BRIGADIERS *	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	3		1
Lieutenants ...	1		2
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	6		3

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt.	PEVERILL R.I.	4th Aust Inf Bn	12.7.40	Taken on strength
Capt.	HENRY J.I.	ADVC A.I.F.	11.7.40	Attached to 4th Aust Bn
Lieut.	ASUKANASY M.	ADVC A.I.F.	8.7.40	Taken on strength

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)

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

it held.
Brenda
Hain
Captain
Captain
Captain
Lieut

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

if held.

H. Q. 23. Am. Inf. Bde.
(Unit.)
15. July 1940.
(Date of Despatch.)

4/8/2000
S. C. 22
(Signature of Commander.)
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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

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(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 23 And Sub B (Unit) 14 July 1948 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	1		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	-		1
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	1		1
Corporals	1		2
Troopers, Privates, &c.	59	6	
TOTALS	63	6	4

* 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.

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

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H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

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

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

H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde

Unit.

Date of Despatch

15 July 1940

H. J. Bennett. Capt

S. C. 23 Aug 1940

Signature of Commander.

8 Division

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

H Q 23 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)



PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
MAJOR	REDWARD	2nd Inf Bde	15.7.40	Taken on strength

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)

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

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

HO 23 Aug. 1900
(Unit.)
20 July 1900
(Date of Despatch.)

Paul H. Russell Capt.
C. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde.
(Signature of Commander.)
8 Division
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

B. G. 23 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)



PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
BRIGADIER	VX 26781	Lind B.G.	23 Inf Bde	Yes	
MAJOR	TX 2051	Sheehan E.H.	"	Yes	
CAPT	VX 4061	Arnold S.G.	"	Yes	
CAPT	VX 44789	Beverell R.N.	"	Yes	
CAPT	VX 44758	Redwood J.W.	"	Yes	
LIEUT	VX 43608	Askanasy M.	2 Bn Div	Yes	
<p>Last Return showed NX 223 Capt. Henry J.V. A.A.V.C. (A.I.F.) both in part D1 and in part "D" 2</p>					

(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.
MAJOR	VX 8350	BURSTON S.B.	2/7 A.S.H.	22/7/40	R.M.O.
CAPT.	NX 223	HENRY J.V.	AAVC A.I.F.	11/7/40	Vet duties Seymour area

H.Q. 23 AUST. INF. BDE.

(Unit.)

28 July 40.

(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)
S. C. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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

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H.Q. 23 AUST. INF. BDE. Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.		
Bricklayers																	
Butchers																	
Carpenters and Joiners																	
Clerks																	
Miscellaneous										1						1	
Despatch Riders																	
Draughtsmen (topo)																	
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.												1	1			2	
Electricians																	
Farriers																	
Fitters																	
Masons																	
Painters and Decorators																	
Plumbers and Gasfitters																	
Saddlers and Harness Makers																	
Signallers																	
Storemen technical																	
Vickers Machine Gunners																	
Cooks																	
Miscellaneous												1	1			2	
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H.Q. 23 AUST. INF. BDE.

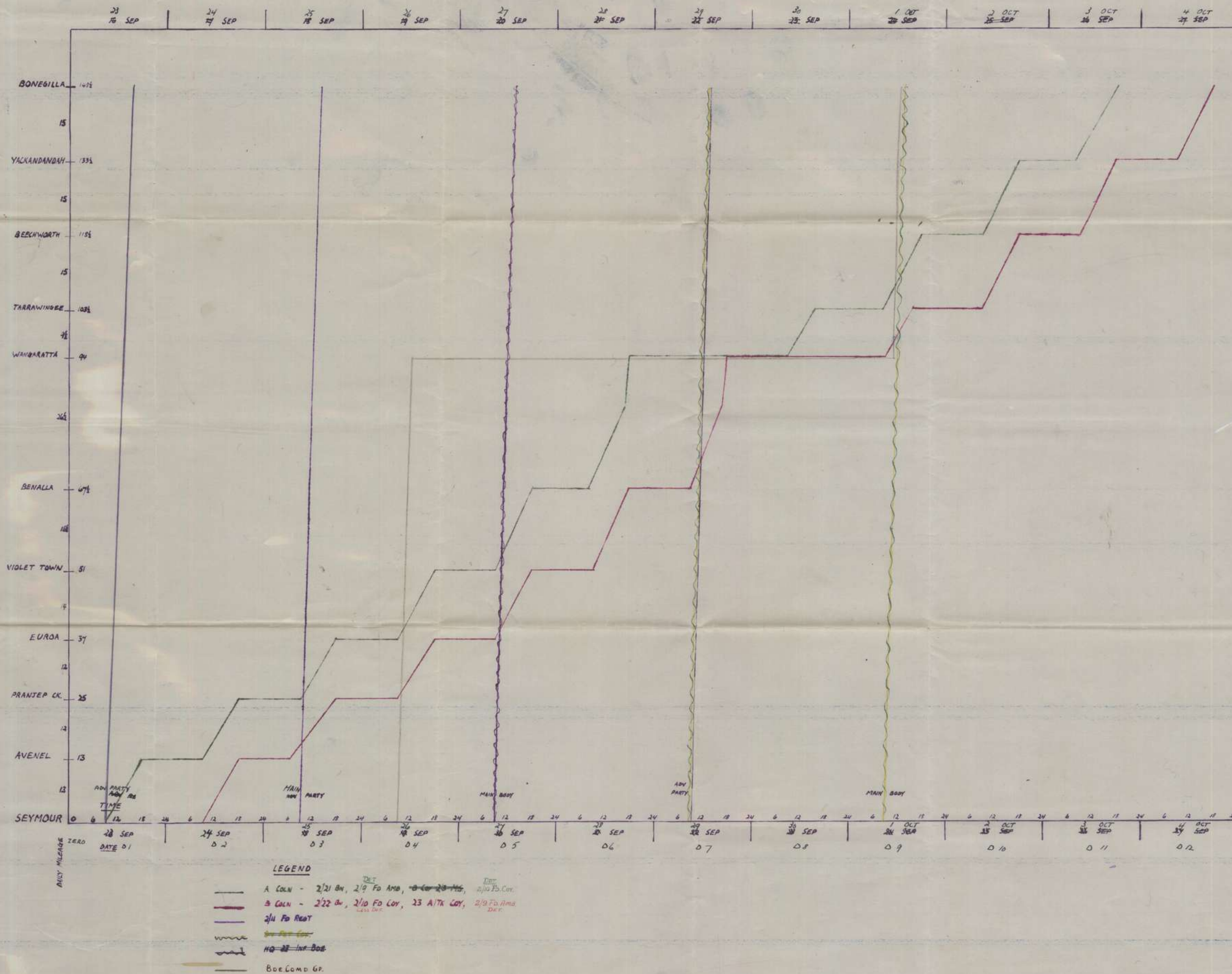
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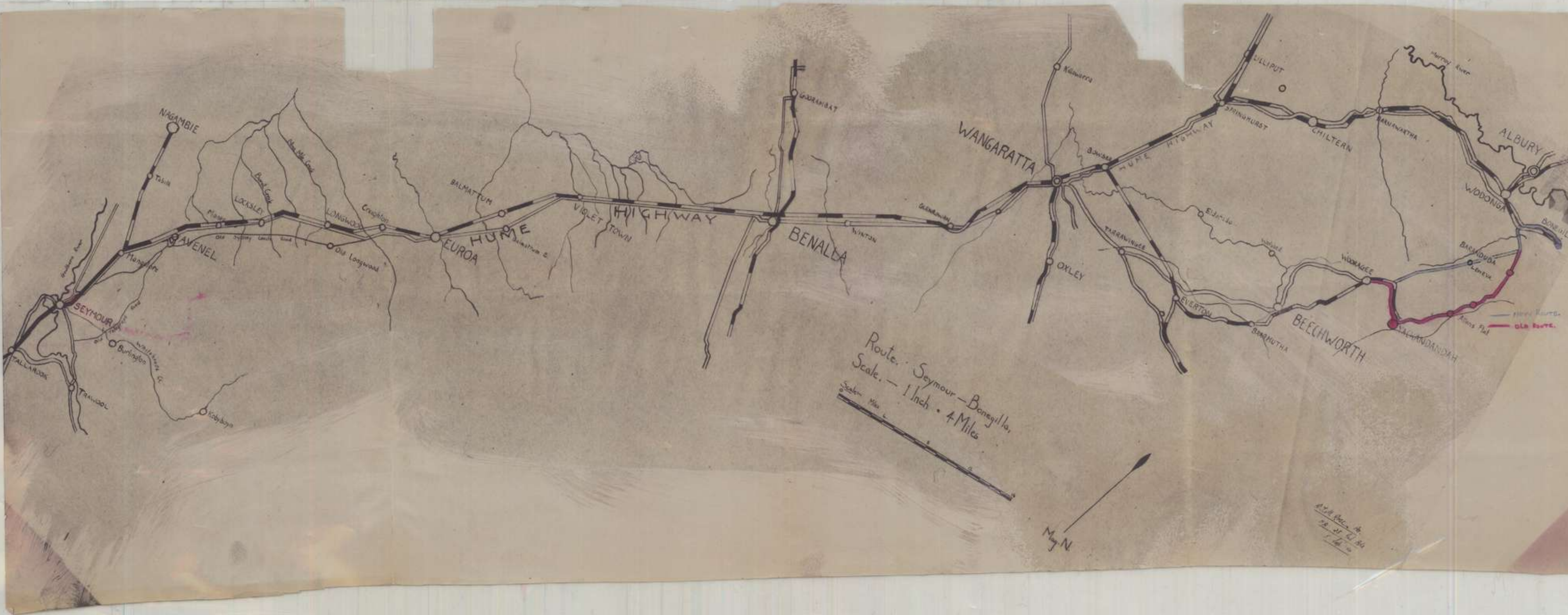
Date of Despatch 28 July 40

G. B. Wall
Capt.
S. C. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde.
Signature of Commander.

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

GRAPH SHOWING MOVE OF 8 DIV UNITS SEYMOUR TO BONEGILLA





3RD DISTRICT		
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RECORDS		

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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3RD DISTRICT
RECORDS

Army Form C.2113
(adapted.)

Unit 23 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 1 Aug 40 To 31 Aug 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
"Rokeby" Seymour	1 Aug 40		Bde Comd and Bde Maj returned from 6 M.D. Conference with D.A.G., A.I.F. re transfer of officers and arrangements made in Tasmania - Confirmed. Staff Captain injured by fall from horse.	
	6 Aug 40		Reconnaissance by Bde Comd, Bde Maj, and I.O. of Camp being constructed at BONEGILLA. Information had been given verbally earlier that this Bde is to occupy the camp when complete. Work has been in progress approximately nine days and a few of the huts are complete.	
	7 Aug 40		Visit from D.A.Q.M.G. 8 Div.	
	8 Aug 40		Visit from Brigadier Tovell Comd 26 Aust Inf Bde. He advised that Bde is to move into BONEGILLA on 14 Sep and that 2/23 and 2/24 Bns of his Bde will also move in. This is far in excess of capacity of camp. Maj. Taylor, Works Services, Southern	

Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.

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Unit 23 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 1 Aug 40 To 31 Aug 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
"Rokeby", Seymour	8 Aug 40		Command also visited and explained plans of camp.	
	9 Aug 40		Brigadier Tovell rang to advise that only one Bn will enter BONEGILLA Camp. Lieut Ashkanasy left for Melbourne to organize an Auxiliary to provide comforts for troops, also to go into the question of entertainments and canteens.	
	10 Aug 40		Strike of builders and carpenters at BONEGILLA Camp. Dispute regarding overtime.	
	14 Aug 40		Men re-commenced work at BONEGILLA CAMP after striking since 10 Aug 40. Probability is that strike will cause alteration in date of finish of camp and affect 23 Bde's departure from "Rokeby".	
	15 Aug 40		Bde Comd and Bde Maj attended service at St. Pauls Cathedral Melbourne, in memory Cabinet Ministers, Army and Air Force Officials who were killed.	

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Unit 23 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 1 Aug 40 To 31 Aug 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
"Rokeby", Seymour	16 Aug 40		Lieut Ashkanasy left for Albury to arrange with local bodies for Central Entertainment Hall at BONEGILLA CAMP.	
	19 Aug 40		Visit to Melbourne by Lieut Ashkanasy re building of hall at Bonegilla Camp.	
	20 Aug 40		Transfers of personnel from Det 2/40 Bn effected as under;—	
			1 officer and 277 O.R's. to 2/24 Bn	
			4 officers to 2/21 Bn	
			3 officers to 2/22 Bn	
			The 2/40 Bn will now be completely raised and trained in Tasmania. The Det of 2/24 Bn which has taken over site and personnel of 2/40 Bn is a unit of 26 Inf Bde 7 Div but will be under 23 Inf Bde for supervision of training.	
			Staff Capt and I.O. accompanied by Capt Cameron 2/9 Fd Amb left to survey routes to BONEGILLA for proposed march of	

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RECORDS		

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Unit 23 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 1 Aug 40 To 31 Aug 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
"Rokeby", Seymour	20 Aug 40		23 Inf Bde and attached troops of 8 Div.	
	22 Aug 40		Staff Capt., I.O. and Capt Cameron returned from investigation of facilities along route to BONEGILLA. Lieut Ashkanasy left to inspect progress of work at Camp site. Sleeping huts are going up satisfactorily, but kitchens and men's mess huts are not being erected as quickly owing to materials for same not coming to hand so rapidly. Roads present problem, as they have not been laid out with suitable foundations. Water supply is from storage tank, which is nearing completion. Capacity of tank 165000 gals. Drainage not likely to be completed by 24 Sep 40 by which date camp is supposed to be ready for occupation. Hospital - plans with Dept of Interior and site selected; no date available for commencement of construction.	

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RECORDS		

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Army Form C.211C
(adapted.)

Unit 23 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 1 Aug 40 To 31 Aug 40.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
"Rokeby", Seymour	22 Aug 40		These are some of the main points for comment, but quite a	
			number of features affecting date of moving in were noticed.	
	27 Aug 40		Bde Comd., Bde Maj., I.O. and Capt Lawrence 2/10 Fd Coy R.A.E.	
			left on a further inspection of suggested route for march to	
			BONEGILLA CAMP. Watering places and bivouac sites inspected.	
			BENALLA presents a problem for suitable site, both from point	
			of view of approval to areas with M.T. and watering facilities.	
			BONEGILLA CAMP inspected and progress with building noted.	
	30 Aug 40		Staff Capt and I.O. left for BENALLA to make a detailed	
			reconnaissance of BENALLA with a view to locating a suitable	
			bivouac site for troops on BONEGILLA move. The problem of	
			finding a suitable site with either water laid on or handy	
			to creek makes this an awkward stage on move. After detailed	
			reconnaissance site selected on private property about one	
			mile out of BENALLA.	

Channon Major *Lieut*
for B.M. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde

TO BE ATTACHED TO WAR DIARY.

Month of August 1940

H.Q.23 Aust Inf Bde.
BONEGILLA. VIC.

Brigade Routine Orders 4/9

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde
"Rokeby" Seymour.
4 Aug 40.

ROUTINE ORDER

PART 1

NUMBER 4

by BRIGADIER E.F. LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D.

Commanding 23 Australian Infantry Brigade.

RAIL WARRANTS

1. Approval has been granted for the issue of rail warrants to Officers and NCOs conducting leave parties in the proportion of one officer per 50 ORs and one NCO per 25 ORs. Warrants will be endorsed "Leave conducting".

MEDICAL BOARDS

2. Units having personnel to be Medically Boarded will arrange for them to attend at the C.D.S. as under -

6 Aug - Bde H.Q., 2/40 Bn, 23 A.Tk. Coy.
7 Aug - 2/21 Bn
8 Aug - 2/22 Bn
9 Aug - 2/10 Fd Coy, B Coy 2/3 M.G. Regt
13 Aug - 8 Div Pet Coy
14 Aug - 1 Aust Corps and 7 Div
15 Aug - 8 Div Cav Regt

Where necessary, transport will be arranged with Bde H.Q. Units will apply to 3 D.R.O. for A.A.F. D.I of each man to be boarded. Where these cannot be obtained prior to the assembly of the Board, they will be forwarded to C.D.S. when received.

3. Attention is drawn to Standing Orders A.I.F. Chap 14 paras 24-27.

INOCULATION

4. Inoculation will be continued during the week commencing 5 Aug. The instructions issued in 23 Inf Bde R.O.3 of 28 Jul will apply with the exception of dates which will be as under -

2/22 Bn - Camp Site 29 - 5 Aug - 1400 hours
det 2/40 Bn)
23 A Tk Coy) Camp Site 30B - 5 Aug - 1600 hours
H.Q. 23 Inf Bde - Camp Site 30B - 5 Aug - 1645 hours
2/21 Bn - Camp Site 25A - 6 Aug - 1400 hours
2/11 Fd Regt - Old Camp Site - 7 Aug - 1400 hours
B Coy 2/3 M.G. Bn - Camp Site 25A - 7 Aug - 1600 hours
2/10 Fd Coy - Camp Site 25A - 7 Aug - 1630 hours
8 Div Cav Regt - under arrangements made by C.O. 8 Div Cav Regt in conjunction with Capt Turnside.

A.W.L.

5. Units will submit to Bde H.Q. by 0900 hours on each Tuesday a return showing the number of personnel absent without leave during the whole or any part of the previous week end, i.e., from the time of departure of the leave trains to the time of arrival of the leave trains for the unit concerned.

6. A return is to be forwarded for the week end 26-28 Jul.

SICK WASTAGE

7. Weekly return of sick wastage will in future be incorporated in the weekly return asked for by the D.D.M.S. One copy of this return will be forwarded to Bde H.Q.

REQUISITION
FOR TRANSPORT

8. Requisitions for transport are to be made on A.A.F. G.1 and must be either typed or written in ink. The number of vehicles required need not be stated, but the three columns on the form, i.e., Detail of Load and Service; Weight, and Remarks, will be completed.

INSPECTION
OF RATIONS

9. Unit Ration Stores will be inspected each Monday morning by the O.C. A.S.C. Details Seymour Area. This Officer has instructions to collect surplus rations.

W.A. Curran Major
B.M. 23 Inf Bde

NOTICE

1. An organisation known as the "Country Leave Club" has been established at the "Green Mill", Princes Bridge, by the ladies of the W.S., U.C.P. The object of the Club is to provide free entertainment and refreshment to men of the forces and will be open every Sunday from 11 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.
2. Units are asked to save all newspapers, tobacco tins and packets. These will be collected when a load is available and taken to the Red Cross depot at Seymour Power Station.

DISTRIBUTION

C.S.O. 1 Aust Corps
2/21 Bn
2/22 Bn
2/40 Bn (2)
8 Div Cav Regt
2/11 Fd Regt
2/10 Fd Coy
23 A Tk Coy
2/9 Fd Amb
B Coy 2/3 M.G. Bn
Comd
B.M.
C.Q.M.S.
8 Div
D.A.Q.M.G. 8 Div
Area Command
Sth Comd A.A.S.C.

Official A.M.R.O. 1587

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde
"Rokeby" Seymour.
8 Aug 40.

ROUTINE ORDER

PART 1

NUMBER 5

by BRIGADIER E.F. LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D.

Commanding 23 Australian Infantry Brigade

C.D.S.

1. All patients returned from C.D.S. to Unit are to be marked 'Attend C for 24 hrs' unless otherwise specified. These men will report to R.M.Q. at first sick parade after their return from C.D.S.
2. Orderly Cpl for each unit will accompany personnel returned from C.D.S. to unit sites.

CHURCH
PARADES

3. The following church parades will be held on Sunday 11 Aug 40 -

Unit	Time of Service	Place	Remarks
2/11 Fd Regt	0715 hrs (Holy Communion)	C of E Chapel Seymour	Padre Phillips
	0915 hrs (Church Parade)	Y.M.C.A. Seymour	"
	1000 hrs (Holy Communion)	C of E Chapel Seymour	"
	1000 hrs (Holy Communion)	Y.M.C.A. Seymour	Rev. J. Mathieson
2/22 Bn	0900 hrs (Church Parade)	Y.M.C.A.	Padre Patmore
2/22 Bn)	0715 hrs (R.C. Church Parade)	C.W.O. Hut Camp Site 29	Padre Byrne
2/21 Bn)			
2/10 Fd Coy)			
Bde T.O. will	arrange transport for the 2/10 Fd Coy and 2/21 Bn.		
H.Q. 23 Inf)	1000 hrs (Church Parade)	Y.M.C.A. Camp Site 30B	Padre Porter
Bde.)			
2/40 Bn)	1045 hrs (Holy Communion)		
23 A Tk Coy)			

Men attending early morning services need not necessarily attend the later parades.

DRESS

4. Greatcoats when worn will be buttoned and hooked at the neck. Color patches will be worn on Greatcoats.

LETTERS

5. All ranks will advise their correspondents of their correct address. This will include Coy or similar unit and Bn.

LEAVE

6. Numbers proceeding on leave will be set out on the pro forma accompanying 23 Inf Bde R.O. No. 3 Para 18 by mid-day each Wednesday. If it is not possible to complete the pro forma, numbers will be sent over the telephone and later confirmed.

PIQUETS AND
PATROLS

7. Piquets and Patrols notified in Bde. R.O. No. 3 Appx C will be mounted only on Friday, Saturday and Sunday each week.

PIQUETS AND
PATROLS
(Contd.)

8. The Roster of Duty Units issued in the above order is cancelled and the following substituted -

9 Aug	-	det 2/40 Bn
10 Aug	-	2/22 Bn
11 Aug	-	2/22 Bn
16 Aug	-	2/21 Bn
17 Aug	-	2/10 Fd Coy
18 Aug	-	2/21 Bn
23 Aug	-	B Coy 2/3 M.G. Bn
24 Aug	-	8 Div Cav Regt
25 Aug	-	8 Div Pet Coy
30 Aug	-	1 Aust Corps Sigs
31 Aug	-	7 Div Sigs
1 Sep	-	2/11 Fd Regt

DENTAL
RECORDS.

9. Each Unit will supply a nominal roll of all ranks in alphabetical order. A separate sheet will be made for each letter of the alphabet and will be headed with the name of the Unit. One clerk from each Unit, together with roll, will report to S.D.O. Dental Centre SEYMOUR at 0900 hrs Monday 12 Aug for purpose of dissection of A.F. I.5033.

10. A copy of nominal rolls of all troops marched in is to be supplied to S.D.O. Dental Centre, SEYMOUR, within 24 hours of their arrival.

11. Copies of nominal rolls of outgoing drafts to be supplied S.D.O. Dental Centre, SEYMOUR, in sufficient time for Units to secure from Dental Centre an A.F. I.5033 for all personnel marching out. These are to accompany outgoing draft.

W. Noel Beveril.

Capt.
A/Staff Capt. 23 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

C.S.O. 1 Aust Corps
8 Div Cav Regt
2/11 Fd Regt
B Coy 2/3 M.G. Bn
2/21 Bn
2/22 Bn
det 2/40 Bn
23 A Tk Coy
8 Div Pet Coy
2/9 Fd Amb
70 L.A.D.
75 L.A.D.
2/10 Fd Coy
Comd
B.M.
C.Q.M.S.
Area Command
Sth Comd A.A.S.C.
Dental Centre

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde
"Rokeby" Seymour
16 Aug 40.

ROUTINE ORDER

NUMBER 6

by BRIGADIER E.F. LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D.

Commanding 23 Australian Infantry Brigade

STATIONERY

1. It has been noted that in a great many instances an unnecessary expenditure of stationery is being made. Units will take all steps to economise in this matter.
2. The following actions are suggested -
 - (a) In many cases, correspondence can be written on both sides of the paper.
 - (b) Correct size envelopes should be used.
 - (c) As many letters as possible to the same addressee should be enclosed in the one envelope.
 - (d) In the case of correspondence addressed to Bde H.Q. it will be unnecessary, in most cases, to seal the envelope, and if the address is written in black pencil envelopes can be used more than once.
 - (e) The smallest sized letter-head should be used at all times.
3. Whilst no definite rule can be laid down as to number of copies required in all cases, the following is an approximate guide -
 - (a) Where the information contained therein is for the information of Bde H.Q. only, one copy is all that is required at this H.Q.
 - (b) When it is necessary for correspondence to be forwarded to Southern Command, 2 copies should reach this H.Q., and, in the case of matters dealing with medical services, 3 copies are required as one is forwarded to D.D.M.S.
 - (c) In cases of Courts and Board of Enquiry, copies are required as follows, all of which will be forwarded to Bde H.Q. -
 - 1 copy for Brigade;
 - 1 copy for Southern Command;
 - 1 copy for Army Headquarters;and, again, in the case of injury, an extra copy is required for the D.D.M.S., Southern Command.

CHURCH
PARADES

4. The following church parades will be held on Sunday 18 Aug 40 -

2/21 Bn	0730 hrs	Holy Communion	Y.M.C.A.
	0915 hrs	Church Parade	Y.M.C.A.
2/10 Fd. Coy)	1010 hrs	Church Parade	Y.M.C.A.
2/3 M.G. Bn.)	1045 hrs	Holy Communion	Y.M.C.A.
1 Aust Corps Sigs)	0715 hrs	Holy Communion	C.of.E.Hall
7 Div Sigs)	0900 hrs	Church Parade	Y.M.C.A.
7 Div Pet Coy)	1000 hrs	Holy Communion	C.of.E.Hall
	1000 hrs	Holy Communion	Y.M.C.A.
2/22 Bn	0700 hrs	Mass	Old Camp
2/21 Bn)	0900 hrs	Mass	Camp Site
2/10 Fd Coy)			25A (2/21 Bn

PUNISHMENTS

5. The following punishments have been awarded -
VX25242 Pte. McDERMOTT, F.J., A.W.L. 12-14 Aug 40 -
all leave cancelled for 30 days from 15 Aug 40.
VX27222 Pte. GWYNN, A., A.W.L. 12-14 Aug 40 - Fined £2.

PIQUETS.

6. Occasions have arisen where piquets, more particularly those in the vicinity of Camp Site 29 and the Trawool Bridge, have been in danger as a result of the speed at which cars travel.
7. Units will therefore advise their personnel of the approximate position of these piquets and the days on which they are on duty, and will instruct them that, on approaching these points, cars are to travel slowly and to halt when called upon to do so by the Piquet.
8. When travelling at night approaching a piquet, lights will be dimmed, and if an inside light is available in the car, this will be turned on in order that the piquet may see the occupants.
9. Piquets will report any breach of these instructions and supply the number of the car and, if possible, the names of the driver and passengers to their H.Q., who will forward a return to Bde in due course.

MOTOR-CARS
TAKEN ON
STRENGTH

10. "Mercury" motor-car Reg. No. AA 055, owned by Brig. E.F. Lind, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D., was taken on strength 1 Jul 40.

MOTOR-CARS
STRUCK OFF
STRENGTH

11. "Mercury" motor-car Reg. No. AA 055, owned by Brig. E.F. Lind, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D., was struck off strength 31 Jul 40.

RETURNS.

12. ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE. In future A.W.L. return required will be submitted in accordance with the following pro forma, to reach Bde H.Q. by 1200 hrs on Tuesday of each week-

A.W.L. RETURN

UNIT..... Week ended Monday.....

- (a) Number A.W.L. for a period of over 7 days _____
- (b) Number A.W.L. for a period of over 21 days _____
- (c) Number failed to return from leave expiring _____
since due date of submission of last return _____

In cases (a) and (b) information is to be supplied as to whether necessary action has been taken, if not, an explanation is required as to the reason therefor.

13. RAIL MOVE RETURN.-Leave Personnel. In future, additional information is required in relation to movement by rail of personnel on leave, consequently a return will be made in accordance with the pro forma shown as Appx A hereto, and forwarded to reach Bde H.Q. not later than 1000 hours on Wednesday of each week.

RETURN FROM
LEAVE
SUNDAYS

14. Units as under are responsible for the efficient lighting of the railway line at the times of arrival of leave trains on Sundays -
- (a) Camp Site 30 - det 2/40 Bn. For this purpose det 2/40 Bn may obtain from H.Q. 23 Inf Bde and 23 A Tk Coy Tilley lamps required in excess of those on charge to own unit.
- (b) Camp Site 29 - 2/22 Bn.
- (c) Trawool Railway Station - 2/21 Bn. This Unit will ensure that adequate arrangements are made prior to the arrival of train on Sunday 18 Aug 40 and on all occasions thereafter.
- (d) Footbridge - 2/10 Fd Coy will be responsible for the adequate lighting of footbridge in the vicinity of Camp Site 29.

H. Arnold.
Captain
Staff Captain 23 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

8 Div Cav Regt	Det 2/40 Bn	Sigs 7 Div	B.S.O.
2/11 Fd Regt	23 A Tk Coy	Dental Centre	L.O. (1)
2/10 Fd Coy	8 Div Pet Coy	H.Q. 5 (Seymour) Sub-Area	L.O. (2)
2/3 M.G. Bn	2/9 Fd Amb	Bde Maj	R.T.O.
2/21 Bn	C.S.O.	Bde T.O.	
2/22 Bn	Sigs 1 Aust Corps		

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde
"Rokeby" Seymour
22 Aug 40.

ROUTINE ORDER

NUMBER 7.

by BRIGADIER E. F. LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D.

Commanding 23 Australian Infantry Brigade

CHURCH
PARADES

1. The following church parades will be held on Sunday,
25 Aug 40 -

H.Q.23 Inf Bde)	0900hrs		Padre
2/24 Bn)	0945hrs	Holy Communion Rokeby	Phillis
23 A Tk Coy)			
)	0715hrs	Holy Communion CofE hall	Padre Phillis
2/11 Fd Regt)	0900hrs	- Y.M.C.A.)Padre
)	0945hrs	Holy Communion CofE Hall)Porter
)	0945hrs	Holy Communion Y.M.C.A.	
2/22 Bn	0900hrs)Padre
	0945hrs	Holy Communion)Patmore
Old Camp	0700hrs	Mass	C.W.O. Hut
Site			
2/22 Bn	0900hrs	Mass	Camp Site 29.
H.Q.23 Inf Bde)			
2/24 Bn)	0900hrs	Mass	Camp Site 29
23 A Tk Coy)			
2/21 Bn)			

T.O. Bde H.Q. will arrange transport.

LEAVE
CONCESSION
TICKETS.

The Government of New South Wales has approved of the granting of an "Active Service Leave Concession" to become effective on and from Monday, 12th August 1940, providing for free Railway travel over the New South Wales Railways, not more than once in any calendar month, of any member of the Fighting Forces enlisted for service overseas, to enable him to travel:-

(a) from a Ship or Camp located in New South Wales to his home town, situated in New South Wales.

(b) from a Ship or Camp located in New South Wales to his home town in another State.

(c) from a Ship or Camp in any other State to his home town in New South Wales.

The Government has decided that the term "Home Town" will mean -

In the case of a single man - the town in which his parents reside.

In the case of a married man - the town in which his wife resides.

It is to be understood that the "Active Service Leave Concession" only applies within the State of New South Wales and personnel from another State will be required to pay their rail fares to and from the Border of New South Wales. One book of 2nd Class Leave Concession Tickets is held at 23 Bde H.Q. for use of other units. Books of 1st and 2nd Class tickets are also held by Corps Sigs and these will be issued on request.

LEAVE
PASSES

Leave passes of all personnel travelling by train will show time of departure of trains for both journeys.

Milleney
for Staff Captain 23 Aust Inf Bde Captain

NOTICE.

The Shire of Healesville has intimated that a Civic Farewell to members of the A.I.F. from any part of that municipality has been arranged and will be held at the Memorial Hall, Healesville on the evening of Friday, 30 Aug 40.

The Shire of Healesville desires as many men as possible to attend and would be grateful if every facility for leave could be granted to the men from that municipality to reach Healesville on that evening.

DISTRIBUTION.

8 Div Cav Regt
2/11 Fd Regt
2/10 Fd Coy
2/3 M.G. Bn
2/21 Bn
2/22 Bn
2/24 Bn

23 A Tk Coy
8 Div Pet Coy
2/9 Fd Amb
C.S.O.
Sigs 1 Aust Corps
Sigs 7 Div
Dental Centre

H.Q.5 (Seymour) Sub-Area
Bde Maj
Bde T.O.
B.S.O.
L.O. (1)
L.O. (2)
R.T.O.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde
"Rokeby" Seymour
25 Aug 40.

ROUTINE ORDER

NUMBER 8

by BRIGADIER E.F. LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D.

Commanding 23 Australian Infantry Brigade

UNIFORM.
AUTHORISED
SCALES OF
ISSUE ETC.

1. The attention of all ranks is to be directed to the Scale of issues of clothing, etc., as provided by B.I.O. of 29 Feb 40, and the necessity for all ranks of the Australian Military Forces being at all times correctly dressed in accordance with Standing Orders for Dress, 1935.
2. It has been generally noticed that unauthorised items of uniform and clothing are being worn by N.C.Os. and other ranks. A few of the departures from the unauthorised uniform referred to are as follows -
 - (a) N.C.Os. below Warrant Rank and other ranks wearing caps S.D. Officers' Pattern.
 - (b) Wearing of collars and ties, in some instances the articles being of civilian pattern and coloring, and the collar of the jacket S.D. being left open. If shirts with collar attached are worn under jacket, collars will be tucked inside the shirt.
3. Necessary action to correct these irregularities is to be taken immediately, and personnel are to be at all times neatly and properly dressed.

DENTAL CENTRE
CHANGE OF
SITE

4. On and after 0900 hrs Monday, 26 Aug 40, the Dental Centre, Seymour, will operate from the Seymour Racecourse site. The Centre's telephone number will be Seymour 138.

J. McKewen Captain
for Staff Captain 23 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICES

FAREWELL

ENTERTAINMENTS

Farewell entertainments have been arranged as under -
STERANG AND DISTRICT - Monday night, 9th September
FRANKSTON - Friday night, 30th August

The Committee controlling the Terang entertainment advise that an invitation card has been forwarded to the individual soldiers concerned, and, in each case, a request has been made that every facility be granted to permit of soldiers who have enlisted from the respective districts to permit of their attending the functions.

DISTRIBUTION

8 Div Cav Regt
2/11 Fd Regt
2/10 Fd Coy
2/3 M.G. Bn
2/21 Bn
2/22 Bn
2/24 Bn
23 A Tk Coy
8 Div Pet Coy
2/9 Fd Amb

C.S.O.
Sigs 1 Aust Corps
Sigs 7 Div
Dental Centre
H.Q. 5 (Seymour) Sub Area
Comd
Bde Maj
Bde T.O.
B.S.O.
L.O. (3)

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde
"Rokeby" Seymour
30 Aug 40.

ROUTINE ORDER

PART 1

NUMBER 9

by

BRIGADIER E.F. LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D.

Commanding 23 Australian Infantry Brigade.

CHURCH PARADES 1. The following Church parades will be held on Sunday,
2 Sept 40 -

Unit	Time	Place	Service
1 Aust Corps Sigs)	0715hrs	C of E Chapel	Holy Communion
7 Div Sigs)	0900hrs	Y.M.C.A.	Church Parade
8 Div Pet Coy)	0945hrs	C of E Chapel	Holy Communion
2/21 Bn)	0730hrs	Y.M.C.A.	Holy Communion
)	0930hrs	Y.M.C.A.	Church Parade
2/10 Fd Coy)	1015hrs	Y.M.C.A.	Church Parade
B Coy 2/3 MG Bn)	1100hrs	Y.M.C.A.	Holy Communion

Owing to the absence from camp of Padre Byrne (2/22 Bn) no information as to R.C. services is available.

OLD CAMP SITE 2. As from 0001 hrs 27 Aug 40, Lt. Col. L.R. Stillman, M.C.,
ADMINISTRATION will administer A.I.F. units in old Camp Site (vice Col. C.H. Simpson, M.C., V.D.) For purposes of camp administration, the A.I.F. units in old camp site will be grouped and known as "Old Camp Site A.I.F. Command"

RETURNS

3. Inaccuracy is still noted in returns submitted to Bde H.Q. C.Os. will exercise close supervision over returns submitted to them for signature.
4. An instance of this was shown in the rail move return for this week when para 7 of the pro forma was not complied with in relation to times of departure from Melbourne of connecting trains, with the result that 233 personnel were submitted as requiring transport on the 1129 train. A close check enabled this figure to be reduced to 129.

PICQUETS AND PATROLS

5. The following is Roster of Duty units commencing Friday, 6 Sept 40. Duty unit will supply picquets and patrols detailed in Appendix C of Routine Order No. 3, 26 Jul 40.

6 Sept	-	2/24 Bn
7 Sept	-	2/22 Bn
8 Sept	-	2/22 Bn
13 Sept	-	2/21 Bn
14 Sept	-	2/10 Fd Coy
15 Sept	-	2/21 Bn
20 Sept	-	B Coy 2/3 M.C. Bn
21 Sept	-	8 Div Cav Regt
22 Sept	-	8 Div Pet Coy
27 Sept	-	1 Aust Corps Sigs
28 Sept	-	7 Div Sigs
29 Sept	-	2/11 Fd Regt

COURT OF INQUIRY

6. The following Officers will constitute a Court of Inquiry for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon an accident which occurred on the Seymour-Trawool Road on the night of Monday 26 Aug 40 - involving 30 cwt. truck No. C4688.

Capt. E.T.T. Scott	President
Capt. R.H. Peverill	Member
Lieut. M. Ashkanasy	Member

The Court will assemble at such times and places as the President may direct.

FEDERAL
ELECTIONS

7. A supply of application forms for Postal Ballot Papers for members of the forces who are electors from other States has been received at this Headquarters.
8. If similar supplies have not been received by units, particulars may be obtained from this office.

E. J. Arnold

Captain
Staff Captain 23 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

8 Div Cav Regt
2/11 Fd Regt
2/10 Fd Coy
2/3 H.C. Bn
2/21 Bn
2/22 Bn
2/24 Bn
23 A Tr Coy
8 Div Pet Coy
2/9 Fd Amb
Sigs 1 Aust Corps
Sigs 7 Div
H.C. 5 (Seymour) Sub Area
Comd
Bde Maj
Bde T.O.
B.S.O.
L.O. (3)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

H.Q. 23rd Aust Inf Bde. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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

(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.
MAJOR	486380	BURSTON	25th A. G. M.	22-7-40	R. P. M. O.
CAPT.	418223	HENRY	10th M. A. S.	11-7-40	1st Indian Division
CHAPLAIN	585844	PULLIPS	R. A. C. C.	24-7-40	Chaplain
"	"	BYRNE	"	1-8-40	"
"	484124	PHILLIPS	"	3-8-40	"

11023 *Quercus* *agrifolia* (Unit.)

(Unit.)

4 Aug. 40.

(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature] Capt.
S. C. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde.
(Signature of Commander.)

(Signature of Commander.)

8 Divisions

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 23 Army Inf. Bde. (Unit) 4 Aug 1942 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			1
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	2		
Corporals	1		2
Troopers, Privates, &c.	92	39	
TOTALS	96	39	4

* 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.

[illegible]

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

[illegible]

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H.Q. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde. Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Miscellaneous										1	1		2		4	
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
General duty personnel							39	39								
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)							39	39	1	1		2		4		

H.Q. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde. Unit.

Date of Despatch 4 Aug 40.

Paul Kendall Capt. of S. C. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde. Signature of Commander.
8 Division
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS*H. D. 23 Aust Inf Bde.*
(Unit)**PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.**

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
<i>Brimmer</i> *	<i>1</i>		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	<i>1</i>		
Captains ...	<i>4</i>		
Lieutenants ...	<i>2</i>		<i>1</i>
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	<i>8</i>		<i>1</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>Cpl.</i>	<i>SCOTT, E. J.</i>	<i>30th Div ASC</i>	<i>4.8.40</i>	<i>Taken on strength</i>
<i>Squad</i>	<i>PROSSOR, J. F.</i>	<i>2/21 Bn</i>	<i>4.8.40</i>	<i>Transferred to " "</i>
	<i>from 2/21 Bn</i>	<i>pending</i>		
	<i>HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde</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)

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

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

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

H. P. 23 and Supp. (Unit) 11 Aug 1940 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	X		1
W.Os. Class II.			—
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			1
Staff Serjeants	1		—
Serjeants	2		—
Corporals	1		2
Troopers, Privates, &c.	92	39	—
TOTALS	96	39	4

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3006.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

[illegible]

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

[illegible]

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Miscellaneous									1	1	2				4	
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
General duty personnel							39	39								
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)							39	39	1	1	2				4	

H.Q. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde.

Unit.

Date of Despatch 11 Aug 40.

S.C. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde.

Signature of Commander.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS*89.23 Aust Inf Bde* (Unit)**PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.**

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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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.
MAJOR	VX 8350	BURSTON S.B.	2/7 AGH.	24/1/40	R.M.O.
CAPT.	NY 223	HENRY G.N.	A.A.V.C. A.I.F.	11/2/40	Act. Duties Legation Am.
CHAPLAIN	VX 45124	PATMORE E.B.	A.A.C.D.	3/2/40	Chaplain
"	"	BYRNE W.	"	11/3/40	"
"	"	PORTER G.	"	23/40	"

BQ 23 Aust Inf. Bde
(Unit.)

18 Aug 40

(Date of Despatch.)

H. J. Burdick Capt.
S. C. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde.
(Signature of Commander.)

18 Aust Div.

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

89 23 Aust Inf Bde (Unit) 11 Aug 19 40 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			1
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			1
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	3		
Corporals	2		1
Troopers, Privates, &c.	91	38	
TOTALS	97	38	3

* 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.

[illegible]

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

[illegible]

39 23 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Miscellaneous									1		1		1		3	
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
General duty personnel							38	38								
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)							38	38	1	1		1			3	

39 23 Aust Inf Bde
Unit.
Date of Despatch 18 Aug 40

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

H.Q. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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

(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.
MAJOR	VX 5350	BURSTON	217 ACA	20.7.40	M.O.
CDT.	VX 5223	HENRY	MAJ. HOF	11.7.40	Det. Indian Division
CHAPLAIN.	VX 5124	PATMORE	RACE	3.8.40	Chaplain
"	VX 5112	BYRNE	"	1.8.40	"
"	VX 5112	MAIER	"	3.8.40	"

HO 23rd Aust. Inf. Bde.

(Unit.)

25 August 40.

(Date of Despatch.)

Y. B. Arnold.

(Signature of Commander.)

(Signature of Commander)

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

Capt.
Bde.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

H. O. 23 And. Inf. Pl. (Unit) 25 April 1940 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			1
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			1
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	3		
Corporals	2		1
Troopers, Privates, &c.	92	39	
TOTALS	98	39	3

* 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.
15055 Pte. Payne, W.D.	Railway Corps.	} <u>Command</u> of attached for duty	
18279 Pte. Lock, J.	S.G. Dep.		
14617 " Waddington, J.	"		
14618 " Waddington, A.	"		

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

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Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in
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DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Miscellaneous									1		1		1		3	
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																

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Date of Despatch

25 August 40

Capt.
S. G. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde.
Signature of Commander.
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Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

H. Q. 23rd 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).
<i>BRIGADIER *</i>	<i>1</i>		
<i>1st *</i>			
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	<i>1</i>		
Captains ...	<i>1</i>		
Lieutenants ...	<i>2</i>		
2nd Lieutenants ...			<i>1</i>
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	<i>8</i>		<i>1</i>

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Major</i>	<i>BURSTON</i>	<i>9th</i>	<i>2/7 A.M.</i>	<i>24.5.40</i>
				<i>Leave of absence</i>
				<i>7th A.M. - P.O. & Seymour</i>
				<i>(Previously attached as</i>
				<i>A.O. Camp. Site 30)</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) **Officers posted to Unit** (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

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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	NA 223	HENRY JH	AVC. AIE	11.7.40	Vol. Dub. Regt.
Chaplain	VS 45124	PATRICK LA	D.A.C.C.	3.5.40	Chaplain
"	"	BURNE AB	"	1.5.40	"
"	VS 45112	PORTER F	"	3.5.40	"

(Signature of Commander.)

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FIELD RETURN OF SPECIAL AGENTS
H. P. 23 Aug. Inf. Pk. (Unit) 1 Rep. 1940. (Date).

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.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			1
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	3	1	
Corporals	2		1
Troopers, Privates, &c.	68	15	
TOTALS	74	16	2

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
V 5085 P. C. Mayne O.P.	Seaway Co.	} Command Troops allotted for duty	
V 8279 R. H. Lark J.	S. C. Sig.		
V 4617 W. H. Wadsworth J.	"		
V 4618 W. H. Wadsworth A.H.	"		

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DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Miscellaneous					1			1	1		1		1		3	
Despatch Riders																
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Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
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Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
General duty personnel							15	15								
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)					1		15	16	1		1		1		3	

H.Q. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde. Unit.

Unit.

Date of Despatch

1 Sep. 40

Y. J. Bernald
Capt.
S. C. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde.
Signature of Commander.

8 Division

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

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WARRIMARRAH INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
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Unit: 3rd Bde Inf Bde 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.
ROKERY	1 Sep		ROKERY, Nothing to report.	
	2 "		" " " "	
	3 "		" " " "	
	4 "		" " " "	
	5 "		" " " "	
	6 "		Bde Comd, B.M., and S.C. motored to MELBOURNE to confer with Southern Command and H.Q. 7 Div re projected move to BONEGILLA CAMP and made arrangements to secure extra M.T. for use in move. L.O. 3 Mr. Ashkanasy in company with Staff Capt Canteens Board visited BONEGILLA CAMP to inspect construction of canteen; very little progress made, only foundations and studs in ground. They were accompanied by 2 i/c of 2/22 Bn also Q.M. of 2/11 Ed Regt who inspected building progress on their site with regard to disposition of their units on entering camp.	
	7 Sep		Personnel of Bde H.Q. were put through Mobile Gas Chamber to test respirators.	

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Unit... 23 Aust. Inf. Bde. 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.
ROKEBY	8 Sep			Field Return for week ending 7 Sep attached.
	9 Sep		Instructor from Southern Command Training School attached to Bde H.Q. to supervise training of personnel on H.Q.	
	10 Sep		Bde Maj, Tpt Offr (Capt REDWOOD), A.A.S.C. Supply Officer (Capt SCOTT) accompanied by C.O. 2/21 Bn and 2/22 Bn left for inspection of bivouac sites on route SEYMOUR - BONEGILLA.	Copy Movement Order also Map of Route SEYMOUR/BONEGILLA and graph of march attached.
			Movement Order for march issued 2112hrs. Units 8 Div to move as two columns as detailed in movement order attached.	
			A Coln to commence move on 16 Sep 40. B Coln on 17 Sep 40.	
	11 Sep		Bde Comd and B.M. left for final inspection of camp prior to commencement of move. Bde Comd unwilling to move into camp until it was completed owing to confusion likely to arise if workmen were still engaged on buildings, drains etc when troops arrive in Camp.	

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Unit..23 Aust Inf Bde.....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.
ROKEBY	11 Sep		D.A.D.O.S. (Major Stahle) arrived to consult re move and equipment needed, also general business.	
			A.A.S.C. Supply Officer left for MELBOURNE to interview Col.	
			Henley A.D.S.&T. regarding supplies and transport for units on move SEYMOUR - BONEGILLA.	
	12 Sep		Bde Comd telegraphed ordering postponement all movement for one week owing to inspection disclosing camp would not be completed by time troops would have arrived there (Sep 27).	
			Heavy rain commenced falling between 1400/1430 hrs and continued steadily throughout afternoon and well into evening. Strong wind and rain caused Men's mess marquee to collapse.	
	13 Sep		Owing cancellation of move for one week large number troops given leave.	
	14 Sep			Copy Field Returns attached for week ending 14 Sep.

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3RD DISTRICT
RECORDSArmy Form C.2118
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Unit....23. Aust. Inf. Bde.....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.
ROKEBY	15 Sep		L.O.3 left for MELBOURNE to interview Canteens Board re Canteen sites at new camp, also saw Aust. Comforts Funds officials re comforts for troops on march.	
	16 Sep		Bde Comd and B.M. in MELBOURNE visiting Southern Command and H.Q. 7 Div re arrangements for move to BONEGILLA.	
	17 Sep		Acting G.O.C. 8 Div Brigadier Callaghan accompanied by D.A.Q.M.G. Major Kent Hughes paid visit area and inspected units at training.	
	18 Sep		Bde Comd, B.M. and L.O.3 accompanied by 2 i/c 2/21 Bn left for BONEGILLA CAMP to inspect works progress and check on whether state of ground owing drain trenches etc. would permit of occupancy of camp by first advance troops on 23 Sep 40 and other advance troops and main bodies during period 23 Sep to 3 Oct when A Coln of road troops would march in.	
			Capt Stephens Intelligence Corps visiting units in area re security matters. Is to stay two nights with 23 Aust Inf Bde.	

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Unit... 23. Aust. Inf. Bde. 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.
ROKEBY	19 Sep		I.O. and Capt Stephens visited various Units in the area contacting other I.Os and Security Officers.	
			Instructions received per telegram that move was to go on as from 23 Sep. Units advised by telephone.	
			Bde Comd and party returned 1730hrs from BONEGILLA CAMP inspection.	
			Conference I.Os and Security Officers held at 2030hrs discussion on general security throughout Bde.	
	20 Sep		Maj-Gen Hardy, O.B.E., D.S.O. Inspector Administration visited Bde H.Q. reference fitting boots for proposed move.	
			Capt Stephens and I.O. visited Units in morning and contacted security officers. Capt Stephens returned to MELBOURNE at 1515hrs.	
			Conference of all C.Os held at Bde H.Q. discuss movement to BONEGILLA.	
			Alteration made in route shortening distance, eliminates YACKANDANDAH from route and goes through LENEVA WEST.	Operation Order No. 1 attached Alteration in route shown in

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Unit... 23. Aust. Inf. Bde. 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.
ROKEBY	20 Sep		Change in bivouac site at TARRAWINGEE also, larger and more suitable area located near Rly Stn.	Plan of Route SEYMOUR/ BONEGILLA. Amendment also attached.
	21 Sep		Rain during night 20/21 Sep 40. Day fine until 1400hrs when heavy rain again fell lasting during afternoon. Stormy N.E. winds blowing causing several tents to be damaged during night 21/22 Sep. Uncertain weather causing doubt about desirability commencement of march on 23 Sep 40.	
	22 Sep		B.M. and I.O. made final recce of first stage (SEYMOUR/AVENEL) of move to BONEGILLA and inspected bivouac site on HUGHES CREEK. This was satisfactory despite heavy rain which had fallen.	Field return for week ending 21/9/40 attached.
	23 Sep		A Coln commenced move at 0830hrs and bivouaced at AVENEL on HUGHES CREEK. All troops well and in good spirits. Rear parties and security personnel left at various Unit camp sites. Weather good, warm sunny day, ideal marching conditions.	

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Unit... 23. Aust. Inf. Bde..... 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.
ROKEBY	24 Sep		B Coln commenced move at 0830hrs. Weather ideal, fine warm day, good marching conditions.	
			A Coln reached second bivouac site PRANJEP CREEK at 1255hrs. Only one casualty.	
			Brigadier Callaghan acting G.O.C. 8 Div arrived for lunch having returned from TASMANIA.	
			Bde Comd accompanied Brigadier Callaghan on inspection of A and B Colns.	
	25 Sep		A Coln reached Euroa 1245 hrs. Bivouaced on Showgrounds.	
			B Coln reached PRANJEP CREEK 1222hrs.	
	26 Sep		Move continued as planned. A Coln to VIOLET TOWN; B Coln to EUROA.	
			Adv Bde H.Q. closed ROKEBY 1000hrs opened WANGARATTA 1200hrs	
WANGARATTA	27 Sep		A Coln to BENALLA. Bivouaced showgrounds.	
			B Coln to VIOLET TOWN.	

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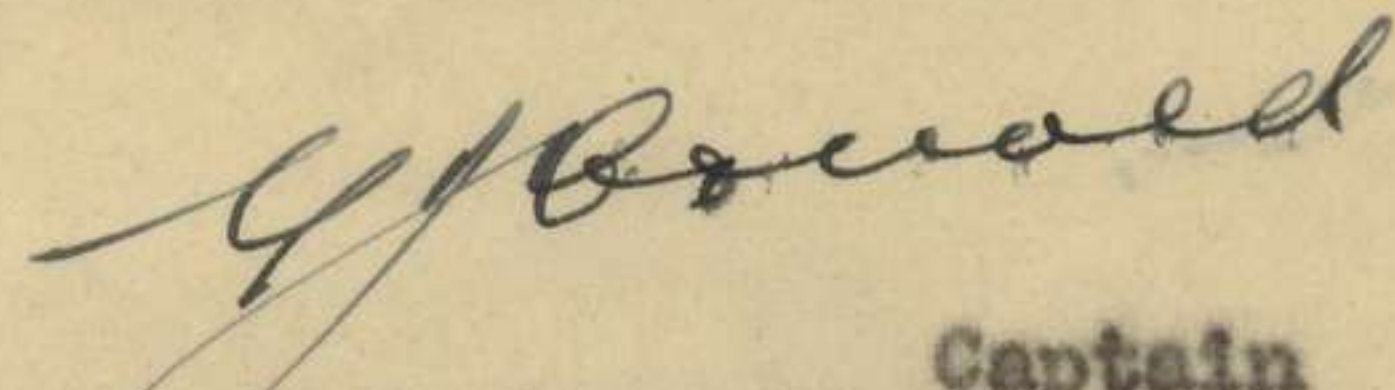
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"Rokeby", Seymour
14 Sep 40

23 A Tk Coy	Comd	7 Aust Div
2/21 Bn	B.M.	8 Aust Div
2/22 Bn	T.O.	26 Aust Inf Bde
8 Div Cav Regt	A.A.S.C. offr	H.Q.5 (Seymour)
2/11 Fd Regt	W.O. Axton	Sub-Area
2/10 Fd Coy	7 Div Sigs	Camp Paymaster Seymour
B Coy 2/3 M.G. Bn	Southern Command	2/40 Bn
8 Div Pet Coy	S.Comd (A.D.S & T)	FILE
2/9 Fd Amb	S.Comd Trng School	War Diary

Reference 23rd Australian Infantry Brigade
Administrative Order No. 1. dated 10 Sep 40.

It is advised that all movements by road
have been postponed for at least one week.


Captain
Staff Captain 23 Aust Inf Bde

23RD. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 1

Ref. Map:-
Route Map, Seymour-Bonegilla

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10 Sep 40

INFORMATION

1. Bonegilla Camp will be available for occupation after 20 Sep 40.
2. Camps in Seymour Area are to be occupied by other Formations on and after 29 Sep 40.
Advance parties arriving Seymour area 25 Sep.

INTENTION

3. To move 8 Div units at present under command 23 Aust Inf Bde (less 8 Div Cav Regt) to Bonegilla.
Camps in Seymour area to be cleared by 25 Sep.

METHOD

4. Units 8 Div will move as under:-
 - (i) 2/11 Fd Regt by road 20 Sep. Advance parties to Bonegilla 18 Sep. Transport as already arranged by C.O. 2/11 Fd Regt.
 - (ii) 8 Div Pet Coy by rail 24 Sep. Advance parties to Bonegilla 22 Sep.
 - (iii) 2/9 Fd Amb (less 2 deta) by rail 24 Sep. Advance party to Bonegilla 22 Sep.
 - (iv) Remaining units by road in two colns as under:-
 - (a) Coln A -
 - 2/21 Bn
 - B Coy 2/3 M.G. Bn
 - 2 Sec 2/10 Fd Coy
 - Det 2/9 Fd Amb
 Commence move 16 Sep
 - (b) Coln B -
 - 2/22 Bn
 - 2/10 Fd Coy (less 2 Sec)
 - 23 A Tk Coy
 - Det 2/9 Fd Amb
 Commence move 17 Sep.
 - (c) All units in Colns A and B will be placed under command C.Os. 2/21 Bn and 2/22 Bn respectively 24 hours before respective movements commence.
5. Colns A and B will move by route and stages as under:-

Stage	1	Present Camp Sites to Avenel
"	2	Avenel to Franjep Creek
"	3	Franjep Creek to Euroa
"	4	Euroa to Violet Town
"	5	Violet Town to Benalla
"	6	Benalla to Wangaratta (10 miles ferry by M.T.)
"	7	Wangaratta to Tarrawingee
"	8	Tarrawingee to Beechworth
"	9	Beechworth to Yackandandah
"	10	Yackandandah to Bonegilla.

Each Coln will halt one day at WANGARATTA.

ADMINISTRATION.
Camp Equipment

6. (i) Instructions have already been issued in relation to the submission of indents for camp stores required at Bonegilla.
(ii) 2/11 Fd Regt, 8 Div ~~PET Coy~~, and 2/9 Fd Amb will leave behind rear parties of sufficient strength to safeguard and hand over stores to incoming units, unless later instructed to return stores direct to Ordnance.
(iii) Units in Colns A and B will leave behind rear parties equivalent to 10 per cent of their strength. These parties will load training and war equipment and unit stores on to rail and will then move, less a security party, to Bonegilla and act as an advance guard.

ADMINISTRATION
Camp Equipment
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- 6 (iv) The security party mentioned above will be of sufficient strength to safeguard stores and hand over to incoming unit or, if so directed, to Ordnance, all camp stores left on site.
(v) 2/21 Bn and 2/22 Bn will each be responsible for the camp stores required en route to Bonegilla for Colns A and B respectively. If sufficient stores are not held by these units they may be requisitioned for from other units in their respective colns.
(vi) Camp equipment taken on the march will be either retained by the units after arrival at Bonegilla or returned to Ordnance store Bonegilla as arranged later by Ordnance. This instruction does not apply to the 130 tent flys each unit has already been instructed to carry on the march. These flys will be returned to Seymour by 29 Sep under Ade arrangements to be notified later.

Training
and War

Equipment 7. Will travel with units moving by rail; and will be railed separately in the case of Colns A and B.

Rail Move. 8. Rail timetables will be issued later.

Messing. 9. Units other than Colns A and B will complete the move in one day and arrangements for meals that day will be as directed by the C.O. of the Unit. 2/21 Bn and 2/22 Bn will be responsible for the messing arrangements for Colns A and B.

Supplies. 10. (i) 2/11 Fd Regt, 8 Div Pet Coy, 2/9 Fd Amb will prepare indents for the first three days after the arrival at Bonegilla and submit them as instructed at a later date.
(ii) Colns A and B will be supplied daily under instructions to be issued by A.D.S. and T., Southern Command. Instructions in relation to the submission of indents by these Colns will be issued later.
(iii) All units will prepare indents for expense stores required on arrival at Bonegilla. Instructions in relation to the submission of this indent will be issued later.

Petrol. 11. (i) Will be delivered daily to Colns A and B under instructions to be issued by A.D.S. and T. Southern Command.
(ii) Special instructions will be issued in relation to the supply of petrol to 2/11 Fd Regt while on the road to Bonegilla.

Forage and

Firewood. 12. Will be delivered daily with rations.
2/21 Bn and 2/22 Bn will indent accordingly for Colns A B.

Bivouacs 13. 2/10 Fd Coy under instructions from O.C. the Coln will be responsible for the erection of the bivouac sites, except that units will erect tent flys. These flys will be handed to Fd Coy daily for transport to the next bivouac site. Bivouac site erected for Coln A will be used by Coln B the following night, thus movement of one set of flys only per day will be necessary with the exception of Wangaratta where both colns will be bivouaced at the same time.

Water 14 2/10 Fd Coy are responsible for the supply of water en route and the erection of water points and storage where necessary. O.C. Colns are responsible for allocation and marking of areas and piquetting thereof.

Sanitation.

15 Trench latrines will be dug at all bivouac sites and midday halts and care will be taken for the careful filling in of trenches and pits and marking of the ground.

Dress 16 Working dress will be worn with battle order. Service dress uniforms will be carried in kit bags or packs. Hats will be worn.

ADMINISTRATION

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- Baggage 17. All kit bags and packs will be clearly marked in the authorized manner. C.Os. Colns will adequately group and label into sub-unit dumps in order to facilitate collecting and dumping by transport.
- Blankets and Ground Sheets. 18. Four blankets and one ground sheet/^{per man} will be carried by transport. It is suggested that these should be rolled in palliasse adequately marked with the man's regimental number and name and similar arrangements will be made as for packs and kit bags in relation to collection and dumping thereof.
- March Discipline. 19. Will be strictly maintained throughout the move and an inspection should be made of feet at least twice daily.
- M.T. 20. M.T. will be allotted to Colns as under:-
 To each of Colns A and B -
 1 Utility
 15 30-cwt trucks
 To 2/10 Fd Coy for distribution to colns as required -
 3 30-cwt trucks
 1 Water tank and carrier
 2 30-cwt trucks for carriage of water tanks.
- Maintenance of M.T. 21. Ample time will be given daily to drivers to carry out normal maintenance. Serious breakdowns will be reported immediately to Bde H.Q. It may be possible to arrange for a L.A.D. to travel with one Coln.
- H.T. 22. 2/21 Bn horses will travel with Coln A. One horse will be provided for use of O.C. 2/3 MG Bn and one will be available at all times to the Bde T.O. or his representative as required. 2/22 Bn horses will move with Coln B and horses on charge to H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde will be allotted to this Coln. One horse will be placed at the disposal of the O.C. 23 A Tk Coy and one will be available at all times for the Bde T.O. or his representative as required.
- Horse Shkeing. 23 Instructions have already been issued regarding the shoeing of horses prior to move. Should any attention be required on the road it will be effected by local farriers who will submit claims on TS 4. Unit transport officer will carry supplies of forms TS 4 for this purpose.
- Pay 24 Arrangements have been made for all units in Colns A and B to be paid on Sep 12., No pay will be available en route. Units will submit requisition to Camp Paymaster Seymour for their requirements at Bonegilla prior to leaving Seymour.
- Canteens 25 Arrangements are being made for the services of a mobile canteen. Care is to be taken by O.Cs. Colns that this Canteen does not unreasonably interfere with the business of the townspeople en route.
- Private Vehicles 26 Private vehicles will not be permitted to accompany colns on the march nor are personnel from the units to be released from the march for the purpose of driving private cars to Bonegilla.
- Provost 27 It is anticipated that two sections 7 Div Provost Coy will be made available for the march. O.Cs. colns will detail necessary town picquets at all halts and will ensure that the behaviour of troops is beyond reproach.
- Fire Precautions 28 Adequate fire precautions will be taken at all bivouac and lunch halt sites. Fire beaters will be spaced throughout the colns at all times. Every care will be taken to ensure that any open fires are thoroughly extinguished before evacuating bivouac sites.
- Out of Bounds 29 All hotels en route will be placed out of bounds after normal trading hours.

ADMINISTRATION (Contd)

Medical 30 R.A.Ps. will move with colns to deal with unit sick. Det 2/9 Fd Amb will evacuate from R.A.Ps. in accordance with instructions already issued to C.O. 2/9 Fd Amb. The following transport will be available to 2/9 Fd Amb:-
Three motor ambulances.
In addition two motor buses will be available as under:-
One at call from 1200hrs 16 Sep
One additional from 0800hrs 17 Sep.
Both buses return Seymour at 1200hrs 21 Sep. Both buses will report back to Wangaratta at 1200hrs 22 Sep and are to report back at Seymour in the evening of 24 Sep.

Veterinary 31. Capt J.N. Henry, who will remain at Bde H.Q. will be available at call for veterinary attention. Capt J.N. Henry will instruct unit transport officers as to the treatment of minor injuries.

INTER - COMMUNICATION.

32. Bde H.Q. Rokeby (Seymour 244) until 19 Sep.
Close Rokeby, open Wangaratta, 20 Sep, exact location will be notified later.
Close Wangaratta, open Bonegilla 24 Sep.
33. Arrangements have been made with 7 Div Sigs for wireless communication between the two colns and with Bde H.Q. at all times. Sig personnel allotted to colns will be rationed by O.C. Coln.

APPENDICES.

34. Route Map, Seymour to Bonegilla and graph of march colns A and B issued herewith as appendices A and B.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

E. J. Arnold
Captain
Staff Captain 23 Aust Inf Bde

ISSUED through Sigs.
Signed at 2/12 hrs

DISTRIBUTION:-

23 A Tk Coy Copy No.	1 and Appendices A and B
2/21 Bn	2 " " " "
2/22 Bn	3 " " " "
8 Div Cav Regt	4
2/11 Fd Regt	5 and appendices A and B
2/10 Fd Coy	6 " " " "
3 Coy 2/3 M.G. Bn	7 " " " "
8 Div Pet Coy	8
2/5 Fd Amb	9 and appendices A and B
Comd	10 " " " "
P.M.	11 " " " "
T.O.	12 " " " "
A.A.S.C. Offr	13 " " " "
W.O. Axton	14
7 Div Sigs	15 and appendices A and B
Southern Command	16 " " " "
S.Comd (A.D.S & T)	17 " " " "
S. Comd Trg School	18
7 Aust Div	19 and appendices A and B
8 Aust Div	20 " " " "
26 Aust Inf Bde	21
H.Q.5 (Seymour) Sub-	
Area	22
Camp Paymaster	
Seymour	23
2/40 Bn	24
File	25 and appendices A and B
War Diary	26 " " " "

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

H.Q. 23 Anti-Air Bde (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
BRIGADIER *	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	4		
Lieutenants ...	2		1
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	8		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.
VX 48944	SPENCER F.	A.A.C.C.	12-9-40	Join on strength

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)

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

H.Q. 23 AUST. INF. BDE.

(Signature of Commander.) Capt. Bde

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

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

Army Form W. 3009

(page 1)

(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

44-23 Ant Inf Bde (Unit) 15 Sep 40 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			1
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			1
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	3	1	
Corporals	2		1
Troopers, Privates, &c.	65	12	
TOTALS	71	13	2

* 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.
VK 3-133			
X 303739	2/40 B.		

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

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HA 23 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

Army Form W. 3009
(page 2)

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Miscellaneous					1			1	1		1		1		3	
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
General duty personnel							12	12								
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)					1		12	13	1		1		1		3	

HA 23 Aust Inf Bde
Unit.
Date of Despatch 15 Sep 40

Capt.
8 J. J. B. Bde.
Signature of Commander.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

SECRET

23 Aust Inf Bde Operation Order

No. 1

Copy No 11...
21 Sep 40

Ref Map - ROUTE MAP, SEYMOUR BONEGILLA

INFORMATION

1. Enemy. Enemy aircraft have been operating in Eastern VICTORIA with particular reference to the HUME HIGHWAY.
Enemy landings have not yet taken place.
2. Own Tps 26 Inf Bde is concentrated in ALBURY area.
3. Following troops under command 23 Inf Bde from 1800 hrs 21 Sep
2/10 Fd Coy
Det 7 Div Sigs
Three dets 2/9 Fd Amb
Two secs 8 Div Pro Coy.

INTENTION

4. 23 Inf Bde and att tps will move by road from SEYMOUR to BONEGILLA.

METHOD

5. Coln A Comd Lt-Col L. N. ROACH 2/21 Bn
2/21 Bn
One Sec 2/10 Fd Coy
Det 2/9 Fd Amb
6. Coln B Comd Lt-Col H. CARR 2/22 Bn
2/22 Bn
2/10 Fd Coy less one Sec
23 A Tk Coy
Two dets 2/9 Fd Amb
7. Stages. Present Camp Site to AVENEL
AVENEL to PRANJEP CREEK
PRANJEP CREEK to EUROA
EUROA to VIOLET TOWN
VIOLET TOWN to BENALLA
BENALLA to WANGARATTA
WANGARATTA to TARRAWINGEE STN
TARRAWINGEE STN to BEECHWORTH
BEECHWORTH to LENEWA
LENEWA to BONEGILLA

Each stage will be covered in one day.
Each Coln will halt one day at WANGARATTA.

8. START. Coln A 23 Sep. Will advise Bde H.Q. when head of Coln is to reach Camp 25.
Coln B 24 Sep. Will advise Bde H.Q. when head of Coln is to reach PONTOON BR (Ref SEYMOUR TRAINING AREA 2" 177253)

9. ENGINEERS 2/10 Fd Coy will erect water points and storage where necessary

- ADM
10. Instructions have been issued separately as Adm order No. 1 10 Sep.
 11. Provdst. Two secs 8 Div Pro Coy will signpost route and direct traffic in towns.
Civilian traffic policemen are to move at head and tail of each coln to control civilian traffic.
 12. Transport - Will not move by day at density greater than 10 v t m or speed greater than 20 m i h.
 - ~~7 Div Sigs is providing W.T. and R T between Colns and Adv Bde H.Q.~~

MEDICAL

13. Casualties that will not be able to march for three days or more will be evacuated as under by Fd Amb Dets

23. 24. 25. 26. Sep - C.D.S. SEYMOUR
27. 28. 29. Sep - C.D.S. BENALLA and WANGARATTA
30. Sep 1. 2. 3. Oct - C.D.S. BONEGILLA

Personnel unable to march for estimated periods up to three days will be moved forward by M.T. to next bivouac site.

INTER-
COMMUNICATION

14. Reports to Adv Bde Hq

Bde Hq closes ROKEBY 1000hrs 26 Sep

opens WANGARATTA 1200 hrs 26 Sep

Move by HUME HIGHWAY.

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B. M. 23
Maj
B.M. 23 Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

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2 2/21 Bn
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3 2/22 Bn
4 2/10 Fd Coy
5 2/9 Fd Amb
6 7 Div Sigs
7 Comd
8 Staff Captain
9 T.O.
10) War Diary
11)
12)
13) File
14)

TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

BU/RN

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

40/37/23

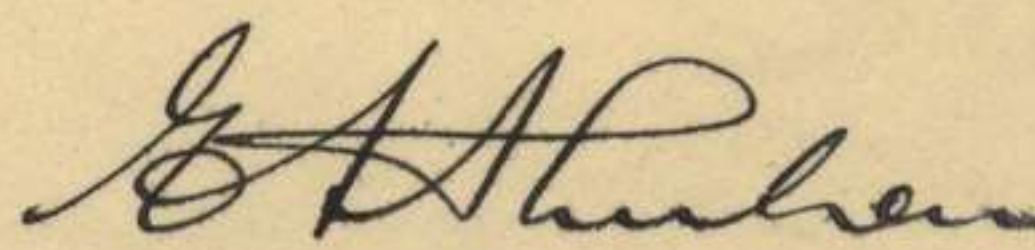
H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde
"Rokeby" SEYMOUR
21 Sep 40

Alteration of Route - SEYMOUR-BONEGILLA

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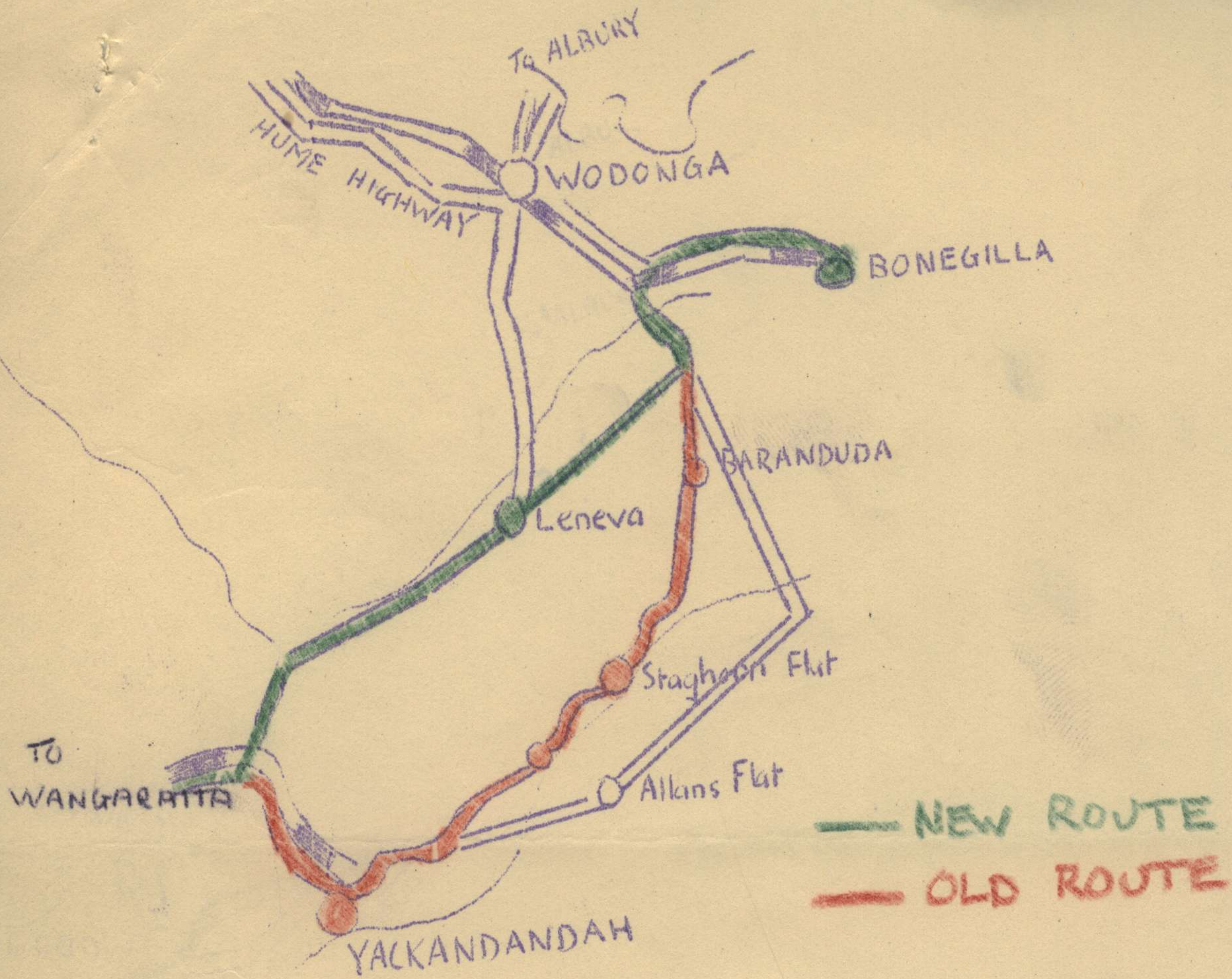
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 Maj
B.M. 23 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION.

2/10 Fd Coy
2/21 Bn
2/22 Bn
23 A Tk Coy
2/9 Fd Amb
Comb
B.M.
Staff Capt
T.O.
7 Div Sigs

Southern Command
7 Aust Div
8 Aust Div
23 Aust Inf Bde
File (2)
War Diary (2)✓



TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

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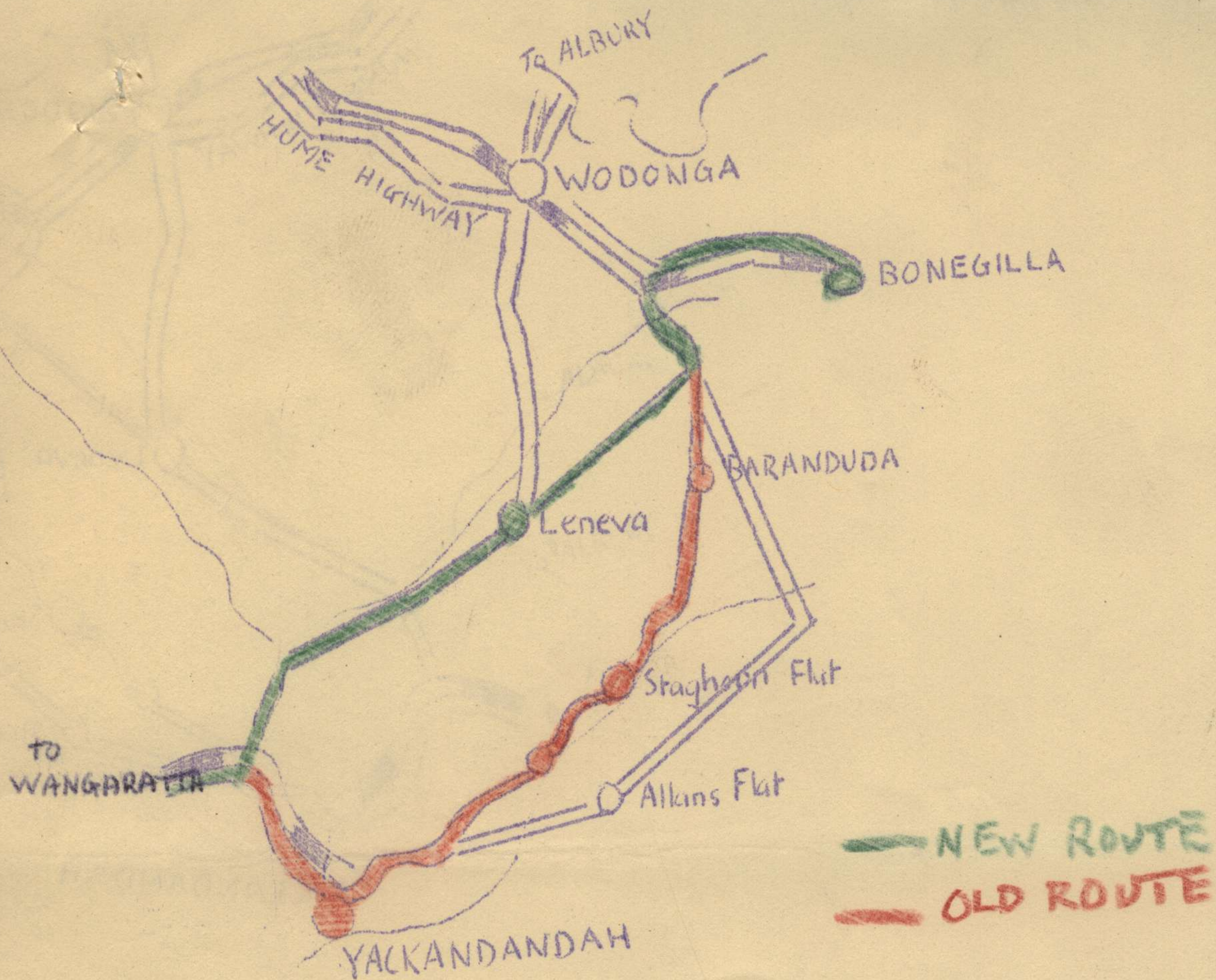
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2/21 Bn
2/22 Bn
23 A Tk Coy
2/9 Pd Amb
Comb
B.M.
Staff Capt
T.O.
7 Div Sigs

Southern Command
7 Aust Div
8 Aust Div
23 Aust Inf Bde
File (2)
War Diary (2) ✓





FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

H.Q. 23 AUST. INF. BDE. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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

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(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

NO. 23 Rec. Day PM (Unit) 8 Sep. 1940 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			1
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			1
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	3	1	
Corporals	2		1
Troopers, Privates, &c.	63	10	
TOTALS	69	11	3

* 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.

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

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H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde. Unit.

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(page 2)

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

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

H.Q. 23 AUST. INF. BDE.

Unit.

Date of Despatch

8 Sep. 40

S.C. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde.

Signature of Commander.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

H.Q. 23 AUST. INF. BDE. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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

Army Form W. 3009

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

H.Q. 23 AUST. INF. BDE.

(Unit)

18

(Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			1
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			1
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	4	2	
Corporals	3		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	65	12	
TOTALS	73	14	2

* 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.

[illegible]

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

[illegible]

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Miscellaneous					2			2	1	1					2	
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
General duty personnel					12			12								
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)					14			14	1	1					2	

H.Q. 23 AUST. INF. BDE.

Unit.

Date of Despatch 22 Sep 40

Signature of Commander.
S. 23 1940
8 Division

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.
H.A. 23 Aust Inf Bde (Unit) 29 Sep 1940 (Date).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

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

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23 Aust Inf Bde HQ Unit.

Army Form W. 3009
(page 2)

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Miscellaneous					1			1	1						1	
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
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Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
General duty personnel							8	8								
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)				1		8		9	1						1	

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

Date of Despatch

29 Sep 40

Capt.
S/C. 23 Aust. Inf. Bde,

Signature of Commander.

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

TO BE ATTACHED TO WAR DIARY.

Month of September 40

H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde.
BONEGILLA. VIC.

Brigade Routine Orders 10/14

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde
"Rokeby" SEYMOUR.
6 Sep 40.

ROUTINE ORDER

PART 1

NUMBER 10

by

BRIGADIER E.F. LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D.

Commanding 23 Australian Infantry Brigade.

CHURCH PARADES

1. The following Church Parades will be held on Sunday, 8 Sep 40 -

Unit	Time	Place	Service
2/11 Fd Regt	0715 hrs	C of E Chapel	Holy Communion
	0900 hrs	Y.M.C.A.	Church Parade
	0945 hrs	Y.M.C.A.	Holy Communion
	0945 hrs	C of E Chapel	Holy Communion
	1900 hrs	C of E Chapel	Evensong
2/22 Bn	0900 hrs	Y.M.C.A.	Church Parade
HQ 23 Inf Bde)			
3 A.A. Regt)	1000 hrs	Y.M.C.A.	Church Parade
23 A Tk Coy)			
<u>Roman Catholic Services</u>			
2/22 Bn)			
2/10 Fd Coy)	0900 hrs	C.W.O. Hut 2/22 Bn Camp Site 29	
2/21 Bn)			
HQ 23 Inf Bde)			

PICQUETS

2. It has been noticed that picquets are, on occasions, extremely lax in the performance of their duties. This must be corrected forthwith. Picquets will carry out their duties in an alert and soldier like manner and pay appropriate compliments.

SEYMOUR RAILWAY YARDS

3. Units will place all portions of Seymour railway station and yards, with the exception of the actual concourse and platform, out of bounds to all ranks other than those whose duties actually require them to be in those areas.

4. This order has been occasioned by the frequent movement of troops through shunting yards and the fact that Railway authorities assert that, but for the promptitude of the driver of a goods train, a soldier would have been run over recently.

DRESS

5. Units will ensure that all ranks sew tunic and trouser buttons securely on Service Dress and Working Dress prior to movement from Seymour area.

[Signature] Captain
for Staff Captain 23 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

8 Div Cav Regt
2/11 Fd Regt
2/10 Fd Coy
2/3/ H.C. Bn
2/21 Bn
2/22 Bn
2/40 Bn
23 A Tk Coy
8 Div Let Coy
2/9 Fd Amb
Sigs 1 Aust Corps
Sigs 7 Div
HQ 5 (Seymour) Sub Area
Comd
Bde Maj Bde T.O. B.S.O. L.O.(3)

SPARE
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde
"Rokeby" SEYMOUR.
9 Sep 40

ROUTINE ORDER

NUMBER 11

by

BRIGADIER E. F. LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D.

Commanding 23 Australian Infantry Brigade.

ROADSIDE
PURCHASES
PETROL

1. With reference to purchases of petrol from country garages, it is advised that the purchases must be made on an Order Form A.A.F.59, the original to be handed to the garage proprietor together with a T.S.4. The duplicate (pink copy) after being duly signed and completed is to be forwarded immediately Headquarters, Southern Command.

2. This authority is to be used only in cases of necessity when normal sources of supply are not available.

CONCESSION
FARES ON
TRAMS.

3. The maximum fare which will be charged any member of the Forces, in uniform, on any one route of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board's tramways or omnibus services is 3d.

4. This concession, however, does not apply to Transfer fares or to combined journeys over amalgamated routes, nor is it available on "All Night" or "Minimum Fare" cars where special fares operate.

5. Soldiers are warned that fares in accordance herewith must be paid.

SALE OF GOODS
BRANDED
AUSTRALIAN
COMFORTS
FUND.

6. The attention of troops is to be directed to the fact that the sale of cigarettes, tobacco and other goods branded in any form with the insignia of the Australian Comforts Fund, Red Cross, or other institutions, or containing any labels indicating that such goods have been donated for distribution by any of these organisations, is definitely forbidden and any soldier purchasing goods so branded must immediately report the circumstances to his Unit headquarters.

PUNISHMENTS.

7. The following punishments have been awarded:-
VX24780 Pte LEGGETT, W.T., A.W.L. 26 Aug 40 to 1 Sep 40 and 4-8 Sep 40 - Reprimanded and admonished, forfeits 10 days pay.
VX32433, Pte STEER, A., A.W.L. 5 Aug 40 to 6 Sep 40 - 14 days C.B.. forfeits 33 days' pay.
VX32899, Pte WATSON, R., A.W.L. 5-9 Sep 40 - Extra duties 7 days, forfeits 5 days' pay.

E. F. Lind
Captain
Staff Captain 23 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICE.

The Pastoral and Agricultural Society of Deniliquin advises that the annual show will be held on Friday and Saturday, 13 and 14 Sep 40, and they would be pleased if leave could be granted to men from that district who wish to attend the show.

DISTRIBUTION.

8 Div Cav Regt	2/21 Bn	8 Div Pet Coy	H.Q. 5 (Seymour) Sub-Area
2/11 Fd Regt	2/22 Bn	2/9 Fd Amb	Comd
2/10 Fd Coy	2/40 Bn	Sigs 1 Aust Corps	Bde Maj Bde T.O. B.S.O.
2/3 M.G.Bn	23 A Tk Coy	Sigs 7 Div	L.O. (3)

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde
"Rokeby" Seymour
14 Sep 40

ROUTINE ORDER

PART 1

NUMBER 12.

by

BRIGADIER E. F. LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D.

Commanding 23 Australian Infantry Brigade.

CHURCH
PARADES

1. The following Church Parades will be held on Sunday
15 Sep 40 -

Unit.	Time	Place	Service
2/21 Bn	0730hrs	Camp Site 25A	Holy Communion
	0930hrs		Church Parade
2/10 Fd Coy	1015hrs	Camp Site 25	Church Parade
2/3 M. G. Bn	1100hrs		Holy Communion
Sigs 1 Aust Corps	0715hrs	C of E Chapel	Holy Communion
Sigs 7 Aust Div	0900hrs	Y.M.C.A.	Church Parade
8 Div Pet Coy	0945hrs	C of E Chapel	Holy Communion
	0945hrs	Y.M.C.A.	Holy Communion
2/9 Fd Amb)	0930hrs	Y.M.C.A.	Church Parade
8 Div Cav Regt)	1015hrs	at	Holy Communion
3 Div Offrs Sch)		N'ambie Rd	
7 A.G.H.	1030hrs	C.D.S.	Church Parade

RIFLE
EXERCISES

2. All units will ensure that when instruction in rifle exercises or Small Arms Training is being carried out the Instructor will invariably carry a rifle.

SALVAGE

3. Care is to be taken that nothing with any salvage value is to be buried or burnt when Units move from their present camp sites.

Such items as straw, tins, etc. are to be carefully stacked in separate heaps ready for collection by the Salvage Company.

E. F. Lind
Captain
Staff Captain 23 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION.

8 Div Cav Regt
2/11 Fd Regt
2/10 Fd Coy
B Coy 2/3 M.G. Bn
2/21 Bn
2/22 Bn
2/40 Bn
23 A Tk Coy
8 Div Pet Coy
2/9 Fd Amb
Sigs 1 Aust Corps
Sigs 7 Div
H.Q. 5 (Seymour) Sub-Area
Comd
Bde Maj Bde T.O. B.S.O. L.O.(3)

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde
"Rokeby" SEYMOUR
19 Sep 40.

ROUTINE ORDER

NUMBLR 13

by

BRIGADIER R.F. LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D.

Commanding 23 Australian Infantry Brigade.

CHURCH PARADES 1. The following Church Parades will be held on Sunday
22 Sep 40 -

Unit	Time	Place	Type of Service	Padre
2/22 Bn	1000hrs	Site 29	Church Parade	Padre Spencer
2/21 Bn	0715hrs	Site 25A	Holy Communion)	Padre Patmore
	0930hrs	Site 25A	Church Parade)	
2/10 Fd Coy	0915hrs	Site 25	Church Parade	Padre Spencer
2/11 Fd Regt	0715hrs	CofE Hut	Holy Communion	Padre Porter
	0900hrs	Y.M.C.A.	Church Parade	Padre Porter
	0945hrs	CofE Hut	Holy Communion	Padre Porter
	0945hrs	Y.M.C.A.	Holy Communion	Padre Lanham
7 A.G.H.	1030hrs	C.D.S.	Church Parade	Padre Lanham

DELAY OF D.Rs. 2. Units are advised that it is essential that D.Rs run to
schedule and will ensure that no D.R. is held beyond his
appointed time.

CORRESPONDENCE 3. Attention is directed to para 3 of Routine Order No. 6,
dated 16 Aug 40. In a number of cases, the instructions
contained therein are not being complied with, necessitating
a deal of unnecessary duplication of work at Bde Hqs.
4. Units will greatly assist by following the approximate
guide laid down in Routine Order No. 6.

WEEKLY RETURN
OF STRENGTH 5. H.B. memorandum 57387, dated 26 Aug 40 requires a weekly
return of strength of units as at 0600 hrs on Saturday to be
forwarded to 2nd Echelon, A.H.Q., by 1700 hrs on the
following Wednesday. A copy of this memorandum was forwarded
to Units from Bde Hqs.
6. Units will note that this return is to be forwarded direct
to D.R.O., Craigs Buildings, Melbourne, on the Sunday of each
week in order that it may reach 2nd Echelon in time.

UNAUTHORISED
HORSES IN CAMP 7. Attention has been directed to the fact that instances
have occurred of personnel bringing privately owned horses into
camp with them and drawing issues of forage.
8. This practice must cease immediately and where unauthorised
rations have been drawn for such animals, action is to be
taken to recover the value of such rations from the
individuals concerned.

ELECTRIC LIGHT
GLOBES AND
FITTINGS 9. Numerous instances have occurred of globes having been
removed from huts, street and other external light points,
whilst electric light fittings have been seriously damaged,
shades broken and the wiring interfered with to such an extent
that the lighting to a number of buildings has had to be
temporarily disconnected.
10. The extent of the damage referred to is of such a serious
nature that the Military Foreman of works at the various
camps have been instructed only to renew electric light globes
on receipt of the broken or unserviceable bulbs.
11. The attention of all ranks is to be directed to this
matter, and strict supervision is to be exercised by O.Cs.
Units to ensure that the loss and damage referred to is
reduced to an absolute minimum.

ELECTRIC LIGHT
GLOBES AND
FITTINGS (Contd)

12. In all cases of wilful damage and destruction of Government property, immediate action is to be taken in accordance with the provisions of A.M.R. & O. 695 and M.P.R. & I. 619 and 622.

PAY

13. 2/10 Fd Coy, 2/21 Bn, 2/22 Bn and 23 A Tk Coy will be paid at WANGARATTA on Saturday and Sunday 23-29 Sep 40. These Units will submit the necessary requisition on Camp Paymaster, SEYMOUR, not later than Saturday, 21 Sep 40.

PUNISHMENTS

14. The following punishments have been awarded -
 VX24491 Pte NELSON, G.A., A.W.L. 20 Aug 40 to 16 Sep 40;
 C.B. 14 days, forfeits 28 days pay.
 VX30233 Pte BURNETT, J.L., A.W.L. 15 Sep 40 to 16 Sep 40;
 Fined 10/-, forfeits 1 days pay.
 VX21567 Pte HENLEY, D.W., A.W.L. 15 Sep 40 to 16 Sep 40;
 Admonished, forfeits 1 days pay.

E. J. Arnold
 Captain
 Staff Captain 23 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

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 2/11 Fd Regt
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 L.O. (3)
 I.O.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

H.Q. 23 Aust Inf Bde
WANGARATTA.
28 Sep 40.

ROUTINE ORDER

PART 1

NUMBER 14

by

BRIGADIER E.F. LIND, C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D.

Commanding 23 Australian Infantry Brigade.

COURT OF
INQUIRY

1. The following Officers will constitute a Court of Inquiry for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting on -
 - (a) Accident in which military Motor Vehicle L4675 was involved on the evening of 21 Sep 40;
 - (b) Accident in which military Motor Vehicle L4666 was involved on the night of 22 Sep 40.

Capt R.N. PEVERILL

President

Lieut M. ASHKANASY

Member

Lieut N.F. PROSSOR

Member

The Court will assemble at such times and places as the President may direct.

BEGGING ALMS
BY MEMBERS
OF THE FORCES

2. Commanding Officers of Units will direct the attention of all ranks to the fact that the begging of alms by members of the Forces is an offence, and troops proceeding on leave in October will be warned against the practice before departure from their units.

POSTAL RATES

3. It has been brought to notice that letters have been detected passing through the post bearing a printed impression of the Departmental Concession Rates rubber stamp on the envelope. The use of such printed inscriptions instead of the Departmental rubber stamp is irregular, and in order to ensure that the agreement between the Department of the Army and the Postmaster General's Department is adhered to, and also to obviate any surcharge on letters, instructions should be promulgated prohibiting the use of envelopes bearing a printed impression of the Departmental rubber stamp referred to.

DISCREPANCY
RIFLE BOLT

4. Attention has been directed to the fact that Rifle Bolt No. 98965 has been lost by 2 Cav Div A.A.S.C.
5. Units will check all rifles on charge and submit a report to Bde H.Q. in due course.

DISTRIBUTION

2/11 Fd Regt
2/10 Fd Coy

2/21 Bn
2/22 Bn
2/40 Bn
23 A Tk Coy

2/9 Fd Amb

H.Q. 5 (Seymour) Sub Area
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B.S.O.
L.O. (3)
I.O.

J. M. H. H. H. Captain
for Staff Captain 23 Aust Inf Bde