

AWM52
2nd Australian Imperial Force and
Commonwealth Military Forces unit war
diaries, 1939-45 War

Item number: 8/2/17

17 Infantry Brigade
October - December 1939

Oct. 1939 to July 1940

A stock-take of war diaries commenced in 1956 revealed that an ORIGINAL diary covering the above period was missing. This diary, previously registered as a DUPLICATE, has therefore been re-registered as an ORIGINAL.

An entry to this effect has been made in the War Diary Register.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

3RD DISTRICT		
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RECORDS		

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

Unit 17 INF BDE

Date and Time.—From 13 Oct 39 To 31 Oct 39

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	13 Oct		17 Inf Bde 2nd AIF formed Appointed to Command — Brig' S.G. Savige DSO, MC, ED. " to be B.M. — Maj. B.W. Pulver Staff Corps Bde HQ estab. "REDHOLME" 39 Kensington Rd, SM. YARRA by permission G.O.C. 3 Div.	
"	25 Oct		Brig. S.G. Savige to command for admin. all 2nd AIF units raised in Victoria	
"	27	1100 hrs	Conference of COs inf and att'd units with Adjts & QMstr. at 17 Inf Bde HQ.	W3008 att'd

CONFERENCE - 27 Oct 39

17 Inf. Bde. and attached units.

RESPONSIBILITY. 1. Comdr 17 Inf Bde appointed authority for discipline and administration of all units in 3 M.D.
All questions and matters arising in regard to local administration to be referred to HQ 17 Inf Bde.

CONCENTRATION. 2. All Units begin concentration in Seymour area on 3 Nov., under arrangements by Southern Command.
(i) 3 Nov - Adv Parties (Militia Units) volunteers)
(ii) Daily from 6 Nov - Drafts from Militia units.
(iii) Daily, after completion of militia drafts, -
Drafts of non-militia volunteers from Show Gds.

Officers selected, less those required for Adv Parties, to report at Camp sites by 8am 6 Nov 39.

CAMP SITES 3. All units eventually at PUCKAPUNYAL.

Area for commencement will be-

H.Q. 17 Inf Bde	Admin Block, PUCKA
2/5 Bn	No 6 " "
2/6 "	5 " "
2/7 "	4 " "
2/8 "	3 " "
Sigs)	2 " " (If Not ready,
Eng)	Old Camp site, Seymour).

Other units Old Camp Seymour, moving to Nos 1 and 7 Blocks PUCKA in succession as building is completed.

STORES AND EQUIPMENT.

4. Camp equipment issued to unit sites by Camp Comdt.
(b) War Equipment issued by Ordnance when available (rifles, Guns, vehicles, web equipment, etc).
Probably scale curtailed at outset, and may be NONE for some time.
(c) Clothing. See scales herewith.
Show Ground men in possession of initial issue on arrival at units.
Militia personnel in possession of uniforms only.
(d) Training Stores issued as available.
(e) Bands. Approval for two bands per Inf Bde. Requisition for 2/6, 2/7 Bns submitted by Bde HQ.

ACTION BY UNITS

- (a)
5. Units to submit to Bde HQ at earliest -
(i) F.20 for Camp Equipment on peace scale (S.Os for Equipment, Appendix V
(ii) F.20 for clothing requirements - see scales.
(iii) F.20 for Training Stores (Mob scale)
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Engineer stores (barbed wire etc) demanded separately from Chief Engineer, S.Comd.
(iv) F.20 for Vet Stores (Bns only)
(v) Indents for Expense stores, straw etc.
(vi) Indents for rations, forage, fuel, etc
(vii) Indents for Stationery requirements & office requisites

NOTE. NO Demand required for War Equipment.

(b) Units to select C.Q.M.Ss, Cooks, and other personnel required for advanced parties, and notify particulars to Area Officers concerned for drafting. (Details from S/Capt)

(c) Units compile and submit to District Records Office, Vic. Bks -

W.3010 } -Weekly on Monday, for period - Copies to
w.3008 } to midnight Sunday AHQ and Bde.

TRAINING, to 30 Nov 39.

WXX Instructions are being issued by 6 Div.

OBJECTS

- 6. (i) Hardening physically.
- (ii) Methodical individual instruction to attain common standard before commencement of sub-unit training.

NOTE . Essential to create unit spirit early, by maintenance of organization, competitions, etc.

METHODS.

- 7. (a) Principles as in training manuals regarding sequence and method of instruction.
- (b) Monotony to be avoided, but must turn personnel into well-drilled, well-disciplined, smart soldiers to produce a good fighting unit.
- (c) From the commencement insist on drilling into men the smallest essentials - stance and poise, smart saluting, clear movements, correct smart and clean turnout. Correct at once tendency to old AIF 'Gawd Blimey' pose.
- (d) Officers and N.C.Os must be patterns of correctness.
- (e) Look out for the bored man. Instructor may be the cause.
- (f) Explain the why and wherefore of each phase. Treat men as intelligent beings.
- (g) Avoid delays and waiting for the men. Organize so that training commences punctually, and proceeds without a hitch.
- (h) Minimum time on Coy and Bn parade before commencing actual instruction.
- (i) Real active work on parade. Short lessons and short breaks.
- (j) Preparation of instruction and instructors, Evolve system of Section Leader 'guides'
- (k) Introduce competitive scheme within units, etc.

PROGRAMME

- 8. (a) To 30 Nov based on Individual Training, to prepare sound foundation for sub-unit and unit training.
- (b) Work based on -

Drill	25 hrs	Anti Gas	6 hrs
Bayonet	5	Sec Ldg (incl	
Weapon T.50		Field Works,	
		Camouflage,	
		and night)	60 "

- (c) C.Os to make own syllabus
- (d) Commence night training at once. One night per week + after first week
- (e) Specialists not trained as such (M.Gunners, Sigs, etc) until proficient in individual training.
- (f) Commence early individual training in anti-gas and anti-air protective measures.
- (g) Special unit training for officers and N.C.Os

SYLLABUS.

- 9. (a) Progression - Cannot avoid some repetition for Militia members, who should be mixed with non-militia to help latter.
- (B) Hardening - Work up gradually. - Take every opportunity. P.T. - Instructor must know job - teach if necessary. Short sharp periods - starting morning and afternoon sessions - none before breakfast. Organized Games - Marches - Commence short distances, light kit.
- (c) Hours. 0900-1230 ; 1400-1430; one night per week.
- (d) Small Arms - Train to fire Course by end of Nov. Start by testing to ascertain standard. May lower standard of TOET at first, then do complete TEST. Must be based on sound preliminary training, and thorough grounding in Theory.
- (e) Specialists. Do NOT start on M.G., Sig training, until proficient in drill and rifle work. Probably two weeks on this ground work.

(e) Specialists (Continued)

After first two weeks, Intelligence and Sig Training conducted on Brigade basis.

(f) Good training in field works and camouflage essential
Wire, pickets, netting obtainable from Engineer Services.

PARADE
ROUTINE.

10. One Bn Parade only per day should be required. Others Coy Parades. Move off to work without delay.
Training stores MUST be on the spot before training is timed to commence.
Good organization to ensure that men are working during whole period.

GUARDS.

11. Reduced to minimum. Guard daily- Retreat to Reveille.

ORGANIZATION.

12. (a) Unit personnel allotted from definite pool of Militia areas.

Show Ground men allotted by Bn Commanders for daily drafts, in consultation with Camp Comdt.

Militia personnel allotted by Southern Command from same Area pools. Unit Comdrs should earmark N.C.Os and Specialist.

(b) Personnel from Militia and Show Ground to be mixed in sub-units, but definite sub-unit organization from outset.

TRADES

13. Cannot lay down policy until units are assembled. Comdrs to endeavour to fill tradesmen vacancies from Show Ground and Militia volunteers by prior selection. Unit to submit after arrival in camp statement of tradesmen situation, with proposals for training men without full qualifications.

Special Training

14 - (i) *Edc TEWTS.*

(ii) *Unit training of*

(a) *Officers - 2 1/2 - AdjT 1430-1600*

(b) *Men - AdjT*

and exams as required.

26 Oct 29. Conference at Six Bks of B.M. with Brig. Blake, Southern Command, re accommodation Victorian units, 6 Div, in Camps, 3 Nov etc.

Factors - 1. Blocks at PUCKA. to be completed -

Four by 3 Nov 29.

One " 15 "

One " 25 "

One (Arty) - 1 Dec

Hospital also much delayed.

2. 200 Tents only available.

3. Additional non-militia volunteers to be enlisted, necessitating early evacuation of drafts from Show Ground after 6 Nov.

Original Proposals by Brig. Blake -

All units to be accommodated on 3 Nov in the four completed blocks at PUCKA, by placing more men in each hut (40). Two or more units in each block to a capacity of 1600 each.

Disadvantages - (1) Interference with organization & admin.
(2) Undue congestion and discomfort.
(3) Overloading of kitchens, showers, latrines, etc.
(4) Insufficient mess huts, offices, storerooms.

Final suggestions.

Accommodation -

Arty and Recce Regt - Under tents at Seymour Camp.

ASC - Broadmeadows

AMC - Show grounds (less C.D.S. details).

(All above moving to PUCKA as blocks ready).

Eds HQ and details - PUCKA - Admin Block.

5 Reg + AMOC - " " No 6 "

6 " + C.D.S. - " " 5 "

7 " + Sigs - " " 4 "

8 " + Enqs. - " " 3 "

(Enqs, Enps, CDS & AMOC moving to other blocks when ready).

Movement.

3 Nov - Adv. Party - essential details only (selected personnel and some from Show Erd) 20 per unit.
(Can go in early - if all militia not till evening)

4. Nov - Adv. Party - militia - 20 per area.

6 " - Remainder of militia.

7 " - First drafts (2) from Show Erd.

8 " - Subsequent drafts for " " commence.

[Signature]

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - 3rd DIVISION.

MB/28/39A

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"Redholme"
59 Kensington Rd.,
SOUTH YARRA.

28th October, 1939.

H.Q. 3 Div. Scymour.
4 Inf. Bde. (4 copies)
10 " " " "
15 " " " "

OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT 2nd A.I.F.

The following names of officers for medical examination etc. prior to appointment to the 6th Div. A.I.F. were received this morning direct from 17th Bde. as advance information:-

Forwarded for your information and attention.

Copies have been sent direct to Units concerned.

Major F.G.Wood	14 Bn.	Major H.G.Guinn	24/39 Bn.
Lieut. G.P.Swinburne	14 Bn.	" H.C.D.Marshall	24/39 Bn.
		Capt. J.A.Bishop	24/39 Bn.
Lieut. G.R.Warfe	29 Bn.	Lieut. A.E.Bamford	24/39 Bn.
Capt. F.B.Robertson	29 Bn.	" J.J.Hutchinson	24/39 Bn.
		" I.D.McCallum	24/39 Bn.
Capt. E.W.Weate	46 Bn.	" W.H.McCorkell	24/39 Bn.
" W.T.Muhlhan	46 Bn.	" J.O.Wicking	24/39 Bn.
" L.B.Holford	46 Bn.	" I.H.Manson	24/39 Bn.
Lieut. F.A.Soward	46 Bn.		
" H.S.Plummer	46 Bn.	Major H.Wrigley	37 Bn.
" Q.A.Tilley	46 Bn.	Lieut. D.I.A.Green	37 Bn.
Capt. H.H.McDonald	57/60 Bn.	Lieut. G.H.Halliday	52 Bn.
Lieut. C.L/Simpson	57/60 Bn.	" K.W.Butterworth	52 Bn.
Capt. C.J.A.Coombes	57/60 Bn.	" J.F.Fallon	52 Bn.
Lieut. W.S.Howard	57/60 Bn.		
Lieut. H.B.Gallen	57/60 Bn.		
Lieut. N.Larkins	57/60 Bn.		
<i>Capt. R.K.Martin</i>	<i>57/60 Bn.</i>		
Lieut. R.Coutts	58 Bn.		
Capt. J.A.M.Martin	58 Bn.		
Lieut. W.H.Arthur	59 Bn.		

Plus previously notified:-

Lieut. Col. T.G.Walker 24/39 Bn.
Major B.J.O'Loughlin 29 Bn.
Major S.H.W.C. Porter 58 Bn.
Major C.Capes. 52 Bn.

From a perusal of the above names it is apparent that action is already in course in a number of instances.

R.E.B.LEE Major.
for A.A. & Q.M.G. 3rd. Division.

17 Inf Bde Diary

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October 1939

- Tues. 10 List of leaders of 2nd AIF published
 Maj Gen Sir Thomas A Blamey CB CMG DSO
 p.s.c. to be Lieut-General and G.O.C
 6th Div 2nd AIF.
 Brig. ~~to~~ S.G. Savidge DSO MC ED
 (commanding 10 Inf Bde.) to command
 17th Inf Bde, 2nd AIF.
 Maj B.W. Pulver ^{Staff Corps} (B.M. 15 Inf Bde) to
 be B.M. 17th Inf Bde
 Brig. and B.M. recalled from SEYMOUR
 and medically examined. "no stone unturned
 and no passage unexplored"
- Wed 11 Brig. interviewed by G.O.C.
 B.M. " " G.S.O.I 6 Div.
 (Lieut Col S.F. Rowell OBE) (
 lists of 5 pps. available handed over
 for selection.
 H.Q. 17 Inf Bde. temporarily established
 at 3 Div H.Q. "Redholme" 39 Kensington Rd
 St. Yarra.
- Thu 12 Selection of COs & 2/ers.
- Fri 13 Conference of Commanders with G.O.C. 6 Div
 Dinner for Cdrs. with G.O.C.
- Sat 14 Nominations of COs read & accepted
 by G.O.C.

Mon 16

Nomination of ~~lt Col~~ Lieut. Col T.P. Cook investigated by GOC ^{following} ~~in response to~~ report by A-G (Br Maj-Gen Sir Carl Jess). Lieut-Col Cook cleared of implication ^{which occurred} owing to ~~his~~ confusion with another of same name.

S.C. (Capt GH Brock, 24 Bn.) reported for duty and medically examined.

Conference of CO's ~~with Brig.~~ (Lt Lieut-Col Mitchell) with Brig.

Tues 17

Routine duties.

B.I.O. (Capt I.K. Whitaker M.V.R.) received from 2 Inf. Bde. camp MT. MARTHA. ~~to commence duty~~

wed 18

Lieut-Col. Cook notified to be o/c training at recruit training depot to be established at Showgrounds with Capt. Moy i/c administration.

B.I.O. commenced duty.

Thu 19

S.C. & B.M. visit showgrounds.

T.O. ~~sent~~ (Lieut McKee, 8 L.H.) interviewed. B.I.O. & B.T.O. medically examined. B.I.O. enrolled.

Brig. conferring denominations re selection of padres.

B.I.O. contacted Yucca, ~~S.A.~~ Salvation Army, Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian etc re proposed philanthropic activities

Thu 20

J.C. enrolled. B.M. and B.I.O.
 to showground. Pep talk to instructors
 1st Bde recruits arrive showground
 per M.T.
 Approval received for 2 Staff Corps
 Adjts. per Bde. 17 Bde to have
 Lieut R.W. Knight & R.K. O'Leary.

Sat 21

Routine duties.
 Compulsory training announced
 for men aged 21.
 B.M. and B.I.O. to Barracks.
 B.M. to facilitate arrangement at
 recruit training depot.
 B.I.O. contacted Survey Sec. re
 maps of PUCKAPUNYAL.

Mon 23

B.M. & B.I.O. to showground.
 Training commenced. All appear
 to be not entirely untrained.
 A arrangements upset through
 shortages of supplies. Rifle not
 unpacked. K.W.D. not available for
 all ranks.
 Complaint to Brig from G 2 3 Div. :-
 B.M. 15 Bde reported B.M. 17 Bde had instructed
 him to send Offrs. from duty to showground
 as instructors but refused in absence of
 proper authority. B.M. 15 Bde later retracted
 this statement. Southern Command arranged
 for proper authority to be circulated to
 appropriate formations also.
 Visit from Dr Seward & Mr O'Connell (R.C.) re padres.
 B.I.O. obtained new maps of PUCKAPUNYAL.

Tue 23rd

Recommendations AIC personnel for RSMs
& RQMS. forwarded.

Southern Command requested COs to be
called up for duty. B.M. & B.I.O. to barracks.

S.C. compiled reqs. for stationery etc.

Brig visited PUCKAPUNYAL with GOC

— buildings well on way. Picked sites for horse lines
hospital
& motor park AASC.

B.I.O. visited YMCA, CofE, Sales Army

and learned of plans to build huts.

Wed 24th

Lieut Col Walker (24 Bn to be C.O. 2/7th Bn.)

reported for duty. discussed offers.

Brig & B.M. visit Southern Command

Lt Col Godfrey (23/21 Bn to be C.O. 2/6 Bn)

reported for duty with Adjutant & Q.M.

S.C. to show grounds

Brig & B.M. interviewed

DAAG : Entertainment & Sport Offr. to be enlisted at
once as W.O. - commission later. (A.S. Nicholas)

G.O.C.

Col. Blake. Kept Brig. waiting $\frac{1}{2}$ hr.

Distribution of militia to be on same basis as
that for selection of offers.

Alternative quartering at PUCKAPUNYAL discussed
in event of camp site not being ready.

asked for confirmation of matters discussed in
writing. Distribution of recruits at show grounds

on basis of area of enlistment. Details to be
fixed before camp & marched in in drafts
to own Bns.

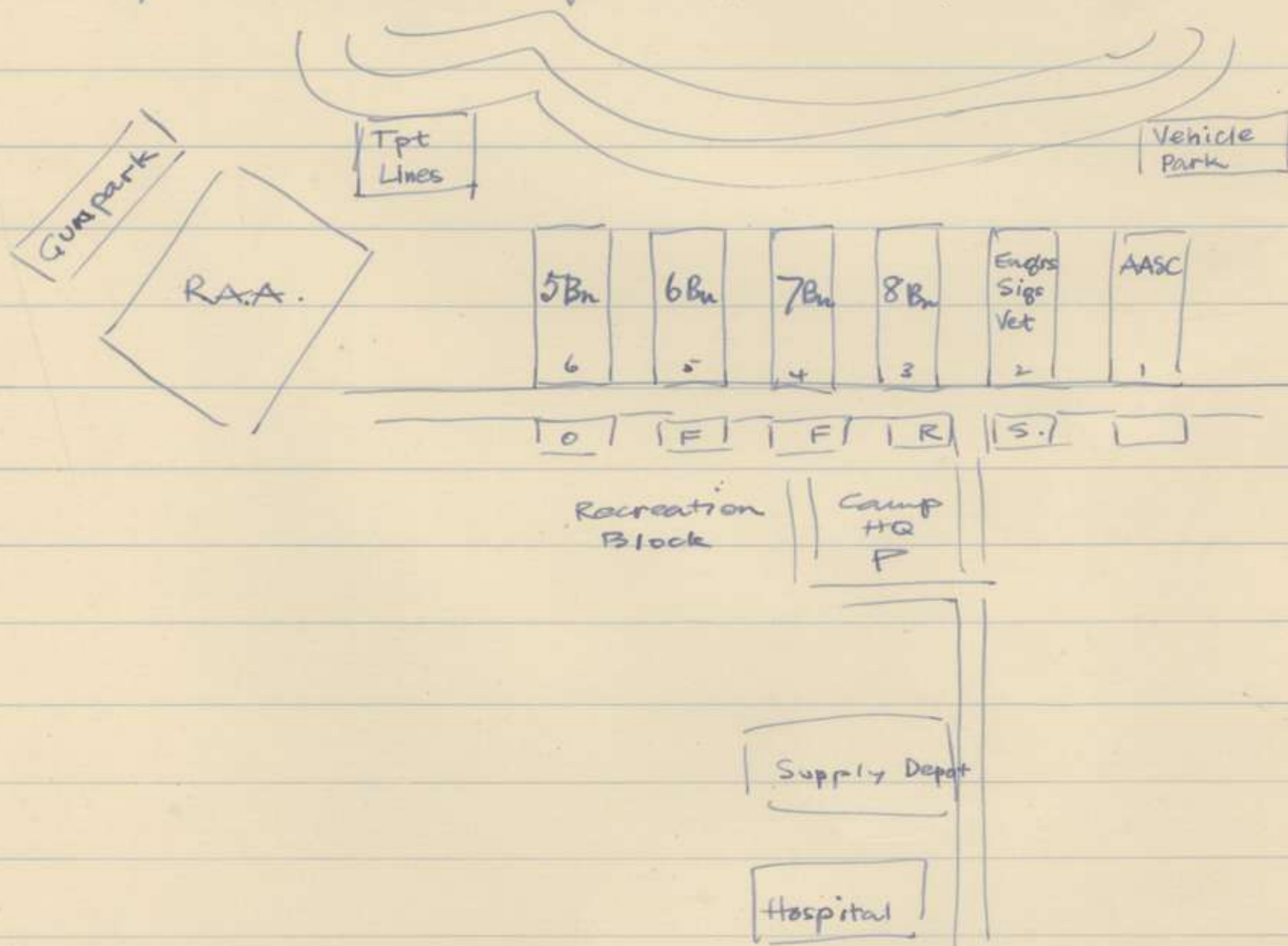
BALGO ~~not~~ taken on strength

Majalgie all militia enlistments enrolled
to move out on Fri & papers to area of fr.
forth with. M.T. provided by Base to deliver
unit stores from Camp Ord Depot and others
from Camp Supply depot.

Col Morgan: Submit requisitions to him for all
units in Victorian command.

Brig. Savage appointed O.C. all Victorian units AIF
Courtesy calls on A.G., C.G.S., Governor

Thu 26 lists of ofrs. compiled. B.I.O. to Barracks & city for maps.
S.C. still making out requisitions. Lt Col TP Cook called
Brigadier + B.I.O. to Barracks to discuss layout with
Capt Mr Nichell. Layout approved by GOC as under:-



Brig & B.I.O. to Puckapunyal. Note to prevent further tree felling.

" - to 20th Camp. Lt Col Nichell to be called out.

Discussion re personnel. Stayed for mess.

FRI 27

Routine duties. Authority from S/Comm and releasing 4/Col Mitchell today.

~~Comm~~ Brig's conference of Unit commanders etc
Battal Staff less T.O., V.O, A.M.C. off, M.G.O.
Present: Lieut Cols Furnell A.M.C.

.	Godfrey	2/6 Bn
"	Walker	2/7 Bn
"	Coveridge	A.M.C.
"	TP Cook	2/5 Bn
"	Ramsay	2 med Bde.
Capt	—	Sigs
"	Brown	2/6 Bn
"	Weate	2/6 Bn
"	Molloy	Sigs
Lieut	Bell	Engps
"	Nicholls	ASC
"	Weate	2/6 Bn
"	Hutchinson	2 Bn
"	Jindray	Recce. Regt.

Outline plans for movement and admin.
given to C.O's. as per att'd. form.

Brig? to see G.O.C. re 2/7 Bn offers.

B.Maj & S.C. to see — ?

Sat 28 Lt. Knights reported for duty.

B.I.O. to showground for personnel for Bde HQ

Mon 30 all 2/6's reported for duty. C.O's called.

Monday

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

17. INF BDE (Unit)

RECEIVED
22 NOV 1939
3RD DISTRICT
RECORDS

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 ...		<i>1</i>	
Majors ...	<i>2</i>		
Captains ...	<i>2</i>		
Lieutenants ...	<i>1</i>		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	<i>6</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>(Table is crossed out with a diagonal line)</i>				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>(Table is crossed out with a diagonal line)</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>(Table is crossed out with a diagonal line)</i>			

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.
Brigade	VX 13	J. G. Swigg	2 nd AIF	Yes	
Major	VX 148	A. Kay	"	"	
Major	VX 14	R. W. Palmer	"	"	
Captain	VX 22	G. Brock	"	"	
Captain	VX 24	I. K. Whittaker	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Lieut Col		Morgan	Douglas Bromley	Nov 3	Special Duties

17 Inf Bde

(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

10/11/39

17 INF BDE (Unit)

RECEIVED
27 NOV 1939
3RD DISTRICT
RECORDS

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 ...		<i>1</i>	
Majors ...	<i>2</i>		
Captains ...	<i>2</i>		
Lieutenants ...	<i>1</i>		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	<i>6</i>	<i>1</i>	

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Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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War diary

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Major	VX 13	SG Savage	2nd AIF	Yes	
Major	VX 148	A Key			
Major	VX 14	RW Palmer			
Capt	VX 22	G Brock			
Capt	VX 24	IK Whitaker			
Lieut		JA McGeach			
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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.
Lieut Col		Morgan	Southern Command	30/3	Special duties

17 Inf Bde
 26/11/39 (Unit.)
 (Date of Despatch.)

Major,
 17 Inf Bde.
 (Signature of Commander.)
 17 Inf Bde 6 Div Aust
 (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

H.Q. 17 Inf Bde (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

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Officers JOINED during week.

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Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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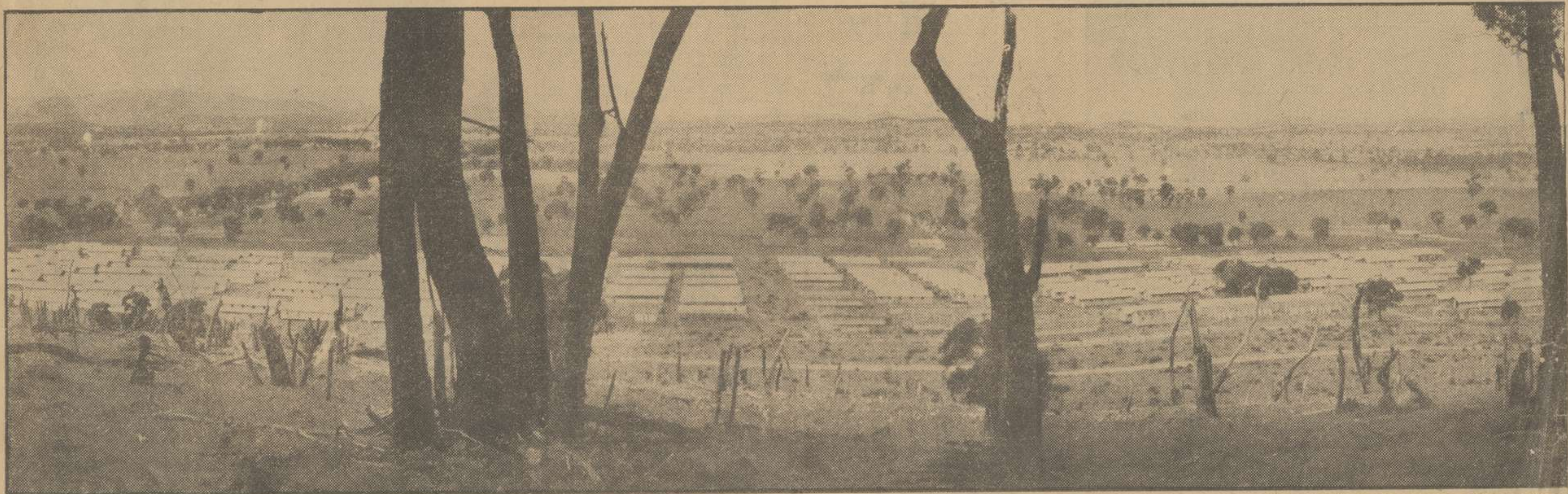
Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

A NEW GENERATION of "Diggers" will soon become familiar with every foot of the 15,000 acres at the Second A.I.F. camp at Puckapunyal. A general view of the site, which is speedily changing into a spick and span military "township."



Protection
 WITH EVERY MEAL
 USE
ICE

COMFORTABLE QUARTERS FOR A



FIRST PICTURES OF SECOND A.I.F. CAMP

Quarters for Victorian soldiers are rapidly nearing completion at Puckapunyal, eight miles from Seymour. They will be ready for occupation in a fortnight's time. Above is a panoramic view of the camp site, showing the spacious area and the roofs of many finished huts. Right

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required).

Unit 17 INF. BDE.

Date and Time.—From 1 Nov To 30 Nov (incl) 1939

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	2 Nov	1745 hrs	Bde HQ closed at "REDHOLME" 39 Kensington Rd, SOUTH YARRA	
PUCKAPUNYAL	3 Nov	1000	Bde HQ opened at PUCKAPUNYAL in temporary hq.	
"	10 "	1500	Brigadiers conference all COS re administration, training, comforts funds etc.	
"	12 "	-	Bde H.Q. transferred to main building, administrative block	
"	15 "	-	3 rank drill introduced.	
		1100	Camp inspected by G.O.C 6 Aus. Div.	
"	29 "	1600	Prime Minister announced 2nd AIF. to serve overseas	

5.30.—C.4788.

Tues 31 B10 to showgrounds for HQ personnel.
S.C. . B.M. Brief to PUCKA for recce.
Queries re layout of camp, requisitions,
from ^{Capt} Speed re munition for recruits.
Maj Lloyd rang - 2 Staff Offrs. for 3/8 Bn NOT to
be released by HQ.
Brigs invited COs + Staff to dinner on Thu.
Lack of staff, clerks etc. felt.
Handicapped of no typewriter, poor phone (no set no.)
connection to showground, red tape re
use of phone at 3 div.

Wed 1 Nov. List of men for HQ Bde. supplied to Capt Moy
at showgrounds. Duties connected
with completing & forwarding requisitions.
Many visitors & phone calls.
Some stationery collected.

Thu 2 Nov. Finalising requisitions.
Stationery delivered to Redholme.
Arrangements for 2 utilities, 1 car
withdrawn from 3 + 4 Div.
Brigs dinner at Floren Ave 7 pm.
COs + Staff present. (with ladies)
HQ closed at Redholme.

Fri 3 Nov. Move to PUCKA. 4 Div. failed to
deliver car as requested. 1 utility arrived
another picked up at Seymour. Offrs & baggage
and stationery shipped out. Lunch Railway
Hotel Seymour. RSSILA interviewed re
concern. Ordnance supplies not complete
but cooperation of all concerned
particularly AS&C.

First parties arr. after lunch. Very wet.
Locals say camp site will be very boggy.
Many things still to be done - water supply
incomplete - latrines, many huts, some
wrong detail. ~~Further drafts to~~

Sat 4 Very wet - camp muddy. Bde H.Q. temporarily
estab. in hut. Main occupation completing
returns. Bde messing with 2/7 Bn.
Advance stores recd. Phone switchboard
established 4 lines (2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8) with entries
to unit. Bn & SC to mob siding
to supervise receipt of stores. 14 OR Bde H.Q.
personnel arr. 1930 hrs. Lieut Col Morgan
attd. to Bde H.Q. Maj Porter reported in
as Camp Commandant per team. Further
14 OR marked in for Bde H.Q.

Sun 5 Weather improved - showery otherwise fine
Further stores taken over -
Bn's parade of 40 personnel. 1415
Brig + Bn Co (maj Key to Inf Bde)
marched in 1900 hrs.

Mon 6 Further drafts arr. from showgrounds
Further showers (heavy) & very cold (snow on
highlands reported). Visit from Amk officials
for cooperation. Conference of Adpts re key.
All cos now in camp. Bde H.Q.
functioning under difficulties - noise,
lack of furniture & phone accommodation.

Tues 7

Total strength in camp now 942 all ranks.
Cold continued. Visit from QMls
(Major Gen. Smart). Bde T.O. reported for
duty. Visit from Mr. Caffrey re apt. buses
to Seymour. B.I.O. & B.T.O. warned off
S.P. bookmakers. Visit from Mr. Mutsygo
Eng. Supt. P.M.G. re switchboards, ~~etc~~
& phone service generally. Visit with
district inspector P.M.G. re mail services.
Conference of QMls of units with S.C.
at 2000 hrs re stores.

Wed 8

Visit from Detective Boyd, &
to Seymour Police Sta. 10 crimes
vicinity military camps. Parade
grounds being cleared. MT drivers
put through tests for licences.
Visit from Mr. Bowland
of Osborn - Hudson, Seymour
representing landowners and
Capt Davey A.D. Hirings & } Barracks
Lieut Turnbull A.A.D. Hirings } S.W. 558
re acquired & required land in
vicinity PUCKAPUNYAL.

Thu. 9

Paymaster called. Visits from
Maj. Rogerson, Capt Anshott (RAE -
camp construction), Mr. McPherson
(builders). Mr. Marks re telephone
installation. 2 Herald reporters.
S.C. waged war with 3 Div. over
stores generally ~~after~~. Considerable
opposition to passing store over

Fri 10 Fine - cool breeze. Draft in 846
Visits from 1. Messrs Gibbs & Mitissack
re comforts fund raised in BALLARAT
~~to~~ from 2. Lt Col Crowther re
Provost matters.
3. ADO5 Southern Command
(Mr Goff) & Mr Hansen.
4. Maj Gregor & Lawson
from S.P.O.
5. Col. Burston ADMS 6 Div.
M.O's appointed cannot be released
Kiln militia camp finished.
Brigadier's conference 1600 hrs
Penit notes att'd.
BTO moved in 12 horses.
Bm 60 supervised pay.
S.C. still chasing stores.

Sat. 11 Further draft in: 800 odd.
Routine duties, Anniversary parade
NO parade for Seymour service owing to no
rifles.

Sun 12 Bde. church pde. Hot, clear.
Bde HQ shifted from a barrack
room to new administrative
building. Man reported involved
in car accident TALLAROOK 2045 hrs

Mon 13 Visit from Maj Rogerson.
Remonstrance by AIC of 3rd ant
drill. Very smart & impressive

Tues. 14 Visit from (1) Brig' hund + S.C. (courtesy call)

(2) DADMS Capt Williams South' Command
re Medical Board for second examination
of Sps.

(3) CO's for conference
re preventative measures to
combat epidemic of ~~the~~ respiratory
infection. Considered isolation 10
per cent sufficient

(4) Lieut Col Crowther with
DADMS re cooperation of 2 Div + 3 div
to run pigpots in Seymour

(5) Lieut Col Furnell re
same concentration on Thurs.

(6) Block 1 a preventative measure
against epidemic.

(6) Burton's Follies
cancelled for tonight as above.

(7) Mr Nuttall (ordnance)
called at 0830 hrs to advise completing
acceptance of unit Fro's leaving for
MELBNE as unable to continue here with
O.O. SEYMOOR (Mr Cooper). ~~the~~

Mr Haynes 2 Cav Div RASC
party from not riding - had arranged
to get transport rifles to this camp
but Mr Cooper would not issue same.

SC spoke to Mr Cooper who
refused to make any issue without definite
instructions from ADOS

~~After~~ following this & after
Nuttall's statement, BM spoke to Mr Cooper but
despite reference to Wakeham's authority given
here last Tuesday that rifles & equip could be issued
immediately, Cooper refused to make issue
for 3 days.

S.C. rang Brig Blake (Southern Command) requesting assistance to adjust ordnance troubles resulting in non-issue of essential equipment. Brig Blake refused to take action as he considered such a matter ^{should} not ~~be referred~~ be referred to a Brigadier.

S.C. spoke to Mr Goff stating difficulties with non-issue of rifles & equipment. Mr Goff stated the workman's instructions for this issue were in contravention to his previous instructions of 2 months ago which stated no rifles to be issued from depot till bolts fitted by ordnance armourers. He would issue necessary instructions & rifles w/ be available for issue tomorrow.

Brig Savage rang Brig Blake asking why no help was forthcoming. Brig Blake denied part of conversation earlier with S.C. Brig Savage advised Brig Blake that he was proceeding to Melbourne tonight to interview Mr Goff first thing and later would discuss situation with Brig Blake.

Later Brig Savage left for Melbourne.

(8) Lt Col Payne AD5pt (8th Co.) irate re refusal of barbers permits.

Wed 15. AOC inspected camp & saw troops training - concern at inadequate drains. Saw new 3 rank drill. Workmen presented claims & protests at removal of timber for furniture & fittings. Sultry. Rain at night. Conference of Adpts & Oms re use of builders timber etc. Two 30cwt trucks and car also 1 m/bike arrived.

- Thu 16 Medical party arr. + went to arty
for 2nd med. inspection.
Visit Ymea - Barton Collieries closed
of possible epidemic infected throat
- Fri 17. Visit by Lord Mayor, Melbourne.
C. A. W. Cole. Bishop Borch etc.
17 parcels comforts from
Comforts fund (shirts socks & pants
pyjamas) distributed to all
units ~~in~~ PUCKA & SEYMOUR
on basis of strength
2nd med exam. started at Seymour
for Beech Reef.
- Sat 18. Routine duties.
- Sun 19 Hot. 6th Div (Capt A Goldham)
arrived to commence Int Course.
Deputation from R.S.L. re
canteens + laundressing
- Mon 20 Urgent telegram for action sent by
Brig to Southern Command re
drainage, Lt Col Thorpe called in
response in person but Lt Col Jarnell
was rebuffed by stating that
action within 2 weeks would
suffice. Prompt action on certain
essential items was promised.
6th course for 100 + 3de Int Sec
commenced.

Jan 21 1. Col on training matters
(Lient Col Rowell)
2. Lient Col messenger (MGO dept)
and ADS (in 907)
~~ADS~~ Brig left for Melbourne to
see base re supplies (quality),
lack of D.I for medical boards,
& drafting messia from
showgrounds. 6 Air Recce Regt departed
~~to~~ Old Wynmore Camp for Eaglehawk N.S.W.

wed 22 Brig. saw ADS&T who reqd. surprise
at reports of bad meal & veg.
During conversation, own people at
Seymour rang & verified condemnation
of meal, vegs. & bread. He will visit
camp to rectify trouble.

Thu 23 Lt Col Payne & Lt Col White, ADS&T and
AHQ Supply Offr visited camp to
discuss above problems raised by
Brig yesterday. Difficulties cleared
& assurances given that situation
will straighten out
Lt Col Burton ADMS 6 Aus Div &
several other states visited
& inspected camp & ambulance.
Capt P. He marched in: vet Offr pending
arrival of Bde Vet Offr.
Detive Boyd sought Brig's opinion re
action towards withdrawing men from camp
on petty court summonses. Ruling given (similar
to Supt O'Mullane & Seymour Police): P.C. must
call Bde HQ. Every help given, summonses may be
served. Men handed over for felony but no
arrest permitted for petty charge or sentence
following procurement by moneylender etc.

Supt Forsyth presented self as AFM 6 Div on
quest suitable personnel for Provost.
Asked for rpt to Brig^d Lind. Advised by SC
to see GOC 3 Div first. Maj Keogh questioned
the visit to 3 Div + gSI ruling. GOC 3 Div
refused permission to enter camp till
authorised from higher authority.
Brig^d opened Y.M.C.A. ^{tent} with concert party.
Capt Oldham marched out.
Visit from Lt Col Chapman + Maj Sturtington

Fri 24 CO. 7/- and CO. 2d Amb both
reported shortage in weight of meal
ration. Expressed opinion that trouble
might be expected on acct lack of uniforms
6 Div were advised per phone.
Other units do not seem to be affected.

Sat 25 0100 Field Sgr reported 4 men
from 2d Regt killed in motor accident
Provost look over.
Maj Small (dir. Hygiene) reported
5000 Sq yds camp area "bad".
Lieut Col Thorne + Capt Anstworth
visited to see progress works +
drains
Seymour police complained difficulty
with crowd in Seymour - out of hand.
Maj Tice visited but found everything
OK.

Sun 26 Church parade new location.
H.D. Sulsky. Brig^d present.
Visit by Capt Knights M.T. ordnance
also reps. from M.C. re financial
assistance
Man acid fractured skull in accident.

Mon ~~27~~ 27

AASC man Reid fractured arm.

Court sat on accident.

The trench (entertainments) marched in.

Tues ~~28~~ 28

Brig^r Savage short visit to city

Brig^r Williams (Admin. Comd^t 5th Command)

dined in. First day in new mess.

Cold. ~~and~~ (snow on highlands)

Wed ~~29~~ 29

Training progressing satisfactorily

cleanliness in lines improving daily

Lt Col Cook disturbed about quality NCOs:

wants building system but refused permission

as Brig^r considered offrs available not

yet sufficiently exploited. Brig^r considered NCOs OK

Lt Col Walker was refused permission to

appoint offrs 11 yrs out of service + 5 yrs average

- considered his NCOs good.

President Holland RSL called re canbeens

following letter + his manager walking out.

This due to mltb. Secretary creating inconvenience

by methods in appointing people to render

services + advising by letter subject to

veto by Brig^r. who would not tolerate this

Told that excesses not interfering with

camp discipline would be tolerated

subject to control of canbeens.

With Lt. French selected areas for amphitheatre,

for stage, boxing etc + Minto selected

swimming pool

Official announcement AIF for abroad

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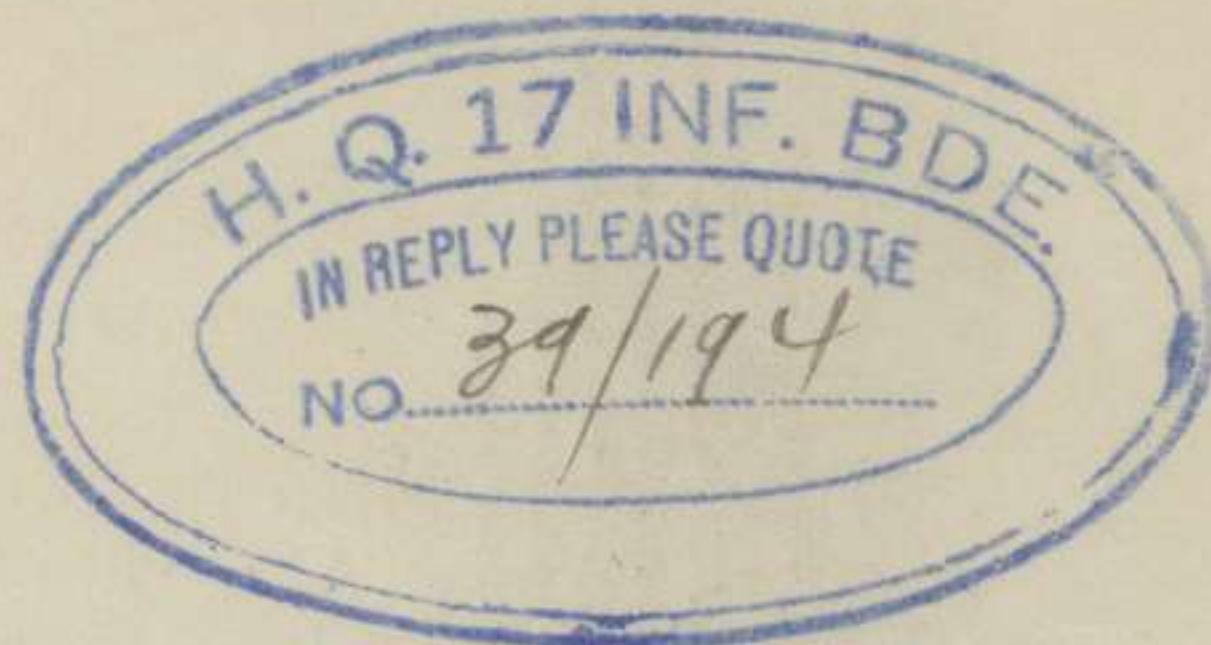
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H. Q. 17 Aus. Inf. Bde.
Puckapunyal.
30 Nov. 39.

(Date)



A. B. Culross Esq.,
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N.S.W.

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2ND AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
6TH DIVISION.



HEADQUARTERS,
421 St. Kilda Road,
MELBOURNE. S.C.2.

27th. November, 1939.

In reply
please quote.
.....425

Headquarters,
17 Aus. Inf. Bde.

SUPPLIES - GIFT OF LAMBS TO 2ND A.I.F.

The attached letter from Mr. A.B. Culross, of West Nyang, Moulamein, N.S.W., offering to provide half a truck of lambs as a Christmas gift to A.I.F. units in Victoria from graziers of the Moulamein district, has been sent to these Headquarters from Area 5, to whom it was originally wrongly delivered.

It is hoped that the proposal will be found to be practicable.

The offer has been acknowledged, and Mr. Culross has been informed that the matter has been referred to you.

S/C

L. A. Wainwright Lt. Col

for Lieutenant - General.
Commanding 6th Australian Division, 2nd A.I.F.

Accepted with pleasure & gusto

24 NOV 1939

File No. WEST NYANG,
SOUTH MELBOURNE

MOULAMBYN,

N.S.W.

A.C.

Southern Command

2nd AIF.

St Melbourne.



22 November 1939.

Dear Sirs.

Several local graziers have conceived the idea of sending a certain number of lambs from this District as a Christmas gift to the men of the 2nd A.I.F. in camp at Puckapunyal. Before going on with the scheme we would like to know if it is workable from your point of view & if it would be acceptable. I would be glad if you could let me know as soon as possible as the time is necessarily short in which to arrange it.

Yours faithfully.

C. B. Culross.

Number would be probably about half a truck.

Conference Co. (Tri)

1. Get together.
2. Get gravel around kitchen + huts.
3. ~~IPA~~ will be available soon.
4. Collect wood.
5. Offer from ^{4/50} Cremore (Arty.)
2 trucks.
6. ASC to talk to DMS over supplies
1930 hrs.
(Further 1930 hrs Sunday on order matters).
Proposed cut down paper in Bde HQ
7. naming of Rds. etc. & sign posts.
8. Leave - left to COs & gherons.
but not desired first weekend.
10. (Q) Stores + interim economy
Broken tools are very plentiful
Training areas selected vaguely:
 $\frac{1}{5}$ SW $\frac{1}{6}$ South $\frac{1}{7}$ SE $\frac{1}{8}$ East
Boots + hats - available now.
M.Os required.
allowing WOs as specialists where possible
Training stores - on the way.
Rifles etc. available tomorrow
Uniforms - end next week, meantime as required.
- (G) Inf. training as laid down in I.S.h.
no Bde programme yet.
30 yd ranges - ff ranges being found.

Distribute pamphlets on drill
in 3's. tonight *

Inf & Sig to be brigaded in early stages.

Promotions within Bde to be submitted within
two weeks. Div 2p⁸ submit to Div.

Inf units - over 5/1 submit to Bde
for approval.

Comforts - GOC arranging
distribution through committee
under chairman Gen. Gellibrand -
Territories for Inf units as per
recruiting areas.
Swimming pool to be built. Trunks?
Pool of cash for COs for fruit etc desirable

Pay

→ Field allowance being asked for
undecided: overseas pay Sterling or Aust.

→ Heavy back on Offrs. uniforms.
allowance £15 for uniforms (Offrs.)
Offrs. probably issued w/clothing as
for ORs.

Brig^s may arrange cheaply

Confidential

War diary

Inf. pse. keep historical record diary
as well as official record.

Leave

Cos granted but 2/3s to
be given command in writing

Reve. Regt - requires change
of M.O.

Visitors restrictions - none by Bde.
after retreat.

NB



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

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H.Q. 17 INF. BDE.
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ARMY HEAD-QUARTERS,
VICTORIA BARRACKS



Melbourne, S.C.I.

41553

20th November, 1939.

- N. Comd. (6)
- E. Comd. (10)
- S. Comd. (14)
- W. Comd. (6)
- 6 Div. (6)
- 7 M.D. (3)
- 13 Hy. Bty.
- New Guinea Volunteer Rifles,
- R.M.C., C. & S.S., C.T.D.
- S. of A., S.A.S., S. of Eng.
- S. of Sigs.
- A.S.C. School.

Copies for information to :

- Sec. (4), C.G.S., A.G., Q.M.G., M.G.O., F.M.,
- S.M.B., M.L.O.(London), Chairman, Man Power Committee.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS - 2ND AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

I am directed by the Adjutant-General to forward for your information copies of Staff and Regimental Lists showing names of officers who have been appointed to or approved for inclusion in an Order-in-Council for appointment to the 2nd A.I.F. dated 13th October, 1939.

Except where promotions on appointment to the 2nd A.I.F. have already been gazetted, these lists are arranged in A.M.F. Army seniority.

Subject to promotions to fill certain appointments, the seniority in the 2nd A.I.F. will be as shown.

Lieutenant-Colonel,
MILITARY SECRETARY.

HEADQUARTERS 6TH DIVISION.

General Officer Commanding

Blamey, Lt.-Gen., Sir T.A., C.B.,
C.M.G., D.S.O.

G.S.O. I
G.S.O. II
G.S.O. III
G.S.O. III

Rowell, Col. S.F., O.B.E.
Irving, Maj. R.G.H.
Spry, Capt. C.C.F.
Oldham, Capt. A.G.

A.A. and Q.M.G.
D.A.A.G.
D.A.Q.M.G.
Camp Comdt.
L.S.O.

Vasey, Lt.-Col. G.A., D.S.O.
Lloyd, Maj. C.E.M.
Woodward, Maj. E.W.
Webster, Capt. I.G.
Irvine, Capt. W.W.M.

Admin. Services & Depts.
A.D.M.S.
D.A.D.M.S.
D.A.D.V.S.
D.A.P.M.

Burston, Col. S.R., C.B.E., D.S.O.,
V.D.
McIntosh, Maj. K.S.
Hawker, Lieut. G.C.

H.Q. Div Arty.
Commander

Herring, Brigadier E.F., D.S.O.,
M.C., E.D.

Brigade Major
Staff Captain
Intelligence Officer

Klein, Maj. B.E.
Cleland, Capt. D.M.
Cox, Lieut. D.G.

H.Q. Div. Engrs.
Commanding Officer
Adjutant

Steele, Lt.-Col. C.S., M.C., V.D.
Bell, Capt. A.T.J.

H.Q. Sigs.
Commanding Officer
Adjutant

Stevens, Lt.-Col. J.E.S., E.D.
Molloy, Capt. A.D.

H.Q. Div. A.S.C.
Commanding Officer
Adjutant

Loveridge, Lt.-Col. N.B.
Nicholls, Lieut. G.A.

H.Q. Div. A.A.O.C.
D.A.D.O.S.
O.M.E. 2nd Class

Kingham, Capt. H.S.
Hayman, Lieut. G.G.

BRIGADE STAFFS.

HEADQUARTERS, 16TH INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Commander	Allen, Brigadier A.S., <u>D.S.O.</u> , V.D.
Brigade Major	Campbell, Maj. I.R.
Staff Captain	Brighton, Capt. L.L.
Brigade Machine Gun Officer	Baker, Maj. G.N.
Brigade Intelligence Officer	Lovell, Lieut. D.J.H.
Brigade Transport Officer	
Brigade Veterinary Officer	Henry, Capt. J.N.

HEADQUARTERS, 17TH INFANTRY BRIGADE

Commander	Savige, Brigadier S.G., <u>D.S.O.</u> , <u>M.C.</u> , <u>E.D.</u>
Brigade Major	Pulver, Maj. B.W.
Staff Captain	Brock, Capt. G.H.
Brigade Machine Gun Officer	Key, Maj. A.S.
Brigade Intelligence Officer	Whittaker, Capt. I.K.
Brigade Transport Officer	McGeoch, Lieut. J.A.H.
Brigade Veterinary Officer	Berry, Capt. J.L.

HEADQUARTERS, 18TH INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Commander	Morshead, Brigadier L.J., <u>C.M.G.</u> , <u>D.S.O.</u> , <u>E.D.</u>
Brigade Major	Dawkins, Maj. C.B.
Staff Captain	Dodds, Lieut. N.G.
Brigade Machine Gun Officer	
Brigade Intelligence Officer	
Brigade Transport Officer	
Brigade Veterinary Officer	Marshall, Capt. W.K.

6TH DIVISIONAL RECONNAISSANCE REGIMENT.

(Regimental Headquarters located in 3rd
Military District (Victoria)).

Rank and Name	Unit in A.M.F.			
<u>Lt.-Col. (1)</u>				
Fergusson, M.A., M.C.	C.O., 8 L.H. 3rd Military District			
<u>Majors (4)</u>				
Hutchinson (Lt.-Col.) R.G.	U.L.	1st	"	"
Morrison, S.A.	13 L.H.	3rd	"	"
<u>Captains (5)</u>				
Macarthur-Onslow, D.	R.A.A. (M)Fd.	2nd	"	"
Abbott, J.E.	16 M.G. Regt.	"	"	"
Crawford, G.A.	20 L.H.	3rd	"	"
Caddy, A.J.	9/23 L.H.	"	"	"
<u>Lieutenants (20)</u>				
Finlay, C.H.	Aust. Staff Corps			
Roberts, A.	24/39 Bn.	3rd Military District		
Miell, L. De. L.	9/23 L.H.	"	"	"
Mills, T.	12 L.H.	2nd	"	"
Dent, J.	7 "	"	"	"
Burt, J.F.P.	10 "	5th	"	"
Lapthorne, H.D.	18 M.G. Regt.	3rd	"	"
Mulally, F.J.	Aust. Tanks	2nd	"	"
Bolton, W.B.	1 A.C.R.	3rd	"	"
Hurrey, C.G.	4/19 L.H.	3rd	"	"
Knox, D.W.R.	13 L.H.	"	"	"
Glasgow, D.D.	5 "	1st	"	"
Reymond, H.C.	25 M.G. Regt.	5th	"	"
Phillips, A.J.	Aust. Sigs.	3rd	"	"
Wilsallen, T.P.	7 L.H.	2nd	"	"
Holden, J.C.	15 Fd. Bde.	3rd	"	"

6TH DIVISIONAL RECONNAISSANCE REGIMENT (CTD.)

Rank and Name	Unit in A.M.F.
<u>Lieutenants (ctd.)</u>	
Millard, A.B.	R. of O. 3rd Military District
Bromley (W.O. I) H.B.	A.I.C. " " "
Robinson (Sgt.) R.E.	A.A.S.C. (P)

6TH DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

- (1) 2/1st Fd. Regt. (located in 2nd Military District (New South Wales)).
 (2) 2/2nd Fd. Regt. (located in 3rd Military District (Victoria)).
 (3) 2/3rd Fd. Regt. (Headquarters located in 4th Military District
 (South Australia)).
 (5) 2/5th Fd. Regt. (Headquarters located in 1st Military District
 (Queensland)).

Rank and Name	Unit in A.M.F.		
<u>Lt.-Cols. (4).</u>			
(2) Ramsay (T/Col.) A.H.	Comdg. Arty., 4 Div.	3rd Military District.	
(1) Kelly, L.C.	Comdg 1 Fd. Bde. 1 Div.	2nd " "	
(3) Hobbs, A.J.	Comdg 3 Fd. Bde.	5th " "	
(5) Strutt, H.W.	Comdg. 6 Fd. Bde.	6th " "	
<u>Majors (12)</u>			
(2) Cremor, (Lt.-Col.) W.E., E.D.	R.A.A. (M)	3rd Military District	
(2) Young, C.L.	R.A.A. (M)	" " "	
(1) Howard, J.F.	R.A.A. (M)	2nd " "	
Klein, B.E. (B.M.)	Aust. Staff Corps	" " "	
(1) O'Connell, K.E.	R.A.A. (M)	" " "	
(2) Dyke, L.G.H.	Aust. Staff Corps		
<u>Captains (38)</u>			
(2) Green, (Maj.) W.J.	R.A.A. (M)	3rd Military District	
(2) Burston, (Maj.) V.C.	R.A.A. (M)	" " "	
(3) Johnston, (Maj.) R.L.	R. of O.	" " "	
(3) Hayes, J.M.	R.A.A. (M)	" " "	
(2) Lloyd, A.H.	R.A.A. (M)	" " "	
(5) Randall, F.J.	R.A.A. (M)	1st " "	
(1) Heery, L.P.D.	R.A.A. (M)	2nd " "	
(5) Klose, E.K.H.	Aust. Staff Corps.		
(3) Harvey, R.J.	R.A.A. (M)	4th " "	
(2) Richardson, F.	R.A.A. (M)	3rd " "	
(2) Arthur, A.E.	R.A.A. (M)	" " "	
(2) Stephens, H.V.	R.A.A. (M)	" " "	
(2) Jaboor, R.F.	R.A.A. (M)	" " "	
(1) Peters, C.N.	Aust. Staff Corps.		

ARTILLERY - CONTINUED

Rank and Name	Unit A.M.F.			
<u>Captains - continued.</u>				
(5) Bain, J.H.	R.A.A. (M)	6th Military District		
(3) O'Brien, G.H.	Aust. Staff Corps.			
(5) Love, J.P.	R.A.A. (M)	1st	"	"
(2) Hiscock, W.R.G.	R.A.A. (M)	3rd	"	"
(1) Holmes, J.F.	R.A.A. (M)	"	"	"
(3) Bessel-Browne, I.J.	R.A.A. (M)	5th	"	"
(3) Julius, W.W.	Aust. Staff Corps			
(5) Nelson, H.W.M.	R.A.A. (M)	1st	"	"
(1) Hanson, A.G.	R.A.A. (M)	2nd	"	"
(3) Bleby, G.E.H.	R.A.A. (M)	4th	"	"
(3) Mott, C.A.	R.A.A. (M)	3rd	"	"
(1) Gibbons, V.H.N.	R.A.A. (M)	2nd	"	"
(5) Fotheringham, M.L.	R.A.A. (M)	3rd	"	"
(3) Bale, R.	R.A.A. (M)	5th	"	"
Cleland, D.M.(S.C.)	U.L.	5th	"	"
(3) Oliphant, K.M.	R.A.A. (M)	4th	"	"
(5) St. John, F.M.	R. of O.	1st	"	"
<u>Lieutenants (72)</u>				
(1) Manning (Capt.) J.	R.A.A. (M)	2nd Military District		
(3) Vincent, R.	R.A.A. (M)	3rd	"	"
(3) Dewar, R.E.	Aust. Staff Corps.			
(3) Fitzhardinge, J.B.	R.A.A. (M)	5th	"	"
(2) Buring, M.R.	Aust. Staff Corps.			
(2) Wood, F.H.	R.A.A. (M)	3rd	"	"
(2) Duncan, J.T.	R.A.A. (M)	"	"	"
(2) Blamey, T.R.	R.A.A. (M)	"	"	"
(2) Williams, G.S.	R.A.A. (M)	"	"	"
(1) Andersen, J.S.	Aust. Staff Corps			
(5) Hughes, L.	R.A.A. (M)	1st	"	"

ARTILLERY - CONTINUED.

Rank and Name	Unit in A.M.F.		
<u>Lieutenants-continued.</u>			
(1) Dwyer, K.F.	R.A.A. (M)	2nd Military District	
(1) D'Archy, R.S.	R.A.A. (M)	" " "	
(2) North, J.A.	R.A.A. (M)	3rd " "	
(1) Crawford, L.	R.A.A. (M)	2nd " "	
(5) Byrne, J.H.	R.A.A. (M)	1st " "	
(5) Amies, J.L.	R.A.A. (M)	" " "	
(2) Parkinson, L.G.	R.A.A. (M)	3rd " "	
(2) McQuilkin, N.P.	R.A.A. (M)	" " "	
(5) Cruickshank, R.M.	Aust. Staff Corps.		
(5) Crawford, A.D.	R.A.A. (M)	1st " "	
(3) Laybourne-Smith, G.	R.A.A. (M)	4th " "	
(2) Mair, A.	R.A.A. (M)	2nd " "	
(5) Bowtell, J.D.	R.A.A. (M)	6th " "	
(3) Farrer, F.A.	R.A.A. (M)	3rd " "	
(5) Cameron, J.W.	R.A.A. (M)	1st " "	
(1) Scarlett, G.Y.D.	R.A.A. (M)	2nd " "	
(3) Killey, G.H.	R.A.A. (M)	5th " "	
(3) Swan, K.H.C.	R.A.A. (M)	3rd " "	
(2) McCaw, T.M.	R.A.A. (M)	" " "	
(1) Rickard, D.R.	R.A.A. (M)	2nd " "	
(3) Davis, R.M.	R.A.A. (M)	5th " "	
(1) Cromie, R.J.	R.A.A. (M)	2nd " "	
(2) Young, A.F.	R.A.A. (M)	3rd " "	
(1) Wise, R.J.	R.A.A. (M)	2nd " "	
(5) Brown, T.	R.A.A. (M)	1st " "	
(2) Tatchell, J.C.	R.A.A. (M)	3rd " "	
(1) Vickery, N.A.	S.U.R.	2nd " "	
(5) Foote, S.C.	R.A.A. (M)	1st " "	
(1) Hirschel, K.A.M.	R.A.A. (M)	2nd " "	
(1) Sutton, F.M.E.	R.A.A. (M)	2nd " "	
(3) Goddard, W.A.	R.A.A. (M)	4th " "	
(5) Gee, A.S.	R.A.A. (M)	6th " "	
(1) Kibble, R.D.	R.A.A. (M)	2nd " "	
(1) Smith, J.K.	R.A.A. (M)	" " "	

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Rank and Name	Unit in A.M.F.		
<u>Lieutenants - continued.</u>			
(1) Mooney, R.R.	R.A.A. (M)	2nd Military District.	
(1) Wood, E.A.	R.A.A. (M)	"	" "
(3) Pawson, J.H.	R.A.A. (M)	3rd	" "
(2) Armstrong, M.T. Cox, D.G. (I. O.)	R.A.A. (M)	"	" "
(2) Strong, J.A.R.K.	R.A.A. (M)	3rd	" "
(1) Wilson, S.M.	R.A.A. (M)	"	" "
(3) Clarke, M.A.	R.A.A. (M)	2nd	" "
(1) Lord, F.W.B.	R.A.A. (M)	3rd	" "
(2) Easdown, W.R.	R.A.A. (M)	2nd	" "
(5) Fearnley, J.R.P.	R.A.A. (M)	3rd	" "
(3) McNamara, E.G.	R.A.A. (M)	1st	" "
(2) Barnden, C.V.I.	R.A.A. (M)	3rd	" "
(3) Learmonth, J.N.	R.A.A. (M)	"	" "
(2) Eddy, F.A.	R.A.A. (M)	"	" "
(5) Fahey, J.P.	R.A.A. (M)	6th	" "
(5) Miller, C.M.	R.A.A. (M)	"	" "
(2) Syme, J.D.	R.A.A. (M)	3rd	" "
(1) Wade, D.H.	R.A.A. (M)	2nd	" "
(5) Taylor, A.L.	R.A.A. (M)	1st	" "
(5) Powell, C.R.	R.A.A. (M)	"	" "
(5) Thomson, C.L.	R.A.A. (M)	"	" "
(2) Nethercote, C.R.	R.A.A. (M)	3rd	" "
(3) Macartney, R.R.	R.A.A. (M)	"	" "
(2) Whitelaw, P.S.	R.A.A. (M)	"	" "
(3) Cudmore, P. McC.	R.A.A. (M)	4th	" "
(5) Miller, L.	R.A.A. (M)	6th	" "
(5) Risby, J.L.	R.A.A. (M)	"	" "
(1) Manning, H.A.	R. of O.	2nd Military District	
(5) Thorne, (T/qr.-Mr.) E.	A.I.C.		
(3) McKenna, (W.O.) J.P.	A.I.C.		

6TH DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS.

(Headquarters located 2nd Military District,
New South Wales)).

Rank and Name	Unit in A.M.F.
<u>Lt.-Col. (1)</u>	
Steele, C.S., M.C., V.D.	C.O. 14 Bn. 3rd Military District.
<u>Majors (3)</u>	
<u>Captains (9)</u>	
McGowan (Maj.) J.M.	R.A.E. (M) 6th Military District
Whitford, H.M.	Staff Corps
Risson, R.J.H.	R.A.E.(M)Fd. 1st " "
Torr, A.G.	" " 2nd " "
Murn, H.B.	" " 4th " "
Gehrmann, A.S.	" " 1st " "
Bell, A.T.J.	Aust. Staff Corps
<u>Lieutenants (11)</u>	
Wilson, J.G.	R.A.E.(M) Fd.3rd Military District
Pinniger, S.G.	" " " " "
Hay, J.C.	" " 2nd " "
Beckingsale, G.	M.U.R. 3rd " "
Kenny, J.L.A.	R.A.E.(M) Fd. " " "
Dawson, B.F.	" Frt.5th " "
Young, G.E.	" Fd.1st " "
Cantelo, W.S. (Not serving A.M.F.)	3rd " "

6TH DIVISIONAL SIGNALS.

(Headquarters located in 2nd Military District
(New South Wales)).

Rank and Name	Unit in A.M.F.
<u>Lt.-Col. (1)</u>	
Stevens, J.E.S., <u>E.D.</u>	C.O., 57/60 Bn.
<u>Majors (2)</u>	
Eather, J.J.	Aust. Staff Corps.
<u>Captains (9)</u>	
Nadebaum, T.H.	Aust. Sigs. 2nd Military District.
Cormack, D.A.	Aust. Sigs. " " "
Reeve, R.C.	Aust. Sigs. " " "
Woodford, H.H.	Aust. Sigs. 3rd " "
Molloy, A.D.	Aust. Staff Corps.
Hooker, I.J.	Aust. Sigs. 1st " "
Jones, S.O.	Regimental Reserve, Aust. Sigs. 3rd Military District.
<u>Lieutenants (12)</u>	
Stewart, W.	Aust. Sigs. 2nd Military District
Manning, F.J.	Aust. Sigs. " " "
Shaw, V.R.W.	Aust. Sigs. 3rd " "
Cowden, C.F.	Aust. Sigs. 5th " "
Brown, B.F.A.	Aust Sigs. 2nd " "
Cox, F.	Aust. Sigs. 3rd " "
Hattam, J.	Aust. Sigs. " " "
Pain, R.T.W.	Aust. Sigs. 2nd " "
Clementson, W.G.	A.I.C. (Qr/-Mr. & H/Lieut.)
Edgecombe, R.F.	A.I.C. (W.O. I)

CORPS SIGNALS

(Headquarters located in 3rd Military District,
(Victoria)).

Rank and Name	Unit in A.M.F.
<u>Lt.-Col. (1)</u>	
Simpson, C.H., M.C., V.D.	Comdr. 6 Inf. Bde. 4 Div.
<u>Majors (3)</u>	
Foulkes, H.C.	Aust. Sigs. 3rd Military District
Wellman, L.J.	Aust. Sigs. " " "
Scott, S.A.	Aust. Sigs. " " "
<u>Captains (3)</u>	
Hollingsworth, R.A.	Aust. Sigs. 3rd Military District
Murrell, W.B.	Aust. Sigs. " " "
Bruton, L.J.	Aust. Staff Corps.
<u>Lieutenants (8)</u>	
Galley, W.R. (Capt. A.M.F.)	Aust. Sigs. 1st Military District.
Brown, F.H.L.	Aust. Sigs. 2nd " "
Davis, J.S.	Aust. Sigs. 6th " "
Ling, W.N.	Aust. Sigs. 3rd " "
Fisk, E.K.	Aust. Sigs. 2nd " "
London, J.W.	Aust. Sigs. " " "
Greville, S.J.	A.I.C. (W.O.)
O'Brien, B.	Sergt. Aust. 3rd " " Sigs.

2ND/1ST BATTALION.

(Located in 2nd Military District (New South Wales)).

Rank and Name	Unit in A.M.F.		
<u>Lt.-Col. (1).</u>			
Wootten, G.F., D.S.O.	C.O.,	21 L.H.	2nd Military District.
<u>Majors (3)</u>			
Oram, R.	36 Bn.	2nd Military District.	
Hooper, G.F.R.	30 "	" " "	"
<u>Captains (8)</u>			
Finlay, F.G.	36 Bn.	2nd Military District	
Miller, J.	30 "	" " "	"
Hodge, J.H.	1 "	" " "	"
Baines, W.G.A.	30 "	" " "	"
Dillon, W.C.	1 "	" " "	"
Adams, W.G., <u>D.S.O., M.C.</u>	R. of O.	" " "	"
<u>Lieutenants (19)</u>			
Embrey, F.J.	1 Bn.	2nd Military District.	
Golding, C.W.K.	30 "	" " "	"
Moriarty, O.B.	30 "	" " "	"
Jackson, D.R.	Aust. Staff Corps		
Digby, R.B.	1 Bn.	2nd Military District	
Channell, D.R.	36 "	" " "	"
Travers, W.H.	1 "	" " "	"
Pike, W.A.	17 "	" " "	"
Sealy, H.W.	17 "	" " "	"
Hill-Griffiths, K.	1 "	" " "	"
King, J.G.M.	36 "	" " "	"
Kennedy, M.C.	30 "	" " "	"
Rogers, T.L.	30 "	" " "	"
Savage, B.M.	54 "	" " "	"
Lergessner, (T/Gr.-Mr.) E.T.	A.I.C.		

2/2nd Bn

Wootten, G.F., D.S.O.

2ND/2ND INFANTRY BATTALION.

(Located in 2nd Military District (New South Wales)).

Rank and Name	Unit in A.M.F.		
<u>Lt.-Col. (1)</u>			
Eather, K.W.	3 Bn.	2nd Military District	
<u>Majors (3)</u>			
Dougherty, (Lt.-Col.) I.N.	C.O. 33 Bn.	2nd Military District	
Edgar, C.R.V.	R. of O.	"	"
<u>Captains (8)</u>			
Cohen, P.A.	5 Hy. Bde.	2nd Military District	
Toohill, W.B.	2 Bn.	"	"
Dibbs, R.G.	S.U.R.	"	"
Rishworth, J.C.	"	"	"
<u>Lieutenants (19)</u>			
Caldwell, W.B.	2 Bn.	2nd Military District	
Chapman, A.H.	2 "	"	"
Lamont, K.D.	56 "	"	"
Goslett, D.L.B.	13 Bn.	"	"
Thornton, T.C.	33 Bn.	"	"
Green, C.H.	41 Bn.	"	"
McKenzie, I.S.	R. of O.	"	"
Black (T/Gr.-Mr.) B.S.	A.I.C.		

← 2/1st Bn.

Eather, K.W.

2ND/3RD INFANTRY BATTALION.

(Located in 2nd Military District, (New South Wales)).

Rank and Name	Unit in A.M.F.		
<u>Lt.-Col.</u>			
England, V.T.	C.O. 55/53 Bn. 2nd Military District.		
<u>Majors (3)</u>			
Goodwin, J.K.N.	U.L.	2nd Military District	
Lamb, D.J.	45 Bn.	"	"
<u>Captains (8)</u>			
Abbot, (Maj.) J.N.	55/53 Bn.	2nd Military District	
Carey, (Maj.) S.H.	R. of O.	"	"
Stevenson, J.R.	R.A.A. (M)	"	"
McGregor, W.R.	55/53 Bn.	"	"
Gibson, E.T.	A.A.O.C.	"	"
McDonald, R.F.W.	30 Bn.	"	"
Hutchison, I.	30 Bn.	"	"
<u>Lieutenants (19)</u>			
Loughry, J.E.	Aust. Sigs.	2nd Military District	
Denniston, J.A.Y.	45 Bn.	"	"
Leach, A.E.	55/53	"	"
Bowmaker, D.E.	"	"	"
King, R.E.	34 Bn.	"	"
Prince, G.H.	"	"	"
Fulton, I.C.	"	"	"
Grey, H.F.	3 Bn.	"	"
Parbury, P.K.	34 Bn.	"	"
Alexander, E.	"	"	"
Calman, L.D.	"	"	"
Vincent, A.L.	R. of O.	"	"

2ND/4TH INFANTRY BATTALION.

(Located in 2nd Military District (New South Wales)).

Rank and Name	Unit in A.M.F.			
Lt.-Col. (1)				
Parsons, P.A., V.D.	C.O., 4 Bn.	2nd Military District.		
<u>Majors (3)</u>				
Houston, W.M.	4 Bn.	2nd Military District.		
<u>Captains (8)</u>				
Winning, R.E.	9 Inf. Bde.	2nd Military District.		
Barham, K.H.	20/19 Bn.	"	"	"
McCarthy, J.	4 Bn.	"	"	"
Hardie, J.C.J.	R. of O.	"	"	"
<u>Lieutenants (19)</u>				
Waugh, R.B.P.	20/19 Bn.	2nd Military District.		
Farrell, N.W.P.	56 Bn.	"	"	"
Rungie, M.K.	56 "	"	"	"
Austin, G.W.	56 "	"	"	"
Conkey, A.S.	56 "	"	"	"
Loughran, L.J.	Aust. Staff Corps.			
Cutcliffe, L.M.	4 Bn.	2nd	"	"
Sheppard, A.W.	20/19 Bn.	"	"	"
Rolfe, C.B.N.	4 Bn.	"	"	"
Millar, D.H.	20/19 "	"	"	"
Wren, E.D.	4	"	"	"
Pegg, F.J.	4	"	"	"
Chrystal, C.	4	"	"	"
Lindsay, J.G.	20/19 "	"	"	"

2ND/5TH INFANTRY BATTALION.

(Raised in 3rd Military District (Victoria)).

Rank and Name	Unit in A.M.F.		
<u>Lt.-Col. (1)</u>			
Cook, T.P., E.D.	C.O., 5 Bn.	3rd Military District	
<u>Majors (3)</u>			
Porter, S.H.W.C.	S.C.15 Inf.Bde.	"	"
Sell, G.E.	M.U.R.	"	"
<u>Captains (8)</u>			
Goble, N.L.	29/22 Bn.	"	"
Starr, P.D.	32 Bn.	"	"
Robertson, F.B.	29/22 Bn.	"	"
Griffiths, W.B.	M.U.R.	"	"
Speed, F.W.	5 Bn.	"	"
<u>Lieutenants (19)</u>			
Bennett, A.P.	M.U.R.	"	"
Smith, C.H.	32 Bn.	"	"
Tolstrup, W.T.	38 Bn.	"	"
Gilbert, R.L.	M.U.R.	"	"
Duffy, J.W.	17 M.G. Regt.	"	"
Baxter, R.R.	M.U.R.	"	"
Rowan, A.T.	5 Bn.	"	"
Laing, J.A.	5 Bn.	"	"
Rowell, F.A.	5 Bn.	"	"
Unkles, R.T.	M.U.R.	"	"
Lowen, I.H.	5 Bn.	"	"
Shave, L.K.	5 Bn.	"	"
Pearce, E.C.	32 Bn.	"	"
Smith, J.S.	R. of O.	"	"
McKenzie, A.N.	5 Bn.	"	"
Pearson, A.H.	5 Bn.	"	"
Scott, C.E.	5 Bn.	"	"

2ND/6TH INFANTRY BATTALION.

(Raised in 3rd Military District (Victoria)).

Rank and Name	Unit in A.M.F.		
<u>Lt.-Col. (1)</u>			
Godfrey, A.H.L., M.C., E.D.	C.O., 23/21 Bn.	3rd Military District	
<u>Majors (3)</u>			
Wood, F.G.	14 Bn.	"	"
<u>Captains (8)</u>			
Muhlhan, W.T.	46 Bn.	"	"
Rowan, J.G.	23/21 Bn.	"	"
Browne, A.K.	8 Bn.	"	"
Smith, C.B.	A.A.V.C.	"	"
Dean, H.A.	23/21 Bn.	"	"
Little, M.C.	8 Bn.	"	"
Holford, L.B.	46 Bn.	"	"
Weate, E.W.	46 Bn.	"	"
Wrigley, H., M.C.	52 Bn.	"	"
Picken, K.S.	23/21 Bn.	"	"
<u>Lieutenants. (19)</u>			
Swinburne, G.P.	14 Bn.	"	"
Soward, F.A.	46 Bn.	"	"
Plummer, H.S.	46 Bn.	"	"
Walker, G. McC.	7 Bn.	"	"
Jones, J.S.	8 Bn.	"	"
Carroll, K.A.	23/21 Bn.	"	"
Kerr, I.E.	23/21 Bn.	"	"
Gray, A.W.	7 Bn.	"	"
Dunn, M. MacL.	8 Bn.	"	"
Warfe, G.R.	29 Bn.	"	"
Tilley, Q.A.	46 Bn.	"	"

2ND/7TH INFANTRY BATTALION.

(Raised in 3rd Military District (Victoria)).

Rank and Name	Unit in A.M.F.		
<u>Lt.-Col. (1)</u>			
Walker, T.G.	C. O., 24 Bn.	3rd Military District.	
<u>Majors (3)</u>			
Guinn, H.G.	52 Bn.	"	"
O'Loughlin, B.J.	29 Bn.	"	"
Marshall, H.C.D.	24 Bn.	"	"
<u>Captains (8)</u>			
Miller, W.V.	29 Bn.	"	"
Bishop, J.A.	10 Inf. Bde.	"	"
<u>Lieutenants (19)</u>			
Knights, R.W.	Aust. Staff Corps		
Bamford, A.E.	24 Bn.	3rd Military District	
Halliday, G.H.	52 Bn.	"	"
Hamilton, I.W.	58 Bn.	"	"
Wookey, H.A.	29 Bn.	"	"
Green, D.I.A.	52 Bn.	"	"
McCallum, I.D.	24 Bn.	"	"
West, G.R.S.	24 Bn.	"	"
Butterworth, K.W.	52 Bn.	"	"
Nelson, St. E.D.	23/21 Bn.	"	"
Fallon, J.F.	U.L.	"	"
McCorkell, W.H.	24 Bn.	"	"
Wicking, J.O.	24 Bn.	"	"
Manson, I.Mc.	24 Bn.	"	"
Hutchinson, J.J.	24 Bn.	"	"
Eddy, J.N.	38 Bn.	"	"

2ND/8TH INFANTRY BATTALION.

(Raised in 3rd Military District (Victoria)).

Rank and Name	Unit in A.M.F.			
<u>Lt.-Col. (1)</u>				
Mitchell, J.W., <u>D.S.O.</u>	C.O. 20 L.H. 3rd Military District.			
<u>Majors (3)</u>				
Capes, H.C.	37/39 Bn.	"	"	"
<u>Captains (8)</u>				
McDonald H.H.	57/60 Bn.	"	"	"
Bolton, J.S.	1 A.C.R.	"	"	"
Coombes, C.J.A.	57/60 Bn.	"	"	"
<u>Lieutenants (19)</u>				
Martin, J.A.M.	58 Bn.	"	"	"
Scrase, T.J.	58 Bn.	"	"	"
Smith, J.A.H.	1 A.C.R.	"	"	"
Coutts, R.	58 Bn.	"	"	"
Challen, H.B.	57/60 Bn.	"	"	"
Simpson, C.L.	57/60 Bn.	"	"	"
Larkins, N. St. J.	57/60 Bn.	"	"	"
Howard, W.S.	57/60 Bn.	"	"	"
Wilmoth, E.R.	1 A.C.R.	"	"	"
Maskell, H.J.M.	6 Bn.	"	"	"
Robertson, W.T.	R. of O.	"	"	"

2ND/9TH BATTALION

(Raised in 1st Military District (Queensland)).

Rank and Name	Unit in A.M.F.			
<u>Lt.-Col. (1)</u>				
Martin, J.E.G.	C. O., 42 Bn.	1st Military District.		
<u>Majors (3)</u>				
Sparkes, A.S.C.	9/49 Bn.	1st Military District		
Lubke, W.E.F.	15 "	"	"	"
<u>Captains (8)</u>				
<u>Lieutenants (19)</u>				
Condon, O.E.J.	9/49 Bn.	1st Military District.		
Wearne, W.W.	Staff Corps			
Berry, B.N.	42 Bn.	"	"	"
Bourne, C.C.F.	25 "	"	"	"
Court, R.E.	15 "	"	"	"
Richards, H.E.	31 "	"	"	"
Anderson, A.J.	15 "	"	"	"
Peek, E.J.F.	42 "	"	"	"
Loxton, F.E.C.	61 "	"	"	"
Arnold, C.M.	15 "	"	"	"
England, R.F.	25 "	"	"	"
Daunt, W.W.D.	15 "	"	"	"
Evans, L.G.C.	42 "	"	"	"

2ND/10TH INFANTRY BATTALION.

(Raised in 4th Military District (South Australia)).

Rank and Name	Unit in A.M.F.			
<u>Lt.-Col. (1)</u>				
Verrier, A.D., D.C.M., E.D.	C.O., 43 Bn.	4th Military District		
<u>Majors (3)</u>				
<u>Captains (8)</u>				
Bruer, L.G.	43 Bn.	"	"	"
Matthews, G.R.	10 Bn.	"	"	"
Fidock, C.H.	27 Bn.	"	"	"
<u>Lieutenants. (19)</u>				
Brocksopp, W.A.	3 L.H.	"	"	"
Buttrose, A.W.	27 Bn.	"	"	"
Daly, T.J.	Staff Corps			
Cooper, G.D.T.	27 Bn.	"	"	"
Smith, D. McL.	27 Bn.	"	"	"
Williams, J.H.	27 "	"	"	"
Trevivian, J.H.	43/48 Bn.	"	"	"
Wilson, F.P.	43/48 Bn.	"	"	"
Brocksopp, J.E.	10 Bn.	"	"	"
Lines, E.H.D.	10 Bn.	"	"	"
Martin, G.G.F.	27 Bn.	"	"	"

2ND/11TH INFANTRY BATTALION.

(Raised in 5th Military District (Western Australia)).

Rank and Name	Unit in A.M.F.			
<u>Lt.-Col. (1)</u>				
Louch, T.S., M.C.	C.O., 16 Bn.	5th Military District.		
<u>Majors (3)</u>				
Anderson, R.K.	Aust. Staff Corps			
<u>Captains (8)</u>				
Heagney, B.S.	28 Bn.	"	"	"
Sandover, R.L.	16 "	"	"	"
Norris, N.A.	44 "	"	"	"
<u>Lieutenants (19)</u>				
Egan, E.W.	11 Bn.	5th Military District.		
Horley, R.J.	28 "	"	"	"
Honner, R.	11 "	"	"	"
Ainslie, R.	16 "	"	"	"
Binks, H. MCL.	16 "	"	"	"
Jackson, D.A.C.	11 "	"	"	"
Grieve, B.R.	16 "	"	"	"
McCaskill, D.M.	28 "	"	"	"
Shanahan, P.M.	44 "	"	"	"
Maitland, J.A.	16 "	"	"	"
Good, S.H.	16 "	"	"	"
Wood, S.F.	16 "	"	"	"
Gook, W.W.	16 "	"	"	"
Chapman, V.F.	11 "	"	"	"
Bedells, T.C.	16 "	"	"	"
Bedells, J.G.	16 "	"	"	"

2ND/12TH INFANTRY BATTALION

(Raised in 6th Military District (Tasmania)).

Rank and Name	Unit in A.M.F.		
Field, Maj. J., C.O.	40 Bn.	6th Military District.	
<u>Majors (3)</u>			
Kempton,	12/50 Bn.	6th Military District.	
Hodgman, S.T.	40 Bn.	"	"
Cummings, C.J.	51 "	1st	"
<u>Captains (8)</u>			
Geard, C.J.	40 Bn.	6th Military District.	
Warner, J.M.	51 "	1st	"
Gategood, K.A.J.	R. of O.	"	"
<u>Lieutenants (19)</u>			
Boucher, M.C.W.	A.A.S.C.	6th Military District	
Herbert, A.L.	Aust. Sigs.	"	"
Swan, R.G.	22 L.H.	"	"
Taylor, W.P.	40 Bn.	"	"
Cleaver, E.H.R.	40 "	"	"
Ivey, C.H.V.	40 "	"	"
Geason, U.J.	40 "	"	"
Rafferty, R.A.	40 "	"	"
Lavell, W.E.	51 "	1st	"
Suthers, A.G.	31 "	"	"
Elliott, T.W.	51 "	"	"

AUSTRALIAN ARMY CHAPLAINS' DEPARTMENT

2ND A. I. F.

Class and Denomination 2nd A.I.F.	Class and Denomination in A.M.F.
HELMORE, Rev. Robert Algernon (United Board) (4th Class)	4th Class, Baptist, 3 M.D.
RUBIN-ZACKS, Louis (Hebrew) (" ")	4th Class, Hebrew, 4 M.D.
BALMER, Rev. A. (Presbyterian) (4th Class)	3 M.D.

6th DIVISIONAL A.A.S.C.

(Headquarters located in 2nd Military District (New South Wales))

Rank and Name	Unit in A.M.F.
<u>Lt.-Col. (1)</u>	
Loveridge, N.B.	R. of O. 2nd Military District.
<u>Majors (5)</u>	
Nelson, D.J.A.	A.A.S.C., 2nd Military District.
Coleman, E.A.	A.A.S.C. " " "
Ellery, J.R.	A.A.S.C. 3rd " "
<u>Captains (18)</u>	
Talbot, J.	A.A.S.C. 3rd Military District.
Maclean, F.W.	A.A.S.C. " " "
McLennan, J.H.	A.A.S.C. 2nd " "
Allrich, F.H.	A.A.S.C. " " "
<u>Lieutenants (26)</u>	
Nicholls, G.A.	Aust. Staff Corps
Jones, C.E.	A.A.S.C. 2nd Military District
Major, J.	A.A.S.C. 5th " "
Anderson, J.A.F.	A.A.S.C. 3rd " "
Hernfield, E.H.	A.A.S.C. 2nd " "
Stansfield, E.F.	A.A.S.C. 1st " "
Haigh, K.W.	A.A.S.C. 3rd " "
McLean, A.T.	A.A.S.C. " " "
Brooks, E.R.A.	A.A.S.C. 2nd " "
Tinckham, B.P.	A.A.S.C. 3rd " "
Nugent, R.H. De G.	A.A.S.C. " " "
Braham, D.	A.A.S.C. 4th " "

Rank and Name.	Unit in A.M.F.
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Lieutenants (26) - continued.

Bunting, W.A.	A.A.S.C., 3rd Military District
Gates, R.B.	A.A.S.C., 2nd " "
Morgan, R.	A.A.S.C., 2nd " "
Lawrence, K.W.	A.A.S.C., 2nd " "
Stewart, H.R.	A.A.S.C., 2nd " "
Godley, B.W.T.	A.A.S.C., 3rd " "
Perry, C.W.W.	A.A.S.C., 3rd " "
Day, W.L.	A.A.S.C., 2nd " "
Hall, W.H.	A.A.S.C., 2nd " "
Tyrell, W.A.	A.A.S.C., 2nd " "
Bower, R.J.	A.A.S.C., 2nd " "
Williams, W.R.	A.A.S.C., 2nd " "
Brandwood, E.P.	A.A.S.C., 5th " "
Morris, K.J.	A.A.S.C., 1st " "
Hirst, A.B.	A.I.C. (W.O.)
Roberts, W.R.	A.I.C. (W.O.)
Macfarlane, G.H.	A.A.S.C. (P) (Sgt.)

AUSTRALIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

6TH DIVISION

Rank and Name	Unit in A.M.F.
<u>Colonels (3)</u>	
Burstons, S.R.	
(A.D.M.S. 6 Div.)	
<u>Lieutenant-Colonels (8)</u>	
(1 C.C.S.) Norris, F.K.	D.A.D.M.S. 3rd M.D.
(2/3) Fraser, K.B.	U.L. 1st M.D.
(2/2) Furnell, H.G.	C.O., 10 Fd. Amb., 3rd M.D.
(1 A.G.H.) Steigrad, J.	C.O., 2 C.C.S. 2nd M.D.
(2/1) Cunningham, A.J.	C.O., 14 Fd. Amb. 2nd M.D.
(2 A.G.H.) Nott, H.C.	R. of O., A.A.M.C., 4th M.D.
<u>Majors (30)</u>	
2/3 McKeon, M.L.D.	U.L. 1st M.D.
(1 C.C.S.) White, N.B., E.D.	A.A.M.C. 3rd M.D.
(2/3 Parry, T.A.	C.O., 15 Fd. Amb., 1st M.D.
(2/1) Russell, R.H.	A.A.M.C. 2nd M.D.
(2/1) Saxby, N.H.W.	A.A.M.C. 2nd M.D.
(2/1) Francis, N.W.	" 2nd M.D.
(2 A.G.H.) Stubbe, H.	" 5th M.D.
(2/3) Love, H.R.	" 1st M.D.
(2/2) HOPE, K.B.	" 3rd M.D.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS Continued)

6TH DIVISION

Rank and Name	Unit in A.M.F.
<u>Captains</u>	
Dunkley, J.F. (<u>R.M.O. 2/5 Fd. Regt.</u>)	A.A.M.C., 1st M.D.
Pern, G. (<u>R.M.O., 6 Recce Regt.</u>)	" 3rd M.D.
(2 A.G.H.) Williams, S.W.	" 3rd M.D.
(2/2) Lempriere, W.W.	" 3rd M.D.
(2/1) Young, G.N.	" 2nd M.D.
(2/3) Hill, L.G.	" 1st M.D.
(1 C.C.S.) Tyrer, T.L.	" 3rd M.D.
(2/1) Blomfield, C.R.	" 2nd M.D.
Marks, C.F. (<u>R.M.O., 2/9 Bn.</u>)	" 1st M.D.
Smibert, R.S. (<u>R.M.O. 2/2 Fd. Regt.</u>)	" 3rd M.D.
(2/2) Bailhache, E.	" 3rd M.D.
Bocke, R.F.A. (<u>R.M.O., 2/1 Fd. Regt.</u>)	" 2nd M.D.
(2/2) Johnston, C.H.	" 3rd M.D.
(2/2) Thomas, D.L.G.	" 3rd M.D.
Smith, H.R. (<u>R.M.O., 2/6 Bn.</u>)	" 3rd M.D.
(1 A. G.H.) McDonald, R.H.	" 2nd M.D.
Thomas, P.C. (<u>R.M.O., 2/11 Bn.</u>)	" 5th M.D.
(2/3) Green, A.K.	" 1st M.D.
Refshauge, W.D. (<u>R.M.O., 2/5 Bn.</u>)	" 3rd M.D.
Cherry, E.P.	" 4th M.D.
(<u>H.M.O., 2/3 Fd. Regt.</u>) Tomlinson, P.A. (<u>R.M.O., 2/4 Bn.</u>)	" 2nd M.D.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS (continued)

6TH DIVISION

Rank and Name	Unit in A.M.F.
<u>Captains (continued)</u>	
Selby, C.H. (R.M.O. 2/1 Bn.)	A.A.M.C., 2nd M.D.
(1 A.G.H.) Pilcher, R.B.M.	" 2nd M.D.
(2/2) Rees, M.A.	" 3rd M.D.
Brummitt, D.W. (R.M.O., 2/10 Bn.)	" 4th M.D.
Flashman, J.A.F.	" 2nd M.D.
(R.M.O. 6 Div. Engrs.)	
(2/1) Gunther, W.W.	" 2nd M.D.
Molesworth, E.J.C.	" 2nd M.D.
(R.M.O., 2/3 Bn.)	
(1 A.G.H.) Meredith, J.B.W.	" 2nd M.D.
(1 A.G.H.) Nelson, T.Y.	R. of O. 2nd M.D.
(2 A.G.H.) Lindon (H/Maj.) L.E.C.	" 4 M.D.
(2/3) Anderson, H.W.	" 1st M.D.
(2 A.G.H.) Hone, F.R.	" 4th M.D.
(2 A.G.H.) Johnston, A.L.	" 5th M.D.
(1 C.C.S.) Wood, I.J.	" 3rd M.D.
(1 A.G.H.) Graham (H/Capt.) R.V.	" 2nd M.D.
(2 A.G.H.) Morris (H/Capt.) M.J.	" 5th M.D.
(2 A.G.H.) Gibson (H/Capt.) G.T.	" 4th M.D.
(2 A.G.H.) Andrew (H/Capt.) R.R.	" 5th M.D.
(2/3) Pottinger (H/Capt.) G.W.	" 1st M.D.
(2 A.G.H.) Johnson (H/Capt.) R.W.	" 5th M.D.
Heard (H/Capt.) K.H.	" 4th M.D.
(R.M.O. 2/12 Bn.)	
(2 A.G.H.) Robinson (H/Capt.) N.H.	" 5th M.D.
(2 A.G.H.) Anderson (Doctor) R.R.	5th M.D.
Armati (Doctor) L.V. (R.M.O., 2/2 Bn.)	2nd M.D.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS (continued)

6TH DIVISION

Rank and Name	Unit in A.M.F.
(1 A.G.H.) Armstrong (Doctor) K.B.	2nd M.D.
(1 A.G.H.) Brown (Doctor) U.L.	2nd M.D.
(1 A.G.H.) Colwell (Doctor) A.R.	2nd M.D.
(1 A.G.H.) Davy (Doctor) A.O.	2nd M.D.
(1 A.G.H.) Dods (Doctor) L.F.	2nd M.D.
(1 F.H.S.) Drummond (Doctor) R.	2nd M.D.
Godby (Doctor) N.R.	3rd M.D.
<u>(R.M.O. 2/7 Bn.)</u>	
(1 A.G.H.) Hedberg (Doctor) E.A.	2nd M.D.
(2/2) Jeffree (Doctor) G.P.	3rd M.D.
(1 A.G.H.) Macindoe (Doctor) P.H.	2nd M.D.
(1 A.G.H.) Mackerras (Doctor) I.M.	2nd M.D.
Matthews (Doctor) R.F.	2nd M.D.
<u>(R.M.O. 6 Div. A.A.S.C.)</u>	
(1 C.C.S.) Officer (Doctor) R.	3rd M.D.
Peters (Doctor) E.S.	3rd M.D.
<u>(R.M.O. 2/8 Bn.)</u>	
(2/1) Playoust (Doctor) R.A.	2nd M.D.
(2/2) Weir (Doctor) S.I.	3rd M.D.
(2 A.G.H.) Wilson (Doctor) N.P.	4th M.D.
<u>Quartermasters</u>	
<u>Honorary Captains</u>	
(2/3) McCallum (W.O.I) D.C.R.	A. I. C.
(2/1) Zimmerman (W.O.II) K.C.	"

AUSTRALIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS (continued) -

DENTAL SERVICES

6TH DIVISION

<u>Rank and Name</u>	<u>Unit in A.M.F.</u>
<u>Majors (2)</u>	
Finnie (Lt.-Col.) H. M. (1st A.G.H.)	A.D.M.S. Dental 2nd Military Dis.
Galvin, V.C. (2nd A.G.H.)	A.A.M.C. (D.S.) 3rd Military Dis.
<u>Captains (4)</u>	
Chapple, R.E. (2/1 Fd. Amb.)	A.A.M.C. (D.S.) 2nd Military Dis.
Prytz, A.E. (2/2 Fd. Amb.)	R. of O. A.A.M.C. 3rd " "
<u>Honorary Lieutenants.</u>	
Fleming, J.W. (2/3 Fd. Amb.)	R. of O. A.A.M.C. (D.S.) 1st M.D.
MORRIS, R.G. (2/1 C.C.S.)	" " " 3rd M.D.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS (continued) -

PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES.

6TH DIVISION.

Rank and Name	Unit in A.M.F.
<u>Major (1)</u>	
<u>Captain.</u>	
Masters, W.G. (1 Adv. Depot Med. Stores).	A.D.M.S. Pharm. 2nd Military District.
Lieutenants (2)	

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RECORDS

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Blanks, &c.
PUCKAPUNYAL	1 DEC 39		Visits by G.O.C. 6 AUS. Div. and Archbishop of Melbourne	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>39 1 34</p> <p>RECORDS</p> </div>
"	2 " "		Amma. Coy AASC transf. from BROADMEADOWS to A Block PUCKA	
"	3 " "		Visit by Lord Mayor MELBOURNE	
"	5 " "		C.G.S. visited camp	
"	7 " "		GOC 6 Div visited Camp.	
"	8 " "		Capt Pope acting AAVC offr. left to become o.c. 6 Mob. Vet. Sec.	
"	11 " "		30x ranges in use.	
"	12 " "		Governor General visited Camp.	
"	13 " "		HQ 7/3 Fd Regt , 13 Sqn. Recce Regt, 8 AAVC. Ops, left for INGLEBURN	
"	15 " "		Visit by Minister for Defence	
"	19 " "		G.I. 6 Div visited camp	
"	22 " "		Lieut Gen Lavarack & Brig. Blake visited camp.	
"	26 " "		Personnel for cypher duties allotted & trained by 6 Div	

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Unit 17 INF. BDE.

Date and Time.—From 1 Dec to 30 Dec To 1939

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PUCKAPUNYAL	1	Dec	Visit by G.O.C. considered training compares favorably N.S.W.	
		 Archbishop Melbourne.	
	2	Dec	Ammn. Coy. A.A.S.C. transf to A.Block PUCKAPUNYAL from BOMBADOWS	
	3		Weekend leave for about 1000 men. Lord Mayor delivered gift 10 portable radios. Camp very dusty.	
	4	..	Col. Meredith A.H.Q. promised early delivery M.T. and war equipmt. Maj. Rogerson R.A.E. considered drainage, meathouses and latrines unsatisfactory. Recce. of sports grounds and range sites.	
	5	..	Visit by C.G.S. Impressed with shortages of training equipment. Commented on progress and fine bearing of tps. and high standard of offrs.	
			Meat ration complaints resulted incr. 10 lb. beef issue per 100 men plus 1 pce. fruit per man.	
	6	..	Reps od newspapers complained distribution by canteens. Agreed distribute to units in bulk.	
	7	..	Visit by G.O.C.; satisfied with progress. Southern Command Training School for Pl. Comds. and Sjts. 2 A.I.F. commenced. Uniform allee. sanctioned for offrs. Recd. mobile gas chamber.	
	8	..	Col. Alderson brought some boxing gloves- more P.T. stores to come. Adv. party left for final leave prior to embarkation. Capt. Pope left to take up duties as O.C. 6 Mob. Vet. Sec.	
			Letter from Minister Defence querying equipment shortages. Confirmed by Brig. New road into camp opened.	
	9	..	Visit Capt. Blamey A.H.Q. to discuss film on 'Security' Weekend leave for 2000 tps. Mob. gas chamber loaned 3 Div.	
	10	..	30x ranges in use. Visit Lieut Col. Pryor, M.G. Regt.,	
	11	..	Offrs. qrs. partly ready occupation.	
	12	..	Visit by G.G.- pleased with work and physique of men.	Programme attd.
13	..	H.Q. 2/3 Fd. Coy, B Sqn. Recce Regt. & AAVC personnel to INGLEBURN Cheplain McKie attd. from 6 Div.		
15	..	Visit Minister Defence to confirm reported shortages equipment. Pleased with work, displeased with shortages.		

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Unit 17 INF. BDE.

Date and Time.—From 1 Dec to 30 Dec. 1939 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PICKAPUNYAL	16 Dec		Leave for 900 men	
	17 ..		First screening of films in camp	
	18 ..		Visit Dir. Ordnance Services, ADOS Southn. Command., DADOS 6 Div. re shortages clothing and equipment. Special attention to uniform.	
			3 days Xmas leave with travelling time & free rail travel addl.	
	19 ..		Visit GSO 1 6 Div. - training hampered by effects of inoculations	
	20 ..		Visit Lady Blamey & Mrs. Webster (6 Div. Comforts Fund)	
			MG personnel to N.S.W. for new M.G. Regt.	
	21 ..		Visit G.1 6 Div. Some remounts escaped.	
	22 ..		Lt. Gen. Laverack & Brig Blake checked issues of stores. Later involved in ear accident. Mr Culross notified gift 72 lambs.	
	23 ..		Final rush issue stores before Xmas. Skeleton staff maintained.	
	26 ..		Leave trains returned - fairly orderly. 6 Div. cipher personnel attached for short course.	
	27 ..		Camp Commandant and staff commenced duty - should relieve Bde. staff of many excessive duties.	
	28 ..		Excessive heat and dust.	
	29 ..		Visit ADS&T to inform taking over gift of lambs & enquire why not notified.	
	30 ..		Engers. surveyed and de-snagged swimming pool in Sugarloaf Crk.	
			New Years Eve celebrated to band and pipe music - friendly atmosphere - no larrikinism.	

Thurs
~~Nov~~ 30

~~First~~ First issues of uniforms from Ordnance at Seymour arrived for BNS, 180 per BN. Brig: in conference with Col Walter regarding training and standard of N.C.O.'s & interview 3 prospective officers for 2/7 BN. Brig: & B.M. visited H.Q. 3 DIV., TALLAROOK, Discussion with G.O.C. 3 DIV.

Frid 1 DEC. Visit by G.O.C. 6 DIV. Discussion of training (compares favourably N.S.W.) and inspects BNS at work. Visit by Archbishop of Melbourne concerning retention of Chaplain McKie in 2nd A.I.F. Promise to do his best but McKie's position at Trinity College makes release doubtful. Bde Comdr. to Melbourne on business in official duty till Sunday. B.I.O. left for course at Command and Staff School. S.C. on week-end leave.

Sat. 2 Amman. Coy. A.S.C. transferred from BROADMEADOWS to new A block, PUCKAPUNYAL. Total personnel about 300. Balance of ~~about~~ Victorian A.S.C. Vetrol Coy. of about 200 will be transferred to PUCKA. about 24 Dec. Details to complete this Coy. from other states to be concentrated at PUCKA at various dates up to about 17 Dec.

Sund 3 about 1000 men on leave. ~~Col~~ Col. Mitchell, 2/8 BN. took ~~the~~ march past at church parade in absence of Brig: & visit from Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Cdr. Coles, who handed over 10 portable wireless sets (battery) from Australian comforts fund for use of troops. These were distributed on the basis of one per unit. The Lord Mayor dined with 2/6 BN.

Misty weather and thick dust clouds made conditions unpleasant for visitors.

Enthusiasm at the arrival of the wireless sets

(continued)

apparently upset the equilibrium of our attached sports and entertainments officer, Mr French, he sallied forth for a walk in the evening in high spirits and odd shoes (one shoe black, one shoe tan). The appreciative troops kept quiet about it and Mr French was the only one who did not notice the change in men's fashions.

Brigadier returns in evening.

Monday 4

Colonel Meredith + Major Speckman from Army H.Q. discussed the position in regard to mechanical vehicles and issue of war equipment. Our present position was fully explained and Mr Cooper, Capt. Stable and Col. Brown were named as retarding influences. Notes were taken and promises made but we are still dealing in futures.

Major Rogerson and Capt McNicoll inspect the camp, particularly in relation to drainage, latrines and messhouses which Major Rogerson still considered to be unsatisfactory. They also inspected the Sports Ground which they stated they would clear and fence, and marked range sites.

The meat ration again insufficient owing to excessive fat.

The day ended full of hope but with the certainty of non-fulfilment of these pious leanings.

Tues. 5

General Squires, Chief of the General Staff, visited camp to inquire into reports concerning shortages. He was amazed to find the bad situation existing, particularly in relation to training equipment. The exact position was explained to him, together with

an indication that the basis of the trouble was due to the formation commanders not carrying out the instructions issued by Army H.Q. in relation to priority of issue. Later on Brigadier Blake together with Mr Gough arrived to make similar inquiries. General Squires stated openly that the Army had failed and steps were to be taken immediately to repair the situation. This appeared to be an instruction to Brigadier Blake.

General Squires inspected the camp and troops and appeared to be deeply impressed with the progress made and the general bearing of the troops. He remarked upon the fine type of officers serving in the Brigade. Brigadier Blake and Mr Gough were informed fully in regard to shortages and it was stated that it appeared to be that the trouble was caused by some unauthorised agreement between D.A.D.O.S. 3 Div. and Mr Cooper at Ordnance.

Further complaints were received from units in regard to the meat ration. Eventually contact was gained with the A.D.S. & T. who stated that he was instructed to increase the beef issue by 10 lb. per 100 men and that an issue of one piece of fruit per man per week would commence next week.

It appears that General Blaney had a conference with the Chief of Staff in which some plain speaking was apparently indulged in. Hence the visits in the past 2 days of high officials who should have visited the camp at a much earlier date to have rendered the assistance they declare they now contemplate giving.

Wed 6 Brigadier to Melbourne on duty until tomorrow night.

Visit from representatives of all metropolitan newspapers complaining that newspaper distribution thro canteen ~~service~~ does not provide satisfactory service to the troops, as many troops state that they cannot obtain papers which are not available in sufficient quantities. Suggested by papers that the distribution be made by bulk supply to units and distribution under unit arrangements. Verified canteen manager unable to provide better service and suggestion to be tried out on condition that RSL (Canteen) agree to change of procedure.

Instructions received by telegram from 6 Aus Div. regarding procedure for issues, inoculation etc of personnel who are ~~able~~ to leave Melbourne approx 14 Dec. to attend courses overseas. Capt. Oldham, I.O. 6 Aus Div., reported for visit until tomorrow on "I" duties.

Thurs 7

Request from Southern Command for four officers to report to Melbourne as draft conducting officers for 9 Dec. ~~is~~ refused by B.M. on grounds of shortage of officers. General Blamey concurred.

Visit by General Blamey who inspected all units at training and expressed satisfaction at progress. General Blamey lunched with 2/2 Fd. Regt.

Cheque from V.R.C. received by Brigadier for purchase of sporting material.

Uniform allowance received by officers.

Thirty five officers and sergeants (all Bns) commenced platoon commanders + platoon sergeants instructional course at Southern Command Training School, Seymour.

Thurs. 7 continued:

Mr Clarkson representing metropolitan newspapers advised that arrangements had been made with the R.S.S.I.L.A. for distribution of papers to be handled by units, not by canteen services. This arrangement was explained to a conference of 2nd Div in Command and it was agreed that the various newspaper organisations should rail supplies to Seymour, where a Bde truck would collect them and distribute them to units. Units would organise their own sales and receive ~~the~~ a commission ^(of approx 4 1/2% a day) on sales to be devoted to unit welfare funds.

Took delivery of Mobile Gas Chamber from 3 Div. as arranged by Southern Command.

Friday 8

Col. Alderson, accompanied by Major Fleming and Capt. Jeffrey visited the camp regarding sporting and physical training equipment. They brought up 12 sets of boxing gloves and promised to see to urgent delivery to units of further sporting and recreational equipment.

Visit from Lieut. Dickinson from D.R.O. with reference to second medical examination. Maj. Small and Maj. Kuisse O.C. 3rd D.C. Hq. Sec. visited camp.

Advance Party left for final leave prior to embarkation to attend schools abroad.

Capt. Pope, having been notified that he was to take up duties as O.C. 6th Mob. Vet. Sec. left for Melbourne prior to proceeding to

Fried 8 continued:

Ingleburn N.S.W. for the formation of his section.

M^r. French, Sports and Entertainment Officer held conference of unit representatives in regard to distribution of newspapers.

Arrangement made was that morning & afternoon papers should be delivered to each unit at 0615 and 1845 hrs respectively; that forms showing no. of papers sold, returns, cash receipts and next day's approximate order should be brought to Bde H.Q. at 1430 hours daily, and that a form covering total weekly receipts should be forwarded to Bde H.Q. each Monday so that commission due to each unit could be recorded.

Twenty four packages containing clothing, cigarettes, gramophones, records, cricket material, were received from Australian Comforts Fund.

Brigadier, Col. Funnell & Col. Walker went to dinner at Div. H.Q.

The Brigadier received a personal letter from the Minister for the Army asking if it were true that we were without certain training gear. The Minister was informed that this was so, and it is anticipated that he may visit the camp in the near future.

Bitumen surface for new camp road completed and road opened to traffic.

At BN. C.O.'s conference Brigadier advised that arrangements had been made with Myers for making off officers uniforms & supply of clothing.

Refs. of Myers are to visit camp next week to supply details & take orders.

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Sat. 9

Captain Blawie, Army H.Q., visited camp and discussed with Mr French, Sports and Entertainment Officer, arrangements in connection with a film to educate soldiers in discretion concerning ~~the~~ information on Army matters.

Brigadier went to Melbourne to attend annual meeting of Melbourne Legacy Club, returning in evening.

8.M., B.M.S.O., + Camp Q.M. home on leave. About 2000 troops on leave.

Mobile Gas Chamber handed over to 3 DIV to be picked up by Bde again Monday.

Ration board again condemned meat, finding that 65 lb. issued to 2/5 Bn. had been contaminated by flies. 6 DIV. has now taken up question of inadequacy of ration scale, ref. No 614 of 8 Dec.

First day of newspaper distribution under new scheme.

17 Aus. Inf. Bde arranged to provide 25 17 cwt. vehicles to assist 3 DIV. ~~over~~ transporting their troops to 3 DIV. sports meeting at the race course tomorrow.

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Sunday 10

At church parade ~~lack~~ Lack of co-ordination between padre and band, which was due to padre's fault, has been checked up for subsequent parades.

More visitors today than in past, resulting in a happy atmosphere throughout the camp. General Sir John Gellibrand was among the visitors.

The B.T.O., Lieut. McGeoch was ordered to be suffering from the prevailing dog's disease by the M.O. He was sore as a boil rather from the aspect of suitably entertaining distinguished lady visitors than from any physical disability. It was noted that, like a good bushman, he drank his medicine from the bottle, relying on his sense of judgement for measure, rather than on the use of a table spoon.

Monday 11

30th range firing commenced on ranges improvised by Bns. 2/7 Bns. fired today.

Inf. Course (2 days) 6 DIV. commenced. Personnel attached to 77 Bn.

Visit by Lt.-Col. Prior, C.O. of new M.G. Bn., regarding officers and arrangements for transport of personnel (approx 30 Dec.) to N.S.W. Col. Prior satisfied with Bde arrangements.

First daily confce of Bde staff w Brigadier commenced.

Today mobile gas chamber was picked up from 3 DIV. + delivered to this camp. Following receipt of copy of letter from 6 DIV. to Southern Command Staff Capt. rang A.Q. 6 DIV. +

informed him that the mobile gas chamber was now at Lucka. A.Q. instructed that it be sent to Showgrounds on 14 Dec. The ~~S.C.~~ S.C. pointed out that Col. Simpson had told ~~the~~ the Brigadier that he had prepared a gas chamber at the Showgrounds and was using it to test his troops. The A.Q. agreed to the suggestion that this gas chamber be used & that a mobile chamber remain here. Later the adjt. Corps Sigs rang stating that they did not have a gas chamber at the Showgrounds, nor was there any building on the Showgrounds which could be used for this purpose; ~~and~~ that neither Col. Simpson nor himself had stated that they had; and that the A.Q. instructed the Bde to send the mobile chamber down tomorrow. The S.C. arranged for the ~~state~~ mobile chamber to be taken down to the Showgrounds tomorrow and left there, 17 Aus Inf. Bde to improvise gas chambers for units own use.

Capt. Bailshin, 2nd Echelon Army H.Q., visited the camp & visited units in connection with the appointment of O.R.S.'s for oversea base. Bde Comdr & Sen. staff officers moved into their new quarters. First fire lit in fireplace.

Preparation of drive way in front of administrative block commenced after representations from Bde for it to be ready for visit of H.E. the 9. - 9.

The C.O.; 2nd in Command and adjt 2/2 Id. Regt. reviewed the Arty block & training ground for the move of their units to Lucka.

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Tues. 12

G. G., accompanied by Capt. Brazeigadle, R.A.N., visited camp.

See attached time-table.

Everything went to schedule.

Two special horses and saddlery were supplied by Southern Command for the G. G. - also a Military Board car, lance and pennant.

G. G. expressed himself as more than pleased with the work seen and especially with the physique of the men.

Commanding Officers of the 4 Bns. were present at afternoon tea with the G. G.

Brigadier went to Melbourne for duty tomorrow with the G.O.C. 6 DN.

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wed. 13

H.Q. 2/3 Fd. Coy. (approx 47) & B. Sqn. Reece Regt. (approx 100) and A.A.V.C. personnel (8) departed for Ingleburn by special train from Seymour. Padre McKie (DIN. H.Q.) taken on strength Bde as attached padre for DIV. troops (Engs, A.S.C., A.M.C.). C.C.S. Padre (from DIN. H.Q.) reported for duty & attached to Fd. Amb. for duty with C.D.S.

Mr. Counibee (donor of C. of E. hut) visited camp & called on Bde H.Q. & Hut to be ready for handing over for use early next week.

Thurs 14

All Bn rifle ranges in use today.

Friday 15

Minister for Army (Angaden Street) visited camp today. Following a conference with Bn. C.O.'s to make certain that statements were not being exaggerated complete information regarding our plight was passed on to him. This was confirmed by statements from troops of all ranks & a personal inspection of the camp lines. The minister left expressing pleasure at the work being carried out, at the keenness of the men and also gave an indication that 'Someones' throat might be cut!

"Huge" visit of 10 members of the Canteen Trust to take over canteens at the end of December. Visitors inspected present arrangements & found sites for our new canteen buildings. Special picket irrespective of broost section sent to Seymour Fridays & Saturdays to ensure tightening up of discipline & behaviour of troops in Seymour.

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Oct. 16. - About 900 men on leave.

Sunday 17:

Col. Godfrey actg Bde C.O. in charge of church parade in the absence of Col. Mitchell (sick). Large number of visitors invaded camp. First screening of pictures in camp in Barton's tent - "Damaged Goods" etc. Arranged by HQ. 6 DIV. Portable projector run from oil engine.

Fine Brigade Band played in afternoon in Y.M.C.A. tent. Also visit from Guelong Returned Soldiers & Guelong Women's Auxiliary who distributed comforts to Guelong personnel at 76 Bn.

Monday 18

Visit by Director of Ordnance Services, A.D.O.S. Southern Command, D.A.D.O.S. 6 DIV. Checking (once more) shortages in clothing and equipment & promises of rectification made (once more). Special attention being paid to completion of uniform issues before Xmas leave.

Visit by Chief Methodist parson, Chief Chaplain Davidson. Brigadier declared Salvation Army hut officially opened at inaugural programme conducted by Major Dent.

Brigadier also visited boxing and wrestling contests in Barton's tent

Meanwhile, the heroine of the day's camp newspaper story was nodding drowsily in the horse lines, not at all

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concerned about the spread of her fame:

Herald/Spec
Aristocrat Who Likes Life In The Army

A blue-blooded aristocrat who likes the army life, is in camp at Puckapunyal.

She is Vesta, the mare which the commanding officer (Brigadier S. G. Savige) rides on parade. Vesta, who belongs to Lieutenant J. A. McGeoch, attached to the 17th Brigade staff, has been ridden by the Governor-General (Lord Gowrie), the Minister for the Army (Mr Street), the Chief of the General Staff (Lieut.-General E. K. Squires), and the commanding officer of the Sixth Division (Major-General Sir Thomas Blamey).

Vesta, a four-year-old, is by Black Adder, who was sired by The Welkin. Lieutenant McGeoch says that she is so used to public occasions that whenever a photographer comes in sight she preens herself in readiness. She has a quick eye, too, for the approach of any of the superior ranks.

During his visit to Puckapunyal last week Mr Street renewed his acquaintance with the mare.

Xmas leave: Authority has been granted ~~to~~ for each man to have 3 days at home for Xmas leave. Owing to difficulties of rail transport in that troops could not be entrained on the three days preceding Xmas day the Brigadier submitted to G.O.C. 6 AUS. DIV. that two days extra leave be granted. This was approved and all troops other than those required for security purposes will leave camp on Thursday returning Wed 27 Dec. Security personnel will have a similar period of leave over New Year.

Unofficial advice received that free rail travel for this leave will be granted.

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Tues. 19

Col. Norris A.A.M.C. visited camp to interview applicants for transfer to 2 C.C.S. units reduced thereby by 70 trained men.

Xmas pay delivered by D.F.O. in person. Units to be paid tonight.

G.S.O. 1 (Col. Rowell) arrived 1030 hrs for two day visit to see units training. Time not opportune as most members hors de combat from inoculated arms etc. But he did see two units each day struggling through.

S.C. to Melbourne on special official business on behalf of C.O. 2/8 Bn. (B.T.O. and B.M. left to struggle with train time tables and transport arrangements for Xmas leave).

wed. 20

Lady Blaney + Mrs Webster (president + secretary 6 AUS.O.N. Comforts Fund) arrived to discuss and distribute comforts. Broke all regulations by dining in officers mess. Shock so great table fellows!

Much clothing arrived in belated attempt to fulfil issues before Christmas. Almost sufficient but a few items still missing in 20 to 40 instances per Bn. Remnants departed on Christmas holidays for grass paddocks on Arty range.

M.G. personnel for transfer to A.I.S.N.I. + Meldura personnel commenced Christmas leave.

Bde Comdr officially opened new Y.M.C.A. hut in evening.

Dec

Thursday 21

Early AM remounts came back from Xmas holidays after breaking.

Brig and staff left for Melbourne leave. All units, except Security party, marched out.

Visit by Col Howell & Southern Command staff. Rush in of technical stores & training equipment from Mtd Stores. Late in day.

Friday 22. Local farmers ranging at all hours reporting whereabouts of horses. Also police as far as Kilmore. Remount WO & sergeant called during their searches & are not enjoying Xmas leave.

A visit from Lieut Gen Lavarack & Brig Blake of Southern Command to check up position re issues. Further issues at high speed this morning. Most of training stores are now with units. Gen Lavarack lunched with combined mess.

After leaving camp steering gear on car broke & car somersaulted when about 2 miles from camp. No one hurt. Alarms & excursions to provide new car & collect wreckage.

Telegram received from McCubans of Moulamein N.S.W. that he had despatched truck containing 72 Xmas lambs.

Inquiry proved lambs to be alive & ASC given job of obtaining adjustment until N. Year. Many parcels arriving daily for men mostly out of camp & some comforts.

Weather like normal Sunday - wind & dust during day. Thief caught in Enquerra lines (employee of electrical contractors) & handed over to police. This may help to keep men's property safe.

Sir Charles Conynbere called to check up progress on the Coy & but what he & his brother are donating & equipping.

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Saturday 23. Fairly quiet. Ordnance Dept made a last effort to finish delivering equipment before Xmas. A truck load of artillery instruments arriving at 2100 hrs. S.C. g D himself married.

Sunday 24.

All quiet.

Monday 25

Very quiet

Tuesday 26

Nothing ever happens. BM, B10, B70 reported in. Later Col Morgan, BMCO etc. Putresque

~~Wed 27~~

~~BM. B70 B70~~ scenes as leave
Trains arrived. Fairly well behaved
also reported in 6 Div cipher course (front view of)
B70 acting S.C.

Wed 27.

Camp Commandant Lt Col Tracey
& Capt Gully (adpt) reported in
" assumed duty. Also WO Roper
AADC. 6 Div Very hot

Thu 28

Hot with excessive dust.
Coff. hut opened. Bishop Riley

Fri 29

Cipher class 6 Div finished
ADST Lt Col Payne called - accused 17 Bde
of handling gift of Lants without authority.
was shown correspondence (given copy)
showing authority from 6 Div to accept &
deal with gift. B10 to act as ~~Adm~~

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To Headquarters
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7067 ...

Despatched truck 72 lambs
to Seymour yesterday.
bullross

Lambsonville
Seymour 27 Dec 39
alive in truck.
A.S.C. Railhead
endeavouring
to place on spars
for 1 week block
23 Dec 39
11.40 a RL



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS, CONGRATULATORY
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SUN

Dec 21



VESTA, a blue-blooded aristocrat, likes army life. Here she is with her owner, Lieut. J. A. McGeoch, at Puckapunyal. She is a four-year-old, by Black Adder.

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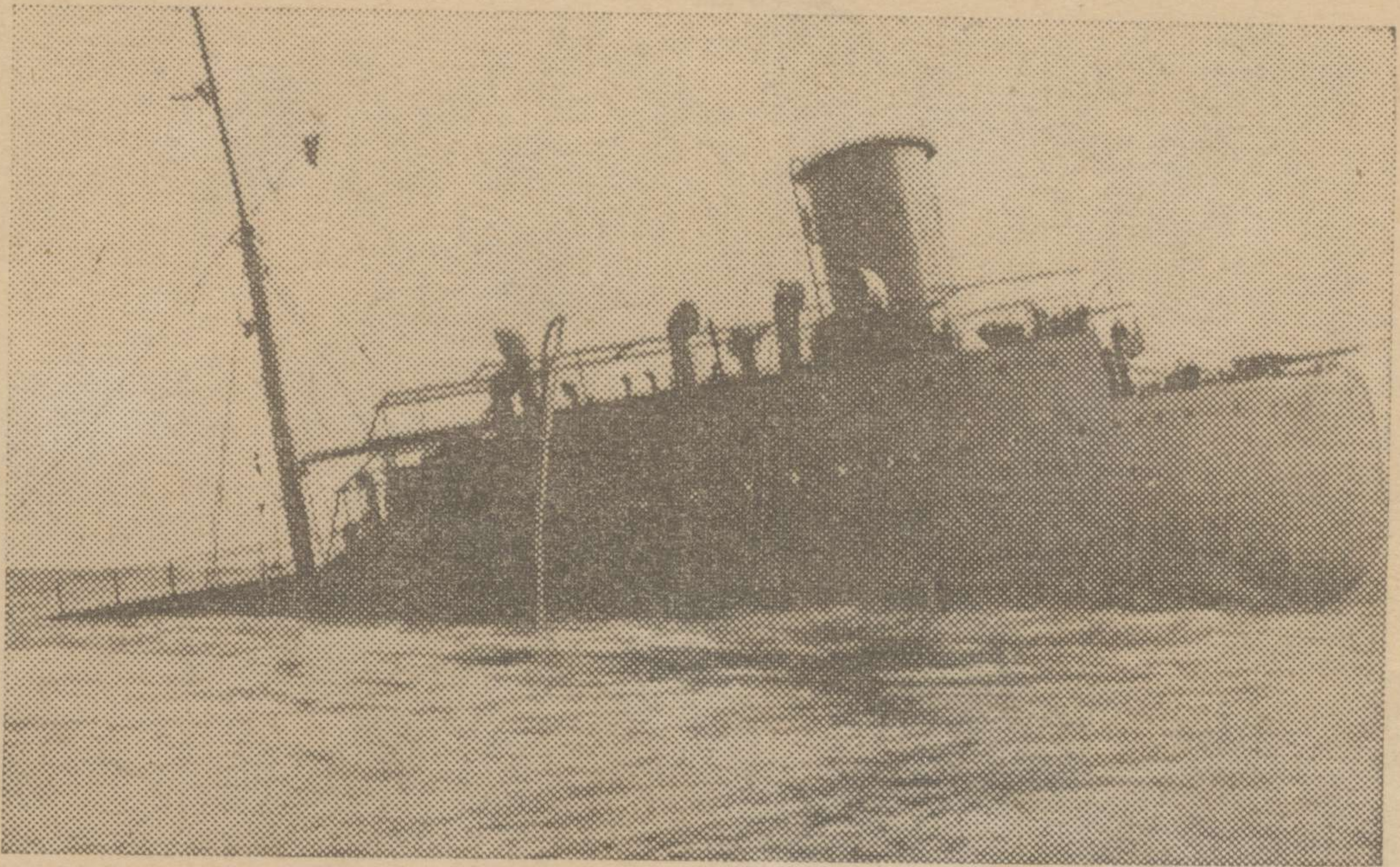
At the hospital committee meeting yesterday, it was stated that 105 of the men had measles and 35 influenza. Many recruits from the country, it was explained, were vulnerable to germs, which previously had never infected them.

From the Navy only three patients were admitted. Two had diphtheria and one influenza.

British troops.

He congratulated the Commander-in-Chief (Lord Gort) and expressed his delight at the excellent relations existing between the British troops and the French civilians.

He wished all ranks a happy Christmas and the best of luck for the new year.



OIL TANKER MINED.—A striking picture of the San Calisto sinking after being mined. Two of the crew were killed and seven injured.

Bde Diary

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - 3rd MILITARY DISTRICT

H.Q. 17 Aus. Inf. Bde.
Puckapunyal.
11 Dec. 39.

ALL UNITS.

Visit of Gov. Gen. - 12 Dec. 39.

- 1130 hrs. - Arrive Seymour Station - Met by G.S.O.I.
Proceeds to PUCKA. 6 Aus. Div. and
B.M. 17 Aus. Inf.
Bde. One car pro-
vided by S. Comd.,
and one car 17 Aus.
Bde.
- 1150 hrs. - Arrive Bde. H.Q., - Guard of Honour
PUCKA. (Duty Bn.) with
band, 2/8 Bn. -
Met by Bde. Comdr.
- 1200 hrs. - 2/8 Bn. march past in - Saluting base,
Column of route, from Camp H..
Training area.
- 1220-1245 hrs. - Inspect 2/7 Bn. - lines, - Met by C.O. 2/7
cookhouses and meal of Bn.
other ranks.
- 1300 hrs. - Lunch at Bde. H.Q.
- 1400 hrs. - Inspect 2/6 Bn. on Par- (i) Unit drawn up
ade, (Horses provided by on parade ground in
Bde. H.Q.) Mass - Royal Salute-
Gov. Gen. inspects.
(Band of 2/8 Bn.).
(ii) Unit forms holl-
ow square - address
by Gov. Gen. -
(iii) Royal Salute-
(hollow square).
(Note - C.O. will
order Slope Arms on
conclusion of Royal
Salute in each case).
- Inspection of Training - 2/5 Bn. - Unit area,
NORTH of E.W.
Camp Rd.
2/7 Bn. - Unit area
South of E.W.
Camp Rd.
Engrs. - Unit area
vicinity BARTONS
FOLLIES.
A.A.S.C. - Unit area
vicinity A.A.S.C.
2 Cav. Div.
A.A.M.C. - Unit area A
Block.
(Met by C.O.'s in
each case)
- 1545 - Afternoon Tea at Bde. H.Q.
- 1610 - Depart PUCKA. - Car provided by S.
Comdr

Paul White Major
Bde. Major 17 Aus. Inf. Bde.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—3RD MILITARY DISTRICT.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No.....

(Address)

(Date)

H.Q. 17 Aus. Inf. Bde.,
PUCKAPUNYAL
14 Dec. 1939.


H.Q.
6th Div.



Maintenance M.T. Vehicles.

Ref. Southern Command No. 42022 of 4 Dec. 39.

All Chevrolet vehicles on issue to Units attached to this H.Q. have been inspected and their nuts appear to be functioning correctly, particularly the centre one passing through the spiral spring.


Brig.
Comdg. 17 Aus. Inf. Bde.

Major Pulver

S/C

17 INF. BDE.
2ND A.I.F.
PUCKAPUNYAL

The Senior supply officer A.S. 2nd Cav. Div. rang to say that the last of the lambs donated to us have been slaughtered and placed in the Seymour Butter Factory cooling chamber pending further instructions as to delivery.

Geo. Smith

29 DEC 1939

S/C

Lambas (New Year) Lambas.

M^r Culross - (Phone Moulamein N^o 1).

Lambas being sent, attached passenger
train on Thursday morning (May go to
Melbourne & back to Seymour - try and get
S.M. Seymour to get them as train passengers
through)

May arrive Fri (or even Sat).

Have told M^r Culross cold storage can
probably be arranged in Seymour if
necessary -

Can you do? - perhaps A.S.C. or
Cisteth at Railhead will take over
whole job for us.

L.

17 AUS. 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																
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																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)																

17 AUS. INF BDE
Unit.

[Signature]
Major,
Brigade Major, 17 Inf. Bde.
Signature of Commander.
6 Aus Div

Date of Despatch 2 DEC 39
D.3459.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

17 Aus Inf Bde (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
BRIG	VX 13	SAVIGE	SG 17 INF BDE	YES	
MAJ	VX 148	KEY	AS		
"	VX 14	PULVER	BW		
CAPT	VX 22	BROCK	SH		
CAPT	VX 24	WHITAKER	LK	NO	COMD 9 STAFF SCHOOL SYDNEY
LIEUT	VX 175	MCGEOCH	JA	YES	
/					

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
LIEUT COL	—	MORGAN A.E.	South African Corps	3 Aug 39	SPECIAL DUTIES
CAPT		POPE C	BRNC LMS	24 May 39	VEP OFFICER

17 Aus Inf Bde.
(Unit.)

[Signature]
Major,
Brigade M (Signature of Commander.)

10 Dec 39
(Date of Despatch.)

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

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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.
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
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															

TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)

17 AUS INF Bde
Unit.

Date of Despatch 19 Dec 39
D.3459,

[Signature]
Major,
Signature of Commander.

6 Aus D.V.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

H.Q. 17 Aus. Inf. Bde. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
<i>BRIGADIER</i> *	<i>1</i>		
...			
Lieut.-Colonels ...		<i>1</i>	
Majors ...	<i>2</i>		
Captains ...	<i>2</i>		
Lieutenants ...	<i>1</i>		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	<i>6</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>(This section is crossed out with a diagonal line.)</i>				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>CAPT</i>	<i>POPE</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>12 DEC 44</i>	<i>TRANSFERRED TO (DIV 1700 VET SEC INGLEBURN)</i>
		<i>ATTACHED TO</i>		
		<i>17 Aus Inf Bde</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>(This section is crossed out with a diagonal line.)</i>			

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
BRIG	VX 13	SOVIGE S.S.	17 INF BDE	YES	
MAJ	VX 143	KEY A.S.	"	"	
"	VX 14	PULVER B.W.	"	"	
CAPT	VX 22	BROCK G.H.	"	"	
"	VX 24	WHITAKER I.K.	"	NO	COMMAND & STAFF SCHOOL SYDNEY
LIEUT	VX 175	MCGEEH J.A.	"	YES	
/					

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
LIEUT COL	—	MORGAN A.E.	QUARTERS/Comin	31 NOV 37	SPECIAL DUTIES
CHAPLAIN		MCKIE J.J.	LAOS DIV	12 DEC 39	ATTACHED by AUS INF BDE

H. Q. 17 AUS INF BDE
(Unit.)

16 DEC 39
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
Major,
Brigade Major, 17 Inf Bde.
(Signature of Commander.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

H.Q. 17 Aus Inf. Bde (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)

H.Q. 17. AUS. INF. BDE.
Unit.

[Signature]
Major,
Brigade Major, 17 Inf. Bde.
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 23 Dec 39
D.3459.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

17. Aus Inf. Bde (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
<i>BRIGADIER</i> *	<i>1</i>		
Lieut.-Colonels ...		<i>1</i>	
Majors ...	<i>1</i>		
Captains ...	<i>2</i>		
Lieutenants ...	<i>1</i>		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	<i>5</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>MAJ</i>	<i>VX148 KEY. HS.</i>	<i>17 Aus Inf Bde</i>	<i>29 Dec 39</i>	<i>TRANSFERRED to 2/5 BN</i>

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

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

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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.
BRIG	VX 13	SAVIGE	SG. 17th Inf Bde	YES	
MAJ	VX 14	PULVER	B.W.		
CAPT	VX 22	BROCK	G.H.		
	VX 24	WAINWATER	I.K.		
LIEUT	VX 175	MCSOON	JAH		

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Lieut Col	1000000	A.E.	5th Cav	12 Nov 39	Special Duties
CHAPLAIN		MR. KIE	T.D.	6901 Div 12 Nov 39	ATTACHED 17th INF BDE

17. Aus. Inf Bde (Unit.)

30 Dec 39 (Date of Despatch.)

Major, 17 Inf. Bde. (Signature of Commander.)

Brigade Major, 17 Inf. Bde. (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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H.Q. 17. Aus. 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.	
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
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															

TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)

H.Q. 17. Aus. Inf. Bde Unit.

[Handwritten Signature]

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch *30 Dec 19*
D.3459.

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

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - 3rd. MILITARY DISTRICT

H.Q. 17 Aus. Inf. Bde.
Puckapunyal.
11 Dec. 39.

ALL UNITS.

Visit of Gov. Gen. - 12 Dec. 39.

- 1130 hrs. - Arrive Seymour Station - Met by G.S.O.I.
Proceeds to PUCKA. 6 Aus. Div. and
B.M. 17 Aus. Inf.
Bde. One car pro-
vided by S. Comd.,
and one car 17 Aus.
Bde.
- 1150 hrs. - Arrive Bde. H.Q., - Guard of Honour
PUCKA. (Duty Bn.) with
band, 2/8 Bn. -
Met by Bde. Comdr.
- 1200 hrs. - 2/8 Bn. march past in - Saluting base,
Column of route, from Camp H..
Training area.
- 1220-1245 hrs. - Inspect 2/7 Bn. - lines, - Met by C.O. 2/7
cookhouses and meal of Bn.
other ranks.
- 1300 hrs. - Lunch at Bde. H.Q.
- 1400 hrs. - Inspect 2/6 Bn. on Par- (i) Unit drawn up
ade, (Horses provided by on parade ground in
Bde. H.Q.) Mass - Royal Salute-
Gov. Gen. inspects.
(Band of 2/8 Bn.).
(ii) Unit forms holl-
ow square - address
by Gov. Gen. -
(iii) Royal Salute-
(hollow square).
(Note - C.O. will
order Slope Arms on
conclusion of Royal
Salute in each case).
- Inspection of Training- 2/5 Bn. - Unit area,
NORTH of E.W.
Camp Rd.
2/7 Bn. - Unit area
South of E.W.
Camp Rd.
Engrs. - Unit area
vicinity BARTONS
FOLLIES.
A.A.S.C. - Unit area
vicinity A.A.S.C.
2 Cav. Div.
A.A.M.C. - Unit area A
Block.
(Met by C.O.'s in
each case)
- 1545 - Afternoon Tea at Bde. H.Q.
- 1610 - Depart PUCKA. - Car provided by S.
Comd.

John White Major
Bde. Major 17 Aus. Inf. Bde.