

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

**Item number: 8/3/6**

**2/6 Infantry Battalion**  
**January - February 1942**



2/6 BN

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SYRIA - PALESTINE

APPOINTMENT & COMMAND

NEW CO  
APPOINTED

Lt-Col F.G. Wood takes over comd of bn  
vice Lt-Col Wrigley who has been in comd  
for 9 mths.

2/6 BN  
JAN 42

MOVEMENT

SYRIA-  
PALESTINE

Move of Bn to JERICHO (Palestine) area  
from DIMAS (Syria) takes place 25/26  
Jan.

2/6 BN  
JAN 42



JANUARY MONTH  
1942 YEAR

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A.I.F. FORM C 2118A

# WAR DIARY

(RENDER UNDER SECRET COVER)

2/6 AUST INF BN

UNIT

For material required, see F.S.R. Vol 1, Sec. 174

GPP. 13988-25.000-30.10.41 1912/S.

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
DIMAS	1	<p>Bde sports meeting on 2/5 Bn ground at DOUMAR. Conditions bad, with very cold wind, but meeting was a success.</p> <p>Athletics won by 2/6 Bn and football by 2/7 Bn.</p> <p>Prizes were distributed by Lieut.Col WRIGLEY.</p> <p>In the evening the weather became worse and blizzard commenced.</p>	(Appx F.)	
	2	<p>Blizzard continued. Our huts were not built for this weather, hence they were filled with snow. The morning was spent in making them snow-proof with paper.</p> <p>All roads blocked; water supply low; roof blown off one hut.</p>		
	3	<p>Blizzard continued - less snow but more wind.</p> <p>Bn drew on reserve rations and canteen stocks taken over.</p> <p>Canteen sales restricted.</p> <p>Wireless frozen but L/T to Bde still functioning.</p>		
	4	<p>Blizzard abated - light snow but no wind.</p> <p>Working parties organised to open road to allow ration convoy to get through.</p>		

Signature *F. S. Wood Lt Col.*



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DIMAS	4	<p>At 1630 hrs, all ranks were ordered to "A" Coy lines to unload ration convoy.</p> <p>Neighbouring units placed under 2/6 Aust Inf Bn for rations.</p>		
	5	<p>Clear day.</p> <p>C.O's. Orderly Room held in open air.</p> <p>Bn, less one Coy, cleared road of snow.</p>		
	6	<p>Road clearance work continued.</p>		
	7	<p>Capt WARFE and Lieut HARRIS returned to report on progress DJEIDE area.</p> <p>Lieut DEXTER returned from Allied Liaison Officers School.</p>		
	8	<p>Road clearance work continued.</p>		
	9	<p>Capt WARFE and Lieut GULLETT leave for DJEDEIDE.</p>		
	10	<p>Formal officers' mess; guests from 6 Div A.A.S.C. and 2/2 Pioneers were present.</p>		
	11	<p>Very cold conditions; Bn area very muddy.</p> <p>Lieut. Col MACARTHUR-ONSLOW, of 6 Aust Cav Regt, lectured on recent operations in the Western Desert; all officers and senior N.C.Os. attended.</p> <p>Lieut D.O. HAY seconded to HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde.</p>		

Signature *F. S. Wood Lt Col*



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DIMAS	11	Football - 2/5 Bn v 2/6 Bn - won by 2/5 Bn.	(app A)	Duration - Two weeks.
	12	Work on fortress area commenced.  Training period decided at three days per week.  W.O.(i) J.M. COWIE returned to unit.  Lieut DEXTER rejoined recce party at SAFAD.  N.C.O's, cadre course commenced.		
	13	Coys resumed work on fortress area.  At 1630 hrs, advance party (2 officers and 1 sgt) of 2/3 Pioneers arrived.		
	16	Lieut.Col WRIGLEY, who embarked as 2 i/c of the Bn, relinquished command after approximately nine months. His departure deeply regretted by all ranks.  Lieut.Col F.G. WOOD took over command.	(app B)	
	17	Lady BLAMEY visited unit.		
	18	Church parade - Padre SAVILLE - held in recreation hut.		
	19	Recce commenced on WADI KARM fortress area.		
	20	Recce of WADI KARM fortress area completed.		
	21	"B" Coy, relieved by 6 Aust Cav Regt at BAALBEK, returned to DIMAS.		

Signature

F. S. Wood Lt Col.



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DIMAS	22	Advance party (2 officers and 60 O.Rs.) left for JERICHO area. Lieut HAYES i/c.  Lieut.Col F.G. WOOD joined unit.	Admin Inst No 1 <i>(app c)</i>	
	24	Lieut W.L. SHERGOLD returned to unit ex 17 Aust Inf Tng Bn.  Capt I.E. KERR returned to unit ex Junior Staff School.  7 N.C.Os. and 2 Ptes taken on strength from 17 Aust Inf Tng Bn, where they had been doing duty as instructors.		
	25	0400 hrs - Reveille. Move to JERICHO commenced.  0515 hrs - Road party of 3 officers, 60 O.Rs. and 38 vehicles left Camp. Capt H.McB. STEWART O/C Party.  1630 hrs - Road party arrived JERICHO Camp.  <u>Rail Party:</u>  0545 hrs - Bn embussed.  0625 hrs - Convoy moved to KANAWAT railway station, DAMASCUS.  0735 hrs - Arrived at station.  0845 hrs - Rail journey commenced.  1305 hrs - Arrived DERA.		<i>Discipline during move excellent.</i>  Signature <i>F. S. Wood Lt Col</i>



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JERICHO	25	1740 hrs - Arrived AMMAN. Bn bivouaced R.A.F. aerodrome.		Health of unit consistently good.
	26	0700 hrs - Reveille. 0930 hrs - Bde MT transported Bn to JERICHO Camp. 1215 hrs - Arrived at Camp.		A number of cases of mild colds.
	27	Bn Parade. Training commenced.	Appx D	
	29	Bn HQ, H.Q Coy and "D" Coy inoculated TAB and TET.		
	30	8 vehicles left for SYRIA to collect remainder of Bn stores.	(Appx E)	Brig Motem & Capt. Muir (B.M.) guests of Officers Mess for dinner.
	31	Bn parade. Rehearsal for ceremonial parade to be inspected by H.H. EMIR of TRANS-JORDAN on 4 Feb 42. "A", "B" and "C" Coys innoculated. MT returned from SYRIA.		Private comment by Brigade Comd. that this unit's march past was of a very high standard.

Signature F. S. Wood Lt Col.



2/6 AUST INF BN - SPORTING ACTIVITIES - JANUARY, 194217 AUST INF BDE NEW YEAR'S DAY SPORTS:100 yds:

1st - 2/5 Bn; 2nd - 2/6 Bn (Pte FIREBRACE); 3rd - 2/7 Bn.

220 yds:

1st - 2/6 Bn (Pte FIREBRACE); 2nd - 2/5 Bn; 3rd - 2/6 Bn (Pte MORRISON).

Tug-of-War:

1st - 2/7 Bn; 2nd - 2/6 Bn.

440 yds Relay:

1st - 2/6 Bn (Ptes SMITH, FIREBRACE, GRACIE and SMALL).

High Jump:

1st - 2/6 Bn (Pte ALVES - 5ft 1-1/2 ins).

440 yds:

1st - 2/5 Bn; 3rd - 2/6 Bn (Pte MORRISON).

Broad Jump:

1st - 2/7 Bn; 2nd - 2/6 Bn (Pte SMALL).

Cross Country:

2/5 Bn only competitor.

Hop, Step & Jump:

3rd - 2/6 Bn (Pte GRACIE).

Final Scores:

1st - 2/6 Bn - 33 points.

2nd - 2/5 Bn - 31 points.

3rd - 2/7 Bn - 28 points.

FOOTBALL:

2/5 Bn defeated HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde.

2/7 Bn defeated 2/6 Bn.

2/7 Bn defeated 2/5 Bn. (Final)

5 Feb 42.

*W. J. Cameron* Lieut.  
Sports Offr 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.

*Wood H Col*



**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE**

**VALEDICTORY ROUTINE ORDER**

by

**LIEUT. COL H. WRIGLEY, M.C**

**COMMANDING 2/6 AUST INF BN**

(APPX B)

DIHAS.

16 Jan 42.

The Commanding Officer has directed that the following farewell message be communicated to all ranks:-

"On handing over the command of the Battalion, I desire to thank all Officers, Warrant and Non Commissioned Officers, and All Ranks for the co-operation and loyalty which I have received during my term of command."

"It is with very great regret that I leave the Battalion which is, to so many of us, 'HOME'."

"The training periods which we have to undergo are somewhat boring, and none of us really like them; but they are essential and it is during those periods that we gain the knowledge which means the saving of lives at a later date."

"The Battalion has always done a good job, and I leave it with the complete trust that it will always give of its best under all circumstances."

"I wish you all the best of luck, and a safe return to your homes at the termination of hostilities."

*A. G. Skelbick* Capt.

Adjutant 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.

*F. S. Wood* Lt Col



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

## ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION

by  
LIEUT. COL F. G. WOOD  
COMMANDING 2/6 AUST INF BN

(APPX C)

DIMAS.

No. 1.

21 Jan 42.

MOVEMENT OF 2/6 AUST INF BN BY 2/3 AUST PNR BN.

1. 2/6 Bn will move from present location to JERICHO, to carry out training.

2. Movement:(a) Road:D.1 Day - Advance Party.Route:

MEZZE - AARTOUZ - QUNEITRA - JISR BENETT YACOUB - ROSH FINNA -  
TIBERIAS - SAMAKH - via JORDAN Valley to JERICHO.

Speed and Density:

15 M.I.H. 15 V.T.M.

Bde S.P. at junction main DAMASCUS Rd and 17 Bde Rd.

Bn S.P. at junction of main DAMASCUS Rd and road through Bn area.

Start Time:

0515 hrs cross unit start line.

Halts:

Ten minutes after two, four and nine hours; one hour at end of five hours.

Strength:

2 Officers; 60 Other Ranks; 5-30 cwt Lorries.

Stores:

1 Kitchen. All personal gear.

(b) Rail:D.3 Day - Main Body:

16 Bde will arrange transport from DIMAS to KANAWAT Station, DAMASCUS.

Rail Movement Table:

- (i) Entrain KANAWAT Station DAMASCUS - 0800 hrs.  
Depart KANAWAT - 0850 hrs.  
Arrive DERRA - 1345 hrs.  
Depart DERRA - 1430 hrs.  
Detrain ALMAN - 1830 hrs.

Main body will stage night of D.3 at ALMAN; thence proceed by road to JERICHO.

- (ii) 1 Officer and 25 Other Ranks will proceed with 11 Bren carriers:-

F. G. Wood *W Col*



Entrain CADEM Station D. 17.30 hrs. - 06:00 hrs.  
Depart CADEM - 0800 hrs.  
Arrive DERAA - 1230 hrs.  
Depart DERAA - 1530 hrs.  
Entrain M.M.T. - 1930 hrs.

(c) Road:

D.3 Day - Vehicles Main Body:

Route - Speed & Density - Start Time:

As for Advance Party.

Strength:

3 Officers; 110 Other Ranks; 53 Vehicles.

3. Rear Party:

Rear party of 1 offr Bn H.Q. and 1 offr "A", "B", "C" and "D" Coys. 3 N.C.Os. "A", "C" and "D" Coys. 2 O.Rs. per Coy.

Duties:

Party will remain for 2 weeks for hand over of fortress area to incoming unit, with possible return for 1 week.

Party will also be responsible for the security of any stores left for later pick up.

4. Equipment and Stores:

All G.1098 Scale on issue will be taken. Accommodation stores will remain, with the exception of recreation hut stores.

Accommodation stores will be stacked immediately after the evening meal on D.2. by arrangement with R.Q.M.S.

All Coys holding leather jerkins will return same forthwith to R.Q.M.

All stores will move by road, unless otherwise stated.

Any stores not able to be moved in first lift will be stacked in R.Q.M. store for further pick up.

Vehicles will be loaded on D.2. as soon as available.

5. Blankets:

All ranks will carry with them four blankets and groundsheet, i.e. two blankets in pack and two blankets in groundsheet around outside of pack.

6. Dress:

Marching order - greatcoats worn - respirator and steel helmet carried.

7. Supplies:

Rations will be carried as follows:-

Road Parties - 3 days.  
Rail Parties - 3 days.

Coys will draw under arrangement with R.Q.M.

8. Hot Meals:



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As no hot meals are available at ALLAN or en route, R.Q.M. will arrange for necessary cooking gear to be placed on train.

9. Ammunition:

1st line ammunition on G.1098 scale will be carried.

10. Carriers:

2/1 and 2/2 Fd Regt carriers and personnel will move with 2/7 Bn, reporting to Coy. Office, 2/7 Bn, on afternoon of D.1.

O.C. No 4 Pl will take personnel and carriers of 2/6 Bn to 2/7 Bn lines on afternoon of D.2 and will bivouac until morning of D.3.

11. Transport:

2/6 Bn will supply transport for move of 2/5 Bn to DALLASCUS.

Vehicles will report to 2/5 Bn on afternoon of D.1 and return to 2/6 Bn lines on completion of task on D.2.

12. P.O.L.:

All vehicles will carry P.O.L. for 250 miles, including full tank.

Tankers will report on afternoon of D.2.

13. Personal Kit and Heavy Baggage:

All kitbags will be stacked in dump near Coy office by 1400 hrs on D.2.

"B" Coy will supply guard of 1 N.C.O. and 6 O.Rs. to move with kits to station on D.2 and guard until loaded into vans on the morning of D.3.

Officers valises will be stacked with Coy kits.

All other heavy baggage will move with stores by road party.

H.Q. Coy will supply loading and unloading party at train. Party will travel with kits.

14. Cleanliness of Lines:

Every effort will be made to clean up lines prior to nightfall on D.2.

15. Reveille on D.3 will be 0500 hrs.

16. Troops will be embussed by 0600 hrs.

17. Date of D.1 will be notified.

 Capt.  
Adjutant 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.



## 2/5 ARMY INF LN - SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR PERIOD ENDING 9 FEB 42.

Date.	Time.	Type of Training.	Remarks & References
Wed 28/1/42	0815	A Coy - Scheme 4 Coy in Attack B Coy - Scheme 5 Coy in Defence C Coy - Scheme 6 Coy in Withdrawal D Coy - Act as enemy for above schemes; supply one pl to each Coy B.H.Q. - Command Post with A Coy H.Q. Coy - Specialist training as per attached syllabus.	
	1900	Night Exercise - A, B, C, D Coys - Recce Patrols.	
Thurs 29/1/42	0815	Coy Parades	
	0840	Bn Parade	
	0900	A, B, C, D Coys - See Tank Hunting Exercises A, B, C Coys will draw one carrier each on loan from No 4 Pl	Ref AMM 30 pp 16 AMM 37 pp 12 MTP 42
	1100	A, B, C, D Coys - See in Attack & Assault incl co-ordination of LMG, TRNG & Bayonet	ISL Chap IX
	1215	Cease work	
	1330	Elementary Lessons in Sniping incl Fieldcraft (ISL Sec 41) Observation (Sec 45) Use of Cover (Sec 42)	ISL IT 1937 Secs 33-36
	1500	Demonstration & discussion on exercise for 30 Jan 42 D Coy - Area 4 A, B, C Coys - Area 5	
	1630	Cease Work	
Fri 30/1/42	0815	Coy Parades A Coy - Scheme 5 Coy in Withdrawal Defence B Coy - Scheme 6 Coy in Withdrawal D Coy - Scheme 4 Coy in Attack C Coy - Supply enemy, one pl to each Coy B.H.Q. - Command Post with B Coy	
	1900	Night Exercise - Section Stalk	
Sat 31/1/42	0815	Coy Parades	
	0840	Bn Parade	
	0900	LMG Trng at discretion of Coy Comds	
	1000	TRNG & Bayonet Trng at discretion of Coy Comds	

*F. S. Wood Lt Col*



Date.	Time.	Type of Training.	Remarks & References.
Sat 31/1/42	1100	Demonstration & discussion on exercise to be held 2 Feb 42 All Coys RV area 4, then camp area	
	1330-1630	Recreational Training	
Mon 2/2/42	0815	Coy Parades	
		A Coy - Scheme 6 Coy in Withdrawal B Coy - Supply enemy (as for C Coy on 30 Jan) C Coy - Scheme 4 Coy in Attack D Coy - Scheme 5 Coy in Defence B.H.Q. - Command Post with A Coy	
	1900	Night Exercise - Fighting Patrols	
Tues 3/2/42	0815	Coy Parades	
	0840	Bn Parade	
	0900	Section tank hunting exercises A, C, D, Coys will draw one carrier each on loan from No 4 Pl	ATM 50 pp 16 37 pp 12 MFP 42
	1100	Elementary Lessons in Sniping Visual Training, Judging Distance, Observation	SAT Vol I Para 2 ISL 1938 Sec 41 MFP 44 Secs 1-2
	1215	Cease Work	
	1330	IMG Tng at discretion of Coy Comds	
	1500	Demonstration & discussion on exercise for 4 Feb 42 B Coy - RV Area 4; A, C, D Coys - Area 5.	
	1630	Cease Work	
Wed 4/2/42	0815	Coy Parades	
		A Coy - Supply enemy (One pl to B, C, D Coys) B Coy - Scheme 4 Coy in Attack C Coy - Scheme 5 Coy in Defence D Coy - Scheme 6 Coy in Withdrawal B.H.Q. - Command Post with "B" Coy	
	1900	Night Exercise - Fighting Patrols	
Thurs 5/2/42	0815	Coy Parades	
	0840	Bn Parade	
	0900	Preparation & Use of Molotov Cocktails	
	1100	Elementary Lessons in Sniping Judging Distance, Individual Stalk, Camouflage	MFP 44 Sec 6,9 MFP 26 Sec 9



Date.	Time.	Type of Training.	Remarks & References
Thurs 5/2/42	1215	Cease Work	
	1330	Tank hunting exercise - Three carriers on loan to B, C, D Coys	
	1500	Demonstration & Discussion on exercise for 6 Feb 42.	
	1630	Cease Work	
Fri 6/2/42	0815	Coy Parades	
		All Coys - Coy one-day exercise B.M.G. - Command Post with "B" Coy	
	1900	Night Exercise - Move to Start Line	
Sat 7/2/42	0815	Coy Parades	
	0840	Bn Parade	
	0900	Subjects & training at discretion of Coy Comds	
	1100	Demonstration & discussion on exercise for 9 Feb 42 Bn in Area 4 and Camp	
	1215	Cease Work	
	1330	Recreational Training	
Mon 9/2/42	0815	Coy Parades	
		Coy Exercises B.M.G. - Command Post with C Coy	
	1900	Night Exercise - Pl in Night Attack	

Capt.

26 Jan 42.

Adjutant 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.



QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT - JANUARY, 1942

On 4 Jan, after three days in which rations could not be delivered, a convoy of eleven trucks arrived in 2/6 Bn area with supplies for camps in the DIMAS area.

Ourown transport proceeded to 2/5 Bn, at DOUMAR, on 5 Jan to pick up rations.

The fifth issue blanket was recalled on 19 Jan and, the following day, surplus stores (U.S. clothing) were returned to the O.O. DAMASCUS.

At 0520 hrs on 25 Jan, thirty-five trucks left DIMAS with kitchen gear and other stores for new camp at JERICHO.

Accommodation stores were left for the incoming unit (2/3 Aust Pnr Bn).

The convoy arrived at JERICHO at 1615 hrs on 25 Jan.

Advance party at JERICHO erected tents on new area; the remainder of the tents arrived and were pitched on 26 Jan.

A Bde convoy left JERICHO at 0700 hrs on 29 Jan to pick up remaining stores at DIMAS. (2/6 Bn quota - five 30-cwts and three 1-ton trucks.)

The stores were loaded at DIMAS on 30 Jan; the night 30/31 Jan was spent at DOUMAR and the convoy reached JERICHO at 1630 hrs on 31 Jan 42.

5 Feb42.

*[Signature]* Capt.  
QM 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.

*[Signature]*



MEDICAL DIARY - JANUARY, 1942.

There was a consistent high incidence of upper respiratory tract infection, until the warmer climate at the end of the month, with few severe cases.

Owing to the snow, there were a number of cases of chilblains and some cases of conjunctivitis due to snow-glare.

Towards the end of the month, there were a number of cases of infection of the foot, particularly the toes, and also some cases of blistered feet with the resumption of marching on hard ground.

The difficulty in obtaining serviceable boots was an important contributory factor in the high incidence of foot disability.

Inoculation of unit with T.A.B. (R.A.M.C.) 1/2 c.c. and Tetanus Prophylactic 1 c.c. was carried out at end of month.

4 Feb 42.

*H. Kelf* Capt.  
R.M.O. 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.

*F. S. Wood R. Col*























**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.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.		H. Wrigley		No	A.O.D.
Major		J.C. Roan		Yes	21/c Bn.
Capt	T/Major	G.M. Norris		Yes	OC C Coy
Capt		E.H. Weate		Yes	
Capt		K.S. Picken		No	∅
Capt		J.S. Jones		No	∅
Capt		I.R. Kerr		School	ME Junr Staff
Capt		G.R. Warfe		Yes	21/c C Coy
Capt		G.A. Tilley		Yes	21/c B Coy
Capt		W.H. Sherlock		Yes	21/c A Coy
Lieut		P.B. Hayes		Yes	Pl Comdr
Lieut		W.R. Dexter		No	∅
Lieut	T/Capt	H. McB. Stewart		Yes	G.M.
Lieut	T/Capt	A.G. Shaldrick		Yes	Adjutant
Lieut		H.B. Cullett		Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		E.A. Lewis		Yes	I.O.
Lieut		M.N.J. Harris		Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		H.L. Laver		Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		A.G.S. Edgar		Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		A.R. Ross		Yes	Pl Comd (Carriers)
Lieut		J.W. Waterston		Yes	Pl Comd (Mortars)
Lieut		R.C. Burke		School	C Div Mule Tpt
Lieut		J.C. Walker		Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		W.L.A. Roberts		Yes	Pl Comd (Signals)
Lieut		W.L. Shergold		School	S.M.E.
Lieut		D.M. Macrae		Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		W.J. Cameron		Yes	Pl Comd (Pioneers)
Lieut		S.R. Walker		Yes	T.O.
Lieut		H. McL. Marsden		School	AIF(ME) Signals

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		I.P. Kelf	RANC		R.H.O.
Chaplain		E.H. Saville	AACHD		Padre
Lieut		R.D. Urquhart	}		Attached as supernumerary to establishment at 17 AIFBn.
Lieut		J.W. Park			

2/6 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit.)

18 Jan 42. (Date of Despatch.)

*J. Howan*  
(Signature of Commander.)  
Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).



**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

18 Jan 42.

(Unit) ..... 19 ..... (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	5		
Serjeants	26		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	2		
Corporals	45		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	592		135
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>677</b>		<b>135</b>

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
VX4753 Sgt A. Jamieson	A.A.P.C.		
VX4406 Cpl M.E. Cogle	2/2 Fd Amb		
VX4408 Cpl H.P. Dowd	2/2 Fd Amb		
VX13330 Cpl A. McD. Seales	6 Div Post Unit		
VX5119 Cpl A.L.C. Murrell	AAOD		
VX31250 Pte A.G. Evans	AAOD		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known)
VX15059	Cpl	H.W. Giffin		} 17 Aust Inf Trng Bn.
VX10047	Pte	J. Carr		
VX8412	Pte	R.J. Strain		



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.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.		Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ... ..																				
Butchers ... ..																				
Carpenters and Joiners ... ..																				
Clerks ... ..																				
Cooks ... ..																				
Despatch Riders ... ..																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ... ..																				
"    " (Wheeled) ... ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics ... ..																	1		1	Cpl Griffin 17 AITBn.
Drivers-Operators ... ..																				
Electricians ... ..																				
Equipment Repairers ... ..																				
Farriers ... ..																				
Fitters ... ..																				
Machine Gunners ... ..																				
Masons ... ..																				
Motor Mechanics ... ..																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ... ..																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ... ..																				
Range Takers ... ..																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers ... ..																				
Saddle Tree Makers ... ..																				
Sanitary and Water Duties ... ..																				
Signallers ... ..																				
Storemen technical ... ..																				
Tailors ... ..																				
Wheelers ... ..																				
<del>Bandsmen</del>																			2	2
General duty personnel ... ..																			132	132
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).																			1	134 135

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

*Showan Major*  
Signature of Commander.

Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.

Date of Despatch 19 Jan 42

17 Aust Inf Bde, 6 Aust Div  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

(Unit.)

**PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.**

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
	1		
	2		
Lieut.-Colonels ...	9		4
Majors ...	17		
Captains ...			
Lieutenants ...			
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...	29		4
Totals ...			

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.Col	F.G. WOOD		19/1/42	Ex 2/5 Aust Inf Bn

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.Col	H. WRIGLEY		19/1/42	Trans to H.Q. A.I.F. (M)

**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.)
	CLARKE, F.D.		
	BROUGHAM, K.L.		
	PRICE, E.W.		



**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.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lieut.Col		F.G. WOOD		Yes	C.O.
Major		J.G. ROWAN		Yes	2 i/c Bn
Capt	T/Major	G.M. NORRIS		Yes	O.C. "C" Coy
Capt		E.W. WEATE		No	Att 17 Bde
Capt		K.S. PICKEN		No	■
Capt		J.S. JONES		No	■
Capt		I.E. KERR		No	Jnr. Staff Sch
Capt		G.R. WARFE		Yes	O.C. "D" Coy
Capt		Q.A. TILLEY		Yes	2 i/c "B" Coy
Capt		W.H. SHERLOCK		Yes	2 i/c "A" Coy
Lieut		P.B. HAYES		Yes	2 i/c "D" Coy
Lieut		W.R. DEXTER		No	■
Lieut	T/Capt	H.McB. STEWART		Yes	Q.M.
Lieut	T/Capt	A.G. SHELDRIK		Yes	Adjutant
Lieut		H.B. GULLETT		Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		E.A. LEWIS		Yes	Int Ofgr
Lieut		M.N.J. HARRIS		Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		H.L. LAVER		Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		A.G.S. EDGAR		Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		A.R. ROSS		Yes	Pl Comd (Carrs)
Lieut		J.W. WATERSTON		Yes	Pl Comd (Mors)
Lieut		R.G. BURKE		Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		J.C. WALKER		Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		W.L.A. ROBERTS		Yes	Pl Comd (Sigs)
Lieut		W.L. SHERGOLD		No	AIF (ME) SME
Lieut		D.M. MACRAE		Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		W.J. CAMERON		Yes	Pl Comd (Pnrs)
Lieut		S.R. WALKER		Yes	T.O.
Lieut		H.McL. MARSDEN		No	AIF (ME) Sig Se
■ Detached special duties X Corps					

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
	24 Jan 42				Lieut.Col.
Capt	2/6 AUST INF BN	I.L. KELF	AACHD	17 AUST INF BDE.	.6 AUST DIV
Chapl		E.E. SAVILLE	AACHD	Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.	
Lieut		R.D. URQUHART			Padre
Lieut		J.W. PARK			Attached as supernumary
to estab ex 17 Aust Inf Tng Bn					

(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

*J. S. Wood Lt Col.*  
(Signature of Commander.)

*17 Aust Inf Bde 6 Div*  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).











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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn.

(Unit.)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
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Lieut.-Colonels ... ..	1		
Majors ... ..	3		
Captains ... ..	8		5
Lieutenants ... ..	16		
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters ... ..			
District Officers ... ..			
Totals ... ..	28		5

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

## 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.
Capt	I.B. Kerr		29 Jan 42	Seconded as L.O. HQ., 19 Aust Inf Bde.

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

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



**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3		4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials		Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lieut. Col		WOOD	F.G.		YES	C.O.
Major		ROWAN	J.G.		YES	2i/c Bn.
Capt	T/Major	NORRIS	G.M.		YES	OC "C" Coy
Capt	T/Major	WEATE	E.W.		YES	OC "A" Coy
Capt		RICKEN	K.S.		NO	Det. Special Duty
Capt		JONES	J.S.		NO	10 Corps.
Capt		WARFE	G.R.		YES	Pl Comd Carriers
Capt		TILLEY	Q.A.		YES	2i/c B Coy
Capt		SHERLOCK	W.H.		YES	2i/c A Coy
Capt		HAYES	P.B.		YES	2i/c D Coy
Lieut		DEXTER	W.R.		NO	Det 10 Corps
Lieut	T/Capt	Stewart	H.McB.		YES	Quartermaster
Lieut	T/Capt	SHELDRIK	A.G.		YES	Adjutant
Lieut		GULLETT	H.B.		YES	Pl Comd
Lieut		LEWIS	E.A.		YES	Int Offr
Lieut		HARRIS	M.N.J.		YES	Pl Comd
Lieut		LAVER	H.L.		YES	Pl Comd
Lieut		EDGAR	A.G.S.		YES	Pl Comd
Lieut		ROES	A.R.		YES	2i/c Carriers
Lieut		WATERSTON	J.W.		YES	Pl Comd Mortars
Lieut		BURKE	R.G.		YES	Pl Comd
Lieut		WALKER	J.C.		YES	Pl Comd
Lieut		ROBERTS	W.L.A.		YES	Pl Comd Signals
Lieut		SHERGOLD	W.L.		YES	Pl Comd
Lieut		MACRAE	D.M.		YES	Pl Comd
Lieut		CAMERON	W.J.		YES	Pl Comd Pioneers
Lieut		WALKER	S.R.		YES	Transport Offr
Lieut		MARSDEN	H.McL.		NO	attending Sig School - M.E.

**(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.**

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.		Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		KELF	I.P.	AAMC		R.M.O.
Chaplain		SAVILLE	E.E.	AACHD		Padre
Lieut		URQUHART	R.D.	)		Attached as supernumerary to establishment ex 17 A.I.T.Bn.
Lieut		PARK	J.W.			

2/6 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.)

31 Jan 42 (Date of Despatch.)

*F. S. Word*  
Lieut. Col.  
(Signature of Commander.)  
Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.  
17 Aust Inf Bde 6 Aust Div.  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).











REPORT BY VX3829 LIEUT H.L. LAVER, 2/6 AUST INF BN, ON HIS  
MOVEMENTS IN THE EVACUATION OF GREECE AND CRETE:

At 1800 hrs on 21 Apr 41, I received orders from Capt KERR, O.C. 2/6 Reinforcements, DAPHNE I, to report to Lieut.Col FINLAYSON, A.A. & Q.M.G. at 80 Base Sub-Area, for details of the Duty Lieut RAWSON and myself were to go on. A copy of these orders is attached.

At approximately 0200 hrs on 22 Apr 41, we left DAPHNE for the R.V. near CORINTH; arrived there at 0900 hrs on 22 Apr and met some of the trucks with rations and ammunition. During the following days - 23 and 24 and the morning of 25 April, - we established these dumps, at the same time endeavouring to contact the Brigadier mentioned. Not being able to do so we left the area under orders from an English colonel, and proceeded to ARGOS on 25 April.

From ARGOS we were directed further south, where I contacted Brig ALLEN, who included the Australian personnel in the move to KALAMAI with 16 Bde.

At KALAMAI I embarked with 2/6 Bn. We boarded the T.S. "Costa Rica", and sailed at about 0400 hrs. During the afternoon of the same day (27 Apr), the ship was abandoned, owing to an enemy air raid damaging the ship. We were transhipped on to a destroyer and taken to the isle of CRETE, arriving there at about 1900 hrs on 27 Apr 41.

I and other members of 2/6 Bn were organised into a party by Major ROWAN and Capt BROWNE. From this date on we became part of a composite force under different commanders, and were moved into a number of different positions in the SUDA BAY area. I was a Pl Comd under Capt BROWNE for most of the time, and took up a defensive position in his Coy area.

On the morning of 27 May 41, I received orders to report to Major ROWAN at Brigade H.Q., as Acting Coy Comd, for instructions.



These orders sent me to CREFORCE H.Q., where I reported to Brig BRUNSKILL. From this time I was attached to H.Q. with my Pl only; Lieut PAWSON having left for NEON KHORIAN with his Pl at 2100 hrs. Sgt RUTTER, who was in charge of the other Pl, left our area before midday for SPHARKIA.

The Pl and myself were transported with H.Q. from SUDA Bay and went direct to SPHARKIA, where Force H.Q. was established.

I was kept there with my Pl, doing various duties, until 30 May when I was sent into the village to take charge of embarkation beach and the D.I.D.

At 0345 on 31 May, Major WILLIAMS, D.A.A. & Q.M.G., came ashore and gave me instructions to embark immediately; these orders I was told came from Lieut.Col FINLAYSON.

We boarded H.M.A.S. NIZAM at 0355 and sailed five minutes later, arriving at ALEXANDRIA at about 1830 hrs on 31 May 41.

We were convoyed to AMIRIYA, and stayed there until we were entrained for Palestine, at 1700 hrs on 2 Jun 41.

I arrived at 2/6 Bn area, with 23 Other Ranks, at 1600 hrs on 4 Jun 41.



MOST SECRET:

Subject:- Guards.

Headquarters,  
80 Base Sub Area.  
Ref 80/75/AQ  
21 Apr 41.

O. i/c.; Supply Dump,  
CORINTH.

1. You are in command of the Guard consisting of two officers and 20 O.Rs. Australian. You are also in command of the labour party consisting of one officer and 30 armed Palestinians.
2. You are responsible for the siting, formation and the protection of the supply dump. Dispersion and concealment are of vital importance. The dump will be situated within the Peninsula of MPIA, in the vicinity of CORINTH.
3. The dump contains 12,000 rations, 50 miles of petrol for 500 vehicles and 12 lorries containing ammunition.
4. Lorries containing these supplies will precede you. You will R.V. with them at a road and rail crossing 1-1/2 miles South West of CORINTH. The whole party will thereafter be under your command.
5. An Australian Brigade will later pass through you and you will then come under the command of the Commander of that Brigade.
6. Acknowledge.

Lieut.Colonel

A.A. & Q.M.G.



*J. S. Wood Lt Col*  
REPORT OF VX 155 LIEUT J.H. PAWSON - 2/6 AUST INF BN.

The dates given in this report are not reliable, as days and dates were very confusing and it was impossible to keep an accurate check of them.

I left GREECE on approximately the night 28/29 Apr 41, and embarked with the Pl (14 Pl "C" Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn) under the immediate control of Capt A. BROWN, who was in charge of a body of troops of 2/6 Bn and some attached troops from the DAPHNE II Camp.

We embarked on H.M.A.S. "Defender" and were transferred some little time later to H.M.T. "Costa Rica". At about 0400 hrs, we left Greek waters and, approximately at 0600 hrs, the German bombers started to worry the convoy, so it was decided to give him a warm welcome if he came again later. All available Vickers guns, L.M.Gs. and A/Tk rifles were set up on improvised mountings and the enemy received a tremendous volume of fire on his subsequent raids. I had charge of six L.M.Gs. on the boat deck on the starboard side. At approximately 1300 hrs, the ship was damaged by a near miss underneath the stern. With very little trouble the troops were marshalled on to the decks and on to destroyers pulling alongside. Unfortunately in the process of transshipping, the troops of most groups were mixed and separated from their units. Luckily Capt BROWN was able to marshall the greater part of 2/6 Bn personnel on to the one destroyer - H.M.S. "Defender". After all persons had been disembarked from the "Costa Rica", the "Defender" sailed and landed us at SUDA Bay on the island of CRETE. Immediately on landing the air raid alarm was given, and ships in the harbour put up a barrage. The merchant sailors and those of the Royal Navy were really marvellous, and their kindness to us on both ships was astounding.

After the air raid alarm had finished we moved south-west along the coast road and camped on a hillside overlooking SUDA Bay, about 3-1/2 to 4 miles from the wharf. We were minus arms and equipment, very short of clothes and had no food. We slept here



that night and the rations arrived the following morning - they were light but we were told that the food question on the island was critical. We stayed in this location about three and a half days and, on the last day, we received an issue of blankets - one to approximately twelve men. Capt BROWN tried very hard to obtain the equipment and food that were necessary; many of the men needed tunics of some kind and even more urgently boots, however these were not forthcoming.

On about the fourth day on the island we received orders to proceed to a new position about ten miles further south-west of SOUDA. This we did and took up a position on a creek flat, camouflaged by olive and fruit trees. We had been told that we would most probably be moving off the island very quickly and that was why Ordnance could do nothing for us. We had been in this location about three days when, after direct approaches by Major ROWAN, to higher command, another load of blankets arrived and also tent flies to keep warm those men who were still without blankets.

The rations were regular but extremely light and we were still without any additional clothes other than those which we were wearing on landing.

We had been in this area for approximately five days when we received orders that we had to establish ourselves as a fighting force consisting of one Coy. This was done, the men were chosen and a Coy was established consisting of my Pl and two Pls, 2/6 Bn and otherwise.

Capt BROWN was to be in charge during the training period; in the event of the Coy going into action Major ROWAN was to assume command, with Capt BROWN as 2 i/c. We were still without arms, and were told that it was unknown what armament we would get and when we would get it. The remaining troops comprised the out of battle personnel, under Major MUHLAN. We remained in this state for about a week, and then received orders that we were to spread over the area formerly occupied by 2/7 Bn, who had moved out to another position at HERAKLION, about thirty miles away.



At this time it was decided to compose a force consisting of three Coys - one 16 Bde and two 17 Bde - and attached troops. This was done and we were attached to the Cremor Force; Major ROWAN was attached to Col CREMOR'S staff. We were armed at this juncture with British rifles; these were in a terrible condition - the sights on most were useless and some barrels were so rusty it was impossible to see through them. They were cleaned and were immediately withdrawn; the same procedure happened four times, the last time we retained the arms.

At this juncture the enemy was just beginning to become active in the air, and seemed to be carrying out extensive reconnaissance flights over the island at quite a high altitude, these later became low altitude reconnaissance flights.

We were ordered to take up a defensive position on the side of the valley furthest from SUDA village. This we did and dug ourselves in with tin hats and bayonets; tools were unobtainable. Our role was anti-parachute troops.

Col CREMOE and his regiment left the area at this time and Major ROWAN assumed command.

We had been in position for approximately 36 hours when we were moved to a position on the side of a large hill, again facing towards SUDA Bay. Major MUHLAN took charge of the 17 Bde Bn, as we were now called, and Major ROWAN was attached to Force. Capt BROWN was in charge of the Coy, now called "F" Coy, to which the Platoon and I were attached; our role beach defence and anti-parachutist. "F" Coy was the reserve Coy. The enemy planes were very active and carried out night bombing raids on selected targets, which had been picked out some time before.

At this stage I was detailed for three days duty in charge of the Field Punishment depot, with the platoon.

On returning to the Coy, I found that they were preparing to move to a defensive position guarding a battery of coastal defence guns. This was done and, around this area, we received quite heavy bombing and machine gun fire.



Our next move was back to a defensive position, on the opposite side of the valley that we had originally occupied. Major MUHLHAN went to hospital round about this time and Capt BROWN took charge of the Bn, whilst I acted in the capacity of "F" Coy Comd. We began to receive small quantities of arms, stores and ammunition round about this period.

The next orders were received at 0430 hrs one morning and I was told that I was to report with the Coy to "B" Group, situated about one mile south of SUDA Bay. I left the Coy in charge of Lieut LAVER, with orders to move it to the RV, where myself and a guide would meet them and lead them into position. I then started off on foot to proceed to "B" Group; on arrival I reported to a Major BURSTON, and was directed to Capt KERR, who indicated that I was to occupy a certain position. I was told to contact a Capt HAIG, A.A.S.C., who was in position with 20 men. This I did and was told by him to dispose of the Coy as I thought fit; my job was a road block. On completion of the recce I was returning to report to Major BURSTON when the enemy started a particularly heavy area bombing and machine-gunning attack which lasted about two hours.

However, eventually, in short lulls, I was able to make my way back to "B" Group H.Q. On arrival I reported in, but there was no one there. An enemy plane had evidently spotted me entering the small dugout and kept me penned there for about quarter of an hour.

After leaving this spot, I contacted a Lieut from 16 Bde who told me that an order had come through for "B" Group to retire to NEON KOREAN. The troops were to disperse and break up into small parties; these were to be guided to their destination by guides posted along the road and tracks leading to NEON KOREAN. They were, however, not to use the main road.

At NEON KOREAN they would be marshalled, by personnel detailed, into their respective groups.

No 23 Pl, under Sgt RUTTER, arrived round about this time and I



gave him the necessary orders and sent him on his way, The remainder of the Coy was coming along the road, dispersed into their sections owing to enemy aircraft activity.

Having sent Sgt RUTTER off, I proceeded back in order to divert these sections across the hills. On my way back I met Lieut LAVER, who told me that I was wanted at Force H.Q. Here I was told that a guard was necessary on the H.Q. and I was told to place the two Pls left into position, one on the plateau above H.Q. and the other about 1/4 mile straddling the NEON KOREAN-Coast Road turn off; this I did. I placed Lieut LAVER in charge of the plateau defence and I took charge of the road block near SUDA village.

When we withdrew Lieut LAVER took his platoon and four of my men who were unable to walk on his truck and proceeded to SPHARKIA. We proceeded on foot.

We marched all night and, at the first light, took cover under some olive groves. After a few hours rest we continued on our way and were occasionally harrassed by odd snipers who evidently had taken up their position on the hillsides.

At one stage we took up a position on the top of a feature, as a road block, and remained there until relieved some while later by a Coy of Marines.

In the dusk of this day, we arrived at a transit camp about ten miles from SPHARKIA. Here we were told that parties of fifty were to be organised and this was done. I contacted Capt KERR and handed over to him. We slept that evening in the transit camp and, the following day, Capt KERR was withdrawn and sent off on a job. That evening we moved towards the beach. When about 1-1/2 miles from the water, orders came through that officers in charge of groups were either to disperse to the hills or find cover near the beach. I chose the latter.

The following morning I reported to Force H.Q. and was given the



job of organising all troops, who were scattered along the shore and in caves, into groups of fifty and placing an officer in charge. This I did. I was told to report each evening at 2200 hrs, at a church outside SPHARKIA, to the Embarkation Officer and, under his direction, to notify groups when to move to the beach. This I did and, the following day, I was told to continue with the organising of the troops without units and to take charge of a group myself and embark under the direction of the Embarkation Officer. The groups were embarked and I boarded the "Phoebe" with my group.

These troops were handed over to the Disembarkation Staff on arrival in ALEXANDRIA. I then proceeded to AMIRIYA and thence back to my unit in PALESTINE.



I would like to place the conduct of Capt A. BROWN before you.

On board the "Costa Rica" he was suffering from ill health but, despite this, he was one of the chief factors in ensuring that the troops did not panic; his quiet and calm manner was a great example to all. He calmly helped many troops over the side and was the last soldier to leave the sinking vessel.

On board the destroyer he was not content until he had personally inspected all 6 Bn troops, and spoke to them in a cheery tone, doing much to alleviate their natural fear.

On the island of CRETE he worked extremely hard to obtain every comfort necessary for the troops and, irrespective of the hard conditions, bombing, machine gunning, lack of food and cold, he was continuously inspecting the boys. His ability to maintain the morale was very noteworthy.

The last night of the evacuation, he went back in charge of a number of soldiers to relieve those battalions holding the enemy. The only arms that his Coy of mixed troops possessed were two rifles and no L.M.Gs. This did not perturb him at all; he said he would collect arms on the way up. He assumed command of this force, and ordered another officer who had been in charge to proceed to the ship and embark in order to return to the battalion. I believe that he did this as a personal sacrifice. And his action helped very considerably in holding up the enemy from the embarkation beach, thereby allowing many of his fellow soldiers the chance of survival. I am sure that he knew that it was the last night of embarkation.



M.H. & I. Sec,  
H.Q. A.I.F. (M.E.)

Headquarters,  
2/6 Aust Inf Bn,  
7 Feb 42.

NOMINAL ROLL - 2/6 AUST INF BN

Forwarded herewith is nominal roll from which were prepared the embarkation rolls with which 2/6 Aust Inf Bn sailed from Australia on 14 Apr 40.

*F. S. Wood*

Lieut.Col.

Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.



BATTALION HEADQUARTERS 2/6 Bn.

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VX	25	Lt.Col.	GEODFREY	A H L	
	73	Capt.	WEATE	E W	
	171	Major	WRIGLEY	H	
	310	Capt.	McKENZIE	E F	
	5174	Lieut.	DUNKLEY	H L E	
VX	3463	T/Sgt.	Petrie	D	
	3495	Sgt.	Maloney	V N	
	3513	L/ "	Edgeworth	A	
	3818	Pte	Taylor	H R	
	3828	L/Cpl	Graham	H M	
	3842	Pte	McPhail	H	
	3847		Peden	J L	
	3952		Carroll	L R	
	4502	OR/Sgt	Jackson	A R	
	4541	Pte	Osborne	T S	
	4697	L/Sgt	McHoul	M W	
	4753	Sgt	Jamieson	A	
	<del>5036</del>	<del>Pte</del>	<del>Duvall</del>	<del>E H</del>	<i>VX5048 Pte Henderson. T.R</i>
	5062		Row	R F	
	5116		Lamb	J D	
	5128		Gude	P T	
	5132		Mahon	L J	
	5592		Holden	R D	
	6742		Lushington	A H G	
	<del>6746</del>		Pearlman	C S	
	6755		Roberts	W G	
	6756		Pevitt	F R	
	7613	T/Sgt	McCubbery	C P	
	8008	Sgt	Heap	L A	
	8411	Pte	Harding	R G	
	8427		Stream	R J	
	9544		Rogers	C	
	9959		Lalor	E	
	10021		Camm	J	
	10027		Bailey	G A	
	10047		Adlam	J H	
	10110	W.O.(1)	Baxter	W C	
	10145	Pte	Trewin	M R	
	10146		Hood	G F	
	10147		Sharman	A A	
	10150		Witton	E	
	10151		Morgan	J S G	
	10153		Wade	J D	
	10228		Meade	C F	
	10357		Freeman	G P	
	10362		McGilvery	D	
	11311		Mason	J E	
	<del>12327</del>		<del>Cockerill</del>	<del>W H</del>	<i>VX16327 Pte WILLIAMS, J.</i>
	14559		Smith	S F	
	15568		McLeod	J R E	



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SERIAL No.	ARMY NO	NAME
51	VX 56	Lieut Kerr I.E.
52	57	Lieut Carroll K.A.
53	72	Capt Browne A.K.
54	I81	Lieut Jones J.S
55	I85	Major Smith G.F
56	I86	Lieut Warfe G.R
57	322	Lieut Mackenzie K.G
58	5501	Lieut. Hayes P.B
59	5133	Liut Reilly A.J.C
60	2013	Pte Mortimer G.R.K.
61	2333	" Allan W.B.
62	2484	Sgt Kelly F.B
63	2977	Pte Scott S
64	3035	" Stuart J.S
65	3212	" McCallum A
66	3340	" Haines E.S
67	3407	" Montgomery N.L.B
68	3408	" Pumphrey G.R
69	3415	" Hannett J?E
70	3418	" Paige R.F
71	3423	" Corcoran J
72	3430	" Callen R
73	<del>3443</del> 3443	" Purdy F
74	3457	" Brown W.E.H
75	3460	" Buskland R.S
76	3461	" Sutton S.A
77	3474	" Chapman R.L
78	3478	Sgt Willox S.T
79	3485	Pte MacKay D
80	3486	" Marshall A
81	3497	" Brockley H.F
82	3500	" Williams E
83	3511	T/Sgt Gullett H.B
84	3519	Pte Morris G.W
85	3521	" Bowden A.W
86	3522	" Simpson W
87	3530	" Clarke A
88	3541	" Waterhouse S
89	3559	" Walsh J.E
90	3563	" Grierson F.G
91	3564	" Anderson A.V
92	3557	" Frankel E
93	3572	" McInnies C
94	3573	" Jamison J
95	3586	" Nankervis C
96	3587	" Pendleberry S
97	3588	" Higgins R.J
98	3597	" Boulton S.L
99	3599	T/Sgt Cowie J.M.
100	3661	Pte Sullivan B.W
101	3669	Cpl. Maclean L.J
102	3670	Pte Ward R.D.S
103	3741	" <del>Mc</del> Mc Bride W
104	3816	" Kimpton H
105	3820	" Dike A.H
106	3831	" Gladman G.D
107	3839	" Clewer W.E.J
108	3844	T/Cpl Norgren S
109	3845	Pte Nott H.E
110	3860	" Howarth L



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II0	VX	3858	Pte	Gibson J S
III		3860	"	Howarth L
II2		3869	"	Thomas J
II3		3874	"	Coyne T.E
II4		3877	T/Cpl	Easdown R.R.C
II5		3895	Pte	Dawson W.H.O
II6		3921	"	Mollison J
II7		3924	"	O'Meara C.J
II8		3925	"	Spencer W.E
II9		3950	"	Black J
I20		3956	Cpl	Hooper K.H
I21		3959	Pte	Stow R.J
I22		3963	"	Williams R.J
I23		3972	"	Pontin S.G
I24		3973	"	Watson M
I25		4403	"	Barrow D.F
I26		4405	"	Cook W.O
I27		<del>4411</del>	"	<del>Fyfe H.L.</del>
I28		4421	"	Hutchins M.J
I29		4422	"	Kane J.L
I30		4430	"	Mills E.J
I31		4432	Cpl	O'Malley M.F
I32		4454	Pte	Pritchard H
I33		4459	"	Walker S.R
I34		4460	"	Welsh I.D
I35		4465	"	Condon M.W
I36		4469	"	Hanson O.M
I37		4476	Cpl	Schreiber T.J
I38		4479	Pte	White G.R
I39		4481	"	Balloch W
I40		4485	"	Plunkett J.R
I41		4490	"	Rose M.A
I42		4495	Cpl	Berry C.C
I43		4496	Pte	Cox J
I44		4508	"	Pritchard E.H
I45		4509	Sgt	Stone V.W
I46		4511	Pte	Watts J.A
I47		4512	Cpl	Weate E.G
I48		4516	Pte	Allan A
I49		4518	"	Breaden S.A
I50		4525	Cpl	Gosling R.L
I51		4526	L/Cpl	Gourlay W.H
I52		4529	Pte	James M.M
I53		4533	Sgt	Laws W.A
I54		4534	Pte	LeNepveu E.C
I55		4535	Sgt	MacKay H
I56		4539	Pte	Neeman T.R
I57		4542	"	Pearson F.A
I58		4548	"	Sexton P.F
I59		4719	Sgt	Crompton C
I60		5008	Pte	Purnell F.O
I61		5022	"	Browning G.O
I62		5037	"	Pemberton S.A
I63		5038	"	Forster W.A
I64		5040	"	Condon D.L
I65		5045	"	Barnes G
I66		5046	"	Savage L.T
I67		5047	"	Quinn J.P
I68		5050	"	Grant W H
I69		5052	"	Allison F
I70		5058	Cpl	Gill W.R
I71		5059	Pte	Griffin H.W
I72		5064	L/Cpl	Craig W.J.G
I73		5066	T/Sgt	Moodie A.S
I74		5071	L/Cpl	Best R.C
I75		5072	L/Sgt	Jones E.A
I76		£o&4 5074	Pte	Ryan K <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> W.G
I77		5077	"	Fisk C.J

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VX3577 BLAKE, H.G.



		H.Q. COY --- NOMINAL EMBARKATION ROLL	
I78	VX 5089	Pte	Gorman F.J
I79	5099	"	Skelton W.G
I80	5103	L/Cpl	Flücker R.S
I81	5105	Cpl	Grinter A.F.W
I82	5107	Pte	Goddard C.B.A
I83	5108	C.Q.M.S	Moodie H.S
I84	5110	Pte	Murrell A.L.C
I85	5111	"	Ward R
I86	5112	L/Cpl	Dunne G.A
I87	5114	Pte	McCombe J.C
I88	5118	"	Phipps L.A
I89	5119	"	Powell T.R
I90	5120	Cpl	Hewitt J
I91	5122	Pte	Patterson G.J
I92	5124	"	Thomson F.C
I93	5131	"	Anderson J
I94	5136	"	Grant D.M
I95	5146	"	Woodmason W.H
I96	5149	"	Kuhnell T.E
I97	5158	"	Gillett T.G
I98	5168	"	Harris H.J
I99	5193	"	Cole F.R
200	5895	"	Ashton R.C
201	6252	"	Guthrie A.C
202	6404	Sgt	Bebbington A.K
203	6702	T/Cpl	Brown J
204	6703	Pte	Burnett P.A
205	6706	"	Grosott E
206	6710	"	Keane A
207	6712	"	McPherson C.R
208	6716	"	O'Brien D
209	6724	"	Trigg H.K
210	6725	"	Keane L.G
211	6726	"	McKinnon B.I
212	6736	"	Butters M.M
213	6737	"	Cross J.F
214 <sup>m</sup>	6739	"	Flowers J.G
215	6748	"	Shaw R.H
216	6749	"	Timoney R.G
217	6752	"	Barclay R.H
218	6753	"	Barker E.J
219	6754	"	Kirsopp E.A
220	6758	"	Vickery L.C
221	6760	"	McKay J.G
222	6761	"	Chandler G.K
223	6765	"	Woolley F.M
224	6768	"	Skunry K
225	6770	"	Clarke C.S
226	6772	"	Evans A
227	6777	"	Smith G
228	6701	"	Smith W.H
229	6785	"	Elrick A
230	6788	"	Forsyth W.A
231	6791	"	Murtagh W.J
232	6793	T/Cpl	Mourant E.R
233	6858	Pte	Harrison W.J.C
234	7589	"	Lougheed A
235	7605	"	Nixon L.W.F
236	7611	"	Falkingham M.J
237	7615	L/Sgt	Patkin R
238	7617	Pte	McFarlane A.R.
239	7621	"	Thompson W.R
240	7622	Sgt	McCaffery J
241	7624	Pte	Loone F.J
242	7627	"	Smith R.W
243	7630	"	Williams K.T

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244	VX 7643	Pte	Hocking E.C
245	7645	"	Hood C.E
246	8207	"	Anderson G.J
247	8410	"	Catterall S.O
248	8412	"	Lunn V.C
249	8416	"	Cunningham J.W
250	<del>8422</del>	<del>"</del>	<del>Lane J.V</del> VX 7629 TERRY .E.G
251	8439	Cpl	Patterson J
252	8460	Pte	Howe D.M
253	8952	"	Owens E.V
254	8986	"	Campbell F.H
255	9412	T/Cpl	Harris R.F
256	<del>9431</del>	<del>Pte</del>	<del>O'Doherty D.E</del>
256	9431	Pte	Cahir J.P
257	9453	"	Daniell J.H
258	9458	T/Cpl	Loes J.H
259	9462	Pte	O'Doherty D.E
260	9463	"	Parker I.C
261	9988	"	Walsh F.S
262	I0120	"	Fallon R.H
263	I0173	A/Sgt	Hilditch S.M
264	I0255	Cpl	Stevens W.W
265	I0491	Pte	Faux K.F
266	I0559	"	Harrison W.J
267	II301	"	Taylor L.J
268	II303	"	Louis J.G
269	II304	"	Hardegen W.T
270	II308	"	Secombe H.F
271	II309	"	Stevens A.A
272	II314	"	Tyries I.O
273	II306	"	Pretty E.D
274	II318	"	MacLean R
275	II319	"	Dudley A.C
276	II321	"	Thomas J
277	II322	"	Devery T.G
278	<del>II325</del>	<del>"</del>	<del>Smith T.W</del> Replaced by VX 11645 Trayer G.V
279	II326	"	Fitzpatrick W.J
280	II327	"	Barker L.C
281	II332	"	Knell T
282	II334	"	Shea P.C
283	II342	"	Murray R.A
284	II350	"	Brimmell V.F
285	II398	"	Hartshorn A.V
286	II603	"	Russell L.J
287	II609	"	Trigg L
288	II616	"	King H.G
289	II617	"	Bailey J.H
290	II622	"	Woolley R.J
291	II623	"	Sharpe H.T
292	II624	"	Johnson T
293	II628	"	Huxley R.A
294	II631	"	Whipp W.D
295	II639	"	Fowles C
296	II661	"	McDonald C.E
297	I4051	"	Beckwith D.S
298	I4053	"	Baxter F.F.
299	<del>I4551</del>	<del>"</del>	<del>Byrnes G.L</del> VX 3581 OLIPHANT. W.
300	I4552	"	Crouch R.L
301	I4555	"	Nisbet G.T
302	I4558	"	Seers A.D
303	I4804	"	Heather C.F
304	I4805	"	Jackson L
305	I4806	"	Kemp T.W
306	I4807	"	Lucas J.V
307	I4808	"	Murray D.G



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			Pte		
308	VX	I5056		Brown D	
309		I5077	"	Barnett L.J	
310		I5551	"	Arthur W.N	
311		I5552	"	Doyle P	
312		<del>I5553</del>	"	<del>Elliott R.C</del>	VX4487 CQMS. STEWART, H.A.D
313		I5554	"	Hennessey T.A	
314		I5555	"	James J.E	
315		I5556	"	Petersen T.C	
316		<del>I5557</del>	"	<del>Tregonning E.H</del>	VX5167 HOWE, C.I.
317		I5558	"	Waterman A.B.C	
318		I5801	"	Beeching S.J	
319		I5802	"	<del>McClay</del> McClay L.T	
320		I5804	"	Perk K.J	
321		I5806	"	Faulks G.W	
322		I5808	"	Sampson G.R	
323		I5810	"	Pettigrove H.G	
324		I5820	"	Hawken F.C	
325		I6082	"	Watts C.H	
326		I6083	"	Robertson T.K	
327		I6572	"	Doyle F.C	
328		I6573	"	Goldsmith H.W	
329		<del>I6579</del>	"	<del>Sherwin W.P</del>	VX18066 LOCKHART, J.
330		I8071	"	Trevascus L.A	
331		I9077	"	Abdullah A	
332		I9086	"	McPherson F.G.L	
333		I9087	"	Rhodes T.W	
334		20111	"	Dyball F.D	
335		20114	"	Whiting R.W	

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VX.	59	Capt.	SOWARD	F.A.
	166	Major	WOOD	F.G.
	331	Lieut.	KIDDLE	R.H.
	3837	"	STEWART	H.McB.
	5171	"	BENNS	A.R.
	3414	L/Cpl.	TAYLOR	R.J.
	3416	Pte.	CROUCH	H.R.
	3426	"	O'REGAN	L.J.
	3428	"	COOPER	F.
	3448	"	DEWAR	A.
	3450	"	MURRAY	B.C.
	3453	"	LeSOUEF	E.L.
	3456	"	NANCE	E.
	3459	L/Cpl.	WOOD	M.H.
	3466	Sgt.	BURKE	R.G.
	3489	Pte.	CURRELL	C.W.
	3502	"	KEARNEY	E.P.
	3503	"	STEPHENSON	W.M.
	3510	Cpl.	BUGG	L.J.
	3514	"	NUGENT	J.W.
	3542	W.O. (ii)	STEWART	J.S.
	3648	Pte.	BRADLEY	H.C.
	3654	"	O'BRIEN	M.I.
	3657	"	QUIRK	W.R.C.
	3662	"	GOLDSWORTHY	B.J.
	3668	"	WAY	E.J.
	3671	"	MacKenzie	R.J.E.
	3672	"	WOOD	S.R.
	3802	"	KELLY	V.R.
	3803	"	MUNRO	A.D.
	3805	Cpl.	ROSS	A.R.
	3809	Pte.	SMYRK	G.
	3808	Pte.	EDWARDS	G.H.
	3810	Pte.	ANDERSON	W.R.
	3811	Pte.	SMITH	J.V.
	3814	Pte.	TRETHEWIE	E.C.
	3815	Pte.	BOULTON	A.J.
	3817	Pte.	MEADE	J.D.
	3822	Pte.	MARTIN	C.S.
	3823	"	HEAVER	H.J.L.
	3824	"	CAMERON	J.
	3825	"	MYERS	H.G.
	3832	"	LAYFIELD	U.R.
	3833	"	HAWKINS	V.
	3838	"	COULAM	C.
	3841	L/Cpl.	MOONEY	W.R.
	3846	Pte.	OLDHAM	B.
	3850	"	QUIRK	G.W.
	3855	"	WRIGHT	A.G.H.
	3856	"	DURKIN	J.P.
	3859	"	GARTH	B.
	3873	"	BLITZ	B.D.
	3878	"	GRIFFITHS	L.W.
	3886	"	SIMMONDS	E.J.H.
	3889	"	ANDREWS	A.D.
	3890	"	BARRETT	F.W.
	3892	"	BARROW	R.
	3899	"	MARTIN	F.E.
	3902	"	PARKER	H.J.
	3904	"	SILVEY	K.G.
	3909	"	WEBBER	F.J.
	3932	"	HAYES	J.S.
	3938	"	GARBELLINI	W.J.



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VX. 3939	P/Cpl.	HOBDAY	A.H.
3940	Pte.	HAMPTON	R.H.
3941	"	HARRIS	K.E.
3945	"	McGIBBONY	H.G.
3946	"	POWELL	B.E.
3947	"	RUTTER	J.E.H.
3948	L/Sgt/	RICHARDS	G.T.E.
3949	Pte.	ASHTON	H.R.
3951	L/Cpl.	BOWMAN	J.A.
3953	Pte.	CHARLESTON	F.
4367	"	DONNELLY	C.E.
4416	"	HASLAM	J.M.
6293	"	MICHELSON	J.C.
6688	"	SMITH	G.A.L.
7628	"	BROOK	F.A.
7631	"	PHELAN	A.N.
9451	"	CHARLESWORTH	R.
9865	"	KELLY	N.H.
9993	Sgt.	LLEWELYN	V.
10452	Pte.	McGOWAN	R.J.
10488	"	THURLING	G.R.
10526	"	KERR	V.W.
10681	"	RIGBY	A.P.
11302	"	SCOTT	W.C.
11306	"	NEAL	F.
11310	"	COOPER	T.
11324	"	DUNBAR	J.J.D.
11347	"	DUNLEAVY	L.F.
11601	"	TRAYNOR	T.H.
11602	"	ALEXANDER	E.C.
11610	"	BRENNAN	G.
11612	"	DREW	A.
11613	"	TESTRO	R.C.
11615	"	BARRETT	J.A.
11618	"	FORBES	W.R.
11629	"	SEXTON	D.
11632	"	LING	W.
<del>11645</del>	<del>"</del>	<del>FRAZER</del>	<del>J.V.</del> VX 11331 ISAACS, F
14801	"	BLAKE	B.C.
14809	"	McANULTY	T.
15058	"	COWELL	H.A.
15060	"	McKENZIE	W.G.
15807	"	RICHMOND	J.A.
15809	"	RADITZ	G.
16583	"	WILKINSON	E.J.
16584	"	REDDIE	J.C.
19078	"	BROSNAM	J.G.
20120	"	BROUGHTON	P.F.



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VX	58	Lieut.	TILLEY.	Q.A.	
	152	Capt.	MUHLHAN.	W.T.	
	253	Lieut.	deCRESPIGNE	J.C.C.	
	3561	"	SHERLOCK.	W.H.	
	4439	"	ADAMS .	E.C.	
TX	125	Pte	Lay	W R	VX421
<del>VX</del>	<del>497</del>	<del>Cpl</del>	<del>Clarke</del>	<del>S D</del>	<del>Cpl. MORRIS, H.M.</del>
	502	Pte	Fisher	G C	
	860		Donohoe	J	
	886		Male	D A	
1156	<del>1156</del>		Lamers	C E	VX17063 BASCOMBE, E.J.
	<del>1157</del>		<del>Bowyer</del>	<del>F S</del>	
	1158		Stewart	W	
sx	1513		Corrin	B L	
VX	2909		Butler	S	
	2917		Wallace	R H	
	3421	Cpl	Holmes	J P	
	3524	Pte	Morgan	A G	
	3532		Lamont	J L	
	3536		Hull	K A	
	3537		Webb	L J	
	3545	Cpl	Taylor	A H	
	3547	Pte	Green	G R	
	3549		Bullard	L G	
	3550		Fuller	G C	
	3551		Fuller	T S	
	3552		Tucker	E G	
	3553		Curphey	S D	
	3554		Curphey	R S	
	3594		Hollands	J E	
	3852		Thomas	P C	
	3912		Edwards	E V	
	3915		Hidgcock	J	
	3916		Kelly	J	
	3920		Mather	F L	
	3923		Richards	A C	
	3926		Smith	K R	
	3975		Harris	R	
	4402		Allen	H L	
	4404		Cameron	W	
	4406		Cogle	M E	
	4407		Currell	D	
	4410		Fielder	A D	
	4413		Hale	F W	
	4417		Hill	B	
	4418		Howell	A	
	4424		Ker	A	
	4433		O'Malley	R H	
	4434		Peel	J B	
	4438		Young	G D	
	4443		Davis	G G	
	4447		Horsburgh	A	
	4451		Morrow	G	
	4453		Patch	E B	
	4456		ST. John	E R	
	4457		Tate	S M	
	4458		Trainor	W D	
	4462		Burke	W F	
	4467		Downard	H R	
	4472		Milne-Pott	L A	



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4494	Pte	Anderson	S H
4497		Dickson	S F
4501		Hill	R H
4503	Sgt	Jenkins	C H
4505	Pte	McLeod	R W
4506		O'Malley	A G
4507		Piper	F W
4513	L/Sgt	West	L E
4514	Pte	White	S G
4519	Cpl	Brittingham	L W
4520	Pte	Corrin	K J
4538		Murphy	J E
4543		Price	R C
4544		Purves	P C
4551	WO(11)	Swallow	T
4552	Pte	Tapscott	R C
4553		Walker	E R
4555		Campbell	K A
4556	Cpl	Duce	R F
4559	Pte	Price	E W
4562	L/Sgt	Sheehan	R A
4566	Pte	Archibald	J Mc
4568		Mott	E
4569		Taylor	A J
6329		Rorrow	H G
6620		Peart	J A
6622		Smythe	V T
6624		Walker	E H
6762		Boneham	R S
6766		Twigg	A
6775		Gill	C R
6786		Preece	A H
6780		Osborne	D M
6790		Eaton	R C
7570		Thompson	K R
7581		Franklin	R C
7584		Sansom	A H
7586		Marsden	H Mc
7609		Calvert	J R
7641		Roberts	E
9406		Ragg	R
9415		Connoley	J P
9469		Shanks	R
9520		Andrews	J T
10682		Luscombe	W F
10696		McLuckie	T I
10235		Fellows	S S
11307		Swift	J S
11341		Martin	G
11343		Bell	S R
12325		Haines	J G



" C " Coy. 2/6 Bn.

VX.	157	Capt.	ROWAN	G. J.
	162	Capt.	SWINBURNE	G. P.
	177	Lieut.	DUNN	M. M.
	5070	"	PATERSON	J. B.
	5104	"	SCHOFIELD	V. J.
	1649	Pte.	PHILLIPS	R. T.
	1655	"	RICHARDS	N. H.
	2010	"	MEYENN	J. D.
	2335	"	LEVERETT	L. C.
	2461	"	WARBURTON	T. R. C.
	3535	"	MERRITT	J.
	3565	"	HOWELL	H. N.
	3584	"	EVANS	H. B.
	3585	"	PRIME	D. W.
	3917	"	LALOR	E. A.
	3969	"	COX.	R. N. F.
	3994	"	STOKER	E. A.
	4483	"	deHUGARD	N.
	4550	WO/i	SMART	E. W.
	5004	Pte.	KENNEALLY	N.
	5006	"	EDMONDSTONE	A. S.
	5010	"	DARBY	F. J.
	5012	Cpl.	BROWN	V.
	5013	Pte.	BURR	C. R.
	5014	"	DONNELL	A. J.
	5015	L/Cpl.	CAMERON	W. J.
	5016	Pte.	COLE	L. M.
	5017	"	CAMERON	A.
	5020	"	Higginson	F.
	5025	"	HAINES	S.
	5026	L/Cpl	SMALL	C. T. F. G.
	5028	Pte	KENNEDDY	F. D.
	5029	"	Dew	R. C.
	5030	"	McCARTHY	G.
	5033	"	LEITHARDT	R. T.
	5034	"	GOBLE	E.
	5035	"	SULLIVAN	A. D. K.
	5039	"	ROWBOTTOM	E. J.
	5044	"	MOREHOUSE	F. P.
	5056	"	HUGHES	E.
	5061	"	CALANCHINI	P. B.
	5063	"	SIMPSON	J. C.
	5068	"	LORENSINI	H. J.
	5073	"	BUSBRIDGE	K. E.
	5079	"	RANKIN	F. L.
	5081	"	CARROLL	V. M.
	5082	"	GRANT	L. G.
	5083	"	SCARLETT	N. L.
	5086	"	McLAREN	P. A.
	5093	"	O' SULLIVAN	D. K.
	5098	"	GAZELLE	H. G.
	5109	"	MOORE	N.
	5113	"	JOHNSTONE	S. J.
	5115	"	MOSS	N. W.
	5125	Cpl.	DAVIS	F. E. C.
	5127	Pte	RYAN	P. L.
	5130	" C	PHILLIPS	R.
	5134	Cpl.	YEATMAN	J. W.
	5135	"	HILL	A. J.
	5137	"	RUTTER	W. C.
	5147	Pte	SMALLMAN	A. R.
	5143	"	SIMEON	G. R.
	5152	"	HERGER	J. E.



"C" Company - Continued

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VX5153	Pte	Coles	C.D.
5159	"	Howe	B.L.
5162	"	Longmore	J.R.
5165	SGT	Donohue	H.B.
5188	Pte	Winter	J.H.
5813	"	Evans	T.J.
5899	"	Leverett	N.J.
5900	"	McNab	K.
5901	"	Young	M.N.
6708	"	Herbertson	N.S.
6711	"	Kemp	D.G.
6734	"	Barker	W.F.
6738	"	Drennann	D.T.
6757	"	Hickey	C.C.
6763	"	Whiten	L.
6771	"	Blair	J.A.
6882	"	McMillan	C.H.
6883	"	Payne	C.D.
6792	"	Patterson	W.T.C.
6795	"	Curtain	V.
7637	"	McElhenny	E.J.
8401	"	Gill	J.J.
8415	"	McPhee	A.N.
8418	"	Nixon	J.C.
8421	"	Stewart	A.J.
8423	"	Jones	W.A.
8425	"	Vesey	C.
8429	"	Rickhuss	C.K.
8432	"	Reeve	P
9017	"	Martin	W.U R
9025	"	Quinn	J.A.
11305	"	Simmons	W.G.D.
11312	"	Clark	A.R.
11313	2	Howell	W.H.
11330	"	Grant	J.S.
11333	"	Oaten	R.C.G.
11345	"	Russell	E.P.
11605	"	Ord	D.J.
11606	"	Mew	K
14556	"	Peden	R.S.
14560	"	Weston	H.V.
15061	"	Morrison	L.W.
16079	"	Stickley	R.
16084	"	Walters	H.J.E.
16085	"	Rigney	H.T.
16574	"	Kelly	T.W.
16576	"	Mottrom	R.G.
16580	"	Taylor	J.T.



EMBARKATION ROLL - "D" COMPANY

<u>SERIAL No.</u>	<u>ARMY No.</u>	<u>RANK.</u>	<u>NAME.</u>
669	VX. 48	Capt.	PICKEN K.S.
670	180	Lieut.	GRAY A.W.
671	4679	"	ROWELL N.H.
672	5172	"	DEXTER W.R.
673	707	Opl.	CHAMP J.W.K. VX 4363 PAGRAM.H.R.
674	1154	Pte.	NOBLE J.W.
675	2931	"	ARNOTT H.G.
676	2972	"	WILLIAMS S.C.
677	QX. 3117	"	DAMM H.B.
678	QX. 3118	"	DAMM F.C.
679	VX. 3417	"	PUMEROY R.F.
680	3419	"	ELLIS C.
681	3431	"	FELS M.
682	3433	"	MCDONALD E.A.
683	3434	"	REDDICK W.L.C.
684	3436	"	BAKER C.
685	3437	L/Sgt.	SYMONS H.R.
686	3438	L/Cpl.	BUBB F.E.
687	3462	Sgt.	WALKER D.J.
688	3465	Pte.	BEST J.C.
689	3467	"	DONNELLY G.J.
690	3469	"	FLYNN J.A.
691	3471	"	WRIGHT G.G.
692	3473	"	BLAKE H.A.
693	3492	"	WELLINGTON A.R.
694	3504	"	NEWTON B.G.
695	3526	"	ALLAN A.E.
696	3531	"	HOLLY W.L.
697	3539	"	MUNRO A.I.
698	3596	"	MULLEN S.J.
699	3659	"	ANDERSON T.
700	3695	"	EATES G.N.
701	3843	"	MCKENZIE F.W.
702	3868	Sgt.	SIMPSON J. VX 14533 GUNNELL.H.E.
703	3888	Cpl.	SAMSON L.J.
704	3900	Pte.	MERRY A.R.K.
705	4075	"	RARTHING A.J.
706	4076	"	MIDDLETON A.H.
707	4077	"	McILWAIN J.P.
708	4401	"	ALVES N.W.
709	4415	"	HARRIS R.
710	4425	"	LATHAM B.A.F.
711	4427	"	LEONARD E.G.
712	4428	"	MCDUGALL N.V.
713	4429	Opl.	MILLAR P.
714	4431	Pte.	NEALE S.A.
715	4436	"	SMITH G.L.
716	4484	"	HALLETT A.H. VX 5051 HILLIER.H.R.
717	4510	"	STYLES E.W.
718	4517	"	BERKELEY J.
719	4537	W.O.(11)	MEADOWS G.W.
720	4547	L/Sgt.	SCOTT J.B.
721	5002	Pte.	BURT R.
722	5007	"	BELL H.P.
723	5009	"	CAMPBELL J.A.
724	5027	"	NELSON W.
725	5043	"	BURGE E.D. VX 3804 Plt SMITH, L.G.
726	5091	"	BAKER H. <del>VX 3804</del>
727	5092	"	GILL C.G.
728	5096	"	WILD J.
729	5138	"	O'BRIEN A.E.
730	5139	Sgt.	COLE R.H.
731	5148	Pte.	CHAMBERLAIN W.J.



732	VX. 5151	Pte.	FOX R.W.
733	5896	"	CORNELL E.
734	6715	"	McKAIL J.C.
735	6719	"	BYE T.J.
736	6720	"	RUSSELL F.L.
737	6721	L/Cpl.	SERLE R.L.
738	6751	Pte.	PIMBLOTT J.H.
739	6786	"	CATTON W.A.
740	7040	"	D'HELIN J.H.
741	8413	"	THOMPSON J.C.
742	8414	"	THOMPSON A.
743	8429	"	MARRINER W.C.
744	8435	"	THOMAS C.B.
745	8967	"	HEDT S.E.J.
746	9008	"	ROPER H.T.
747	9016	"	McELGUNN J.T.
748	9020	"	PELLI M.
749	9021	"	WALL D.S.
750	10226	"	BROUGHAM <del>XXXXX</del> K.L.
751	10629	"	KILPATRICK T.
752	11339	"	COTTIER L.J.
753	11635	"	SOMERVILLE F.
754	11636	"	AITKEN G.W.
755	11641	"	FULTON J.
756	11653	"	HITCHCOCK C.J.
757	11657	"	WADDINGTON C.G.
758	13330	"	SEALES A.M.
759	13332	"	CLARKE T.F.
760	14554	"	JACKS T.F.
761	14557	"	ROTHERHAM R.
762	14802	"	BOWLER G.J.
763	14803	"	FAUX F.W.C
764	14818	"	PENNY T.O.
765	15057	"	BRITTEN L.H.
766	15059	"	WILSON J.McD
767	15303	"	TAYLOR F.H.
768	15308	"	BERNDT N.
769	15587	"	JACKSON R.C.
770	15805	"	GURNETT E.J.
771	15823	"	McCAW W.M.
772	16581	"	THOMPSON H.N.
773	16582	"	THOMAS N.P.



1st. REINFORCEMENTS 2/6 Bn.

- VX 238 Lieut. LYNDON D.W. ✓
- VX 356 " CHAMPION N.O. ✓
- 3439 " HUNTER. A. ✓
- 3801 " JOYCE. T.J. ✓
- 3964 " CLARKE. F.D. ✓
- 4051 " SHELDRICK. A.G. ✓
- 707 " Champ. J.W.K. ✓
- VX 1866 Cpl. Simmons. G.R.M.
- ~~2950 Pte Lisson. A.C.~~ *So hospital.*
- 3420 " Burrows W.C. *VX 6799 Pte GRACE, J.*
- 3507 Cpl Crellin. F.C.
- 3512 Pte Collihole . G.T. *VX 16578. SMITH. W.T*
- ~~3571 Sullivan. A.C.~~ *DIS*
- ~~3579 Viney. H. to X~~ *F.W.L.*
- 3592 Hill. C.R. *VX 3481 Pte Fennessy. P.P.*
- 3697 McKenzie . C
- 3827 Gibson F.E
- 3919 Cpl Lee S
- 3944 " McGibbony J.G.
- 4408 Pte Dowd H.P.
- 4444 Davis J.W
- 4473 Cpl Peters H.P
- 4492 " Weinberg L.H
- 4498 Pte Downs T.A
- ~~4521 Evans E.F to X~~ *6707 Gillin - R.E.*
- 4536 Sgts McKewon E
- 4546 Pte Rouse Kw
- 4561 Smith A J
- 4851 Cpl Williams J A
- ~~5018 Pte McShane W H to X~~ *14337 Pte. AUSTIN. C.N.*
- 5053 Cpl Muir A.T
- 5106 Pte Hodson A G
- 5121 White W V H
- 6713 Marfell E W
- 6784 Boyle J L
- 6798 Brennan F A *VX 16578*
- STET* ~~7614 Farquer M P~~ *Bride. K.J*
- ~~7629 Terry E G to~~ *H.Q. Coy. Champ. See above*
- ~~7647 Whitfield L V~~ *VX 16804 PLUMBRIDGE. A.W.*
- 8462 Conder H R
- 9448 Anderson D
- AWL* ~~9543 Laird J~~
- ~~10500 Franklin H~~ *VX 4500 Hammersley. H.*
- ~~11307 Swift J S~~ *ent B' Coy roll*
- 11585 Silver H *5156 Attwood. C. J.*
- 11596 Groat D D
- 11597 Carroll J A
- 11607 Sutton G H
- 11608 Henshall J M
- 11640 Stephenson E J. *VX 16326 NELSON. B.A*
- STET* ~~11644 Hand R~~ *Returned to Camp from A.R.H. 12/4/20*
- 11646 Spriggs G R
- 11647 Fielder A J
- 12551 McDonald J
- ~~12813 Keilar J J~~ *VX 3908 Pte WILKS, A.*
- 12814 Wilson W M
- 13570 Clarke A E
- 14060 Beckwith M G
- 14302 Boyson J C
- 14309 Heeney S V
- 14311 Potter O A
- 14313 Kee K J
- 14315 Kennedy L M
- 14316 Austin G F
- 14328 Griffiths T H
- ~~14331 Ford~~



REINFORCEMENTS / Continued

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14331 Pte Ford L J  
 14332 Ledwidge P J  
 14333 Adkins R  
 14336 Weir M  
~~14565 Smith W C E~~  
 14817 Willoughby J  
 15076 Robertson G  
 15078 Scott O H  
 15571 Thompson E W  
 15818 Cottom A C  
 15824 Reid D W  
 15825 Jones W  
 16316 Jones T E H  
 16322 Brown W D  
 16324 East W A  
 16325 Gillett V  
 20095 Webb H P

*A.W.L. - VX/11338 O'DONOHUE, J.F.*

TO TALS :- Officers 76 *7*  
 O.Rs. 75 *74*  
81 *81*

Note. Cpl. Champ ( D Coy) to be transferred to  
 1st Reinforcements as Lieutenant, and one  
 man will be transferred to D Coy to replace  
 Lt. Champ.  
 This will be arranged through B Bn. H.Q.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—3RD MILITARY DISTRICT.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE  
No. ....

(Address)

(Date)

2 (iii) *Prunah motor cars* —

A. B. C & D Corp.	25 ea. =	100.
HQ. Coy.		55.
Reinf.		15
Pr. HCS.		10
		<u>180</u>

(iv) *N. M. Club.*  
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Major <i>Wright</i>	St. <i>Champs</i>
Capt. <i>Pickers</i>	" <i>Went</i>
Lieut. <i>Seales</i>	" <i>H...</i>
" <i>Dunkley</i>	Capt. <i>Swinburn</i>
	St. <i>Sherlock</i>

3. (i)(a)  
(ii)

1 Pl.	B. Coy.	
1 off 1 Sgt.	2 Cpl.	16 OR.
	1 "	8
	3	24 OR
		HQ Coy.
		8 Prs. Details.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE - 6th DIVISION.

SECRET.

Swan Barracks,  
Perth.

19 Apr, 40.

O.C. Troops-on-board,  
H.M.T. Y.1. (20)  
" Y.2 (20)  
" Y.4 (20)  
" Y.5 (20)

SHORE LEAVE OF PERSONNEL EX CONVOY.

1. LEAVE:

May be granted until 2400 hrs 21 Apr, 40. No leave will be permitted later.

2. INFORMATION:

(i) General.

Troops should be advised to take with them the booklet "Welcome to the West". Additional copies are being provided at ships' side.

(ii) Embarkation Staff Office is situated at "E" Shed Fremantle wharf.

(iii) Private Motor cars.

Citizens' Reception Council has arranged motor cars for the movement of 300 men from each ship, entertainment and return to ship prior to expiration of leave.

(iv) In addition arrangements are being made by the Naval and Military Club for the entertainment of 15 officers from each ship, transport will be provided on wharf; parties will report to Embarkation Staff Office.

3. PROVISION OF PATROLS, GUARDS ETC.

(i) Patrols.

(a) Immediately on berthing each ship will detach a platoon of infantry for patrol duty. Return of these patrols to ship by 0200 hrs 22 Apr, 40 may be anticipated.

(b) At 0700 hrs 22 Apr, 40, H.M.T. Y.4 and Y.5 will each supply a platoon for similar duty.

(c) All patrols will report to Embarkation Staff Office for orders.

(d) All patrols will be rationed on shore under arrangements made by H.Q. W. Comd.

(ii) In-Lying Picket.

Each ship while in port will maintain an in-lying picket of not less than one platoon. Pickets will remain on board until required by Embarkation Staff under whose orders they will act.

(iii) Ships' Guards.

Each ship while in port will provide a gang-way guard.

(iv) Dress.

Dress for patrols, pickets and guards will be Drill Order (belts and side-arms - no rifles of equipment).

1 Pl. 6' Bn

Boys

10 off 15 pl 30 pl  
2400 hrs  
1 Pl 6' Bn  
8 Pl 10 pl 800

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4. MOVEMENT.

- (i) Troops for private cars will be detailed by O.C. Troops-on-board.
- (ii) Personnel granted shore leave will be marched off ships, formed up on wharf and moved as follows :-
  - (a) Personnel detailed for private cars will be marched to cars under arrangements made by Embarkation Staff.
  - (b) Personnel for entrainment as in (a).
  - (c) Personnel visiting Fremantle will be formed up on wharf, marched off wharf via Cliff Street (southern end of wharf) and dismissed.
- (iii) Rail Travel.
  - (a) Railway authorities are providing special trains on wharf to meet each ship. Special trains will run from Fremantle to Perth non-stop. No railway tickets are required, a deduction from pay of each man to cover cost having been arranged.
  - (b) For the return journey the ordinary railway timetable will operate, terminating at Fremantle Railway Station. Special trains will be run from Perth Central Railway Station (Island platform) to Fremantle wharf; the first special train will depart Perth at 2200 hrs and the last at 2300 hrs 21 Apr, 40, and NOT AS STATED IN BOOKLET.

No civilian will be permitted to travel on any such special train returning to the wharf.

- (c) Access to Wharves will be via Cliff Street entrance only. (See figure 5 on map of Fremantle in booklet).

5. REFRESHMENTS ASHORE.

(a) Citizens' Reception Council has arranged light refreshments at various places in Perth and Fremantle. (See pages 4 and 5 of the booklet).

(b) A canteen has been established at the west end of High St. Fremantle.

6. MEDICAL.

H.Q. W. Comd. has arranged for officers of the medical service and "A" Branch to make contact with ships' Staffs after arrival and discuss requirements for medical attention.

J.E. BARRETT, Major.  
D.A.A.G. 6 Aus. Div.



February MONTH  
1942 YEAR

25 AUG. 1942

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WAR DIARY

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UNIT 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Place	Date	Summary of Events	Ref to appendices	COs Report and comments on month
JERICHO	Feb 1	Bn march to Bde parade at LANDING GROUND for rehearsal of EMIR OF TRANS JORDANIA. Day was very hot and some men felt effects of inoculation. Brig M.J.MOTEN and B.M., COs & Adjts of 2/5 and 2/7 Bn visited Officers' Mess <i>cont.</i>		Standard of training for war steadily improving. Small administrative details given a good deal of attention and all ranks given intensive training in small arms fire, use of grenades, S.T. Bombs, 73 Grenades, mortars, etc. Considerable quantity of these used and it is considered that the experience gained will be invaluable
	Feb 2	All Coys on whole day exercise <i>cont.</i>		
	Feb 3	Bn practised footdrill by Coys for EMIR'S inspection. <i>cont.</i>		
	1600 hrs	Capt G.P.SWINBURNE Returned to unit from Fd Pun Centre to be OC "D" Coy. <i>cont.</i>		
	Feb 4			
	0530	Reveille	APPX A	
	0630	Bn Parade	" B.	
	0645	Bn moved to LANDING GROUND		
	0830	Bn arrived at LANDING GROUND		
	0915	Parade handed over to Brig M.J.MOTEN		
	0945	Parade handed over to Maj/Gen E.F. HERRING	" C.	
	1030	H.H. The EMIR ABDULLAH of TRANSJORDANIA inspected parade		
	1130	Bn moved to CAMP Maj J.G.ROWAN and Sgt P.G.WEATE moved out as Adv Party preparatory to Bn leaving Middle East <i>cont.</i>		
	Feb 5			
	0830	Bn Parade		
	0900	"A" Coy on Fd Firing Exercises of all arms <i>cont.</i>		
	Feb 7	Football match between 2/6 Bn and AASC won by AASC. <i>cont.</i>		
	Feb 8	Bn prepare to move to HILL 95.		
	1400	Knockout inter-coy football match resulted in win for "D" Coy. <i>cont.</i>		

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JERICHO	<u>Feb</u> 9	Reveille		
	0600	Embuss		
	0830	Embuss	A P P K P	
	0847	Convoy moved off for HILL 95		
	1230	Halt at LATRUN for lunch		
	1435	Convoy reached HILL 95		All training stores and surplus equipment etc returned to Ordnance.
HILL 95				Unit brought up to full War Scale in arms, ammunition and transport.
	Feb <u>10</u>	Col H. WRIGLEY visited Bn Coy Comds proceeded on recce for training	<i>both</i>	Morale of unit very high and discipline particularly good.
	Feb <u>11</u>	Capt K.S. PICKEN, Capt J.S. JONES and Lieut W.R. DEXTER returned from recce in SAFAD AREA.		A number of members of drafts received were not medically 100% and required hardening up.
	1730	Draft of 10 Offrs & 134 ORs arrived from 17 Aust Inf Trng Bn.	<i>both</i>	
	Feb <u>12</u>	Tentage brought up to 106 tents by addition of one tent per Coy.		The general health of unit is good and sporting activities have helped in this direction.
	1530	1 Offr & 19 ORs arrived from 17 Aust Inf Trng Bn	<i>both</i>	
	Feb <u>13</u>			
	1345	1 Staff Car, 13 3ton trucks and 18 M/Cs allotted to Bn.	<i>both</i>	
	Feb <u>14</u>	Bn on one-day exercise - 3" Mortars used with live amm. Brig M.J. MOTEN watched ex.	<i>both</i>	
	Feb <u>15</u>	Church Parade taken by Padre SAVILLE	<i>both</i>	
	Feb <u>16</u>	HQ., A & D Coys at Rifle Range		
	1700	151 ORs arrived from 24 Aust Inf Trng Bn.	<i>both</i>	
	Feb <u>17</u>			
	2100	Bn on night exercise.	<i>both</i>	



February MONTH  
1942 YEAR

AIF FORM C2118A

WAR DIARY

(Render under secret cover)

UNIT 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Place	Date	Summary of events	Ref to appendices	COs report and comments on month
HILL 95	Feb <u>18</u> 0800 1400	Bn returned to camp from exercise. Bn Transport left for undisclosed destination.	<i>both.</i>	
	Feb <u>19</u> 1430	HQ & D Coys at 30x Range. "Carrier" advance rail party left unit lines. Strength 1 Offr & 20 ORs.	<i>both.</i>	
	Feb <u>20</u> 0830 1330	A C D & HQ Coys on route march B Coy at 30x Range. C & D Coys at 30x Range.	<i>both.</i>	
	Feb <u>21</u> 1300 1400	Conference of all Officers. Inter Coy football matches.	<i>both.</i>	
	Feb <u>22</u> 0830	D Coy at 30x Range. Adv Party of "Carriers" returned to unit. Football match between 2/6 Bn and 2/2 M.G. Bn resulted in a win for 2/2 M.G.Bn.	<i>both.</i>	
	Feb <u>23</u> 0830 0900	D & B Coys at Grenade Throwing Range. Live Grenades were used. Move of unit cancelled indefinitely.	<i>both.</i>	
	Feb <u>24</u> 1700	Coy Comds conference.	<i>both.</i>	
	Feb <u>25</u> 0835 1400	Bn paraded in full marching order Parade inspected by C.O. Specialist Pl Comds on exercise - laying out of Bn H.Q. in the field.	<i>both.</i>	



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UNIT 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Place	Date	Summary of events	Ref to appendices	COs report and comments on month
HILL 95	<u>Feb</u> <u>27</u> 0700	1 Offr and 51 ORs proceeded on one-day leave to TEL AVIV.		
	1900	C COY on night exercise.	<i>sett.</i>	
	<u>Feb</u> <u>28</u> 1330	Bn H.Q. and HQ Coy carried out field exercise in layout of Bn HQ in the field. Inter Coy football matches during afternoon.	<i>sett.</i>	

*F. S. Wood* Lieut. Col.  
Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

APPX A

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I

by  
LIEUT. COL F. G. WOOD  
COMMANDING 2/6 AUST INF BN

IN THE FIELD

Serial No 7

4 FEB 42

1. DUTIES:

Orderly Officers:

4 Feb 42	Lieut D.M. MACRAE
5 Feb 42	Lieut W.J. CAMERON
6 Feb 42	Lieut J.W. WATERSTON

Duty Company:

4 Feb 42	"A" Coy
5 Feb 42	"B" Coy
6 Feb 42	"C" Coy

*A.G. Shepherd* Capt.  
Adjutant 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

1. CEREMONIAL PARADE 4 FEB 42 - CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

The Commanding Officer wishes to convey to all ranks his congratulations for the splendid work done in connection with the ceremonial parade held in honour of His Highness the EMIR ABDULLAH OF TRANS-JORDANIA.

Special commendation is due to members of the Band for the manner in which they carried out their duties during the parade.

2. RECEIVED FROM A.C.F.:

2/6 Aust Inf Bn gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following from the Australian Comforts Fund:-

790	cakes	Laundry soap,
790	pkts	Razor Blades,
790	pkts	Tobacco,
2370	pkts	Chewing Gum.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

APPX B

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I

by  
LIEUT. COL F.G. WOOD  
COMMANDING 2/6 AUST INF BN

IN THE FIELD

Serial No 8

7 FEB 42

1. DUTIES:

Orderly Officer:

7 Feb 42	Lieut J.W. WATERSTON
8 Feb 42	Lieut M.N.J. HARRIS
9 Feb 42	Lieut H.L. LAVER

Duty Company:

7 Feb 42	"D" Coy
8 Feb 42	"A" Coy
9 Feb 42	"B" Coy

2. CHURCH PARADES:

The following are arrangements for Sunday, 8 Feb 42:-

Battalion Church Parade:

**Battalion church parade is cancelled.**

Roman Catholic:

Mass will be celebrated in the Sgts' Mess at 0930 hrs.

Church of England:

Holy Communion will be celebrated in the Officers' Mess at 0830 hrs.

3. AIR MAIL:

The air mail service both to and from AUSTRALIA has been suspended indefinitely.

*A.G. Morgan* Lieut for Capt.  
Adjutant 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICE:

1. CEREMONIAL PARADE 4 FEB 42 - CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM THE BRIGADE COMMANDER:

The following congratulatory message has been received from the Brigade Commander:

"Yesterday's ceremonial parade for H.H. the EMIR of TRANSJORDAN was most successful."

"H.H. the EMIR was very impressed and complimented the Brigade Group on its smartness and general turnout."

"The success of this parade could not have been achieved without the co-operation of all ranks taking part and I would like to place on record my appreciation and thanks for their efforts in this regard."



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

APPX <

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I

by  
LIEUT. COL F.G. WOOD  
COMMANDING 2/6 AUST INF BN

IN THE FIELD

Serial No 11

12 FEB 42

1. DUTIES:

Orderly Officers:

12 Feb 42	Lieut H. McL. MARSDEN
13 Feb 42	Lieut F. D. CLARKE
14 Feb 42	Lieut H. B. GULLETT

Duty Company:

12 Feb 42	"C" Coy
13 Feb 42	"B" Coy
14 Feb 42	"D" Coy

*[Signature]* Capt.  
Adjutant 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES:

1. SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM G.O.C. 6 AUST DIV:

"The following message has been received from the Emir ABDULLAH of TRANSJORDAN and will be conveyed to all ranks, together with my expression of pleasure at the fine bearing of all troops."

"The ceremonial parade demonstrated a high state of training and efficiency. I trust that this fine bearing will be expressed in a real will to fight it out and destroy our enemy when next we meet him."

"The message reads:-

"It will be one of my best memoirs in the present war that I attended in your company the manoeuvres of His Majesty's Australian Forces at GHORE EL MALLAHA, those manoeuvres which I watched with admiration and pleasure."

"I also have to express to you my appreciation of the military parade held at JERICHO by the gallant forces under your command. I was greatly impressed by the discipline, the signs of courage and the military qualities of all officers and men."

"Please accept my gratitude for the hospitality given me on that day, and be good enough to convey my sincere thanks and best wishes to all the officers and other ranks who participated in the parade."

2. REGISTERED ARTICLES:

Registered articles for the undermentioned personnel may be collected from the Bn Post Office:-

VX3413 BLAKE, A.H. - VX53469 DEHNE, A. - TX3285 WALLIS, K. -  
VX36349 CAMERON, L. - VX50886 WASHINGTON, W. - VX56113 JACKSON, A. -  
VX59484 HOSE, L.W. - VX13355 WINDSOR, R. - VX27711 SCHNEIDER, O. -  
VX55460 HUDSON, J.E. - VX36387 JOHNS, A.L. - VX52133 THIRKELL, T. -  
VX53981 JONES, W.F. - VX35624 FELLOWS, G. - VX7657 SMITH, R.W. -  
VX4492 WEINBERG, L.



2/6 Aust Inf Bn.

Reinforcements

General Duty personnel

2 2

Total

2 2

2/6 Aust Inf Bn.

21 Feb 42

*F. S. Wood*  
Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.  
17 Aust Inf Bde

Lieut. Col.  
6 Aust Div.



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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION

by  
LIEUT. COL F.G. WOOD  
COMMANDING 2/6 AUST INF BN

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IN THE FIELD

No 3

6 FEB 42  
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MOVE OF 2/6 AUST INF BN

1. 2/6 Aust Inf Bn will move from present location to HILL 95 Camp.
2. MOVEMENT:  
Movement will take place by road in Unit M.T. (less Carriers) and attached vehicles.
3. DATE OF MOVE:  
9 Feb 42.
4. ROUTE:  
JERICHO - BETHANY - JERUSALEM - LATRUN - MASHIYA - JULIS - HILL 95.
5. SPEED AND DENSITY:  
15 M.I.H. 15 V.M. (During halts vehicles will NOT close to less than 80 yards.)
6. START TIME:  
Cross Unit Start Line - 0847 hrs.  
Troops will be ambused by 0830 hrs.
7. START LINE:  
Unit Start Line: Junction JERICHO-JERUSALEM Road end Unit turnoff.
8. HALTS:  
(i) When head of column approaches BETHANY - 10 minutes.  
(ii) When head of column reaches MASHIYA - 30 minutes.
9. ORDER OF MOVE:  
Transport will form up on Unit Start Line in the following order:-  
B.H.Q., "A", "B", "C", "D" and H.Q Coys.  
The leading vehicle will carry white flag; rear vehicle blue flag.
10. ROAD PARTY WILL COMPRISE:  
Vehicles - 1 Car and 32 Unit stores trucks; 12 3-ton vehicles and 25 buses attached.  
Attached vehicles will report at 1500 hrs on 8 Feb 42.
11. ADVANCE PARTY:  
1 N.C.O. will proceed to HILL 95, with 17 Bde party, as unit representative. (Special instruction issued seperately.)  
  
In addition, 1 N.C.O. and 8 O.Rs. will report to 2/5 Bn at 0700 hrs on 7 Feb 42 for the purpose of ensuring return of attached vehicles. H.Q Coy will supply N.C.O. and Rifle Coys 2 O.Rs. each.



**12. CARRIERS:**

Carriers will report to "C" Sqn 6 Aust Cav Regt at 1800 hrs on 7 Feb 42.

Only O.C. and 2 O.Rs. per carrier will move with carriers; remainder will move with main body.

Two days rations will be carried.

**13. EQUIPMENT AND STORES:**

All tents will be struck by 1100 hrs Sunday 8 Feb 42 and pecked in valises. Pegs to be placed in peg-bags and walls placed in valises.

The whole will be stacked in Coy dumps and each Coy will supply fatigue to load on trucks from Coy dumps at 1100 hrs.

Tents will then be transported to 2/7 Fd Amb lines, and handed over to Q.M. Palestine Buffs.

Kitbags:

Kitbags will be stacked in Coy dumps by 1400 hrs 8 Feb 42, from whence they will be loaded by Bn transport.

Blankets:

All ranks will carry with them 4 blankets and groundsheet; i.e. 2 blankets in peck and 2 blankets in groundsheet around outside of peck.

Valises:

Officers' valises will be placed on Coy baggage trucks by 0700 hrs on 9 Feb 42.

Officers heavy baggage will be loaded on Coy baggage trucks by 1400 hrs on 8 Feb 42.

**14. DRESS:**

Marching order; respirators at "alert"; steel helmet on peck.

**15. SUPPLIES:**

Rations for midday meal will be carried. Coys will draw under arrangement with R.Q.M.

R.Q.M. will arrange for tea to be made at second halt.

**16. AMMUNITION:**

1st line ammunition on G.1093 scale will be carried.

**17. P.O.L.:**

Vehicles will fill tanks before moving. No petrol in tins will be taken.

**18. REVEILLE:**

Reveille on 9 Feb 42 will be 0600 hrs.

**19. CLEANLINESS OF LINES, ETC:**

Slit trenches will be filled in, Coy lines cleaned and ready for inspection by 1800 hrs on 8 Feb 42.



20. EMBUSSING OFFICER:

Capt P.B. HAYES is embussing officer.

*W. J. ...*

Capt.

Adjutant 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTRIBUTION:

Bn H.Q.	4
"A" Coy	1
"B" Coy	1
"C" Coy	1
"D" Coy	1
H.Q. Coy	1
T.O.	1
Q.M.	1
R.M.O.	1
No 4 Pl	1
War Diary	2



Head Quarters,  
2/6 Aust Inf Bn.,  
25 Mar 42.

MONTHLY REPORT BY QUARTERMASTER - Feb 1942

All Other Ranks of the Bn were completely equipped with F.S. Dress, shirts, shorts and underclothes.


All US clothing was collected and returned to Ordnance.

During the month 82000 rounds of training amn were expended; training was also carried out with live "73" Grenades, HE Grenades and "Sticky Type" Bombs.

First Line amn was issued for all weapons.

All stores not immediately required were packed and dispatched for preparation for the move - only essentials being left.

The A.C.F. provided 952 packets of cigarette papers and 952 packets of cigarette tobacco together with 952 pairs of sox.

 . Capt.  
Q.M., 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.



2/6 Aust Inf Bn.,  
25 Mar 42.

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MEDICAL DIARY - February 1942

Inoculations with T.A.B. (RAMC) and Tetanus Toxoid were completed.

There was a decreasing incidence of U R T I but an increase in the numbers suffering from Diarrhoea N Y D and Furuncles.

Skin and foot inspection of the unit was carried out. Four cases of Pediculosis Pubis and one of Tinea Cruris were found.

Numerous men were suffering from corns due to the difficulty in obtaining serviceable footwear.

*H. Keef*

Capt.  
R.M.O., 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.



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2/6 BN SPORTING RESULTS - FEBRUARY 1942

Football - Inter Unit

2/6 Bn	defeated	2/7 Bn
2/6 Bn	defeated	2/5 Bn
2/6 Bn	lost to	2/7 Bn
2/6 Bn	lost to	2/1 M.G.Bn.

Football - Inter Coy

C COY	defeated	A COY
D COY	defeated	B COY
B COY	defeated	HQ COY
D COY	defeated	C COY
2/6 Officers	defeated	2/6 Sergeants.

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Athletic Sports

Brigade Athletic Sports were held and resulted in a win for 2/7 Bn. with 35 points.

2/6 Bn collected 23 points.

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*W. J. Bame* Lieut.  
Sports Officer 2/6 Bn.



2/6 Aust Inf Bn.

Reinforcements required

Lt.Cols	1
Majors	3
Captains	9
Lieutenants	28

Total	41
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Lieut.Col		F.G.	Wood	Yes	C.O.
Major		J.G.	Nowan	No	Det Spec Duty
Captain	T/Major	G.M.	Norris	Yes	OC "C" Coy
Captain	T/Major	E.W.	Weate	Yes	OC "A" Coy
Captain		K.S.	Picken	Yes	OC "HQ" Coy
Captain		G.P.	Swinburne	Yes	OC "D" Coy
Captain		J.S.	Jones	Yes	OC "B" Coy
Captain		G.R.	Warfe	Yes	OC Carrier Pl.
Captain		Q.A.	Tilley	Yes	2i/c "C" Coy
Captain		W.H.	Sherlock	Yes	2i/c "A" Coy
Captain		P.B.	Hayes	Yes	2i/c "D" Coy
Lieut		W.R.	Dexter	Yes	2i/c "B" Coy
Lieut	T/Capt	H.McB.	Stewart	Yes	Q.M.
Lieut	T/Capt	A.G.	Sheldrick	Yes	Adjutant
Lieut		F.D.	Clarke	Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		H.B.	Gullett	Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		E.A.	Lewis	Yes	Int Offr
Lieut		M.N.J.	Harris	Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		H.L.	Laver	Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		A.G.S.	Edgar	Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		A.R.	Ross	Yes	2i/c Carrier Pl
Lieut		J.W.	Waterston	Yes	Pl Comd (Mortars)
Lieut		R.G.	Burke	Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		J.C.	Walker	Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		W.L.A.	Roberts	Yes	Pl Comd (Sigs)
Lieut		W.L.	Shergold	Yes	Pl Comd (A.A.)
Lieut		D.M.	Macrae	Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		W.J.	Cameron	Yes	Pl Comd (pioneer)
Lieut		S.R.	Walker	Yes	T.O.
Lieut		H.McL.	Marsden	Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		K.L.	Brougham	Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		D.B.	Burke	Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		E.W.	Price	Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		P.F.	Stott	Yes	) Attached as
Lieut		R.D.	Urquhart	Yes	
Lieut		J.W.	Park	Yes	
Lieut		J.D.	Brennan	Yes	
Lieut		C.L.	McNamara	Yes	
Lieut		I.R.	Gordon	Yes	) Reinforcements
Lieut		T.W.	Ashton	Yes	
Lieut		G.M.	Palmer	Yes	
Lieut				Yes	
Captain		I.L.	Kelf	AAMC	H.M.O.
Chaplain		E.E.	Saville	AACHD	Padre
Major		G.	Palmer	Sal Army	Welfare

2/6 Aust Inf Bn.

21 Feb 42

*F. S. Wood*  
 Commanding 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.  
 17 Aust Inf Bde 6 Aust Div.



W.O.(i)	1	
W.Os.(ii)	4	
Staff Sgts	5	
Sergeants	30	
L/Sgts	2	
Corporals	75	
Other Ranks	856	2
Total	981	2

X4753 Sgt A.Jamieson	AAPC	VX31250 Pte A.G.Evans	AAOC
X4406 Cpl M.E.Cougle	2/2 Fd Amb.	VX15810 Pte H.G.Pettigrove	AAOC
X4408 Cpl H.P.Dowd	2/2 Fd Amb	VX3564 Cpl A.V.Anderson	AAOC
K3949 Pte H.R.Ashton	2/2 Fd Amb.	SX653 Pte E.A.Mills	AAOC
K13330 Cpl A.M.Seales	6 Div Post Unit	VX11473 Pte E.Leitch	Salvation Army
5110 Cpl A.L.C.Murrell	AAOC	VX53755 Pte P.McDonald	Salvation Army



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn.

(Unit.)

**PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.**

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ... ..	1		
Majors ... ..	3		
Captains ... ..	9		
Lieutenants ... ..	16		4
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters ... ..			
District Officers ... ..			
Totals ... ..	29		4

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	G.P. Swinburne		3 Feb 42	Ceases to be attached to 1 Aust Corps Pun Centre.

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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



**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lieut. Col		F.G. Wood		Yes	C.O.
Major		J.G. Rowan		No	21/c (.)
Capt	T/Major	G.M. Norris		Yes	OC "C" Coy
Capt	T/Major	E.W. Weate		Yes	OC "A" Coy
Capt		K.S. Picken		No	OC "HQ" Coy ∅
Capt		G.P. Swinburne		Yes	OC "D" Coy
Capt		J.S. Jones		No	OC "B" Coy ∅
Capt		G.R. Warfe		Yes	Pl Comd (Carrier)
Capt		Q.A. Tilley		Yes	21/c "B" Coy
Capt		W.H. Sherlock		Yes	21/c "A" Coy
Capt		P.B. Hayes		Yes	21/c "D" Coy
Lieut		W.R. Dexter		No	21/c "C" Coy ∅
Lieut	T/Capt	H.McB. Stewart		Yes	C.M.
Lieut	T/Capt	A.G. Sheldrick		Yes	Adjutant
Lieut		H.B. Gullett		Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		E.A. Lewis		Yes	I.O.
Lieut		M.H.J. Harris		Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		M.L. Laver		Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		A.G.S. Edgar		Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		A.R. Ross		Yes	21/c Carriers
Lieut		J.W. Waterston		Yes	Pl Comd (Mortar)
Lieut		R.G. Burke		Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		J.C. Walker		Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		W.L.A. Roberts		Yes	Pl Comd (Signal)
Lieut		W.L. Shergold		Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		D.M. Macrae		Yes	Pl Comd
Lieut		W.J. Cameron		Yes	Pl Comd (Pioneer)
Lieut		S.R. Walker		Yes	T.O.
Lieut		H.McL. Marsden		Yes	Pl Comd.
(.)	Absent on Special Duty				
∅	Detached special duty X Corps.				

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		I.E. Kelf	AAMC		R.M.O.
Chaplain		E.E. Saville	AACHD		Padre
Lieut		R.D. Urquhart	Attached as supernumerary to establishment ex 17 A.I.T.Bn.		
Lieut		J.W. Park			

2/6 Aust Inf Bn  
(Unit.)  
7 Feb 42  
(Date of Despatch.)

*F. S. Wood*  
17 Aust Inf Bn  
(Signature of Commander.)  
Lieut. Col.  
2/6 Aust Inf Bn  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)















**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.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lieut. Col		F.C. Wood		Yes	C.O.
Major		J.C. Rowan		No	Det Spec Duty
Captain	T/Major	C.M. Morris		Yes	OC "C" Coy
Captain	T/Major	E.W. Teate		Yes	OC "A" Coy
Captain		K.S. Picken		Yes	OC "B" Coy
Captain		G.P. Sinburne		Yes	OC "D" Coy
Captain		J.S. Jones		Yes	OC "B" Coy
Captain		G.W. Harris		Yes	P1 Comd (Carrier)
Captain		D.A. Milley		Yes	21/c "C" Coy
Captain		W.H. Sherlock		Yes	21/c "A" Coy
Captain		P.B. Hayes		Yes	21/c "D" Coy
Lieut		W.R. Dexter		Yes	21/c "B" Coy
Lieut	T/Capt	H.M.B. Stewart		Yes	
Lieut	T/Capt	A.C. Sheldrick		Yes	Adjutant
Lieut		F.D. Clarke		Yes	P1 Comd
Lieut		H.B. Gullett		Yes	P1 Comd
Lieut		D.A. Lewis		Yes	Int Offr
Lieut		W.H.S. Harris		Yes	P1 Comd
Lieut		H.L. Laver		Yes	P1 Comd
Lieut		A.C.S. Edgar		Yes	P1 Comd
Lieut		A.R. Ross		Yes	21/c Carriers
Lieut		J.S. Waterston		Yes	P1 Comd (Mortars)
Lieut		R.S. Burke		Yes	P1 Comd
Lieut		J.C. Walker		Yes	P1 Comd
Lieut		W.L.A. Roberts		Yes	P1 Comd (Signals)
Lieut		W.L. Shergold		Yes	P1 Comd (A.A.)
Lieut		D.M. Macrae		Yes	P1 Comd
Lieut		W.J. Cameron		Yes	P1 Comd (Pioneer)
Lieut		S.R. Walker		Yes	P.O.
Lieut		H.M.L. Marsden		Yes	P1 Comd
Lieut		R.L. Broughan		Yes	P1 Comd
Lieut		D.M. Burke		Yes	P1 Comd
Lieut		F.W. Price		Yes	P1 Comd
Lieut		P.F. Stott		Yes	
Lieut		R.D. Urquhart		Yes	On strength
Lieut		J.W. Park		Yes	as
Lieut		J.D. Brennan		Yes	First Reprints
Lieut		G.L. McNamara		Yes	
Lieut		I.B. Gordon		Yes	
Lieut		T.W. Ashton		Yes	
Lieut		G.M. Palmer		Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		I.L. Kelf	AASC		P.O.
Chaplain		B.F. Saville	AACHD		Padre
Major		G. Palmer	S.A.		Welfare Offr.

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*F. S. Wood*

Lieut. Col.

(Signature of Commander.)

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