

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

VIC. L. OF C. AREA MARCH ORDER No. 2/44

by

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G.O.C. VIC. L. OF C. AREA.

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ADDENDUM.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

DELETE para 2- Insert new paragraph as follows :-

MEALS - Serials 17, 18, and 19 will have midday meal in Camp prior to movement. Hot tea will be provided on arrival at Assembly Area. Other Serials will be provided with meals as follows :-

SERIALS	COOKING POINTS.	NATURE OF MEAL	TIME (HRS)
2. 3. 4. 6.	No. 1 Cooking Point.	Cut Luncheon. Hot Tea.	1130.
10 11 12 13	No. 2 Cooking Point.	Cut Luncheons. Hot Tea.	1130.
7 8	No. 1 Cooking Point.	Cut Luncheon. Hot Tea.	1200.
15	No. 2 Cooking Point.	Cut Luncheon. Hot Tea.	1215
17 18 19	No. 3 Cooking Point.	Hot Tea.	1230

PARA. 5. ADD -

ESCORTS. - A.P.M. Vic L of C Area will arrange for four (4) provost M/C to report to Victoria Barracks at 1300 hrs 19 Apr 44 as escort to Lt.General J. NORTHCOTT, C.B., M.V.O.

*W. J. Northcott*  
Col. Adm. Vic L of C Area.

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DISTRIBUTION:

1. Mil. Sec. to His Excellency the Governor of Victoria.
- 2-16. H.Q. 7 Aust. Div. Watsonia.
17. Commodore Supt. Trg. Flinders Naval Base.
- 18-19. H.Q. R.A.A.F. No. 1 Trg. Group
20. Corps H.Q. V.D.C.
21. D.A.D. Labour VIC. L of C Area.
- 22-23. L.H.Q. Sigs.
24. Camp Q.M. Fishermen's Bend.
25. Police Band.
26. Public Service Band.
- 27-32. L.H.Q.
- 33-35. G.O.C. VIC. L of C Area
36. Col. G.S.
37. Col. Adm.
38. A.A.G. (Org.)
39. C.S.O.
- 40-41. 2 Aust Movt Control.
- 42-43. R.T.O. Mil. Spencer St.
- 44-45. D.D.S.T. VIC. L of C Area.
- 46-47. A.P.M. VIC. L of C Area.
- 48-49. D.A.D. P.R. VIC. L of C Area.
- 50-52. D.P.S. L.H.Q.
- 53-54. Premier's Dept.
- 55-58. Town Clerk Melb.
59. City Engineer.
60. Town Clerk STH. MELB.
- 61-62. Chief Comm. of Police.
- 63-65. Offr. in Charge Traffic Control.
- 66-68. Chief Comm. of Railways.
69. Manager Tramways Board.
- 70-72. Asst. Manager Tramways Board.
73. Mr. Raven. St. John Ambulance.
- 74-76. Director Public Relations.
- 77-86. Duty Staff.
87. File.
- 88-90. War Diary.
91. Letter Book.
- 92-110. Spares.
111. Aust. Armd. Corps. Trg. Centre.

ORDER OF MARCH AND MARCH TIMINGS ; 7 AUST DIV MARCH. 19 APR 44.

APPENDIX "A"

GROUP NO.	SER. NO.	UNITS IN ORDER OF MARCH	STRENGTH	ROAD SPACE in Yds.	STARTING POINT. + 0 hrs.	SALUTING BASE. + 8 mins.	MARKET ST. + 19 mins.	ASSEMBLY AREA. + 3½ mins.	COMMANDER
		Mounted Troopers.	8	10	1322	1330	1341	1354	
		Maj-Gen.G.A. VASEY, CB.CBE. DSO and Staff.	3	12					
		Brigadier I.N. DOUGHERTY, DSO and Staff.	3	12					
1.	1.	R.A.N. BAND	48	15	1323	1331	1342	1355	
	2.	H.Q. Units (7 Div, 21 Bde. 25 Bde. and Sigs. 1 Coy)	100	60					Lt.Col. C. McKAY.
	3.	Engineers - 1 Coy.	100	60					
	4.	Arty. (2/5, 2/6 Fd Regts) H.Q. R.A.A. 1 Coy.	100	60					
		Inter Group Distance.		75					
2.	5.	Vic L of C Area BAND.	30	10	1326	1334	1345	1358	
	6.	2/4 Fd Regt. (3 Coys) Inter Group Distance.	300	175 75					Lt.Col. A.J.BLYTH.
3.	7.	2/14 BN. BAND.	30	10	1329	1337	1348	1401	
	3.	2/14 Bn. (3 Coys.) Inter Group Distance.	300	175 75					Lt.Col. P.E. RHODEN.
4.	9.	R.A.A.F. BAND, ASCOT VALE.	30	15	1332	1340	1351	1404	
	10.	2/16 Bn. (1 Coy.)	100	60					Maj.K.S. FALL.
	11.	2/27 Bn. (1 Coy.)	100	60					
	12.	2/25 and 2/31 Bn. (1 Coy.)	100	60					
	13.	2/33 Bn. (1 Coy.) Inter Group Distance.	100	60 75					
5.	11.	Armd Corps Trg Centre BAND.	30	15	1335	1343	1354	1407	
	15.	2/2 Pnr Bn. (3 Coys.) Inter Group Distance.	300	175 75					Maj. H.E. TOPE.
6.	16.	V.D.C. BAND.	30	10	1337	1345	1356	1409	
	17.	Miscellaneous Tps. (1 Coy.)	100	60					Maj. J.E. OGDEN.
	18.	A.A.S.C. (1 Coy.)	100	60					
	19.	A.A.M.C. (1 Coy.)	100	60					
	20.	Ambulances (2). Mounted Troopers.	7 4	12 5					
TOTALS			2123	1626					
Tail of column passes					1339	1347	1358	1411	

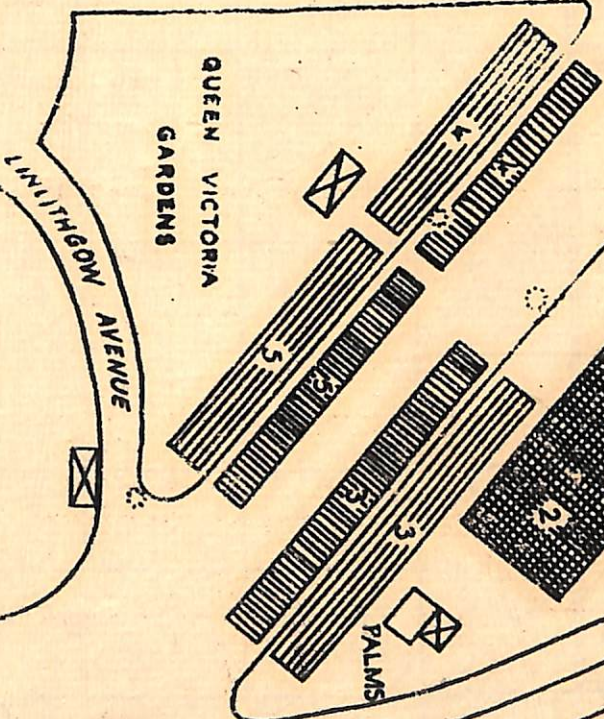
LENGTH OF ROUTE - 3,150 yds; TIME TO PASS GIVEN POINT - 17 mins.; TIME TO COMPLETE MARCH 49 mins.







PRINCES BRIDGE

ST KILDA RD

Appendix "B"  
ASSEMBLY AREA  
7 AUST. DIV. MARCH  
19 APRIL '44.

BATMAN AVE  
YARRA RIVER  
JEFFRIES PDE  
LAWNS



-  CONTROL POINT
-  GROUP CONCENTRATION AREAS (GPS 3, 4, 5, 6)
-  GROUP PARADE AREAS (GPS 3, 4, 5, 6)
-  CONCENTRATION & PARADE AREAS (GPS 1 & 2)
-  LATRINES
-  COOKING POINTS



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13 Apr 44.

1. Personnel of 7 Aust Div will march through MELBOURNE on Wednesday 19 Apr 44.
2. SALUTE  
His Excellency the Governor of Victoria, Maj-Gen Sir Winston DUGAN, KCMG, CB, DSO, will take the salute at the Saluting Base in front of the Melbourne Town Hall portico.
3. COMMANDER OF PARADE :  
Brigadier I N DOUGHERTY, DSO, Commanding 21 Inf Bde., will be in command of the Parade.
4. TROOPS TAKING PART :  
Approximately 3,000 personnel of 7 Aust Div and other units will participate.
5. GROUPING.  
For the purpose of the March the troops will be grouped at the Assembly Area in accordance with the March Table, Appendix "A", which will be issued on 17 Apr 44.
6. FORMATION :  
Troops will form up in their allotted areas in column of route (3 abreast).
7. ORDER OF MARCH :  
The Order of March as shown in the March Table, Appendix "A" (to be issued).
8. DISTANCES :  
Between groups - 75 paces.  
Between head of band and unit - 25 paces.  
Between companies, etc. - 10 paces.
9. DRESS :  
Service Dress - troops will march with bayonets fixed.
10. ROUTE :  
ALEXANDRA AVE - ST. KILDA RD - SWANSTON ST - BOURKE ST - ELIZABETH ST - COLLINS ST - MARKET ST - QUEENS BRIDGE - thence east along RIVERSIDE AVE to ASSEMBLY AREA.
11. ASSEMBLY AREA :  
The area bounded by ALEXANDRA AVE inclusive and the River YARRA exclusive - see Appendix "B" (to be issued).
12. MOVE TO ASSEMBLY AREA :
  - a) Units will proceed from camp locations to entraining stations in accordance with train timings - see Appendix "D" (to be issued).
  - b) On arrival at PRINCES BRIDGE, troops will detrain promptly and will be led by their guides to respective locations at the Assembly Area, via footpath on east side of SWANSTON ST., PRINCES BRIDGE.
  - c) Standing Orders for entrainment and detrainment will be observed.

13. MEALS:  
In accordance with Appendix "E", para. 2.
14. STARTING POINT AND CONTROL POINT:  
Starting point is the junction of ALEXANDRA AVE and ST KILDA RD, where the Control and Sigs will be stationed.
15. STARTING TIME AND MARCH TIMES:  
1322 hours, when "ALL CLEAR" has been given by Marshal.  
March times are given in Appendix "A" (to be issued).  
Head of column will pass Saluting Base at 1330 hrs.
16. SALUTE:  
"EYES RIGHT" will be given in succession by companies. All officers will salute.
17. DISPERSAL:  
On return to Assembly Area, units will move by rail in accordance with Appendix "D" (to be issued), and will arrive at entraining station 15 minutes before time of departure of train.
18. BANDS TAKING PART:  
RAN Band  
2/14 Bn Band  
Vic L of C Area Band  
RAAF Band Ascot Vale  
RAAF Pipe Band  
VDC Band  
Police Band  
Public Service Band.
19. BANDS AT SALUTING BASE:
  - a) Police Band and Public Service Band will be in position at the barricaded recess opposite Melbourne Town Hall at 1245 hrs.
  - b) When His Excellency the Governor of Victoria has taken up his position on the dais and when his car has drawn clear, the Police Band will play the first six bars of the Royal Salute, the flag at the Saluting Base will be broken and the four sentries at the dais will present arms.
  - c) Bands at Saluting Base will maintain a continuous tempo of 120 crochets to the minute and will ensure that the changeover from Police Band to Public Service Band is made without loss of step.
20. MARCHING BANDS:
  - a) Marching bands will be allotted to groups and will move in column in accordance with the Order of March, Appendix "A" (to be issued).
  - b) Bands will play from Assembly Area to LITTLE FLINDERS ST when they will cease playing until they turn into BOURKE ST; thereafter they will play at intervals of 32 bars until return to the Assembly Area.
21. MOUNTED TROOPERS:  
Eight Mounted Troopers will head the March and four Mounted Troopers will move at the rear of the column.
22. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS:  
In accordance with Appendix "E".
23. CIVIL ADMINISTRATION:  
In accordance with Appendix "F".

24. INTER-COMM :

Synchronization of watches - One officer from each group will report to the Marshal at Control Point at 1230 hours.  
LHQ Sigs will arrange for D/Rs to report to Marshal at Control Point at 1200 hrs - see Appendix "E", para. 7.

25. PARADE STATES :

- a) Group commanders will forward Parade States to Marshal at Control Point immediately on arrival of troops at Assembly Area.
- b) Marshal will consolidate and deliver one copy to March Commander and forward four copies to Officer i/c Saluting Base not later than 1230 hrs.

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COL. ADM. HQ VIC L OF C AREA.  
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- 22-23. LHQ Sigs.
24. Camp QM Fishermen's Bend.
25. Police Band.
26. Public Service Band.
- 27-32. LHQ.
- 33-35. GOC Vic L of C Area
36. Col GS
37. Col Adm
38. AAG (Org).
39. CSO.
- 40-41. 2 Aust Movt Control.
- 42-43. RTO Mil Spencer St.
- 44-45. DDST Vic L of C Area.
- 46-47. Vic L of C Area.
- 48-49. DAD PR Vic L of C Area.
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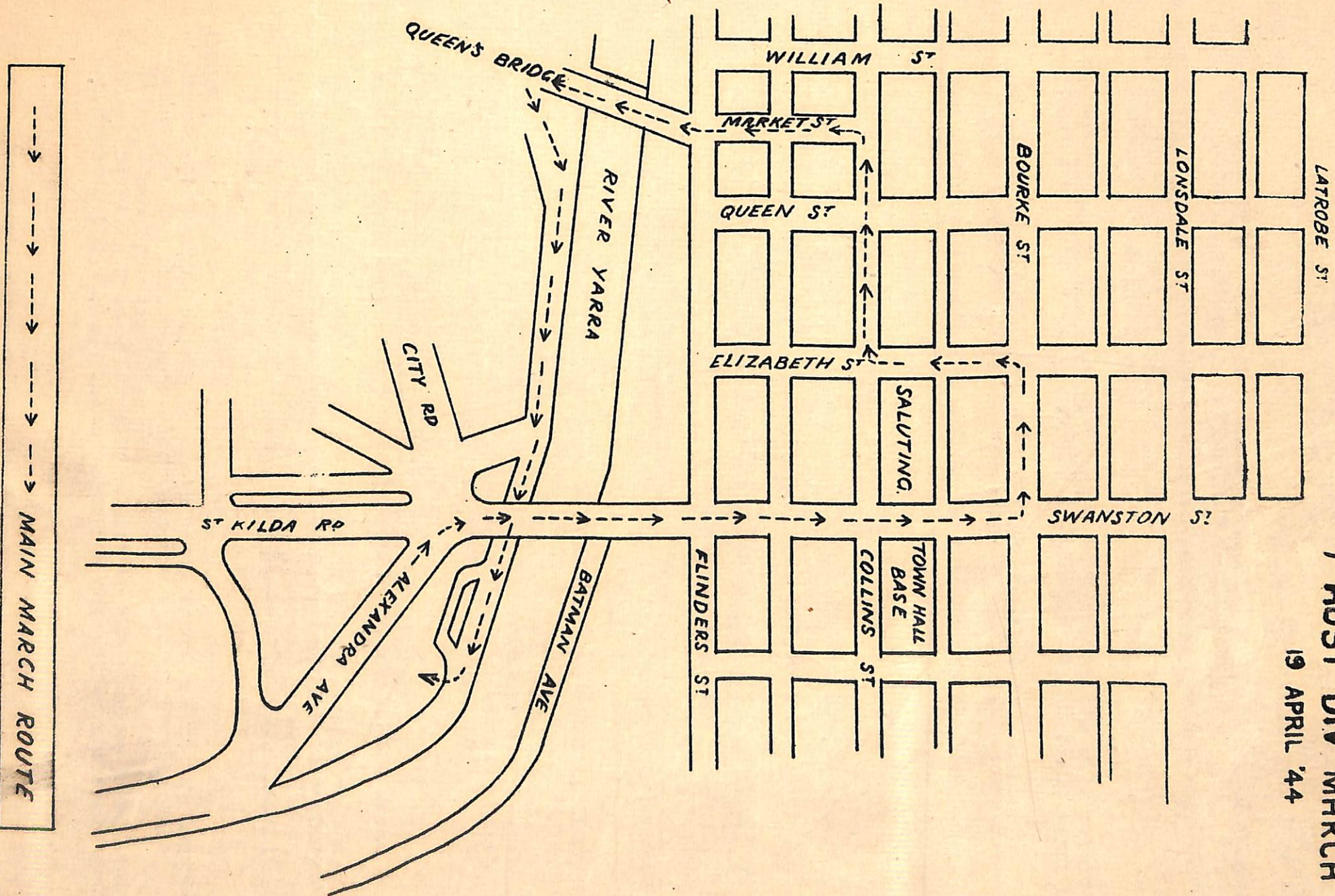
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# APPENDIX 'C'

## 7 AUSTRALIAN DIV MARCH

19 APRIL '44



MARCH THROUGH MELBOURNE - WEDNESDAY 19 APR 44.ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED IN CONJUNCTION WITHVIC L OF C AREA MARCH ORDER No. 2/44 DATED 13 APR 44.1. ALLOTMENT FOR DUTY :a) Liaison Officer, PRINCES BRIDGE STATION - Capt. L.G. MARTIN,  
Q. Movements, Vic L of C Area.b) Assembly Area - Marshal : MAJOR E.J. BEXTON, HQ Vic L of C Area.  
Assistant Marshals : Capt R.F. SPARGO ) HQ Vic L of C Area.  
Capt. E.W. BARNETT)c) Guides - a guide officer to be appointed for each group by  
Commander of the Parade.d) Identification of Guide Officers - Guide Officers will provide  
themselves with a white armband to be worn on the right upper arm.e) To supervise preparation and serving of meals -  
Lieut L L LABESKA, Camp QM FISHERMEN'S BEND.

f) The undermentioned personnel to be supplied as follows:-

(i) Dais Sentries	4 Sgts)	
(ii) Markers	2 Sgts)	by 7 Aust Div.
(iii) Pers for striking flag	1 Sgt.)	
(iv) Buglers.	2 ORs	HQ Vic L of C Area.
(v) General duties at Assembly Area.	3 NCOs	DAD Labour.
(vi) For Cooking points.	2 Cooks	} by Camp QM FISHERMEN'S BEND.
	1 boiler assistant	
	4 cooks, if required - AAG (Org).	

g) Reporting Hour, Wednesday 19 Apr 44 -  
(Sub-para's given below refer to personnel mentioned in sub-para (f)  
above)(i), (ii) and (iii) Report to Capt A BALLANTYNE at Saluting Base  
Melbourne Town Hall at 1230 hrs 19 Apr 44.(iv) Report to Maj E J SEXTON at Assembly Area,  
ALEXANDRA AVE, at 1230 hrs 19 Apr 44.(v) and (vi) Report to Lieut L L LABESKA at Assembly Area,  
ALEXANDRA AVE, at 0900 hrs 19 Apr 44.h) Saluting Base, Melbourne Town Hall -In Charge - Capt A BALLANTYNE, HQ Vic L of C Area.Official Enclosure - Capt G R RIMINGTON, HQ Vic L of C Area.i) All officer personnel detailed for duty at the Assembly Area,  
Saluting Base, Princes Bridge and Guide Officers will report to  
Maj E J SEXTON, HQ Vic L of C Area, at Men's Recreation Room,  
tenth floor HQ Vic L of C Area, at 1500 hrs Tuesday 18 Apr 44  
for final instructions.2. MEALS :a) Immediately units report to their group locations at the Assembly  
Area, hot tea will be provided from the kitchen serving that  
group - see Appendix "B".b) Mess Orderlies from units will report to the kitchen immediately  
on arrival and will be issued with the tea ration for their group.

3. ASSEMBLY AREA CONTROL :

- a) Commanding officers will ensure that troops are kept within the areas allotted to units.
- b) APM Vic L of C Area will arrange that MP posts are mounted as follows :-

One post at the south end of PRINCES BRIDGE to mount at 1130 hrs.

One post in RIVERSIDE AVE under PRINCES BRIDGE to mount at 1130 hrs.

4. MEDICAL.

DDMS will arrange for three (3) Ambulances to be stationed as Aid Post at the Assembly Area at 1130 hrs in positions indicated by Marshal. At 1320 hrs two ambulances will take up position at rear of last marching group for the march through Melbourne; the third ambulance will remain at Assembly Area. On return to the Assembly Area the ambulances will take up positions previously occupied by them and will function as Aid Posts until released by Marshal, when they will move independently to home location.

5. ESCORTS :

The Chief Commissioner of Police is arranging for one motor-cycle combination to report to State Government House at 1300 hours Wednesday 19 Apr 44 as escort to His Excellency the Governor.

6. SALUTING BASE APPROACH.

Service and civilian representatives who have been invited to the enclosure at the Saluting Base are requested to proceed as follows :- Move via RUSSELL ST to Parking Area on north side of COLLINS ST between Athenaeum Theatre and RUSSELL ST., where parking officials will be in attendance. Upon alighting, guests will enter Melbourne Town Hall by door in COLLINS ST nearest Athenaeum Theatre, where guides to Saluting Base will be stationed. Guides for this purpose to be supplied by Vic L of C Area.

7. COMMUNICATIONS :

LHQ Sigs will arrange for six D/Rs to report to Major SEXTON at Control Point at 1130 hrs.

8. REPORT CENTRE :

Report Centre will be established by 1100 hrs at the intersection of ALEXANDRA AVE and ST KILDA RD, where all reports will be received.

9. LATRINES.

Latrines have been appointed as shown in Appendix "B".

10. REFUSE :

Each unit will be responsible that the portion of the area occupied by them is thoroughly cleaned before leaving the Assembly Area. Receptacles will be provided.

11. CIVIL ADMINISTRATION :

In accordance with Appendix "F".

CITY OF MELBOURNE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARCH OF RETURNED A.I.F. TROOPS THROUGH THE CITY STREETS ON WEDNESDAY, 19TH APRIL, 1944.

NATURE OF PARADE

The Parade will consist of approximately 5,000 A.I.F. returned troops, marching three abreast.

ASSEMBLY POINT FOR PARADE

In Alexandra Avenue from Morell Bridge to St. Kilda Road; assembly to commence from about 11.30 a.m. Alexandra Avenue from Morell Bridge to St. Kilda Road to be closed for traffic at 11 a.m.

APPROACH TO ASSEMBLY POINT

From Princes Bridge Railway Station where personnel will detrain from trains arriving from 11.30 a.m. onwards.

TIME OF PARADE

To commence at 1.22 p.m. from assembly point in Alexandra Avenue. The Parade will take approximately 35 minutes to pass a given point.

ROUTE

From Alexandra Avenue, St. Kilda Road, Princes Bridge, Swanston Street, Bourke Street, Elizabeth Street, Collins Street, Market Street, Queens Bridge, Riverside Avenue, Jeffries Parade to the dispersal point in Alexandra Avenue.

SALUTING BASE

At the Town Hall on roadway in front of Portico (rostrum to be provided by Military Authorities). Head of procession to reach saluting base at 1.30 p.m. The end of Parade to clear Collins Street about 2.16 p.m.

BANDS

Six bands will be included in the procession; the Police band and Public Service band to play opposite the saluting base. Latter bands to be in position at 12.45 p.m.

PARKING OF OFFICIAL CARS

Official cars to be parked on north side of Collins Street and Little Collins Street between Swanston Street and Russell Street, and provision in courtyard of Town Hall to be made for four cars.

BARRIERS

To be provided as follows:-

- (1) For the full line of route to a point immediately south of Flinders Street, with a few extra lengths at Alexandra Avenue.
- (2) At Ambulance Stations.
- (3) At tramway shunts to requirements of the tramways board.
- (4) At Band Reserve (for two bands)

Barriers to be placed equidistant on both sides of tramway tracks with a clear space of 22 feet between the toes of barriers.

Cot cases and other wounded men to be stationed on the east side of Swanston Street between Little Collins Street and the drive into the Town Hall.

TRAMWAY ARRANGEMENTS

Swanston Street trams to be stopped at Lonsdale Street and at City Road at 12.50 p.m.

Flinders Street trams to be stopped at shunt at St. Paul's Cathedral east of Swanston Street at 12.50 p.m. and in the same street immediately west of Swanston Street at 12.50 p.m., and west of Market Street at 1.35 p.m.

Collins Street trams to be stopped at Gisborne Street and at the shunt in front of the Equitable Building at 12.40 p.m. reverting to Spencer Street at 1.5 p.m.

Elizabeth Street trams to be shunted north of Lonsdale Street opposite St. Francis' Church at 12.55 p.m.

OMNIBUS ARRANGEMENTS

Bourke Street buses to be diverted along Russell Street, Lonsdale Street, King Street to Bourke Street and to shunt at Spencer Street from 12.50 p.m.

North Kew and Port Melbourne buses to be diverted at 12.50 p.m. from Russell Street along Lonsdale Street, Spencer Street, Spencer Street Bridge, Clarendon Street to City Road.

West Melbourne buses to be diverted from Flinders Street and Elizabeth Street to Lonsdale Street and to turn east of Elizabeth Street at 12.55 p.m.

Collingwood buses to turn on east side of Swanston Street in Flinders Street from 12.50 p.m.

Coode Canal buses to be diverted to Spencer Street at 1.30 p.m.

TRAFFIC GENERALLY

Traffic to be kept out of Alexandra Avenue from Morell Bridge to St. Kilda Road from 11 a.m.

No kerbside parking to be permitted on the route of the Parade from 12.30 p.m. until after the Parade is concluded.

Alexandra Avenue between St. Kilda Road and Morell Bridge to be kept clear of cars.

Barriers to be closed at 1 p.m. or earlier should the Police so direct.

Vehicular traffic in the vicinity of the route of the Parade to be stopped and diverted by the Police at 12.45 p.m. or earlier should the Police so direct.

AMBULANCE STATIONS

Positions of ambulance stations to be arranged by the Victorian Civil Ambulance Service with officers of Police and City Engineer's Department; such positions being:-

- (1) North-east corner Alexandra Avenue and St. Kilda Road
- (2) Concourse Flinders Street Railway Station
- (3) South-west corner of Collins Street and Swanston Street
- (4) Swanston Street (opposite Town Hall) south of Century Building
- (5) Leviathan Corner (south-west corner of Bourke Street and Swanston Street)
- (6) London Stores corner (south-west corner of Elizabeth Street and Bourke Street)
- (7) Altson's corner (north-east corner of Collins Street and Elizabeth Street)
- (8) South-east corner of Collins Street and Market Street

H. S. WOOTTON,  
Town Clerk.

4th April, 1944.