

**PART IV**

**CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS 1929-1939**

Extracts from Army Orders,  
Military Board Instructions,  
Estimates, etc. in Chronological  
sequence, 1929-1939

## IMPORTANT RECORDS OF 1930

	<u>Reference</u>
Issue of Lewis Guns and Equipment to School Cadet Detachments	M.B.I.
Formation of Regimental Reserve of Officers. For those unable to perform continuous duty, but who desire to keep connection with training and their unit till they could return.	A.A.C. 68/30
Compulsory leave without pay for members of Permanent Forces. 1930	M.B.I. A51/&52 of
Over £260 per annum – 8 weeks	M.B.I.
Over £247 per annum – 6 weeks 4 days	A59/1930
Over £241 per annum – 5 weeks 4 days	M.B. Cir.
Over £221 per annum – 1 week	313/1930
Approval to form Tank Section Citizen Force	Cir. 18/1930
Table showing details of types of improved uniforms to be issued to Citizen Force	M.B.I. Q65/30
Approval for Emu Plume for all units of Cav. Formation (i.e. Arty. Eng. Etc.)	M.B.I. Q90/30 Corr 755/1/20
Unit Badges for units approved. Value as a link with Cities and Citizen Committee	M.B.I. Q84/30 GB716/2/129
Approval for blue undress at own expense for all W.O.'s	M.B. Cir. 299/30
Breast lines approved for Bandsmen	M.S. Cir 303/30
Provost Staff to be retained till report later in year. later in year	M.B. Cir. 256/30 and
The value of clothing and equipment recovered by them amounted to a considerable sum.	275/30
Full Dress approved for R.A.A. and R.A.E.	M.B. Cir.

To be from existing stocks, as no funds allotted for additional clothing replacements. Full dress had not been worn since 1914.

499/30

Full dress for A.A.S.C. (P) approved

M.B. Cir.  
635/1930

No camps – Voluntary Bivouacs approved in place of.

## 1931. IMPORTANT RECORDS

### Reference

Royal Military College transferred to Victoria Barracks, Sydney, 15/1/1931.	M.S. Cir. 16/1931 Corr. 733/2/91
Scarlet sashes approved for Inftry, Sgts. (Not for personnel wearing Sam Brown belt)	M.B.I. Q5
District Committees to be formed for Military and Athletic Competition. Annual grant approved.	M.B.I. G. 16 17/2/31
Leave without pay IMF to continue into 1931	M.B.I. A.30 14/3/31
Efficiency chevrons approved for Citizen Force (a) Yellow on blue cloth or khaki. (b) Silver bullion on blue cloth or khaki  (a) For each year efficient. (b) For each 5 <sup>th</sup> consecutive year efficient.	M.B.I. Q68 18/7/31
First deliveries of new Jacket expected shortly	M.B.I. Q68 18/7/31
Bands were to be equipped first.	
Application of Financial Emergency Act to P.M.F. Salaries Scales and Tables of Deductions.	M.B.I. F75/31
Continuous Training 193/32 Bivouacs instead of camp; administrative and financial arrangement for same.	M.B.I. Q86/31
Application of Fin. Emergency Act deductions to (a) Formation Cdrs. Citizen Force. (b) Medical and Vet. Officers. (c) Militia Adjts.	
Prizes for skill at arms in P.M.F. reintroduced. (proficiency of unpaid specialists had deteriorated).	M.B.I. G128/31
Responsibilities of members of Forces to pay for deficiencies	M.B.I. G128/31

No intake to R.M.C. (Check)

Reviews to be held to stimulate recruiting and obtaining interest of general public. Estimates of cost to be submitted to A.H.Q.s. District Reviews were not held owing delay in clothing issue.

M.B. Cir  
112/1931

Rifle Clubs to be allotted to definite units as reserves and for training.

M.B. Cir

Rifle Clubs to be administered and controlled by Military Board – previously were under Secretariat since 1920.

M.B. Cir  
129/31  
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Council Rifle  
Clubs Report 1943

## IMPORTANT RECORDS 1931

	<u>Reference</u>
Junior Cadet Training discontinued as Commonwealth activity Dispensed with as civilians employed under Defence Act.	M.B. Cir 318/31 18/7/31
Army Headquarters Training Conference and Tactical Course for senior officers of Staff Corps on all Formation Staffs. (9 pages of agenda showing problems of the moment affecting training of Citizen Forces.)	M.B. Cir. 228/31 Corres. 737/1/11
Security of Drill Halls. As protection against theft and damage, approval for single members of Citizen Force to have room and sleep in exchange for Services. Agreement to be entered into. Form of agreement.	M.B. Cir. 378/31 Corres. 869/14/80
Commissions British Army offered to Staff Corps. Conditions of transfer.	M.B. Cir. 118/31 Corr. 786/19/139
Commissions in Indian Army as above.	M.B. Cir 434/31
Colonial Aux. Forces Decoration changed to Efficiency Decoration. Period for Medal reduced to 12 years.	M.B. Cir.
Falling off of strength of Militia during September, 1931.	M.B. Cir. 552/1931

### Quarterly Recruiting Returns

			See also
Increases	31.3.30	6382	572/31 for
Increases	30.6.30	3660	details for
Increases	30.9.30	900	arms
Increases	31.12.30	147	and districts.
Increases	31.3.31	1586	
Increases	30.6.31	113	
Drop	30.9.31	1918	

Senior Cadets also decreased by 649 during quarter.

All other action to be subordinated to bring units to strength and maintaining them.

Director of Rifle Associations and Clubs appointed in A.G. Branch 1/11/1931.

Control of Rifle Associations and Clubs taken over from Commonwealth Council of Rifle Clubs by A.G. from 1/3/1931.

Para. 6 of above.

M.B. Cir. 566/31

See report of Commonwealth Council of Rifle Clubs 1941, 1942, 1943. Para 47.

## IMPORTANT RECORDS

1. Staff Corps officers transferred to British Army: A.A.C.  

Lt. Hearder, R.D.  
Lt. Power, H.J.  
Lt. Humphries, R.H.  
Lt Christie, R.C.
  
2. Lt. Col. Sturdee completed Defence College. A.A.C.  
37/32
  
3. Majors Rowe, Milford, Sutherland graduated Staff College A.A.C. 56/32
  
4. Minister Defence orders (1) Conferences of Militia Commanding Officers (similar to those last held in 1912/1913) to be held. A.A.C.  
72/1932
  
5. (2) A return of effective showing:  

(a) enlistment.  
(b) effectives.  
(c) attendance at parades and bivouacs to be compiled to show comparative results by arms and units.

(3) Proceedings to be despatched to reach Army Headquarters not later than 7/6/32.

Files and correspondence regarding above (Important)

N.B. Agenda  
No. 42/1932  
Corres. 020/1/217  
and 929/1/122.
  
6. Approval for issue of Uniform maintenance allowance for rank and file of P.M.F. at rate of 8d. per diem.  

(An intended reduction in pay of all Commonwealth employees caused by fall in cost of living. P.M.F. had not shared in any allowance for rises in cost of living which Commonwealth employees had (£21 since 1926). On the other hand P.M.F. salaries had been rationed.

S.R. 24/2/33.

7. 10 vacancies R.M.C. for 1933 Notice after  
A.A.O. 162/32.

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**Reference**

8. Detailed annual establishment of Staff R.M.C. and of Permanent Force (See table in Part II thereof) A.A.O.  
182/32.

9. The organisation and distribution of Citizen Forces at date. (No Military Forces list was issued between 1928 and 1934).

10. Citizen Forces A.W.L. beyond 3 months. A.A.C.]  
Clothing and equipment to be withdrawn (see succeeding 245/32.  
entries for legal difficulties till D.A. 79 was amended).

11. Only 1 Staff Corps officer to Camberley and Quetta M.B.I.  
alternatively instead of 3 each year.

Entrance exam. To be qualifying and not competitive.  
Successful candidates to be posted to Staff College  
Qualified Selective List.  
To be selected by Military Board.

12. Standing orders for Dress 1931 issued 15/2/32 M.B.I.  
Q10

13. Instructions that Tattoes and Gymkhanas to be held: M.B.I.  
Approval for military stores and facilities to be utilised. G21/32.

14. Control of Defence Areas – M.B.I.  
More powers and responsibilities to District Commandants re 33/32  
erection of buildings and public utilities. M.B. Cir.  
233/28  
351/31

Lists of prohibited areas in Military Districts.

15. Recovery of clothing and equipment from members of Civilian M.B.I.  
Force 51/32

16. (Legal ruling that possession must be proved on the day 91/32  
demand was made). Corr. 703/4/10

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| <p>Authorities to employ civilian cooks, waiters, batmen in camps in order to increase numbers for training.</p>  | <p>M.B.I.<br/>F61.</p>  |
| <p>17. Issue of new pattern Jacket approved<br/>         (a) after two years' service<br/>         (b) to recruits who cannot be fitted with A.I.F. pattern Service Jacket from stocks.</p> | <p>M.B.I.<br/>Q74<br/>Oct. 1932<br/>Cancels<br/>M.B.I.<br/>Q115/1931.</p> |
| <p>18. Instructions to form District and Bde. Military and Athletic Associations to organise, control competitions and arrange details</p>  | <p>M.B.I.<br/>G90/32</p>  |
| <p>Annual allocation approved for fares, freight and subsistence of country competitors.</p>  | <p>Corres. 739/5/261</p>  |
| <p>19. D.A. 79 amended to simplify recovery of clothing and equipment. (Only necessary to prove was in possession prior to time of issue of demand to deliver up).</p>                      |   |

## IMPORTANT RECORDS OF 1933

	<u>Authority</u>
Albert Park Drill Hall and guns and equipment 4 <sup>th</sup> Div. Arty. burnt January, 1933.	
Standing Committees appointed	A.A.C. 326/31
(a)    War Establishments.	
(b)    Mechanical Warfare.	
(c)    Inventions Board.	
(d)    Oil Fuel.	
Brig. Gen. C.H. Jess on loan to State Government of Victoria as organiser of State Centenary Celebrations 18/5/33 to 1/1/34 whilst on furlough.	A.A.C. 96/33
Captain R.H. Irving to Quetta	A.A.C.
Captain – Wells to Camberley.	130/33.
Captain- Davies to School of Gunnery, England.	
R.M.C. Vacancies for 1934:	After Notice
4 over 19 years.	A.A.O.
5 under 19 years.	155/33
Completion of Gun instalment at Darwin command. After 15 <sup>th</sup> October, 1933, 9 <sup>th</sup> Heavy Battery RAA to be established instead of at Thursday Island. To be administered by Cdt., 1 <sup>st</sup> Dist. Base.	A.A.C. 189/33
Annual Establishment of Permanent Forces.	A.A.C. 219/33
Darwin Construction Party under Col. T.R. Williams – Personnel of – from September 1932 – October, 1933.	A.A.C. 232/33
Brig. C.F. Phillip to Command 1 <sup>st</sup> Div. and Dist. Base. Brig J.M.C. Corlette ceased temporarily administering command of 1 <sup>st</sup> Divn., 31/1/33	C. of A. Gaz. 6/33.

Legal procedure and enforcement of orders of court to return equipment only to be enforced if approved by Formation Commander. <u>Financial position of the offender to be considered.</u>	M.B.I. A6/33.
Application of financial Relief Act to Permanent Forces.	M.B.I. F91/33
Service dress jackets may be retained by personnel as second garment irrespective of time on issue.	M.B.I. Q69/33
Part-worn Service dress jackets may be retained by <u>units</u> for use as working dress of members.	M.B.I.
19 <sup>th</sup> A.L.H. Regiment reformed as an Armoured Car Regt. in Wimmers Victoria.	A.A.O. 193/33.
Brig. A. Luxton to administer 4 <sup>th</sup> Div (temp.) Col. E.M. Williams to administer 3 <sup>rd</sup> D.B. 18 <sup>th</sup> May to 30 <sup>th</sup> June.	A.A.O. 144/33.
Major J. Northcott, Staff Corps, appointed C.S.O (2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade) 44 <sup>th</sup> (Home counties) Division in Great Britain. The first Aust. Officer to be so appointed.	A.A.O. 129/33.
Linking Battalions to economise cost of administration – 23/41 Bn., 2/33 Bn.	A.A.C. 256/1935.
Brig. Gen. T.A. Todds reappointed A.G. 5/4/33	C. of A. Gazette 52/33.
Brig J.T. McColl to temp. Comd. 4 Div, and 3 D. Base 1/7/33.	C. of A. Gazette 35/33.
Strength at end of year was:	See Sheet 7
Citizen Forces – 24502 – a drop of 257 from the preceding year.	Part II.

**PART IV.**

**IMPORTANT RECORDS OF 1934**

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| 1.  | Major J.A. Chapman, Staff Corps, returned from Staff College, Camberley and Hythe School of Musketry. | A.A.O.<br>1/34.                            |
| 2.  | New list of graded appointments authorised for command and staff pay revised.                         | A.A.O.<br>43/1934.                         |
| 3.  | Army Headquarters A.A.S.C. Training School established at Victoria Barracks, Melbourne.               | A.A.O.<br>53/1934.                         |
| 4.  | Major S.F. Rowell to Great Britain attachment.  | A.A.O.<br>231/34.                          |
| 5.  | Captain J.B. Sutherland, Staff Corps, to Great Britain for training with Royal Engineers.             | A.A.O.<br>231/34.                          |
| 6.  | Captain C.B. Dawkins to Staff College, Camberley.   | A.A.O.<br>231/34.                          |
| 7.  | Major W. Bridgeford visiting Training Camps, New Zealand.   |  |
| 8.  | Major Wier, N.Z. Staff Corps, Visiting Training Camps in Aust.  | A.A.O.<br>86/1934<br>Corres.<br>859/20/52. |
| 9.  | Major D. Stuart, 5 <sup>th</sup> Mahrattas, Indian Army, arrived in exchange Major G. Vasey           | A.A.O.<br>207/34.                          |
| 10. | Captains A.P.O. White )<br>C.E.M. Lloyd ) qualified at Staff College England.                         | A.A.O.<br>63/34.                           |
| 11. | Captain C.M. Elliott qualified Staff College, Quetta  | A.A.O.<br>128/34.                          |
| 12. | Death of the Quartermaster-General, Brig. F.B. Heritage.  | A.A.O.<br>157/34.                          |
| 13. | Brig. Gen. O.F. Phillips to be Quartermaster-General.   | C. of A.<br>Gazette.                       |

14. Major G.A. Vasey to India for exchange 2 years, Captain Sissom to Advanced Course, College of Science, England. A.A.O.  
182/34  
A.A.O.  
182/34.
15. Major Gen. G. Barber, Director-General of Medical Services on furlough prior to retirement. A.A.O.  
147/34.
16. Functions and list of personnel comprising Departmental and Army Committee. A.A.O.  
196/34.
17. Darwin Defences to be controlled and administered direct with Army Headquarters instead of 1<sup>st</sup> Dist Base. A.A.O.  
242/34  
Corres.  
704/1/16.
18. The Adjutant-General (Major Gen. T.H. Dodds) permitted to retire from Permanent Military Forces. C. of A.  
Gazette  
68/34  
A.A.O.  
31/10/34

### IMPORTANT RECORDS OF 1935

1. Congratulatory message to Forces from H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester on units seen during tour. A.A.O. 1/35.
2. Major W.F. Todd (Cameronians) Scottish Rifles disembarked for exchange duties. Appointed G.S.O.2 in Directorate Mil Training A.A.Qrs. A.A.O. 2/35.
3. Lt.-Col. T.R. Williams, Staff Corps, embarked for 12 months service with British Army mechanisation. A.A.O. 2/35.
4. Captain A.G. Wilson, Staff Corps, embarked for Staff College, Quetta. A.A.O. 2/35.
5. Annual Est. permanent Mil. Forces A.A.O. 26/35.
6. Major L.G. Goss, New Zealand Staff Corps, arrived on liaison. A.A.O.
7. Major S.F. Rowell to be G.S.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 44 Home Counties Division, Territorial Army. A.A.O. 50/35.
8. Major J. Northcott, S.C., to attend Imperial Def. College. A.A.O. 50/35.
9. The C.G.S. (Major-Gen J.H. Bruche) to furlough pending retirement April 20<sup>th</sup> A.A.O. 74/35.
10. Col. J.D. Laverack from Cdt. R.M.C. to be C.G.S. April 21<sup>st</sup> A.A.O. Supplement Page 59.
11. Lt. Col. (Bt. Col) C.G.W. Miles to be Comdt., R.M.C. A.A.O. Supplement Page 59.
12. Brig. Ralph S.C. (Comdg. I.D.B. (to furlough pending retirement 29<sup>th</sup> May. A.A.O. 114/35.
13. Captain F.N. Nurse attached Fixed Defences, Singapore 23/1/35 - - Returned 23/6/35 A.A.O. 124/35.

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| 14. | Capt. J.E. Barrett visited New Zealand Camps of Training.   | A.A.O.<br>126/35.                 |
| 15. | Title "Royal" conferred on 1 A.L.H. (New South Wales) Lancers, and 6 Bn. (City of Melbourne) Regiment.                                | A.A.O.<br>135/55                  |
| 16. | Total establishment Citizen Forces and Senior Cadets not members of school detachments to be Citizen Force 30746, Senior Cadets 7000. | A.A.O.<br>161/35.                 |
| 17. | Best shooting units of Militia – results of Rifle, Light Automatic and N.G. winning units all obtained over 96% qualified.            | A.A.O.<br>237/1955.               |
| 18. | Vacancies for Cadets, R.M.C., 1936:<br>over 19 years – 2.<br>Under 19 years – 8   | A.A.O.<br>245/35.                 |
| 19. | Lt. Col. E.K. Smart to be Liaison Officer, High Commissioner's office, Great Britain, vice Beavis.                                    | A.A.O.<br>272/35.                 |
| 20. | Major R.G. Legge        )<br>Capt I.R. Campbell    )        to Camberley.   | A.A.O.<br>246/35.                 |
| 21. | Captain T.N. Gooch to Small Arms and Anti-Gas School, Great Britain.  | A.A.O.<br>272/35.                 |
| 22. | Lt. C.A. Gillett, A.A.O.C. to Great Britain for M.T. and Ordnance Training – 2 years  | A.A.O.<br>272/35.                 |
| 23. | Brig. J.L. Hardie to Commd. 1 Div. and 1 <sup>st</sup> Dist. Base.  | C. of A.<br>Gazette<br>No. 28/35  |
| 24. | Col. J.L. Whitham to Command 11 <sup>th</sup> Mixed Bde. and 1 <sup>st</sup> D.B. Queensland  |                                   |
| 25. | Col. P.M. McFarlane to Command Field Troops and 4 D.B. South Australia.   |                                   |
| 26. | Col E.M. Williams to be Commander, Field Troops and 6 <sup>th</sup> D. Base. Tasmania.  | C. of A.<br>Gazette<br>No. 28/35, |
| 27. | Captain J.I. Brook, New Zealand Staff Corps, attached to R.M.C.   | C. of A.<br>Gazette<br>47/35.     |

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| 28. | Brig. Gen. C.H. Jess and Col. J.D. Laverack to be Major-General.   | Page 134 of Supplement to A.A.O. Corres. |
| 29. | Col. R.M. Downes, D.G.M.S., to be Major-General  | J.G.                                     |
| 30. | See correspondence re Departmental policy regarding the number of Major-Generals, Staff Corps, and their interchangeability.                 |  |
| 31. | Issue of Sam Browne Belts to Warrant Officers of Citizen Forces approved.  | M.B.I.<br>Q11/35.                        |
| 33. | Approval for Regimental Buttons to be purchased private funds.   | M.B.I.<br>Q96/35.                        |
| 34. | Special Training Instruction for 1935 – 2936:  | M.B.I.<br>G52                            |
|     | (a) Medium Artillery to adopt plan of alternate training and practice camps.   |  |
|     | (b) Staff Courses to be held in each formation for tactical training of Staff Corps and A.I.C. Officers (In addition to annual Staff Course) | M.B.I.<br>G/52                           |
|     | (c) Long-week-end tactical courses to be held for Senior Officers.   |  |
|     | (d) Artillery and medical tactical courses to be held for Senior Officers in each district.  |  |
| 35. | Staff College qualified Selected List – amendments to procedure.   | A.A.O.<br>224/35.                        |
| 36. | Reviews in honour of the Jubilee of H.M. The King held in each Military District.  | ?  |
| 37. | Amendment to Duties and Standing Orders of Small Arms School, Randwick:  | Supp.<br>to                              |
|     | (a) To train selected candidates for appointment to A.O. Corps.  | A.A.O.<br>289.                           |

(b) To conduct refresher courses for A.I.C.  
attached to Cav. And Infantry.

38. Strength at end of year was 24435, a decrease of 746 from previous year – caused mostly by members having completed three years, and discharges of members A.W.L. for long periods.

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### IMPORTANT RECORDS OF 1936

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| 1.  | Title of "Royal granted to Militia Units of Artillery and Engineers.  | A.A.O.<br>12/36.             |
| 2.  | Annual Establishments Permanent Force   | A.A.O. 25/36                 |
| 3.  | Reorganisation of Coast Defences:   |                              |
|     | (a) Reintroduction of appointment of "Commander, Coast Defences"  | A.A.O. 32/36.                |
|     | (b) Organisation of Heavy Batteries in 2 and 3 Military Districts into Heavy Bdes.                                |                              |
|     | (c) Designation of "Commanding Officer, Heavy Bde." instead of Staff Officer Artillery.                           |                              |
| 4.  | Reintroduction of term "Fortress Companies RA.E." allotted to Coast Defences.                                     | A.A.O. 33/36                 |
| 5.  | Lt. Col. V.P.H. Stantke – 12 months training in England.  | A.A.O. 45/36                 |
| 6.  | Lt. Col. E.K. Smart to be Liaison Officer High Commissioner's Officer, vice Lt. Col. Beavis.                      | A.A.O. 45/36                 |
| 7.  | Course for senior officers of Staff Corps under direction of C.G.S. in vicinity Sydney and Newcastle 17 – 29 Feb. | A.A.O. 47/36                 |
| 8.  | Commandants' Conference (at end of above) held at Sydney under A.G.   | A.A.O. 46/36                 |
| 9.  | Upper age for normal entry to R.M.C. increased to 20 years.   | Notice after<br>A.A.O. 73/36 |
| 10. | Major R.C.G. Prisk to England – 12 months training.   | A.A.O. 74/36                 |
| 11. | Captain P.S. McGrath to administer command of 33/41 Bn. from 1/5/36   | A.A.O. 74/36<br>(709/10/24). |
|     | Major H.C.H. Robertson to New Zealand to visit camps, etc.  | A.A.O.<br>98/36              |

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| 12. | Captain G. Dittmer, N.Z. Staff Corps visited camps in Australia.   | A.A.O.<br>98/36   |
| 13. | Revised List of Departmental and Military Board Committees.  | A.A.O.<br>120/36  |
| 14. | Bt. Lt. Col. W.A.B. Steele for 12 months training in England   | A.A.O.<br>122/36. |
| 15. | Lt. Col. J. Northcott attended S.O. School, Sheerness.   | A.A.O.<br>150/36. |
| 16. | Vacancies for Cadets R.M.C. for 1937   | Notice            |
|     | Normal entry -       15  |                   |
|     | R.M.C. Reg.       -     5  |                   |
| 17. | Lt. Col. C.A. Clowee embarked for gunnery and other courses<br>England for two years.  | A.A.O.<br>177/36. |
| 18. | Appointment of Publicity Recruiting Officer at Army Headquarters.<br>Col F.J. Alderson appointed.  | A.A.O.<br>188/36. |
| 19. | Large number of Militia Acting Adjutants required  | A.A.O.<br>91/36.  |
| 20. | Lts.    M.R. Buring                 )    Attachment to<br>R.W. Knights               )    Indian Army.<br>J.F. McCaffrey             )<br>K.E. Wheeler               ) | A.A.O.<br>201/36. |
| 21. | Lt. R.K. Gilchrist to attend Advanced Class College of Science<br>in England.  | A.A.O.<br>201/36. |
| 22. | Captain A.H. Boyes to command and administer 41 <sup>st</sup> Bn.  | A.A.O.<br>201/36. |
| 23. | Army School of Signals Established on Permanent Basis 1/10/36.   | A.A.O.<br>213/36. |
| 24. | Military Contingent from Victoria to South Australia for Centenary<br>Celebrations – 12 Officers, 188 Other Rank, Permanent and Militia.                               | A.A.O.<br>214/36. |
| 25. | Amended List of Graded Appointments for Command and/or Staff Pay -<br>October, 1936.   | A.A.O.<br>256/36. |

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| 26. | Bt. Lt. Col. K.A. McKenzie to England 2 years as Exchange Officer.   | A.A.O.<br>271/36.                 |
| 27. | Captains E.W. Woodward and E.L. Sheehan to Staff College, Camberley.   | A.A.O.<br>271/36.                 |
| 28. | Increase in Instructional Corps – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Special Course at Small Arms School 11 <sup>th</sup> August to 12 <sup>th</sup> December.<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Special Course from 9 <sup>th</sup> February, 1937, to 12 <sup>th</sup> June. | A.A.O.<br>273/36.                 |
| 29. | Recruiting Poster Design Competition.  | Notice after<br>A.A.O.<br>293/36. |
| 30. | Method of addressing Warrant Officers – Sgt. Major to be used orally when not holding honorary commission.   | M.B.I.<br>A. 14                   |
| 31. | Rules for Regimental Reserve of Officers Objective para. 1.  | M.B.I.<br>A/18.                   |
| 32. | Administration of Discipline, Militia Forces – Commanding Officers' Parades and absence without leave therefrom – fines to be inflicted and stoppages made.  | M.B.I.<br>A/29.                   |
| 33. | Recovery of Clothing and equipment of non-effectives.  | M.B.I.<br>Q 30.                   |
| 34. | Instructions regarding privately owned vehicles for military training .  | M.B.I.<br>Q.36.                   |
| 35. | Enlistment of Civil Staff in Militia Forces – no restriction to be placed.   | M.B.I.<br>A.40.                   |
| 36. | Training Instruction. Tactical training in coastal areas. Camps to be changed when possible. Full details.   | M.B.I.<br>G.50/36.                |
|     | (a) Pre-mobilisation training.   |                                   |
|     | (b) Reports on Officers, N.C.O.s, and Specialists.   |                                   |
|     | (c) Ability to train other ranks.  |                                   |
|     | (d) Progress made in preparation for duties in war.  |                                   |

37. Consolidated instruction for Senior Cadets at Educational Establishments. M.B.I. G51.
38. Recruiting campaign to raise Militia to 35,000. M.B.I. A.52.
39. Appreciation of A.G. on recruiting. Copy attached
40. Pay and efficiency allowance. Discretion allowed by A.M.R.&O. 929 M.B.I. A.91.
- (a) All approved parades to count.
- (b) In first half year pay up to 3 whole days Home Training.
- (c) In second half year, up to Home Training total for year less payment made for first half.
41. Approval for V.A.D.'s at camps. Limited males may attend without pay or allowances M.B.I. A.92.
42. Coronation Contingent: M.B.I. A.97.
- R.A.N. - 25
- A.M.F. - 100
- R.A.A.F. - 25
- [43.] Rules for selection
- [44.] Brig. A.M. Martyn to SA. 1/1/1936 C. of A. Gazette No. 3 19/1/36.
- Brig. P.M. MacFarlane to W.A. 1/1/1936
- Bt. Lt. Col. L.R. Beavis to be Chairman of Supply Board. C. of A. Gazette 38/36.
- [45.] Training Establishments Senior Cadets at Educational Institutions. Page 4 amendment notified in A.A.O. 95 30/4/36.
- List of Detachments and Location
- Total 174 officers, 3321 other ranks.



54. Provision for increase in strength and improvement of conditions Militia. Military Board made responsible for ensuring interest by training and administration. Para. 26.
55. Senior Cadets: Page 11  
Regimental detachments 3173 compared 2880 last year.  
School detachments 3728 compared 3032 para. 27.
56. Officers' training abroad: Page 12  
13 Officers. para. 29.  
2 Officers on exchange.
57. Increase in Survey Corps: Page 12.  
1 Officer Major.  
5 W. Officers.  
7 maps during year.

## IMPORTANT RECORDS

1937

Major S.F. Rowell to I.D.C.		1/31
Captain Kappe – To Staff College, Quetta.		A.A.O. 1/37
Captain Hopkins – England Tank Training, 2 years.	)	A.A.O. 1/37
	)	
W.O. K.A. Watts – England Tank Training, 2 years.	)	
Lieut. G.A. Nicholls – England 12 months A.A.S.C. Training		A.A.O. 19/37
Lieut. F.T.H. Bradley, A.A.O.C. England for O.M.E. Course.		A.A.O. 19/37
Captain H.G. Edgar	)	Returned from training
Captain A.G. Wilson	)	abroad.
Captain A.W. Riordan	)	
Captain C.B. Dawkins		A.A.O. 19/37
Captain T.N. Gooch passed Military College science.		A.A.O. 20/37
W.O. Small Completed Foreman of Signals Course, England.		A.A.O. 30/37
Annual Establishment of Permanent Forces.		A.A.O. 42/37
Majors Forbes and Nimmo to England, 12 months.		A.A.O. 43/37
Brevet Lt-Col A.J. Boase to India – Exchange, 2 years.		A.A.O. 43/37
Major Deakin, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Punjab Regt. arrived on exchange, 2 years.		A.A.O. 43/37
Major G. Vasey – Returned from Exchange, India.		A.A.O. 64/37
Lt-Col J. Northcott returned from I.D.C. England and special duty for Prime Minister’s Department in Canada and U.S.A. reporting on transportation.		A.A.O. 64/37
Coronation Contingent – Assembly, Departure and Nominal Roll		A.A.O. 82/37
		896/1/97
New units being formed in consequence of increase to 35,000 List.		A.A.O. 83/37

Major Huxtable visiting Training Camps in New Zealand.	A.A.O. 99/37
Major Stevens R.N.Z.A. visiting camps in Australia.	A.A.O. 99/37
King George VI accepts Colonelcy in Chief of Australian Infantry.	A.A.O. 105/37
Duke of Gloucester becomes Colonel in Chief of A.L.H.	A.A.O. 105/37
The Princess Royal Princess Mary accepts Colonelcy in Chief, Australian Signals.	A.A.O. 105/37
Major Mockler Ferryman, M.C., Royal Artillery arrived on exchange.	A.A.O. 143/37
List published of Territorial Titles and Mottoes of all A.L.H. and Infantry units.	A.A.O. 175/37
Duntroon entry 1938 Normal 8 under R.M.C. Reg 5 2.	A.A.O. 176/37
Major J. Sewell to England 2 years Gunnery Courses.	A.A.O. 177/37
Captain A.D. MacDonald, Staff Corps, to administer command of 56 <sup>th</sup> Battalion. No C.M.F. officer available – Precedent established of Staff Corps officer commanding Militia Unit.	A.A.O. 177/37
Lt-Col J. Whitelaw attached to Malaya Command, Singapore	A.A.O. 198/37
Major R. Kendall to England, Signals Course.	A.A.O. 222/37
Lieut. Forrest to England – Military College of Science.	A.A.O. 222/37
Director of Recruiting publicity appointed, Colonel Alderson.	A.A.O. 256
Major A.B. William, R.N.Z.A., arrived exchange 2 years.	A.A.O. 272
Major F.N. Nurse to New Zealand exchange, 2 years.	A.A.O. 272/37
Captain A.R. Garrett and White to Staff College, Camberley	A.A.O. 272/37.
Major A.S. Wilson to England Ordnance Course.	272/37

Lieut. K Major to England Signals Course	272/37
Brigadier J.T. McColl, Commander 4 <sup>th</sup> Division and Commandant 3 <sup>rd</sup> District Base to furlough pending retirement.	A.A.O. 288/37
Training Report and Instructions.	M.B.I. G.33/37
Change in Method of Classification of Official Documents - Secret Security Confidential	M.B.I. G. 35/37
The Status and Employment of officers of A.A.L.D. and the Judge Advocate General	M.B.I. A.63
Blue forage caps with peaks and coloured bands issued to all Arms to improve uniform.	M.B.I. Q.66
Rank of Q.M.G. raised to Major-General	C. of A. Gazette 107/1937
Brevet Lt-Col L.J. Beavis relinquished Chairmanship of Defence Resources Board ) )	C. of A. Gazette
Major G.C. Rowe seconded to P.S.O. Committee to be executive officer. ) )	
Report of Director-General Medical Service issued.	
27 Militia officers appointed acting adjutant during year.	
13 Relinquished positions.	
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40 Changes during year.	
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Mr J.T. Fitzgerald appointed Finance Member, Military Board.	23/2/37.
K.M. Travers ) C.H. O'Brien ) ex Staff Corps	
reappointed on probation with rank of Captain.	A.A.O.
“Efficiency allowance” (M.B.I. A.52/36) changed to “Peace Training Allowance” in order not to apply after mobilization.	A.A.A. 18/37

## RECORDS OF 1938

1. Captain H.F.G. Banfield, Staff Corps, To Staff College, Quetta. A.A.O. 1/38
2. Captain B.E. Klein, Staff Corps, Attached to R.A.A.F. for Air Liaison. A.A.O. 1/38
3. Title of Appointment "Director of Railways" altered to "Director of Railway Transportation". A.A.O. 15/38
4. Establishment of P.M.F. for 1938. A.A.O. 28/38
5. Lieut. C.W.T. Kyngdon to England for Training with R.A.A.S.C. A.A.O. 29/38
6. Lieut. A. Milner, A.A.O.C.(P) to England for Ordnance Mechanical Engineers Course. A.A.O. 29/38
7. Expansion of A.A.O.C.(P) A.A.O. 41/38
8. Major T.A. Vance, Aust. Survey Corps, to United States for six months Survey Training. A.A.O. 61/38
9. Director of Movement & Director of Railway Transportation. Added to Members of War Railway Council. A.A.O. 134/38
10. Confirmation of probationary appointment of 53 W.O.s. II, A.I.C. 61/38
11. Brevet Lt-Col R.A. Nimms attend S.O.S. A.A.O. 75/38
12. Lt-Col S.F. Rowell completed Course at I.D.C. A.A.O. 116/38
13. No. 5 Course for A.I.C. at Army School, Randwick – 26 qualified and posted to units, 11/6/38. A.A.O. 161/38
14. District Officer & R.Q.M.S. added to Staff of Darwin Defences A.A.O. 174/38
15. Lieut. D.G. McKenzie to England. Training with R.A.S.C. A.A.O. 174/38
16. Lieut. M.H. McArthur ) Corps  
W.A. Wearne ) Staff/to India  
E.L. Cook ) for Training  
A.T.J. Bell ) with  
T.J. Daly ) Indian Army. A.A.O. 196/38

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| 17. | Returned Soldiers League. Trophy for most efficient infantry unit won by 11 <sup>th</sup> Bn. W.A. (230 points out of possible 250). 27 other units gained over 200 points out of 250. | A.A.O. 206    |
| 18. | Increases of Artillery and Engineer Instructors A.I.C. by Transfer from R.A.A. and R.A.E.  | A.A.O. 209/38 |
| 19. | Major J.K. Coffey to Great Britain as A.M.L.O. at Aust. House.   | A.A.O. 225/38 |
| 20. | Exam Militia – Large increase in numbers sitting for first appointment, and for promotion.   | A.A.O. 225/38 |
| 21. | Best shooting units of Militia Forces.   |               |

**Cavalry**

Rifle	–	20 <sup>th</sup> A.L.H.		
L.M.G.	–	20 <sup>th</sup> A.L.H.		
Vickers	–	(8 <sup>th</sup> A.L.H. (15 <sup>th</sup> A.L.H. (20 <sup>th</sup> A.L.H.	All 100% qualified	A.A.O. 237/39

**Infantry**

Rifle	-	31 Bn.		
L.M.G.	-	31 Bn.		
Vickers	-	(30 <sup>th</sup> Bn. (47 <sup>th</sup> Bn.	All 100% qualified.	

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| 22. | Increase in numbers for promotion R.A.A. (P) –                  |               |
|     | For Sergeant – 43   | A.A.O. 235/38 |
|     | For Bombardier – 182  |               |
| 23  | Lt-Col John A. Chapman to England for exchange duties, 3 years. | A.A.O. 253/38 |

24. Lt-Col W. Bridgeford – to Imperial Defence College. A.A.O. 253/1935  
 Major E.E. Grant ) To Staff College,  
 Capt R.G. Pollard) Camberley  
 and also to attend Air Liaison Officers Course. A.A.O. 253/38
25. Large increase in number of candidates from Permanent Forces sitting for certificates of Education. A.A.O. 260/38  
 (16 pages average 36 to page, total 576).
26. Major A.J. Stewart to England for RASC and Supply and Transport Training. A.A.O. 253/38
27. Major A.H. Hellstrom to England – ordnance Course at College of Science. 283/38
28. Major T.A. Vance returned from Survey Training in N.Z., Canada, U.S.
29. First Senior Officers Course at Command and Staff School. A.A.O. 285/34  
 8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> August, 1938. Names of officers attending.
30. No. 4 (Majors) Course at Comd & Staff School, C.M.F. (31/10/38 - 12/11/38 – Names attending). A.A.O. 287/38
31. No. 5 Majors P.M.F. 21/11/38 to 10/12/38 (names attending). A.A.O. 287/38
32. No. 6 Special Course for A.I.C., Randwick from 4/7/38 to 23/11/38. 52 qualified. Postings. A.A.O. 290/38  
 A.A.O. 300/38
33. Royal Military College. Special entry. Short Course – 25 vacancies. Ages between 20 and 25 years. See Notice after A.A.O. 308/38.
34. Design for recruiting poster. Competition among numbers of Commonwealth Military Forces. 308/35
35. Assumption of Rank of Field Marshal in Aust. Army by H.M. The King. C of A Gazette 32 of 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 1938.

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| 36. | Two M.G. approved for Citizen Forces (commanding 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Divisions)<br>Two local M.G. for commanding 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Divisions<br>Two local Mjr-Gens for commanding 1 and 2 Cav Divisions. | C of A Gazette<br>35 of 9 <sup>th</sup> June. |
| 37. | Rank of Brigadier conferred on Militia Bde Comdrs.   | C of A Gazette<br>35 of 9/6/38.               |
| 38. | Captain K.M. Travis seconded with Department of Interior for liaison with Army works.  | Supplement 15                                 |
| 39. | Col H.D. Wynter appointed Comdt Command and Staff School.  | C of A Gazette<br>37, Jan. 1938.              |
| 40. | Lt-Gen E.K. Squires, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., to be Inspector-General. 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 1938.   | C of A. Gazette                               |
| 41. | Title of Master General Ordnance re-introduced.  | C of A Gazette<br>58/38                       |
| 42. | Col T.R. Williams appointed Deputy Master General Ordnance.  | C of A Gazette<br>60/38                       |
| 43. | Issue of long awaited athletic equipment – Scale of.   | M.B.I. Q3/38                                  |
| 44. | Major-General Sir. C.H. Jess re-appointed A.G. 1/12/38.  | C of A Gazette<br>72/38                       |
| 45. | White Frock approved as summer full dress for Colonels and above, and for Staff Corps.   | M.B.I. Q13                                    |
| 46. | Training Instructions for 1938/39. (see comments attached hereto).   | M.B.I. G21/38                                 |
| 47. | Safe Custody and preservation unit stores – Losses caused by shortage of Staff not now excusable as extra AIC have been appointed.   | M.B.I. Q12/38                                 |
| 47. | Issue of Steel Helmets for training and wear with gas respirators.   | M.B.I. Q50                                    |
| 48. | Approval of issue of Riles to Clubs formed in Militia units not normally fitted with one rifle per soldier.  | M.B.I. Q38                                    |

49. Command and Staff School. Established East Block, Victoria Barracks, Sydney , from 4<sup>th</sup> July. Objects and organisation. M.B.I. G44/38
50. Geneva Red Cross – Offence to use design except with Approval of Minister. M.B.I. A.64/38
51. Optional Summer Dress of Shorts and Shirt Citizen Forces. M.B.I. Q68/38
52. Increase in Strength of Militia Forces to 70,000. Organisation – brochure. M.B.I. A.88.
53. Length of Camps increased to 12 days may be attended in two sections. M.B.I. G91/38
- Home Training – 8 days for offr. and N.C.O.'s – 6 days for rank and file Camp Training to be sub-divided progressively. Pay at full rates for 10 day courses.
54. Militia Adjutants - M.F.R.&I. 18  
To be paid fares between residence and drill hall for parades A.A.O. 72/38  
and courses recorded.  
In addition, fares between place of business and that of his Commanding Officer.
55. One-sided outdoor skeleton force exercises to be held. A.A.O. 114/38  
page 2.
56. Amendment to procedure and medical principles and standards P.M.F. – C.M.F. Mobilisation. Amendment
57. Training of the additional recruits for R.A.E. to be carried out at Regtl. Depots: A.A.O. 173/38  
Page 2.
- Chowder.  
Queenscliffe.  
Rottnest.  
Darwin.
58. Command in time of war. All troops in District Command to come under Dist. Comdt. in time of war. Amendments  
A.A.O. 31 Jul 38  
A.M.R. 49A
59. Establishment A.I.C. for 1938/39. A.A.O. 28.

60.	Speech by Minister for Defence on Australian Defence Policy.	Hansard 6/12/38
1.	Introduction.	Pamphlet Dept. of Def. Lib. 20627.
2.	Land Defence ) Function of Army is – in cooperation – to ) defend Commonwealth against Territorial aggression.) Assessment of risk of invasion.	Page 7 & 8
	Government Policy for Development of Army.	Page 9.
	Progress in rearmament first line component.	Page 9.
	Effect of Munich crisis in the process of Development of Army. (See comment)	Page 10.
	Proposals for expanded programme.	Page 10.
	Proposals for expanded programme.	Page 10 & 11
	Establishment of Base at Port Moresby.	Page 14.
	National Planning. War Book and Plans.	Page 19.
	Man Power – Chairman to be made full time appointment. Sir Thomas Blamey appointed civilian capacity.	Page 19
	Industrial Mobilisation – Responsibility of Principal Supply Officers Committee.	Pamphlet page 20.
	Conclusion:	
1.	Difficulties peculiar to Defence Programme.	Pamphlet, page 21.
2.	Material requirements	22
3.	Works Aspect.	22
4.	Man power Training	22

5.	Co-ordinated Development	23
	Strategical Development of Aust. Defence Forces	23
	Basis of Policy and criticism Policy must be based on unity rather than diversity of the services.	24
	Broadcast on Recruiting by Prime Minister (Rt Hon. J.A. Lyons), 4 <sup>th</sup> December, 1938.	Printed Pamphlet, Def. Library.
61.	Strength of Citizen Forces, June, 1938.	See Part II.
	Officers 2940 Increase 343	
	Other Ranks 32302 Increase 1326	
62.	Strength of Permanent Force, 2348 Increase 959.	See Part II.

**ARMY RECORDS OF 1939**  
**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS OF 1939**

- March 14<sup>th</sup> Slovakia severed connection with Czecho-Slovakia.  
Hungarian troops entered Carpatho Ukraine.  
German troops occupied Bohemia and Moldavia which Hitler took into the Reich.
- March 20<sup>th</sup> Germany demanded and received Memel.
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> King Victor Emmanuel announced that Rome-Berlin Axis had been extended to Tokio, Buda-Pesth and Manchukue
- March 31<sup>st</sup> Britain pledged full assistance to Poland in case of German aggression.
- April 7<sup>th</sup> Italian troops landed in Albania.
- April 27<sup>th</sup> British Government authorised compulsory Military training.
- April 28<sup>th</sup> Hitler abrogated Munich Agreement with Chamberlain.
- May 7<sup>th</sup> Open Military alliance between Germany and Italy announced in Berlin, signed May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- June British and French concession in Tientsin blockaded by Japanese. Concessions evacuated by British.
- August 27<sup>th</sup> Hitler announced that Danzing Corridor must be returned to Germany.
- August 28<sup>th</sup> Britain closed Mediterranean and Suez Canal to her Ships.
- September 3<sup>rd</sup> War declared.
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**ARMY RECORDS OF 1939**  
**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS OF 1939**

1. Establishment of Permanent Military Forces, 1939. A.A.O. 1/39
2. Appointment Staff Corps Officer for Regimental Duty – Darwin A.A.O. 2/39
3. Lieut G.H.S. Moran A.A.O.C. (P) to England – Ordnance Mechanical Engineers Course. A.A.O. 2/39
4. Seven Militia Adjutants relinquish appointment. A.A.O. 14/39
5. Large increase in candidates promotion – Permanent and Citizen Forces A.A.O. 27/39 et seq.
6. Raising of 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Heavy Batteries R.A.A.E. A.A.O. 32/39
7. Changes in designation Heavy Batteries of Militia Artillery. Existing number to have 100 prefixed. A.A.O. 32/39
8. Increase of W.O.'s A.I.C. 38 transferred from other Arms of Permanent Forces for technical units of Militia. A.A.O. 34/39
9. First batch of W.O.'s A.I.C. discharged on promotion to commissioned rank, consequent on amendment to A.M.R. & O. 277(1). A.A.O. 64/39
10. Colonel F.M. Lorenzo to furlough. Permission to take up duty with N.E.S. New South Wales. A.A.O. 70/39
11. Major A.B. MacDonald appointed to command Darwin Mobile Force. A.A.O. 78/39
12. Major Gen. R.M. Downes, D.G.M.S., to India, Palestine, England, Canada, and United States – study organisation of Medical Services. A.A.O. 78/39
13. Captain H.F.G. Bandfield from Quetta to Minley Manor, England, to complete Staff College Course. A.A.O. 78/39
14. Bt. Lt. Col. WM Anderson to India exchange officer – to be G.S.O. (II) Meerut District. A.A.O. 78/39
15. Direct appointment of 20 temporary W.O.'s A.I.C. A.A.O. 93/39

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| 16. | First batch of Militia Staff Officers employed temporarily on full-time duty.  | A.A.O. 98/39                          |
| 17. | Ministerial statement issued on First Report of I.G. (Lt. Gen. Squires) (see app. Part II of this report)                  | Pamphlet<br>14/3/39.                  |
| 18. | Completion of Appointments to Commonwealth and State Councils of Voluntary Aid Detachments – Names.                        | A.A.O. 105/39                         |
| 19. | Increase of entries to R.M.C. <u>Estimated</u> vacancies for increased Permanent Forces 1939/40.                           | A.A.O. 106/39                         |
|     | (a) 50 – for Special Entry July 10 Dec., 1939  |                                       |
|     | (b) 50 – for Special entry Jan. to June., 1940   |                                       |
|     | (c) 25- for Special Entry Feb. to Dec., 1940   | A.A.O. 106/39                         |
|     | (d) 25 – Normal Entry Feb. 1940 to Dec., 1942  | A.A.O. 106/39                         |
| 20. | Major-General J.D. Lavarack to England 9/5/39  | A.A.O. 107/39                         |
| 21. | Additional 10 direct temporary appointments to W.O.'s A.I.C. for Infantry units.   | A.A.O. 124/39                         |
| 22. | Second batch of 12 Militia Staff Officers employed temporarily on full-time duty (April).                                  | A.A.O. 130/39                         |
| 23. | 12 Militia Adjutants appointed to units to relieve Permanent Officers (temp.) on mobilisation duties.                      | A.A.O. 131/39                         |
| 24. | No. 7 Course – Command and Staff School.<br>22 Colonels – Citizen Forces – fully attended.                                 | A.A.O. 144/39                         |
| 25. | An additional 17 N.C.O.'s from R.A.A.R. transferred direct to A.I.C. as W.O.'s and allotted to artillery units of Militia. | A.A.O. 156/39                         |
| 26. | Brig P.M. MacFarlane, Comdt. 5 <sup>th</sup> M.D. to furlough pending retirement.  | A.A.O. 164/39                         |
| 27. | Approval for engagement qualified gymnastic instructors on an hourly basis for Militia and Senior Cadets.                  | Notice to<br>Army<br>A.A.O.<br>172/39 |

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| 28. | Major B.E. Klein to England, Gunnery Staff Course.  | A.A.O.173/39.                |
| 29. | Captain R.E. Wade to England, Advanced Mechanised Course.   | A.A.O. 173/39                |
| 30. | Lieut. S.J. Hill to England, Advanced Class, College of Science.  | A.A.O. 173/39                |
| 31. | Lieut. W.M. Sarll – Survey Corps – for training in England and Canada.  | A.A.O 173/39                 |
| 32. | Lt. Col. J.A. Baillon – South Staffs Regt. – arrived on exchange 20/7/39.   | A.A.O. 173/39                |
| 33. | 101 N.C.O's qualified at Central School of Instruction for W.O's A.I.C. Cav and Infantry.   | A.A.O. 178/39                |
| 34. | Major A.G.F. Harlock to England, Coast Defence and A.A. Gunnery.  | A.A.O. 202/39                |
| 35. | Lt G.G. Hayman A.A.O.C. (P) to England, Ordnance Engineering Course.  | A.A.O. 202/39                |
| 36. | Lieut.A.E Beck A.A.O.C. (P) to India – Motor Transport Repair Depot, Chaklala.  | A.A.O. 202/39                |
| 37. | 10 Militia Adjutants replaced in their temporary Appointments by A.I.C. personnel.  | A.A.O. 228/39                |
| 38. | Proclamation – calling out Citizen Forces for war service authorised part or parts as directed to be called up. Personnel for precautionary stage to be relieved after 16 days. | Special<br>A.A.O. 3/9/39     |
| 39. | Special A.A.O. calling out certain portion of the Militia Forces for 30 days' continuous training.  | Special<br>A.A.O.<br>14/9/39 |
| 40. | Annual competition Returned Soldiers' Trophy:<br><br>Winner: 27 <sup>th</sup> Bn., 4 <sup>th</sup> M.D., with 237 points out of 250.  | A.A.O.<br>254/39             |
| 41. | General Lavarack and Downes and Col. E.K. Smart returned.   | A.A.O.<br>268/39.            |

42. Allotment to additional War appointments of Officers' Staff Corps. A.A.O. 300/39.
43. Staff Corps Officers recalled from training abroad, returned 17<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October. A.A.O. 300/39.
44. Best Shooting Unit in Militia 1938/39. A.A.O. 314/39.

### **Cavalry**

Rifle	1 M.G. Regt	98% qualified	
L.M. Gun	21 L.H.	100%	"
Vickers	11 L.H.	100%	"
	12 L.H.	100%	"
	20 L.H.	100%	"

### **Infantry**

Rifle	5 Bn.	99%	"
L.M. Gun	5 Bn.	100%	"
Vickers	27 Bn.	98%	"

45. Precautionary and War Stages instituted 3/9/39
46. Lt. Col. H.G. Bundock performed duties Comdt. 4 M.D. 27<sup>th</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> September A.A.O. 315/39
47. Brig. J.M.A. Durrant assumed Command 5<sup>th</sup> M.D. 4 Sept.  
Col G.A. Clowes assumed Command 6<sup>th</sup> M.D. 28 Aug.  
Brig H.D. Wynter assumed function of Command 1<sup>st</sup> M.D. 28 Aug. A.A.O. 315/39
48. 21 additional Militia Acting Adjutants appointed Oct. to Nov. (replacing Staff Officers to 2<sup>nd</sup> A.I.F.) A.A.O. 320/39
49. Major Gen. R.E. Jackson to Command 1<sup>st</sup> Div. 6/11/39 A.A.O. 340/39.
50. 13 Mil. Acting Adjutants appointed (see A.A.O. 320/39 and No. 48 above) A.A.O. 341/39.

51.	Increase of Australian Army Nursing Service and V.A.D.'s	A.A.O. 350/39 351/39
52.	Military Board Instruction, 1939: Guide to procedure in "laying up" of old Regimental Colours.	M.B.I. 1/39.
53.	Increased issue of gymnastic material to Drill Halls	M.B.I. G5.
54.	Approval to retain selected W.O.'s, members of A.I.C., beyond age for retirement.	M.B.I. A/6.
55.	Control of Defence Areas. Further extension of responsibilities and powers of District Comdts. Darwin and Seymour areas included.	G10/39
56.	Organisation of Reserves for Citizen Forces. <u>Class A</u> – personnel under 45 – with 3 years previous Military service. <u>Class B</u> – Personnel 45-60 years for service with Garrison Bns.	M.B.I. A/16  M.B.I. A/16
57.	Special Training Instruction:  12 days – Camp 6 days – Home Training. 2 extra days H.T. for Officers and N.C.O.'s	M.B.I. G. 17
58.	General Instructions for organisation and administration of Senior Cadets at School (Reprint and amended).	M.B.I. G.27
59.	Special instructions for the training of Armoured Units	M.B.I. G.29
60.	Reappointment to Reserve of Officers – Approval for, of officers struck off for not reporting change of address.	M.B.I. G.29.
61.	Instruction against revealing Military information.	M.B.I. A.40.
62.	Reopening of a Central Training Depot at Hospital Block, Liverpool 19/6/39.	M.B.I. A.41.

63. Establishment of Army Service Corps School on Permanent Basis - as School of Mechanisation. M.B.I. A.42.
64. Institution of Efficiency Badge for wear in plain clothes by members of Militia with 3 years' service. (Note: Badges provided but never issued) Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>, 1939. M.B.I. A.44.
65. Suspension of all exams prescribed by the Defence Act - during currency of the War – 30/9/39. M.B.I. G.50.
66. Establishment of School of Anti-Aircraft and Fortress Engineering at Chowder Bay. M.B.I. A.51.
67. Issue of Badges to Reservists Class A and B  
Class A – by C.O.'s Citizen Force Units. M.B.I. Q53  
Class B – through R.S.L. 30/9/39.
- Note: Badges provided, but doubtful if ever issued.
68. Introduction of the Command (instead of District) organization. Only change was 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> M.D.'s joined to 3 M.D. to make Southern Command. M.B.I. A.58.
69. Command Organisation  
 Non-Divisional and L. of C. Units attached to Formations for local Administration. M.B.I. A.58.
70. Formation of 2<sup>nd</sup> A.I.F. for service in Australia or abroad.  
6<sup>th</sup> Div. and Ancillary Troops  
 Basis of Recruiting  
 (a) 50% from A.M.F. M.B.I. 59  
 (b) 25% from ex-Service men. 18/10/39.  
 (c) 25% from other sources.  
 (b) and (c) above to commence training during last 10 days in October.  
 (a) to commence training first week in November.
71. Urgent need to conserve stocks of S.A.A. M.B.I. G.62.

72.	Instructions governing War use of Wireless Equipment and Military Stations.	M.B.I. G.70.
73.	2 <sup>nd</sup> A.I.F. Pay and Allowances.	M.B.I. F.82. F.83.
74.	Special Instructions for training of A.A.S.C.	G/86.
75.	Changes in Militia Uniforms:	
	Brass and white metal buttons and badges to be copper oxidised	M.B.I. Q86.
	New pattern dress, except special units, to be limited to jacket, trousers, gaiters.	
	Cloth belt, instead of Sam Browne, to be worn by Officers and W.O.'s.	
76.	Major H.C.H. Robertson to Commandant 7 <sup>th</sup> M.D.	C. of A. Gazette 44/39.
77.	Captain J.A.M. Clacham N.Z. Staff Corps attached to R.M.C. 15/1/39	A.A.O.'s 28/2/39.
78.	Major-Gen R.M. Downes reappointed D.G.M.S. for 4 years, Aug., 1939	C. of A. Gazette 50.
79.	Proclamation of the Danger of War.	C. of A. Gazette 61/39.
80.	Proclamation – calling out Citizen Forces for War Service.	C. of A. Gazette 62/39.
81.	Proclamation – Existence of War.	C. of A Gazette 63/69.
82.	Approval for Raising 2 <sup>nd</sup> Imp. Force.	C. of A. Gazette 104/39.

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| 83. | Major-Gen. Sir. T.A. Blamey to Command 2 <sup>nd</sup> A.I.F. and be Lieut. Gen.   | C. of A.<br>Gazette<br>104/39.                     |
| 84. | Lt. Gen. E.K. Squires to be C.G.S.   | C. of A.<br>Gazette<br>104/39.                     |
| 85. | Composition of Military Board amended to be:<br>C.G.S.; A.G.; Q.M.G.; M.G.O.1 Finance Member.  | Amendment<br>to A.M.R.<br>21<br>31/10/39           |
|     | Deputy C.G.S. may represent C.G.S. at Board meeting 31/10/39.  |  |
| 86. | Major Gen. J.D. Lavarack to Southern Command and to be Lieut. Gen.<br>Major Gen. Sir C.H. Jess to Chairman, Manpower Committee. To be Lieut. Gen. seconded in Staff Corps at own request.  | A.A.O. 21/39                                       |
|     | Major Gen O.F. Phillips to be Inspector of Coast and Anti-Aircraft Artillery.<br>Col. (Temp. Brig.) C.G.H. Miles to be A.G.<br>Col. (Temp. Brig.) J.M.A. Durrant to be G.O.C.,<br>Western Command.<br>Col. (Temp. Brig.) H.D. Wynter to be Local M.G.<br>Col. V.A.H. Sturdes to be G.O.C., Eastern Command.<br>Col. T.R. Williams to be M.G.O.<br>Brevet Col. E.K. Smart to be Q.M.G.<br>Brevet Col. R.E. Jackson to be Local M.G.<br>Bt. Col. J. Northcott to be D.C.G.S. and Local Major-General.<br>Bt. Col. E.C. Plant to R.M.C. and Army Schools of Instruction.<br>Temp. Col. C.A. Clowes to be Comdt., 6 <sup>th</sup> M.D. | Supplement<br>to A.A.O.<br>21/1939                 |
| 87. | Major-Gen. J.L. Whitham vacates appointment of Dist. Comdt., 3 <sup>rd</sup> M.D.  | Supplement<br>to A.A.O.<br>C. of A.<br>Gazette 122 |
| 88. | Brig. E.M. Williams relinquishes Comd. of 1 M.D., appointed Brig. administering training camps 3 M.D.  |  |
| 89. | Brig. P.M. MacFarlane vacates Command 5 <sup>th</sup> M.D. on retirement 26/5/39.  |  |

	Maj.-Gen. H.D. Wynter to Northern Command 19/10/39	C. of A. Gazette No. 122/39.
	Maj.-Gen. J.L. Hardie vacatee appointment Dist. Comdt. 2 M.D. 1/11/39. Appointed Inspector General Administration.	
	Lt. Col. H.C. Bundock to be Comdt. 4 <sup>th</sup> M.D.	
	Brig. A.M. Martyn vacates Command 4 <sup>th</sup> M.D.	
	Major-Gen R.E. Jackson to Command 1 Div.	
90.	Col. D.V. J. Blake to be Brigadier in Charge Administration, Southern Command.	C. of A. Gazette No. 108/39.
	Col. V.P.H. Stantke to be Brigadier in Charge Administration, Eastern Command.	
91.	Major J.J.L. McCall seconded to Department of Defence as Director For Civil Defence and State Co-operation	Supplement to A.A.O.'s page 223.
92.	Promotion of Lieut. Cols. and Majors, Staff Corps, consequent on foregoing transfers	C.of A. Gazette 30/11/39.
93.	Brig. A.M. Martyn to Eastern Command as Brig. administering Training Camps.	C. of A. Gazette Supplement 28/39.
94.	Proclamation in D.A. 59 calling up Class "A".	C. of A. Gazette 154
95.	Brig. Gen. Baron Gowrie is granted the rank of Honorary General in the Aust. Army.	C. of A. Gazette 157 of 1/12/39

96. Amendment to A.M.R. & O. 876A to enable volunteers from Citizen Forces to be attached to Permanent Forces. (This enabled plans to be made for security of military works and closed places before a declaration of War, by the employment of volunteers from the Citizen Forces. Amendment notified in A.A.O.'s dated 31/3/1939
97. Amendment to A.M.R. & O. 1356 by insertion of new definition of Military works and closed places. as above.
98. Provision for the establishment of a Reservist Depot Staff for units of Militia on mobilisation. Battalion Depot to consist of: 1 officer; 1 Sgt. Major; 1 Orderly Room Sergeant. Amendment
99. Approval granted for the institution of the appointment of the appointment of Under Officers at the RMC. Amendment to A.A.O. 201 31/7/39.
100. Intelligence Corps reformed – A.M.R. & O 1055 et seq. Amendment A.A.O.'s 31/10/39.
101. Units of Cav. and Infantry formed as result of increase of Citizen Force 70,000:
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> M.D. | Cav.<br>Infantry) | -      | 26 <sup>th</sup> Bn.                                 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> M.D. | Cav.<br>Infantry  | -<br>- | 24 <sup>th</sup> L.H.<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Armd. Regt. |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> M.D. | Cav.<br>Infantry  | -<br>- | 26 <sup>th</sup> L.H.<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> Bn.        |
| 5 M.D.               | Cav.              | -      | 25 <sup>th</sup> L.H.<br>(M.G. Regt.)                |
102. 1<sup>st</sup> Div. combined operations with R.A.N. and R.A.A.F. October, 1938, Port Stephens. Reports – See I.G.'s report 12/10/38. Def D808/5/15
103. New Zealand Defence Conference April, 1939. Colonel V.A.H. Sturdee representing Australia. Def P801/3/164.



- Sections of above contain:
1. co-ordinated War effect.
  2. Special Force of 20,000.
  3. Conditions of service therein.
  4. Force might serve abroad.
  5. Interrelation of Local and Empire Defence.
  6. Calling up of Militia Forces.
  7. Safeguarding employment of Militia members.
  8. Establishment of Command Schools.
  9. Garrison Bns, for Guard duties.
  12. Comparison with 1914/15 Plans move forward. More men in training. Production of arms, munitions greater. Organisation more complete.

6. **Reintroduction of Compulsory Military Training:**

Statement by P.M., Melbourne 20 Oct., 1939.

1. Option for married privates to transfer to Militia Reserve. Pamphlet
2. Anticipated vacancies in Militia must be filled.
3. Voluntary system of training inequitable.
4. Reintroduction of compulsory Military training.
5. Full national effort required.
6. Militia backbone of Aust. Land Defence Force.

**Appendix I.**

No conscription for overseas service.

**Appendix II.**

Raising of 6<sup>th</sup> Div. 2<sup>nd</sup> A.I.F.