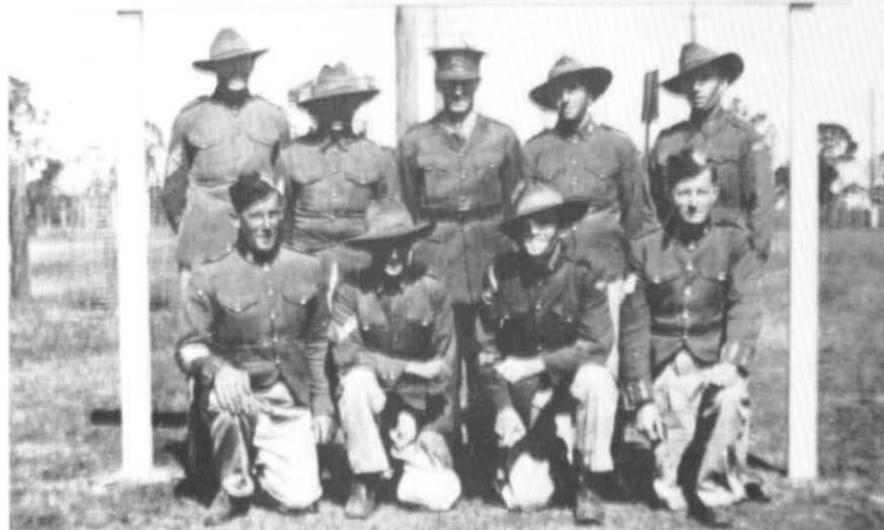




Henry Lawson, Henry Mackay and Roy Leabeter. The uniforms of the period are clearly depicted. Henry Lawson is wearing the walking out dress and the other two the every day uniform of breeches and puttees. The period is pre-WW2 and is thought to be 1938.

## CENTRAL TRAINING — DEPOT —



Liverpool NSW after the commencement of WW2 but not before Militia Uniforms were withdrawn. Those in front are wearing working dress trousers. The two men on each end of the front row are wearing the Glengarrie and tunics of a Scottish Regiment.



"B" Coy lines, Nagambie Road.



A sports meeting at Balcombe — Tom McCarthy winning the 880 yards.



The Regimental Band in pre-war days. Some of the known members at the time were: N. MacDonald, F.T. McCormack, H. Busch, J. Webb, J.S. Joy, N. Scott, A. Joy, W. Ewart, M. Dais, L. McLeod, A. Steedman, R. Campbell, C. Harris, A. Hillier, J. Radford, N.C. McLeod, O. Felsted, R.S. Graves, P. Ferguson, J.G. Walker and H. Bysouth.



Norm MacDonald leads the band through the street of Seymour.



At an NCOs School, Balcombe 1941. Left to right — Jack Harrop, Joe Heley, Ray Ruby, Reg Steed.



Occupants of a tent in camp at Nagambie Road.



6 Platoon "A" Coy as it was then known, comprising, from left to right; *Rear Row*: Cpl Drew, Pte Comitti, Pte Irvine, Pte Hurse, Pte Carter, Pte Elliott, Pte Crossley, Pte Dewhurst. *Centre Row*: Cpl Schurr, Pte Hastings, Pte Smith, Pte J.E. Clay, Pte Shubert, Pte Lyons, Pte Whitford. *Front Row*: Pte W. Clay, L/Cpl Denyer, L/Cpl Wilton, Sgt Goodison, Pte Morgan, Pte Lester, Pte Lewis.

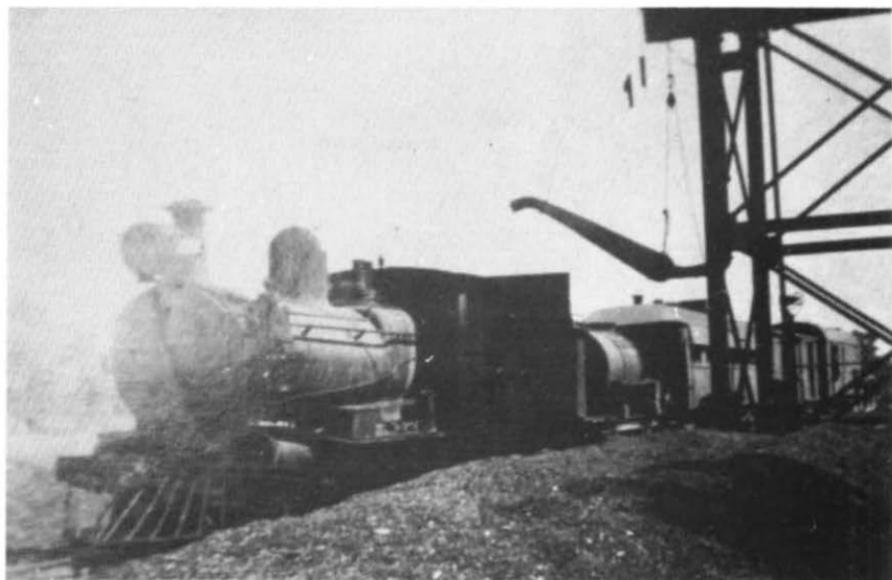


This picture was taken at Blairgowrie, Sorento, about January, 1942. It is of some of the typical AIF troops who joined the 7th Battalion at Hallam on February 5th, 1942. The oldest was 19 at the time. From left to right (with approximate ages), *Back*: Trevor "Barney" Lupton (17), Mick Whitehouse (16), Arthur "Darky" Irvine (16), Col Thompson (14), "Jewy" Riley (16). *Front*: Bill O'Connell (16), Bruce Pettigrew (15), Jack Dyke (19), and at extreme front is Keith "Curley" Costollie (18).

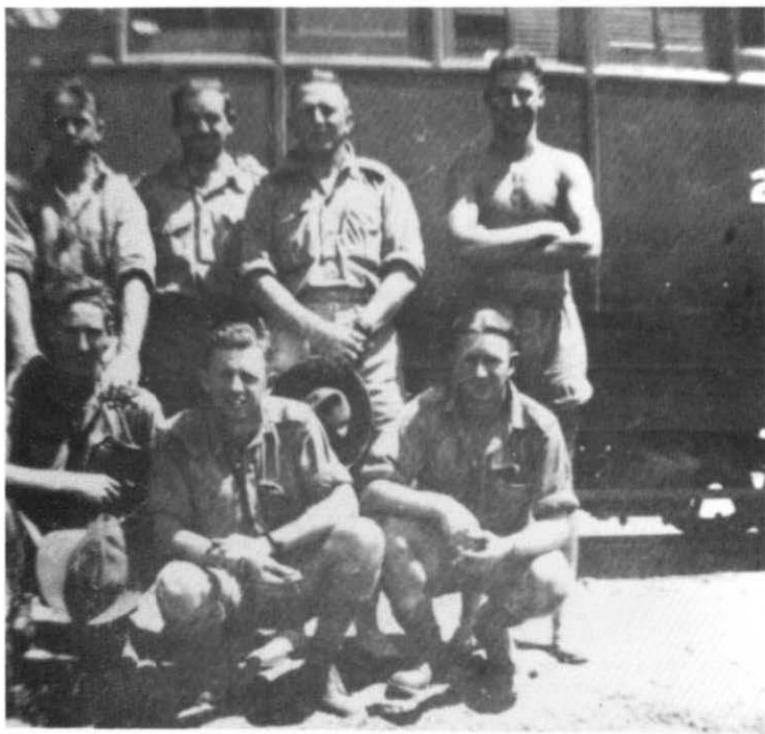
At least one — Colin Thompson was "reclaimed" by his parents and discharged. Bruce Pettigrew was also found out and transferred to a non-combatant area.



Taken at Dandenong February, 1942 prior to "Operation Overland". Having been told that they would soon be in a tropical area and that it would be more comfortable without hair, members of "B" Coy joined the "Skin head brigade". Some of those recognizable area, "Darkie" Irvine, "Sharkie" Chambers, "Blue" Maskell, "Jewy" Riley, Bruce Pettigrew and "Occles" Bill O'Connell.



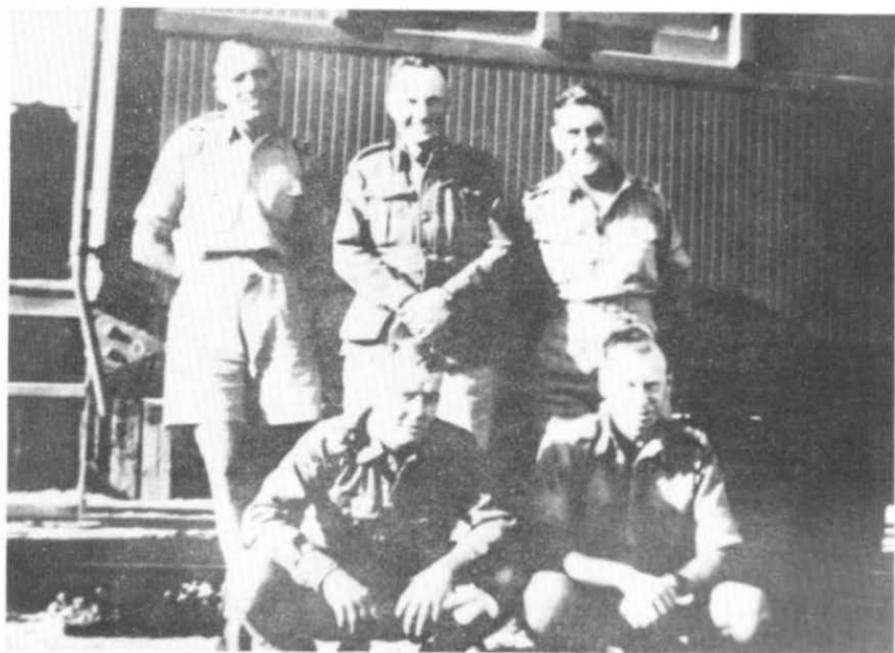
Our means of transport — Adelaide to Alice Springs — at the time a novel, but uncomfortable means of transportation.



Another of the many stops enabling Tom Creeley, "Sandy" Meyers, Vic Ellis, Mick Thorne, "Lofty" Howson, Alan Randle and Gerry Daly to stretch their legs.



At one of the many stops which gave the men a chance to stretch their legs and offered also, a chance to meet some of the locals. Here Graham Moulton, Leo Clohesy, "Tich" Cheeseman and "Bluey" Riley (front) socialize with a local stockman and his son.



Len Norman and Fred Longmore with three other, who at this far distant time remain unidentified, take a rest on the way to the NT.



Quorn, South Australia. In front of the railway station in February, 1942. The Ladies of this town excelled and were famous for the meals served to troops passing through on their way to and from the Northern Territory.



At Hawker, en route to the Northern Territory. This was one of the many stops made, enabling in this instance the men to socialize with a couple of local girls.



The township of Alice Springs as it was in February 1942. The overnight stop here enabled the troops to shower for the first time in days, eat something other than "Bully Beef", take in an open-air picture show and sleep before moving on.



A very familiar sight for travellers on the Highway from Alice Springs to points North. Even in the hurry to get to Darwin, the convoy stopped for a closer look at this now famous landmark.



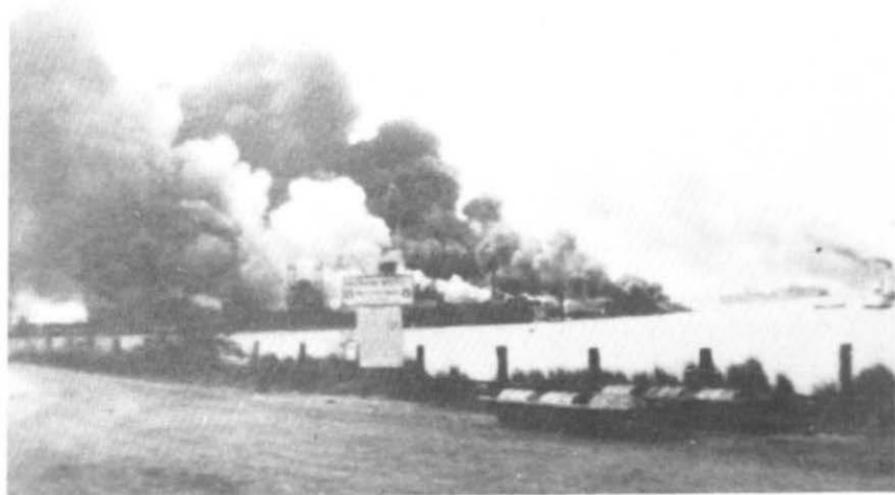
Transport loaded on the "flat-top" cars at Larrimah, which was the point of transferring everything that came through, from Motor transport to the Railway, and vice versa on the return journey, south.



Trucks which formed in convoys to bring stores and equipment from the Southern States through Alice Springs and via Mt Isa in Queensland, after being unloaded at Larrimah. Troops also were carried in this type of vehicle, usually with 18-20 men per truck.



Manton Dam as it looked in 1942. The construction of this project was commenced in 1939, but poor equipment, labour troubles, and faults in the rock foundation caused much delay. The first water flowed through the pipeline to Darwin about 75 km further north, in March, 1941. The pipeline ran above ground for most of the way and was always a source of hot water for most of the day.

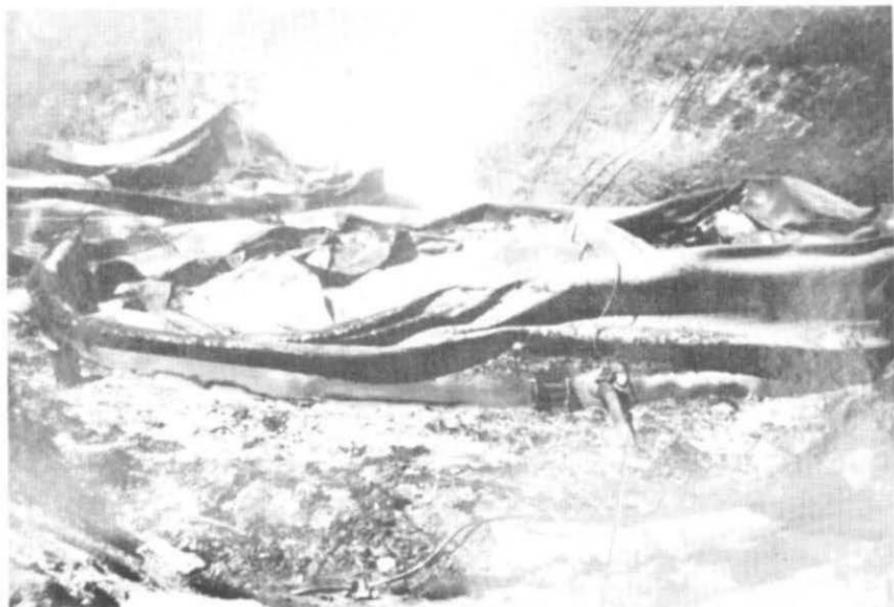


Darwin was bombed on the 19th of February, 1942 and there were a further 63 air-raids in the area during the 19 months of service by the 7th Bn, up to September, 1943. The top picture is of a number of vessels burning at the wharf and the bottom picture shows the USS "Peary" and an Australian Hospital Ship burning in the harbour.





During one of the raids on Darwin the oil tanks were hit. The top picture shows fire fighters endeavouring to stem the blaze and the bottom picture shows the collapsed tanks after the fire.





One of the many bombed out buildings in Darwin.



A group of 7 Bn Officers inspect the damage to the Darwin Hotel.