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<u>ALGIERS</u>	Jan.			
	1		Rest Day.	<i>Sh</i>
	2		Office and routine work. Awaiting movement to Naples.	<i>Sh</i>
	3		Office and routine work. Packing of unit stores and equipment.	<i>Sh</i>
	4		Office and routine work.	<i>Sh</i>
	5		Office and routine work. No. 82 Report forwarded to H.Q. AWGG (ME). All personnel inoculated for TAB and TT.	<i>Sh</i>
	7		Office and routine work. Notified by RAF Movements that Unit will move to Italy on or about 25 Jan., '46.	<i>Sh</i>
	8		Office and routine work. All Unit gear and stores packed in readiness for move.	<i>Sh</i>
	9		routine work. Signalled AWGG (ME) and 21 AWGU re movement of Unit.	<i>Sh</i>
	10		Office and routine work.	<i>Sh</i>
	11		Office and routine work. Notification received from Movements re vehicles.	<i>Sh</i>
	12		Rest Day	<i>Sh</i>
	13		Office and routine work. No. 83 report forwarded to HQ. AWGG (ME). Movement Instructions RAFMOV/101. received from RAF Movements. signalled 21 AWGU re drawing replacements for two 3-ton Vehicles returned to 635 L of C Vehicle Park, Algiers.	<i>Sh</i>
	14		Office and routine work. contacted RAF Movements re loading of vehicles and stores on "BILDA GROCE".	<i>Sh</i>

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<u>ALGIERS</u>	Jan.			
	15		Office and routine work.	sh
	16		Office and routine work. Movement Order for S/Sgt Davies, Cpls Fisher and Krauth to embark "Argentine" at 0830-hrs on the 17 Jany. (46 for NAPLES.	sh
	17		S/Sgt Davies, Cpls Fisher and Krauth embarked 0845-hrs. 3-ton vehicles returned to 635 L of C Vehicle Park. Algiers.	sh
	18		Office and routine work. No. 84 Report forwarded to HQ. AWGG (ME).	sh
	19		Office and routine work.	sh
	20		Rest Day.	sh
	21		Office and routine work. G.C. Unit and Sgt. auditing accounts of No.4 reception Camp. KOUBA. Algiers.	sh
	22		Audit of accounts completed.	sh
	23		Office and routine work. Notification received from RAF Movements that "EZILDA GROCH" left NAPLES 18 Jany '46 enroute for ALGIERS via MALTA.	sh
	24		Office and routine work.	sh
	25		Office and routine work.	sh
	26		Office and routine work. No. 85 Report forwarded to Hq. AWGG (ME).	sh
	27		Rest Day.	sh
	28		Notification from RAF Movements of change of shipping arrangements. Unit will now embark on "WILLIAM. M. EASTLAND" due to leave ALGIERS on or about the 1 Feby, '46.	sh

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ITALY	Feb.			
	1		Office and routine work. No. 86 Report forwarded to HQ. AWGG(ME). Arrangements made with 349 Transport Coy. Algiers for conveyance of Unit stores from 4 Reception Camp to Dock.	<i>Sh</i>
	2		Embarked "Argentina" 1030-hrs.	<i>Sh</i>
	3		On board "Argentina".	<i>Sh</i>
	4		At Sea. Anchored Naples Harbor 1745 hrs.	<i>Sh</i>
	5		Disembarked Naples 0900-hrs, proceeded to Unit billets at Villa Salvia, Vomero, Naples. arriving 1100 1100-hrs.	<i>Sh</i>
	6		Proceeded to Naples British War Cemty, erected and photographed two crosses. In afternoon proceeded to Caserta Mil Cemty, erected and photographed nine crosses.	<i>Sh</i>
	7		Proceeded to Salerno (Beach-head) Mil Cemty. Erected and photographed five crosses. Report to O.C. HQ. Aust War Graves Group re Cemeteries.	<i>Sh</i>
	8		Office and routine work. Painters on signwriting of crosses. Proceeded to Minturno Brit. Mil Cemty, erected and photographed four crosses.	<i>Sh</i>
	9		Office and routine work. No. 87 Report to HQ. AWGG(ME). Left Vomero 0930-hrs enroute for Rome, arriving 1830-hrs. Called at Cassino Mil Cemty enroute, but unable to erect crosses xxxxx owing to wet weather.	<i>Sh</i>
	10		At Rome.	<i>Sh</i>
	11		At Rome. Proceeded to Rome Mil Cemty, erected and photographed three crosses. Office and routine work.	<i>Sh</i>
	12		Proceeded to Lake Bolsena Brit Empire Cemty, erected one cross of deceased Aust. RAAF and photographed same. Returned to Rome at 1445-hrs.	<i>Sh</i>
	13		Office and routine work.	<i>Sh</i>

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ITALY	Feb 14		Left Rome at 0930-hrs, enroute for Naples. Proceeded to Cassino Mil Cemty, erected six crosses and photographed same, arriving HQ Vomero 2030-hrs.	<i>She</i>
	15		Office and routine work. No.88 Report forwarded to HQ.AWGG(ME).	<i>She</i>
	16		Office and routine work.	<i>She</i>
	17		Rest day	<i>She</i>
	18		Office and routine work. Contacted ADOS. 3 Dist Naples re 15-cwt vehicle replacement. Instructed to draw same on 19th inst.	<i>She</i>
	19		Office and routine work. Signwriters on crosses for Bari Mil Cemty.	<i>She</i>
	20		Office and routine work. Left H.Q. 1000-hrs, proceeded to Rome, drew 15-6wt Vehicle from 3 Coy, 6 Air Formation Sigs. Unit camera to Kodak for repairs to shutter.	<i>She</i>
	21		At Rome.	<i>She</i>
	22		At Rome. Drew new battery from REME for 15-cwt vehicle.	<i>She</i>
	23		Left Rome 1215-hrs, arrived HQ. Vomero Naples 1730-hrs. No.89 Report forwarded to H.Q. AWGG(ME)	<i>She</i>
	24		Office and routine work.	<i>She</i>
	25		Office and routine work. Proceeded to Naples, Caserta and Salerno Mil Cemty for retakes of photos of graves of Aust. deceased.	<i>She</i>
	26		Office and routine work. Proceeded to Minturno Mil Cemty, for retakes of photos of graves of Aust deceased. Contacted Q Branch. HQ.Caserta for replacements for 3-ton vehicles unsuitable for graves work.	<i>She</i>
	27		Office and routine work. Drew 3-ton vehicles (two) from 38 Vehicle Coy. Capua. Transferred two 3-ton Fordsons to 366 German Engr Coy.	<i>She</i>
	28		Office and routine work.	<i>She</i>

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	March			
ITALY	1.		Office and routine work. Collecting stores from DADOD Dump, NAPLES.	ASH
	2.		Office and routine work. No 90 report forwarded to HQ, AWGG(ME). Personnel to Rome to rephotograph crosses in Rome, Lake Bolsena and Cassino Mil. Cemeteries.	ASH ASH
	3.		Rest Day.	ASH
	4.		Office and routine work. Personnel at Cassino and Rome Mil Cems.	ASH
	5.		Signwriting and photography completed at Anzio (Beachhead) Cem. and Rome Mil Cem. 3-ton Uhev BLR'd and returned to 416 RVP and new Austin 3-ton drawn as replacement from 9 Pk. 38 Veh Coy, Capua. 15-cwt Ford to 724 L of C Wkshps for general overhaul.	ASH
	6.		Office and routine work. Signwriting and photography completed in Rome area.	ASH
	7.		Office and routine work. 15-cwt Ford returned from Wkshps - new engine fitted.	ASH
	8.		No 91 report forwarded to HQ AWGG(ME) Signwriters and photographer returned from Rome 1730 hrs.	ASH
	9.		Office and routine work in connection with impending move of OC and 4 ORs to Greece.	ASH
	10.		Routine work - Cpl. Krauth's report on photographs that were returned as US forwarded HQ AWGG(ME)	ASH
	11.	00	Left HQ. Unit, Vomero, NAPLES at 0700 hrs with signwriters and photographer en route to BARI via Foggia - arrived Bari 1720 hrs. Staged at 197 Rail and Road Transit Camp.	ASH
	12.		Personnel at Bari Staging Camp - 38 crosses erected and photographed in Bari Mil. Cem. Notified per phone of impending movement to Greece. Departed Bari 1420 hrs arriving Unit billets Vomero 2125 hrs.	ASH

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	March			
ITALY	13.		Office and routine work. Packing in readiness to move to Greece. Personnel warned for move to NO Naples Area for FFI examination. Movement held up pending transport.	ASA
	14.		Office and routine work. Arrangements for move to Greece completed.	ASA
	15.		Office and routine work.	ASA
	16.		Office and routine work. No 92 report forwarded to HQ AWGG (ME) also films of graves of deceased Aust. personnel Bari Mil. Cemetery.	ASA
	17.		Rest Day.	ASA
	18.		Office and routine work. OC and 4 ORGS departed Naples per HMS "Empire Edystone" at 1045 hrs. en route for PIREAUS (Greece) to carry out painting and photography of crosses at ATHENS (Phaliron) Brit. Mil. Cemetery.	ASA
	19.		Office and routine work. Detachment 'at sea'.	ASA
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	21.		Detachment arrived Pireaus Harbour 0915 hrs - disembarked 1100 hrs. Proceeded to Athens (Phaliron) Brit. Mil. Cemetery - attached to 24 Brit. GRU whilst employed in cemetery.	ASA
	22.		Detachment at Athens. Commenced work on checking of crosses over graves of Aust. deceased. Signwriters painting crosses in readiness for inscriptions.	ASA
	23.		Painting and signwriting of crosses progresses. No 93 report forwarded HQ AWGG (ME).	ASA

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ITALY	March 24		Signwriters inscribing crosses. At request of OC Unit, additional Greek labourers supplied by DCRE for cleaning off weeds and building new mounds over graves in Aust. section.	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>
	25.		Office and routine work. Signwriters on painting and inscribing crosses. Deceased Aust. in cemetery checked against nominal roll received from HQ, Aust War Graves Group (ME)	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>
	26.		Erection and photography of crosses commenced. Labourers making excellent job of Aust. plots.	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>
	27.		Office and routine work. Signwriting of crosses continues.	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>
	28.		Office and routine work. Photography progresses.	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>
	29.		Signwriters inscribing crosses - remainder of personnel erecting same.	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>
	30.		Erection and photography of crosses. 51 graves photographed. No. 94 report forwarded to HQ. AWWG(ME)	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>
	31.		Greek Election Day. All Allied troops confined to barracks.	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>

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Commanding Officer... Capt. R.A. Watson

Month and Year... April, '46

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
NAPLES.	Apr. 1		Erection and photography of crosses Athens (Phaliron) Brit. Mil. Cemty.	sh
	2		Office and routine work. Signwriters on painting and inscriptions on crosses.	sh
	3		Office and routine work. Signwriters on crosses.	sh
	4		Photography of graves continues. All mounds over graves and clearing away of grass in Plot. 3 Athens Cemty. completed.	sh
	5		Photographing of graves nearing completion.	sh
	6		Office and routine work. No.95 Report forwarded to HQ.AWGG (ME). Signwriters on alterations.	sh
	7		Rest day. Results of photographs received from HQ.AWGG(ME)	sh
	8		Office and routine work. Completion of photographs and retakes Athens (Phaliron) Brit, Mil. Cemty.	sh
	9		Office and routine work. Final Physical Check of Athens (Phaliron) Brit. Mil. Cemty completed and forwarded to HQ.AWGG(ME). Photographic Register and Lexes checked against Nominal Roll of deceased Australians.	sh

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Month and Year.....April, '46

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NAPLES.	Apr. 46	10	Office and routine work.	sh
	11		Office and routine work.	sh
	12		Office and routine work. Contacted Movements HQ. ML & LF(G) re movement of Unit personnel to Italy. Advised move on or about the 23rd Apr.	sh
	13		Office and routine work. Signalled HQ. AWGG(ME) re movement to Italy. No. 96 Report forwarded to HQ. AWGG(ME)	sh
	14		Rest Day.	
	15		Office and routine work. Retake of four graves of Australian deceased soldiers Athens (Phaliron) Brit. Mil Cemty.	sh
	16		Office and routine work. Contacted movements re Air Transport of Unit signwriters to Naples. Nominal Roll of personnel per ship handed to "S" Movements. HQ. ML & LF (G)	sh
	17		Office and routine work. Signal from HQ. AWGG (ME) that all photos Athens (Phaliron) Brit. Mil Cemty O.K'd.	sh
	18		Office and routine work. Advised by Air Command that signwriters emplane for Naples on the 20th Apr.	sh
	20		Office and routine work. No. 97 Report forwarded to HQ. AWGG(ME). S/Sgt. Davies. H.R & Cpl. Fisher. C.C. emplaned Athens Airport 1100 hrs. 20th Apr. '46.	sh

