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2ND AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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HEADQUARTERS,
1 AUST CORPS

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WAR DIARY
of

JAN 22 1942

CE 1 AUST CORPS

From: 1 Dec 41

To :31 Dec 41

J. G. Wilson Maj
CE 1 Aust Corps. Brig

1 Dec.

C.E. returned from PALESTINE where he called to inspect 2/3 Aust Pr. Bn. but no parade had been arranged. The C.E. did not notice any particularly general disciplinary smartness in the bn. and considers that much intensive training is needed.

C.E. called at Engr. Tng. Bn. and discussed matters in general and was informed that certain A.I.F. reinforcement officers had so far been prevented from being drafted overseas that they had, in effect, deserted back to civil life.

CRE 1Aust Corps Tps. empty drums in DAMASCUS area to be returned to HAIFA for refilling with solid bromine.

CE 423

Finance Sec. A.I.F. re unpaid bill to Engineer Manufacturing Coy.

CE 425

Aus Force for G II Engrs re leave to Australia
Notes on Development of the Engr. Organisation
A.I.F. (M.E.)

CE 426

Aus Force re posting of new officers to 1Aust Corps Tps Engrs.

CE 427

2 Dec.

HQ. A.I.F. report on 2/3 Aust. Pr. Bn.

CE 429

HQ. A.I.F. in furtherance to Lt Col. Torrs
application for leave to Australia.

CE 430a

CE 430b

2 Dec (cont.)

- 1 Aust Corps re Corps responsibilities CE 432
- 3 Dec. 1 Aust Corps attacks by Aircraft on Vehicles on Roads. CE 433
- D.A. & R.M.G. re officers supernumary to CE 434
- H.R. A.I.F. ref. promotion of Capt. WESTLUND. CE 436
- H.Q. Aust Ry. Constr. & Mnt. Gp. re Railway Haifi-Thupdi CE 437
- Cs. R.E. to submit demolition schemes by 10 Dec. CE 439
- A.Q.M.G. (M). re two flat top railway trucks to be supplied to 7th Aust. Fd. Coy for demolition preparations of DJERABLOUS bridge. CE 440
- C.F. Pol Base & Lof. Area re payment of bills for demolition of forests at Tel Aviv. CE 441
- G3 (O) (SD) C.E. left for tour of ALEPPO area CE 442
- Cs. R.E. re Engineer progress reports CE 397
- 4 Dec. 1 Aust Corps, withdrawal of 2 1/2 Aust Pnr. Bn from 10 Corps to 6 Aust Div. CE 443
- G3 Engrs. re Engrs Off from Par. Bns. CE 445
- C.R.E. No 7 Aerodromes - materials for camouflage CE 446
- C.R.E. 7 Aust. Div. issue of stores for heating - 200 CE 447
- C.R.E. 1 Aust Corps Tps. issue of stores for heating - 200 CE 448
- C.R.E. 9 Aust Div. issue of stores for heating - 300 CE 449
- H.Q. 9th Army. destruction certificate of. Sub. No 58 CE 450
- 5 Dec AusBase Capt. McLAUCHLAN to report for siting of hospital layout. CE 453
- C.R.E. 1 Aust Corps & 7 Aust. Div. to construct necessary accommodation for S.T. reserve canteen supplies. CE 454
- D.A. & R.M.G. re Standing Orders for A.I.F. (ME) CE 455
- 6 Dec. R.E. Stores Branch. returning list of materials removed from WADI CHERIFFE. CE 456

6 Dec. (cont.)

G.I. Engrs. re Standing Orders for A.I.F. (M.E.) CE 457
 C.E. returned from tour of ALEPP^o area on inspection
 of engineer works.

7 Dec. Aus Force for G.I. Engrs re compressor position. CE 458

8 Dec. C.R.E. 9 Aust Div rptd C.R.E. 1 Aust Corps re availability
 of compressors. CE 460

H.Q. A.I.F. G.I. Engrs re transferring Lewis DALY
 from 6 Aust Div. to R.A.E. 1 Aust Corps. CE 463

C.E. 9th Army. works progress report. CE 464

C.R.E. 6 Aust Div. & 7 Aust Div to submit sketches of
 profile of ATK ditches. CE 465

9 Dec. C.R.E. officers to attend min in place road
 construction demonstration in Cairo on 29 Dec. CE 467

C.E. (Works) Syria to take no further action re
 generating set for camp cinemas. CE 468

10 Dec. 1 Aust Corps - road construction programme. CE 473

C.E. 10 Corps re plan for contractor of reinforced
 concrete slabs. CE 475

Aust. E.T.B. re officers' qualifications. CE 476

Notes on conference re electrical lighting sk of
 cinemas. CE 478

H.Q. A.I.F. (M.E.) re cars utility for D. Co. of H. Coy. CE 479

11 Dec. Aus Force re convoy to Egypt for compressors CE 482

C.O. S.M.E. (Aust.) re potential officers for R.A.E. CE 485

C.R.E. 9 Aust Div re first appointment to Commission CE 486

C.E. 9th Army setting out roller position CE 489

Aus Force - officer to attend min in place
 road construction demonstration CE 491

- 12 Dec. "G" requesting for definition of boundaries re 1 Aust Corps CE492
Op. Instr. 34.
- R.E. Store Branch re trailer saw benches. CE495
- Aus Force re promotions of WESTLUND & McDONNELL CE497
- Aus Depot. re arrival of McDONALD & BAIRD at their respective units. CE498
- CE9th Army forwarding information for roads progress report. CE500
- MOV. SYRIA forwarding sketches of projections in tunnels prepared for demolition. CE501
- C.R.E. TAUST. Div. re railway tunnels for DJERABLOOS bridge demolition. CE502
- CRE 1 Aust Corps Tps. requesting proposal for road work BANIAS & NASSIAF. CE503
- RE Store Branch SYRIA re type for civilian contractors. CE504
- 13 Dec. 1 Aust Corps re attacks by aircraft on vehicles on Roads. CE507
- 2/9 Aust P Coy. to have O.C. call on C.E. 9th Army on 14 Dec. CE508
- Aust Force Banks for infantry OCTU - Harker for engineer OCTU. CE509
- CRE 9 Aust Div rptd. CRE 1 Aust Corps Tps. re Banks & Harker's OCTU. CE510
- "Q" re payment of account. CE512
- CE9th Army forwarding sketches of ATK ditch of 6 Aust Div & 7 Aust Div. CE513
- C.E. 9th Army forwarding plans of fuel boxes of 6 Aust Div and 7 Aust Div. CE514
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- 14 Dec. C.E. 9th Army re having mountings made locally. CE516
- C.R.E. 6 Aust Div re concrete ATK Gun Emplacement 517
Note constructed as per plan A102.
- GII Engrs. re postings of officers of 1 Aust Corps Engrs CE518
- C.E. 9th Army re execution of 4 STERN demolition scheme CE519

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Chief Paymaster to distribute RAE comforts fund amongst
units. CE 521

C.R.E. 9 Aust Div re loan of compressors & tools from C.R.E.
1 Aust Corps. CE 522

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15 Dec. C.R.E. 7 Aust Div. re alleged minefields south of SAIDA. CE 526

C.E. 9th Army re overdue payments to PWD employees. CE 527

C.R.E. 6 Aust Div & 7 Aust Div. to supply forecast of
bridging requirements. CE 528

C.R.E. 1 Aust Corps 3ps. to submit detailed list of all deep
well & other pumps etc. CE 529

1 Aust Corps protesting against Maj. CALDER being
sent to a staff school. CE 532

G2 Engrs further to above. CE 533

C.R.E. 9 Aust Div. to submit detailed list of officers CE 534

16 Dec. C.R.E. 1 Aust Corps 3ps re arrival of 6 compressors CE 537

C.E. 9th Army. month progress report CE 538

C.R.E. 6 & 7 Aust Divs re return of rational bugies
to R.E. Stores Branch. CE 539

AUSforce to advise re arrangement of mine place
demonstration. CE 540

G.U. Engrs. - list of technical qualifications Engr. Office CE 541

C.E. 9th Army forwarding building manufacture
programme. CE 542

C.E. 9th Army returning drawings for Corp hole
plates. CE 544

17 Dec. C.R.E. Technical Instruction No 10 for Jacarita
Sharpening. CE 545

R.E. Stores Branch G.H.Q. re release of compressors. CE 547

C.E. 9th Army re use of R.E. ATK Mines No 2 CE 549

C.P.M. re payment of accounts. CE 550

17 Dec (cont.)

279 Aust Fd Coy to recce roads over Turkish frontier CE 551
 A.I.F. Paymaster (Lyria) re payment of accounts for CE 554
 installation of bathroom's kitchen fittings Quartermaster
 C.R.E. 1 Aust Corps to give details for manufacture CE 556
 of trailer saw benches.

18 Dec. G2 Engrs. revision of S.M.C. duty roster. CE 557
 C.O. S.M.C. stressing need for discipline. CE 558
 C.R.E. notifying of postponement of mine plan CE 562
 demonstration.
 C.R.E. cancelling CE 559. CE 563
 G2 Engrs re candidates for OCTU. CE 564
 HQ. A.I.F. seeking information on promotion to CE 566
 rank of MAJOR in R.A.E.

19 Dec C.R.E. 1 Aust Corps to issue tin compressors & CE 569
 tools to CRE 9 Aust Div.
 G requesting for release of 2/16 Fd Coy for road CE 571
 piece.
 CRE 9th Army, CE 9th Army CRE 6 Aust Div re release of CE 572
 2/16 Aust Fd Coy for road recce.
 CRE 1 Aust Corps to have rd. RAJOU-MCIDANE CE 573
 TRACKS made passable only.
 G2 Engrs. re potential C.R.E. CE 574
 G notifying approval of new Pw. Br. establishment CE 575
 CE 9th Army reporting on alleged ATK minefield CE 576
 South of SAIDA.
 C.R.E. 1 Aust Corps to reserve suitable site for CE 578
 G.H.Q. Reserve Dump.
 C.E. 9th Army forwarding further drawing for loop CE 579
 hole plating.

20 Dec. G1 Engrs re candidates for OCTU. CE 582

20 Dec (cont.)

R.E. Stores Branch 9th Army forwarding Lieut. Chesterman's
recon reports on forest areas. CE 583

Aus Depot requesting that Capt. Beckingsale call on CE. CE 557

Capt. Beckingsale to bring particulars of officers not technically
qualified. CE 588

Cb. R.E. to report on use of AASE vehicles. CE 592

C.R.E. TAVST Div. to report further on projections in
hills North of ALLEPPO being prepared for demolition CE 593

21 Dec Cb. R.E. to submit information for completion of
officer's Record Cards. CE 594

G3(O). forward itinerary of C.E.'s proposed trip to EGYPT. CE 596

C.E. 9th Army notifying re position of demolitions
in HATAJ area. CE 597

DADAM.G re petrol for army contractors. CE 597

copy of Engrs. Works. Reserve accumulation programme
distributed to C.R.E. 1 Aus Corps. ffs.

C.E. Pal. Base & hof. C area. returning bills for removal
of wrecked ships - Tel Aviv. CE 600

G2 Engrs informing that no suitably qualified
candidates available for January OCTU. CE 601

22 Dec. G2 Engrs re details of work to be accomplished by
C.E. on trip to CAIRO. CE 602

2/9 Aust. Fd. Coy. to inspect and make good any
damage to masonry faces of railway viaduct piers,
occasioned by flood waters. CE 602.

C.E. 9th Army forwarding I.O.R.E.'s report on engineer
Holds at SUEZ and BARRAGE. CE 604

1 Aust Corps forward Lieut. Chesterman's report on
possible air-craft landing grounds. Ref. 197285 Sydn 1/200.000. CE 605

G2 Engrs - C.E. carried by air 1400 hrs 23/12. CE 606

1 Aust Corps suggesting details of ASTER demolition
scheme. CE 608

22 Dec. (cont)

C.R.E. 1 Aust. Corps Sps. appointing C.R.E. as O.C. ASTERN
scheme for denial of oil to the enemy. CE 609

23 Dec.

C.E. 9th Army progress work report. CE 611

1 Aust Corps re new brigade group camp at JDEIDE. CE 612

Capt. J.W. SMITH re road works CE 613

Aus Force C.E.'s flight to CAIRO cancelled through
bad weather. CE 614

1 Aust Corps re use of railway tunnels for demolitions
North of Aleppo. CE 615

G2 Engrs. re exchange of officer RAE 9th Aust Div. CE 616

1 Aust Corps giving information on demolition
of railway bridges TURKEY. CE 617

C.E. 9th Army application for enemy mines for
training purposes. CE 618

C.R.E. 9 Aust Div. re surplus of spalling hammers CE 620

24 Dec.

Aus Force - C.E.'s departure to catch plane for
CAIRO CE 622

Aus Force - Robertson to be posted to RAE.
9 Aust Div. CE 623

2/TAUST Fd Coy. re Bowls departure to OCTU. CE 624

C.E. 9th Army listing water supply stores
held by Boring Secs. CE 625

C.E. Pol. Base S.W. of CAIRO. forwarding plans of
overhead cover (CE10), Bren Gun Pillbox (A101) and
Anti Tank Gun emplacement (A102). CE 626

C.R.E. 1 Aust. Corps Sps to construct Bde Gp. Camp
in JDEIDE area. CE 627

C.E. 9th Army forwarding Plans & Machinery returns
from C.R.E. CE 628

25 Dec.

C.E. 9th Army. re bomb disposal training. CE 629

25 Dec. (cont.)

C.R.E. 677 Aust Div vptd C.R.E. 1 Aust Gp. Jps. details re
personnel for collection of vehicles at Alexandria. CE 630
6 A.D.D., C.E. 9th Army re above. CE 631

26 Dec. C.R.E. 1 Aust Gp. Jps details re collection of vehicles at
Alexandria. CE 633

C.E. 9th Army forwarding return of plant & machinery. CE 636

C.R.E. re kit books for use at S.M.E. CE 637

C.R.E. 1 Aust Corps Jps to make recce of road for Toton
special loads TRIPOLI - HOMS - ALEP and CHATAURA-
HOMS. CE 638

G2 Engrs. re promulgation of Lieut Chesterman's
appointment. CE 640

C.E. forwarding files & reporting on plane booting. CE 641/442

27 Dec. C.R.E. 7 Aust Div. giving particulars of labour corps. CE 643

G2 Engrs re dispatch of Capt Beckingdale A33. CE 644

G2 Engrs forwarding copy of C.E. Technical
Instruction No 8 for E.M.C. CE 645

28 Dec. C.R.E. to expedite information on use of A.A.E.
vehicles as per CE 592 CE 646

C.R.E. 9 Aust Div asking for confirmation re
bridging equipment CE 647

G2 Engrs giving particulars of bridging
equipment held by 677 Aust Div. CE 648

C.E. A.I.F. giving full details of bridging
equipment and deficiencies. CE 649

C.R.E. 7 Aust Div to report on clearing of
wheels from compactors rollers. CE 650

29 Dec. 9th Army. forwarding C.R.E. 7 Aust Div's return
of Plant & Machinery. CE 651

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C.R.E. 1Aust. Corps Tps. training of personnel on dumps
7 Hoves. CE652

MILPAW informing them that drawings are being
prepared for saw benches. CE653

C.E. 9th Army re generating deb for camp cinemas. CE654

AUS Force notifying that CORBIN had been substituted
for JENBART for S.M.E. CE655

C.R.E. 1Aust Corps Tps. to construct 4 circular C.C.
tanks. CE656

30 Decr. D.A. & Q.M.G. A.A.S.C. vehicles in use by Engr. Units CE658

C.R.E. 9th Tps, 697 Aust. Div to make monthly return
of expenditure CE660

U.K.C.C. to purchase timber from Turkey for W.D. CE661

C.E. 9th Army. works progress report. CE662

D.A.D. TN. for Construction. Mov. SYRIA re railway
crossings over ATK ditches TRIPOLI. CE663

31 Decr. C.R.E. 697 Aust Div to complete schedule of camp
construction. CE664

C.R.E. calling for conference of Coy. Q.M.G. at
1400 hrs 2 Jan & 2 re deficiencies of technical
equipment. CE665

C.R.E. 1Aust Div to erect recording post in
bushbrakes at Djeraablous. CE666

31 Dec (Cont.)

CE 9th Army re repairs to railway bridge at Kours Koudat. CE 667

CRE 1 Aust Corps Tps M.R. CRE 6 Aust Div. re cancellation of new bde of camp. CE 669

A.I.F. Paymaster (Syria) requesting payment 10 ELIANU Bros. CE 670

SUMMARY for Dec. 41.

- | | <u>Date.</u> |
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| (a) Construction of A.T. Gun concrete emplacements. | 13 Dec |
| (b) Requirement of 10 Air Compressors from H.E. | 19 Dec |
| (c) CE to CAIRO for Conference with G.O.C. | 24 Dec. |
| (d) Conference of Coy Q M's to receive war equipment deficiency lists. | 31 Dec. |

(e) Technical Summary.

It had been proposed to write a CE Tech. Summary for Syrian Occupation - Period 15 Jul - 31 Dec 41. Ref letter CE 373 of 23 Nov 41.

Proposed move of ~~conf~~ Aust Corps makes writing of Summary impossible. Reports by CRE 6 Aust Div, CRE 7 Aust Div & 71 CRE Works are attached as appendices A B & C to

this Diary. Report of CRE 1 Aust Corps Tps was returned to him for inclusion in his own War Diary

- (d) Commission of Control - Syria - Report by Committee No 16
 on Engineer matters is attached as Appdx D. 10RE & 1 Aust Corps was President of this Committee.

Engineer
C.E. 1 Aust. Corps.

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71 CRE Works

FROM

CE 1 Arm Corp

Originator's Number

CE 422

Date

1 dec

In Reply to Number

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two	new	rest	deep	trinch	latrine
at	14 Arm	Spec	Hospital	at	NEW HOTEL
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CRE Corps Tps

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CE 1 Ambl Coy

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CE will	army	request	that	drawn	readable
for	refilling	with	solid	between	be
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CE424

HQ 1 Aust Corps
1 Dec 41.

CRE 9 Aust Div

Stock Sheets - Fd Pk Coys

The attached correspondence was received from P & S Det AIF.

In my opinion the printing of the stock sheets is not warranted. We find, due to the changing conditions, that locally made roneoed sheets are more satisfactory. Enclosed are some specimens that we have used recently.

However, I would like to hear your views on the subject to enable me to reply to the attached letter.

Clu
Brig
CE 1 Aust Corps.

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FINANCE SEC A I F BASE AREA

FROM 1 AUST CORPS

Originator's Number

CE425

Date

1 Dec

In Reply to Number

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from CE AIF (.) ref your letter 22 nov (.)
 engineer manufacturing coy state bills still unpaid
 on 27 nov (.) please advise when will be
 paid

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TO

AUSFORCE

FROM

CE 1 AUST CORPS

Originator's Number

CE426

Date

1 Dec

In Reply to Number

for GII ENGRS (.) regret your bad news (.) concur in leave
to AUSTRALIA on personal reasons and AIF matters (.) preferably
by air (.) see LIEUT MAHONEY at CANAL br det and get details
of officers being victimised in AUSTRALIA (.) explain true
position re engr equipment (.) do you wish see me before
leaving (.) could meet you CAIRO LYDDA TIBERIAS or as suitable

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DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENGR ORGANISATION A I F (ME).

Serial	Phase	Date	Remarks
1.	Formation of Engrs 6 Aust Div	AUST Oct 1939	Shortage of officers and NCO's due to poor militia response. Great difficulty in obtaining approval for officer SME's whereby civilians with technical qualifications were given provisional commissions and sent to schools. First of these was No. 5 and commenced in Nov (?) 1939. Owing to lack of tradesmen volunteering trade classes were formed and great assistance given by technical schools.
2.	Formation of 7 Aust Div and Corps Tps	AUST Apr 1940	Better response from militia and more co-operation all round. No. 5 SME and No. 6, for which official approval was ultimately given, proved invaluable in filling the officer gaps.
3.	Provision of Tech Eqpt	AUST May Sep 1940	Owing to cancellation of Corps embarkation, MGO authorised CE AIF to procure technical eqpt. This was done, much to distress of Business Board etc.
4.	Hibernating GAZA Area	PALESTINE Oct Jan 41	CE and staff and such coys as were available interested themselves in hutting in GAZA area.
5.	Move to WESTERN DESERT	LIBYA Jan Feb 41	CRES' conference on 24 Feb at BENHAZI. Made various recommendations. Turned down because "one swallow doesn't make a summer."
6.	GREECE and back	GREECE Mar Apr 41	Experiences here confirmed recommendations as above.
7.	GAZA Area	PALESTINE May 41	Refitting. Further conference of CRES endorsed previous recommendations for new establishments. Recommendation also made for CE 1 Aust Corps to be also CE AIF with Battle HQ at Corps. Establishment recommended for SME.
8.	SYRIAN Campaign and Occupation	Jun Dec 41	Most of above recommendations ^{new} rounded off and adopted (including establishment for Pnr Bn). These include new establishments for RAE, ETB, agreement to pooling of potential officer material, determination of officers and others of doubtful professional qualifications by examination and a general feeling that the engr policy for the AIF is now on the soundest possible basis. It therefore seems likely that provided equipment arrives by the spring RAE and Pnrs AIF (ME) will be as "fit" in a military sense as it is possible for Engrs to be.

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GII Engrs HQ AIF (ME).

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FROM

C E 1 AUST CORPS

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Date

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HQ 1 Aust Corps
2 Dec 41.

CRE 9 Aust Div

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Further to our CE424 the specimen roneoed sheets were inadvertently omitted and are enclosed herewith.

CE 1 Aust Corps. Brig

Encl'.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

CE429

HQ 1 Aust Corps
2 Dec 41.

HQ A I F (ME)

2/3 PNR BN.

On 29 Nov I visited this unit at QASTINA. For the past six months or so the unit has been engaged on works at DARWIN and at present is commanded by Lt-Col A. V. Gallasch M.C., its former C O Lt-Col Veale having remained in AUSTRALIA to act as C R E Works DARWIN.

I did not have an opportunity to see anything of the Bn as a whole but my impressions are that they need considerable concentrated training. Arrangements have been made by 9 Aust Div for the 2/1 Pnr Bn to lend them some Bren guns and instructors, but I do not think this is sufficient.

In view of the fact that the unit may have to fight in the Spring it is recommended that, as an urgent matter, steps should be taken to see that this Bn gets special training in all infantry weapons.

C. C. S
CE A I F.

Brig

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

HQ 1 Aust Corps
2 Dec 41.

H Q A I F (ME)

With reference to the application of T/Lt-Col A. G. Torr for leave to Australia on personal grounds, this is supported by me for military reasons which are as follows:-

1. No representative of my arm of the Service has yet been in direct touch with Australia:
2. There is urgent need for a case to be put to the proper channels for the proper training of reinforcements:
3. The position regarding the compressors is urgent now and will be more urgent in the Spring.

I can see no reason why scores of compressors and other essential engineering equipment should not be despatched from Australia to the Middle East before the Spring if those responsible can be suitably impressed, which I think can only be done by personal contact. I would give Col Torr letters of introduction which I think would help him considerably in these matters.

C.C.S.
C E A I F.

Brig

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

CE430a

HQ 1 Aust Corps
3 Dec 41.

H Q A I F (ME)

With reference to the application of T/Lt-Col A. G. Torr for leave to Australia on personal grounds, this is supported by me for military reasons which are as follows:-

1. No representative of my arm of the Service has yet been in direct touch with Australia:
2. Qualifications and drafting of engr offr needs investigation. Apart from officers coming forward without qualifications, it is reliably reported that certain good and well qualified reinftr offr have been kept back from draft for so long that they ^{have} had, in effect, deserted and gone back to civil life.
3. There is urgent need for a case to be put to the proper channels for the proper training of reinftrs:
4. The position regarding compressors is urgent now and will be more urgent in the Spring.

I can see no reason why scores of compressors and other essential engineering equipment should not be despatched from Australia to the Middle East before the Spring if those responsible can be suitably impressed, which I think can only be done by personal contact. I would give Col Torr letters of introduction which I think would help him considerably in these matters.

CE *Mr* A I F.

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<i>of</i>	<i>which</i>	<i>are</i>	<i>outside</i>	<i>corps</i>	<i>area</i>
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<i>are</i>	<i>have</i>	<i>any</i>	<i>other</i>	<i>decision</i>	<i>responsibility</i>
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

HQ 1 Aust Corps
2 Dec 41.

C E 9th ARMY

REPORTS AND RETURNS

Ref your E9/651 of 24 Nov and S/DCEW/10 of 27 Nov
and CE Pal & TJ CE/45/6 (copy attached):

It is desired to point out that GE Corps and CsRE under command do not constitute primarily a Works organization. It would be appreciated therefore if these returns could be consolidated and reduced to the simplest possible form.

It has already been stated to CE Pal & TJ that the information asked for in his CE/45/6 is readily available from the Finance Branch.

CE 1 Aust Corps. Brig

Encl'

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C O P Y

HQ PAL TJ & S
CE/45/6
6 Oct 41.

SUBJECT:- Return of Expenditure.

C.E. Northern L of C Dist.

C.E. 1st Aust Corps

No. 63 C.R.E. Wks. (Haifa) for information

" 64 " " (J'Am)

" 65 " " (Gaza)

" 67 " " (T.J.)

" 73 " " (Nazareth) for information

" 74 " " (Damascus)

" 75 " " (H.B.Rd.)

" 76 " " (Aqaba)

An instruction has been received from G.H.Q. MEF. to the effect that a return is to be rendered monthly showing the total amount expended during the preceding month on contracts, local purchase and the cost of D.E.L.

The first return showing monthly totals for the period January to September, 1941, will be rendered to reach this office on the 12th instant and future returns by the 12th of each month.

In addition, the usual forecast of vote 10W expenditure in respect of next month and next three months, in accordance with page 76 Manual of Engineer Services, War, 1940, will be rendered by 20th of each month.

(Signed) Colonel
for Brigadier,
C.E. Palestine T.J. & S.

CE433

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

HQ 1 Aust Corps
3 Dec 41.

1 AUST CORPS

Attacks by Aircraft on Vehicles on Roads.

The following is submitted for consideration.

Experiences in Greece indicate that there may be considerable difficulty in the control of troops under the above conditions.

We have also the testimony of our own air people that they dislike small arms fire from the ground.

It would thus appear to be desirable to build up the fighting-back spirit of our own men so that they will engage aircraft after having left their vehicles.

It is suggested therefore to dig slit trenches along stretches of flat straight roads which are particularly vulnerable to aircraft. For a start trenches would be, say, thirty yards from the road and spaced at normal vehicle spacing of 100 yds. Such work could be carried out by the local PWs without much prejudice to our existing obligations.

It is thought by this means troops would concentrate in these trenches, would be given a certain amount of protection and, more important still, be under control of the senior person present for both fire and general discipline.

It would be possible to practice units occasionally in this type of dispersion.

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CE 1 Aust Corps.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

HQ 1 Aust Corps
3 Dec 41.

CAMP COMMANDANT:

Confirmation of Promotion to Substantive Rank:

Please make the necessary applications for the confirmation to substantive rank of the following members of my staff:-

VX36036	A/Cpl IVERS E.J.	17 Aug 41
VX10565	A/WO(II) STEELE A.L.	27 " "

J. G. W. L. M. J.
Brig
CE 1 Aust Corps.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

CE436

HQ 1 Aust Corps
3 Dec 41.

H Q A I F (ME)

Promotion of Capt C. R. WESTLUND - 22 Aust
Fd Pk Coy RAE:

In furtherance of an enquiry by D A G I have to advise that Capt Westlund's promotion to T/Major as O C 22 Aust Fd Pk Coy is based on the fact that there is no other officer suitable and available to fill the appointment.

I understand however that in cases of temporary promotion, where no supersession is involved, this information is not normally required.

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C E A I F. *XV.D*

ARMY FORM C2128. (Pads of 100).

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CE 1 Aust Corps

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CE 438

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CRE 6 Aust Div

CRE 7 Aust Div

FROM

CRE 1 AUST CORPS

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Date

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ref corps op instn no 39 (.) submit
 your scheme to this office by 1200 hrs
 10 dec (.) please raise any queries
 forthwith

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

CE441

HQ 1 Aust Corps
3 Dec 41.

C E PAL BASE &
L of C AREA

Stores Bills - Demolition of Wrecks
TEL AVIV.

Further to my CE192 of 1 Nov 41 in reference to
attached correspondence from claimant:

This work was executed by RAE at the request
of Force HQ. In fairness to the merchant would you please
arrange that the bills be now paid.

CSS Brig
CE 1 Aust Corps.

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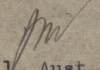
HQ 1 Aust Corps
1 Dec 41.

CRE 1 Aust Corps Tps
CRE 6 Aust Div
CRE 7 Aust Div
71 CRE Works

1. Attached is copy of letter E9/651 of 24 Nov 41
by CE 9th Army. Please render reports in accordance
with this to reach my office by 0900 hrs each Monday.

2. ROADS:
Please amend the subdivision as follows:-

<u>Main Roads</u>	-	Bitumen or metalled.
<u>Camp Roads</u>	-	Metalled or earth.
<u>Tactical Roads</u>	-	" " " "


CE 1 Aust Corps. Brig

Copy to -
CE 9th Army.

WD

Subject: PROGRESS REPORTS.HQ Ninth Army.
B9/651.

C.E. 1 Aust Corps.

C.E. 10 Corps.

D.C.E. for C.R.E. 66

" 74

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1. A new and simplified procedure is to be adopted forthwith. Engineer progress reports are to be submitted weekly by wire. They will deal only with such subjects as may be prescribed by this office from time to time (see para. 2 below). They will be in the form described in para. 3 below.

It is hoped that the new procedure will save paper and time of compilers. But for the reports to be of value they must be on time and accurate.

2. The subjects to be dealt with in the reports are for the present DEFENCES, ROADS, HUTTING, HOSPITALS.

Under DEFENCES will be shown pillboxes (including other concrete weapon positions and O.P.s), anti-tank ditch, battle headquarters, shelters (for personnel, stores, ammunition, etc.). Work in each fortress area, e.g. Tripoli, Djedi, Qatana, is to be dealt with separately.

ROADS will be subdivided into metalled roads and earth roads. The total mileage in each of these two groups constitute the item for report. Individual roads will not be treated separately. HUTTING will be grouped on a formation or an area basis according as to which method is the more convenient. It will include under the same head all huts in the group whatever their purposes (i.e. for personnel, stores, offices or otherwise). HOSPITALS will be treated individually.

3. In making out a progress report the subject heading (e.g. DEFENCES) should come first, then the group (e.g. QATANA) and finally the items (e.g. pillboxes, anti-tank ditch, headquarters, shelters) in succession.

Against each item three figures only are required. These are (i) the quantity completed; (ii) the total quantity in the programme (this includes the quantity completed); and (iii) the anticipated completion date for the programme. These three figures will be written consecutively and in the above order.

e.g. If the programme for the QATANA defences comprised 212 pillboxes of which 70 had been completed and the anticipated date for the completion of the last of the 212 was 1 January the report should be

"DEFENCES (.) QATANA pillboxes 70/212/1 Jan."

4. The quantities to be used in reporting on the various items will be:-

pillboxes, headquarters, shelters	number
anti-tank ditch, metalled roads, earth roads	miles
hutting	1000 sq.ft.
hospitals	number of beds.

The term "completed" as used in para. 3 above means ready for use or occupation. Roads lacking only the final binding should be shown as completed. So too should huts which are fit for occupation though still wanting minor engineer attention.

5. Addresses will report on the item for the execution of which they are respectively responsible. The first report should show progress to noon on Sat. 6 December. Subsequent reports to follow weekly.

(Signed) H. W. HUTSON
Brigadier,
CE Ninth Army.

MEF.

24 Nov 41.

HPH/SP.

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In new of ice now forming
on road surface at high altitudes
it is suggested that chains non
skid should be worn for vehicles
as soon as possible

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CE445

HQ 1 Aust Corps
4 Dec 41.

GII ENGRS
HQ AIF (ME)

Engr Offrs - Pnr Bn:

Ref copy of your memo to D A G dated 1 Dec 41:

Your remarks are noted with the comment that it will be preferable to refer to the "Technical Section" rather than "Technical Platoon" of a Pnr Bn.

mw
CE 1 Brig
Aust Corps.

W.D.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

CE446

HQ 1 Aust Corps
4 Dec 41.

CRE No. 7 AERODROMES

Materials for Camouflage.

Ref your CRE 7/14/11 of 21 Nov 41:

Your demand on CRE TRIPOLI area is not understood because we have not a copy of CRME/24183/5/G(DEC)3 of 6 Nov. All your issues would appear to be covered by CE 9th Army letter E9/154 of 30 Nov, of which a copy was addressed to you.

gm
CE 1 Aust Corps. Brig

Copy to -
CRE 7 Aust Div.

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CE 948 4 dec

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H. Wilson May

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CE 449

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

CE450

HQ 1 Aust Corps
4 Dec 41.

HQ NINTH ARMY

Oil Demolition Scheme

Ref your O/70/1 of 3 Dec 41:

I certify copy 29 of HQ P & TJ Op Instn No. 58
of 5 Oct 41 has been destroyed by fire.

pm
CE 1 Aust Corps. Brig

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CE 451

Date

5 dec

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CE AIF

Originator's Number

CE 453

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5 Dec

In Reply to Number

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SCE/428.

HQ 1 Aust Corps.
5 Dec 41.

CRE 1 Aust Corps Tps.

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" 7 " "

R.E. STORES TECH INSTN NO. I.

1. Herewith Ninth Army Tech Instn on demand procedure for R.E. Stores.
2. It will be noted that monthly demands are to be submitted to reach Stores Branch by 8th of each month.
3. Forms can be obtained from R.E. Stores Branch or Stationery depot, and five copies will be required, four for RESE and one for CE Stores Offr.
4. Attention is drawn to para 6 of Tech Instn re Estimating requirements.
5. Please arrange for demands to be rendered as per instructions.

SO/CE 1 Aust Corps.
for Brig.
CE 1 Aust Corps.

War diary

R. E. DEMAND FORM.

Sheet No. _____ No. of sheets. _____

SERVICE

C.E./C.R.E. _____ DEMAND NO. _____

DEMAND NO:—

105/P5JZ/2-10.000-6.6.41

[illegible]

DATE DELIVERY CAN COMMENCE _____

RATE OF DELIVERY

DATE STORES REQUIRED

Signature of Demanding Officer

8. ILLUSTRATIONS. Owing to the acute shortage of the undernoted items, no issues will be arranged until C.E., Ninth Army has authorised them :-

- (a) Water Pipe & fittings (b) Plant & Machinery
(c) Bitumen and Emulsion

Demands for these should therefore be submitted through CE IX Army, of sizes etc (d) In all cases standardisation of items is essential and multiplicity/ avoided.

9. PRIORITY. See circular letter ref. E/136 of 17/11/41 from C.E., Ninth Army. It is hoped that this arrangement will enable work to progress more smoothly and the attention of all concerned is drawn to the necessity of submitting lists punctually as directed.

B. LOCAL PURCHASE.

1. GENERAL. Prices in Syria generally are very high and local purchase is to be resorted to only when urgency is such that no other sources of supply is suitable.
2. R.E. STORES BRANCH. have experts who know the local market and full use must be made of their experience.

3. POWERS of Local Purchase of R.E. Stores for stock or for incorporation, maximum per local purchase Order :-

	<u>A Syrian</u>	<u>Equivalent £ Pal</u>
C.E. Corps	5000	1000
C.R.E. Div	440	50
C.R.E. Works	440	50
D.C.R.E.	44	5
O.i/c R.E. Stores Branch	E.S.22075	£P. 2500

These powers are granted to the individual officers concerned and shall not be delegated except after written authority has been received from C.E. IX Army.

4. RESTRICTIONS. All officers before taking local purchase action will satisfy themselves that the Stores are not available from Stock or are not expected to come forward in reasonable time, and they will only purchase within their respective areas. One copy of all orders placed will be sent to R.E. Stores Branch, Ninth Army for information.
5. As R.E. Stores Branch has no representatives in Aleppo or Damascus Areas C.R.E. No.7 Aerodromes, C.R.E. No.74 Works respectively may be called upon by R.E. Stores Branch to negotiate purchase in these areas - Orders to be placed by R.E. Stores Branch. They may also be called upon to arrange onward transmission of Stores so purchased.
6. SAVE AND WASTE CONTRACTS. These should be placed by C.E.'s Corps and C.R.E., but if value is likely to exceed A Syrian 22075, tenders should be submitted to C.E. Works for acceptance.

- C. 1. ALL REQUIREMENTS regarding Demands should be made to R.E. Stores Branch through the Stores Officer of the Demanding Officers mentioned in para A - 1. Enquiries made direct only cause confusion.
2. EXPLOSIVES. - will be demanded in the same manner but demands will be submitted to C.E., NINTH ARMY, NOT to R.E. Stores Branch, R.A.C.C. will arrange provision.

G. H. Finlayson
for Brigadier.
C.E., Ninth Army.

M.E.F.

1 Dec 41.

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TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION No. 1.R.E. STORES - DEMANDING PROCEDURE AND LOCAL PURCHASE.A. DEMANDS.

1. Demanding Officer. Demands for Stores will be made only by or through the following :-

(a) C.E. 1 Aust Corps	(e) C.R.E. Works No.66.
(b) C.E. 10 Corps.	(f) C.R.E. Works No.71.
(c) C.R.E. No.1 Aerodromes.	(g) C.R.E. Works No.74.
(d) C.R.E. No.7 Aerodromes.	(h) D.A.D. (Tn.) Haifa.
- * For stores to be delivered North of line SAIDA, RAYAK, DAMASCUS including RAYAK but excluding DAMASCUS. Stores for other areas should be demanded on R.E. Stores Branch, Pal. Base & L. of C. Area.

2. KIND OF DEMANDS.

- (a). Demands for initial stocking of a Dump - to be submitted forthwith if not already submitted. (Applies only to 10 Corps.)
- (b). Demands for maintenance of reasonable stocks in dumps - to be submitted monthly - to reach R.E. Stores Branch by 8th of each month - for delivery during next month but one, i.e. Stores demanded by 8/12/41 need not be expected before February - although some may arrive earlier.
- (c). Demands for Specific Jobs. - these are for use when the size of the job is such that the stores required will cause an undue drain on stocks available.

3. DEMANDS.

Four copies on R.E. Stores Demand Form, specimen attached, will be addressed to "R.E. Stores Branch, Ninth Army" - which is situated in Rue de l'Iconique, Beirut.

In all cases special care should be taken to state exactly :-

- (i) Where stores are required, and if the unit is prepared to arrange collecting.
 - (ii) Date on which delivery can commence.
 - (iii) Date by which delivery should be completed.
 - (iv) Rate - tons per day - at which Stores can be accepted.
4. RELEASE ORDERS. Army Dumps will not issue Stores without first having received a Release Order from R.E. Stores Branch. A copy of this Release Order will be sent to the Demanding Officer and to the Unit which requires the stores.
 5. AVAILABILITY. The function of an Army Dump is to issue in bulk only, and demands for small quantities will not be accepted except in special cases and then these demands must invariably be endorsed to the effect that the stores are not available in Corps or C.R.E. Works Dumps.
 6. ESTIMATING REQUIREMENTS. Much time can be saved if those responsible for planning work will consult R.E. Stores Branch re availability of Stores before the work is initiated - also by submitting "Estimate of Stores Required" and advising R.E. Stores Branch so that steps may be taken to move Stores in advance. These estimates will not be considered as Demands, which should follow as soon as details are known. These Demands should always show reference to any "Estimate of Stores Required" already submitted in order to avoid confusion.
 7. DEFENCE STORES. These will be dealt with under a separate instruction which will be issued later.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE 454.

HQ 1 Aust Corps.
5 Dec 41.

CRE 1 Aust Corps Tps.
" 7 " Div.

S & T INSTALLATIONS.

1. To accommodate reserve canteen supplies, extra "A" huts have been approved adjacent to the following FSDs:-

- | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| (a) <u>TRIPOLI Area.</u> | 1. BTOURATIGE | 16072690 |
| | 11. KHMAILIA (RAMLIH) | 16802793 |
| | 111. ZGHORTA | 16602727 |
| (b) <u>BAALBEK Area.</u> | 1. LABOUE | 20872507 |
| | 11. ELAINE | 21072533 |
| | 111. DJEDEIDE Station | 20882568 |
| | iv. ZABBOUD | 20482553 |

2. CRE 1 Aust Corps Tps please arrange to manufacture the seven "A" huts and erect the four in the BAALBEK area.

CRE 7 Aust Div please arrange to collect three huts for TRIPOLI area from CHEKA dump, and erect them. CRE 1 Aust Corps Tps, ^{also} inform CRE 7 Aust Div when these huts will be available for collection.

3. PRIORITY.

Above work has no special priority.

pm
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CE 1 Aust Corps.
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
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6 Dec 41.

DA & QMG.

STANDING ORDER AIF (ME).

Ref your AI/278 of 17 Nov 41.

The relevant paras existing in HQ 1 Aust Corps
Standing Order for War are considered to cover
satisfactorily matters relating to CE's Branch.

 Brig.
CE 1 Aust Corps.

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
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R.E. Stores Branch,
HQ Pal. Base &
L of C Area.

STORES EX S.P.C.

Ref your S/71 of 3 Dec 41.

Herewith returned are the two lists you required.


Brig.
CE 1 Aust Corps.

W.D.

ARMY FORM C2128. (Pads of 100).

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TO CRE 7 AUST DIV rptd 2/9 FD COY

FROM

CE 1 AUST CORPS

Originator's Number

CE 601

Date _____

5 Dec

In Reply to Number

Ref tunnels viaduct demolitions north of RADJOU (.) position is not satisfactory (.) have instructed capt JELBART to inspect go over the whole job and thoroughly recondition at his discretion

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SIGNED C. S. STEELE Brig

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CE 457

HQ 1 Aust Corps.
6 Dec 41.

G II Engrs
HQ AIF (ME).

AIF (ME) STANDING ORDERS.

Ref your letter (unnumbered) of 1 Dec 41.

It is not clear as to exactly what is required.
But some Corps Standing Orders have now been located
which include suitable paras for engr.

Please take no further action in the matter.

cm *Flu*
Brig.
CE 1 Aust Corps.
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FROM

C E A I F

Originator's Number

CE458

Date

7 Dec

In Reply to Number

for G2 engs (.) compressor position here hopeless
 (.) MANN has none (.) NINTH ARMY has none and quote
 NEWSON as saying that M E has none because railways
 have priority (.) if any can be located we would
 send M T anywhere to collect

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE 459

HQ 1 Aust Corps.
8 Dec 41.

2/3 Army Fd Wkshop.

I would be grateful if you could carry out the following work on my car, 8667:-

- (1) Decarbonise and, if necessary, ^{grind} drain valves.
- (2) Check steering, which is alleged to have click in it somewhere.
- (3) Check brake operating mechanism and brake linings.
- (4) Attend to clutch, which shudders.
- (5) Fit ~~firing~~^{fire} extinguisher as indicated.
- (6) Remove rattle in gear handle, stated to be due to incorrect adjustment in the rod running up the steering column.
- (7) Fit new and suitable muffler and generally make good the exhaust pipe system.
- (8) Ease button which operates bonnet.
- (9) Fix windscreen which tends to be spasmodic in operation.

With regard to TIME, whilst I would like the car as soon as possible, a first class job of the above and anything else that may be disclosed by your examination, is more important.

Thank you in anticipation.

Brig.
CE 1 Aust Corps.

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CRE 9 AUST DIV rptd CRE 1 AUST CORPS TBS

FROM

CE 1 AUST CORPS

Originator's Number

CE 460

Date

8 Dec

In Reply to Number

One compressor with tools available 2/14 aust fd coy at QOUCEIR
(.) please collect (.) two more will be available in two days (.)
collection arrangements later (.) compressors on loan with
operators from own unit

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SIGNED J.G. WILSON Major IMPORTANT

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CE AIF

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CE AIF ME

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CE 463

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TO
NINTH ARMY

FROM

CE 1 AUST CORPS

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CE 464

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8 Dec

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E9/651

For CE (.) CORPS TPS (.) main roads SYRIA 276/420/ 31 dec (.)
 camp roads BEIRUT 1*3/2*3/ 12 dec DJEIDE 0*9/8*1/ 31 dec (.)
 hutting DJEIDE 167/384/ 31 dec BEIRUT 49/53/ 25 dec (.) 6 AUST
 DIV (.) defences DJEIDE atk ditch 3/7/ 31 dec (.) pill boxes
 nil/134/ 31 dec (.) roads tactical metalled 1/6/ 25 jan earth
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CE 464

2.1/5.9/ 31 jan (.) roads metalled camp 7/11/ 30 dec tactical
 38/63/ 1 mar (.) hutting TRIPOLI 258/286/ 20 dec (.) 71 CRE WORKS
 (.) MAJDALOUN camp roads metalled nil/4/ 15 jan (.) huts living
 nil/14/ 31 jan huts stonehenge nil/40/ 28 feb (.) TALIA camp
 roads metalled nil/4/ 15 jan ~~(.)~~ ~~nil~~

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TO CRE 6 AUST DIV CRE 7 AUST DIV

FROM

CE 1 AUST CORPS

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Please submit forthwith sketch showing profile of your atk ditch

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TO

ONE 1 AUST CORPS TPS ONE 6 AUST DIV ONE 7 AUST DIV ONE 9 AUST DIV

FROM

1 AUST CORPS

Originator's Number

CE 467

Date

9 Dec

In Reply to Number

From CE AIP (.) road construction by mix in place method (.)
 actual road work will be demonstrated to engr offrs near CAIRO on
~~now~~ prior to start of SNE on 29 dec (.) suggest you detail to
 attend ~~some~~ offrs who are going to this SNE (.) please signal
 name of those available (.) detailed arrangements later

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

CE468

HQ 1 Aust Corps
9 Dec 41.

CE (WORKS) SYRIA

Generating Sets for Camp Cinemas.

Ref your CE/WKS/181/1:

We are having difficulty in ascertaining exact details of the sets required but it appears that they should be available by local purchase. Please take no further action in the matter until you hear from us again.

CE 1 *for* Aust Corps. Brig

W.D.

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FROM

CE 1 Unit Camp

Originator's Number

CE 469

Date

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CRE 7 Aust Div

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CE 1 Aust Corps

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CE 470

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TO CRE 9 AUST DIV rptd CRE 1 AUST CORPS TPS

FROM

CE 1 AUST CORPS

Originator's Number

CE 472

Date

10 Dec

In Reply to Number

Ref CE460 (.) one compressor with tools available for collection
 from 23 aust fd pk coy at CHEKA 150264 (.) further one
 probably available friday

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SIGNED J.G. Wilson Maj

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE 473

HQ 1 Aust Corps.
10 Dec 41.

1 AUST CORPS.

Road Construction Programme.

Ref HQ Ninth Army O/313 of 4 Dec 41.

1. The main roads now being constructed must be maintained.
2. A by-pass road round RAYAK via ABLAH - BEIT CHAMME - TALIA is being repaired and improved.
3. It is proposed to construct a new road from RAYAK to MASNAA (167197) to join new road to MERJAYOUN. Road RAYAK-MASNAA is being reconnoitred.
4. If possible it is considered that a by-pass round CHEKA tunnel should be made, and a recce is at present in progress.
5. It is suggested that lateral connections should be developed between BAALBEK valley and the coast road.

Possible routes would seem to be:-

- | | | |
|-----|---|-----------------|
| (a) | JBAIL - AFOA (165237) - CHMISTAR (177225) | } for pack tpt. |
| (b) | DJOUNEH - FARAIYA (159231) " | |
| (d) | ANTELIAS - DHOOR CHOUEH - ZAHLE | } for light MT. |
| (d) | TRIPOLI - LES CEDRES + BAALBEK | |
6. Distribution of work will be:-
 - (i) First three months of 1942 - paras 1 to 4 and 5 (a) and (b)
 - (ii) First six months of 1942 - all the above paras.

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CE 1 Aust Corps.

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Contract for reinforced concrete slabs -
A. N. MALEK:

We have operating certain arrangements for the supply of flour to our various contractors to enable them to feed their employees.

Flour is obtained from the U.K.C.C. on attached pro forma which is self-explanatory.

CsRE take suitable steps to ensure -

- (1) That the scheme is not exploited by the contractor;
- (2) That the foodstuff reaches its destination without interference.

This entails normally the use of Army tpt to collect the flour or, if contractors' vehicles are used, a military escort.

To reduce clerical work for the U.K.C.C. flour is normally collected in lots representing two weeks supply.

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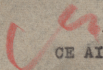
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OFFICERS' QUALIFICATIONS.

Ref your memo of 7 Dec 41, with attached records of
offrs.

1. Periodical examinations are to be held at SME to
test the ability of RAE offrs with doubtful qualifications.
Thereby it will be ensured that offrs will have sufficient
technical knowledge to deal with military engineering
problems coming within the province of a Fd Coy comdr.
2. It would appear that the following offrs should be
tested at the first examination to be held at SME:-

Lieut J. L. APPLEBY
" E.J.J. CRAMP
" J.K.C. HERRIDGE.
" W.L. PROUD.
3. In future please include on offrs staff record
cards some confidential remarks re personality, leadership,
etc.

 Brig.
CE AIF (ME).

Copy to:

G II Engrs,
HQ AIF (ME).

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
CARS UTILITY FOR ENGR UNITS:

1. Existing W.E. Tables prescribe:-


One car DS for a CRE.
One car DS for an OC of a Fd Pk Coy.
One van-1 ton for an OC of a Fd Coy.

2. It has been suggested by CsRE and is recommended by me, that Cars Utility (battle buggies) be substituted for all the above vehicles.

3. The Car Utility is more satisfactory for a recon by several officers, and for discussions between officers while travelling. Compared to a Car DS, a Car Utility has better performance and carrying capacity, and types now being issued have a 1-ton chassis.


Brig.
CE AIF (ME).

Copy to G II Engrs.



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HQ Ninth Army.

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C.E. (Works) SYRIA.
R.E. Stores Branch, SYRIA.
D.C.E. Aerodromes.

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1. " monthly return of all plant and machinery in excess of G.1098 equipment is required in accordance with attached pro-forma. Please arrange for these returns to be rendered showing the position as at 20th of each month.
2. In the event of Serial No. for any item of plant NOT being known a list of all such plant should be submitted with initial return showing make, type, size, and, if known, origin (whether W.D. P.W.D. or contractors' plant). Serial Nos for these items will be advised and will then be employed in all future returns.
3. In future all application for machinery and plant whether it belongs to W.D. P.W.D. or contractors are to be made through CE. Ninth Army.
4. No plant is to be removed from one area of responsibility to another without prior authority from C.E. Ninth Army. Any application for change of location of plant should include reference to any tentative discussion which may have been held with the authority then in possession of the plant in question.

A.W. SMITH Capt. R.A.E.
for Brigadier.
C.E. Ninth Army.

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The above is forwarded for information and necessary action. Please forward your returns ~~through~~ this office for forwarding to CE. Ninth Army.

WAR DIARY.

Jm
Brig.
CE 1 Aust Corps.