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H.Q. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION
AND
MAINTENANCE GROUP - R.A.E.

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

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Unit Aust. Ry. Const. Maint. Group.
 R.A.E. - A.I.F. Date and Time.—From 1st January 41. To 31st January 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Nablu	1st Jan 41	0900	Balance of No. 1. Sect. — 1. Aust. Ry. Const. Group. moved out to. Lafe. Samir. 55 Ofcs.	J.I.G.
Nablu	"	1200	L.O.C. to T. Blamaf alha & advise of Ministry for War's visit	J.I.G.
Nablu	"	1845	Ministry for War Hon. P.C. Menden accompanied by L.O.C. to T. Blamaf, Gen. Menden and staff called at officers mess.	J.I.G.
Nablu	7th Jan 41	0900	No. 2. Section — 1. Aust. Ry. Const. Group. moved from Jemri to Mar'uauja 1. off. 62 Ofcs.	J.I.G.
Nablu	10th Jan 41	0900	1 off. 10 Ofcs. entrained Lulkam for Movement Control	J.I.G.
			by for Special duties: Lieut. E. Kerr in charge.	J.I.G.
Nablu	11th Jan 41	0900	1 off. 10 Ofcs. entrained Lulkam for Movement Control	J.I.G.
			by for Special duties: Lieut. G. Withhouse in charge	J.I.G.
Nablu	23rd Jan 41	0930	Part Sec. 2. 1. Aust. Ry. Const. Group. moved from Refa (light)	J.I.G.
			to. Wadi Suras 1. off. 5 Ofcs. Lieut. Chodnick in charge	J.I.G.
Nablu	23rd Jan 41	2130	Balance Sec 2. 1. Aust. Ry. Const. Group. moved from Refa (light).	J.P.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit Aust. Rif. Bn. & Main Group.
R.A.E. A.15

Date and Time.—From 1st January 41 To 31st January 1941

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Nahles	23 rd Jan 41	2130.	to Wadi Sera 1 off 100/ks. Lunt & Luckie in charge	J.L.G.
Nahles	24 th Jan 41.	1940.	Part of Ser 2 1. Aust. Ry. Sup. Co. moved from Nadi Sera to (Kiriak Matzken) Dishon 1. off. 6 ofcs. Lunt & Luckie in charge	J.L.G.
Nahles	25 th Jan 41.	0930	N°2 and N°3. Ser's. 1. Aust. Ry. Const. Co. moved from Nas'udaja to. Dishon (Kiriak Matzken).	J.L.G. Copy of movement order attached O.R. no 112 copy N°1.
Nahles	27 th Jan 41.	1100	A.P. Aust. Ry. Const. Main Group moved from Nahles to Rehooth	J.L.G. Copy of movement order attached N°37. Admin. O.R. no 117.
			Continued throughout the month work on Reconditioning the line offula - Nahles - Sukkum	J.L.G.
			Continued throughout the month by 3. Aust. Ry. Const. Co. of construction of Depot at Nadi Sera	J.L.G.
			1. Aust. Ry. Sup. Co. commenced work on Haifa - Lurias Metulla / partially Rafa - Depot. (log/pt).	J.L.G. Cf. Middleston, Major.

Unit.

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Part A of Army Form W.3009.

General duty personnel

3 and 4 of Part A.)

Unit.

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander.

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS*Aust Ry Co. St. Mount Co. RAE RIF (Unit)***PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.**

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...			
Lieutenants ...	1		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	2		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

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Aust Ry Const Maint Corp (Unit) *4-1-41* 19 (Date).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Corporals	1		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	6		
TOTALS	7	*	*

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 CLK	AAPC		
2 OHS	NIT (Det) (K-1)		

[illegible]

Unit.

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Part A of Army Form W.3009.

General duty personnel

TOTALS (to agree with Columns
3 and 4 of Part A.)

Unit.

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander.

Nobles (Palestine)

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

Must Ry Const. Maint C/P R&E (Unit) 25th Jan. 11 19 (Date)

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Corporals	1		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	6		
TOTALS	7	•	•

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

[illegible]

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

[illegible]

Unit.

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Part A of Army Form W.3009.

REMARKS

Unit.

207/0/071

Signature of Commander

Nobilis / Palestine

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

Mr. Phyllis A. McNeil C. R. F. F. (Unit) 11.1.19 (Date)

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Corporals	1		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	6		
TOTALS	7	.	.

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3000.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

[illegible]

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

[illegible]

Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

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Host R/L Cont. Blood C. RWF. HIF.

Unit.

Date of Despatch 15/1/11

John H. H. H. H.

Signature of Commander.

No. 102 (Kilgus)

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Aust Ry Const Mount Coy RAE HQ (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...			
Captains ...			
Lieutenants ...			
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	2		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

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Aviation Post Office Mount Pleasant, South Carolina

Unit.

Date of Despatch

ADJ. FLY. CONSTR. & MICE GR.

Signature of Commander.

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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(Adapted)

Asst. Ry. Const. - Mch. Co. RAE, AIF.

(Unit)

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(Date) _____

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3000.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 <i>q/c.</i>	<i>A.R.P.C.</i>		
2 <i>q/c.</i>	<i>M. Div. (Gen)</i>		
1 <i>q/c</i>	<i>3 hq. Const. Coy.</i>		

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS*Aust Ry Const. Mcc. Gp. R.A.E., A.I.F. (Unit)***PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.**

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...			
Lieutenants ...	1		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	2		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS*Post Ry. Const. Mount. Co. RAE 814 (Unit)*

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...			
Lieutenants ...	1		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	2		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

SECRET.

1 Aust. Ry. Const. Coy.,
R.A.E., A.I.F.

OPERATION ORDER No. 2.

Copy No. 1

Ref. Map Palestine 1:250,000.

2d Jan. 41.

INFORMATION:

1. Precautions must be taken against Enemy Interference from the Air and Ground.
- 2(a). Troops are stationed at HAIFA 150246.
- (b). A Ry. Line is operated by the Palestine Rys. from HAIFA to ACRE 157259.
- (c). A R.E. Stores Depot has been constructed at KIRIAT MOTZKIM 157248 with Ry. siding accommodation and connections.

INTENTION:

3. To construct Store Depot Sidings.

METHOD:

4. 2 and 3 Secs. will be detailed for the job of work.
5. Civilian labour will be detailed later.

ADMINISTRATION ARRANGEMENTS:

6. Coy H.Q. 2 and 3 Secs. will be camped in tents at Arab Trade School, QISHON WORKSHOPS, 155246.
7. Tools, equipment, etc. will be drawn from Palestine Rys. and R.E. Stores.
8. Material will be requisitioned through A.D. Tn's Office as early as possible.
9. Ration indents will be submitted to B.S.O. HAIFA.
10. Transport will be provided as per Appendix 'A'.

INTERCOMMUNICATION:

11. Location of Gp. H.Q. - REHOVET 132144.
12. Location of Coy. H.Q. - QISHON 155246.
13. Location of 1 Sec. H.Q. - KAFR SAMIR 147244.
14. Location of 2 and 3 Sec. H.Q. - QISHON.
15. Location of 4 Sec. H.Q. - MAS'UDIYA JUNCTION 167187.
16. Communication will be by telephone, per 199 Ry. Workshops Coy.

ACK.

[Signature] Capt.,
O.C., 1 Aust. Ry. Const. Coy.

Method of Issue - D.R.L.S.

Time of Signature - 1400 hrs.

DISTRIBUTION:-

Aust. Ry. Const. & Maint. Gp. ✓
H.Q. Base & L. of C. Units.
Haifa Fortress Area.
D.G. Tn., G.H.Q., Middle East.
A.D. Tn., Haifa.
File.
War Diary.

S E C R E T.

APPENDIX 'A' TO OPERATION ORDER No. 2.

MOVEMENT ORDER.

1 Aust. Ry. Const. Coy.

Serial No.	Date.	Unit.	No. of vehicles.	Place. From.	To.	S.P.	Time Past S.P.	Route.	Remarks.
1.	25 Jan.41.	Adv. Party 1 Aust. Ry. Const. Coy.	3	Mas'udiya Junction 167187.	Qishon 155246	Coy H.Q.	0930 hrs.	Via Jenin 179208.	To convey tentage, Cook-house stores, etc.
2.	25 Jan.41	1 Aust. Ry. Const. Coy, less Adv. Party and two Secs.	Ry. Loco & six flat top waggons.	-do-	Affula 177244	Coy H.Q.	0930 hrs.	-do-	To convey personnel stores, equipments, etc.
3.	25 Jan.41	-do-	Six Ry. flat top waggons.	Affula.	Qishon. 155246.	Affula Ry. Stn.	1400 hrs.	Via Haifa 150246.	To be attached to Palestine Rys. train.

Dated 24 Jan. 41

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1. GENERAL. H.Q. Aust. Ry. Const. & Maint. Op., R.A.E. A.I.F. will move from Nablus to Behevet.
2. MOVEMENT. Will take place on 27 Jan. 41, at 1100 hrs.
3. PASSENGER. Will be transported by road by 2 lorries & 1 utility truck.
4. ACCOMMODATION. Stores will be taken from Nablus.
5. TICKETS. Will be handed over to Billeting Officer Nablus at 1100 hrs. on 27 Jan. 41.
6. RATIONS. Unexpended portion of rations for 27 Jan. 41 will be carried.
7. TRANSPORT. (a) C.O. Aust. Ry. Const. Op., will arrange for 2 lorries to report to OP, R.A.E. at 1000 hrs. on 27 Jan. 41.
(b) On arrival Behevet lorries will be unloaded immediately and sent back to C.I.C. Transport, Haifa.
(c) Lorries will be despatched as one convoy.
(d) Lorries will be returned to Haifa by nightfall.
8. INTERCOMMUNICATION. Op., R.A.E. closes Nablus 1100 hrs. and opens 1100 hrs. at Behevet.
9. ADDRESS. Gluskin Street, Behevet. telephone communication through Behevet Exchange.
10. METHOD OF ISSUE. D.A.L.S. (immediate).
11. SIGNATURE. 0900 hrs.

ACK.

J. P. Gorman *Leut. Capt.*
 ADM. RLY. CONSTR. & MTCE. GP.
 R.A.E. Major.
 C.O. Aust. Ry. Const. & Maint.
 Op., R.A.E. A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION:-

H.Q. In. C.R.C. Middle East.
 A.D. In. HAIFA.
 Force H.Q. Jerusalem.
 H.Q. 1 Aust. Corps Gaza.
 H.Q. Base & L of 3 Units Gaza.
 Area Comm. Lydda Area Sarafand.
 A.H.C. Nablus.
 A.H.C. Lydda Area Sarafand.
 D.C.R.E. Haifa.
 D.C.R.E. Bethlehem.
 D.C.R.E. Sarafand.
 166th. Pd. Amb. Nablus.
 1 Cav. Div. Haifa.
 6 Cav. Bde. Hadera.
 Supply Officer, Tulkarm.
 Supply Officer, Sarafand.
 C.I.C. Army Base P.O. Gaza.
 Asst. Chief Paymaster, Gaza.
 Command Paymaster, Jerusalem.

Depot Paymaster, Beit Jirja.
 C.I.C. Records Gaza.
 D.H.S. A.I.F.
 D.C.S. A.I.F.
 D.P.W. A.I.F.
 D.D. Canteens, A.I.F.
 CCG. Aust. Base Ord. Depot.
 A.C.H. Behevet.
 C.I.C. Comp. Eng. Bn/ Beit Jirja.
 C.I.C. Base Details.
 C.H. A.I.F. Gaza.
 A.C.P. Gaza.
 C.I.C. Transport, Haifa.
 A.D.O.S. (H.T.) Gaza.
 1 Aust. Ry. Const. Coy.
 3 Aust. Ry. Const. Coy.
 1 Aust. Ry. Svy. Coy.
 War Diary
 File.

Nablus,
 24 Jan. 41.

Australian Imperial Forces.Routine Orders - Part 1

by

Major G.U. Middleston.C.O. Aust. Ry. Const. & Maint. Gp., R.A.E. A.I.F.Nablus (Palestine).Monday, 8th. January, 1940.

1. SECURITY. (a) Coys. are instructed not to reply to circulars from civilian firms advertising special facilities for the purchase of goods for Officers' and Sergeants' Messes.
(b) Personnel staying at hotels etc., are not to enter their unit particulars in hotel registers. All particulars are to be covered by the entry "A.I.F." only.
2. DAMAGE TO TELEGRAPH ROUTES. Considerable damage is being done to insulators by stone throwing by thoughtless youths and children, particularly in rural areas.
All ranks will co-operate to safeguard these insulators and will take action to hand offenders over to nearest Police Station.
3. PISTOLS-PRIVATELY OWNED. O.Rs. will NOT be in possession of privately owned pistols, ammunition or weapons of any description.
(b) All such weapons will be collected forthwith. Each article will be clearly labelled with owner's name and will be forwarded to Base Ordnance Depot for safe custody.
(c) The possession of privately owned weapons by O.Rs. will constitute a disciplinary offence.
(d) Company Commanders will take necessary action to implement this order by 10 Jan. 41 and will advise Gp. H.Q. when done.
4. IDENTIFICATION PHOTOGRAPHS. Company Commanders will check pay books forthwith and will advise Gp. H.Q. of the number of personnel who have not got identification photographs pasted in their pay books. Nominal rolls should be prepared simultaneously, and will be held in readiness for use by photographers. One copy of same to be forwarded to Gp. H.Q.
5. ECONOMY IN USE OF PAPER AND OFFICE REQUIREMENTS. Company Commander will take steps to ensure the most rigid economy in the use of paper and office requirements. Instructions in this regard, Appendix "A", are attached for communication to all concerned.
6. CONSERVATION OF FUEL WOOD. Strict economy is also necessary in regard to the use of fuel wood and Company Commanders should take steps to instruct all concerned that fuel wood must be conserved by every possible means.

G. U. Middleston
 C.O. Aust. Ry. Const. & Maint Gp., Major
 R.A.E. A.I.F.

Distribution:-

D.Tn. C.M.Q. Middle East.
 D.A.D.Tn. Movement Control, Haifa.
 6 Cav. Bde.
 1 Aust. Ry. Const. Coy.
 3 Aust. Ry. Const. Coy.
 1 Aust. Ry. Svy. Coy.
 Canteen Sjt.
 War Diary
 File.

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Date
 Address

Australian Military Forces—Eastern Command

TELEPHONE

TELEPHONE—

Australian Military Forces—Eastern Command.

Please quote this Number when replying.

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Date
Address

ack

MB

Aust. Ry. Const. & Maint. Gp.,
R.A.E. A.I.F.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

Army Form C.21a
(adopted)Unit Aust. Ry. Const. & Maint. Gp. Date and Time.—From 1st February 1941 To 28th February 1941
R.A.E. A.I.F.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Rehovoth	5 th Feb. 41	0800	16 g/rs. Dispatched to Movement Control Alexandria for Aircraft Unit Duties. via C.R./M.E./1580/1/Th. A.	J.H.G.
Rehovoth	12 th Feb. 41	0800	6 g/rs part Section 2. 1 Aust Ry. Suv. Co moved from Orthon to Wadi Sera	J.H.G. via Movement Order N°2 attached
Rehovoth	13 th Feb. 41	1030	10FF 14 g/rs Section 2. 1 Aust Ry. Suv. Co moved from Wadi Sera to Rafa together with 5 g/rs 3. Aust. Ry. Const. Co.	J.H.G. via Movement Order N°2 attached
Rehovoth	15 th Feb. 41	0800	10FF 18 g/rs Section 1. and 10 g/rs 1 Aust. Ry. Suv. Co moved from Rafa Pinnah to Sedera	J.H.G. via Movement Order N°2 attached
Rehovoth	16 th Feb. 41	0800	2.0FF 30 g/rs Section 3. and N.P. 1 Aust Ry Suv Co moved from Rafa Pinnah to Sedera	J.H.G. via Movement Order N°2 attached
Rehovoth	17 th Feb. 41	1130	10FF 30 g/rs 3. Aust Ry Con. Co moved from Wadi Sera to Rafa	J.H.G. via Movement Order N°3 attached.
Rehovoth	22 nd Feb. 41.	0800	10FF 17 g/rs 1. Aust Ry Suv. Co moved from Sedera (Section 1.) to Beit. Natola.	J.H.G. via Movement Order N°4. attached

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

Unit Aust. Ry. Const. & Maint. Gp.,
RAE ALE.

Date and Time.—From 1 FEB 1941 To 28 FEB 1941

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Lehorath	24 th Feb. 41	0800.	10FF 17 of Rs. Station No 3. 1 Aust Ry Sers. Co moved from Sevan to (Al Majaa Jai) Barbara Camp.	J.H. vide Movement Note No 5 Attached
			Continuous throughout the month work on Reconstructing the wire Office - Nallus - Sukkarn part No. 1 Aust Ry Co. Co.	J.H.
			Continuous throughout the month work by 3. Aust Ry Co. Co. of construction of Depot at Naki Sevan	J.H.
			Continuous throughout the month work by No. 1 Aust Ry Co. Co. at Kafi. Nami - Depot extension.	J.H.
				<u>G. Middleton</u> Major

1st. Ry. Const.
& Maint. Group,
BTA.E. A.I.F.

SECRET.
OPERATION ORDER NO. 2.
Copy No. 23
8 Feb. 41.

Ref. Map Palestine 1:250,000

INFORMATION.

- (1) Precautions must be taken against Enemy Interference from the Air and Ground.
- (2) (a) Troops are stationed at HAIFA 154248, GADERA 142206, LYDEA 141151, RAMLE 136148.
(b) Railway Haifa to Rafa operated by Palestine Railways.

INTENTION.

- (3) (a) Survey work in connection with various Depot sites.
(b) Final layout plans will be prepared.
(c) Setting out for Construction Work.

METHOD.

- (4) 1 Aust. Ry. Svy. Coy. will carry out the job of work.
- (5) (a) Rafa Base survey.
(b) Setting out Beit Nabala.
(c) Final location and setting out Al Hajdal.
(d) And such future instructions as will be received.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

- (6) (a) Nos. 1 & 3 Sections of 1 Aust. Ry. Svy. Coy. will be billeted at Military Encampment Gadera.
(b) No. 2 Section 1 Aust. Ry. Svy. Coy. will be in tented camp at Rafa.
- (7) Transport will be arranged as per Appendix attached.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

- (8) Location Op. H.Q. Rehoveth 175151 - Telephone 284.
- (9) Location 1 Aust. Ry. Svy. Coy. H.Q. Gadera 129137 - Telephone.....
- (10) Communication by telephone to Svy. Coy. H.Q. through Rehoveth.
- (11) Ack.

Method of Issue. D.R.L.S.

Time of signature. 1000hrs.

G.M. Haddleton
G.O. Aust. Ry. Const. & Maint.
Group, BTA.E. A.I.F.

Majr:

Distribution:-

D. Hqs. G.H.Q. M.E.
Force H.Q.
A.H.Q. Sarafand.
D.C.R.E. Sarafand
Supply Officer Haifa
Chief Paymaster A.I.F.
C.I.C. Transp. Haifa.
3 Aust. Ry. Const. Coy.
D.R.L.S. A.I.F.

D.O. Tn. G.H.Q. M.E.
1 Aust. Corps.
A.H.Q. Safad.
1 Cav. Div. Haifa.
Supply Off. Sarafand.
Signals Nazareth
C.I.C. Transp. Sarafand
War Diary
File.

A.D. Tn. Haifa.
H.Q. Base Area A.I.F.
Billet Off. Nazareth
4 Cav. Bde. Nazareth
Signals Sarafand.
C.E. A.I.F.
1 Aust. Ry. Const. Coy.
1 Aust. Ry. Svy. Coy.

SECRET.

Appendix "A" to Operation Order No. 2.

Movement Order.

Serial No.	Date.	Personnel. Offs. O/Rs.	Place from	Place to	Time starting point.	Time at destination.	Transport.	Disposal of Transport.	Remarks.
1	12 Feb. 41.	--- 6	Qishon	Wadi Sarar	0800	1300	Truck	To return to Haifa nightfall.	Part Sect. 2 Sjt. Barrett & 5 O/Rs.
2	13 Feb. 41.	1 5	Wadi Sarar	Rafa	0800	1300	Truck	Retained Rafa	Lt. Chadwick & 5 O/R Sect. 2
3	13 Feb. 41	-- 9	Wadi Sarar	Rafa	1030	1405	Rly. Coach	Retained Rafa	9 O/Rs. Sect. 2
4	15 Feb. 41	1 18	Rosh Pinna	Gedera	0800	1400	1 Bus 4 Trucks	1 Bus & 2 Trucks to return Haifa nightfall.	Capt. Roberts & 18 O/Rs. Sect. 1 & 1 O/R.
5	16 Feb. 41	2 30	Rosh Pinna	Gedera	0800	1400	1 Car 1 Bus 1 Utility 4 Trucks.	1 Bus & 4 Trucks to return Haifa before nightfall.	Maj. Newman & H.Q. Sect. Capt. Young & 3 Sect

Aust. Ry. Const.
1st Hq. Mt. Group,
P.A.S. A.I.F.

Ref. Map of Palestine 1:250,000

INFORMATION.

- (1) Prosecutions must be taken against Enemy Interference from the Air and Ground.
- (2) (a) Troops are stationed at LYDDA, RAMLE, GEDERA, RASTINA, JULIS, BAHANA, BEIT JIRJA, DEIR SUWEID, and GARA.
(b) Railway runs from Wadi Sagar to Rafa, operated by Palestine Rlys.

INTENTION.

- (3) Construction of Base at Rafa in accordance with plans prepared by 2 Sect. 1 Aust. Ry. Svy. Coy. D.Rlys. Job No. 540.

METHOD.

- (4) 3 Aust. Ry. Const. Coy. will do the job of work.
- (5) Advance Party will consist of 10ff. & 20 G/Ms. Balance of Coy. will move out in progressive stages on or before 1 Mar. 41.
- (6) Construction details will be arranged by C.O. 3 Aust. Ry. Const. Coy.

ADMINISTRATION ARRANGEMENTS:

- (7) Advance Party will be in tented camp erected by 2 Sect. 1 Aust. Ry. Svy. Coy.
- (8) 3 Aust. Ry. Const. Coy. will be camped at Rafa on or before 1 Mar. 41 in camp prepared by Advance Party.
- (9) Transport will be arranged as per Appendix "A" on back hereof.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

- (10) Location of Group H.Q. Rehovoth, Telephone 284.
- (11) Location of C.O. 3 Aust. Ry. Const. Coy. Rafa.
- (12) Communication by telephone to H.Q. 3 Aust. Ry. Const. Coy. will be notified later.

ACK.

Method of Issue D.R.L.S.

Time of signature 1000hrs.

G. Middleton
C.O. Aust. Ry. Const. Hq. Mt. Gr.
Group, P.A.S. A.I.F.

Distribution.

D.Rlys. G.H.Q. H.Q.
Force H.Q.
Supply Officer, Sarafand
Chief Paymaster, A.I.F.
1 Aust. Ry. Const. Coy.
1 Aust. Ry. Svy. Coy.
H.Q. Stores Beit Jirja

D.O. En. G.H.Q. H.Q.
1 Aust. Corps.
Supply Off. Majdal.
C.R. A.I.F.
3 Aust. Ry. Const. Coy.
D.R.L.S. A.I.F.
C.O. Barbara

A.D. En. Rafia.
H.Q. Base Area, A.I.F.
Signals Sarafand.
C.I.C. Transp. Sarafand.
War Diary
D.O.R.R. South Palestine
File

Command Paymaster, Jerusalem,

SECRET.

Appendix "A" to Operation Order No. 3.

Movement Order.

Serial No.	Date.	Personnel. Offrs. C/As.	Place. From.	Place. to	Time starting point.	Time at destination.	Transport.	Remarks.
1	17 Feb. 41.	1 30	Wadi Sarar	Rafa	1130hrs.	1405hrs.	Train.	Advance Party Lieut. Gordon and C/As. to prepare camp for main body.
2	various on or 3 before 1 Mar. 41.	127	Wadi Sarar	Rafa	1130hrs.	1405hrs.	Train.	C.O. and balance of Coy.

Aust. Ry. Const.
& Maint. Group,
W.A.A. A.I.F.

Ref. Map of Palestine 1:250,000

SECRET
OPERATION ORDER 44
Copy No. _____
Date 20 Feb. 41.

INFORMATION.

- (1) Precautions must be taken against Enemy Interference from the Air and Ground.
- (2) (a) Troops are stationed at LYDIA 141151, RAHLE 138148, REHOVOTH 178
(b) Railway runs from Haifa-Hafa operated by Palestine Railways.

INTENTION.

- (3) (a) Survey work in setting out profiles etc., for Railway Depot at Beit Nabala 140155
(b) Grade sidings.
(c) Mark profiles and commence earthworks using Arab labour as can be handled until arrival of 2 Sects. of 1 Aust. Ry. Const. Coy.

METHOD.

- (4) 1 Sect. of 1 Aust. Ry. Svy. Coy. will carry out the job of work.
- (5) (a) Setting out at Beit Nabala.
(b) Any such future instructions as will be received.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

- (6) 1 Sect. of 1 Aust. Ry. Svy. Coy will be in tented camp at Beit Nabala and will make any necessary arrangements to receive Advance Party from 1 Aust. Ry. Const. Coy. by assisting in preparation of camp.
- (7) (a) On arrival of H.Q. of 1 Aust. Ry. Const. Coy. 1 Sect. 1 Aust. Ry. Svy. Coy. will be attached temporarily for administration & rations.
(b) Rations for 1 Sect. 1 Aust. Ry. Svy. Coy. will be indentured for & provided daily by 1 Aust. Ry. Svy. Coy. and the transport of rations will constitute means of communication between Group H.Q. Svy. H.Q. and 1 Sect. 1 Aust. Ry. Svy. Coy.
(8) Transport will be arranged as per Appendix "A" on back hereof.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

- (9) (a) Location of Group H.Q. Rehovoth, telephone 284
(b) Location of H.Q. 1 Aust. Ry. Svy. Coy Gadera, telephone Rehovoth 266.
(c) 1 Sect. 1 Aust. Ry. Svy. Coy. will communicate as per 7(b) above.

ILC) Acknowledges.

Method of Issue. D.R.L.S.

Time of signature 1400hrs.

J. H. Gwan *Paul* *Capt.*
ADJ. RLY. CONSTR. & MTOE GP. Major.
C.O. Aust. Ry. Const. & Maint.
Group, W.A.A. A.I.F.

Distributions:-

D.C. Wn. G.H.Q. H.E.
Force H.Q.
Signals Sarafand
1 Aust. Ry. Const. Coy.
D.R.L.S. A.I.F.

D.H.Q. G.H.Q. H.E.
Base Area A.I.F.
C.R. A.I.F.
War Diary
D.C.H.N. Sarafand

A.D. Wn. Haifa.
Supply Officer Sarafand.
C.I.C. Transport Sarafand.
1 Aust. Ry. Svy. Coy.
Area H. Q. Sarafand.

Appendix "A" to Operation Order No. 4.

Movement Order.

Serial No.	Date.	Personnel Offr. C/Rn.	Place. from to	Time starting point.	Time at destin- ation.	Transport	Disposal of transport.	Remarks.		
1	22 Feb. 41	1	6	Gedera (Camp)	Beit Nabala	0800	0930	2 Trucks.	1 Truck to return to Tel Aviv 1 Truck to remain.	1 Truck will remain with Section at Beit Nabala part Section 1 Capt. Robert.
2	22 Feb. 41.	--	11	Gedera (Camp).	Beit Nabala	1000	1130	1 Truck	Return to Gedera Camp.	Truck to report back to Gedera for use of No. 3 Section.

Aust. Rly. Constn. & M'tce Group.,
R. A. E. - A. I. F.

Ref. Map of Palestine 1:250,000

SECRET.

OPERATION ORDER No. 5

COPY No. 8

DATE 22/2/41.

INFORMATION.

- (1) Precautions must be taken against enemy interference from the air and ground.
- (2) a. Troops are stationed at LYDDA 131151, RAMLE 156148, REHVOETH 175181.
b. Railway runs from Haifa - Rafa operated by Palestine Railways.

INTENTION.

- (3) a. Survey work in setting out profiles etc. for Railway Depot at Al Majdal.
b. Grade sidings.
c. Mark profiles and commence earth works using Arab labor as can be handled until arrival of No.2 Aust. Railway Constn. Company.

METHOD.

- (4) 3 Sec. of 1 Aust. Rly. Survey Co. will carry out the job of work.
- (5) a. Setting out at AL MAJDAL.
b. Any such future instructions as will be received.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

- (6) 3 Sec. of 1 Aust. Rly. Survey Co. will be in tented camp at BARBARA and will make any necessary arrangements to receive 2 Aust. Railway Construction Coy. by preparation of camp.
- (7) a. On arrival of H. Q. of 2 Aust. Rly. Constn. Coy. No. 3 Section of 1 Aust. Railway Survey Co. will be attached for duties.
b. Unexpended portion of rations for 24/2/41 will be carried by No.3 Sec. 1 Aust. Rly. Survey Coy. Future indents for rations will be made direct to Supply Officer AL MAJDAL.
- (8) Transport will be arranged as per Appendix "A" on back hereof.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

- (9) a. Location of Group Head Quarters Rehoveth Telephone 284.
b. Location of H.Q. 1 Aust. Rly. Survey Co. HEBERA. Telephone Reh. 266
c. 3 Sec. 1 Aust. Rly. Survey Co. will communicate as per 9a & 9b.
- (10) ACKNOWLEDGE.

METHOD OF ISSUE D. R. L. S.

TIME OF SIGNATURE. 1400 hours.

J. L. Gnan Luv Capt
A.D. RLY. CONSTN. & MTCG. GP. R.A.E. Major.
G.O. Aust. Rly. Const. & Maintce. Group.
R. A. E. - A. I. F.

DISTRIBUTION.

D.G. Tn. G.H.Q. M.E.
Force H. Q.
Signals Sarafand.
D.R.L.S. A.I.F.
D. Rlys. G.H.Q. M.E.
Supply Officer Al Majdal.

Base Area A.I.F.
C.E. A.I.F.
War Diary.
D.C.R.E. Sarafand.
Area H.Q. Sarafand.
Billeting Officer Barbara.

A.D. Tn. Haifa.
Supply Officer Sarafand.
O.I.C. Transport Sarafand.
1 Aust. Rly. Survey Co.
File.

SECRET.

APPENDIX "A" to Movement Order No. 5

Serial No.	Date	Personnel Off. O/R's	From	Place to	Time Starting Point	Time Destination.	Transport.	Disposal of Transport.	Remarks
1	24/2/41	1 6	Gedera	Al Mjadal	0800	0930	1 truck	1 truck to return to Tel Aviv	Nil
2	24/2/41	- 10	Gedera	Al Mjadal	1000	1130	1 truck	1 truck to return to Tel Aviv.	Nil

REF ID: A66221 71 408

Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

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Asst. Pay Const. Mtr. Co. RAE AIF
Unit.

Date of Despatch 28/2/41

Rehovoth (Palestine)

Signature of Commander.

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.*Aust. Ry. Const. Bunt Gp. R.A.E., A.I.F.*

(Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*			
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Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains			
Lieutenants... ..	1		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
TOTALS	2		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

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Aust. Ry. Const. Mtee. Grp. R.A.E., A.I.F.

Unit.

Army Form W. 3009
(page 2)

Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

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Aust. Ry. Const. Office. Gp. RAE, A.I.F.

Unit.

Date of Despatch 7/2/41

Rehovoth. (Palestine)

Signature of Commander.

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Army Form W. 3009
(page 1)
(Adapted)

Asst. Rpt. Const., Mcc. Gp. RAE, A.I.F. (Unit) 8/2/41

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 $\frac{0}{k}$	1 A P.C.		
2 $\frac{0}{k}$.	Mt. Dps. (Cw)		
1 $\frac{0}{k}$	3 h. Const. Coy.		

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Aust. Ry. Const. Maint. Co. R.A.E., A.I.F. Unit.

Army Form W. 3009
(page 2)

Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

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Aust Ry Const Maint Gp. RAE, AIF
Unit.

Date of Despatch 21/2/41

Major
Signature of Commander.
Rehovoth (Palestine)

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

Army Form W. 3009

(page 1)

(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

Aust. Ry. Const. Maint. Co RAE, AIF (Unit) 22/2/41 19 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants			7
Staff Sergeants			
Sergeants			
Corporals	1		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	7		
TOTALS	8	.	.

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 $\frac{1}{4}$.	A.A.P.C.		
1 $\frac{1}{4}$	Mt. Dts. (Civ)		
1 $\frac{1}{4}$.	3 Ry. Const. Coy.		
1 $\frac{1}{4}$.	1 Ry. Survey Coy.		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.*Aust. Ry. Const. Mount. Gp. RAE, AIF (Unit.)***PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.**

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...			
Lieutenants...	1		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
TOTALS ...	2		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

Aust. Ry Const Maint Co RAE, INC (Unit) 15/2/41 19 (Date)

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficit on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Corporals	1		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	6		
TOTALS	7	•	•

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 C/R.	A.A.P.C.		
1 C/R.	Mt. Divs (Liv)		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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1st Ry. Const. Maint. Co. P.A.E., A.I.F. Unit.

Army Form W. 3003
(page 2)

Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

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Aust. Ry. Const. Maint. Co. R.A.A., A.I.F.
Unit.

Unit.

Date of Despatch 14/2/42

Signature of Commander.

Signature of Commander.

Rehovoth (Palestine.)

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.*Aust. Ry. Const. Maint. Co. R.A.E., A.I.E. (Unit.)***PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.**

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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...	*		
...	*		
...	*		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...			
Lieutenants...	1		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
TOTALS ...	2		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.*Aust. Ry. Const. & Maint. Co. R.A.E., 415* (Unit.)**PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.**

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...			
Lieutenants...	1		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
TOTALS ...	2		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

Major.
(Signature of Commander)
Rehovoth (Jerusalem)
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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March 1941

A stock-take of war diaries commenced in 1956 revealed that an ORIGINAL diary covering the above period was missing. This diary, previously registered as a DUPLICATE, has therefore been re-registered as an ORIGINAL.

An entry to this effect has been made in the War Diary Register.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

JUN 12 1941

Duplicate

Aust. Ry. Const. & Maint. Gp.,
R.A.E., A.I.F.

Unit

R.A.E., A.I.F.

Date and Time.—From 1 MAR 1941 To 31 MAR 1941

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Rhenth	1 st March 41	0430	A.A. Section 1. sent by land corp. message from Macindarra to Rhenth	11/11. side function side of station
Rhenth	2 nd March 41	0230	Balance of 11 th sent by land corp. message from Macindarra to Rhenth	11/11. side function side of station
Rhenth	3 rd March 41	0800	Col. KA Fraser arrived at A.G. Gp. from O.K.	11/11. /
"	10 th March 41	1600	Capt Smith Adv - 1 = OK at 11 th Gp. from O.K.	11/11. /
"	11 th March 41	1600	11 th Gp. Fraser with Capt Smith Adv. Rules used	11/11. /
"	12 th March 41	0900	Major G.H. Stoddard's 2nd attached 11 th Gp. from 11 th Gp. to 11 th Gp.	11/11. /
"	13 th March 41	1600	Major Stoddard's 2nd attached 11 th Gp. from 11 th Gp. to 11 th Gp.	11/11. /

ADJ. RY. CONST. & MTC. G.P.R. A.E.

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Unit _____ R, A, E

(Erase heading not required)

Date and Time.—From 1. 4. 41

T₀ 30.4.41

[Signature]
Capt.
ADJ. RLY. CONSTR. & MTCO. GPR. A. E.

AUSTRALIAN T. RAILWAY FORCES.
AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP, R.A.F.

Routine Orders.

by

Lt. Col. K. A. FRASER
 Commanding

No. 9

26 April, 1941

63. MONTHLY STATEMENTS OF AMMUNITION AND WEAPONS.

Certain weapons now issued to units do NOT conform to recognised service pattern and unless the fullest possible designation is given, it is impossible for accurate records to be maintained. The calibre of the weapons concerned should always be included in the designation. This is particularly applicable to Pistols Revolver .450" (Smith & Wesson), which must be shown as such, in order to distinguish from Pistols Revolver No. 1 Mk V1 .455" (Jebbley). Many units have shown both types as "Pistols .45".

64. TENTS.

It has been observed that large numbers of tents are still not camouflaged. Prompt action must be taken by Coy., Comds., to have this done.

65. SECURITY (Arms).

Attention is again drawn to the necessity for strict supervision regarding security of arms and ammunition.

Instances of loss of both continue to occur, and the responsibility for such losses is undoubtedly that of the unit Commander.

66. SAFEGUARDING OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

W.O.'s and O.R.'s to whom pistols or revolvers are not required to be issued, must not possess them. Coy., Comds., will withdraw all unauthorised issues and submit copy of a register of all such weapons on issue from their store.

67. SUPPLEMENTARY NEXT OF KIN - RECORDS.

Approval is given for the compilation of a record of supplementary next-of-kin to enable advices to be forwarded to near relatives on active service in addition to the normal notification to next-of-kin in Australia.

All ranks may apply through the usual channels for registration as the supplementary next-of-kin of a named relative on active service with the A.I.F. in the Middle East.

68. FIELD CENSORSHIP.

Many letters are being posted in civil post boxes.

Letters intercepted by field censorship clearly indicate there is much evasion of regulations by means of letters posted by hand.

These practices will cease forthwith.

Arrangements have now been concluded with the civil postal authorities for all service correspondence irregularly posted to be handed over to the Army Postal Service.

Severe disciplinary action will be taken in future against offenders, under the Section of Field Censorship Regulations.

69. PAINTING OF VEHICLES WITH DETECTOR PAINT.

The paint should be applied to a portion of the vehicle which is clearly visible to both the driver and the passenger; in most cases this will be on the bonnet. To avoid making it conspicuous the patch of detector paint will not be regular in shape but should correspond as nearly as possible to the existing camouflage scheme, the patch will cover an area equivalent to 18ins. by 18ins.

All types of vehicles will be painted in accordance with the above directions.

70. MOVES OF UNITS - CANCELLATION OF INDENTS.

When units move from one command to another all outstanding indents for ordnance stores, which cannot be met prior to the departure of the unit, will automatically be cancelled.

When the units arrive at their new stations, fresh indents will be submitted through the D.A.D.C.S. of the formation or area for items still required to complete to A.F.G. 1098.

K. A. Fraser
 Capt.
 Adj. Rly. C. & L. Gp., R.A.F.

P.T.O.

NOTICE

Vacancies in Australian Army Pay Corps.

Several vacancies exist in the Australian Army Pay Corps. After a period of probation, personnel selected will be eligible for promotion to the rank of Acting Corporal.

Applications of personnel of or below the rank of Corporal, which must have the approval of the applicant's Commanding Officer, should be forwarded to the Divisional Paymaster in the case of Divisional Units, Corps Paymaster in the case of Corps Troops and the Chief Paymaster, A.I.F., in all other cases. Particulars will be given of experience in accountancy, typewriting and machine accounting.

DISTRIBUTION:

D.C.Th. C.H.Q. H.E.

D.Rlys. C.H.Q. H.E.

1 Aust. Corps.

A.D.Th.

Force H.Q.

H.Q. Lydda Area.

A.I.F. H.Q. Base Area.

1 Rly. C.A.M. Coy., R.A.E.

2 Rly. C.A.M. Coy., R.A.E.

3 Rly. C.A.M. Coy., R.A.E.

Rly. Svy. Coy., R.A.E.

War Diary

Card.

File.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

17.4.41

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1 Lo 8 AERHOVOTH.

Lt. Col. K. A. FRASER

By
CommandingAUST. RLY. CO. STR. & MTC. GRP.
RAE. AIF.

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53. ANTI-FLY MEASURES.

Flies play a large part in the spread of dysentery and other bowel diseases. A campaign must therefore be waged unceasingly against these pests especially as in PALESTINE they are likely to be present most of the year.

The measures to be adopted are a unit responsibility but the medical officer will advise as required. Neglect of these precautions will inevitably lead to high sick rates among the troops, and impairment of efficiency in the unit.

NOTE:-

- 1 The most efficient method of using tanglefoot is to smear it on a piece of wire about 18 inches long. The wire is bent into a hook at one end so that it can be hung and at the other end inserted into a small piece of wood to prevent dripping from the tanglefoot. These can be made up by units in large quantities and work very well.
- 2 If tanglefoot paper is used it should not be placed flat on a table etc. but wrapped around a bottle or can which is allowed to stand upright thus giving a vertical surface for the fly to settle on.

54. COMMAND - A.I.F. PALESTINE.

As from 1200 hrs 12 Apr 41, all AIF troops in PALESTINE come under Command of Commander, A.I.F. Base Area - (Authority AIF message No AD 988 G).

55. AUST. RLY CO. STR. & MTC. GRP.

Coy. Comdrs. will note that instructions have been issued from AIF Base H.Q. directing that companies are not to be regarded as separate units, and all communications are to pass through the H.Q.'s of this Group.

56. COMFORTS FUND ISSUE.

A distribution of Food-stuffs will be made to Coy's from these H.Q.'s on Friday, 18th Apr 41.

56. LEAVE - RAILWAY TRAVEL - EGYPT.

Arrangements have been made between the Egyptian State Railways and G.H.Q., M.E., whereby troops proceeding on leave may travel on the Egyptian State Railways at ordinary half-fare rates whether travelling by special or ordinary train. This arrangement is subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) All fares are to be paid by the troops themselves and are not to be charged against Public Funds.
- (b) All tickets must be obtained at the departure station.
- (c) When a special train is requested, a fixed minimum number of travelling is to be specified in writing in the request, which should be made to H.Q., Movement Control through this office.

57. LEAVE - CAIRO.

Further to A.I.F. Order (M.E.) No 264, of March 1941, the Nile steamer "Victoria" is for the accommodation of convalescent officers only. Other Officers on leave will stay on the Nile Steamer "Sudan".

59. STOLEN VEHICLES.

Reports have been received that vehicles are being stolen under varying circumstances. In some cases they have been taken from City streets, and in others removed from unit lines. The stealing or unauthorised use of military vehicles by A.I.F. personnel will be made a Court Martial Offence, and, in the case of a stolen vehicle being found in the possession of a unit other P.T.O.

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than to which the vehicle is on charge, the C.O. of the unit in which the vehicle is located will be held responsible. No army vehicle is to be left unattended in a city street, and strict precautions will be taken by all officers in charge of transport to ensure that the vehicles in their charge are not removed by any unauthorised person.

60 BLANKETS.

- (a) All units serving in PALESTINE, EGYPT, and CYRENIAICA will reduce issue of blankets to three per man. Quantities surplus to this scale are to be returned forthwith to the nearest Australian Army Ordnance Depot.
- (b) In order that maintenance and reserve stocks can be accumulated for more urgent purposes, the practice of using blankets for table covers or for black-out purposes will be discontinued, and issues for this purpose will also be withdrawn forthwith and returned as directed above.

61 STOLEN VEHICLES.

The following vehicles have been reported stolen:-

W.D. No 2178. Morris 30-cwt lorry.
(British Vehicle)

Stolen by party of 10 Australian troops by force from the garage of the Polish Cavalry Regt. Matruh, on 2 March 41. Left on Cairo-Alexandria Road on the evening of 8 Mar 41, 8 miles south of Amariya Staging Camp, with cracked chassis; missing when Recovery Section reached there next morning.

W.D. No X-194441 Trailer, 2/W. Water
(British Vehicle) Tank.

Units will advise H.Q., A.I.F., of any information in their possession likely to lead to the location of the vehicles or the apprehension of the thieves.

62 APPOINTMENT.

To IX 14980 Sgt. W.D. MAHONEY, to be LIEUTENANT, and allotted to duty with RLY. CONSTR. & MTC. GRP. RAE, AIF., on and from 4.4.41.
(A.I.F. O's 289-304 List 26.)

G.R. Smith Capt.
Adj. RLY. CONSTR. & MTC. GRP. RAE. AIF.

NOTICES.

A.I.F. OFFICERS' SHOP.

The A.A.O.C. is opening an Officers' Shop at GAZA on 15 April 1941, to supply officers with uniforms and all clothing requirements, also camp kit. Trading terms-cash only. This shop is being opened to enable officers to purchase their clothing requirements at the lowest possible price, a small percentage charge being added to cost prices. Price lists are in course of preparation and will be forwarded to Units. The above shop will be situated in Billet 803 A, at the rear of Spinney's Store, GAZA.

DISTRIBUTION.

1 D.G. Tn G.H.Q. A.E.
1 Aust. Corp.
A.I.F. H.Q. Base Area.
Force. H.Q.
D.Rys. G.H.Q. A.E.

A.D. Tn. Haifa.
H.Q. Lydda Area.
1 Av. Constr. Coy.
2 " " "
3 " " "

Rly. Gvy. Coy.
War Diary.
Board.
File.

FORCES.

Part 1 No 7 Rehovoth. (Pal)

By

AUST. RY. CONSTR. & MTCE. CRP.

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In order to confirm the correct fit of the respirator and to give the wearer confidence when exposed to actual gas, all ranks will have their respirators tested in a gas chamber every three months. In tropical climates this test should as nearly as possible coincide with the changes of the season. Arrangements will be made for a gas chamber test for any man recently issued with a new respirator. Units who are unable to comply with this order for operational reasons will ensure that individuals take every possible opportunity (e.g. leave or rest periods) of testing their respirators.

Summer time is being introduced throughout EGYPT from 15 Apr. 41, to 17 Sept. 41. At 2300 hours on 14 Apr. 41 all clocks and watches will be put forward one hour. Local time therefore, will become three hours in advance of Greenwich Mean Time, e.g., 1200 hours local time is 0900 G.M.T.

It is important that the pressure of RUN FLAT tyres be maintained at the correct level. To ensure this, they must be checked periodically during runs and will not be run in a deflated condition further than absolutely necessary. Where-ever possible and conditions permit, damaged or punctured R.F. tyres will be treated exactly as if they were normal pneumatics. The following normal pressures on "good going" will not be exceeded.

	Size of Tyres.	Front Axle.	Rear Axle.
Trucks, 15-cwt.	9.00 x 16	16 lbs./in.	30 lbs./in.
Lorries, 30-cwt.	10.50 x 16	16 " "	38 " "
Lorries, 3-ton.	10.50 x 16	22 " "	48 " "
Lorries, 3-ton.	10.50 x 20	20 " "	40 " "
Tractors, F.A.	10.50 x 20	15 " "	15 " "
Armoured Cars.	10.50 x 16	20 " "	35 " "

Minimum pressure for all vehicles for "soft going" is 5lbs. per sq.inch.

Appendix 1 of "Instructions in the Operations of Mechanical Vehicles in EGYPT, 1940" will be amended accordingly.

With effect from 6.4.41 the following hotel has been placed out of bounds:-

Hotel Fish - Hayarkon Street- TEL AVIV.

Nominal Rolls giving number, Rank, Name and Unit of all Jewish Soldiers serving in this Area will be prepared in duplicate and forwarded by units to this H.Q. by 13 Apr. 41. Additions will be forwarded quarterly on 1 July, October, January and April.

Undress uniform i.e., blue patrol jacket, overalls (officers), or blue serge trousers will not be worn in future.

Information has been received that the air mail posted in the U.K. between 13 Feb and 18 Feb., 41 has been lost by enemy action.

43. CAMERAS.

Attention is drawn to the order made by the Military Command dated 21 Mar. 1948, prohibiting the Palestine Gazette, the local press, the carrying of cameras, or the making of any sketch, plan or representation of any object is forbidden within the following areas:-

- (a) Subdistrict of BEISAN.
- (b) Subdistrict of TIBERIAS (excluding municipal area of town of TIBERIAS).
- (c) Subdistrict of SAFAD.
- (d) That part of the ACRE subdistrict lying north of and inclusive of the following line. From kilo 228 on the ACRE - SAFAD road to the junction of the AL BUQEI'A - RAMA road. Thence along the latter road through AL BUQEI'A and TARSHIHA to the ACRE - HAS EN NAQURA road. Thence due west to the sea coast, excluding the settlement area of FAHARIYA.

44. RESPIRATOR EQUIPMENT - ANTI - GAS.

It has been reported that some units have withdrawn ointment, anti-gas, and eyeshields from the man and stored these items in bulk. This action is incorrect.

All ranks will be in possession of the following items of personal equipment, carried in the respirator haversack:-

- 1 pot or tin of ointment anti-gas No 2.
- 1 packet of six eyeshields.
- 1 oz. of cotton waste.

The wearing of eyeshields as protection against dust and sandstorm is authorised in para 4 of Chemical Warfare Instruction No 8.

45. BATHING.

The presence of dangerous currents along the coast of PALESTINE has caused many cases of death by drowning in the past through ignorance and carelessness.

It is therefore the responsibility of all unit commanders:-

- (a) To make this fact known to all ranks.
- (b) To arrange properly organised bathing parties with adequate precautions in order that men can bathe in safety.

Organised supervision is not necessary at the following bathing places which have civilian safety equipment, provided that this equipment is in operation:-

HAIFA.	Bat Galim Pool.	Khayat Beach Bathing Establishment.
JAFFA.	Jaffa Club Beach.	
TEL AVIV.	Tel Aviv Soldiers Club.	
TIBERIAS.	The Galilee Lido.	

The following places are suitable for organised bathing parties:-

HAIFA.	Kishon.	Khayat Beach Depot.	Arab Trade School/	Beach
TEL AVIV.	Beit Vegan.			
Qastina & Gedara.	Sukreir Beach.			
NATHANYA.	The Military Bathing Beach.			
ATHLIT.	North and South of Ruins.			
LAHARYA.	Colony Bathing Beach.			
HARAMA, HIRPIYA, HALFA, BUSEIRAT, TABGHA, CABSAHEA, TANTARA, GAZA, ALJARA, WADI SUQRENA.				} Military Bathing Beach.
KEFRITQUIN.				

Safety Precautions at Military Bathing Beaches.

The following life-saving apparatus is obtainable for military bathing beaches:-

- (a) A life-line at least 100 yards long and windlass.
- (b) Two life-belts.
- (c) A board showing the orders for bathing.
- (d) Whistle for recalling men from the water.
- (e) Ropes for marking out the bathing area. These ropes will be anchored and buoyed so as to act as life-lines.
- (f) A permanent notice board or other sign to show whether or not bathing is permitted.

Sheet (2).contd.

ACTIVE SERVICE ACCOUNTING - STORE ACCOUNTS. (contd.).

Technical Equipment. Store a/cs (Establishments of a non-regimental character).

Medical & Hospital Store a/cs (Including dental a/cs.

Veterinary " "

Barrack expense " "

Petrol & Lubricants " "

M.T. Store account " " (other than regimental units).

Animal Accounts. " "

Fuel & Light accounts.

-1- Camp equipment accounts.

-1- Accommodation stores account.

-1- Station stores a/c.

-1- P.A.D. stores a/c. (see G.O. 602 of 40. para (1) (1)).

-1- Stores surplus to A.F. G. 1098 war scales.

-1- Arms and ammunition account. (G.O. 316 of 40 refers).

5. (a) Units holding misc. stores (shown by-1- in para 4) will account for them as one account in a loose leaf ledger - A.B. 165 (Palestine) One series only of R.Vs and I.Vs will be maintained, but each class of stores will be recorded in a separate section of the ledger.

(b) Ledgers at present maintained for these stores will be closed and the remains carried into the new ledger as early as possible.

The closed accounts should be forwarded to the Financial Adviser and auditor.

(c) The misc. stores ledger will normally be retained by units moving within the command; stores handed over to a relieving unit or returned to ordnance will be vouchered off by A.F. G 1033 in the usual manner.

Units leaving the command will, after disposal of stores in accordance with instructions, balance the ledger and, if relieved by an incoming unit, hand it over to that unit.

Handing and taking over certificates will be furnished. Otherwise the account, balanced and duly supported by vouchers will be forwarded to Financial Adviser and Auditor.

(d) The Accounts shown in para 4 will be available or rendered for audit in accordance with normal practice or current instructions.

6. Units in permanent barracks or hutted camps accounted for by officer i/c Barracks will continue to maintain and compile bedding books and be responsible for stores issued on inventory by officer i/c Barracks.

7. At stations where barrack expense stores are accounted for by the officer i/c barracks, P.A.D. stores, which may be regarded as fixed equipment of barracks or hutted camps will be transferred from unit charge to the charge of officer i/c Barracks, who will account for them in his expense store account.

8. The issue of A.B. 5 is suspended for the duration of the war, and will be substituted by A.B's. 412 and 413. Where A.B. 5 is at present in use for a vehicle, the maintenance of this book will be continued until such time as the vehicle is prepared for service in a theatre of war or replacement log book is needed when A.B. 412 or 413 will be taken into use.

9 A.Fs. G.3518 (Work tickets) will continue to be used for all R.A.S.C. and 'B' vehicles, the following detail only being completed on the forms:-

Formations and areas will :-

- (a) Ensure that these orders are brought to the notice of all units.
- (b) Apply for any of the above life-saving apparatus they consider necessary, stating for which beach it is required.

46 POSTING OF GIFTS TO UNITED KINGDOM THROUGH AGENTS.

Traders and shopkeepers, particularly in EGYPT, are inducing purchasers of gifts to allow them to despatch these direct by sample post in order to save postage and, if possible, avoid customs charges. This practice is irregular, and all ranks are warned that such packets are being surcharged on delivery.

47 COURT OF INQUIRY.

The following Court of inquiry will assemble at such time and place as the President may direct to enquire into and report upon the loss of rifle, on issue to WX 2239 Spr. INSLEY. G. 3 Aust. Ry. Constr. Co.

PRESIDENT.

Capt. A. R. LOCKWOOD. 3 Aust. Ry. Constr. Co.

MEMBERS.

Lieut. F.C. FITZ-NEAD.	3	"	"	"	"
Lieut. E. R. GORDON.	3	"	"	"	"

48 UNITS REPORTING TO SIGNAL OFFICE.

- (a) Immediately on arrival in a new area, units will report their location to the nearest Signal Office.
- (2) On leaving area, the nearest Signal Office will be so advised.

49 MAIL, INCORRECT POSTING of.

Reference 1 Aust. Corps Routine Orders No 47, dated 9 Jan 41, para 219 (b), and increasing amount of mail is being posted in civilian Post Offices. All ranks are notified that, in future, mail posted in Civilian Post Offices will be intercepted by the censor and disciplinary action taken against the offender. After such action has been taken the letter will be destroyed.

50 LEAVE - CAIRO.

- (a) If accommodation is available, officers under Field Rank, when in Cairo on leave, will stay at the Leave Hostels- Nile Steamers "Victoria" and "Sudan" - unless otherwise authorised by Formation, etc, Commanders.
- (b) Formation, etc., Commanders may grant leave up to a maximum of 14 days to individual officers.

51. ACTIVE SERVICE ACCOUNTING - STORE ACCOUNTS.

1. Attention is directed to A.C.I. 1074 of 40 regarding the partial suspension of store accounts, the terms of which will be applied in this com. and forthwith, with regard to the following implementing instructions.

Para 3 and Appendix 'A' of G.O. 289 of 40 are hereby cancelled.

2. It will be seen that regimental units including training centres and training regiments, O.C.T.U's, holding battalions and A.T.S. reception depots and formations, are relieved the formal production for audit of their normal peace time clothing and equipment ledger. Non-regimental establishments are similarly relieved so far as the clothing and equipment held for their personnel are concerned. Regimental units are also relieved of accounts for A.T. stores.
- 3 It is emphasised that suspension of formal accounting does not remove the responsibility of C.O's., in relation to the safe custody, care and economical administration of stores in their possession (including any on inventory). To assist control, peace accounting forms and current ledgers now in use, which would normally be rendered for audit, may be retained by units and formations.
- 4 The following accounts will be maintained as heretofore:-

R.E. Base Depot.	Store a/c's.
Ordnance	" "
Fixed Defence.	" " (e.g.) Armament & Searchlight (Over). light Equipment).

9. (contd).

(i) Authority for the journey and brief description.

(ii) Total mileage performed.

(iii) Amount of petrol consumed.

A.Fs. G.3518 will be retained in use by units in respect of all vehicles other than R.A.S.C. until completely filled, subject to a maximum period of one month.

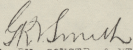
Work tickets in respect of R.A.S.C. vehicles will continue to be completed daily.

10. If a unit is in any doubt whether a particular account should be closed or maintained or has any difficulty, the question will be referred to the Financial Adviser and Auditor.

52. CLOTHING AND NECESSARIES - SCALE of.
General Order of 100 of 1941 is cancelled and the following substituted:-

Reference G.O. 414 of 1940 - Appendix 'A', R.A.O.C. artisans and R.A.S.C. artificers are authorised to hold and maintain two suits overalls.

Units will indent on C.O.O. No 3 A.O.D. for a second suit for personnel not already in possession of two suits.

 Capt.
Adj't. AUST. RY. CONSTR. & MTC. GRP.
RAE AIF.

DISTRIBUTION.

1 D.G.Tn. G.H.Q. M.E.
1 Aust. Corp.
A.I.F. H.Q. Base Area.
Force. H.Q.
D. Rys. G.H.Q. M.E.
A.D.Tn. Haifa.
H.Q. Lydda Area.
1 Aust. Ry. Constr. Coy.
2 " " " "
3 " " " "
Aust. Ry. Svy. Coy.
Ward Diarv.
Board.
File.

FORCES.

Rehovoth

By _____ (Pal).
Commanding. AUST. FY. CONSTR. & MTCE. GRP.
RAE AIF.

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On or about 18th Feb 41, rifle No 8365 was left on the beach at ASCALON and rifle No 80584 was picked up by mistake.

C.O's of companys are requested to ascertain:-

- (a) Whether rifle No 8365 is in possession of my soldier under their command.
- (b) Whether rifle No 80584 is on charge to their units and if so whether the soldier to whom it was issued is still on their strength.

Any information obtained will be submitted through the usual channels to this H.Q.

Appendix "D", Pamphlet 3, Standing Orders, Palestine (Prov), as amended to 1 Apr 41 is issued separately in book form as Appendix "A" to this order.

O's.C. will make arrangements for the issue of a copy of this appendix to all M.T. Drivers under thier command.

All Dvrs. and other personnel who drive Army Vehicles in Palestine will be in possession of a copy of this Appendix. This order is to be brought to the notice of all ranks. Company's will indent on Stationery Depot through Grp. H.Q. for supplies as required.

Any Cafe or bar NOT displaying a duly authorised "IN BOUNDS TO TROOPS" notice is to be considered out on bounds.

Severe disciplinary action will be taken against any personnel committing a breach of this order.

All company's are directed that tables, chairs ping pong tables, etc., issued by the Australian Comforts Fund will not be removed from recreation huts or unit lines without the consent of a duly authorised representative of the Commissioner.

A distribution of one packet of cigarettes (20) per head, will be made on Thursday 3 April 41. Issues to camps in the Gaza/Gastina Area will be delivered to Camp Comds. concerned on production of certificates showing strengths as at 0900 hrs, 3 April 41. Units stationed beyond the above mentioned area may collect their entitlement at Gaza under their own arrangements.

ABUL ALA AHMAD MUSTAPHA OTHMAN.

The above named man is believed to be employed as a clerk by the W.D. in this area. Units will report as to whether anything is known of his whereabouts.

(1) Summer dress will be taken into use forthwith.

- (2). Normal Dress.
 (a) Reveille to Retreat - shirt, shorts, or K.D. trousers and cardigan if necessary.
 (b) Retreat - Reveille - K.D. Jacket and /or cardigan and trousers Great-coats if necessary.
- (3) Walking-out Dress.
 Jackets will be worn except in Camps, Billets, Barracks and at Ramleh and Rehovot, dress in 2 above may be worn at discretion of O.C.
- (4) Topees. Will not be worn at present.

34. BOUNDS - BARS & CAGES.

The following cafes will be out of bounds from 4/4/47.

Name	Address
KINKERETH.	Allenby Rd. Tel Aviv.
EAGOOD.	Trumpeldor St. Tel. Aviv.
CORSO.	Allenby Rd., Tel Aviv.
STAR	" " "
REDVA	Ben Yahuda St.? Tel Aviv.
PARNESS (Hotel)	Allenby Rd., Tel Aviv.
AVIV.	" " "
GIL.	Rishon-le-Zion.
VIENNA.	" " "
RISHON.	" " "

35. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE.

MUSTAFA JAAFAR MOHAMED.

Company will report to this H.Q. as to whether the above named is employed by them.

[Signature]
 Adj. AUST. RLY CONSTR. & MTCE. GRP. Capt.
 RAE AIF.

DISTRIBUTION.

A.D.Tn. G.H.Q. M.E.	H.Q. Lydda Area.
1 Aust. Corp.	1 Aust. Ry. Constr. Co.
A.I.P. H.Q. Base Area.	2 " " " "
Force. H.Q.	3 " " " "
D. Rlys. G.H.Q. M.E.	1 " " Svy. Co.
A.D.Tn. Haifa.	War Diary.
File.	Board.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP

R. A. E.

(Unit).

19_____ (Date)

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posed strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	-		1
Serjeants	-		1
Baglers, Trumpeters, etc.	-		
Corporals	2	1	1
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	9		2
TOTALS	11	1	5

* These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
2 O/Rs. (S/P)	APPC		
1 O/R (L/S/P)	PAMC		
3 O/Rs (1 S/P 2 P/M)	1 RHC. MA Coy		
2 O/Rs (S/P)	3 " " "		
1 O/R (Civ)	MT Driver		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.									REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S., C.O.M.S., or Colour Sergeants.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, Ac.	Corporals.	Trumpets, Privates, Gardsmen, Postmen, Ac.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S., C.O.M.S., or Colour Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, Ac.	Corporals.	Trumpets, Privates, Gardsmen, Postmen, Ac.	
Bricklayers																			
Butchers																			
Carpenters and Joiners																			
Clerks														1			1		2
Cooks																			
Despatch Riders									1	1									
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																			
" (Wheeled)																		1	1
Drivers-Mechanics																			
Drivers-Operators																			
Electricians																			
Equipment Repairers... ..																			
Farriers																			
Fitters																			
Machine Gunners																			
Masons																			
Motor Mechanics																			
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																			
Plumbers and Pipefitters																			
Range Takers																			
Saddlers and Harness Makers																			
Saddle Tree Makers																			
Sanitary and Water Duties... ..																			
Signallers																		1	1
Storemen technical																			
Tailors																			
Whealers																			
<i>Draughtsmen</i>															1				1
General duty personnel																			
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).									1	1				1	1			1	25

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP
R. A. E.

Unit.

Date of Despatch

25 April

Adj. Rly. Construction Officer.

R. A. E.

Rehovoth (P.O. Lydda Area)

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Unit.

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**Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3009.**

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.									REMARKS.	
	W/Os, Class I.	W/Os, Class II.	W/Os, Class III.	S.O.M.S., C.O.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Bagfers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Gentlemen, Footmen, &c.	TOTAL.	W/Os, Class I.	W/Os, Class II.	W/Os, Class III.	S.O.M.S., C.O.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Bagfers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Gentlemen, Footmen, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners ...																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																				
" " (Wheeled) ...																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers...																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ...																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers and Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties...																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Whealers																				
<i>Draughtsman</i>																				
General duty personnel ...																				
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).																				

Unit.

ADJ. RLY. CONST. Sigsbee, Capt. Commander.

R. A. E.

Date of Despatch

18. 2. 41

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Aust. Ry. Const. & Maint. Gp.,

PAFALF.

(Unit), 12441 19____ (Date)

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	3		
Bagpipers, Trumpeters, etc.	-		
Corporals	2		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	11		1
TOTALS	17	.	1

* These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

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R.A.E. A.I.F.

Unit.

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**Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3009.**

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.									REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S., C.O.M.S., or Colour Sergeants.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Bagmen, Transporters, &c.	Corporals.	Trumpeters, Privates, Guardians, Buglers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S., C.O.M.S., or Colour Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Bagmen, Transporters, &c.	Corporals.	Trumpeters, Privates, Guardians, Buglers, &c.	
Bricklayers																			
Butchers																			
Carpenters and Joiners																			
Clerks																			
Cooks																			
Despatch Riders																			
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																			
" " (Wheeled)																		/ /	
Drivers-Mechanics																			
Drivers-Operators																			
Electricians																			
Equipment Repairers... ..																			
Farriers																			
Fitters																			
Machine Gunners																			
Masons																			
Motor Mechanics																			
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																			
Plumbers and Pipefitters																			
Range Takers																			
Saddlers and Harness Makers																			
Saddle Tree Makers																			
Sanitary and Water Duties... ..																			
Signallers																			
Storemen technical																			
Tailors																			
Wheelers																			
General duty personnel																			
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).																			

Aust. Ry. Const. & Maint. Gp.,
R.A.E. A.I.F.

Unit.

Date of Despatch 11 4 41

[Signature] Capt.
ADJ. RLY. BRUNNEN & WOODWARD.
R. A. E.
Rehoveth (Pol. Lydden Area)
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER
Aust. Ry. Const. & Maint. Gp.,

R.A.E. A.I.F.

(Unit), 4/4/41 19 (Date)

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Details	Plated strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	4		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	-		
Corporals	2		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	10		1
TOTALS	17	.	1

* These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

<u>Detail.</u>	<u>Unit and Corps to which they belong.</u>
2 QRS (SITE)	AAPC.
2 QRS (^{V-LET} WAC)	AAMC
1 QR (GV)	M.T.D.Y.

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP
R.A.E. (Unit.)**PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.**

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	1		
Captains	1		
Lieutenants... ..	1		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
TOTALS	4		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Major	Hiddleston G.V.	RAECM (P) R.E.	25/4/41	1 P.G. II
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Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP

R. A. E.

(Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...			
Captains ...	1		
Lieutenants...	1		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
TOTALS ...	3		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	W.D. Richards	4th Div	4/11/41	Reassignment

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		AC Budge	RAF	14/1/44	RAC

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP

R. A. E.

(Unit)

(Date of Despatch.)

ADJ. BLY

(Signature of Commander.)

R. A. E.

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.Aust. Ry. Const. & Maint. Cp.,
R.A.E. A.I.F.

(Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...			
Captains ...			
Lieutenants...			
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
TOTALS ...			

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

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Aust. Ry. Const. & Maint. Gp.,
R.A.E. A.F.E.

(Unit)

(Signature of Commander.)

(Date of Despatch.)

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.Aust. Ry. Const. & Maint. Co.,
R.A.E. A.I.F.

(Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
Captains			
Lieutenants... ..			
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
TOTALS			

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
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Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		Budge HC	ARMY	14.11.54	RMC

Aust. Ry. Const. & Maint. Gp.,
R.A.E. A.J.F.

(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander) Capt.
ADN. RLT. CUNTS. J. M. GILCHRIST
Rt. A. E.

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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HQ RIF
2nd Battalion
1st Div
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

Aust. Ry. Const. & Maint. Gp.,
R.A.E. A.I.F.

(Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...			
Lieutenants...			
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
TOTALS ...	3		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	—	Budge AC	RANC	14.6.40	R.M.O.

Aust. Ry. Const. & Maint. Gp.,
R.A.E. A.I.F.

(Unit)

(Date of Despatch.)

ADV. SLY. CONSTR. & NTCE. GR. (Signature of Commander)
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)