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The attached copy of a Diary by Major KYLE, A.A.M.C., regarding the conducting duties carried out by A.I.F. personnel during recent operations is forwarded for information.

Queller
Colonel,
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<u>RECORDS OF SEA AMBULANCE TRANSPORT UNIT, LOCATED AT 8th. BRITISH GENERAL HOSPITAL, ALEXANDRIA.</u>							
<u>NOMINAL ROLL OF PERSONNEL ATTACHED TO UNIT. AND DATE OF REPORTING AT 8th. B.G.H.</u>							
WX. 3324.	MAJOR.	KYLE.	E.W.	7.A.G.H.	24.11.41.		
SX. 2816.	CAPTAIN.	BONNIN.	J.H.	2.	"		
NX. 34848.	"	BRODZIACK.	I.A.	5.	"		
NX. 70676.	"	GEARIN.	J.	6.	"		
VX. 55016.	"	LAIDLAW.	M.F.	1.	"		
VX. 39250.	"	GOULD.	D.R.	4.	"		
VX. 39071.	"	DONALD.	C.F.	9.	"		
VX. 39432.	"	ALSOP.	D.G.	1.	"	28.12.41.	
VX. 39186.	"	SMITH.	H.	1.	"	"	
NX. 11017.	W/O. 1.	HILLIER.	F.J.	7.	"	24.11.41.	
VX. 38771.	Sgt.	SPIDEN.	R.G.	7.	"	"	
VX. 38768.	Pte.	TUGHNETT.	N.F.	7.	"	"	
VX. 29353.	"	CLARKE.	B.T.	7.	"	"	
VX. 46392.	"	GANDERTON.	R.E.	7.	"	"	
TX. 2955.	"	COX.	B.D.	7.	"	"	
VX. 22877.	"	MARTIN.	J.G.	7.	"	"	
QX. 22118.	"	MASON.	R.	7.	"	"	
VX. 40884.	"	GOODALL.	F.	7.	"	"	
VX. 20610.	"	SKEGGS.	R.V.	7.	"	"	
NX. 9468.	Sgt.	NEWMAN.	R.W.	1.	"	"	
VX. 19095.	Cpl.	ALI.	F.G.	1.	"	"	
QX. 17187.	Pte.	BRIDGHAM.	K.O.	1.	"	"	
QX. 2007.	"	BARBELER.	K.	1.	"	"	
VX. 5260.	"	BURSTALL.	L.W.	1.	"	"	
VX. 15714.	"	JENKINS.	M.B.	1.	"	"	
VX. 5704.	"	JINKS.	R.	1.	"	"	
NX. 37405.	"	LOUGHLAND.	W.H.	1.	"	"	
VX. 6651.	"	NOSSACK.	E.	1.	"	"	
SX. 6803.	"	WILSON.	J.	1.	"	"	

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			SX.1187.	SGT.	HARVEY.	E.	2.A.G.H.	24.11.41.	
			VX.2598.	"	POULETT.	V.R.	2.	"	
			NX.25238.	CPL.	BOYLE.	W.	2.	"	
			VX.10030.	"	AGNEW.	W.	2.	"	
			VX.9995.	L/Cpl.	SLATER.	R.	2.	"	
			VX.1448.	"	CARRICK.	J.	2.	"	
			NX.1496.	Pte.	ALLEY.	A.L.	2.	"	
			NX.1495.	"	ALLEY.	L.R.	2.	"	
			VX.16577.	"	MCLEAN.	W.J.	2.	"	
			SX.9291.	"	HADEN.	R.M.	2.	"	
			SX.6519.	"	WRIGHT.	T.J.	2.	"	
			NX.66018.	"	SHIRTLEY.	R.	2.	"	
			TX.164.	"	LEE.	G.M.	2.	"	
			SX.1611.	"	COVENTRY.	E.J.W.	2.	"	
			NX.67239.	"	HOCKEY.	E.J.	2.	"	
			NX.5277.	"	MOYES.	R.W.	2.	"	2
			QX.13683.	"	STEWART.	D.J.	2.	"	
			VX.3390.	"	DENT.	G.L.	2.	"	
			VX.43682.	"	SURRIDGE.	M.J.	2.	"	
			NX.46022.	"	THORLEY.	T.J.	2.	"	
			NX.34620.	Cpl.	PRICE.	C.F.	6.	"	28.12.41.
			NX.26663.	Pte.	KELTON.	H.K.	6.	"	"
			NX.65509.	"	GILKES.	C.	6.	"	"
			NX.65511.	"	FOSTER.	F.S.	6.	"	"
			VX.23427.	Cpl.	ROBERTSON.	O.H.	4.	"	"
			VX.23288.	L/Cpl.	CROZIER.	D.	4.	"	"
			VX.20949.	Pte.	DALE.	F.H.	4.	"	"
			VX.25187.	"	HALLAM.	A.D.	4.	"	"
			VX.19774.	"	PRITCHARD.	E.	4.	"	"
			VX.37387.	"	HANDLEY.	D.J.	4.	"	"

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	30.11.41.		Sailed for TOBRUK.	
	29.11.41.		All men in camp taken to docks to unload boats.	
	4.12.41.		All men in camp taken to docks to unload boats.	
	4.12.41.		2.Officers and 10.0/Rs. embarked on the 'CHANTALA'	
	9.12.41.		2.Officers and 16.0/Rs. comprising two drafts embarked on the 'RODI' and 'SHUNTEN'	
			<u>Following is nominal roll and boats they embarked on.</u>	
			<u>CHAKDINA.</u>	
			CAPT. BONVIN. J.M.	
			" " BRODEIACK. I.A.	
			SGT. POULETT. V.R.	
			CPL. BOYLE. W.	
			L/CPL. CARRICK. J.	
			PTE. ALLEY. A.L.	
			" ALLEY. L.R.	
			" McLEAN. W.J.	
			" HADEN. R.M.	
			" WRIGHT. T.J.	
			" SHIRTLEY. R.	
			" K.E. G.M.	
			<u>CHANTALA.</u>	
			CAPT. LAIDLAW. M.F.	
			" GOULD. D.R.	
			SGT. SPIDEN. R.G.	
			PTE. TUGNET. N.F.	
			" CLARKE. B.T.	
			" GANDERTON. R.E.	
			" COX. B.D.	
			" MARTIN. J.G.	
			" MASON. R.	
			" GOODALL. F.	
			" SKEGGS. R.V.	
			" JENKINS. M.D.	
			<u>SHUNTEN.</u>	
			CAPT. DONALD. C.F.	
			CPL. ALI. F.G.	
			PTE. BRIDGHAM. K.O.	
			" BARBELER. K.	
			" BURSTALL. L.W.	
			" WILSON. J.	
			" SURRIDGE. M.J.	
			" LOUGHLAND. W.H.	
			" JINKS. R.	
			<u>RODI.</u>	
			CAPT. GEARIN. J.	
			CPL. AGNEW. W.	
			B/SPL. SLATER. R.	
			PTE. COVENTRY. J.W.	
			" HOCKEY. E.J.	
			" MOYES. R.W.	
			" STWEART. D.J.	
			" DENT. G.L.	
			" THORLEY. T.J.	
			<u>RAMB FOUR.</u>	
			W/O. HILLIER. F.J.	
			SGT. NEWMAN. R.W.	
			SGT. HARVEY. E.	
			<u>SOMERSETSHIRE.</u>	
			MAJOR. KYLE. E.W.	

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	7.12.41.		<p>3.Officers and 18 O/Rs, embarked on the <u>RODI</u> and <u>SHUNTEN</u>. These were later recalled due to a M.E. Order. stating that wounded were not to be carried on these vessels. The personnel were as follows.</p> <table><tr><th colspan="3"><u>RODI.</u></th><th colspan="3"><u>SHUNTEN.</u></th></tr><tr><td>MAJOR.</td><td>KYLE.</td><td>E.W.</td><td>CAPT.</td><td>DONALD.</td><td>C.R.</td></tr><tr><td>SGT.</td><td>HARVEY.</td><td>E.</td><td>CAPT.</td><td>GEARIN.</td><td>J.</td></tr><tr><td>CPL.</td><td>AGNEW.</td><td>W.</td><td>SGT.</td><td>NEWMAN.</td><td>R.W.</td></tr><tr><td>L/CPL.</td><td>SLATER.</td><td>R.</td><td>CPL.</td><td>ALI.</td><td>F.G.</td></tr><tr><td>PTE.</td><td>COVENTRY.</td><td>J.W.</td><td>PTE.</td><td>BRIDGHAM.</td><td>K.O.</td></tr><tr><td>"</td><td>HOCKEY.</td><td>E.J.</td><td>"</td><td>BARBELER.</td><td>K.</td></tr><tr><td>"</td><td>MOYES.</td><td>R.W.</td><td>"</td><td>BURSTALL.</td><td>L.W.</td></tr><tr><td>"</td><td>STEWART.</td><td>D.J.</td><td>"</td><td>WILSON.</td><td>J.</td></tr><tr><td>"</td><td>DENT.</td><td>G.L.</td><td>"</td><td>LOUGHLAND.</td><td>W.H.</td></tr><tr><td>"</td><td>THORLEY.</td><td>T.J.</td><td>"</td><td>JINKS.</td><td>R.</td></tr><tr><td>"</td><td>SURRIDGE.</td><td>M.J.</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	<u>RODI.</u>			<u>SHUNTEN.</u>			MAJOR.	KYLE.	E.W.	CAPT.	DONALD.	C.R.	SGT.	HARVEY.	E.	CAPT.	GEARIN.	J.	CPL.	AGNEW.	W.	SGT.	NEWMAN.	R.W.	L/CPL.	SLATER.	R.	CPL.	ALI.	F.G.	PTE.	COVENTRY.	J.W.	PTE.	BRIDGHAM.	K.O.	"	HOCKEY.	E.J.	"	BARBELER.	K.	"	MOYES.	R.W.	"	BURSTALL.	L.W.	"	STEWART.	D.J.	"	WILSON.	J.	"	DENT.	G.L.	"	LOUGHLAND.	W.H.	"	THORLEY.	T.J.	"	JINKS.	R.	"	SURRIDGE.	M.J.				
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	9.12.41.		<p>Order was received to have two parties of eight (8) at the docks at 0900.hours. Expecting this to be unloading parties,the Sergeants were not detailed to go. On arrival at the docks word was received to embark the men on the <u>RODI</u> and <u>SHUNTEN</u> again. Only two Medical Officers were called on and the following personnel embarked.</p> <table><tr><th colspan="3"><u>RODI.</u></th><th colspan="3"><u>SHUNTEN.</u></th></tr><tr><td>CAPT.</td><td>GEARIN.</td><td>J.</td><td>CAPT.</td><td>DONALD.</td><td>C.R.</td></tr><tr><td>CPL.</td><td>AGNEW.</td><td>W.</td><td>CPL.</td><td>ALI.</td><td>F.G.</td></tr><tr><td>L/CPL.</td><td>SLATER.</td><td>R.</td><td>PTE.</td><td>BRIDGHAM.</td><td>K.O.</td></tr><tr><td>PTE.</td><td>COVENTRY.</td><td>J.W.</td><td>"</td><td>BARBELER.</td><td>K.</td></tr><tr><td>"</td><td>HOCKEY.</td><td>E.J.</td><td>"</td><td>BURSTALL.</td><td>L.W.</td></tr><tr><td>"</td><td>MOYES.</td><td>R.W.</td><td>"</td><td>WILSON.</td><td>J.</td></tr><tr><td>"</td><td>STEWART.</td><td>D.J.</td><td>"</td><td>LOUGHLAND.</td><td>W.H.</td></tr><tr><td>"</td><td>DENT.</td><td>G.L.</td><td>"</td><td>JINKS.</td><td>R.</td></tr><tr><td>"</td><td>THORLEY.</td><td>T.J.</td><td>"</td><td>SURRIDGE.</td><td>M.J.</td></tr></table>	<u>RODI.</u>			<u>SHUNTEN.</u>			CAPT.	GEARIN.	J.	CAPT.	DONALD.	C.R.	CPL.	AGNEW.	W.	CPL.	ALI.	F.G.	L/CPL.	SLATER.	R.	PTE.	BRIDGHAM.	K.O.	PTE.	COVENTRY.	J.W.	"	BARBELER.	K.	"	HOCKEY.	E.J.	"	BURSTALL.	L.W.	"	MOYES.	R.W.	"	WILSON.	J.	"	STEWART.	D.J.	"	LOUGHLAND.	W.H.	"	DENT.	G.L.	"	JINKS.	R.	"	THORLEY.	T.J.	"	SURRIDGE.	M.J.													
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	8.12.41.		Pte.Nossack admitted to hospital						
	7.12.41.		The first draft returned to camp less four men who had been reported lost at sea. Capt.Bonnin had a knee injury, survivors were clothed and fed. After boat was loaded with patients and left Tobruk they were torpedoed and survivors were in the water for two hours, and eventually picked up by a destroyer and brought to Alexandria.	ALL STRETCHER CASES FROM "Chadina" WERE LOST APPROX 240 ABOUT 30 were being unaccounted were lost					
10.12.41.			CAPT.Bonnin returned to 2.A.G.H. as Battle Casualty.						
16.12.41.			Capt.Brodziak reported to H.Q. and returned to his unit.						
16.12.41.			The six survivors returned to their units.						
18.12.41.			The second draft returned to camp, they struck a mine near Tobruk and three men were injured and admitted to the 62nd B.G.H. others worked at the hospital while waiting transport back to Alexandria and on the 17.12.41. embarked on the Somersetshire and returned to camp. Leaving one man behind, Pte.Clarke who was being treated for broken ribs. Sgt Spiden, and Pte.Martin were also treated for injuries.	no Personal or Patients lost from "Chadina"					
20.12.41.			Capt.Laidlaw and Capt Gould returned to their units. also 9.0/Rs.						
20.12.41.			W/O.Hillier,Sgt.Newman,Sgt.Harvey,all embarked on the Ramb Four,went to Tobruk and returned to Port Said,disembarked and returned to camp by train on the 23.12.41.						
22.12.41.			Major Kyle,embarked on Somersetshire went to Tobruk and returned on the 26.12.41.						
24.12.41.			The full compliment from the Rodi returned to camp and later three survivors from the Shuntien returned, They had been torpedoed and were in the water for TWO hours. were picked up by a destroyer and returned to Alexandria. Losing 1.Officer and 5.0/Rs.	ALL POWS from Shuntien LOST					
26.12.41.			Pte.Dent, admitted to hospital Scabies,discharged. 5.1.42. Returned to unit. 6.1.42.						
30.12.41.			Capt.Gearin, and 10. O/Rs. returned to their units.						
28.12.41.			Capt,Alsop,Capt.Smith, and 10 O/Rs.arrived at 8th. B.G.H. for duty.						
31.12.41.			All men reported to docks to unload boats.						
2.1.42.			Major Kyle reported to H.Q.Cairo for instructions.						
1.1.42.			All personnel returned to their units.						
<u>PERSONNEL MISSING BELIEVED DROWNED VIX</u>									
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	14.1.42.		<p>The personnel lost on the CHAKDINA, were fully equiped and therefor all there clothing and equipment was lost.</p> <p>Only Prisoners of War were carried on the RODI. and SHUNTIN, and no skilled Medical treatment was required.</p> <p>The commisioner of the A.R.C. was very generous to the survivors and issued tobacco and warm clothing.</p> <p>The administrating work has been carried out by W/Ol.Hillier.</p> <p>The A.C.F. were contacted after Christmas and issued a Christmas Hamper to each man. This was very welcome to all as tea in the British Hospital is very light and the meal hour is early, being 1630 hours.</p> <p>While waiting movement order, personnel have been employed on general duties, and Major Kyle has been employed at the 64th. B.G.H. All personnel are well.</p> <p>Major Kyle to report to D.D.M.S. to day for orders.</p> <p>All personnel returned to unit.</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>SIGNED.....<i>D.W. Ryle</i>.....MAJOR.</p> <p><u>O.C. 1st.Sea Ambulance Transport.</u></p> <p>14.1.42.</p>	

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