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H.Q. 3 CORPS

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Unit S & T. 3 AUSTRALIAN CORPS

Date and Time.—From 23 Apr 42 To 11 May 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
H.Q. 3 Aust Corps	23 Apr 42		Col.H.M.Frencham, D.D.S.T. and Capt.W.Ferstat, C.A.O. reported for duty.	
	25 Apr 42		Major A.E.Thomas, D.A.D.T. reported for duty.	
	27 Apr 42		Capt.E.G.Woolcott, Adj. A.A.S.C. reported for duty.	
	28 Apr 42		Instructions issued to commence raising of 109 Res.M.T.Coy.	
	30 Apr 42		Major J.Major, D.A.D.S. reported for duty.	
			D.D.S.T. & C.A.O. left on recce. of GERALDTON - MULLEWA -	
			MOROWA Area. Returned 2 May 42. Decided to close S.R.H. at	
			UTEKARRA and re-open at NORTHERN GULLY.	
	1 May 42		Capt.E.W.Edmondson reported for duty as C.R.O.	
	5 May 42		D.D.S.T. and A.D.S.T. W.A. L of C Area left on recce. of inland	
			storage facilities, MERREDIN, KALGOORLIE, and returned 7 May 42.	
	10 May 42		Plan for re-organisation of A.A.S.C. in 3 Aust Corps submitted	
			to G.O.C. This submitted to L.H.Q.	
	11 May 42		C.R.O. to NORTHERN GULLY to supervise establishment of new S.R.H.	

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Unit S & T. 3 AUST CORPS

Date and Time. From 11 May 42 To 28 May 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
H.Q. 3 Aust Corps	12 May 42		D.D.S.T., D.A.D.T. and Adjt left on recce. of inter-com. roads in SOUTH WEST Area.	
	13 May 42		C.A.O. left with A.Q.M.G. on recce. of roads to CARNARVON and EAST to GASCOMBE JUNCTION. This recce. was not completed as heavy rains made roads impassable. The Officers were delayed in CARNARVON and returned direct to PERTH on 23 May 42.	
	16 May 42		C.R.O. returned from NORTHERN GULLY. S.R.H. was functioning satisfactorily.	
	18 May 42		D.A.D.S. marched out on dis-embarkation leave.	
	20 May 42		D.D.S.T. and Adjt to NORTHAM. Interview with Capt. Jackson and potential Officers.	
			C.A.S.C. 4 Div. interviewed and reported on trip to GERALDTON.	
	21 May 42		Selection of potential Officers for new units.	
	22 May 42		Conference with A.D.S. & T. L of C.Area reference supplies GERALDTON Area.	
	26 May 42		D.A.D.T. and 3 O/Rs marched out on dis-embarkation leave.	
	27 May 42		D.A.D.S. returned from leave.	
	28 May 42		D.A.D.S. to MOORA, GERALDTON, MOROWA. Reported Field Bakery, MOORA functioning.	

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Unit S & T 3 AUST CORPS Date and Time.—From 28 May 42 To 28 May 42D. 3485/15. 30 — C. 4788.

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Unit D.D.S.T., 3 AUST CORPS H.Q. Date and Time.—From 5 JUNE, 1942 To 20 JUNE, 1942.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
D.D.S.T., 3 AUST CORPS H.Q.	5 Jun. 42	-	D.D.S.T. in conference with C.A.S.C. 4 Aust Div re Meat Waggon. Decision to construct 9 vehicles if approved.	
	7 Jun. 42	-	Adit A.A.S.C. to M.A.C. re Training and discipline. Position not very satisfactory.	
	9 Jun. 42	-	Contractor at GERALDTON advised no further meat available.	
	10 Jun. 42	-	D.D.S.T. advised A.D.S. & T, W.A. L of C Area to arrange for frozen meat in GERALDTON Area.	
	14 Jun. 42	-	G.O.C. approved of construction of Meat Vans.	
	15 Jun. 42	-	Capt. Oldmeadows reported from MELBOURNE re Frozen Meat. Conference with D.D.S.T. and A.D.S.T. Instructions issued to concentrate sections of 121 Aust Res M.T. Coy on Coy H.Q. except Section with 6 Aust Bde. Advice received from A.D.S.T. W.A. L of C. Area that Contractor in GERALDTON would be able to continue delivery of Meat.	
	17 Jun. 42	-	D.A.D.S. to MOCCA re concentration 121 Aust Res. M.T. Coy.	
	18 Jun. 42	-	Amendment to O. of B. to include Corps A.A.S.C., but no authority granted to raise Units. Signal to L.H.Q. requesting authority. C.M.O. to MERRIDIN to assist establish 1 A.G.H.	
	19 Jun. 42	-	D.D.S.T. and Adit to NORTHAM and SPENCERS BROOK. Inspection of 109 Aust Res. M.T. Coy and B.S.D.	
	20 Jun. 42	-	1 M.C.O. and 2 O/Re sent to MERRIDIN for Supply Duties with 1 A.G.H.	

D. 3451/5.10.—C.478A

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Unit D.D.S.T., 3. AUST. CORPS H.Q. Date and Time.—From 21 JUNE 42. To 27 JUNE 42.

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D. 3455 / 5. 38. — C. 4789.

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Unit S & T, 3 AUST CORPS.

Date and Time.—From 1 Aug. 42.

To 20 Aug. 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
3 Aust Corps.	Aug.	1	D.D.S.T. returned from MELBOURNE.	
	Aug.	5	D.D.S.T. conference with C.A.S.C., 4 Aust Div. Arranged Major H.W. Ennis, transfer to W.A. L of C Area and Major F.J. McCarthy to 23 Coy.	
	Aug.	6	D.D.S.T. and A.D.S.T. to Watson's Bacon Factory. Investigate possibility canning bacon.	
	Aug.	7	D.D.S.T. and Adjt to 137 and 139 Aust Gen Tpt Coys.	
	Aug.	14	Conference with A.D.S.T., C.A.S.C. 2 and 4 Aust Div. Posting of Officers. 4 Aust Div to supply 3 Officers for Corps A.A.S.C. as required.	
	Aug.	17	Capt. J.O. Franklin assumed Command Corps Tps Sup Coy. H.Q. at CHIDLOW, established.	
	Aug.	19	D.D.S.T. and Adjt left on Recce HARVEY, BUNBURY, NARROGIN. HARVEY FARM visited. Good progress shown further Chinese labour could be used and acreage increased.	
	Aug.	20	BUNBURY - NARROGIN. Weather conditions very bad. Lateral roads poor. Fallen trees across road prevalent.	

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Date and Time.—From 21 Aug. 42. To 31 Aug. 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
3 Aust Corps.	Aug. 21		NARROGIN, visit 109 Con. Depot. Farm not very well developed.  Good possibilities. Excellent storage for Res Rations available in NARROGIN. Probably unnecessary erect new buildings to accomodate required reserves. Local information, Water Supply much improved and considered extra 1000 gals per day could be made available. Return to H.Q.	
	Aug. 25		D.A.D.S. on visit GERALDTON, MINGENEW, MOORA Areas. MINGENEW D.I.D. functioning.	
	Aug. 27		A.D.S & T to commence laying down Res. Rations at NARROGIN forthwith.	
	Aug. 30		D.A.D.S. returned to H.Q. Supply Position satisfactory throughout.	
	Aug. 31		Re-drafting of personnel from Grn. Bns to 3 Aust Corps Tps Sup Coy Complete Unit strength now 200. During the month abnormal rain and extreme high winds were experienced over West and S.W. Coastal Areas. Supply position satisfactory. Blow flies very prevalent in MOORA - GERALDTON Areas. Transport position showed only slight improvement. Still large shortage of G.S. vehicles.	

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Unit S. & T., 3. AUST. CORPS H.Q.

Date and Time.—From 1 SEP. 42. To 27 SEP. 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
S&T, 3 AUST CORPS	1 Sep. 42		D.I.D. at HARVEY taken over by 3 Aust Corps Tps Sup Coy. Lieut. Richards E.W. reported for duty as C.A.O. Capt. Hawes left on recce of possible storage S.X. Area. D.D.S.T. and Adjt to 139 Aust Gen Tpt Coy.	
	2 Sep. 42		Capt. Hawes returned from S.X. Proposed site wholly unsuitable. D.A.D.S. to A.S.C. Tng. Depot. Instruction on new organisation of A.A.S.C.	
	7 Sep. 42		D.A.D.S. & C.R.O. to MERREDIN re-establishment D.I.D. Accommodation limited, but suitable premises selected.	
	8 Sep. 42		Lt-Col E. Fitzpatrick reported from MELBOURNE on transfer to 3 Aust Corps as Comdr C.Tps A.A.S.C.	
	14 Sep. 42.		C.A.O. on visit to all units to examine 1st and 2nd line Amn.	
	17 Sep. 42.		D.D.S.T. & A.D.S.T., W.A. L of C to NORTHAM and SPENCER'S BROOK.	
	18 Sep. 42		Conference with Comdr Corps Tps. Potato ration reduced to 8 oz 5 days per week. Additional ration of 2 oz cereal & $\frac{1}{2}$ oz tomato puree 2 days per week as substitute.	
	20 Sep. 42.		D.D.S.T. to G.O.C. Conference. 125 A.Gen Tpt Coy to new location, SALTERS PT.	
	24 Sep. 42.		D.D.S.T. and Adjt to 137 Aust Gen Tpt Coy.	
	27 Sep. 42.		D.D.S.T. & D.A.D.T. recce. PERENJORI, MULLEWA, GERALDTON, MINGENNEW Areas.	

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Unit S & T, 3 AUST CORPS HQ. Date and Time.—From 1 NOV. 42. To 16 NOV. 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
3 AUST CORPS	1 NOV 42	0900	D.D.S.T. held conference "Robber" Exercise. Present, D.A.D.S., D.A.D.T., S.Sup Os, Coy Comds.	
"	5 NOV 42	0900	Major Epstein, OC, 3 Motor Bde Coy had conference with DDST.	
"	8 NOV 42	0900	D.D.S.T. accompanied by C.O., Tpt Col and D.A.Q.M.G. left on recce MULLEWA, MEEKATHARRA, LEONORA AREA.	
"	13 NOV 42	1815	D.D.S.T. returned from recce MULLEWA - MEEKATHARRA AREA.	
"	16 NOV 42	1500	D.D.S.T. conference, C.O. Corps Tps A.A.S.C., C.O. Corps Tpt Col.	
"	18 NOV 42	1430	DDST accompanied by Adjt visited AASC Tng School at NORTHAM.	
"	27 NOV 42	0700	DADS made tour of inspection in 2/4 Div Areas. Dep. 23/11/42 Returned 27 Nov 42.	
"		1500	DDST conference at CHIDLOWS. Present, CO, Corps Tps AASC, CO. Corps Tpt Col.	

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Unit S & T, 3 AUST CORPS HQ.

Date and Time.—From 1 DEC 42 To 31 DEC 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
3 Aust Corps	4 Dec 42	0830	C.A.O. returned from Leave.	
	6 Dec 42	0830	C.R.O. returned from Leave.	
	8 Dec 42	1430	DDST Conference with CASC 2 Aust Div, CASC 4 Aust Div, CO - Tpt Col and CO C. Tps AASC re promotions & Postings of Officers.	
	9 Dec 42	0600	DDST left for duty at L.H.Q.	
	10 Dec 42	0830	DADT returned from Leave.	
	12/13 Dec 42	0830	DADT and CAO attended Exercise Move of Adv HQ, 3 Aust Corps.	
	13 Dec 42	1730	V28058 Maj Hawes H - Act DADT, M/O to HQ 3 Aust C Tpt Col.	
	14 Dec 42	0830	WX30260 Maj Jackson, R.A. - M/I from AASC Tng Depot, Attd for duty.	
	16 Dec 42	0600	VX111011, Capt Mayer, C.E., Act Adjt - M/O on Home Leave.	
	25 Dec 42	0830	DDST returned from duty at L.H.Q.	
	28 Dec 42	1730	DADS M/O on Leave.	
	30 Dec 42	1430	DDST Conference with CO Tpt Col, and CO C. Tps AASC re general matters.	

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