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ARMY COUNCIL INSTRUCTION.

No.12 of 1917.

WAR OFFICE,

2nd January 1917.

12. Hospital Stoppages etc. Officers and Warrant Officers suffering from Venereal Diseases or from injury or sickness due to causes within their own control.

1. With reference to para. 73 Allowance Regulations, it has been decided that Officers admitted to Military Hospitals with Venereal disease, or on account of injury or sickness due to causes within their own control, will in all cases be required to pay the full hospital stoppage, viz. 2/6 a day. It has further been decided that the issue of the following money allowances, viz. field allowance (when issuable), and the special allowance authorised by A.O.501 of 1914, shall cease for the period during which an officer remains under treatment in hospital as a result of venereal disease, or on account of injury or sickness due to causes within his own control.

Field Allowance will also cease for the period a Warrant Officer is in hospital under treatment for venereal disease, or on account of injury or sickness due to causes within his own control. The hospital stoppages of Warrant Officers are dealt with under the regulations applicable to N.C.Os. and men.

2. The necessary steps will be taken locally to furnish the Command Paymaster with the requisite information to enable him to carry out the foregoing Instruction. The new provisions not embodied in A.C.I. 1288 of 1916, which is hereby cancelled, will apply on and after 1st January 1917.

121/Finance/923 (Q.M.G. K.a).

By Command of the Army Council,

R. H. BRADE.

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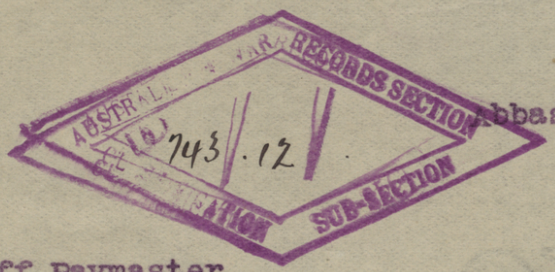
1st Australian Dermatological Hospital A.I.F.



Abbassia 15th February 1916

TO. Staff Paymaster
A.I.F. Cairo.

Patients' Pay

A number of patients are enquiring if they can draw pay due to them before being admitted to this Hospital. Will you please let me know in the event of such amounts being payable, what method is to be adopted.

V Bruce Bruce MAJOR
C.O. 1st A.D. Hospital A.I.F.

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Sec.1.
J.C.F.

245/1/27 8699 18th February, 1916.

The Officer Commanding,
1st Aust. Dermatological Hospital,
ABBASSIA.

re. Patients' Pay.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, and in reply thereto have to advise that soldiers are not to receive any payment during the period they are under your command.

Major,
for Staff Paymaster.

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The Staff Paymaster

Noted. I understand that "Soldiers under my Command" refers to V.D. cases not Dermatological cases, re which I shall be obliged if you will let me know how they are to be paid.

W. L. Grayson Major.
O. C. Dermatological Hospital, A.I.F.

AUSTRALIAN DERMATOLOGICAL HOSPITAL
FEB 21 1916
A. I. F.

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---------- HEADQUARTERS.

28th February 6.

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To O.C.,
Dermatological Hospital,
Abbassia.

In reference to a letter of yours of 15th instant to the Staff Paymaster, please note:-

1. All communications should be addressed in the first instance to this Office.

2. Your Hospital is for the treatment of Venereal Disease and no cases are to be admitted except for Venereal Disease.

3. Any cases now in your hospital who are not suffering from Venereal Disease are to be discharged or transferred without delay.

----------Lt.Colonel.
A.D.M.S., A.I.F.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DERMATOLOGICAL HOSPITAL.

A B B A S S I A.

28th February 1916.

To the,
D. M. S.,
A. I. F..

(1). I note that all communications should now be addressed in the first instance to your Office.

I would point out, however, that the Staff-Paymaster has misread my letter to him of the 15th instant, as you will see from copy of same which I attach hereto.

The question which I asked referred to pay due to soldiers before admission to this Hospital and not while they were under the Command of a Medical Officer. I was under the impression that in accordance with King's Regulations 1843, para.2, this question should have been transmitted "direct to the authority who had power to dispose of the case", who in this instance is the Staff-Paymaster.

The Staff-Paymaster's reply to me of 18th instant, was not shewn to me, and the minute II was endorsed thereon by my Staff Sergeant Clerk without my authority or approval. If Staff-Paymaster's reply had been shewn to me I should have seen at once that it did not deal with the question I asked him. I was perfectly well aware that Venereal Patients received no pay whilst in hospital; therefore would not have asked this question of the Staff-Paymaster.

The Staff Sergeant concerned has been instructed that in no case must he sign correspondence on my behalf.

(2). Noted.

I beg to bring the following facts under your notice;-

(a). When the proposal to form this Unit was first moved, the Minister of Defence asked me to put in writing my suggestions as to its scope and utility. I did so, and as the result of my report and personal interviews with the Minister of Defence and the D.G.M.S., it was decided that the Unit should be one

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for the treatment of both Venereal and Skin Diseases.

This decision was come to, firstly, because Syphilis and Skin Diseases nowadays, are so bound up together, owing to the difficulty of differentiation between the former and many of the latter without special pathological examination and observation for some days and secondly, because such a Unit as this was considered to be eminently suitable for treatment of infectious skin diseases.

It has often happened that cases have been sent in as venereal which have turned out to be skin cases.

(b). The establishment of this Unit as published in Military Order 696, of November 11th 1915, provides for "One Major, Syphilologist and Dermatologist" (See remarks column, page 8, of Military Orders, Australian Military Forces, November 16th 1915). This would appear to indicate that this Unit was intended to treat Dermatological cases

Major Raffan, was offered the position of Syphilologist and Dermatologist, and only accepted it on the understanding that both these branches were included in his sphere of work.

(c). In the Military Order referred to, the Hospital is described as Australian V.D.Hospital. This was noticed as soon as the orders were received by the Acting O.C., in Sydney, and on November 29th a telegram was despatched by Major Raffan, Acting O.C., to Melbourne asking that the name should be changed to Dermatological for reasons mentioned in telegram, copy of which is attached hereto, in which the treatment of non-venereal skin diseases is expressly stated.

The matter was subsequently submitted to the Minister for Defence, who gave instructions that the name should be changed accordingly.

(d). No. 9 Stationary Hospital, Havre, which I was sent to inspect in order that this Hospital might be modelled upon it, treats both venereal and skin diseases.

(e). Often Patients are sent for admission here, who may or may not be Venereal Cases. How am I to dispose of them?

(3)(a). Would you inform me to what Hospital, I am to transfer

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these cases?

(b). How am I to deal with ordinary papillomata situated on the penis, some of which are and some of which are not venereal in origin?

Major.
C. O., 1st A. D. Hospital.

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SECTION 95

URGENT TELEGRAM.

DEFENCE

MELBOURNE.

REQUESTED THAT NAME OF THIS UNIT BE ALTERED FROM VENEREAL DISEASES TO DERMATOLOGICAL HOSPITAL FORMER TERM INACCURATE AND UNJUST TO MEN WHO WILL BE TREATED FOR NON-VENEREAL SKIN DISEASES THUS INEVITABLY CAUSING TROUBLE LATTER TERM COMPREHENSIVE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNIVERSAL CUSTOM LETTER BEING FORWARDED THROUGH USUAL CHANNEL IMMEDIATE REPLY REQUESTED.

RAFFAN.

O. C., AUSTRALIAN V. D. HOSPITAL.

29th Nov.1915.

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O.C. JPC

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE IN EGYPT

(G. O. C. Anzac Mounted Division Administering).

AUSTRALIAN WAR RECORDS SECTION
CLASSIFICATION D743/12 SUB-SECTION

Telephone Nos. 43-55-6-7-8.
Teleg. Address:
"STRALIS, CAIRO."

Staff Pay Office,
CAIRO,

A.A.G. A.I.F.
No 189/26
Date 6.7.17
EGYPT

In reply please quote 1 F 245/13/2018

3rd July 1917.

TO/

The A.A.G.
A.I.F. in Egypt.

M E M O;-

Entry of Venereal Forfeitures in Paybooks.

Owing to the introduction of the new Paybook it has been found necessary to amend the system of entry of Venereal Forfeitures in soldiers' Paybooks.

It has been arranged that, as nearly all venereal patients pass through the Venereal Block, No 14 A.G.H., information as to the commencing date of the disease will be supplied to the Registrar, No 14 A.G.H., from Australian Records Section, 3rd Echelon, and that on discharge to Unit the whole period of forfeiture will be entered in the Paybook by the Registrar, No 14 A.G.H., in one entry. This will ensure that all men on returning to their Units have the amount of forfeiture clearly shown in the soldiers' Paybooks. Particulars of the entries made will be forwarded to Australian Records Section for comparison before entry in Part II Orders, from which the entry will be made in Pay Ledger Accounts.

I shall be glad, therefore, if the following Order could be promulgated in next A.I.F. in Egypt Orders:-

VENEREAL FORFEITURE.

Para 11 Routine Order No 5 of 14th March 1917 is cancelled and the following is substituted:-

"All Units must take particular care that men suffering from Venereal Disease are clearly shown on B 213 with the date of evacuation sick to Hospital, especially stating if suffering from Venereal Disease."

Major.
Staff Paymaster.

Dft agree
W/L

Duplicate left with Hammond
P.U.

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HEADQUARTERS,
A.I.F. DEPOTS IN UNITED KINGDOM.
BHURTPORE BARRACKS, TIDWORTH.

C.R.A.I.F.7494/A2/58816.

26th July 1918.

AUSTRALIAN WAR RECORDS SECTION
CLASSIFICATION D943/12 SUB-SECTION

No. 3 COMMAND DEPOT, A.I.F.
REF. No. 16H32/54/66
27 JUL. 1918
8.45 am
HURDCOTT

HEADQUARTERS,
No 3 Command Depot
Hurdcott

1. Your attention is particularly directed to Circular Memo.No.263 of 26-7-18, a number of copies of which are sent herewith. Will you please circulate these to all Officers commanding Battalions, Companies, Detachments or other formations within your Command.

2. Please note that the provisions of paragraph 2 of such Memorandum, which incorporates A.I.F.Order No.1295 of 12-7-18,do not come into force until the 31st.July 1918. All awards made on and after that date will be affected thereby.

3. With regard to Circular Memorandum No.254 (as now amended by paragraph 1 of Circular Memorandum No.263) the following rulings have been made.

(a) Where a member of the A.I.F. has been charged before a Court of Summary Jurisdiction as a deserter under Section 154 of the Army Act and remanded to Military custody,the date of first investigation by such Court,is the date of first investigation within the meaning of A.M.Regulation,No. 563.

(b) Where a Company Commander investigates a charge against a soldier under his command,and himself makes an award,the date upon which he first investigates such charge is the date of first investigation.

(c) Where,however,a Company Commander does not go into the charge himself but sends it to the Commanding Officer,the date on which the charge is investigated by the Commanding Officer,is the date of first investigation.

(d) In the case of men on the strength of A.I.F.Depots in United Kingdom,remanded by the O.C.,Troops,London,to be dealt with by their own C.O's.,the date on which the charge is first investigated by the man's C O.,is the date of first investigation.

4. Please note that you should be careful to see that the date of first investigation set out by you in "Remarks Column" of Army Form,B.2069, is that of an investigation of the same charge as that of which the soldier is convicted.

R.E.H

F.J.Knox

Lieut-Col.
A.A.G.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

HEADQUARTERS,
A.I.F. DEPOTS IN UNITED KINGDOM.
BHURTPORE BARRACKS, TIDWORTH.

26th. July 1918.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 263

FORFEITURES OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES.

1. Circular Memorandum No.264 is amended as follows:--

In paragraph 5(a) for the words "The Commanding Officer" substitute the words " a Commanding Officer"

Insert new paragraph:---

(5A). The expression "Commanding Officer" as usedin this Order, in relation to a member of the Australian Imperial Force, means the Officer or soldier's Commanding Officer for the time being.

(Authority:-- A.I.F. Order No. 1275 of 28-6-18.)

2. With reference to Circular Memorandum No.264 as amended by the preceding paragraph hereof, the following system of calculating forfeitures of pay during absence, imprisonment and detention, which is in accordance with an amendment to the Army Act which will come into force on the 31st.instant, will be adopted in the A.I.F., Depots in United Kingdom, on and from that date:---

(1) The period of absence, imprisonment or detention must be reckoned as from the time when the absence, imprisonment or detention commences.

(2). If the period does not amount to six hours or upwards no pay is forfeited.

(3). If the period amounts to six hours but not to twenty-four one day's pay is forfeited whether the period falls wholly on one natural day or partly on one natural day and part on another.

(4) If the period exceeds twenty-four hours the number of days' pay forfeited will be the period in hours divided by twenty-four, any fraction over being counted as an additional day.

(Authority:-- A.I.F.Order No.1295 of 12-7-18.)

J.S. Knox

Lieut-Colonel.
A.A.G.

Issued at 11.15a.m.

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GENERAL STAFF
1/14/97
Date 25/2/15
1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Headquarters,
Australian Intermediate Base,
No.4. Rond Point Suares,
Sharia Kasr-el-Nil,

CAIRO, 24th February, 1915.

Circular No. 8.

Pay of men absent from duty on account of Venereal Disease.

With reference to Australian Base Depot Circular No.1. of 6th February, 1915, on above subject, it is notified, for information, that the decision depriving men of pay whilst they are absent from duty suffering from venereal, came into operation on and from 1st February 1915.

Colonel,
Commanding Australian Intermediate Base Depot.

25 FEB 1915

A.C. Intermediate Base Depot

The O.C. is not aware of any authority to deprive men of pay while absent from duty on account of venereal disease other than when in Australia or whilst on board Rep. coming from Australia - (Defence Circular 313 of 18-12-14) - Dev. Order 38 P of 1. 2. 15 merely directs that

"no pay will be issued while abroad for any period of absence from duty on account of venereal disease"

(Sgd) T. Griffiths
Amb.

2/3/15

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Australian Intermediate Base Depot
No. 4, Rond Point Suares,
Sharia Kasr-el-Nil,
Cairo, -6th Feb. 1915

A.B.D. Circular No. 1

G.O.C.

1st Australian Division.

The following copy of correspondence, viz :-

"Pay of men absent from duty on account of venereal desease.

"I am desired to inform you that on 21st January a cablegram in the following terms was addressed to the Defence Department, Melbourne :-

"L731 Am returning for discharge in Australia about 17 men rendered, through Syphilis, unfit for active service, for at leas t six months Doctors advise should be kept under supervision until bacteriological examination shows them non-infectious.
Propose with your concurrence to issue order withholding pay of men while absent from duty through venereal.
Suggest you issue regulations depriving men of pay withheld for above reasons."

and the following reply received on 29th. idem :-

"W10174 Your L1731 Minister approved stoppage pay re venereal fifteenth December. "

between Major-General W.T.Bridges, C.M.G., Commanding A.I.F. and the Minister for Defence, is notified for general information and for necessary action as regards all units of the A.I.F. serving abroad.

(sgd.) V.C.M.SELLHEIM, Colonel
12.2.15. Commanding Australian Intermediate Base Depot.

O.C.Intermediate Base Depot.

The G.O.C. thinks that in cases which affect the A.I.F. generally (such as the one above referred to) and concerning which a divisional order has been issued, copies of such order should accompany any instructions by you, so that as far as practicable the orders issued may be in the same terms.

(sgd.) T.Griffiths, Captain,
A.M.S.

15.2.15.

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1st February. 57/65

Officer Commanding,
Intermediate Base.

Pay of men absent from duty on account of venereal deseases.

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Suggest you issue regulations depriving men of pay withheld for above reasons."

and the following reply received on 29th idem:-

"W10174 - Your L731 Minister approved stoppage pay re venereal fifteenth December."

2 The G/O/C/ has this day issued the following Divisional Order:-

"398 No pay will be issued while abroad for any period of absence from duty on account of venereal disease"

and he desires me to suggest that you should similarly instruct the other A.I.F. units.

(Signed) T. G R I F F I T H S
Captain.
Assistant Military Secretary.

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GENERAL STAFF
133/107
Date 8.3.15
1ST. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

1st Australian Division.

A 1167

Divisional Headquarters,
Mena, 8th March, 1915.

Circular to Os. C. Bdes. and Div. Units.

Copy to Staff Paymaster

With reference to Divisional Orders 388 and 452 of the 1st and 11th ultimo, in order to guard against over-issues of cash being made while abroad, in the case of absence from duty on account of venereal disease Os.C. will enter under Cash Payments in the soldier's pay book the total amount of pay involved for the period of absence, based on the gross daily rate less deferred pay ~~while~~ which latter will be dealt with when the deferred pay accounts are being adjusted at the close of the soldier's service.

T. Griffith Captain,
Assistant Military Secretary.

9/3/15

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Divisional Headquarters,
Mena Camp, 11th February, 1915

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Staff Paymaster,
A.I.F.

Divisional Order 47, para. 398 reads as follows:-

"No pay will be issued while abroad for any period of absence from duty on account of venereal disease".

Would it not be advisable to apply the provisions of Section 128, para. 10 of Field Service Regulations, PartII, to such cases. ?

As regards your office being notified, mentioned in Part II orders, (Divisional Order 14, para. 152) should meet the case.

Please advise.

T. Griffiths
Captain,
Asst. Military Secretary.

The Asst Mil Secretary.

Yes, except that instead of the 'gross' daily rate being shown it would be preferable if the total rate less deferred pay be shown. The deferred pay to be recovered when the deferred pay account is adjusted when the soldiers discharge is is carried out.

A.E. Stanley
Staff Pay- A.I.F.

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T.A.M.

132/120
Date 23/2/15
1ST. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

No. F.15/919.

22nd. February 1915

17 Chareh el Cheikh Abou el Sebaa, CAIRO.

From **STAFF PAYMASTER,**

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

To The A.A. & Q.M.G.,
Australian Imperial Force,
MENA.

MEMORANDUM.

With reference to Divisional Order No. 47 of 1st. February, para. 398, stating that "No Pay will be issued while abroad for any period of absence from duty on account of Venereal Disease", I shall be glad to have a ruling as to whether this is to be treated as an absolute forfeiture of the whole amount of pay inclusive of deferred pay during the period of absence from duty. Pay for the period is being treated by O.C's. of some Units as being withheld only, and not finally forfeited, and no entry is being made in Soldier's Pay Book: in other cases an entry is being made.

If the Order is intended to convey a final forfeiture, I shall also be glad of a ruling as to whether it is to act retrospectively or from the date of promulgation only.

Captain,
A/Staff Paymaster.

Staff Paymaster.

I should be glad of favour of reply to this office. 132/107 of 11th inst. before referring to the matter. before replying to fully above.

The Order is not intended to imply a forfeiture of pay - but merely, as it states, a withholding of the pay while abroad -

The order takes effect from the date of promulgation & is not retrospective.

T Griffith Capt
AMS

23. 2. 15

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

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Divisional Headquarters,
Mena Camp, 11th February, 1915

Staff Paymaster,
A.I.F.

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Please advise.

Captain,
Asst. Military Secretary.

Ams
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Friend
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Ams
9/2/15

GENERAL STAFF
133/107
Date 2/2/15
1ST. AUST. DIVISION

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
Engineer Headquarters,
Mena Camp, 1st February, 1915

MEMORANDUM TO

Headquarters,
1st Aust. Divn.

With reference to D.O. 47/398 will you please inform me whether a forfeiture will be shewn in the Soldier's Pay Book, also, how will the Staff Paymaster be informed of this withholding of pay?

If no entry is made in the Soldier's Pay Book it will entail keeping a separate record of these stoppages which will greatly complicate the payments in Units.

10 a.m.
-2 FEB 1915
A.M.S.
2/2/15

Lt-Colonel.,
C.O., Divisional Engineers,
1st A. D.

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G.-

GENERAL STAFF
1/4/89
Date 13/2/15
1ST. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

12th February

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O.C. Australian Section,
Intermediate Base Depot.

ABSENCE FROM DUTY ON ACCOUNT OF VENEREAL DISEASE.

With reference to Divisional Order 452, of 11th inst., which reads as follows:-

"With reference to Divisional Order 398 of 1st inst., all periods of absence from duty on account of venereal disease, whether the man is admitted to hospital or not, are to be recorded in Part II Unit Orders.
Two entries will be made, the first the date of beginning of absence, the second the date of return".

I am to suggest the desirability of similar instructions being issued by you to other units of the A.I.F., and that in addition officers commanding hospital units be instructed that the names of men of the A.I.F. in hospital suffering from venereal diseases are to be recorded on Army Form A36 (in addition to being included on the copy of this form rendered to Army Head Quarters) which is to be rendered weekly by officers commanding hospitals to-

The Staff Paymaster
Cheikh Abou el Sebaa,
Chareh Kasr el Nil,
C A I R O.

Captain,
Assistant Military Secretary.

Ans.
23/2/15

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TF
23/2/15

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Draft Circular to C.O's.

With reference to Divisional Order 398 of 1st inst. which reads as follows:-

"No pay will be issued while abroad for any period of absence from duty on account of venereal disease".

A record is to be made in Part II Corps Orders of the name of each man absent from duty on account of venereal disease, whether he is admitted to hospital or not.

The name showing date of commencement of absence from duty should be published in Part II Orders as soon as possible after such date, and again - showing date - as soon as possible after the return of the man to duty.

2. The names of men in hospital suffering from venereal disease will be recorded on Army Form A36 (in addition to the form now furnished to Head Quarters), which is to be rendered weekly by officers in charge of hospitals to

The Staff Paymaster,
Cheikh Abou el Sebaa,
Chareh Kasr el Nil,
CAIRO.

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FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form A. 36.

Hospital Return for the week ended _____ 19 . Hospital and Place _____

To be compiled by the Commander of a Medical Unit and to be forwarded weekly on Sunday to the Base Record Office. These returns will include Royal Marines and Seamen, and followers when employed with Regular Troops. Officers' names will be entered first and a line ruled after the name of the last officer. A separate return is not required for each unit.

N.B.—Reports of deaths of officers and men in hospital will, as they occur, be sent to the Base Record Office as well as to their Commanding Officer, whether he is at the station or elsewhere. All officers' deaths should also be reported by telegraph to the Adjutant-General at General Headquarters. (*Vide* Field Service Regulations, Part II.)

Serial No. (Field Service Admission and Discharge Book)	Corps	Regtl. No.	Rank	Name	Date of admission	Nature of disease or wound	Date of			Discharges. Remarks as to *	Transfers. Whither transferred and remarks
							Death	Discharge	Transfer		

* Specify whether discharged to join his unit or how otherwise disposed of.

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							Death	Discharge	Transfer		

A. A. G. in charge of Base Record Office.

Forwarded. The names of all officers and men (1) who have been admitted on account of wounds in action, or (2) who have died from all causes, were duly telegraphed at once to the Casualty Department at the Base, as required by the Field Service Regulations.

Place_____

Date_____

_____

Signature.

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A.I.F. 1. 18/9/16 50,000 W. & Co., Ltd.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

Am. 29145

A.A.G., A.I.F.
26/85

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"ADMINAUST, LONDON."
CABLE ADDRESS:
"STRALIS, LONDON."
TELEPHONE:
"VICTORIA 8860 (8 LINES)

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F.,
130, HORSEFERRY ROAD,
LONDON, S.W.

B/ID.

November 15th 1916.

From:
D.M.S., A.I.F.

To:
G.O.C., A.I.F.
Headquarters,
1st Anzac,
B.E.F. France.

I have the honor to recommend for your approval that Officers of the A.I.F. who are admitted to Hospital for treatment of Veneraal Disease contracted on Active Service, shall be placed on exactly the same footing as soldiers of the A.I.F. as regards the stoppage of their pay while off duty.

There can be no justification for treating Officers differently from the men in this matter.

18 NOV

A R Howse.
Surgeon-General,
D.M.S., A.I.F.

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TELEGRAM TO DEFENCE, MELBOURNE.

Continuing the rule regarding the with-holding of pay of men suffering from venereal disease, I desire your concurrence in making the rule apply to officers as well as men; also wish to apply the rule to men in hospital suffering from injury or disease as a result of their own misconduct.

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"A" Form. Army Form C. 2121.

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TO DEFENCE MELBOURNE

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	
* T. 355	29th Nov.		AAA

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From H.Q. ANZAC

Place

Time 8.45 p.m.

(Back)

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name. T.G.

* This line should be erased if not required.

(6691) Wt. W5148—M701. 50000. 8/16 Sir J. C. & S. E292.

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"C" Form (Duplicate).
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2123.
(In books of 50's in duplicate.)
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Service Instructions. Govt Priority 15 5.30 pm

Handed in at Melbourne Office 7.15 m. Received 4.32 m.

TO First Anzac France

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FROM Defence
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A.A.G., A.I.F.
26/85.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Headquarters, 1st Anzac Corps,
1st December 1915.

D. M. S.,
A. I. F., Administrative Headquarters,
LONDON.

With reference to your Am 29145 of 15th November the following is a decode of a telegram which was despatched to the Secretary, Department of Defence, Melbourne, on the 29th November.

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F.K.W

Lieut.-Colonel.
A.A.G., A.I.F.

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A.A.G., A.I.F.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

A.A.G., A.I.F. 26/85

Headquarters,
A 1st Anzac Corps.
18th December 1916.

D. M. S.,
A.I.F. Administrative Headquarters.

With reference to your Am.29145 of 15th November, and in confirmation of my 26/85 of 1st instant, hereunder is a copy of a telegram received from Defence, Melbourne, dated 15th instant, with which G.O.C. concurs -

"W.Y.234. Reference your telegram of 29th Nov. T.355, "As stoppages against venereal disease patients are "applied here to all ranks, would be desirable for "same course to be followed abroad. Application of "same rule to members of the A.I.F. admitted to hos- "pital suffering from injury or disease as a result "of their own misconduct approved".

H.L.W

Lieut. Colonel.
A.A.G., A.I.F.

For orders
Orders No. 409 fr
30/12/16

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DECODE of Telegram from Defence, Melbourne, addressed to A.A.G. A.I.F. 1st Anzac, France, 15.12.1916.

A.A.G. A.I.F.
26/85

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approved by G.O.C.

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No. 34694

To.,

G.H.Q., 3rd ECHELON., B.E.F.
Anzac Section. 6/2/17.

ASST. ADJT. GENL. A.I.F. 26/135.

A. A. G. - A. I. F.
Headquarters,
1st A. & N. Z. Army Corps,
B. E. F.

Hospital Stoppages (Officers)

Attached Routine Order No.24 - 11th Infantry Brigade is submitted.

In view of A.I.F. Order No.409 of 20/12/16 it is assumed that provisions of para. 73 Allowance Regulations do not apply to members of the A.I.F.

All periods during which Members of the A.I.F. are in Hospital and for which Pay should be withheld, are computed in this Office and the necessary information is published in Part II Orders of the Unit to which said Members belong.

A copy of all Part II Orders is forwarded direct to Staff Paymaster, A.I.F., London.

Any information forwarded by Units to the Command Paymaster in accordance with this Brigade Order would, it is considered, be simply passed on to Staff Paymaster, A.I.F..

It is thought that this practice will create very considerable confusion and many future difficulties if given effect to.

May the copy of Brigade Routine Order now attached be returned to this Office please when no longer required.

9 FEB REC

Cyril S. Griffiths
Lieut-Colonel.
A. A. G.

Inform 3rd Divn ~~to tell~~ that the order by 11th Bde is to be cancelled - British Army allce Regns do not apply to AIF. (~~Inform 3 Echelon~~ give them copy of our letter to 3 Divn & return Bde Order 24 to them)
also tell 3rd Divn that para 1 - of B.O 24 is not necessary as GRO 2086 is meant to apply to British formations. AIF [illegible]

[illegible] 12/2/17

26/85
ADJT GEN
A.I.F.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE ORDERS.
by
Lieut.-General Sir W.R.BIRDWOOD,K.C.S.I.,K.C.M.G.,C.B.,C.I.E.,D.S.O.
Commanding Australian Imperial Force.

Headquarters, 1st Anzac Corps,
20th December 1916.

408. APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, ETC.

List No.128 of Appointments, Promotions, etc. which have been approved, is issued herewith.

409. STOPPAGE OF PAY.

The rule regarding withholding of pay of men suffering from venereal disease will in future apply equally to officers of the A.I.F.

Pay will also be withheld from members of the A.I.F. admitted to hospital suffering from injury or disease as a result of their own misconduct.

(Authority Defence Cable W.Y.234 of 15.12.1916).

410. HEAVY ARTILLERY.

Approval has been given for the formation of a 3rd Aust. Siege Battery. The establishment of this Battery will be No. 351/25 of War Establishments, Part VII, 1916.

411. CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

The following copies of cablegrams are published for information :-

(i) From Department of Defence, Melbourne, to G.O.C., A.I.F.

"Headquarters and Forces in Australia send "warmest Christmas Greetings to G.O.C., Staff and Troops "of the A.I.F. Australia is proud of her soldier sons "who by their deeds of magnificent valour in the good "cause of liberty have so worthily upheld the traditions "of the Empire".

(ii) From G.O.C., A.I.F. to Department of Defence, Melbourne.

"G.O.C., Staff and whole of A.I.F. send their grateful "thanks to Headquarters and Forces in Australia for their "kind remembrance of us at Christmas, and we send our "heartiest greetings to you all. We know well that we "are not forgotten by you, and we are all proud of the "privilege of being able to do our turn for Australia, "and show what a great part she has so willingly played "since this war began in fighting for her Empire. We "are full of confidence that this will be continued, and "that all our units will be kept up to strength by "Australia's brave sons".

412. DISTINGUISHING PATCHES.

The following additional distinguishing colour patch has been approved :-

Australian Wireless Sections.
Colour - Purple
Lettering - White

WIRELESS SECTION

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413. CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSIONS.

The nominees for training at Infantry Cadet Battalions in England (vide A.I.F.Orders 328 and 389 of October 1916) will be carefully selected in good time beforehand by Divisions, and for the period of one month prior to the date upon which they will be required to leave France for England, the nominees will be sent for preparatory training to Divisional Schools.

Candidates from Corps Troops may be sent for similar training to a Divisional School under arrangements to be made by the A.A.G., A.I.F.

2. In order to meet the still existing demands for direct commissions the number of above nominees sent to Divisional Schools by Divisions will be 25% in excess of the number sent to England monthly. Whilst the present allotment for divisions remains in force the number selected to attend Divisional Schools will therefore be 15 for each of 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Divisions, and 8 for 3rd Division.

Approval of the D.C.G., A.I.F. must be obtained for any of the above nominees to be commissioned direct, but applications will only be made when Battalions are much below strength and Base demands are not fulfilled. In the event of any nominee being selected for direct commission his place in the Divisional School must be immediately filled.

414. HONOURS AND REWARDS.

(i) Extract from 2nd. Australian and New Zealand Army Corps Routine Orders dated 17th December 1916 -

"The Corps Commander, under authority delegated to him, "has awarded the Military Medal to the undermentioned N.C.O's "and men -

x x x

No.896 Serjt. A.M.WIDDY. 35th Battalion, A.I.F.
610 Pte. J.J.MEYERINK. 38th " "

x x x

(ii) Extract from the "London Gazette". Supplement dated 21.12.16.

War Office,
21st December 1916.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to award the Military Medal for bravery in the Field to the undermentioned Non-Commissioned Officers and Men :-

x x x

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No.4164.	Pte	A. CASEY.	7th Inf. Bn.
978.	Sgt.	E.A.CRAWFORD.	3rd Coy.Mining Corps.Aus.Eng.
4206.	Pte.	D.C.EVERTON.	1st Pnr.Bn.late 6th Inf.Bn.
1730.	Sjt.	J.HARDING.	2nd. Inf. Bn.
3096.	Cpl.	R.HEDGE.	6th Inf. Bn.
1131.	L/Cpl.	W.A.HITCHENER.	55th Inf. Bn.
534.	Sjt.	C.C.MAQUEAN.	2nd Inf. Bn.
532.	T/Sjt.	J.MAXWELL.	2nd Inf. Bn.
1423.	Pte.	R.STIRLING.	7th Inf. Bn.
194.	Cpl.	L.C.WOOD.	55th Inf. Bn.

CORRECTIONS - "London Gazette" dated 16th November 1916.
Delete "1759 Pte. A.J.GRAY, 7th Aust. Inf. Bn".

J.L.Whitham
Lieut. Colonel.
A.A.G., A.I.F.

NOTICES.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGES.

From Chairman, Queen's Park Road Board, West Australia.-
"Please convey to Queen's Park men at Front season's "greetings".

From Mrs.D.J.Ryan, West Maitland -
"Christmas Greetings Australians especially Maitland and "Newcastle boys from Ladies Maitland Soldiers' Club".

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Office copy

Headquarters, 1st. Anzac Corps,
20th. February, 1916.

Headquarters,
3rd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

The attention of this office has been drawn to Routine Order 24 (2) relative to hospital stoppages, issued by 11th. Australian Infantry Brigade.

Will you please inform the G.O.C. of that Brigade that British Army Allowance Regulations do not apply to the A.I.F. and that therefore it will be necessary for the Routine Order referred to to be cancelled, and advice of cancellation furnished to this Office.

J. L. Whitham

Lieutenant-Colonel,
for A.A.G., A.I.F.

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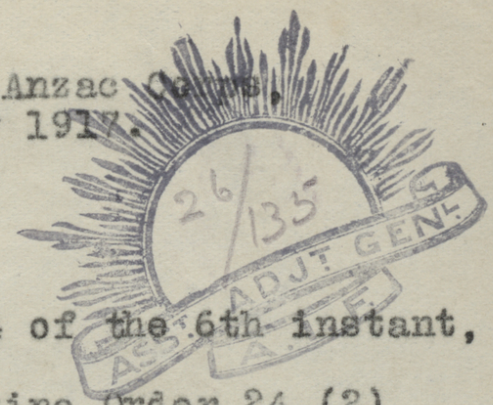
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Headquarters, 1st Anzac Corps,
20th February 1917.



Anzac Section,
3rd Echelon.

With reference to your 34694 of the 6th instant, instructions have been issued for Routine Order 24 (2) of the 11th Aust. Infantry Brigade, relative to hospital stoppages, to be cancelled, vide attached copy of letter of this date addressed to Headquarters, 3rd Australian Division.

Copy of Routine Order referred to is returned herewith, as requested.

J. L. Williams

Lieut.-Colonel.
A.A.G., A.I.F.

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J.M.
21-2-17

Further action on 3 Bde queries?

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Headquarters, 1st Anzac Corps,
20th February, 1917.

Headquarters,
3rd Australian Division.

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P.T.O.

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H.Q.
11th Aust. Inf. Bde.

For necessary action & return please

Robt E Jackson
MAJOR,
D.A.A. & Q.M.G. THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

D.H.Q.
25/2/17

11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,

26th February, 1917.

HEADQUARTERS
26 FEB. 1917
No. S.C. 13/29
11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

HEADQUARTERS
27 FEB. 1917
No. Q 106/78
THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Headquarters,

Third Australian Division.

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Routine Order No 24, Para. 2, cancelled in Routine Order No. 39, Para. 5, in accordance with instructions as contained in Q. 106/78.

26/135
ASST. ADJT GEN.
A.I.F.

1- MAR REC

J.J. Jackson Capt
for

Brigadier General,
Commanding 11th Inf. Bde., A.I.F.

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a.a.g. a.i.f. 1st Anzac

Forwarded for your information

H. Farmar Lt Colonel
for
Major General.
G.O.C. Third Australian Division

D.H.Q.
27.2.17

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(Copy)

G.H.Q., 3rd. ECHELON, B.E.F.
Anzac Section, 3.2.1917.

No. 34462.

A.A.G., A.I.F.,
Headquarters,
1st. A. & N.Z. Army Corps,
B. E. F.

Hospital Stoppages.

With reference to A.I.F. Order No. 409 governing the above question, a ruling is requested as to the exact interpretation which is to be placed thereon.

In all cases where Hospital Stoppages, and other deductions from pay for disciplinary reasons are due, such are computed here and are published in the Part II Orders, issued from this Office, of the Unit to which the individual belongs.

In the case of self inflicted wounds, the practice prior to the issue of A.I.F. Order No. 409 has been that, where a man has been admitted to a special hospital and has subsequently been brought to trial, in the event of a conviction, stoppage of pay has been reckoned as from the date on which the man was placed under arrest until date of trial, on the ground that he was under arrest awaiting trial for an offence for which he was subsequently convicted, plus any forfeiture that may be due by reason of the sentence imposed.

This in most cases covers the period in hospital.

There are cases however where the whole period in hospital would not be covered, e.g. Cases have occurred where a S.I.W. case has been tried in hospital as soon as a man was fit to stand his trial and the Court has inflicted a minor punishment, say 14 days F.P. No.2, and the man has not been discharged until a date subsequent to the expiration of the sentence of the court.

In such a case stoppages have been reckoned in the past as from the date of arrest until the date of the expiration of the sentence imposed. This on the ground that the soldier having been tried, and having served the sentence imposed has expiated his offence and should not be liable to any further penalties in consequence thereof.

Under A.I.F. Order No. 409 Stoppages will now continue, in such a case until the man is discharged from hospital "Fit for duty". Is this interpretation of the Order correct ?

A further case which at the present time is awaiting final action is submitted:-

A man was reported S.I.W.	28.8.16.
Admitted Boescheppe	31.8.16.
Tried by F.G.C.M. and awarded 14 days F.P.	10.9.16.
Discharged to duty	24.10.16.
Joined Base	25.10.16.
Admitted to hospital (old wound)	1.11.16.
Evacuated to England	5.1.17.

In accordance with A.I.F. Order No. 409 this man is liable to stoppage of pay from 28.8.16 with the exception of the period from 24.10.16 to 1.11.16 and would appear still to be still so liable until he is either fit for service or finally discharged from the Force.

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It is submitted that in the case of a S.I.W. date of discharge from hospital to duty should be considered as thetermination of the period for which stoppages are imposed under A.I.F. Order No. 409.

This suggestion is made for the following reasons :-

1. Responsibility for discharge from hospital rests solely with the medical officer.
2. It is possible, in some cases, that such discharge may be premature and that thereby a return to hospital may be necessitated for a very much longer period than would have been necessary had the discharge not been effected at the time it was.
3. Where a man has been returned to duty for a short period prior to re-admission to hospital due to the old self-inflicted wound, it may be argued that the nature of the duty imposed in the interval has been a contributory cause of the second admission to hospital.

These suggestions are put forward as points which are likely to be developed at a future date by the individuals concerned.

(Signed) Cyril T. Griffiths

Lieutenant-Colonel,
A. A. G.

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(Copy) No. 2398/85.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

2nd. Australian Divisional Base Depot.

Headquarters,
1st. Anzac.

I desire to bring under your notice the question of men suffering from Venereal Disease who are practically out door patients. A large number of men in these Depots who are suffering from such complaints, attend 51st. General Hospital twice weekly for injections, they lose the afternoon of the day they visit Hospital, and are then off duty for 24 hours, - a day and a half twice a week - three days per week.

As the regulation forbids their being put on duty of any description during that period, the matter is submitted to you please for a ruling as to whether their pay is to be stopped on the days in question. These men are held up at the Depots for periods of two and three months, and are of little use for anything owing to their broken time.

(Signed) P.M.Vaughan,
Lieutenant-Colonel,
Commanding 2nd. Australian Divisional Base Depot.

ETAPLES,
7th. March, 1917.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

26/158
ADJT GEN
A.I.F.

Headquarters, 1st Anzac Corps,
28th March, 1917.

A.A.G., A.I.F.
Administrative Headquarters.
LONDON.

The attached correspondence with regard to stoppages of pay under A.I.F. Order 409 is referred to you please, and I should be glad if you would ascertain what procedure is adopted by the Imperial Authorities in such cases, and also obtain the opinion of the D.M.S., A.I.F., thereon.

Lieut-Colonel.
A.A.G. A.I.F.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Headquarters, 1st. Anzac Corps.
20th. April, 1917.

A.A.G., A.I.F.,
Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F.
LONDON. S.W.

On the 28th. March correspondence (No. 26/158) was forwarded to you in regard to stoppages of pay under A.I.F. Order 409, asking that you ascertain procedure adopted by the Imperial Authorities in such cases, and that opinion of the D.M.S., A.I.F. be obtained thereon.

An early reply is requested.

Lieutenant-Colonel,
A.A.G., A.I.F.

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In reply please quote
AUS....55113...

ANZAC SECTION, 3RD ECHELON, G.H.Q.,
British Expeditionary Force.
16th May, 1917.

A.A.G., A.I.F.,
Headquarters 1st Anzac,
B. E. F.

re 213 Gnr. Armstrong, A.S., 54th Bty.,14th Field Artillery Brigade.

The following is an extract from Court of Enquiry Proceedings on the abovementioned man:-

"The Court declare that No. 213 Gnr. Armstrong, A.S., received his injuries in a fight while under the influence of alcohol.

(sd) F.Rowe, Lieut.,
President.
2/3/17. "

Approved.
(sd) O.F.Phillips Lt-Col.,
O.C. 14th F.A.Bde.
3/3/17.

He was admitted to Hospital on 23/2/17, and afterwards invalided to England.

He has not been tried for any offence in connection with the above. (Royal Warrant Art. 977 (c)(1)). As far as is known there is no medical certificate certifying that the injuries have been caused by an offence under the Army Act. (A.A. Sect. 138(2). Royal Warrant Art. 977 (c)(1)).

It would appear that he forfeits no pay under the above, but that he would do so under A.I.F. Order No. 409.

Will you please advise the application of A.I.F.Order 409 in the above case.

19 MAY REC

F C Parker
Capt.,
Staff Capt., for A.A.G.

O.O re A17 Para 609 in action. (26/158)

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In reply please quote
AUS.....58622...

ANZAC SECTION, 3RD ECHELON, G.H.Q.,
British Expeditionary Force.
2nd June, 1917.

A. A. G. 26/158 A. I. F.

A.A.G., A.I.F.,
Headquarters 1st Anzac,
B. E. F.

The following case is brought to your notice:-

"EXTRACT FROM REPORT ON SELF-INFLICTED WOUNDS S.I.W.1.

No., Rank, Name, etc.	5013 Pte. Alexander Eadie, 36th Battalion.	Date of Casualty 17/5/17.
Nature of Wound.	Bullet wound left leg just above knee. Severe. Leg broken.	
Circumstances of case.	Done whilst cleaning rifle in Billets at Nieppe on the afternoon of 17th May, 1917. Bolt and magazine had not been removed from rifle.	
Opinion of O.C. as to cause:- (a) Wilfully, (b) Negligently, (c) Accidentally, i.e.no blame attaching to the man.	(b) Negligently. 18/5/17.	(sd) J.A.Milne Lt-Col. Cdg. 36th Battalion.
Remarks by Divisional Commander.	I concur, 19/5/17.	(sd) J.Monash Major-Gen., Cdg. 3rd Aust. Division.

MINUTE

Headquarters,
Second Army "A". No.2733/273(A)

Forwarded. It is recommended that Pte. A.Eadie be tried by Field General Court Martial.

Headquarters,
21/5/17. (sd) A.Delavoye for Lt-Gen.
Cdg. 2nd Anzac Corps.

TELEGRAM ARS1666 24/5/17. In reply to AW1857.

SECOND ARMY "A".

5013 Pte.Eadie in 8 Stat. Hospital. Amputation left leg through thigh. condition satisfactoryaaa What action is desired aaa

ANZAC SECTION, 3RD ECHELON.

REPLY TO ABOVE.
D.A.G., 3RD ECHELON. AW 1857.

.....As the wound was clearly self-inflicted, and in view of the above telegram, the return of this man for trial is no longer desired.

(sd) ---- Capt., for Genl.,
A.H.Q. 23/5/17. Commdg. Second Army. "

Under A.I.F.Order 409 this man should forfeit all pay from 17/5/17 onwards.
Will you please advise.

L C Parker Captain,
Staff Capt., for A.A.G.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

A. A. G. 26/195 A. I. F.

A.I.F. Headquarters,
1st Anzac Corps,
21st May 1917.

Anzac Section,
3rd Echelon.

With reference to your 55113 of 16th instant, I am directed to inform you that No.213 Gunner A.S.ARMSTRONG, 74th F.A.Brigade, will not suffer forfeiture of pay under A.I.F. Order 409 under the circumstances set forth.

HDM
for
Lieut.-Colonel.
A.A.G., A.I.F.

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In reply
please quote.
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Aus..............

ANZAC SECTION 3rd ECHELON G.H.Q.
British Expeditionary Force.
26th May. 1917.

A. A. G.
26/195
A. I. F.

A. A. G., A. I. F.
Attached Headquarters,
1st Anzac Corps,
B. E. F.

In continuation of correspondence (Ref. 26/195 - 21-5-17) rulings are desired please on the following points:-

(a) What is necessary to support decisions being made that soldier's pay is witheld under authority of A.I.F., Order.

(b) Whether a soldier's pay is stopped during the whole period he is in hospital, being treated for self-inflicted wounds, and for which he has been tried and found Guilty under a Section of the Act.

In this connection, it is advised that cases occur where a soldier is in hospital as a result of self-inflicted wounds, and continues in hospital for a longer period than would run concurrent with any forfeiture under award, as a result of being found Guilty by Court Martial.

In the above connection, attention is invited to the following references:-

Com. F. & A. Reg. 265.	Orders for A.I.F. 38a
A.I.F.Order 409.	A.A.Sec. 138 (2)
F.S.R.Part II Chap.X111 para 7.	
	K.R. 504/5.
M.M.L.Chap.IV para 34	R.W. 977 (c) 1.

Cyril. S. Griffiths.
Lieut-Colonel.
A. A. G.

Please return have
F.&A. Regs, AIF Order 409
(in file

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

A. A. G. 26/158. A. I. F.

A.I.F. Headquarters,
1st Anzac Corps,
1st June 1917.

A.A.G.,
A.I.F. Administrative Headquarters,
LONDON, S.W.

Will you please published the undermentioned Orders in an early issue of A.I.F. Orders :-

"Forfeiture of Pay - Venereal Disease;
Members of the Australian Imperial Force will forfeit their pay for every day they are in hospital suffering from venereal disease.
A.I.F. Order 409 is hereby cancelled."

"Forfeiture of Pay - Self-Inflicted wounds;
Members of the Australian Imperial Force convicted by Court Martial of an offence against the Army Act and admitted to hospital on account of any illness certified by a medical officer to have been caused by such offence, will forfeit the whole of their pay while in hospital; Provided that the total forfeiture of pay under this order apart from statutory forfeiture as a result of sentences awarded, shall not exceed 90 days from date of admission to hospital.
The certificate of the medical officer referred to above will be forwarded to the base with particulars of the conviction. (vide S.S.412, Part V, para.2)"

Colonel.
D.A.G., A.I.F.

Anzac Section, 3rd Echelon.
For your information, with reference to your 57285 of 26.5.17.

DDP

Colonel.
D.A.G., A.I.F.

Jend 15/6

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

A. A. G. 26/158 A. I. F.

A.I.F. Headquarters
1st Anzac Corps 6-6-17.

Anzac Section
3rd Echelon.

Reference your 58622 of 2-6-17 relative to case of No. 5013 Pte. A. EADIE 36th Battalion you are informed that as this man was not convicted by Court-Martial he will not under the A.I.F. Order shortly to be published a copy of which was sent you with this office 26/158 of 1-6-17 forfeit any pay.

Colonel
D.A.G. A.I.F.

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A. A. G. 26/248 I. E.

Headquarters, A.I.F.

Attached 1st Anzac Corps, 14-7-17.

A.I.F. Administrative Headquarters,

LONDON.

Reference your Ca. 1429/2/19 of 11-7-17, I am to inform you that an admission to a Field Ambulance is to be regarded as an admission to Hospital within the meaning of A.I.F. Order 685.

Colonel,

D.A.G., A.I.F.

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684. Distinguishing Colour Patches.

The distinguishing colour patches of Australian Railway Companies shall be as laid down in A.I.F. Order 644 for Railway Sections; the word "Company" being substituted for the word "Section" wherever it appears in that Order.

(Authority : A.A.G., A.I.F. 15/58 of 2.6.17.)

685. Forfeiture of Pay—Venereal Disease.

Members of the Australian Imperial Force will forfeit their pay for every day they are in hospital suffering from venereal disease.

A.I.F. Order No. 409 *is hereby cancelled.*

(Authority : A.A.G., A.I.F. 26/158 of 1.6.17.)

686. Forfeiture of Pay—Self-Inflicted Wounds.

Members of the Australian Imperial Force convicted by Court-Martial of an offence against the Army Act and admitted to hospital on account of any illness certified by a medical officer to have been caused by such offence will forfeit the whole of their pay while in hospital; provided that the total forfeiture of pay under this order, apart from statutory forfeiture as a result of sentences awarded, shall not exceed 90 days from date of admission to hospital.

The certificate of the medical officer referred to above will be forwarded to the base with particulars of the conviction. (*Vide* S.S. 412, Part V., para. 2.)

(Authority : A.A.G., A.I.F. 26/158 of 1.6.17.)

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE ORDERS

BY

Lieut.-Gen. SIR W. R. BIRDWOOD, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O.,

Commanding Australian Imperial Force.

HEADQUARTERS, 1ST ANZAC CORPS,

8th June, 1917.

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680. Appointments, Promotions, etc.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

A. A. G. 26/158 A. I. F.

Headquarters, A.I.F.
Attached 1st Anzac Corps, 16-6-17.

A.I.F. Administrative Headquarters,
LONDON.

For notification in A.I.F. Orders, please.

FORFEITURE OF PAY - SELF INFLICTED WOUNDS

A.I.F. Order 686 of 8-6-17 is amended as follows :-

For the word " illness" in second line substitute the words " illness or injury ".

HDW for

Colonel,
D.A.G. A.I.F.

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Copy draft amendment Orders for A.I.F.

Para. 133 a. Forfeiture of Pay.

(i) An Officer or a soldier who is convicted by a court-martial, or a soldier who is awarded punishment by his Commanding Officer, of or for an offence which, under the provisions of the Army Act, or the Commonwealth Defence Act, entails forfeiture of pay, will forfeit for each day during which pay is forfeitable the whole of his daily pay including deferred pay, field allowance, and any amount which may have been earned as extra duty pay

(ii) An Officer or a soldier will also forfeit all pay as in the preceding sub-para. hereof for every day during which he is absent from duty without leave or as the result of disease or injury caused by his own misconduct, including venereal disease, alcoholism, self-inflicted wounds etc.

DMC

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Dict. D.MacL./WB.

A.I.F. 1. 9/12/16. 50,000. E. & T. Ltd.

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F. 1429/2/19

ADVANCE AUSTRALIA

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A. B. G. 26/158. A. I. F.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F.,

130, HORSEFERRY ROAD,

LONDON, S.W.

16th June 1917.

MEMORANDUM TO:-

The D.A.G.,
A.I.F. Headquarters,
1st Anzac,
France.

Forfeiture of Pay - Venereal Disease.

Referring to your 26/158 of 1.6.17., and A.I.F. Order No. 685 published on 8.6.17., it is desired to intimate that the provisions of this Order are not considered to be quite adequate, inasmuch as no provision is made for forfeiture in the case of members, who may be absent from duty on account of venereal disease, although not actually in Hospital for the whole period of such absence, and further, inasmuch as no provision is made for the forfeiture of field allowance in the case of officers.

2. It is therefore suggested that the A.I.F. Order referred to be cancelled and the following substituted therefor:-

"Forfeiture of Pay - Venereal Disease.

All members of the Australian Imperial Force will forfeit all pay and allowances, including field allowance, extra-duty pay and "deferred pay", for every day during which they are absent from duty on account of Venereal Disease or illness resulting therefrom".

3. As nowhere in Orders for A.I.F. is there any definite provision as to the circumstances in which an officer or a soldier forfeits his pay, either on account of venereal disease, self-inflicted wounds or otherwise, a paragraph providing for such forfeiture was included in suggested amendments and additions to Orders for A.I.F., recently drafted by the Chief Paymaster and forwarded to Defence on the 17th April last.

A copy of this paragraph, which deals with forfeiture of pay for venereal disease and self-inflicted wounds, as well as other offences under the Army Act and Commonwealth Defence Act, is enclosed herewith for your information.

T Skipper Colonel.
Commandant.

Enclosure:-
Draft amendment Order
for A.I.F.

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Headquarters, A.I.F.
Attached 1st Anzac Corps.
June 25th 1917.

A. A. G. 26/158 A. I. F.

A.I.F. Administrative Headquarters,
----------LONDON.----------

With reference to your F.1429/2/19. of 16/6/17.,I am to inform you that it is not proposed to make any amendments to A.I.F. Order 685 re forfeiture of pay for Venereal Disease,except that the words "and field allowance" should be inserted after word "pay" therein.

It is published in the same terms,except that it now includes Officers,as the previous Order (409) on the subject,and with the above addition,it is considered meets the purpose in view.

It is not considered advisable to make any provision for forfeiture of pay for venereal disease when the patient is not in hospital: firstly,because in the ordinary course all V.D.patients should remain in Hospital until cured,and secondly,because of the administrative and record difficulties involved.

The word "pay" as used in A.I.F. Order 685 will,as a matter of ordinary interpretation include deferred and extra duty pay,to which it is not considered necessary to make special reference.

With regard to the question of forfeiture of pay for self-inflicted wounds,it is pointed out that the terms of A.I.F. Order 686 were adopted deliberately after full consideration. There is a general order in France which provides for trial by Court Martial of all cases of self inflicted wounds when such are regarded by the competent authorities specified as being either due to wilful maiming or to negligence. In view of this and also on general grounds it was decided that a soldier should not suffer the stigma of being recorded as a self-inflicted case and suffer forfeiture of pay therefor unless he had been convicted by Court Martial for the offence. It was specially desired that the award of a C.O. should not be regarded as sufficient for this purpose.

For the above named reasons the terms of the suggested addition to Orders for the A.I.F. sent by the Chief Paymaster to Department of Defence are not concurred with,and I am to ASK that you inform the Chief Paymaster that matters of this kind involving policy are not in fuxture to be sent to Melbourne without first being submitted to this Office for the approval of the G.O.C.,A.I.F.

Colonel.
D.A.G. A.I.F.

To see
Daly, H.Dr
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A.I.F. Order 745.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

A. A. G. 26/158 A. I. F.

A.I.F. Headquarters,
1st Anzac Corps,
21st May 1917.

A.A.G.,
A.I.F. Administrative Headquarters,
LONDON, S.W.

I shall be glad if a reply can now be furnished to my memos of 28th March and 20th April, No.26/158, asking you, with reference to stoppages of pay under A.I.F.Order 409, to ascertain what procedure is adopted by the Imperial authorities in such cases, and also asking for the opinion of the D.M.S., A.I.F.

Lieut.-Colonel.
A.A.G., A.I.F.

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A.I.F. ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS,
WESTMINSTER, LONDON, S.W.

A. A. G. 26/158. A. I. F.

SB/DC.

Telegraphic Address: "ADMINAUST, LONDON." | Cable Address: "STRALIS, LONDON." | Telephone: VICTORIA 8860 (10 lines).

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

A. 1429/2/19.

30th May, 1917.

Headquarters,
Australian Imperial Force,
B.E.F., FRANCE.

With reference to your memorandum 26/158 of the 21st instant, relative to stoppage of pay under A.I.F. Order 409, the procedure adopted by the Imperial Authorities has been received, and a reply from the D.M.S. is expected in the course of a day or two, and when the complete correspondence will be forwarded.

Lieut.-Col.
A.A.G. A.I.F.

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D. A. G.
26/321
A. I. F.

1st December, 1917.

A.I.F. Admin. Headqrs.,
London.

With reference to your 1429/2/19 of 27.11.17, you are informed that the cancellation of A.I.F. Orders Nos. 685 and 745 and the publication of the following as an A.I.F. Order, as recommended, is approved.

"Any member of the Australian Imperial Force will forfeit his pay and field allowance for every day he is in hospital suffering from venereal disease, unless it can be proved to the satisfaction of the D.M.S., A.I.F. that such venereal disease was inherited or acquired prior to his enlistment in the A.I.F."

(Sgd.) T. H. D
Colonel.

D.A.G., A.I.F.

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D. A. G.
26/321
A. I. F.

1005. Ferfeiture of Pay—Venereal Disease.

7.12.17.

Any member of the Australian Imperial Force will forfeit his pay and field allowance for every day he is in hospital suffering from venereal disease, unless it can be proved to the satisfaction of the D.M.S., A.I.F., that such venereal disease was inherited or acquired prior to his enlistment in the A.I.F.

A.I.F. Orders Nos. 685 and 745, dated 8th June, 1917, and 10th July, 1917, respectively, are hereby cancelled.

(Authority : D.A.G., A.I.F., 26/321 of 1.12.17.)

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CR. No. 1429/2/19.

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FORFEITURE OF PAY - AMENDMENT TO WAR FINANCIAL REGULATION 13.

THE SECRETARY,
MILITARY BOARD.

It is requested that the following amendment be made to War Financial Regulations:-

Regulation 13 of the War Financial Regulations dated 28th February 1917, (Statutory Rules 1917 No. 49) is repealed and the following regulations made in lieu thereof. To take effect from 3rd July, 1917.

13. When any member of the Australian Imperial Force, either by award of Commanding Officer or Court Martial or as a consequence of offences committed, forfeits any pay due to him, the amount of pay so forfeited shall include for each day of forfeiture the whole of his daily pay including deferred pay, field allowance and extra duty pay.

13A. A member of the Australian Imperial Force will forfeit all pay as in Regulation 13 for every day during which he is in hospital suffering from venereal disease except as provided in Regulations 13B and 14.

13B. In the event of the death of a member whilst on Active Service, any forfeiture which has been incurred abroad on account of venereal disease will be remitted.

Col.
FINANCE MEMBER.

2/10/1917.

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C.R.No. 1429/2/19.

WAR FINANCIAL REGULATION.

THE SECRETARY,
MILITARY BOARD.

It is requested that the following amendment be made to War Financial Regulations.

Regulation 37 of the War Financial Regulations dated 28th February, 1917, (Statutory Rules 1917, No. 49) is repealed and the following regulation made in lieu therof. To take effect from 1st September, 1917.

37 (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of Regulations 13 and 13A in regard to the forfeiture of pay in certain circumstances, any allotment made by a member of the A.I.F., to his bona fide dependants will, except in the case of discharge or dismissal as hereinafter mentioned, be continued to be paid during the period of such forfeiture, provided that the amount of such allotment does not exceed the prescribed rate for private (e.g. for wife only, 2/- per diem, and for wife and children 3/- per diem). An allotment payable to a bona fide dependant and exceeding the prescribed rate will be reduced to such rate and be continued accordingly for the period of the forfeiture.

(ii) In addition, Separation Allowance will continue to be paid to the allottee of a private who is already in receipt of same, and will also be paid to the allottee of any other member who is undergoing stoppage of pay, on the same conditions and at the same rate as if the member were a private, but where the forfeiture has been incurred in Australia the amount of separation allowance will be limited to 2/- per diem.

(iii) No payment under this regulation will exceed the amount originally payable to the allottee.

(iv) Where the forfeiture has been incurred abroad, any sums paid to dependants under the provisions of paragraph (i) and where the forfeiture has been incurred in Australia, any sums paid to dependants under the provisions of paragraphs (i) and (ii), will be deducted from any amount standing to the credit of or becoming due to the member concerned, and should there be a debit balance against his account on the expiry of the period of forfeiture, the reduction in the allotment shall continue until the debit is liquidated, the member's drawings being restricted to an amount not exceeding 6^{d} per day for a soldier and 3/6 per day for an Officer.

(v) In the case of a member who is sentenced by Court Martial to dismissal or discharge from the Australian Imperial Force, all payments to or on account of such member, whether to dependants, or otherwise, will cease on and from the date of the award of the Court.

Col.
Finance Member.
2/10/17.

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F. 5/E.G. D. 556/44/155.

C.R.No. 1429/2/19.

No. 75501.

A.I.F. 26/321

Department of Defence,
Melbourne.
October 15th, 1917.

MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Commandant,
Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F.,
LONDON.

FORFEITURE OF PAY.

Ø I enclose herewith copies of amendments of War Financial Regulations, Nos. 37, 13, 13A and 13B., which have now been approved by the Governor-in-Council.

2. Regulation 37 is amended in accordance with the new provisions regarding Separation Allowance and is extended to include all ranks.

3. The particulars as to the "prescribed rate" mentioned in paragraph (i) are set out in War Financial Instruction 108.

4. Regulation 13 is merely intended to set out definitely the interpretation of the term "forfeiture" as applied to the A.I.F. and it is not thought desirable that the Regulation should state the conditions under which pay is forfeited as these are prescribed in the Defence Act and the Army Act and the publication of the paragraph as suggested in "Amendments and additions to Orders for the A.I.F." might give rise to conflicting ideas and rulings.

5. Regulation 13A is in accordance with your letter (F.1429/2/19) of 9th July, 1917, and A.I.F. Order 685 of 8th June, 1917.

6. Regulation 13B promulgates a decision by the Minister, and takes effect from 3rd July 1917 as that was the date on which paragraph (4) of Regulation 37 was cancelled. This decision (which was notified you by cable, WX646 on 5th October 1917) was made on the grounds of "consideration for the feelings of relatives" and it is therefore essential that all reference to such forfeitures should be kept out of the final statement prepared for the next-of-kin. In order to effect this the amount shown therein as Pay Debits must exclude V.D. forfeitures, for if the remission of such forfeitures were to be shown as a credit, an explanation would be necessary. To facilitate the preparation of the final statements on these lines you were asked, in the above-mentioned cable, to make the necessary adjustments by deduction from ledger debits before the despatch of non-effective statements in the future. With regard to the past, it is noticed that in most cases the non-effective statements distinguish between V.D. forfeitures and other forfeitures, but in the instances where non-effective statements have been despatched during the last six months containing no reference to the nature of the forfeiture it will be necessary for you to furnish particulars, to enable District Paymasters to

Ø. These amendments are in accordance with the proposals contained in our "suggested amendments and additions to Orders for A.I.F.", (pages 38 to 40) forwarded to Defence 17th April 1917.

DMF.

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For information of the A.G.'s Office at the base.

264248

Officers and men who have become casuals, been transferred or joined since last report.

Place 1st Aust. Casualty Clearing Stn Date 28/10/17

Regtl. Number	Rank	Name	Corps	Nature of casualty, or name of unit from or to which transferred	Date of being struck off or coming on the ration return (Period absent from duty)	Remarks*
767	Cpl	Smith, T.J.	3rd Batt	absent from duty w.a.s.c Venereal Disease	26/10/17 to 28/10/17	3 days PB 17689/14

* State whether absence is of a permanent or temporary nature, adding, in the case of casuals from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to the relatives.

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To be made up to and for Saturday in each week

No. of Report_____

FIELD RETURN.

Army Form B. 213

(To be furnished by all arms, services, and departments (except A.S.C. units) to the A.G.'s Office at the Base in accordance with Field Service Regulations, Part II.)

RETURN showing numbers (*a*) Effective strength of Unit.
(*b*) Rationed by Unit.

_____ at _____ _____ Date.

DETAIL	Personnel			Animals						Guns and transport vehicles														Motor Bicycles	Bicycles	Motor Ambulances	REMARKS
				Horses				Mules						Horsed		Mechanical											
	Officers	Other ranks	Natives	Riding	Draught	Heavy Draught	Pack	Large	Small	Guns, showing description	Ammunition wagons	Machine guns	Aircraft, showing description	4 Wheeled	2 Wheeled	Motor Cars	Tractors	Lorries, showing description	Trucks, showing description	Trailers							
Effective Strength of Unit.....																											
Details *by Arms* attached to unit as in War Establishment:—																											
Total																											
War Establishment																											
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Surplus																											
*Attached (not to include the details shown above).....																											
Civilians :— Employed with the Unit.....																											
Accompanying the Unit.....																											
TOTAL RATIONED.....																											

* In the case of field ambulances, hospitals or depots, the number of patients are to be included here, the names being shown in A.F.A. 36.

_____ Signature of Commander.

_____ Date of Despatch.

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make final settlement. The approval for remission under this Regulation applies to all forfeitures incurred on account of V.D. during the whole service abroad of any member whose death has occurred on active service, except those whose accounts have been finally settled prior to 13th October, 1917.

7. With reference to your letter of 28th May, 1917, and other correspondence, in which you point out that nowhere in the Army Act, King's Regulations, or Orders for the A.I.F. is there any definite authority to forfeit pay of soldiers suffering from V.D., I may state that in F. & A. Regulations (which are issued under the Defence Act) Regulation No. 265 contains the following provision:-

> "the full pay of any soldier admitted to hospital
> "or treated in quarters for V.D., or on account
> "of sickness the result of offences committed
> "by him, shall be stopped."

This is considered sufficient authority to cover all such forfeitures in the past.

(Sgd.) T. Trumble.
Acting Secretary.

Encl.

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COPY OF CABLEGRAM.

As shown (Date and time lodged for transmission
on cable (Date and time received in London.

No. WX646 Date and time received at Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F

6.10.17. 12.30.p.m.

From Secretary for Defence, Melbourne.

To Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London.

WX646 Approval given for remission full forfeiture Venereal Disease abroad in the event of death any member aaa Suggest you pass necessary credits by deduction from Ledger Debits before despatch further non-effective statements which should then show only other forfeitures aaa Particulars required all forfeitures not distinguished as Venereal or otherwise on non-effective statements despatched last 6 months.

Defence.

Passed for action to.....F.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Headquarters, A.I.F.
Attd. 1st Anzac Corps.
~~20th October~~ 7th November, 1917.

The Officer Commanding.
1, 2, & 3 Australian Casualty Clearing Station.

PAY - CHRONIC VENEREAL PATIENTS ATTACHED FOR DUTY.

With reference to the question of pay of the Australian Soldiers chronic V.D. cases who have reported at your Station for duty and treatment, please note that the pay of these men will not be forfeited for the days they are performing duty, but that pay will be forfeited for any day or days that these soldiers do not perform duty on account of the disease.

The forfeiture of pay for the days these soldiers are absent from duty on account of the disease will be shown on a supplementary return (as per sample herewith) and attached to your weekly A.F.B. 213. The forfeiture will be entered in Paybook and will be at the full daily rate less Deferred Pay, i.e. for a Private who forfeits pay the daily rate will be 5/- (6/- less 1/- deferred = 5/-), for a Corporal 8/6 (10/- less 1/6d = 8/6d) and so on. No mention is to be made of Venereal Disease; the entry in Paybook will be endorsed "Hospital Stoppages" under heading "Place" and the entry in Paybook for a Private will be as follows:-

Date	No.	Place.	Amount	Progressive Total.
28.10.17	16	Hospital Stoppages October 24/27th inclusive, 4 days @ 5/-.	1. 0. 0	£14. 0. 0

The above example, of course, as you will observe allows for 15 previous entries having been made in a Paybook the progressive total of which amounts to £13.

These soldiers will in all probability be considerably overdrawn. It is therefore to be clearly understood that payment at the rate of 5 francs per fortnight only can be made until the overdraft is liquidated.

A copy of this communication has been forwarded to the Chief Paymaster and Anzac Section, 3rd Echelon.

Colonel.
D.A.G., A.I.F.

Copies to Chief Paymaster
Staff Paymaster, 1st Anzac
Anzac Section.

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A.I.F. 1. 10,917. 100M. O.Ltd.

Dic. D.MacL/MD.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

F. 1429/2/19.

ADVANCE AUSTRALIA

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "ADMINAUST, LONDON."
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F.,
130, HORSEFERRY ROAD,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

Headquarters A.I.F.,
attached Headquarters 1st Anzac Corps,
F R A N C E.

10th November, 1917.

FORFEITURE OF PAY - VENEREAL DISEASE.

A memorandum on the above subject dated 13th September last, has been received from the Department of Defence reading as follows :-

" With reference to your memorandum F.1429/2/19 of the 9th July "last in connection with forfeiture of pay - Venereal Disease, I "desire to inform you that action has been taken in accordance with "your cablegram of the same date to insert in the proposed amendment "to sub-paragraph 133A of the A.I.F. Orders the words "while in "hospital" after the words "leave or"."

2. The proposed amendment referred to will now read as under :-

Forfeiture of Pay.

(i) An Officer or a soldier who is convicted by a court-martial, or a soldier who is awarded punishment by his Commanding Officer, of or for an offence which, under the provisions of the Army Act, or the Commonwealth Defence Act, entails forfeiture of pay, will forfeit for each day during which pay is forfeitable the whole of his daily pay including deferred pay, field allowance, and any amount which may have been earned as extra duty pay.

(ii) An Officer or a soldier will also forfeit all pay as in the preceding sub-para. hereof for every day during which he is absent from duty without leave or while in hospital as the result of disease or injury caused by his own misconduct, including venereal disease, alcoholism, self-inflicted wounds etc.

3. A copy of this office memorandum of the 9th July last, referred to in the above quoted communication from Department of Defence, is attached hereto for your information.

4. The foregoing is forwarded for information only.

H. Evans Major
for Colonel.
Commandant.

Enclosure.

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Dic. D.MacL/MD.

F. 1429/2/19.

26/348

9th July, 1917.

The Secretary,
Department of Defence,
MELBOURNE.

FORFEITURE OF PAY - VENEREAL DISEASE.

I have to confirm my cablegram, despatched to you to-day, reading:-

"F.11278. With reference suggested Amendment Orders for A.I.F. "forwarded 17th April and our letter 10F 48643 28th May forfeiture "Pay Venereal Please amend second sub paragraph para. 133A suggested "amendment by insertion after the words "leave or" of the words "while in Hospital" AAA In reviewing matter G.O.C. considers "member should only incur forfeiture while actually in Hospital."

2. With reference to the above cablegram, my letter 10F 48643, 1429/2/19 of 28th May, and the draft Order (para. 133A) amending para. 134 Orders for A.I.F., forwarded with the recent suggested Amendments and Additions on the 17th April last, it is explained that in reviewing the matter of venereal forfeitures, and in publishing a new Order (No. 685) in respect thereto, the G.O.C., A.I.F., did not consider it advisable to provide for forfeiture of pay except where, and for the period during which the member concerned is actually "in Hospital".

Prior to the issue by the G.O.C. of the Order referred to, on 8th June, 1917, it was our practice to forfeit the pay and allowances of members suffering from venereal disease during the period of absence from duty, and irrespective of whether they were actually in Hospital, in accordance with your cablegrams W.10174 of 29/1/1915, WY 234 of 15/12/1916; Orders by the late Major General Bridges No. 398 of 1/2/1915, 452 of 11/2/1915; and A.I.F. Order No. 409 of 20/12/1916 by the G.O.C., A.I.F.

3. Copies of the cablegrams and Orders above quoted, together with copies of the present correspondence in the matter, are enclosed herewith for your information.

(Sgd.) T. Griffiths.

Colonel.
Commandant.

Enclosures.
Copies Cablegrams, Orders & Corres.

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D.A.G. A.I.F. 66/83

13th November, 1917.

A.I.F. Administrative Headquarters,

L O N D O N.

Please forward to these Headquarters copy of telegram received by you from Defence, Melbourne, approving of the remission of V. D. forfeitures upon death of members of the A.I.F.

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Colonel,

D.A.G., A.I.F.

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A.I.F. 16317 100M. O.Lm.

Dic. D.MacL/MD.

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F. 1429/2/41 and
1429/2/19.

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Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F.,
130, HORSEFERRY ROAD,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

26/248
A. I. F.

17th November, 1917.

Headquarters A.I.F.,
attached Headquarters 1st Anzac Corps,
F R A N C E.

FORFEITURE OF PAY - VENEREAL DISEASE.

With reference to your memorandum 26/248 of the 7th instant, addressed to the O.C. 1st, 2nd and 3rd A.C.C.S., of which a copy was forwarded for information to the Chief Paymaster, it is desired to know whether that portion of the first paragraph which reads -

"that the pay of these men will not be forfeited for the days they are performing duty, but that pay will be forfeited for any day or days that these soldiers do not perform duty on account of the disease." -

is intended to mean that pay will be forfeited for any period during which the soldiers are absent from duty although they may not actually be in hospital. If so, such a ruling would apparently conflict with A.I.F. Order No. 685 which provides only that pay will be forfeited while in hospital.

2. In this connection I would refer you to your 26/158 of 25/6/1917, replying to my 1429/2/19 of 16th idem, which reads inter alia -

"It is not considered advisable to make any provision for forfeiture of pay for venereal disease when the patient is not in hospital; firstly, because in the ordinary course all V.D. patients should remain in hospital until cured, etc....."

Upon the receipt of your communication above quoted, a cablegram was despatched to Defence amending, in accordance with your decision, a suggested amendment to Orders for the A.I.F. which had previously been forwarded to Melbourne. This matter was referred to in my 1429/2/19 of the 10th instant in which I forwarded you copies of the correspondence between this office and the Department of Defence.

Colonel
Commandant.

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D. A. G. 66/83 A. I. F.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Headquarters Australian Imperial Force,
attached Ist Anzac Corps.

23rd November, 1917.

A.I.F. Admin. Headqrs.,
London.

With reference to your F.1429/2/39 of 19.11.17 you are informed that the decision of the Defence Department, Melbourne regarding the remission of V.D. forfeitures upon the death of members of the A.I.F. is noted and it is presumed that you are taking action accordingly.

Colonel.
D.A.G., A.I.F.

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Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F.,
130, HORSEFERRY ROAD,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

19th November 1917.

MEMORANDUM TO:-

The H. Qrs ~~D.A.C.~~., A.I.F.,
attached 1st Anzac Headquarters,
France.

I am in receipt of your memorandum No. 66/83 of the 13th instant, and as requested therein am forwarding herewith copy of cablegram received from the Defence Department, Melbourne, approving of the remission of V.D. Forfeitures upon the death of members of the A.I.F.

H Williams Maj
for Colonel.
Commandant.

Enc.

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Stamped on V.D. Forfeiture file

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HDM. Advise Administrative that Defence cablegram approving remission of V.D. forfeitures has been received & action taken accordingly.

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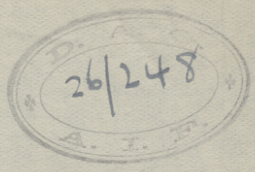

A.I.F. Headquarters,
Attached 1st Anzac Corps,
26th November, 1917.

A.I.F. Admin. Headquarters,
London.

With reference to your F.1429/2/41 of 17.11.17 I am to inform you that the instructions contained in this office 26/248 of 7.11.17 are designed to cover the special circumstances which arose owing to the despatch by the D.G.M.S., G.H.Q., without the concurrence of this office, of a number of convalescent venereal patients for employment at Casualty Clearing Stations and for supervision and treatment (when necessary) until final discharge as cured.

These special instructions are not to modify in any way the ordinary procedure laid down in A.I.F. Orders regarding forfeitures for venereal disease.

The necessity for the query contained in the first para. of your memo. is however not very clear since the instructions, being addressed to the three Casualty Clearing Stations only, applymerely while the men are at these hospitals, and if off duty through suffering from venereal disease there can be no question of their not being in hospital at the time. In its essentials the matter is not one, as you appear to assume, concerning the deduction of pay from men suffering from V.D. when not in hospital, but is one which relates to the allowing of pay in the special circumstances of the case, to V.D. patients who are in hospital.

Colonel.

D.A.G., A.I.F.

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Dir. D.MacL/MD.

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COMMANDANT,
DATE 22/11/17

STAFF PAY OFFICE,
LONDON.

D. F. 26/321 A. I. F.

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MINUTE.

Subject :— Forfeiture of Pay - Venereal Disease.

Commandant,
Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F.,

I recommend that the two A.I.F. Orders hereunder quoted be cancelled -

No. 685 which reads -

"Members of the Australian Imperial Force will forfeit their pay for every day they are in hospital suffering from venereal disease."

No. 745 which reads -

"In A.I.F. Order No. 685 of 8th June, 1917, after "pay" insert "and field allowance".

and that the following be substituted therefor and published as an A.I.F. Order :-

"Any member of the Australian Imperial Force will forfeit his pay and field allowance for every day he is in hospital suffering from Venereal Disease, unless it can be proved to the satisfaction of the D.M.S., A.I.F., that such venereal disease was inherited or was acquired prior to his enlistment into the A.I.F.".

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Surgeon-General.
D.M.S., A.I.F.

19th November, 1917.

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Headquarters, A.I.F.,
Attached 1st Anzac Corps. B.E.F.

Recommended for favourable consideration.

LONDON.
27.11.17.

Colonel,
Commandant.

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Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F.,
130, HORSEFERRY ROAD,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

5th December, 1917.

Headquarters A.I.F.,
attached 1st Anzac Corps,
F R A N C E.

FORFEITURE OF PAY - Amendments to War Financial Regulations.

Herewith are forwarded for your information copies of a communication and enclosures on the above subject received from the Department of Defence.

2. The attached amendments to War Financial Regulations are in accordance with the proposals contained in the "Suggested Amendments and Additions to Orders for A.I.F." forwarded to Defence at their request on 17th April last.

for Colonel.
Commandant.

Enclosures.

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LONDON, S.W. 1.

MEMORANDUM TO:-

6th December, 1917.

Headquarters, A.I.F.,
attached 1st Anzac Headquarters,
FRANCE.

I have to acknowledge receipt of your Memorandum No. 66/83 of the 23rd ult. regarding the remission of V.D. forfeitures upon the death of members of the A.I.F.

2. I have to advise that the action necessary under the cabled instructions from the Department of Defence has been taken, and complete lists of V.D. forfeitures incurred by deceased members of the A.I.F. in respect of whom Non-Effective Statements have been furnished during the past six months, will be forwarded to the Department of Defence by the next mail.

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Major,
for Colonel,
Commandant.

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D. A. 26/321 A. I. F.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S BRANCH OF THE STAFF

A.G./571/70/P.S.

General Officer Commanding,
Australian Imperial Force, France.

May I have your remarks, please on attached letter from G.O.C., L. of C. Area.

G. H. Q.,
1st Echelon,
11-5-18.

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for Adjutant General.

C O N F I D E N T I A L. K.A.1014.

D.A.G. A.1.F.26/321.
A.G., G.H.Q. AG/571/70.

Adjutant General,
General Headquarters.

It has been brought to notice that one of the causes of unrest and dissatisfaction among the Australian troops in Venereal Hospitals in France is connected with their voluntary allotments of pay.

Apparently in the case of an Australian soldier who has made an allotment of pay, such allotment continues during the time he is in a venereal hospital, and the total sum thus paid to his family is subsequently deducted from the pay earned by him after discharge from the hospital.

It is understood that any member of the Australian Imperial Force forfeits the whole of his pay for every day in a Venereal Hospital. Consequently an Australian on leaving the hospital starts with a big debt, and is only allowed to draw a modified rate of pay until such debt has been cleared. (In a few exceptional cases, the allotment has been stopped when men have been in hospital for a long period).

The result is that the men on discharge from hospital are often low spirited, and while in hospital labour under a grievance in comparing their treatment, as regards allotment and loss of pay, with that of British troops in the same hospital.

I am of opinion that some modification of the rule as regards total loss of pay while in Venereal Hospitals, or some alteration of the system as regards the piling up of debt due to allotments, would have a good effect on the moral of the Australian troops concerned.

(Sgd.) M.WELCH,
Brig.-General, D.A.& Q.M.G.
for Lieut.-General,
Commanding L.of C. Area.

H.Q., L. of C. Area,
6th May 1918.

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