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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit 1 AUST. A.A. BDE. COY. A.A.S.C. Date and Time.—From 1 Oct. 41. To 31 Oct. 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DIMRA.	1-10-41		1 Stores Truck received. 1 O.R. promoted Group 111.	
	2-10-41		1 O.R. evacuated to 1 A.G.H.	
	3-10-41		Uneventful.	
	4-10-41.		Uneventful.	
	5-10-41		Uneventful.	
	6-10-41		1 O.R. appointed Group 111. 1 O.R. reverted to Mechanic M.T.	
	7-10-41		2 O.R. apponited A/Group 11 - Cooks. 1 O.R. relinquished A/Group 11 1 O.R. marched out to 2/7 Bn.	
	8-10-41	2100	Brig. Paine visited C.O. and advised to prepare for movement.	
	9-10-41		1 O.R. promoted Cpl. Acting Rank of 5 Sgts. 17 Cpls. 3 A/Group 11 confirmed.	
	10-10-41		Uneventful.	
	11-10-41		1 O.R. marched out to A.S.C. Training School, 1 O.R. to Aust. Ord. Depot. 1 O.R. promoted to Group 11.	
	12-10-41		Uneventful.	
	13-10-41	1600	No. 1 Section receive 15 3-ton trucks.	
	14-10-41		1 O.R. returned to duty from Aust. Depot Bn. 1 O.R. marched in from 21 A.I.T.B. 2 1-ton waggons received.	
	15-10-41		No. 1 Section receive 14 3-ton trucks.	
	16-10-41		8 3-ton G.S. trucks and 1 Stores Lorry received. 1 Cpl appointed to L/Sgt.	
	17-10-41		8 3-ton vehicles received.	
	18-10-41		Uneventful.	
	19-10-41		19 Motor vehicles and 20 M/Cycles received.	
	20-10-41		1 O.R. marched in from 25 A.I.T.B.	
	21-10-41		1 O.R. " " " XXXXXXXXX.2/1 Pnr. Bn. 1 O.R. marched out to 2/1 A.F.Workshops.	
	22-10-41		Staff Car M.7899 received.	
	23-10-41		1 Machinery truck (complete) received. 15 M.T. received various types.	
	24-10-41		Unit Xmas Cards distributed. 1 O.R. evacuated to 8 A.S.H.	
			Warning received of Convoys for Syria and Tel-El-Kebir. 1 O.R. marched in from 2/1 Pnr. Bn.	

D.3435/5.39.—C.4783.

J. D. Elliott Capt.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DIMRA.	25-10-41		7 M.T. returned to Barbara; 2 M/Cycles to Corp. Amn. Park.	
	26-10-41		10 M/Cycles to Corp. Amn. Coy. 1 O.R. evacuated to 1 A.G.H. Uneventful.	
	~~27-10-41~~	0600	~~No. 1 Section Convoy of 23 M.T. left for Tel-el-Kebir.~~	
		0800	No. 2 Section Convoy of 67 M.T. left for Syria.	
	28-10-41		Acting O/C Workshop to Haifa for spare parts - fairly successful.	
	29-10-41		2 O.R. marched in from 1 Corp Amn Park & Art Tng Regt. 1 O.R. evacuated to 8 A.G.H.	
	30-10-41	2100	No. 1 Section returned from Convoy after most enjoyable and instructive trip. 1 O.R. evacuated to 1 A.G.H.	
	~~31-10-41~~		~~Unit Strength 9 Off. 472 O.R's includes 1 Off 75 O.R's on detachment~~ detachment, 2 Off. 127 O.R's on Convoy. M.T. Strength. 1 Staff Car, 10 M/Cycles, 1 Machinery Truck, 1 Breakdown, 2 Workshops Trailers, and 118 M.T. different types. Total 139 vehicles.	
			J.D. Elliott Capt.	

D.3485/5.39.—C.4788.

ROUTINE ORDER PART 1.

by

Major R.D.Summerfield

Commanding

1 Aust. A.A. Bde. Coy. A.A.S.C.

No. 16. 2 Oct 41.

1. DUTIES.	ORDERLY OFFICER.	ORDERLY SERGEANT.	ORDERLY CORPORAL.
2/3 Oct.	41. Lieut.L.C.Miller	Sgt. Howe R.	Cpl. Phillips J.H.
3/4 "	41. " B.E.Lee	" De Saxe R.F.	L/Cpl. Bloomfield J.R.
4/5 "	41. W.O.1 L.R.Norswell	Cpl. Larcombe J.D.	Cpl. Cunningham R.H.
5/6 "	41. W.O.11 M.J.Magill	" Garlick E.R.	L/Cpl. Rowe R.C.
6/7 "	41. Lieut.L.C.Miller	Sgt. Thompson J.B.	Cpl. Porter J.
7/8 "	41. " B.E.Lee	L/Sgt. Paul P.J.	" Binnie I.
8/9 "	41. W.O.1 L.R.Norswell	Sgt. Bruckard C.H.	L/Cpl. Stewart T.J.

PICQUET. Two Corporals and 42 O.R's. will mount each day from "RETREAT" TO "REVEILLE". The orderly Sergeant will also carry out the duties of Picquet Sergeant.

2/3 Oct. 41.	No. 1 Section
3/4 " 41.	No. 1 Section
4/5 " 41.	No. 1 Section
5/6 " 41.	H.Q. & No. 2
6/7 " 41.	No. 1 Section
7/8 " 41.	No. 1 & No. 2
8/9 " 41.	No. 1 & No. 2

2. ROLL BOOKS. Section Sergeants will initial their roll books each day. Section roll books will be handed to H.Q. Orderly Room every Monday for C.O's signature.

3. ~~XXXXX~~. P.A.C. A P.A.C. tent is situated in the lines of 25 I.T.B. near the road ~~XXX~~ opposite the Salvation Army Hut. It is distinguishable by its BLUE LIGHT. This tent is available for the use of personnel of this unit.

4. E.F.M. TELEGRAMS TO AUSTRALIA. Owing to the difficulty experienced recently in effecting delivery, the inter-communication company has asked that senders of E.F.M. telegrams insert the name of the suburb, as well as the name of the street, in telegrams addressed to large cities.

5. RABIES - PREVENTION OF. Attention has been drawn to a case in which 20 men of a unit were evacuated from Syria for anti-rabic treatment - a lengthy and very painful treatment. These men had been licked by a dog kept as the unit mascot which was found to be rabid.

6. DRESS. Attention is directed to the necessity for the wearing of identity discs at all times. These should be hung round the neck and not carried in the pocket as is frequently done.

7. ARMS - SECURITY OF. All ranks are again reminded that they are personally responsible for securing against loss any Government or Private arms in their charge or owned by them. Immediately the loss of any weapon becomes known, it will be reported to the C.O. of the unit concerned who will ensure that all possible action is taken to locate the weapon. Unless special extenuating circumstances exist, the loss of weapons will be treated as a court-martial offence.

.....Capt.
(J.R.Elliott)
Adj. 1 Aust. A.A. Bde. Coy. A.A.S.C.

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H.Q.1 Aust.A.A.Bde.Coy.A.A.S.C.
13 Oct. 41.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION.

RESPIRATORS:- Respirators will be worn by all ranks from 1000 hours until 1030 hours on Wednesday 15 Oct. 41.

During this period personnel will continue their normal duties in order to become accustomed to working with the face-pieces adjusted.

K.J.Elliott

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Extract from H.Q. 1 Aust. Corps
Circular of 3 Oct. 41.

H.Q. 1 Aust. A.A. Bde. Coy. A.A.S.C.
3 Oct. 41.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION.

RESPIRATORS AC. Respirators AC will be carried by personnel at all times when engaged on training exercises. This also applies to night exercises.

All personnel will attend two 1 hour periods, instruction on gas training, each week. Instruction will include all phases of gas training and decontamination, to be given by properly trained officers or N.C.O's, in this work.

Section Commanders will make their own arrangements for carrying out the above instructions.

ACTING WARRANT OR N.C. RANK - RELINQUISHMENT OF :- Further to A.I.F. Order (M.E.) No. 17, of 10th July, 1940, in connection with the appointment to, confirmation and relinquishment of acting warrant or non-commissioned rank, vice casualities, personnel appointed to acting warrant or non-commissioned rank for reasons other than the replacement of casualities will automatically relinquish such rank when personnel concerned are transferred to "Y" List.

The Commanding Officer will lodge the necessary Casualty Returns with Officer-in-Charge, 2nd Echelon, A.I.F. (M.E.), and will ensure that the necessary adjustments are made in the soldier's paybook.

RETURNABLE PETROL CONTAINERS:- A large number of 4-gallon returnable round drums have been put into circulation in the Middle East.

These containers are being filled with leaded petrol, a petrol with a tetra-ethyl-lead content. Tetra-ethyl-lead is a highly dangerous poison and may tend to remain in the inside seams of the can.

O's.C. Units will, therefore, warn all ranks against the use of these returnable petrol containers for water for either drinking or washing purposes.

Arrangements have been made for all future issues of such containers to be stencilled :-

PETROL
LEADED
POISON

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ADDENDUM. To 1 Aust. A.A. Bde. Coy. A.A.S.C., R.O. No.16 of 2 Oct.41 issued by Major R.D.Summerfield.

REPOSITIONS. VX 33016 Pte Stone D.L. reported from No.1 Section to No.2
VX 33000 " Law R.J. " " " "

CHURCH PARADE. Church Parade will be held at 0930 hours on Sunday 5 Oct. 41. Service will commence at 0945 hours in the Mess Hut.

C. of E. HOLY COMMUNION. 0845 hours Johnston Lines Recreation Hut.

R.C. MASS. 0845 Hours Canteen Building, 18 Aust. Inf. Tng. Bn.
1000 Hours Recreation Hut, 25 Aust. Inf. Tng. Bn.

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(J.N.Elliott)
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ROUTINE ORDER PART 1.

by

Major. H.D.Summerfield.

Commanding

1 AUST. A.A. DDE. COY. A.A.S.C.

No. 17. 9 Oct. 41.

1. DUTIES.

		ORDERLY OFFICER.		ORDERLY SERGEANT.		ORDERLY CORPORAL.	
9/10	Oct 41.	W.O.II	M.J.Magill	Sgt.	Rice S.L.	L/Cpl.	Spargo A.J.
10/11	" 41.	Lieut.	B.E.Lee	"	Rome R.	Cpl.	Mechenberg C
11/12	" 41.	"	J.C.Harper	"	De Saxe R	L/Cpl.	Willis P.C.
12/13	" 41.	W.O.I	L.E.Norswell	Cpl.	Larcombe J	"	Green S.V.
13/14	" 41.	W.O.II	M.J.Magill	"	Johnston K	"	Stevenson N.T.
14/15	" 41.	Lieut.	B.E.Lee	Sgt.	Thomson J	"	Rook A.D.
15/16	" 41.	"	J.C.Harper	L/Sgt	Paul P.J.	"	Phillips J.H.

PICQUET. Two Corporals and 42 O.R's. will mount each day from "RETREAT" to "REVEILLE". The Orderly Sergeant will also carry out the duties of Picquet Sergeant.

9/10	Oct	41.	No. 1 Section
10/11	Oct	41.	No. 1 Section
11/12	Oct	41.	No. 1 Section
12/13	Oct	41.	H.Q. & No. 2.
13/14	Oct	41.	No. 1 Section
14/15	Oct	41.	No. 1 & No. 2
15/16	Oct	41.	No. 1 & No. 2

2. CHURCH PARADE. Church parade will be held at 0930 hours on Sunday 12 Oct. 41. Service will commence at 0945 hours, in the Mess Hut.
C. of E.HOLY COMMUNION held at 0645 hours in JOHNSTONE Lines Recreational Hut.
R.C. MASS. held at 0845 Hours in CARTHEW Building, 18 Aust. Inf. Trg. Bn. LINES.also at 1000 hours in RECREATIONAL Hut, 25 Aust. Inf. Trg. Bn. Lines.

J.R.Elliott

.....Captain.
(J.R.Elliott)
Adj. 1 Aust. A.A. Dde. Coy. A.A.S.C.

NOTICES.

CHRISTMAS MAILS. The following dates are again repeated for the posting of MAILS etc., to reach their destinations by Christmas Day.

	Surface Mail	Ordinary Airmail.	Airmail Letter cards.
Australia	1-11-41	1-12-41	1-12-41
New Zealand	15-10-41	25-11-41	25-11-41.

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by

Major R.D. Summerfield.

Commanding

1 AUST. A.A. BDE. COY. A.A.S.C.

No. 18. 16 Oct. 41.

1.

DUTIES.		ORDERLY OFFICER.	ORDERLY SERGEANT.	ORDERLY CORPORAL.
16/17 Oct 41.		W.O.I L.R.Horswell.	Sgt. Brudenell C.B.	Cpl. Gibson C.C.
17/18 " 41.		W.O.II M.J.Magill.	" Rice S.L. L/ "	Blomfield J.R.
18/19 " 41.		Lieut. B.E.Lee.	" Hone R.E.	Cpl. Binnie I.
19/20 " 41.		" J.C.Harper.	" De Saxe R.F. "	Cunningham R.
20/21 " 41.		W.O.I. L.R.Horswell.	Cpl. Larcombe J.D.L/ "	Howe R.C.
21/22 " 41.		W.O.II M.J.Magill.	" Johnston K.N. "	Ellis F.G.
22/23 " 41.		Lieut. B.E.Lee.	Sgt. Thomson J.B.	Cpl. Porter J.

PICQUET. Two Corporals and 42 O.R's. will mount each day from "RETREAT" to "REVEILLE". The Orderly Sergeant will also carry out the duties of Picquet Sergeant.

16/17 Oct 41.	No. 1 Section.
17/18 " 41.	No. 1 Section.
18/19 " 41.	No. 1 Section.
19/20 " 41.	H.Q. & No. 2.
20/21 " 41.	No. 1 Section.
21/22 " 41.	No. 1 & No. 2.
22/23 " 41.	No. 1 & No. 2.

2. ACTING WARRANT OR N.C. RANK - RELINQUISHMENT OF: Further to AIF Order (ME) No. 17 of 26 July 40, in connection with the appointment to, confirmation and relinquishment of acting warrant or non-commissioned rank, vice casualties, personnel appointed to acting warrant or non-commissioned rank for reasons other than the replacement of casualties will automatically relinquish such rank when personnel concerned are transferred to "X" List.

3. DISCIPLINE - LEAVE PARTIES. Reports have been received that leave parties have been snatching kopis and tarbushes from the heads of the civil population. This is regarded by the Mahomedan population as an insult and is an action to be suppressed rigorously. Leave parties will be warned that an action such as this may cause serious trouble and that offenders will be severely punished.

4. VISITS TO SYRIA. Officers visiting TRIPOLI will not now be required to produce written authority from Force H.Q. or report to H.Q. 17 Aust. Inf. Bde. on arrival.

5. LOSS OF ARMS. In every case in which a weapon is lost the member responsible will be charged under A.A. Sec 24 with "losing by neglect" and the charge will set out the value of the arms lost. The accused will not be dealt with by his C.O. but remanded for trial by Court Martial.

6. PAYBOOKS. Sections will check as soon as convenient all paybooks of personnel of the Section and report to Coy. H.Q. the names of those without photographs attached.

J.R. Elliott

.....Capt.

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by

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1 AUST. A.A. BDE. COY. A.A.S.C.

No. 19. 19 Oct. 41.

1. BOUNDS. - Attention is again directed to the order that all cookhouses are OUT OF BOUNDS to all ranks except those on duty.

2. INSTRUCTIONS TO DRIVERS M.T. - 1 Aust. Corps. circular "Driving Points for Officers and Drivers" will be circularised and a copy distributed to drivers in all sections.

3. A.R.P. - It has come to notice that cigarettes are being lighted in open air cinemas and in the streets after the air raid sirens have sounded. This is contrary to civil blackout regulations and will cease forthwith. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

4. RESPIRATORS ANTI-GAS: Recent inspections of Facepieces of Respirators Anti-Gas, in possession of troops have revealed a number of eyepieces with cracked glass. In other cases, "air bells" or "fern patches" have developed in the eyepieces. All facepieces with the above faults will have new eyepieces fitted. Sections will arrange for any damaged respirators to be returned to "Q" Store for attention.

5. RECOVERY AND RECONDITIONING OF M.T. SPARE PARTS: It is vitally necessary that every M.T. Spare Part which can be salvaged is immediately returned to the nearest section of 1 Aust. Ord. Fd. Pk. or A.A.S.C. Workshop. Officers and other ranks especially will make every effort to implement the policy of recovery and reconditioning of spare parts, for which the necessary organisation exist in the A.A.S.C.

6. RETURN OF LUBRICATING OIL CONTAINERS TO R.A.S.C. or A.A.S.C. DEPOTS: All types of lubricating oil containers which are unmanaged or easily repairable will be returned to the nearest R.A.S.C. or A.A.S.C. Depots. Containers with screw caps, will, whenever possible, be returned in the wooden cases in which supplied and care exercised to ensure that screw caps are replaced and returned with all such containers.

7. POTATOES - COOKING: In order to preserve the full food values of potatoes and to save waste, these should always be cooked in their skins. Section Commanders will take the necessary steps to ensure that this is carriedout.

8. DAILY ROUTINE: As from Sunday 19 Oct. 41 REVEILLE will be at 0630 hrs. and ADMINISTRATION Parade at 0645 hrs.

9. LEAVE: The following information is promulgated Para 4 of Bde. R/O. "Leave to Jerusalem for period 19/22 Oct 41 was cancelled by the C.O.C. Palestine and Trans-Jordon on account of several serious incidents involving members of the A.I.F. on Leave. All ranks are warned finally that if the standard of behaviour does not improve there is every probability of further cancellations. It is the duty of all members of the A.I F. to see that our good name is not ~~spoilt~~ spoilt by the actions of a few hooligans.

10. COMFORTS FUND ISSUE: An issue comprising 1 oz tobacco, 1 pkt. papers was made yesterday 17 Oct. 41.

11. LAUNDRY REPLACEMENTS: The procedure laid down in DIMRA Camp Staff Officers Admn. Instr. No. 7 Para 3 of 18 Sep. 41, (a copy of which was issued to sections on 19 Sept. 41) is not being carried out. Section Commanders will see that Q.M's adhere to the instructions as laid down before issuing replacements.

12. CAMOUFLAGE: The camouflage on several tents has been washed off by the recent rains. Section Commanders will arrange for these tents to be camouflaged more permanently.

13. CHURCH PARADE - 19 Oct. 41: Parade at 0930 hrs. Service will commence at 0945 hrs.
C. of E. Holy Communion. 0645 hrs. in Johnston Lines, Recreational Hut.
R.C. Mass: 1000 hrs. Recreational Hut, 25 A.I.T.B. Lines.

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14. BATHING - HIRBYA BEACH.

All units are warned that they are responsible for taking all necessary safety precautions when sending bathing parties to HIRBYA BEACH.

O.C. swimming party on arrival at Hirbya Beach will:
(i) Immediately contact Beach Inspector.
(ii) Appoint a life saving team to man the reel.
(iii) Post lookouts on vantage points.

O.C. party will be responsible for embussing and debussing of troops, behaviour of troops, and safety of vehicles.

In cases of small parties, officer in charge will post lookouts and through Beach Inspector will arrange for guard to man reel.

Units supplying Hirbya Beach guard will ensure that the guard Commander is aware of safety precautions, and that he is made responsible for the safety of individuals bathing on the beach. He has the right through Beach Inspector to forbid individuals from entering the water.

An officer will always be sent to the Beach if the party is over 30. If under, an N.C.O., not under the rank of Sgt. may take charge of the party.

Duties of the Beach Inspector will be as follows:

(a) He will decide whether conditions are favourable for swimming or not.
(b) If Beach is too dangerous he will place a Black Flag in a prominent position on the Beach.
(c) If conditions are suitable he will mark off stretch of Beach for bathing by flags. He will see that all bathers keep within the flags.
(d) He will advise O.C. party if any safety precautions are being infringed.
(e) He will be on duty from sunrise to sunset.
(f) He will wear a white sweater and khaki trousers.

Bathing will only be permitted between sunrise and sunset.

.....Capt.
(J.H. Elliott)
Adj. 1 Aust. A.A. Bde. Coy. A.A.S.C.

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No. 20. 21 Oct. 41.

DUTIES.	ORDERLY OFFICER.	ORDERLY SERGEANT.	ORDERLY CORPORAL.
23/24 Oct. 41.	Lieut. D.E. Lee	L/Sgt. Paul P.J.	L/Cpl. Spargo A.J.
24/25 " 41.	W.O.II Magill, M.	Sgt. Bruckard O.	" Green S.V.
25/26 " 41.	Lieut. D.E. Lee	" Rice S.L.	Cpl. Garlick E.R.
26/27 " 41.	W.O.II Magill, M.	" Hone R.E.	L/Cpl. Stevenson N.T.
27/28 " 41.	Lieut. D.E. Lee	" De Saxe R.F.	" Stewart T.J.
28/29 " 41.	W.O.II Magill, M.	Cpl. Larcombe J.	" Rock A.D.
29/30 " 41.	Lieut. D.E. Lee	" Clarke R.C.	" Phillips J.H.

PICQUET. Two Corporals and 42 O.R's. will mount each day from "RETREAT" to "REVEILLE". The Orderly Sergeant will also carry out the duties of Picquet Sergeant.

23/24 Oct. 41. - No. 1 Section.
24/25 " 41. - No. 1 & 2 Sections
25/26 " 41. - " 1 & 2 "
26/27 " 41. - " 1 & 2 "
27/28 " 41. - H.Q. & No. 1. "
28/29 " 41. - No. 1 & 2 "
29/30 " 41. - " 1 & 2 "

2. TROPHIES OF WAR AND OTHER CAPTURED MATERIAL: It has been found that binoculars and other captured war material including documents and manuals are being sent to Australia by members of the A.I.F. This practice will cease forthwith. Such articles reaching Australia will be confiscated and, on receipt of particulars of despatch, disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

3. REVOLVERS: Cases have recently occurred of officers losing their revolvers whilst travelling, the revolvers being packed in luggage which was lost. Officers, while travelling, will carry their revolvers on their person.

4. DISCIPLINE - RIDING IN GHARRIES: It has come to notice that large numbers of military personnel are in the habit of riding in any one gharry. The authorised number is 5 persons only. Disciplinary action will be taken against all personnel found in an over-crowded gharry.

5. ECONOMY MEASURES: The attention of all ranks is drawn to the necessity for economy in the use of stationery.
Paper; (a) Sheets smaller than foolscap size will be used if this is economical in the case of short letters.
(b) Both sides of the paper will be used for typing and duplicating
(c) No more copies should be made than are actually required.
(d) The reverse of old letters, orders etc., should be used for drafts, due regard being paid to security. Old Orders and obsolete Army Forms should also be cut up and used as small slips.
(e) Spoiled sheets of duplicating paper will be used until they have become unserviceable. In the interests of security, used carbons must be kept under lock and key until they are destroyed.
(f) Envelopes; The address will be written on the label and not on the envelope.

6. FIELD SERVICE POSTCARDS - TRANSMISSION BY AIRMAIL: Commencing 1 Nov. 41. Field Service Postcards (A.F.A.2042) will be accepted for Airmail transmission to Australia. The postage fee on Field Service Postcards is 3d, but the airmail charge of 5d for ordinary postcards is not changed. Cards for airmail should bear an airmail blue label or be effectively marked "By Airmail" in the top left hand corner of the address side. These Postcards are not, as yet, on issue to this Unit.

7. ANKLETS, WEB: Anklets, Web, will be in future with Service Dress in lieu of Gaiters, S.D. Scale of issue is one pair per all ranks.

8. MALARIA PROPHYLAXIS: The use of prophylactic quinine will be discontinued by all units from the date of receipt of this order. Any stocks of quinine tablets will be returned through medical channels to Adv. Depot of Medical Stores.

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9. E.F.M. STANDARD TEXTS. The following should be added to the list of Standard Texts:- 64. Best wishes for New Year.

10. SALE OF CANTEEN STOCKS TO CIVILIANS: A number of reports have been received that troops are purchasing foodstuffs from canteens on behalf of civilians. All ranks will be advised that canteen stocks are not sufficient to meet a demand of this nature and a continuance will lead to a shortage of supplies, when the personnel concerned will be the sufferers.

11. MOTOR CYCLISTS EXHAUSTS: Several motor cyclists have been observed with excessively noisy exhausts. Under no circumstances will the exhaust systems of motor cycles be altered from standard Service Patterns. Section Commanders will ensure that motor cycles with non-standard exhausts are passed to the appropiate Workshop for alteration to Service Pattern.

12. P.O.L. ISSUES: Cases have recently occured where tins marked petrol were found to contain M.B.O. and vice versa. Care should be exercised when opening tins to ensure that the contents are as marked. All W.D. petrol in tins is coloured red except 67 octane which is green, and 70 C.L. which is colourless. M.B.O. is also colourless.

.....Capt.
(J.R. Elliott)
Adj. 1 Aust. A.A. Bde. Coy. A.A.S.C.

DISTRIBUTION.

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4.No. 2 Section.
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ROUTINE ORDER PART 1.

by

Major R.D.Summerfield.

Commanding

1 AUST. A.A. BDE. COY. A.A.S.C.

No. 21. 29 Oct. 41.

DUTIES.	ORDERLY OFFICER.	ORDERLY SERGEANT.	ORDERLY CORPORAL.
30/31 Oct.41.	W.O.II. Magill W.	Sgt. Thomson J.B.	L/Cpl.Rowe R.C.
31/ 1 Nov.41.	Lieut. B.E.Lee.	L/Sgt. Paul P.J.	" Ellis F.G.
1/ 2 Nov.41.	W.O.II. Magill W.	Sgt. Brockard C.	" Hennessey E.
2/ 3 Nov.41.	Lieut. B.E.Lee.	" Rice S.L.	" Blomfield J.
3/ 4 Nov.41.	W.O.II. Magill W.	" Hone R.H.	Cpl.Gibson C.
4/ 5 Nov.41.	Lieut. B.E.Lee.	" De Saxe R.	L/Cpl.Green S.
5/ 6 Nov.41.	W.O.II. Magill W.	Cpl. Larcombe J.	Cpl.Binnie I.

PICQUET. ~~PXXXX~~ Picquet will mount each day from "RETREAT" to "REVEILLE". The Orderly Sergeant will also carry out the duties of Picquet Sergeant.

30/31 Oct. 41.	No. 1 Section.
31/ 1 Nov. 41.	No.1 & 2 "
1/ 2 " 41.	No.1 & 2 "
2/ 3 " 41.	No.1 & 2 "
3/ 4 " 41.	HQ. & No.2 Sec.
4/ 5 " 41.	No.1 & 2 Sec.
5/ 6 " 41.	No.1 & 2 "

CONTAINERS, WATER, 2-gallon. - Sufficient care is not being taken to replace the screw caps of Containers, Water, 2-gallon, after use. These screw caps are increasingly difficult to procure and the result is that large numbers of containers have been rendered unusable. There is thus an unnecessary diversion of labour and materials from the general war effort. A chain attachment for securing the cap to the container is at present under trial. Meanwhile, particular attention will be paid to the replacement of screw caps on containers.

CANTEEN PURCHASES. In order to minimise the heavy draw on canteen stores caused by purchase of goods for resale to civilians the following instructions are promulgated:-

(a) Goods will be sold from messing stores only to authorised unit representatives.
(b) C.O's will advise messing stores of names of unit representatives.
(c) In the event of detachments from units messing separately the unit will advise the canteen service of the detachments which are authorised to buy and whether such detachments are authorised to buy for cash or on credit.

THERMOSTATS IN M.T. COOLING SYSTEM. Instances have come to notice where unit personnel have removed thermostats from M.T. Cooling Systems. These are to be replaced where available. Ref. Para. 3 of AIF Mech. Instn No. 42 of 15 Sep 41, radiators should only be drained as an anti-frost precaution while the water in the radiator is hot. This will ensure that water is not trapped above the thermostat.

COMFORTS ISSUE. A comforts issue of 20 Dunhill cigarettes and one HANDKERCHIEF has been made to-day the 29 Oct. 41., from the American and Australian Comforts Funds.

IDENTITY DISCS, WEARING OF. Identity discs must be worn by all ranks at all times. A report has been recieved that two lives have been lost through the blood group of accident casualties not being known in time for a blood transfusion to be carried out successfully. The number of casualties in traffic accidents is high. Sections will take steps to ensure that this order is implemented fully.

PAYBOOKS - FALSIFICATION OF. The audit of soldiers' pay accounts now provides for the early detection of paybook frauds. The falsification of paybooks constitutes an offence which will be tried by Court-Martial.

(P.T.O.)

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SECURITY - IRREGULAR DESPATCH OF UNCENSORED LETTERS TO AUSTRALIA.

It has come under notice that members of the A.I.F.(M.E.) are despatching uncensored or insufficiently censored correspondence to Australia other than through the authorised channels. This includes correspondence handed to personnel returning to Australia on medical or other grounds, for despatch or delivery on arrival in Australia or intermediate place of call.

No member of the military forces will write, post, transmit, deliver or communicate in any manner or attempt so to communicate to any person, other than in the execution of his duty, any message of a secret or confidential nature, or likely to be useful to the enemy, or relating to the numbers, description or destination of troops, transports or warships, or likely to be prejudicial to the public safety, the defence of the Commonwealth, the efficient prosecution of the war, or the maintenance of supplies and services essential to the defence force or to the life of the community. Disciplinary action will be taken against detected offenders.

LOSSES OF PETROL. Loss of petrol during transit is becoming considerable and is much greater when transported by road than by rail or sea.

Much loss is sustained by damaged containers, caused through careless stacking, rough handling and general irresponsibility.

All concerned will give this matter particular attention and endeavour to lower such losses to an irreducible minimum.

WITHDRAWAL OF EGYPTIAN 10 PIASTRE NOTES. Soldiers are warned against accepting Egyptian 10 Piastre notes, as these notes cease to be legal currency after 6 November 1941. They will not be accepted by the paymaster after the 4 Nov. 41, and any loss resulting will be carried by the persons presenting the notes.

APPOINTMENTS. To be Captains;(Lieut. L.C.Miller.) as from 18 Aug. 41.
(Lieut. J.C.Harper.)

J.R.Elliott Capt.
(J.R.Elliott)
Adj. 1 Aust. A.A. Bde. Coy. A.A.S.C.

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1 AUST AA BDE COY AASC

PALESTINE - SYRIA

MOVEMENT

PALESTINE - SYRIA	Unit leaves DIMRA (Palestine) 7 Nov 41, arrives BAALBECK (Syria) 9 Nov41.	1 AUST AA BDE COY AASC NOV 41.

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Unit I AUST. A.A. BDE. COY. A.A.S.C. Date and Time.—From 1 Nov. 41. To 30 Nov. 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DIMRA.	1-11-41		1 O.R. marched in from Services Tng. Regt and 1 O.R. from Base Dp.Bn.	
	2-11-41.		Lieut. H. Lancaster marched in and taken on strength. 1 O.R. marched in from Corps Pet. Pk. and 1 O.R. from 2/23 Bn.	
	3-11-41.		~~Lieut. M.F. King marched in and taken on strength.~~ Capt. J.C.Harper and Capt. L.G. Miller transferred to 1 Res. M.T. Coy. 1 O.R. evacuated to 1 A.G.H.	
	4-11-41.		1 O.R. marched in from Base Depot BN.	
	5-11-41.		R.O. No. 22 compiled and attached. 2 O.R. marched in from 1 A.G.H.	
	6-11-41.		~~Administrative Instr. re Movement compiled and attached.~~ 1 O.R. marched in from 1 Aust Corps Mob. L & D. Unit. 2 O.Rs from Depot Bn. 1 O.R. transferred to Base Coy. A.A.M.C.	
	7-11-41.	0545	2 O.R. appointed Acting Cpls. 1 O.R. evacuated to C.R.S. Reveille. 0755 Kitchens, 0800, H.Q. 0810 No. 1 Sec. 0822 No. 2 Sec.	
			move off in accordance with instructions for Affula all arriving at Camp site before 1630 hrs. Two miles out of Camp Chev. truck broke	
AFFULA.	8-11-41.	0545	~~down, was towed to Barbara and after 2 hours work repairs were~~ affected and arrived at destination 1710 hrs. Night was cool. Reveille. Sections moved off at same time as previous day and	
			main party arrived two miles from Damascus 1430 hrs. Utility truck V.40 caused some trouble and Workshop Section arrived at 1630 hrs.	
DAMASCUS.	9-11-41 .	0545	~~Slept out in exceedingly cold night. 1 O.R. evacuated to 53 B.G.H.~~ Reveille. H.Q. and No. 2 Section move off at usual time. No. 1 Sec. ~~stayed at Camp site operating on duty in and around Damascus.~~ No. 2 Section arrive at Talya 1130 hrs. which will be their quarters for the time being and immediately taking over duties. Party of 10 O.R.	
			detached for duty at RAYAK. H.Q. proceed another six (6) miles to the outskirts of Baalbeck and bivouac. Tents were eventually	
BAALBECK.	10-11-41.		~~erected after a battle with the wind. Camp site excellent although~~ stoney but this was preferable to dust. Food rations exceptionally good and now include green vegetables potatoes and mutton in lieu of working camel and DIMRA delights. Weather cool during the day and cold at night.	

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Unit 1 AUST. A.A. BDE. COY. A.A.S.C. Date and Time.—From 1 Nov. 41. To 30 Nov. 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BAALBECK.	11-11-41.		1 O.R. evacuated to 2/1 Fd. Amb. 23 O.Rs from No. 1 Section detached for duty to 1 Aust. Corps D.I.D. Aleppo.	
	12-11-41.		1 Officer and 23 O.Rs. detached for duty, from No. 2 Section, ~~to 22 Fd. Park at RAYAK.~~	
	13-11-41.		Uneventful. R.O. No. 23 compiled and attached.	
	14-11-41.		Uneventful.	
	15-11-41.		1 O.R. evacuated to 53 B.G.H. Damascus.	
	16-11-41.		9 O.Rs. returned from detached duty at Tripoli (No. 2 Section) 7 O.Rs. detached for duty at 1 Aust. Corps D.I.D. Aleppo.	
		1200	1 Officer 63 O.Rs. from No. 1 Section stopped for lunch on way ~~to establish F.S.D. at Laboue.~~	
	17-11-41.		Detachment at Laboue lay foundation stones of F.S.D. Found it hard work after period of inactivity. 1 O.R. transferred to H.Q. 1 Aust. A.A. Bde. and 1 O.R. marched in from 2/8 Inf. Bn.	
	18-11-41.	1600	Weather becomes bitterly cold with heavy rain. Thunderstorm ~~during night, first experience since leaving Australia.~~	
	19-11-41.	0700	Cloudy and dull. Thin layer of snow on western mountains excite those who have not experienced snow previously. 2 O.Rs evacuated to 2/1 C.C.S. Bayrouth. 9 O.Rs detached to 1 Aust Corps D.I.D. Aleppo.	
	20-11-41.	0700	~~After bitterly cold night wake to find whole of western range~~ covered in snow. Very cold morning.	
	~~21-11-41.~~		~~Capt. E.W. Edmondson detached to Services Tng. Regt. 1 O.R.~~ marched in from 2/8 Inf. Bn. 2 O.Rs evacuated to and 4 O.Rs returned to duty from 53 B.G.H. Damascus.	
	22-11-41.		Lt. King marched out to No. 2 Officers' School, Neuseat. 3 O.R. marched in from Services Tng. Regt.	
	~~23-11-41.~~		~~1 Officer 68 O.Rs from No. 4 Amn. Sub. Pk. attached for Administration.~~	
	24-11-41.		R.O. No. 24 compiled and attached. 1 O.R. returned to duty from 53 B.G.H. Damascus. 1 O.R. marched in from 2/15 Inf Bn.	
	25-11-41.	0800	Moved again into Gouraud Barracks, BAALBECK. Appreciable change from tents. All mod. cons. but buildings are very, very cold.	

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Unit 1 AUST. A.A. BDE. COY. A.A.S.C Date and Time.—From 1 Nov. 41. To 30 Nov. 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BAALBECK.	26-11-41.	0930	No. 1 Section arrive at H.Q. Camp Site (Stoney Ridge) from Damascus. 4 O.R. evacuated to C.R.S. Baalbeck. Capt. F.A. Goding evacuated to C.C.S. Beyrouth.	
	27-11-41.		~~Another very cold and wet day.~~	
	28-11-41.	0700	Snowing again with strong cold wind blowing. 1 O.R. evacuated to C.C.S. Beyrouth.	
	29-11-41.		1 O.R. transferred to 2 Aust. L of C. Postal Unit.	
	30-11-41.		1 O.R. evacuated to C.C.S. Beyrouth. Strength. 10 Offs. 468 O.Rs.	
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Unit 1 AUST. A.A. BDE. COY. A.A.S. *Date and Time.—From* 1 December 41. *To* 31 December 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BAALBECK.	1-12-41.		1 O.R. transferred to Services Tng. Regt.	
	2-12-41.		5 O.R's returned to No. 2 Section from D.I.D. Tripoli and 32 O.R's returned from 22 Aust. Fd. Park. No. 2 Section warned of move to ~~Aleppo. 6 O.R's from No. 1 Section detached for duty at F.S.D.~~ Baalbeck.	
	3-12-41.	0800	No. 2 Section move out to Aleppo. 33 O.R's detached for duty at 22 Aust. Fd. Park. (from No. 1 Section) 1 O.R. returned to duty from C.R.S. Baalbeck. and 20.R's from Arty. Tng. Bn. ~~XXX~~	
	4-12-41.		~~XXXX~~ Extra pay of 1/- per day to date from 7/11/41 paid to all personnel. 1.O.R. returned to duty from C.R.S. Baalbeck.	
	5-12-41.		Wet, miserable day.	
	6-12-41.		Again wet and miserable. 1 O.R. evacuated to C.R.S. Baalbeck. 12 O.R's returned to No. 1 Section from detached duty at Aleppo. and 6 O.R.'s from F.S.D. Baalbeck. R.O. No. 26 compiled and attached.	
	7-12-41.		Fine and cold. 1 O.R. marched out to school at EL QRAYE (Hygiene) ~~2 O.R's evacuated to M.D.S. Tripoli.~~	
	8-12-41.		1 Officer 26 O.R's establish F.S.D. Nebi Othmane leaving 37 O.R's at Laboue. 1 O.R. returned from 6 Aust Div. Reception Camp.	
	9-12-41.		Lt. King returned to duty from No.2 Officers' School. 1 O.R. detached for duty at 1 Aust. Corps D.I.D. Aleppo.	
	~~10-12-41.~~		~~1 O.R. evacuated to M.D.S. Aleppo.~~	
	11-12-41.		1 O.R. transferred to Amn. Coy. 9 Aust. Div.	
	~~12-12-41.~~		~~Uneventful.~~	
	13-12-41.		1 O.R. returned from C.C.S. Beyrouth.	
	14-12-41.		1 O.R. marched in from 6 Aust Div Reception Camp, 1 from C.R.S. Baalbeck and 1 from 2/5 Fd. Amn. Aleppo.	
	15-12-41.		1 O.R. evacuated to C.C.S. Beyrouth and 2 O.R's to M.D.S. Aleppo.	
	~~16-12-41.~~		~~2 O.R.'s returned to duty from C.C.S. Beyrouth and 1 O.R. evacuated~~ to C.R.S. Baalbeck.	
	17-12-41.		1 O.R. returned from Hygiene School EL Qraye. ~~2 O.R's evacuated to~~ C.R.S. Baalbeck. R.O. No. 27 compiled and attached.	
	18-12-41.		Fine and cold. 1 O.R. evacuated to C.C.S. Beyrouth.	

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Unit 1 AUST. A.A. BDE. COY. A.A.S.C. Date and Time.—From 1 December 41. To 31 December. 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BAALBECK.	19-12-41.		Fine but wind is very cold.	
	20-12-41.		1 O.R. marched in from Services Tng. Regt. 1 O.R. from C.R.S. El Ain and 2 O.R.'s from M.D.S. Aleppo.	
	21-12-41.		Heavy storm with thunder and lightning. 1 O.R. evacuated to C.R.S. Baalbeck.	
	22-12-41.		Cold and wet. 1 O.R. evacuated to 14 A.S.H. 2 to C.C.S Beyrouth and 1 O.R. marched in from A.I.F. Details.	
	23-12-41.		Uneventful.	
	24-12-41.		Lt. Addison and Lt. MacMahon march in from Services Tng. Regt. Lt. King detached to F.S.D. Nebi Othmane.	
		1800	Xmas Eve. Personnel celebrate "in a heavy Manner". 1 O.R. from 14 A.S.H. 2 O.R's from C.C.S. Beyrouth and 2 from C.R.S. Baalbeck returned to duty.	
	25-12-41.	0700	Snow fell during night and continued throughout Xmas Day about 8 inches in all. 1 O.R. evacuated to 2/5 Fd. Amb. Christmas Dinner quite a good effort by the cooks, turkey, pork, peas, beans, baked potatoes and plum pudding with brandy sauce and was attended by all Officers. Snowballing during afternoon by those who were not suffering with the "MORNING AFTER EFFECT".	
	26-12-41.		Very wet underfoot from melting snow and rain and boots almost useless to keep out the water. Reminiscent of "TRENCH FEET" during conditions during 1914-18 warfare. Apparently rubber boots will be necessary if snow continues. 2 O.R's evacuated to C.R.S. Baalbeck and 1 O.R. to 14 A.S.H. 1 O.R. marched out 16 Gas School No. 16 and 1 O.R. to H.Q. 1 Aust. Guard Bn. for return to Australia.	
	27-12-41.		1 O.R. marched out to Anti-Malarial School Course No. 4.	
	28-12-41.		Lt. MacMahon and 7 O.R's establish F.S.D. at El Ain. Lt. Addison attached to F.S.D. Laboue relieving C.S.M. Magill/ No. 1 Company to Harding	
	29-12-41.		Uneventful.	
	30-12-41.		Uneventful.	
	31-12-41.		Sports Meeting at Football Ground opposite Wavell Barracks well attended. Ground very damp, Boxing and Wrestling at Garaud Bks. at night. Strength 11 Off. 167 O.R's.	

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ROUTINE ORDER PART 1.

by

Major R.D. Summerfield.

Commanding

1 AUST. A.A. BDE. COY. A.A.S.C.

No. 26. 8 Dec 41.

1. INDISCREET TALK BY ESCAPED Ps.O.W. - It has been established that cases have occurred of indiscreet talk on the part of AIF personnel who have escaped from enemy POW camps.

The attention of all ranks must be drawn to the fact that indiscreet conversation regarding methods of escape and assistance given by friendly nationals in enemy occupied territories may have grave consequences for those who are helping British soldiers to escape.

Such indiscreet talk will further imperil the lives of British soldiers who have escaped from POW camps and who are still being befriended in occupied territory.

2. SACKS AND BALES: Owing to the shortage of sacks and bales for packing ordnance stores for distribution, units will conserve all such articles received and forward them without delay to DADOS for return to Adv Ord Depots.

3. TRAFFIC CHECKS: In order to check improper use of vehicles, identify stolen vehicles etc., traffic checks will be arranged from time to time without notice. All Army Drivers will be warned of this and that a short delay may be caused during the operation of the check. All ranks will co-operate with the officials on duty.

4. LOSSES OF KIT: Numerous reports have been received of losses of Kit and necessaries by personnel, usually accompanied by a request that the articles be written off at public expense. At the present time losses can only be caused by carelessness or neglect of security, and strict action is necessary to revive, in units the necessary sense of responsibility for stores and equipment.

The following steps will be taken by all units:

(a) A weekly kit inspection will be carried out, and shortages noted and investigated.
(b) If the loss is serious or of the circumstances of the loss justify disciplinary action, a charge of "losing by neglect" will be laid or
(c) If the C.O. is satisfied that disciplinary action is not necessary the lost article will be replaced on payment.
(d) Stoppage sheets will be made out weekly by QMs and handed to pay staff for preparation of acquittance rolls.

Authorities confirming the finding of Courts of Inquiry into losses will scrutinise these closely in order to reduce wastage of stores, which at present is unduly high.

5. PETROL - AUTHORITY FOR DRAWING: Requirements of Units and of individual vehicles will only be met at all issuing depots on production of proper authority, which is

(a) For replenishment of a vehicle's fuel tank or sump: The Active Service Vehicle Log Book (AB412) and the Transport Work Ticket (AFG3518) covering the service on which the vehicle is engaged.
(b) For packed POL to be taken away as such, whether for unit stocks or as travelling reserve for a convoy or individual vehicle:
AB55 or similar indent, signed by an officer of the demanding unit.

6. ARMY VEHICLES - IMPROPER USE OF: Reports have been received that army vehicles are being used for improper purposes such as smuggling hashish dutiable goods and essential foodstuffs between SYRIA and PALESTINE. This is a criminal matter and all offences will be tried by Court Martial. Unit Commanders will be held responsible for the contents of vehicles under their command and will take suitable measures for surprise searches when considered necessary. Searches will also be carried out by Provost personnel either with or without the aid of customs officers, and every assistance will be given to Provost personnel performing this duty. Cases of any merchants approaching military personnel will be notified to this H.Q., in order that they may be reported to the civil authorities. Comds. of units will search all vehicles detailed for duty involving crossing the Palestinian border ~~before such vehicles~~ before such vehicles leave Unit lines.

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7. ACCOMMODATION IN BEIRUT: It is advised that Offrs. and ORs travelling through BEIRUT on duty will be accommodated in the Transit Camp at JOFFRE Barracks, Rue de VERDUN, and will not be entitled to claim travelling allowance unless accomodation is not available at the Camp.

8. MODIFICATION OF ARMY FORM C2128 (MESSAGE FORM).

1. The existing arrangements of AF C2128 makes no provision for degrees of secrecy of a message. Either a message may be sent in clear by any means, or it must be enciphered if liable to interception even though the possibility of such interception by the enemy is remote.

2. The wording of the two signature spaces at the foot of the message form will, therefore, be amended to read as follows:-

(Left-hand space)	(Right-hand space)
This message may be sent as Written by any means ϕ (except)	This message must be sent IN CIPHER if liable to interception or to fall into enemy hands.
(.....) Wireless	
Signature.....	Signature.....

ϕ Originator may delete "except" and insert "including".

3. To cover these amendments, the following "Procedure Signals" will be introduced for use over military circuits. The signals will not be employed over the civil system.

9. INCREASE IN PAY.

1. On and from 7 Nov 41, the pay of all members of the A.I.F. has been increased by 1/- Aust. per day.

2. There is no increase in the rate of exchange allowance.

3. The new standard rates of allotments are as follows:-

Officers	5/6 Aust per day	(old rate 5/-)
Other ranks	3/6 " " "	(old rate 3/-)

4. Members without dependants will receive direct the full benefit of the approved increases.

5. Members with dependants will receive direct one half of the approved increase, the balance being credited direct to the dependants, notwithstanding any allotment which may exceed that provided for in para 3 herein.

6. The automatic increase does not affect the rights of a member with dependants to reduce the allotment to an amount not less than the new standard rate.

7. On and from 7 Nov. 41 the scale of dependants allowance is as follows:-

one dependant	3/6 Australian per day.
two dependants.	6/- Australian per day.
three dependants.	8/- Australian per day.
each additional dependant.	1/6 Australian per day.

10. Command 2 Aust. A.A. REGT. SEC. A.A.S.C. During the absence through illness of Capt. F.A. Goding, Lieut. B.E. Lee will administer command of that Section.

11. UNIT SIGN ON M.T. VEHICLES. It is again stressed that all vehicles must show the unit sign clearly. Instances have occurred where the unit sign has been obscured by placing the plate indicating "Danger-No Water" in the same bracket. The latter plate when not in use is to be kept in the cabin.

12. COLOUR PATCHES: Section Commanders and O.C. Detachments will ensure that all ranks wear their colour patches, the correct way, on tunics, greatcoats and hats. Any personnel not complying with this instruction by Saturday 13 Dec 41 will be fined for being incorrectly dressed.

13. COMFORTS ISSUE: The following fortnightly issue of Comforts has been received from A.C.F. Beirut and has been distributed to personnel of H.Q. and No. 1 Section.

270	2 oz tins Tobacco.
540	pkts Cigarette Papers.
3	" Writing Paper.
1½	" Envelopes.

14. OFFENCE: Para 5 of R/O No. 24 of 24 Nov 41 is Herewith cancelled and the following para substituted:

"Offence on 4 Nov 41 at District Court Martial convened by Brig. J.A. Chapman VX 47600 Dvr. Hawkins D.C. was found guilty of A.W.L.

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and sentenced to undergo detention for 28 days. This finding was confirmed by Brig. J.A. Chapman on 13 Nov 41."

The following awards have been made against the undermentioned:

NX 53845 Dvr. Hill I.R. Baalbeck 4-5 Dec	Absenting himself without leave. AWL 2hrs 45 mins	Fine £1 Forf pay pend. hearing charge 6/6 Total £1/6/6.
VX 39565 Dvr. Williams G. Baalbeck 4-5 Dec 41.	Absenting himself without leave. A.W.L. 3hrs 20min.	Fine £1/10/- Forfeit 1 day's pay pending hearing of charge. 6/6 Total £1/16/6

15. DAMAGE TO CIVILIAN PROPERTY.

(i) Recent instances have been reported of wanton damage caused to civilian property, by the erection of tents on growing crops and the theft of fence posts, etc., for use as fuel on bivouacs. It has also represented that threats of force have been made against property owners who protested.

(ii) It must be impressed on all ranks that our good relations with the civilian populace must not be endangered, and acts of this nature are in direct conflict with our national aim in prosecuting the war against wanton aggression.

(iii) Officers and N.C.Os will ensure that disciplinary action is taken against personnel found destroying or stealing property or interfering with the natural rights of private citizens.

16. COVERS, BODY, WATERPROOF. It has been brought to notice that large numbers of Covers, body waterproof have been removed from vehicles by units during operations and have been either lost or used for other purposes. Such a practice is highly irregular and will cease forthwith. The cover, body, waterproof, is part of the V.O.L. of a vehicle and must remain on the vehicle.

17. AIR MAIL LETTER CARDS. The air mail letter card service has been extended to the British West Indies. Australian stamps may be used for this service.

18. CARRYING OF MESS TINS AND CUTLERY BY SOLDIERS TRAVELLING BY RAIL: All soldiers moving by train proceeding to, or returning from leave, courses etc., will always take mess tins, knife, fork and spoon, in order that they may be to that extent self supporting in the event of any hold up on their journey. These articles will not be provided in any reception camp which may be set up to deal with such traffic.

19. PROMOTION.

VX 16019 Lieut. H. Lancaster promoted T/Captain as from 22/11/41.

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ROUTINE ORDER PART 1.

by

Major R.D. Summerfield.

Commanding

1 AUST. A.A. BDE. COY. A.A.S.C.

No. 27. 17 Dec 41.

1. DANGEROUS ARTICLES IN MAIL BAGS. Instances have occurred in which live grenades and other dangerous articles have been despatched in mail bags thereby causing unnecessary danger to life and property. In no circumstances will any such articles be included in postal or express letter mail bags.

2. GLASS JARS AND CARBOYS FOR DISTILLED WATER AND ELECTROLYTE. All units to whom distilled water and electrolyte are issued will return the empty containers with least possible delay, to the Ordnance Depot by which they are served. Care must be taken to avoid breakages in handling and transit.

3. Wheels, Split - VEHICLES. All personnel are warned of the damage and injury through unscrewing the outer ring of nuts on wheels, split, without first completely deflating the tyre (see 1941 Chebrolet Shop Manual, pages four and five) The outer ring of nuts will be painted red as a measure of warning.

4. SCALE OF EXPENSE STORES. The following is the authorised scale of expense stores to be drawn by units fortnightly:-

Nails, Wire Assorted.	As required.
Polish, Metal.	Small quantity as required.
Powder, Cleaning.	1/2 tin per 100 per day.
Soap, Common, Yellow.	1 lb. per 100 per day.
Soap, Toilet.	1 cake per man per fortnight.
Soda Caustic.	As required.
Soda, Washing.	1¼ lbs. per 100 per day.
Bags, Paper.	Small quantity.
Calico, Unbleached.	1 yard per 100 per day.
Cloths, Pudding.	1 per 20 of strength.
Cloth, Muslin.	1/2 yd. per 100 per day.
Cotton Waste.	3/4 lb. per 100 per day.
Paper, Toilet.	1 roll (8oz) per 100 per day.
Twine, Binding.	Small quantity.
Cloths, Sponge.	10 per cent of strength.
Cloths, Tea.	1 per 10 plus 2 per cook(non-expendable)
Skewers, Sets.	1 per kitchen.
Water, Distilled.	Small quantity.
Acid, Prepared, Electrolyte.	Small quantity.

5. FITTING OF NON-SKID CHAINS. Non-Skid chains should be fitted to vehs. immediately they are received to ensure that they are a correct fit. In the event of their not being suitable, they are to be returned to the source of issue to be replaced. When not in use on a vehicle, they will be wired together in pairs to prevent loss.

6. SACKS AND BALES: Owing to shortage of sacks and bales for packing ordnance stores, units will conserve all such articles and fwd. them to DADsOS for return to Adv Ord Depots EXCEPTING sacks and bales used by AASC as containers for the storage and tpt. of supplies. All such containers will be returned by units to AASC Depots as formerly.

7. WINTER AILMENTS - PREVENTION OF. Instructions have been received throught medical channels for precautions against casualties from frost bite and trench feet, but the following matters are called to the notice of Unit Comds:-

(a) The winter hutting programme provides the minimum accomodation for Units and this must be economically used.

(b) Raised walks in Camp areas are provided by Engr. Services to some extent, but this provision does not prevent units from self-help in making camps comfortable.

(c) Most casualties of the nature of frost bite and trench feet or chilled feet arise from wet socks and boots or prolonged standing in mud or water and are therefore preventable.

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(d) Os&Cs must ensure the following:-
(i) That the "barrack room rule" for laying out beds and kits is applied to prevent untidiness or lack of cleanliness in quarters.
(ii) That all footgear is sound and that men have enough socks to provide a dry change when required.
(iii) That sufficient exercise is taken by all ranks to keep blood circulating.
(iv) That warm quarters are provided for personnel on guard or similar duty.
(v) Hot food or hot drinks for men on guard or similar duty.
(e) Men must be educated in the following matters.
(i) "ashing mud off boots and drying water off boots before removing.
(ii) Washing and drying cold and wet feet - NOT IN HOT WATER - and replacing wet socks with dry.
(iii) Avoiding heaters or fires when feet are cold and wet.
(iv) Strict personal cleanliness.
(f) Failure to observe the above orders will be treated strictly as breaches of discipline.

8. MODIFICATIONS TO WEAPONS AND MATERIAL: Instances have occurred where weapons and material have been damaged by unauthorised modifications carried out by units or Workshops. In future, no modification will be made to a serviceable article without obtaining prior authority from G.H.Q. M.E.F. Units are reminded that great care is taken in the design of approved stores and while these stores may not be found to be perfect they have only been issued for use after extensive trial. Som modifications that have been made and fitted to weapons locally withou a searching trial give inferior service to the original. Suggestions for modifications are welcome and should be forwarded to G.H.Q. by the fastest possible means, where, in the opinion of a C.O.M.E. or other competant authority, the suggestion is likely to be of value. A good suggestion is of more than local value and by informing G.H.Q. as soon as possible steps can be taken to benefit Units generally. The sooner ideas are received the sooner will they be incorporated in future manufacture. Equipment specifically issued for experimental purposes and vehicles for which a separate General Order has been issued are not included.

9. SALVAGE OF SCREW TOPS AND BUNGS FOR WATER CONTAINERS: The supply of "screw tops" and bungs for water containers is a matter of considerabl difficulty. All ranks will make every effort to ensure that every one of these items from unserviceable tins is collected and returned, as a matter of urgency, to the nearest ordnance depot.

10. ONE TIN WOODEN CRATES FOR PETROL TINS: Petrol tins are now being used packed singly in wooden crates. The tin is NOT to be withdrawn from these crates which are to be returned with the tin. Two holes will be made in the usual manner with the opening tool in the exposed portion of the top of the tin for pouring out the contents as laid down in General Order 217 of 1940 and 219 of 1941.

11. SALVAGE - PETROL CONTAINERS: It does not appear to be generally realised that the hitherto so called 4-gall non-returnable tin is of considerable value for second hand purposes and that these tins now cost 1/5 each exclusive of cases and cartons. It is in demand for:-
(a) Reconditioning and refilling with petrol and M.E.O.
(b) Filling with bitumen.
(c) P.A.D. and other purposes.
Henceforth containers will not be designated "returnable" or "non-returnable but by their nature and capacity only.
Petrol/Oil Drums 40/44 galls.
Lub. Oil Drums 5-gall(round)
Petrol/Oil Drums 4-gall.(round)
Petrol Tins 4-gall Light (previously termed "non-returnable")
Petrol Cans 4-gall (rectangular)
Petrol Cans 2-gall (containers)
No 4-gall tins will be"cast by the ~~xx~~ road-side" after emptying but will be replaced in vehicles and carried to forward destination, where they will be handed in to:-
(a) S.T. Depots or Dumps, or
(b) Salvage. as most convenient. This applies equally to cases, crates, and cartons.

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In the case of petrol maintenance deliveries - empty tins will be returned to issuing depots in a returning empty supply vehicle as far as the neighbouring rail or sea heads, where they will be sorted by salvage for the purposes mentioned in para 1 above. Thereafter Salvage will arrange disposal in conjunction with Movement Control D of W., and S.T. Tins required locally by P.A.D. or other military purposes will continue to be drawn from the nearest source of supply. Units and Formations which have not yet drawn their requirements of the opening tools and the notes describing the correct method of opening tins referred to in General Orders No. 219 of 1941 will do so immediately.

12. MISAPPROPRIATION OF 4-GALLON RETURNABLE PETROL CANS AND DRUMS:
The above type of petrol containers have been introduced in the Middle East in order to achieve a much needed saving in tin-plate as used in the 4-gallon non-returnable tin. Their use in confined to Petrol Supply Points and to D.I.Ds, where there are Petrol Dumps, in order to implement bulk petrol deliveries from these pumps. Cases have recently occurred of:-
(a) Units in convoy mis-appropriating these cans when filling up at D.I.Ds and/or Petrol Supply-Points.
(b) Mis-appropriation by Units failing to return these cans to local D.I.Ds. when leaving an area.
Mis-appropriation of these containers entirely defeats the object of introducing returnable containers at all, i.e. economy in tin-plate - and in consequence necessary action will, in future, be taken against Os.C. where returnable containers are retained by Units without authority

13. VEHICLES - MAINTENANCE OF: Vehicles are arriving in the Middle East in large numbers. They are received in cases and are assembled by semi-skilled labour at the Dockyards at a very rapid rate, under difficult and with limited supervision. It is important, therefore, that new vehicles should be treated carefully during the first 500 miles of running in", special attention being paid to the tightening of nuts, bolts and connections which work loose due to "settling down" of parts of the vehicles. Complete servicing of the vehicles is not possible at the dockside. Lubrication of the engine gear box and transmission will, therefore ,be checked immediately before the issue of vehicles from RASC MTVRDs, and RACC. vehicle parks; and again by drivers taking over vehicles officers i/c/ convoys which include new vehicles will ensure that there are halts at 2-hourly intervals to check lubrication, brakes and tightness of nuts. Officers commanding units will ensure that, during the "running in" period constant attention is given to the following points:-
(a) Avoidance of speeds, including speeds in indirect gears, above the maximum laid down by the manufacturers.
(b) Changing of engine oil after:- 250 miles.
1250 "
2750 "
and every subsequent 1500 miles.
(c) Frequent tightening of body holding down bolts, spring anchorage bolts, engine bearer and holding down bolts, all battery and other electrical terminals.

14. PROMOTIONS:

HQ. Sec.	VX 39590	Dvr.	Witchell W.D.	to be Butcher Cp.111 from 8/12/41.
No.1 "	NX 40751	"	Bursle C.W.	to be A/Cook Cp.11 from 30/10/41.
	VX 46310	"	Odgers H.J.	to be A/Clerk Cp.111 from 8/12/41.
	VX 27136	"	Smith A.G.	to be A/Clerk Cp.111 from 8/12/41.
	VX 15264	"	Reeves N.F.	to be A/Butcher" 111 from 8/12/41.

REVERSIONS:

No.1 Sec.	VX 15429	Pte.	Marshall C.H.	Reverts from Cook Cp.1 to non-spec. at own request. 14/12/41.
No.2 Sec.	VX 51756	Dvr.	Forde J.C.	Reverts from MT Dvr. Cp 111 non-spec, at own request. 9/12/41.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

by

Major R.D. Summerfield.

Commanding

No. 20. 1 Aust. A.A. Bde. Coy. A.A.S.C. 28 Dec. 41.

1. BOUNDS: The brothel on the outskirts of Baalbeck township and on the Baalbeck - Homs Road IS OUT OF BOUNDS.

2. SUPPRESSION OF PILFERING AND "SCROUNGING". Vigorous action will be taken to prevent loss of Government property by petty theft, pilfering, and grosser misappropriation. Losses through these causes have assumed serious proportions and are a direct hindrance to the successful prosecution of the war.
(2) All losses of Government property will be investigated fully and offenders severely disciplined. "Scroungign is not meritable and cases of theft of this type will be severely dealt with.
(3) All officers, N.C.Os and men are responsible to the C.O. for the safe-guarding of Government property committed to his charge.

3. LOSS OF PAYBOOKS.
(1) The marked increase in the numbers of paybook losses indicate that personnel are not taking sufficient precautionary measures for their safe custody, and it is therefore impressed on all ranks the importance of carrying paybooks where they are not easily obtainable by pick-pockets etc.
(2) The habit of carrying money inside the paybook is a contributing factor to the loss. Once the money is sighted, the possibility of the paybook being stolen becomes a strong likelihood. Soldiers are therefore strongly advised against carrying money inside their paybooks.

4. REPATRIATION BENEFITS - PERSONNEL DISCHARGED FOR MISCONDUCT:
The attention of all ranks is drawn to the fact that when members are discharged or their appointments are terminated owing to misconduct, they will not be entitled to repatriation benefits, which include Vocational Training, assistance in obtaining civil employment and provision of tools of trade.

5. ILLEGAL DISPOSAL OF TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES:
Disposal to persons not entitled to Customs Exemption, of tobacco and cigarettes admitted free to the Middle East for members of the Forces, is prohibited and will be regarded as a serious offence.

6. COMFORTS: The following Comforts were received from A.C.F. Beirut on 19 Dec. 41 and have been distributed to personnel of H.Q. and No. 1 Sec.

60 Scarves.	4 sets Draughts.
60 Balaclavas.	2 " Ludum.
4 packs Cards.	2 Dartboards and Sets.

7. PROMOTIONS:
H.Q. Section. NX 27942 Pte. Nicholls N. to be Corporal from 5 Dec. 41.
No.2 Section. VX 39182 L/Cpl Burrows G. to be T/Clerk Cplll. from 2 Oct.41.
" " VX 39182 " Burrows G. to be T/Clerk Cplll. " 25 Dec.41.

8. REVERSIONS:
No.2 Section. VX 39182 L/Cpl. Burrows G. reverts to non-specialist 25/12/41.

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Unit ~~1 Aust. A.A. BDE. COY. A.S.C.~~ *Date and Time.—From* ~~1 February 42~~ *To* ~~28 February 42~~

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Hill 95	1-2-42		~~Second Detachment of 1 Off. 22 O.R. leave for ?~~	
	2-2-42		Uneventful	
	3-2-42		25 O.R. march in from S.T.R. and are taken on strength.	
	4-2-42		Uneventful	
	5-2-42	1400	Third detachment of 1 Off. 56 O.R. leave for Kilo 89 and	
	6-2-42	0400	~~depart for the unknown. S/Sgt. Freeburn C.G. returns to duty after~~ 3½ months in hospital.	
	~~7-2-42~~	1600	Remainder of Unit- 5 Off. 327 O.R. move to Kilo 89.	
	8-2-42		Becoming used to new quarters men quickly settle down.	
	9-2-42		Uneventful	
	10-2-42		Workshop personnel less 1 Off. 7 O.R. detached to ~~2~~ A.O.D. Raffa for duty.	
	~~11-2-42~~		~~Uneventful~~	
	12-2-42		Training for physical fitness started.	
	13-2-42		Uneventful except for training.	
	14-2-42		" " "	
	15-2-42		1 O.R. transferred to H.Q. Guards Battalion.	
	~~16-2-42~~		~~Uneventful~~	
	17-2-42		News of Darwin bombing momentarily stuns personnel and the desire to do something is paramount in all.	
	18-2-42		Uneventful	
	19-2-42	0500	25 O.R. detailed for convoy duty to Tripoli. 2 O.R. return from detached duty at Raffa.	
	20-242		Cold morning and at 1000 hrs steady rain commences to fall.	
	~~21-2-42~~		~~Balance of Workshops Sec. return from detached duty at Raffa.~~ Again cold and showery, ground soon becomes muddy.	
	22-2-42	0800	Cold and wet. 1 Off. 87 O.R. of No.1 Sec. move to Dier Suneid under administration of M.T. Details Bn.	
	23-2-42		Uneventful.	
	~~24-2-42~~		Uneventful	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Kilo 89	25-2-42		Rumor gains authenticity that move for Home, (popular choice) India, Burma, and/or Java if off and in view of the serious threat to Australia is a great disappointment. Men keenly feel inactivity.	Nil.
	26-2-42		Very dusty, muggy, and windy.	Nil.
	27-2-42		Uneventful.	Nil.
	28-2-42		Beautiful spring morning. Strength. Kilo 89 4 Off. 244 O.R. Dier Suneid 1 Off. 85 O.R. Detached 4 Off. 142 O.R. 9 Off. 471 O.R.	Nil.
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1 AUST AA BDE COY AASC

PALESTINE- AUSTRALIA — Mar 42

CONVOYS

MOVE TO AUSTRALIA	Unit leaves Kilo 89 (Palestine) 10 Mar 42; Kantara & Suez 11 Mar 42; embarked "West Point" 12 Mar & sailed same day; Freemantle 25 Mar; Adelaide 30 Mar. Detrained & embarked Parklands.	1 Aust AA Bde Coy AASC Mar 42

MOVEMENT

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2. JULY 1942

Unit 1 Aust. A.A.BDE.COY.A.A.S.C. Date and Time.—From 1 MARCH 42 To 31 MARCH 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
~~XXXXXX~~ KILO 89	1-3-42		Hot Morning 1-1ton Ute. and 10-3 ton trucks ~~received~~.	NIL.
	2-2-42		Unit placed on short notice to move. 330.R. of No.1 Sec. return from convoy duty to Tel-el-Kebir.	NIL.
	3-3-42	0500	Air raid warning received. Bombs dropped a few miles away.	NIL.
		0645	~~All clear.~~	NIL.
	4-3-42		Uneventful.	NIL.
	5-3-42	0125	Explosion of heavy bomb some distance away shook ground.	NIL.
		2300	Heavy rain sets in.	NIL.
	6-3-42	0200	2/13 Field Amb. who have occupied camp with us move out. ~~heavy showers all day with cold wind.~~	NIL.
	7-3-42		Cold windy morning. 1400 hrs Muster parade for all ranks in full marching order 1900 hrs ~~remainder of no.1 Sec. (1off.850.R.)~~ rejoin unit from detached duty. Administrative Instruction re movement compiled and attached. 20 sisters from 1,4,and 6 A.G.H. entertained by Officers and Sgts.in Officers Mess. Music provided by HQ Guards Band. Excellent night which could be repeated.	NIL.
	8-3-42		~~Uneventful.~~	NIL.
	9-3-42		Uneventful.	NIL.
	10-3-42		All parades held earlier than usual and Unit left camp according to plan.	NIL.
		1910	debussed at Gaza Railway Stn, and alloted to positions for entraining.	NIL.
		2004	Leave Gaza Stn, 25 men to iron freight truck which soon began to play tunes., with the gyrating of truck, swing of the draw bars, rattle of the ventilation grating sleep was practically impossible for most. ~~However we were on our way and nobody cared much.~~	NIL.
	11-3-42	0550	Arrived Kantara, detrained, and glad to get out of crowded truck to stretch legs. Breakfasted on sausages and potatoes and tea and crossed canal back again in Egypt. Entrained for ?	NIL.
		0900 (0800)	local time. Leave Kantara West stn. and travel down along side the canal passing large dumps and camps, arrive at Ishmailia at	NIL.
		0955 local.	A very pretty town with beautiful gardens. Truly an Oasis.	NIL.
	10-3-42	1655	~~Truck party of 1 Off. 55 O.R. move out to their position in convoy.~~ Balance of Unit 4 Off.278 O.R. leave ~~in~~ leave 1 hour 5 Mts. later.	NIL.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ON TRAIN	11-3-42	1145	Detrained at Suez and march to transit camp which appears to be pretty full. Its as dusty as is usual in Egypt. Camp is closed.	
	12-3-42	0700	Marched out ofcamp to wharf where sea kits were picked up prior to being ferried to transport. Almost embarked on wrong transport, but error rectified before many troops had gone on board. After some delay embarked on "West Kim Point" an American Naval Transport.	
			When all troops are on board ~~xix~~ ship is crowded. There was considerable delay getting lunch and dinner today but meals were worth having.	
		1600	We are off and there is plenty of speculation as to destination. Home of course is popular. Rather hot down below. Comparison with ~~previous transport is favorable as although only 27,000 tons, the same~~ number of troops are being carried, as on the luxury liner.	
			All troops express pleasure to be leaving the filthy, odorous, M.E.	
	13-3-42	0600	Reveille and some confusion at breakfast mess parade, which was ironed out later in the day and meals were got through in half an hour.	
			This is rather a democratic ship and to the delight of the troops there is no Sgts. Mess and the Officers have to line up for meals.	
			Ship is also dry, just as well under the circumstances although in the heat a thirst is easily developed.	
	14-3-42	1000	"Abandon Ship" practice held. Pay day and for a change in currency with which all are familiar. Lack of canteen is felt, but tobacco etc. can be obtained thru. unit orderly rooms. However a very limited ~~quantity is available. Meals continue to be rather good and considerably~~ better than when coming over.	
	15-3-42		Uneventful. during day but passed Aden during night.	
	16-3-42		Weather becoming warmer. ~~Xxxx

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Unit 1 AUST. A.A. BDE. COY. AASC. *Date and Time.—From* 1 MARCH 42 *To* 31 March 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AT SEA	18-3-342		Again very hot below decks.	
"	19-3-42		Very hot day and almost impossible to sleep below, those who slept on open decks were chased down by tropical storms during night.	
	20-3-42	0930	Gun practice held at stick target representing periscope of Sub. Detonation of 5" long barrel naval guns rather deafening at first. Shoot appeared to be very satisfactory and was very interesting.	
	21-3-42		Sports commenced with the running of heats. Cold wind blowing.	
	22-3-42		Sports continued. Again cold and windy.	
	23-3-42		Sports completed. Unit had no successes.	
	24-3-42		Nearing West coast of Aust. Light rain sets in.	
	25-3-42		Plenty of look outs for coast and it is at last sighted at about	
		1430	Troops parade at 1630 and after the style of the navy dress ship by liming rails. However before entering Freemantle mess parade was announced and the spectacle was spoiled. Evening meal was rushed and the men hurried to the vantage points of ship. Taking stock of ships in port find that USA predominate in warships and merchantmen while there was a sprinkling of Dutch ships. An old acquaintance in the SS Monterey, previously a popular Matson liner has been pressed into service and now carries the familiar grey enstead of white. W.A. personnel granted leave until 2359hrs.	
	26-3-42	1205	Stores taken aboard and we leave Port and the men from Eastern states were happy, but the "Mud hook" was dropped in the outer harbour.	
		1700	Anchors are up and wex are on our way again. Sea rather choppy and our escorts are rolling considerably. Notified thru' ships R.O. that Adelaide will be our disembarkation Port.	
	27-3-42		Cold dull day but who cares we are home. Albatrosses make their appearance.	
	28-3-42		Misty day and the albatrosses circle ship all day.	
	29-3-42		Sea getting up culminating with haevy roll during night.	

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Unit 1 AUST.A.A.BDE.COY.A.A.S.C. *Date and Time.—From* 1 MARCH 42 *To* 31 MARCH 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AT SEA	30-3-42	0600	Kangaroo Island sighted and passed, and we enter Spencer Gulf.	
		1015	Anchor about 2 miles from Outer Harbour, before actually berthing.	
		1140	Berthed at Outer Harbour and despite good trip men are anxious to set foot on land again. Some Units disembark same afternoon.	
	31-3-42	1100	Our turn comes to disembark. Entrain for Adelaide getting a good reception from residents of the outer suburbs. March from train to Adelaide Cricket Ground, so beloved by the English Touring sides as an easy scoring ground, for lunch from where we go by tram to Parklands. The camp site looks the goods although washing arrangements are not the best. Allotted to tents and after evening meal most wander off to inspect the vicinity of the new home, and endeavor to quench the thirst created by the hot, dry, salty sea trip.	
			K.L. Elliott Capt.	

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2/1 Aust.A.A.Bde. ~~2/2 Aust A A Regt/Sec A A S C~~ (Erase heading not required)

Coy.A.A.S.C. *Unit* ~~2/1 Aust A A Tpt Coy~~ *Date and Time.—From* 16 July 42. *To* ~~31 July 42~~ 1 Aug 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Adelaide	16 July 42.	1800	Personnel of 1 Aust A.A.Bde.Coy.A.A.S.C. and 2/2 Aust.A.A.Regt. Sec.A.A.S.C. entrained for Melbourne to carry out driving duties there. Total personnel 3 officers amd 199 O.R.'s leaving in Adelaide as a security party 2 officers and 28 O.R.'s.	
Melbourne.	17 July 42.	1100	All personnel arrived at Spencers St and met there by Major Summerfield who had arranged quarters for the Unit at Biped Lines Broadmeadows. Informed by Major Summerfield that it was likely that the 1 Aust A.A.Bde.Coy.A.A.S.C. would be disbanded and formed into a General Transport Company.	
"	"	~~1200~~	~~Arrived at Broadmeadows and personnel find that they have been allocated to very comfortable huts and conveniences.~~ All personnel granted leave for the afternoon.	
"	18 "	1700	Route march for all personnel.	
"	19 "	"	Queensland,NSW and Country personnel allowed leave till 26 July 42.	
"	20 "	"	20 Other ranks to be employed daily on the driving of all types of vehicles including AFV to from Geelong and the wharves. These personnel are to be quartered at Royal Park.	
"	26	"	Personnel of 2/1 Aust.A.A.Regt.Sec.A.A.S.C. marched in from rail ~~from Liverpool NSW (60 OR's with Lieut.Addison in charge)~~ and concentrated at Camp Pell.	
"	30	"	Road party of 2/1 Aust A.A.Regt.Sec.A.A.S.C. arrived at Camp Pell with vehicles of that section. Major Summerfield, Capt.Goding and Lieut.Lee occupied at L.H.Q. in disbanding 2/1 Aust.A.A.Bde.Coy.A.A.S.C. and reforming it into a General Transport Company.	
"	~~1 Aug 42.~~	1700	~~Personnel ex Adelaide moved from Broadmeadows to Area 5 Camp Pell.~~ Capt.Goding appointed D.A.D.S. Second Army.	

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Unit 2/1 Aust.A.A.Bde.Coy.A.A.S.C. *Date and Time.—From* 1 ~~Sept~~ Aug 42 *To* 3 Aug 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Camp Pell.	2 Aug 42		Personnel still employed on driving vehicles from Geelong to Royal Park and from Royal Park to wharves.	Nil
"	3 Aug 42		" " " " "	