

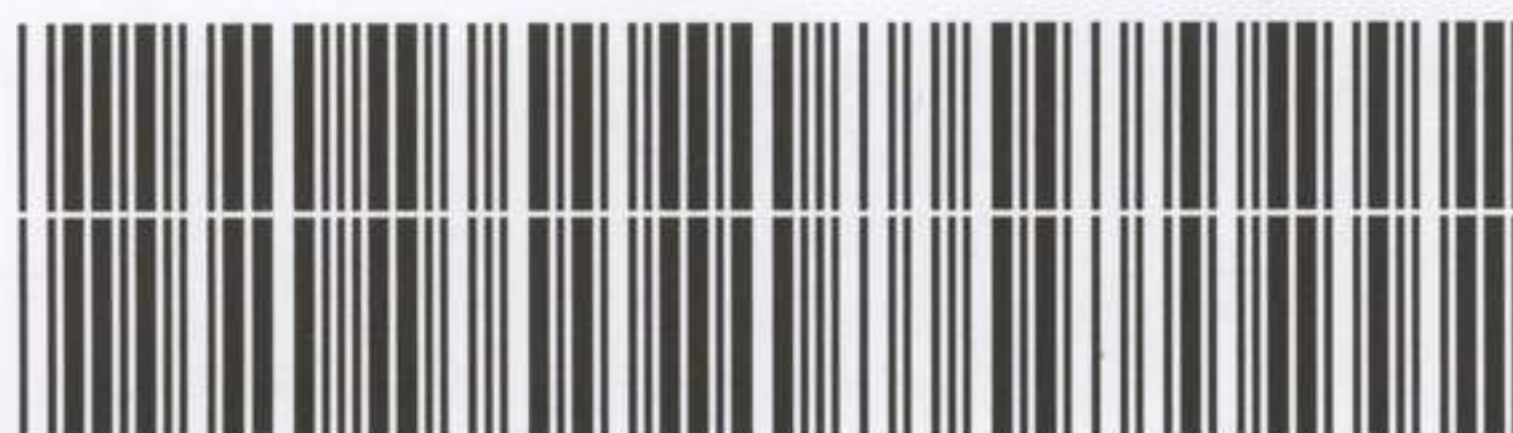
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EGYPTIAN COMMAND	1919			
	March 1-31.		<p>Rer E. C. Turner, Congregationalist, 9th A.I. Horse Regt, proceeded with the 3rd A.I. H. Brigade to Moascar at the beginning of the month, & conducted evening service at the latter place on arrival on the evening of Sunday, the 2nd. The chaplains at Moascar co-operated in the conduct of parade & voluntary services. Bible classes, etc., using the Y.M.C.A. bibles to great advantage. New arrangements at Moascar freed Mr Turner from the Educational work that he had been doing at Tripoli, so that he was able to take 14 days leave, not during that period he conducted service for the troops at Haifa & Rayak & various isolated units were reached. During the troubled condition of the Egyptian population the Bde was moved with headquarters at Zagazig & its units greatly scattered up & down the main R.F. line between Cairo & Port Said. Services were held, 12 in all for the month. Repatriation having been suspended the padre is concentrating his efforts on keeping the men in a contented state of mind.</p>	
FRANCE	March 1-31		<p>Chaplain J. T. Walder, May Church of Christ, took his first leave since Dec/1917. on return conducted services, made repatriation arrangements, saw the various quotas off, wrote letters of introduction, & carried on the usual canteen work.</p>	
	1-18		<p>Chaplain H. A. Procter, May Church of Christ, with the 3rd A.I. CCS. at Enschuery near Cologne, until recalled to England for concubinal work (see under U.K.)</p>	
	1-26		<p>Rer J. E. Reulford, Congregationalist, lecturing throughout Aust. Corps on "Cooperative Principles," etc & visiting the 6th Army Bde, A.I.A. for spiritual work until brought to U.K. for transport work - Arrived England. 27th &</p>	

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<u>FRANCE</u>	1919			
	March			
	1-31		<p>† from pre embarkation clear from that date.</p> <p>Chaplain R.C. Henry, Salvation Army, 4th Battalion, carried on chaplaincy, educational & social work for the 1st Brigade & managed a well-equipped & much used "Diggers' Club" during the month.</p>	
	1-31		<p>Chaplain E.J. Harewood, Salvation Army, 5th Pioneer Battalion, was at Reule's in Belgium with his unit. On arrival established his "Diggers' Club" & Dance Hall. The former has been in full use daily; the latter on three evenings a week with one afternoon class for learners. Football matches & concerts were arranged & carried through, comforts provided & distributed, literature & library well-maintained. The "Diggers' Club" at Solre le Chateau was handed over to the 5th Div. Educational School when the padre moved on. Services well maintained & attended.</p>	
	1-31		<p>Rev. W.L. Slack, Congregationalist, 4th F.A. Brigade, found that as he got to know the personnel of the Batteries better his social, recreational, educational & spiritual work developed. An excellent all round month's work.</p>	
	1-31		<p>Rev. T. Perkins, Congregationalist, moved up from the Base Depot at Le Havre to the 3rd A.C.C.V. at Enskirchen, 20 miles from Cologne, where he was able to render excellent, all round service to the Staff & to the British patients. English studies were conducted in cooperation with the Educational Scheme.</p>	
<u>UNITED KINGDOM</u>	March			
	1-31		<p>Rev. F.V. Bowling, B.A., Congregationalist, visited Am. patients in London Command Hospitals under direction of the Senior</p> <p>Rev. J. Robertson, Baptist,</p>	

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UNITED KINGDOM (Contd.)	March			
	1-31		Senior Chaplain; were allotted to headquarters, & were on pre-embarkation leave when the month closed.	
	1-22		Chaplain H.B. Taylor, Church of Christ, No 2 Command Depot, served at Verno Citadel until the 22nd inst, when he proceeded overseas for work at the Base Depot.	
	1-18		Chaplain J.A. Procter, M.A., Church of Christ, during the early part of the month, in consultation with the Educational Dept, was seeking a suitable educational settlement, as a result of which he proceeded on the 19th to the University of Edinburgh where he is taking an approved course of study till Oct 31st.	
	19-31			
	1-16		Chaplain A.R. Forbes, B.C.M., Church of Christ, on pre-embarkation leave, left for Australia as headquarters Chaplain on the 16th (3 weeks) on the 16th.	
	17-31		Rev W. G. Nash, Baptist, formerly a private with the A.I.F., was attested & appointed a Chaplain, 4th Class, under authority, cables from Defence, on the 17th inst & posted to No 2 Command Depot (after equipment) on the 22nd inst.	
	20-31		Rev J.R. Edmonds, Baptist, formerly a private in the A.A.M.C., was attested appointed a Chaplain, 4th Class, on the 20th inst. After equipment instructions he was posted to No 2 Camp, Parkhouse, for duty. Authority for appointment, Defence Cate M.N.7.	
	27-31		Rev D. Pickin-Jones, Congregationalist, formerly a private in the A.A.M.C., was appointed a Chaplain, 4th Class, on the 27th & after equipment, etc, was posted to St. Kevy on the 29th under authority from Defence. Cable M.N.7.	

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UNITED KINGDOM (Contd)	1-31	7	<p>Rev. J. Daylong, Jewish Chaplain, in company with the Rev. J. Lipscomb, Senior Jewish Chaplain, Southern Command, visited camps, depots & hospitals on the Home early in the month, conducting services wherever possible. I also arranged for him to visit the Aust. Hqs. and come under Aust. Hqs. administration & the A.I.F. Detention Barracks at Leamington. A number of meetings were arranged in London & a special Purim service followed by a Concert was held at the Jewish Soc. Secours Branch Hall of the Y.M.C.A. East Strand. In consultation with Australian Y.M.C.A. Leaders Mr. Harold Boas was entirely set apart for Jewish work. The Senior Chaplain, O.P.D. asked the J.O.C. A.I.F. to grant 9 days Passover leave to all Jews who could be spared to attend the special services of the season. The J.O.C. approved of such leave being granted in Aust. Camps (for Purim), in Camps & depots in U.K., & made administrative arrangements. The S.C.F. O.P.D. also recommended that W/O W.D.M. Seagley of the Chaplaincy Dept. should proceed to Paris to make arrangements etc. The J.O.C. approved. The closing of the month found the Jewish Chaplain, Lt. Harold Boas, his representative in U.K., the W/O, & in closer degree - the S.C.F. O.P.D. very busy making the usual provision arrangements for the Passover, handling accommodation & attendance at Seder Services of the Jewish members of the A.I.F. Copy of Circular letter issued to all A.I.F. Jewish troops attached as Appen I.</p>	
	1-31		<p>Rev. J. Miles, D.S.O. Senior Chaplain, O.P.D. A.I.F. visited Australian patients in hospitals in the U.K. during the month, including S.I. cases at Ewell St. Military, 50 at Southwark Mil, 70 at Paddington Mil, 120 at Fitcham Mil, 33 cases at Aylesbury, Leicester, Sheffield, Leeds, Manchester, Newcastle-on-Tyne.</p>	

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UK (Contd)			<p>on Tyne & York. Special Cases were also visited at the 3rd L.F.H., & Lewisham Division, Hptl; a funeral was conducted at Brookwood; the monthly Conference of Chaplains & a day was devoted to conferences convened & conducted in connection with the Salvation Army & Jewish work. For the second year he represented & spoke for the Commonwealth at the Annual Bazaar of the Committee of the Free Churches of England. Preliminary arrangements were made in readiness for an August Day Service on the lines of the one so successfully held last year. Administrative work and correspondence made great demands during the month. There was a daily procession of men when one was in the office seeking the witnessing of such documents as A.I.F. FORM 535, 537, 540, etc., & also Passports for officers & men proceeding overseas. Applications from Chaplains, Theological Students & others serving in the A.I.F. for educational courses, non-military employment, etc., and letters asking for advice on these & kindred subjects came in by every post. No doubt enquiries made of the Sp Chaplains kept considerably over the time & labour of other departments, but they made heavy inroads on the already crowded time of the Senior Chaplains concerned.</p>	
			<p><i>[Signature]</i> SENIOR CHAPLAIN, O.P.D., AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.</p>	

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Dear Comrade,

Re Passover Leave.

You will be pleased to hear that the following arrangements have been approved respecting the above leave.

Leave will be granted, subject to the exigencies of the Service, to all Officers and other ranks of Jewish Faith in the A.I.F., both in England and in France during the period April 14th to April 22nd, inclusive.

This gracious act on the part of the Military Authorities, will be deeply appreciated by all concerned.

Leave in England will be for any destination in the United Kingdom.

Leave in France will be to Paris only.

Leave will be granted to enable you to reach your destination before Sunset on April 14th.

Look out for Notices respecting this leave, which will be promulgated in Orders.

In France, application for this leave must be made by you through the usual official channels, but in England, applications should be made direct to:-

Mr. Harold Boas,
Jewish Representative A.I.F.
Jewish Soldiers' Bureau,
10 East Strand, London.

The following arrangements have been made for those men proceeding on leave to Paris:-

The American Jewish Welfare Board at Paris has very kindly offered to provide food and entertainment (during the first days, at least, of the Passover) for Australian Jewish Troops.

Provided notice is given at once, the Australian Y.M.C.A., will reserve sleeping accommodation in the Paris Hotels at a moderate charge. Should you desire to avail yourself of this sleeping accommodation, you must write at once to:-

Capt.-Frank Wright,
Aust. Y.M.C.A.,
Hotel Windsor,
Rue de Petrograd, Paris.

The city will be crowded during the above period and your accommodation cannot be guaranteed unless this is done.

If you also desire, as it is hoped, to avail yourself of the invitation of the American Jewish Welfare Board, write immediately to:-

Rev. J. Danglow, C.F.,
Australian Jewish Chaplain,
c/o American Jewish Welfare Board,
41, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

You must report immediately, on arrival to Chaplain Danglow M.A., C.F., or to Warrant Officer W.J.M. Sedgley, A.I.F. at the above address.

The Jewish Welfare Council in London has undertaken to find hospitality in Jewish Homes for all Australian Jewish Troops on leave in London during Passover. Should you desire to avail yourself of this hospitality, apply to Mr. Harold Boas, at the London address given above. You must report to him immediately on your arrival in London.

Troops in England will be advised later of the special facilities available for them in London during Passover.

Please advise any other Jewish soldiers in the A.I.F., with whom you may come in contact of the above arrangements.

Hoping you are quite well, With every good wish.

Yours sincerely,

Harold Boas
Jewish Representative.
Australian Imperial Force Depots.

J. Danglow
Jewish Chaplain.
Australian Imperial Force