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Unit DIRECTORATE OF GRAVES REGISTRATION *Date and Time.—From* 5th Jan. 1944 *To* 11th Jan. 1944.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			~~WEEKLY REVIEW OF BRANCH ACTIVITY.~~	
MELBOURNE	4.1.44		VX21322 Capt. C. A. REAVELL.	
			Approval given in Memo from Mil. Sec. dated 4th Jan. '44 for posting of the abovenamed officer as O.C., 20 Aust. Graves Registration Unit, with effect from 7th Jan. '44.	
	5.1.44		MAINTENANCE OF WAR GRAVES.	
			Approval given D.A.D.G.R., N.S.W. L. of C. Area for covering of War Graves with concrete curbs and slabs in accordance with specifications and conditions laid down in his memo 509922 of 30th Dec. '43.	11605
			REGISTRATION OF DEATHS ON WAR SERVICE.	
			Memo to all D.A.Ds. and S.Os,G.R. forwarding copy of memo to be sent to all State Registrars of Births, Marriage and Deaths, and stating that responsibility for any necessary registration of deaths will rest with this Directorate (under provisions of National Security (General) Regulations, Regn. 57), acting on behalf of all Service Depts., to avoid duplication, D.A.Ds. and S.Os. will, under no circumstances, register any death with civil authorities.	11640
	6 & 7.1.44		Nil.	
	8.1.44		FUNERAL CONTRACTS.	
			Memo to all D.A.Ds. and S.Os., G.R. forwarding copy of amended Contracts and Standard Specifications which have been forwarded to all Funeral Contractors, to operate from a date to be fixed.	11679
			A new schedule covering Funeral Contracts and Standard Specifications will also be forwarded at an early date.	

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Unit DIRECTORATE OF GRAVES REGISTRATION *Date and Time.—From* 5th Jan. 1944 *To* 11th Jan. 1944.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	9.1.44		Nil.	
	10.1.44		DARWIN PUBLIC CEMETERY. Letters sent to next-of-kin of deceased servicemen regarding personnel buried in the above named cemetery and stating that, owing to the unsatisfactory condition thereof, permission sought to exhume remains and rebury in Adelaide River War Cemetery.	
	11.1.44		Nil.	

A. V. Watson 3/2.
Major.
DIRECTOR GRAVES REGISTRATION
11/1/44.

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Unit DIRECTORATE GRAVES REGISTRATION *Date and Time.—From* 12th Jan 1944 *To* 18th Jan 1944

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	12,13 & 14.1.44		NIL	
	15.1.44		Promotion WX 127936 W.O.I. MANGELS, R.M. Confirmation of Warrant rank has been approved by G.O.C. Vic. L of C for W.O.I. Mangels, R.M., as from 5 Jan 44.	
	16,17&18.1.44		NIL.	

H C Howard
Major.
DIRECTOR GRAVES REGISTRATION
18.1.1944

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Unit DIRECTORATE GRAVES REGISTRATION *Date and Time.—From* 18th Jan 1944 *To* 24th Jan 1944, incl.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	18.1.44		PROMOTION - V81323, Capt J. H. CHAPMAN Approval given for above officer's promotion to T/Maj in the appointment of A.D.G.R., D.G.R., L.H.Q., to date 15 Jan 44.	MS 327
			APPOINTMENT - T261265, Lieut R. E. GILBERT Approval given for the above officer to be appointed S/Capt, D.G.R., with effect from 15 Jan 44.	MS 7165
	19.1.44		Nil.	
	20.1.44		DELETION, RESTRICTION & RE-ORGANIZATION OF UNITS - 3 AUST CORPS & W.A. L OF C AREA Instructions issued by Adjutant General on 11th Jan 1944, consequent upon report of O.O.B. Investigation Committee, that approval given for the deletion of 14 G.R.& E. Unit, W.A. and advice as to absorption outlined.	SM 382
			~~Further to above memo, instructions issued on 20th Jan.~~ 1944 that G.M.D. will be reduced to W.E. strength, i.e. from 18 to 17.	SM 733
	21.1.44 - 23.1.44		Nil.	
	24.1.44		TRANSFER TO H.Q. A.A.G.S. (M.E.) Minute to Camp Commandant requesting VX 127936, W.O.1 MANGELS, R.M. and VX 128002, Cpl. GOLDBERG, J be transferred to H.Q. A.A.G.S. (M.E.) and marched out to H.Q. Vic. L of C Area for concentration prior to movement overseas.	

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Unit DIRECTORATE GRAVES REGISTRATION *Date and Time.—From* 18th Jan. 1944 *To* 24th Jan. 1944, Incl.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	24.1.44 (Contd)		CHANGES IN APPOINTMENT NX126921 Lieut. (T/Capt) L.J. WILLOUGHBY Approval given by Mil Sec dated 9th Dec. 43 for re-posting of above named officer from O.C., 8 A.G.R. & E. Unit to O.C., 21 A.G.R. Unit.	MS 215885
			VX47911, T/Major A. N. RAY Approval given by Mil Sec dated 21st Jan. 44 for above named officer to be transferred from D.A.D.G.R. Q'ld L of C Area to D.A.D.G.R., H.Q. A.A.G.S. (M.E.)	MS 4154
			VX20272 Capt. L. C. SAUNDERS Approval given by Mil Sec dated 21st Jan. 44 for the transfer of above named officer from S.O.G.R., Vic. L of C Area to D.A.D.G.R., Q'ld L of C Area.	MS 4154
			N303468 Capt. C. J. L. WEST Approval given by Mil Sec dated 22nd Jan. 44 for the posting of above named officer from S.O.G.R., N.T. Force to S.O.G.R., Vic. L of C Area.	MS 4281
			W242810 Capt. W. F. O'MEARA Approval given by Mil Sec dated 22nd Jan. 44 for transfer of above named officer from O.C., 14 A.G.R. Unit (disbanded) to S.O.G.R., H.Q., N.T. Force.	MS 4281
			DIRECTOR GRAVES REGISTRATION	Major 26 Jan. 44

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Unit DIRECTORATE GRAVES REGISTRATION *Date and Time.—From* 25th Jan 1944 *To* 31st Jan 1944, incl.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	25.1.44		SERVICE FUNERALS Memo to all D.A.D.G.R.s and S.O.G.R.s except N.T. and N.G. regarding transportation of remains, curtailment of unnecessary expense by unnecessary journeys and instructions as to procedure where permission is granted for remains to be moved from a funeral parlour to a church or house prior to reaching cemetery.	12002
			INSTRUCTIONS TO A.A.G.S.(M.E.) Copy of instructions issued to D.A.D.G.R.(M.E.) for his guidance in the conduct of operations for the A.A.G.S. in the M.E. attached hereto. Copy of such instructions also forwarded to A.M.L.O., G.H.Q., M.E.F.	12000
	26, 27, 28/1/44		Nil	
	29.1.44		VISIT OF D.G.R. TO S.A. L OF C AREA Major A. E. Brown proceeded to S.A. L of C Area with Major A. N. Ray.	
			M. E. UNITS Movement by rail of personnel detailed to proceed to M.E.	
	30.1.44		Nil	
	31.1.44		PHOTOGRAPHY - M. E. Memo to A.M.L.O., G.H.Q., M.E.F. in reply to his 1132 of 8 Nov 43 requesting that all unofficial photographs and negatives as well as all other photographs of graves of deceased personnel of the Australian services be passed to D.A.D.G.R.(M.E.) in future.	

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DIRECTOR OF GRAVES REGISTRATION

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25 Jan 44

A.D.G.R.(A.G.),
A.D.J.S.,
C.M.F.,

Instructions to A.D.G.R. (Aust)

For your guidance in the conduct of operations in the Middle East, and your information, the following instructions have been prepared. A copy of these instructions has been forwarded to A.D.J.S. M.E.F.

REPORTS

From information at present available in Australia, it would appear that the records held by the Australian Section of A.D.G.R. M.E.F. are not accurate nor are they complete. This largely has been caused by the premature withdrawal of the Australian Graves Registration Unit when other Australian troops were withdrawn from the Middle East and by the incomplete liaison with A.I.F.A.H. and R.A.A.F.

Little is known of the method by which information regarding R.A.A.F. and R.A.A.F. casualties were reported to A.D.G.R.& I. M.E.F., but the procedure which applied prior to the above-mentioned withdrawal, was, as far as Army was concerned, for all casualties of a fatal nature, together with complete details of personnel reported "Missing", "Missing believed deceased", and "Missing believed P.O.W.", to be forwarded to A.D.G.R.& I. M.E.F. by 02E (Aust) H.Q. Attached to A.D.G.R.& I. M.E.F. and forming part of this organization were two O.Rs. of 1 Aust. G.R. Unit which comprised the Australian section for the purpose of recording all Australian casualties.

The method by which information was passed to A.D.G.R.& I. M.E.F. by 02E (Aust) H.Q., was by casualty lists, but evidence is to hand which indicates that such details as the correct spelling of names, correct ages, and to a greater extent, correct ranks, were not absolutely accurate, and therefore created inaccuracies in the records of A.D.G.R.& I. M.E.F. In addition to this, it would appear that the records at A.D.G.R.& I. were just as subject to inaccuracies as elsewhere, due to the human element.

For this reason, it was arranged that a complete check of Australian Army casualties recorded by A.D.G.R.& I. should be made against basic documents at 02E (Aust. H.Q., but this check was not carried out owing to the withdrawal of Australian troops from M.E.

In addition to the inaccuracies referred to above, it has been found that quite a considerable number of Australian soldiers enlisted under wrong or incomplete names or wrong ages. This information is not available from Army Records, but in the circularisation of next of kin for verification of particulars, correct information was obtained by this Directorate.

As it is the desire of all Service Departments that only true and correct facts are recorded, a card index check has

been made of all Australian fatal casualties in the M.E., together with those reported "Missing", "Missing believed deceased", "Missing believed P.O.W.", and from this information a complete lexicographical index has been prepared in duplicate. Both copies will accompany you to the M.E. The information contained in these indexes regarding name in full, number, rank, age, religion, date of death, and unit, will be regarded as final and authentic. Should it come to notice in any isolated case that a correction to these details is necessary, such information and documents will be forwarded to you by this Directorate. It is not anticipated, however, that such will be the case. It will be noted that, regarding ranks, the acting or temporary rank has been deleted. This is in accordance with the practice now adopted whereby acting or temporary rank will be automatically confirmed to substantive rank after the deceased has met his death as a result of enemy action. All existing inscriptions on temporary memorials will be amended where necessary to conform to this decision and temporary memorials erected in future will be inscribed accordingly.

The lexicographical index referred to above have been subdivided into burials in cemeteries, isolated sites where identification has been established and where no identification have been obtained, burials at sea, and deaths but where no information is available regarding burial. In addition to these indexes, details of all service personnel reported "Missing", "Missing believed deceased" and "Missing, believed P.O.W." are included in separate lists.

Information received to Australia regarding graves in the M.E. is, to a certain extent, very vague, and in some cases conflicting in that different reports have been received regarding the same personnel. It has also been found that deaths recorded as having taken place in the M.E. have not so occurred and alleged deceased personnel are at present serving in Australia, have been discharged from the forces, or have died in circumstances other than those recorded. It will therefore be necessary for a very close liaison to be maintained with A.I.F. H.Q. M.E. to ensure that the records maintained by him, copies of which are forwarded to War Office and Imperial War Graves Commission, are in accordance with those held in Australia. No alteration of personal particulars or date of death will be made to those detailed in the records which will accompany you to the M.E. without prior reference to, or on instruction from this H.Q.

In order that the records both in the M.E. and in Australia should be verified as being correct, action will be taken to effect a physical check of Australian dead in all established cemeteries in the M.E. theatre on a nominal roll by cemeteries detailing correct burial information will be forwarded to A.I.F. H.Q. M.E. The manner by which it is suggested that this check should be carried out is detailed under that section of this memorandum dealing with the employment of G.R. Units.

Owing to the fact that verified personal particulars of deaths of members of the A.I.F. or A.A.M.C. which may occur in the Middle East theatre after the date of completion of the records which will be in the possession of A.I.F. H.Q. M.E. on his departure from Australia will not be available to A.I.F. H.Q. M.E. action will be taken by this Directorate to forward such particulars to the Middle East in the form of weekly returns.

A considerable number of inscriptions of Australian war graves in the M.E. have been received in Australia, but because of inaccuracies in initial signatures, unintelligible words, scratched inscriptions, over expansion, or other reasons, almost 50 per cent are unsuitable for transmission to next of kin. It is therefore necessary that these photographs be re-taken and to enable this to be done, it will be required to be notified, the

lexicographical indexes have been marked accordingly with a stamp reading "[illegible]". In addition, many photographs have not yet been received in Australia, and in order that you may have information regarding the full position of photographs required, lexos have been marked with a stamp reading "PHOTO REQ'D". These details have been prepared inclusive of photographs received from M.E. under cover of A.M.L.O. monthly report for the month of December 1943.

It has been decided by the Chaplain Generals of all denominations that it is most desirable that the religion of the deceased should appear on the cross. It is requested that action be taken to add the religion to the inscription appearing on existing crosses as opportunity offers, but it will not be necessary for new photographs to be taken for this reason alone. Inscriptions on new crosses should include religion.

Composition of photographs and style of printing to be used for inscriptions are detailed in "Technical instructions to Graves Regn. Units in operational areas", a copy of which is in your possession. It is directed that these instructions be adopted as a standard for both photographic quality and inscriptions.

Photographic supplies All G.R. Units proceeding to M.E. have been fully equipped with photographic equipment and supplies as far as has been possible. One or two minor items have been unprocurable but these are not essential in the work of G.R. Units and it is considered will not in any way cause inconvenience or retard their operations.

Expendable stores such as developer, films, paper etc., have been issued to units on a basis of a three months supply. In addition to this, a reserve supply of expendable stores has been issued to H.Q. A.I.F.(M.E.) and will proceed to the M.E. with them. Careful investigation has been made into the photographic requirements of the A.I.F. in the M.E. and more than sufficient to complete the work will therefore be in their possession.

It is suggested that on arrival in M.E. all expendable stores with the exception of those required for immediate use, should be withdrawn from G.R. Units, and held as a bulk reserve stock by D.A.D.G.R.U. It will be necessary for arrangements to be made for all photographic reserve stock to be stored in some cool, dry, basement or cellar, and in the issue of films to units those marked "Good till 1944" will be issued before any marked "Good till 1945". Units will requisition on D.A.D.G.R. for further supplies of photographic expendable stores. A complete stock accounting system will be kept of all reserve stock held by A.I.F. G.R.

CONTROL AND EMPLOYMENT OF G.R. UNITS IN THE M.E.

D.A.D.G.R. will supervise and control all Graves Registration Units in the M.E. theatre. In the employment of G.R. Units it is requested that 20 G.R. Unit should be employed on the correction of inscriptions, photographing, correcting final check, and preparing complete nominal rolls of all Australian war graves in established cemeteries in the M.E.

21 G.R.U. and 22 G.R.U. will be employed in co-operation with A.I.G.R.S. M.E. in the registration of field burials and the concentration of such graves into war cemeteries as directed by A.I.G.R.S. M.E.F.

Detailed instructions governing the exact method by which G.R. Units will carry out their duties cannot be issued by this H.Q. but must be formulated in consultation with A.I.G.R.S. M.E.F.

All G.R. Units will submit weekly reports of progress to D.A.D.G.R. who will consolidate such information as is contained therein into monthly reports which he will supplement by any additional information which may be available to him, and forward to [illegible]

REPORTS TO BE FURNISHED TO D.G.R., L.H.Q.

A monthly report will be forwarded to D.G.R. L.H.Q. setting out the progress of all G.R. Units, information regarding burials, reburials, registration of isolated graves and their concentration into a war cemetery, together with a resume of the general position regarding Australian war graves in the M.E. theatre.

AREAS FOR WHICH A.A.G.S.(M.E) WILL BE RESPONSIBLE

The area for which the A.A.G.S. in the M.E. will be responsible and for which they will assist in the location, registration and concentration of Australian war graves, securing of information regarding burial, and its transmission to Australia and securing of photographs, will comprise the whole of the Mediterranean theatre of war including, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Malta, Sicily, Italy, Greece, Crete, Salonika, Syria, Palestine, Transjordan, Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Aden Protectorate, Eritrea, British Somaliland, French Somaliland, and Anglo Egyptian Sudan.

SUMMARY OF INSTRUCTIONS TO A.A.G.S. (M.E.)

H.Q. A.A.G.S.(M.E.) will be responsible for:-

1. the supervision and control of all Australian Graves Registration Units in the Middle East.

2. the compilation of complete and accurate records of all Australian deaths and burials in the Middle East, including those reported "Presumed deceased".

3. the maintenance of complete records of all Australian personnel reported "Missing", "Missing believed deceased", "Missing believed P.O.W."

4. securing and recording all possible information to determine the fate of those personnel detailed in sub para 3 above.

5. by co-operation with A.D.G.R.&I. M.E., L.H.Q., the securing of all information regarding burials or reburials of all deceased members of the Australian Services.

6. transmission to D.G.R. L.H.Q., in the form of monthly reports, all information regarding burials or reburials and registration (location) of graves of members of the Australian Services.

7. by co-operation with A.D.G.R.&I. M.E. H.Q., the employment of Australian G.R. Units in the Registration of graves and their concentration into war cemeteries as directed by A.D.G.R.&I. M.E.F.

8. ensuring that all known Australian war graves are correctly marked and that memorial symbols erected thereon are correctly inscribed.

9. securing photographs of all Australian war graves in the M.E. and the transmission of two negatives and one contact print of each photograph to D.G.R. L.H.Q. In order to eliminate possibility of loss by accident or enemy action, one negative will be despatched by separate post one week after the despatch of the other negative and the contact print.

10. Forwarding monthly to D.G.R. L.H.Q. Australia, a report of progress of all G.R. Units together with a resume of the general position regarding Australia's war graves in the M.E.

A copy of a memorandum forwarded to A.D.L.S. G.H.Q. M.E.F. is enclosed herewith for your information.

Major.
D.G.R.

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Unit DIRECTORATE GRAVES REGISTRAT *Date and Time.—From* 1st Feb.1944 *To* 8th Feb.1944 incl.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	1.2.44		INSPECTION OF D.G.R. Major General C.E.M. Lloyd, O.B.E., Adjutant General, made an official inspection of the Directorate of Graves Registration.	
	2.2.44		FUNERALS & GRAVES OF DECEASED AUST. P.O.W. IN GERMANY. The following extract from a report on interrogation of repatriated A.I.F. P.O.W. has been received:- "Without exception the repatriatees have spoken favourably of the honourable burials given to British P.W. who have died. The following description is typical of conditions in Bavaria: Three British P.W. are buried in the local cemetery. Each was given a military funeral and the coffin was draped with the Union Jack. The villagers met the hearse at the village church and attended the funeral. The R.C. priest in the village attended even Protestant funerals with other villagers. Thereafter, the villagers maintained the graves in excellent condition. On out walks outside the camp we occasionally placed flowers on the graves, but it was seldom necessary because the villagers appeared to attend to this."	
	3.2.44		Nil. Nil.	
	4.2.44		PROMOTION - VX13935. Major A.E. BROWN. Advice received from the Min. Sec. Branch of the above officer's promotion to Lieut. Colonel in the appointment of D.G.R., L.H.Q.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE.	4.2.44		TRAVEL OF N.O.K. TO SERVICE FUNERALS.	
			~~D.G.R.~~ Conference called by the Dept. of Defence, Treasury Division, for the purpose of discussing the present limitation of travel on the attendance of N.O.K. at Service Funerals.	
			The conference decided to recommend that travel, not exceeding 24 hours, to afford N.O.K. an opportunity to attend Service Funerals would, in future, be permitted subject to official concurrence by all Service Departments.	
			~~D.G.R. informed the conference that he did not agree with~~ this suggestion as he considered that the administration of such a decision would be most difficult and would lead to considerable confusion.	
	5,6,7/2/44		Nil.	

H C Brown. Lt.Col.
DIRECTORATE OF GRAVES REGISTRATION.

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	8.2.44		BURIAL PARTICULARS OF AUSTRALIAN PERSONNEL IN SOUTH AFRICA Memo to D.A.D.G.R. & E., Pretoria, South Africa on 5 Feb 44 forwarding list showing correct details and requesting that temporary memorials be adjusted and photographs re-taken. ~~It is also asked that a negative and one copy of each~~ photograph be supplied to this Directorate in future.	12255
	9.2.44		DECEASED BRITISH PERSONNEL BURIED IN AUSTRALIA= Letter to Imperial War Graves Commission forwarding a ~~complete list of deaths and burials of all British personnel~~ recorded at D.G.R. as at 31 Jan 44 and requesting that ~~outstanding details be supplied.~~ Memo to Aust. Army Representative, London, in reply to his letter, 21 Dec 43, explaining in detail the position regarding records of R.N., R.A.F., British Army and British Mercantile Marine personnel buried in Australia and supplying particulars of Army personnel whose deaths occurred here. TOUR OF GIPPSLAND WAR AND CIVIL CEMETERIES ~~Mjr. J. H. Chapman, A.D.G.R.(2), in company with A/S.O.G.R.~~ H.Q. Vic. L of C Area, visited cemeteries in the above district from the 7 - 9 Feb 44. Detailed report submitted to D.G.R. indicated that, in all cases, cemeteries were in a very neglected condition owing to manpower, but all war cemeteries ~~have been well maintained.~~ In many instances, however, temporary crosses have not ~~yet been erected and this has been noted by S.O. for immediate~~ action. Matters requiring attention were referred to the proper authorities wherever possible with a view to the improvement of cemeteries generally.	12358
	10, 11, 12, 13/2/44		Nil.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	14.2.44		TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION NO. 1 - PHOTOGRAPHY Memo to all D.A.Ds.G.R and S.Os.G.R. except New Guinea forwarding technical details relating to photography for the guidance of Unit Commanders and Unit Photographers, and advising that, in future, all photographs and inscriptions will comply with these instructions in order that a standard may be obtained.	12405
15th Feb. 1944			H.C. Brown Lt.-Col. DIRECTORATE OF GRAVES REGISTRATION	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	15, 16, 17, 18/2/44		Nil.	
	19/2/44		VISIT OF D.G.R. TO W.A. Lt. Col. A. E. BROWN left for visit to W.A. L of C Area.	
	21/2/44		Nil.	
			C. V. Wake 3/4 for Lt.-Col. DIRECTORATE OF GRAVES REGISTRATION	
22.2.44				

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	22 - 28/2/44		NIL.	
29.2.44				

H.C. Chapman Major
for Lt.-Col.,
DIRECTORATE OF GRAVES REGISTRATION

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Unit DIRECTORATE GRAVES REGN. *Date and Time.—From* 1st March *To* 7th March 1944, incl.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	1.3.44		Promotion VX 20272 Capt. L.C. Saunders	26686
			Approval given for the above officer's promotion to T/Major in the appointment of D.A.D.G.R. H.Q. O'ld. L of C Area, to date 22nd February 1944.	
	2.3.44		Nil.	
	3.3.44		Visit by D.G.R. to W.A. L of C Area	
			Lt.Col. A.E. Brown visited above area and inspected war cemeteries in various parts of Western Australia, which were found to have been well maintained, particularly at Karrakatta War Cemetery where considerable progress has been made.	
			Reorganisation Scheme was reviewed and consideration given to the disbandment of No.14 G.R. Unit in W.A. and the question of adopting a Scheme whereby General Maintenance Details perform all necessary work in connection with the Graves Service in place of G.R. Units taken into consideration	
			The question of Registration of Deaths on War Service was also fully discussed with Government authorities and agreement reached as to particulars supplied by this Directorate to the Registrar of Deaths, W.A.	
	4,5,6,7/3/44		Nil	

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Unit DIRECTORATE OF GRAVES REGN. Date and Time.—From 8 March 44 To 14 March 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	8.3.44		353286 Section Officer G. M. SINCLAIR (W.A.A.A.F.) This officer reported to Casualty Section, R.A.A.F., for re-allotment on 8.3.44. It is not intended to replace her.	
	9.3.44		CONCRETE COVERS FOR WAR GRAVES Memo to all D.A.Ds. and S.Os. with the exception of N.G., forwarding blue print of standard concrete covers for war graves in civil cemeteries. These will be constructed in order to obviate the necessity for regular maintenance.	13006
	10.3.44		Nil.	
	11.3.44		INSCRIPTIONS ON TEMPORARY MEMORIALS Memo to all D.A.Ds. and S.Os. advising that the alteration of inscriptions at present marked A.I.F., to show unit designation, is a matter of urgency.	13037
			27413 F/Sgt. C. DAVE. (R.A.A.F.) taken on strength This N.C.O. will assist in the supervision of the Records Section.	
	12,13,14.3.44		Nil.	
			H C Brown. Lt.Col. Director of Graves Registration	
	14.3.44			

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	15/16/3/44		Nil	
	17/3/44		IPSWICH WAR CEMETERY Memo from D.A.D. Q'ld L of C Area enclosing letter from Ipswich General Cemetery Trust wherein it was advised that the Trustees had agreed to increase the size of the reservation for the War Cemetery to 800feet square, terms and conditions ~~to be mutually agreed upon.~~	
	18/3/44		MARKING OF GRAVES Memo to all L of C Areas advising the correct method of inscribing memorials over the graves of members of philanthropic associations (Y.M.C.A., Salvation Army, etc.) attached to H.Q. of Formations.	13193
			Example: S.A. Dpty. Comt. (SA) W. B. TIBBS, attd. H.Q. 2 Aust. Corps. 19.12.43	
	19/20/21/3/44		Nil.	
22.3.44			Lt.-Col. Director of Graves Registration.	

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Unit DIRECTORATE OF GRAVES REGISTRATION Date and Time.—From 22 March 44 To 28 March 1944

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	22,23.3.44		Nil	
	24.3.44		~~QF 14174 Lieut. K.J.B. Skilner, A.W.A.S. taken on strength~~	
	25.3.44		Finance Branch. Minute to Finance Branch forwarding schedule showing the estimated expenditure under Division 79 - War Graves, for the year 1944-45.	
			Registration of Deaths on War Service. Memo to all areas ~~excepting New Guinea, directing that where a "Medical Certificate~~ of the Cause of Death" is issued by the M.O. who attended the deceased, such certificate be forwarded to this H.Q.	GR 13382
	26.3.44		Nil	
	27.3.44		Inscriptions on Temporary Memorials. Memo to all areas requesting that photographs be taken of temporary memorials after amendments from A.H.F. to unit designations have been made.	GR 13388
			Revised Instructions for Graves Maintenance Details. Memos to all areas requesting that a closer check be maintained on the work carried out by Graves Maintenance Details in an endeavour increase the number of graves maintained.	GR 13389
	28.3.44		Nil.	

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Unit D/TRATE OF GRAVES REGISTRATION Date and Time.—From 29th March To 4th April, 1944 incl.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	29.3.44		MARKING OF GRAVES Instructions issued that the letters "A.I.F." shall appear in all inscriptions on temporary memorials erected over graves of deceased members of A.I.F., though in forward areas unit designations will be omitted for security reasons, and notice to be erected at all cemeteries regarding temporary inscriptions on cross.	
	30.3.44		CIVIL REGISTRATION OF DEATHS ON WAR SERVICE Memo to all State Registrars advising that all deaths of Service personnel will be notified direct by this H.Q.	
	31.3.44		Nil	
	1.4.44		VISIT OF D.G.R. TO N.G. Lt. Col. A.E. BROWN departed for visit to N.G.	
	2.3.4.4.44		Nil	
5.4.44			J. H. Chapman Lt.-Col. Director of Graves Registration	

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Unit D/TRATE GRAVES REGISTRATION *Date and Time.—From* 5th April 1944 *To* 11th April, 1944 incl.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	5 - 11/4/44		NIL	
12.4.44			J.H. Chapman Maj. for Lt.-Col. DIRECTORATE OF GRAVES REGISTRATION	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	12, 13 14.4.44		Mil PROMOTION - T 261205 Lieut. N.E. GILBERT	
			Advice received from the Mil. Sec. Branch of the above officer's promotion to T/Capt. in the appointment of S/Capt.	
	15, 16 17.4.44		Mil RETURN OF D.A.A.G. TRG. VISIT TO NEW GUINEA. Lt.Col. Brown returned from tour of duty in New Guinea.	
	18.4.44		Mil	
	18.4.44		Lt.Col. D. A. G.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	19 - 25th Apr. 44		Nil	
26.4.44			Lt. Col., DIRECTORATE GRAVES REGISTRATION	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	26/4 - 3/5/44		Nil	
	4.5.44		H.H. Graves. Lt.-Col. DIRECTORATE GRAVES REGISTRATION	

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Unit D/TRATE GRAVES REGISTRATION. *Date and Time.—From* 3rd MAY, 1944 *To* 9th MAY, 1944

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	3,4,5,6,7.5.44		Nil	
	8 and 9.5.44		First two days of a three day Conference at D.G.R., L.H.Q. of all Staff Officers and D.A.D.'s with the exception of New Guinea and N. Territory.	
			H.C. Bowen. Lt-Col DIRECTORATE OF GRAVES REGISTRATION.	
	9.5.44.			

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Unit D/DIRATE OF GRAVES REGISTRATION *Date and Time.—From* 10th May 44 *To* 16th May 44. incl.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	10.5.44		Conclusion of three day Conference at D.G.R., L.H.Q. of all Staff Officers and D.A.D's with the exception of New Guinea and N. Territory.	
	11-16 May		NIL	
	16.5.44		H.C. Johnson Lt.-Col. DIRECTORATE OF GRAVES REGISTRATION	

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Unit D/TRATE GRAVES REGISTRATION *Date and Time.—From* 17TH MAY, 44 *To* 23RD MAY, 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	17/5 - 23/5/44		Nil	
	23.5.44			

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Unit D½RATE OF GRAVES REGN. *Date and Time.—From* 24 May 44 *To* 30 May 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	24-30 incl.		=Nil.	
	30 May 44			

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Unit DIRECTORATE OF GRAVES REGN. *Date and Time.—From* 31 May 44 *To* 6 June 44.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	30 May -			
	6 Jun. incl		NIL.	
10.6.44.			H.C. Brown. Lt.Col. DIRECTORATE GRAVES REGISTRATION.	

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Unit D/TR.TE GR.VES REGIST.TION *Date and Time.—From* 7 June 44 *To* 13 June 44 incl.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	7 June -			
	13 Jun. incl.		NIL	
13.6.44			H C Brower Lt.-Col. DIRECTORATE OF GRAVES REGISTRATION.	

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Unit DIRECTORATE OF GRAVES REGISTRATION *Date and Time.—From* 14th June 1944 *To* 20th June 1944 incl.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	14 - 20th June incl.		NIL	
20.6.44			J.H. Chapman Maj for Lt.-Col. DIRECTOR OF GRAVES REGISTRATION.	

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Unit D/TR.TE OF W.R GR.VES SERVICES *Date and Time.—From* 21st June 1944 *To* 27th June, 1944.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	21 Jun 44		Lt.-Col. Brown returned from tour of duty to NSW L of C Area	
	22 " "		Change of name to DIRECTOR.TE OF W.R GR.VES SERVICES	
	23 - 27 Jun		NIL	
	27.6.44		W.C. Brown Lt.-Col., Director of War Graves Services.	

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Unit D/TRATE OF WAR GRAVES SERVICE *Date and Time.—From* 28th June 44 *To* 4th July 44 incl.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	28, 29, 30			
	June, 1July		Nil	
	2 July		Major Chapman commenced tour of inspection in Queensland.	
	3-4 July		Nil.	

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Unit D/trate of War Graves Service *Date and Time.—From* 5th July 44 *To* 11th July, 44 incl.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	5 - 11 July		NIL	
12.7.44			H C Brown. Lt.-Col DIRECTOR OF WAR GRAVES SERVICES.	

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Unit D/trate of War Graves Service *Date and Time.—From* 12th July 44 *To* 18th July, 1944. inel.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	12-18 Jly		NIL.	
	18.7.44		H.A. Lowen. Lt.-Col., Director of War Graves Services.	

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Unit D/STATE OF WAR GRAVES SERVICE Date and Time.—From 19th July 44 To 25th July 44 incl.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	19 - 25 th July		NIL	
25.7.44			B C Brown Lt.-Col., Director of War Graves Services.	

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Unit D/TRATE OF WAR GRAVES SERVICES *Date and Time.—From* 26th July 1944 *To* 1st August 1944 incl.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	26 July -			
	1 Aug. 44		NIL	
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Unit D/TRATE OF WAR GRAVES SERVICE *Date and Time.—From* 2. Aug. 1944 *To* 8 Aug. 1944

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	2. to 7			
	Aug.		NIL	
	8 Aug		A.D.W.G.S. returned from tour of duty in Queensland	
	12.8.44		H.C. Brown Lt.-Col., Director of War Graves Services.	

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Unit D/TRATE OF WAR GRAVES SERVICES *Date and Time.—From* 9 Aug 44 *To* 15 Aug 44.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	9 - 15			
	Aug		NIL	
	15.8.44		Director of War Graves Services. Lt.-Col.,	

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Unit D/TRATE OF WAR GRAVES SERVICES *Date and Time.—From* 16 Aug - *To* 22nd Aug. 44 incl.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	16 - 22 Aug 44		NIL	
	24.8.44		H.K. Brown - Lt.-Col., Director of War Graves Services.	

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Unit DIRECTORATE OF WAR GRAVES *Date and Time.—From* 23rd August 44 *To* 29 August 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	25-29 Aug 44		NIL	
	30 Aug 44			

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Unit D/TRATE OF WAR GRAVES SERVICE *Date and Time.—From* 30 Aug 44 *To* 5 Sep 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	30 Aug 44 to 5 Sep 44		NIL.	
		5 Sep 44		

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Unit D/TRATE OF WAR GRAVES SERVICES *Date and Time.—From* 6 Sep 44 *To* 12 Sep 44.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	6 - 12 Sep	44	NIL	
	12.9.44		Director of War Graves Services. Lt.-Col.,	

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Unit DIRECTORATE OF WAR GRAVES SERVICES. Date and Time.—From 13/9/44 To 19/9/44 Inclusive

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	13 to18/9/44		NIL	
	19/9/44		Lt. K.J.B. SKINNER MARCHED OUT FROM the appointment of Staff Captain, Directorate of War Graves Services, A.G. Branch LHQ to be attached to "A" Branch, HQ Vic L of C Area.	
	22 Sep 44		H.C. Brown. Lt.Col., Director of War Graves Services.	

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Unit D/trate of War Graves Services *Date and Time.—From* 26 Sep 44 *To* 26 Sep 44 incl.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE			WAU WAR CEMETERY. After careful consideration Adj. General decided to close Wau War Cemetery and transfer graves to LAE War Cemetery where provision has already been made in the layout of the Cemetery for their reception.	131526
			NX147870, CAPTAIN N. M. NEIVILLE. Assumed duties as D.A.D. W.G.S. H.Q. N. G. Force vice VX117097, Major H. C. A. McCann who has been posted to D.W.G.S., L.H.Q. supernumerary to W.E. pending re-allotment.	
			NX148712, MAJOR W. T. J. GLOVER. Transferred to the R.S.L. (Medical) and his duties as D.A.D.W.G.S. H.Q. N.S.W. L of C Area taken over by N429395, CAPTAIN C. J. L. WEST.	
			VX148177, CAPTAIN E. J. RYAN. Has been appointed S.O. W.G.S. H.Q. Vic L of C Area to fill the vacancy created by the transfer of Capt. West to N.S.W. L of C Area.	
			W242810, CAPTAIN W. F. O'MEARA, S.O. N. T. Force, has made application for release from the Army on the grounds of age and medical classification. The application for release will be approved immediately a successor is available. Action is being taken at present to locate a suitable replacement.	
			WAR GRAVES UNITS. The provision of Order of Battle for War Graves Units in New Guinea, New Britain and Solomon Islands Areas in the opinion of both D.W.G.S. and D.A.D.W.G.S., H.Q. N.G. Force is inadequate. A Minute in this regard will be addressed to D.A.G.	
27.9.44			H.C. Brown - Lt.-Col., Director of War Graves Services.	

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Unit D/trate of War Graves Serbice *Date and Time.—From* 27 Sep 1944 *To* 3rd Oct 44 incl.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	30 Sep 44		Lt. Col. A. E. Brown commenced a tour of inspection of the Western Command.	
			DISBANDMENT Landforces SE 9836, 17 AWGU - Unit now held Brisbane under H.Q. Queensland L of C Area for disbandment.	SD 3664
			WAU WAR CEMETERY N.G. Force S 102 Confidential submits reasons why War Cemetery should remain at Wau.	
	6.10.44		J.H. Chapman Maj Lt.-Col., Director of War Graves Services.	

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Unit D/TRATE OF WAR GRAVES SERVICE *Date and Time.—From* 4th Oct 44 *To* 10th Oct 44 (Incl)

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	4 - 7Oct 44		Nil	
	8 Oct 44		Lt-Col A. E. Brown returns from tour of inspection of Western Command.	
	9 -10 Oct 44		Nil	
	13 Oct 44		A. E. Brown Lt-Col. Director of War Graves Services.	

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Unit D/trate War Graves Services *Date and Time.—From* 10th Oct 44 *To* 16 th Oct 44.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	10-16 Oct		NIL	
	18.10.44		H G Brown Lt.-Col., Director of War Graves Services.	

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Unit D/Grate of War Graves Service *Date and Time.—From* 18th Oct 1944 *To* 24th Oct 1944 incl.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	18 to 22 23 Oct 44		NIL V 85782, CAPT. W. S. B. NICHOLSON - A.W.G.S. to be attached to D.A.D.W.G.S. N.S.W. L of C Area for 1 month from 23 Oct. On expiration to be marched out to R.A. & G.D.D. Vic L of C Area for finalisation.	
	23 Oct 44		WAU WAR CEMETERY C-in-C directs that Wau War Cemetery be closed and graves transferred to Lae War Cemetery.	
	24 Oct 44		NIL	
	25.10.44		W C Johnson Lt.-Col., Director of War Graves Services.	

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Unit D/TRATE OF WAR GRAVES SERVICES *Date and Time.—From* 25 Oct 44 *To* 31 Oct 44 (incl)

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Melbourne	25 Oct 44		The Dept of Defence has under consideration a proposal which will affect the future control all war cemeteries. As the Dept.of Defence is the responsible authority for formulation of policy in respect of war graves & war cemeteries, it is not intended that any major works in connection with the development of war cemeteries shall be undertaken until such time as finality is reached regarding the abovementioned proposal.	147487
	26 - 29 Oct 44		NIL	
			NX 11804 Lt. G. E. Wickham. In accordance with the approval of C in C that 4 officers, Lieuts. or Captains, should be attached to the A.T.G.S. supernumerary to W.E for the purpose of training, the abovementioned officer was posted to this Directorate.	19197
	30 Oct 44		C-in-C has directed the addition to W.E. H.Q. 1 Aust Corps of WAR GRAVES Deputy Assistant Director W.G.S. (Major) 1 Staff Sergeant 1 Corporal 1	D of Ops. Ref 4101.
	31 Oct 44		NIL	

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Unit D/TRATE OF WAR GRAVES SERVICE *Date and Time.—From* 1 Nov 44 *To* 7 Nov 44.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
~~MELBOURNE~~	30 Oct - 1 Nov 44		~~Lt. Col. A. E. Brown visited Cowra in connection with the~~ Coronial Inquest on deceased Japanese P.O.W.	
	2 - 7 Nov		NIL	
	7.11.44		A E Brown Lt.-Col., Director of War Graves Services.	

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Unit D/TRATE OF WAR GRAVES SERVICES *Date and Time.—From* 8th Nov 44 *To* 15th Nov 44.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	9/11/44		VX20436 Capt. H.S.LINGARD Change of posting from O.C. 16 Aust W.G. Unit to O.C. 18 Aust W.G. Unit (AIF).	
			VX38920 Lt. J.Jarvie Change of posting from MYK. Aust W.G. Maint Unit, Q'land, to O.C. 16 Aust W.G. Unit (AIF)	
			NX 7196 Lt. E. PRESTON Change of Posting from Aust W.G. Maint Unit Vic., to 19 Aust W.G. Unit (AIF) Supernumerary to W.E.	
			VX 101968 Lt. M. D. Henry In accordance with the approval of C in C, the abovementioned officer was posted to this Directorate, supernumerary to W.E., for the purpose of training.	
			VX12695 Capt. R. G. Webb Change of Posting from OC 24 Aust W.G. Unit to OC 20 Aust W.G. Unit.	
	11/11/44		V 85782 Capt. W.R.B. Nicholson approval received for attachment of this officer to Aust W G Service N.S.W. until Nov 30 1944.	
	15 Nov 44		Lt-Col. Director of War Graves Services	

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Unit D/TRATE OF WAR GRAVES SERVICES *Date and Time.—From* 15 NOV 44 *To* 21 NOV 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	21 Nov 44		Lt-Col. A. E. BROWN departed for the MIDDLE EAST.	
			S/Ldr. A. P. Watson and Major J. V. Chapman assumed joint	
			control of the D.W.G.S. during the absence of Lt-Col. Brown.	
			A.P. Watson S/L Lt-Col.	
			Director of War Graves Services.	
	21 Nov 44.			

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Unit D/TRATE EQ WAR GRAVES SERVICES Date and Time.—From 21 Nov 44 To 28 Nov 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	23.11.44		NX 112045 Lt. C. H. WICKHAM.	
			Change of posting from attached D.W.G.S. L.H.Q. to O.C. 24 Aust W.G. Unit.	
			J.H. Chapman Lt-Col. Director of War Graves Services	
	28 Nov 44			

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Unit D/Trate of War Graves Services *Date and Time.—From* 29 Nov 44 *To* 5 Dec 44 incl.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	29 Nov -			
	1 Dec		NIL	
	2 Dec		VX 114226 Lt. D. K. HANSON. In accordance with the approval of the C in C that 4 officers, Lts. or Capts., should be attached to the A.W.G.S., supernumerary to W.E., for the purpose of training, the abovementioned officer was posted to this Directorate.	
	2 Dec		V 85782, Capt. W. R. B. NICHOLSON The placement of this officer on the Retired List with honorary rank of Major has been approved for Order in Council. Capt. Nicholson is placed on the R.S.L. to date 29/11/44.	
	3, 4, ~~5 Dec.~~		NIL	
			J. C. Chapman Major Lt.-Col. A.A.D. Director of War Graves Services.	
	5.12.44			

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Unit D/trate of War Graves Service *Date and Time.—From* ....6th December 44 *To*....12th December, 1944 incl.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	6/12/12/44		NIL	
	12.12.44		H Chapman Maj Lt.-Col., AOD Director of War Graves Services.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	13-19/12/44		NIL	
			J.B. Chapman Major Lt.-Col., A.D.	
19.12.44			Director of War Graves Services.	

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Unit D/trate of War Graves Services *Date and Time.—From* 20th December, *To* 26th December, 1944

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	20 - 26 Dec 44.		NIL	
	26.12.44		J.H. Chapman Major Lt.-Col., A.O.D. Director of War Graves Services.	

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Unit D/trate of War Graves Service *Date and Time.—From* 27th December 44 *To* 2nd January, 1945 (incl)

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	27th Dec 1944		D.W.G.S. Lt. Col. A. E. BROWN completed tour of duty in Middle East and Mediterranean Theatres on 21 Dec 44 and at the invitation of Imperial War Graves Commission, through the High Commissioner, left Cairo on 22 Dec 44 to visit London.	
			VX 117097, MAJOR H. C. A. MCCANN departed L.H.Q. 20 Dec 44 to take up duties as D.A.D.W.G.S., 1 Aust Corp.	
	2.1.45		J.H.B. Chapman Major Lt-Col., A.O.D. Director of War Graves Services.	

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