

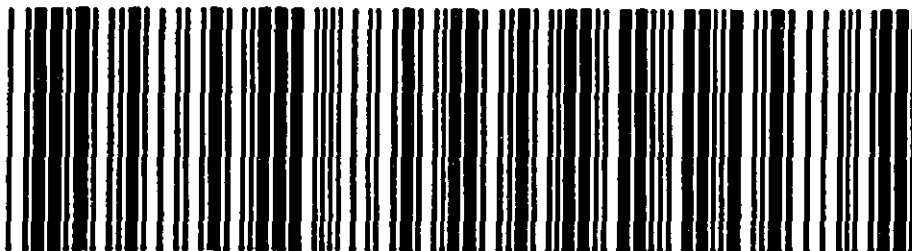
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Australian Military Forces, Army headquarters,  
formation and unit diaries, 1939-1945

**1/13/11**  
**UK UNITS**

**AIF Reception Group UK**  
**Postal Unit**

**January - March 1945, May**  
**1945**



1/13/11-002\$

A stock-take of war diaries commenced in 1956 revealed that an ORIGINAL diary covering the above period was missing. This diary, previously registered as a DUPLICATE, has therefore been re-registered as an ORIGINAL.

An entry to this effect has been made in the War Diary Register.

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# WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

1 M.F. description Sp. S. S. Postal Unit.

Unit.....

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Month and Year. JANUARY 1945.

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Commanding Officer.....

| Place     | Date  | Hour | Summary of Events and Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | References to Appendices                                                                           |
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| ELSTOURNE | 1-4   |      | Nothing special to report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                    |
|           | 5     |      | C.O. (Capt. Howell) visited London and discussed the Australian PW proposals for the treatment of PW mail when diverted from Germany and accommodation addressed PW mail for delivery to PW on their liberation to UK with British Australian Army staff, C.O., RAAF Base 80, Naval Liaison Officer and Major Director of High Command Office. It was agreed that PW proposals were adequate and that this Group's Postal unit should receive and sort all diverted PW mail and forward the portions for Army, Naval, Merchant Seaman and Civilian internees to their respective representatives. It was also agreed that a consolidated record of all Australian PW and Civilian internees should be maintained at this Group's HQ 191. Arrangements were made for PW 191 to be supplied with nominal rolls of all PW and Civilian internees. | Account copy of minutes subject to Appendix 1. Copy of minutes re subject attached as Appendix 1A. |
|           | 6     |      | Copies of Field returns 3rd and 4th Jan 45 attached as Appdx. 1B.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Appendix 1B                                                                                        |
|           | 7     |      | Nothing special to report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                    |
|           | 8     |      | S/Sgt. Johnston HQ 191 visited the War Office Home Depot, Olympia London and collected 200,000 Air Letter Forms (A.L. 33077). It was explained to him that this unit could supply all Australian Military and Merchant and Cross personnel in UK with their requirements of these forms, and that a request was required for release to A.L. 33077 on their liberation to UK.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                    |
|           | 9     |      | All Units within this Group, Merchant and Cross and Merchant Army Staff London, advised that Air Letter Form (A.L. 33077) will be supplied, in return for the receipt of their applications for monthly supplies which must be submitted to this unit not later than the 10th of each month.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                    |
|           | 10-13 |      | Nothing special to report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                    |
|           | 17    |      | Memoranda to HQ instruction were submitted to HQ for presentation in the 20's. The memoranda include particulars of the unlimited issue of Air Letter Cards (A.L. 33077) and the method of obtaining supplies from PW 191 (Party), also particulars of the (unlimited) Wireless (Australia) Ltd, Radio List Service.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                    |

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# WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Unit..... 1 AIF Reception Co. J.R. Postal Unit.

*Phillips Capt.*

Month and Year.... JANUARY 1945.

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Commanding Officer.....

| Place      | Date       | Hour | Summary of Events and Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | References to Appendices                  |
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| EASTBOURNE | 17 (contd) |      | (Floral & Book Gifts), orders for which can now be lodged with Unit Postal Orderlies or at PFO 191 for despatch to AWA, Australia House, London.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Copy of Amendments attached as App. X. 10 |
|            | 18         |      | G.C. (Capt. Lovell) visited Home Postal Centre, Nottingham in connection with the irregular treatment of mails and loose mail matter for this group. All sorting sections at the Centre were visited and it was found that the Home Postal Centre had not been correctly instructed by the British Army Postal Directorate London in respect to the treatment of mails labelled 'Australian PFO 191 United Kingdom' and loose articles addressed to the various units of the group. An examination of the location cards in the Location Section disclosed that non-existent AIF Units were recorded and that a number of AIF Units located at Eastbourne were shown as being at Australia House, London, and that the address for other units of the group was recorded as 'Essex Road Hotel, Eastbourne' instead of 'Eastbourne' or 'Australian PFO Eastbourne'. The Home Postal Centre was not aware of the existence of Australian PFO 191 Eastbourne. Sealed mails from Australia labelled 'Australian PFO 191 United Kingdom' were opened at Home Postal Centre because of some confusion with the treatment of mail for Australian Forestry units received after those units returned to Australia. The above mentioned irregularities persisted in spite of the repeated written and verbal assurances of British Army Postal Directorate that the Home Postal Centre and Civil Posts had been fully instructed in respect to the correct routing and treatment of this Group's mails and mail matter. The following action was taken by G.C., |                                           |
|            |            |      | (a) The location cards in the Home Postal Centre, Location Section, and Sorting Sections were corrected and those responsible for their maintenance suitably instructed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                           |
|            |            |      | (b) Mail Opening Sections at Home Postal Centre were instructed not to open sealed mails labelled 'Australian PFO 191 United Kingdom' and to                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                           |

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# WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Unit Reception Dep. J.I. Postal Unit.

Commanding Officer

*Howell Capt.*

Month and Year... JANUARY 1945.

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| Place      | Date       | Hour | Summary of Events and Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | References to Appendices                        |
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| EASTBOURNE | 13 (contd) |      | <p>and to despatch such mails unopened to Eastbourne.</p> <p>(c) HQ and Sorting Sections Home Postal Centre were instructed to forward all loose articles addressed to Australian Units United Kingdom, other than those definitely addressed to Australia House and Old Bailey London, to Australian FPO Eastbourne. H.P.C. agreed to make up despatches when necessary.</p> <p>(d) HQ Home Postal Centre was requested to locate and forward all Australian Letter Bills retained or disposed of by them.</p> <p>(e) Civil Postal Services Branch was informed that the agreed routing arrangements were not being complied with by the various GPO Mail sections and Post FOs, and requested to again suitably instruct the sections and Post FOs concerned.</p> <p>(f) The British Army Postal Directorate was again informed of the irregularities and requested to suitably instruct the Home Postal Centre.</p> |                                                 |
|            | 19         |      | O.C. (Capt. Howell) returned from Home Postal Centre, Nottingham.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                 |
|            | 20         |      | Nothing special to report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                 |
|            | 21         |      | 30 repatriated PWs left Group for return to Australia. Australian Civil forwarding addresses were obtained from all members of the draft.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                 |
|            | 22-29      |      | Nothing special to report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                 |
|            | 30         |      | Report forwarded to D(Post) L.E.Q. covering the misrouting of Group's mail to Home Postal Centre and proposed arrangements for the establishment of Just Army Postal Service in Middle East should the flow of repatriated PW through L.E. warrant it. Also forwarded copies of this unit's memoranda containing information for D(Post).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | (Copy of report attached as Appendix 10)        |
|            | 31         |      | As a result of O.C.'s visit to Home Postal Centre and Civil Postal Services Branch (see entry 13 Jan 1945) the treatment of mails and loose articles for this Group has improved. A few loose articles were sorted by Civil London to Home Postal Centre and promptly forwarded by 120 to Eastbourne.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | (Copies of Unit A.C.'s attached as Appendix 10) |



APPENDIX "A"

*Copy*

HQ AIF Reception Grp.U.K.

8 Jan 45.

To:- AA & CMC.,  
HQ AIF Reception Grp.U.K.

1. Further to this officer's P/3/1 of 20 Dec 44, I personally discussed the Australian PW and LHM proposed arrangements for the handling and diverted and accommodation addressed PW and civilian internee mail with the following:-

Major Radford, DAME Australian Army Staff, London.  
L/Comdr Graham, Naval Liaison Officer, London.  
Major Wheeler, High Comm's GPM Co, London.  
S/Mr. Kelly, G.C., RAAF Base F.O. London.  
Messrs. Doyle & Wallis, Postal Services Brch. G.P.O. London.

2. All proposals except those referred to in paras 4 & 5 were regarded as satisfactory. It was agreed that a consolidated record of all services PW and civilian internees should be maintained by AIF Reception Grp. Postal Unit at FPO 191 Eastbourne.

3. Nominal rolls of Naval and Merchant Seamen PW and Australian citizens known to be in enemy occupied territory in Europe have already been received and record cards prepared at FPO 191. Completed record cards for RAAF PW will be obtained on 8 Jan 45 from RAAF Base F.O. London.

4. G.C., RAAF Base F.O. stated that the accommodation address for RAAF liberated PW appearing in the proposed statement to press by RMC should be altered to read:-

(RAAF)

c/o AMSPC. DORCH. United Kingdom.

and requested that the desired alteration be mentioned in this report.

5. Attention is drawn to para 2 of P/3/1 which contains suggestions in respect to the accommodation address for AIF Liberated PW.

(Signed) R. LOWELL.

Capt.  
D.A.D. (Post)

APP'DX: 'C'

HQ AIF Reception Op. U.S.

17 Jan 45.

1A & CMO,

HQ AIF Reception Op. U.S.

The attached re Concessional Air Letter Cards  
(A.F. 75377) and Radio Gift Service is submitted for promulgation  
please.

*P. Smith*  
Capt.

D. L. De (Post)

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CONCESSIONAL AIR LETTER CARDS (A.F. 43077)

The conditions of issue and posting of concessional air letter cards (A.F. 43077) in so far as they concern Australian members of this Group are:-

- (a) The issue is confined to Australian members of the Group for posting to civilians in Australia.
- (b) There is now no limit to the number which may be posted by Australian members of the Group.
- (c) Units are required to re-estimate monthly for their requirements, such requisitions to be forwarded to HQ (Post) HQ AIF Reception Sp. U.K., not later than the 7th day of each month.
- (d) Postage stamps to the value of 3d must be affixed by senders to each concessional air letter card posted.
- (e) Completed concessional air letter cards must be handed in at Unit Orderly Rooms for entering and posting. On no account will they be posted in ordinary civil post office letter receivers.
- (f) Personnel on leave and other absent members who cannot post through army postal channels must not use concessional air letter cards but may use civil postal air letter cards (postage 3d).
- (g) Orderly rooms will lodge all concessional air letter cards daily at HQ AIF which office will despatch them under cover to:-

The Superintendent,  
Air Mail Division,  
Foreign Section. London. E.C.1.

RADIO GIFT SERVICE.

By means of International Wireless (Australia) Ltd., Gift Service, members may arrange by radiogram for the delivery of gifts of flowers or books accompanied by the senders personal greetings, to any address in Australia. The charge for each order included the cost of a radiogram (approximately 10/5d) and the catalogue price of the selected gift. Catalogues, order forms and further particulars are available at Unit Postal Orderlines' offices where orders will be accepted for transmission.

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U.S. AIR FORCE

30 January 1945.

To: Director Army Post,   
 A.D. 1940.

1. Arrangements have been made with G.I.C. Registry for the dispatch of official correspondence from this unit to you per the official air mail bag. As the weight of such dispatch is limited I am forwarding herewith only the copies of papers containing information which may be useful to you in your negotiations with U.S. and F.R.C. Regs. Other papers dealing with routine matters and technical instructions were attached to this unit's War Dispatch for the months of June to December '64, and may be available for your perusal at H.Q. I Section L.H.C.
2. A few Australian airmail parcel despatches to FPO 101 were opened and irregularly dealt with at the Home Postal Section. I personally visited all sections there and explained our requirements. Civil Postal Services Branch was requested to again correct the existing Home Mail Sections and parbns. As approximately 95% of war and surplus articles for the Group are addressed to Eastbourne and circulate to FPO 101 through civil mailbusses the position is not very serious and should be corrected by the present senior supervisor at H.Q. London and H.P.C.
3. Developments on the Eastern European front suggest the possibility of an appreciable movement of our E.E. European occupied territory to the F.R. and their subsequent repatriation to Australia from there. Should this eventuate, it may be necessary for this Unit to establish an EC at the Holding Centre. This subject was fully discussed with H.Q. and the explained that the repatriation machinery was here and that, at date, the plans for the repatriation of West F.R. were unaltered. He agreed that it would be wise to have a U.S. Postal plan ready to be put into operation at short notice.
- The proposals are:-
- (a) FPO 101 to continue to service the Group and populations located in S.E., Middle East and directed mail, despatch to H.Q., re-direction etc.,
  - (b) D.H.D.(Post) and Liaison Officer (PO) to visit the Middle East and conclude arrangements for the servicing of populations in Middle East, also to confer with the officers commanding RAF and H.Q. B. in F.O., Cairo, with the view to making use of their existing mail handling exchange facilities if considered advisable
  - (c) Establish an EC at the Middle East Holding Centre.
  - (d) Increase the strength of the Unit by the attachment of a additional F.O., preferably good types of Australian population not desirous of only return to Australia.
  - (e) Arrange for speedy communication between the Middle East FPO and FPO 101 for re-direction purposes and the exchange of normal cables (RAF and another Air Force, which assist in this matter)
  - (f) Requesting in Middle East to use a definite Middle East address which will be decided upon after consultation with West H.Q. Cairo and others in Middle East.
  - (g) Submit full particulars of the decisions reached and Middle East Postal arrangements to D(Post) H.Q.

4. I intend to visit the Postal Service Dutch Section tomorrow for the purpose of obtaining the latest information in respect to dispatches to Germany and the availability of V.H. mail being diverted. Arrangements for the handling of V.H. mail also diverted to EPO are now being fully completed.

War Diary.

Pratt

ROUTINE ORDERS. PART I.

by  
Captain H. Lovell.  
Commanding  
1 AIF Reception Group, P.M. Postal Unit.

Serial No. 1.

20 January 1945.

1. SALE OF CANTEN GOODS.

- (a) Attention is drawn to the fact that goods brought from Australia into United Kingdom for sale by Australian Army Canteens Service are admitted into United Kingdom free of Customs on the understanding that the goods are sold only to members of this Group and are not offered for resale by the purchasers.
- (b) Any resale of the goods by individual members is prohibited as this is a breach of the above agreement, and in addition constitutes a civil and military offence.

2. POSTAL - CONCESSIONAL AIR LETTER CARDS (A.F. 3377)

The conditions of issue and posting of concessional air letter cards (A.F. 3377) in so far as they concern Australian members of this Group are:-

- (a) The issue is confined to Australian members of this Group for posting to civilians in Australia.
- (b) There is no limit to the number which may be posted by Australian members of the Group.
- (c) Units are required to requisition monthly for their requirements, such requisitions to be forwarded to DAB(Post) R. AIF Reception Grp. P.M., not later than the 7th day of each month.
- (d) Postage stamps to the value of 3d must be affixed by senders to each concessional air letter card posted.
- (e) Completed concessional air letter cards must be handed in at Unit orderly rooms for censoring and posting. On no account will they be posted in ordinary civil post office letter receivers.
- (f) Personnel on leave and other absent members who cannot post through Army postal channels must not use concessional air letter cards but may use civil postal air letter cards (Postage 6d).
- (g) Orderly rooms will lodge all censored Concessional air letter cards daily at 200 1st which office will despatch them under cover to:-

The Superintendent,  
Air Mail Division,  
Foreign Section,  
London, W.C.1.

3. RADIO GIFT SERVICE.

By means of designated Wireless (Australians) Ltd. Gift Service, members may arrange by radiogram for the delivery of gifts of flowers or books accompanied by the senders personal greetings, to any address in Australia. The charge for each order includes the cost of a radiogram (approximately 10/6d) and the catalogue price of the selected gift. Catalogues, order forms and further particulars are available from Unit Postal Orderlies and will accept orders for transmission.

4. LOCAL LEAVE & REST DAYS.

- (a) An personnel absent from their billets on local leave or rest days as provided for in Sp. 12 44/1944 are liable to be apprehended by Provost personnel if not in possession of a leave pass or other certificate authorizing them to be away from their billet, a certificate in the following form has been issued to all ORs:-

No. .... (Serial) ..... Name .....  
is a member of AIF Reception Grp. P.M. and is permitted to be absent from his Unit within a radius of 25 miles of Bathurst from 1700 hrs to 2400 hrs on weekdays, from 1700 hrs on Saturdays to 0500 hrs on Sundays and from 1000 hrs to 2400 hrs on Sundays.  
Date ..... Commanding .....  
(initials)

(b)

The possession of the certificate does not give them leave automatically between the times stated but is operative only when permission to be absent from billets is approved and absence without approval constitutes being AWOL.

*Pyrell* Capt.

C.O., 1 AIF Reception Co.-U.K.  
Postal Unit.

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NOTICES.

CHURCH SERVICES - Sun. 21 Jan 45.

|           |                 |                               |
|-----------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 0900 hrs  | RC Mass         | - Oakwood Court, Polsover Rd. |
| 1000 hrs  | "               | - Room 23, Cumberland Hotel.  |
| 1000 hrs  | Com. Service.   | - St. Andrews Chapel.         |
| 1030 hrs. | Holy Communion. | - St. Andrews Chapel.         |

Transport will leave Cumberland Hotel at 0945 hrs for St. Andrews Chapel.

AIF Club.

Until further notice the AIF Club will be open on WEDNESDAY, SATURDAY, and SUNDAY nights only.

There will be dancing on these nights.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS. PART.I.

by  
Captain R. Lovell.  
Commanding -  
1 AIF Reception Group, U.K. Postal Unit.

Serial No.2.

29 January 1945.

5. DRESS - BRITISH OR'S.

- (a) As limited stocks are now available, approval is given for British ORs of this Unit to wear official pattern shirt with collar and tie in accordance with the terms of ACI 1516/44.
- (b) Separate instructions regarding the supply of shirts and ties will be issued by HQ AIF Reception Grp.U.K.
- (c) Grp. RO 81/44 is cancelled.

6. OUTBREAK OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

- (a) An outbreak of foot and mouth disease has been confirmed at the following farm:-  
12 St Anthony's Avenue, Eastbourne.  
(Sumbury Farm)
- (b) An area 2 miles in radius from the centre of the outbreak must be considered as infected, and troops will keep to the roads in this area.
- (c) All ranks will take particular care that any gates within the perimeter of the infected area are kept closed so that the outbreak may not be spread by straying cattle.

7. POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH RATES AND CONDITIONS.

"Q" Instruction No.21 is amended as follows:-

- (a) Para 2. - Amend surface mail rates for letters to Australia to read:-  
"Up to 2 ozs - Free; Over 2 ozs - first oz 2½d; each additional oz 1d; (see para 3)
- (b) Para 4 is cancelled (Grp.R.O.7/45 refers).

8. CHIROPODY TREATMENT.

The services of a chiropodist orderly are now available at MIC Kipplestone Flats. Any personnel requiring foot treatment may report on the usual sick parades.

*R. Lovell*

Capt.  
O.C., 1 AIF Reception Grp.U.K.  
Postal Unit.

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# DUPLICATE WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C. 2116.

Month and Year.... MARCH 1945.

(Delete heading not required).

Unit..... 1. AIF Reception, Sp. U.K. Postal Unit.

Commanding Officer..... *Paul cap.*

| Place      | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | References to Appendices |
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| EASTBOURNE | 1-5  |      | Nothing special to report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                          |
| "          | 6    |      | <p>C.O. (Capt. Lovell) visited London at the request of D.O.C. (Mjr. Andford) Aust Army Staff, in connection with a cable request from Australia to investigate and report on the present position in respect to the despatch of PW parcels to Germany. C.O. visited Civil Postal Services Dept. London and reported the following particulars from Mr. Seale and Mr. Wallis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Large quantities of PW parcel mails sent from U.K. are held up at Marseilles, Toulon and in Switzerland because of transport difficulties.</li> <li>(b) Approximately 3,000,000 British PW parcels are held up in U.K. (200,000 food parcels, 800,000 permit parcels, and the balance most-of-kind parcels)</li> <li>(c) Mr. Seale (Postal Services) states that Sweden will be asked by cable, if Sweden can dispose of PW parcels to Germany.</li> <li>(d) The establishment of a new direct route run between Stockholm and Copenhagen is being considered. If the service is established, priority will be given to PW parcels which it is considered will take nearly three months to clear.</li> </ul> <p>The Australian cablegram also called for a reply re the advisability of Australia routing PW parcels mails to U.K. instead of via U.S.A. The following particulars were supplied to Aust Army Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) PW parcel despatches from Australia should be labelled:-<br/>From..... (Office of Despatch)<br/>To..... (Australian P.W.)</li> <li>(b) Civil Posts have ample storage space in Glasgow but none in London.</li> <li>(c) Aust PW Parcel mails held at Glasgow will receive the same treatment as British individually addressed parcels.</li> <li>(d) If and when Aust PW parcels cannot be despatched to Germany they will be forwarded to HQ 1st Eastbourne for treatment.</li> </ul> |                          |

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## WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C. 2118.

1 AIF Reception Gr. U.K. Postal Unit.

Unit.....

Commanding Officer..... *R. Powell Capt*

Month and Year.... MARCH 1945.

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| Place      | Date  | Hour | Summary of Events and Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | References to Appendices |
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| EASTBOURNE | 6     |      | (c) There is ample storage space and facilities at FPO 131 for the handling of diverted P.W. parcel mails. Portions for other Australian Services will be despatched to them immediately after certification.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                          |
| "          |       |      | A cablegram advising routing of P.W. parcel mails to Glasgow and the availability of storage space for hold and diverted parcel mails was sent to Australia by Aust Army Staff on or about 6 March 45.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                          |
| "          | 7-11  |      | Nothing special to report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                          |
| "          | 12    |      | Cable & Wireless Ltd. London advised through Aust Army Staff that two new RMC Standard texts had been finally decided upon for the use of repatriated P.Ws. The texts are 193 reading 'Repatriated to England. My address is..... (Insert address after text number) and 1990 reading 'Repatriated to England my address is AIF Reception Group, Cumberland Hotel, Eastbourne, Sussex'. As the address in 1990 is incorrect, G.O. advised Aust Army Staff and Cable & Wireless Ltd. that 1990 should read 'Repatriated to England - my address is AIF Reception Group, Eastbourne, England', and that 1990 will not be used by repatriates in Eastbourne until corrected. |                          |
| "          |       |      | It was explained by G.O. that HQ Group only is located at Cumberland Hotel, and that repatriates are accommodated in buildings some distance from it. It was also explained that confusion in porting would occur if a wrong address was used. Australia intended to publish an accommodation address for repatriates which does not include Cumberland Hotel.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                          |
| "          | 13-14 |      | Nothing special to report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                          |
| "          | 15.   |      | An ample supply of P.W. and C.W. telegram forms and counter abstract forms was received from Cable & Wireless Ltd., London and issued to Unit Postal Orderlies and FPO 131.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                          |
| "          | 16.   |      | A memorandum was received from Director Army Posts, L.M. Melbourne requesting the submission of reports twice monthly.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                          |

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F.S. Regs., Vol. I. Monthly War Diaries will be enclosed in A.F. C.2118. If this is not available, and for Intelligence Summaries, the cover will be prepared in manuscript.

(3)

Army Form C. 2118.

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Unit.....1/21st Reception Co. U.I. Postal Unit.

Commanding Officer.....*Powell* Capt.

Month and Year.....MARCH 1945.

(Delete heading not required).

| Place       | Date  | Hour | Summary of Events and Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | References to Appendices                                                                                      |
|-------------|-------|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EASTBOURNE. | 16.   |      | Report No. 1 was submitted today.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Copy of report attached as Appendix 'A'                                                                       |
| "           | 17-19 |      | Nothing special to report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                               |
| "           | 20    |      | S/Sgt. Waterston NCO i/c FPO 191 commenced 3 days leave. Mr. Lloyd (British) acted as NCO i/c FPO 191 during Waterston's absence.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                               |
| "           | 21    |      | Nothing special to report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                               |
| "           | 22    |      | O.C. visited London at the telephoned request of RAF Base P.O. to examine mails from Perth. It was found that the mails contained parcels addressed to personnel of the various British Armed Services and non- for Australian personnel. These mails were returned to CPO London for despatch to correct destinations. It appears that the bags were not intended for despatch by Perth as labelled. |                                                                                                               |
| "           | 24-25 |      | Nothing special to report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                               |
| "           | 26    |      | A further report covering proposed arrangements for the dispatch of mail to our PW in M.E. re-direction requirements and the method of advising this Unit of particulars of PW arrivals and departures (PW) was submitted to AFHQ, AF Reception Group. These particulars were submitted through Regent to Aust Army Staff and submitted by Aust Army Staff to Aust. M.E.C. Cairo.                     | Copy of report attached as Appendix 'F'                                                                       |
| "           | 30    |      | Nothing special to report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                               |
| "           | 31    |      | Report No. 2 submitted to Director Army Post. I.M.S. Instructions re acceptance and treatment of French cablegrams for repatriates issued to FPO 191 and Unit Postal Ord. files.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | (Copy of report attached as Appendix 'B')<br>(Copy of French cablegram instructions attached as Appendix 'C') |
|             |       |      | The strength of the Unit remained unaltered during March.<br>Airmo logs for Mails from Aust to Group during March:-                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                               |
|             |       |      | Air Letter Cards 11 to 28 days.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | (Copies of Unit R.O.'s attached as Appendix 'D')                                                              |
|             |       |      | Airgraphs 21 to 23 "                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                               |
|             |       |      | Air Mail letters 11 to 24 "                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | (Copy of Unit Field returns attached as Appendix 'E')                                                         |
|             |       |      | Surface mail letters 7 to 8 weeks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                               |

Dr. A.P. Thompson, D.O.  
 Chiropractic. Super.

205- Director Army Corps  
of Engineers

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2. Timeline. The notification of this group's Postal Unit was registered at the bottom to Lt. Col. Mendenhall and in an official report to (S) dated 21 April 50 January 48 which was forwarded to the Army Staff. The group was mentioned in the 'Memorandum' for the day a few days after receipt of the 'Confidential' document. The change in the appointment of Director Army Postal Service. Copies of this document were made and 1.3 instructions covering Post and Telegraph regulations and recommendations applicable to the group were for analysis in the report submitted to the official report. Copies of instructions issued in Karlsruhe, on 20 and 21 April 50, were also made. Lt. Col. Mendenhall personally replied to letters from the group and to a challenge made on 21 April 50. The Major Mendenhall's reply to the group is dated 21 April 50 and is forwarded to Lt. Col. Mendenhall.

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|----------------------------------|---------|------|
| Received Submarine -             | 4 July  | 1941 |
| Received Submarine -             | 6 July  | 1941 |
| Received Submarine -             | 10 July | 1941 |
| Received Submarine -             | 30 July | 1941 |
| Received Submarine -             | 1 Aug   | 1941 |
| Received Submarine -             | 3 Aug   | 1941 |
| Received Submarine -             | 10 Aug  | 1941 |
| Received Submarine -             | 17 Aug  | 1941 |
| Received Submarine -             | 24 Aug  | 1941 |
| Received Submarine (Emergency) - | 25 Aug  | 1941 |
| Received Submarine -             | 30 Sept | 1941 |
| Received Submarine (Emergency) - | 30 Sept | 1941 |

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5. Letter Transmitted. See 2d and 3rd pages and letter on change. Below 8-17, will be  
sent by express as per order.

6. STATION STAMPS & POSTAGE. With the exception of the specially made sorting frames, all sorting frames and tags, tag rods were supplied by British Army Post. Accommodation stamps, initial rods, security frames, envelopes and the locked drawers and other items of ITD and Officer Quarters were obtained through 1st Branch. Mail enclosures, stamps, and plain, plain and letter stamp ink was supplied by Civil Post, Bathurst. 25,000 Hollerbach Cards (100 10) were drawn from Bathurst and 15,000 more of these cards, specially printed in US were obtained through Army Post, Bathurst. All rubber stamps in use at ITD 1st were obtained through Army Staff, London. Metal base stamps, metal and pressure, rubber stamping metalink pads, letter and parcel sealing (5 of each item) were ordered from Bathurst.

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His participation in this project was not being taken into account in 1960 in the Pacific and has been discussed with the FBI, the Canadian Security and the US Coast Guard. (Copy of memorandum attached).

1/8/81 (continued) re: J. G. S. - Suggests a very large interest in his work and can be relied upon to provide all required services.

The vessel known to be used in the trial was the SS. "Robert" and was divided into three sections. The first section contained the two defendants and the two witnesses and the second section contained the two witnesses and the two defendants.

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On May 1957, the first of the series of the "Survey of  
Transients in the City of New York" was conducted. The purpose of the survey was to determine the number of transients in the city and to determine the reasons for their presence in the city. The survey was conducted by the New York City Department of Social Services, and the results were published in a report titled "Survey of Transients in the City of New York, 1957". The report found that there were approximately 10,000 transients in the city at that time, and that the majority of them were women and children. The reasons for their presence in the city were varied, but the most common were poverty, lack of family support, and mental illness.

- (c) The two children mentioned, except the one to be domiciled in the Republic of China, together with the children to be registered in the Republic of China, are to be sent to the Republic of China for their education. The two children mentioned in (b) are to be domiciled in the Republic of China.

The 1st Army Postal Directorate and Division of the Department and the  
 Services (2nd) Departmental Postal Directorate at home to support all postal and financial  
 transactions. The 1st Army Postal Directorate is the Civil Service, including the 1st and 2nd.

The above meeting produced the following results: (1) General: The meeting was held on 10/10/68, 10/11/68, 10/12/68, 10/13/68, 10/14/68, 10/15/68, 10/16/68, 10/17/68, 10/18/68, 10/19/68, 10/20/68, 10/21/68, 10/22/68, 10/23/68, 10/24/68, 10/25/68, 10/26/68, 10/27/68, 10/28/68, 10/29/68, 10/30/68, 10/31/68, 11/1/68, 11/2/68, 11/3/68, 11/4/68, 11/5/68, 11/6/68, 11/7/68, 11/8/68, 11/9/68, 11/10/68, 11/11/68, 11/12/68, 11/13/68, 11/14/68, 11/15/68, 11/16/68, 11/17/68, 11/18/68, 11/19/68, 11/20/68, 11/21/68, 11/22/68, 11/23/68, 11/24/68, 11/25/68, 11/26/68, 11/27/68, 11/28/68, 11/29/68, 11/30/68, 12/1/68, 12/2/68, 12/3/68, 12/4/68, 12/5/68, 12/6/68, 12/7/68, 12/8/68, 12/9/68, 12/10/68, 12/11/68, 12/12/68, 12/13/68, 12/14/68, 12/15/68, 12/16/68, 12/17/68, 12/18/68, 12/19/68, 12/20/68, 12/21/68, 12/22/68, 12/23/68, 12/24/68, 12/25/68, 12/26/68, 12/27/68, 12/28/68, 12/29/68, 12/30/68, 12/31/68, 1/1/69, 1/2/69, 1/3/69, 1/4/69, 1/5/69, 1/6/69, 1/7/69, 1/8/69, 1/9/69, 1/10/69, 1/11/69, 1/12/69, 1/13/69, 1/14/69, 1/15/69, 1/16/69, 1/17/69, 1/18/69, 1/19/69, 1/20/69, 1/21/69, 1/22/69, 1/23/69, 1/24/69, 1/25/69, 1/26/69, 1/27/69, 1/28/69, 1/29/69, 1/30/69, 1/31/69, 2/1/69, 2/2/69, 2/3/69, 2/4/69, 2/5/69, 2/6/69, 2/7/69, 2/8/69, 2/9/69, 2/10/69, 2/11/69, 2/12/69, 2/13/69, 2/14/69, 2/15/69, 2/16/69, 2/17/69, 2/18/69, 2/19/69, 2/20/69, 2/21/69, 2/22/69, 2/23/69, 2/24/69, 2/25/69, 2/26/69, 2/27/69, 2/28/69, 2/29/69, 2/30/69, 3/1/69, 3/2/69, 3/3/69, 3/4/69, 3/5/69, 3/6/69, 3/7/69, 3/8/69, 3/9/69, 3/10/69, 3/11/69, 3/12/69, 3/13/69, 3/14/69, 3/15/69, 3/16/69, 3/17/69, 3/18/69, 3/19/69, 3/20/69, 3/21/69, 3/22/69, 3/23/69, 3/24/69, 3/25/69, 3/26/69, 3/27/69, 3/28/69, 3/29/69, 3/30/69, 3/31/69, 4/1/69, 4/2/69, 4/3/69, 4/4/69, 4/5/69, 4/6/69, 4/7/69, 4/8/69, 4/9/69, 4/10/69, 4/11/69, 4/12/69, 4/13/69, 4/14/69, 4/15/69, 4/16/69, 4/17/69, 4/18/69, 4/19/69, 4/20/69, 4/21/69, 4/22/69, 4/23/69, 4/24/69, 4/25/69, 4/26/69, 4/27/69, 4/28/69, 4/29/69, 4/30/69, 5/1/69, 5/2/69, 5/3/69, 5/4/69, 5/5/69, 5/6/69, 5/7/69, 5/8/69, 5/9/69, 5/10/69, 5/11/69, 5/12/69, 5/13/69, 5/14/69, 5/15/69, 5/16/69, 5/17/69, 5/18/69, 5/19/69, 5/20/69, 5/21/69, 5/22/69, 5/23/69, 5/24/69, 5/25/69, 5/26/69, 5/27/69, 5/28/69, 5/29/69, 5/30/69, 5/31/69, 6/1/69, 6/2/69, 6/3/69, 6/4/69, 6/5/69, 6/6/69, 6/7/69, 6/8/69, 6/9/69, 6/10/69, 6/11/69, 6/12/69, 6/13/69, 6/14/69, 6/15/69, 6/16/69, 6/17/69, 6/18/69, 6/19/69, 6/20/69, 6/21/69, 6/22/69, 6/23/69, 6/24/69, 6/25/69, 6/26/69, 6/27/69, 6/28/69, 6/29/69, 6/30/69, 7/1/69, 7/2/69, 7/3/69, 7/4/69, 7/5/69, 7/6/69, 7/7/69, 7/8/69, 7/9/69, 7/10/69, 7/11/69, 7/12/69, 7/13/69, 7/14/69, 7/15/69, 7/16/69, 7/17/69, 7/18/69, 7/19/69, 7/20/69, 7/21/69, 7/22/69, 7/23/69, 7/24/69, 7/25/69, 7/26/69, 7/27/69, 7/28/69, 7/29/69, 7/30/69, 7/31/69, 8/1/69, 8/2/69, 8/3/69, 8/4/69, 8/5/69, 8/6/69, 8/7/69, 8/8/69, 8/9/69, 8/10/69, 8/11/69, 8/12/69, 8/13/69, 8/14/69, 8/15/69, 8/16/69, 8/17/69, 8/18/69, 8/19/69, 8/20/69, 8/21/69, 8/22/69, 8/23/69, 8/24/69, 8/25/69, 8/26/69, 8/27/69, 8/28/69, 8/29/69, 8/30/69, 8/31/69, 9/1/69, 9/2/69, 9/3/69, 9/4/69, 9/5/69, 9/6/69, 9/7/69, 9/8/69, 9/9/69, 9/10/69, 9/11/69, 9/12/69, 9/13/69, 9/14/69, 9/15/69, 9/16/69, 9/17/69, 9/18/69, 9/19/69, 9/20/69, 9/21/69, 9/22/69, 9/23/69, 9/24/69, 9/25/69, 9/26/69, 9/27/69, 9/28/69, 9/29/69, 9/30/69, 10/1/69, 10/2/69, 10/3/69, 10/4/69, 10/5/69, 10/6/69, 10/7/69, 10/8/69, 10/9/69, 10/10/69, 10/11/69, 10/12/69, 10/13/69, 10/14/69, 10/15/69, 10/16/69, 10/17/69, 10/18/69, 10/19/69, 10/20/69, 10/21/69, 10/22/69, 10/23/69, 10/24/69, 10/25/69, 10/26/69, 10/27/69, 10/28/69, 10/29/69, 10/30/69, 10/31/69, 11/1/69, 11/2/69, 11/3/69, 11/4/69, 11/5/69, 11/6/69, 11/7/69, 11/8/69, 11/9/69, 11/10/69, 11/11/69, 11/12/69, 11/13/69, 11/14/69, 11/15/69, 11/16/69, 11/17/69, 11/18/69, 11/19/69, 11/20/69, 11/21/69, 11/22/69, 11/23/69, 11/24/69, 11/25/69, 11/26/69, 11/27/69, 11/28/69, 11/29/69, 11/30/69, 12/1/69, 12/2/69, 12/3/69, 12/4/69, 12/5/69, 12/6/69, 12/7/69, 12/8/69, 12/9/69, 12/10/69, 12/11/69, 12/12/69, 12/13/69, 12/14/69, 12/15/69, 12/16/69, 12/17/69, 12/18/69, 12/19/69, 12/20/69, 12/21/69, 12/22/69, 12/23/69, 12/24/69, 12/25/69, 12/26/69, 12/27/69, 12/28/69, 12/29/6

A small quantity of "United Kingdom" cigarettes were received for the Agency and a few parcels were for the 101st Air Division in order to get some medical supplies. This important shipment was transported safely by truck to the Forward Medical Center and to Special Services Branch (1) of London.

The postal address for each of the above is now 1 (Name of club or bank, address),  
and telephone 2222. (Address, in brief). This letter of demand should  
clearly state the amount of the debt and the name of the person who is  
of this is the person, should be made in duplicate.

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- (b) Civil Posts have ample storage space in Glasgow but none in London. Most PE parcels held at Glasgow will receive the same treatment as British individually addressed PE parcels.
- (c) If and when most PE parcel mails cannot be despatched to Germany they will be forwarded by Glasgow to IPS Ltd for treatment.
- (d) Large quantities of PE parcel mails must then be held up at Southampton, London and in Switzerland because of transport difficulties.
- (e) Approximately 2,000,000 British PE parcels are held up in PE (200,000,000 food parcels, 800,000 parcel parcels and the balance hand-carried parcels).
- (f) Mr. Seale (Postal Services) stated that Britain will be asked by Glasgow to London and Glasgow to PE parcel parcels to Germany.
- (g) The establishment of a Red Cross bank has been in London and Southampton is being considered. If this service is established, priority will be given to food parcels which is in consideration would then weekly 3 parcels to each.

There is ample storage space and facilities at IPS Ltd for the handling of diverted PE parcel mails. Problems for other services will be despatched to them immediately after completion.

Postal Services advised that no difficulty is being experienced in transferring PE Letter mails to Germany.

Postal Services advised in general to say that a limited number of food parcels and medical supplies for PE are possible through to Germany via the Northern route, London having agreed to share a limited quantity. They are very hopeful of the Northern Red Cross boat service being established.

17. CIVILIAN - These include the White Star with British Civil Posts, British and US Army Posts, Royal Posts and Office in Gibraltar London.

Although the possibility that an Army Postal Service may be required in the future for the benefit of all regulations in London has been discussed with the GPO and the GPO has agreed to set up a unit, which is currently represented, there is now doubt as to whether this service will be required to provide the service. The current position is that London, which is a separate Council, has requested certain conditions which does not include postal, and that a few members of this group may leave for the home on an early date.

These facts are brought under notice in order that you may be in a position to advise the GPO, and take whatever action you may deem necessary.

As previously stated, a paper relative to the subject is attached hereto.

Will you please accept this notice and my congratulations on your appointment as Director Army Postal Service. We both wish to assure you of our fullest co-operation and loyalty.

*Pynd*  
Capt.  
A.C. (Post)

C O P Y.

INWARD TELEGRAM.

EXTERNAL TO CROTONATE.

27 February 1945.

1983 Prisoners of war Parcels.  
15th February 1900.

Your telegram of

First. Consideration has been given to advisability of restricting acceptance of prisoners of war parcels addressed to camps mentioned in British Postmasters General's announcement of 16th. February. Owing to lengthy period of transit of parcel mails from Australia to Europe and changeable conditions affecting prisoners of war in German hands it is deemed desirable to continue despatch of prisoners of war parcels addressed to all German camps.

Second. Please ascertain whether British Post Office or AIF Reception Group is in a position to facilitate delivery re-despatch or handling of the parcels if future parcel mails are despatched to United Kingdom. If lack of Post Office storage referred to in your telegram 7224 of 1944 is still in evidence Australian Red Cross Society London may be in a position to assist with accommodation.

Third. Prisoners of war parcel service to Germany was resumed in January and mails are now in transit to Basle. Have you information concerning present service received by British or other prisoners of war parcels at and beyond Basle.

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*Now okay*

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART. 1.

*APPD X.D*

by,  
Captain. R. Lovell,  
Commanding

1. AIF Section Co. U.K. Postal Unit.

Serial No 4.

5 March 45.

13. EFFECT OF DESERTION ON RELEASE STATUS ( BRITISH PERSONNEL )

A soldier who deserts on or after 1 Feb 45 will, on conviction of desertion by Court Martial, or on his trial being dispensed with under Army Act Sec 73, forfeit all service prior to the date of desertion, for the purpose of release. Service so forfeited may subsequently be restored under conditions laid down in Release Regulations.

14. CIGARETTES & TOBACCO FOR AUST PERSONNEL

"a" Instructions No 23 of 2 Feb 45 is amended as follows -

Delete para 5 (x)

Substitute :

(X) Cigarettes & tobacco for Aust personnel only. 300 American Cigarettes per month at a cost of 5/6d per 100.

or. 12 X 2 oz pkts pipe tobacco  
or 400 cigarettes and 4 X 2 oz pkts pipe tobacco  
or 200 cigarettes and 6 X 2 oz pkts pipe tobacco.

Plus 100 English cigarettes at a cost of 2/7d per 40 ( 20 Players type 1/6d and 20 Hardline type 1/1d.

Total purchase for the month to be made at one time.

15. SPECIAL TINNED GOODS AVAILABLE FROM CANTERNS IN MARCH 45.

The undermentioned special tinned goods are available from Canterns during March 45.

- (a) Asparagus.
- (b) Shrimps Tongues.
- (c) Tomato Juices.
- (d) Salted Peanuts.

"a" Instruction No 20 of 2 Feb 45 refers.

16. LEAVE TO DERE AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

No leave will be approved for personnel to DERE and Northern Ireland during the period 22 Mar -- 29 inclusive.

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16. PROPHYLACTIC CENTRES.

In addition to the Prophylactic Centre notified in Group NO 56/44, a further centre has been established on the ground floor of the Medical Inspection Centre, Koppalestone Flats, Stavely Road.

An NCO will be in attendance for 24 hours each day and all personnel are advised to make use of one of these centres for prophylactic treatment.

Prophylactic Outfits may be obtained from either of the Centres.

*Paul*  
Capt.

G.O. 1 AIF Reception Grp U.K.  
Postal Unit.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS. - PART I.

by  
CAPTAIN. RUSSELL.  
Commanding

1 AIF Reception Co. U.K. POSTAL UNIT.

Serial No. 5.

10 March 45.

17. TRAINING - THE LAWS, BARNBOROUGH.

- (a) The use of The Laws, immediately S.W. of the Wick Tower on E.M.; Barnborough Parade, for tag purposes is contrary to the provisions of an agreement between the WD and the County Borough of Barnborough.
- (b) Personnel of this unit will not use the above ground for tag or organized sport.

18. BLACKOUT.

- (a) In view of the fact that the enemy has renewed air attacks with piloted aircraft on this country, special care must be taken with regard to unscreened lights.
- (b) In the majority of buildings occupied by service personnel, materials to comply with the existing dim-out regulations are not readily available and full blackout must therefore be used, not only in order to comply with the regulations but also for the safety of the occupants and others in the vicinity.
- (c) In many cases blackout screens have become very dilapidated, and it is pointed out that no matter how effectively a window may be blacked out in part, any direct light visible (with any screen) constitutes an offence.

19. ATTACHMENT OF CP & BARRACKS.

No personnel will be attached outside of the Group without prior permission from this R.O.

(Gp. R.O. 40/45)

20. AIF CLUB.

- (a) In future no male guests, either service or civilian, except members of the R.O. & R.O.F. in uniform, will be admitted to the AIF Club.
- (b) AIF Club passes invite the holder to introduce one female guest only.

21. JEWISH PASSOVER.

- (a) The Festival of Passover will be celebrated this year from Thurs. 20 Mar - Thurs. 5 Apr 45.
- (b) Personnel of the Jewish Faith should be granted leave for Passover in accordance with the terms of AGO 82/45.
- (c) Personnel who are not eligible for this leave are invited to attend Seder Night Services at 1030 hrs on 23 & 24 Mar 45 at Rochester Gardens, Brighton. In order that the necessary catering may be arranged immediate notification of the personnel who will attend should be sent direct to the Jewish Chaplain:-

The Rev Michael ELTON, CP.

15 ITC Barracks. Hailstone. Kent.

- (d) All military personnel who require special Passover food parcels should communicate with Mr. Elton as soon as possible.

*Wear Gilly*

*Russell*  
Capt.  
O.C. 1 AIF Reception Co. U.K.  
Postal Unit.

*War Day*

ROUTINE ORDER 2. PART I.

by  
CAPTAIN R. LOVELL.  
Commanding  
1 AIF Reception Op. Postal Unit.

Serial No. 6.

26 March 45.

22. LEAVE DURING HOSTILE - BRIT. REVEL INFORMATION.

The following War Office restrictions on leave and travel during the Easter holiday period 1945 apply to all personnel stationed in U.K., including British and Australian personnel of this Group.

(a) Privilege Leave.

- (i) Privilege leave involving travel between 25 Mar and 3 Apr 45 incl. will not be granted.
- (ii) To compensate for these restrictions, an additional 1/3 of British personnel may be despatched on leave on 6 and 10 Apr. 45.
- (iii) Normal (Leave Manual) conditions for British personnel will be resumed until 4 Apr, except as authorized in (a) (ii) above.

(b) Leave on short pass.

Leave journeys on short pass between 27 Mar and 3 Apr incl. will be limited to a 20 mile radius.

(c) General Instructions.

- (i) During the restricted period, possession of a leave pass will be accepted at Booking Offices as authority for travel by rail up to 20 miles at concession rates.
- (ii) Restriction does not apply to leave other than privilege leave or leave on short pass in the case of British personnel, and recreation or disembarkation leave in regard to Aust. personnel.
- (iii) Leave passes issued for compassionate, repatriation leave etc., during 25 Mar and 3 Apr 45 will be endorsed in red ink by the issuing Officer "authorised to travel by rail".

23. DRESS - BRITISH PERSONNEL.

- (a) It has been noticed that some British personnel are not wearing the Group colour patch on battle dress.
- (b) The Group colour patch will be worn on battle dress at all times.
- (c) In future, British personnel will not be admitted to the AIF Club or Courtes House unless they are wearing the colour patch of the Group.

*Phillips*  
Capt.  
C.O., 1 AIF Reception Op. Postal Unit.

NOTES.

CHURCH SERVICES - Sun. 25 Mar 45.

|           |                 |                                        |
|-----------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|
| 0800 hrs. | 20 Mass.        | - Recreation Room, St. Andrews School. |
| 1000 "    | 20 Mass.        | - Room 20. Cumberland Hotel.           |
| 1030 "    | Com. services.  | - St. Andrews Chapel.                  |
| 1030 "    | Holy Communion. | - St. Andrews Chapel.                  |

AA EDUCATION SECTION - OP. RE RECEPTION AND STENOGR.

Ref Gp. HQ circular memo 645 of 10 Nov. 44 (not to all addressees) - Educational sessions held in the Cumberland Hotel on Tuesdays & Fridays are temporarily suspended as from Tuesday 20 Mar 45.

AA EDUCATION SERVICE - GSP RE LIBRARY. - All library books borrowed from the library in the Cumberland Hotel will be returned by 1700 hrs SATURDAY 24th March 1945.

Walden

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Ref: No. 7.

SECRET

26. GENERAL

On all other days of the week, the following rules shall apply to the members of the group.

(a) Members

- (1) Members of the group shall be:
- (2) Members of the group shall be:
- (3) Members of the group shall be:
- (4) Members of the group shall be:
- (5) Members of the group shall be:

(b) Members

- (1) Members of the group shall be:
- (2) Members of the group shall be:
- (3) Members of the group shall be:
- (4) Members of the group shall be:
- (5) Members of the group shall be:

(c) Members

- (1) Members of the group shall be:
- (2) Members of the group shall be:
- (3) Members of the group shall be:
- (4) Members of the group shall be:
- (5) Members of the group shall be:

27. GENERAL

- (a) Members of the group shall be:
- (b) Members of the group shall be:
- (c) Members of the group shall be:
- (d) Members of the group shall be:
- (e) Members of the group shall be:

28. GENERAL

On all other days of the week, the following rules shall apply to the members of the group.

All clocks and watches shall be set back one hour at night 1 April 63.

On all other days of the week, the following rules shall apply to the members of the group.

(Group 2.3.4.5)



NO AIR Reception Group(U.S.)

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APPENDIX "F"

### 3.1.2.2. *Pharmaceuticals*

Source: Bureau of Economic Warfare

2. Further to this letter 2/27/78 dated 27 Feb 78 and subsequent reference to the above mentioned subject, it is recommended that every village should be able to receive such visitors as will be able to be admitted to the facilities and to be able to conduct their own business with the village and to be able to conduct their own business with the village.

For further information, please contact the following:

1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2329, 2330, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2334, 2335, 2336, 2337, 2338, 2339, 2340, 2341, 2342, 2343, 2344, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2348, 2349, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2353, 2354, 2355, 2356, 2357, 2358, 2359, 2360, 2361, 2362, 2363, 2364, 2365, 2366, 2367, 2368, 2369, 2370, 2371, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2375, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2380, 2381, 2382, 2383, 2384, 2385, 2386, 2387, 2388, 2389, 2390, 2391, 2392, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2397, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2416, 2417, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2421, 2422, 2423, 2424, 2425, 2426, 2427, 2428, 2429, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2456, 2457, 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2477, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490, 2491, 2492, 2493, 2494, 2495, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2499, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2510, 2511, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2519, 2520, 2521, 2522, 2523, 2524, 2525, 2526, 2527, 2528, 2529, 2530, 2531, 2532, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2541, 2542, 2543, 2544, 2545, 2546, 2547, 2548, 2549, 2550, 2551, 2552, 2553, 2554, 2555, 2556, 2557, 2558, 2559, 2560, 2561, 2562, 2563, 2564, 2565, 2566, 2567, 2568, 2569, 2570, 2571, 2572, 2573, 2574, 2575, 2576, 2577, 2578, 2579, 2580, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2584, 2585, 2586, 2587, 2588, 2589, 2590, 2591, 2592, 2593, 2594, 2595, 2596, 2597, 2598, 2599, 2600, 2601, 2602, 2603, 2604, 2605, 2606, 2607, 2608, 2609, 2610, 2611, 2612, 2613, 2614, 2615, 2616, 2617, 2618, 2619, 2620, 2621, 2622, 2623, 2624, 2625, 2626, 2627, 2628, 2629, 2630, 2631, 2632, 2633, 2634, 2635, 2636, 2637, 2638, 2639, 2640, 2641, 2642, 2643, 2644, 2645, 2646, 2647, 2648, 2649, 2650, 2651, 2652, 2653, 2654, 2655, 2656, 2657, 2658, 2659, 2660, 2661, 2662, 2663, 2664, 2665, 2666, 2667, 2668, 2669, 2670, 2671, 2672, 2673, 26

Subsequent release on 12 months, 3 years, 5 years, 10 years, and life, with suspensions, and parole, are indicated below in column 12. The maximum term, 10 years, is indicated.

Added to their many demands are feelings of self and possible reaction of those who are killed.

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Collected with the 1946 Census. Digitized by eGangotri. For more information, see the 1946 Census of India. Digitized by eGangotri. For more information, see the 1946 Census of India.

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Obtain information from Bureau of Education and the State Department to determine if any other persons are in the country, and if so, their names and addresses. (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C) of the Privacy Act.

15 Dab (Post) AIF Reception Gp Earlsburne, Eng.

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Revised instructions will outline the treatment of children, including abused, who come to the New York State Office.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary for its report, and the bill, as amended, to the Senate.

Spull.

War Diary.

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# **DUPLICATE WAR DIARY** or **INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY**

Army Form C. 2118.

1 AIF Reception Co. UK Postal Unit.

Unit.....

Commanding Officer.....

*R. Hall* Capt.

Month and Year.... FEBRUARY 1945.

(Delete heading not required).

| Place       | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | References to Appendices |
|-------------|------|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| EASTBOURNE. | 1    |      | Nothing special to report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                          |
| "           | 2    |      | O.C. (Capt. Lovell) visited London in connection with the acceptance of 'Free' Cables from liberated PW. Mr. Manning of Cable & Wireless Ltd., stated that his Coy would like every liberated PW to take advantage of the Coy's offer of a free cablegram and that the delay on these cablegrams was not very great. Cable & Wireless promised to supply this Group with an adequate supply of specially printed cablegram forms and all other necessary stationery such as Counter Abstracts etc. O.C. also visited L22 Base P.O. London and Postal Services Branch GPO London, in connection with the mis-sorting of mail for the Group to 2 AIF Base 20. Postal Services Branch promised to correct the mis-sorting and RAF Base 20 agreed to forward mis-sorted letters for the Group to A.A. Registry, Australia House for despatch to FPO 191 per the Group's train Courier and to return mis-sorted parcels to Inland Section GPO London for despatch to FPO 191 Eastbourne. |                          |
| "           | 3    |      | C/Sgt. Waterston NCO 1/c FPO 191 visited Shimley Hospital, Lillott, and delivered mail to repatriates who had just arrived from Germany via Gothenburg, Sweden. He also accepted 'Free' cablegrams from all repatriates. These cablegrams were lodged at Cable & Wireless Ltd., London and were accepted after acceptance at Shimley Hospital.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                          |
| "           | 4    |      | Nothing special to report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                          |
| "           | 5    |      | O.C. (Capt. Lovell) visited Liverpool and met 62 PWs repatriated via Gothenburg. Letter mail was delivered to these repatriates on board the mail ship 'Arundel Castle' 1 hour after the ship berthed (1930 hrs). 'Free' cablegrams were accepted from these men and were lodged by O.C. at Cable & Wireless Ltd., London the following morning.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                          |
| "           | 6    |      | O.C. returned from Liverpool at 1530 hours.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                          |
| "           | 7-13 |      | Nothing special to report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                          |

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# WAR DIARY

or

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Unit..... 1 AIF Reception Grp. UK Postal Unit.

Month and Year..... FEBRUARY 1945.

(Delete heading not required).

Commanding Officer..... *Edmill Capt*

| Place      | Date  | Hour | Summary of Events and Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | References to Appendices                                 |
|------------|-------|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| EASTBOURNE | 19    |      | S/Sgt. Waterston NCO i/c PPO 191 commenced 6 days leave. Bdr. Knox (British) took over charge of PPO 191. O.C. (Capt. Lovell) visited London in connection with the mis-sorting of parcel mails to Home Postal Centre, Nottingham, and the recovery of parcel mail advices and parcel lists. British Postal Directorate will arrange for the return of these papers. O.C., conferred with Civil Postal Services Branch London, re circulation of mail to PW in Germany, ascertained that latter mail is still being forwarded to Germany via Switzerland, and that this office will be advised in respect to parcel mails. O.C. discussed Postal requirements for repatriates in M.E. with D.A.C.M.C. (Mr. Radford) who requested that the matter be formally presented for consideration. |                                                          |
| "          | 20-20 |      | Nothing special to report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                          |
| "          | 27    |      | A report outlining suggested arrangements for the establishment of an Army Postal Service in the U.E. for the benefit of A.I.F. repatriates in M.E. was submitted to Mr. & Mrs. AIF Reception Group.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | (Copy of report 2/1/45 attached as Appendix "A")         |
| "          | 28    |      | There were no changes in Unit personnel during February.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                          |
|            |       |      | Time lags for mails from Australia to Group during February:-                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                          |
|            |       |      | Air Letter Cards                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 11 to 21 days.                                           |
|            |       |      | Airgrams.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 11 to 21 "                                               |
|            |       |      | Air Mail letters                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 11 to 23 "                                               |
|            |       |      | Surface mail.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 7 to 8 weeks.                                            |
|            |       |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | (Copy of Unit Mail Returns attached as Appendix "B")     |
|            |       |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | (Copies of Unit Routine Orders attached as Appendix "C") |

27 February 45.

Ref: A1 & CMO.

Ref.P/14/6.

H. AIF Reception Group, S.M.

**APPDX "A"**

Postal and Telegraph arrangements for AIF PW  
liberated through routes to Middle East.

1. Developments on the Eastern European Front suggest the possibility of an appreciable movement of liberated Australian PW through Russian occupied territory to the Middle East and their repatriation to Australia either direct from the Middle East or via the United Kingdom. Should that eventuate the repatriated postal and telegraph requirements will be urgent and varied and will therefore necessitate the establishment of a Just Army Field Post Office at the Middle East Transit Centre to function and provide the facilities as follows:-

- (a) Acceptance and lodgment of Free and Paid Telegrams. Submission of Telegraph statements for accounting purposes.
- (b) Collection and delivery of Inward Telegrams.
- (c) Collection and delivery of Inward Mails.
- (d) Preparation and dispatch and vouching of outward mails.
- (e) Registration of mail matter, and treatment of registered articles in accordance with Army and Civil postal regulations.
- (f) Acceptance and disposal of Telegrams and submission of Telegram statements for accounting purposes as above.
- (g) Postal Counter service for sale of stamps etc.,
- (h) Maintenance of Postal cards for all repatriates etc., for re-direction and delivery purposes.
- (i) Re-direction of mail matter and treatment of unclaimed and undeliverable mail matter in accordance with Army and Civil postal regulations.

2. In addition to the above it would be necessary for the RPO & Co of the Middle East FPO to maintain close and ready liaison with AIF Reception Group Postal Unit U.K. in connection with the collection and treatment of Mail PW and diverted mail matter for repatriates in the Middle East and for those who have left the Middle East. This function is most important because FPO 101 Bathorne is the holding centre for mail-official letters and articles for delivery to PW on their repatriation and will be the holding centre for mail addressed to AIF PW in German occupied territory when such mail is diverted to United Kingdom. Successful re-direction to the Middle East will depend upon the accuracy and promptness of the information received from the Middle East and the time available for the freightages to reach the air route before their movement.

3. As this Group Postal Unit is the only one fully organized for the Postal servicing of AIF Repatriates en Route before their return to Australia, it is considered that if a Just Army Postal Service is to be established in the Middle East for the benefit of AIF PW repatriates, it should be either established or controlled by AIF Reception Group, S.M. Postal Unit. For that reason and the reasons stated in para 2 the following proposals are submitted for consideration:-

- (a) FPO 101 Bathorne to continue to service the Group and repatriates located in UK, handle all diverted mail, maintain a consolidated record of all Just PW and civilian internees, maintain close liaison with Postal E.A., effect re-direction of mail matter and dispose of undeliverable mail, effect mail exchanges as required etc.,
- (b) AIF Reception Group U.K. Postal Unit to establish and equip an FPO at the AIF PW Transit Centre Middle East.
- (c) Increase the strength of AIF Reception Group, S.M. Postal Unit by the attachment of 4 additional GPs, preferably good types of repatriates. These GPs to be trained in FPO duties.

- (d) D.A.D.(Post) AIF Reception Group UK. to visit the Middle East to establish the Field Post Office, confer with Civil and Army Posts in respect to post and telegraph conditions and mail routing facilities, conclude arrangements for the lodgment of privilege cablegrams and cablegram accounting, arrange for the most suitable postal addresses to be used by repatriates and the repatriation staff, arrange for the promulgation of applicable Post and Telegraph rates and conditions, explore the possibility of fast air mail transmission for postal nominal rolls of drafts and exchanges of remitted mail matter between UK and ME and to conclude all other arrangements for the establishment of the service.

*Forrell*  
Capt.  
D.A.D.(Post)

*Wear Gary*

ROUTINE ORDERS. PART.I.

by  
Captain R.Lovell.  
Commanding

1 AIF Reception Co. UK. Postal Unit.

Serial.No.3.

2 February 1945.

**9. PARLIAMENTARY REGISTRATION - APPLICATION BY MEMBERS  
OF THE FORCES FOR INCLUSION IN A BUSINESS PREMISES REGISTER.**

- (1) Legislation is now before Parliament providing for the publication of a Parliamentary Register for all constituencies on 7 May 45. The qualification for inclusion in the Business Premises section of this Register is occupation of business premises on the qualifying date, which is 31 Jan 45.
- (2) Applications from members of the Forces possessing a business premises qualification and desiring to be registered in respect of such premises should be made on Army Form B.2326. For this purpose the words 'Business Premises Application' SHOULD BE INSERTED AT THE TOP OF PART I OF THE CARD, and the full postal address of the business premises concerned should be inserted in the space where normally a declarant would state the address at which he would reside but for his service. All particulars required on Part I should be completed. Applications should be completed as soon as possible after 31 Jan 45 and must be received by the Electoral Registration Officer concerned on or before 28 Feb 45.
- (3) If a member of the Forces desires to appoint a proxy who can vote for him, e.g., if he will be unable to vote in person, he should complete Part II of the card. A PROXY IS REQUIRED TO VOTE IN PERSON.
- (4) Part III of the card should be addressed to the post town and county of the business premises address set out in Part I and the card should then be transmitted through the usual postal channels.
- (5) As no one is permitted to exercise two votes for the same constituency a claim for inclusion in the Business Premises Register should not be submitted and will not be allowed in respect of business premises situated in the same constituency as the address to which an applicant has declared when completing an Armed Forces Declaration Card. An application should only be made in respect of one qualification. A person therefore who is in occupation of two or more business premises must select the premises in respect of which he desires to be registered.

**10. BOUNDS.**

- (a) With effect from 1300 hrs Thursday 1 Feb 45 this Unit's BO dtd 26 Jan 45, placing the Clifton Hotel, South Rd, Eastbourne, out of bounds to all-ranks, is cancelled.
- (b) It is directed that personnel of this Unit refrain from any discussion with the Hotel Staff or other people as to the ban or any of the circumstances connected with it.

**11. ECONOMY IN FUEL.**

Attention of all members of this Unit is directed to the necessity for the strictest economy in the use of fuel. Owing to severe weather and embargoes of rail traffic, fuel deliveries are being held up. It is essential that all possible steps be taken by members of this Unit to effect the greatest possible economy in the use of fuel in order to conserve already depleted stocks.

**12. OPENING OF GOWRIE HOUSE.**

The Australian Red Cross Club to be known as Gowrie House (formerly 'Chasley') is to be officially opened by Lord Gowrie on 13th or 25th Feb 45 at approx 1500 hrs. The actual date will be advised in due course and invitations issued.

NOTICES.

TABLE TENNIS.

The Mens Table Tennis Club will be pleased to welcome any Australian on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 2015 hrs at the Towner Art Gallery.

AIF CLUB.

In future the AIF Club will open on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays at 1930 hrs.

There will be dancing on these nights.

CHURCH SERVICES - SUN 4 FEB 45.

|          |                 |   |                               |
|----------|-----------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 0900 hrs | RC Mass.        | - | Oakwood Court, Bolsover Road. |
| 1000 "   | "               | - | Room 29, Cumberland Hotel.    |
| 1000 "   | Gen. Service.   | - | St. Andrews Chapel.           |
| 1030 "   | Holy Communion. | - | St. Andrews Chapel.           |

Transport will leave Cumberland Hotel at 0945 hrs for St. Andrews Chapel.

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Capt.

O.C., 1 AIF Reception Grp. U.K. Postal Unit.

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# Duplicate WAR-DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

## or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Unit... *RAF Reception Grp, Postal, 201t.*

Commanding Officer... *Worrell, Capt.*

Month and Year... *MAY 1945.*

(1). (Delete heading not required).

| Place               | Date   | Hour | Summary of Events and Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | References to Appendices                 |
|---------------------|--------|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <i>RASTRBOURCH.</i> | 1.     |      | Instructions issued to HQO 1/c FPO 101 to forward all letters for ex PW in hospital under cover to Hospital Postal Unit, with a specially stencilled covering note requesting the return of the articles if undeliverable                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | (Copy of Stencilled note as appendix A)  |
|                     | 2 & 3. |      | Nothing special to report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                          |
|                     | 4.     |      | Report No 4 to Director Army Postal Unit, Melbourne forwarded to ASD, London for despatch per Kangaroo bag.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | (Copy of report attached as appendix B). |
|                     | 5 & 6. |      | Nothing special to report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                          |
|                     | 7.     |      | GC recommended that MF 21703, Capt Dunstanley LD, VC 2211b Pto Martin EJ both ex PW be transferred from the holding strengths of their Reception Groups Camps respectively and that they be promoted to the rank of 1/ Cpl. CC (Capt Worrell) visited the 11 Hampshire Reg Transit Camp, Weston Underwood, Draytonburg, order to investigate the method of acceptance of "Free" Cablograms from Liberated Australian PW the pass through the Transit Camp after arrival at the Hospital. It was ascertained that Cables and Air Mail Ltr, London had authorised this Transit Camp to accept Free PW Cablograms from all post office in ex PW on their arrival but had failed to advise this office of the arrangements with the result that approx 600 Aust PW had lodged Free PW Cablograms at the Transit Camp, and again on their arrival at the Group. It was also found that 11 Hampshire Reg Transit Camp had not been instructed in the use of the Special Text 193 C. which reads "Repatriated to England. My address is AIF Reception Group, Eastbourne, England" |                                          |

(To Sheet 2).

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# WAR DIARY

or

## INTELLIGENCE-SUMMARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Unit: 1. AIF Reception Grp, Postal Unit

Commanding Officer

*P. Howell* Capt.

Month and Year: May 1945. (Sheet 2).

(Delete heading not required).

| Place       | Date      | Hour | Summary of Events and Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | References to Appendices |
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| EASTBOURNE. | 7 (Cont). |      | Australian Ex PW were permitted to use text 100a and quote incorrect addresses after that number. The use of Text 100c was fully explained to the Camp Adjt. who issued appropriate instructions to all responsible for the acceptance of Free Cablegrams at the Camp.<br>A bundle of uncensored Air-letter Cards lodged by Ex PW at Aust Med X, London was received from Camp Comdt, AAS, London for censorship and despatch. AIDG Group instructed that these articles and subsequent receipts of such articles be handed over to the pards, and ex PW Officers for censorship. Camp Comdt AAS informed of arrangements.<br>S. Arrangements made with GOCs, 1, 5 & 6 Coys Transit Camp for all ex PW on arrival at Group to be questioned as to whether they had lodged Free PW Cablegrams at British Transit Camps in UK before their arrival in Eastbourne. Any who had done so to be allowed to send One Commonwealth Govt "Free PW" only from Eastbourne. This was done in order to keep to acceptance of Cable and Wireless Ltd Free PW Cablegrams within the authorized limit of 1 per one ex PW. The duplication of lodgment at East and the action taken to obviate further duplication was explained to Mr Lees of Cable and Wireless Ltd who stated that his Coy. is satisfied with the arrangements made at Wotton Underwood and at 1 AIF Transit Camp.<br>9 - 14. Nothing special to report.<br>15. 156 Bags of parcels ex USA individually addressed to Aust PW in Germany were diverted to FPO 191. This is the first Aust PW parcels despatched to be diverted. All parcels (800) were sent through Aust Med X.<br>16. Nothing special to report. |                          |

(To Sheet 3).

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# WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Unit: 1. AIF. Reception Gp. Postal Unit.

Commanding Officer

*Rosell Capt.*

Month and Year: **MAY 1945:**

(Sheet 3).

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| Place       | Date     | Hour | Summary of Events and Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | References to Appendices                                 |
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| EASTBOURNE. | 17.      |      | Letter received from Director Canadian Postal Services UK requesting that Articles received in Australian Mails for Canadians be forwarded to C I/c Postal Tracing Section, Canadian Overseas Postal Dept, Canadian Army Overseas. This letter was a reply to this Units request for instructions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                          |
|             | 18.      |      | FPO 191 received letters for Aust PW from Geneva with a covering memo from Headpostmaster, Liverpool. Head PI Liverpool thanked and requested to continue forwarding such mail to FPO 191.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Copy of this Office FPO 191 to War Diary as Appendix C). |
|             | 19 & 20. |      | Nothing special to report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                          |
|             | 21.      |      | Report No 5 forwarded to Director Army Posts Ltd, Melbourne.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Copy of report to War Diary attached as App D.           |
|             | 22.      |      | 215 Bags of Australian PW Parcels ex USA diverted to FPO 191. These parcels (1195) were forwarded by Aust Red X.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                          |
|             | 23.      |      | OC (Capt Lovell) visited London and concluded arrangements for the despatch by air to Australia of letters for ex PW already embarked or returned to Australia. Most of the letters are readdressed to civil addresses and the remainder endorsed "Returned to Australia". DAGO Aust Army Staff, London agreed that a limited weight will be cleared per "Kangaroo" air bag, if wrapped in serially numbered parcels of approx 5 lbs addressed to O.C, 2 Aust Army Base P.O. Melbourne. Civil Postal Services Dept, London agreed to take the remainder if despatched in sealed Air Mails labelled 2 Aust Army Base PO London; these bags to be overlabeled to Mr Coates, Div Controllers Office, GPO LONDON. |                                                          |
|             |          |      | OC (Capt Lovell) received a copy of British Army Postal Directorate Memorandum N                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                          |

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# WAR DIARY

02

# ~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Commanding Officer

Month and Year: 02-09-2000 (G.D. 13).

(Delete heading not required).

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WAR DIARY  
or  
~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

Unit....1....A IF... Reception Cpt. Postal Asst.

**Commanding Officer**

Month and Year.....MAY 1945.....Sheet.5.

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| Place                     | Date                                       | Hour | Summary of Events and Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | References to Appendices |         |          |                                            |                 |            |          |                         |                           |                     |       |               |                    |      |  |
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| ELSTBOURNE.               | 11.                                        |      | <p>Monthly statements showing the weight of postage free Articles are forwarded on the first day of each month to Accountant General's Dept, (OM SE) HQ, GPO, London ECL. and a copy to LMS, LONDON.</p> <p>Postal and Telegram traffic was very heavy during May 45. Quantities of UK PW letter mail were returned from the continent and receipts from Australia were much heavier than those of previous months. PW parcel mails despatched from Australia via USA were diverted to FPO 191 from Liverpool and Glasgow.</p> <p>The available figures are.</p> <table><tr><td>Letters Inward.</td><td>83,000.</td></tr><tr><td>Outward.</td><td>25,550 (Excluding PW letters sent to LMS).</td></tr><tr><td>Parcels Inward.</td><td>4,855 2255</td></tr><tr><td>Outward.</td><td>1,745 Mostly UK Island.</td></tr><tr><td>Free Cablesgrams Outward.</td><td>5,636. (PWN &amp; EFM.)</td></tr><tr><td>Paid.</td><td>Outward. 555.</td></tr><tr><td>Telegrams Outward.</td><td>740.</td></tr></table> <p>Approx 20% of repatriated PW failed to leave forwarding addresses before their embarkation for Australia. Some refused and others neglected to do so although re-direction cards were available to them and the re-direction facilities brought under their notice. Re-direction and unclaimed article statistics are being prepared for inclusion in June War Diary.</p> <p>To Sheet.6.</p> | Letters Inward.          | 83,000. | Outward. | 25,550 (Excluding PW letters sent to LMS). | Parcels Inward. | 4,855 2255 | Outward. | 1,745 Mostly UK Island. | Free Cablesgrams Outward. | 5,636. (PWN & EFM.) | Paid. | Outward. 555. | Telegrams Outward. | 740. |  |
| Letters Inward.           | 83,000.                                    |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                          |         |          |                                            |                 |            |          |                         |                           |                     |       |               |                    |      |  |
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| Parcels Inward.           | 4,855 2255                                 |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                          |         |          |                                            |                 |            |          |                         |                           |                     |       |               |                    |      |  |
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| Free Cablesgrams Outward. | 5,636. (PWN & EFM.)                        |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                          |         |          |                                            |                 |            |          |                         |                           |                     |       |               |                    |      |  |
| Paid.                     | Outward. 555.                              |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                          |         |          |                                            |                 |            |          |                         |                           |                     |       |               |                    |      |  |
| Telegrams Outward.        | 740.                                       |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                          |         |          |                                            |                 |            |          |                         |                           |                     |       |               |                    |      |  |
|                           |                                            |      | W.D. & H.O. WILLS, LTD.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                          |         |          |                                            |                 |            |          |                         |                           |                     |       |               |                    |      |  |

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# WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit.....  
1 AIF Reception Corp. Postal Unit.

Commanding Officer ..... *Spence, Ed*

Month and Year.....

**WAV 7045**

| Place   | Date      | Hour | Summary of Events and Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | References to Appendices |
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| STROUD. | 31 (Sat). |      | Nominal rolls of the PWs proceeding on leave showing the dates of commencement and expiration of leave and the names of units to which returning leave personnel are to be marched out to were received from all Coys of 1st Air Transport Camp on or about the dates of commencement of leave. The particulars were recorded on FPO 151 record cards for mail delivery purposes. It was later found that quite a few number of the men marched out to units other than those mentioned on the leave lists with the result that their mail matter was forwarded to wrong units and its delivery consequently delayed. Some difficulty was experienced in locating the addresses (App 600) and in adjusting the entries on their record cards. Instructions were issued to Coys of 1st Air Transport Camp to hold all mail for leave personnel for delivery to them on their return from leave. EPO 151 cards are not to be altered until actual particulars of personnel marched in are sent from Reception Camp Postal Direction. |                          |

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*Appendix C*

HQ AIF Reception Gp.U.K.  
Eastbourne.  
18 May 45.

P/8/10.

Head Postmaster,  
(Postal Censorship Section)  
LIVERPOOL.

Many thanks for the bundle of Air Mail Letters  
addressed to Australians care International Red Cross, Geneva.

Two articles only were forwarded to Foreign Section  
as requested, and the remainder retained here for disposal.

It would be appreciated if you will continue to  
forward any similar bundles which may be received in future to  
FPO 191, Eastbourne for checking and disposal.

*P. D. D.*

Capt.  
D.A.D. (Post)

HQ AIF Reception Group, U.K.

21 May 45.

Director of Army Postal Service,  
L.H.C. MELBOURNE.

P/20/5

REPORT NO. 5.

1. Your 255/16/255 relative to the treatment of correspondence and parcels for delivery to liberated Australian prisoners of war and Internees was received on 15 May 45. As I had already covered the subject in my Report No. 4., previous reports and appendices, I delayed this reply until the matter was further considered by A.A.S. London and Group.

2. The consensus of opinion here is that all accommodation addressed Air mail for ex PW should be despatched direct to London F.B. in normal civil despatches from the States of posting thus obviating delays in despatch which will occur if the articles are to be specially treated at 2 Aust Army Base P.O. Melbourne.

3. As stated in para 9 of Report No. 4., the policy here is to repatriate ex PW to Australia whenever troopship accommodation is offered by War Office, which means that the duration of stay of ex PW in UK is shorter than it was originally intended to be.

It is therefore considered that the accommodation addressed Air correspondence should be forwarded from Australia as quickly as possible in order that maximum deliveries may be effected before the embarkation of the addressees. It is also considered that if readdressed and "RTA" mail is forwarded by Air to Australia the articles will be available for delivery to the addressees at their first Australian port of call.

4. Because of the long time lags on surface despatches between Australia and UK, the extraction of surface mail articles at 2 Base for returning addressees should be continued and will be very helpful and much appreciated.

5. Arrangements have been concluded with Australian Army Staff London for the despatch of readdressed and "RTA" correspondence by Air to Australia. These articles will be forwarded in serially numbered packets addressed to Aust Army Base PO Melbourne.

Several parcels are now ready for despatch and will be cleared in two despatches by A.A.S. Owing to a hitch in the arrangements for Air transmission, some of the articles were held at FPO 191 pending a decision. All future readdressed article-packets will be regularly despatched.

6. To date, the following mails have been received and treated at FPO 191:-

|                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Melbourne Civil (PW)              | Serials 33, 34, 35. |
| 2 Base P.O.                       | " 1, 2 & 3.         |
| Parcel mails ex U.S.A.            | 136 bags.           |
| " " "                             | 215 "               |
| Letters returned from PW camps... | 500.                |
| " " " Geneva...                   | 7,000.              |
| Parcels returned from Italy...    | 7 bags.             |

7. Parcels for addressees who have returned to Australia and other undeliverable parcels are to be dealt with on Friday each week. A record of all parcels opened will be recorded in a specially ruled book showing the reason for non-delivery, addressees and senders particulars, class of parcel, description of items, method and date of disposal, receipts for items handed over, checking officials signatures etc.

Australian Red Cross representative will be present when the parcels are opened, and will take delivery of all items other than personal ones which will be posted to the addressees whenever possible, or failing that, returned to the senders. A more detailed report on this matter will be forwarded after the first opening on Friday 25 May 45.

8. The peak period at FPO 191 commenced about 3 weeks ago. It has been found necessary to work the FPO Staff on Sundays and for a few hours after the evening meals on several days. All Free Cablegrams (2 per PW) are collected by the FPO driver from units and lodged at my office where they are checked, corrected, listed and prepared for despatch via BR to London. Cpl. Felling, Group HQ Postal Orderly, who has changed

positions with a British Bdr from FPO 181 is in charge of the Records Section and is doing an excellent job. A British Bdr is responsible for the receipt and despatch of mails and paid cablegrams and telegrams. S/Sgt. Waterston is in charge of the FPO and the delivery of mail to inward PW drafts. He also assists me with the supervision of Unit Postal Orderlies.

9. The D.A.A.G. informed me that he cannot supply the additional assistance for the peak period as promised soon after our arrival in U.K. There is no objection to the replacement of unsuitable British personnel by experienced Australian Postal men.

I have therefore lodged an application for the posting of two Australians (Prosser and Davidson) vice two British, and expect the changes to be effected within the next few days. A copy of the application is attached as Appendix 'A'. The main difficulty is that postal PW who were recently liberated are not available until after the expiration of their leave and most of them want to return to Australia as soon as possible after leave.

10. Mr. Kelly, Bateman, McKenzie, Strahan, Boxlow, Dunkley, Martin, Williams, Davidson and Marshall have arrived at the Group and appear to be none the worse for their sojourn in PW camps.

Dunkley and Martin are already posted as Postal Orderlies, and I have recommended that Williams be posted as Postal Orderly 3 AIF Reception Camp which recently commenced to function.

11. The number of AIF PW still on the Continent is approximately 1,300.

*Phull*

Capt.  
D.A.A.G. (Post)

*Append E.*

HQ AIF Reception Group, U.K.

24 May 45.

P/14/21

HQ AIF Reception Group, U.K.

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Issue of Postage Free Air Letter Forms to ex PW.

The attached relative to the a/m subject is submitted for promulgation please.

*Jeffrell*

Capt.  
D.A.D. (Post)

Each liberated Australian prisoner of war on his arrival in the United Kingdom, may send one Air Letter (Army Form W 3077) to Australia free of postage and unlimited numbers at the concession rate of 3d each.

Only Air Letter forms stamped "Australian FPO 191" will be accepted free of postage. These specially marked forms will be supplied to units by D.A.D.(Post) for issue on the basis of one to each ex'PW at present with the Group and to those who subsequently arrive.

The senders of Free Air Letters will write the words "Ex PW Free" on the top right corner of the addressed side of the form above the words "Affix 3d British Stamp here"

P/18/5

HQ AIF Reception Grp.U.K.

22 May 45.

O.C., 1 AIF Reception Camp, U.K.

Subject:- Recommendation for Promotion.

Name:- NY 21705 L/Cpl. Dunkley, L.D. Postal Orderly.

I hereby recommend that the above mentioned be promoted to the rank of acting Corporal.

This man is posted on W.E. staff as unit postal orderly and is performing his duties in a very satisfactory manner.

He is an experienced civil and Army Postal man and has performed Postal orderlies duties at his Stalag when a PW in Germany.

*P. H. Hall*  
Capt.  
D.A.D. (Post)

P/16/5

HQ AIF Reception Corp.U.K.

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*Spence*  
Capt.  
D.A.D. (Post)

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

by  
Captain R. Lovell.  
Commanding

Serial No. 10.

1 AIF Reception Sq. Postal Unit.

15 May 45.

55. WALK PARADES.

With effect from 7 May 45, Walk parades will be held at the HIC at 0850 hrs. daily.

56. USE OF AUSTRALIA HOUSE AS ACCOMMODATION ADDRESS.

Many repatriates are advising friends etc in UK that they may be contacted or have letters and telegrams addressed 'C/O Australia House'.

This practice will cease forthwith.

It is stressed that under no circumstances personnel will use Australia House as an accommodation address.

57. 'DISCIPLINE - IMMOBILISATION OF VEHICLES'

The provisions of the pamphlet 'Standing orders for drivers of Mechanical Vehicles (Wheeled) and Motor Cycles' Section 9 para 9, are still in force, and are set out below for information:-

"When on duty with vehicles or motor cycles, drivers will not leave them unattended, except when this is unavoidable in exceptional circumstances, e.g., accidents, reporting for duty etc.

When there are two drivers with a vehicle, one of them will always remain with it unless the vehicle is unloaded and has been immobilized.

When it is necessary to leave a vehicle unattended, the driver is responsible for rendering his vehicle temporarily immobile. The means by which this is done will be notified to the driver by the CO Unit or his representative, but it is important the this immobilizer motor and its key be removed unless other methods are impracticable.

M/Cycles that unavoidably left will always be immobilized by the removal of the HT lead by unscrewing the connection provided for this purpose.

In all vehicle parks protected by Military Police or a Guard, the provisions of this instruction may be relaxed at discretion, but the driver is responsible for any damage which may occur to his vehicle in his absence and should therefore make the best arrangements possible for the protection of the vehicle when he has occasion to leave it unattended."

D.O.O. 307/45.

58. SPECIAL Tinned FOOD AVAILABLE FROM CANTENS DURING MAY 45.

The undermentioned special tinned goods are available from cantens during May 45:-

- (a) Lobster.
- (b) Potatoes and Tomato sauce.
- (c) Cream.
- (d) Tomato Soup.

Ref Instruction 23/45 refers.

*R. Lovell*

Capt.  
G.O., 1 AIF Reception Sq. Postal Unit.

*W. D. Dwyer*

ROUTINE ORDERS PAR. 1.

ROUTINE ORDERS PAR. 1.

by  
Captain J. Powell  
Commanding

Serial No. 10.

1 AIF Reception Sq. Postal Unit.

10 May 45.

35. SICK PARADES.

With effect from 7 May 45, Sick parades will be held at the MEC at 0850 hrs. daily.

36. USE OF AUSTRALIA HOUSE AS RECEPTION AREA.

Many organizations are advising friends etc in NZ that they may be contacted or have letters and telegrams addressed 'c/o Australia House'.

This practice will cease forthwith.

It is stressed that under no circumstances personnel will use Australia House as an accommodation address.

37. 'RECEIVING - HANDLING OF PROPERTY'

The provisions of the pamphlet 'Standing orders for drivers of Mechanical Vehicles (Wheeled) and Motor Cycles' Section 9 para 9, etc still in force, and are set out below for information:-

"When on duty with vehicles or motor cycles, drivers will not leave them unattended, except when this is unavoidable in exceptional circumstances, e.g., accidents, reporting for duty etc.

When there are two drivers with a vehicle, one of them will always remain with it unless the vehicle is unloaded and has been immobilized.

When it is necessary to leave a vehicle unattended, the driver is responsible for rendering his vehicle temporarily inoperable. The means by which this is done will be notified to the driver by the SQ Unit or his representative, but it is important that the distributor rotor arm is not moved unless other methods are impracticable.

"Motor cycles when unavoidably left will always be immobilized by the removal of the HT lead by unscrewing the connection provided for this purpose.

In SQ vehicle parks protected by Military Police or a Guard, the provisions of this instruction may be relaxed at discretion, but the driver is responsible for any damage which may occur to his vehicle in his absence and should therefore take the best arrangements possible for the protection of the vehicle when he has occasion to leave it unattended."

P.O.C. 307/45.

38. SPECIAL LIMITED GOODS AVAILABLE FROM OUTPOSTS DURING MAY 45:-

The undermentioned special limited goods are available from outposts during

May 45:-

- (a) Lobsters.
- (b) Tomatoes and Tomato sauce.
- (c) Green.
- (d) Tomato Soup.

101 Instruction 20/45 refusal.

*P. Powell*

Capt.  
Cmdr, 1 AIF Reception Sq. Postal Unit.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

by  
Captain R. Lovell.  
Commanding

Serial No. 11

1 A.I.F. Reception Co. Postal Unit.

16 May 45.

39. Leave.

With immediate effect all recreation leave for Aust personnel on staff of the Group and privilege leave for all British personnel is suspended.

This does not apply to recreation leave which COs in their discretion may grant to repatriates who will be taken on staff.

This suspension is of a temporary nature and will be lifted as soon as opportunity permits.

G.R.O. 33/45.

40. Theft of Dangerous fuzes.

On the 19th. Apr 45, forty five fuzes which had been removed from Beach Mines by a Bde group working on the field, and dumped ready for destruction in situ, were stolen from Minefields M.B. 74 at FAIRLIGHT R.R. R236200 by persons unknown.

These fuzes consist of a brass tube 5" long and 2" in diameter and contain a firing cap, detonator and 4 oz gelignite. They are highly sensitive and should NOT be dismantled or dropped.

Any soldier who may have knowledge of the whereabouts of any of these fuzes will report the fact to the nearest police station.

(Garrison Order 33/45)

41. Colour Patches.

All Australian personnel on staff will wear the Group colour patch on S.D. and Greatcoats.

In addition, miniature colour patches of their original AIF unit may be worn.

*P. Lovell*

- Capt.

Commanding 1 AIF Reception Co. Postal Unit.

NOTICES.

CHURCH SERVICES. - Sunday 20 May 45.

- RC Mass. - 0030 hrs. "1" Coy Recreation Room, 1 AIF Transit Camp. UK.  
Tpt will leave Cumberland Hotel at 0915 hrs.
- RC Mass. - 1030 hrs. Recreation Room, Boston House, 1 AIF Reception Camp.
- C of E. - Service - 0930 hrs. - St. Andrews Chapel.  
H. Communion. 1030 " - St. Andrews Chapel.

CRICKET. - The following team has been selected to represent the RSL, AIF & RAAF versus an England XI at Lords on May 19, 21, & 22. :-

NO 11 A.L. Barnett.  
NO R.C. Williams.  
C/ldr. C.G. Slaney.  
Sgt. C.G. Pepper.  
Sgt. C.F. T. Price.  
P/O. E.R. Miller.

P/O R.G. Ellis.  
Capt. A.G. Crookham.  
Capt. R.S. Whittington.  
ID. J.A. Workman.  
P/O. R. Stanford.  
P/O. D.R. Cristofani. (12th man)

ACCESSION ORDERS PAGE

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**

1. A. F. Reynolds Co. Boston, U.S.A.

22500

35. 36.

This does not apply to simulated work which GOs in their discretion may grant to simulated GPs and be taken on staff.

This suspension is of a temporary nature and will be lifted as soon as opportunity permits.

C. 2. 3. 33/35.

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On the 20th April 68, forty five boxes which had been removed from Soviet Mines by a Red group working on the field, and draped ready for destruction in situ, were stolen from Minshields R.S.74 at Farnham R.R. 100000 by persons unknown.

These fuses consist of a brass tube 5" long and 2" in diameter and contain a firing cap, detonator and 4 oz. of picric acid. They are highly sensitive and should not be disassembled or dropped.

Any witness who may have knowledge of the whereabouts of any of those three persons should report the fact to the nearest police station.

(Continued on page 224)

46 Continued

All Australian personnel on shore will wear the Group colour patch as A.N.  
and Coastguard.

In addition, uniform color patches of their original air unit may be worn.

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UNCLASSIFIED - Expires 30 Nov 25.

401 Main St. - 02300 Tel. 744 Cog Protection Bond, 1 MIP Bennett Corp. 011.  
Tel. 4411 Loxley Cumberland Hotel at 0215 Wren.

EC No. - 1030 hrs. Macintosh Plus, Norton II, 1 MB Expansion Card.

6 of 2. - Service - 0000 hrs. - St. Andrew's Chapel  
11 November 1961 " - St. Andrew's Chapel

~~SECRET~~ - The following team has been selected to represent the JCS, JAF & JMSF members on  
 England II at London on May 25, 26, & 27. 2-

|          |   |                  |
|----------|---|------------------|
| ED       | H | John C. Gifford. |
| ED       | H | D. C. Gifford.   |
| Gifford. |   | S. C. Gifford.   |
| Gifford. |   | C. C. Gifford.   |
| Gifford. |   | C. P. Gifford.   |
| Gifford. |   | E. C. Gifford.   |

S/C E. G. Wilson.  
 Capt. J. G. Crockett.  
 Corp. R. C. Threlkington.  
 W. J. A. Thompson.  
 S/C E. S. Standford.  
 S/C L. H. Taylor. (1944-45)

ARMY AIR FORCE

ROUTED ORDER P 3221

By  
Captain R. Lovell.  
Commanding

Serial No. 11. 1 A.I.F. Reception Co. Postal Unit.

10 May 45.

30. Leave.

With immediate effect all recreation leave for Aust personnel on staff of the Group and privilege leave for all British personnel is suspended.

This does not apply to recreation leave which COs in their discretion may grant to specialists who will be taken on staff.

This suspension is of a temporary nature and will be lifted as soon as opportunity permits.

C.R.O. 55/45.

31. Shift of Dangerous Fuses.

On the 10th. Apr 45, forty five fuses which had been removed from Beach Mines by a Pte group working on the field, and dumped ready for destruction in situ, were stolen from Minefields U.S. 74 at PARAKET A.R. RESSON by persons unknown.

These fuses consist of a brass tube 5" long and 2" in diameter and contain a firing cap, detonator and 4 oz gelignite. They are highly sensitive and should NOT be dismantled or dropped.

Any soldier who may have knowledge of the whereabouts of any of these fuses will report the fact to the nearest police station.

(Garrison Order 55/45)

32. Colour Patches.

All Australian personnel on staff will wear the Group colour patch on S.D. and Greatcoats.

In addition, miniature colour patches of their original AIF unit may be worn.

*R. Lovell*

Capt.  
Commanding 1 AIF Reception Co. Postal Unit.

NOTICES.

CHURCH SERVICES. - Sunday 20 May 45.

AC Mass. - 0930 hrs. 2nd Coy Recreation Team, 1 AIF Transit Camp, U.K.  
Pte will leave Cumberland Hotel at 0815 hrs.  
BC Mass. - 1030 hrs. Recreation Team, Boston House, 1 AIF Reception Camp.  
C of E. - Service - 0930 hrs. - St. Andrews Chapel.  
Com. Union. 1030 " - St. Andrews Chapel.

SPARE. - The following team has been selected to represent the R.A., AIF & S.A.A.F. versus an England XI at Lords on May 23, 24, & 25. :-

W.D. H. A.L. Sherratt.  
ED R.C. Williams.  
S/Lt. S.A. Stoney.  
Cpt. C.G. Pappas.  
Sgt. C.E. P. P. P.  
P/Lt. R.A. Miller.

P/O R.C. Mills.  
Capt. A.S. Crofton.  
Capt. R.S. Wittington.  
W.D. J.A. Korman.  
P/O R. Stanford.  
P/Lt. D.A. Cristofani. (10th. man)

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

RECEIVED 0130 HRS 24 JUL.

BY  
Capt. M. J. DeWall.

Commanding

Serial No. 14.

1 AIF Reception Coy. Postal Unit.

31 May 45.

**42. RECORDS OFFICERS - BRITISH PERSONNEL.**

In accordance with AIF 505/45 the following officers are appointed Records Officers for British personnel under command of this Group:

Capt. M. J. DeWall. R.A.  
Lt. G. H. Langley. R.A.

**43. PARTICIPATORY ELECTIONS.**

- (a) All British personnel who have attained the age of 21 years or over on 5 July 45, and have, whilst under command of this Group or any previous Unit, submitted Army Form 2834S, are entitled to vote by post in the forthcoming General Election.
- (b) The Electoral Registration Officer of the constituency with which the soldier is registered will send British papers on application. Applications will be made by completing Army Forms 2833S and 2834S which are obtainable from the British Aid Officers Group H.Q.
- (c) AF 2833S is the application form in the form of an envelope, in which is enclosed AF 2834S, a label addressed to self by the applicant.
- (d) Units will ensure that all British personnel eligible to vote are aware of the procedure and their right to vote by post.

G.R.O. 24/45.

**44. RT - SPEED LIMITS.**

Attention is directed to Op. 70 73/45.

Enforcement Police report that certain vehicles of this Group have been exceeding the civil speed limit of 35 miles p.h. in Australia even.

Drivers will ensure that they are conversant with the speed limits laid down in Unit R.O. 23/45.

Strong disciplinary action will be taken against drivers infringing any of the speed limits notified in this R.O.

**45. ISSUE OF POSTAL FORMS AND AIR LETTERS TO BE USED BY RECIPIENTS.**

Each Australian repatriate on arrival in the United Kingdom may send one Air Letter (Army Form 28377) to Australia free of postage and unlimited number at the concession rate of 3/- each.

Only Air Letter Forms stamped "Australian FPO 1941" will be accepted free of postage. These specially marked forms will be supplied to units by RAB(Poster) for issue on the basis of one to each repatriate at present with the Group and to those who subsequently arrive.

The sender of each Air Letter will write the words "The P.O. Form" on the top right hand corner of the addressed side of the form above the words "AFFAIR: 3d British Camp here".

*DeWall*

Capt.

Commanding 1 AIF Reception Coy. Postal Unit A.I.F.

H A I F C 23.

Church Services - Sunday 3 Jun. 45.

C of S - Service 0950 hrs. St. Andrews Chapel.  
Holy Communion. 1030 hrs.

RC Mass - 0950 hrs. Recreation Room "A" Coy. 1 AIF Transport Comp.  
(Transport will leave Cumberland Hotel 0945 hrs)  
1030 hrs. Recreation Room Boston House. 1 AIF Reception Comp.

AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

by

Captain R. Lovell.

Commanding

1 AIF Reception Grp. Postal Unit.

Serial No. 12.

31 May 45.

42. RECORDS OFFICERS - BRITISH PERSONNEL.

In accordance with AMI 595/45 the following officers are appointed Records Officers for British personnel under command of this Group:

Capt. R. T. Russell. R.A.

Lt. S. N. Hingley. R.A.

43. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION.

- (a) All British personnel who have attained the age of 21 years or over on 5 July 45, and have, whilst under command of this Group or any previous Unit, submitted Army Form B2638, are entitled to vote by post in the forthcoming General Election.
- (b) The Electoral Registration Officer of the constituency with which the soldier is registered will send ballot papers on application. Applications will be made by completing Army Forms B2639 and B2645 which are obtainable from the British Idm Officer Group R.G.
- (c) AF B2639 is the application form in the form of an envelope in which is enclosed AF B2645, a label addressed to self by the applicant.
- (d) Units will ensure that all British personnel eligible to vote are aware of the procedure and their right to vote by post.

G.R.O. 64/45.

44. MF - SPEED LIMITS.

Attention is directed to Gp. NO 70/45.

Eastbourne Police report that certain vehicles of this Group have been exceeding the civil speed limit of 30 miles per hour in Eastbourne area.

Drivers will ensure that they are conversant with the speed limits laid down in Unit R.O. 33/45.

Strong disciplinary action will be taken against drivers infringing any of the speed limits notified in this R.O.

45. ISSUE OF POSTAGE FREE AIR LETTER FORMS TO REPATRIATES.

Each Australian repatriate on arrival in the United Kingdom may send one Air Letter (Army Form 15077) to Australia free of postage and unlimited numbers at the concession rate of 5d. each.

Only Air Letter forms stamped 'Australian FPO 191' will be accepted free of postage. These specially marked forms will be supplied to units by DAD(Posts) for issue on the basis of one to each repatriate at present with the Group and to those who subsequently arrive.

The senders of Free Air Letters will write the words "Free Post" on the top right hand corner of the addressed side of the form above the words "Affix 5d British Stamp here".

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Capt.

Commanding 1 AIF Reception Grp. Postal Unit. U.K.

NOTICES.

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Unit  
AIF Reception Gp  
Postal Unit  
**PARTE. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in**  
**Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 5/5/1945.**

| Details of Tradesmen.<br>GROUP I. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinforcements Required. | Details of Tradesmen.<br>GROUP I. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinforcements Required. | Details of Tradesmen.<br>GROUP II. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinforcements Required. | Details of Tradesmen.<br>GROUP III. (cont.)                                                    | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinforcements Required. |
|-----------------------------------|------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Ammunition Examiners              |      |                  |                          | Surveyors, Engineering                    |      |                  |                          | Operating Room Asst.                       |      |                  |                          | G.P.O. Assistants                                                                              |      |                  |                          |
| Armament Artificer                |      |                  |                          | Surveyors, R.A.A.                         |      |                  |                          | Operator, Keyboard                         |      |                  |                          | Hammermen                                                                                      |      |                  |                          |
| Armament Artificer                |      |                  |                          | Surveyors, Topographical                  |      |                  |                          | Operator, Line                             |      |                  |                          | Leather Stickers                                                                               |      |                  |                          |
| Armament Artificer                |      |                  |                          | Surveyors, Trigonometrical                |      |                  |                          | Operator, Signal                           |      |                  |                          | Orderlies, Nursing                                                                             |      |                  |                          |
| Armament Artificer                |      |                  |                          | Toolmakers                                |      |                  |                          | Operator, Switchboard                      |      |                  |                          | Orderlies, Nursing                                                                             |      |                  |                          |
| Armament Artificer                |      |                  |                          | Turners                                   |      |                  |                          | Operator, Wireless                         |      |                  |                          | Plate Layers                                                                                   |      |                  |                          |
| Armament Artificer                |      |                  |                          | Watchmakers                               |      |                  |                          | Opticians                                  |      |                  |                          | Rivetmakers                                                                                    |      |                  |                          |
| Armament Artificer                |      |                  |                          | Welders                                   |      |                  |                          | Painters                                   |      |                  |                          | Riveters                                                                                       |      |                  |                          |
| Armament Artificer                |      |                  |                          |                                           |      |                  |                          | Panel Beaters                              |      |                  |                          | Sawriders                                                                                      |      |                  |                          |
| Artificer, Artillery              |      |                  |                          |                                           |      |                  |                          | Photographical, Dry Plate                  |      |                  |                          | Saddlers                                                                                       |      |                  |                          |
| Artificer, Engine                 |      |                  |                          |                                           |      |                  |                          | Predictor Numbers                          |      |                  |                          | Saddlery makers                                                                                |      |                  |                          |
| Blacksmiths                       |      |                  |                          |                                           |      |                  |                          | Printers                                   |      |                  |                          | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer                                                                    |      |                  |                          |
| Bricklayers                       |      |                  |                          |                                           |      |                  |                          | Radiographers                              |      |                  |                          | Silverers                                                                                      |      |                  |                          |
| Computers                         |      |                  |                          |                                           |      |                  |                          | Riggers                                    |      |                  |                          | Slaters, Stays, Engine                                                                         |      |                  |                          |
| Cooks, Hospital                   |      |                  |                          | GROUP II.                                 |      |                  |                          | Sawyers                                    |      |                  |                          | Storemen, Technical                                                                            |      |                  |                          |
| Coppersmiths                      |      |                  |                          | Armourers                                 |      |                  |                          | Signallers                                 |      |                  |                          | Tailors                                                                                        |      |                  |                          |
| Dispensers                        |      |                  |                          | Assmen                                    |      |                  |                          | Signwriters                                |      |                  |                          | Travelling Messengers                                                                          |      |                  |                          |
| Draughtsmen                       |      |                  |                          | Bakers                                    |      |                  |                          | Telescope Ident. Numbers                   |      |                  |                          | Tinsmiths                                                                                      |      |                  |                          |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural)       |      |                  |                          | Sty. Comd's Asst.                         |      |                  |                          | Well Borers                                |      |                  |                          | Valveknappers                                                                                  |      |                  |                          |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering)         |      |                  |                          | Bellmakers                                |      |                  |                          | Wheelers                                   |      |                  |                          | Wagon Erectors                                                                                 |      |                  |                          |
| Draughtsmen (Mechanical)          |      |                  |                          | Carpenters                                |      |                  |                          | Winchman                                   |      |                  |                          | Whitesmiths                                                                                    |      |                  |                          |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical)       |      |                  |                          | Carpenters and Joiners                    |      |                  |                          | Wireman                                    |      |                  |                          |                                                                                                |      |                  |                          |
| Electricians                      |      |                  |                          | Cooks                                     |      |                  |                          | Woodturners                                |      |                  |                          |                                                                                                |      |                  |                          |
| Electricians (M.V.)               |      |                  |                          | Dental Mechanics                          |      |                  |                          |                                            |      |                  |                          |                                                                                                |      |                  |                          |
| Electricians (Signals)            |      |                  |                          | Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)              |      |                  |                          |                                            |      |                  |                          |                                                                                                |      |                  |                          |
| Fitters                           |      |                  |                          | Driver-Operator                           |      |                  |                          |                                            |      |                  |                          |                                                                                                |      |                  |                          |
| Fitters (Cycle)                   |      |                  |                          | Drainers                                  |      |                  |                          |                                            |      |                  |                          |                                                                                                |      |                  |                          |
| Fitters (Electrical)              |      |                  |                          | Electricians                              |      |                  |                          |                                            |      |                  |                          |                                                                                                |      |                  |                          |
| Fitters (Gun)                     |      |                  |                          | Electricians (Engineers)                  |      |                  |                          |                                            |      |                  |                          |                                                                                                |      |                  |                          |
| Fitters (Instrument)              |      |                  |                          | Fire Control Operators                    |      |                  |                          | GROUP III.                                 |      |                  |                          | DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.                                                                      |      |                  |                          |
| Fitters (M.V.)                    |      |                  |                          | Gun Operator                              |      |                  |                          | Battery Surveyors                          |      |                  |                          |                                                                                                |      |                  |                          |
| Fitters, Railway Signal           |      |                  |                          | Halckman                                  |      |                  |                          | Butchers                                   |      |                  |                          |                                                                                                |      |                  |                          |
| Fitters, Signal                   |      |                  |                          | Height Taker                              |      |                  |                          | Clerks                                     |      |                  |                          |                                                                                                |      |                  |                          |
| Grinder, Precision                |      |                  |                          | Hole Operator                             |      |                  |                          | Clerks, Supply                             |      |                  |                          |                                                                                                |      |                  |                          |
| Mechanics, Instrument             |      |                  |                          | Instrument Operator                       |      |                  |                          | Clerks, Technical                          |      |                  |                          |                                                                                                |      |                  |                          |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signal)    |      |                  |                          | Intelligence Section                      |      |                  |                          | Couch Trimmers                             |      |                  |                          |                                                                                                |      |                  |                          |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)  |      |                  |                          | Joiners                                   |      |                  |                          | Concrete                                   |      |                  |                          |                                                                                                |      |                  |                          |
| Mechanics, Radio                  |      |                  |                          | Lineman                                   |      |                  |                          | Cooks                                      |      |                  |                          |                                                                                                |      |                  |                          |
| Mechanics, Typewriter             |      |                  |                          | Lineman, Signal                           |      |                  |                          | Dental Clerk Orderlies                     |      |                  |                          |                                                                                                |      |                  |                          |
| Mechanics, Wireless               |      |                  |                          | Lithographers                             |      |                  |                          | Despatch Riders                            |      |                  |                          | ATTACHED BY W.E.                                                                               |      |                  |                          |
| Millwrights                       |      |                  |                          | Machinists, Metal                         |      |                  |                          | Draughtsmen, Signals                       |      |                  |                          |                                                                                                |      |                  |                          |
| Operators, Elevator               |      |                  |                          | Machinists, Wood                          |      |                  |                          | Drivers, M.T.                              |      |                  |                          |                                                                                                |      |                  |                          |
| Patrols Maker                     |      |                  |                          | Masons                                    |      |                  |                          | Driver Mechanics                           |      |                  |                          |                                                                                                |      |                  |                          |
| Pharmacist                        |      |                  |                          | Masons                                    |      |                  |                          | Driver Typh. Plant                         |      |                  |                          |                                                                                                |      |                  |                          |
| Photographer, Wet Plate           |      |                  |                          | Mechanics, M.T.                           |      |                  |                          | Engine Hands, L.C.                         |      |                  |                          |                                                                                                |      |                  |                          |
| Photewriter                       |      |                  |                          | Miners                                    |      |                  |                          | Equipment Repairers                        |      |                  |                          |                                                                                                |      |                  |                          |
| Plumber                           |      |                  |                          | Molders                                   |      |                  |                          | Farriers                                   |      |                  |                          |                                                                                                |      |                  |                          |
| Saw Doctors                       |      |                  |                          | Nurses, Trained                           |      |                  |                          | Fitters' Mates                             |      |                  |                          |                                                                                                |      |                  |                          |
| Servitors                         |      |                  |                          | Observation Post Asst.                    |      |                  |                          | Gun Layers                                 |      |                  |                          |                                                                                                |      |                  |                          |
| CARRIED FORWARD                   |      |                  |                          | CARRIED FORWARD                           |      |                  |                          | CARRIED FORWARD                            |      |                  |                          | Total of columns marked * to agree with columns 6 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively. | 13   | 13               | -                        |

NOTES—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.  
(b) Authorized trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.  
(c) Where A.W.A. and/or A.A.M.W.A. personnel are desired show details on back.  
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of W.E. in col. "Reinforcements Required."  
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

MAY 5 - 1945  
Date of Despatch

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Signature of Commander  
CAPT.  
1st AIF RECEPTION GROUP W.E. UNIT

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- ◆ Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
- ◆ Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 30 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

| AIRY No. | RANK. | Name and Initials. | Unit From. | Date. | CAUSE. |
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HQ AIF Reception Grp. U.K.  
EASTBOURNE. SUSSEX.

Date.....

Postal Orderly,

.....Hospital.

The enclosed letters for liberated Australian P.W. are forwarded  
for delivery at your hospital.

Should you be unable to effect delivery, will you please return  
them under cover with a suitable explanation to NCO i/c FPO 191, Eastbourne,  
Sussex.

R. LOVELL. Capt.  
D.A.D(Post)