

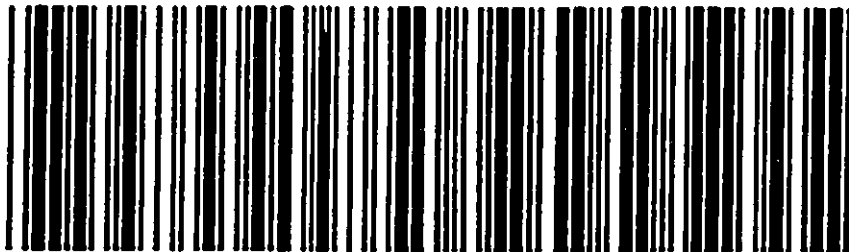
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**1/12/3  
EAST & MIDDLE  
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**AIF Headquarters Middle East  
General Staff Branch (AIF HQ  
ME GS Branch)**

**July - August 1942**



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HQ AIF (ME)

JUL 42

KILO 89.

MOVEMENT

HQ MOVES

from Gaza to Kilo 89 10 Jul

HQ AIF (ME).  
JUL 42

UNIT MOVES

Statement of "Q" Branch movements for  
month of Apr.

REINFORCEMENTS

REINFORCEMENTS  
FOR WESTERN  
DESERT

Ciphers, orders, documents re reinforce-  
ments for Western Desert app.

HQ AIF (ME).  
JUL 42

LOCATION

LOCATION  
STATES

and Order of Battle app.

HQ AIF (ME).  
JUL 42

JULY MONTH  
1942 YEAR

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# WAR DIARY

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UNITHQ AIF (ME)

For material required, see F.S.R. Vol. 1, Sec. 174

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PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
G A Z A	1	Rear 9 Aust Div HQ Gp and 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp staged night Canal Area en route to EGYPT from SYRIA.		
	2	9 Aust Div Cav Regt passed through GAZA Area en route to EGYPT from SYRIA. MUGHAZI for EGYPT.		4 Aust Lt AA Regt left
	3	Main 20 Aust Inf Bde passed through GAZA area en route to EGYPT from SYRIA. to SIDON began.		Move of 7 Aust Gen Hosp
	5	Brig 1/c Adm (Brig B W PULVER) returned from CAIRO.		
	7	Move of 7 Aust Gen Hosp to SIDON completed.		
KILO 89	9	Move of HQ AIF (ME) from GAZA to KILO 89 began.		
	10	HQ AIF (ME) closed GAZA 0830 hrs - re-opened KILO 89 same hour.		
	14	GSO 11 (Maj F W SPEED) returned from CAIRO.		
	16	AAG (LtCol G HURLEY) left for CAIRO by air. (Brig B W PULVER) re Local Defence.	Comd 94 Sub Area (Col GRAHAM) visited Brig 1/c Administration	
	19	AAG (Lt Col G HURLEY) returned from EGYPT.		
	26	Brig 1/c Adm (Brig B W PULVER) & DDMS (Brig STEIGRAD) left for EGYPT.		
	29	Brig 1/c Adm (Brig B W PULVER) returned from EGYPT.		
	30	DDMS (Brig STEIGRAD) returned from EGYPT. PERSONNEL of 7 Aust Gen Hosp through GAZA by rail en route to EGYPT. APM (Lt-Col FAULKNER) returned from EGYPT.		

  
Signature

REPORT FOR JULY - "A" BRANCH HQ AIF(ME).

1. OPERATIONS - 9 AUST DIV.

On 8 Jul 42, 9 AUST DIV came under comd EIGHTH ARMY and commenced operations in the WESTERN DESERT.

2. REINFORCEMENTS.

Owing to great demand for reinforcements for 9 AUST DIV, a general re-classification of "B" Class personnel was carried out during July. Response from soldiers in Base Units and Staging Camp and AIF(ME) Reinf Depot was extremely good. Total number of reinfsts sent forward during month of July after commencement of operations - 149 Offrs 2590 ORs.

3. Copies of CRME/38465/AG1

- (a) Reinfst and Transit Camps EIGHTH ARMY and
- (b) Reinfst procedure EIGHTH ARMY, and EIGHTH ARMY Amendment No. 79 laying down the procedure for sending forward all reinfsts.

are attached. In order to conform with this procedure AIF(ME) Staging Camp was opened in EGYPT, and 9 AUST DIV Sec Corps Reception Camp.

4. Personnel returned to AUSTRALIA. During the month of July the following offrs left for SUEZ for embarkation to AUSTRALIA.

Maj. DOW  
Lieut. LYNDON  
Capt. SYMINGTON  
Capt. JACKSON  
E/Maj. CAREY  
Capt. MUMFERY  
T/Capt. FRASER  
Lieut. STRATFORD  
Col. COOK  
Lieut. WARD  
Lieut. WHITE

*H. P. Sharp.*  
D.A./A.G.  
HQ AIF (ME).

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UDF		Time of receipt
From—	Originator's No.	Date
MIDEAST	A1/21917	10
		0955/11 LT

MOST SECRET (.) FIRST (.) Tendency exists AIF NZEF UDF to run parallel reinforcement systems (.) At present their formations make demands to own bases and arrange movement rfts without reference EIGHTH ARMY (.) This makes it impossible for EIGHTH ARMY to allot priorities and is wasteful of transit Camp Staffs (.) Second (.) Propose all transit staging reinforcement Camps west of ALIRIYA should have UK AIF NZEF UDF INDIAN Sections (.) Size of section staffs and holding capacity to be laid down by EIGHTH ARMY (.) All reinforcements will then pass through one chain of camps (.) THIRD (.) Consider all reinforcement demands must be collated at EIGHTH ARMY and priorities allotted (.) Collated demand then submitted GHQ where approved demands will be passed to O2E concerned for personnel to be detailed (.) MOV GHQ will then call forward as transport becomes available (.) Fourth (.) Do you agree

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*A. Inglis-Bray* Lieut.  
Cipher Officer H. Q. A. I. F. (M.E.)

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To—		Time of origin	
MIDEAST REPEATED EIGHTH ARMY			
From—	Date	Originator's No.	Time of receipt
AUSFOROE	11/7	AC/16	<i>[Signature]</i>

YOUR A1/21917 OF TENTH JULY (.) AGREE IN PRINCIPLE (.)  
ESSENTIAL AUST 028 RECEIVES COPY 9 AUST DIV CASUALTY RETURNS  
FROM WHICH REINFORCEMENT REQUIREMENTS CAN BE DETERMINED IN  
ADVANCE (.) SUGGEST MOVTS GRQ MAKE ARRANGEMENTS NECESSARY  
TRAIN ACCOMMODATION EX PALESTINE OTHERWISE DELAY MAY OCCUR  
THIS END

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Brigadier,  
1/c Administration, A.I.F.(M.E.).

CIPHER OFFICE  
H.Q. A.I.F.(M.E.)

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To-		Time of Origin
AUSFORCE FOR HQ AIF (ME) EPTD BTE DELTA FORCE REAR 8 TH ARMY		1235/17
From-	Originator's No.	Date
MIDEAST	A1/24888	17
		Time of receipt
		1815/17

**I M P O R T A N T**

MOST SECRET (.) AGREE YOU HOLD REINFCIS FOR 9 AUST DIV AT SCALE  
50% ONE MONTHS INTENSE WASTAGE AT AIF STAGING CAMP ALEXANDRIA

Distbn:-

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Brig -

A Action

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*H. Hughes Braye* Lieut.  
Cipher Officer H. Q. A. I. F. (M.E.)  
2355/17

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SECURITY

SUBJECT: Reinforcement Procedure Eighth Army.

GHQ MEF  
CRM/38465/AG1  
10 Jul 42

Adm Post Eighth Army  
HQ 2 MZEF (3 copies)  
HQ AIF  
Adm HQ UDF  
O2E  
O2E (Ind)  
AG3, AG4, AG5, May 6

Copy to: Main Eighth Army, Rear Eighth Army

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NZ Base, SA Base.

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	RASC BD	Pioneer Corps Bd
		CMF BD

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- (v) UDF tps to UDF Adm HQ O2E UDF.
- (vi) Indian tps incl Indian Pioneer Corps to O2E Indian GHQ.

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2. Reinforcement demands not made through these channels will be ignored.

3. Movement of parties of over 30 will only take place on orders of Mv GHQ which will call forward parties in the order of priority laid down by Eighth Army.

(Sgd)

for Maj-Gen.  
DAC.



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Applicable to UK Troops, Pioneer Corps and AAFPC  
(Less Indian Pioneer Corps)

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SECURITY

SUBJECT:- Reinforcement Procedure Eighth Army

Admn Post Eighth Army

HQ 2 NZEF (3 copies)

HQ AIF ( " )

Admn HQ UDF " "

O2E

O2E (Ind)

AG3, AG4, AG6, Mov 6

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NZ Base, SA Base.

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RASC BD, CMP BD  
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19 Jul 42

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*J. Gifford*  
for Maj-Gen  
DAG  
P. H. A. A. T. O. I.

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Subject - Reinforcement Procedure EIGHTH Army  
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 (8A/S/5930/A)

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Date 23 Jul 42

1. The system for the provision of reinforcements in the field is set out below.  
 EIGHTH Army Admin. Instruction No. 128 of 12 May 1942 is cancelled.

R.A.C. REINFORCEMENTS - U.K. Troops.

2. R.A.C. reinforcements will be held in the Rft Sqn. T.D.R.
3. Demands for R.A.C. reinforcements will be submitted by Corps through G(SD & AFV) channels to G(SD & AFV) Main Army HQ, and in the case of Units directly under Army direct to G(SD & AFV) Main Army HQ.  
 Demands for R.A.C. reinforcements will NOT be sent by Units to "A" Branch Rear Army HQ.
4. G(SD & AFV) Army will determine priorities and will issue the executive order to O.C., T.D.R. for the release and forward movement of these reinforcements.
5. O.C. Rft. Sqn. T.D.R. will inform "A" Branch Rear Army HQ weekly by letter, or signal in case of urgency, the reinforcements required to meet the demands and keep the Rft. Sqn. at the authorised strength.
6. "A" Branch Rear Army HQ will demand direct on GHQ for the necessary reinforcements required to maintain the Rft. Sqn. T.D.R. All correspondence with GHQ will emanate from "A" Branch Rear Army HQ. Demands for reinforcements direct to GHQ or OZE other than through the channels prescribed above are forbidden.

R.A. RFTS. U.K. TROOPS

7. The R.A. Rft. Camp will not open WEST of AMIRIYA until further orders.  
 R.A. Reinforcements will be held in the Reinforcement and Transit Camps on a scale arranged by "A" Branch Rear Army HQ with B.R.A. and B.A.A. EIGHTH Army.
8. One R.A. officer and one R.A. clerk will be attached to the staff of each Reinforcement and Transit Camp for posting duties.
9. Demands for R.A. and A.A. reinforcements will be submitted by Corps through R.A. channels to R.A. Main Army HQ. Units and formations not under Corps will demand direct to R.A. Main Army HQ.
10. B.R.A. and B.A.A. Army will control priorities and issue the executive order for the release of reinforcements direct to "A" Branch Rear Army HQ who will arrange the necessary postings and despatch to Units.

SERVICE AND CORPS REINFORCEMENTS

11. Reinforcements for the undermentioned Services and Corps are held at the Base and will be forwarded by GHQ as available on demand by "A" Branch, Rear Army HQ :-

R.E.  
 R. Sigs.  
 R.A.S.C.

DISTRIBUTION

13 Corps.  
30 Corps.  
1 Armd Div  
    2 Armd Bde Gp.  
    22 Armd Bde Gp.  
  
7 Armd Div  
    7 Motor Bde  
  
50 Div  
    151 Inf Bde  
    21 Ind Inf Bde  
    161 Ind Motor Bde  
  
5 Ind Div  
    5 Ind Inf Bde Gp  
    9 Ind Inf Bde Gp  
  
10 Ind Div  
    18 Ind Inf Bde Gp  
    25 Ind Inf Bde Gp  
  
9 Aust. Div.

2 NZ Div  
1 SA Div  
12 A A Bde  
10 Ind Motor Bde  
A.A.D.C. Rys.  
27 Lt. A.A. Regt.  
1 Armd. Bde  
4 Lt Armd Bde Gp  
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Rft Sqn T.D.R.  
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86 Sub Area  
91 Sub Area.

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SUBJECT: Reinforcement and Transit Camps  
Eighth Army

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CRME/38465/AG1

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Adm HQ UDF )  
NZEF ) 3 copies  
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OZE (British)  
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AG6; AGP; AG11; P & L; NZLO; Aus L.O.

1. In order to simplify control of movement and to economise camp staffs all reinforcements for Eighth Army, whether UK, NZ, Aus, UDF or Indian will move forward through one chain of transit camps once they move West of the Delta.
2. Each camp will be organised to accommodate details in transit separately from reinforcements.
3. Eighth Army is now holding 150 and 155 Transit Camps ready to open as and when required. Each camp will have, in addition to its normal staff, NZ, Aus and UDF sections for control and record purposes only.

Capacity of each camp will be as follows:-

Leave and Transit Wing	1000
Reinforcement Wing	1500
Indian Sec(Transit and Reinforcement	500

The distribution of capacity between Leave and Transit and Reinforcement sections will obviously vary widely according to the nature of the operations in progress.

4. Staffs of Control and Record Sections will be as called for by Eighth Army and will be in the nature of the following for each camp from each of NZ, Aus and UDF:-

Officers	one (with transport)	(major or capt)
CQMS	one	
Sgt	two	(one for Pro. duties)
C	Clerk	one (with typewriter)
Orderly	one	
Driver-batman	one	

5. The R.A. reinforcement camp which was situated at Matruh will not reopen West of Amriya until further orders. RA reinforcements will pass through the normal chain of reinforcement. Eighth Army will arrange for one RA officer and one Clerk RA to be attached to each transit camp to ensure the correct working of RA reinforcements. These personnel will be held in excess of W.E. pending a revision of the War Establishment.

6. UK RAC reinforcements will be handled by the Rft Sqdn T.D.R. as heretofore. They will NOT pass through the normal chain of reinforcement.

7. (a) OZE (Brit) will detail personnel to keep check of individuals passing through the camps as follows:-

"A" Branch Eighth Army	one officer
each Rft Camp	two N.C.O's.
T.D.R. (incl two Corps Sqdns)	three N.C.O's.

These personnel will remain on the WE of OZE (Brit)

(b) Os2E Indian, Nz, UDF, and Aus will consider the provision of OZE personnel at the scale of two N.C.O's. per Rft camp. These have been found to be most valuable for the accounting of personnel in transit. If provided, they will remain on the WE of the OZE concerned.

8. Pioneer Corps personnel (less Indian P.C.) will be accommodated in the UK sec of each camp.

9. In the event of the extension of the L. of C. it may be necessary to open a third reinforcement camp. If this is required it is probable that the bulk of the Administrative camp staff (less Indian sec) will be drawn from the UDF, NZEF, and AIF.

(Sgd) Ronald M. Scobie,  
Maj.-Gen.  
DAG.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Headquarters,  
A.I.F.(M.E.):

23rd July. 1942

A.I.F.(M.E.) CIRCULAR NO. A5/1942

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The Brigadier i/c Administration, A.I.F.(M.E.), during his visit to A.I.F. Camps in Palestine and elsewhere is much displeased with the general bearing of certain A.I.F. personnel, and particularly on the matters set out below.

2. The general deportment is not all that could be desired, saluting of superiors is lax and carelessness in the dress of personnel has been observed.
3. Personnel have been seen to pass along main roads and Gaza Town without shirts and in bathing costumes; this practice should be checked immediately.
4. Personnel whether going on leave or on recreation should be correctly dressed and the troops regularly inspected and the fact impressed upon them of the importance of their soldierly bearing at all times.
5. The Brigadier desires that special attention be given these matters and it is desired that every effort be made for their improvement.

  
Lieutenant-Colonel  
A.A.G., A.I.F.(M.E.).

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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Headquarters,  
A.I.F.(M.E.)  
10th July, 1942

H.Q. A.I.F.(M.E.) ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. A7/42.

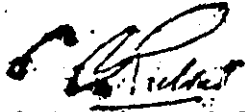
The following A.I.F. Base and L. of C. units and organisations have been established in the Alexandria Area for the administration etc. of A.I.F. troops in Egypt:-

1. A.I.F. H.Q. Adv. L.O. Office is situated at Mustapha Barracks, Alexandria. This L.O. will administer all A.I.F. Base and L. of C. organisations in the Alexandria Area.
- 2.(a) A.I.F.(M.E.) Staging Camp. This unit is responsible for:-
  - (i) Receiving and holding of reinforcements despatched from Palestine and their routing forward to 9 Aust. Div. as directed.
  - (ii) The collection and holding of stragglers and their routing to units.
  - (iii) Receiving medical evacuees from all hospitals and convalescent depots in Egypt, excluding those in the Canal Area.  
The routing of these personnel to either 1 Aust. Con. Depot, Palestine, or to units under command 9 Aust. Div. will be as arranged by the O.C. Staging Camp in consultation with the medical officer of that unit.
  - (iv) The holding and routing to their destination of such personnel as are received into the depot in accordance with movement orders or other instructions.
- 2.(b) Section of Aust. L. of C. Pro Coy. This section will be utilised as directed by the Aust. L.O.
- 2.(c) Medical arrangements. The M.O., A.I.F.(M.E.) Staging Camp, will arrange for the medical attention of A.I.F. personnel in the Area where they are not already catered for.
- 2.(d) Pay arrangements. Where unit arrangements are not available, A.I.F. personnel in the Area will draw their pay through the Pay Sergeant of A.I.F.(M.E.) Staging Camp.
3. H.Q., Aust. Res. Gp. has been established temporarily at the Alexandria Racing Club, under the command of 10 Corps.  
Arrangements regarding Left out of Battle personnel and their location have been made by 9 Aust. Div.
4. 9 Div. Section Corps Reception Camp has been raised and is located in Alexandria Area. This section is at the disposal of 9 Aust. Div.

5. A detachment of A.I.F. personnel is being stationed at the R.A.O.C. Laundry, Alexandria Area, to superintend arrangements in connection with the laundering of A.I.F. clothing.

6. Depots of the A.A.C.S., Red Cross and A.C.F. have been established. - *also 1476 (Final det)*

Any necessary detailed instructions regarding the functioning and organisation of the above units and establishments will be issued by or communicated to units etc. through A.I.F. H.Q. Adv. L.O.

 Brigadier,  
1/c Administration, A.I.F.(M.E.).

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G.H.Q., M.E.F. (3)  
EIGHTH ARMY. (3)  
9 AUST. DIV. (3)

## MESSAGE FORM

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(-) STAGING CAMP

REQUIRED (.) SITE SELECTED SIDI BISHR ACCOMMODATE IMMEDIATELY 500

PERSONNE ROOM EXPANSION IF NECESSARY (.) IF CONCURRED IN SUGGEST

ADVANCE PARTY STAFF REPORT EARLIEST DETRAIN SIDI BABAR SITE BEING

HELD PENDING YOUR EARLY CIPHERMATION (.) THIRD CONSIDERED UNNECESSARY

SEND STOCKS AUST PATTERN CLOTHING 6 AOD UNTIL POSITION FORWARD

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

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(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

T.H.I.

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## MESSAGE FORM

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FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

CLARIFIED (.) ARRANGEMENTS MADE HOLD STOCKS WHEN DESIRABLES (.)

MEANTIME SUGGESTBULK BE HELD 4 BOD FOR FORWARDING UNITS DAILY PACK

TRAIN (.) FOURTH (.) FORWARDING ODB AND STRENGTH STATE LOB

IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE (.) FIFTH (.) KIEWT. MEADOWS FORTY ORS BEING

HELD TENTATIVELY DUTY THIS AREA

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Alex Area - rptd Alex 100 bid East  
Austroce

ALOA 9/11

Adv Party Flying Lamp leaves ~~Thompson~~ <sup>Gaza</sup> by M.T.  
arrives Alex 100 9 June

DRIVER: [illegible] ENGINEER: [illegible] ASSISTANT: [illegible]  
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Cody.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

TO :- 20 AUST BDE 24 AUST BDE 26 AUST BDE 9 AUST DIV CAV  
RAA RAE SIGS MG 2/3 PNR AUST RES GP (3) 30 CORPS  
10 CORPS

Copies to :- COMD G AQ AASC MEDICAL ORD DAPM  
POST CASH FILE WA. DIARY

FROM :- MAIN 9 AUST DIV

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main HQ 9 Aust Div moves fwd on 7 July 42 (.) from 0600 hrs 7 Jul  
42 comd of Aust Res Gp which remains under comd of 10 Corps will  
pass from HQ 9 Aust Div to Col. H. Wrigley MC (.) Aust Res Gp  
comprises the units and gps shown under this heading in the Appx  
A att.

APPX "A" to O 246.

The following units will remain in ALEX AREA and form AUST RES GP.

1. AUST RES GP HQ (comd COL H WRIGLEY MC) ALEX Racing Club.
2. 2/13 Bn with under comd LOB personnel from 2/15 & 2/17 Bns area 490928. *forwarded Post 12 July.*
3. 2/3 Pnr Bn area 491927. *forwarded AM 12 July.*
4. 2/23 Bn with under comd LOB personnel from 2/24 & 2/48 Bns area 503929. *gone forward 10 July.*
5. 2/28 Bn with under comd LOB personnel from 2/32 & 2/43 Bns area 501928.
6. LOB personnel from 2/7 2/12 Fd Regts 3 A Tk Regt & 4 Lt AA Regt will concentrate in area 505931 and under comd to be notified by GRA. Personnel from 2/8 Fd Regt will be sent back at a later date.
7. LOB Personnel from Div Cav will concentrate under comd Maj MUNTZ in area 496931.
8. LOB personnel from 2/2 MG Bn will remain in area of 2/2 MG Bn HQ 5049312.
9. 24 Fd Pk Coy with under comd LOB personnel from Fd Coys 49929332.
10. 11 Coy AASC less det area 51899423.
11. Det 2/3 Fd Amb 50009347 det 2/8 Fd Amb 5000 9347 det 2/11 Fd Amb 49989273 2/4 Fd Hyg Sec 50009347.
12. 2/1 A Fd Wkshop less three Rec Secs 2 Corps Sec 1 Ord Fd Pk. 522950. *All LOB DIXHEIUS defunct 11 Jul 42*
13. Sec 9 Div Pro Coy ALEX Racing Club.

Copies to :- Ausforce ✓  
Aust Liaison Officer, GHD.  
(For information.)

Copies O.D.3. will be forwarded as soon as issued.

*Heptham*  
MAJOR.

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A.I.F. (M.E.) BASE AREA

ROUTINE ORDERS

By

BRIGADIER B.W. PULVER

COMMANDER, A.I.F. (M.E.) BASE AREA.

No. 83

1 July, 1942

GENERAL STAFF

869. SIGNAL PROCEDURE.

1. A deferred category for messages will be introduced w.e.f. 0001 hours 8 July, 1942.
2. This category will rank below NON-PRIORITY Service traffic, but before private paid traffic. Originators will write "Deferred" in the Originators Instruction space of the message form when it is desired to use this category.

*C. H. Hoyle*  
MAJOR,  
GENERAL STAFF.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S STAFF.

870. BOUNDS - CAFES AND HOTELS

The following have been placed "In Bounds" to all ranks of H.M. Forces :--

HOTEL YAVNE - 18 Yavne Street, TEL AVIV.  
LONDON SQUARE CAFE - Hayarkon Street, TEL AVIV.

871. FORMATION SIGNS ON M.T. VEHICLES.

1. C.O's. will ensure that the allotted Formation sign and Unit number is displayed on M.T. vehicles as soon as they come on unit charge.
2. Signs and numbers other than those belonging to the unit will NOT be left on vehicles.
3. This order will be implemented forthwith.

872. SPECIAL LEAVE.

Base Area Routine Order No. 82 of 17 June 1942, para 865, is amended as follows :--

" 1. Para 3(e) of Administrative Instruction A3/42 should read :--

" 1. Para 3(c) of Administrative Instruction A3/42.

873. OFFICERS CLUB - DRESS OF OFFICERS.

1. Officers visiting Officers' Club, Gaza, as and from 1 July, 1942, may after 1900 hours daily, wear Trousers K.D. with shirt, collar and tie.

2. Base Area Routine Order N o. 775 of 1 April, 1942, is cancelled.

874. BOOTS

A very high percentage of boots returned to Ordnance Depots as unserviceable have proved on examination to be repairable. In future, all Units will observe stricter control and ensure that boots are beyond repair before any new issues are made.

875. UNREFINED SUGAR - ISSUE OF.

1. Consignments of unrefined sugar are now arriving in the Middle East. This sugar is light brown in colour which is due to the presence of a small amount of molasses.

2. There is, however, no difference in food or sweetening value between this sugar and that previously issued.

876. BLANKETS.

1. There is a world shortage of blankets, and sources of supply of woollen goods are embarrassed as a result of the war.

2. It is essential that economy in the use of blankets be exercised by all concerned and on no account are they to be used for other than the service for which they are provided, i.e. as bedding for personnel.

877. FUELWOOD.

1. Supplies of Fuel Wood are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain and there is a possibility of a shortage occurring.

2. The attention of all units is directed to the need for economy in the consumption of this commodity and every effort should be made to avoid wastage.

878. AMMUNITION RETURNS.

1. Returns received by H.Q., A.I.F.(M.E.) disclose that units are using incorrect ammunition abbreviations.

2. Units will use only those abbreviations laid down in F.S.P.B. 9A-1941 - "Ammunition Abbreviations". This pamphlet supersedes F.S.P.B. 9A-1939 and 1940.

3. Units NOT in possession of F.S.P.B. 9A-1941 will render indents immediately to H.Q., A.I.F.(M.E.) and meanwhile will continue to use the abbreviations laid down in F.S.P.B. 9A-1939 or 1940, stating in their returns which code is being used.

4. Under NO circumstances will the returns contain abbreviations used in more than one of the abovementioned pamphlets.

879. SPECIAL LEAVE - ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. A4/42

1. Para 4 of the above instruction will be amended to read as follows :--

"Leave to Jerusalem and Tel Aviv will commence on 7 Jun, 1942. Each weekly party will proceed to leave centre on the morning of the Sunday of each week and will depart from Jerusalem on the Sunday MORNING of the following week and from Tel Aviv on the Sunday AFTERNOON of the following week".

2. To be repeated in Unit Routine Orders.

880. SPECIAL LEAVE - NATHANYA LEAVE CAMP - ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. A6/42.

1. Para 5(e) of the above instruction will be amended to read :--

"Leave parties will report on arrival to the O.C. Australian Wing. Nominal rolls in TRIPPLICATE will accompany each leave party and a n officer or N.C.O. will be placed in charge of each unit party".

2. To be repeated in Unit Routine Orders.

881. AMENITIES AND SPORTS OFFICERS.

Base Area Order 831 of 18 May, 1942 is hereby cancelled and the following will take effect as from Monday 6 July, 1942 :--

"Amenities and Sports Officers of A.I.F.(M.E.) units located in Palestine will attend a conference to be held each Monday, at 1000 hours, in the lounge of O.R's Section, Gaza House."

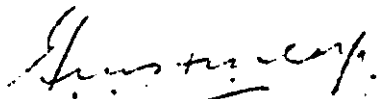
882. MEDICAL INOCULATION STATE.

1. Inoculation state of all A.I.F. troops in Palestine will be made by units to D.D.M.S., H.Q., A.I.F. (M.E.) not later than 7 July, 1942.

2. Inoculation state will set out :--

(a) Number of personnel who have NOT received T.A.B. inoculation since 1 July, 1941.

(b) Number of personnel who have not received as at the date of this Order three injections of tetanus toxoid.

  
Lieutenant-Colonel;  
A.A.G., A.I.F.(M.E.).

DISTRIBUTION:--

All units under command.



NOTICE

1. A.I.F.(M.E.) Palestine Combined Surf Carnival will be held at Gaza Beach on Saturday, 11 July, 1942, at 1430 hours.
2. Entries must reach Amenities Service, H.Q., A.I.F.(M.E.) not later than 1600 hours on Sunday, 5 July, 1942.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE REST ROOM - JERUSALEM.

1. A Rest Room situated behind Cinema Rex in Jerusalem is available for the use of all members of H.B.M. Forces, daily in the afternoon.
2. Services are held in the Rest Room on Sundays, at 1030 hours and on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 1600 hours.

TAXI SERVICE.

1. Arrangements have been made with W. Robinson, trading as Robeys, to provide a Taxi Service for the exclusive use of Military personnel.
2. Four Taxis will be available and the undermentioned prices, which are fixed, will apply:--

FROM	TO	SINGLE	RETURN	FREE WAIT- ING PERIOD
Gaza Ridge	Gaza Town	Mils 200	Mils 250	½ hour
" "	Gaza Officers' Club	250	300	½ hour
" "	Nuseirat	600	700	½ hour
" "	Tel Aviv	2000	3300	3 hours
" "	Jerusalem	3000	3500	3 hours

3. Payment will be made by Military personnel taking advantage of the Taxi Service.

4. Passes for Robeys Taxi Service have been issued so as to enable their Taxis to enter A.I.F. Camps. Any authorities to other Taxi Services have been withdrawn.

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BRIGADIER B.W. PULVER  
COMMANDER, A.I.F.(M.E.) BASE AREA

No. 84

14th July, 1942.

GENERAL STAFF

NIL

  
Major,  
General Staff.

883. Discipline - Diving in Shallow Water.

1. There have been several cases recently of military personnel being admitted to hospital with fractured or dislocated necks. In each instance the injuries have been caused through diving into shallow water, or from locked arms or shoulders of other members.

2. Personnel are warned against this practice. Beach Inspectors have been instructed to report personnel so acting and strong disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

884. Returned Stores Depot, Rafa.

1. No. 3 R.S.D., Rafa is closed down.

2. Units normally using this depot will now forward their returns to R.S.D., Safafand.

885. Billeting of Soldiers in Australia.

Advice has been received from Australia that where houses are only occupied by women or women and children the Defence Quartering Act does not permit soldiers to be billeted therein. All troops in billets in the Adelaide Area have been removed as this was an emergency act which has now passed.

886. A.C.F. Distribution.

1. An A.C.F. Distribution of 2 ozs. tobacco, 1 pkt. cigarette papers, 1 stick shaving soap and 1 cake toilet soap will be made on Thursday, 16th July, 1942.

2. Issues to Camps in the Mughazi-Kilo 89 Area will be delivered to Camp Comds. concerned, on production of certificates showing unit strengths as at 0900 hours, 16th July, 1942.

3. Units stationed beyond the abovementioned area will collect their issues at Mughazi under their own arrangements.

887. Bounds - Cafes and Hotels.

The following Hotel has been placed "In Bounds" to all ranks of H.M. Forces :--

Hotel "Excelsior" - Hayarkon Street, Tel Aviv.

888. A.I.F.(M.E.) Officers' Shops.

1. The services of the A.I.F.(M.E.) Officers' Shops are now available at Hut 201, Lines 8, Camp Mughazi - adjoining Finance Section.

2. This service is in addition to shop located at Gaza Town.

*Hasnureef*  
Lieutenant-Colonel,  
A.A.G., A.I.F.(M.E.).

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NOTICE

GAZA HOUSE

The officers' section of Gaza House is now open to officers and warrant officers.

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BRIGADIER E.W.PULVER

COMMANDER, A.I.F.(M.E.) BASE AREA


No. 85

22nd July, 1942

GENERAL STAFF

889. NIGHT OPERATIONS:

Formations and units will inform this H.Q. 24 hrs. in advance when it is intended to use explosives, including blank ammunition and Verrey lights, at night. Definite times and locations will be given.

  
Major,  
General Staff.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S STAFF

890. FRESH FISH:

1. Fresh fish will shortly be issued to units from D.I.D.

Scale of Issue:-

3½ ozs per man twice weekly in lieu of  
6/7 ozs tinned herrings.

2. Units will exercise all care in the preparation of this item which with proper attention can be made very palatable to the troops.
3. The fish will be cooked and consumed on day of issue.
4. It is essential that full use be made of this commodity and special attention will be given to prevention of waste and misuse.

891. H.Q., A.I.F.(M.E.) BASE AREA TRANSPORT:

1. H.Q., A.I.F.(M.E.) Base Area Transport has been re-organised and the functions of A.I.F. Transport Details have been taken over by:-

Base Transport Platoon A.A.S.C., and  
Special Base Transport Platoon, A.A.S.C.,

situated in Herring Lines, Kilo 89 (Tel. Ext. 60).

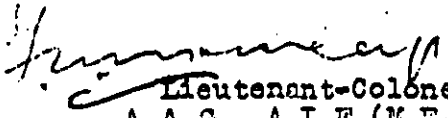
2. Vehicles controlled by these units are as follows:-

Base Transport Platoon, A.A.S.C. - Load-carrying vehicles.

Special Base Transport Platoon - Passenger vehicles.

3. Requisitions for transport will be made direct to the O.C., Base Transport Platoon, who will co-ordinate all demands. Such requisitions will be lodged at least 24 hrs. before transport is required.

4. It is emphasised that economy in the use of transport is essential. Units requiring transport will endeavour to co-ordinate their requirements with other units in the area.

  
Lieutenant-Colonel,  
A.A.G., A.I.F.(M.E.).

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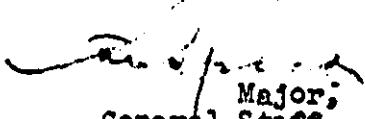
COMMANDER, A.I.F.(M.E.) BASE AREA

No. 86

28th July, 1942

GENERAL STAFF

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Major;  
General Staff.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S STAFF

892. HANDCUFFS, COMMON - RETURN OF:

1. All units holding handcuffs, common, whether as part of G.1098 or E.2 equipment, or otherwise, will return them to D.A.D.O.S. (Base & L. of C.) by 3rd August, 1942.

2. NIL returns are required.

893. DRAWING OF RATIONS:

1. The following procedure will be adopted by all units drawing rations ex D.I.D.

2. A responsible officer or N.C.O. will accompany unit ration vehicle to D.I.D. He will -

(a) Check all rations drawn against load list.

(b) Check perishable goods for quality.

(c) Adjust any discrepancies at the time.

3. On arrival at unit ration store, unit C.M. will again check ration against entitlements and report any discrepancies to C.O. for investigation.

894. SALVAGE OF EMPTY ORDNANCE PACKAGES AND CASES WOOD PACKING:

1. All types of used Ordnance packages are valuable, and most of them can be re-conditioned and re-used.

2. Units will ensure that such packages, (e.g. S.A.A. Cartons, Bandolier, S.F.C. Boxes with their tinned linings, ammunition boxes, chests for small arms and M.Gs. etc. etc.) are returned immediately they are no longer required, to the Returned Stores Depot of the Base Ordnance Depot by which they are served.

3. All cases Wood Packing, other than those issued by Supply Depots A.A.S.C. as returnable containers, will also be

returned by units to the nearest R.S.D. immediately they are no longer required. Returnable containers issued by Supply Depots or D.I.Ds. will be returned to the issuing Depot.

**895. RESERVE RATIONS:**

1. Attention is drawn to A.I.F.(M.E.) Base Area R.O. No. 77 para. 807, dated 11th May, 1942.
2. In some cases units are failing to render returns and in other cases some returns are NOT correctly completed.
3. Returns must contain all the required information and must be rendered to reach D.A.D.S. & T., A.I.F.(M.E.), NOT later than the 5th of each month.
4. Units are entitled to hold four days reserve rations in accordance with the following scale of issue per man per day:-

	<u>ozs.</u>
Preserved meat	9
Biscuits	16
Tea	5/8
Sugar	2
Milk	2
Jam	2

5. This reserve ration must NOT be confused with the Emergency Ration (chocolate).

**896. CAFES - BOUNDS:**

The following Cafe has been placed "IN BOUNDS":-

Cafe "OASIS" - Ramat Gan.

**897. LEAVE - PERMISSION TO LIVE AT OTHER THAN RECOGNISED HOTELS:**

O.Rs. who have been given permission by their C.O's. to live at other than the recognised hotels etc. in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv must present such written authority to the Amenities Officer on reporting at Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

*G. W. Mearns*  
Lieutenant-Colonel,  
A.A.G., A.I.F.(M.E.).

**NOTICES**

**LADIES HAIR DRESSING SALOON:**

A Ladies hair dressing saloon for the A.A.N.S. and V.A.D. has been opened at Gaza House as from Wednesday, 29th April, 1942.

**REPAIRS OF PRIVATELY OWNED FOOTWEAR:**

1. An additional service has been provided by No. 1 A.I.F.(M.E.) Officers' Shop whereby privately owned footwear may be repaired at a reasonable cost to the individual.
2. Footwear may be left at the Shop and will normally be available within 48 hours.
3. Prices are as follows:-

	<u>Aust.</u>	<u>LP.</u>
Half sole and heel	7/8	:310
Sole only	5/6	:220
Heel only	2/4	:005

subject to variation.

4. All reasonable care will be exercised but no responsibility can be accepted by the Officers' Shop for loss or damage.

**DISTRIBUTION:** All units under command.

A.A.G., AIF (ME) 3  
M.H. & E. Sec., AIF (ME) 1  
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SUMMARY OF AIF BATTLE CASUALTIES AS AT 27 JUN 42.  
1st LIBYAN, TOBRUK, 2nd LIBYAN, GREECE & CRETE, SYRIA & PALESTINE

ECHELON: 6472

<u>1st LIBYAN</u>	<u>Killed</u> <u>In</u> <u>Action</u>	<u>Died</u> <u>of</u> <u>Wounds</u>	<u>P.O.W.</u> <u>Decd.</u>	<u>Wounded</u> <u>In</u> <u>Action</u>	<u>Wounded</u> <u>&amp;</u> <u>Missing</u>	<u>Missing</u>	<u>Missing</u> <u>Believed</u> <u>Killed</u>	<u>Missing</u> <u>Believed</u> <u>P.O.W.</u>	<u>Prisoners</u> <u>of</u> <u>War</u>	<u>P.O.W.</u> <u>&amp;</u> <u>Wounded</u>	<u>T O T A L</u>
<u>TOTAL 1st LIBYAN TO DATE</u>	19x186	4x55	-x-	60x872	-x1	-x3	-x5	-x-	2x19	-x3	85x 1144
<u>TOBRUK</u>											
<u>Total Casualties</u> <u>reported to 20 Jun 42.</u>	27x468	8x186	-x1	98x1958	1x13	1x32	2x22	3x22	43x803	3x103	186x 3608
<u>Additional Casualties</u> <u>reported for week</u> <u>ending 27 Jun 42.</u>	-x 2	-x 1			-x(-1)	-x(-1)	-x(-1)				
<u>TOTAL TOBRUK TO DATE</u>	27x470	8x187	-x1	98x1958	1x12	1x31	2x21	3x22	43x803	3x103	186x 3608
<u>2nd LIBYAN</u>											
<u>TOTAL 2nd LIBYAN TO DATE</u>	1x 15	1x 10	-x-	6x 49	-x-	-x-	1x26	-x-	-x 3	-x-	9x 103
<u>(B) GREECE &amp; CRETE</u>											
<u>Total Casualties</u> <u>reported to 20 Jun 42</u>	11x311	5x 77	-x39	19x475	1x30	2x121	5x72	1x34	174x4347	27x472	245x 5978
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<u>(C) SYRIA</u>											
<u>TOTAL SYRIA TO DATE</u>	32x286	5x 82	-x-	85x1059	-x1	-x-	-x 7				122x 1435
<u>(D) PALESTINE</u>											
<u>TOTAL PALESTINE TO DATE</u>	-x 1			-x 6							-x 7
<u>GRAND TOTAL (1st LIBYAN) (TOBRUK)</u> <u>(2nd LIBYAN) (B) (C) (D) CAS-</u> <u>UALTIES REPORTED TO 27 JUN 42.</u>	90x1271	23x411	-x40	268x4419	2x44	3x153	8x131	4x56	219x5170	30x580	647x12275

DATE 28 JUN 42.

*W.R. Hancock* Capt.,  
Officer-in-Charge 2nd Echelon,  
A.I.F. (ME).



A.A.G., AIF (ME)  
M.H. & I. Sec., AIF (ME)  
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SUMMARY OF AIF BATTLE CASUALTIES AS AT 4 JUL 42.  
1st LIBYAN, TOBRUK, 2nd LIBYAN, GREECE & CRETE, SYRIA & PALESTINE

ECHELON: 6575

	<u>Killed</u> <u>in</u> <u>Action</u>	<u>Died</u> <u>of</u> <u>Wounds</u>	<u>P.O.W.</u> <u>Dead.</u>	<u>Wounded</u> <u>in</u> <u>Action</u>	<u>Wounded</u> <u>&amp;</u> <u>Missing</u>	<u>Missing</u>	<u>Missing</u> <u>Believed</u> <u>Killed</u>	<u>Missing</u> <u>Believed</u> <u>P.O.W.</u>	<u>Prisoners</u> <u>of</u> <u>War</u>	<u>P.O.W.</u> <u>&amp;</u> <u>Wounded</u>	<u>T O T A L</u>
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<u>TOTAL TOBRUK TO DATE</u>	27x472	8x187	-x1	98x1958	1x12	1x30	2x21	3x21	43x801	3x105	186x 3608
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Additional Casualties reported for week ending 4 Jul 42			-x 3			-x(-1)		-x(-1)	-x (-2)	-x 1	
<u>TOTAL GREECE &amp; CRETE</u>	11x313	5x 77	-x42	19x 475	1x30	2x118	5x72	1x33	174x4343	27x475	245x 5978
<u>(C) SYRIA</u>											
<u>TOTAL SYRIA TO DATE</u>	32x286	5x 82	-x-	85x1059	-x1	-x-	-x 7				122x 1435
<u>(D) PALESTINE</u>											
<u>TOTAL PALESTINE TO DATE</u>	-x 1			-x 6							-x 7
<u>GRAND TOTAL (1st LIBYAN) (TOBRUK)</u>											
<u>(2nd LIBYAN) (B) (C) (D) CAS-</u>											
<u>UALTIES REPORTED TO 4 JUL 42.</u>	90x127323x411		-x43	268x4419	2x44	3x151	8x131	4x54	219x5166	30x583	647x12275

DATE 5 JUL 42.

*W.R. Lancaster* Capt.,  
Officer-in-Charge 2nd Echelon.  
A.I.F. (ME).

SERIAL.	UNIT.	FROM.	TO.	REMARKS.
1	Vehicle Convoy - and Reinft Draft - Offrs 20 - ORs 165 - Vehicles 50.	MUSKIRAT - 1500 hrs 4 JUL	EGYPT	Vehicles for 9 Aust Div - Reinft Draft - Offrs 19 - ORs 132 - also for 9 Aust Div.
2	Rear Party 9 Aust Div - Offrs 33 - ORs 777.	TRIPOLI - 5 JUL	GAZA 0800 hrs 7 JUL	To AIF Reinft DEPOT (First Reinfts etc).
3	Rear Party 20 Aust Inf Bde - 3 Offrs - 108 ORs	SYRIA - 5 JUL	GAZA 0820 hrs 8 JUL	To AIF Reinft Depot.
4	Aust Wing 179 L & T Camp - Offrs 1 - ORs 50.	NORTH HATHANZA 5 JUL	KILO 89	Camp temporarily closed because of move of civilians and military personnel EGYPT to PALESTINE
5	7 Aust Gen Hosp - AAMB 66 - VAs - 54 - Vehicles 15.	GAZA RIDGE - 0745 hrs 7 JUL	SIDON - 7 JUL	hospital expected to open 10 Jul.
6	Adv Party & Aust Convalescent Depot - Offrs 3 - ORs 36 - Vehicles - 7 Det & Aust Gen Depot - Offrs 3 - ORs 30 - Vehicles - 4 (and 9 tons stores)	MUSKIRAT - 0700 hrs 6 JUL " 0700 hrs 23 JUL	SIDON	
7	AIF Offrs Shop No.2. - Offrs 1 - ORs 6 - Vehicles 3.	TRIPOLI - 9 JUL	MUQAZI - 10 JUL	
8	Aust Staging Camp - Offrs 5 - ORs 45 - Vehicles 5.	BEIRUT - 7 JUL	ALEXANDRIA - 9 JUL	
9	AIF (ME) Entertainment Op - Offrs 3 - ORs 48. TO AIF (ME) Concert Party - Offrs 111 - ORs 19. 9 Aust Div Concert Party - Offrs 111 - ORs 19.)	KILO 89 - 8 JUL	MUQAZI.	
10	3, 4, 5 and 6 Aust Anti-Malaria Control Units - Offrs 5 - ORs 28 - Vehicles 6.	EGYPT - 7/8 JUL	KILO 89.	By M.
11	a) 2/3 Aust OCS (Rail Party) Offrs 5 - ORs 21 - Vehs 7 b) 2/3 Aust OCS (Rail Party) - Offrs 8 - ORs 74 - (Plus 70 tons equipment)	SYRIA SYRIA - 12 JUL	EGYPT - 11 JUL EGYPT - 13 JUL	Sisters 8 moved to 6 Aust Gen Hosp 10 JUL.
12	3 Aust Mob Recd Lab - Offrs 1 - ORs 5 - Vehicles 2.	SYRIA	GAZA - 11 JUL	By M. To 6 Aust Gen Hosp.
13	9 Aust Div Reception Camp - Offrs 1 - ORs - 10 Vehicles - 2.	GAZA - 8 JUL	ALEXANDRIA.	By M.
14	41 Aust Dental Unit - Offrs 1 - ORs 4.	KILO 89 - 13 JUL	MUSKIRAT - 13 JUL	By M.
15	3 Aust Dental Unit - Offrs 1 - ORs 4.	KILO 89 - 13 JUL	GAZA RIDGE - 13 JUL	By M.
16	Det Aust Wing 179 L & T Camp - Offrs 1 - ORs 45.	KILO 89 - 14 JUL	NORTH HATHANZA 14 JUL	By M. - To re-open Camp.
17	Reinft Draft - Offrs 14 - ORs 580.	MUSKIRAT - 0950 hrs 15 JUL	ALEXANDRIA	By Rail - For 9 Aust Div.
18	Vehicle Convoy - Offrs 1 - ORs 66 - Vehicles 34.	MUSKIRAT - 1400 hrs 17 JUL	ALEXANDRIA	By M. - Vehicles for 9 Aust Div - ORs 54 for 2/3 Aust OCS.

SERIAL	UNIT	FROM	TO	REMARKS
19	Reinf Draft - Office 15 - ORs 573	MUSKIRAT - 2000 hrs 20 JUL	ALEXANDRIA	By Rail - For 9 Aust Div.
20	Vehicle Convoy - Office 1 - ORs 38 - Vehicles - 35	BAHA - 1400 hrs 23 JUL	ALEXANDRIA	By Rail - For 9 Aust Div.
21	Reinf Draft - Office 111 - ORs 9	MUSKIRAT - 25 JUL	DETRIT	By Rail. For Aust By Counter & Maint Co.
22	9 Aust Div Mob Laundry - Office 2 - ORs 43 - Vehicles 4.	MUSKIRAT - 0600 hrs 20 JUL	T.E.K.	By Rail.
23	Reinf Draft - Office 40 - ORs 111.	MUSKIRAT - 1200 hrs 24 JUL	ALEXANDRIA	By Rail. For 9 Aust Div.
24	Reinf Draft - Office 35 - ORs 12.	MUSKIRAT - 2245 hrs 24 JUL	ALEXANDRIA	By Rail. For 9 Aust Div.
25	7 Aust Gen Hosp. a) Adv Party - Office 2 - ORs 40 b) 1st Rail Party - Office 111 - ORs 30 (Plus 400 on tank stores) c) 2nd Rail Party - Office 0 - ORs 10 (Plus 60 on tank stores) d) Main Body - Office 26 - AARS 66 - VAD 64 - ORs 110.	SIDON 24 JUL 28 JUL 31 JUL 30 JUL	BURJIL " " "	By Road. By Rail. " "
26	Reinf Draft - Office 11 - ORs 726	MUSKIRAT - 26 JUL	ALEXANDRIA	By Rail - For 9 Aust Div.
27	Vehicle Convoy - Office 111 - ORs 36 - Vehicles 36.	BAHA - 27 JUL	ALEXANDRIA	By Rail. Vehicles for 9 Aust Div.
28	Reinf Draft - Office 10 - ORs 229.	MUSKIRAT - 29 JUL	ALEXANDRIA	By Rail - For 9 Aust Div.

*[Signature]* Lt.-Col.,  
A.G.M.G., A.I.F. (M.E.)

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

HQ AIF (ME)

19 Jul 42.

AIF (ME) Adm Instruction No. Q 15.

HQ AIF (ME) - TRANSPORT.

1. Every effort must be made to avoid waste of tpt, consequent waste of pet, and wearing out of vehicles and tyres. Unnecessary use of tpt will therefore be avoided. All offrs are requested to co-operate in this regard.
2. (a) Tpt of HQ AIF (ME) excepting vehicles of GOC and Brig i/c Adm, will be under the direction, technical control and op of Camp Commandant through the Tpt Offr.  
(b) All requisitions for tpt (cars and vans) will be submitted direct to Tpt Offr.  
(c) To ensure co-ordination and economy of tpt, Pro Forma G.1 for tpt outside GAZA Area will be lodged with Tpt Offr at least 24 hours before tpt is required. Except in cases of extreme urgency.

3. ALLOTTED VEHICLES.

There will be no change in present allotment of vehicles.

4. WORK TICKETS.

No alteration or endorsement will normally be made to any work ticket (G2) except by the Tpt Offr. If an alteration (such as change of destination), or endorsement is made, it will be reported to the Tpt Offr immediately on return of the vehicle.

5. AIF (ME) Adm Instruction No. Q 9 dated 26 May 42 is cancelled.

*[Signature]* Maj  
HQ AIF (ME)

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AIF (ME) ADM INSTN NO Q. 17.

HQ AIF (ME)

25 Jul 42

LAUNDRY SERVICE - PUBLIC EXPENSE - CAMP KILO 89.

1. A contract has been entered into between HQ AIF (ME) and ALEXANDER BANNA for the washing, ironing and starching where necessary, at Public Expense, of the personal clothing of all ranks in Camp KILO 89 commencing from 27 Jul 42.

2. All ranks may hand in two bundles of washing per week, but the total number of articles per week will NOT exceed sixteen and will be in accordance with the scale set out in Appx. "A".

3. (a) Units will be allotted two days in each week on which laundry will be handed in. Unit QMs will be responsible for receiving and checking bundles received from personnel and will deliver the total quantity to laundry by a time on the same day to be mutually agreed upon between the QM and the Contractor.

(b) Clean laundry will be available for recovery 48 hours after the time it was handed in.

4. CHECKING.

(a) Unit QMs will be supplied with books of dockets numbered serially in triplicate, and one set of dockets only will be used for each person each week.

(b) The first lot of articles handed in each week will be marked off on the dockets and the number "1" will be written in the price coln opposite each article. One docket will be given to the soldier, one to the Contractor and one will be retained in the book.

(c) When the total quantity is delivered to him, the Contractor will sign the docket retained by the QM. This docket will be used to check the articles returned.

(d) The Contractor's docket should be returned with the clean laundry and retained by the QM until the second lot of articles are handed in by the soldier. When this occurs, the soldier should produce his docket and the articles will be marked off on the three dockets which should then be in the QM's possession. The number "2" will be written in the price coln to indicate that the second bundle has been handed in.

(e) Should either the Contractor's or soldier's docket be missing, the QM's copy will be treated as a master docket and it will be the responsibility of the Contractor to ensure that he has a record of the articles delivered to him.

(f) The Contractor will sign the QM's docket as an ack of receipt of the second bundles.

5. PAYMENT.

(a) Each week each QM will fwd the total number of dockets held by him to the Camp S.O. immediately after the return of the second quantity of washing.

(b) Camp S.Os. will collate the total number of dockets received and will prepare A.F. P.1922 for signature by the Contractor. Each docket will be considered as a complete washing for which the Contractor is entitled to charge 46 mills, e.g., if there are 100 dockets duly signed by the Contractor and the QM, the Contractor will be entitled to receive 4600 mills

(c) Signed A.Fs. P.1922 will be fwd by the Camp S.O. to HQ AIF (ME) together with all dockets.

MARKING OF ARTICLES. (a)...

MARKING OF ARTICLES.

6. (a) Each person using the laundry will be allotted a number by the Contractor who will be responsible for marking each article with the appropriate number.

(b) The Contractor will supply each QI with a record of the allotment of numbers and will keep such record up to date. QIs will be responsible for entering each person's laundry number on the dockets.

LOSS OR DAMAGE.

7. (a) The Contractor is responsible for replacing without cost to the individual any article lost or damaged whilst in his possession.

(b) In the case of issue clothing, the money will be paid to the QI who will issue a replacement against repayment. The cost of the article will be paid by the QI to the CPM AIF (IE) in the normal manner.

(c) In the case of privately owned articles, the QI will assess the value of the lost article and will pay the amount recovered to the owner of the article.

LOCATION.

8. Laundry Buildings in SQUIRES LINES at the NORTHERN entrance to the Camp.

EXPRESS LAUNDRY.

9. (a) The Contractor has been given permission to establish an express laundry in the laundry buildings located in HERRING LINES, EAST of the Camp S.O.'s office.

(b) Prices will be as shown in Appx. "B".

(c) The Contractor has undertaken to replace all articles lost or damaged whilst in his possession, but personnel are reminded that no liability or responsibility for lost or damaged articles will be accepted by the AIF.

COMPLAINTS.

10. Any complaints together with supporting statements will be forwarded through the normal channels to this HQ.

*W. G. Galt*  
Lt-Col  
AIF AIF (IE)

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APPENDIX "A". to AIF (ME) Adm Instrn  
No. Q. 17.

<u>ARTICLES.</u>	<u>NUMBER.</u>
Drawers, cellular, short, pairs	2
Handkerchiefs (3)	1 (b)
Jackets K.D.	1
Shirts, Tropical or Bush	2
Shorts, K.D., prs	2
Socks, worsted, prs	3
Towels, hand	2
Trousers, K.D.	1
Vests, cotton	2
	<u>16</u>

PRICE 46 MILLS PER WEEK PER PERSON WHOSE CLOTHES ARE HANDED IN FOR LAUNDERING.

(b) THREE HANDKERCHIEFS COUNT AS ONE ARTICLE.

APPENDIX "B". to AIF (AE) Adm Instrn  
No. Q.17.

PRICES CHARGED FOR EXPRESS LAUNDRY.

<u>ARTICLES</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Khaki shirt	10 mls
Flannel shirt	10 mls
Khaki shorts	15 mls
Khaki trousers (KD)	20 mls
1 pair pyjamas	20 mls
Singlet (cotton)	5 mls
Singlet (woollen)	10 mls
Drawers (cotton)	5 mls
Drawers (woollen)	10 mls
One pair socks	5 mls
5 Handkerchiefs	5 mls
Towel	5 mls
Bath Towel	10 mls
Pullover	40 mls
Tie, Khaki cotton or woollen	10 mls
Est	100 mls

~~SOME: 16 articles per week. No washing per week. Charging rate - 46~~  
~~mls per week.~~

APPENDIX "C". to AIF (AE) Adm Instrn  
No. Q. 17.

DAYS ALLOTTED FOR DEPOSIT OF LAUNDRY WITH CONTRACTOR.

Sigs HQ AIF (AE)	Wednesdays and Saturdays.
Aust Depot Bn	Mondays and Thursdays
Special Base Tpt Pl	Mondays and Thursdays
2/6 Aust Hd Pys Sec	Wednesdays and Saturdays
Base Tpt Pl	Mondays and Thursdays
2 Aust L of C Rec Sec	Mondays and Thursdays
2 Aust Pro Coy	Tuesdays and Fridays
2nd Echelon AIF (AE)	Wednesdays and Saturdays
Camp Comdt HQ AIF (AE)	Tuesdays and Fridays
14 & 8 Aust Dental Units	Tuesdays and Fridays
1 Aust M.A.C.	Wednesdays and Saturdays



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AIF (ME)

27 JUL 48

MAINTENANCE OF AIF (ME) - ORDINANCE RECOMMEND.

Ref MEMO 968 of 17 Jul 48 - GREE/3076/04(P).

1. AIF (ME) is no longer in a position to assume responsibility for vehicles for 9 Aust Div and other AIF Units in ME. Sources of supply ex AUSTRALIA have ceased to be available, and will not be resumed. The previous practice of withdrawing, under agreement with you, MUST pattern vehicles and exchanging these with WD types, and reconditioning vehicles ex TOBRUK or Western Desert has resulted in 9 Aust Div taking the field with a large proportion of its transport completely non-desertworthy.

2. It is proposed, therefore, that resources of reconditioned vehicles ex AROC Workshops will be passed to CHQ Pool for issue in accordance with priorities directed by CHQ.

3. It follows automatically, therefore, that AIF (ME) will rely entirely on CHQ resources for issue and maintenance of vehicles, and control of such issues should, therefore, not be assumed by HQ AIF (ME).

4. Such MUST pattern stores as may arrive in ME in the future in satisfaction of previous AROC provision demands will automatically be issued as determined by CHQ priorities.

5. The work now undertaken by AROC Workshops in reconditioning vehicles of types referred to may require revision from the standpoint that more important work of operational priority may be undertaken in lieu, in accordance w/- para 8 of MEMO 968.

6. In conformity with the above proposals it is recommended that para 4 of MEMO 968 be deleted.

*J. B. Keene* Col  
Lt-Gen.  
GOC AIF (ME).

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FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE A.M.R. & O 1587  
 SPECIAL ROUTINE ORDERS NO. 143  
 BY COL. R.A. MONEY, M.C., E.D., CO. 6 AUST GEN HOSPITAL AIF (ME)  
 GAZA RIDGE & CAMP COMMANDER, GAZA RIDGE. SUNDAY 26 JUL 42

1. CEREMONIAL PARADE: A ceremonial parade of all personnel of the 6 AGH and war establishment attachments (less essential details) will be held on Wednesday 29 Jul 42 to commemorate the second anniversary of the formation of the unit.

2. TIME: Companies will fall in on their respective parade grounds at 1545 hrs., and will march onto the unit parade ground at 1600 hrs. Markers from each company will report to the R.S.M. on the unit parade ground at 1555 hrs. The inspecting officer Brig. B.W. PULVER, Brig. i/c Administration AIF HQ.(ME) will arrive at 1630 hrs.

3. PLACE OF PARADE: The place of parade will be the unit parade ground situated at the car park.

4. FORMATION OF COYS: The 6 AGH will be divided into four Coys as follows:-

A. AAMC personnel.	.....	Coy Officer	Lt.Col.C.G.McDONALD
B. AAMC personnel.	.....	Coy Officer	Lt.Col.T.Y.NELSON
C. AANS personnel.	.....	Coy Officer	Maj.N.L.SHERWOOD
D. VAD personnel.	.....	Coy Officer	Miss E.M.BROWN

Coys will be sized tallest on the flanks, shortest in the centre.

5. DISPOSITION OF COYS: The disposition of Coys on the parade ground will be as follows:-

AAMC personnel	{	two coys	{	Northern boundary
AANS "	{	one coy	{	Western boundary
VAD "	{	one coy	{	Eastern boundary

Officers will parade at 1600 hrs., on the Southern boundary.

6. DRESS. AAMC personnel, Summer dress, hats turned down.  
 AANS personnel, veils, service dress with cape.  
 VAD personnel, veils, service dress, short sleeves.

7. INSPECTING OFFICER: The unit will be inspected by Brig. B.W. PULVER, Brig. i/c AIF HQ (ME) who will deliver a short address after the inspection.

8. MARCH PAST: After inspection the unit will march past the saluting base in the following order:-

1. AAMC, A Coy: 2. AAMC, B Coy: 3. AANS, 4. VAD.

9. SALUTING BASE: The saluting base will be at the intersection of the road facing the administrative block:

10. BAND: The Band of the Aust. HQ. GD. BN. will be on parade.

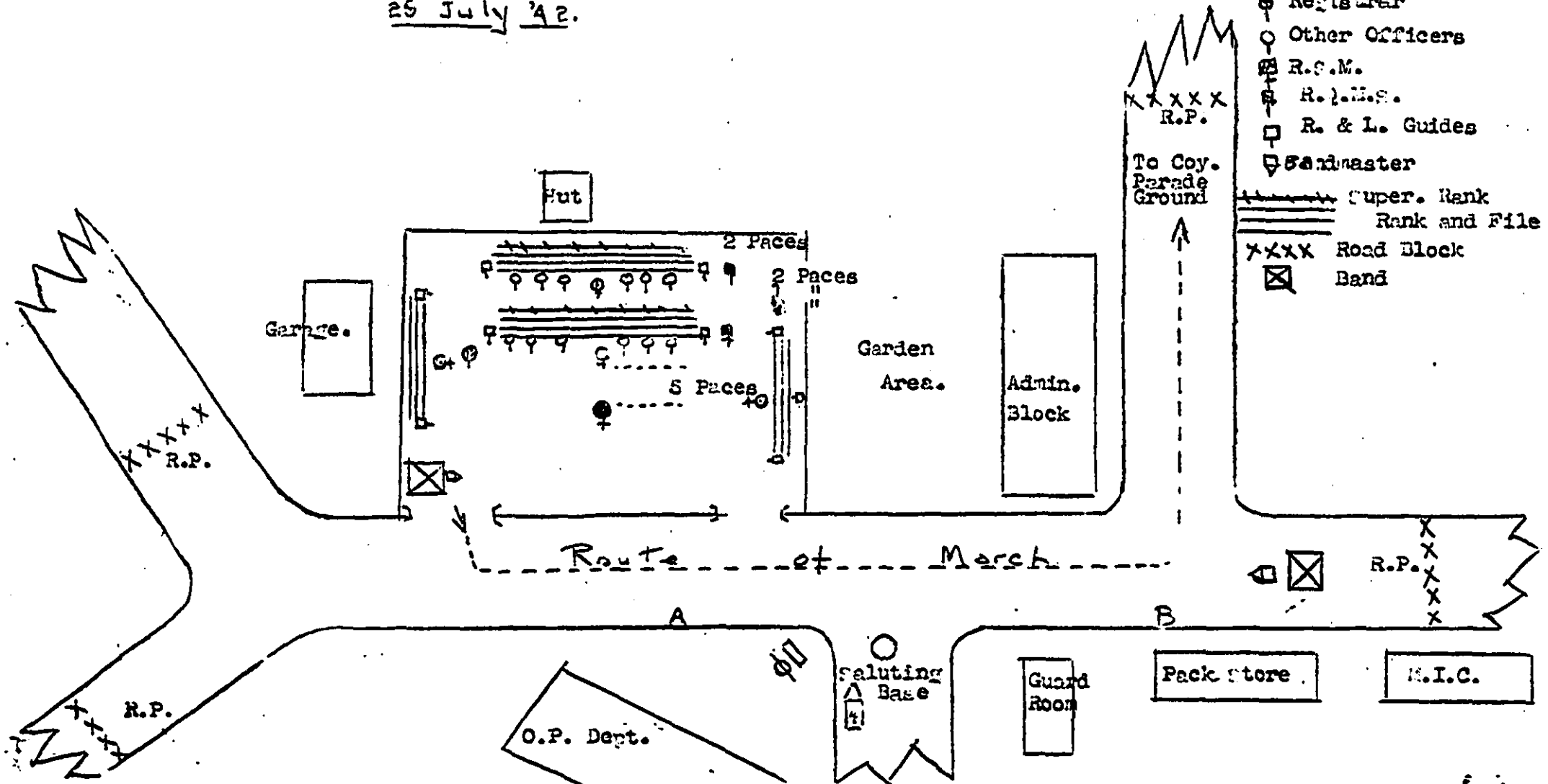
11. DISMISSAL: At the conclusion of the march past the AAMC, AANS and VAD will march to their respective parade grounds and be dismissed.

12. TRAFFIC: Traffic will be controlled by the Regtl. Police. After the inspecting officer's car has entered the main gate, no traffic will be allowed pass the MIC until the conclusion of the march past.

13. PATIENTS MEAL HOURS: The evening meal for patients will be put back from 1700 hrs. to 1730 hrs.

*R. Money*  
 COLONEL  
 Comd. 6 Aust.Gen.Hospital.

# DIAGRAM of DISPOSITIONS Ceremonial Parade 6A.C.H. 25 July '42.



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HQ AIF(ME).  
15 Jul 42.

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LOCATION STATEMENT (FORMATIONS) AS AT 1200 HRS 15 JUL 42.

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2. Will formations and Heads of Services please inform this HQ of any amendments to be made to this Location Statement as on date of issue.
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*[Signature]*  
Maj.  
G.S.

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Unit.....

AIF(ME) HQ UNITS.

HQ AIF(ME)	KILO 89
C2E )	KILO 89)
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HQ Sigs AIF(ME)	
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19 Op Sec )	
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6 Technical Maint Sec )	
11 D R Sec )	

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HQ	MUGHAZI
Aust Ord Prov Sec	KILO 89
Aust SIB	KILO 89

CORPS TPS.

1 Aust Commando Pl.	EGYPT u/c 9 Aust Div.
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ENGRS.

1 Aust Boring Sec	SYRIA u/c GHQ MEF
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SIGS.

9 Aust Wireless Sec	EGYPT u/c 9 Aust Div
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PNRS.

2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	EGYPT u/c 9 Aust Div.
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S & T.

101 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	EGYPT u/c 9 Aust Div
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MED.

2/3 Aust CCS	EGYPT u/c 9 Aust Div.
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ORD.

2/1 Aust A Fd Wkshop ( 1 Rec Sec	EGYPT u/c 9 Aust Div.
( 2 Rec Sec	
( 3 Rec Sec	

2 Corps Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	EGYPT u/c 9 Aust Div.
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"G" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	" " " "
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"H" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	" " " "
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"J" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	" " " "
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Aust Veh Replacement Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk "	" " " "
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MISC.

3 Aust Anti Malaria Control Unit	KILO 89 u/c 2/6 Aust Fd Hyg Sec
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9 AUST DIV.HQ.

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Int Sec HQ 9 Aust Div  
9 Aust Div Emp Pl  
"B" Sec Aust FSS

EGYPT

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CAV.

9 Aust Div Cav Regt

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ARTY

HQ RAA 9 Aust Div  
2/7 Aust Fd Regt  
2/8 Aust Fd Regt  
2/12 Aust Fd Regt  
3 Aust A Tk Regt  
4 Aust Lt AA Regt

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2/3 Aust Fd Coy  
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2/13 Aust Fd Coy  
24 Aust Fd Pk Coy  
9 Aust Div Cam Tng Unit

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4 Aust Lt AA Regt Sig Sec

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HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde  
2/13 Aust Inf Bn  
2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
2/17 Aust Inf Bn

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HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde  
2/28 Aust Inf Bn  
2/32 Aust Inf Bn  
2/43 Aust Inf Bn

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HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde  
2/23 Aust Inf Bn  
2/24 Aust Inf Bn  
2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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MG.

2/2 Aust MG Bn

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S & T.

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No.10 Coy AASC  
No.11 Coy AASC  
No.12 Coy AASC

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MSD.

2/5 Aust Fd Amb.  
2/8 Aust Fd Amb.  
2/11 Aust Fd Amb.  
2/4 Aust Fd Hyg Sec

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9 AUST DIV(Contd).ORD.

58 Aust LAD (att 20 Aust Inf Bde)	EGYPT
61 " " ( " 2/12 Aust Fd Regt)	"
63 " " ( " 2/7 Aust Fd Regt)	"
64 " " ( " 2/8 Aust Fd Regt)	"
67 " " ( " Sigs 9 Aust Div)	"
71 " " ( " 3 Aust A Tk Regt)	"
72 " " ( " RAE 9 Aust Div)	"
76 " " ( " 24 Aust Inf Bde)	"
77 " " ( " 2/2 Aust MG Bn)	"
78 " " ( " 26 Aust Inf Bde)	"
82 " " ( " 9 Aust Div Cav Regt)	"
9 Aust Div Mob Laundry & Fwd Decn Unit	MUGHAZI temporarily u/c Camp Comdt MUGHAZI
4 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec	EGYPT

MISC.

9 Aust Div Pro Coy	EGYPT
9 Aust Div Postal Unit	"
9 Aust Div Mob Bath Unit	MUGHAZI temporarily u/c Camp Comdt MUGHAZI
9 Aust Div Salvage Unit	EGYPT
9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office Det	ALEXANDRIA Area
Det	CAIRO
9 Aust Div Reception Camp	ALEXANDRIA Area

BASE AND L OF C UNITS.TNG & REINFRT ORGANIZATION.

HQ AIF(ME) Reinf Depot	)	
HQ Aust Comp Tng Regt	)	
Aust Cav Tng Sqn	)	
Aust Arty Tng Bty	)	
Aust Engr Tng Coy	)	
Aust Sig Tng Coy	)	
Aust Services Tng Coy	)	NUSEIRAT
AAMC Tng Wing	)	
HQ 9 Aust Inf Tng Bde	)	
Aust Inf Tng Bn	)	
Aust MG Tng Coy	)	
Aust Pnr Tng Coy	)	
Aust Spec Up	)	

S & T.

1 Aust DID	MAJDAL
Base Tpt Pl AASC	KILO 89
Special Base Tpt Pl AASC	KILO 89

MED.

6 Aust Gen Hosp	GAZA RIDGE
7 Aust Gen Hosp	SIDON
8 Aust Spec Hosp	GAZA RIDGE
3 Aust Mob Bact Lab	GAZA RIDGE
1 Aust Adv Depot Med Stores	" "
Dental Sec 1 Aust Adv Depot Med Stores	" "
3 Aust Dental Unit (att 6 A G H)	" "
4 " " "	KILO 89 )Not functioning as
5 " " " att 8 A S H & NUSEIRAT	)separate units at present
8 " " "	KILO 89
12 " " "	not functioning as separate unit at present
14 " " "	KILO 89
20 " " "	NUSEIRAT
24 " " "	RAFA
41 " " "	NUSEIRAT

BASE AND L OF C UNITS (CONTD).

1 Aust Con Depot	NUSEIRAT
4 Aust Con Depot	NUSEIRAT moving to SIDON
"A" Sec 2/4 Aust MAC	
(With Wkshops Det)	KILO 89
2/6 Aust Fd Hyg Sec	KILO 89
Base Coy AAMC	KILO 89

ORD.

(HQ 2 Aust Adv Ord Depot (Aust Wing 2 BOD RAOC)	RAFA
(2/2 Aust Ord Store Coy	RAFA
(HQ 2 Aust Adv Ord Wkshop	"
(2 Aust Ord Wkshop Coy	"
2 Aust L of C Rec Sec	KILO 89
105 Aust LAD	NUSEIRAT
Det 105 Aust LAD	KILO 89
HQ AIF(ME) Offrs Shop	GAZA
AIF(ME) Offrs Shop (PALESTINE)	GAZA
AIF(ME) Offrs Shop (SYRIA) - to	
become mobile	MUGHAZI

PAY.

AIF(ME) Base Area Cash Office	NUSEIRAT
AIF(ME) L of C Cash Office	SUEZ

PRO.

2 Aust Pro Coy (L of C) (HQ	KILO 89
(21/c & one Sec	ALEXANDRIA
( Det	CAIRO
( Det	SUEZ
( Det	KANTARA
( Remainder	GAZA & RAFA
3 Aust Pro Coy (L of C) (HQ	REHOVOT
( 2 Secs	TEL AVIV
( 1 Sec	JERUSALEM u/c DAPM TEL AVIV
No.1 Aust Detention Barracks	JERUSALEM u/c Pro Sgt JERUSALEM
No.3 Aust Detention Barracks	NUSEIRAT

POSTAL.

No.1 Aust Base Postal Unit	TEL EL KEBIR
No.1 Aust L of C Postal Unit	NUSEIRAT
Det No.1 Aust L of C Postal Unit	ALEXANDRIA

MISC.

Aust Depot Bn	KILO 89
AIF(ME) Port Det	SUEZ
AIF(ME) Kit Store	PETAH TIQVA
Aust Mob Printing Unit	GAZA
Det 1 Aust Graves Regn & Enq Unit	KILO 89
AIF(ME) Entertainment Gp	MUGHAZI
HQ AIF(ME) Concert Party	MUGHAZI
AIF(ME) Staging Camp	ALEXANDRIA
Camp Staff Offr	MUGHAZI
" " " GAZA RIDGE	GAZA RIDGE
" " " NUSEIRAT	NUSEIRAT
" " " KILO 89	KILO 89
AACS	REHOVOT
Aust Fd Censorship Sec )	
Aust Fd Censorship Sec )	TEL EL KEBIR



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GHQ MEF TPS.

HQ Aust Ry Constr & Maint Gp  
1 Aust Ry Svy Coy less Dets  
Dets 1 Aust Ry Svy Coy  
1 Aust Ry Constr Coy less Dets  
Dets 1, Aust Ry Constr Coy  
2 Aust Ry Constr Coy less Dets  
Dets 2 Aust Ry Constr Coy  
3 Aust Ry Constr Coy less Det  
Det 3 Aust Ry Constr Coy

DORA  
JOUNIEH  
JBEIL, BEIRUT, JOUNEH, SARBA, ENFEH  
BEIRUT  
SARBA, MAAMELTEIN  
JEBAIL  
MADFOUM, MAAMELTEIN  
ENFEH  
AKAIBE

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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Headquarters,

A.I.F.(ME).

9 Jul 42.

HQ AIF(ME) closes GAZA 0830 hrs 10 Jul 42 (.)  
Reopens HEANE and HOLMES Lines KILO 89 same hour (.)

*Shirley P. Lyon*  
for Maj. J. Lyon  
GS.

HQ Sigs AIF(ME)  
Aust HQ Gd Bn  
HQ AIF(ME) Reinf't Depot  
1 Aust DID  
6 AGH  
7 AGH  
8 ASH  
1 Aust Con Depot  
4 Aust Con Depot  
AIF(ME) Port Det  
AIF(ME) Kit Store  
Aust Mob Printing Unit  
Camp Comdt

Camp SO MUGHAZI  
" " GAZA RIDGE  
" " NUSEIRAT  
" " KILO 89  
AACS REHOVOTH  
A  
Q  
65 CRE GAZA  
DCS  
DDMS  
DDS & T  
APM  
DJAG  
Amenities  
Red Cross  
File  
War Diary(2)

MOST SECRET

HQ AIF (ME)

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1. INTRODUCTION

This circular has been introduced to inform Press Representatives of projected activities which may be of interest to them. Particulars of undesirable subjects from the Australian point of view will be given for the information of Censors and the Press.

2. AIF (ME) ACTIVITIES.

(a) FD UNITS.

Available information may be had on application to Aust L. O. GHQ MEF. If they have not already done so, Press Reps should contact Aust L.O. without delay.

(b) REINFET DEPOT

Unarmed combat training - 6 to 20 Jul. Students include Indian troops.

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*E. H. Kogel Maj.*  
*for G.S.*

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AIF NEWS  
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Mr J. FETHERINGTON  
Mr G. HARRIOT  
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8 Jul 42.  
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HQ AIF (ME)

WEEKLY PRESS CIRCULAR NO.2

1. INTRODUCTION

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2. AIF (ME) ACTIVITIES

(a) FD UNITS

Available information may be had on application to Aust L.O. GHQ MEF or to GSI 9 Aust Div.

(b) REINFT DEPOT

Unarmed combat training - 6 to 20 Jul.  
Students include UK and Indian troops.

3. STOPS : AUSTRALIAN

Reference to the following matters is still considered undesirable:-

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(b) Billetting of troops in private houses in Australia.

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4. MAIL FOR REPS

Aust L.O. GHQ MEF holds mail for Capt F.HURLEY.

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Maj.;  
G.S.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

HQ AIF(ME).  
15 Jul 42.

WEEKLY PRESS CIRCULAR NO.3.

1. INTRODUCTION.

Owing to the current situation, the regular weekly issue of this circular will be discontinued. Issues will be made only as required. The consecutive numbering will be continued and addresses are asked to ensure that they apply for any issues not received.

2. AIF(ME) ACTIVITIES.

(a) 7d Units.

Available infm may be had on application to Aust LO GHQ MEF or to GSI 9 Aust Div.

(b) Reinf Depot.

Press reps visiting GAZA area should obtain details of current activities from GS HQ AIF(ME).

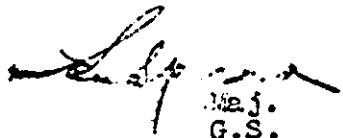
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Maj.  
G.S.

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8 ARMY SITREP 3rd JUL DESPATCHED 1230 HRS 4 JUL.

1. Armd Div and NZ Div began attack NORTH WEST and NORTH this morning. Close fighting followed we and enemy becoming closely interlocked.
2. In the evening there was indications of westerly movement.
3. We claim 21 enemy tanks 44 guns 400 Ps O W.
4. On the whole satisfactory day.
5. Many heavy and medium bombers sorties by RAF against enemy concentrations area DABA and against TOBRUK CK. Maximum effort by escorted bombers and fighters against main enemy thrust. We claim 27 enemy aircraft destroyed 7 probably 20 damaged. Our losses 12 aircraft - 3 PILOTS saved.
6. GENERAL LAYOUT. South Africans garrisoning ALAMAIN and 1 ARMD DIV 27 northing thence westwards. 5 INDIAN DIV and NZ DIV later with columns well to NORTH WEST. 50 DIV and 30 CORPS Reserves. 10 MOTOR BDE One Barrel Track about 5482. 10 DIV concentrating area MINA to reform. Composite Guard Bn and AUST BATTLE GP under command 30 Corps. Further layouts to follow.

*Snuckton Hunt*  
G.S. H.Q. A.I.F. (M.E.)

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

**SECRET**

Headquarters,  
A.I.F. (ME).  
12 Jul 42.

AIF (ME) Reinft Depot	6 AGH
Aust HQ Gd Bn	7 AGH
HQ Sigs	8 ASH
Aust Depot Bn	2/6 Aust Fd Hyg Sec
2 Aust Adv Ord Wkshop	A (3)
Aust Wing 2 BOD	Q (3)
	G (2)
	DDOS
	DDMS

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S I T R E P.

The following Sitrep timed 2400 hrs 10 Jul has been received from 9 Aust Div. It is NOT to be repeated in writing but the gist of it may be communicated verbally to personnel:-

*[Signature]*  
Maj.  
G.S.

Ref EL ALAMEIN 1/50022 Sitrep (.) Attack commenced 0330 hrs 10 Jul when the 2/48 Bn silently attacked feature PT 2C 879300 COMPLETE SURPRISE was achieved and first objective taken on time (.) Bn exploited to PT 23 877300 covered by accurate artillery fire and reached limit of exploitation 0555 hrs commenced consolidation (.) 2/24 Bn after finding coast route to start line impassible owing to bog attacked PT 33 97590 from south east capturing objective on time (.) This phase met with more resistance (.) Bn exploited south to Railway out attacked unsupported by Tanks and MG which had bogged en route (.) Bn consolidated on third objective (.) During this period our casualties extremely light (.) 2/48 Bn 1 killed 2 wounded (.) Lost 1 bantam 1 One ton veh 1 3" mortar (.) 2/24 Bn 6 killed 14 wounded lost 4 carriers possibly other losses (.) Enemy casualties include over 150 POWs no estimate yet available killed and wounded (.) POW included Cmd and AQ 7 Bersagliere Regt AND 28 other Italian Offrs 1 German Offrs 89 German ORs (.) Eqpt captured included 3 - 105 m/m guns 5 - 75 m/m guns 6 Bofors 1 A Tk gun portee 30 trucks including 17 tonners (.) Other SUP weapons not yet counted (.) Numerous documents and maps also captured (.) Enemy then launched frequent dive bombing and high level attack on captured area and gun posn within ALAMEIN box these attacks caused some casualties and damage to eqpt among many units (.) At 0945 hrs raiding party ordered move west followed by 9 Div Cav sec 1000 hrs (.) 1100 hrs one Mk III tank destroyed while moving east along road (.) 1130 hrs enemy Inf estimated strength 2 companies threatening counter attack but dispersed by fire (.) Situation of raiding party and AV obscured until 1140 hrs when the battle reported vicinity TELL EL EISA sta 875299 between approximate 12 enemy tanks and Sqn 44 RT (.) Battle continued same vicinity until approximately 1430 hrs enemy losing 3 tanks definitely (.) Our losses 1 tank knocked out two missing (.) During battle our tanks withdrew north of Ry but eventually drove off enemy tanks (.) Raiding party and cav both heavily shelled and bombed returns 1300 hrs suffering some damage to eqpt but few casualties (.) Enemy Tanks return to station area (.) 1515 hrs (.) By 1525 hrs 3 possibly 4 German Mk IV tanks destroyed by A Tk and Fd Arty and German POW taken 2 tanks burned (.) 1700 hrs 4 more tanks reported 2 Mk IV knocked out by A Tk guns and Fd Arty Fire (.) Subsequently more enemy tanks knocked out but no reliable estimate number yet available (.) However report definite that 18 tanks definitely knocked out but some would require demolition by engineers (.) Subsequent reports stated

that 19 personnel of Italian Tanks had surrendered and were then coming in (.) 2035 hrs both 2/48 and 2/24 Bns on captured area attacked by enemy supported by tanks and arty fire (.) Enemy tanks penetrated posns particularly 2/48 Bn area (.) By 2200 hrs the posn restored (.) Casualties both sides unknown but arty ops 3 SA BDE estimate enemy casualties likely to be considerable (.) Situation now quiet (.) All informed.

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SECRET

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Headquarters  
A.I.F. (ME).  
14 Jul 42.

AIF (ME) Reinft Depot  
HQ Sigs  
Aust HQ Gd Bn  
1 Aust Depot Bn  
6 A G H  
7 A G H  
8 A S H  
2/4 Aust Fd Hyg Sec (pass to MAC)  
1 Aust Con Depot  
4 Aust Con Depot  
Comd  
A  
G  
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DADS & T  
DDMS  
DDOS  
War Diary

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S I T R E P.

The following Sitrep dated 12 Jul has been received from 9 AUST DIV. The infm contained therein may be passed verbally to personnel, but must NOT be repeated in writing:-

*[Signature]*  
Maj.  
G.S.

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1. Enemy launched further counter attacks with tanks and lorried inf at last light 10 Jul. We successfully counter attacked using sticky bombs against tanks.
  2. This morning one of our bns with sqn Valentine tanks attacked and captured important posn west of TEL EL EISA STA increasing our western front to 3 miles. Captured 180 prisoners making total of 2000.
  3. A coln Aust and British Dets of all arms raided southward 11 Jul capturing 333 prisoners and destroying seven guns.
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SECRET

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.


Headquarters,  
A.I.F.(ME).  
15 Jul 42.

AIF(ME) Reinft Depot  
HQ Sigs  
Aust Hq Gd Bn  
6 A G H  
7 A G H  
8 A S H  
2/4 Aust Fd Hyg Sec (Pass fo MAC)  
1 Aust Con Depot  
4 Aust Con Depot  
Comd  
A  
Q  
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DADS & T  
DDMS  
DDOS  
Camp  
War Diary (2)✓

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S I T R E P.

The following Sitrep dated 14 Jul has been received from 9 AUST DIV. The infm contained therein may be passed verbally to personnel, but must NOT be repeated in writing:-

  
Maj.  
G.S.

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1. Enemy attacked 26 Aust Inf Bde on Axis Road - EL ALAMEIN - EL DABA at 1200 hrs 12 Jul. Attack driven off RAF giving prompt and effective bombing support. 1800 hrs enemy launched further attack from NORTH WEST. 1930 hrs another attack made from SOUTH also held up.
  2. Enemy strength estimated 4000 - 5000. All three attacks against 24 Bn and two Coys 23 Bn. 20 PsW captured.
  3. Recce by 9 AUST DIV CAV REGT reveals number of enemy tanks knocked out or disabled now total 22 including 10 of latest design.
  4. On 11 Jul 4 Aust Lt AA Regt brought down its first Stuka.
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Headquarters,  
A.I.F.(ME).  
16 Jul 42.

13  
AIF(ME) Reinft Depot  
HQ Sigs  
Aust HQ Gd Bn  
6 A G H  
7 A G H  
8 A S H  
2/4 Aust Fd Hyg Sec (pass to MAC)  
1 Aust Con Depot  
4 Aust Con Depot  
Comd  
A  
Q  
G  
DADS & T  
DDMS  
DDOS  
Camp  
War Diary (2)\*  
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S I T R E P

The following Sitrep dated 15 Jul has been received from 9 AUST DIV. The infm contained therein may be passed verbally to personnel, but must NOT be repeated in writing.

Maj.  
C.S.

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1. Except for two attacks which artillery prevented developing we had comparatively quiet day on 13th July, enemy's main effort being directed against SOUTH AFRICANS in southern sector EL ALAMEIN box. Covered by tanks which maintained heavy fire on forward posts, enemy's engineers and infantry made determined effort to remove minefields in late afternoon and night, but failed. Our bombardment co-operated, and this fire caused GERMANS to run and squeal.
  2. At 1830 hrs 14th July enemy dive bombed our artillery and infantry with 35 STUKAS followed by similar attack 30 minutes later but casualties again remarkably few. An attack was then launched with 26 tanks and 7 companies lorried infantry against TEL EL BISA position which is somewhat detached from main position and held by two companies. Tanks over-ran and surrounded these companies which fought their way north of railway line after having knocked out five GERMAN tanks Mk III and Mk IV. Our position is otherwise intact despite temporary penetration by tanks. Altogether we knocked out at least 8 GERMAN tanks. Prisoners commented on heavy casualties to men and guns inflicted by our artillery.
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SECRET.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Headquarters,  
A.I.F.(ME).

17 Jul 42.

AIF(ME) Reinft Depot  
HQ Sigs  
Aust HQ Gd Bn  
6 A G H  
7 A G H  
8 A S H  
2/4 Aust Fd Hyg Sec (Pass to MAC)  
1 Aust Con Depot  
4 Aust Con Depot  
Comd  
A  
Q  
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DADS & T  
DDMS  
DDOS  
Camp  
War Diary (2)

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S I T R E P

The following Sitrep dated 16 Jul has been received from 9 AUST DIV. The infm contained therein may be passed verbally to personnel, but must NOT be repeated in writing :-

  
Maj.  
G.S.

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1. 2/23 Bn less two Coys recaptured TEL EL EISA posn at first light today taking 400 prisoners. Enemy then opened and maintained extremely heavy artillery fire also mortar and dive bombing rendering the posn untenable and we withdrew.
  2. 4 Aust Lt AA Regt has now brought down 8 planes incl 2 ME 109s.
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Headquarters,  
A.I.F.(ME).

18 Jul 42.

AIF(ME) Reinft Depot  
HQ Sigs  
Aust HQ Gd Bn  
6 A G H  
7 A G H  
8 A S H  
2/4 Aust Fd Hyg Sec (Pass to MAC)  
1 Aust Con Depot  
4 Aust Con Depot  
Comd  
A  
Q  
G  
DADS & T  
DDMS  
DDOS  
Camp  
War Diary (2)

S I T R E P.

The following Sitrep dated 17 Jul has been received from 9 AUST DIV. The infm contained therein may be passed verbally to personnel, but must NOT be repeated in writing :-

  
Maj.  
G.S.

1. To relieve pressure against centre Eighth Army, 24 Aust Inf Bde at midnight launched attack southward from 26 Bde posn. Before first light 2/32 Bn seized first objective, a sand ridge four kilos south of Ry capturing 250 prisoners.
2. Supported by Valentine Tanks 2/43 Bn exploited to stoney ridge five kilos further south. Captured 550 prisoners incl A Tk gunners. A very strong concentration of enemy encountered and they counter attacked objective with 17 tanks. 2/43 Bn remained on posn one hour and, as provided for in our Bn plan, withdrew to first objective.
3. One South African Div co-operated strongly exploiting force operating on our left flank and subsequently providing effective protection during consolidation.
4. Enemy has made severe counter attacks with tanks and all have been beaten off by artillery fire. Anticipated losses very heavy. Our casualties NOT unduly great.
5. Total prisoners captured TEL EL EISA yesterday 601 . Grand total captured by 9 AUST DIV to date 3788.

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AIF(NE) Reinfnt Depot  
 HQ Sigs  
 Aust HQ Gd Bn  
 6 A G H  
 7 A G H  
 8 A S H  
 Aust Depot Bn  
 1 Aust Con Depot  
 2 Aust Con Depot  
 Comd  
 A  
 Q  
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 DADS & T  
 DDMS  
 DDUS  
 DAFM  
 Camp  
 War Diary (2)

The following Sitrep dated 18 Jul has been received from 9 AUST DIV. The info contained therein may be passed verbally to personnel, but must NOT be repeated in writing :-

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G.S.

At 1700 hrs 17 Jul enemy made further strong counter attack with tanks and infantry against 24 Pde. Our centre was pushed back and Bde eventually withdrew. During the night we regained the position. Yesterday our anti-tank gunners knocked out six tanks and 2/28 Bn knocked out another early this morning making our total to date 41. Comparative quiet today.

SECRET.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Headquarters,  
A.I.F. (NE).

21 Jul 42.

AIF(NE) Reinft Depot

HQ Sigs

Aust HQ Gd Bn

Aust Depot Bn

6 A G H

7 A G H

8 A S H

1 Aust Con Depot

4 Aust Con Depot

Comd

A

Q

G

DADS & T

DDMS

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Camp

War Diary (2)

S I T R E P.

The following Sitrep dated 20 Jul has been received from 9 AUST DIV. The infm contained therein may be passed verbally to personnel, but must NOT be repeated in writing :-

Maj.  
G.S.

1. Except for attacks on 24 Bde which were dispersed by Artillery fire, yesterday and today was comparatively quiet.
2. In a company raid by 2/28 Bn last night one pl moved to within 20 yards of enemy tank which opened fire with one gun and two MGs. An engineer crept fwd and threw a 73 grenade which knocked out the tank and killed a crew of four.
3. Following is an extract from a letter written by comd 86 Inf Regt captured by us to one of his Bn comd:-

"Div has rung up this very moment to say that units in front of you are Australians - notably patrollers. Keep your eyes open. Do not withdraw your patrols further in than 100 metres from strong points or you will find yourself left high and dry with only an alarm bell for protection."

SECRET.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Headquarters  
A.I.F.(ME).

23 Jul 42.

ALF(ME) Reinft Depot  
HQ Sigs  
Aust HQ Gd Bn  
Aust Depot Bn  
6A G H  
7 A G H  
8 A S H  
1 Aust Con Depot  
4 Aust Con Depot  
Comd  
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DADS & T  
DDMS  
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DAPM  
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S I T R E P.

The following Sitrep dated 22 Jul has been received from 9 AUST DIV. The infm contained therein may be passed verbally to personnel, but must NOT be repeated in writing :-

  
Maj.  
G.S.

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1. 24th and 26th Aust Inf Bdes attacked at 0530 hrs today.
  2. After very heavy fighting 24th Bde captured its objective and has held it against several counter-attacks. 26th Bde has succeeded in capturing TEL EL EISA for the third time. Again enemy has maintained very heavy fire on this posn and counter-attacked, but we are still holding.
  3. Total PsW captured today - 91 - all German.
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SECRET.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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Headquarters,  
A.I.F. (ME).

24 Jul 42.

AIF (ME) Reinft Depot

HQ Sigs

Aust HQ Gd Bn

Aust Depot Bn

6 A G H

7 A G H

8 A S H

1 Aust Con Depot

4 Aust Con Depot

Comd

A

Q

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DADS & T

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DDOS

DAPM

Camp

War Diary (2) .

S I T R E P.

The following Sitrep dated 22 Jul has been received from 9 AUST DIV. The infm contained therein may be passed verbally to personnel, but must NOT be repeated in writing :-

  
Maj.  
G.S.

1. At 1900 hrs 28 Bn advanced on portion of ridge 6 kilos SW of first objective captured by 32 Bn supported by A Tk Regt. Leading inf and sprs carried on second wave of tanks (.). The Bn reached objective 2040 hrs and consolidated. During first stage of attack captured 56 Germans and 5 Italians (.).

2. Following message received to-night from C in C :-

" Heartiest congratulations you and all tps under your comd. Your tps have successfully attacked and contained the whole 90 Lt Div and 288 Force and two Bns. Your vigorous action is the prelude to victory."

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

SECRET

0/8916

Headquarters,  
A.I.F. (ME).

30 Jul 42.

AIF (ME) Reinft Depot  
HQ Sigs  
Aust HQ Gd Bn  
Aust Depot Bn  
6 A G H  
7 A G H  
8 A S H  
1 Aust Con Depot  
4 Aust Con Depot  
Comd  
A  
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G  
DADS & T  
DDMS  
DDOS  
DAPM CPM  
Camp  
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S I T R E P.

The following Sitrep dated 29 Jul has been received from 9 Aust Div. The infm contained therein may be passed verbally to personnel, but must NOT be repeated in writing :-

  
Maj.  
G.S.

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1. On night 26/27 Jul 2/28 Bn took part in an operation conducted by 30 Corps.
  2. In bright moonlight the Bn attacked a position 3000 yds southwards reached its objective on time, capturing 208 prisoners of whom all but 12 were GERMANS. 900 yds NORTH of the objective they came across a newly laid mine fd. In the time available only one gap could be made and personnel on foot got through and on to the objective.
  3. One of leading vehs struck mines and burst into flame; whereupon the enemy opened and maintained intensive A Tk and MG fire on the minefield area. This prevented any vehs getting fwd and isolated the troops on the objective. Most of vehs immediately following were destroyed either by mines or A Tk fire.
  4. Every possible means was attempted to establish comm, but this was not effected for some time. Efforts to establish arty OPs were abortive and the gunners resorted to unobserved fire in support.
  5. The enemy counter-attacked with mobile and armd units.
  6. A British Inf Bde attacking further to the south in the same sector encountered similar difficulties. Portion of one of our armd divs which was taking part in the operation was prevented from getting fwd by the mine fd and was unable to stop both the positions captured by the AIF and British units from being re-taken.
  7. 2/28 Bn attacked with great gallantry and accomplished their objective. Though they suffered loss, they inflicted heavy casualties and damage on the enemy.

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HQ AIF(ME).

1. A return of Censor Stamps held by units is required, to reach this HQ by 30 Jul 42.
2. This return will show the following details :-
  - (a) Date of issue to unit.
  - (b) Number of Stamp.
  - (c) Name of holding unit.
3. Surplus stamps will be returned to this HQ forthwith. For your info, the normal allotment of stamps to fighting units is one to 120 men and to Base and L of C Units, one to 500 men. This allotment may be varied in certain cases, such as isolated units.
4. Censor Stamps issued in the ME to AIF units will not be retained by units leaving the ME and must be returned to this HQ. Arrangements are made to issue one censor stamp to each transport for use during the voyage.
5. Current censor stamps have a round imprint and any that have either a triangular, oblong, or square imprint are obsolete and will be returned to this HQ.

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7 Aust Gen Hosp

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Local Defence.

Ref Maps : PALESTINE 1/100,000 Series GAZA and RAFAH Sheets.

(THIS INSTN CANCELS THOSE PREVIOUSLY ISSUED).

INFM.

1. Enemy.

Plans are to be made to counter possible enemy action against PALESTINE. The most probable forms of activity are :-

- (a) Air raids on ports, camps, installations etc.
- (b) Air and/or sea-borne raids on installations or vulnerable pts.
- (c) Fostering internal disturbances throughout PALESTINE.
- (d) Isolated acts of sabotage or terrorism by enemy agents.
- (e) Spreading propaganda by means of pamphlets or rumours.

2. Role of Own Tps.

In the event of attack, tps under comd HQ AIF(ME) may be called upon to :-

- (a) Defend AIF(ME) Area against all or any forms of attack.
- (b) Provide tps to garrison installations etc within or without AIF(ME) Area.
- (c) Provide mob cols to operate within or without AIF(ME) Area.

3. Sub-Division of the District.

GAZA Military District (Comd - Comd 94 Sub Area) has been divided into Sectors :-

- (a) No. 3 Sector, the responsibility of HQ AIF(ME), is defined as:

Incl Pt 22 (100108) - incl BEIT LAHIYA - excl BEIT HANUN  
- excl rd BEIT HANUN - DIMRA - incl WADI HESI - 133104 -  
thence incl bndy GAZA Military District to rd HEBRON -  
BEERSHEBA - thence incl rd BEERSHEBA - KHAN YUNIS.

Comd : Brig i/o Adm, HQ AIF(ME).

- (b) Adjacent sectors have been allotted as follows :-

No. 2 Sector (North) Comd METC.

No. 4 Sector (South) OC Tps RAFAH.

4. Police Responsibilities.

- (a) Coast Watching Stas, within No. 3 Sector, manned by civil police are established at :-

No. G 5	SHEIKH HASSAN	09701045
6	WADI GAZA	09010908
7	DEIR EL BALAH	08070903
8	KHAN YUNIS	08000855

- (b) Camelry Patrols are based on posts G5 and G8 and are responsible for patrolling the beach during hours of darkness. These are supplemented by horsed patrols on beaches between KHAN YUNIS and AL JURA from 0300 to 0600 hrs daily.

5. RAF Responsibilities.

The local defence of all RAF installations is the responsibility of that Service.

6. Defence of GAZA Town.

The local defence of GAZA Town is the responsibility of HQ 94 Sub-Area, troops employed being under comd Garrison Adjnt.

7. Vulnerable Pts.

The following vulnerable pts are located in No. 3 Section :-

Camp KILO 89  
Camp GAZA RIDGE  
GAZA Ry Sta  
GAZA Beach  
Ry Br 094046 (094046)  
Camp EL BURSIJ  
MUGHAZI  
NUSEIRAT  
Ry Stas in Sub Sector 3B

- (b) In addition the following are the primary responsibility of RAF (para 5 above).

All aerodromes and LGs.  
AMES.  
Store at SULPHUR QUARRIES.

METHOD.

8. Orgzn of the Section.

- (a) No. 3 Sector will be divided into the following sub-sectors :-

Sub Sector 3A : Comd - Maj. W.S. SCRIVENOR,  
HQ AIF(ME).  
Sub Sector 3B : Comd Col. H. WRIGLEY  
( in his absence the Adm Comd  
AIF(ME) Reinf't Depot).

- (b) Inter-sub-sector bndy, all incl to sub-sector 3A :

TELL KHUWEILEFE 137088 - KH ES ZUBALA 126091  
- thence rd Trig 185(116094) - AL MUHARRAQA -  
Xrds 102102 - thence GAZA ry sta - TELL ES SH RADWAN  
099104 - waterhole 098106.

9. Provision of Personnel.

(a) Sub Sectors will organize dets for use as follows:-

Sub Sector 3A - one mob coy.  
local defence of VPs.

Sub Sector 3B - equivalent of one mob bn gp  
one mob pl (from HQ, Aust HQ Gd Bn)  
local defence of VPs.

The mob pl from HQ, Aust HQ Gd Bn will be employed as Sector Res.

(b) In addition to the above sub-sector comds will organize max parties, according to availability of personnel, weapons and tpt, for use as required.

(c) Every available armed man will be mustered. Only personnel who are essential to adm will be so employed while the emergency exists. (see para 11).

(d) Sub-sector comds will arrange frequent practices during quiet periods.

10. Res.

Except in case of extreme emergency mob colsns organized by sub-sector 3B will NOT be used without authority from Sectn HQ.

11. Warning.

On the receipt of precise infm of imminent enemy action an "Alert Period" will be initiated from Sectn HQ by the code word "BRIGHT". Cancellation will be effected by code word "DULL".

12. Action of Receipt of Warning.

The following precautionary measures will be brought into effect immediately an "ALERT PERIOD" is instituted :-

(a) Mob colsns will be placed at notice as follows :-

One mob coy per sub-sector - 30 mins notice.  
Mob Pl, Aust HQ Gd Bn - 45 mins notice.  
remainder (if any) - 2 hours notice.

(b) Gds will be placed on VPs and approaches thereto : and existing gds reviewed. All gds, sentries, etc will be warned that special vigilance is necessary.

(c) All alarm schemes will be reviewed, and practice alarms carried out at frequent intervals.

(d) All PAD and fire fighting schemes will be reviewed, and practices held to ensure their efficiency.

(e) All ranks will be armed with their personal weapons on all occasions and will keep their respirators within reach at all times.

(f) Intensive patrolling will be undertaken in all sectors with the dual object of obtaining infm of any attack or disturbance, and of "showing the flag" to the local population.

(g) It will be impressed on all ranks that enemy agents may masquerade in any disguise incl British uniform and that all strangers should be treated as suspect until they have established their identity.

(h) All leave will be stopped, but personnel on leave will not be recalled unless their presence with their units is urgently necessary.

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13. Tank Hunting.

It is to be noted that the provision of Tank Hunting pls at Reinft Depot (CRME/7932/G(o) dated 27 Jun 42) is still required. These will be maintained, at all times, at 24 hrs notice.

ADM.

14. Sups.

All vehs of mob colns will carry three days rations, MEF Veh Ration Scale, and water, for the personnel carried therein.

15. Amn.

(a) Arty amn will be held by units as follows :-

2-pr 50 r.p.g.  
25-pr 100 r.p.g.

(b) SAA will be held at all times on the "with the man/gun" scale provided in WEs. On the institution of an alert period this will be increased to the full 1st Line scale.

16. Medical.

(a) Cas will be evacuated to 6 A C H through RAPs and CRSs.

(b) Palestine Police injured during ops will be treated in the same manner as Service personnel.

INTERCOMN.

17. Location of HQs.

No. 3 Sector : HQ AIF(ME).

18. Light Sigs.

WHITE (As a means of illumination).

GREEN Alarm or call for assistance.

RED Parachutists landed.

19. Reports.

Sub sectors will report by 1200 hrs on Tues. of each week estimated fighting strengths :-

- (i) Riflemen.
- (ii) Gun teams, LMG and MMG.
- (iii) Gun teams, fd arty, with nature of gun.
- (iv) MT, with nature of veh.

specifying which are for mob colns and which for local defence.

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ACKNOWLEDGE.

  
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G.S.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Headquarters,  
A.I.F.(M).

30 Jul 42.

CG INSTM NO. 42.

WAR DIARY - HQ AIF(M).

1. GENERAL.

- (a) The War Diary of HQ AIF(M) will be produced from memoranda and documents supplied by all branches.
- (b) A memorandum will be prepared, in duplicate, by each Branch, preferably weekly but at least monthly, giving a brief statement of activities during the period under review. To this will be annexed copies of relevant documents produced by the Branch. The info and documents required are set out below.
- (c) These memoranda will be delivered to "G" Branch for disposal by the 4th day of each month, covering the period of the previous month.

2. "G" BRANCH.

Diary of Events, HQ AIF(M).  
Plans for, and Staff Tables of, special moves.  
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Intelligence and Technical Intelligence Summaries,  
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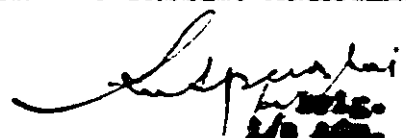
General "A" Policy changes.  
Summary of Battle casualties.  
Summary of Reports despatched to 1st formations.  
Special Personnel matters.  
Morale and Discipline (when necessary).

4. "Q" BRANCH.

General "Q" Policy changes.  
Itemised, but brief, details of Tp Movements -  
Movement Orders etc.  
Special "Q" matters.

5. POLICY.

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i/s Adm.  
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20 Jul 42.

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RELATIONS BETWEEN TROOPS AND CIVILIANS.

An FS NCO reports that in a letter received from a relative in ALEXANDRIA the following extract appears :-

"Never in my life have I seen men welcomed as were the Australian when they arrived here the other day. They looked tired but were singing cheerfully and our spirits rose from Zero to a high pitch as we watched them.....The crowds lined the streets and rooftops and pelted the men with fruit and cigarettes and flowers".

Signed. K.A.Lodewyckx for Capt.  
O.C. "F" Sec Aust FSS

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HEADQUARTERS,  
2nd Sec Aust F.S.S.  
att H.Q., A.I.F.(M.E)  
13 Jul 42.

Report on Section Activities - Period 5 - 11 Jul 42.

1. MILITARY SECURITY.

(a) Security of Information.

During the evacuation of GAZA Town Compound by H.Q. A.I.F. (M.E) a check was carried out to ensure that adequate precautions had been taken to remove all documents and destroy all waste paper. It was found that these precautions had been efficiently carried out by all branches.

(b) Security of Personnel.

Nothing to report.

(c) Security of Material.

An improvement is noted in the security of arms and ammunition in Australian Camps. There have been NO arms losses reported since 13 Jun 42.

The check carried out with respect to offices and billets evacuated by H.Q. A.I.F.(M.E) in GAZA Town revealed that with few small exceptions adequate precautions had been taken with regard to material.

A check was also made on a newly occupied area at KILO 89 Camp as a result of which measures for security were brought into line with requirements.

2. MORALE.

(a) Relations between Troops and Civilians.

Nothing to report.

(b) Rumours.

The following rumours were reported on 11 Jul 42 by FS M.C.O. as being current among troops in the GAZA area:-

- (i) 9 Aust Div has already been in action.
- (ii) 6 Aust Div, or two brigades of that Div, is returning to the M.E.
- (iii) Some of the American troops now in the M.E. were formerly stationed in Australia.

3. OTHER MATTERS.

David BERNSTEIN.

Enquiries were made in A.I.F. camps concerning David BERNSTEIN, Polish deserter, believed by the British S.I.B. to have attached himself to an Australian unit near GAZA. Camp R.P. and Provost detachments were requested to watch for this man.

Hassan DAWISH.

The above was reported to F.S.S. on 22 May 42 as having attempted to gain admission to NUSEIRAT Camp on the pretext of working for C.I.D. in the search for deserters. Comds all Aust Camps were notified and asked to keep a watch for this man. On 6 Jul 42 he was found again in NUSEIRAT Camp, apprehended by the Camp S.O., and handed over to Civil Police by F.S.S.

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Report on Section Activities - Period 5 - 11 Jul 42.

Indiscreet Talk by Batman.

It was reported by a soldier that a batman living in his tent had made himself unpopular by his criticism of the British Empire and of Australia in particular. The batman, when contacted admitted having indulged in indiscreet talk but blamed his conduct on a feeling of discontent following his boarding to "B" class and transfer from his original unit to a training bn. He was warned against a continuance of such talk in the future.

*K. Hodgson 408*  
for Capt.  
O.C. "F" Sec Aust F.S.S.

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Report on Section Activities - Period 12-18 Jul 42.

1. MILITARY SECURITY.

(a) Security of Information.

Enquiries were made regarding an instance of printed military stationery of a semi-confidential nature being used at Spinnery's Store, GAZA as wrapping paper. The paper had been purchased at the Arab market in the town. Representations are being made to have the attention of all units drawn to the necessity for completely destroying all waste paper in order that military documents of a confidential or semi-confidential nature may NOT pass into civilian hands.

(b) Security of Personnel.

A survey was made of PAD arrangements existing in all Australian camps as affecting security of personnel. The measures in force were found to be generally satisfactory. Where there was laxity in the application of blackout regulations the matter was reported to the Camp SO concerned.

(c) Security of Material.

Nothing to report.

2. MORALE.

(a) Morale of Troops.

Nothing to report.

(b) Relations between Troops and Civilians.

Information was received in a personal letter from ALEXANDRIA that AIF troops, when recently passing through that city, received an enthusiastic reception from the populace.

(c) Rumours.

Nothing to report.

3. OTHER MATTERS.

A red light was observed flashing the signal "R N" in Morse code on the night of 12/13 Jul 42. Investigations revealed an unattended Air Force trailer mounting a red flash lamp in the vicinity of BEIT JIRGA Camp. The matter was left in the hands of an FS NCO on detached duty in the camp to be dealt with in conjunction with the camp authorities.

*W. A. L. Longley*  
Capt.  
OC "F" Sec Aust FSS.

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Report on Section Activities - Period 12 to 18 Jul 42.

Report No. 4.

1. MILITARY SECURITY.

(a) Security of Information.

i. Two shops which have been doing photographic work in Barbara and Beit Jirja camps respectively have been ordered to discontinue all photographic work. It is the wish of the Polish Command that photography in respect of their troops remain an internal matter. The Poles have also requested that all photographers be ordered to stamp each print made by them with a rubber stamp showing their name and address. This would assist in tracing offending photographers.

ii. On 17 July 42 it was ascertained that Spinney's Ltd. Gaza were using official military documents as wrapping paper. Investigations and strengthening of security precautions are proceeding.

iii. Civilian control in Al Jiya and Barbara camps, is, from all reports NOT satisfactory. One blacklisted Arab employed in Barbara camp has now been dismissed. Further checks are being made in these two camps.

iv. It is considered, in view of the importance and size of petrol and ammunition dumps and installations in the Gaza Area, that the areas concerned should be gazetted as prohibited areas under the Defence Regulations. This would assist control to be more easily exercised and would assist in the maintenance of security of information and material in these areas.

(b) Security of Personnel.

Nil report.

(c) Security of Materials.

i. Loss of arms.

Arms losses reported during the week ending 18 Jul 42

Rifles - 16; revolvers - 3; ammunition - 126 rds.; bombs - 2.

On 12/13 Jul 42 rifles 20987, 27575, 25332 were stolen from the lines of the 1 Coy. 7th Bn. Carpathian Riflemen, Masmiya Camp. Orders regarding security of arms had NOT been carried out. Civil police are investigating and reports sent to Comd. 94 Sub-Reg.

1991 A.P. Coy. reported the theft by Arabs of six Italian rifles (numbers unknown) from Sulphur Quarries Dump, nr. Gaza, on 16/17 Jul 42. An extract from Police Diary shows the theft of an Italian rifle and bayonet (numbers unknown) from African Military Camp, Sulphur Quarries, Gaza, on 15 July 42, when 5 or 6 Arabs attacked the sentry who had been guarding a stock of bombs, and took his rifle and bayonet away from him by force. This loss was NOT reported to this Hq. 1991 A.P. Coy. has no locks or chains for securing their rifles.

The following arms and ammunition were stolen from a P.O. in 121 M.U.R.A.F. camp, nr. Wadi Sharbia on 11/12 Jul 42 by persons unknown:- 1 Italian rifle; 1 Ross rifle; 3 Smith and Wesson revolvers - numbers unknown, and 96 rounds .38 ammunition.

Arms and ammunition stolen from tent in 70 Sub-Reg. Wadi Sharbia by persons unknown:- 1 Ross rifle-number unknown.

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Ross rifle No. 331412; SMLE rifles No. 1 67805, 2 4938; bayonet No. 1907 and 30 rds. .303 ammunition.

## ii. Rafah Camp.

Twelve bags of mail were removed from a railway truck at Rafah Railway station. On this occasion the robber carried a rifle from which he fired two shots. The bags of mail were later recovered. Cases of W.D. foodstuffs have also been broken in to and the contents stolen. The guarding of the station is done by Sudanese ghaffirs who are not armed. On the night of 16 Jul 42 several Arabs approached one of these ghaffirs and said that as they were armed his stick would be of no use against them. The ghaffir managed to warn the R.T.O. in time to prevent any theft taking place.

## iii. Alleged Sabotage at Wadi Sharia. Ref. Weekly report No. 3 p.c. 11 Jul 42. sec. "C" para ii.

Hassan Khalil Abdul el SALAM, an Egyptian, has been detained by the BeerSheva Civil Police under the Defence Regulations. Investigations are proceeding.

## iv. Sabotage, 3 B.O.W., Rafah.

No further incidents of this nature have occurred during the past week.

## v. R.A.F. Dump, Sulphur Quarries nr. Gaza.

On the night of the 16/17 Jul 42 two cars were held up as they were leaving this area and found to be carrying 64 gals. W.D. petrol and 2500 rounds .303 ammunition. Prior to this occasion NO steps had been taken to prevent Arabs from entering the area and O.C. 1991 A.P. Coy. is of the opinion that large quantities of W.D. goods have been removed from the camp prior to his unit taking over the guarding of it. The area is a very large one, about 10 sq. miles in extent. One hundred and eighty two (182) guards are on duty there.

Six Italian rifles were stolen from here on 16/17 Jul 42, ( see Loss of Arms). On the night of 15 July 42 a South African soldier, guarding a stack of bombs, was attacked by 5 or 6 Arabs who took his rifle and bayonet from him. On night 17/18 Jul 42, 4 c/s of 20 mm. Spanish shells and one empty c/s were recovered.

Previously this dump was guarded by 6 R.A.F. personnel, entirely inadequate, which it is considered has led to very large quantities of S.A. being stolen. The layout of the camp is such that security is virtually an impossibility if both theft and probable sabotage are to be successfully carried out. The fencing of the area is strongly recommended. The R.A.F. personnel should be assisted by intelligent dumping of the vehicles concerned.

## 2. MORALE.

### (a) Morale of Troops.

Nothing to Report.

(b) As the result of reported thefts from the lines of Polish troops in Beit Jirja camp the Poles are extremely annoyed, and if the thefts do NOT cease very strong measures have been suggested by Polish personnel, such as placing machine guns in front of Beit Jirja village and to fire at anyone approaching the camp during the hours of darkness. Beit Jirja village has recently been searched by the civil police without result and the muldhar has been interviewed at local police Hq. It is feared that serious trouble may develop here unless these thefts cease.

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Report of section activities - period ended 18 Jul 42.

3. OTHER MATTERS.

i. Since 12 July 42, 249 American Flying Wing, I/C P/Officer LITRELL, has been operating a power driven air beacon on the southern boundary of Beit Jirja Camp. After approx. one week the location will be changed.

ii. Two Armenian civilian employees at Rafah camp were recently attacked and beaten with sticks in Rafa village by Arabs. The former are Christians and it is probable that the incident may have been the outcome of anti-Christian feeling. Also at Rafah, a disturbance occurred in which an Armenian used a knife, slightly wounding an Arab on the arm. The Arab had borrowed the Armenian's tools without permission.

4. PERSONNEL.

As per previous report.

5. TRANSPORT.

As per previous report.

*James Wack*  
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att. 94 Sub-Area,  
22 Jul 42.

Report on Section Activities - week ending 25 July 42. No. 5.

1. MILITARY SECURITY.

A. Security of Information.

i. LULU and MASRI, photographers, GAZA, admit that they have been in the habit of reproducing photographs from Government Identity Cards, for Military Camp pass purposes. They have been instructed that this practice must cease. Civil Police have also been informed.

ii. Difficulty is being experienced at Bir Asluj Staging Post in the vetting of civilian employees. Local Bedouin employed as labourers refuse to be photographed, vetted or issued with passes, even going to the extent of not working should the matter be forced. The reason given by the Bedu is that they are afraid of being conscripted for military service should they sign any document. This apparently originates from the order issued some time ago requiring all civilians to sign statements saying that while in military employ they were subject to military law.

iii. The fact that hired transport drivers are engaged on highly important military work without passes or without any enquiry being made concerning them constitutes a very grave weakness in the security of this area. Attention is drawn to the conference held 18 Jun 42, when this position was discussed and a decision to have all such drivers vetted direct by Pal. Base and issued with passes from that Hq made. It is suggested that this be placed in immediate operation.

iv. For three consecutive mornings, 22/24 Jul incl., at about 0430 hours, an Aust. M.P. corporal has observed what he considered to be an enemy plane, travelling northwards up the coast. This morning, 24, Jul 42, he observed two other planes in pursuit. This plane was observed from Aust. M.P. control post on Gaza/Jaffa rd. near Kilo 89 camp.

B. Security of Personnel.

nil report.

C. Security of Materials.

i. Losses of Arms. Ten (10) rifles were lost during this period, all from Quastina camp. Six (6) from 3 P.A.L. NCO school, and four (4) from 3 Bty. 3 Lt. Arty. Bde. In both cases orders by Polish Hq to have arms kept in company armouries were disobeyed. It is suggested that strong action be taken to ensure obedience to orders, otherwise further threats of this nature will occur.

ii. An Arab shopkeeper at Rafah intimated to several members of the Polish Forces that he wished to buy arms from them. Civil Police have the matter in hand. Report will be submitted in due course.

iii. Probable sabotage at Gaza Rly. Stn. At 1500 hours on 23 Jul 42, six trucks braked in a siding at the above named station, unaccountably ran down siding and impacted into five other trucks being unloaded further down the same siding towards the main line. Had the runaway trucks reached and blocked the main line considerable delay, and possible damage to rail traffic would have been caused. Civil police dismiss the idea of sabotage and attribute the incident to interference by boys at play. Traffic Inspector considers sabotage as motive as highly probable. This would indicate an

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( security of materials)

insufficiency of guards in the station area.

iv. Rafah Rly. Stn. On 13 Jul 42 truck No. 26121 Egypt. Rlys., in transit from S.E.D. arrived at Rafah. On 17 July 42 it was discovered that the seals were broken and that 41 tyres, 700 x 20 had been removed. Steps are being taken to ascertain who was responsible for inspecting the seals of the truck on its arrival.

On arrival at Rafah Stn. ex Measea a badly damaged "I" tank was found to contain 2 live rounds of 2 pdr. ammn. in the shell containers in the tank. This, while rather dangerous from the point of view of the guards on such trains, is also contrary to regulations for completely disarming a tank prior to dispatch. Ordnance sgt. stationed with RTO reported this to be NOT the first case of its kind. Action to remedy this is recommended.

v. IS-ECO of this section is making frequent visits to the area under construction at Auja-el-Hafir. A lge. dump for R.E. materials is kept behind a 10 foot wall and this is guarded by civilian ghaflis and African native troops. Work at the moment is confined to searching for suitable water sites.

2. MORALE.

A. Morale of Troops.

i. The main topic of a military nature among Polish troops in this area is speculation as to when and where the second front will become fact. The majority are bored with their present existence and are eager to go to the Western Desert where many of them have already seen service. Many Polish O/R's will not converse in German on account for their intense hatred for the Germans. This attitude has NOT been noticed among Polish officials. Polish troops who have been imprisoned in Russia have been heard to state that they would firstly like to kill every living German and then start on the Russians. These men were slightly intoxicated at the time.

ii. A case of indiscriminate shooting occurred at Beit Jirja camp at about 2200 hours on 19 Jul 42, in which British troops guarding an air beacon and Polish troops were concerned. The British guards are alleged to have used bad language and to have fired one shot from a "Tommy" gun when their request for beer was refused at the Polish Officers' Mess. Later in the evening a Polish patrol operating about 300 yds. distant from the beacon had 12 rounds fired over their heads. When the guards were informed in the matter they said that they had fired a few shots at some men they had seen near the beacon. They are reported to have said that "the Poles hate us and the beacon being there". RIF Leair replaced the guard at 0320 hours, the following morning to avoid further trouble. The beacon has now been moved.

B. Relations of Troops with Civilians.

ALL reports.

C. Rumours.

i. Two Jewish R.E. employees at Beit Jirja were overheard saying that an American Division was coming to Palestine and would be encamped at Beit Jirja. Unfortunately these men were only overheard and were NOT seen or traced.

ii. A wounded AIF officer (name cannot be traced) is reported to have given as his opinion that in a few weeks' time the Aust. Division would be withdrawn and their place taken by a composite British and American division from Tenth Army.

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3. OTHER MATTERS.

i. A case has come to the notice of this section of a P.O.W. while passing through a station en route to a P.O.W. camp, called out to an Aust.M.P. corporal on the station, asking him to remember the P.O.W. to his friend, a Military Police Sgt. in a town on the canal zone. This POW had, it appears, been a close friend of the M.P.sgt. for several months, had had numerous official passes but unknown to the M.P.sgt. had been operating in the canal zone as an enemy agent, and was probably the cause of several acts of sabotage during that time and also probably imparted considerable information to the enemy. This case proves the truth in the saying- never accept anyone at their face value.

ii. The three under-mentioned Arabs of Nayalia village were dismissed from Barbara camp, blacklisted and handed over to Civil Police as a result of endeavouring to stage a strike among labourers there:- Khalil Amed AMIR: Hassan Amed AMIR: Mohammed Abdul AMIR.

iii. Ismail Khalil BELBERSIE and Ibrahim Khalil BELBERSIE of Nayalia village were convicted at Jerusalem on 8 Jul 42 to 5 years and one year imprisonment respectively for having bought arms in Barbara camp.

4. PERSONNEL.

As per previous report.

5. TRANSPORT.

As per previous report.

*[Signature]*  
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O.C. "F" Sec., Aust.F.S.S.  
att. 94 Sub-area.

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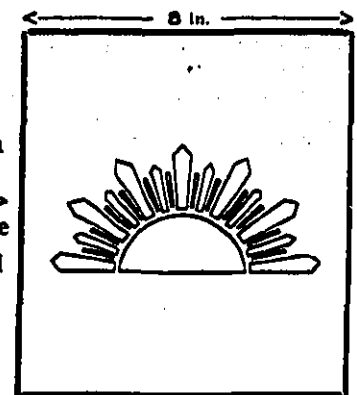
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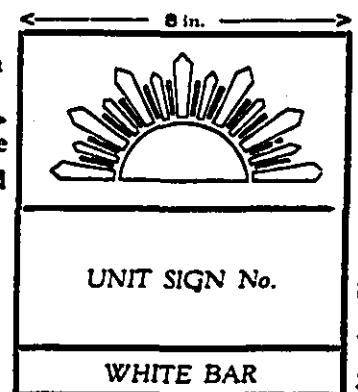
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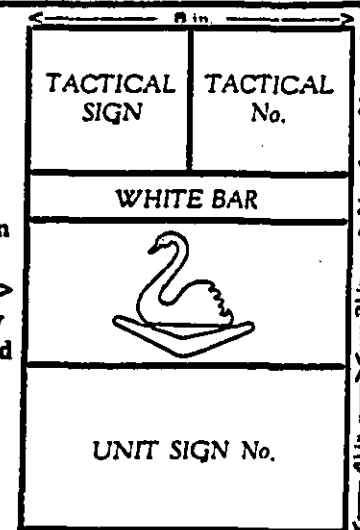
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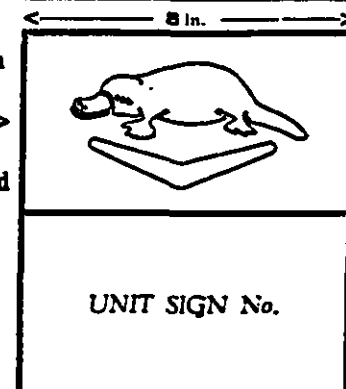
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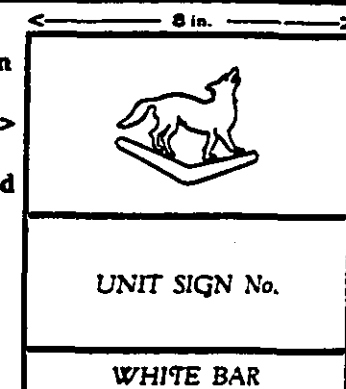
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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
<b>AIF (ME) HQ UNITS</b>				
61172	HQ AIF (ME)	Blue		
61320	HQ AIF (ME) Int Sec	Black	301	
61405	"F" Sec Aust FSS	"	301	
61417	HQ Sigs AIF (ME)	Blue & White Horizontal	333	
61005	Aust HQ Gd Bn	Black	302	
61151	Aust Ord Prov Sec	"	314	
61172	Aust SIB	"	300	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
<b>CORPS TPS</b>				
61413	1 Aust Commando Pl			
<b>ENGRS</b>				
61007	1 Aust Boring Sec	Blue	19	
<b>SIGS</b>				
61356	9 Aust Wireless Sec	Blue & White Horizontal	69	
<b>PNRS</b>				
61233	2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	Black	23	
<b>S &amp; T</b>				
61372	101 Aust General Tpt Coy	Red & Green Diagonal	78	
<b>MEDICAL</b>				
55521	2/3 Aust CCS	Black	10	
55445	3 Aust Anti Malaria Control Unit	"	308	
55446	4 " " "	"	308	
55447	5 " " "	"	308	
55448	6 " " "	"	308	
<b>ORD</b>				
29361	2/1 Aust A Fd Wkshop	Black	46	
29744	2 Corps Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	"	42	
29744	"G" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	"	42	
29744	"H" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	"	42	
29744	"J" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	"	42	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
		<b>9 AUST DIV</b>		
29734	HQ 9 Aust Div	Black	50	
29735	9 Aust Div Int Sec Int Corps	"	50	
61028	"B" Sec Aust FSS	"	301	
	<b>CAV</b>			
61239	9 Aust Div Cav Regt	Green & Blue Horizontal	81	
	<b>ARTY</b>			
61120	HQ RAA 9 Aust Div	Red & Blue Horizontal	82	
61122	2/7 Aust Fd Regt	" " "	88	
61036	2/8 Aust Fd Regt	" " "	71	
61124	2/12 Aust Fd Regt	" " "	53	
61038	3 Aust A Tk Regt	" " "	96	
61359	1 Aust Lt AA Regt	" " "	55	
	<b>ENGRS</b>			
29737	HQ RAE 9 Aust Div	Blue	63	
29269	2/3 Aust Fd Coy	"	78	
61127	2/7 Aust Fd Coy	"	70	
29418	2/13 Aust Fd Coy	"	57	
61186	24 Aust Fd Pk Coy	"	59	
61284	9 Aust Div Cam Tng Unit	"		
	<b>SIGS</b>			
29738	Sigs 9 Aust Div	Blue & White Horizontal	79	
61361	4 Aust Lt AA Regt Sig Sec	" " "	55	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	<b>INF</b>			
61093	HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde	Red	65	
61094	2/13 Aust Inf Bn	"	91	
61185	2/15 Aust Inf Bn	"	80	
61095	2/17 Aust Inf Bn	"	52	
61188	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	Green	72	
61189	2/28 Aust Inf Bn	"	84	
29865	2/32 Aust Inf Bn	"	75	
61190	2/43 Aust Inf Bn	"	92	
61104	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	Brown	58	
61105	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	"	60	
61106	2/24 Aust Inf Bn	"	62	
61107	2/28 Aust Inf Bn	"	89	
61176	2/2 Aust MG Bn	Red	51	
	<b>S &amp; T</b>			
29743	HQ AASC 9 Aust Div	Red & Green Horizontal	67	
61368	No 10 Coy AASC	" " "	69	
61369	No 11 Coy AASC	" " "	74	
61370	No 12 Coy AASC	" " "	95	
	<b>MEDICAL</b>			
29270	2/3 Aust Fd Amb	Black	99	
55412	2/8 " " "	"	54	
55413	2/11 " " "	"	86	
55503	2/4 Aust Fd Hyg Sec	"	61	



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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
<b>ORDNANCE</b>				
61007	58 Aust LAD	Red	65	Att 20 Aust Inf Bde
61125	61 " "	Red & Blue Horizontal	53	" 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
61123	63 " "	" " "	88	" 2/7 " "
61037	64 " "	" " "	71	" 2/8 " "
61241	67 " "	Blue & White Horizontal	79	" Sigs 9 Aust Div
61039	71 " "	Red & Blue Horizontal	96	" 3 Aust A Tk Regt
61187	72 " "	Blue	63	" RAE 9 Aust Div
61192	76 " "	Green	72	" 24 Aust Inf Bde
61177	77 " "	Red	51	" 2/2 Aust MG Bn
61109	78 " "	Brown	58	" 26 Aust Inf Bde
61240	82 " "	Green & Blue Horizontal	81	" 9 Aust Div Cav Regt
61194	9 Aust Div Mob Laundry & Fwd Deen Unit	Black	56	
61360	4 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec	Red & Blue Horizontal	55	" 4 Aust Lt AA Regt
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>				
61005	"D" Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn	Black	302	Att
29745	9 Aust Div Pro Coy	"	68	
29746	9 Aust Div Postal Unit	Blue	97	
29736	9 Aust Div Emp Pl	Black	66	
61193	9 Aust Div Mob Bath Unit	"	64	
61195	9 Aust Div Salvage Unit	"	85	
61210	9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	"	50	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
<b>BASE AND L OF C UNITS</b>				
<b>TNG &amp; REINFT ORGANIZATION</b>				
61132	HQ AIF (ME) Reinft Depot	Black	315	
61269	HQ Aust Comp Tng Regt	Black	315	
61133	Aust Cav Tng Sqn	Green & Blue Horizontal	316	
61134	Aust Arty Tng Bty	Red & Blue Horizontal	317	
61135	Aust Engr Tng Coy	Blue	318	
61136	Aust Sig Tng Coy	Blue & White Horizontal	365	
61142	Aust Services Tng Coy	Black	324	
61143	AAMC Tng Wing	Black	325	
61139	HQ 9 Aust Inf Tng Bde	Brown	321	
61308	Aust Inf Tng Bn	"	321	
61140	Aust MG Tng Coy	Red	322	
61141	Aust Pnr Tng Coy	Blue & Black Horizontal	323	
61301	Aust Spec Gp	Brown	321	
<b>S &amp; T</b>				
61179	1 Aust DID	Red & Green Diagonal	52	
61236	Base Tpt Pl AASC	" " "	309	
61418	Special Base Tpt Pl, AASC	" " "	310	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	<b>MEDICAL</b>			
55215	6 Aust Gen Hosp	Black	303	
55216	7 " " "	"	303	
55217	8 " Spec "	"	303	
55737	3 Aust Mob Bact Lab	"	304	
55736	1 Aust Adv Depot Med Stores	"	305	
55313	Dental Sec 1 Aust Base Depot Med Stores	"	305	
55568	3 Aust Dental Unit	"	306	
55569	4 " " "	"	306	
55570	5 " " "	"	306	
55573	8 " " "	"	306	
55577	12 " " "	"	306	
55579	14 " " "	"	306	
55582	20 " " "	"	306	
55584	24 " " "	"	306	
55586	41 " " "	"	306	
55288	1 Aust Con Depot	"	307	
55449	4 " " "	"	307	
55738	"A" Sec 2/4 Aust MAC (with Wkshops Det)	"	354	
55735	2/6 Aust Fd Hyg Sec	"	352	
61254	Base Coy AAMC	"	353	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	<b>ORDNANCE</b>			
61018	HQ 2 Aust Adv Ornl Depot	Black	336	
61257	2/2 Aust Ornl Store Coy	"	336	
61262	HQ 2 Aust Adv Ornl Wkshop	"	340	
61263	2 Aust Ornl Wkshop Coy	"	339	
61157	2 Aust L of C Rec Sec	"	342	
61293	105 Aust LAD	"	326	
61012	HQ AIF (ME) Offrs Shop	"	344	
61288	AIF (ME) Offrs Shop (Palestine)	"	344	
61096	AIF (ME) Offrs Shop (Syria)	"	344	
61286	Local Purchase Office AAOC (Palestine)	"	345	
	<b>PAY</b>			
61159	AIF (ME) Base Area Cash Office	"	358	
61313	AIF (ME) L of C Cash Office	"	358	
	<b>PROVOST</b>			
61058	2 Aust Pro Coy (L of C)	"	356	
61358	3 " " " " "	"	366	
61167	No 1 Aust Det Bks	"	357	
61290	No 3 " " "	"	357	

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		Background	No.	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	<b>POSTAL</b>			
61163	No 1 Aust Base Postal Unit	Blue	359	
61162	No 1 Aust L of C Postal Unit	"	359	
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>			
61165	AIF (ME) Port Det	Black	311	
61164	AIF (ME) Kit Store	"	360	
61025	Aust Mob Printing Unit	"	363	
61214	Det 1 Aust Graves Regt & Enq Unit	"	313	
61279	AIF (ME) Entertainment Gps	"	312	
61397	AIF (ME) Staging Camp	"	362	
61311	Camp Staff Offr MUGHAZI	"	330	
61317	" " " GAZA RIDGE	"	330	
61315	" " " NESEIRAT	"	330	
61419	" " " KILO 89	"	330	
61411	AACS	"	367	
61144	1 Aust Depot Bn	"	332	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	<b>GHQ TPS</b>			
29847	HQ Aust Ry Construction & Maint Gp	Black	364	
61170	1 Aust Ry Svy Coy	Black	364	
61171	1 Aust Ry Construction Coy	Black	364	
29849	2 Aust Ry Construction Coy	Black	364	
29849	3 Aust Ry Construction Coy	Black	364	

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# WAR DIARY

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UNIT HQ 472 (ME)

A991 Aust Mob Print Unit-SM-5/42-G

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS <small>Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required</small>	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O.'s REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH <small>(On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)</small>
KILC 89	6	DDMS (Brig STEIGRAD) left for EGYPT		
	7			
	7	AQMG (LtCol HARVEY) left to visit 9 Aust Div		
	10	DDMS returned from Egypt.		
	11	GS011 (Maj SPEED) left for CAIRO re Fd Censorship and other Matters. Brig i/c Adm (Brig PULVER) & AAG (Col HURLEY) visit HQ PALESTINE to discuss Reinfits and Con Depot.		
	12	AQMG returned from 9 Aust Div		
	13	GS011 returned from CAIRO,		
	17	AAG and APM (LtCol FAULKNER) left for 9 Aust Div. CO HQ Sigs AIF (ME) (LtCol MURRELL) DAQMG (Maj North) and DADP ESS (Capt HYDE) left for EGYPT.		
	21	CO HQ Sigs AIF (ME) returned from EGYPT.		
	22	AAG returned from EGYPT.		
	24	Brig i/c Adm left for 9 Aust Div.		
	25	DAAG (Maj SHARP) and DAQMG (Maj SYME) left for EGYPT.		
	29	Brig i/c Adm returned from EGYPT.		
	30	DAAG (Maj SHARP) & DAQMG (Maj SYME) returned from EGYPT.		

Signature *Brickson*

G.S. H.Q. A.I.F. (M.E.)

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KILO 89	4	Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required  A.I.F. List No 91 and Orders by Lieutenant-General Sir Leslie Morshead, K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., E.D..		
	4	Base Area Orders No 87 by Brig B.W. Pulver		
	5	Reinforcement draft of 24 ORs despatched to SIDI BISHR Staging Camp.		
	7	Reinforcement draft 8 Offrs and 217 ORs despatched to SIDI BISHR Staging Camp.		
	8	A.I.F. List No 92 and Orders by Lieutenant-General Sir Leslie Morshead, K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., E.D..		
	11	Reinforcement draft of 16 Offrs and 169 ORs despatched to SIDI BISHR Staging Camp.		
	14	"TAIYANG" with 11 Offrs for return to AUSTRALIA departed from SUEZ.		
	15	A.I.F. List No 93 and Orders by Lieutenant-General Sir Leslie Morshead, K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., E.D..		
	16	Reinforcement draft of 7 Offrs and 139 ORs despatched to SIDI BISHR Staging Camp.		
	22	A.I.F. List No 94 and Orders by Lieutenant-General Sir Leslie Morshead, K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., E.D..		
	23	Reinforcement draft of 4 Offrs and 108 ORs departed GAZA for SIDI BISHR Staging Camp.		

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		Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required		
KILO 89	25	Base Area Orders No 88 by Brigadier B.W.Pulver.		
	26	Reinforcement draft of 5 Offrs and 120 ORs departed from GAZA for STDI BISER Staging Camp		
	25	Major Sharp, D.A.A.G., departed GAZA for ALEZANDRIA to visit Aust L O., G.H.Q., CAIRO and Port Detachment at SUEZ.		
	28	15 Offrs and 235 ORs departed GAZA for SUEZ and return to AUSTRALIA.		
	29	A.I.F. List No 95 and Orders by Lieutenant-General Sir Leslie Morshead, K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., E.D..		
	30	Reinforcement draft of 4 Offrs and 125 ORs departed from GAZA for SIDI BISER Staging Camp.		
	31	Major Sharp, D.A.A.G. returned from EGYPT.		

Signature D. P. Sharp Maj.

BRITISH PERSONNEL.

1. Adj't 1 Aust Con Depot reported at 1115 Aug 28th that the charred body of a British Sgt wearing a lifebelt had been washed up on the beach about a mile north of NUSEIRAT. There was also a waterlogged boat, another lifebelt marked "PRINCESS MARGUERITE", and some charred wood. 1 Aust Con Depot were removing the body to S A G H.
2. 94 Sub Area were informed by telephone of these details and will attend to disposal of the boat, lifebelt etc.

*Shickson*  
for Maj. G.S. Hunt

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28 Aug 42.



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*War Diary*  
HEADQUARTERS  
"F" Sec Aust F33  
att HQ AIF(ME)  
4 Aug 42.

Report on Section Activities - Period 19 Jul-1 Aug 42.

1. MILITARY SECURITY.

(a) Security of Information.

(1) In view of an apparent leakage of military stationery and documents to civilian quarters in GAZA (Ref. See Report period 12-18 Jul 42, para 1, a), methods for the disposal of waste paper in Australian camps were checked and found to be satisfactory. As an added precaution, camp authorities were asked to tighten up the supervision of existing measures.

(11) On 28 and 29 Jul 42 a check was made in all AIF camps of photographs awaiting delivery to the troops. At a canteen in MUSEIRAT a number of commendable prints and negatives processed by an approved photographer in REHOFOT were confiscated. Investigations have been carried out and particulars of the case will be forwarded to the proper authorities.

2. MORALE.

(c) Rumours.

The following rumours were reported to be in circulation among troops in this area:-

(1) 2000 Americans have arrived in Palestine to form a US GHQ.

(11) Recent Australian casualties in the Western Desert are variously rumoured at between 1900 and 4000 in number.

(111) 9 Aust Div has been withdrawn from front line positions in the Western Desert.

3. GENERAL.

(1) Two separate flashing lights reported to be visible on several consecutive nights in the MUSEIRAT area were found to have been caused by carelessness and their recurrence was prevented.

(11) Routine matters of general security were attended to in all camps during the period under review.

4. PERSONNEL.

WE 585 L/Cpl Crouchley and VI 47960 L/Cpl Rice were detached for duty with "F" Sec F33, att HQ 9 Aust Div on 25 Jul 42.

*W. C. Crouchley, VC*  
for Capt.  
OG "F" Sec Aust F33.

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"F" Sec., Aust. F.S.S.,  
94 Sub-Area,  
6 Aug. 42.

Report on Section Activities - Week-ending 1 Aug. 42. No. 6.

1. MILITARY SECURITY.

"A" Security of Information.

Pass-Control in Polish Camps. FS NCO on duty at Quastina reports that civilian passes are unsatisfactory for the following reasons:- Lack of proper checking by guards; conflicting interpretations of camp pass requirements by Officers Placu; civilians entering camp with out of date passes and in several cases with no pass at all; civilians thinking that being known to military personnel is sufficient; issuing of day passes and temporary passes without photograph of the holder.

"B" Security of Personnel.

Nothing to report.

"C" Security of Material. - ~~Nothing to report.~~

Losses of Arms. Two rifles, Nos. 373323 and 39180 were lost when two members of 9 Pol. Coy. the Buffs absconded from Dimra on 26 Jul 42, apparently taking their rifles with them. ( Rifle No. 373323 has now been recovered.)

Extract from FS report on security at ISDUD Polish Camp. " All arms and ammunition are locked in a lighted store at night, which is guarded. By day arms are constantly in the owners' possession."

Rafah Camp. A 2 B.O.D. Rafah a fence is under construction to enclose all stores not in buildings. This fence should be completed shortly when it will be patrolled at night by a truck mounting a searchlight and a m. gun in addition to ghaffirs. At 7 M.T.S.D. stores are also in the open but they are patrolled by a truck carrying a searchlight and a machine gun. Authority has been granted to 7 M.T.S.D. to erect a fence around this area.

Suspicious Behaviour of Palestinian Policemen. FS NCO has been informed by NCO at 76 D.I.D., R.A.S.C. that on Sunday night, 19 Jul 42, two Palestinian policemen, one without hat or number, arrived at the depot in a Polish truck with one driver, and asked for petrol. This NCO said they appeared to be uncomfortable and surprised to find British personnel in charge. They were refused petrol and the truck drove away, while the policemen proceeded on foot across the fields towards Al Jiyā. FS NCO has requested that definite action be taken by D.I.D. staff in any future cases of this nature.

Suspected Sabotage. Twenty-eight tarpaulins out of a total of 30 which were consigned from R.E.B.S.D., Beit Nabala between 10 and 24 July 42 to Al Auja were found to have been badly slashed with a sharp knife. One tarpaulin was completely useless. The cuts were NOT noticed until the tarpaulins had been unrolled, as they were on the inside and sabotage is suspected prior to the arrival of the tarpaulins at Al Auja.

2. MORALE

"A" Morale of Troops.

From Jewish civilian sources it is reported that on account of the harsh treatment of Jewish members of the Polish Forces by other Polish soldiers, many of the former have deserted and are being given

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refuge by Jewish members of the civilian population, to whom the deserters have painted a very pitiful, and it is thought exaggerated picture of their treatment. Some of these deserters are alleged to have joined the Palestine Buffs. The "KIDUTZIM", in view of their own military policy advocating the enlistment of all Jewish men of Army age, offers these deserters little encouragement.

### "B". Relations of Troops with Civilians.

At a private social gathering on 25 Jul 42 in Tel Aviv unstinted praise was voiced for the Australian troops. The opinion held of the British(U.K.) troops was also high, but slightly divided, as it was for the Americans. Only a few of the party appeared to like the Poles or the Greeks.

The prospective arrival of British G.H.Q. in Tel Aviv was also discussed and the resulting inconvenience of quartering officers, the increased danger from air-raids and whether this move indicated a worse state of affairs in the Western Desert than the Press made out. One of the party, however, who had been asked to billet two officers, said, "we have hardly felt the war yet and certainly haven't suffered any hardships, so it is up to us to co-operate and gladly make the small efforts demanded of us."

Two weeks ago in Tel Aviv it was general talk that many tenants had been given notice to quit their premises to allow an American H.Q. to be set up.

### 3. OTHER MATTERS.

Interference with W.D. Civilian Labour. A suspicious civilian workers who had been recruited for work at P.O.D. and B.O.W., Rafah, by P. & L.C.O., were being adversely influenced by enemy agents, prior to commencing work, has been vilified after investigation by FSS. It was found that certain conditions promised by P. & L.C.O. to prospective employees were impossible to be complied with by C.C. Civilian Camp unless he was informed three days in advance of incoming drafts. This notice had NOT been given in several cases resulting in several of the men refusing to commence work and in their returning to their homes where, by talk with other civilians had thereby influenced other potential employees.

Buying and Stealing of Arms. It has been reported from a reliable source that Sheikh Hussein el KOLSI of HEBRON, leader of 12,000 to 20,000 Arabs, is active in purchasing and stealing arms from Polish camps. This report has been confirmed by C.I.D., Gaza.

Report from FS WCO draws attention to an article published in an illegal Jewish newspaper pointing out the numerous recent thefts of arms from Polish Camps by the Arabs and emphasises the resulting danger to the Jews. One particular theft of four rifles was mentioned. This points to a leakage of information either from persons having access to official reports or correspondence or to loose talk among the troops in the camps where the losses occurred coming to the hearing of the Jewish civilian camp.

- 4. PERSONNEL
- 5. TRANSPORT

as per previous report.

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Quote I/15/2A.

"F" Sec.Aust.F.S.S.,  
att. 94 Sub-Area,  
18 Aug. 42.

Report on Section Activities - Week-ending 15 Aug. 42. No. 8.

1. SECURITY OF INFORMATION.

On Aug. 10, 42, labourers unloading a ballast truck in Gaza railway yard found a suitcase belonging to an officer of the Junior Staff School, Sarafand, containing in addition to personal correspondence, military documents, pamphlets and school notes of a secret nature. The lock of the suitcase had been forced. The suitcase was handed to GS 111, 94 Sub-Area. No official notification of the loss has been received at this HQ's.

2. SECURITY OF PERSONNEL.

Nothing to report.

SECURITY OF MATERIALS.

(i) Loss of Arms. Rifles reported lost during week-ending 15 Aug. 42 totalled four, viz.:-

<u>No. and Make.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Place.</u>
1087 " STEYR"	133rd. S.A.R.M.T.	8 Aug.	Burcir by-pass
3459 C -	4 Coy. Argyles.	10 Aug.	From railway train nr. Rafah.
2 rifles	Polish Mil. Forces.	12 Aug.	Quastina.

(further details are being obtained)

(ii) Ref. weekly report No. 5, 10 para iv. Seventeen tyres identical to those in the consignment from which 41 were found missing at Rafah railway yard, have been recovered by S.I.B.

4. OPERATIONS.

Nothing to report.

5. MORALE.

"A" Morale of Troops.

On 14 Aug. 42, a large body of men belonging to 612 Coy. Corps, Rafah, deserted and made their way to their HQ's at Sarafand, presumably to lay a complaint. Earlier in the day they refused their mid-day meal, saying that the food was not fit to eat. They were then taken on a route march during which, disobeying orders, they broke up in disorder and stones were thrown at the British NCO's i/s. One hundred and thirty eight men were returned to Sarafand from Sarafand under escort; three returned of their own accord. The latter were questioned and they said that in their opinion the cause of the trouble was due to the fact that most of the men considered the food not fit to eat, their resentment of the bullying by their Arab NCO's and their long hours of duty with very infrequent leave. The names of three men believed to be the ring-leaders in this disturbance have been obtained. A Court of Enquiry is being held.

"B" Morale of Civilians.

Nothing to report.

"C" Relations of Troops and Civilians.

Nothing to report.

report on section activities - week-ending 15 Aug. 42. P.2.

"D" Relations of Imperial and Allied Troops.

FS NCO on Duty in Polish Camps reports deplorable attitude of British NCO's and men towards Polish soldiers, which, he says, is growing in intensity and sooner or later may prove to serious mischief. The British soldiers' attitude towards the Poles is overbearing and intolerant and he appears to have a firm conviction that the Poles can do nothing right and are, in short, no good.

This outlook would appear to arise purely from a lack of any attempt by the British soldier to understand his comrade-in-arms and from ignorance of the fact that the average Pole is totally unused to our standards and that he has a vastly different background and outlook to us.

The report concludes "the majority of them (the Poles) come straight from Siberian internment camps where they suffered great hardship, and I am sure would therefore respond quickly to a kind word or action from an Englishman, whom they really, in their heart of hearts admire, respect and want to like".

It is considered that official action is necessary to remedy this regrettable rift between the British and Polish soldiers.

6. PROPAGANDA.

Nothing to report.

• RUMOURS.

(i) In a Tel Aviv cafe on Aug. 9 42, Polish troops are reported to have discussed military matters in the presence of a civilian friend. The following remarks were expressed:-

"The Poles believe that the Second Front will be through Turkey with that country's permission. - - -that there are thousands of Poles on the Turkish border with any amount of tanks, guns, arms and ammunition. ----that there were a great number of airmen and machines there, - Americans, Canadians, Australians and New Zealanders and more could be expected any day".

(ii) From report by FS NCO - "I have heard that the whole Polish Army is going to leave Palestine. The reason for this is that the Jewish Agency does NOT want the Poles here, and that the Agency is such a powerful organisation it can force its wishes upon anyone by sheer pressure, but mainly by bribery. By such a move it is thought that Palestine would be occupied only by American and Imperial Troops who have a far greater spending capacity than the Poles."

8. GENERAL.

(i) A woman believed to be a member of the A.T.S. was found by Polish M.P. in a tent in Quastina camp lines. Clothing belonging to her had been left at the Victoria Cafe, Quastina. She was passed over to O.C., A.T.S. through D.A.F.M. Victoria Cafe has been placed out of bounds.

(ii) As a result of investigation by FS NCO two Arabs employed by laundry contractor at Quastina camp were handed over to Civil Police, suspected of holding false Identity Cards.

9. PERSONNEL.

Capt. G. McConnell Walker evacuated to 6 A.G.H. 9 Aug. 42; discharged from 6 A.G.H. 16 Aug. 42.

10. TRANSPORT As per previous report.

Distribution:- as usual.

*A. & L. H. for*  
Capt. O.C. \*P. Sec. Aust. T.S.S.  
att. 94 Sub-Area.

In reply please  
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HEADQUARTERS, War Diary  
"P" Sec Aust P.S.S.  
Att H.Q., A.I.F. (M.20)  
19 Aug 42.

Report on Section Activities - Period 2 Aug-15 Aug 42.

**Sec. 1. Security of Information.**

Following a breach of photographic censorship on the part of an approved photographer operating through a canteen in NUBKHA Camp (Ref Sec. Report - period 19 Jul - 1 Aug 42, para 1, a, ii), recommendations for a more stringent control of photographic matter passing through canteens were accepted and arrangements made for censorship to be carried out by local U.S.Os.

**Sec. 2. Rumours.**

- The following rumours were reported to be in circulation:-
- (a) Half of the 9 Aust Div are staging at Alexandria Racecourse and half are at Fort Tewfik.
  - (b) 9 Aust Div has been withdrawn from front line positions for ten days and after being reinforced will go into action again.
  - (c) British tank units in the Western Desert are weak and demoralized.
  - (d) There is a rumour amongst local Arabs that the "Second Front" in Europe has been opened by the Allied Forces.
  - (e) That 15 of the ships amongst a recent convoy to Malta, were sunk by enemy action - This report is alleged to have come over the Ankara Radio.
  - (f) Whilst passing through Alexandria on 14-15 Aug 42 FS NCO heard that the Allies were planning a major offensive in the Western Desert approx. the 20th Aug 42 (The date mentioned was when the moon was getting full)

There has been an appreciable increase in the number of rumours circulating in this area, due principally to the influx of hospital cases from the Western Desert, and to the speculation concerning the AIF(ME)'s movements, casualties etc. The desirability of keeping the troops informed fully as possible concerning current operations is realized, and news reports are issued to units as frequently as practicable with the view of combatting the spreading of rumours. In one camp a loud-speaker system is being utilized for the promulgating of an anti-rumour-mongering campaign. Two particularly indiscreet cases of rumour-mongering are under investigation by FSS.

**Sec. 3. General.**

(a) A complete pass check of all civilians employed in AIF camps was carried out. With the exception of two passes every pass checked was found to be in order. In the case of some R.E. workers identity cards were NOT carried and these men were instructed to do so in future. The arrangements recently adopted for the renewal of R.E. passes by Camp S.O.'s. was found to be functioning very satisfactorily and to have eliminated the time-lag which formerly occurred when these passes had to be sent to BEHQ JERUSA for renewal.

(b) An Australian soldier reported that a civilian from BAT YAM who claimed to be an approved photographer, had offered to him for sale cameras of the latest German manufacture. The photographer had stated that he obtained the cameras through the German Consulate in Turkey and that he employed an Arab as go-between in his transactions. The purchases were effected in sterling currency. Investigations are being carried out with a view to establishing the identity of the photographer.



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HQ AIF (ME).  
15 Aug 42.

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LOCATION STATEMENT.

Amendments to O/8588 of 15 Jul 42  
as at 1200 hrs 15 Aug 42.  
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The following amendments should be made to Location  
Statement of AIF Units in the Middle East (Ref O/8588) dated 15 Jul 42:-

Page 2. Under HQ AIF (ME) UNITS.

Insert "2/1" before Aust HQ Gd Bn.

"	below HQ ( A Coy	EGYPT u/c 9 Aust Div.
	( D Coy	KILO 89 att HQ AIF (ME).
	( F Coy	MUGHAZI
	( G Coy	MUGHAZI and GAZA Area.

Under CORPS TPS.

MEDICAL.

Amend Location of 2/3 Aust CCS to read "EGYPT".

ORD.

Delete "Aust Veh Replacement Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk"

MISC.

Amend Location of 3 Aust Anti Malaria Control  
Unit to read "WADI SHARI Area" - u/c  
2/6 Aust Fd Hyg Sec.

Delete 5 and 6 Aust Anti Malaria Control Units.

Page 4. Under 9 AUST DIV.

MISC.

Amend Location of 9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office to  
read "EGYPT".

Delete Det of the above at CAIRO.

" Location of 9 Aust Div Sec Corps Reception  
Camp to read "EGYPT".

Add "Aust Wing 155 Reinf't Transit Camp...EGYPT".

Under BASE & L OF C UNITS.

S & T.

Amend Location of 1 Aust DID to read "NUSEIRAT".

MEDICAL.

Amend Location of 7 Aust Gen Hosp to read "BUCELLI  
EGYPT".



MEDICAL (contd)

Amend Dental Sec 1 Aust Adv Depot Med Stores to  
read "Dental Sec 1 Aust Base Depot Med Stores"  
Against 5 Aust Dental Unit delete "att 8 A S H".  
Amend Location of 14 Aust Dental Unit to read  
"NUSEIRAT (att 1 Aust Con Depot)".

Page 5. Under BASE & L OF C UNITS).

MEDICAL.

Amend Location of 4 Aust Con Depot to read  
"TULUMBAT EGYPT".

ORD.

Delete "Aust Wing 2 BOD RAOC".

Amend AIF(ME) Offrs Shop (PALESTINE) to read  
"AIF(ME) Offrs Shop No. 1".  
Amend AIF(ME) Offrs Shop (SYRIA) to read  
"AIF(ME) Offrs Shop No. 2".

PAY.

Amend Location of AIF(ME) Base Area Cash Office  
to read "MUGHAZI".  
" " " AIF(ME) L of C Cash Office to  
read "PORT TEWFIK".  
Insert Det " AIF(ME) L of C Cash Office CAIRO.

POSTAL.

Amend Location of 1 Aust L of C Postal Unit to  
read "MUGHAZI".

MISC.

Add "Aust Wing 179 Leave and Transit Camp" NATHANYA

*[Signature]*  
G.S.

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HC SUB SECTOR 3A

9 Aug 42.

SUB SECTOR 3A CP INSTN NO.5

LOCAL DEFENCE

Ref Map Palestine 1/100000

(This instruction cancels those previously issued.)

Information

1. There may be enemy action against PALESTINE.

The most probable forms of activity are:-

- (a) Air raids on ports, camps, installations etc.
- (b) Air and/or seaborne raids on installations or VP's.
- (c) Fostering internal disturbances.
- (d) Acts of sabotage or terrorism.
- (e) Spreading propaganda by pamphlets or rumours.

2. Own Troops

In the event of attack troops under command Camp Command Kilo 89 may be called upon to:-

- (a) Defend Sub Sector 3A against all forms of attack.
- (b) Provide troops to guard installations within or without Sub Sector.
- (c) Provide Mob Columns to operate within or without Sub Sector.

3. Sub Sector 3A

- (a) Northern Boundary - Incl Pt 22 (100108) incl BEIT LAHIYA excl BEIT HANIN - DIHRA incl WADI NISI 133104 thence incl boundary GAZA Military District to road HILIRON - DEERS TBA.
- (b) Southern boundary, all incl to Sub Sector 3A TELL HUSSEIN 137088 - KH AS ZUBALA 120091 thence Trig 185 (116094) AL MUHARRAGA - X roads 102102 - thence GAZA Railway Stn TELL ES SH RADWAN 090104 - waterhole 090106.
- (c) GAZA Beach 09631040.

Comm. Major W.E. SCRIVNER MC AIP (ME).

4. Police Post

- (a) Coast Watching Station G5 manned by Civil Police is established at SHERIK WASSAN 0970145.
- (b) Camelry Patrols are based at Post G5 and are responsible for patrolling beach during hours of darkness.

5. RAF

Local defence of all RAF installations is responsibility of RAF.

6. VP's

Camp Hilo 89  
" Gaza Ridge  
" Gaza Rly Stn  
" Gaza Beach.

7. Intention

Sub Sector 3A will be held and action taken to combat all forms of enemy action.

8. Method

Organization of Sector:-

- (a) Units will be responsible for protection of their own lines.
- (b) "D" Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn will provide AA, also ground protection as at present until "alert" commences, and will organize deta for use as follows:-
  - (i) 1 Pl. HQ protection.
  - (ii) 1 Pl. Local defence Gaza Rly Stn.
  - (iii) 2 Pl. Mobile Coln.
- (c) Depot Bn will organize maximum parties for use as required.
- (d) Only personnel who are essential to adm, while emergency exists, (see para 9 below), will be employed in offices.

9. Warning

"Alert Period" will be initiated from Sub Sector HQ by code word "BRIGHT". Cancellation will be effected by code word "DULL".

10. Action on Receipt of Warning

The following precautionary measures will be brought into effect immediately an "Alert Period" is instituted.

- (a) "D" Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn Mob Coln will be ready to move at 30 minutes notice.
- (b) HQ AIF (HE) personnel will relieve "D" Coy personnel and provide protection for GAZA RIDGE Camp also TRAM and HOLMES Lines HILO 89 Camp.

- (c) Guards will be placed on VP's and approaches thereto. Guards and sentries will be warned that special vigilance is necessary.
- (d) All ranks will carry their personal weapons on all occasions and keep respirators within reach at all times.
- (e) All leave will be stopped, but personnel on leave will not be recalled unless it is urgently necessary.

11. Administration

Supplies. All veh of Mob Coln will carry three days rations IMF Veh Ration Scale, and water for personnel carried therein.

12. Arm On "Alert" all armed personnel will carry 50 rds arm per man.

13. Transport

On "Alert", Pool Tpt, HQ AIF (ME), will NOT be used without reference to Comd Sub Sector 3A.

Tpt Officer HQ AIF (ME) will make available to CC "D" Coy - Trucks 30-cwt - Three (3); Trucks 3-ton - Three (3), for use of Mob Coln.

14. Medical

- (a) Casualties will be evacuated to RAF Holmes Lines.
- (b) RMO HQ AIF (ME) will establish a Gas Cleansing Centre for "Gassed and Wounded" casualties only.
- (c) On "Alert" CC 2/6 Aust Fd Hvy Sec will take charge of CRS Milo 89.
- (d) HCO 1/c CRS will be prepared with medical equipment to accompany, if necessary, Mob Coln.
- (e) DAD'S (I) AIF (ME) will maintain liaison with CC No.3 Sub Sector.
- (f) On receipt of "Alert" CC 2/4 MAC will despatch one ambulance car to CRS Milo 89, making a total of two at that point.

15. Intercommunication

- (a) Location of HQ's.

Sector 3 Brig 1/c Admn HQ AIF (ME)

Sub Sector 3A Office of Camp Comdt HQ AIF (ME)  
Heane Lines.

Sub Sector 3B AIF (ME) Reinf Depot Mascirat.

- (b) HQ Signals AIF (ME) will provide wireless set and operators to accompany mob coln.

16. Light Signals

WHITE - Means of illumination  
GREEN - Alarm or call for assistance  
RED - Parachutists landed.

17. Reports

Units occupying lines at Kilo 89 will report by 1200 hrs on Sunday of each week estimated fighting strengths.

- (i) Riflemen
- (ii) Gun teams LMG and M2G
- (iii) MT with type of veh.

18. Ack.

*William Scrivener*  
Major,  
Comd Sub Sector 3A  
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AIF(ME) Reinf't Depot : G  
HQ Sigs AIF(ME) : A  
2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn : Q  
Aust Depot Bn : DDMS  
6 A G H : DDOS  
7 A G H : DPM(please pass DAD Posts)  
8 A S H : CPM  
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The following Sitrep has been prepared from Intelligence Summaries up to 1200 hrs 15 Aug. The infm contained therein may be passed verbally to personnel, but must NOT be repeated in writing.

  
Maj.  
G.S.

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The situation in the fwd area has not changed materially.

Active ops are confined to deep patrolling up to 6000 yds by night and cave patrols by day (.). Frequent contacts have been made and casualties inflicted on the enemy, with very slight casualties to our own patrols.

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Headquarters,  
A.I.F. (ME).

6 Aug 42.

AIF(ME) Reinft Depot	:	G
HQ Sigs	:	A
2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn	:	Q
Aust Depot Bn	:	DADS & T
6 A G H	:	DDMS
7 A G H	:	DDOS
8 A S H	:	DPM
1 Aust Con Depot	:	CPM
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S I T R E P.

The following Sitrep dated 6 Aug has been received from 9 AUST DIV. The infm contained therein may be passed verbally to personnel, but must NOT be repeated in writing.

Ma J.  
G.S.

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Last night fighting patrol 2/15 Bn attacked GERMAN posn (. Five killed at close quarters one captured.

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0/S917

Headquarters  
A.I.F.(ME).

1 Aug 42.

AIF(ME) Reinft Depot	:	G
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The following Sitrep dated 31 Jul has been received from 9 AUST DIV. The infm contained therein may be passed verbally to personnel, but must NOT be repeated in writing.

  
Maj.  
/G.S.

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Quiet since 28th July although enemy arty more active today. Yesterday Cav Regt in forward Patrols captured 12 GERMANS and 6 ITALIANS.

Inf has made several successful daylight sorties with carriers, and patrolling by night continues.

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STATEMENT 'A'.

Casualties reported - August, 1942.

	(a) <u>Killed.</u>	(b) <u>Wounded</u>	(c) <u>Missing</u>	(d) <u>Total.</u>
<u>ARTILLERY.</u>				
2/7 Aust Fd Regt	- x 2	- x 2	- x -	- x 4
2/8 Aust Fd Regt	- x 1	1 x 5	- x -	1 x 6
2/12 Aust Fd Regt	- x -	- x 5	- x -	- x 5
3 Aust A Tk Regt	- x 1	- x 3	- x -	- x 4
4 Aust Lt AA Regt	- x 2	1 x 1	- x -	1 x 3
<u>Total Artillery</u>	- x 6	2 x 16	- x -	2 x 22
<u>INFANTRY.</u>				
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde	- x -	- x 1	- x -	- x 1
2/13 Aust Inf Bn	- x 7	- x 8	1 x 2	1 x 17
2/15 Aust Inf Bn	- x 5	1 x 19	- x 4	1 x 28
2/17 Aust Inf Bn	- x 1	2 x 21	- x -	2 x 22
2/32 Aust Inf Bn	- x -	- x -	- x 2	- x 2
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	1 x 3	- x 7	- x 1	1 x 11
2/23 Aust Inf Bn	- x -	1 x -	- x 1	1 x 1
2/24 Aust Inf Bn	- x -	- x 3	- x -	- x 3
2/48 Aust Inf Bn	- x -	- x 1	- x -	- x 1
<u>Total Infantry</u>	1 x 16	4 x 60	1 x 10	6 x 86
<u>CAV.</u>	- x 1	3 x 8	- x -	3 x 9
<u>RAE.</u>	- x 6	- x 8	- x 2	- x 16
<u>SIGS.</u>	- x 2	- x 1	- x -	- x 3
<u>INFANTRY (MG).</u>	- x -	- x 7	- x -	- x 7
<u>INFANTRY (PNR).</u>	- x -	- x 1	1 x -	1 x 1
<u>AASC.</u>	- x 1	- x 5	- x -	- x 6
<u>AAMC.</u>	- x -	- x 1	- x -	- x 1
<u>AAOC.</u>	- x 3	- x 6	- x -	- x 9
<u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u>	- x -	- x 1	- x -	- x 1
<u>GRAND TOTAL.</u>	1 x 35	9 x 114	2 x 12	12 x 161.

4 Sep 42.

REINFORCEMENTS MOVED FORWARD TO EGYPT FOR MONTH OF AUG 42.

<u>DATE OF DEPARTURE.</u>	<u>OFFRS.</u>		<u>O/Rs.</u>
1.8.42	18	x	706
3.8.42.	7		197
5.8.42	-		24
7.8.42	8		217
8.8.42	1		---
10.8.42	-		8
11.8.42	16		169
14.8.42	1		1
15.8.42	-		6
16.8.42	7		139
17.8.42	1		8
18.8.42	-		3
22.8.42	1		13
23.8.42	4		108
26.8.42	5		120
26.8.42	-		3
27.8.42	-		7
29.8.42	1		-
30.8.42	4		125
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TOTAL	74	x	1854
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE,  
A.I.F.(M.E.) BASE AREA ROUTINE ORDERS  
By  
BRIGADIER B.W. PULVER  
COMMANDER, A.I.F.(M.E.) BASE AREA,

No. 87

Fourth August, 1942.

GENERAL STAFF

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Major,  
General Staff.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S BRANCH

**898. CIVILIAN LABOUR:**

1. Complaints have been received that in cases of civilian labour in A.I.F. Camps guilty of breaches, such as thieving, action has not been taken through the Camp Staff Officer, but direct with the Civil Police.
2. This procedure must cease and any matters pertaining to civilian labour will be reported by units and military personnel through the Camp Staff Officer, who is responsible for such labour.

**899. "B" CLASS PERSONNEL - EMPLOYMENT:**

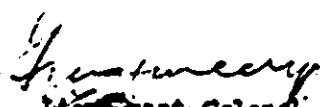
1. Reference para. (vi) A.I.F.(M.E.) Order No. 990 of 2nd February, 1942, authority is given for allotments to units of "B" class personnel to be made in accordance with sub-para. (c) up to 10% of "B" class personnel posted to units in accordance with sub-para. (a) and (b).
2. "B" class personnel evacuated beyond C.R.S. will be returned to units as soon as possible and normally no action will be taken to provide replacements unless it is definitely known that personnel will not be returned.

**900. CAFES AND HOTELS - BOUNDS:**

1. The following Hotel has been placed "IN BOUNDS":-  
HOTEL "GOTTLIEB" - 5 Ahavath Zion Street, Tel-Aviv.
2. The following Cafe-Bar has been placed "OUT OF BOUNDS":-  
"NOCA" Bar - Sir Herbert Samuel Quay, Tel-Aviv.

**901. AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND ISSUE:**

1. A special Australian Comforts Fund distribution of 1 oz Fine Cut Tobacco will be made on Thursday 6th August, 1942.
2. Issues to Camps in the Mughazi-Kile 89 area will be delivered to Camp Comds. concerned, on production of certificates showing unit strengths as at 0900 hrs. 6th August, 1942.
3. Those stationed beyond the abovementioned area will collect their issues at Mughazi under their own arrangements.

  
Lieutenant-Colonel,  
A.A.C., A.I.F.(M.E.).

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

BASE AREA ROUTINE ORDERS

by

BRIGADIER B.W. PULVER

BRIGADIER I/C ADMINISTRATION, A.I.F. (M.E.):

No. 88

25th August, 1942.


GENERAL STAFF

902. AIR RAIDS AND AIR RAID PRACTICES:

1. Personnel on leave are reminded that it is the duty of all ranks to co-operate with local A.R.P. authorities and to set an example to the general public.
2. Personnel engaged on military duties of a nature necessitating non-compliance with instructions given by A.R.P. authorities must avoid misunderstanding by giving a satisfactory explanation when approached.

903. ADDRESSING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Units are reminded that place names will NOT be used in addresses on correspondence despatched by EXPRESS Letter or Postal Services to units or to serving personnel, excluding Camp Staff Officers.

  
Major,  
General Staff.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S BRANCH.

904. BATHING PARTIES - GAZA BEACH:

1. In view of the large number of troops now using Gaza Beach, units will ensure that all bathing parties are in charge of an officer who will be held responsible for his party's discipline.
2. The requirements are as follows - they are simple, and will therefore, be enforced :--
  - (a) All men will be properly dressed en route to and from the beach.
  - (b) They will bathe only in a proper costume or bathing slips, and will NOT change on the beach.
  - (c) They will obey the directions of the A.I.F. Beach Patrol.
3. The Beach Patrol is there for the benefit and assistance of all troops. They are expert, and will be sole judges of whether bathing at any particular place, or upon any particular day, is safe. Officers i/c Bathing Parties will contact them on arrival.

905. CAFES - BOUNDS:

1. The following Cafes and Hotels have been placed  
"In Bounds" :--

GOLDIN HOTEL - Mikha Street, Tel Aviv.  
CAFE BOGHOSSIAN - Jaffa - Tel Aviv Road.

2. The following Cafes and Hotels have been placed  
"Out of Bounds" :--

CAFE VICTORY - Hayarkon St., Tel Aviv.  
CAFE REAYON - Ben Yehuda St., Tel Aviv.  
CAFE ESTHER - Hayarkon St., Tel Aviv.  
CAFE GILA - 22 Pinksater St., Tel Aviv.  
HOTEL ATLANTIC - Ben Yehuda St., Tel Aviv.  
YARKON BAR - Hayarkon St., Tel Aviv.  
PALAIS DE DANSE - Hayarkon St., Tel Aviv.

906. LEAVE FOR JEWISH PERSONNEL ON IMPORTANT HOLY DAYS:

1. It is advised that the Jewish Holy Days this year  
will fall as follows:-

New Year - from sunset 11 Sep 42 to sunset  
13 Sep 42.  
Day of Atonement - from sunset 20 Sep 42 to sunset  
21 Sep 42.

2. Exigencies of the service permitting, it is desired  
that as many personnel as possible of Jewish denomination  
be granted leave to allow them to participate in the  
ceremonies.

3. It is to be noted that the Holy Days commence at  
sunset. To enable personnel to take part in the ceremonies  
and to observe the religious laws, leave, where granted,  
should commence sufficiently early to allow of travelling  
to the Synagogues, etc., being completed before sunset.

*[Signature]*  
Lieutenant-Colonel,

A.A.G., A.T.F.(M.E.).

NOTICE

A Soldiers' Club styled "Municipality Information  
Office for HIS MAJESTY'S FORCES" has been opened at 43  
Allenby Road, Tel Aviv.

HQ AIF (ME) - "Q" BRANCH - WAR DIARY 1 AUG 42 to 31 AUG 42 incl.- MOVEMENT.

Serial	Unit	From	To	Remarks.
1.	4 Aust Convalescent Depot. Offrs 6 and ORs 47, and vehicles 3, plus 85 cubic tons of stores.	SIDON 31 Jul.	GAZA 1 Aug.	By rd and rail. To stage at GAZA pending decision regarding future employment.
2.	Reinf Draft ex AIF Reinf Depot Offrs 17 and ORs.708.	NUSEIRAT 2 Aug.	SIDI BISER 3 Aug.	By rail to Aust Staging Camp for 9 Aust Div.
3.	Reinf Draft ex AIF Reinf Depot Offrs 1 & ORs.25.	NUSEIRAT 2 Aug	BEIRUT 3 Aug.	By rd to Aust Ry Constr & Maint Gp.
4.	Reinf Draft ex AIF Reinf Depot Offrs 8 & ORs 197	NUSEIRAT 3 Aug	SIDI BISER 4 Aug	By rail to Aust Staging Camp for 9 Aust Div.
5	Draft for Return to AUSTRALIA Offrs 9, ORs 171 & Soldiers under Sentence 50.	GAZA and JERUSALEM 5 Aug	SUEZ 6 Aug	By rail to 157 Transit Camp for embarkation "SKJELERED". Vessel sailed from SUEZ 11 Aug 42.
6.	REINF DRAFT ex AIF Reinf Depot Offrs 6 & ORs 227	NUSEIRAT 7 Aug.	SIDI BISER 8 Aug.	By rail to Aust Staging Camp for 9 Aust Div.
7.	14 Aust Dental Unit Offrs 1 & ORs 4	KILO 89 10 Aug.	NUSEIRAT 10 Aug.	By rd to 1 Aust Con Depot.
8.	Vehicle Convoy ORs 28 & vehicles 25	RAFA 11 Aug.	ALEXANDRIA 12 Aug.	By rd for 9 Aust Div.
9.	Reinf Draft ex AIF Reinf Depot Offrs 14 & ORs 174	NUSEIRAT 11 Aug.	SIDI BISER 12 Aug.	By rail . To Aust Staging Camp for 9 Aust Div
10.	4 Aust Convalescent Depot Offrs 8 & ORs 88, & vehicles 3, plus 100 cubic tons stores.	NUSEIRAT and MUGHAZI 10-14 Aug.	TOLMEAT 12-14 Aug.	
11.	2 Aust I of C Rec Sec Offrs 1 & ORs 26, & vehicles 5.	KILO 89 12 Aug.	DIKEILA 14 Aug.	By rd. To 2/1 Aust A Fd Wkshop.
12.	Reinf Draft ex AIF Reinf Depot Offrs 7 & ORs 141.	NUSEIRAT 16 Aug	SIDI BISER 17 Aug.	By rail. To Aust Staging Camp for 9 Aust Div.

Serial.	Unit	From	To	Remarks.
13	Draft for Return to Australia. Offrs 10 & ORs 80	KILO 89 18 Aug	SUEZ 19 Aug.	By Rail. To 157 Transit Camp for embarkation "NEW ZEALAND STAR". Vessel sailed 23 Aug 42.
14.	Vehicle Convoy Offrs 1 & ORs 30. & vehicles 30	RAFA 19 Aug.	ALEXANDRIA 21 Aug.	By Rd. For 9 Aust Div.
15.	AIF (ME) Entertainments Gp less det, Offrs 2 & ORs 20.	MUGHAZI 20 Aug.	KILO 89 20 Aug.	By Rd. To Aust Depot Bn.
16.	3 Aust Mob Bact Lab Offr 1, ORs 4. & vehicles 2.	GAZA RIDGE 21 Aug.	EGYPT	By Rd. To go u/c MIDEAST.
17.	7 Aust Gen Hosp ORs 22, & 40 dw tons stores.	SIDON 21 Aug	MUGHAZI 23 Aug	By Rail. For storage. This completes move of 7 Aust Gen Hosp from SIDON.
18.	Reinf Draft ex AIF Reinf Depot Offrs 4 & ORs 106	NUSEIRAT 23 Aug	SIDI BISHR 24 Aug.	By Rd. To Aust Staging Camp for 9 Aust Div.
19.	Reinf Draft ex AIF Reinf Depot Offrs 4 & ORs 118	NUSEIRAT 25 Aug.	SIDI BISHR 26 Aug.	By Rail. To Aust Staging Camp for 9 Aust Div.
20.	9 Aust Div Concert Party ORs 20 & vehicles 2	MUGHAZI 27 Aug.	SIDI BISHR 28 Aug.	By Rd. For Aust Staging Camp
21.	Draft for Return to Australia. Offrs 13, ORs 214. & SUS 15.	KILO 89 and JERUSALEM 28 Aug.	SUEZ 29 Aug.	By Rail (SUS by Rd) To 157 Transit Camp, for embarkation "TROJA". Vessel sailed 3 Sep 42.
22.	Vehicle Convoy offrs 1, ORs 30, & vehicles 30	RAFA 29 Aug	ALEXANDRIA 31 Aug	By Rd. For 9 Aust Div.
23.	Reinf Draft ex AIF Reinf Depot Offrs 2 & ORs. 124.	NUSEIRAT 30 Aug	SIDI BISHR 31 Aug.	By Rail. To Aust Staging Camp for 9 Aust Div.

✓ 24. DISCIPLINE OF DRAFTS.

A certain amount of minor trouble occurred with drafts early in the month mainly owing to a few soldiers starting the journey drunk, and getting drunker with "Alicante" en route. In several cases civilians were alleged to have been assaulted, a cation of beer was said to have been stolen at KANTARA WEST, twenty crates of grapes were said to have been stolen at MOASCAR, quantities of the bulk res rations of several drafts disappeared and so on. A contributing factor to the lack of discipline was the ineffectiveness of some of the offrs travelling with the drafts. Offrs of reinf drafts now travel in the same compartments as the tps, and they are carefully warned of their responsibilities before moving. Action has also been taken to ensure that personnel warned for draft do NOT get liquor on the day of movement. This has proved effective.

25. ACCOMMODATION ON TRAINS.

There has been a lot of trouble over accommodation. Time and again trains have arrived at GAZA with accommodation allotted for our tps wholly or partially occupied by somebody else - or, if the stock has consisted of box wagons, they are quite likely to have been liberally coated inside with tar or molasses.

Our representations regarding clean box wagons have been successful and, quite spontaneously, the Railways have deloused the passenger stock which now, temporarily at least, is fairly bug free.

Overcrowding (Ry authorities insist, for instance, that eighty tps will fit where actually only 66 will go) has been partially overcome by requisitioning for 10% more personnel than will actually be travelling.

Trains still, however, arrive with our accommodation taken by other people. Entrainment is delayed and the tps get rude and restless.

*[Signature]* Lt.-Col.,  
A.G.M.G. A.L.F. (M.E.)



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

HQ AIF (ME)

31 Aug 42.

AIF (ME) ADM INSTRUCTION NO. 19.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT - MINIMUM SCALES AT HOSPS AND CON DEPOTS.

- .....
- (a) Soldiers entering hosp (if not already in possession) will be issued with such items as are detailed in Coln (i) Appx "B" to this order which are considered immediately necessary by OC Hosps. Soldiers leaving Hosps, whether for Con or Base Depot, will take with them an inventory of clothing and eqpt from the Hosp in the form shown at Appx "A" to this order. When a soldier is discharged direct to Base Depot, normal action will be taken to replace deficiencies.
  - (b) Where necessary, clothing and eqpt will be made up by OAC Hosps to the minimum scale as shown in Coln (i) Appx "B".
  - (c) On arrival in Con Depot, clothing will, if necessary, be made up by the issue of items deficient to the scale shown in Coln (ii) Appx "B".
  - (d) Form of inventory of clothing will accompany the soldier from Con Depot to Base Depot.
  - (e) In no circumstances will clothing in excess of the minimum scales be withdrawn from the soldier either at Hosp or Con Depot.
  - (f) AIF (ME) Base Area Adm Instruction N3, 80 of 12 Feb 42 is cancelled.  
-OR/ME/6915/172.  
Force G.O. 671 of 11 Jul 41.

*W. H. [Signature]*  
Lt Col  
AQMGS AIF (ME)

DISTRIBUTION:-

9 Aust Div (3)  
HQ AIF (ME) Reinf Depot (2)  
6 Aust Gen Hosp  
7 Aust Gen Hosp  
8 Aust Spec Hosp  
1 Aust Con Depot  
4 Aust Con Depot  
Aust Staging Camp  
Aust Adv LO, 16 Area (2)  
Audit Sec AIF (ME)  
Brig  
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Medical  
Ord  
War Diary (2)  
File (2)  
Spares (5)

Appendix "A" to AIF (ME) Adm  
Instruction No. 19.  
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INVENTORY OF CLOTHING AND NECESSARIES.

No..... Rank..... Name.....

Unit.....

Hospital or Con Depot from which discharged.....

Item.	Brought to Hospital.	Issued by Hospital	Total - Cols 1&2	Issued by Con Depot.
SHIRTS				
Hat or helmet				
Drawers, prs				
Vests				
Shorts, prs				
Socks, prs				
Anklelets Web or				
puttees short, prs				
Boots, prs				
Hosetops, drab, prs				
Greatcoats				
Towels, hand				
Shoes, canvas, prs				
Knife				
Fork				
Spoon				
Toothbrush				
Respirator				
Eyeshields, pkt				
Ointment, tins				
Steel helmet				
Brush, hair				
" , shaving				
Comb, hair				
Razor, safety				
Soap				
Discs, Indent, with cords				
Jerseys, pullover				
Extra items for winter:				
1 Blouse, battle dress				
(or Jacket K.D.)				
1 Trous., battle dress				
(or Trous. K.D.)				

Certified correct.....O.C.

War Diary

Appendix "B" to AIF (ME) Adm  
Instruction No. 19.

MINIMUM SCALE OF CLOTHING AND NECESSARIES FOR PERSONNEL  
ENTERING HOSPITAL OR CONVALESCENT DEPOT, M.E.

Item.	I Minimum Scale Hospital.	II Minimum Scale Con Depot.
Hosetops, drab, prs	1	1
Hat or helmet	1	1
Drawers, prs	1	2
Vests	1	2
Shirts	1	2
Shorts, prs	1	2
Socks, prs	2	3
Anklelets, Web or puttees short, prs	1	1
Boots, prs	1	1
Greatcoat	1	1
Towels, hand	1	2
Shoes, canvas, prs	4	1
Knife	1	1
Fork	1	1
Spoon	1	1
Toothbrush	1	1
Respirator	1	1
Eyeshields, pkt	1	1
Ointment, tins	1	1
Steel helmet	1	1
Brush, hair	1	1
" , shaving	1	1
Comb, hair	1	1
Razor, safety	1	1
Soap	-	-
Discs, indent, with cord	1	1
Jerseys, pullover	1	1
Extra items for winter:		
1 Blouse, battle dress (or Jacket K.D.)	1	1
1 Trous. battle dress (or Trous. K.D.)	1	1

SECRET.

HQ AIF (ME)  
28 AUG 42

AIF (ME) ADM INSTN NO Q. 18.

AMMUNITION RETURNS.

1. GENERAL:

AIF (ME) Base Area Admin Instn No. 58 of 31 Dec 41 is cancelled. The following revised procedure will be instituted in regard to amm returns.

2. RETURNS BY UNITS UNDER COMMAND:

a) Units will submit by signal to HQ AIF (ME) by 1800 hrs on the 21st of each month:

- (i) A return of amm expended during the previous month ended 2359 hrs on the 20th. Amm expended on ops and on practice will be shown separately.
- (ii) A return of amm held at 2359 hrs on the 20th of each month.
- (iii) An explanation of any increase or decrease in quantity held, not accounted for by sub-para (a) above is required.

b) The first return required under this Instn will be rendered on 21 Sep 42.

c) NIL returns are required.

3. This return must be treated as IMPORTANT and COs of Units will ensure that returns are rendered promptly.

Signals will be marked IMPORTANT.

*W. M. May Jr.*  
Lt-Col.  
AQMG AIF (ME).

DISTRIBUTION: As for Local ROs.

SECRET  
URGENT.

HQ AIF (ME)  
27 Aug 42

AIF (ME) "Q" CIRCULAR NO. 14.

1. Units will submit a return showing :-
  - a) Any deficiency in entitlement of tentage under Pal GO 540/40.
  - b) Deficiencies in accommodation stores under Pal GO 540/40.
2. This information is required urgently and returns will reach this HQ by 1 Sep 42. NIL returns are required.
3. Deficiencies in G1098 or E2 scale will NOT be included in this return.

Lt-Col.  
AGHQ AIF (ME).

DISTRIBUTION: As per Local ROs.

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HQ AIF (ME).  
3 Aug 42.

AIF (ME) "Q" CIRCULAR NO. 8.

SUPERVISION OF SUPPLIES.

1. It is desired to draw the attention of Commanding Officers to the necessity for exercising the strictest supervision over food supplies.
2. Restrictions on imports have rendered certain types of tinned food unprocureable to civilians in this country. It is known that high prices for tinned foods have been offered by civilians to members of the AIF.
3. With the generous AIF ration scale it is perhaps natural for units to accumulate stocks of these supplies. This accumulation is a constant source of temptation to the unscrupulous soldier who looks upon the sale of army property as "easy money."
4. With proper supervision this temptation can be removed. A regular check of ration stores for surplus supplies should be made. Items which are not eaten by the men should be deleted from the next following ration indents and any accumulated surpluses returned to DID.
5. Full particulars of items supplied daily are given on load list by DID. Commodities should be checked carefully against these load lists on receipt at unit store, and any discrepancies investigated immediately.
6. Commanding Officers will give this matter their immediate attention.

*[Signature]* Brig.  
Brig 1/c Adm.

Distribution : As per local R.Os.  
7 AGH.

HQ AIF (ME)  
7 Aug 42

AIF (ME) "Q" CIRCULAR NO.9.

LAUNDRY SERVICE - PUBLIC EXPENSE-CAMP KILO 89.

1. Ref AIF (ME) Adm Instn No. Q17 dated 25 Jul 42.
2. The results of the first week of the laundry's operation has disclosed that some units are failing to comply with the a/m instn and that some small difficulties in Adm have arisen partly as a result of such failure and partly because the process of organisation has NOT been completed by the contractor.
3. The laundry was opened to provide a service for personnel and, as in the case of all new organisations, complete co-operation and understanding on the part of all concerned is essential if the full benefits of the service are to be obtained.
4. All of the difficulties can be overcome provided units comply strictly with a/m instn and OaC should ensure that every step is taken to make the service a success.
5. In particular signatures on dockets are NOT being obtained e.g. the soldier handing in laundry should sign the docket as well as the QM and the contractor.
6. Completed dockets must be fwd'd to the Camp S.O. immediately the QM receives the second bundle from the Contractor (para 5(a)).
7. Attention is drawn to the following paras: 4(b), 4d(d) and 10.
8. To enable a check to be made on the number of articles submitted each week the following return will be completed and will accompany the dockets fwd'd to the Camp S.O. weekly.

PUBLIC EXPENSE LAUNDRY SERVICE.

UNIT.....					WEEK ENDING.....				
Strength of Unit.	No. of articles permitted to be submitted.	No. of Personnel using Service.	No. of Articles Submitted.	REMARKS					
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)					
<u>EXAMPLE:</u>									
150(x16)	2400	110	1540	Two (2) shirts were lost. Cost recovered (or NOT recovered) from Contractor					

.....QM.

DISTRIBUTION: (OVERLEAF).

  
Lt-Col.  
AGMC AIF (ME).

DISTRIBUTION:

Aust Depot Bn  
Base Tpt Pl  
Spec Base Tpt Pl  
2/6 Fd Hyg Sec  
2 Aust Pro Coy  
2nd Echelon AIF (ME)  
Camp S.O. KILO 89  
Camp Comdt HQ AIF (ME)  
14 Aust Dental Unit  
8 Aust Dental Unit  
4 Aust M.A.C.  
HQ AIF (ME) Sigs  
DADP & SS  
Amenities Services  
Aust Comforts Fund  
Aust Red Cross  
Aust Y.M.C.A.  
Claims Adjustment Board  
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APPENDIX "A" TO AIF (ME) ADM INSTN NO. 95.

WEEKLY STAFF STATES - VEHICLES AND ARTY  
WEAPONS.

1. In future Weekly Staff States will only be rendered in accordance with the a/m Instn.
2. AIF (ME) Base Area Circular S.15942 dated 31 Mar 42 is cancelled.
3. It is imperative that states are prepared showing the posn as at 1200 hrs on each Saturday and that they should reach this HQ with the least possible delay.
4. Failure to comply with this instn will defeat the object of the return i.e. to enable GHQ MEF to assess the mobility and fighting efficiency of Units.
5. Units in PALESTINE are reminded that only one copy of the return is required.

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CAREFUL (.) YOUR MC 8313 of 10 (.)

FIRE REPORT COVERS PERIOD 1 JAN TO 31 MARCH DURING WHICH COORDINATING DIFFICULTIES WERE (a) SYNDICATE HAVE INVOLVING SEVERE CASE IN STAFF (b) ACTION BEING TAKEN IN PREVENTION ORIGINATION AACS SERVICE IN MIDEAST (.) THIS DID NOT BUT NOT MEAN THAT AGENT TO REPORT FAULTS AND IMPROVE ADMINISTRATION WAS UNDERTAKEN BUT IMPROVEMENT WILL BE SHOWN FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE (.) SINCE 1ST MARCH ESTABLISHMENT HAS BEEN FILLED (.) INTERNAL AUDIT BROUGHT UP TO FULL STRENGTH AND FUNCTIONING MORE SATISFACTORILY (.) INSURANCE PROGRESS NEW IN GOOD ORDER ALL CLAIMS TO DATE FORWARDED AUST (.) STOCK CONTROL SYSTEMS BULK STORES CURRENTLY INSTALLED FUNCTIONING WELL FITTS ADVISES SATISFIED AND HAS REPORTED PLACES ACCORDING ON 5 JUL 42 (.) EQUIPMENT RECORDING SYSTEM INSTALLED SHOWS IMPROVEMENT AND WILL BE BROUGHT UP TO COMPLETE EFFICIENCY (.) GENERAL ACCOUNTING SHOWS MARKED IMPROVEMENT HAVE APPROPRIATE STAFF (.) CHESTERFIELD CITIZENS TRANSACTIONS INVOLVED PAYMENT £27,500 (17,500) OF WHICH £10,000 (10,000) ALREADY RECEIVED IN DEPOSIT AND £7,500 (7,500) CHECKS NOW BEING NEGOTIATED THROUGH BARCLAYS BANK (.) GENERALLY FINANCIAL VIGILANT ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN HERE AND BY MARSHALL IN CONNECTION WITH AND ADMINISTRATION MORE SATISFACTORY (.) ABOUT SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT AND OFFICERS' CASH FUNDS WILL NOT OVERLOAD FITTS (.) AGREE FITTS

CIPHER OFFICE  
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AIF (ME) "Q" CIRCULAR NO. 12.

WINTER UNIFORM EX KIT STORE PETAH TIQVAH

1. The following items of clothing will be extracted from kits of Offrs and ORs serving with 9 Aust Div and packed into sand bags by 7 Oct 42 ready for despatch forward through OS channels:-

Jackets SD	1	
Trousers SD prs	1	
Socks woollen prs	3	
Singlets, woollen	2	If held and can be packed in one bag.
Underpants, woollen prs	2	
Anklets web prs	1	
Braces prs	1	
Helmets, Balaclava	1	
(if in possession)		

2. METHOD:

a) OC AIF Kit Store will be responsible for supervision of extraction, re-packing of kits and labelling of sand bags to go forward.

b) He will be assisted by one offr, 2 NCOs and 6 ORs per unit from the "T" List of that unit. These personnel will extract the above items and in conjunction with the OC Kit Store or his rep will watch their own unit's kits to prevent mishandling or pilfering.

c) The offr mentioned in 2 (b) above will give a certificate to OC Kit Store on completion of re-packing stating the condition of packages at commencement, that packages were satisfactorily re-packed, and stating the exact items extracted from each package, also that satisfactory supervision was maintained throughout.

3. Kits will NOT be specifically searched for such items as weapons, ammunition or other Army or captured military stores, but any such items found will be set aside for return to Ordnance, and a statement of such items will be prepared in duplicate by the person finding, certified by the unit officer supervising and by an Offr or NCO of AIF Kit Store. Statements will be forwarded through this HQ to 9 AUST DIV for necessary action.

4. It will not be practicable to obtain nominal rolls of personnel actually with each unit but Kit Store will use KSLs, already in possession, as the master roll and will maintain close touch with OZE in order that only clothing etc of personnel actually with 9 AUST DIV or in units in EGYPT are sent forward.

5. CONTAINERS:

The above articles will be packed in sand bags which will be made available at the Kit Store. Equipment labels showing the soldier's number, name and unit will be securely tied to each sand bag and the soldier's Army number will be marked on the side of the bag.

6. The filled bags will be dumped at the Kit Store or such other place as is arranged by this HQ.

7. LOCKED KIT BAGS:

If keys are NOT available to open any locked Kit Bag, particulars of the owner's number, name and unit will be fwd to this HQ and the kit bag will be placed aside for opening at a later date.

8. WORKING PARTIES:

a) Working parties (ref para 2(b)) will be detailed by HQ AIF (ME) Reinforcement Depot.

b) It is proposed to deal with the equivalent of a Bde Gp at a time and the names of units in order will be advised to all concerned as necessary.

9. KITS WITHDRAWN FOR PERSONNEL AT REINFT DEPOT:

a) Where kit bags universal are withdrawn for personnel marched into Reinforcement Depot, HQ AIF (ME) Reinforcement Depot will arrange for the soldier to hand in the above articles contained in a sand bag and duly labelled to his unit CM.

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9. KITS WITHDRAWN FOR PERSONNEL AT RECT DEPOT (CONTD).

- b) Sandbags and labels will be ~~used~~ for this purpose.  
 o) The filled sandbag will be ~~sent~~ to the Kit Store under mutual arrangements between HQ Reinforcement Depot and Kit Store.

*H. M. M. M.*  
 Lt-Col.  
 AGMC AIF (ME).

DISTRIBUTION:

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HQ AIF (ME) Reinforcement Depot.	30.
AIF (ME) Kit Store	5
Aust Staging Camp	1
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2nd Echelon AIF (ME)	1
Adv Aust LO 16 Area	1
Brig	1
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War Diary	2
File	2
Spares	5

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