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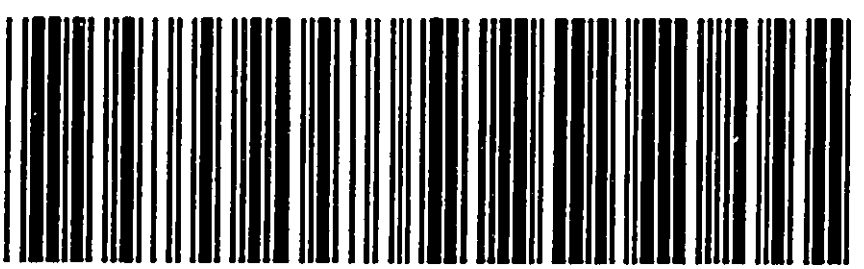
AIF Base Area and Advanced Party 1939 to Middle East (Java)

April 1942



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Rear Mgt

HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA

GAZA

APR 42

LOCATION

LOCATION STATEMENTS	of units under comd AIF (ME) Base Area app.	HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA APR 42

UNIT ORGANISATION

HQ AIF (ME) AT GAZA	HQ AIF (ME) personnel move in from HELIOPOLIS and HQ AIF (ME) Base Area ceases to exist 26 Apr, App TT.	HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA APR 42

PERSONNEL

SIR BERTRAM STEVENS	visits GAZA [illegible]0 Apr.	HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA APR 42

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA Date and Time.—From 1ST APRIL To 30 TH APRIL 1942.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GAZA	Apr 1		Daily Activity	A
	1		AIF (ME) Base Area Routine Orders No 73	B
	2		Activity to-day	C
	2		AIF (ME) Base area Administrative Instn No 105	D
	3		Activity today	E
	4		" "	F
	5		" "	G
	6		" "	H
	7		AIF (ME) BASE AREA Routine Orders No 74	I
	7		Activity Today	J
	7		AIF (ME) BASE AREA REPORT No 50 - Week ending 4 Apr 42.	K
	8		"F" Sec FSS Report on Section Activities 29 Mar - 4 Apr 42	L
	8		Activity Today	M
	9		" "	N
	9		AIF (ME) BASE AREA GS INSTN No 19 - Hygiene Refresher Course	O
	10		" " " " " No 20 - Small Arms Tng	P
	10		Activity Today	Q
	10		Location Statement Units under Comd AIF (ME) Base Area	R
	11		Activity Today	S
	12		" "	T
	13		" "	U
	14			V
	14		AIF (ME) Base Area Report No 51 - week ending 11 Apr 42	W
	14		" " " " ROUTINE ORDERS No 75	X
	15		Activity Today	Y
	16		" "	Z
	16		"F" Sec FSS Report on Section activity Period 5 - 11 Apr 42.	AA
	17		Activity Today	BB
	17		AIF (ME) Base Area ADM INSTn No 106 Kilo 89 Camp Staging etc	CC
	18		Activity Today	DD
	19		" "	EE
	20			FF
	20		Comd communicated Pal Base re Establishement GAZA SUB AREA	GG

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA *Date and Time.—From* 20 Apr *To* 30 Apr 1942.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GAZA	Apr 20		GS Instn re Change of Location of Units	HH
	21		Activity today	II
	21		ADM INSTN No 107 - Supply System Gaza Area with Appendix "A"	JJ
	21		Base Area Routine Orders No 76	KK
	21		GS Instn No 30 - reissue to all Units	LL
	22		Activity today	MM
	23		Report of Section Activities Period 12-18 Apr by 1st Sec FSS	NN
	23		Activity today	OO
	24		Activity today	PP
	25		Activity today	QQ
	25		GS Instn 1G - Activity at night	RR

	26		Main Rd Party HQ AIF (ME) arrived from Cairo (See Appendix TT)	
			Activity today	TT
			G S Instruction No 37 Organisation AIF (ME)	SS
	27		Activity today	UU
	27		Return of Comd to this HQ & visit of G O C to effect the amalgamation of the two HQ.	UU 1
	28		Activity today	VV
	28		AIF (ME) ADM ORDER No 91 - Rail Move - Special Returnees	WW
	28		GS INSTRUCTION No 38 - Cipher Messages	XX
	29		Report on Section Activities - period 19-25 Apr by F Sec FSS	YY
	29		Activity today	ZZ
	29		Departure of Col Baxter-Cox & visit by Sir Bertram Stevens	AAA
	30		Activity today	BBB

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HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA.

1 April, 1942.

ACTIVITY TODAY.- 1200 hrs 1 Apr 42. to 1200 hrs 2 Apr 42.

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Nature of Activity.	Place	Time	Date	Going ot or remarks.
1. Convoy Movement.				
(a) 6 NZ Res Tpt Coy (99 vehs) from MAADI passes	AIRPORT CORNER	a.m.	2	SYRIA.
(b) There is NO other convoy movement notified for today or tomorrow.				
2. RAIL Movement.				
(a) Train C of STEPSISTER 2 (last train of STEPSISTER) departs	GAZA	1130	1	SUEZ.
1 Aust Det Bks: Offrs 1 ORs 16 S.U.S. personnel ... " 0 " 75 Det Aust Trg Cadre ... " 5 " 41 S.A.T. personnel ... " 12 " 509				
(b) There is NO other train movement for today or tonight under instns of this HQ.				
3. ROAD Movement.				
(a) Three convoys conveying personnel of 4 Aust Lt AA Regt from HAIFA to ACRE arrived	B.JIRJA	1430	Mar 31	Movement now complete
(b) Vehicles in convoy carrying stores for 9 Aust Div left	BARBARA	0700	Apr 1	TRIPOLI.
(i) 5 Staff Cars (ii) 3x12 Cwt vans (iii) 5x15 Cwt vans (iv) 8x3 ton lorries (v) 1x30 Cwt water lorry all for 9 Aust Div (vi) 2x3 ton lorries for returning drivers.				
(c) Vehicle convoy for handing over to British (56 WD vehs) left	D.SUMEID	0600	1	TEK.
(d) Vehicle convoy from TEK with Aust pattern vehicles for VRB (18x3 ton lorries for wkshops) pass	AIRPORT CORNER	1730	1	RAFA
(e) Vehicle convoy from TEK with Aust pattern vehicles for VRP (10x3 ton lorries, 8 utilities, 8 cars DS) pass ...	AIRPORT CORNER	1300	1	RAFA
(f) Tentative arrangements are being made to send further vehicles which are arriving from TEK, to 9 Aust Div on or about 4 Apr.				
4. Movement of units from BARBARA ...	will be completed by	1800	1	KILO 89 & RAFA.
5. Members of A.A.N.S. being relieved from SYRIA arrive	KFAR BILU &GAZA RIDGE	1600 1730	2	7 AGH and 6 AGH respectively.
6. AQMG, HQ PAL BASE & L of C, (Col DOUGLAS BROWN) was unable to attend conference at this HQ yesterday. DAQMG, (Major TERTERIAN) represented the AQMG at conference which was held	at this HQ	1645	Mar 31	Comd, 2 i/c, AQMG of AIF (ME) BASE, and AQMG, HQ AIF (ME), attended. Discussed Area accommodation.

P.T.O.

Nature of Activity.	Place	Time	Date	Going, Go or remarks.
7. Arrangements are in hand to move No. 2 Aust Rec Sec, 2/1 Aust A. Fd Wkshops from ... ... (In accordance with instructions received from HQ AIF (ME).)	D.SUNEID			SYRIA
8. Col L.G. BINNS (AGMG, HQ AIF (ME).) left ...	this HQ	0800	Apr 1	CAIRO
9. Brig SIMPSON (DJAG - HQ AIF (ME).) arrived at this HQ 1830 hrs 31 Mar and left ...	this HQ	0900	1	SYRIA
10. 20 Aust Dental Unit moves from ...	BARBARA	a.m.	1	CRS - KILO 89
11. DDMS GHQ ME is visiting	this area today	-	1	

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AIF (ME) BASE AREA.

ROUTINE ORDERS.

By

BRIGADIER J.A. CHAPMAN, DSO.

Commander, AIF (ME) Base Area.

NO. 73. GAZA, 1 April, 1942.

GENERAL STAFF.

NIL

Major
General Staff

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S STAFF.

771.- ANTI-MALARIA MEASURES.

1. The following areas in Palestine and T.J. will be regarded as highly malarious :

(a) An area limited on the North by "northing" 26, on the East by "easting" 22, on the South by "northing" 26, and on the West by "easting" 19.

(b) An area limited on the North and East by the Palestine Frontier, on the South by "northing" 26 and on the West by "easting" 20.

(c) Marshes South of ACRE.

(d) WADI FARAQ.

(e) The BEISAN Area.

(f) All land within 3 km. distance of the YARMOUK Valley.

(g) AZRAQ. (T.J.).

The following areas will be regarded as malarious :

(a) WADI SARAR.

(b) WADI SUKREIR.

(c) Numerous other areas not malarious at present would become so if control work relaxes. These are too many to enumerate, but the medical branch of the local formation can always give further information on any area. No areas can be considered definitely non-malarious, but little malaria occurs in :

(a) JERUSALEM.

(b) NABLUS.

(c) NAZARETH.

2. Suppressive treatment of all troops within the Areas in para 1 will be carried out from June 1st until a date to be notified later, under arrangements made by the Medical Branch DDMS/ADMS concerned.

3. Officers Commanding all units throughout Palestine will ensure that the maximum importance of malaria as a possible deciding factor in a campaign is impressed on all officers and ORs, and that they are instructed in the methods by which it can be limited, as set out in pamphlet "The Prevention of Malaria" issued under CRME/3557/M.

To be read in conjunction with M.E. Pamphlet 'Anti-Malaria Measures in the M.E.' issued with M.E.C.O. List No. 93, Nos. 269 - 305, 6th March, 1942.

(CR/Pal/30874/M.)

772.- ANTI-FLY MEASURES.

1. The scale of issue to Units of fly swats is as follows:-

All Units except Hospitals - A number equal to 10% of Unit Strength.

Hospitals - One fly swat per equipped bed. (General Orders/540/40).

2. All units should indent for these appliances accordingly. They are obtainable from Ordnance Services.

P.T.O. ...../773 ROUNDS.

773.- BOUNDS - CAFES AND HOTELS.

1. The under-mentioned cafes and Hotel have been placed "In Bounds" to personnel of H.M. Forces :-

Cafe	Haber	- Ben Yehuda St. 5 TEL AVIV
Cafe	Shtarnberg	- Ben Yehuda St. 8 TEL AVIV
Cafe	Ouher	- Sheinkin St. 21 TEL AVIV
Cafe	Conner	- Sheinkin St. 11 TEL AVIV
Hotel	"Sea"	- Sir Herbert Samuel's Quay, 66, TEL AVIV

2. The following Cafe has been placed "Out of Bounds" :-

Cafe "Danieli", - 88 Hayarkon Street, TEL AVIV.

774.- DRESS WHILST ON LEAVE.

1. Particular attention will be paid to dress of personnel proceeding on leave. Unit Commanders will ensure that men are inspected before leaving camp and that they are dressed as per AIF (ME) Base Area Routine Order No. 741 of 10 Mar 42.

2. After 1800 hrs personnel will wear trousers K.D. and shirt sleeves will be worn full length. Sweaters other than issue pattern will NOT be worn over the shirt.

3. Strong disciplinary action will be taken against any soldier disobeying the above order.

4. Officers will wear Jackets and Trousers K.D. after 1800 hrs when on leave in towns etc in Palestine.

775.- OFFICER'S CLUB.- DRESS OF OFFICERS.

1. Officers proceeding to Officer's Club, Gaza, will wear Jackets and Trousers K.D. after 1900 hrs daily.

776.- TELEPHONE CALLS TO A HIGHER FORMATION.

1. When a telephone call is made by an officer to a higher formation, he will ensure that he is at the telephone when the connection is made.

Lt-Col
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HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA.

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2 April, 1942.

ACTIVITY TODAY.- 1200 hrs 2 Apr 42. to 1200 hrs 3 Apr 42.

Nature of Activity.	Place	Time	Date	Going or on. Remarks.
1. Convoy Movement.				
(a) 6 NZ Res MT Coy (99 vehs) from MAADI, did not pass yesterday, but is now expected to pass	AIRPORT CORNER	1220	2	BEIRUT, RAYAK, ALEPPO.
(b) Convoy "A" Polish Base Depot (14 vehs) from ALEXANDRIA passed ...	do	1530	3	GEDERA
(c) Convoy "B" POLISH Base Depot (2 vehs) from ALEXANDRIA passes ...	do	1530	3	GEDERA, with Gen ZAMORSKI and Staff.
(d) Div Recce GUIDES CAV (Indian) (181 vehs) from 10 Army passes ...	do	1200	3	EGYPT.
(e) B Gp SA SVY Coy (15 vehs 30 NMC) from QATANA passes	do	1300	2	CAIRO
2. RAIL Movement.				
(a) Train C of STEPSISTER 3 left	GAZA Sta	1200	1	SUEZ
(b) There is NO rail movement under instns of this HQ today or tonight.				
3. ROAD Movement.				
(a) Vehicle Convoy from TEK with Aust pattern vehicles (33 vehs for VRP and Wkshops) passed	AIRPORT CORNER	1600	1	RAFA
(b) Vehicle Convoy from TEK with Aust pattern vehicles (21 vehs incl only 3 cars) passed	do	1700	1	RAFA
(c) Tentative arrangements have been made to send further vehicles to 9 Aust Div on 4 Apr.				
4. Members of AANS relieved in SYRIA arrive ...	KFAR BILU GAZA RIDGE	1600 1730	2	7 AGH and 6 AGH respectively.
5. AIF Liaison Party (Offrs 9 ORs 50) leave ...	PORT TEWFIK	0620	3	GAZA. Arrive p.m.
6. Tentative arrangements have been made to move 2 Aust Rec Sec 2/1 Aust A. Fd Wkshops from	D.SUMEID	on	4	SYRIA
7. 10 Aust Rec Sec was diverted to KILO 89 as the result of instns to send 2 Aust Rec Sec to SYRIA. Pending investigation of facilities for 1st line repairs in this area. Decision not yet made.				
8. DDMT (Col R. IRVING) with Lt-Col CLARKE & Lt-Col CALDWELL (British Staff) visited	Comd this HQ	1230	1	Discussing accommodation for BRITISH SCHOOLS.
9. DDMS GHQ ME (Col WALKER) visited ...	this HQ		1	Discussion & visits with ADMS Base Area.
10. Arrangements are in hand by Q Branch to vacate DEIRA & DEIR SUNEID Camps.				

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AIF (ME) BASE AREA.

D.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 105.

B A T H I N G.

War Diary

2 April, 1942.

1.-GENERAL.

(a) Administrative Instruction No. 35 of 7 Jul 41, and AIF (ME) Base Area R.O. 619 is cancelled.

(b) Administrative Instruction No. 105 will be read in conjunction with AIF Standing Orders, Palestine (Provisional), Pamphlet No. 3, Appx 'E'.

(c) Bathing on the beaches set out hereunder will be permitted only between 0700 hrs and sunset.

(d) The Beach Inspector and Life Savers will be on duty from 1000 hrs to 1800 hrs daily.

The Senior Officer with parties bathing before or after these hours will be responsible for ensuring that safety precautions are adequate and that efficient life-savers and look-outs are provided.

2.- BEACHES.

(a) The following bathing areas are approved for use :-

Ref 1:100,000 Gaza Sheet.

(i) Gaza 096103
(ii) Nuseirat 087093

(b) Beaches are allotted as under :-

(i) Gaza .. .. Kilo 89 Gaza Area — Area Comdt, Gaza, responsible for control, safety and equipment.

(ii) Nuseirat .. .. Nuseirat Mughazi — Comd, HQ AIF (ME) Reinft Depot, Nuseirat, responsible for control and safety, & Camp S/O, Nuseirat for eqpt.

3.-SAFETY AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

(a) Officer, as detailed in para 2 (b) above, are responsible, at all times, for the safety and administrative arrangements of their beach.

(b) Attention is drawn, particularly to paras 3, 4 and 5 of AIF Standing Orders, Palestine (Provisional), Pamphlet No. 3, Appx 'E'. These paras are repeated :-

"3. Beach Inspector.

A Beach Inspector will be appointed for each area; he will patrol the beach at all times during the bathing season and his instructions in respect of safety precautions, bathing in prohibited areas, etc, will be strictly obeyed by all ranks. The Beach Inspector will be supplied with distinctive clothing, which will consist of a white pullover with 'AIF' in red on on the front, khaki shorts and felt hat.

"4. Beach Marking.

(a) The outer limits of the bathing area at GAZA will be marked by sign boards suitably inscribed. Within this area and at other bathing areas the place allotted for actual bathing will be marked with red and yellow flags

(b) A BLACK flag will be flown on days when all bathing in prohibited for safety reasons.

"5. Safety Precautions.

(a) Bathing outside the areas marked as above, is prohibited for safety reasons and in some cases on medical grounds.

(b) All parties proceeding to the beach will be placed in charge of an officer, or responsible NCO. An officer will always be sent when the party exceeds a strength of thirty all ranks.

This officer or NCO will be held responsible for the conduct of the party; that personnel bathing and sun-baking are decently clad, and that the bathing safety precautions and security measures are fully observed.

Adequate precautions will be taken to guard unattended vehicles. Life saving reels are provided at each beach.

Units sending parties to the beach will be responsible for conveying the reel to the beach, and that a trained life-saving squad attends during the bathing periods prepared to man and operate the reel.

In the case of small parties visiting the beach, a swimming picquet will be appointed to maintain a constant watch over the bathing area.

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(c) Throughout the whole period of the bathing parade, a "look-out" will be maintained from the sand dunes. This "look-out" will assist Life Savers by warning them of bathers who are in difficulties.

(d) Flags will be forwarded through DADOS, HQ, AIF (ME) Base Area.

(e) The Area Comdt, Gaza Area, will be responsible for the supervision of all beaches in relation to Safety and Administrative Arrangements.

4.- GAZA BEACH.

(a) The Gaza Swimming Club is out of bounds to all ranks .

(b) The Area Comdt, Gaza, must be notified when it is proposed to send parties to Gaza Beach.

Lt-Col
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DISTRIBUTION:-

All Units under Command.
Copy to RAF Station, GAZA.

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HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA.

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3 April, 1942.

ACTIVITY TODAY.- 1200 hrs 3 Apr 42. to 1200 hrs 4 Apr 42.

Nature of Activity.	Place	Time	Date	Going to or Remarks.
1. Convoy Movement.				
(a) 6 NZ Res MT Coy (99 vehs) from MAADI passed	AIRPORT CORNER	1350	2	BEIRUT, RAYAK, ALEPPO.
(b) Convoy "A" POLISH Base Depot (16 vehs) from ALEXANDRIA passes ...	do	1530	3	GEDERA, with Gen ZAMOESKI & Staff.
(c) Convoy B (composition altered) of POLISH Base Depot (89 vehs) from ALEXANDRIA passes	do	1530	4	GEDERA
(d) Div Recce GUIDES CAV (Indian) 181 vehs from 10 Army passed ...	do	1200	3	EGYPT
(e) B Gp SA Svy Coy (15 vehs)30 NMC) from GAZALA passed	do	1330	2	CAIRO
(f) 36 NZ Sig Regt (5 vehs) from MAADI passes	do	1555	3	ALEPPO
(g) Driving party with 6 0 vehs for Ministry of National Defence TURKEY, from TAHAG passes	do	1030	4	TURKEY
(h) 32 Army Tank Bde Wkshops (1? vehs) from TEK passes	do	1330	4	3 B.O.D., RAFA.
(i) Store convoy 16 Lt AA Regt (90 vehs) from 10 Army arrives	JULIS	1600	4	Staging night. Thence to ABU AWEIGILA.
2. RAIL Movement.				
(a) AIF Liaison Party (Offrs 9 ORs 50) from PORT TEWFIK expected arrive ...	GAZA	2220	3	Reinft Depot.
(b) There is NO other rail movement under instns this HQ for today or tonight				
2 A RELIEF - 11 Bty 4 Aust Lt AA Regt is being relieved			4	Moves later to MUGHAZI
3. ROAD Movement.				
(a) 2 Aust Rec Sec (16 vehs) for 9 Aust Div depart	D.SUNEID	0900	4	TRIPOLI
(b) Vehicle convoy comprising:- 1 Car DS (for Claims Adjustment Board, BEIRUT) 2 Cars DS 1 Van 12 Cwt 3 Lorries 30 Cwt 11 Lorries 3 ton 2 Tractors, Manor Harrin 1 Lorry, Mob. Bath (3ton) for 9 Aust Div. 2 Lorries 3 ton(for returning driver party) and loaded with store for 9 Aust Div departs ...	D.SUNEID	0700	4	TRIPOLI
(c) Dvr party returning from 9 Aust Div (4 vehs) arrived	D.SUNEID	1230	2	
4. Members of AANS from				
relieved in SYRIA arrived ...	KFAR BILU GIZA RIDGE	1600 1730	2	7 Aust Gen Hosp and 6 Aust Gen Hosp

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HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA.

MOST SECRET.

Copy No 11

4 April, 1942.

ACTIVITY TODAY.- 1200 hrs 4 Apr 42. to 1200 hrs 5 Apr 42.

Nature of Activity.	Place	Time	Date	Going to or remarks.
1. Convoy Movement.				
(a) Convoy A POLISH BASE DEPOT (16 vehs) from ALEXANDRIA passed 4	AIRPORT CORNER	1530	3	GEDERA.
(b) Convoy B POLISH BASE DEPOT (39 vehs not 89 as signalled yesterday) from ALEXANDRIA passes	do	1530	4	GEDERA.
(c) Div Recce GUIDES CAV (Indian)(181 vehs) from 10 Army - move cancelled.				
(d) 36 NZ SIG REGT (5 vehs) from MAADI passed	do	1500	4	ALEPPO.
(e) Driving party with 60 vehs for MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENCE - TURKEY from TAHAG was early and passed ...	do	0930	4	TURKEY.
(f) 32 ARMY TANK BDE Wk/Shops(17 vehs) from TEK passes	do	1330	4	. ALEXANDRIA.
(g) Slow convoy 16 Lt AA Regt (90 vehs) from 10 Army arrives	JULIS	1600	4	Stage night.Moves to ABU AWEIGILA 5 Apr.
(h) Fast convoy 16 Lt AA Regt (102 vehs) from 10 Army passes	AIRPORT CORNER	p.m.	4	EGYPT.
(i) Driving party 10 ARMD DIV (8 vehs) KHATATBA passes	do	0900	5	SARAFAND.
(j) Adv party 5 NZ BDE Gp (19 vehs) from MAADI passes	do	1430	5	SYRIA.
2. RAIL Movement.				
(a) AIF Liaison Party (Offrs 9 ORs 50) from PORT TEWFIK arrived	GAZA	0100	4	REINFT DEPOT
(b) There is NO other rail movement under instns of this HQ tonight.				
3. ROAD Movement.				
(a) Vehicle convoy comprising:- (i) One car for CLAIMS ADJ BOARD (ii) 20 vehs for 9 Aust Div loaded stores for 9 Aust Div. (iii) 2x3 ton vehs for returning drivers left	D.SUNEID.	0800	4	TRIPOLI
(b) 2 AUST REC SEC (15 vehs) left	" "	0900	4	TRIPOLI
(c) 11 Bty 4 AUST LT AA REGT (15 busses & 9x3 tonners) from BEIRUT arrive ...	MUGHAZI	1900	5	PARENT UNIT.
4. AUSBASE TRANSPORT POOL moves from ...	D.SUNEID	a.m.	5	KILO 89
5. Arrangements are in hand to move 10 AUST REC SEC (less Det) from	KILO 89	to		TEK. Date of move not yet fixed.
6. Lt-Col KEMP, CI NEWTS, which is being established at DEMRA called ...	At this HQ	1200	3	Re rifle range.
7. Major ELLIOT & Capt SMYTH of Claims Adjustment Board left	this HQ		3	For JERUSALEM & HAIFA returning 10 April.

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HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA.

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5 April, 1942.

ACTIVITY TODAY.- 1200 hrs 5 Apr 42. to 1200 hrs 6 Apr 42.

Nature of Activity.	Place	Time	Date	Going to or Remarks.
			Apr.	
1. Convoy Movement.				
(a) Convoy B POLISH BASE DEPOT (39 vehs) from ALEXANDRIA passed	AIRPORT CORNER	1645	4	GEDERA
(b) 36 NZ SIG REGT (5 vehs) from MAADI passed ...	do	1445	4	ALEPPO
(c) Slow convoy 16 Lt AA Regt (90 vehs) from 10 Army passed	do	0930	5	For ABU AWEIGILA and EGYPT.
(d) Fast convoy 16 Lt AA Regt (102 vehs) from 10th Army passes	do	p.m.	5	EGYPT.
(e) Driving party 10 ARMD DIV (8 vehs) KHATATRA passes	do	1200	5	SARAFAND.
(f) Adv Party 5 NZ DDE Gp (19 vehs) from MAADI passes	do	1430	5	SYRIA
(g) 7 MAC (96 vehs) from MENA passes ...	do	1510	6	SYRIA.
2. RAIL Movement.				
There is NO rail movement under instns of this H.Q. tonight.				
3. ROAD Movement.				
(a) 11 Bty 4 AUST LT AA REGT (15 bmnes & 9x3 tonners) from BEIRUT arrives ...	MUGHAZI.	1900	5	PARENT UNIT.
(b) Vehicle convoy from TEK comprising:-				
12 vehs and stores for Aust Wing, 2 S.O.D. & Offrs 2 ORs 70 for Tpt POOL passes	AIRPORT CORNER	1600	5	RAFA.
4. AUSBASE TRANSPORT POOL moves from ...	D.SUWEID	1500	5	KILO 89.
5. Arrangements are in hand to move 10 AUST RED SEC (less Det) from	KILO 89	about	8	TEK. Date of move not yet fixed.
6. Brig SIMPSON and Major CHAMBERS, HQ, AIF (ME) arrived	GAZA.	p.m.	4	Expected to depart for CAIRO 1130 hrs 5 Apr.

for Col
2 i/c

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Maj-Gen Sir L.J. MORSHEAD ..	1
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2 i/c	3
"G"	4
"A"	5
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War Diary

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA

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ACTIVITY TODAY:- 1200 HRS 6 APR 42 to 1200 HRS 7 APR 42

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COPY NO .12.

6 APRIL, 1942.

NATURE OF ACTIVITY	PLACE	TIME	DATE	GOING TO OR REMARKS
1. CONVOY MOVEMENT :			Apr	
(a) Fast Convoy 16 Lt AA Regt (102 vehs) from TENTH Army passed	AIRPORT CORNER	1315	5	EGYPT
(b) Driving Party 10 Armd Div (8 vehs) from KHATATRA passed	"	1200	5	SARAFAND
(c) Adv Party 5 NZ Bde Gp (19 vehs) from MAADI passed	"	1400	5	SYRIA
(d) 7 M A C (96 vehs) from MENA passed	"	1510	6	SYRIA
(e) FF Convoy (7 vehs) from EGYPT passed	"	1600	6	BEIRUT
(f) Driving Party 32 Army Tank Bde (50 vehs) from TAHAG passed	"	0830	7	SARAFAND
(g) Main body 4 NZ Res MT Coy (110 vehs) from MAADI passed	"	1220	7	BAGHDAD
(h) Rear parties 41 & 43 NZ Lt AA Btys (24 vehs) from MAADI pass	"	1300	7	BAALBECK
2. RAIL MOVEMENT :				
There is NO rail movement under instructions of this HQ today or tonight.				
3. ROAD MOVEMENT :				
(a) 11 Bty 4 Aust Lt AA Regt (15 busses and 9 x 3 ton vehs) from BEIRUT arrived	MUGHAZI	1915	5	Rejoining parent Unit
(b) 15 busses and 7 x 3 tons vehs of convoy in (a) above which brought 11 Bty to MUGHAZI and being British vehs left	MUGHAZI	0800	6	HAIFA & SYRIA
(c) Remaining 2 x 3 ton vehs of convoy in (a) above, loaded with 5½ tons of stores from RAFA for 9 Aust Div left	RAFA	0730	6	TRIPOLI
(d) Drivers of vehs which left for 9 Aust Div on 4 Apr leave	TRIPOLI	A.M.	6	KILO 89
(e) Veh Convoy from TEK comprising 12 vehs and stores for Aust Wing 2 BOD and Offrs 2 ORs 70 for Tpt Pool passed	AIRPORT CORNER	1545	5	RAFA & KILO 89
4. AUSBASE TPT POOL moved from	DEIR SUNEID	1500	5	KILO 89
NOTE : This movement now complete.				
5. Arrangements are in hand to move 10 Aust Res Sec (less 1 garage trailer & 10 ORs) from	KILO 89	0700	8	TEK
6. CRSs at BARBARA & MUGHAZI	close		6	
7. Capt Booth (Base Coy AAMC) will be att to Aust Wing 2 BOD RAFA as RMO as from today				
8. Brig Simpson & Maj Chambers of HQ AIF (ME) left	this HQ	1400	5	CAIRO
9. Major Elliott & Capt Smyth, Claims Adjustment Board Moved from	JERUSALEM	1100	5	HAIFA

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

AIF (ME) BASE AREA.

ROUTINE ORDERS.

By

BRIGADIER J.A. CHAPMAN, DSO.

Commander, AIF (ME) Base Area.

War Diary

NO. 74. GAZA, 7 April, 1942.

GENERAL STAFF.

NIL

Major
General Staff

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S STAFF.

777.- A.A.C.S. SERVICES, BEIRUT.

1. A.A.C.S. services were taken over by E.F.I. as follows:-

(a) Other Ranks' Canteen and Restaurant on 25 Mar 42.

(b) Officers' Club on 31 Mar 42.

2. Since these installations will be functioning under the control of the English Army from 28 Mar and 1 Apr respectively, the present leave arrangements for AIF Officers visiting BEIRUT can no longer be guaranteed.

778.- TEL AVIV - PRICES FOR MEALS.

1. Certain Hotels and restaurants in TEL AVIV as listed hereunder have agreed to provide "Standard" meals at fixed prices.

Category "A" not more than 350 mils (incl service).

Hotels :-

Armon
America House
Brandstaetter Pension
Bristol
Gat Rimmon
Kaete Dan
Ritz
San Remo
Talpiot (Kosher)

Cafes :-

Lorenz (Jaffa)
Piltz
Scopus Club

Category "B" not more than 250 mils (incl service).

Hotels :-

Excelsior

Cafes :-

Asherman
Bodega
Bursa
Carlton
Corso
Kamnitzer
Noga
Nussbaum
Ofek
Palatin
Peer
Savoy (Agrobank)
Shderot

(To be repeated in Unit Orders)

P.T.O. ...../779.WASTAGE

779.- WASTAGE OF PETROL.

1. Considerable wastage of petrol is incurred through:-

(a) Filling vehicle tanks from pumps at a rate which causes air locks and over-flowing.

(b) Drivers of vehicles insisting upon their vehicle tanks being filled to over-flowing both at pumps and from containers.

2. The driver is responsible for supervising the refuelling of his vehicle. A reasonable degree of care will obviate all losses from too rapid filling from pumps. Filling vehicle tanks to over-flowing is deliberate waste.

3. Notices to this effect will be posted up at all points at which petrol is issued at Petrol Pumps in unit lines.

(To be repeated in Unit Orders) (CR/ME/6134/1/ST 2)
(G.O. 366.)

780.- FLY CONTROL IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

1. The fly is the chief cause of the spread of dysentry and other diseases of the excremental type. These diseases are a serious cause of inefficiency, and the prevention of the fly is of paramount importance in reducing their incidence.

2. The fly season is approaching, and it is imperative that all Units should realise their responsibilities in regard to the prevention of flies, and should discharge these to the best of their ability.

3. In this connection, the following principles are of importance:-

(a) The prevention of fly breeding in camps, barracks, and their environs depends basically upon adequate camp sanitation and cleanliness.

(b) Strict control of the disposal of all waste matters, including human and animal excreta, refuse, garbage, and swill is essential.

(c) The utmost care must be exercised in order to protect all food, and cooking, eating, and drinking utensils, from contamination by flies.

(d) Everything possible should be done to ensure trapping or destruction by other means of adult flies.

4. All ranks will co-operate in these measures to the maximum extent possible. All Units are reminded of the assistance which can be obtained from the medical authorities, especially in this respect from Field Hygiene Sections.

5. Appendix "A" to this Order gives the essential details for observing the above principles.

(CR/ME/3113/M - G.O. 367.)

781.- PARCELS - U.K.

1. Gift parcels to the United Kingdom below the weight of 5 lbs are acceptable without 'Import Licences'.

2. All parcels over 5 lbs are only permitted entry on production of an 'Import Licence' which has first to be obtained by the addressee in United Kingdom.

3. As these licences are issued sparingly (chiefly to Firms) these regulations will, in practice, limit the weight of parcels for United Kingdom to 5 lbs.

4. The weight restrictions apply equally to all parcels whether containing foodstuffs or non-foodstuffs.

The position is thus:-

(i) Gift parcels not exceeding 5 lbs in weight can be accepted.
(ii) Gift parcels exceeding 5 lbs in weight must be posted under Import Licence.
(iii) All non-gift parcels, irrespective of weight, must be posted under Import Licence.

782.- A.C.F. DISTRIBUTION.

1. An A.C.F. Distribution of 2 oz tobacco, 1 packet cigarette papers, 1 cake laundry soap, and 1 tin of boot polish per five men, will be made on Thursday, 16 Apr 42.

2. Issues to camps in the MUGHAZI/KILO 89 area, will be delivered to Camp Commanders concerned on production of certificates showing Unit strengths as at 0900 hrs 16 Apr 42.

3. Units stationed beyond the above-mentioned area, will collect their issues at GAZA under their own arrangements.

Lt-Col
A.A.G.

DISTRIBUTION:- All Units under Comd.

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APPENDIX "A" to AIF (ME)
Base Area Routine Orders No.74.

PREVENTION OF FLIES.

The following are points of importance requiring attention. The measures detailed will be undertaken by all Units now throughout the hot weather. It is emphasised that these measures are the responsibility of Units themselves.

1.- PREVENTION OF FLY BREEDING :

This is the most important single measure, and depends entirely upon the high standard of cleanliness in camps, barracks, and their environs. Frequent inspections in this connection are necessary.

Special steps will be taken to ensure that all human and animal excreta, garbage, swill and refuse of all sorts are properly disposed of, and that pending disposal of the refuse, the possibility or contact by flies is reduced to a minimum.

The latter will be arranged for by the provision of suitably covered receptacles, which must be cleared frequently and regularly.

Latrines should be fly proofed, and kept in proper repair.

Special attention will be paid to the cleanliness of the evirons of camps, as these are often the source of much fly breeding.

2.- DESTRUCTION OF ADULT FLIES.

(a) Swatting : This measure is of the most value in the early days of the hot season, when flies are relatively few, and their destruction correspondingly reduces their breeding potential. Swatting is most efficacious in the mornings and evenings, when the fly is comparitively sluggish. Fly swats are obtainable from Ordnance.

(b) Spraying : This is most valuable in rooms or tents capable of being closed, enabling a high concentration of flysol spray to be obtained. All flies are not killed by the spray, so they should be swept up and burned, to destroy those that are merely stupified. Spraying should be done from above downwards to disperse the flysol vapour.

(c) Trapping and Poisoning :

(i) Box traps are obtainable from Ordnance. These operate through light attraction and so are not efficient inside buildings or tents. They are best sited in bright sunlight and sheltered from the wind, near latrines or refuse receptacles. A bait is necessary and is best provided by such waste food as meat, fish, or vegetable matter. It must be kept moist, and changed every two or three days if it dries too quickly. Other traps of a similar nature can be easily made, and are efficient.

(ii) Tanglefoot : This is spread on wires or paper. A very usefull place to hang the wires is in the places favoured by flies for settling at night, i.e. warm dark areas up in the ceilings of tents, rooms, cookhouses, etc.

(iii) Trapping by Poison Baits : A liquid poison bait is of most value in hot dry localities, where no other source of moisture is available for the fly. It can be used in messes when meals are NOT being served and near latrines. Many types of poison trap can be improvised with a surface kept moist by capillary action from a fluid container. If too large surfaces are used, evaporation of the fluid is too rapid and wasteful. Examples of improvisation are :-

A 50 cigarette tin, with a double wick of blotting paper, leading through two holes in the lid of the tin.

An inverted bottle, plugged with a wick which remains moist.

A floating trap made from half a four-gallon petrol tin, in which floats a wooden raft covered with hessian which is kept moist by the fluid on which the raft floats.

The poison baits used are :-

FORMALIN - made up in a sweet solution, preferably, slightly alkaline in reaction as follows :-

Formalin 40%	-	1 dessert-spoonful
Sugar	-	1 dessert-spoonful
Lime water or pinch of sod. Bicarb.		
Water, or water with beer or lemonade drops to ½ pint.		

The solution should be made up fresh before use.

ARSENITE - made up either Sodium arsenite (blue, sweetened) tablets, 6 to 1 pint of water; OR Sodium arsenite powder 1% solution in sweetened water. Arsenite is a dangerous poison, and should NOT be used where flies poisoned by arsenic might contaminate food.

P.T.O. /PROTECTION.....

APPENDIX "A" (Cont'd)

3.- PROTECTION OF FOOD :

Disease is spread by flies mainly through the contamination of food they cause. Flies must be prevented from touching all food supplies in the store, cookhouse, and dining place. Food must, therefore, be kept in flyproof safes or under flyproof covers.

Meat safes and butter muslin for improvising food safes are available. Cookhouses dining rooms, are to be protected by fly-proofing. Fish netting is available for this purpose.

Eating utensils must be protected when not in use, either by turning over or by being placed in a fly-proof cupboard or box.

4.- ANTI-FLY STORES :

Materials required in connection with certain of the above measures are obtainable as follows :-

ITEM.	SCALE OF ISSUE.
Ordnance Stores.	
1. Fly Swats	- ^ 10% of strength of unit.
2. Pumps, spray (flit pumps) small	- ^ 2½% of strength, minimum 1 per unit - NOT 10% as previously notified.
3. Safes, meat, large	- 1 per 12 Officers, up to 36. 1 Per Sergeants' Mess, up to 36. 1 per unit or company or equivalent strength.
4. Butter muslin for improvised food safes	- As required - if recommended by Medical Officer.
5. Box traps, fly	- (3 for each ration stand (1 for each dining tent, mess tent, or cookhouse.
6. Fish netting	- As required for cookhouse, dining room, or dining tents.

^ Scale for Field Medical Units:

	Pumps Spray (Flit Pumps) Large	Pumps Spray (Flit Pumps) Small	Fly Swats
Infantry Field Ambulance		5	50 /50 patients
General Hospital - 1200 beds	30	30	1 for each equipped bed.
600 "	15	15	
200 "	5	5	

R.E. Stores.

ITEM.	SCALE OF ISSUE.
Large fly-proof Food Safe	1 for each cookhouse erected or supplied by R.E.

S.T. Supplies (reference General Order 356 of 1941).

	Per Month per 100 Men.
1. Flysol	4½ gallons
2. Tanglefoot cm.	5 lbs or
3. Resin and	3 lbs and
4. Crude Castor Oil	1½ pints
5. Sodium Arsenite	1½ oz (to Medical Units only)
6. Flypapers	6 sheets
7. Formaldehyde	5 pints

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA.

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Copy No 13

7 April, 1942.

ACTIVITY TODAY.- 1200 hrs 7 Apr 42. to 1200 hrs 8 Apr 42.

Nature of Activity.	Place	Time	Date	Going to or Remarks.
1. Convoy Movement.			Apr.	
(a) 7 M.A.C. (96 vehs) from MENA passed	AIRPORT CORNER	1510	6	SYRIA
(b) FF Convoy (7 vehs) from EGYPT passed	do	0900	7	BEIRUT
(c) Driving Party 32 Army Tank Bde (50 vehs) from TAHAG passed ...	do	0750	7	SARAFAND
(d) Rear Parties 41 & 43 NZ Lt AA Btys (24 vehs) from MAADI pass ...	do	1300	7	BAALBECK
(e) Main Party 4 NZ Res MT Coy (110 vehs) from MAADI passes	do	1205	8	BAGHDAD
(f) Vehicle Convoy from 9 VRD for 3 AMTD (2 0 vehs loaded with 62 M/Cs) from TEK passes ...	do	0850	8	HAIFA
(g) Convoy "A" 5 NZ Bde Gp (241 vehs) from MENA passes	do	0900	8	SYRIA
(h) Convoy B 5 NZ Bde Gp (49 vehs) from MENA passes	do	1300	8	SYRIA. Stage night 8/9 Apr at JULIS.
2. RAIL Movement. There is NO rail movement under instns of this HQ today or tonight.				
3. ROAD Movement.				
(a) Drivers of vehs which left for 9 Aust Div on 4 Apr arrive	KILO 89	1300	7	
(b) 10 Aust Rec Sec (less Det) in 18 vehs incl 6 returning to TEK depart ...	KILO 89	0900	8	TEK
4. CRSs at BARBARA & MUGHAZI -	Closed		6	
5. AIF (ME) Base Area Salvage Unit handed over	Salvage Depot MAJDAL	1100	6	To LYDDA Area Salvage Unit.
(NOTE.- Unit moved to Kilo 89 & will continue to collect salvage from AIF Camps & deliver to MAJDAL.)				
6. Capt DUIGAN (Q Branch) will attend conference regarding conservancy at -	PAL BASE JERUSALEM	a.m.	8	Room in car for Offrs having need to go to JERUSALEM.
7. Capt PATON from HQ AIF (ME) is expected	at this HQ	p.m.	7	

Col
2 i/c

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QUOTE S/5590

AIF (ME) Base Area,
7 Apr 42.

AIF (ME) BASE AREA

REPORT NO. 50 - WEEK ENDING 4 APR 42

(VIDE MEAF ECHELON HQ AIF GK 373 DATED 5 APR 41)

1. ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

(a) Arrivals in PALESTINE

AIF Liaison Party	from PORT SUDAN to GAZA AREA
4 Aust Lt AA Regt	from HAIFA & ACRE to BEIT JIRJA
32 VADs	from 7 AGH to 6 AGH

(b) Departures from PALESTINE

Oct Aust Red Cross	from GAZA AREA to SUEZ & OVERSEAS
Under Age Personnel	" "
Special Returnees	" "
'B' Class Personnel	" "
SMLR	" "
'X' List Personnel	" "
1 Aust Det Bks	" "
SUS Personnel	" "
Det Aust Trg Cadre	" "
SAT Personnel	" "
2 Aust Rec Sec	from DEIR SUNEID to TRIPOLI

2. HANDING OVER OF CAMPS

Col L.G.BIRKS, HQ AIF (ME) visited Base Area on 31 Mar 42 and discussed with the Commander and Staff details in connection with the handing over of camps. It had been considered previously that it may be necessary to retain DEIR SUNEID but on examination it was considered that all camps North of MILE 89 could be handed over.

A further conference was held the same afternoon with a representative of 'Q' Branch, Pal Base and the following decisions have since been confirmed :

(i) BUREIJ Camp will be completed forthwith to amenity scale. The camp should be completed to scale 'X' by 10 Apr 42 and to full amenity scale before the end of May 42.

(ii) Electric lighting will be provided subject to the availability of materials in the following priority :

(a) GAZA RIDGE Hospital Camp - VAD Quarters. Mines.
(b) DEIR SUNEID Camp - HQ School of Unit Administration
(c) NUSEIRAT Con Depot.
(d) NUSEIRAT Hospital.
(e) MUGHAZI Camp.
(f) BUREIJ Camp.

(iii) It is also confirmed that in view of the above decisions we will be prepared to vacate DEIR SUNEID and MILLA Camps at one week's notice from this HQ.

2. HANDING OVER OF CAMPS (Contd)

(iv) To avoid complication accountancy Aust DID not to issue sups to POLES.

On the same day representatives of MEWTS discussed with the Commander details in connection with DEIR SUNEID and DIMRA. This was followed by a further conference next day with the same officers and in addition Col R. IRVING.

It was agreed also that a sub area (BRITISH) should come into operation to deal with all areas North of KILO 89 plus RAFA. It was pointed out to representatives of Pal Base that there were only three suitable places at present for sub area HQ - JULIS, DEIR SUNEID and GAZA. GAZA was not available being occupied by HQ AIF (ME) Base Area, JULIS it was understood was being given to POLISH Division HQ. If DEIR SUNEID is taken over by MEWTS further constructional work in one of the other camps will be required by Pal Base for their Area HQ. It was suggested to the representatives of Pal Base that DEIR SUNEID should be retained by them as their HQ.

3. MOVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Details of this are contained in the Daily Activity Report, copies of which have already been sent to HQ AIF (ME).

4. MEDICAL

(a) 613 invalids entrained for SUEZ on 1 Apr 42 and DADH proceeded to Canal Area to assist in the embarkation of these invalids on a transport.

(b) Colonel WALKER, DDMS, GHQ, MEF visited the Area to do a rapid reconnaissance of Camps, and to make an appreciation of the medical aspect of the accommodation of POLES in Southern PALESTINE.

(c) Lt.-Col REES, Consultant Venereologist, GHQ, MEF visited ADMS and 8 Aust Spec Hosp.

(d) Considerable activity in regard to Medical Boarding and preparation of invalids for return to AUSTRALIA. There are about 800 now awaiting.

(e) Arranging to place an AAMC officer at RAFA temporarily to assist the RAMC officer. There are about 700 AIF there and the total number in the camp is growing.

(f) It is proposed to close down CRSs at BARBARA and MUGHAR on 7 Apr 42.

5. CENSORSHIP

The following is an extract from the Base Censorship Report :

"The morale of the AIF has maintained its usual high level, and apart from a growing tendency to grumble about boredom, consequent upon inactivity, the troops are in good spirits. Receipt of some mail from home has given great satisfaction and the men are much happier now that they have re-established contact with their people and have received reassuring news from them. The appointment of General McARTHUR is generally approved and several writers have signified their pleasure that General BLAMEY has received the recognition to which he is entitled. Similarly the appointment of General MORSHEAD as GOC AIF (ME) has been very popular."

Captain M.M.CONSIDINE was transferred during the week to take up a new appointment at GHQ ME. It is desired to place on record the very good service rendered by this officer when in charge of Base Censorship Unit, GAZA. He has carried out his work in a most efficient manner and has at all times co-operated very willingly with this HQ.

It is considered desirable that the above extract from this report ~~should~~ be sent to HQ ME.

6. LEGAL

Brigadier SIMPSON, DJAG visited HQ AIF (ME) Base Area during the week to deal with legal matters.

Brigadier.
Commander AIF (ME) Base Area.

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In reply please.
quote I/15/2

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

"F". See F.S.S.
H.Q., A.I.F.(M.E) Base Area
8 Apr 42.

REPORT ON SECTION ACTIVITIES - PERIOD 29 MAR - 4 APR 42.

1. MILITARY SECURITY.

(a) Security of Information.

Nothing to report.

(b) Security of Personnel.

Nothing to report.

(c) Security of material.

The following arms losses reported during the week are under investigation by the D.A.P.M.

2 rifles	Inf Comp. Tng Regt.
1 Rifle bolt	26 I.T.B.
1 pistol	2 B.O.D.

From information to hand concerning the above losses it is apparent that negligence on the part of the individual soldier concerned rather than lack of unit security has been the responsible factor in each case.

Investigations have been made into the security of R.A.F.H. Camp in consideration of the possibilities of theft and sabotage of Ordnance Stores accomodated there. The following main points illustrating the lack of a uniform and efficient system of control where civilian employees are concerned have been reported:-

(i) Very few "D" type passes are on issue. Austwing 2 B.O.D. does NOT issue any permanent passes. Temporary passes for one month are issued and renewed for further monthly periods.
(ii) In reliance upon documents issued by contractors many employees do NOT even make application for passes.
(iii) The Town Major employes 30 ghaffirs, who wear uniform but are NOT issued with passes.
(iv) Four civilians employed by D.I.D. are NOT issued with passes.
(v) Passes are issued by a number of issuing authorities.
(vi) Most passes are deficient or faulty in form. In nearly every case the permission of entry granted extends to the whole of R.A.F.H. Camp and is NOT confined to only the actual area of employment. Many passes do NOT bear photographs. The temporary pass issued by R.A.S.C. has neither a photograph nor any other proof of identity. The temporary pass issued by Austwing 2 B.O.D. has only a thumb print to identify the bearer and this is patently unsatisfactory where rapid checking is necessary. True limits in respect of passes e.g. "sleepin" "between Reveille and Retreat" are NOT always stated and in the case of one pass checked the date of expiry was NOT indicated.

From the foregoing points it is obvious that the work of any pass checking authority would be extremely difficult if NOT impossible, and under the circumstances it would be useless to investigate the adequacy of any checking system used within the camp. The omissions and vagaries of the "system" in force would make it impossible to issue any workable instructions to the guards whose duty it is to protect the area from unauthorized intruders, and the fact that there are a certain number of persons in regular employment without passes renders the work devoted to the issuing of passes in respect of the remainder in a large measure unprofitable. It may safely be assumed that losses of Ordnance

Stores which are occurring are in a great part attributable to the defective system of civilian control at present operating.

2. MORALE.

(a) Morale of Troops.

Nothing to report.

(b) Relation of Troops with Civilians.

Two F.S., N.C.O.'s while in the BEERSHEBA - HEBRON area met a brother of the Mukhtar of ADH - DHAHIRIYA. This man's attitude on potical matters appeared to be NOT in the least Anti-British but was fanatically Anti-Jewish. He expressed the avowed intention of the Arabs to exterminate the Jews in Palestine directly the war was over. They hoped that ENGLAND would NOT interfere with them in this sacred mission, but they were afraid she might because they knew that ENGLAND was being led by the Jews and was completely under Jewish domination. This was obvious to anyone that listened to the radio.

At HEBRON they met IBN ISSAT, son of the leading sheikh of all Bedouin tribes between the DEAD SEA and GAZA. His main concern was the proposed plan of the Government to buy all surplus grain at a fixed price. His people all felt that the price offered was incompatible with the present cost of living and his father was going to ask the Government to reconsider the price. Referring to the news as broadcasted over the radio he said that the the Arabs listened quite impartially to both Allied and Axis news, but had no doubts as to our eventual victory. "England always wins the last battle" he said.

On returning to ADH - DHAHIRIYA the F.S., N.C.O.'s contacted the two village schoolmasters. Their remarks were ingratiatingly Pro-British in tone and somewhat naive. They lauded the exploits of the British Commandos at ST NAZAIRE. They were in favour of INDIA being given a measure of independence at this juncture and one of them added that after all when ENGLAND had won the war and had plenty of power she could easily take INDIA back again.

(c) Rumours.

There is much conjecture as to whether a portion of the A.I.F. will remain in the MIDDLE EAST or return to AUSTRALIA.

3. OTHER MATTERS.

Pen Friends.

A letter from Alice NERCESYAN of ALEXANDRIA to C.O. of Aust H.Q. Gd Bn requesting the names of two Australian soldiers as pen friends has been forwarded to GSI, Pal Base.

Censorship of Unit Mail.

A letter written by VX.2589 Pte A.S. HARTRICK of Aust Spec Comp Tng Bn, and a letter written by G. KAGAN, civilian employee at 2 B.O.D. have been forwarded to O.C. F.S.S. for examination. Investigations are proceeding.

Lost Passport.

Palestinian passport No.142092, issued to M.B. EJZENBAUM and found at DEIRA Camp, has been forwarded to GSI Pal Base.

Hashish Smuggling.

Information received concerning personnel of A.A.M.C. Tng Wing who are suspected of being engaged in the smuggling of hashi.

hashish, has been handed to S.I.B. for investigation.

Samuel SOCOLOVITCH.

Investigations have been continued into the matter of a person reported to be circulating Pro-German propaganda in the GAZA district. Juane GNISOVITCH, Yvvne KANTOROVITCH and a man from SAFAD are identities who have so far been investigated with regard to the report. A report has now been received that Samuel SOCOLOVITCH, who resides in Jaffa, is spending large sums of money and that he has recently been spreading Pro-German propaganda in the JAFFA, BEISAN and GAZA areas. SOCOLOVITCH is known to have worked for the Italian Consulate in 1935, and has a generally unfavourable reputation. Investigations in regard to his movements and activities are being carried out.

Ernst KOESER or KAISER.

Information was received that Ernst KOESER of PETAH TIQVA, who is said to work for the Censorship in TEL-AVIV, is spending money very much in excess of his income. Certain relatives of his are similarly spending considerable sums of money. All available particulars concerning this matter have been forwarded to GSI, Pal Base and A.S.O. Jaffa for necessary action.

4. PERSONNEL.

VX.45390 Sgt. A.F. Ker was transferred to 1 Aust Con Depot from 6 A.G.H.
VX.15101 Cpl Steinitz & Cpl Kardachi were on detached duty at Sarafand. VX.33471
WX.3779 Cpl Sadair was on detached duty at Rafah
VX.47960L/Cpl Rice returned from detached duty at Rafah
L/Cpl. Rubin of 252 Sec. English FSS returned to his unit on 30 Mar 42.
Sgt Evenary of 252 Sec English FSS was attached to this section temporarily as from 2 Apr 42.
Sgt Hobart of 252 English FSS remains temporarily attached to this section.

5. TRANSPORT.

Chevrolet Car D.S. V.2445, Ford Van 12 cwt V2617 and Chevrolet utility V.226 were at workshops undergoing repairs.

K. A. Lodewyckx, WO II
for Capt.
O.C. "F" Sec. F.S.S.

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HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA.

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8 April, 1942.

ACTIVITY TODAY.- 1200 hrs 8 Apr 42. to 1200 hrs 9 Apr 42.

Nature of Activity.	Place	Time	Date	Going to or Remarks.
1. Convoy Movement.			Apr.	
(a) Rear Parties 41 & 43 NZ Lt AA Btys (24 vehs) from MAADI passed ...	AIRPORT CORNER	1300	7	BAALBEK
(b) Main Party 4 NZ Res MT Coy (110 vehs) from MAADI passes	do	1205	8	BAGHDAD
(c) Vehicle Convoy from 9 VRD for 3 AMTD (20 vehs loaded with 62 M/Cs) from TEK passed ...	do	about 1000	8	HAIFA
(d) Convoy A 5 NZ Bde Gp (241 vehs) from MENA passed	do	0900	8	SYRIA
(e) Convoy B 5 NZ Bde Gp (49 vehs) from MENA passes	do	1300	8	SYRIA
(f) No advice has been received of convoys passing tomorrow.				
(g) Rear Party 237 Sqn Det RAF (3 vehs) from EGYPT passes	do	0830	9	MOSUL
(h) Stores Convoy from 9 VRD for 3 AMTD (20 vehs loaded) from TEK passes ...	do	0900	9	HAIFA
(i) FT Convoy (6 vehs) from MENA passes	do	1550	9	BEIRUT
(j A) Reinfts for 9 Aust Div(Ofs 11 ORs 166) leave	GAZA Stn	2220	8	HAIFA., Thence by road to TRIPOLI.
2. RAIL Movement. There is NO rail movement under instns of this HQ for today or tonight.				
3. ROAD Movement.				
(a) 20 Aust Rec Sec (less Det) in 18 vehs, incl 6 returning to TEK left ...	KILO 89	0900	8	TEK
(b) There is NO other road movement under instns of this HQ today or tomorrow morning.				
4. G.II (Major KEOGH) is visiting HQ PAL BASE & L of C today discussing watching service, defence measures, & security.				
5. Capt DUIGAN is visiting HQ PAL BASE & L of C today discussing conservancy in camps.				
6. Capt PATON (HQ AIF (ME).) arrived ...	at this HQ	late P.m.	7	
7. There is nothing else to report.				

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9 April, 1942.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA.

ACTIVITY TODAY.- 1200 hrs 9 Apr 42. to 1200 hrs 10 Apr 42.

Nature of Activity.	Place	Time	Date	Going to or Remarks.
1. Convoy Movement.			Apr.	
(a) Main Party 4 NZ Res MT Coy (110 vehs) from MAADI passed	AIRPORT CROSSROADS	1045	8	BAGHDAD
(b) Convoy B 5 NZ Bde Gp (49 vehs) from MENA passed	do	1300	8	SYRIA
(c) Vehicle Convoy from 9 VRD for 3 AMTD (20 vehs loaded with 62 M/Cs) from TEL passed	do	1430	8	HAIFA
(d) Rear Party 237 Sqn Det RAF (3 vehs) from EGYPT passed	do	1730	8	MOSUL. (Staged at KILO 89 - night 8/9 Apr)
(e) Stores Convoy from 9 VRD for 3 AMTD (20 vehs loaded) from TEL passed ...	do	about 1000	9	HAIFA
(f) FF Convoy (6 vehs) from MENA passes	do	1550	9	BEIRUT
(g) Convoy C 5 NZ Bde Gp (91 vehs) from MAADI passes	do	1200	10	SYRIA
(h) Convoy A 153 Hy AA Bty (8 vehs) from QASSASSIN passes	do	1035	10	HAIFA
(i) Convoy B 153 Hy AA Bty (3 vehs) from QASSASSIN passes	do	0830	10	HAIFA
(j) 1 Coy "W" AF Sigs (3 vehs) from ALMAZA passes	do	1200	10	HABBANYA
2. RAIL Movement.				
(a) Reinfts for 9 Aust Div (Offrs 11, ORs 168) departed	GAZA Sta	about 0100	9	HAIFA. Thence by road to TRIPOLI.
(b) There is NO rail movement under instns of this HQ today or tonight.				
3. ROAD Movement.				
There is NO road movement under instns of this HQ today or tomorrow morning.				
4. Major BAYES (Port Det) & Capt PATON (HQ AIF (ME).) left	this HQ	1000	8	SUEZ and CAIRO.
5. Comd AIF (ME) BASE AREA together with AAG and AQMG left	this HQ	0730	9	CAIRO to attend conference.

Col
2 i/c

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Headquarters
AIF (ME) Base Area
9 Mar '42.

AIF (ME) BASE AREA GS INSTRUCTION NO 19.

HYGIENE REFRESHER COURSE - A A M C TNG WING.

13 Apr to 19 Apr '42.

1. ALLOCATION OF VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are allotted for the above course:-

HQ AIF (ME) Base Area	2
HQ AIF (ME) Reinft Depot	6
4 Aust Lt A A Regt	2
Aust HQ GD BN	2
101 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	1
1 Aust Depot Bn	1
3 Aust A O W	1
1 Aust Con Depot	1
6 A G H	1
7 A G H	1
8 A S H	1

2 INSTRUCTORS.

Instructors will be supplied by 2/6 Aust Fd Hygiene Section.

3. NOMINAL ROLL.

Nominal Roll of students will be submitted to this HQ by 1200 hrs 11 Apr '42.

4. ASSEMBLY.
Students will report to AAMC TNG WING at 1400 hrs 12 Apr '42.

5. TRANSPORT.
Transport to and from course will be under unit arrangements.

6. DRESS.
Summer Dress - Marching Order - Note books and pencils will be taken.

7. RATIONS.
The unexpired portion of the day's rations will be carried.

8. DISPERSION.
The course will be completed by 1200 hrs 19 Apr '42 and students will be clear of A A M C TNG WING by 1600 hours 19 Apr '42.

L. L. Keogh
MAJ.
GS HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA.

Distribution.

Units concerned.
A A M C TNG WING
2/6 Aust Fd Hygiene Sect
A D M S
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Headquarter
AIF (ME) Base Area
9 Apr '42.

AIF (ME) BASE AREA G S INSTRUCTION NO 20.

SMALL ARMS TRAINING.

Classes of S A Tng for personnel of HQ AIF (ME) Base Area will commence on 13 Apr '42 and conclude when a satisfactory standard of training has been reached.

Personnel as listed will be given training and will parade as under:-

DRESS.

Drill Order, i.e., KD Shirt, KD Shorts, stockings, boots, anklets, steel helmet, respirator, Webbing belt and pouches, rifle and bayonet.

SECTION "A".

Parade Ground - Rear of Camp Comdts Office. Period 0830 - 0930 Hrs daily.

QX14061	Pte	Milner	E.E.	NX 5809	Pte	Collier	A.
VX50918	"	Hughes	R.	NX 2136	"	Salfus	M.
SX 8427	"	Steward	L.G.	NX15820	"	McCarthy	C.M.
QX 1802	"	Robinson	M.A.	QX 254	"	Craig	W.J.
NX16760	"	England	A.	QX22425	"	Jones	A.T.
QX 8015	"	Greer	D. G.	NX 9959	"	Leeson	L.T.
VX21569	"	Martin	E	WX14413	"	Lewis	A.G.

SECTION "B".

Parade Ground Roadway in front of Brig's Batmens Billets
Period - 1000 - 1100 hours daily.

NX 7282	Sgt	Lipton	W.	QX 2828	Pte	Jungfer	P.J.
NX18171	Pte	Turner	T.C.	NX17260	"	Blair	J.
NX43523	"	Dalton	A.G.	NX14176	"	Smith	R.W.
NX23120	"	Jacob	P.J.	VX 8348	"	Hay	
SX 9675	"	McLean	J.	VX 51438	"	Godfrey	L.J.
WX 4979	"	Sewell	E.A.	VX 4303	"	Wheeler	R.A.

SECTION "C".

Parade Ground - Rear Camp Comdts Office. Period- 1130-1230 hrs daily.

VX58602	Pte	Stinson	L.	NX 5112	Pte	Webb	W.J.
VX19387	"	Parker	E.R.	NX38093	"	Bath	M.
VX12650	Cpl	Coyle	C.J.	NX60356	"	Dixon	B...S.
QX 2104	Pte	Taylor	J.A.	QX22150	"	Hinton	G.E.W.
QX 5830	"	Seymour	R.R.	VX 9900	"	Jones	H.W.
NX71694	"	King	A.T.	NX 4366	"	Morton	E.T.
NX18308	"	Channon	A.W.				

SECTION "D".

Parade Ground - Rear Camp Comdt Office. Period- 1330-1430 hrs daily.

VX45923	Cpl	Royle	L.C.	NX28911	L/Cpl	Grant	A.R.
NX36139	Pte	Cox	A.J.	QX 8884	Pte	Northcott	J.H.
VX11493	"	Chandler	G.F.	QX10131	Cpl	Triming	J.L.
QX26309	"	Childs	T.W.	NX 3993	"	Andrews	W.E.
NX20083	Cpl	Fowler	H.J.K.	WX 9062	"	Wims	J.B.
NX12770	"	Lamond	F.				

AIF (ME) BASE AREA GS INSTRUCTION NO 20.(Cont.)

SECTION "E".

Parade Ground Rear of Sgts Mess. Period - 1500 - 1600 hrs daily.

SX 1030	S/Sgt	Semmens	C.G.	NX45228	Pte	McCann	J.A.
NX 4173	Pte	Turner	J.W.	VX 4237	"	Hall	A.S.
VX13010	"	Edgsell	E.J.	VX11779	Cpl	Hutchinson	K.
WX 4422	"	Findlay	J.S.	VX32975	Pte	Martin	F.H.
TX 4905	"	Weir	E.L.	NX46599	"	Saul	S.N.
VX58926	"	Thomas	F.C.	NX37354	"	George	R.A.
NX54697	"	Wiggins	C.	NX30487	"	Noonan	C.R.
VX50859	"	Rix	F.H.	QX23923	"	Dagg	A.W.
VX50443	"	Mulraney	D.A.				

SECTION "F".

Parade Ground Rear Camp Comdts Office. Period 1630-1730 hrs daily.

NX24269	Pte	Cornish	C.K.	VX 6773	L/Cpl	Murrell	J.B.
VX27500	"	Ward-Anderson	D.	QX10500	Pte	Lewis	G.F.
NX72979	"	Carr	G.	SX12474	"	McGrath	C.
VX 6541	"	Wallis	E.J.	NX15242	"	Murray	J.
VX14369	Cpl	Flett	T.	SX 4115	"	Jellet	M.

SECTION "G".

Parade Ground Front Yard of Billet 2007. Period 1000-1100 hrs daily.

NX13154	Sgt	Chennery	W.R.	NX12183	Pte	McNamara	F.C.
WX14884	Pte	Chard	E.E.	QX 2509	"	Hill	W.B.
VX33126	"	Paine	A.	WX 4574	"	Sherriffs	A.E.
SX 3222	"	Francis	A.G.	VX27747	"	Weston	R.
WX 2007	"	Hunter	R.A.	SX 4241	"	Challis	J.
SX 4340	"	Coleman	D.P.	NX49861	"	Fahey	E.
QX 577	"	Rabnott	C.	VX35016	"	Jennings	J.J.
NX16897	"	Marney	O.				

SECTION "H".

Parade Ground Rear Camp Comdts Office. Period - 1500-1600 hrs daily.

VX57751	Pte	Judd	W.		Cpl	Dunning	
NX50738	"	Donohue		NX 4423	Pte	Butler	D.
VX30276	"	Gunton	W.A.J.	NX 5182	"	Boardman	D.J.
TX 5267	"	Broxom	A.L.	NX55726	"	Clark	L.F.
NX 2869	"	Jolloffe	K.C.	NX48850	"	Gillespie	J.A.
VX57836	"	McNamara	F.T.	VX11775	"	Steward	A.J.
VX12673	"	Mathews	J.				

Security Guard will provide instructor for sections "A", "B", "C" "D", "E" and "F". Sgt Chennery will instruct sections "G" and "H".

The following personnel are detailed as guards in billets during parade hours:-

ERIGS Mess	VX12625	Cpl	Taubman	
" "	VX14479	Pte	Loschen	W.H.
" Billets		"	Sims	
Billet 2002	NX11001	"	Mulhall	C.D.
" 2007	VX14471	"	Fitzpatrick	P.W.
No2 Batmen Billet	VX12[illegible]	"	Quick	J.C.
No2 Mess	WX 3575	"	Mayes	H.
" "	NX 1627	"	Snowden	A.G.
Billet 803	VX47370	"	Johnson	A.
Sgts Mess	NX17319	"	Hales	A.C. & Webster W.E.
" "	VX19158	"	Turncull	P.
No 3 Mess		"	McDermott	

MAJ.
GS HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA.

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10 April, 1942.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA.

ACTIVITY TODAY.- 1200 hrs 10 Apr 42. to 1200 hrs 11 Apr 42.

Nature of Activity.	Place	Time	Date	Going to or Remarks.
1. Convoy Movement.			Apr.	
(a) FF Convoy (6 vehs) from MENA passed	AIRPORT CORNER	0930	10	BEIRUT.
(b) Convoy C 5 NZ Bde Gp (91 vehs) from MAADI passed	do	1200	10	SYRIA
(c) Convoy A 153 Hy AA Bty (8 vehs) from QASSASSIN due to pass	do	1035	10	HAIFA
(d) Convoy B 153 Hy AA Bty (3 vehs) from QASSASSIN passed	do	0845	10	HAIFA
(e) 1 Coy "W" A.F. Sigs (3 vehs) from AIMAZA passes	do	1200	10	HABBANIYA
(f) There is NO convoy movement advised for tomorrow.				
2. RAIL Movement.				
There is NO rail movement under instns of this HQ today or tonight.				
3. ROAD Movement.				
There is NO road movement under insts of this HQ today or tomorrow morning.				
4. ADOS AIF (ME) Base Area (major FURNESS) left ...	this HQ	early a.m.	10	TEK. To finalise details of equipment for Base Area Units. Returns 12 Apr 42.
5. An Arab Recruiting Meeting is being held in School Grounds, GAZA at 1430 today.				

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AIF (ME) BASE AREA - LOCATION STATEMENT - PALESTINE
as at 2359 hours, 10 Apr '42.

1 AUST CORPS.

UNITS.	CAMPS.
HQ UNITS.	
Aust HQ GD Bn	Kilo 89 under Comd HQ AIF
"D" Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn	Gaza Town (ME) Base Area
ARTY	
4 Aust Lt AA Regt (Less 11 Bty Beirut)	Mughazi
SIGS.	
DW/T Sec Sigs 1 Aust Corps	Kilo 89
S & T.	
101 Gen Tpt Coy AASC	Kilo 89
L Aust D I D	Majdal

BASE AND L of C UNITS.

HQ UNITS.	
HQ AIF (ME) Base Area	Gaza Town
'F' Sec Aust FSS	" "
INF.	
L Aust Depot Bn	Kilo 89
SIGS.	
HQ Sigs AIF (ME) Base Area	Gaza Town.
ORD.	
Aust Res Ord Depot	Tel el Kebir
Aust Wing 2 Base Ord Depot	Rafah
2/2 Aust Ord Store Coy (Less det Haifa)	"
2/4 " " " " (Less det Beirut)	Tel el Kebir
2/5 " " "	" " "
2Corps Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	Tripoli, Syria
3 RVS 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	Rafa
G Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	Syria
H " " " " " "	"
J " " " " " "	"
AIF (ME) LOCAL PURCHASE	Egypt - Tel el Kebir
" " " "	Palestine - Tel Aviv

WORKSHOPS.

2/1 Aust A Fd Wkshop	Tripoli
1 Aust Rec Sec	Rayah
2 " " "	Tripoli
3 " " "	Lattakia
2/4 Aust A Fd Wkshop	Tel el Kebir
10 Aust Rec Sec	" " "
Aust Wing 3 Base Ord Wkshop) Ident-	Rafah
2 Aust Adv Ord Wkshop) ical.	"
HQ 2 Aust Adv Ord Wkshop	"
2 Aust Ord Wkshop Coy	"
Aust Wing 2 AOW)	
3 Aust Adv Ord Wkshop) Identical.	Beirut
HQ 3 Aust Adv Ord Wkshop	"
3 Aust Ord Wkshop Coy	"
Aust Res Ord Wkshop	Tel el Kebir
4 Aust Ord Wkshop	" " "
2 Aust L of C Rec Sec	Kilo 89
3 " " " " " "	Tel el Kebir
Officers' Shops	Gaza and Tripoli.

LOCATION STATEMENT - PALESTINE AS AT 2359 HOURS 10 APR '42.

MEDICAL.	
6 Aust Gen Hosp	Gaza Ridge
7 " " "	Kfar Bilu
8 " Spec "	Gaza Ridge
1 " Con Depot	Nuseirat
2 " Base Depot Med Stores	Tel Aviv
1 " Adv " " "	Gaza Ridge
Base Depot Med Stores Dental Sec	" "
3 Aust Dental Unit	Syria
4 " " "	Gaza
5 " " "	Syria
8 " " "	Kilo 89
12 " " "	Nuseirat (Con Depot.)
14 " " "	Mughazi
20 " " "	Kilo 89
24 " " "	Nuseirat
41 " " "	Heliopolis
2/4 Aust MAC 'A' Sec Only	Kilo 89
2/6 " Fd Hyg Sec	" "
Base Coy AAMC	Gaza Town
Medical Board	Gaza Ridge
MISCELLANEOUS.	
HQ 3 Aust L of C Pro Coy	Rehovoth
Det 3 " " " "	Gaza Town
HQ 1 Aust L of C Postal Unit	" "
HQ 2 " " " " " " less Det	" "
	Haifa
HQ Base L of C Postal Unit	Gaza Town
3 Aust Det Bk	Jerusalem
Detention Compound	Nuseirat
Aust Mob Print Sec	Gaza Town
AIF (ME) Kit Store	Petah Tiqua
AIF (ME) Entertainment Unit	Tel Aviv
ABC Fd Unit	Gaza Town
AIF (ME) Claims & Adjust Board	" "
2 ECHELON.	
O 2 E AIF (Records)	Dimra) Moving
Finance Sec	Dier Suneid) to
Medical Records AIF	Dimra) Kilo 89.
Audit Sec AIF	Deir Suneid)
Det 2 Echelon	Cairo
AIF (ME) REINFT DEPOT	
HQ AIF (ME) Reinft Depot	Nuseirat
HQ 9 Aust Inf Tng Bde	"
9 Aust Spec Group	"
20 Aust Inf Tng Bde	"
24 " " " "	"
26 " " " "	"
Aust Spec Comp Tng Bn	"
Aust Eng Tng Coy	"
AAMC Sec	Kilo 89
Aust Inf Comp Tng Bn	Nuseirat
105 L A D	"
Tug & Lighter Coy Aust	"
TRANSPORTATION.	
HQ Aust Rly Constrn & Maint Group	Dera
1 " " " " " Coy	Beirut
Less Dets	Sarba & Maameltien
2 " " " " Maint Group	Jbeil
Less Dets	Maameltian & Madfoun
3 " " " " Maint Group	Enfeh
Less Dets	Ma'am
1 " " Survey Coy	Jounie
Less Dets	Sarba-Enfeh-Beirut-Madfoun-Tripoli.

LOCATION STATEMENT - PALESTINE as at 2359 HOURS 10 Apr '42.

TROOPS OTHER THAN AIF.

2 B O D	Rafa	Have Aust Wings under Comd AIF (ME) Base Area.
3 B O Wkshops & 5 Sub Wkshops	"	
222 Petrol Depot RASC	"	
199 Ry Wkshop Coy RE	"	
DCRE RTC Town Major	"	
76 DID RASC	"	
6 Pub Depot	"	
5 British Con Depot	El Arish	

LOCATION STATEMENT OF DETACHED TROOPS AS AT 2359 HOURS 10 Apr '42.

UNIT.	LOCATION.	UNDER COMD.
1 Aust Rly Svy Coy	Jounie	GHQ ME
HQ Aust RLY Constr Coy	Dora	" "
1 Aust Rly Constr Coy	Beirut	" "
2 " " " "	Jebail	" "
3 " " " "	Enfeh	" "
3 Aust Mob Bact Lab	Beirut	84 B S A
3 Aust Ord Fd Wkshop Coy	Beirut	GHQ ME
2/4 Aust Ord Store		In 4 A O D
1 Aust Boring Sec	Chekka	9 Aust Div
2/3 Aust C C S	Beirut	84 B S A
2/1 Aust Army Td Wkshop	Tripoli	9 Aust Div
1 Aust Ord Fd Park	Tripoli	" " "
2/3 Aust Pioneer Bn	Damas	" " "

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Sigs Base Area	1-12	GHQ MEF	36
I Aust Depot Bn	13	DDSC Rehovoth	37
Sub Base Post Office	14-16	D-PM AIF Jerusalem	38
'F' See FSS	17	DAPM AIF Tel Aviv	39
O 2 E	18	DAPM AIF Gaza	40
Finance Sec	19	Comd	41
Audit Sec	20	2 i/c	42
AIF (ME) Kit Store	21	G	43
Base Censor Gaza	22	A	44-46
NINTH ARMY	23	Q	47
HQ PAL BASE	24-26	D A D S & T	48
HQ AIF (ME)	27-28	D A D O S	49-50
HQ 9 Aust Div	29	A D M S	51
HQ AIF (ME) Reinft Dep.	30-31	Ciphers	52
Mov LYDDA	32	Duty Staff Officer	53
Mov HAIFA	33	Box File	54
Mov MOASCAR	34	War Diary	55-56
RTO GAZA	35	Spares	57-60

TO HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA (GS).

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HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA.

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11 April, 1942.

ACTIVITY TODAY.- 1200 hrs 11 Apr 42.
to 1200 hrs 12 Apr 42.

Nature of Activity.	Place	Time	Date Going to or Remarks.
1. Convoy Movement.			Apr
(a) Convoy A 153 Hy AA Bty (8 vehs) from QASSASSIN passed ...	AIRPORT CORNER	0940	10 HAIFA
(b) 1 Coy "W" A.F. Sigs (3 vehs) from ALMAZA passed	do	0800	10 HADEAITA. Went thro' before control point manned.
(c) 3 Indian Fd Regt Sig Sec & LAD (27 vehs) from TENTH Army due ...	KILO 89	p.m.	12 Stage night 12/13 Apr & depart 0700 hrs 13 Apr for EGYPT
(d) A Sqn MIDEAST COMMANDOS (4 vehs) FROM SYRIA pass	AIRPORT CORNER	1130	12 EGYPT.
(e) There is NO convoy movement advised for tomorrow.	—		
2. RAIL Movement.			
There is NO rail movement under instns of this HQ today or tonight.			
3. ROAD Movement.			
(a) Vehicle Convoy comprising:- (i) 11 vehs for 9 Aust Div (ii) 3x3 ton vehicles from Pool (return to Pool) ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ All loaded with stores for 9 Aust Div & Reinfts for RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GP. BEIRUT (Offrs 1 ORs 15) left ...	KILO 89	0900	11 BEIRUT and TRIPOLI.
(b) 40x3 ton vehs from POOL on loan to MILPAL depart	KILO 89	1300	11 GENEIFA & TEK to return with stores for MILPAL.
4. AAG & ADMG, HQ AIF (ME) Base area are due ...	at this HQ	p.m.	11
5. 2 i/c, representing Comd AIF (ME) Base Area attended Arab Recruiting Meeting in GAZA yesterday. p.m.			

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA.

12 April, 1942.

ACTIVITY TODAY.- 1200 hrs 12 Apr 42. to 1200 hrs 13 Apr 42.

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Nature of Activity.	Place	Time	Date	Going to or Remarks.
1. Convoy Movement.				
(a) A Sqn MIDEAST COMMANDOS (4 vehs) from SYRIA pass	AIRPORT CORNER	1130	12	EGYPT.
(b) Road Party Czech-Slovak Bn (27 vehs) FROM EIGHTH Army passes ...	do	0830	13	ATTIRA.
(c) Rear Party 4 NZ Res MT Coy (61 vehs) from MAADI				
(d) 3 Indian Fd Regt Sig Sec & LAD (27 vehs) from TENTH Army is due	KILO 89	p.m.	13	Stage night 13/14 Apr & depart 0700 hrs 14 Apr for EGYPT (Delayed 24 hrs)
2. RAIL Movement.				
(a) Invalids being returned Australia from:- 6 AGH, 7 AGH, 8 ASH, 23 Scottish Hospital, 1 Aust Conv Depot, Depot Bn (and AIF Clearing Camp) depart ...	REHOVOTH GAZA	0700 0915	13	SUEZ. Stage KANTARA night 13/14 Apr.
(b) Arrangements are in hand to send Reinfts to 9 Aust Div (Offrs 1 ORs 17) and to EGYPT (ORs 17) by rail tomorrow.				
3. ROAD Movement.				
(a) 40x3 ton vehs from POOL on loan to MILPAL left	KILO 89	1300	11	GENEIFA & TEL to return with stores for MILPAL.
4. AAG & AQMG, HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA returned	to this HQ	1730	11	
5. Cond AIF (ME) Base Area is expected	at this HQ	p.m.	12	
6. G.O.C. AIF (ME) arrives LYDDA today and is expected	at this HQ		13	
7. ADMS (D) leaves	this HQ	a.m.	13	TRIPOLI on duty
8. D.M.O. AIF (ME) leaves	this HQ	a.m.	13	SUEZ on duty

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HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA.

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13 April, 1942.

ACTIVITY TODAY.- 1200 hrs 13 Apr 42. to 1200 hrs 14 Apr 42.

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Nature of Activity.	Place	Time	Date	Going to or Remarks.
1. Convoy Movement.				
(a) A Sqn MIDEAST COMMANDOS (4 vehs) from SYRIA passed	AIRPORT CORNER	1045	12	EGYPT
(b) Road Party CZECH-SLOVAK Bn (27 vehs) from EIGHTH Army passed	do	0830	13	ATTIRA
(c) Rear Party 4 NZ Res MT Coy (61 vehs) from MERDI was due to pass	do	1040	13	SYRIA
(d) 3 Indian Fd Regt Sig Sec & L/D (27 vehs) from TENTH Army is due ...	KILO 89	p.m.	13	Stage night 13/14 Apr & depart 0700 hrs 14 Apr for EGYPT.
(e) 61 Hy AA Regt (248 vehs) from TENTH Army arrives	JULIS	p.m.	14	Stage night 14/15 Apr & depart 0700 hrs 15 Apr for EGYPT.
(f) EM. 12 & L/D (46 vehs) from BEISAN passes ...	AIRPORT CORNER	p.m.	13	MERSA MATRUH.
2. RAIL Movement.				
(a) Hospital Train for WADI HALFA was late and departed ... ... (Offrs 18 ORs 172)	GAZA	1100	13	KANTARA and SUEZ.
(b) Reinfts for 9 Aust Div (Offrs 1 ORs 17) depart ...	GAZA	2328	13	HAIFA and onwards.
(c) Reinfts for units in EGYPT (ORs 17) depart ...	GAZA	2231	13	EGYPT.
3. ROAD Movement.				
3x3 ton vehs from POOL have been lent to DCRE, BEIT JIRJA for work on RSP ASLUJ and reported		0800	13	
4. Comd AIF (ME) Base Area arrived ...	at this HQ	1830	12	From CAIRO.
5. G.O.C. AIF (ME) is expected ...	do		13	
6. 2 ECH. AIF (ME) is moving from ...	DIBRA to SQUIRES LINES, KILO 89	by	16	Move commences 15 Apr.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA.

ACTIVITY TODAY.- 1200 hrs 14 Apr 42.
to 1200 hrs 15 Apr 42.

Nature of Activity	Place	Time	Date	Going to or Remarks.
1. Convoy Movement.				
(a) Rear Party 4 NZ Res MT Coy (61 vehs) from MAADI passed	AIRPORT CORNER	1040	13	SYRIA.
(b) 3 Indian Fd Regt Sig Sec & LAD (27 vehs) from TENTH Army passed ...	do	1300	13	Staged on BEERSHEBA Rd instead of KILO 89. EGYPT.
(c) 61 Hy AA Regt (248 vehs) from TENTH Army has been postponed 24 hrs and now arrives ...	JULIS	p.m.	15	Stage night & depart 0700 hrs on 16 Apr 42 for EGYPT.
(d) BM.11 and LAD (French) (46 vehs) from BEISAN passed	AIRPORT CORNER	1500	13	MERS MATRUH.
(e) 7 NZ A/Tk Regt (17 vehs) from ZABBOUD was due to pass	do	1000	14	ABBASSIA.
(f) 86 Line Sec R. Sigs (15 vehs) from 10 Corps was due to pass	do	1030	14	D'ABA.
(g) F.F. Tk Unit (29 vehs) from BEIRUT was due to pass	do	1100	14	MENA.
(h) NZ Div Salvage Unit and 1 NZ Mob. Dental Unit (15 vehs) from MAADI passes	do	0905	15	RAYAK and BAALBECK respectively.
(i) Det Engrs, Sigs, Intendance, and Fd Amb of BM.11 (French) (25 vehs) from HAIFA passes	do	1100	15	EGYPT.
2. RAIL Movement.				
(a) Reinfts for 9 Div notified yesterday departed	GAZA Sta	0205	14	HAIFA and onwards.
(b) Reinfts for units in EGYPT (only 8 went as 9 were in detention) departed	GAZA Sta	2330	13	EGYPT.
3. ROAD Movement.				
(a) Driving Party from 4 Aust Lt AA Regt to pick up 12 BOFORS & 12 Tractors from EGYPT leave in 5 vehs from ...	MUGHAZI	1300	14	TEK.
(b) Driving Party which left with vehs for 9 Aust Div on 11 Apr return ...	KILO 89	p.m.	14	TPT POOL.
(c) 12 vehs, part of Convoy (40 vehs) loaned to MILPAL for transport of stores for MILPAL at BARBARA return to	KILO 89	late p.m.	14	TPT POOL.
(d) Remainder of loaned Convoy (28 vehs) arrive at	BARBARA	0930	15	Then return to KILO 89 after unloading.
(e) Veh Convoy comprising:- (i) 1 Car DS & 6 vans for 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn (ii) 1x1 ton Office veh for 2/12 Aust Fd Regt (iii) 1 veh for returning drivers leaves	RAFA V.R.P.	0800	15	DAMASCUS and JDEIDE.
(f) Veh Convoy comprising:- (i) 13 vehs for 9 Aust Div (ii) 1 veh for returning drivers leaves	RAFA V.R.P.	0800	15	TRIPOLI.
(g) Stores Convoy (35x3 tonners) loaded with stores for Aust Wing 2 B.O.D. from TEK passes	AIRPORT CORNER	1700	15	RAFA

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Nature of Activity.	Place	Time	Date	Going (+) or Remarks.
4. A conference of C.O.s Hospitals, Conv Depots and President S.M.Bd. was held	At ADMS office	1000	14	Discussing future activity.
5. 2 ECH AIF (ME) moves from ...	DIMRA		15 & 16	KILO 89. SQUIRES LINES.
6. GAZA Beach Patrol reported gunfire and smoke at sea at 1600 hrs yesterday.	...	...		
7. 1 Aust Conv Depot reported unidentified launch close off-shore at 2300 hrs yesterday.	..			
8. AL JURA Coastguard Station reported explosions SOUTH thereof at 2105 hrs yesterday.				
9. G.O.C. AIF (ME) arrived	at this HQ	noon	13	

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AIF (ME) Base Area,
14 Apr 42.

AIF (ME) BASE AREA

REPORT NO. 51 - WEEK ENDING 11 APR 42

(VIDE REAR ECHELON HQ AIF GX 373 DATED 5 APR 41)

1. ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

(a) Arrivals in PALESTINE

11 Bty 4 Aust Lt AA Regt	from BEIRUT to MUGHAZI

(b) Departures from PALESTINE

10 Aust Rec Sec	from KILO 89 to TEL EL KEBIR
Reinfts 9 Aust Div	" GAZA AREA to TRIPOLI

2. AMALGAMATION OF HQ

On instructions received from HQ AIF (ME) Commander, AAG and AQMG AIF (ME) Base Area attended various conferences at HQ CAIRO. The objects of these conferences were to go into the question of the amalgamation of the two HQ which is to be located in GAZA. The new HQ will probably be known as AIF (ME) Administrative HQ. It is anticipated that advance parties from HQ AIF (ME) will arrive in GAZA about 25 Apr and the rest of HQ will follow. Owing to limited accommodation in GAZA it is anticipated that those officers and other ranks surplus to the new establishment, both from HQ AIF and HQ Base Area will be stationed in a camp and from there will hand over the responsibilities of general administration to senior staff officers of the new Administrative HQ.

AAG and AQMG returned on 11 Apr and Commander on 12 Apr.

3. BRITISH STAFF AND UNITS IN CAMPS NORTH OF KILO 89

Very little has been done to establish a British organisation to control camps north of KILO 89. Certain schools and staffs have arrived at DIMRA and DEIR SUWEID and certain staffs to deal with the POLES have arrived at BARBARA. As at previous conferences AQMG (ME) advised that AIF would not be responsible for the administration of any units north of KILO 89 once the camps were handed over. This HQ has kept clear of local administration as far as possible. In one or two instances it has been found necessary to leave certain staffs or troops to help incoming units. The matter has again been represented to HQ Pal Area. On 13 Apr Commander rang AQ Pal Area and again asked that early action be taken to assume responsibilities north of KILO 89.

Salvage Unit handed over control to British unit during the week and our unit went into camp at KILO 89.

4. CHANGES IN CAMPS

In order to make the most economic use of camps available to the AIF it has been found necessary to make certain inter-camp unit transfers.

4. CONSERVANCY CONFERENCE

A conference was held at Pal Base on 8 Apr dealing with the above subject Staff Captain 'Q' Captain DUIGAN attended as representative of this HQ. As matters arising out of the conference were mostly of a local nature although dealing with Australian policy vis-à-vis the British policy in this matter, it is not considered necessary to give a detailed summary of the conclusions arrived at.

5. EXTRACTS FROM BASE CENSORS REPORT

Base Censor reports that Unit censorship was carried out very satisfactorily during the week and only two cases of breaches of regulations, and these of a minor nature, occurred.

6. ARAB RECRUITING MEETING

On 10 Apr an Arab Recruiting Meeting was held in GAZA for which purpose Aust HQ Gd Bn Band was loaned. 2i/c attended the meeting as representative of Commander AIF (ME) Base Area.

Brigadier.
Commander AIF (ME) Base Area.

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AIF (ME) BASE AREA.

ROUTINE ORDERS.

By

BRIGADIER J.A.L. CHAPMAN, DSO.

Commander, AIF (ME) Base Area.

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NO. 75. GAZA, 14 April, 1942.

GENERAL STAFF.

783.- CENSORSHIP:

1. Attention is directed to the fact that personnel may NOT state the country of location (i.e. PALESTINE, SYRIA, etc.) of their unit in personal correspondence.

Major
General Staff.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S STAFF.

784.- RATIONS:

1. Attention is drawn to S.O.s PALESTINE Pamphlet No. 2, Section 1, Para 11 :-

"ACCOUNTING.

(a) Immediately following the Saturday of each week, each indenting unit will complete AF W3810 (Comparison of "Daily Ration Strength" with "Rations drawn").

(b) AFs W3810 together with unit AB 55s will be forwarded no later than Tuesday of the following week through the normal channel to the S.O.c, 101 Con Tpt Coy, A.I.F.

785.- GENERAL COURT MARTIAL:

At GAZA on the 9th to 14th days of March, 1942, NX 36191 Gnr REVELL A.W.L., 2/9 Aust Fd Regt was tried by General Court Martial convened by Commander, HQ AIF (ME) Base Area, BEING ARRAIGNED ON THE FOLLOWING CHARGE:

When on active service committing a civil offence, that is to say, murder,

IN THAT HE,

at KHASSA, PALESTINE, on 3 March, 1942, when on active service, murdered one HERMAN PERLMUTTER.

FINDING : Accused was found GUILTY of the charge.

SENTENCE & CONFIRMATION : Accused was sentenced to suffer penal servitude for life. (Date of sentence - 14 March, 1942), such sentence being confirmed by G.O.C. AIF (ME) on 3 April, 1942.

786.- LOCAL PURCHASES:

1. Cases are occurring where unit representatives are making local purchases of stores not available from Ordnance Services direct from Civil Contractors. This practice will cease.

2. Purchases of authorised Ordnance Stores urgently required by units, and not available from Ordnance Services will only be made by A.D.'s O.S. of Formations etc except when special authority exists. (M.E., G.O. No. 146 of 30 Jan., 1942.)

P.T.O. /787.- BOUNDS.....

787.- BOUNDS - CAFES AND HOTELS:

1. The following Cafes in TEL AVIV have been placed "In Bounds" with effect from 3.4.42. :

Cafe	Schlochauer	...	Ben Yehuda St,	27,	TEL AVIV.
"	Meloer	...	Ben Yehuda St,	192,	TEL AVIV.
"	Lifshitz	...	Dizengoff St,	246,	TEL AVIV.
"	Ashkenazi	...	Kfar Giladi St,	9,	TEL AVIV.

2. The following Hotel has been placed "In Bounds" to all ranks with effect from 8.4.42. :

Hotel "Allenby" ... Allenby Road, 92a, TEL AVIV.

788.- STOPPING OF LEAVE BUSSES:

1. The "Half Way House" Cafe, BAB AL WAD, JERUSALEM-JAFFA Road, is out of Bounds to all troops.

2. The stopping of leave busses at this and other Cafes and Establishments on route to TEL AVIV and JERUSALEM is forbidden.

789.- TEL AVIV - PRICES FOR MEALS:

1. In continuation of this H.Q., R.O. 778 of 7 Apr 42, the under-mentioned Cafe is included in Category "A".

Cafe "Maxim".

2. The following list of Cafes are serving a "plate de jour" of reasonable quality and quantity at prices not exceeding 250 mils each person (including coffee and without extra charge for cloakroom or service) and are classed Category "A1".

Category "A1":

Cafes: ARMONI
HINGA
MAXIM
PALAISE DE DANSE
PILTZ
SEMADAR

790.- BATHING - MEMBERS OF A.A.N.S. AND V.A.D.:

1. Within the GAZA Military Area, bathing facilities for members of A.A.N.S. and V.A.D.s, will be restricted to GAZA Beach. They will not visit MUSEIRAT Beach.

Lt-Col
A.A.G.

DISTRIBUTION:-

All Units under Comd.

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15 April, 1942.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA.

ACTIVITY TODAY.- 1200 hrs 15 Apr 42. to 1200 hrs 16 Apr 42.

Nature of Activity.	Place	Time	Date	Going to or Remarks.
1. Convoy Movement.			Apr.	
(a) 61 Hy AA Regt (248 vehs) from TENTH Army arrives	JELIS	p.m.	15	Stage night & depart 0700 hrs 16 Apr for EGYPT.
(b) 7 NZ A/Tk Regt (17 vehs) from ZABBOUP passed	AIRPORT CORNER	1200	14	ABBASSIA.
(c) 66 Line Sec R. Sigs (15 vehs) from 10 Corps passed	do	1800	14	D'ABA.
(d) F.F. Tk Unit (29 vehs) from BEIRUT passed	do	1115	14	MENA.
(e) NZ Div Salvage Unit and 1 NZ Mob Dental Unit (15 vehs in all) from MAADI were due to pass	do	0905	15	RAYAK and BAALBEK respectively.
(f) Det Engrs, Sigs, Intendance and Fd Amb of 3M.11 (French) from HAIFA were due to pass	do	1100	15	EGYPT.
(g) Arab Legion Driving Party (41 vehs from ALEXANDRIA) loaded with stores for 2 B.O.D. passes	do	0900	16	RAFA - Thence TEL AVIV.
(h) Rear Party F.F. Tk Unit (2 vehs) from BEIRUT pass	do	1100	16	MENA.
(i) Driving Party Aust Ry Const and Maint Gp (28 vehs) from BEIRUT passes	do	about 1230	16	TEK.
(j) Adv Party 5 NZ Regt (10 vehs) from AMMAZA passes	do	1300	16	SYRIA.
2. RAIL Movement.				
There is NO rail movement under instns of this HQ today or tonight.				
3. ROAD Movement.				
(a) Driving Party from 4 Aust Lt AA Regt to pick up 12 BOFORS & 12 Tractors from EGYPT (in 5 vehs) left ...	MUGRAZI	1300	14	TEK.
(b) Driving Party which left with vehs for 9 Aust Div on 11 Apr returned ...	KILO 89	1215	14	TPT POOL.
(c) 12 drivers & 12 vehs of convoy (40 vehs) loaned to MILPAL returned ...	KILO 89	2000	14	TPT POOL.
(d) Remainder of loaned convoy (28 vehs are due at	KILO 89	about 1200	15	TPT POOL.
(e) Veh Convoy comprising:- (i) One car DS & 6 Vans for 2/3 Aust Fmn Bn, and, (ii) One veh for returning drivers left ...	KILO 89	0800	15	DAMASCUS.
(f) Veh Convoy Comprising:- (i) 14 vehs for 9 Aust Div, and, (ii) 1 veh for returning drivers left ...	KILO 89	0800	15	TRIPOLI.
(g) Stores Convoy (35x3 tonners) loaded with stores for Aust Wing 2 B.O.D. from TEK, passes	AIRPORT CORNER	1700	15	RAFA.

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Nature of Activity.	Place	Time	Date	Going to or Remarks.
4. 2 ECH AIF (ME) commences to move from (Move will be completed tomorrow)	DEMRA	a.m.	15	SUTRES LINES, KILO 89.
5. Finance Det AIF (ME) moves from	DEMRA	about	20	KILO 89.
6. A.A.M.C. Tng Wing moves from ...	KILO 89	a.m.	17	M.S. LINES, NUSEIRAT.
7. G.O.C. AIF (ME) inspected REINFT Depot yesterday and is inspecting Hospitals today.				
8. Advice has been received that 1 POLISH HOSP moves by rail from ALEXANDRIA as under:- (i) Adv Party immediately (offrs 2, ORs 12) (ii) Main Party on 18 Apr (offrs 12, Sisters 24, ORs 100) POLISH Hosp moves to KFAR BILU and takes over from 7 A.G.H.				
9. DJAG AIF (ME) (Brig SIMPSON) and A/DAG AIF (ME) (Lt-Col BALCHIN), and AD Posts & T (Lt-Col WRIGHT), and Major CHAMBERS arrived	at this HQ	1500	14	
10. ADMS HQ AIF (ME) (Lt-Col DAWKINS) and APM AIF (ME) (Lt-Col FAULKNER) arrive	at this HQ	p.m.	16	
11. At 1730 hrs yesterday, Beach Patrol, GAZA reported unidentified craft one mile off shore travelling NORTH and subsequently believed to be a BRITISH Corvette.				

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HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA.

16 April, 1942.

ACTIVITY TODAY.- 1200 hrs 16 Apr 42. to 1200 hrs 17 Apr 42.

Nature of Activity.	Place	Time	Date	Going to or Remarks.
1. Convoy Movement.				
(a) 61 Hy AA Regt (248 vehs) from TENTH Army arrived	JULIS	during p.m.	Apr. 15	Staged night 15/16 and 16/17 Apr & leave for EGYPT 0700 hrs 17
(b) NZ Div Salvage Unit & 1 NZ Mob Dental Unit (15 vehs in all) from MAADI passed ...	AIRPORT CORNER	0900	15	RAYAK and BALBEK respectively.
(c) Det Engrs, Sigs, Intendance & Fd Amb of EM. 11 (French) (25 vehs) from HAIFA passed	do	1100	15	EGYPT.
(d) Arab Legion Driving Party (41 vehs from ALEXANDRIA) loaded with stores for 2 B.O.D. were due to pass	do	0900	16	RAFA. Thence TEL AVIV.
(e) Rear Party FT Tk Unit (2 vehs) from BEIRUT has been delayed for repairs at SARAFAND but are expected to pass ...	do	p.m.	16	MENA.
(f) Driving Party Aust Ry Const and Maint Gp (28 vehs) from BEIRUT passes	do	about 1230	16	TEL.
(g) Adv Party 5 NZ Regt (20 vehs) from ALMAZA passes	do	1300	16	SYRIA.
(h) 295 A. Fd Coy RE (35 vehs) from QASSASSIN passes	do	0900	17	SYRIA.
(i) One Tp 6 Survey Regt (12 vehs) from ALAMEIN passes	do	1615	17	TENTH Army.
2. RAIL Movement.				
There is NO rail movement under instns of this H.Q. today or tonight.				
3. ROAD Movement.				
(a) Remainder of loaned convoy (28 vehs) which has been transporting stores for MILPAL returned	KILO 89	1200	15	TPT POOL.
(b) Stores Convoy (35x3 tonners) loaded with stores for 2 B.O.D. from TEL passed	AIRPORT CORNER	1730	15	RAFA.
4. Move of 2 Echs AIF (ME) will be completed today. Moving from	DEIRA			KILO 89.
5. Amendment.- A.A.M.C. Tng Wing moves from ...	KILO 89	on	20	NUSEIRAT. NOT 17 as noted yesterday.
6. MENTS is moving from	BIR SALIM		20	DEIRA.
One pl 9 FAL BUFFS moved with MENTS.				
7. GOC AIF (ME) is inspecting 7 AGH today				
8. Brig SIMPSON (DDMS AIF (ME).) left ...	this HQ	0830	16	CAIRO.
9. Lt-Col BALCHIN, Lt-Col WRIGHT, and Major SCRIVENOR leave	this HQ	1400	16	CAIRO.
10. ADMS HQ AIF (ME) (Lt-Col DAWKINS) and APM AIF (ME) (Lt-Col FAULKNER are expected	at this HQ		16.	
11. Genl AIF (ME) Base Area is attending a conference at MILPAL at 1100 hrs tomorrow				

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

"F" Sec F.S.S.
HQ A.I.F.(ME) Base Area,
16 April 42.

REPORT ON SECTION ACTIVITIES - PERIOD 5 Apr - 11 April 42.

1. MILITARY SECURITY.

(a) Security of Information.

Max UHLMANN owner of a shop in the vicinity of NUSEIRAT Camp was accepting films from the troops for processing by KAUFMAN approved photographer of TEL-AVIV. As he was NOT however submitting his work for censorship by any of the units in the camp he was instructed to cease operating as photographic agent until proper arrangements for censorship could be made.

The perimetre fence of the A.I.F (ME) Base Area compound in Gaza was found to be defective in several places on the north-eastern side . The proper authorities have been notified concerning this.

(b) SECURITY OF PERSONNEL.

Nothing to report.

(c) SECURITY OF MATERIAL.

No losses of arms of S.A.A. were reported in the week under review.

Investigations made into a fire at 2 B.O.D resulting in the destruction of 29,820 pith helmets lead to the belief that it was accidental and NOT sabotage. Once again attention is drawn to the necessity for immediate institution of a centralized pass system in RAFAH Base Camp. The existing unsatisfactory situation makes it almost impossible to ensure security of information and material. The building of a civilian permanent employee camp inside the RAFAH Base Camp area and the construction of a P.O.W. Camp near by only make the need more pressing.

2. MORALE.

(a) Morale of troops.

Nothing to report.

(b) Relation between Troops and Civilians.

On night 8/9 Apr 42 an exchange of shots occured between Arab villagers and Arab soldiers of the Palestine Buffs on guard at Barbara camp. The Arabs were observed in an orchard on the northern side of the camp at 0130 hrs and were challenged three times by the guards. When the Arabs did NOT halt the guards fired on them and the fire was returned. There were about twenty shots in the course of half an hour. During subsequent investigations the Civil Police found tracks leading from the orchard to MAJDAL TOWN.

In endeavouring to find an explanation of the shooting ,

P.T.O.

Report on Section activities - Period 5 Apr -11 Apr. 42.

F.S., N.C.O. learned that the villagers of BEIT TIMA, are at present ill disposed towards the military authorities, since they have been refused work at most of the surrounding camps on account of their propensity for stealing W.D. property a large quantity of which was recently found in the village .

On the night 8/9 Apr 42 there was also an exchangeof shots between Arabs and guards at AL JIYYA Camp, and it is lekely that these Arabs were indentical with those concerned in the BARBARA Shooting which actually occured later in the night .

F.S., N.C.O. further reported the villagers of BEIT TIMA to have become noticeably arrogant, and to have declared that since the Australian troops have gone away they are free to do as they like. They accused the guards at BARBARA and AL JIYYA of shooting at Arabs who were "peacefully" passing by. As to how these "peaceful" Arabs could reply to the shots with bullets, they expressed the conviction that " this would show the English that Arabs could NOT be shot at with impunity."

As an indication of Arab feeling in the Gaza Area it has been reported that the Moslems did NOT visit their Christian friends at Easter time this year. This visiting has always been customary in the past.

(c). Rumors.

There was a rumor in Gaza that a contigentof troops was due to leave PALESTINE for RUSSIA shortly. This rumor was also heard in JERUSALEM.

3. OTHER MATTERS.

Reported conversation in German.

On 3 April 42 a conversation in German was overheard in Spinney's Cafe, Gaza, and was reported to F.S.S. in view of the fact that reference was made to military matters. Unfortunately only disconnected phrases could be reported by the witness, such as "ENGLISH Artillery is situated here ----- a bread van comes to Gaza each day ------ perhaps something could be arranged "; nor could the witness furnish any clue as to the identity of the four men who conducted the conversation , apart from that they were German-looking and that one was dressed in Khaki shorts and shirt. A watch is being kept on the cafe for a reappearance of the men in question.

-YARDENI

The camp S.O. at NUSEIRAT reported that water pump mechanic called YARDENI had threatened to damage the pump of which he was in charge if he was NOT supplied with rations by the army. The pump was inspected and found to have been neglected and in need of maintenance. In the opinion of the R.E., who employ YARDENI, he is a capable worker but unbalanced temperamentally, and it may be necessary therefore to discharge him.

Richard R. (Dickie) MARTIN.

A report that R.R. (Dickie) MARTIN, a blacklisted civilian recently negotiated for the purchase of arms was furnished by an N.C.O. of the Greek R.A.F. Stationed near GAZA. The necessary arrangements are in progress.

P/T.O.

Izzedin SHAWA.

A report was recieved that the above, brother of the mayor of Gaza, and of Rashad, Saadi, and Haj Abdel el Shawa, of GAZA, visited GAZA town recently, but it has NOT yet been possible to prove or disprove the report. One source states that if did visit here it was only to see the anti-British element.

Abdul Razek AZZI of TEL AS SAFI.

Information from one source states this man to be Anti-British. A check revealed that this feeling was held by others also, one of whom stated that Abdul Razek AZZI indulged in a lot of anti-British talk and associated with the anti-British element.

Haj Mahmoud ZACCOOT of MASMIYA AL KABIRA.

Is openly anti-British and anticipates a final German victory in the war.

Civilian Identity Cards.

An Arab Abid el Rahman Abu SIDIGH, recently applied for work with the R.E. but was refused employment on account of apparent erasures on his Identity Card, which had been issued to him when he lived in HAIFA. The man applied for a new identity card at GAZA and obtained one without difficulty. He then reapplied for employment with the R.E., and in all good faith presented his new identity card. One other case investigated showed that an Arab was in possession of two identity cards under different names. One name was on the blacklist and the Arab applied for work under the second name. In this instance the mukhtarof the village concerned admitted that the one man used both names. The matter was then reported to F.S.S., O.C. of this section has presented the facts to the District Commissioner GAZA, and greater care in the issueing of identity cards will be exercised in future. Much however, remains to be done to render the identity card system in PALESTINE an effective one. At the present time there is nothing to ensure that one person cannot obtain an unlimited number of identity cards and therex is no efficient check between the various issuing offices. It is considered that a compulsory system of registration under appropriate ordinance, with punishment for non-compliance , false statements etc . is the only real solution.

4. PERSONNEL .

Capt. G. McConnel Walker was on detached duty in Syria from 6-10 April 1942.
VX. 45290 Sgt. Ker still at 1 Aust Con Depot.
VX. 15101 Cpl Steinitz on detached duty at Sarafand.
VX. 33471 Cpl Kardachi on detached duty in Syria from 6-10 Apr.42
VX. 3779 Cpl Sadeir on detached duty at Rafah.
Sgt Evenary and Sgt Hobart of 252 Sec English F.S.S. on attached duty with this section.

5. TRANSPORT.

Chevrolet car D.S. V.2445 , Ford van 12 cwt V. 2617 and Chevrolet utility V.226 were returned from workshops.
M/Cycle Norton 401407 was fitted with a new engine at workshops.

6. GENERAL.

This section has now confined its area from KILO 89 camp in the North to RUGHAZI Camp in the South and excludes the R.A.F. Greek air force installations. It is considered that the two English sergeants at present stationed at GAZA will need substantial reinforcements to deal with the ne of the remainder of the GAZA Military Area where therex is a considerable security problem which will not be alleviated by the entry of Polish troops.

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Capt.
O.C. "F" Section FSS.

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HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA.

17 April.1942.

ACTIVITY TO-DAY. 1200 hrs 17 Apr 42 to 1200 hrs 18 Apr 42.

Nature of Activity.	Place	Time	Date	Going to, or Remarks.
1. Convoy Movement.				
(a) Arab Legion Driving Party (41 vehs from ALEXANDRIA) loaded with stores for 2BOD passed	AIRPORT CORNER	1400	16	RAFA. Thence TEL AVIV.
(b) Rear Party FF Tk Unit (2 vehs) from BEIRUT was delayed for repairs at SARAFAND, but passed	do.	1530	16	MENA.
(c) Driving Party Aust Ry Const and Maint Gp (28 vehs) from BEIRUT arrived	GAZA	1700	16	Staged night 16/17 Apr at KILO 89 & departed 0600 hrs 17 Apr for TEK.
(d) Adv Party 5 NZ Regt (10 vehs) from AMAZA passed	AIRPORT CORNER	1300	16	SYRIA
(e) 295 A Fd Coy RE (35 vehs) from QASSASSIN passed	do.	0830	17	SYRIA.
(f) 61 Hy AA Regt (248 veh) from Tenth Army staging at JULIS now stages night 17/18 Apr, also, and departs.	JULIS	0700	18	EGYPT
(g) One Tp 6 Survey Regt (12 vehs) from ALAMEIN passes	AIRPORT CORNER	1615	17	TENTH ARMY.
(h) Adv Party remainder FFL Bde Gp (1 veh) from BEIRUT passes	do.	a.m.	18	MATRUH.
(i) "A" Mob Bath unit (3 veh) from QASSASSIN passes	do.	a.m.	18	BABBAITYA
2. RAIL Movement. There is NO rail movement under instns of this H.Q. to-day or to-night.				
3. ROAD Movement. There is NO road movement under instns of this H.Q. to-day or tomorrow.				
4. Move of 2 Ech AIF (ME) was completed yesterday. Moved from	DEMRA			KILO 89
5. No. 5 Fd Censorship Unit moved from	this HQ	0600	17	to join Head Censor T.E.K.
6. Base Area Cash Office moves from	DEIR SUNEID	a.m.	19	NUSEIRAT.
7. Lt-Col Balchin, Lt-Col Wright and Maj. Scrivenor left	this H.Q.	0830	16	CAIRO
8. ADMS HQ AIF (ME) (Lt-Col Dawkins) and APM AIF(ME)(Lt-Col Faulkner) arrived	at this HQ	p.m.	16	
9. G II AIF (ME) Base Area is attending a confere ce at MILPAL at 1100 hrs to-day.				

P. T. O.

Nature of Activity.	Place	Time	Date	Going to or Remarks.
10. One pl 9 Pal Buffs notified yesterday as moving with MEWTS moved from	BIR SALIM		today	DEMRA
11. Adv Party of new British Sub Area HQ are expected to arrive at	DEIR SUNEID	Earliest possible.		Under orders GHQ MEF.
Main party of this HQ are expected to arrive	do.		Not before 20	" "
"Q" staff officer of Pal Base and L of C Area is visiting this HQ to arrange fostering of the new HQ			today.	
12. G.O.C. AIF (ME) departed	this HQ	1100	today	SYRIA.

W.L.Grant Lt.Col.
for 2 i/c.

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17 Apr 42.

AIF (ME) BASE AREA ADM INSTN NO. 106.

MOVE OF FINANCE AND AUDIT SECS INTO KILO 89 CAMP

AND THE ESTABLISHING OF A STAGING CAMP IN KILO 89 CAMP.

1. GENERAL.

This instn covers the Adm arrangements in connection with :-

(a) The move of Finance and Audit Secs from DEIR SUNEID into HEANE Lines, KILO 89.
(b) The establishing of a Staging Camp in HEANE Lines, KILO 89.

2. DATES & TIMINGS.

(a) The move of Finance and Audit Secs will be completed by 1700 hrs 20 Apr 42.

(b) The Staging Camp will be ready for occupation by 1200 hrs 23 Apr 42.

PART I.

3. FOSTERING IN OF FINANCE AND AUDIT SECS.

Aust HQ Gd Bn will provide a working party consisting of :-

Offrs	1
Sgts	1
Cpls	4
Ptes	32
	38

to erect tents (38 EPIP), and clean out huts NOT occupied or being used by AAMC Tng Wing.

Party will report to Adjt, Finance Sec, HEANE Lines, 0830 hrs 18 Apr 42.

Adjt, Finance Sec, will direct as to siting of tents. Work to continue until all tents erected and unoccupied huts cleaned out; party if necessary reporting again 0830 hrs 19 Apr 42, to complete task.

Working party will report back to Aust HQ Gd Bn for all meals and on completion of task, to satisfaction of Adjt, Finance Sec.

No tent sides will be placed in or on unoccupied tents.

AAMC Tng Wing will be responsible for cleanliness of all huts, lines, latrines, showers etc, vacated by them in HEANE Lines, on 20 Apr 42

4. TENTAGE.

Finance Sec will take from DEIR SUNEID to HEANE Lines, KILO 89, 16 EPIP Tents, to be available for erection by Fostering Party 0830 hrs 18 Apr 42.

ADOS AIF (ME) Base Area has arranged for 22 further tents (EPIP) to be made available at NUSEIRAT for Finance Sec, by AIF (ME) Reinft Depot these tents will be available by 0830 hrs 18 Apr 42.

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5. TRANSPORT.

DADST AIF (ME) Base Area will arrange with Adjt, Finance Sec, for MT to be supplied as required for tpt of personnel, tentage and stores.

6. TAKING AND HANDING OVER OF AREA.

Adjts, Finance Sec and AAMC Tng Wing, will arrange suitable time on 20 Apr 42 for the handing over of that portion of lines to be occupied by Finance and Audit Secs.

PART II.

7. ERECTION OF TENTS - STAGING CAMP.

Aust HQ Gd Bn will provide a working party consisting of :-

Offrs	1
Sgts	1
Cpls	4
Ptes	32
	38

to erect tents (31 EPIP) in HEANE Lines.

Party will report to QM AIF (ME) Base Area, at Orderly Room, HEANE Lines, 1400 hrs 20 Apr 42, and will erect tents where sited by him.

Party will also carry out any other work in the Staging Camp, required by QM AIF (ME) Base Area.

Working party will report back to Aust HQ Gd Bn for all meals, and finally on completion of task.

No tent sides will be placed in or on unoccupied tents.

Tent sides NOT erected will be stowed in "Q" Store until required.

AAMC Tng Wing will leave standing the 29 tents (EPIP), already erected in HEANE Lines, and will remove all tent sides from these tents, and stow them in "Q" Store 20 Apr 42.

8. TENTAGE.

ADOS AIF (ME) Base Area will ensure that 31 tents EPIP are available for issue to QM AIF (ME) Base Area by 0830 hrs 20 Apr 42.

9. S & T.

DADST AIF (ME) Base Area will arrange MT as required by QM AIF (ME) Base Area, for tpt of tentage, stores and supplies, and will assist in the provision of rations and supplies as requisitioned by Aust HQ Gd Bn (vide para 11).

10. TAKING AND HANDING OVER OF AREA.

QM AIF (ME) Base Area and Adjt AAMC Tng Wing will arrange suitable time for checking over of tent sides and tentage already erected, and for the handing over of that portion of the lines to be occupied by the Staging Camp.

11. FOSTERING IN OF STAGING CAMP PERSONNEL.

Aust HQ Gd Bn will detail an adequate Foster Party to provide a hot meal for HQ AIF (ME) messing staffs due to arrive at Staging Camp p.m. 23 Apr 42.

More detailed instns in this regard will issue later.

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PART III.

12. MESSING ARRANGEMENTS.

(a) When the offrs' mess is opened in Staging Camp, the offrs of Finance and Audit Secs, and the Medical Offr, will mess therein.

(b) The Sgts and mens' messes of the Staging Camp will be distinct from those of Finance and Audit Secs.

(c) Aust HQ Gd Bn will accommodate in their messes :-

1 offr ex Finance Sec until Staging Camp mess established;
2 offrs of 8 and 20 Aust Dental Units, permanently. (NOTE: these offrs at present messing with AAMC Tng Wing).
2 S/Sgts) of 8 and 20 Aust Dental Units, permanently.
6 ORs)
1 Medical Offr in charge RAP (to be located in HEANE Lines), until Staging Mess established.

(d) Finance Sec to arrange own meals after marching into new location.

13. CANTEEN.

AACS to supply all personnel in HEANE Lines, from Canteen in Aust HQ Gd Bn lines, until further notice.

14. MEDICAL.

RAP will open in HEANE Lines near Sgts' Mess Block, 0830 hrs 21 Apr 42, and will be available to personnel of Finance and Audit Secs, and the Staging Camp.

15. SECURITY.

Aust HQ Gd Bn will be responsible for security, and will arrange for adequate guarding of the whole of HEANE Lines as from 1800 hrs 18 Apr 42, until further notice.

ACK.

Signed at 1300 hrs.

H.L. Grant Lt.Col.
for AQMG AIF (ME) Base Area.

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18 Apr 42.

ACTIVITY TO-DAY.

1200 hrs 18 Apr 42
to 1200 hrs 19 Apr 42.

Nature of Activity	Place	Time	Date	Going to or Remarks.
1. Convoy Movement.				
(a) One Tp 6 Survey Regt (12 vehs) from ALAMEIN ... ... passed	AIRPORT CORNER	1530	17	TENTH ARMY.
(b) 61 Hy AA Regt (248 vehs) from Tenth Army staging at JULIS, departed	JULIS	0700	18	EGYPT.
(c) Adv Party remainder FFL Bde Gp (1 veh) from BEIRUT is due to pass	AIRPORT CORNER	a.m.	18	MATRUH
(d) "A" Mob Bath unit (3 vehs) from QASSASSIN is due to pass	do.	a.m.	18	HABBANIYA
(e) "J" & "K" Wireless Secs (6 vehs) from ALMAZA pass	do.	1205	18	BROUMANA and BEIRUT resp.
(f) Vehicle Convoy (10 vehs) from SARAFAND passes	do.	1430	18	ABBASSIA.
(g) 5 Bridging Sec (10 vehs) from Tenth Army passes	do.	1100	19	FANARA.
2. RAIL Movement.				
(a) There is NO rail movement under instns of this HQ today or tonight.				
(b) Arrangements are in hand to move 2 L of C Postal Unit (1 WO and 18 OR's) from	GAZA	2245	19	AUST BASE PO., T E K.
3. ROAD Movement.				
(a) There is NO road movement under instns this HQ today.				
(b) Driving party from 4 Aust Lt AA Regt which departed 14 Apr to pick up tractors and guns from TEK are expected to arrive	MUGHAZI	1050	19	
(c) Driving Party which departed on 15 Apr with vehicles for 9 Aust Div, returning in 2 vehs, is due to arrive	KILO 89	about noon	18	
4. Base Area Cash Office moves from	DEIR SUNEID	p.m.	19	NUSEIRAT
5. Capt D-Luff RRFC who has been appointed DAA and QMG GAZA Sub-Area (British) is expected	at this HQ		by 20	
6. "Q" Staff Officer of Pal Base and L of C Area did not arrive yesterday but is expected	at this HQ		to-day	to arrange fostering of new HQ

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Nature of Activity	Place	Time	Date	Going to or remarks.
7. Unidentified enemy vessel shelled power House TEL AVIV		between 1950 & 2000	17	No military damage resulted.
8. Maj Scrivenor is expected to return from CAIRO	To this HQ	late p.m.	to-day.	...
9. Lieut Morphett (AIRS rep) left	GAZA	a.m.	17	To assist in handing over of CAIRO billets to BRITISH

H.H. Grant Lt-Col.
A/2 i/c.

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ACTIVITY TODAY. 1200 hrs 19 Apr 42 to 1200 hrs 20 Apr 42. 19 Apr 42.

Nature of Activity		Place	Time	Date	Going to, or Remarks.
1. CONVOY MOVEMENT.					
(a) "J" and "K" W/T Secs (6 vehs) from AIMAZA	passed	AIRPORT CORNER	1300 hrs.	18	BROUMANA and BEIRUT respectively.
(b) 5 BR Sec (10 vehs) from TENTH ARMY	passes	do.	1100	19	FANARA.
(c) Dr Party, with 30 vehicles for MINISTRY of DEFENCE, TURKEY, from TAHAG	passes	do.	0900	20	TURKEY.
(d) 13 LANCERS (160 vehs) from HS	passes	do.	PM	20	KHATABA.
2. RAIL MOVEMENT.					
(a) 2 Aust L of C Postal Unit (ORs 19).	depart	GAZA	2231 hrs.	19	Aust Base PO, TEK.
3. ROAD MOVEMENT.					
(a) Dr party TPT POOL (offrs 1, ORs 25) returning from 9 Aust Div	arrived	KILO 89	1230 hrs.	18	
(b) Dr party 4 Aust Lt AA Regt (offrs 1, ORs 36) returning from TEK	arrive	MUGHAZI	1050	18	
(c) MEWTS (offrs 10 ORs 95), in 24 lorries 3 ton from BIR SALIM	due	DIBRI		20	
(d) 9 Coy PALESTINE BUFFS, less one pl, from SARAFAND	due	DIBRI		20	to take over gd duties.
4. AAMC TNG WING (offrs 7, ORs 223, from KILO 89	arrives	NUSEIRAT	1200	20	MS Lines.
5.(a) Adv Party, 1 POLISH GEN HOSP (offrs 1 ORs 12), from ALEXANDRIA	arrives	REHOVOTH	0125	20	(For KFAR BILU, (to relieve 7 AUST (GEN HOSP.
(b) Main body, 1 POLISH GEN HOSP (offrs 13, Nurses 17, ORs 67) from ALEXANDRIA	arrives	do.	0125	24	((((
6. BASE APM CASH OFFICE from DEIR SUNEID	arrives	NUSEIRAT	PM	19	
7. Area Commandant (Maj SCRIVENOR) returned from CAIRO	to	this HQ	1930	18	
8. DAD Posts (Maj ROGERS)	left	this HQ	0800	19	HQ AIF (ME), CAIRO.
9. AIMS, HQ AIF (ME), (Lt.Col DAWKINS)	departs	this HQ AHQ PTO.		20	HQ AIF (ME), CAIRO, by air.

Nature of Activity.	Place	time	Date	Going to, or Remarks.
10. Authority has been given for formation of (British) HQ GAZA SUB AREA (strength offrs 15, ORs 50), to be established at DEIR SUNEID w.e.f. 16 Apr. Personnel will be provided by GHQ MEF.				
11. DAA & QMG GAZA SUB AREA (Capt D. LUFF, KRRC) is expected	this HQ		20	
12. "Q" Staff Offr (Lieut JORDAN) from PAL BASE and L of C AREA, is expected	this HQ		20	to arrange fostering new GAZA SUB-AREA HQ
13. Arrangements are in hand to move 101 Aust Gen Tpt Coy from KILO 89 to	SYRIA			Date yet to be decided.
14. Finance and Audit Sec AIF move from DEIR SUNEID to	KILO 89	1700	20	HEANE LINES.

[signature] Col.
2 i/c AIF (ME) Base Area.

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ACTIVITY TO-DAY.

1200 hrs 20 Apr 42
to 1200 hrs 21 Apr 42.

Nature of Activity.	Place	Time hrs.	Date Apr	Going to or Remarks
1. Convoy Movement				
(a) 2 Aust L of C Pro Coy (8 vehicles) from EGYPT passed	AIRPORT CORNER	0950	19	RAFA.
(b) "A" Mob Bath Unit (3 vehicles) from QASSASSIN passed	do.	1200	19	HABBANIYA (previously due to pass on 18 Apr.
(c) 5 BR SEC (10 vehicles) from TENTH ARMY passed	do.	1300	19	FANARA.
(d) 2 ACC RAF (17 vehicles) from EGYPT passed	do.	1315	19	RAMLE
(e) One Tp 7 Fd Sqn RE (11 vehicles) from MENA passed	do.	1330	19	DAMASCUS.
(f) Dr party with 30 vehicles for MINISTRY of DEFENCE, TURKEY. from TAHAG passed	do.	0900	20	TURKEY.
(g) 13 LANCERS (160 vehicles) from H 3 passes	do.	p.m.	20	KHATATBA
(h) Main Body 5 NZ Fd Regt (119 vehicles) from ALMAZA passes	do.	1045	21	SYRIA
(j) Convoy "A" remainder FFL Bde Gp (46 vehicles)from SYRIA passes	do.	1100	21	EGYPT
(k) Det 4 HT Coy (horses 61, carts AT 40) from HADERA arrives	BARBARA	p.m.	21	
2. RAIL MOVEMENT.				
(a) 2 Aust L of C Postal Unit (ORs 19) from GAZA departed	GAZA Sta	2300	19	Aust Base PO, T E K.
3. ROAD MOVEMENT				
(a) Dr Party 4 Aust Lt AA Regt (offrs 1 ORs 36 returning from T E K arrived	MUGHAZI	1045	19	
(b) MEWTS (offrs 10 ORs 95 from BIR SALIM due	DIMRA		20	
(c) 9 Coy PALESTINE BUFFS, less one pl from SARAFAND due	DIMRA		20	To take over gd duties.
(d) Road Party Instructional Staff Junior Leaders Course M.E.T.S., (7 vehs) from HELWAN passes	AIRPORT CORNER	1345	21	DEIR SUNEID.
(e) Rail Party, ditto, (Offrs 1 ORs 7) arrives	GAZA Sta	0330	21	DEIR SUNEID.
4. Camo SO DIMRA will be withdrawn			20	

P. T. O.

Nature of Activity	Place	Time hrs	Date Apr	Going to or Remarks.
5. AAMC Trg Wing (offrs 7 ORs 223) changes location from	KILO 89	1200	20	NUSEIRAT "MS"LINES
6. Finance and Audit Sec AIF (offrs 1 ORs130) changes location from	DEIR SUNEID	1200	20	KILO 89(HEANE LINES)
7. Base Area Cash Office changed location from	do.	1630	19	NUSEIRAT.
8. Adv Party 1 POLISH GEN HOSP (offrs 1 ORs 11) from ALEXANDRIA arrived	REHOVOTH	0700	20	
9 ADMS HQ AIF (ME)(Lt-Col DAWKINS) departed	this HQ	0830	20	for CAIRO
10. DAA & QMG new GAZA SUB-AREA is now expected	do.		24	
11. "Q" Staff Offr (Capt JORDAN) from PAL BASE & L of C AREA is expected	do.		20	To arrange fostering of new GAZA SUB-AREA HQ

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WAR DIARY.

APR 20 '42.

Comd communicated again with Pal Base, urging the necessity of establishing the new GAZA SUB AREA without delay.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Headquarters
AIF (ME) Base Area
20 Apr 42.

CHANGE OF LOCATION OF UNITS.

It is advised that HQ AIF (ME) closes HELIOPOLIS opens GAZA at 0800 hrs 25 Apr 42. Telegraphic address AUSFORCE, GAZA. HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA closes same time.

Maj.
GS HQ AIF (ME) Base Area.

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HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA.

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ACTIVITY TO-DAY.

1200 hrs 21 Apr 42
to 1200 hrs 22 Apr 42.

Nature of Activity.	Place	Time.	Date.	Going to or Remarks.
		hrs	Apr	
1. CONVOY Movement.				
(a) 13 LANCERS (160 vehicles) from H 3 passed	AIRPORT CORNER	1230	20	KHATATBA.
(b) Main Body 5 NZ Fd Regt (119 vehicles) from ALMAZA passes	do.	1045	21	SYRIA.
(c) Convoy "A" remainder FFL Bde Gp (46 vehicles) from SYRIA passes	do.	1100	21	EGYPT.
(d) Det 4 HT Coy (horses 61, carts AT 40) from HADERA arrives	BARBARA	p.m.	21	
(e) Road Party 11 Bn Royal Marines (8 vehicles) from GANARA passes	AIRPORT CORNER	0900	22	HAIFA
(f) Convoy "B" remainder FFL Bde Gp (28 vehicles) from SYRIA passes	do.	1100	22	EGYPT.
(g) Convoy "E" ditto passes	do.	1115	22	EGYPT
2. RAIL Movement. Nil.				
3. ROAD Movement.				
(a) MEWTS (offrs 10 ORs 95) from BIR SALIM arrived	DIMRA		20	
(b) Road Party Instructional Staff Junior Leaders Course M.E.T.S. (7 vehs) from HELWAN passes	AIRPORT CORNER	1345	21	DEIR SUNEID
(c) Rail Party, ditto, (Offrs 1 ORs 7) arrived	GAZA Sta	0600	21	DEIR SUNEID
(d) Vehicle Convoy (8 vehicles and 8 trailers) loaded with stores for Inst Wing 2 BOD from TEK passes	AIRPORT CORNER	1800	22	RAFA.
4. "Q" Staff Offr (Capt JORDAN) from PAL BASE & L of C AREA arrived	this H Q		20	To arrange fostering of new GAZA SUB-AREA H Q.
5. GSO III (Lieut C.D.Elliott-Cooper)) SC "A" (Lieut J.A.Mackie)) RAOC rep (Lieut Joyce), GAZA SUB-AREA) arrived	this H Q	0600	21	
6. APM AIF (ME), Lt-Col FAULKNER departed	[illegible]	1030	21	CAIRO by Air.

[signature] Col.
2 A/c

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21 Apr 42.

AIF (ME) BASE AREA ADM INSTN NO. 107.

SUPPLY SYSTEM GAZA AREA.

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1. With effect from 2400 hrs 23 Apr 42, 101 Aust Gen Tpt Coy will cease deliveries of rations to units in GAZA Area.

1 Aust DID, AL MAJDAL, will cease issue in bulk and commence issues to units in detail.

2. Units will arrange to draw rations in accordance with Appx "A" att. One loader will be provided per vehicle.

To avoid congestion and delay, it is essential that the times laid down for drawing rations are strictly adhered to.

3. ACCOUNTING.

(a) AB 55s will be submitted as before, i.e., 3 days in advance and handed in to SO DID, AL MAJDAL.

AIF (ME) Reinft Depot will submit through SO attached.

(b) On Sunday each week, each indenting unit will complete AF W3810 (Comparison of "Daily Ration Strength" with "Rations drawn"), and fwd it, together with unit copies of AB 55s, NOT later than the following Tuesday to DADST, AIF (ME) Base Area.

4. POL.

POL Depot will remain at present location and units will draw their requirements under arrangements 1 Aust DID.

5. FUEL OIL AND EXPENSE STORES.

These items will be issued against weekly demands instead of daily. QMs will be responsible that issues within unit are controlled accordingly.

6. TPT.

Tpt Details will provide MT and drs for DID as follows :-

(a) To be att to DID :-

one MC and rider
one lorry 30 cwt and dr,

(b) To be allotted to DID daily for collection of bulk rations from TEL AVIV:-

eleven lorries 3-ton and drs.

Details of employment of these vehicles will be arranged with TPT DETAILS by DID.

M Grant
Lt-Col.
for AQMG AIF (ME) Base Area.

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AIF (ME) Reinft Depot	1-17	37 BSD	39
4 Aust Lt AA Regt	18	3 Det 4 BRSC	40
HQ Sigs AIF (ME) Base Area	19		
101 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	20	9 Coy Pal Buffs	43
1 Aust DID	21-22	BOD BARBARA	46
Aust HQ Gd Bn	23	Det Greek Air Force	44
Tpt Details	24	RAF SHQ	45
Aust Depot Bn	25	275 AMES	46
6 Aust Gen Hosp	26	Comd	47
8 Aust Spec Hosp	27	2 i/c	48
1 Aust Con Depot	28	'G'	49
2/6 Aust Fd Hyg Sec	29	'A'	50
4 Aust MAC	30	'Q'	51
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3 Aust Det Bks	33	ADOS	
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APPX 'A' TO AIF (ME) BASE AREA AIM INSTN No.107

GROUPING OF UNITS AND TIME TABLE FOR DRAWING OF RATIONS AT 1 ADST DID - AL MAJDAL.

Unit	Location	Ration Strength	Vehicles required. To be supplied by Unit.	Vehicles required. To be supplied to unit by TPT DETAILS.	Time
					hrs.
4 Aust Lt AA Regt	MUGHAZI	1086	2 lorries 3-ton		1030
HQ Sigs AIF (ME) Base Area	GAZA	20)	2 lorries 3-ton		1020
HQ AIF (ME) Base Area	"	930)			
3 L of C Pro Coy	"	66)			
Det Greek Air Force	GAZA AIRPORT	788)	2 lorries 3-ton		1040
RAF SHQ	"	237)			
275 AMES	"	53)			
6 Aust Gen Hosp	GAZA RIDGE	426		1 lorry 3-ton	1050
8 Aust Spec Hosp	GAZA RIDGE	504		1 lorry 3-ton	1100
Finance Sec	KILO 89	148	1 van 15-cwt		0825
Aust H Q Gd Bn	KILO 89	600	1 lorry 30-cwt 1 van 15-cwt		0830
Aust Depot Bn	KILO 89	400		1 lorry 3-ton	0835
101 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	KILO 89	320	1 lorry 30-cwt		0840
Tpt Details	KILO 89	200	1 lorry 30-cwt		0845
2 Echn	KILO 89	310	1 lorry 30-cwt		0850
2/6 Aust Fd Hyg Sec	KILO 89	54)	1 lorry 30-cwt		0855
4 Aust MAC	" "	56)			
2 L of C Rec Sec	" "	44)			
RTO MAJDAL	AL MAJDAL	4	To be delivered by DID.		
DID	" "	32			
Security Gd	" "	66			
37 ESD	AL JIYA	134	1 lorry 30-cwt		0800
3 Det 4 EFSC	" "	46	1 van 15-cwt		0805
BOD BARBARA	BARBARA	69	1 van 15-cwt		0810
9 Coy Pal Buffs	DIMRA	156		1 lorry 3-ton	0815
20 Aust Inf Tng Bn	NUSEIRAT	400)		1 lorry 3-ton	0910
26 " " " "	"	900)			
24 Aust Inf Tng Bn	NUSEIRAT	440)		1 lorry 3-ton	0920
9 Aust Inf Spec Cp	"	214)			

CONTINUED SHEET 2.

Unit	Location	Ration Strength	Vehicles required		Time
			To be supplied by Unit.	To be supplied to unit by TPT DETAILS.	
					hrs.
Aust Services Tng Regt.	NUSEIRAT	596)		1 lorry 3-ton	0930
3 Aust Det Bks	"	130)			
Aust Arty Tng Regt	NUSEIRAT	340)		2 lorries 3-ton	0940
Aust Armd Tng Regt	"	[illegible])			
Aust Sig Tng Bn	"	230)			
Aust Eng Tng Bn	NUSEIRAT	340)		1 lorry 3-ton	0950
AAMC Tng Wing	"	250)			
HQ AIF (ME) Reinft Depot	"	30)			
Aust Comp Inf Tng Bn	NUSEIRAT	1084		2 lorries 3-ton	1000
1 Aust Con Depot	NUSEIRAT	550	2 lorries 30-cwt		1010
CRE GAZA	GAZA		1 van 15-cwt		1120
DCRE BEIT JIRJA	BEIT JIRJA		1 van 15-cwt		0820

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AIF (ME) BASE AREA.

ROUTINE ORDERS.

By

BRIGADIER J.A. CHAPMAN, DSO.

Commander, AIF (ME) Base Area.

War Diary

NO. 76. GAZA, 21 APRIL, 1942.

GENERAL STAFF.

791.- CONTROL OF PHOTOGRAPHY:

1. The following have been added to the list of approved military photographers:

No.136. SAUL BIGEILMAN, 54, Hayarkon St, TEL AVIV.
No.137. ABDR ER RAZZAQ BADRAN, Studio BADRAN for Arts, GAZA.
No.138. SHAUL DUCKMAN, Photo Haifa, Jaffa Rd, HAIFA.
No.139. MENELAOS CONSTANTIN SAVVIDDES, Photographers, Jaffa Rd, HAIFA.
No.140. HANS LOWY & HANS HAIM PINN, Photo Service, 33, Ben Yehuda Rd, TEL AVIV.
No.141. JOSEF FREILICH, Photo Studio, HERTSLIA.
No.142. ELIAHU BROS, 35, Kingsway, HAIFA.
No.143. Dr. H. THALOFER, Fotofilm, 84, Allenby St, TEL AVIV.
No.144. MIRJAM SHAPIRO, Photo Shapiro, Teller St, REHOVOT.
No.145. ABRAHAM SCHACTER, 8a, Hashomer St, TEL AVIV.
No.146. ISRAEL WEINERS, C/o Photo IFI Film, 37, Kingsway, HAIFA.
No. 26. SAVVIDES, GAZA.
No.147. FLOUTY BROS, The New Ramleh Library & Stationery Store, RAMLEH.
No.148. BORUCH ZEJTLIN, 20, Mohliver St, PETAH TIKVA.
No.149. A. MENDELSTAMM, Photo Studio Miryam, 59, Jaffa Rd, HAIFA.
No.150. ROLF HERMELIN, 45, Ussishkin St, Rehavia, JERUSALEM.
No.151. Mrs FETE ISLE BAER, 126, Ben Yehuda St, TEL AVIV.

[signature]
Major
General Staff.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S STAFF.

792.- CABLES TO AIF PERSONNEL RETURNED TO AUSTRALIA:

1. For security reasons units of addressees may not be included in addresses of cables to AIF personnel who have returned to Australia. Aust Posts have stated that they cannot at present effect delivery of cables to such personnel.

2. All ranks should be informed that under present conditions cables cannot be accepted for AIF personnel in units which have recently returned to Australia.

(Repeat in Unit R.O.s.)

793.- FREE POSTAGE - CIVIL ADDRESSES PALESTINE:

1. The P.M.G. PALESTINE has given approval for the extension of the same concessions as apply to the British Army in respect of postage to civilian addresses in PALESTINE.

2. This provides for free postage on articles up to two ounces.

3. All such articles should be endorsed, at the top of the envelope with the words "On Active Service."

794.- MAIL - ADDRESSING OF:

1. All ranks of AIF in Middle East are advised that, in order to expedite delivery of their incoming mail, they should inform their correspondents that the correct method of addressing their mail now is:

No, Rank, Name,
Unit,
C/- No. 1 AIF Base Post Office,
Abroad.

P.T.O. /795. COMPENSATION.....

795.- COMPENSATION - DAMAGES CAUSED BY MILITARY PERSONNEL:

1. It is a responsibility of C.O.s and Convening Officers to ensure that particulars of any expenses, loss, damage, or destruction caused to any private person or public authority by the offence are inserted in each Charge Report, Guard Report, or Charge Sheet. The following instructions relevant to this topic were promulgated on 10 Feb 41 in AIF Circular No. A1/1941 :

There have been cases in which, despite the fact that losses and expenses were caused to public authorities or private persons by offences committed by members of the AIF, no award of compensation has been made by the CO or Court Martial which convicted the offenders, with consequent loss to the Army, to other public authorities or to private individuals.

A member of the AIF who commits an offence can, by means of a summary award or Court Martial sentence, be put under stoppages of pay in order to recover from him any of the following amounts :

(i) The amount of any loss of or damage or destruction done by him to (a) any arms, ammunition, equipment, clothing, instruments, or regimental necessities or military decoration, or to any other article owned by the Commonwealth of Australia or by a Unit of the Military Forces of the Commonwealth, or to (b) any buildings or property whoever the owner thereof may be; and

(ii) The amount of any expenses, loss, damage or destruction caused to any private person or public authority by the commission of the offence. See Army Act ss. 137 and 138, and Defence Act s. 97.

A C.O., before applying for a Court Martial against any member of the AIF under his command, will ascertain and include in the "particulars" of the charges, as accurate details as possible concerning the amount of losses and expenses caused to the Army or to any private or public person or body as a result of the offence with which the accused is charged : Rules of Procedure, RP 13(F) and First Appendix (Notes (23 & 24) (MML 629) Aust Edition.

796.- AMMUNITION DEFICIENCIES:

1. Units will submit indents forthwith to ADOS AIF (ME) Base Area, for their present deficiencies, to G 1098 scale, of all types of ammunition.

2. These indents will cancel previous indents which may have been furnished for ammunition deficiencies.

797.- DELIVERY AND COLLECTION OF KITS - AIF (ME) KIT STORE:

1. As from 16 Apr 42 a weekly delivery of kits will be made each THURSDAY to the following formations and units:

HQ AIF (ME) Base Area.	8 Aust Spec Hosp
HQ AIF (ME) Reinft Depot.	1 Aust Conv Depot
6 Aust Gen Hosp.	

2. Collection of kits for return to KIT STORE will be made on the same day.

3. Units (other than those mentioned above) desiring to deposit or withdraw kits will advise their respective formation HQ by 1200 hrs each Wednesday, so that the necessary arrangements may be made.

4. Units will ensure that all kits are listed on AF AIF KS4, and are correctly marked with regimental No, Rank, Name and Unit.

798.- DISPOSAL OF EXCRETA:

1. The practice observed in certain instances whereby contents of night urine buckets are emptied into the inspection traps of systems leading to TEL AVIV pits will cease forthwith.

2. The correct method of disposal is by emptying of the bucket contents into a deep trench latrine.

3. Unit Commanders will ensure that these instructions are made known to and obeyed by natives employed in these duties.

799.- M.T. DRIVERS - LICENCES:

1. There has been a considerable increase in the number of road accidents due in many cases to the inexperience of MT drivers.

Reports indicate that Military personnel are driving vehicles without having been properly tested and issued with Army Licences.

2. Attention is directed to HQ AIF (ME) GS Instruction No. 30 of 8 Sept 41 (Training Classification and Testing of Drivers Mechanics and Drivers MT) and pursuant thereto Commanding Officers will forthwith conduct a check of all MT drivers and mechanics and take the necessary steps where the provisions of the Instruction have not yet been complied with.

3. Disciplinary action in future will be taken where Army personnel not in possession of a licence are in charge of vehicles.

P.T.O. /800.- DISTRICT.....

800.- DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL:

1. At GAZA on the ELEVENTH day of APRIL, 1942, NX 10265 Pte R.D. URQUHART of HQ AIF (ME) Base Area was tried by District Court Martial convened by Commander, HQ AIF (ME) Base Area, BEING ARRAIGNED ON THE FOLLOWING CHARGES:

FIRST CHARGE Army Act Sec 18 (4).	:	When on active service stealing property belonging to a person subject to military law, IN THAT HE, at GAZA, on or about 23 Mar 42, stole a Kodak 35 mm Camera valued at £A5,11.6d, the property of QX 8015 Pte GREER D.G., a person subject to military law.
SECOND CHARGE Army Act Sec 40.	:	When on active service conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, IN THAT HE, at GAZA, on 26 Mar 42, was found improperly in possession of blank leave passes.
FINDING	:	Accused was found GUILTY on both charges.
SENTENCE AND CONFIRMATION	:	Accused was sentenced to undergo detention for six (6) months (Date of sentence - 11 Apr 42), such sentence being confirmed by Commander, AIF (ME) Base Area 15 Apr 42.

801.- BUS FARES, TEL AVIV - REDUCTIONS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL:

1. The "Hamavir" Bus Company of TEL AVIV has fixed a special price for soldiers in uniform of 4 mils instead of 6 mils for every trip on TEL AVIV Buses, including routes No. 4 and 5 (fare of which is double the original 6 mils) these being also valid for all hours of the days.

802.- BOUNDS - HOTELS AND CAFES, TEL AVIV:

1. The following Hotels and Cafes in TEL AVIV have been placed "Out of Bounds":-

Hotel	Savoy	...	5 Geula Street,	TEL AVIV
Hotel	Gottlieb	...	5 Ahavat Zion St,	" "
Hotel	Commercial	...	64 Livinsky St,	" "
Hotel	Sisselman	...	62 Livinsky St,	" "
Cafe	Ruth	...	Seashore,	" "
Cafe	Tel-Aviv	...	Seashore,	" "
Canadian Cafe		...	26 Bograshov St,	" "

803.- JEWISH DIVINE SERVICE:

1. The above service will be held on Friday 24 April 42 at 1830 hrs in the Chapel, No. 2 Sister's Staging Mess, 6 A.C.H.

2. Camp Commanders will co-ordinate arrangements as regards transport for any personnel of Jewish Faith who desire to attend this service.

Lt-Col
A.A.G.

Distribution:-
All Units under Comd.

NOTICE.

ANZAC DAY SERVICES:

1. A dawn service will be held at GAZA War Cemetery at 0520 hrs on Sat 25 Apr 42.

Representatives from units to be in position by 0515 hrs under unit arrangements.

Mass for Roman Catholic personnel will be celebrated at 0600 hrs after the dawn service.

2. On Sunday, 26 Apr 42, ordinary church services will be held incorporating special commemoration service for Anzac Day.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

H.Q. A.I.F. (ME).
8 Sep 41.

GS INSTRUCTION NO 30

TRAINING, CLASSIFICATION AND TESTING OF DRIVER MECHANICS & DRIVERS M.T.

1. Training of Drivers M.T.

(a) Personnel selected for training as drivers must be chosen from those with previous knowledge of the work, and preferably from those who have held civil or AMF driving licences for a period of not less than 12 months.

(b) Those classed as learners are to be first instructed on the oldest vehicle on unit charge, and, when proficient on this, will be graduated to newer vehicles. On no account will a new vehicle be used for teaching driving to men with little previous experience.

2. Drivers under Instruction.

(a) A member of the Forces undergoing driving instruction will be accompanied by an instructor who will sit beside him and be prepared to take over control of the vehicle in an emergency. In cases of impending accident it will be noted that an endeavour to seize the wheel on the part of the instructor will usually result in disaster, as it is impossible for him to operate the foot controls. He should be prepared to give sharp orders to his pupil/to switch off the ignition and apply the hand brake.

(b) A driver under instruction will not be permitted to drive in main streets of city areas until his Commanding Officer is satisfied that he is capable of controlling the vehicle under any conditions of traffic, and that he is thoroughly conversant with local traffic regulations and by-laws.

(c) When under instruction, a driver of whatever rank, will be under the direct supervision and orders of the driving instructor.

3. Classification and Testing of Drivers MT and Driver Mechanics.

(a) Drivers on establishment of units will be classified into two categories - Drivers MT and Driver Mechanics.

(b) The classification of Driver Mechanic, calls for special ability in practical handling, mechanical knowledge and running repairs.

(c) The standard required of a Driver M.T. is much higher than that usually attained by the average civilian driver. A military driver is required to possess a knowledge of the vehicles placed in his charge, and to be competent to maintain them in a state of mechanical efficiency, if necessary, for extended periods on detached duty, when help and supervision may not be available. This involves a sound knowledge of running repairs as laid down in Army Instructions and makers' instruction books.

(d) A soldier will not be appointed a Driver M.T. or upgraded to Driver Mechanic until he has qualified in the respective tests prescribed in Appendices A and B attached.

(e) Personnel qualified as eligible for appointment as Driver Mechanics will be recorded in Unit Part II Orders.

4. Qualifications for AIF Army Driving Licences.

Before he can receive a licence, a member of the Forces must pass the prescibed test laid down in Appendix A.

Tests will be conducted by a competent Officer or Warrant Officer detailed by the Commanding Officer for that purpose. The Testing Officer or Warrant Officer must himself be in possession of an AIF Army Driving Licence for the types of vehicles in which he is testing.

Tests will be carried out for each type of vehicle for which the issue of a licence is desired.

F.R. BURTON Col
G.S.

DISTRIBUTION:-

All Units under Comd.

Appendix "A" to HQ, A.I.F.
(ME) GD Instruction No. 30.

TEST FOR ARMY DRIVING LICENCE AND DRIVER M.T.

The test in which personnel must qualify before being issued with an AIF Army Driving Licence will be such as to demonstrate -

i. That he is a proficient driver by day and by night. This will include the ability to start the engine, change gears proficiently, turn corners properly, reverse the vehicle in a narrow street, negotiate traffic, start on a hill, reverse into a garage, stop at a given point, stop quickly and safely in an emergency, park against a curb, tow another vehicle and drive in convoy.

ii. That he has a thorough knowledge of traffic and convoy signals, rules of the road, local regulations and by-laws, march discipline and the action to be taken in case of accidents.

iii. That he has elementary knowledge of the functioning of the engine, and transmission of the class of vehicle on which he is tested and of the diagnosis and rectification of minor running faults.

iv. That he has a good knowledge of the routine maintenance of the class of vehicle on which he is tested, particularly in regard to chassis and engine lubrication.

v. That he is possessed of road sense and confidence, and is free from any physical defect which may effect his driving ability.

Appendix "B" to HQ, A.I.F.
(ME) GD Instruction No.30.

TEST FOR DRIVER MECHANIC.

A Driver M.T. before being classified as a Driver Mechanic must qualify in a test conducted under Unit arrangements.

To qualify in this test a Driver M.T. must:-

i. Be a thoroughly proficient driver on all types of vehicles with which his unit is equipped, under all conditions, including cross-country work.

ii. Have a good knowledge of the functions of the major components of the vehicles with which his unit is equipped.

iii. Be able to diagnose and report upon all ordinary mechanical breakdowns; and

iv. Be able to execute minor repairs and adjustments within the capacity of the hand tools with which the vehicles of his unit are equipped, and to maintain such vehicles in good condition.

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Appendix "C" to HQ, A.I.F.
(ME) GS Instruction No.30.

ISSUE AND CONTROL OF AIF ARMY DRIVING LICENCES.

1. Responsibility of Commanding Officers.

Each Commanding Officer is responsible for the issue and control of AIF Army Driving Licences within his unit.

2. AIF Army Driving Licence (AAF Gll)

(a) Except as provided in sub-paras (b) and (c) below, every member of the Australian Imperial Force who drives on duty a military motor vehicle, or a privately owned vehicle employed on military duty must be in possession of an AIF Army Driving Licence for the particular type of vehicle being driven. The AIF Army Driving Licence also authorises the holder to drive on duty a privately owned motor vehicle of the type specified in the licence, where such vehicle is being employed on military duty. The Licence will be carried on the person by the individual to whom it is issued, when driving a motor vehicle on duty and must be produced for inspection on request.

(b) A member of the Forces undergoing driving instruction who is not in possession of an AIF Army Driving Licence for the particular class of vehicle on which instruction is being given, must be accompanied by a member who holds an AIF Army Driving Licence for such class of vehicle.

(c) In very exceptional circumstances and where the exigencies of the service render it unavoidable, a member of the Forces who has held a civilian or AMF Driving Licence, but who does not possess an AIF Army Driving Licence, may be ordered to take charge of, and drive, a motor vehicle being used on military duty. Any member so ordered to drive will be given specific instructions in regard to the method of carrying out, and the limits of, the duty.

(d) The possession of a civil or AMF Driving Licence does NOT authorise a member of the AIF to drive a military vehicle. A member who has held a civil or AMF Driving Licence shall be considered to be under instruction until such time as he has qualified for and been issued with an AIF Army Driving Licence.

(e) The licence will take the form of a folding cover, AAF Gll. Licences will be machine numbered, and a record of the number of blank licence forms issued to units will be maintained at HQ AIF (ME).

3. CLASSES OF MILITARY MOTOR VEHICLES.

(a) An AIF Army Driving Licence will be issued to authorise the holder to drive, in accordance with para 2 (a) above, specified classes of vehicles. For this purpose vehicles are divided into classes as follows:-

Class	I.	-	Cars and Vans.
Class	II.	-	Lorries (i.e. load carrying vehicles of 30-cwt capacity or over)
Class	III.	-	Wheeled Tractors.
Class	IV.	-	Tracked Vehicles.
Class	V.	-	Motor Cycles.

A licence will be issued to Officers and ORs for those classes only for which the applicant has passed the prescribed tests.

(b) The number of licences issued to Drivers M.T. in a unit will not exceed the establishment except that in case of Fitters M.T., Mechanics M.T. and Driver Mechanics, these specialists will be tested for and issued with driving licences for specified classes of vehicles.

(c) Where an individual who already holds an AIF Army Driving Licence qualifies for an additional class or classes of vehicles, such additional class or classes will be entered in the licence. The Commanding Officer will sign his name against the entry in the space provided and the register (see para 4) will be endorsed accordingly.

Appendix "C" (Continued)

4. PREPARATION, RECORD AND ISSUE OF LICENCES.

The testing officer or warrant officer will enter the name of the individual and the types of vehicles for which he has qualified in a "Unit Record of Driving Tests and Register of AIF Army Driving Licences" and sign his name against the entry as a certificate that the tests have been passed (Pro-forma attached).

When members are tested elsewhere than in their own units, for example, at a Driving and Maintenance Course, the record of qualification will be notified to the Unit concerned by the testing authority and a reference to the correspondence will be made in the register in the place provided for the signature of the testing officer.

The AIF Cll will then be prepared, signed by the Commanding Officer, entered in the Unit Register, and then issued to the individual concerned, who will sign for it in the Unit Register.

5. CANCELLATION, LOSS AND TRANSFER OF LICENCES.

(a) Since the AIF Army Driving Licence is for the driving of motor vehicles on duty only, it automatically becomes void when the holder is :-

Transferred to a Unit without M.T. on its establishment.

Promoted, or, becomes a specialist, which does not necessitate the driving of M.T. vehicles (e.g. Cpl Clerk, T.M.T.),

or ceases to serve.

Licences on issue to members being returned to Australia or discharged locally will be withdrawn and cancelled. A Commanding Officer if he considers that a holder of a licence has become unfit to take charge of a vehicle, will withdraw and cancel the licence. Details of the cancelled licences will be struck off the Unit Register and a note of the cancellation will be made in the appropriate column of the Register.

Cancelled licences will be destroyed.

(b) In the case of a licence being reported lost or accidently destroyed, a duplicate may be issued by the Commanding Officer. The Register will be endorsed accordingly.

(c) When the holder of an AIF Army Driving Licence is transferred to another Unit he must produce his licence when reporting for duty, so that the transfer may be endorsed thereon and details of the licence entered in the register of his new unit.

Details of a licence on issue to a holder who is transferred will be struck off the register of his former Unit and a note of the transfer made in the appropriate column of the register.

6. STANDING ORDERS FOR DRIVERS.

(a) A copy of Standing Orders for Drivers of Mechanical Vehicles will be issued to each holder of an AIF Army Driving Licence and will be kept in his possession whilst on duty, together with his licence.

(b) It will be kept amended as necessary, and will be returned when a licence is cancelled in accordance with para 5.

(c) These Standing Orders are in course of preparation and will be printed and issued in due course. In the meantime the Australian publication may be used as a general guide.

UNIT RECORD OF DRIVING TESTS AND REGISTER OF ARMY DRIVING LICENCES.

UNIT_____

Army No.Rank and name	Types of vehicles for which qualified to receive a Licence	Signature of Officer or Warrant Officer conducting tests certifying that member is qualified.	Number of Licence	Date issued	Signature of Recipient	Date of Cancellation Withdrawal or Transfer of Licence.

NOTE.- The Unit Record of Driving Tests and Register of AIF Army Driving Licences will be prepared by Units in a suitable manuscript book.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA.

MOST SECRET.

Copy No 13

22 April, 1942.

ACTIVITY TODAY.- 1200 hrs 22 Apr 42. to 1200 hrs 23 Apr 42.

Nature of Activity.	Place	Time	Date	Going to or Remarks.
1. Convoy Movement.				
(a) Main body 5 NZ Fd Regt (119 vehs) from ALMAZA passed	AIRPORT CORNER	1030	21	SYRIA.
(b) Convoy "A" remainder FFL Bde Gp (46 vehs) from SYRIA passed ...	do	1300	21	EGYPT.
(c) Det 4 MT Coy (Horses 61, Carts AT 40) from HADERA arrived	BARBARA	p.m.	21	
(d) Rd Party 11 Bn ROYAL MARINES (8 vehs) from GAZALA passed	AIRPORT CORNER	0900	22	HAIFA.
(e) Convoy "B" remainder FFL Bde Gp (28 vehs) from SYRIA passes ...	do	1100	22	EGYPT.
(f) Convoy "E" remainder FFL Bde Gp passes ...	do	1115	22	EGYPT.
(g) 5 Bridge Coy RASC (98 vehs) from ISMAILIA passes	do	1000	23	SARAFAND.
(h) Convoy "C" remainder FFL Bde Gp (32 vehs) from SYRIA passes ...	do	1100	23	EGYPT.
(i) Rd Party Instructional Staff for Leaders Course METS (7 vehs) from HELWAN passed	do	1600	21	DEIR SUNWID.
(j) Vehicle Convoy (8 vehs and 8 trailers) loaded with stores for 2 B.O.D. from TEL passes	do	1800	22	RAFA.
2. RAIL Movement. N I L.				
3. ROAD Movement. There is NO road movement under instns of this H.Q. today or tomorrow morning.				
4. Movement Orders have been received for 101 Aust Gen Tpt Coy to move to SYRIA on 26 Apr 42.				
5. There is nothing else to report today.				

Col
2 i/c

DISTRIBUTION:-

Maj-Gen Sir L.J. MORSHEAD ..	1
Cond	
2 i/c	
"G"	
"A"	
"Q"	
AMMS	
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Lt-Col MURRELL	
Spares	

In reply pls.
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Australian Imperial Forces

"F" Sec.,F.S.D.,
HQ AIF (ME) Base Area,
23 Apl. 42.

Report on Section Activities - Period I2 Apl. - I8 Apl.42.

I. MILITARY SECURITY.

(a) Security of Information.

Nothing to report.

(b) Security of Personnel.

Nothing to Report.

(c) Security of Material.

The following arms losses reported during the week are under investigation by the D.A.P.M.:-

3 rifles	Services Tng.Wing, AustSpec.Comp.Tng.Bn.
2 rifles	Aust.Inf.Comp.Tng.Bn.
I rifle bolt	26 Aust.Inf.Tng.Bn.

Investigations were carried out in Nuseirat camp following a report that arms losses were NOT being reported to the proper authorities. It was found that all units were unaware that HQ Pal. Base had to be informed of arms losses. Some units, whose practice it was to report losses by telephone, were advised to report by signal for greater reliability.

Investigations into losses of arms from one unit revealed that rifles had been issued to the guard daily without signatures being obtained from the men. An open invitation thus existed to any man who might consider disposing of his rifle illegally. This matter has now been rectified.

It was reported that about 20 revolvers had been purchased by villagers in BEER TUVIYA settlement, from Free French troops, who were in Quastina some months back. The villagers found that they could NOT get ammunition for these weapons and therefore exchanged them for six or eight British revolvers. The same report stated that about a dozen rifles and revolvers were hidden in the settlement and that about three weeks ago a Bren gun barrel and bipod were purchased and taken to Tel Aviv by the settlement 'bus service. It was considered unlikely that the Mukhtar or leading people of BEER TUVIYA were concerned with the purchases. The above mentioned 'bus service is also used for the transport of stolen W.D. clothing and rations.

Salama Silmi ISHTEWI of the Ermeilah tribe,Sinai, was detained by the Civil Police for being in possession of a pistol,No. J 2405.

2. MORALE

(a) Morale of Troops.

Nothing to report.

(b) Relations of Troops with Civilians.

Information was received that at the Feast of NEBI SALEH held at RAMLEH recently,there was a very strong under-current of anti-British talk. There was criticism of the British administration, and expressions such as " kick the Britishers right out of the country" were used.

The feast was attended by between five and six thousand Arabs, who according to the informant, are still very much under the influence of El Haj AMIN. Excellent opportunities are afforded at such meetings to enemy agents whose object might be to encourage anti-British feeling.

On the morning of I4 Apl. 42 a swastika with the words " In Gaza soon Gaza" in English were found to have been chalked on a telegraph pole in GAZA. Enquiries were made from householders in the vicinity, but NO adequate explanation as to how the inscription came to be there was obtained.

According to reports furnished by FS personnel, civilian feeling towards the Polish troops, newly arrived in the Gaza area, is NOT over-cordial. The Arabs are apt to confuse them with the French with whom their relations have NOT always been good, and the Jews remember the persecution of their race in Poland.

The villagers of HAMAMA were somewhat perturbed by the Government's plan to buy surplus grain. It appears that a certain Egyptian, Mohamed HOSANEIN, had told them that the Government intended taking all the grain and leaving the farmers to go hungry.

(c) RUMOURS.

Nothing to report.

3. OTHER MATTERS.
Israel YARDENI

Further investigations were made into the case of Israel YARDENI, reported to have threatened to sabotage a water pump at NUSEIRAT camp (refer Sec.report period 5-II Apl. 42,para.3), It was established that a misunderstanding, owing to YARDENI's inadequate command of the English language, had arisen when he tried to explain to the Camp S.O. the difficulties he had to contend with in obtaining food under the present rationing system.A misapprehension as to his intentions had resulted.

Unidentified Launch and Explosives.

Investigations were carried out into the apparent movements of an unidentified launch between DEIR EL BALAH and NUSEIRAT Camp on the night of I3/I4 Apl.42. Arab policemen near DEIR EL BALAH reported having seen two vessels, one large and one small, cruising up and down the coast daily since Sunday I2 Apl.42. While out fishing on the night of I3/I4 Apl.42 they heard the throb of an engine which they took to be that of a motor boat. The motor boat was heard also by the guard at Ist. Aust.Con.Depot,NUSEIRAT,at about the same time. A constable at Khan Yunis police station recalled having heard the sound of a klaxon horn out at sea at 2I50 hrs. on I3 Apl.42. JJRA Coast Guard station reported hearing an explosion and some A.A. fire and seeing a steamship about seven miles out to sea between I200-I230 hrs. I4 Apl.42. Explosions were also reported as having been heard at 2I07 hrs. I3 Apl.42 and I600 hrs. I4 Apl.42, and ships were reported as having been seen off the coast at I700-I8I0 hrs.I3 Apl.42 and I7I4 hrs on I4 Apl.42. A full report on the matter has been forwarded to Pal. Base and enquiries are being made at Navy Office.

BODY OF GERMAN AIRMAN.

The body of an unidentified German airman of the rank of W.O. Pilot and wearing an Iron Cross was found washed ashore near Rafah. Personnel of a South African listening post stationed in the vicinity were advised of the fact about five days after the body was first seen by an Arab boy. In the interim the body had obviously been robbed by Arabs and the only articles found were some crumpled cigarettes of a brand obtainable only in Northern Greece, and a slip of paper with medical directions in German.

The Arab boy, after finding the body, informed a fisherman of the matter who said that he was about to inform the authorities when he met a civilian in a car. The civilian searched the body and said he would report the matter. Enquiries are being made to establish the identity of this civilian.

It was also reported that a rubber boat containing provisions and equipped with oars was found near ELARISH.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

Miriam WERTHEIM of BEER TUVIYA is ardently anti-German and when in Germany belonged to an anti-Nazi students' organisation. She is an enthusiastic worker for the Jewish cause in Palestine and both she and her husband CHAIM have been actively engaged in assisting the illegal entry of Jews into Palestine via the Turkish border. CHAIM's frequent trips away on village business may have some connection with this. MIRIAM is also particularly keen to get hold of any arms or supplies that will enable the Jews to defend themselves against the Arabs.

EL FARIS COY.

Investigations are proceeding with regard to a report that a company," EL FARIS COY" by name, and operating in or near GAZA, is actively engaged in the smuggling of arms and hashish. Abdulla GAZAR, a frontier force man or policeman who owns a shop at KANTARA, is said to be connected with the company.

SMUGGLING OF HASHISH.

An Australian soldier reported to FSS that he had been approached by an Egyptian, since identified as Fathi Ali HAMA, with a proposition that he provide facilities for consigning two parcels containing goods of an unspecified nature to Port Said. The man suggested that an ambulance be used and that he be taken on the journey. The matter was reported to S.I.B. and C.I.D. and arrangements for a trip made, with the result that 75 kilos of hashish were confiscated and HAMA arrested and charged.

Mohammet ZIKRY and Mohmud el ZIKRY of ELARISH

The abovementioned persons, who frequent the house of ABU GHUESSEIN in GAZA, are interested in the purchase of arms and in the smuggling of hashish. An FS FCO is keeping up his contact with these men.

ISMAIN FAMILY.

It is reported that the ISMAIN family of BEIT-DARRAS, which was prominently anti-British during the troubles, is dealing extensively in arms. A member of the family was present at the Feast of NEBI SALEH at RAMLEH and indulged in anti-British talk. Further enquiries regarding the family are proceeding.

Izzeden SHAWA (ref. Sec. report period 5-11 Apl. 42, page 3).

It seems evident that SHAWA did NOT visit GAZA recently and it is stated by informant that he was last heard of in BEIRUT. He is a close follower of the Grand Mufti and has a French wife, who, in the informant's opinion is a German agent. This woman speaks French, English and Arabic perfectly and could pass either as a Moslem or a Christian. She left GAZA about two months ago and is now said to be in Egypt.

4. PERSONNEL

VX 45290 Sgt. Ker at I Aust.Con.Depot.
VX 15101 Cpl. Steinitz)
VX 33471 Cpl. Kardachi) on detached duty at SARAH HD
WX 3779 Cpl. Sadleir on detached duty at RAFLH
Sgt.Evenary and Sgt.Hobart of 252 Sec.English FSS on attached duty with this section.

5. TRANSPORT.

A thorough mechanical overhaul of the motor cycles on charge to this section was carried out by Workshops during the week.

Capt.
O.C. "F" Sec., F.S.S.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

HQ AIF (ME)BASE AREA.

MOST SECRET.

Copy No. 13...

ACTIVITY TO-DAY

1200 hrs 23 Apr 42
to 1200 hrs 24 Apr 42.

23 Apr 42.

Nature of Activity	Place	Time hrs.	Date Apr	Going to or Remarks.
1. Convoy Movement.				
(a) Convoy "B" remainder FFL Bde Gp (28 vehs) from SYRIA passed	AIRPORT CORNER	1100	22	EGYPT.
(b) Convoy "E" remainder FFL Bde Gp passed	do.	1115	22	EGYPT.
(c) 5 Bridge Coy RASC (98 vehs) from ISMAILIA passed	do.	1000	23	SARAFAND.
(d) Convoy "C" remainder FFL Bde Gp (32 vehs) from SYRIA passes	do.	1100	23	EGYPT.
(e) Vehicle Convoy (8 vehs and 8 trailers) loaded with stores for 2 BOD from TEK passed	do	1800	22	RAFA
(f) Convoy "D" remainder FFL Bde Gp (49 vehicles) from SYRIA passes	do	1100	24	EGYPT.
(g) Convoy 5 Br Coy (10 vehicles) from FANARA passes	do	1000	24	BAGHDAD.
(h) 58 Gp Tpt Coy (11 vehicles) from EGYPT passes	do	1200	23	BAGHDAD.
(j) RA Convoy (12 portee vehicles) from EGYPT passes	do	1200	23	HAIFA.
2. RAIL MOVEMENT.				
N I L.				
3. ROAD MOVEMENT.				
There is NO road movement under instns of this HQ today or tomorrow morning.				

Col.
2 i/c.

DISTRIBUTION.

Maj-Gen Sir L.J. MORSHEAD	1
Comd	2
2 i/c.	3
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DADOS	11
War Diary	12 & 13
HQ AIF (ME)	14 & 15
Lt.Col MURRELL	16
Spares	17 & 18

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HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA. Copy No. 13...
24 Apr 42.

ACTIVITY TO-DAY. 1200 hrs 24 Apr 42 to 1200 hrs 25 Apr 42.

Nature of Activity	Place	Time	Dete	Going to or Remarks.
		hrs	Apr	
1. CONVOY Movement.				
(a) Convoy "C" remainder FFL Bde Gp (92 vehs) from SYRIA passed	AIRPORT CORNER	1530	23	EGYPT
(b) Convoy "D" remainder FFL Bde Gp (49 vehicles) from SYRIA passes	do.	1100	24	EGYPT
(c) Convoy 5 Br Coy (10 vehicles) from PANARA passes	do.	1000	24	BAGHDAD
(d) 58 GP Tpt Coy (11 vehicles) from EGYPT passed	do.	1200	23	BAGHDAD
(e) RA Convoy (12 portee vehicles) from EGYPT passed	do.	1200	23	HAIFA
2. RAIL Movement.				
N I L.				
3. ROAD Movement.				
(a) Dr Party 4 Aust Lt AA Regt (5 vehs) depart	MUGHAZI	0700	24	T E K. to collect 12 Tractors FA and 12 Bofors & stores.
(b) Adv Rail Party, HQ AIF (ME) strength offrs 3 ORs 13 from CAIRO due	GAZA	2328	24	
(c) Adv Rd Party, HQ AIF (ME) strength offrs 3 ORs 100, vehicles 46 from CAIRO arrive	GAZA	1230	25	

[signature]
Lt-Col.
ACTG AIF (ME) Base Area.

DISTRIBUTION.

Maj-Gen Sir L.J.MORSHEAD... 1.
Comd ... ... 2.
2 i/c ... ... 3.
'G' ... ... 4.
'A' ... ... 5.
'Q' ... ... 6,7 & 8.
AIRS 9
DADS & T 10
DADOS 11
War Diary ... . 12 & 13
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Lt-Col MURRELL 16
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HQ AIF (ME). Copy No. 17...

25 Apr 42.

ACTIVITY TO-DAY. 1200 hrs 25 Apr 42 to 1200 hrs 26 Apr 42.

Nature of Activity.	Place	Time	Date	Going to or Remarks.
		hrs.	Apr.	
1. CONVOY Movement.				
(a) Convoy "D" remainder FFL Bde Gp (49 vehicles) from SYRIA passed	AIRPORT CORNER	1600	24	EGYPT.
(b) Convoy 5 Br Coy (10 vehicles) from FANARA passed	do.	1100	24	BAGHDAD
(c) Indian Dr Party, with 8 vehicles for 13L from MENA passes	do.	1230	26	SYRIA
2. RAIL Movement.				
(a) Adv Rail Party, HQ AIF (ME) strength offrs 3 ORs 13 from CAIRO arrived	GAZA	0315	25	
(b) Main Rail Party, HQ AIF (ME) strength offrs 3 ORs 180 from CAIRO due	do.	2228	26	
(c) Reinfts for Ord Units at T E K strength ORs 9 depart	do.	2315	25	T E K
3. ROAD Movement.				
(a) Adv Rd Party, HQ AIF (ME) strength offrs 3 ORs 109, vehicles 47 from CAIRO arrived	KILO 89	1030	25	
(b) Main Rd Party, HQ AIF (ME) strength offrs 25 ORs 13, vehicles 12 from CAIRO arrive	GAZA	p.m.	26	
(c) 101 Aust Gen Tpt Coy strength offrs 7 ORs 354 vehicles 109, with:- (i) Reinfts for 9 Aust Div, offrs 7 ORs 275; (ii) Reinfts for Aust Ry Construction & Maint Gp, ORs 9; (iii) Ord Stores for 9 Aust Div, 18 tons (iv) ACF Stores " " " " 15 tons (v) Engr stores for 2/3 Aust CCS, 15 cu tons (vi) Ord stores for 2 BOD, 50 tons (vii) Details Aust HQ Gd Bn for 9 Aust Div ORs 8 departs	KILO 89	0630	26	SYRIA, and will remain, under comd NINTH ARMY.
(d) 14 Aust Dental Unit, strength offrs 1 ORs 4, moving to 9 Aust Div, from MUGHAZI departs		0300	26	TRIPOLI
4. Lt-Col BURTON HQ AIF (ME) from CAIRO, arrived	this HQ	p.m.	24	

Lt-Col.
AQMG AIF (ME).

DISTRIBUTION.

Maj-Gen Sir L.J.MORSHEAD.....1	ADMS 9	Lt-Col MERRELL....14	
Cond.....2	ADOS ...10	O 2 E.....15	
'C'.....3	DADS....11	Camp.....16	
'A'.....4 & 5	DAPM....12	War Diary	17&18
'Q'.....6,7,8	1 Aust L of C Postal Unit 13.	Spares	19&20.

War Diary

R.R.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Hq AIF (ME)
25 apr 42.

GS INSTRUCTION No 16

ACTIVITY AT NIGHT.

1. Under existing conditions it is undesirable that unusual activity should be undertaken during the hours of darkness unless previous warning has been given through this HQ to the watching service. If no warning is given exchanges and control centres are likely to receive a large number of reports, and police and military patrols may be sent on useless tasks.

2. In future, therefore, no firing practice, light signals, explosions, or any other activity likely to be mistaken by the watching service for a hostile act will be made or undertaken between 1830 HRS and 0630 HRS unless this HQ has been notified before 1700 HRS.

Maj.
GS Hq (ME)

Distribution :-

Units under Comd
D C Gaza
D S P Gaza
Gaza Sub area
M E T C Deir Suneid.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

SECRET

HQ AIF (ME)

17 Apr 42.

GS INSTRUCTION No. 37

ORGANIZATION AIF (ME)

1. GENERAL:

Certain changes will shortly be made in the command and administrative organization of the AIF (ME). These changes are designed to simplify the organization by combining the functions of HQ AIF (ME) and HQ AIF (ME) BASE AREA under one HQ, and by transferring to 9 AUST DIV certain training functions now carried out by HQ AIF (ME).

2. INTERCOMMUNICATION:

(a) HQ AIF (ME) will close at HELIOPOLIS and will open at GAZA at a date and time to be notified later. HQ AIF (ME) Base Area will close at the same hour.

(b) Address for all correspondence will be HQ AIF (ME).

(c) Address for cables "AUSFORCE GAZA".

(d) The use of cable address "AUSBASE GAZA" will be discontinued as from date and time of opening of HQ AIF (ME) at GAZA.

3. COMMAND:

(a) All AIF units in SYRIA will be under comd 9 Aust Div. Those units which are not under comd operationally will be under comd for matters of Australian implication.

(b) All units and dets in PALESTINE and Egypt will come under comd of HQ AIF (ME) from time of opening except that the policy for training in AIF (ME) REINFT DEPOT will be laid down by 9 Aust Div, who will deal direct with the Depot.

(c) Comd HQ AIF (ME) will act as Military Comd GAZA Military District until relieved by the Comd HQ GAZA Sub-area, at present in the course of being raised by GHQ MEF.

4. MOVE:

HQ AIF (ME) will move from HELIOPOLIS to GAZA in accordance with administrative instruction to be issued separately, probably during the week ending 26 Apr 42.

J. E. Burrows Col.
G.S.

Distribution:

9 Aust Div
HQ AIF (ME) Base Area
HQ AIF (ME) Reinft Depot
GOC
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GHQ MEF
HQ BTE
NINTH ARMY
HQ PAL Base and L of C Area
War Diary.

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HQ AIF (ME). Copy No. 17

26 Apr 42.

1200 hrs 26 Apr 42.
to 1200 hrs 27 Apr 42.

ACTIVITY TO-DAY.

Nature of Activity.	Place.	Time	Date.	Going to or Remarks.
		hrs.	Apr.	
1. CONVOY Movement.				
(a) Indian Dr Party, with 8 vehicles for 13L from MENA passes	AIRPORT CORNER	1230	27	(Move has been) SYRIA (postponed 24hrs)
(b) Vehicle Convoy for 3 AMTD (10 vehicles) from TAHAG passes	do.	0900	27	HAIFA
(c) Det 5 Br Coy (8 vehicles) from HABBANIYA passes	do.	abt 1030	27	ISMAILIA
2. RAIL Movement.				
(a) Main Rail Party, HQ AIF (ME) strength offrs 3 ORs 180 from CAIRO due	GAZA	2228	26	
(b) Reinfts for Ord Units at T E K strength ORs 8 departed	do.	2340	25	T E K
3. ROAD Movement.				
(a) Main Rd Party, HQ AIF(ME) strength offrs 25 ORs 13, vehicles 12 from CAIRO arrive	do.	p.m.	26	
(b) 10I Aust Gen Tpt Coy, strength offrs 7 ORs 354, vehicles 109, loaded with reinfts and steres departed	KILO 89	0630	26	SYRIA, and will remain, under comd NINTH ARMY.
(c) 14 Aust Dental Unit, strength offrs 1 ORs 4, moving to 9 Aust Div, from MUGHAZI, departed		0800	26	TRIPOLI.
4. Brig CHAPMAN departed	this HQ	0900	25	TRANSJORDAN, and is expected to return p.m. 26 Apr.
5. Lieut T.COLLINS ADC to GOC from TRIPOLI. arrived	this HQ	1700	25	

Lt-Col.
AQMG AIF (ME).

DISTRIBUTION.

Maj-Gen Sir L.J.MORSHEAD.....1
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'G'.....3
'A'.....4&5
'Q'.....6,7&8
AIMS.....9
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DADST.....11
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

HQ AIF (ME).

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27 Apr 42.

ACTIVITY TO-DAY.

1200 hrs 27 Apr 42.
to 1200 hrs 28 Apr 42.

Nature of Activity.	Place.	Time.	Date.	Going to or Remarks
		hrs.	Apr	
1. CONVOY Movement.				
(a) Indian Dr Party, with 8 vehicles for 13L from MENA passed	AIRPORT CORNER	1030	27	SYRIA
(b) Vehicle Convoy for 3 AMTD (10 vehicles) from TAHAG passed	do.	0930	27	HAIFA
(c) Det 5 Br Coy (8 vehicles) from HABBANIYA passed	do.	mbt 1100	27	ISMAILIA
(d) Rear Party Polish Base Depot (5 vehicles) from ALEXANDRIA passed	do.	0930	28	GEDERA
(e) Adv Party 5 Indian Bde (13 vehicles) from KHERIT passed	do.	1135	28	KARKUR
2. RAIL Movement.				
(a) Main Rail Party, HQ AIF (ME) strength offrs 3 ORs 180 from CAIRO arrived	GAZA	0005	27	
(b) Details for 9 Aust Div (ORs 13) from AIF Reinft Depot depart	GAZA Sta	2220	28	TRIPOLI
3. ROAD Movement.				
(a) Main Rd Party HQ AIF (ME), strength offrs 25 ORs 13, vehicles 12 from CAIRO, arrived	GAZA	p.m.	26	
(b) Vehicle Convoy 47 vehicles returning to T E K after delivering stores ex HELIOPOLIS to- KILO 89 departed	KILO 89	0715	27	T E K
4. GOC-AIF (ME) arrived	this HQ	1200	27	
5. Brig CHAPMAN returned	this HQ	p.m.	26	

Lt-Col.
AQMG AIF (ME).

DISTRIBUTION.

Maj-Gen Sir L.J. MORSHEAD.....1.	DADP.....12.
Comd.....2.	A Aust L of C Postal Unit.....13
'G' .....3.	Lieut-Col. MURRELL.....14.
'A'.....4&5	O 2 I.....15
'Q'.....6,7,8.	Comp.....16
AIRS.....9	War Diary.....17&18
ADOS.....10.	Spares.....19&20
DAIST.....11.	

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27 APR 42

Comd returned to this HQ together with G O C AIF (ME) and the amalgamation of the HQs was put into effect.

War Diary

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HQ AIF (ME). COPY No. 17

28 Apr 42.

ACTIVITY TO-DAY. 1200 hrs 28 Apr 42 to 1200 hrs 29 Apr 42.

Nature of Activity.	Place.	Time.	Date.	Going to or Remarks.
1. CONVOY Movement.		hrs.	Apr	
(a) Det 5 Br Coy (8 vehicles) from HABBANIYA passed	AIRPORT CORNER	1340	27	ISMAILIA
(b) Rear Party Polish Base Depot (5 vehicles) from ALEXANDRIA was due to pass	do.	0930	28	GEDERA
(c) Adv Party 5 Indian Bde (13 vehicles) from KABRIT was due to pass	do.	1135	28	KARKUR
(d) Returning Stores Convoy (98vehicles) from SARAFAND was due to pass	do.	1030	28	
(e) 11 Hussars (and LAD) (132 vehicles incl 72 armoured cars) from ABBASSIA passes	do.	0900	29	TENTH ARMY.
(f) Returning stores convoy for 3 AMTD (15 vehicles) from TAHAG passes	do.	1000	29	HAIFA
(g) BM 1 Road Party (23 vehicles) from MASMIYA passes	do.	1230	29	QASSASIN
(h) Main Party 5 Ind Inf Bde (121 vehicles) from KABRIT passes	do.	1205	29	HADERA
2. RAIL Movement.				
(a) CAIRO Details (1 WO 8 ORs) arrived	GAZA Sta	2330	27	to STAGING CAMP, KILO 89.
(b) Details for 9 Aust Div (ORs 13) from AIF Reinft Depot depart	do.	2220	28	TRIPOLI.
(c) Special Returnees (offrs 7 ORs 52) depart	do.	2245	28	Transit Camp, SUEZ, to await embarkation.
3. ROAD Movement.				
(a) 20 Aust Dental Unit (offrs 1 ORs 5) from KILO 89 moved to	NUSEIRAT	0800	28	
(b) Vehicle Convoy loaded for Austwing 2 BOD (15 vehicles incl 8 ambulances) from T E K passes	AIRPORT CORNER	1530	28	RAFA
(c) Returning Dr Party 4 Aust Lt AA Regt which departed for T E K and ABBASSIA on 24 Apr passes	do.	1900	28	MUGHAZI.
4. DAQMG HQ AIF (ME), Maj J.D.SYME departed	this HQ	0830	28	HQ Pal Base & L of C, and is expected to return 1700 hrs to-day.

Lt-Col.
AQMG AIF (ME).

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AIF (ME) ADM ORDER NO. Q1.

RAIL MOVE - SPECIAL RETURNEES.

Issued in conjunction with AIF (ME) Base Area Adm Instn 100 of 22 Mar 42.

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1. GENERAL.

(a) This order covers the rail move of all personnel listed in para 2 who will depart from the passenger platform, GAZA ry sta, at 2231 hrs 28 Apr. Destination Staging Camp, SUEZ.

(b) Attention is directed to Adm Instns for Expeditionary Forces proceeding from Middle East (AIEF), copies of which held by individuals included in the party will be returned to Mov Control at port of embarkation.

2. COMPOSITION OF PARTY.

UNIT	Offrs.	ORs.
Aust Depot Bn.	3	21
AIF (ME) Reinf t Depot	2	31
6 Aust Gen Hosp	1	-
1 Aust Con Depot	1	-
TOTAL	7	52

3. SECURITY.

All orders concerning movement are secret, and the contents of any such order will NOT be divulged or discussed with any person. Only parts which affect subordinates will be passed on, and only at a time when necessary to allow their part to be performed at the time required.

Too much stress cannot be placed upon the importance of preventing any leakage of information in respect of movement overseas, and particularly to the dates and times transports will be available for loading, embarkation and subsequent departure.

Personnel will be warned not to discuss their voyage, either prior to or after embarkation, or after arrival at destination. Failure to observe this precaution may endanger their own lives and those of their comrades.

4. OC PARTY.

Lt.Col. H.J.H. GLOVER is detailed to be OC party.

5. ENTRAINING OFFR.

(a) Capt N.G. STROUD is detailed to be entraining offr.

(b) Entraining offr will report to RTO prior to arrival of train, and to OC Party immediately on completion of entrainment.

6. TRANSPORT.

(a) Unit tpt will be used to convey personnel to arrive at GAZA ry sta by 2130 hrs 28 Apr 42.

RTO. ...../(b) Units

6. TRANSPORT (contd).

(b) Units which are unable to provide tpt may requisition for same from "Q" Branch, HQ AIF (ME).

7. BAGGAGE AND EQUIPMENT.

(a) Brakevan accommodation is NOT provided. All baggage will accompany personnel into ry carriages.

(b) Units will withdraw and return to Ordnance all blankets surplus to two per man. The two blankets will be carried on the man.

8. ENTRAINMENT.

On arrival at GAZA ry sta, tps will be debussed by OsC Unit parties and formed up ready to move to assembly area or train, as ordered by entraining offr. Tps will not entrain until ordered to do so by entraining offr.

OC each Unit party will provide the entraining offr with a nominal roll of the Unit party immediately after arrival at GAZA sta.

9. RAIL WARRANTS.

Entraining offr will draw rail warrants from RTO.

10. ADM.

(a) Subsistence. One day's ration will be issued before leaving unit lines and will be carried on the man. Tps will be warned that two, and possibly three, meals will be required from the one day's ration. Water bottles will be filled, and messing utensils will be kept readily accessible. A hot meal is being provided at KANTARA EAST under arrangements MOV KANTARA.

(b) Dress & Eqpt. SD (winter) and marching order.

(c) Embarkation Documents. Units will prepare embarkation documents in accordance with AIEF and instructions issued by O2E.

11. MEDICAL.

(a) ADMS will arrange for one medical orderly with medical eqpt, to report to entraining offr at GAZA ry sta at 2130 hrs 28 Apr 42.

(b) The medical orderly will return to PALESTINE on the first available tpt on the day following the arrival at SUEZ.

12. PAD & DISCIPLINE.

(a) Alcoholic beverages will NOT be consumed during the journey, either while travelling or when halted at stas. It is the responsibility of offrs to see that all tps under their comd carry out this instn.

(b) Attention is directed to Parts I and II, Appx I, AIEF.

ACK.

[signature] Lt.Col.
AQMG AIF (ME).

Signed at 1645 hrs.

DISTRIBUTION: PTO.

DISTRIBUTION.

Unit	Copy No.	Unit	Copy No.
AIF (ME) Reinft Depot	1 - 8	Aust Port Det, SUEZ	21
Aust HQ Gd Bn	9	GOC	22
6 Aust Gen Hosp	10	Comd	23
Aust Depot Bn	11	G	24
GHQ MEF	12-13	A	25
Mov MILPAB	14	Q	26-29
Mov LYDDA	15	DADST	30
Mov KANTARA	16	ADMS	31
Mov SUEZ	17	ADOS	32
RTO GAZA	18	File	33-34
RTO MAJDAL	19	War Diary	35-36
Transit Camp, SUEZ	20	Spares	37-40

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

HQ AIF (ME) XX
28 Apr 42.

GS INSTRUCTION No 38 - CIPHER MESSAGES

W.e.f. 28 Apr 42 the following rules for the initiation and handling of cipher messages will apply to all Branches of HQ AIF (ME).

OUT MESSAGES.

1. The Branch originating a cipher message will prepare on the proper form (A/287) sufficient copies to be distributed to :-

(a) Cipher Office — One copy
(b) Comd — "
(c) GOC's file — "
(d) Other Branches of the Staff who require to be informed.

Distribution will be shown on all copies of the message.

2. The originator's No. of all out cipher messages will bear the prefix "AD", and a suffix to indicate the Branch originating the message. These suffixes will correspond to the distinguishing letters given in FSPB, Pam 11, pages 47-49, coln 3, e.g. AD/1402/G. In preparing the message the originator will type in the originator's No., thus AD/...../G or other appropriate suffix. All copies of the message will then be handed to the cipher office for numbering, enciphering, despatch, and distribution.

3. Cipher messages will not be originated by the Services. A Service desiring to originate a cipher message will do so through the Branch of the Staff to which it belongs.

INWARD MESSAGES.

4. The deciphered draft of inward messages except those referred to in para 6 below, will be taken by the cipher office to the GII, GIII, or the Duty Staff Offr who indicates the distribution, marking the Branch with which action lies. Cipher office will then take draft to the Branch with which action lies to ascertain if that Branch required any additional copies. The necessary number of copies will then be made and distributed by the cipher office.

5. Messages beginning "PERSONAL FOR ....." will be handled in the same way as ordinary cipher messages except that cipher office will ensure that a copy is given to the person named.

6. Messages beginning "PRIVATE FOR Maj-Gen Morshead" or "PRIVATE FOR GOC AIF" will be taken by the cipher office direct to the GOC. If the GOC is not at this HQ the cipher offr will ascertain his whereabouts and arrange for onward transmission of the message. If it would take an unduly long time for the message to reach the GOC and a high degree of urgency is indicated, the cipher offr will take the draft to the Comd for a direction. In the absence of the Comd he will take the draft to the senior Staff Offr present.

Maj.,
G.S.

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Australian Imperial Forces.

HQ "F" Sec.,F.S.S.,
HQ AIF (ME),
29 Apr.42.

Report on Section Activities - period I9 Apr. - 25 Apr.42.

I. MILITARY SECURITY.

(a)Security of Information.

Following S.I.B. reports relative to security in Gaza Military Compound immediate steps were taken to investigate these reports. In the case of Gaza compound it was found that guards were not carrying out the duties laid down for them. This matter has been taken up with the Area Commandant and a distinct improvement is hoped for. A more stringent examination of casual employees of the R.E.'s in the compound is also being carried out.

One other matter requiring attention at these HQ's is the lack of control of entry to the HQ buildings inside the compound. On Saturday and Sunday afternoons there are apparently no orderlies on duty to stop unauthorised military personnel from entering HQ offices and examining what papers are available for inspection.

(b) Security of Personnel.

It was reported by 2 i/c Reinfct.Depot that when an armed party entered a certain camp at night in trucks, the only apparent action by the guard on the main entrance was, " I suppose it's alright for you to go in". Commandoes would have NO difficulties whatsoever in taking HQ offices, carrying out demolitions and getting away afterwards, with a guard of this type.

(c) Security of Material.

The following arms losses reported during the week are under investigation by the D.A.P.M.

I rifle bolt	Inf. Comp.Tng.Bn.
2 rifles	AIF Transport Details.

The loss of two rifles by AIF Transport Details is a particularly glaring example of negligence, lack of security, and theft by persons having an intimate knowledge of the normal actions of the guards concerned, indicating that military personnel were responsible for such theft. Both rifles were stolen from the tent in which picquets were sleeping between tours of duty. In one case only was the bolt removed, and this was taken from the pouch in which it had been placed. In the other case the guard went on duty without his rifle for three hours, and the L/Cpl. changed the guard on two occasions without taking his rifle with him.

Other arms losses reported, were:-

I rifle	9 Aust. Spec. Gp. - lost at Haifa (camp Transit
I French rifle	)
I Belgian sports gun	) lost by Free French officers on
I Waltner pistol	) the Lydda railway.

The appropriate authorities are investigating.

(d) General

From the above sub-paras it will be seen that lack of security is caused mainly by failure of the guards,or other personnel concerned,to carry out effectively the duties laid down for them. PSS have pointed this out over a period of months and it is felt that the only way to overcome this breach of security is by

by/ ection by the camp commanders and unit commanders concerned, to ensure that guards understand fully their duties and powers, and carry them out to the letter. Where civilians are concerned there is far too much of the " Oh, I know him well, he's alright" attitude. From information received it is also evident that guards make no attempt to stop soldiers leaving the camp after nightfall with W.D. material they wish to sell. These personnel, are of course, going A.W.L., but guards do NOT stop them. It is pointed out that with camps the size they are in this area it is impossible to stop civilians from entering camp lines at night, as the size of the guard necessary to cover the perimeter would be most uneconomical. The only remedy is a thorough security education, and their placing such knowledge into constant practice.

2. MORALE.

(a) Morale of Troops.

Nothing to report.

(b) Relations of troops with civilians.

A resident of Gaza on a recent visit to Jaffa noticed that the Arab attitude towards the British had " altered considerably ", the people of the town openly criticising the British. An FS NCO in Jaffa after the recent shelling noticed the following reactions to it:-

(i) The Christian element and those Moslems who were business men were apprehensive.

(ii) The average citizen seemed pleased, some even cheered the Axis, mainly because it was a Jewish area that was shelled.

(iii) Some were pleased because it coincided with rumours of Axis naval successes, and pleased their pro-Axis feelings.

(c) Rumours.

Gaza area, none of merit.

The following were heard by two FS NCO's in Jaffa-Tel-Aviv area:-

(i) That Britain is near defeat, wishes to come to terms and may desert Russia, and that Britain, America and Germany have each two diplomats negotiating peace in Stockholm.

(ii) That Germany has taken over control of the Italian Navy, nearly wiped out the British Fleet in the Mediterranean, with result that British shipping is tied up in ports for lack of protection. They quote the instance of three French(Free)ships leaving Beirut and being shelled and set on fire while in sight of land.

(iii) That Malta has succumbed to Axis air attacks but that this knowledge was being kept from the public to avoid panic, as the axis air force could now pay attention to this sphere of the Middle East.

In trying to trace the source of such rumours an FS NCO found that a " whispering campaign" is being carried out to start such, apparently by agents of some pro-axis organisation.

3. OTHER MATTERS.

(a) Purchase of Wheat by Government.

Reconnaissance of the Faluga-Beit Jibrin area shows that the most general topic is, as in the Majdal, Gaza-Khan Yunis area, the Government's plan to purchase wheat. One Arab in the Ain-Dhahirya/ area said what a wonderful idea it was for the Government to buy all the grain as now all the poor will have bread, where-

whereas/ before the rich would have bought it and the poor would have been exploited.

Ahmed SAID, nephew of Abdul Rahman AZZI of Beit Jibrin, has been speculating very heavily in wheat and has advanced various sums of money to the farmers on their crops. At the proposed Government price of wheat he has lent more than double the money the crops will return. He is rather resentful of this and may try to force a higher price. He spoke of Government being the strong, exploiting the weak.

It would appear that some of the opposition to the wheat purchase scheme is caused by merchants for their own ends, while some is caused by anti-British agitators.

(b) Traffic in W.D.property and arms.

(i) Al Faluja. Arabs working in the Beit Nattif area said that at Faluja was a good place in which to buy revolvers.

(ii)Julis Village. Information of three Arabs of Julis said to be in possession of arms was passed to C.I.D. FSS are investigating a report that this village is an arms trading centre.

(iii) Gan Yavne. Mrs. Wolfe. Information has been received that the above named is trading in W.D. property, and employs Arabs to obtain the goods. At times she employs Hussein Hassan-ABED, a well known thief. This follows on information from a different source, that Arabs of Beit Darras sell W.D. property to a woman in Gan Yavne.

(iv) Following on information received that an employee of Elias K.SHAYA,garage owner, of corner El Mustaqueen and Soloman sts.,Jaffa, was trading in W.D. property, FS NCO was asked by the employee,ORSHI or FORSHI by name, to bring him tools,engine parts, blankets and rations in any quantity. FS NCO was later told by an informer that the garage owner himself had been very anti-British during the riots, but that the police have no record of him. C.I.D. are being informed.

(c) General.

(i) Khalil Eid AMBAR. of Julis,-anti-British propagandist, has told the village people that British propaganda is all lies, and that the British will shortly be kicked out of the Middle East. He is fairly wealthy, and is said to be buying as much live stock as he can as he is convinced that soon British currency will be useless.

(ii) Moh'd HASSANIEN, said to be Egyptian, and wanted by the police for smuggling. Responsible for unsatisfactory attitude of Hammama villagers to Government's wheat scheme, as reported last week. Now thought to be in Dura. Is in possession of a .450 revolver which he produced in front of an FS NCO, also giving a vivid description of what he would do to any Jews he caught. This has been passed to C.I.D. He professed admiration for the British.

(iii) Sheikh Abdel Rahman Abdul Latif el AZZI.of Beit Jibrin. Very influential in village of Beit Jibrin and surrounding district. Is on very good terms with the SHAWA family of Gaza, does not like the present administration in the country as he says it is corrupt and not as good as that of four or five years ago.

(iv) Abdel Fatah Latif el AZZI of Beit Jibrin,brother of the above. Was very curious about German parachutists, as he had been told by an English R.E. Sgt. of Jerusalem that three had been dropped and had not been caught. He said the people in the village had already exaggerated the number to eight. It is worthy of note that lately rumours have been heard from Arab sources that Arabs in the ANPC and Bufis taken POW by Germany were very well treated

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treated/ and were being trained as parachutists and German agents. Some were said to have been dropped in Palestine.

(v) Body of German Airman - ref. report of previous week. The civilian concerned has NOT been traced. The Arab fisherman who first found the body has now been traced to Gaza Town area, although only an El Arish fisherman, and is now said to be in possession of - for an Arab fisherman, - a large sum of money.

(vi) Departure of High Commissioner from Palestine. In Jaffa it is openly said by Arabs that the High Commissioner was recalled to London due to strong Jewish influence and threats that the Jewish war effort, from both a financial and man power point of view, would cease. Arabs also say that the Jewish influence in British policy in Palestine will only breed trouble in this country. This would appear Axis designed propaganda.

(vii) Car M IC2 A - Further investigation has proved that this vehicle and its driver were NOT employed by the Official Camp Taxi Service during the period set out in previous reports.

(viii) Theft of Mail. Thirteen bags of civilian mail were stolen from the train between Kantara and Lydda stations on 15 May, 42, C.I.D. investigating.

(ix) In accordance with instructions received, investigations re. wives of A.I.F. personnel, married in Palestine, are being carried out.

4. PERSONNEL.

VX 45290 Sgt. Ker returned to unit from I Aust.Con Depot.
VX 15101 Cpl.Steinitz D.)
VX 32471 Cpl.Kardachi S.) on detached duty at Sarafand.
NX 33659 Pte. Parr,R.McD. evacuated to 6 A.G.H.
WX 5779 Cpl. Sadleir, on detached duty at Rafah.

Sgt's. Evenary and Hobart of 252 Sec.FSW on attached duty with this section.

5. TRANSPORT.

Car M 2445 evacuated to Workshops.

Capt.
O.C., "F" Sec., F.S.S.

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HQ AIF (ME).
ACTIVITY SHEET.

Copy No. 17
29 Apr 42.

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Unit	From	Time.	Date.	To.	Remarks.
		hrs	Apr.		
1. CONVOY Movement.		PASSED AIRPORT CORNER.			
(a) FAFL Alsace F Sqn (2 vehicles)	EGYPT	0845	28	RAYAK	
(b) Det 1/4 ESSEX (3 Vehicles)	do	1100	28	KARKUK	
(c) Adv Party 5 INDIAN BDE (11 vehicles)	do	1150	28	KARKUK	
(d) 5 BR COY RASC (90 vehicles)	SARAFAND	1225	28	EGYPT	
(e) Det 446 GEN TPT COY (10 vehicles)	EGYPT	1330	28	BEIT JIRJA	
(f) Vehicle Convoy (15 vehicles)	TEK	1510	28	RAFFA	For Aust Wing 2 BOD
(g) Rear Party POLISH BASE DEPOT (5 vehicles)	EGYPT	1515	28	GEDERA	
(h) Det 4 Aust Lt A/A Regt (18 vehicles)	TEK	1900	28	MUGHAZI	with 12 BOFORS & 12 Tractors FA
(j) 11 Hussars (132 vehi cles)	ABBASSIA	0900	29	SYRIA	
		DUE TO PASS AIRPORT CORNER.			
(k) Stores Convoy (15 vehicles)	TAHAG	1000	29	HAIFA	
(l) Det BM 1 (23 vehicles)	MASMIYA	1230	29	QASSASSIN	
(m) Main Body 5 IND INF BDE (121 vehicles)	KABRIT	1205	29	HADERA	
(n) Vehicle Convoy (50 vehicles)	TEK	0930	30	RAFA	for Aust Wing 2 BOD
2. RAIL MOVEMENT.					
(a) Returnees to AUSTRALIA Party strength Offrs 7, ORs 52 Departed	GAZA	2330	28	KANTARA	
(b) Offrs Wives for AUSTRALIA Party strength 4 ladies departed	GAZA	1430	29	KANTARA	2 ladies moving direct from CAIRO
3. ROAD MOVEMENT					
(a) AIF ENTERTAINMENT SEC Moves	TEL AVIV		29	KILO 89	
4. COL A.R. BAXTER-COX departed	this HQ	0915	29	KANTARA	and onwards
5. LT-COL LEMAIRE departs	do	am	30	do	do
6. SIR BERTRAM STEVENS arrives	this HQ	pm	30		

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AAMG AIF (ME)

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28 Apr 42

Col A R Baxter-Cox departed this HQ for Kantara and onwards

Sir Bertram Stevens arrived this HQ - see Daily Activity Report.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE. MOST SECRET.

HQ AIF (ME). Copy No. 18

30 Apr 42.

ACTIVITY SHEET.

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Unit	From	Time.	Date.	To	Remarks.
		hrs.	Apr.		
	PASSED AIRPORT CORNER				
1. Convoy Movement.					
(a) Stores Convoy (15 vehicles)	TARAG	1015	29	HAIFA	
(b) Det HM 1 (29 ")	MAGMIYA	1945	29	QASSASSIN	
(c) Main Body 5 IND INF BDE(121 vehicles)	ZABRIT	1330	29	HADERA	
(d) Vehicle Convoy (50 vehicles)	T R K	0850	30	RAFA	for AustWing 2 BOD.
(e) Vehicle Convoy (15 vehicles)	MAADI	0990	30	BAALBEK	for NZ Div.
	DUE TO PASS AIRPORT CORNER				
(f) Dr Party FTL (29 vehicles)	MENA	1300	30	BEIRUT	
(g) Ry Wksbops Bde Gp FTL(45 vehicles)	BEIRUT	1100	May 1	EGYPT	
(h) Convoy "A" Polish Indep Bde Gp (160 vehicles)	AMIRIYA	0900	" 1	QASTINA	Bde HQ,1 Bn A Tk Coy
(j) Vehicle Convoy 9 B S D (56 vehicles)	EGYPT	1200	" 1	ALEPPO	Vehicles for TURKISH GOVT.
2. Rail Movement.					
Nil. (Medical Returnees, strength offrs 19, AANS 4, ORs 493 who were to leave GAZA 1 May will now leave 6 May)					
3. Road Movement.					
(a) AANS 4 frpm 7 Aust Gen Hosp, to relieve AANS 4 for return to 6 Aust Gen Hosp departed	KFAR BILU	0800	Apr 29	TRIPOLI	
(b) AANS 26, VA's 17, ORs.5 moving from 7 Aust Gen Hosp to 6 Aust Gen Hosp departed	KFAR BILU	0900	29	GAZA RIDGE	
(c) Vehicle Convoy (15 vehicles) departs.	RAFA	0800	May 1	TRIPOLI	with stores and 13 vehicles for delivery 9 Aust Div.
4. Sir BERTRAM STEVENS is expected	from JERUSALEM	1700	1	at this H Q	

Lt-Col.
AQMG AIF (ME).

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