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WAR DIARY.

H. Q. 6 AUST DIV. 1 JUNE to 30 JUNE 40.

PLACE.	DATE.		REMARKS.
GAZA	1 June 40	Security Precautions. In view of the possibility of ITALY entering the War, instructions on measures to combat parachute troops were issued. This afternoon 3 A/A positions were constructed on the roofs of buildings in the vicinity of Div H.Q. Bren guns will be mounted for defence against hostile aircraft, should the necessity arise.	G.S.I. No.15.
		Registration of Cameras. An order was issued today that all cameras be registered against eventuality, and that they be withdawn for security reasons.	H.Q. 6 Aust Div R/O 39/40 Para8.
		G.O.C. address to Officers. Maj-Gen MACKAY returned to GAZA by plane from CAIRO at noon and in the afternoon addressed the Officers at QUASTINA and BARBARA Camps.	
	2 June 40	Office Organisation. Detailed instructions on the office organisation to be set up in H. Q. 6 Aust Div have been issued	Office memo 2 June attached.
		G.O.C.'s Inspection. The G.O.C. made a complete inspection of the GAZA RIDGE Camp.	
		Blackout. A permanent black-out throughout the whole of PALESTINE during the hours of darkness has been brought into force. Preparations had already been completed at Div H.Q. in anticipation of this order, and arrangements have been made so that essential work may be continued at night.	G.S.I. No.16
		Church Activities. A Church Parade was held at the C.M.S. Hospital Chapel at 1000 hrs at which the BISHOP OF JERUSALEM delivered a sermon. A conference of chaplains is to be held in JERUSALEM between 5 Jun 40 and 6 Jun 40 and representatives of the Padres in the Division are to attend.	
		G.111(I) Visit. Capt. A.G. OLDHAM call to pay respects to the Div Comd on his way back to the Staff College, HAIFA from the demonstrations in CAIRO.	
	3 June 40	G.11 Arrives. Lt-Col J. BAILLON, G.S.O.11, 6 Aust Div arrived from Australia. Lt-Col BAILLON enlisted in Australia when there on exchange duty from the SOUTH STAFFS.	
		Co-operation with local C.I.D. Acting on information received by the C.I.D., GAZA, that there was an armed party in the vicinity of BUREIR, the D.I.O., Capt G. Mc.C. Walker, set out with a party and apprehended one man.	
		Recreational Period. As most of the office personnel are working back at night, a recreational period after lunch each day has been allotted. This is most necessary otherwise the office staff would have practically no opportunity of getting any exercise.	
		A.I.F. Officers' Club. At a meeting of interested persons, the above club was formally constitued and office[illegible]cers nominated.	

WAR DIARY.

H. Q. 6 AUST DIV. 1st JUNE to 30 JUNE 40.

GAZA.	4 June 40	G.O.C.'s Address to Officers. On his return from a conference at JERUSALEM Maj-Gen MACKAY, delivered a lecture to Officers of the 16 Aust Inf Bde at JULIS.	
	5 June 40	G.O.C.'s Inspections. Maj-Gen MACKAY carried out a reconnaissance of the road to the AL JURA bathing hut and on his return, inspected the R.E.s works at QASTINA. During the afternoon, he ~~inspected~~ visited the 6 Div exercise in which the 16 Aust Inf Bde is participating.	
		Re-organisation of Sigs, A.A.S.C., A.A.O.C. Due to the non arrival of various units expected in the second convoy, applications for transfer to the above units are invited.	D.R.O. 545.
	6 June 40	GS.O.111(CW) Arrival. Lt. A.J.S. COTTER, who has been attending Regimental Instructional Course and Army Gas School, ENGLAND, and special Staff Course at WINTERBOURNE, ENGLAND, has arrived in PALESTINE for duty as G.111. (CW). While in England, he was attached for duty to the WAR OFFICE and AUSTRALIA HOUSE, LONDON, for some time.	
		Comforts Issue. The A.C.F. issued 2 packets of cigarettes per man and supplies of tinned fruit, pickles and sauce.	
		Leave. Due to the temporary suspension of 4 day leave, only 24 hour leave is available to troops.	
		Camouflage. Instructions on the methods to be used in the dispersion and camouflage of camps were promulgated to all units.	G.S.I. No.17
	7 June 40	Opening of the AL JURA Bathing Hut. The Div Comdr attended the opening of the AL JURA Bathing Hut this afternoon. This hut has been given to the A.I.F. by the PALESTINE GOVT. Before the opening, Maj-Gen MACKAY entertained the official party at lunch.	
		Duty Staff Officer. New instructions have been issued to ensure that a staff officer is on duty at Div H.Q. at all times.	G.S.I. No.18.
	8 June 40	Security Meeting. A meeting of security officers was held in the Conference room H. Q. 6 Aust Div.	
	9 June 40	Church Service. A voluntary Church Service was held in the A.G.C.I. under the direction of Rev. J.D. Mc.Kie.	
	10 June 40	Visit by C in C Middle East. Gen WAVELL, C in C, Middle East, paid a visit to the A.I.F. Camps today. He was met by Maj-Gen MACKEY and later spoke to the officers and men of the second convoy at a parade held at Kilo 89 Camp	S.224 of 9 June 40 attached.
		Italian Advance in FRANCE. Advice of Italian entry into the war was received and necessary action taken to complete camouflage and dispersion.	Duty Staff Officers Diary Attached.

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GAZA.	11 June 40	Blackout Precautions. The movement of M.T. on roads outside specified towns in PALESTINE has been restricted. This has been linked with the "blackout" so that it will not arise public resentment, but is designed as a re-introduction of the curfew precautions thought necessary in the interest of internal security.	-
		Re-organisation of A.I.F. in PALESTINE. Re-organisation made necessary by the new W.E.s and non arrival of units from AUSTRALIA is to be carried out forthwith. This will allow the Aust Units in PALESTINE to be welded into a Division instead of a number of parts of units training together, as they have been up to date.	Admin Instruction No.51.
		Internal Security. The G.O.C. has instituted a scheme to test the alertness of all ranks under emergency conditions, by a system of flags on his car to represent various tactical situations.	151. No 20.
	12 Jun 40	G.O.C.s Visit. Gen GIFFARD, G.O.C., B.F. P. & T.J. visited A.I.F. Camps today and at Kilo 89 camp, addressed representatives of all units who had arrived in the second convoy.	
		Internal Security, Bren gun posts are now being manned night and day as a precautionary measure against any attacks from hostile aircraft. A system of visiting villages in the area to show the flag has been instituted.	G.S. 1. No.19.
		Conference. Maj-Gen I.G. MACKAY attended a conference at SARAFAND.	
	13 June 40	The Kings Birthday. No ceremonial parade is to be held by order of the G.O.C. Maj-Gen MACKAY, accompanied by his A.D.C. and senior Staff Officers, called on Mr. BALLARD, the District Commissioner, In the afternoon, the G.O.C. inspected the 2/1 Bn at work in the 16 Aust Inf Bdes exercises, south of JULIS.	D.R.O. 561
		Airmail Service. News was received over the B.B.C. that Airmail Services to AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND have been temporarily suspended.	
		A/G.S.O. 1. transferred to Corps. Lt-Col R.G.H. Irving, who has been acting as G.1., pending the arrival of Col. F.H. Berryman, has been transferred to 1st Aust Army Corps.	
	14 June 40	Artillery Exercise. This afternoon, the G.O.C. 6 Aust Div, accompanied by his A.D.C. and the G.S.O.1., inspected the artillery exercise between AL FALUJA and BASTINA.	
		G.O.C.s Scheme Cancelled. Owing to increased security precautions and the danger of accident, it was necessary to cancel the G.O.C.'s scheme to test personnel by representing tactical situations by flags on his car.	G.S. 133.

GAZA.	15 June 40	**G.O.C.'s Visits.** This morning, Maj-Gen MORSHEAD inspected the Aust Inf and Gen Base Depot, and the 1st Aust Gen Hospital. Accompanied by the A.D.C., the G.O.C. returned a call on the Mayor of GAZA and had afternoon tea in the Municipal Gardens.	
		Coast Watching. Revised instructions were issued to speed up the reporting of 'planes by the coast watching stations.	
		D.A.A.G. takes over. Lt-Col A.S. Berryman, D.A.A.G. 6 Aust Div has arrived from AUSTRALIA and is taking over his duties from Lt-Col H.W. Irving, who has been acting for him.	
	16 June 40	**Church Parades.** A voluntary Anglican and R.C. Church Parades were held in the A.M.P.C. Building. A general Protestant Church Parade at the 1st Aust Hospital Chapel.	
		G.O.C. Inspects H.Q. 6 Aust Div Personnel. After the Church Service, Div H.Q. personnel marched back and were inspected by the G.O.C. 6 Aust Div. Maj-Gen MORSHEAD addressed a few words to the men exhorting them to carry out their military exercises and duties as well as their normal tasks with the greatest possible efficiency.	
		G.O.C. visits local Dignataries & War Cemetery. Maj-Gen MORSHEAD accompanied by senior Staff Officers lunch with [illegible], the District Officer. In the afternoon, accompanied by his A.D.C. the G.O.C. visited the GAZA War Cemetery.	
	17 June 40	**GAS TRAINING.** Personnel of Div H.Q. are wearing respirators at all times and working in them for one hour per day to accustom all ranks to the slight inconvience caused thereby. Instructionson training have been issued to all Units.	Training Inst. No.12. Admin Inst No.54.
		PASS-WORDS. It was found necessary to cancel the use of pass-words in Camp, due to the difficulty of administration over a large area.	
	18 June 40	**Comforts Fund Issue.** An issue of tobacco, cigarette papers, razor blades and wearing apparel was made to all ranks.	Admond No.1. to G.S.1 No.21. D.R.O. 591.
		Return of Undesirables. Approval has been received to return to AUSTRALIA, personnel who are considered undesirable, because of criminal records or repeated offences against discipline.	W.S. 645 18 Jun 40.
	19 June 40	**Security of Information.** A copy of a letter from G.S. 1. (b) was distributed to Units to emphasise the need of security of information in the Division.	W.229 19 Jun 40.
	20 June 40	**AL JURA Road.** The Road AL MAJDAL - AL JURA is being reformed and will be closed to traffic for a week. As the AL JURA beach is becoming increasingly popular to troops, the road will be of great assistance to traffic, when completed.	D.R.O. 605.

GAZA. 20 June 40 G.O.C. A.I.F. ARRIVES. Lt-Gen Sir Thomas BLAMEY, G.O.C., A.I.F. arrived in PALESTINE today by air from AUSTRALIA. He was accompanied by Brig. S.F. ROWELL, G.S.O.1. Corps and his A.D.C., Capt. J. WILMOTH.

21 June 40 AIRMAILS. Advice has been received that troops can recommence sending air mail letters to AUSTRALIA.
LEAVE. Four day leave has been resumed, but for the present it has been only granted for JERUSALEM.

22 June 40 BLOOD TYPES. Blood typing of personnel of the second convoy is to be completed, and the necessary equipment has been issued to the Camps to be used and then passed to the next camp. — ~~In~~ 754 of 22 June 40. D.R.O. 616.

23 June 40 CHURCH PARADES. The usual services were held for personnel of Div H.Q.

24 June 40 TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS. To save crowding of the existing telephone facilities, instructions have been issued that more non-urgent communications must be sent by signal. — G.S.1. 25.

26 June 40 D.R.L.S. New D.R.L.S. schedules were issued today, further speeding up this service and providing closer connection with other services in PALESTINE. — G.S.1. Nos 26 & 27.
EQUIPMENT. A re-distribution of transport and ~~equipment~~ weapons is to be made so that the shortages in equipment will be born equally by all units, both first and second convoy. — G.S.1 of 26 June 40.

27 June 40 NEW C.O. FOR DISCIPLINE OF DIV H.Q. PERSONNEL. Maj. J. E. BARRETT was appointed Commanding Officer for purposes of discipline of H.Q. 6 Aust Div and attached personnel. He is taking over his duties of D.A.A.G. from Capt. BRIGHTON, the Acting D.A.A.G., who is leaving for the staff college HAIFA War Course, shortly. Maj. BARRETT has been acting B.M. at 19 Aust Inf Bde.

28 June 40 NEW WEB EQUIPMENT. Preparations are being made to issue the new type (1937) web equipment to all units. — D.R.O. 98/63~~8~~3

29 June 40 SECURITY. Identification of personnel. As a means of identification, all ranks must carry their paybooks in future. This will make identification of personnel somewhat easier for guards etc during blackouts. — D.R.O. 99~~6~~/637
LECTURES. It has been arranged with the D.A.P.M. that intelligence personnel shall give a course of instruction in map reading to members of the 6 Aust Provost Coy, stationed in GAZA. W.O. 11. MEREDITH, gave the first lecture this afternoon.

30 June 40 ORDER OF THE DAY. Lt-Gen Sir Thomas BLAMEY, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 1st Aust Corps, issued an " Order of the Day " on the occasion of his taking over command of the AUSTRALIAN TROOPS in PALESTINE and exhorted all ranks to " buck into the work of preparation for the coming events ".

3o June 40 COURSES. Capt. A.G. OLDHAM, G.S.C.111 (I) returned from the short war course at the Staff College, HAIFA. Lt. J.D. Filcher, A.D.C. to G.O.C. 6 Aust Div left to attend the 4th Officers Course at PRTD, SARAFAND. While he is away, Lt. GOOK, 2/11 Bn is carrying out his duties.

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ROUTINE ORDERS.

by

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Gaza — 1 Jun 40.

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527. WAR EQUIPMENT TABLES. - (a) On receipt of these orders, each Unit will advise this H.Q. by Signal Message as to whether it is in possession of a British War Equipment Table (G.1098 Series) or not.
(b) Those Units in possession of a British War Equipment Table will post therein all past and future receipts for first issues in accordance with Adm Inst No. 38, para 4. The British War Equipment Table will thus replace the Australian Table.
(c) The issue of British W.E. Tables to Units not in possession of them will be arranged. In the meantime, Australian Tables will be kept posted to date.

528. DRIVERS FOR TRANSPORT LENT INTER-UNIT. - (a) In future, when transport is lent from one unit to another, the lending unit will provide the driver unless it wishes to arrange otherwise. Drivers so lent will be rationed by the parent unit for the day of reporting, and by the receiving unit until conclusion of duty, including the whole of the day on which they rejoin their unit.
(b) If not specially ordered to be lent for driving instruction, vehicles will be driven by their own driver, unless otherwise agreed by the lending unit. This driver will on all occasions ride in the front seat.

529. INDENTS FOR REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR. - To reduce the clerical work connected with replacement, the principles of Adm Instr No. 38, para 53 will be applied as under:-
Sub-para (I) General (a) Fair Wear (b) Duty and (e) No individual responsible:- The C.O. will personally certify accordingly.

(c) Improper or negligent use:-
(i) If a stoppage has been or is to be made, the C.O. will certify to this effect.
(ii) If no stoppage has been made, the Report shown in Adm Instr No.38, para 53 (II) will be submitted with the Indent.

(d) Theft or fraud:- As in (c) (ii) above.

The certificates referred to above will be endorsed on the indent and may be grouped to cover all items of the same category.

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530. RATIONS - UNIT RESERVES. - All Units will hold one (1) day's ration in reserve of the following commodities at scale shown:-

Biscuits	16 oz.	Sugar	2 oz.
Preserved Meat	9 "	Jam	2 "
Tea	$\frac{5}{8}$ "	Milk	2 "

These rations are only to be consumed in the event of any breakdown in the normal daily issue of supplies, or under instructions from this H.Q. In the former case, Unit Commanders will immediately furnish a report to this H.Q. showing the quantity of each commodity consumed and the circumstances necessitating their consumption.

Commodities which are not in sealed containers, i.e. Tea and Sugar, will be replaced weekly from daily rations. Other commodities will be replaced when compulsory issues are made in order to effect turnover of stocks held by A.S.C. 6 Aus Div. Units will be notified by this H.Q. of the dates on which compulsory issues will be made.

This cancels R.O. 87 of 7 Mar 40.

531. WELFARE OFFICERS. - All Salvation Army Members and Y.M.C.A. representatives will attend a Conference to be held at H.Q. 6 Aus Div at 1000 hrs 7 Jun 40. Senior Chaplains of all denominations will also att

532. CHAPLAINS' CONFERENCE. - Permission is granted for the undermentione Chaplains to attend a Conference in Jerusalem between 3 Jun 40 and 6 Jun 40, both days inclusive. Senior Chaplains will make all arrangements regarding transport and accommodation:-

Chaplain	R. DAKERS,	2/7 BN
"	J.F. FORREST,	2/1 C.C.S.
"	W.A. FRASER,	2/5 BN
"	F.O. HULME-MOIR,	RECCE REGT.
"	D.K. McCONCHIE,	2/11 BN
"	J.D. McKIE,	H.Q. 6 AUS DIV
"	C. MITCHELL,	2/1 A.G.H.
"	W.R. TYLER	2/2 FD. REGT
"	C.P. VINEY	2/1 A.G.H.

533. PAYBOOKS - Paybooks issued to all personnel of 2nd Convoy and not yet reconciled by Pay Office will be forwarded to 6 Aus Div Fd Cash Offic immediately after completion of Pay Period ending 6 Jun 40. These books are required for special audit and will be returned within 3 days.

534. REQUISITIONS FOR CASH.- Cash requisitions will reach 6 Aus Div Fd Cash Office on the Monday preceeding the end of each fortnightly pay period. Unnecessary delay in the issue of pay will result if units fail to comply with this order.

535. PAY FOR INTERPRETERS AND NATIVE LABOURERS. - Interpreters and Native Labourers will be paid only on Mondays at the times and places stated below. Under no circumstances will payments be made other than by the Div Paymaster or by a representative directly deputed by him:-

Camp.	Office.	Time.
BARBARA	H.Q., A.A.S.C. 6 Aus Div	0900 hrs
GAZA	Fd. Cash Office	0900 hrs
JULIS	16 Aus Inf Bde	1100 hrs
QASTINA	2/1 Fd Coy	1330 hrs
BEIT JIRJA	17 Aus Inf Bde	1430 hrs
DEIR SUNEID	Inf & Gen Base Depot	1500 hrs
KILO 89	2/11 Bn	1530 hrs
GAZA RIDGE	1 Aus Gen Hosp	1630 hrs

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530. TIMES IN MESSAGES. - (a) As from this date times of origin, despatch and receipt shown in messages sent within 6 Aus Div will be in local time and the letters L.T. will appear after each time shown.
(b) In messages between Commands, times of origin etc will be stated in G.M.T. and these letters will be shown accordingly.
(c) The twenty-four hour clock will invariably be used.

Lt-Col.
G.S. 6 Aus Div.

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531. CLASS II PERSONNEL. - Certain Class II Personnel have been evacuated direct from 1 Aus Gen Hosp to Inf and Gen Base Depot, bringing with them only those articles that accompanied them to Hospital.
Units from which such personnel were originally evacuated will, on receipt of notification from Inf and Gen Base Depot, deliver all the articles listed in para (b) of Div R.O. 490/40 to the Q.M., Inf and Gen Base Depot.

532. M.T. REPLACEMENTS. - Units indenting for M.T. Replacements for Ford and Chevrolet vehicles will return the U.S. parts, including tyres and tubes, to A.I.F. Base Ord Depot on A.F.G. 1033.

533. WICK CAGES FOR OIL STOVES. - All surplus wick cages will be returned forthwith to A.I.F. Base Ord Depot on A.F.G.1033.

534. RETURNS - FIELD KITCHENS.- Units will forward returns by 10 Jun 40 to D.A.D.O.S. 6 Aus Div of Field Kitchens on issue, stating registered number of body and trailer. Nil returns will be submitted.

535. LEAVE, - ALTERATION IN FARES. - Appendix "A" to 6 Aus Div Administrative Instruction No. 32 dated 13 May 40 is cancelled and Appendix "B" dated 3 Jun 40, which has been issued to all units, will be substituted. Fares published in Appendix "B" will operate from inclusive 6 Jun 40.

536. SIGNS FOR M.T. - (a) Divisional - Stencils for divisional signs will be issued to L.A.D.'s and A.A.S.C. Workshops, who will arrange for all vehicles in their care to have divisional signs painted on the front near mudguard in accordance with G.S. Instr No. 13.

(b) Unit. - All units having vehicles other than A.A.S.C. vehicles will submit indents to D.A.D.O.S. 6 Aus Div for Unit Signs on the Scale of one (1) set per vehicle.

Unit Signs for A.A.S.C. vehicles will be provided by A.A.S.C. workshops.

A.W.L's - 1st. Convoy. All personnel who became A.W.L. through missing ships of 1st convoy, and who were brought to Palestine by 2nd. convoy, will be returned to their parent units before 7 Jun. 40.

COL.
A.A. & Q.M.G. 6 AUS DIV.

545. TRADESMEN. - Tradesmen of the following categories are required for transfer to Signals, A.A.S.C. and A.A.O.C. Units of other arms will submit through the usual channels by 10 Jun the No, Rank, Name and Trade of all personnel who come within these categories, and who are not filling a tradesman's appointment in their unit:-

For Signals.

Carpenters
Clerks
Cooks
Despatch Riders
Draughtsmen (Sig)
Electricians(Sig)
Fitters (Sig)
Instrument Mechanics.
Linemen
Operators Signals
Technical Storemen

For A.A.S.C.

Motor Drivers
Motor Cyclists
Clerks
Grocers
Storemen
Mechanical Engineers
Accountants

For A.A.O.C.

Engineers:-
Mechanical & Electrical with Technical Qualifications.

Artificers:-
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)
Fitters
Fitters Instruments

Artisans:-
Armourers
Blacksmiths
Carpenters
Coppersmiths
Electricians
Fitters
Fitters M.V.
Instrument Mechanics
Panel Beaters.
Rivetters
Textile Refitters
Turners
Vulcanizers
Welders, Electric
Welders, Acetylene
Wheelers
Wireless Mechanics
Clerks, Technical
Technical & M.T. Storemen.

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NOTICE.

LOST : Spare Wheel and Tyre Complete, for Chev. 30 cwt. Lorry, lost between SARAFAND and BARBARA, 3 Jun 40. Finder please advise 6 Aus Div Pet Coy, Barbara.

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538. CORRIGENDUM. - Divisional Routine Order entitled "A.W.L.s - 1st Convoy" immediately following Div R.O. 536/40 of 4 Jun 40, will be numbered "537".

539. FIRST APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONED RANK. - First appointments to Commissioned rank in the A.I.F. are on probation for a period of three months, when in default of any recommendation to the contrary the appointment will be regarded as confirmed.

A lieutenant on probation will wear the badges of rank of a lieutenant.

540. MOVES FROM CAMPS. - If any unit is ordered to vacate its lines permanently, C.O's will notify D.C.R.E. Gaza Area at least 24 hours in advance, in order that a handing over inspection may take place.

541. POOL ARMS AND AMN.- Ref Div R.O. 485/40 units will, if not already done, return pool arms drawn by the following personnel, to the Attached Section, Sarafand:-

Rank.	Name	Unit.	Pool. Rifle	Amn.	Issued by	Date.
Sgt.	Brazier	2/2 Bn	270/8812	20	1/Durham LI	4/3/40
Sgt.	Hood	Sigs 6 Aus Div	263/K29236	20	do	21/2/40
Pte.	Pugh	2/4 Bn	90/N7502	20	do	21/2/40
Pte.	Phillips	2/4 Bn	1/G5013	20	do	21/2/40
S/Sgt.	McLeod	-	-	280	do	19/2/40
Pte.	Laird	39 L.A.D.	-	20	APM Cairo	27/3/40
Spr.	Lew	R.A.E. 6 Aus Div	-	20	1/Durham LI	11/3/40

542. INSULATED CONTAINERS. - All units of 1st Convoy will indent forthwith on Aus Base Ord Depot, through D.A.D.O.S. 6 Aus Div, to complete their entitlements in insulated containers, kettles camp oval and rubber bands (See 6 Aus Div Scale of 7 May 40.)

On 10 Jun 40 all units of the Second Convoy will submit similar indents.

543. ARMLETS, INTERPRETERS - CHANGE OF TYPE. - Units will indent forthwith on Aus Base Ord Depot, through D.A.D.O.S. 6 Aus Div, for one armlet per interpreter attached.

544. TOILET PAPER. - A shortage of toilet paper is anticipated. Units must, for their own convenience, economise in this store.

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546. DISTINGUISHING LETTERS USED IN MESSAGES. - The distinguishing letters used in the "Originator's Number" space of the message form must be carefully selected. Certain letters are allotted in Military Training Pamphlet No. 23 Pt.III. and F.S.P.B. Pamphlet No.2. Units etc which have no letters allotted may use any combination of letters (other than authorised as above)but not in excess of three in number.

It is important that the letters selected do not in any way identify the senders' unit.

Lt-Col.
G.S. 6 Aus Div.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S STAFF.

547. COMFORTS FUND ISSUE.- On 6, 7 and 8 Jun the Australian Comforts Fund will issue to all units tw o packets of cigarettes per man, also tinned fruit, pickles and sauces.

548. PRINTING AND STATIONERY INDENTS.- In submitting indents on, or corresponding with P and S Det Jerusalem, units will add 'A.I.F.' after their title.

Indents and correspondence will be signed by the C.O. or by an officer on his behalf.

Maj for Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G. 6 Aus Div.

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Gaza — 8 Jun 40

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549. D.R.L.S. - It is notified for information that all Three D.R.L.S. runs will operate daily from this date.

Lt -Col.
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550. SUPPLIES - CONDEMNATION AND WARRANTIES. - (a) A.A.S.C. Supplies will be condemned only by the following:-

(1) A board of officers where the value is £5 or over.

(11) A Medical Officer where the value is less than £5.

(b) Reference (1) above, the board will include an A.A.S.C. Officer and an A.A.M.C. Officer.

(c) Reference (11) above, a medical officer may condemn supplies less than £5 in value which he considers unfit for issue. He will certify as to the cause of condemnation and obtain an A.A.S.C. officer's opinion. If no A.A.S.C. officer is available in the camp, the unit concerned will apply to A.A.S.C. at Barbara, who will take the necessary action.

(d) Warranty expiry dates in regard to A.A.S.C. Supplies are dates up to which the manufacturer guarantees the product against deterioration from all causes whatsoever. Such dates give a very big margin of safety and are not to be taken as dates after which supplies automatically become unfit for issue.

Supplies are always examined before issue as to fitness for consumption when the warranty expires and frequently thereafter.

551. TYPEWRITER RIBBONS.- Typewriter ribbons that show signs of being worn out can be revived by moistening with thin oil such as typewriter oil. Care must be taken not to saturate the ribbon, but only to place a few drops on the edge of the ribbon.

This also saves wear and tear on the typewriter as it is not necessary to strike the keys heavily when the ribbon is moist.

Units will adopt the above practice in order to effect economy.

552. LEAVE. - Other than the arms required for security purposes en route, Piquets accompanying Daily Leave Parties to Jerusalem or Tel Aviv will not carry Rifles or Sidearms.

553. RESPIRATORS, ANTI-GAS. - Units of the first convoy which are equipped with Haversacks Mk.1 will indent on Aus Base Ordnance Depot forthwith for Haversacks Mk.V.

554. VENEREAL DISEASES. - All cases of Venereal Disease will be evacuated immediately through Camp Reception Stations to Hospital. On no account will V.D. be treated in unit lines. Questionnaire forms will be filled in for all cases and forwarded promptly by Medical Officer.

555. TRADESMEN - CORRIGENDUM. - In R.O. 545 of 5 Jun 40, under "For Signals" add "Motor Drivers"
"Shoemaker".

Under "For A.A.O.C." add.-

"Engineers with Mechanical or Electrical technical qualifications will be considered for appointment as officers."

F.W. Woodward Maj
for Col.
A.A.& Q.M.G. 6 Aus Div.

NOTICE.

LOST.- One cut film magazine for Graflex Camera. Finder please advise Mr. D. Parer, Official Photographer, 6 Aus Div H.Q.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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556. ALLOTMENT OF AMMUNITION AND FIREWORKS FOR TRAINING.

(a) Attached as Appendix "A" is a Table showing the quantities of Ammunition and Fireworks which may be expended on training during the ~~year~~ ending 31 Dec 40.

(b) Any quantities already drawn in PALESTINE will be in diminution of those allotments.

(c) The Scale of Issue shown in Appendix "A" will supersede all previous allotments of Ammunition and Fireworks.

Lt-Col.
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NOTICE.

Removed by mistake from A.I.F. Officers' Club, Gaza, 8 Jun, barathea cap S.D. made by Hobson, London. Please return to D.A.Q.M.G. 6 Aus Div.

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APPENDIX "A" to 6 AUS DIV ...ONTHLY ORDER No. 553.

ALLOTMENT OF AMMUNITION AND FIREWORKS FOR TRAINING OF 6 AUS DIV - YEAR ENDING 31 DEC, 40.

Serial No.	Unit	.303 S.A.A. Ball (a)	.303 S.A.A. Tracer (b)	.303 Blank (c)	.55 A.T. Practice (d)	3" Mortar Smoke (e)	3" Mortar H.E. (f)	3" Mortar Practice for sand filled bombs. (g)	.22 R.F. (h)	Cartridges, 3A.NG, Ballistite. .303 (i)	Balloons (j)	Generators, Smoke, No.5 (k)	Flares, Ground, Red (l)	Flares, Ground, White (m)	Illuminating, 1-inch T (n)	Cartridges, Signal, Red, 1-inch (o)	Cartridges, Signal, Green, 1-inch (p)	Remarks
Authorised Allotment		18 5912	8000	123000	2856	1296	360	1740	25000	1250	1500	300	1200	600	1000	1540	1540	
1	H.Q. 6 Aus Div	12500	60		48				[illegible]		[illegible]							
2	[illegible] Recce Regt	05170	553	4950	428				1545		1[illegible]	30	120	60	40	160	160	
3	H.Q. R.A.A. 6 Aus Div	3000							150									
4	2/1 Fd Regt	12260	126		88				1100		30					15	15	
5	2/2 Fd Regt	25000	126		88				1100		30					15	15	
6	H.Q. R.A.E. 6 Aus Div	5000							150									
7	2/1 Fd Coy	20000	60		40				400		15				25			
8	2/2 Fd Coy	15000	60		40				400		15				25			
9	Sigs 6 Aus Div	8500			96				300									
10	H.Q. 16 Aus Inf Bde	7000	35		28				200		15							
11	2/1 Bn	175000	520	13950	176	144	40	193	1545	135	127	30	120	60	200	150	150	

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APPENDIX "A" to 6 AUS DIV ROUTINE ORDER No. 563.

ALLOTMENT OF AMMUNITION AND FIREWORKS FOR TRAINING OF 6 AUS DIV - YEAR ENDING 31 DEC, 40.

Serial No.	Unit	.303 S.A.A. Ball (a)	.303 S.A.A. Tracer (b)	.303 Blank (c)	.55 A. [illegible] Practice (d)	3" Mortar Smoke (e)	3" Mortar H.E. (f)	3" Mortar Practice (Marles for sand filled bombs. (g)	.22 R.F. (h)	Cartridges, SARG, Ballistite, .303 (i)	Balloons (j)	Generators, Smoke, No.5 (k)	Flares, [illegible] Red (l)	Flares, Ground, White (m)	Cartridges, Illuminating, 1-inch (n)	Cartridges, Signal, Red, 1-inch (o)	Cartridges, Signal, Green, 1-inch (p)	Remarks
Authorised Allotment		18 5912	6000	120000	2656	1296	360	1740	23000	1250	1500	300	1200	600	1000	1540	1540	
1	H.Q. 6 Aus Div	12500	60		48				300		20							
2	[illegible] Aus Div Recce Regt	05170	553	4950	428				1545		140	30	120	60	40	160	160	
3	H.Q. R.A.A. 6 Aus Div	3000							150									
4	2/1 Fd Regt	42260	126		88				1100		30					15	15	
5	2/2 Fd Regt	25000	126		88				1100		30					15	15	
6	H.Q. R.A.E. 6 Aus Div	5000							150									
7	2/1 Fd Coy	20000	60		40				400		15				25			
8	2/2 Fd Coy	15000	60		40				400		15				25			
9	Sigs 6 Aus Div	8500			96				000									
10	H.Q. 16 Aus Inf Bde	7000	35		28				200		15							
11	2/1 Bn	175000	520	13850	176	144	40	193	1545	135	127	30	120	60	200	150	150	

Serial No.	Unit	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	Remarks
1[illegible]	2/2 Bn	175000	520	13850	176	144	40	193	1545	135	127	30	120	60	200	150	150	
[illegible]	2/3 Bn	175000	520	13850	176	144	40	193	1545	135	127	30	120	60	200	150	150	
[illegible]	H.Q. 17 Aus Inf Bde	7000	35		28				200		15							
[illegible]	2/5 Bn	1[illegible]200	520	11850	176	144	40	193	1545	135	127	30	120	60	200	150	150	
[illegible]	2/6 Bn	1498[illegible]0	520	11850	176	144	40	193	1545	135	127	30	120	60	200	150	150	
17	2/7 Bn	149200	520	11850	176	144	40	193	1545	135	127	30	120	60	200	150	150	
18	H.Q. 19 Aus Inf Bde	7000	35		28				200		15							
19	2/4 Bn	175000	520	13850	176	144	40	193	1545	135	127	30	120	60	200	150	150	
20	2/8 Bn	149200	520	12050	176	144	40	193	1545	135	127	30	120	60	200	150	150	
21	2/11 Bn	149200	520	12050	176	144	40	193	1545	135	127	30	120	60	200	150	150	
22	H.Q. A.A.S.C. 6 Aus Div	5000							150									
23	6 Aus Div Sup Coln	43800	105		80				550		25							
24	6 Aus Div Pet Coy	17000	60		40				400		15							
25	6 Aus Div Amn Coy	22000	60		40				500		15							

Serial No.	Unit	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	Remarks
26	2/1 Fd Amb	3550																
27	2/2 Fd Amb	3000																
28	2/1 Fd Hyg Sec	1500																
29	2/1 A Fd Wkshop	13150							550									
30	Aus Inf & Gen Base Depot	5000							250									
	Total Allotted	1805430	6000	120000	2656	1296	360	1737	23000	1215	1500	300	1200	600	1900	1540	1540	

NOTE: Any quantities already drawn in PALESTINE will be in diminution of these allotments.

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Gaza 10 Jun 40.

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557 ACCIDENTS - REPORTING TO CIVIL POLICE. - All traffic accidents in which military vehicles of any description are involved with civilian cars or which involve injury or damage to civilians, animals or civilian property, will be reported at the first available opportunity to the nearest civil Police Station or civil policeman by the driver of the military vehicle or by the senior member of the party travelling in that vehicle.

Commanding officers are responsible that this order is promulgated to all drivers within their units and every report on such accidents forwarded after the date of this order will include the date and time at which the civil police were notified.

Disciplinery action will be taken in every case of non-compliance with this order.

558. JEWISH SERVICES - PENTECOST. (a) Divine Service in celebration of the festival of Pentecost will be held in a hut to be provided by Camp Comd Beit Jirja, at 0930 hrs, 12 Jun 40. All members of the Jewish Faith will be granted permission to attend should they so desire.

(b) Transport has been arranged by the Jewish Chaplain 6 Aus Div and all Jewish personnel desirous of attending will be assembled as under:-

Time.	Camp.	Place.
0730 hrs	Qastina	H.Q. 6 Aus Div Recce Regt
0745 "	Julis	A.A.C.C., Grocery Store, Main Rd.
0810 "	Barbara	H.Q. 6 Aus Div Pet Coy, Rosenthal Lines.
0845 "	Gaza Town	"B" Officers' Mess.
0855 "	Gaza Ridge	H.Q. 2/1 C.C.S.
0900 "	Kilo 89	Junction of Herring Lines and Main Rd.
0915 "	Deir Suneid	H.Q. R.A.A. 6 Aus Div.

559. BLACK PAINT. - Units requiring urgently small supplies of black paint and brushes for "black out" purposes should indent on Aus Base Ord Depot through D.A.D.O.S. 6 Aus Div. Instructions for drawing of complete supplies through D.C.R.E. Gaza Area, Beit Jirja, will be issued shortly.

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Gaza 11 Jun 40.

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560. LEAVE. - Owing to the "Black Out" regulations individual leave will not be granted in future and all A.I.F. personnel will be clear of Jerusalem by 1730 hrs and of Tel Aviv by 1800 hrs daily. Para 15 of 6 Aus Div Administrative Instruction No. 32 is cancelled.

561. KING'S BIRTHDAY.- H.E. The High Commissioner for Palestine has decided that, in accordance with the procedure adopted in the United Kingdom, birthday parades in celebration of His Majesty's Birthday will not be held this year.

562. CONFERENCE OF QUARTERMASTERS. - A conference of Q.M's of the Second Convoy will be held in Conference Room H.Q. 6 Aus Div, on Mon 17 Jun 40 at 1600 hrs.

563. RETURNS - MORTARS.- All units issued with M.L. Mortars 3in Mk Vl, will submit returns by 21 Jun 40 showing registered Nos of Mortar and whether Memo of Exam belonging to relevant Mortars is held, also any Memo held that does not belong to Mortars issued. Nil returns will be submitted by units concerned.

564. SIGNS FOR M.T. - Routine Order No. 80, para 536 (b) is amended as follows:- All units issued with vehicles will submit indents on D.A.D.O.S. 6 Aus Div for Unit Signs on the scale of one set per vehicle. These will be supplied, when manufactured, by Base Ordnance Depot.

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565. DRESS. The practice of not wearing any clothing above the waist when training is to cease. At least a singlet must be worn to protect the body from the sun.

566. COMPENSATION OFFICERS.

Compensation Organization - The undermentioned compensation officers have been appointed in accordance with Adv 6 Aus Div Administrative Instruction No 24 "A" dated 18 Apr 40. R.O. 426 of 12 May 40 is cancelled.

(a) Brigade Compensation Officers.

Area "B" -	Lt-Col R.G. Hutchinson	6 Aus Div Recce Regt.
Area "C" -	Capt C. Pope	16 Aus Inf Bde
Area "D" -	Capt A. T. McLean	17 Aus Inf Bde
Area "E" -	Lt. W.C. Murphy	H.Q. R.A.A. 6 Aus Div.
Area "F" -	Capt J. Miller	19 Aus Inf Bde

(b) Unit Compensation Officers.

R.A.E.	Capt H.B. Hurn
2/1 Bn	Capt W.G.A. Baines
2/2 Bn	Capt W.B. Caldwell
2/3 Bn	Lt J.A.Y. Denniston
2/1 Fd Amb	Capt Zimmerman
H.Q. A.A.S.C.	Capt C. Bowser
Aus Ord Base Depot	Capt J.R. Dale
2/5 Bn	Capt C.B. Sawyer
2/6 Bn	Lt W.H. Sherlock
2/7 Bn	Lt B. de B. McGeoch
2/2 Fd Amb	Capt S.I. Weir
2/1 Fd Hyg Sec	Capt R. Drummond
Inf & Gen Base Depot	Capt P.L.J. Foley
2/1 Fd Regt	Major J.F. Howard
2/2 Fd Regt	Lt J.A. North
2/4 Bn	Lt A.W. Sheppard
2/8 Bn	Lt H Austin
2/11 Bn	Capt R. Horley
2/1 Aus Gen Hosp	Capt R.H. McDonald
2/2 Aus Gen Hosp	Capt L.E. Rothstadt
2/1 C.C.S.	Major J.O. Smith
2/1 Aus Con Depot	Lt C. Taylor
H.Q. 6 Aus Div	A.B.O. GAZA
Sigs 6 Aus Div	Capt T. Nadebaum.

567. LOSSES AND DAMAGES. - When stoppages in pay for losses, etc are made in accordance with para 53 VI of Adm Instr No. 38, the stoppage will not be less than a quarter of the vocabulary price. This applies also when the life of the clothing etc has expired.

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568. ACCOMMODATION - WEAPON TRAINING CAMP - JAFFA RANGES. - "Units requiring accommodation in W.T. Camp, JAFFA RANGES, will notify by letter or signal, strengths of Officers, W.Os and Sjts, and Rank and File, to the Camp Comdt W.T. Camp, at least two clear days before date of arrival.

Units will also notify the Camp Comdt W.T. Camp, at least two clear days before the date of their intended departure.

569. RESPIRATORS, ANTI-GAS OF HOSPITAL PATIENTS. - Personnel are still being evacuated to hospital without their respirators, anti-gas. (Attention is drawn to Div R.O. 362)

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570. PARTS FOR BRIGGS STRATTON CHARGING SETS. - Units holding the above will indent on Aus Base Ord Depot through D.A.D.O.S. 6 Aus Div for:-

Covers for generating sets
Switchboards
Funnels
Globes.

571. AUTHORITY FOR INDENTS. - Units must quote Divisional Routine Orders (or Force H.Q. instructions if known) on all indents. Bde and other Orders should therefore quote the D.R.O. or Force Instruction when repeating orders.

572. URGENT INDENTS BY A. FD. WKSHOP AND A.A.S.C. - Urgent indents by A Fd Wkshop and A.A.S.C. on Aus Base Ord Depot can be taken direct to that Depot. Two copies will be submitted and countersigned by D.A.D.O.S. Aus Base Ord Depot, who will pass one copy to D.A.D.O.S. 6 Aus Div.

573. INDENTS FOR EXPENSE STORES. - These indents must show the number of messes and kitchens concerned.

574. AMENDMENT TO ADM INSTR NO. 46. - Delete the last sentence of para 2 (a) and substitute:-

"All signal equipment requiring repair will be sent to Sigs, 6 Aus Div, but only first line repairs will be carried out by that Unit. Sigs 6 Aus Div will forward second line repairs to Sarafand Ordnance Workshops."

575. MISSING PACKAGES.- Cases numbered 3, 7, 9 and 336 marked with a green disc, labelled "A.D.O.S. A.I.F. Port Said", and due to arrive from Australia are missing.

Any unit having possession of the above will notify Aus Base Ord Depot, Barbara.

576. AMENDMENT.- In Appendix "A" to 6 Aus Div Administrative Instruction No. 50, the location of Chaplain Kircher C.W. (C.E.) will be altered to read "2/1 Bn", and the location of Chaplain Read C.A. (M) will be altered to read "2/2 Bn".

577. STATIONERY - A.M.F. D.2 (Medical Board Form) will replace A.F.B. 179. Units may obtain supplies by indenting on Stationery Office, H.Q. 6 Aus Div.

578. ECONOMY IN USE OF STORES. - The effect of waste on the conduct of the war, and on economic conditions in Australia after the war, must be impressed on all ranks. Waste by Australian troops has to be paid for by Australia. It must be remembered that all scales of issue are maximum entitlements, and that indents must NOT be automatically submitted based on these scales. They should be carefully scrutinized by the originator to ensure that the quantities are actually required. All officers and N.C.O's will check waste whenever it comes to their notice. It should be the aim of all ranks to practice at least one economy per day.

F.W. Woodward Maj
for Col.
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NOTICE.

LOST. One universal kit bag and greatcoat, tied together, marked. WX.1679. Finder advise Q.M., Inf & Gen Base Depot, Deir Suneid.

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Gaza 15 Jun 40.

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579. REPAIR OF TELEPHONE SYSTEMS. - In order to expedite the repair of faults occurring in the telephone system, all units will report such faults to the Superintendent GAZA Signal Office as soon as possible, giving the following particulars:-

(a) PBX and Extension No.
(b) A brief diagnosis of the fault, if possible.

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580. PHILANTHROPIC ACTIVITIES. - (a) The following is the allocation of representatives of Philanthropic Associations to A.I.F. Camps:-

GAZA RIDGE	-	MR. A. FREEMAN	- Y.M.C.A.(Officiating)
KILO 89	-	MAJOR W.T. TRESTRAIL	- S.A.
DEIR SUNEID	-	MR. L. FINN	- Y.M.C.A.
BEIT JIRJA	-	ADJ. G. PALMER	- S.A.
BARBARA	-	MR. A. McLACHLAN	- Y.M.C.A.
JULIS	-	MR. B. MONTFRIES	- Y.M.C.A.
		MAJOR H. HOSIER	- S.A.

(b) All changes will be completed by 1200 hrs 17 Jun 40. Commanders of Camps from which representatives are moving out will supply transport and loading parties for such representatives and for any material that is being removed to another camp. Material belonging to a Philanthropic Association may be moved with the representative of that Association. Material belonging to the A.C.F. will not be removed.

(c) The management of recreational huts in unit lines is the responsibility of Commanding Officers but, in their conduct, C.O's should take full advantage of the services provided by Philanthropic Associations.

(d) Representatives, as set out in para (a) above, will be responsible for assisting all Commanding Officers with the organization and maintenance of all unit Recreation Huts within the Camp Area. They will not confine their activities to any one hut or unit. They will maintain close contact with Unit Chaplains and will consult with them on all matters involving spiritual welfare. Camp Commanders will arrange quarters so that representatives can best carry out this function.

(e) In Qastina Camp, Chaplain F.O. Hulme-Moir will supervise Philanthropic Activities. He will contact Senior Representatives who will supply him with such material as is available for distribution.

581. CIVILIANS. - Camp Commanders will render a return to reach this H.Q. not later than 1200 hrs 19 Jun 40, shewing the total numbers of Civilians living or working in each camp as at 31 May 40.

This return is required to compute the amount due to the Conservancy Contractor and will include Sweepers, as well as all employees of Canteens, Officers or Sergeants' messes, Contractors, etc.

Subsequent returns will be submitted by the 5th of each month.

582. OIL SPRAYING IN CAMPS. - Sump Oil will be sprayed over areas adjacent to Cookhouses etc to keep down dust and flies. A four-gallon petrol tin will be used. It will be fitted locally with a wooden handle and will be pierced in the bottom with about 20 holes made with a 12 SWG nail.

Supplies of sump oil will be demanded from A.A.S.C. 6 Aus Div on the scale of 10 galls per month per major unit, unless it can be obtained by local arrangement within each camp area.

583. ARMS AND EQUIPMENT. - Personnel transferred inter-unit will take with them their arms and equipment. Arms and equipment of personnel who have been recently transferred without them, in connexion with re-organization, will be transferred forthwith by the former unit to the new unit.

584. DELIVERIES FROM PRINTING & STATIONERY DETACHMENT. - D.R.L.S. will NOT in future deliver packages from the above Det.

A.A.S.C. 6 Aus Div will pick up Stationery from Jerusalem once-weekly on Mondays, and will deliver to units with rations.

F W Woodward Maj
for Col.
A.A.& Q.M.G. 6 Aus Div.

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Gaza 17 Jun 40

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GENERAL STAFF.

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for Col.
G.S. 6 Aus Div.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S STAFF.

585. STATIONERY INDENTS - L.A.D's AND DETACHED SIG SECS. - Stationery requirements of above sub-units will in future be submitted in letter form to H.Q. of formation or unit to which they are permanently attached. H.Q. concerned will include such requirements in their normal indents.

586. RESERVE RATIONS. - Units will indent on A.A.S.C. 6 Aus Div on 19 Jun for 1 days reserve ration (making total of 2 days held by units). Indents will be marked "RESERVE" in red.

587. TRANSPORT DELAYS. - Transport reporting at camps must NOT be delayed. A.A.S.C. 6 Aus Div will report future cases of this nature. Camp Comds will ensure that personnel or stores are ready to embus or load at the specified time and place.

588. WORK TICKETS (A.Fs.G. 3518). - Only the following detail will be entered on A.F.G. 3518 :-

(a) Authority for journey and brief description
(b) Total mileage performed
(c) Amount of petrol consumed.

589. ARRIVAL UNIT EQUIPMENT STORES, 2ND CONVOY. - Ref Div R.O. 511/40. Units will complete this return by 22 Jun or forward progress reports stating difficulties and estimated date of submission.

590. CLOTHING AND NECESSARIES - MARKING OF. - Clothing and necessaries will be marked with the man's Army Number only. Any other marking will be deleted, except that the name, if already on, may be left.

Discs Identity and Respirators Anti-Gas will continue to be marked in accordance with instructions contained in Adm Instr No 38 para 55.

for Col.
A.A.& Q.M.G. 6 Aus Div.

NOTICES.

1. FOUND; on GAZA Beach (A.I.F. Bathing Area) on Sunday, 16 Jun :-

1 WRISTLET WATCH

Owner may obtain same on application to Camp Comdt, H.Q. 6 Aus Div, GAZA.

2. FOUND; in GAZA TOWN, approx beginning JUNE :-

1 CAMERA and CASE.

Owner may obtain same on application to Camp Comdt, H.Q. 6 Aus Div, GAZA.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS.

by

MAJ-GEN I.G. MACKAY, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., G.O.C. 6 AUS DIV.

Gaza 18 Jun 40

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NIL

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G.S. 6 Aus Div.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S STAFF.

591. COMFORTS FUND ISSUE. - An issue of tobacco, cigarette papers, razor blades and wearing apparel is now available at the Australian Comforts Fund Store, GAZA, for collection by all units.

592. SUPPLEMENTARY RATION ACCOUNT.- On the expenditure side the supplementary ration account will be made up only to the date on which the A.A.C.S. closes its monthly accounts. This date will vary from month to month, each period approximating 4 weeks. Entitlements will, however, be calculated up to the end of each month.

593. PAY BOOKS. - All reference to the unit on the cover and first page of the pay book will be erased or deleted so as to be quite illegible.

594. SECURITY FOR CASH. - With the exception of small amounts necessary for incidental expenses, all monies collected on account of Regimental and other accounts must be paid to Divisional Paymaster or his accredited representative without delay. Should it be necessary to hold cash overnight it must be kept in a safe or a locked box in the custody of the Unit guard.

595. DUTIES OF PAY SERGEANTS. - Pay Sergeants are attached to Units for the purpose of Pay Duties only and are not to act in any other capacity. They are not to hold any executive position in connection with any Unit, Mess or Trust Account, nor to have the custody of any of these funds.

596. R.E. FITTINGS - PROCEDURE ON OCCUPYING OR VACATING LINES. - Ref R.O. 540 of 5 Jun 40, the C.O. of a unit vacating lines, or the C.O. of a unit occupying empty lines, will give 24 hours notice at least, to D.C.R.E. Gaza Area or his representative, who will arrange to be represented at the check of R.E. Fittings. Where one unit is to take over from another, the hand over will be direct from unit to unit, in the presence of a representative of D.C.R.E. The unit moving in will, if necessary, detail an advanced party for this purpose. Units will be charged for deficiencies or damage not due to fair wear.

597. CARE OF ROOFS. (a) Personnel working on roofs of huts must wear rubber-soled shoes.

(b) Roof trusses of cinema buildings are very light, and the asbestos covering fragile. Troops working on such roofs must be roped, and not more than one man at a time may be on each side of the roof.

598. INOCULATIONS. - All units will render by 1800 hrs 24 Jun 40, numbers of personnel who have not completed their inoculation with T.A.B. and the numbers of injections required to complete. NIL returns are required.

599. FANS. - Ref 6 Aus Div Adm Instr No. 45, no fans will be fitted except in hospitals and offices until further orders.

F W Woodward Maj
for Col.
A.A.& Q.M.G. 6 Aus Div.

NOTICE.

CLINICAL MEETING OF AUS HOSP CLINICAL GROUP.

Subject. - Demonstration of technique of Transfusion in the Army illustrated by coloured slides, by Major Ian Wood, 2 Aus Gen Hosp.

Place. - Officers' Mess, 1 Aus Gen Hosp. Time. 2000 hrs Thursday 20 Jun 40.

All Medical Officers are cordially invited to attend.

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600. PROTECTION AGAINST FOOD-BORNE DISEASES. - It has been noticed that provisions of Div R.O. 366/40 are not being complied with. This is again stressed in view of the ripening of grapes at the present time.
Melons also should be washed well before eating.

601. EMPTY PACKING CASES. - Attention is directed to 6 Aus Div R.O. 228/40. Empty packing cases will not be used for fuel wood.

602. TRAIN TIMINGS PALESTINE (SUMMER TIME)- The Down train from Palestine to Egypt will arrive at Kantara East at 1630 hrs Egyptian Time (1730 hrs Palestine Time).
The Up train will leave Kantara East at 2220 hrs Egyptian Time (2320 hrs Palestine Time).

603. DENTAL TREATMENT - (a) To avoid interruption of training, and to ensure that dental centres do not waste time through broken appointments, units will furnish to Dental Centres on Mondays a statement showing, for the week commencing the following Monday, the days on which personnel will NOT be available for dental treatment owing to training requirements. The statement should deal with sub-units if necessary.
(b) If paybooks are not available, the Officer i/c Dental Centre will forward copies of any entries required to units, who will be responsible that they are copied into the paybook.

604. VACANCIES IN A.A.O.C.- Vacancies exist at H.Q. 6 Aus Div and in Aus Base Ord Depot for specialist storemen with knowledge of M.T. spare parts, storemen with general experience, and clerks. Units will publish in R.O's a notice to that effect, inviting applications for transfer, and will submit the names of personnel recommended for interview to reach H.Q. 6 Aus Div by 25 Jun.

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605. REPAIRS TO RD. AL MAJDAL - AL JURA. - From incl Monday 24 Jun, until further orders, Rd. AL MAJDAL - AL JURA will be closed to vehicular traffic to permit of road construction where deviations are impossible, during the following hours:-

0500 - 0900
1000 - 1400

Probable duration of restrictions - 1 week.

The restrictions will NOT apply on Sunday 30 Jun, even though construction is incomplete by that day.

606. POOL ARMS AND AMMUNITION. - Pool arms and ammunition issued by Sarafand to the following personnel will be forwarded forthwith to Camp Comdt 6 Aus Div. If arms and amn have been returned already to Sarafand units will advise this H.Q. In future, personnel who draw pool arms and amn from Sarafand, will state their Army No, Name, and Unit when issued :-

	Name.	Amn.	Rifle No.
VX.5695	Pte G.L. Fowler	100	35/N39249
VX.4514	Pte S.G. White		155/62616
-	Sgt G.W. Ferreira	50	
NX.7564	Pte Jary	100	262/G286
VX.3346	Pte Roberts		378/H5755
-	Pte Morrison	40	315/X74915
-	Pte Keating		276/1443
-	Spr Yates, 2/2 Fd Coy	20	78/24198

607. A.F.W's 3810 - Attention is directed to 6 Aus Div Adm Instr No.34 para 11.

C.O's of indenting units will ensure that these instructions are carried out.

608. BADGES, HAT & COLLAR & TITLES "AUSTRALIA". - Stocks of these items are running very low due to large demands for replacement by units. C.O's will ensure that the practice of giving away and exchanging these items is stopped.

609. REORGANIZATION 6 AUS DIV - TRANSFERS. - Personnel on transfer will take with them to their new unit the following accommodation stores, in addition to arms and equipment as set out in D.R.O. 583/40:-

Blankets	3	Bedsteads Board, Set	1
Paillasse	1	Trestles prs	1
Bolster	1	Nets, sandfly	1
		" " Hoops	1

These stores will be transferred on AFG.1033.

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A.A.& Q.M.G. 6 Aus Div.

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610. PAYMENT FOR CABLES. - To ensure that all cables and money are properly accounted for, units will, on the first of each month, render to the O.C. 6 Aus Div Postal Unit a statement showing the number and total cost of each batch of cables, lodged bi-weekly with the Travelling Post Office, under the headings Date, No. of Cables, Cost.

611. COMPENSATION OFFICERS - 6 Aus Div R.O. 566/40 is amended as follows.

Delete "Lieut A.W. Sheppard" and substitute "Capt H.S. Conkey"

612. CONTROL OF BATHING AREAS. - Prompt action by civilians on two occasions recently has averted fatalities on the beaches. Camp Comds will ensure that the provisions of Adm Instr No.30 are complied with.

Maj
Col.
A.A.& Q.M.G. 6 Aus Div.

NOTICE.

BROADCASTING - FORCES PROGRAMME. - A special Forces Programme will be broadcast daily by Egyptian State Broadcasting from 5.45 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. and on Sundays from 5.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

The wave length will be 483 metres equal to 620 kilocycles.

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613. SECURITY OF MILITARY INFORMATION. - Information has been received that an official letter, NOT marked secret, was sent to an Army Philanthropic Unit disclosing information which was, in fact, secret.

Comds will ensure that all concerned are warned of the vital necessity of complete secrecy of all military information.

J.H. Berryman Col.
G.S. 6 Aus Div.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S STAFF.

614. TRANSFERS. - Inter-unit transfers of W.O's, N.C.O's and O.R's may be made by mutual arrangement between units without reference to this H.Q.

615. RABIES. - There have been instances of Rabies amongst dogs in GAZA Area. All personnel in Gaza Area will obey the following instructions:-

1. Any person bitten or licked by any animal suspected of Rabies or bitten by a stray dog will report immediately to the nearest Medical Officer or Medical Unit for treatment.
2. The animal, if caught, will be kept tied up and the Medical Officer informed. If the animal has been killed, the body should be sent to the nearest Government Veterinary Officer. In destroying an animal suspected of Rabies, it is important not to shoot it in the head or otherwise damage the brain.
3. Jackals are particularly dangerous from the point of view of the spread of Rabies. Anti-rabic treatment is called for in all cases of Jackal bite.

616. INOCULATIONS AND BLOOD TYPING. - Units of 2nd Convoy will render a return to reach this H.Q. by 1200 hrs 27 Jun 40 stating:-

(a) Total numbers of personnel requiring two Tetanus Toxoid Inoculations
(b) Total numbers of personnel still requiring one such inoculation.
(c) Total numbers of personnel whose Blood Types have not yet been taken

Units of 1st Convoy to which 2nd Convoy personnel have been transferred will render a similar return in so far as such personnel are concerned.

617. REGIMENTAL COLOUR PATCHES A.A.O.C. - Personnel of L.A.Ds. will wear the colour patch of the A.A.O.C. Divisional Troops.

Armbands will not be worn.

618. EXPENSE STORES. - Owing to difficulty of obtaining supplies of expense stores the following reduced scale will come into force forthwith:-

Soap	- 1 lb Per [illegible] per day
Soda Washing	- 1¼ " " " "
Calico	- 1 yd " " " "
Caustic Soda	- As required
Cloth Pudding	- 1 per 20 of strength

2/....

Cloth Sponge	-	10% strength
" Tea	-	1 per ton plus 2 per cook - non-expendable.
Cotton Waste	-	¾ lb per 100 per day
Cloth Muslin	-	½ yd " " " "
Paper Toilet	-	1 roll (8 oz) per 100 per day
Powder cleaning	-	½ tin per 100 per day
Polish Metal	-	Small quantity
Bags Paper	-	As required
Nails	-	Small quantity
Skewers (Sets)	-	1 per Kitchen
Twine	-	Small quantity.

In addition to showing the strength of the unit, the number of messes and kitchens will be shown on indents.

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A.A.& Q.M.G. 6 Aus Div.

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Gaza 26 Jun 40

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620. GAZA TOWN - All troops are to leave GAZA Town, other than the billeting area, by 1945 hrs daily.

621. SPEED LIMIT OF VEHICLES. Attention is drawn to F.S.O. (G.O.) 597/36. During blackout hours these speeds must be further reduced, particularly in towns.

622. CIVIL POLICE.- Any complaint involving the civil population, resident outside camp areas will be immediately reported to the D.A.P.M. 6 Aus Div who will arrange for the necessary co-operation of the Civil Police.
Civilians within camp areas will come under the authority of the Camp Comd for all breaches of camp regulations, but more serious matters of complaint will be reported to the D.A.P.M. so that a joint investigation with the civil police may be made.

623. BOOT REPAIRS. - Attention is drawn to H.Q. 6 Aus Div Adm Instr No.38, paras 27 and 28. Boots will be collected at one centre in each Bn etc. Battalions must have boots ready labelled and bundled before the arrival of the contractor each Monday.

624. EQUIPMENT FOR BREN GUNS and A. TK. RIFLES. - All units which indented in accordance with para 77 of Adm Instr 38 will submit returns forthwith of the quantities held of the items shown therein. NIL returns will be submitted by such units.

625. CLOTHING, LIFE IN COMPUTING STOPPAGES. - Adm Instr No. 38 para 53 VI line 2 is amended as follows :- Delete "six months" and substitute "nine months".

626. INDENTS, PREPARATION OF. - A marked improvement in the preparation of Indents is apparent since the issue of Adm Instr No.53. The following points however still require attention:-

(a) Indents for expense stores. These should show strength of unit and the number of messes and kitchens.

(b) Indents for M.T. Parts. These should show:-

(i) For British Vehicles.
W.D. Contract No.
Engine No.
Part No., if known.

(ii) For Australian Vehicles.
Designation, Make and Model
Army Registration No.

627. UNFULFILLED UNIT INDENTS.- Unfulfilled unit indents for stores to be supplied by A.I.F. Base Ordnance Depot, submitted prior to 20 Apr 40 are hereby cancelled. Fresh indents to be submitted to D.A.D.O.S. 6 Aus Div for any stores still required.
(See 38 Ordnance Manual War)

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628. DISCIPLINE - As from inclusive 27 Jun 40 Major J.E. Barrett is appointed Commanding Officer for purposes of discipline of H.Q. 6 Aus Div and attached personnel. Div R.O. 60/40 is cancelled.

629. COMPENSATION PAYMENTS. - Compensation Officers are advised that the signature of a Mukhtar on Compensation Form "C" must be either written (in English or Arabic) or by thumb print duly witnessed. The impression of the Mukhtar's official stamp is not in itself sufficient.

630. WEEKLY RETURN OF AMN AND EXPLOSIVES EXPENDED. - Units which recently rendered returns of amn or explosives held will submit every Thursday by 0900 hrs by signal message through the usual channels, a return of amn or explosives expended during the previous seven days. Expenditure will be shown separately for (1) Practice (2) Operations. R.A.A., R.A.E. and Inf Bdes will consolidate returns for their H.Q. and units and submit by signal to this H.Q. by 1100 hrs. Other units will submit direct to this H.Q. by 0900 hrs. Times mentioned are those by which messages will be handed in to Signals. NIL returns are required from units indicated. Return for week ended 26 Jun will be submitted as above on 29 Jun.

631. INDENTS ON D.C.R.E. (a) In future indents on D.C.R.E. will not be forwarded through D.A.D.O.S., 6 Aus Div, but will be submitted direct to D.C.R.E., Beit Jirja. A.F. G.997 will not be used. Applications will be made on A.A.F. S.18, referred to in Adm Instr No. 47 of 6 Jun 40. Copies of this form have been issued to units by Works Officer 6 Aus Div.

(b) Stores supplied by the D.C.R.E. are as under :-

(i) Items shown as R.E. supply in G.O. 160 (Weapon Training Stores)
(ii) Items shown as R.E. supply in 6 Aus Div Adm Instr No.52 of 11 Jun 40
(iii) Timber
(iv) Dannert Wire
(v) Long and short picks for training
(vi) Stores for blackout.

632. CLOTHING - ECONOMY. - The life of clothing should be prolonged as much as possible as stocks for replacement are small. Because a "life" is laid down for the purpose of assessing stoppages for losses, it must not be interpreted as an authority for replacements in general. C.O's will NOT authorize replacement until an article is unserviceable.

Lt. Col.
A.A.& Q.M.G. 6 Aus Div.

NOTICE.

Y.M.C.A. HOSTELS. - As from inclusive 1 Jul 40, Y.M.C.A. Hostels will not accommodate Leave Parties.

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633. 1937 WEB EQUIPMENT. - Units will draw the above equipment from Sarafand Ord Depot in accordance with the following programme:-

Serial No.	Date.	Unit.
1	1 Jul	2/1 Fd Amb
2	2 "	2/2 Bn
3	3 "	2/1 Fd Regt
4	4 "	2/1 Bn
5	5 "	2/3 Bn
6	6 "	H.Q. 16 Aus Inf Bde
7	8 "	2/2 Fd Regt
8	9 "	H.Q. R.A.A. 6 Aus Div
9	10 "	2/2 Fd Amb
10	11 "	H.Q. 18 Aus Inf Bde
11	12 "	2/4 Bn
12	13 "	A.A.S.C. 6 Aus Div
13	15 "	H.Q. 6 Aus Div
14	16 "	3/1 A Fd Wkshop
15	17 "	2/1 Fd Hyg Sec
16	18 "	2/5 Bn
17	19 "	2/6 Bn
18	20 "	Sigs, 6 Aus Div
19	22 "	6 Aus Div Cav Regt
20	23 "	R.A.E. 6 Aus Div
21	24 "	2/7 Bn
22	25 "	2/8 Bn
23	26 "	H.Q. 17 Aus Inf Bde
24	27 "	2/11 Bn
25	29 "	Inf & Gen Base Depot
26	30 "	6 Aus Pro Coy
27	31 "	Aus Base Ord Depot
28	1 Aug	1 Aus Gen Hosp
29	2 "	2 Aus Gen Hosp
30	3 "	2/1 Aus Conv Depot
31	5 "	2/1 C.C.S.

Units which have not already placed indents with D.A.D.O.S. 6 Aus Div will do so forthwith. To date indents have been received for Serials 1 to 15.

634. CONCENTRATION OF DINING TENTS. - It is considered necessary that dining tents should be floored with concrete, connected to the kitchen drainage system, and so sited in relation to kitchens as to allow of efficient distribution of meals.

With these objects in view, concrete floors not already completed will be laid down to plans agreed between Works Officer, 6 Aus Div and a representative of each unit, and commmunicated by the former to D.C.R.E. Gaza Area.

635. INDENTS FOR STRETCHERS AMB Mk.II. - Units with deficiencies in Stretchers Amb Mk.II will place indents with D.A.D.O.S. 6 Aus Div forthwith. Medical units are referred to A.D.M.S. letter of 18 Jun 40.

636. TENTAGE - CAMOUFLAGE (Ref CR/PAL/12793/Q of 18 May). Cutch will be issued without indents to Camp Comds by D.A.D.O.S. Aus Base Ord Depot as under :-

Qastina	galls	25
Julis		25
Barbara		15
Beit Jirja		30
Deir Sumeid		20
Kilo 89		30

Containers must be taken to Aus Base Ord Depot.

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637. IDENTIFICATION - SERVICE PERSONNEL. - (a) All members of A.A.N.S., Offrs, and O.R's of A.I.F. will carry pay books (Form W.F.5) at all times for identification purposes.

(b) When paybooks are temporarily withdrawn passes bearing the unit stamp and showing the identity of the holder will be issued in place of the pay book. Such passes MUST be withdrawn when paybook is returned.

Col.
G.S. 6 Aus Div.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S STAFF.

638. SCREENING OF VEHICLE LIGHTS - Attention is drawn to 6 Aus Div Adm Instr No.42 dated 23 May and CR/PAL/20593/Q dated 14 Jun which was issued to units on 27 Jun. C.O's will ensure by inspection at night forthwith, that Adm Instr No.42 has been correctly followed. Headlights of Army vehicles are NOT to be painted blue.

It is the function of the civil police to control and supervise the screening of the lights of civilian vehicles.

639. CANTEENS.- Under the Canteen rules Canteen managers are forbidden to supply goods on credit. Messes and other institutions will not ask for supplies on credit from Canteens, but can obtain these goods from the grocery stores controlled by the A.A.C.S.

640. ORDER OF THE DAY. - An Order of the Day, dated 30 Jun 40, by Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Blamey, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 1st Australian Corps, A.I.F. is issued with this order to Inf Coys and equivalent sub-units, on the scale shewn in Distribution List "C".

This Order of the Day will be read to all ranks on 1 Jul 40.

for Col.
A.A.& Q.M.G. 6 Aus Div.

ORDER OF THE DAY

By

Lieutenant-General Sir THOMAS BLAMEY, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

Commanding 1st Australian Corps, Australian Imperial Force.

Gaza 30th June, 1940.

In taking over the command of the Australian Troops in Palestine I wish to congratulate all Commanders, Officers, W.Os, N.C.Os and Men on the fine reputation they have already earned in this country. It will give me great pleasure to inform the Australian Government and our people at home of this.

It is rather difficult for us to sit by and just go on training when events of the greatest importance and of supreme influence on the history of the world are taking place at the other end of the Mediterranean Sea. Every one of us wants to 'get into it' and strike a blow in this reshaping of the modern world.

Training without the equipment with which we must fight the German killers so that we shall beat them, does get a little boring. But when Australia goes into battle, it has a great name to uphold, and I am sure not one of us will be content to win a lesser fame than our Fathers and Brothers did twenty odd years ago.

I am, myself, as keen as you are for us to go into battle together, but when we go, we must win.

The events of these last weeks caused considerable loss to our side in weapons and figthing vehicles, and provision of these to us has been slowed down, while the Army defending Britain is equipped again.

So don't let us chafe at the delay. The factories in England and Australia are going all out; faster than ever they did in the last war; to get us equipment.

If the mails have been delayed and news from home infrequent, I am assured that this will soon be put right by the Navy.

So let us buck into it, and give our best in preparation. Keep fit; work hard; play hard. Don't worry about the pin pricks. Be a good comrade and pal to your mates, and when the time does come the Germans will know that 'Australia will be there'.

T.A. Blamey

Lieutenant-General.

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6 AUS DIV.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO.46

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT AND OF M.T. OTHER THAN THAT MAINTAINED BY A.A.S.C.

1. Service Application of Private Practice.

In private practice, depending on one's means, inclination and circumstances, it is usual to keep a vehicle on the road in a serviceable condition either by personally keeping it lubricated and adjusting minor defects, or by having it serviced at a garage.

A division has a great number of motor vehicles, all provided at public expense; these must be maintained in a serviceable condition for the full period of their "life". During training thorough maintenance must be carried out even at the expense of training.

Maintenance must be a regular drill, that is :- daily, weekly and monthly, also at specified distances of 100, 500 and 1000 miles, in accordance with Appendix "A".

All units within the division have available the service of specialists in the form of Light Aid Detachments who will advise them on maintenance and assist in First Line Repairs.

It is essential that equipment and vehicles issued to units of 6 Aus Div shall be maintained in such a condition that the Division will be at all times fit to go into action without any loss of efficiency due to faulty maintenance.

Experiments to establish the limit of performance will not be carried out.

2. Responsibility for Maintenance and Repair.

(a) Commanding Officers are responsible for the maintenance of all equipment on their charge. The facilities at their disposal for First Line Repairs of all equipment, except Signal equipment, are the Unit Tradesmen and Artisans and the L.A.D. All First and Second Line Repairs to Signal Equipment will be carried out by Sigs, 6 Aus Div.

(b) Where a L.A.D. is attached, the co-ordination of the facilities for First Line Repairs will be effected as follows during the continuance of training:-

The O.C., L.A.D. will be responsible to the C.O. for supervision of all First Line Repairs and will allot work to the L.A.D. and Unit Tradesmen in accordance with the respective qualifications and tools of each.

The O.C., L.A.D. will keep himself continuously informed of the condition of all vehicles and technical equipment by personal inspection and consultation with Unit Officers.

The functions of the O.C., L.A.D. are analogous to those of the R.M.O. of a Unit. The C.O. will therefore make the utmost use of the services and technical advice of the O.C. L.A.D.

Except in an emergency, no article for repair will be evacuated to Army Field Workshop without approval of O.C., L.A.D.

(c) In Units which have a Technical Officer, the latter is responsible to the C.O. for the care, proper use and preservation of vehicles. His function is to prevent damage, that of the L.A.D. to repair it. He will keep the O.C., L.A.D. advised of all defects which come to his notice. He will not order Unit Tradesmen to carry out repairs, except in the absence of the O.C., L.A.D.

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5Jun 40
Distribution List B.

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APPENDIX "A".

Routine Maintenance.

1.

DAILY. Before commencement of each day's duty.

Check level of fuel, oil in sump, water in radiator.
Start engine and check oil guage and ammeter.
Check tyres for any obvious under-inflation.
Check vehicle lights, including rear lights, ensuring they are properly blacked out; check horn and windscreen wiper.

DAILY. On Completion of duty.

Check level of fuel, oil in sump, water in radiator and replenish as necessary.
Clean the vehicle internally and externally.
Examine tyres for cuts, damage and pressures. Report damage to tyres and inflate as may be necessary.
Tighten up any loose bolts, nuts, etc., and make any minor adjustments found necessary during day's run.

2.

EVERY 100 MILES. Lubricate the following chassis points:-
All steering joints and stub Axle swivel pins. (Jack up front axle when doing this to ensure lubricant reaches thrust washers or races.)
All spring shackles.
Any special points referred to in Maker's Instruction Book or Lubrication Chart as requiring lubricating every 100 or 200 miles.

3.

EVERY 500 MILES. LUBRICATE.-

Fan, water pump and distributor shaft bearings; universal joints and propeller shaft splines; all brake operating shafts, etc. fitted with grease nipples.
Any special points specified by Maker as requiring lubrication every 500 miles.

Oil with oil can:-

All joints and connections on brake actuating linkage not fitted with grease nipples.
Distributor shaft bearing (if fitted with oiler).
All joints of engine controls.

CHECK:-

Operation of all engine controls; security of all joints on steering and brake actuating linkage; water pump gland for leakage: fan belt for slackness and deterioration; fuel tank, cap and fuel line for signs of leakage.

4.

EVERY 1000 MILES. Lubricate any special points specified in Maker's Instruction Book or Lubrication Chart as requiring attention every 1,000 or 2,000 miles, other than changing engine oil.

Lubricate with oil can:-

Dynamo, self-starter (and Magneto, if fitted) bearings, one or two drops only.
Clutch operating mechanism (in accordance with Maker's Instruction Book and Lubricating Chart.)
Bonnet Hinges, bonnet anti-rattle strapping on scuttle and radiator shell (except where made of rubber), door hinges, lock tongues, and strikes.

Examine:-

Oil, petrol and air filters, and clean out if necessary
Spark Plugs (clean and reset gaps if necessary).
Contact breaker points for clean surfaces and correct gap (also smear a little grease on cam profiles of breaker cam sleeve - very little grease.)

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CHECK.

Operation of automatic ignition advance.
Valve tappet clearances.
Front wheel alignment (toe-in).
Brakes for equalisation and effective stopping power.
Oil lever in steering box, gear box and rear axle, (replenish if necessary).
Clutch for drag or slip, and clutch pedal travel and clearance with floorboard when in engaged position.
Road springs for broken leaves, loose or worn shackles and that they have not shifted on the axle platforms, that centre bolts are not sheared, and that the spring "U" bolts are tight.

Change oil in engine in accordance with instructions contained in M.T. Circular No.73.

5.
WEEKLY. (In addition to daily maintenance) -
Wash vehicle.

Examine, battery for acid level, tightness of terminal clips and freedom from corrosion, and security in carrier.

Check, tyre pressures (using tyre gusge) and inflate as necessary; wheel nuts for tightness, tool kit for completeness proper stowage and freedom from rust and dirt.

6.
MONTHLY. (in addition to weekly maintenance).
Test specific gravity of battery with hydrometer.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO.47

ENGINEER SERVICES - AUSTRALIAN CAMPS.

1. General.

Works Services do not include the provision or replacement of portable equipment, including accommodation stores, nor the replacement of electric light bulbs.

6 Aus Div Administrative Instruction No. 19 is cancelled and the following procedure will be adopted forthwith.

Force H.Q. Administrative Instruction No. 69, of which a summary is given below, will be carried out in Aus Works Service procedure.

2. Organization for Maintenance.

The D.C.R.E. Gaza Area (Capt White R.E.) with H.Q. at BEIT JIRJA Camp, is responsible for all maintenance work in Australian Camps.

Under the D.C.R.E. there are two Garrison Engineers:-
No.1 in charge of QASTINA, JULIS, BARBARA and BEIT JIRJA.
No.2 in charge of DEIR SUNEID, KILO 89, GAZA RIDGE, and GAZA TOWN.

In each camp there are R.E. personnel consisting of:-
Clerk of Works
Civilian Foreman of Works.
Boilerman)
Night Electrician) (available at all times.)

Unit Commanders should familiarise themselves with the method of contacting these personnel.

3. Methods of Obtaining Maintenance.

Unit Commanders desiring maintenance works (not new services) carried out should:-
In urgent cases contact any of the above personnel, and fill in A.F.K.1306.
In normal cases the demand (A.F.K.1308) for maintenance in each camp should be sent to Camp Comd for co-ordination and transmission to Clerk of Works, or Military Foreman of Works concerned.

Where Unit Commanders desire to carry out maintenance works with their own troops, they should requisition materials required on the D.C.R.E., on A.A. Form S.18 in duplicate, giving full details and reason for the work, and arrangements for transport. A.A. Forms S.18 are available from Camp Comds.

4. New Services.

Unit Commanders desiring new services should communicate in writing through normal channels to H.Q. 6 Aus Div giving services required, reason for same and as much detail as possible.

Apart from services already approved the Australian camps are now complete. Unit Commanders will not demand any new service unless the matter is considered of major importance.

5. Engineer Training Stores.

Engineer stores required for training purposes will be demanded by units through Brigade or equivalent H.Q., from the D.C.R.E. Whenever possible material should be drawn and made up by the unit.

6. Scarcity of Material.

Attention is drawn to the fact that there is an acute shortage of most natures of Engineer stores in Palestine. It is therefore essential that demands should be kept down to a minimum, and the greatest economy exercised in the execution of services.

7. Works Officer, 6 Aus Div.

The Works Officer, situated at H.Q. 6 Aus Div, will act as Liaison Officer with D.C.R.E., and is available for necessary advice to Unit Commanders.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 48

BRIGADE WARRANT OFFICERS A.A.O.C. 11 June 40

1. The Brigade W.O. is the representative in the Brigade of the D.A.D.O.S. of the division. Under the conditions envisaged in the Ordnance Manual of War, 1939, his main duty is the collection of indents from Units for replacements only. Under present conditions, however, his main duty is the collection and following up of indents for first issues on special scales, (e.g. training scales for weapons and ammunition). The preparation of indents under special scales appears to be difficult, and to assist Units, the following duties are allotted to the Bde W.O.

(a) He will be given Office accommodation in the Bde H.Q.
(b) He will visit each Unit daily (except on the day he visits Sarafand Ordnance Depot), and collect indents. These he will examine in the Quartermasters' offices, and ensure that the indents are correctly prepared in every detail. By so doing, time is saved in the Office of the D.A.D.O.S. He will, on the same day, initial, date and prepare them for signature by the D.A.D.O.S., and deliver them personally to the latter, together with a statement of any queries raised by Units. The answers to these queries will be communicated by the W.O. to the Q.Ms next day.
(c) To enable the Bde W.O. to check indents, he has been provided with copies of all scales and necessary information; this data he will always carry so that it will be available to Q.Ms as required.
(d) He will visit Ordnance Depots to follow up outstanding indents on the following days:-

	Ordnance Depots	
	SARAFAND	BARBARA
Bde W.O. 16 Aus Inf Bde	Monday	Tuesday
Bde W.O. 17 Aus Inf Bde Also serves Div Tps in Beit Jirja Camp.	Tuesday	Wednesday
Bde W.O. 19 Aus Inf Bde Also serves Units in Gaza Ridge Camp.	Wednesday	Thursday
W.O. for Div Tps at Qastina and Deir Suneid Camps. Also serves 6 Aus Div Recce Regt	Thursday	Friday

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 49.

BLACKOUT.

1. Object.
To secure an effective blackout, consistent with
(a) efficiency in training
(b) minimum discomfort
(c) economy in timber and blankets.

2. General Policy. (Based on standard bn. lines).
(a) where absence of light would entail no hardship, bulbs will be removed and safely stored.
(b) Where lights are left, all windows will be painted black.
(c) Blue globes and lamp glasses must give only the faintest illumination, and must be kept high. These should be used in entrance hall of offrs. mess, ablution huts and latrines, kitchens, sleeping tents, guard tents, R.A.P. (until necessary to close fully if good light required).

3. Darkening Doors.
The square baffle type of darkened entrance will NOT be used except where there is constant heavy traffic, such as into the recreation room. Otherwise a sloping type, similar to the gas curtain in Plate 46 of Manual of Field Engineering Vol 1. (all arms) 1933, will be used, except that no overlap on ground is necessary. With a blanket cut diagonally to form the sides, and another cut across into 3 strips to extend the front, 2.1/3 blankets will make this entrance. Long blankets should be used. Entrances should be outside on verandahs, inside where there is no verandah. SEE REVERSE.

4. Labour. Unskilled labour will NOT be used for entrances. If units are unable to provide sufficient reasonably skilled labour, they will apply to the local rep. of D.C.R.E. for technical advice and assistance, and if necessary, through Camp Comds. to H.Q. R.A.E.

5. Stores.
Units will draw timber, nails, paint and brushes from R.E. camp in each Camp area as directed by Camp Comds. Indents will be submitted through D.A.D.O.S. 6 Aus. Div. to replace blankets rendered unserviceable.

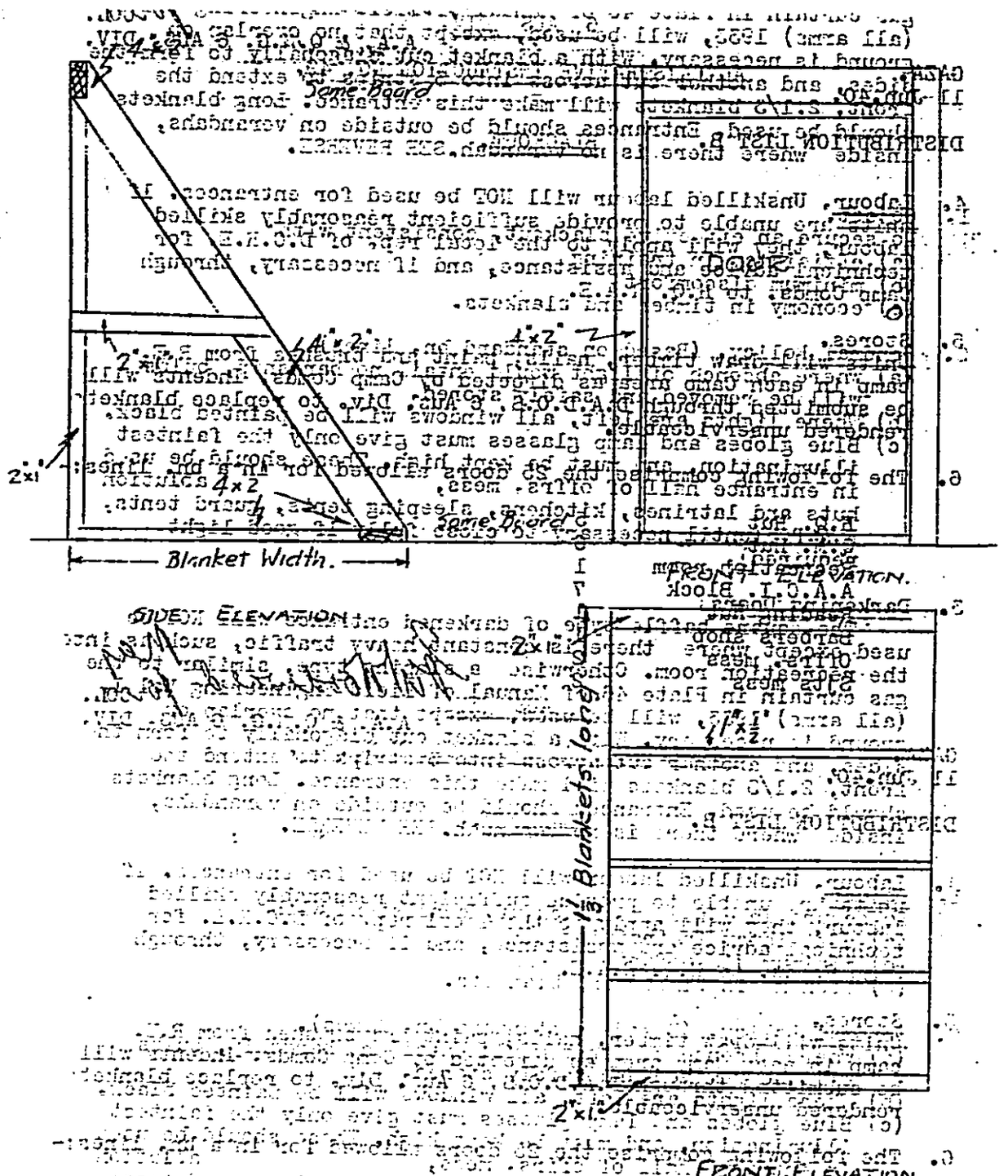
6. The following comprise the 25 doors allowed for in a bn. lines:-

H.Q. Hut	5
Q.M. Hut	6
Recreation room	1
A.A.C.I. Block	7
Reading Hut	1
Barbers shop	1
Offrs. mess	2
Sjts mess	2

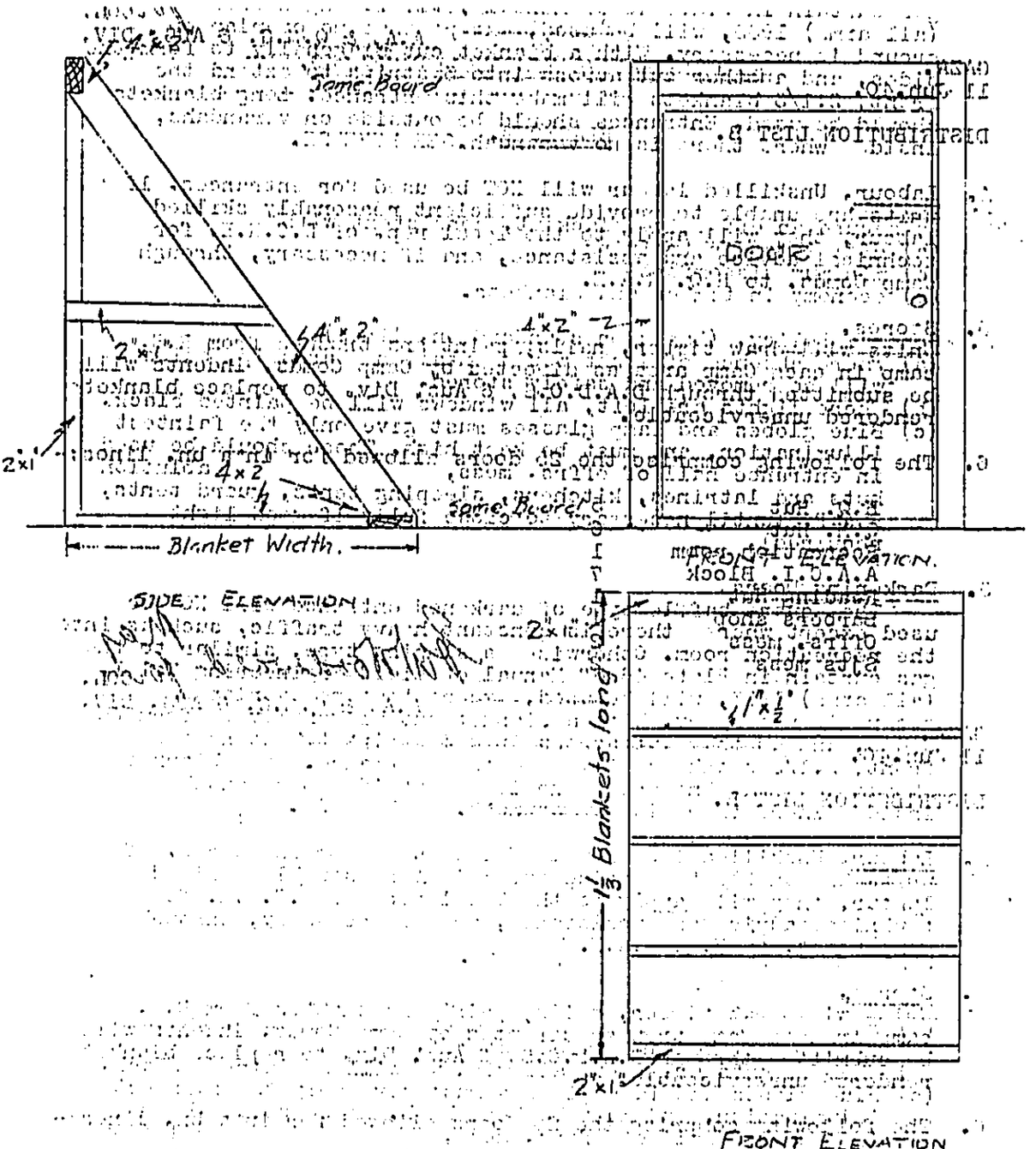
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4x2
Same Board
Blanket Width.
SIDE ELEVATION
Blankets long
2x1
FRONT ELEVATION

— DOOR FRAME


4"x2"
2"x1"
4x2
Some Board
Some Board
Blanket Width.
SIDE ELEVATION
DOOR
2"x1"
1⅓ Blankets long
2"x1"
FRONT ELEVATION

— DOOR FRAME —

6 AUS DIV.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 50.

PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN CASES OF DEATHS AND FUNERALS OF A.I.F. PERSONNEL IN PALESTINE.

1. Deaths Occuring in Military Hospitals.

When a death occurs in an A.I.F. Military Hospital, that hospital is responsible for notifying, by the most expeditious means available:-

(a) Officer i/c Records, 2nd Echelon, Aus Overseas Base.
(b) The unit of which the deceased was a member.

2. Action by A.I.F. Hospitals.

(a) Hospitals will include the following information in the notifications referred to in para 1 (a) and (b) above:-

Unit, Army No., Rank, Name, Initials, Date, Time and Cause of Death.

(b) All such messages will be confirmed with the minimum delay.

3. Notification.

The responsibility for the notification of next-of-kin rests with Officer i/c Records, 2nd Echelon, Aus Overseas Base.

4. Funerals.

All funerals will take place in the GAZA War Cemetery.

5. Action by Units.

Immediately on receipt of the message referred to in para 1 (b) above, the unit will:-

(a) Notify H.Q. 6 Aus Div.
(b) Notify C.R.E. Southern Palestine, Jerusalem.
(c) Notify D.C.R.E. Gaza Area, Beit Jirja, who will make all necessary arrangements for the opening of a grave in the Gaza War Cemetery and will supply the necessary ropes and struts for use during the funeral.
(d) Decide upon the time at which the funeral will be held.
(e) Notify the War Graves Commission (Major Vickery, Julians Way, Jerusalem. Telephone 2251.)
(f) Arrange direct with a unit to whom a Chaplain of the appropriate denomination is attached for such a Chaplain to conduct the funeral. Attached as Appendix "A" is a list of Chaplains by denominations, shewing the units to which they are attached.
(g) Arrange for the supply of blank ammunition through D.A.D.O.S. 6 Aus Div.
(h) Take such steps as are necessary re transport, Funeral Party, etc. Should unit transport not be available additional transport will be supplied by A.A.S.C. 6 Aus Div.
(i) Complete, in quadruplicate, A.F. W.3314 (Burial Return) to be distributed:-
    (i) Officer i/c Records, 2nd Echelon, Aus Overseas Base.
    (ii) Major Vickery, Imperial War Graves Commission, Julians Way, Jerusalem.
    (iii) C.R.E. Southern Palestine, Jerusalem.
    (iv) File.
(j) Forward to Officer i/c Records, 2nd Echelon, all personal effects belonging to the deceased.
(k) Forward to Officer i/c Records, 2nd Echelon a copy of the proceedings of any Court of Inquiry convened to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the death.

6 Aus Div

GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION NO.23

PRACTICE DEFENCE MEASURES AGAINST ENEMY PARACHUTISTS OR LANDING AIRCRAFT

Owing to the institution of the increased precautionary measures contained in 6 Aus Div General Staff Instruction No. 21, Security Measures No. 111 issued 13 Jun 40, it has been decided to suspend the practice arrangements notified in General Staff Instructions No. 20 dated 11 Jun 40.

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22 JUN 40

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION NO.22.

1. This amendment cancels 6 Aus Div G.S. Inst. No.22 issued 14 Jun 40., from date of receipt hereof.

2. The degrees of road security laid down in Force Security Inst. No.3. will be strictly adhered to.

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6. Deaths Occuring in Military Hospitals Other Than A.I.F. Hospitals.

When the death of an A.I.F. member occurs in No 12 Gen Hosp.Sarafand or in any hospital of the R.A.M.C. a similar procedure is adopted. Notifications are not, however, sent direct to Officer i/c Records, 2nd Echelon and the unit will, in these cases, also be responsible for the notifications described in para 1(a) and para 2 (a) and (b) above.

7. Deaths Occurring in Civil Hospitals.

Should a death occur in a Civil Hospital it will be the responsibility of the unit to keep in constant touch with the hospital, and to adopt the same procedure as described in para 6. The onus of procuring a coffin, will in these circumstances rest with the unit, who will communicate direct with D.A.D.O.S. 6 Aus Div as described in para 8.

8. Coffins.

The onus of procuring a coffin and for placing the deceased in the coffin rests with the hospital in which the death occurs.

(a) A.I.F. Hospitals will communicate by the quickest available means with D.A.D.O.S. 6 Aus Div who will inform the hospital at what time the coffin will be delivered. The necessary dimensions will be given. The Unit is then responsible for the collection of the coffin from the hospital.

(b) Where a death occurs in a hospital of the R.A.M.C. the body will be placed in a coffin by that hospital and the unit will be responsible for making all arrangements for collection.

9. Deaths Occuring other than in Hospitals.

(a) Where a death occurs in unit lines or elsewhere within the Divisional Area, the body will immediately be transported to 2/1 Aus Gen Hosp.

(b) Responsibility for notification of Officer i/c Records, 2nd Echelon will, in such cases, rest with the unit and not with the Hospital.

10. Bands.

Units which do not carry bands on their establishments will make arrangements direct with the nearest Inf Bde for a band to be made available.

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APPENDIX "A"

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6 AUS DIV ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO.50.

A.I.F. CHAPLAINS IN PALESTINE.

Church of England.

Name.	Location.
McKIE J.D. (Snr)	H.Q. 6 Aus Div.
BURT F.R.	A.A.S.C. 6 Aus Div.
HART P.W.	2/3 Bn
HULME-MOIR F.O.	6 Aus Div Recce Regt
KIRCHER C.W.	2/8 Bn
McCONCHIE D.K.	2/11 Bn.
MITCHELL C.E.S.	2/2 Aus Gen Hosp
SAVILLE E.E.	2/6 Bn
STUART-BURNETT R.F.	Aus Overseas Base
SWINDLEHURST L.	2/1 Aus Gen Hosp
TYLER W.R.	2/2 Fd Regt

Roman Catholic

McCARTHY T. (Snr)	H.Q. 6 Aus Div
O'CALLAGHAN G.P.	16 Aus Inf Bde
QUINN J.A.	17 Aus Inf Bde
SULLIVAN E.	Base Ord Depot
YOULL G.P.	2/4 Bn

Presbyterian.

FORREST J.F. (Snr)	2/1 C.C.S.
BALMER A.	2/1 Fd Regt
FRASER W.A.	2/5 Bn
PIERCE F.M.	19 Aus Inf Bde

Methodist.

VINEY C.P. (Snr)	2/1 Aus Gen Hosp
DAKERS R.	2/7 Bn
READ C.A.	2/8 Bn

Salvation Army

SANDELLS G.	2/1 Aus Gen Hosp

Hebrew.

GOLDMAN L.M.	H.Q. 6 Aus Div.

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6 AUS DIV ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 51

REORGANIZATION OF A.I.F. IN PALESTINE

1. New W.E. for all units of 6 Aus Div have been issued vide this office G.S. Circular dated 26 May. These are of the series marked 2 A.I.F. 11/1940/-/1.

2. It has been decided to reorganize such of 6 Aus Div as is in PALESTINE in accordance with these W.Es. and with the order of battle in Appendix "A".

3. The units which are to any marked extent short of personnel are:-

Unit		Shortage		Remarks
Sigs 6 Aus Div	13	232	245	
H.Q. 19 Aus Inf Bde	5	56	61	
A.A.S.C. 6 Aus Div	9	286	295	
2/1 A Fd Wkshop	5	93	98	Special Establishment.
Div Emp Pl	-	34	34	

4. The deficiencies in these units will be met by transfers from other units of suitable personnel. Div R.O. 545, dated 5 Jun, calls for the submission of names of qualified tradesmen for transfer to certain arms. It is essential for the proper functioning of the Div as a whole that these tradesmen be found even at the expense of tradesmen in and possible temporary reduction in efficiency in other units.

The date of submission of these names is altered to 15 Jun. Representatives of units will interview those nominated on a subsequent date.

5. All units will reorganize themselves in accordance with the new W.E. forthwith, except that Inf Bns will reorganize with a total strength of 792 all ranks, including attached, in accordance with the amendments to W.E. A.I.F. 11/1940/12B/1, issued as Appendix B to this Instruction.

6. All personnel surplus to the new establishments on completion of this reorganization will be carried as first reinforcements; but will be distributed amongst sub-units for the purpose of instruction and training.

7. Dets of the undermentioned units in PALESTINE will be disbanded and all personnel not otherwise transferred will be transferred to existing units as shown:-

Original Unit	To be Transferred to
2/3 Fd Regt) 1 A Tk Regt)	2/1 and 2/2 Fd Regts as directed by C.R.A.
2/3 Fd Coy) 2/1 Fd Pk Coy)	2/1 and 2/2 Fd Coys as may be directed by C.R.E., who will arrange for at least an equivalent number of personnel to be transferred to Sigs 6 Aus Div or A.A.O.C.
Corps Sigs	Sigs 6 Aus Div
2/9, 2/10, 2/12 Bns	19 Aus Inf Bde

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Original Unit	To be Transferred to
2/1 M.G. Bn	See para 8 below.
2/3 Fd Amb	To another A.A.M.C. unit, as directed by A.D.M.S.

8. Officers of 2/1 M.G. Bn will be transferred, as far as is possible, to the units from which they were transferred when 2/1 M.G. Bn was raised. Officers of 2/1 M.G. Bn whose original units are not in PALESTINE will be transferred to Inf Bns of 19 Aus Inf Bde as arranged by Comd of that Bde. A similar procedure will be followed in regard to other ranks of 2/1 M.G. Bn.

9. Para 3 shows a shortage of Officers in certain units. Applications, stating qualifications, for transfer by Officers will be submitted at the same time as the return called for in para 4. Such applications will state the arm of the service to which transfer is desired. In this connection Officers who are qualified mechanical engineers are required for the A.A.O.C. Vacancies not filled this way will be filled by promotion from the ranks.

10. Officers who are transferred will take regimental seniority in their new unit in accordance with their A.I.F. seniority. N.C.Os. who are transferred will take seniority as from date of their appointment.

11. Personnel for Div Emp Pl will be provided by 17 Aus Inf Bde. Arrangements for the transfer of these personnel will be made direct between 17 Aus Inf Bde and Camp Comdt Div H.Q.

12. Comds concerned will notify this H.Q. of the names and units from and to which Officers are transferred, so that the necessary arrangements for Gazette notices may be made.

13. Officers and N.C.Os. who are instructors at Middle East and Force Schools will not be withdrawn on account of the foregoing transfers.

14. Unit equipment rendered surplus by the reorganization will held in unit stores. This includes M.M.Gs., on which training will be discontinued, but these are to be kept in working order so as to be available in a case of emergency, prior to the issue of Bren Guns to full W.E. scale.

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APPENDIX "B" TO 6 AUS DIV ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No.51, DATED 11 JUN, 40.

AMENDMENT TO W.E. A.I.F. 11/1940/12B/1
INFANTRY (RIFLE) BATTALION

All pages - Delete "Infantry (Rifle) Battalion" and insert "Infantry Battalion" wherever mentioned.

Page 1 - Under "Summary" and opposite "Headquarters Company" amend totals to read: "8/2/13/203/226/-/9/12." Opposite "4 rifle companies" amend totals to read: "20/4/16/476/516/-/-/20." Opposite "Total, Battalion" amend total to read: "32/7/34/717/790/-/14/35." Opposite "Total, battalion (including attached)" amend totals to read: "33/7/5/717/792/1/14/35."

Page 2 - Under "Battalion headquarters" amend "privates" to read -/-/-/18/18//-/3/3." Under "Medical Section" amend "privates" to read: -/-/-/16/13//-/-/-."

Page 3 - Under "No. 6 (Administrative) platoon" amend "Sergeant cook" to read "Sergeant cooks" and amend total to read: "-/-/2/-/2//-/-/-."

Page 4 - Under "No. 6 (Administrative) platoon Continued", amend "Corporals" to read: "-/-/-/5/5//-/-/-." Opposite "privates" amend total to read: "-/-/-/82/82/-/-/-." Opposite "Total, No. 6 platoon", amend totals to read: "2/1/6/90/99/-/1/-." Opposite "Total, headquarters company," amend totals to read: "8/2/13/203/226//-/9/12." Opposite "Total, headquarters company (including attached)" amend totals to read: "9/2/14/203/228//-/9/12."

Page 5 - Under "3 Sections" amend "privates" to read: "-/-/-/30/30/-/-/-." Opposite "Total, platoon" amend totals to read: "1/-/-/37/38//-/-/1." Opposite "Total, each rifle company" amend totals to read: "5/1/4/119/129(e)//-/-/5."

Page 6 - Opposite "Cooks" amend totals to read: "-/-/-/-/-/-/-/10(b)/10/-/-/-/10." Opposite "L.M.G. numbers and riflemen" amend totals to read: "-/-/-/14/-/15/-/-/29/-/33/99/425." Opposite "Total, rank and file" amend totals to read: "38/4/32/16/15/26/20/90/203/8/37/119/717."

Page 7 - Under "Trucks, 15-cwt, G.S. for-" delete "Medical Officer and equipment" and total in opposite column. Amend "Total vehicles by types" to read "30". Under "Lorries, 30-cwt, 4-wheeled G.S. for-" insert "Medical Officer and equipment 1/-/-/-/-/-/-/-/-/-/-/-/1/-." Amend "Total vehicles by types" to read "13".

Page 8 - (iv) "Table of Weapons & Ammunition". Opposite "pistols" amend totals to read: "(n)45/12/270/810." Opposite "Rifles, .303-inch" amend totals to read: 747/50(t)/68000/104550." Opposite "pistols, signal" amend totals to read: "(q)24/20/-/480. Note (a): amend "Corporals" to read "61". Note (n): Delete "Warrant Officer Platoon Commanders"; insert "Pay Sergeant."

P.T.O.

APPENDIX "B"

Page 9 - Notes on First Reinforcements & Attached Personnel

Under "First Reinforcements" delete detail and insert:

"Officers - 7
Warrant Officer Class II - 1
Staff Sergeant - 1
Sergeants - 5
Corporals - 6
Privates - 135

Total: 155"

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APPENDIX "A" TO 6 AUS DIV ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 1, DATED 11 JUN, 40.

ORDER OF BATTLE, 6 AUS DIV

H.Q. 6 Aus Div.
6 Aus Div Cav Regt (late 6 Aus Div Recce Regt)
H.Q. R.A.A. 6 Aus Div
  2/1 Fd Regt
  2/2 Fd Regt
H.Q. R.A.E. 6 Aus Div
  2/1 Fd Coy
  2/2 Fd Coy
Sigs 6 Aus Div (less F and H Secs)
H.Q. 16 Aus Inf Bde
  2/1 Bn
  2/2 Bn
  2/3 Bn
H.Q. 17 Aus Inf Bde
  2/5 Bn
  2/6 Bn
  2/7 Bn
H.Q. 19 Aus Inf Bde
  2/4 Bn
  2/8 Bn
  2/11 Bn
H.Q. A.A.S.C. 6 Aus Div
  Div Amn Coy
  Div Pet Coy
  Div Sup Coln
2/1 Fd Amb
2/2 Fd Amb
2/1 Fd Hyg Sec
6 Aus Div Pro Coy
6 Aus Div Postal Unit
6 Aus Div Emp Pl.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 53

PREPARATION OF INDENTS — 17 June 40

1. Considerable delay in obtaining stores on indent from British Depots is arising through failure of Units to prepare their indents correctly. Unless correctly prepared, at least a week can be wasted in the writing of queries at Sarafand and replies by Units. The following points must be closely observed in relation to indents on British Depots; individually, the points set out may appear trivial but in practice non attention to them causes delay throughout the circuit of supply.

   (a) They must be submitted in quadruplicate through D.A.D.O.S., 6 Aus Div.
   (b) Numbers on which the indent is based must be shown. This number must be relevant to the subject. e.g. an indent for Tents Circular Native must show the number of Natives and not the strength of the Unit.
   (c) Column 1 must state the Force H.Q. Authority - or, if not known, the Divisional Authority.
   Column 2 must show the entitlement authorised by the authority quoted in Col 1.
   Column 3 must show the quantity on charge under "S" (Serviceable), "U" (Unserviceable).
   Column 4 must show the correct vocabulary name. Not more than one section is to be shown on a sheet.
   Column 5 must be filled in when relevant; e.g. when indenting for clothing.
   Column 6. Catalogue number, if known, will be shown.
   Column 7 - "Now Required" - should agree with Col 2 less Col 3.

   (d) Indents must be numbered, dated and be signed by an Officer.
   (e) The C.Os Certificates or Reports required by Adm Instr No. 38 para 53 as amended by D.R.O. No. 78 para 529, must be endorsed on the indents.

2. In submitting indents, units must understand that Force H.Q. authority is required if issues are desired "over the counter" - that is, at the time of submitting the indent. Normally, Depots require 48 hours to prepare their issues.

3. British Depots are authorised to issue only:-

(a) Accommodation Stores on the scale of G.O. 13.
(b) Stores for training as set out in G.O. 150 and other scales.
(c) Stores to replace losses and damages.
(d) Stores (such as sand bags) authorised for security measures.
(e) Stores consigned from England to 6 Aus Div via Haifa.

Indents for stores other than the above or in excess of the authorised scales must be supported by an application for Force H.Q. authority.

A list of scales and authorities has been issued in Administrative Instruction No. 52 of 11 June 40.

J. Woodward Maj for Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G., 6 Aus Div.

6 AUS DIV.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 54

ANTI GAS STORES FOR TRAINING.

1. Anti Gas Stores will be re-allotted on the basis set out in Appendix "A".

2. As only a limited quantity of these stores are available for this formation, it is necessary for them to be divided and pooled in various Camp areas.

3. H.Q's detailed to hold pools will place indents for above stores with D.A.D.O.S. 6 Aus Div forthwith, quoting CR/PAL/15947/1/G of 14 Mar 40.

4. In anti-gas training it is difficult to obtain a realistic atmosphere, hence the importance of making the fullest use of all training equipment.

5. Unless properly cared for, anti-gas equipment will soon deteriorate and cease to be serviceable. To ensure that this does not occur, equipment will be inspected by a trained anti-gas instructor at least once per month.

6. H.Q's holding pools will be responsible for co-ordinating the use of stores among other units in their areas as required.

7. Previous allotment of these stores, issued on 23 Apr 40, is cancelled.

F.W. Woodward Maj
for COL.
A.A. & Q.M.G. 6 AUS. DIV.

DISTRIBUTION LIST B.

GAZA.
18 Jun. 40.

APPENDIX

ITEM	TO BE HELD BY :-							
	R.A.E. 6 AUS DIV.	16 AUS INF BDE.	A.A.S.C. 6 AUS DIV	17 AUS INF BDE	R.A.A. 6 AUS DIV.	19 AUS INF BDE	2/1 AUS GEN HOSP.	H.Q. 6 AUS DIV.
Eyeshields A.G.	700	2300	700	2300	1000	2300	500	200
Ointment A.G.	350	1150	350	1150	500	1150	250	100
Vaseline, Czs.	350	1150	350	1150	500	1150	250	100
Detector Gas Ground Training Booklets.	70	230	70	230	160	230	70	40
Generators Lachrymatory.	30	75	30	75	60	75	30	25
Capsule Lachrymatory	50	100	40	100	50	100	40	20
Mixture G-D gallons.	7	15	7	15	7	15	5	4
Capes A.G.	20	45	20	45	30	45	15	10

6 AUS DIV.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO.55.

CHAPLAINS.

1. When a Unit is in action its Chaplain can render the best service at the R.A.P. where he will be expected to minister to wounded and dying men of all denominations. For this reason, and because all work carried out by a unit is in preparation for this stage of warfare, a Unit Chaplain will at all times use his best endeavours to gain the confidence and respect of personnel of any denomination within that unit. He will always endeavour to create the impression that he is the "Regimental Chaplain" in the broadest sense of the word.

2. To assist in attaining this object it is considered that a Regtl. Chaplain should play an active part in the life of that Regiment; but, to avoid destroying the personal relationship between the Chaplain and the man, a Chaplain will not be given a task involving the command of men. Suitable tasks which may be allocated to Unit Chaplains include

Censorship
Supervision of Recreation Huts
Sports and Amenities
Lectures

In addition, it is considered that every Chaplain should have a working knowledge of First Aid.

3. A Chaplain, as a Commissioned Officer, is entitled to all the privileges of, and compliments paid to, combatant officers of ranks corresponding to the classification of chaplains. It will depend on the personality of the individual Chaplain as to how he can best combine this status with his religious duties, which involve his becoming the confidant and adviser of the individual officer or man. Commanding Officers will be responsible for ensuring that proper respect is paid by officers and men to Unit Chaplains and that every reasonable facility is granted to assist them in the performance of their duties.

4. The status of a Commissioned Officer carries with it the obligation for a Unit Chaplain to obey all orders issued by his Commanding Officer and to conform with all Regimental customs regarding Discipline and Procedure in such matters as leave, etc. It is realised that a Chaplains spiritual duties necessitate a relationship different from that usually existing between the Officer and man. Such relationship may occasionally require a Chaplain to perform an action (such as dining with the men) which would be inadmissible in another officer except on rare occasions. Before performing such an action a Chaplain will consult his Commanding Officer who will normally give his permission.

5. The channel of communication for a Chaplain is through the Senior Chaplain of his denomination. Any communication affecting conditions within the unit will be shown to the Commanding Officer and initialled by him before being transmitted. Senior Chaplains will not take action on a communication of this nature that has not been so initialled without referring the matter to the C.O. The restrictions imposed on all officers regarding communications intended for publication in any form apply equally to Chaplains.

6. A Unit Chaplain's duties include:-

(a) The regular conduct of Services within the Unit.

(b) Arrangements for services to be held in any sub-unit or detachment whose personnel are, for any reason, unable to attend the main Service.

(c) The compilation of a register of all Services held. This register will be produced to the Senior Chaplain as required.

(d) Liaison, if necessary, with Chaplains of neighbouring units to ensure that personnel of all denominations are given the opportunity of attending services. Normally this co-ordination will be conducted on a Brigade basic.

(e) The proper conduct of funerals including the completion of the Burial Certificate, (A.F. W.3314).

(f) The visitation of all sick in unit lines and the visitation of personnel in the Guard Room or Unit Detention Cells, at times to be arranged by the Commanding Officer.

(g) Periodical visits to Hospitals to which personnel from his unit have been admitted.

(h) Co-operation with representatives of Philanthropic Associations.

7. The spiritual duties of a Unit Chaplain necessarily involve ministration to personnel of any denomination. Although the Chaplain has a direct responsibility to members of his own denomination this wider service is of special importance in regard to the work that may be required of him when the unit is in action and in regard to the conduct of inter-denominational services. Hebrew and R.C. personnel do not attend services of other denominations.

8. A Chaplain will not act as a Defending Officer at any Court Martial, but when assessing the character of an accused, on A.F. B.116 the Commanding Officer should invite the opinion of the Unit Chaplain.

9. Matters of an intimate or personal nature affecting a soldier will normally be handled by the Unit Chaplain. In addition, if a Unit Chaplain is aware of private reasons in support of a soldier's application for special leave or transfer, he should approach the Commanding Officer and lay the facts before him.

10. If a Commanding Officer is not satisfied that the Conduct, Bearing or Propriety of a Unit Chaplain is in the best interests of his office or of the unit, he will render a confidential report following the procedure laid down in A.M.R.& C. 1261. A copy of this report will be forwarded to the Senior Chaplain of the denomination concerned. The Senior Chaplain will consider the report and recommend to this H.Q. the action he considers appropriate.

L.Lavarack.

Col.
A.A.& Q.M.G. 6 Aus Div.

Gaza
30 Jun 40.

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Senior Chaplains:-

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P.	(4 ")
M.	(4 ")
H.	(4 ")

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

A.M.R.& O 1857 H. Q. 6 Aus Div -- Routine Order GAZA.
For Official Use Only. 1 June 40.

No.39/40

by

Capt. I. G. Webster, Camp Comdt, H. Q. 6 Aus Div.

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PART 1.

CHURCH PARADES. 1.(a) All personnel of H. Q. 6 Aus Div, Details H. Q. A.I.F. 6 Aus Div Intelligence Section, A.I.L. Section, Field Cash Office and Attached, will attend Church Parades at 1030 hrs on SUNDAY 2 June 40 as follows :-

Church of England - At C. H. S. Hospital Chapel, 1030 hrs.
R. C. At A.A.C.I. Canteen, 1030 hrs.

(b) All personnel except those on duty or on approved leave of absence will fall-in under W.O.1. F. Coyle, H. Q. 6 Aus Div on roadway between Field Cash Office and H. Q. Billets at 1000 hrs SUNDAY 2 June 40.

DRESS - Shirts, shorts, stockings, gaiters and boots. Web belt, hats (turned down).

VOLUNTARY SERVICES. 2. The following voluntary service will be held on Sunday 2 June 40 -
Church of England - At A.C.C.I. Canteen - 0730 hrs.

READING OF ROUTINE ORDERS. 3.(a) All personnel are advised that H. Q. 6 Aus Div Routine Orders are posted in No's 1 & 2 Billets, "A" and "B" Officers' Messes, Sergeants Messes and on Headquarters and Camp Comdt's Notice Boards.

(b) Routine Orders must be read carefully by all personnel concerned.

(c) In future no excuses based on ignorance of published R.O.'s will be accepted.

COMFORTS FUND. 4. The Australian Comforts Fund has made an issue of table condiments, cake, tobacco, cigarette papers and soap to all ranks of H. Q. 6 Aus Div, Div Intelligence Section and A. I. L. Section.

PERSONNEL ON C.B. 5. Commencing from SATURDAY 1 June 40 ALL personnel awarded CONFINEMENT to BARRACKS will report personally to Transport Office, H. Q. 6 Aus Div and answer their names as follows :-

1830 hrs - Retreat.
1900 hrs
2000 hrs
2100 hrs
2200 hrs "Last Post"

SUMMER TIME. 6. Watches will be put FORWARD ONE HOUR at mid-night 31 May 40.

BLACK OUT. 7.(a) There will be a complete practise "BLACK-OUT" throughout PALESTINE from 2100 hrs 3 June to 0400 hrs 4 June 40.

(b) H. Q. 6 Aus Div and Attached Units in GAZA Military Area will co-operate under supervision of Capt. I. G. Webster Camp Comdt., H. Q. 6 Aus Div.

(c) Where lighting is required for essential services, windows must be adequately " BLACKED OUT " or covered during the hours stated.

P.T.O.

REGISTRATION OF CAMERAS. 8(a) All personnel of H. Q. 6 Aus Div, Div Intelligence Section, A. I. L. Section, Field Cash Office and Attached will register details of ALL CAMERAS in their possession, with Camp Comdt., H. Q. 6 Aus Div, AT ONCE.
The following details are required:-

No. Rank. Name. Unit. MAKE OF CAMERA. MAKER'S NO.

DESCRIPTION (Type etc.,)

(b) It may be necessary, in certain eventualities, to call in all cameras for reasons of security and safe keeping. On the order being given " COLLECT CAMERAS " Cameras will be handed in immediately to Camp Comdt., H. Q. 6 Aus Div.

(c) Photography of the following is prohibited :-

MILITARY VEHICLES OF ALL SORTS.
TANKS.
SIGNAL EQUIPMENT.
ARTILLERY WEAPONS.
DEFENCES.
AIRCRAFT.
SHIPS OF ANY KIND.

When photographs are being taken, special care must be exercised to ensure that none of these prohibited subjects appear in the back-ground of any picture taken.

LEAVE. 9. All one-day leave and four-day leave to JERUSALEM and TEL AVIV is cancelled until further notice.

DRIVERS FOR L.T. LENT OTHER UNITS. 10.(a) In future, when transport is lent by H. Q. 6 Aus Div., for temporary duty with another Unit, the driver will be detailed by Tpt. Sgt., H. Q. 6 Aus Div unless otherwise instructed.

(b) Tpt. Sgt. will be responsible for seeing that drivers so lent, draw rations from Cook House for the WHOLE of day of reporting. Rations will be provided by the receiving Unit for the period of loan, including the WHOLE of day of return to H. Q. 6 Aus Div.

EXEMPTION FROM CUSTOMS DUTY. 11. EXEMPTION OF CUSTOMS DUTY - TOBACCO & CIGARETTES. The Palestine Government have notified that all parcels for members of A.I.F. may enter PALESTINE duty free. This includes parcels of tobacco and cigarettes. As this privilege has only been granted in respect of parcels consigned to individual members, it must be understood that abuse of it must result in its being withdrawn.

OFFICE HOURS. 12. In future the Office Staff of all Branches will commence duty at 0815 hrs each morning unless otherwise ordered.
DRESS - Shirts, shorts, stockings, shoes (or gaiters and boots); WEB BELT.

W. J. C. Hudson Capt.
Camp Commandant H. Q. 6 Aus Div.

NOTICES.

AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' CLUB - TEL AVIV. The Australian Soldiers' Club, located at 109 Hayarkon Street, Tel Aviv, offers the following facilities to A.I.F. personnel on leave in that town.
Meals at reasonable prices .- Light refreshments, Ice Cream, Tobacco. Reading Room - Writing Room - Recreational facilities - Lounge Rooms. Change Rooms and showers (free) - Hot Baths for a small fee. Bathing Costumes on hire. All ranks are invited to visit the club.

War Diary

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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by

Capt. I. G. Webster, Camp Comdt, H. Q. 6 Aus Div.

PART 1.

PRACTISE BLACK-OUT. 1.(a) All ranks are reminded that a practise " BLACK-OUT" will take place from 2100 hrs MONDAY 3 Jun 40 to 0400 hrs TUESDAY, 4 June 40.
(b) Blackout precautions already installed, such as blanketing of windows, blued light globes and closing of shutters on all windows fitted with them MUST be respected.

PERMANENT BLACK-OUT. 2.(a) A permanent " BLACK-OUT " in all districts in PALESTINE during the hours of darkness will be brought into force as from Tuesday evening 4 June 40.
(b) H. Q. 6 Aus Div will conform and all ranks in GAZA will take the necessary action for complete " BLACK-OUT " during the prescribed hours.
(c) This instruction will be observed until further notice.

PAY. 3.(a) Personnel of H. Q. 6 Aus Div, Div Intelligence Section, A. I. L. Section must hand their paybooks into the Fd. Cash Office by 0900 hrs, Tuesday 4 Jun 40.
(b) Pay will be disbursed at 1600 hrs Thursday, 6 Jun 40.
(c) Personnel will fall-in outside Fd. Cash Office at 1550 hrs, Thursday, 6 Jun 40 under Sgt. J. Lawrie.

MISS PARADES. 4. Mid-day meal will now be taken at 1300 hrs instead of 1230 hrs. Other meal times will remain unaltered.

I. G. Webster, Capt.
Camp Commandant H. Q. 6 Aus Div.

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H. Q. 6 Aus Div - Routine Order No.41/40

GAZA. 11 June 40.

by

Capt. I. G. Webster, Camp Comdt, H. Q. 6 Aus Div.

PART 1.

BLACKOUT. 1. The District Commissioner, GAZA, has been instructed by the Chief Secretary that from 11 June 40, inclusive, the hours during which the BLACKOUT restrictions will apply in GAZA TOWN are from 1945 hrs to 0530 hrs.
All personnel quartered in billets GAZA TOWN will conform.

AIR WARNING. 2.(a)As from today, Air Raid warnings will be 2 rounds fired by the Ramadan Gun, GAZA. The Ramadan Gun is a gun normally fired in GAZA for festivals and has a sound similar to the bursting of a bomb.
(b)A SIREN will replace the gun at an early date.

MOVEMENTS OF M.T. DURING BLACKOUT. 3. As from toady, 11 June 40, NO mechanically propelled vehicle, except H. Q. 6 Aus Div and ATTACHED UNIT vehicles ON DUTY, are permitted to travel on roads outside GAZA Municipal Area, during the period of " BLACKOUT " unless issued with a special pass, signed by the Camp Comdt., H. Q. 6 Aus Div.

USE OF TORCHES. 4. Hand torches or flash lights will NOT be used unless " BLUED " by means of paint or blue paper etc.

LEAVE. 5. Owing to the " BLACKOUT " regulations individual leave will not be granted in future and all A.I.F. personnel will be clear of Jerusalem by 1730 hrs and of TEL AVIV by 1800 hrs daily. Para 15 of 6 Aus Div Administrative Instruction No.32 is cancelled.

SANITARY PAPER. 6.(a)In future, Sanitary Paper will be distributed by Sanitary Orderly, H. Q. 6 Aus Div., to all billets that are connected to a Septic Tank system.
(b)Distribution will be in accordance with the laid down scale only and no issues will be made direct to individuals.

PAY BOOKS. 7. As a means of identification, all ranks will in future carry their paybooks at all times.

CHECK OF RESPIRATORS. 8. All personnel of H. Q. 6 Aus Div., Div Intelligence Section and A. I. L. Section will parade WITH RESPIRATORS, ANTI-GAS at 0630 hrs, THURSDAY, 13 June 40 for purpose of checking haversacks and containers.

I. G. Webster Capt.
Camp Commandant H. Q. 6 Aus Div.

NOTICE.

LOST. Black " Conklin " propelling pencil (inscribed) Finder please return to " CAMP " office.

War Diary

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by

Capt. I. G. Webster, Camp Comdt, H. Q. 6 Aus Div.

PART 1.

MOVEMENTS OF M.T. DURING BLACKOUT.

1. Ref H. Q. 6 Aus Div R/O No. 41/40 11 June 40, Para 3 is cancelled and the following substituted :-

" As from today, 11 June 40, NO mechanically propelled vehicle, except H. Q. 6 Aus Div and ATTACHED UNIT vehicles ON DUTY, are permitted to travel on roads outside GAZA Municipal Area, during the period of " BLACKOUT " unless in possession of a special pass issued by the Military Commander, GAZA Administrative Area.

AIR MAILS.

2. Current news bulletins issued by the B.B.C. indicate that certain Empire Air-mail services, including those to AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND have been TEMPORARILY suspended. Under the circumstances, personnel are advised to await later announcements before posting further air-mail letters.

VISITS TO MUNICIPAL GARDENS.

3.(a) The GAZA Municipal Gardens, Beach Road, (near " A " Mess Billets) are reserved for use by ladies only every WEDNESDAY and are consequently OUT OF BOUNDS to troops on that day each week.

(b) His Worship, the Mayor of GAZA has particularly requested that troops do NOT visit or remain in the close vicinity of the Gardens on WEDNESDAYS.

(c) Personnel are again reminded that, to the Arab, womenfolk are sacrosanct and that in consequence, too much care cannot be taken to avoid any incident which might provoke feeling amongst the native population towards the troops.

LEAVE.

4. Three vacancies exist on each 15th and 22 June 40 for SINGLE day leave to JERUSALEM. Applications will be received in writing at Camp Comdt's office up till 1200 hrs Friday 14 June 40.

CHURCH PARADES.

5. All personnel of H. Q. 6 Aus Div, Details H. Q. A.I.F. 6 Aus Div Intelligence Section, A. I. L. Section, Field Cash Office and Atta ched, will attend Church parades on SUNDAY 16 June 40 as follows :-

Church of England - At C.M.S. Hospital Chapel, 1030 hrs.
R.C. At A.A.C.I. Canteen, 0745 hrs.

(b)All personnel except those on duty or on approved leave of absence will fall-in under W.O.1. F. Coyle, H. Q. 6 Aus Div on roadway between Field Cash Office and H. Q. Billets at 1000 hrs SUNDAY 16 June 40.

DRESS - Shirts, Shorts, Stockings, gaiters and boots. Web belt, hats (turned down)

VOLUNTARY SERVICES.

6. The following voluntary service will be held on Sunday 16 June 40.

Church of England - At A.G.C.I. Canteen - 0730 hrs.

Capt.
Camp Commandant H. Q. 6 Aus Div.

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No. 43/40

GAZA.
21 June 40.

by

Capt. I. G. ebster, Camp Comdt, H.Q. 6 Aus Div.

PART 1.

CHURCH PARADES.

1. All personnel of H. Q. 6 Aus Div, H. Q. A.I.F., 6 Aus Div Intelligence Section, 6 Aus Div Employment Section, Fd. Cash Office and other personnel attached to H. Q. 6 Aus Div for duty, will attaend Church Parades on Sunday 23 June 40, as under :-

(a) Church of England.
At C.M.S. Hospital Chapel, 1030 hrs.
Fall in under W.O.II. S. Rees, Div Intelligence Sec., at 1000 hrs 23 June 40.

(b) R.C.
At A.C.C.I. Canteen - 0900 hrs.
Fall in under W.O.I. F. Coyle, H. Q. 6 Aus Div at 0845 hrs 23 June 40.

(c) PLACE OF PARADES. Roadway between No.1. Billet and Field Cash Office.

(d) DRESS. Hats, shirts, shorts, stockings, gaiters and boots. Web belt. Puttees will NOT be worn.

AIRMAILS.

2. Ref H. Q. 6 Aus Div R/O No. 42/40 (13/6/40) Para 2 Air Mail. Personnel should now resume posting Air-mail letters for delivery to AUSTRALIA.

LEAVE.

3. Ref H. Q. 6 Aus Div R/O No. 42/40 (13/6/40). Vacancies now exist for leave to JERUSALEM and TEL AVIV as follows :-

(a) SINGLE DAY LEAVE. (approx 25 vacancies each day)

SUNDAY 23 June 40	JERUSALEM.
MONDAY 24 June 40	TEL AVIV.
THURSDAY 27 June 40	JERUSALEM.
MONDAY 1 July 40	JERUSALEM.
THURSDAY 4 July 40	TEL AVIV.

Applications (in writing) must be lodged with Camp Comdt H. Q. 6 Aus Div not later than MID-DAY on the day previous to,leave commencing.

(b) FOUR DAY LEAVE.

THURSDAY 27 June 40	JERUSALEM, ONLY.
SATURDAY 29 June 40	JERUSALEM, ONLY.
FRIDAY 5 July 40	JERUSALEM, ONLY.

Applications for the above four day leave periods must be lodged with Camp Comdt, H. Q. 6 Aus Div, not later than MID-DAY 24 June, 26 June and 2 July, respectively.

(b) A copy of 6 Aus Div Adm Instn No. 32 13 May 40 re LEAVE is posted on Notice Board in No. 1. Billet. Personnel are advised to study carefully.

EARLY MORNING PARADES.

4.(a)The dress for all ranks at Early Morning Roll Call at 0630 hrs each morning will be as follows :-
Khaki shirts and shorts, stockings, sand shoes or boots. No hats.

(b) NO exceptions will be admitted to this rule.

contd.

Capt.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No. 15. SECRET

6 Aus Div
GAZA.

1 Jun, 40.

MEASURES TO COMBAT PARACHUTE TROOPS IN PALESTINE II

1. In reference to the Secret Circular Letter, dated 23 May, 40, on the above subject, at para. 4 the following additional information is supplied..

2. Jewish Settlement Police.

(a) With the exception of NEGBA, the only detachments in 6 Aus Div Area are controlled from REHOVOT. 6 Aus Div Recce Regt will establish liaison with the J.S.P. in this area through the British Inspector No. 2 (Southern Division) Jewish Settlement Police.

(b) Their role is in close relation to the village to which they are allotted, and they will remain in that vicinity.

(c) They are responsible, through British Inspector, Southern No. 2 (Area), to A.S.P., JAFFA.

(d) They are responsible for passing information through this channel and direct to the nearest Military Authority by any means available.

3. Palestine Police.

The Palestine Police will act on receipt of warning from any source with a proportion of their post garrisons, the balance remaining on duty to maintain order.

4. Posts are established at:-

GAZA, with three armoured trucks.
BEERSHEBA
MAJDAL
KHAN YUNIS

5. On alarm the Police and/or armoured trucks will proceed to the place of landing and will continue to act against the enemy. They will place themselves under comd the Military Comd on the latter's arrival.

6. Areas of Responsibility.

(a) Comds of Camps will be prepared to act anywhere in their training area allotted to their Camp (vide Training Instruction No. 4). 17 and 19 Aus Inf Bdes will be responsible in the areas allotted respectively to BEIT JIRJA (Area D) and GAZA RD (Area F). The strength of the det will vary, but is unlikely to consist of less than one Bn.

(b) The essential element will be speed and all tpt, incl civil, in the lines will be used. Further tpt will be requisitioned on A.A.S.C., if necessary, or available tpt used on the "shuttle" system.

(c) Movement to resist a landing in the Div Training Area (Area A) will be ordered by this H.Q. from the nearest Camp to the spot.

(d) The executive order will arrive by immediate means and will incl the following:-

"PARACHUTE. (place) (map ref). (unit or strength to move) ack."

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Col.
G.S., 6 Aus Div.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

SECRET

Headquarters,
6 Aus Div,
GAZA.

2 Jun, 40.

GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No. 16

"BLACK OUT" PALESTINE

1. A permanent "Black Out" in all districts in PALESTINE during the hours of darkness will be brought into force as from Tuesday evening 4 Jun, 40.

2. Appropriate orders to Civil Authorities are being issued by the Government.

3. 6 Aus Div will conform and Camp Comds will take the necessary action for complete "Black Out" of their Camps during the prescribed hours. Action will also be taken by Camp Comdt H.Q., 6 Aus Div, in respect to offices and billets, etc., in the town of GAZA.

4. Special attention will be paid to the effective screening of windows and doors where it is essential for lights to remain burning, e.g., messes, canteens, recreation rooms, etc.

Detailed suggestions as to the best methods to be adopted will be forwarded as soon as discussions have been completed with the D.C.R.E.

5. Owing to the difficulty of efficiently screening picture theatres, as at present constructed, all performances in camp cinemas will end not later than fifteen (15) minutes after sunset. The question of structural alterations, which will allow cinemas to be used at night, is under consideration as are other methods to enable amenities in camps to continue.

6. The screening of vehicle lights as set out in Admin Inst No. 42 of 23 May, 40, will be put into operation during the "Black Out" periods.

7. In addition, the following will receive attention:-

(a) Edges of roads and tracks throughout camps should be clearly defined with white stones or by such other means. This will facilitate movement around camp areas.

(b) The use of torches is forbidden unless so fitted as to emit a blue light.

(c) Lights on H.Qs. and R.A.Ps., etc., will NOT be shown.

Lt-Col
G.S., 6 Aus Div

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List B.

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Headquarters,
6 Aus Div,
GAZA.

6 Jun, 40.

GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No. 17

Camps - Dispersion & Camouflage of Tents

(Reference 6 Aus Div Secret Memo AD/114, dated 20 May,40)

1. Force H.Q. have ruled that for the present dispersion of Camps will not extend beyond the boundaries already defined for purposes of hiring.

2. Changes must accordingly be effected in dispositions already taken up in certain Camps, and modifications will be necessary in plans submitted for Camps in which dispersion has not yet been effected.

3. The changes necessitated by the above will immediately be investigated by Comds concerned and alternative plans prepared and put into effect forthwith. In the case of Camps not already dispersed, this will include dispersion.

4. Camps which are already dispersed will be re-arranged to conform to the limits imposed by para 1; expansion into unoccupied lines in a Camp Area is still permitted.

5. The following suggestions are made concerning the methods to be adopted in achieving this re-arrangement together with the necessary protection:-

(a) All tents will be camouflaged by mud spray or splashing. This action will be taken immediately on receipt of this instruction. The mud can be thrown over the tent roof by hand with an empty jam tin. A patchy result without any completely white patches is to be aimed at. This camouflage can be carried out by the occupants of tents.

(b) Endeavours will be made to break the regular appearance of Camps - tents will be irregularly placed.

(c) In conjunction with (b) the new siting of tents should be combined with bomb splinter-proof protection. One method is to dig out the floor space of the tent to a depth of 12 to 18 inches, throwing the spoil, in the form of a parapet, around the tent; the parapet should commence under eaves of the tent (to break any hard lines or shadows, and to prevent dew falling into the tent) and should leave an entrance on the side away from the prevailing wind.

An E.P.I.P. Tent thus dug-in is found to be cooler than one above ground, and to provide ample splinter-proof protection to occupants lying on stretchers or bed-boards.

An R.B. tent should be equally satisfactory, but a C.D. tent will be more difficult of arrangement.

(A sample E.P.I.P. tent dug out can be inspected at QASTINA by arrangement with C.R.E.)

(d) The digging should be spread over a period of time and should be arranged to interfere as little as possible with training programmes, and it is suggested that one tent in each group of tents should be so dug out at first, thus providing protection for the occupants of neighbouring tents in the event of attack.

(e) Vehicles. Wide dispersion of vehicles in Camp is neither desirable nor economical. Instead, vehicles should be arranged in small groups on the vehicle parks, facing in the direction of dispersion, with the drivers detailed to move them out on a pre-arranged plan in the event of alarm or attack; it must be possible to move any vehicle although neighbouring ones are put out of action.

(f) Playing fields should be interfered with as little as possible.

6. Camp Comds will give immediate consideration to the above problems and suggestions. On completion of the new plans, existing slit trenches, both inside and outside Camp boundaries, which are no longer required will be filled in.

7. Marking of H.Q. Local arrangements will be made for marking formation and unit H.Q., A.R.P. centres, etc., with sign-boards and lamps shaded from the view of aircraft. They must be easily discernible by approaching traffic.

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Addendum.

Ref para 5 (a), mud splashing of tents. Although the experiment has not been tried, it may prove quicker to lower the tent and apply the mud from buckets, etc.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Headquarters,
6 Aus Div,
GAZA.

6 Jun, 40.

GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No. 18

DUTY STAFF OFFICER AT DIV H.Q.

1. The following instructions supersede those issued in 6 Aus Div Circular dated 23 May, 40, and will take effect from 1300 hrs 6 Jun, 40.

2. Day of Duty.

The Duty Staff Officer will take over at 0830 hrs daily and will remain on duty until 0830 hrs on the following day. (It is pointed out that the tour of duty does NOT terminate until the Duty Staff Officer has personally handed over to the Officer next for duty.)

3. Hours of Duty. (Meal Periods)

The Duty Staff Officer MUST be in his office or in the Duty Staff Officer's Room during the following hours:- 0730 - 0830 hrs, 1300 - 1400 hrs, and 1900 - 2000 hrs.

4. Change over of Duties.

(a) Officers wishing to change over duties will NOT do so without prior reference to G.II. This applies also to Officers absent on duty.

(b) The Duty Staff Officer whose name is shown on the roster will be responsible for informing the H.Q. 6 Aus Div Reception Office, Military Signal Exchange, GAZA, and Cig Office 6 Aus Div of the name, telephone number, and whereabouts of the Officer relieving him, and the time during which the relief will last.

5. Place of Duty.

The Duty Staff Officer will either be in his own office or in the Duty Staff Officer's Room (.D.A.A.G.'s Office - Extension 5). The Duty Staff Officer will be required to "live in" at Div H.Q. ("A" clerks' Office) on the night of his tour of duty and will be responsible for making his own arrangements re bedding etc.

6. Action by Duty Staff Officer.

(a) (i) The Duty Staff Officer is personally responsible that he is immediately available in GAZA by telephone at any hour during the day or night throughout his tour of duty, and that the clerk on duty and the signalman on duty at the GAZA Military Signal Exchange are kept informed of the telephone number or extension at which he will be found.

(ii) He will notify his telephone number (or extension) to the Military Signal Exchange, Cig Office 6 Aus Div, and H.Q. 6 Aus Div Reception Office on coming on duty, and will notify any change from time to time as they occur.

(b) Outside normal office hours the following will be referred to the Duty Staff Officer by the Cipher Officer, Signal Officer and Div Reception Office:-

(i) IN telephone calls when the subscriber asked for is not in his office.

(ii) Prefixed correspondence (Secret, Security and Confidential documents will be passed to him unopened.)

(iii) Prefixed signals, both clear and cipher.

(iv) Situation reports containing anything of an unusual nature.

(c) On receipt of any messages or letters the Duty Staff Officer will:-

(i) Decide whether any action is necessary, and take action himself, if it is within his capacity to do so.

(ii) If unable to take action himself inform the Branch concerned.

(d) If the Duty Staff Officer is uncertain as to whether a prefixed message requires immediate action he will consult:-

(i) G.S.O.II
(ii) G.S.O.III(O)

7. Security.

The contents of cipher telegrams, operational messages and other secret matters will NOT be discussed over the telephone.

8. Duty Officer's Diary.

(a) The Duty Staff Officer will maintain a Diary in which will be entered:-

Records of telephone conversations.

Registered numbers of signals and correspondence referred to him and the action taken.

(b) The Diary will be handed over to the Chief Clerk daily, except Sundays, at 0830 hrs, together with all signals and correspondence which has not yet been passed to a Branch for action. The diary will be delivered to the Duty Officer who has assumed duty by the Chief Clerk as early as possible after such correspondence etc has been passed.

9. Administrative.

A stationery box or equivalent will be placed in the Room provided for the Duty Staff Officer, containing the following:-

Stationery.
List of Place Names and Co-ordinates.
Orders for NCO on duty in Central Registry.
Orders for Duty Staff Officer.
Order

Message Forms.
Code Card.
Location Statement.

The key of the box will be attached to and handed over with the Diary by the Chief Clerk, "G" Branch.

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All Branches H.Q. 6 Aus Div

For information:

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D.D.S.P., GAZA
Div Reception Office
GAZA Military Exchange
Sig Office H.Q. 6 Aus Div

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6 AUS DIV

GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No. 19

Employment of Civilians

The undermentioned civilians are, under NO circumstances, to be employed by any unit under command 6 Aus Div:-

Dr KARL TOTSCHEK - TEL-AVIV
SINAIBERGER
H. GOLDBERG
M. PETRUSCKA
SCHLESINGER
MAIMON
J. PFEIFFENKOPF
R. LAUFER
JACOB GOLDSTEIN
MAX GROSSMAN
JOSEPH AZRIEL
DAVID AZRIEL
JACOB ZIMMERMAN
ZVI GEVIRTSMAN
HAY DAVIDOW
AHMAD ULEYIAN HASAN
HASAN ATIYEH AS-SAFI
YOUSEF ABDUL AZIZ AS-SAFI
ALI AHMAD KHADER
AWAD HASSAN
ABD EL FATTAH HASSAN
J. HOLZER
WERNER KALZENSTEIN
MUSA HASSAN EL SULTAN
RASHAD LOUZOH

Formations and units will therefore scrutinise their records and take action accordingly.

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List B.

GAZA,
7 Jun, 40.

J. McConnell Walker Capt.
for Lt-Col.
G.S., 6 Aus Div.

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6 AUS DIV

GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No. 19

MAINTENANCE OF INTERNAL SECURITY

GENERAL

1. The following Extracts from Force H.Q. SECRET memo CR/PAL/16104/G dated 2 Jun, 40, are repeated for the information of Comds and principal Staff Offrs ONLY:-

"(a) In view of the interest now being taken in methods to deal with possible enemy activities such as sabotage, parachute landings, and 5th Column activities, the G.O.C. feels that there is a danger that the normal needs of internal security may be to some extent lost sight of.

(b) It is inevitable that our enemies should try by every means in their power to stir up the Arab population towards a state of rebellion.

(c) One means of maintaining internal security and of illustrating to the population as a whole that there are still large military forces in PALESTINE is to maintain energetically the system of patrolling the country with military forces. This patrolling should be carried out in a systematic manner, each formation or unit being given a definite area which it is to visit and to get to know thoroughly. These visits should be of a friendly nature and should be designed to promote a feeling of confidence and friendliness between the military forces and the population."

POLICE ACTION

2. Palestine Police mounted patrols are visiting all villages in the GAZA Civil District on the basis of one visit per village per week.

MILITARY ACTION

3. Camp Comds will co-ordinate unit plans for military patrols to visit all villages within their Camp Training Area on the approximate basis of one visit per village per week, for the purpose outlined in para 1 (c) above. It is suggested that these patrols should be of varying strength and that when visiting important villages they should be accompanied by an interpreter. Whenever possible, they should be arranged in conjunction with training programmes, i.e., should a Bn, for instance, be carrying out an exercise through the AL FALUJA area, during pauses in the exercise visits to the surrounding villages should be fitted in.

DIV TRAINING AREA (AREA A)

4. The responsibility for visiting villages in the Div Training Area is divided amongst formations, etc., in accordance with the following sub-paras. It will be understood that the Eastern boundary is in all cases the Civil District boundary — marked in chain dotted line on the map — thence incl the Rd HEBRON - BEERSHEBA; and the Southern boundary, incl BEERSHEBA - EIN ES SHELLALE 16150800 - KHAN YUNIS 08350838 - the coast.

(a) 6 Aus Div Cav Regt. Northern portion of Area A to inclusive East-West grid line 100000.

(b) 16 Aus Inf Bde. That portion of Area A to the South of this grid line to the line District Boundary at 15290918 - Pt 235 12640910 - Pt 185 11620940.

(c) 17 Aus Inf Bde. The area again further South to all incl District Boundary - Rd HEBRON - BEERSHEBA - TELL ABU HUREIRA 11280880.

(d) 19 Aus Inf Bde. The remaining area South-East and South-West of Area "F" to the Southern boundary above defined.

(e) Div Int Sec. Villages outside and South of the above areas as may be decided from time to time in consultation with the D.D.S.P., GAZA.

CONDUCT OF PATROLS

5. Importance is attached to the conduct and the military bearing of patrols, since they are primarily for the purpose of "showing the flag". It is important also that they should at all times maintain a vigilant attitude and endeavour by their presence and behaviour to convince the local inhabitants that the armed forces of the Empire in PALESTINE are fully competent to maintain our control in this area.

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List A (less non-combatant units & services)

D.C., GAZA)
" BEERSHEBA) For Information.
D.D.S.P., GAZA)

Lt-Col.
G.S., 6 Aus Div.

GAZA,
12 Jun, 40.

6 AUS DIV

GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION NO 20

PRACTICE DEFENCE MEASURES AGAINST ENEMY PARACHUTISTS OR LANDING AIRCRAFT

1. In order to afford practice under emergency conditions to all ranks of the Division in the measures necessary to deal with possible attempted landings by enemy aircraft or parachutists in the Divisional Area the Divisional Commander will in future carry in his car three flags, size approximately 2'6" x 2', coloured BLUE, RED, and WHITE respectively.

These flags will be displayed from the Divisional Commander's car moving slowly or halted, on unexpected occasions when in the vicinity of troops and will have the following significance :-

BLUE flag - to represent enemy landing aircraft or 20 parachutists
RED " - to represent enemy fire being directed upon those in view
WHITE " - to represent signal of surrender by aircraft personnel or parachutists.

2. When any of these flags are displayed, troops in view should take appropriate action.

3. These flags will be taken into use as from Monday next 17 Jun.

Lt-Col
G.S.6 Aus Div

GAZA.
11 Jun 40

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AMENDMENT No. 2., GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No. 21.

SECURITY MEASURES No. III

PASS-WORDS

Reference para 13 of General Staff Instruction No. 21, the use of pass-words will be cancelled as from 2000 hrs, Mon, 17 Jun, 40.

Experience has shown that there are difficulties in the use of the pass-word system over an extensive area, and that it devolves upon the sentry or Cpl of the post to satisfy himself as to the bona fides of the persons challenged.

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H H Bergman Col.
G.S., 6 Aus Div.

GAZA,
17 Jun, 40.

6 AUS. DIV.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Headquarters,
6 Aus Div,
GAZA.
24 Jun, 40.

AMENDMENT NO. 2, GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION NO. 21.

MOVEMENT ON ROADS DURING THE HOURS OF "BLACK OUT"

1. The provisions of para 11 of General Staff Instruction No. 21 will be enforced, but Camp Comds are NOT responsible for stopping all vehicles passing along the main GAZA - JAFFA Rd. They will stop all vehicles leaving the main road to enter their Camps and in the event of an abnormal number of vehicles passing along the main road during the hours of "Black Out" they will use their discretion.

2. Camp Comds moving M.T. along the main road through other Camp Areas during the hours of "Black Out" will be responsible for notifying the appropriate Camp Comds in advance. Where available this duty should be performed by the Intelligence Officer.

A.F. Berryman Colonel,
G.S., 6 Aus Div.

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GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION NO.22.

1. This to be read in conjunction with Force Security Instructions No. 3. App.D., and key to App.D.

2. ROAD BEERSHEBA - HEBRON

(a) Security measure to read - one vehicle contining 4 armed men, one of whom may be the driver.

(b) In the case of convoys of 2 vehicles, there must be 3 armed men per vehicle, one of whom may be the driver

(c) Convoys of 3 vehicles or more, 2 men per vehicle, one of whom may be the driver.

3. This will come into operation from receipt of this instruction.

GAZA
14 Jun 40

[signature]
Lt Col
G.S. 6 Aus Div

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GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION NO. 25

TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS

1. (a) All Camp Comds will enforce Sec 8 para 11(d) of "Headquarters of an Australian Division Standing Orders for War" forthwith; viz:-

"The telephone will NOT be used for business which can equally well be done by message or letter."

Army Form C2128 - Message form - will be used, white for outward and pink for inward messages .

(b) To enable the message system to operate the H.Q. unit of each camp command will provide a phonogram clerk if there is no signal office. This phonogram clerk should be located where there is a telephone connected to the camp exchange. Normally he should be located in the ~~xxxxxxx~~ orderly room. A twenty four hour service will be maintained but during the slack period in the night the phonogram clerk may sleep by the telephone. When the remaining infantry brigade signal sections are formed and attached to their infantry brigades a small signal office will be formed.

2. At present the telephone service is being misused despite the instructions in Routine Orders Nos 160, 346 and 470. This misuse congests the signal service and prevents the efficient regulation of traffic. It wastes time, it results in bad habits and above all is NOT good training for war. During active operations tactical duties will often prevent an officer from using the telephone and reliance will have to be placed on W/T, the Sounder or D.R. The use of the message form provides an efficient and accurate method and it enables the signal service to despatch messages in accordance with their degree of priority.

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H.Q. 6 Aus Div.
GAZA.
26 Jun 40.

GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No 26.

TRAIN COURIER and D.R.L.S.

1. In addition to the existing D.R.L.S. services which will remain unchanged a Daily "Train Courier" service operating between CAIRO and HAIFA and vice versa will commence on Tue 25 Jun 40.
The time table is as follows:-

Depart	CAIRO	1730 hrs		Depart	HAIFA (EAST)	0815 hrs
Arrive	EL QANTARA	2320 "		Arrive	HADERA	0931 "
	EL ARISH	0242 "			TULKARM	0952 "
	RAFA	0334 "			LYDDA	1047 "
	GAZA	0438 "		Depart	LYDDA	1110 "
	EL MAJDAL	0512 "		Arrive	EL MAJDAL	1208 "
	LYDDA	0615 "			GAZA	1245 "
Depart	LYDDA	0650 "			RAFA	1336 "
Arrive	TULKARM	0748 "			EL ARISH	1426 "
	HADERA	0811 "			EL QANTARA	1730 "
	HAIFA (EAST)	0930 "			CAIRO	2225 "

2. Connecting with this service are the following:-

(a) D.R.L.S. between JERUSALEM and LYDDA.

Depart	JERUSALEM	0515 hrs
Arrive	LYDDA	0615 "
Depart	LYDDA	0650 "
Arrive	JERUSALEM	0750 "

(b) D.R.L.S. between SARAFAND and LYDDA.

(i) Meeting train from CAIRO to HAIFA.

Depart	SARAFAND	0600 hrs
Arrive	LYDDA	0615 "
Depart	LYDDA	0650 "
Arrive	SARAFAND	0705 "

(ii) Meeting train from HAIFA to CAIRO.

Depart	SARAFAND	1030 hrs
Arrive	LYDDA	1045 "
Depart	LYDDA	1110 "
Arrive	SARAFAND	1125 "

3. It will be seen from the above that the "Train Courier" service can be used to supplement the existing services between GAZA and JERUSALEM etc. A summary of the various channels through which letters and packages may now be forwarded is shown in the attached Appx "A". This summary includes all existing D.R.L.Services.

4. Sigs 6 Aus Div will make the necessary arfangements for mail to be delivered to and collected from the Courier at GAZA station at 0438 hrs and 1245 hrs daily.

5. A.A.S.C. will send an armed and escorted orderly to meet the Courier at EL MAJDAL station at 0512 hrs and 1208 hrs daily to hand over and receive bags.

6. D.Rs. and orderlies will carry an authorised pass which will be produced with paybooks for identification purposes.

7. All packets for one destination will be placed in a sealed bag properly addressed and labelled. As the Courier has strict orders NOT to leave his compartment D.Rs. and orderlies coming to meet him must find him quickly. The Courier will carry a receipt book in which he will enter thenparticulars (date number and destination) of each bag handed over to him and will similarly obtain receipts for all bags handed over by him.

for Col.
G.S. 6 Aus Div.

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APPENDIX "A"

SUMMARY OF TRAIN COURIER and D.R.L.Services.
Run Daily - including Sundays.

OUT from GAZA.

To Force H.Q.
(a) By Train Courier to LYDDA leaving GAZA 0438 hrs and EL MAJDAL 0512 hrs then D.R.L.S. to arrive JERUSALEM 0750 hrs.
(b) By D.R.L.S. leaving GAZA 0921 hrs through A.I.F. Camps to arrive JERUSALEM 1530 hrs.
(c) By direct D.R.L.S. leaving GAZA 1000 hrs calling BARBARA only to arrive Aus Overseas Base 1200 hrs.

To SARAFAND.
(a) By Train Courier to LYDDA from GAZA 0438 hrs and EL MAJDAL 0512 hrs then D.R.L.S. to arrive SARAFAND 0705 hrs.
(b) By D.R.L.S. leaving GAZA 0921 hrs through Camps to arrive SARAFAND 1230 hrs.

To LYDDA.
(a) By Train Courier from GAZA 0438 hrs and EL MAJDAL 0512 hrs arriving LYDDA 0615 hrs.

To A.I.F. Camps.
(a) As at present with D.R.L.S. leaving GAZA at 0921 hrs, arriving SARAFAND 1230 hrs.

IN to GAZA.

From Force H.Q.
(a) By D.R.L.S. to LYDDA leaving Force H.Q. 0515 hrs then Train Courier calling at EL MAJDAL 1208 hrs and arriving GAZA 1245 hrs.
(b) By D.R.L.S. leaving Force H.Q. at 1045 hrs through A.I.F. Camps arriving GAZA 1709 hrs.
(c) By D.R.L.S. leaving Aus Overseas Base JERUSALEM 1400 hrs calling BARBARA only arrives GAZA 1600 hrs.

From SARAFAND.
(a) By D.R.L.S. to LYDDA leaving SARAFAND at 1030 hrs then Train Courier arriving EL MAJDAL 1208 hrs and GAZA 1245 hrs.
(b) By D.R.L.S. leaving SARAFAND 1400 hrs through A.I.F. Camps arriving GAZA 1709 hrs.

From LYDDA.
(a) By Train Courier leaving LYDDA 1110 hrs calling EL MAJDAL 1208 hrs arriving GAZA 1245 hrs.

From A.I.F. Camps.
(a) As at present with D.R.L.S. leaving SARAFAND at 1400 hrs arriving GAZA 1709 hrs.

Note for A.A.S.C.
In order to ascertain whether a regular call at EL MAJDAL is necessary will you please record details of inward and outward mail from EL MAJDAL station for a period of seven days and advise this H.Q. accordingly.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Headquarters,
6 Aus Div,
GAZA.
27 Jun, 40.

GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No. 27

TRAIN COURIER and D.R.L.S.

1. The following amendment is to be made to General Staff Instruction No. 26, of 26 Jun, 40:-

Delete para 2 and substitute the following:-

Connecting with this service is the following:-

(a) D.R.L.S. between JERUSALEM - LYDDA - SARAFAND

Dep	JERUSALEM	0515 hrs	Dep	SARAFAND	1030 hrs
Arr	LYDDA	0615 "	Arr	LYDDA	1045 "
Dep	LYDDA	0650 "	Dep	LYDDA	1110 "
Arr	SARAFAND	0705 "	Arr	JERUSALEM	1210 "

2. The D.R.L.S. between JERUSALEM and SARAFAND has been altered to the following times:-

Dep	JERUSALEM	1145 hrs	Dep	SARAFAND	1415 hrs
Arr	LATRUN	1225 "	Arr	RAMLE	1430 "
Arr	RAMLE	1300 "	Arr	LATRUN	1505 "
Arr	SARAFAND	1315 "	Arr	JERUSALEM	1545 "

3. As a result of the above alterations which take place as from 27 Jun, 40, it has been decided that the "Train Courier" Service will be met only on the run from HAIFA to CAIRO.

Namely, EL MAJDAL at 1208 hrs and GAZA at 1245 hrs daily.

If at any time it is desired to make use of the "Train Courier" Service on the run from CAIRO to HAIFA arrangements can be made accordingly.

4. A revised summary of "Train Courier" and D.R.L. Services is attached and the summary forwarded with G.S. Instruction No. 26 should be destroyed.

for Colonel,
G.S., 6 Aus Div.

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APPENDIX "A" to
G.S. Instn No. 27

SUMMARY OF TRAIN COURIER and D.R.L. SERVICES
Run Daily - including Sundays

OUT from GAZA.

To Force H.Q.

(a) By Train Courier to LYDDA, leaving GAZA 0438 hrs and EL MAJDAL 0512 hrs, then D.R.L.S. to arrive JERUSALEM 1210 hrs.

(b) By D.R.L.S., leaving GAZA 0921 hrs through A.I.F. Camps to arrive JERUSALEM 1545 hrs.

(c) By direct D.R.L.S. leaving GAZA 1000 hrs, calling BARBARA and JULIS only, to arrive Aus Overseas Base 1200 hrs.

To SARAFAND

(a) By Train Courier to LYDDA from GAZA 0438 hrs and EL MAJDAL 0512 hrs, then D.R.L.S. to arrive SARAFAND 0705 hrs.

(b) By D.R.L.S. leaving GAZA 0921 hrs through Camps to arrive SARAFAND 1230 hrs.

To LYDDA

(a) By Train Courier from GAZA 0438 hrs and EL MAJDAL 0512 hrs, arriving LYDDA 0615 hrs.

To A.I.F. Camps

(a) As at present with D.R.L.S. leaving GAZA at 0921 hrs, arriving SARAFAND 1230 hrs.

(b) As at present with D.R.L.S. leaving GAZA at 1600 hrs, arriving QASTINA 1718 hrs.

IN to GAZA.

From Force H.Q.

(a) By D.R.L.S. to LYDDA leaving Force H.Q. 0515 hrs then Train Courier calling at EL MAJDAL 1208 hrs and arriving GAZA 1245 hrs.

(b) By D.R.L.S. leaving Force H.Q. at 1145 hrs through A.I.F. Camps arriving GAZA 1709 hrs.

(c) By D.R.L.S. leaving Aus Overseas Base, JERUSALEM, 1400 hrs, calling JULIS and BARBARA only, arriving GAZA 1600 hrs.

From SARAFAND

(a) By D.R.L.S. to LYDDA leaving SARAFAND at 1030 hrs, then Train Courier arriving EL MAJDAL 1208 hrs and GAZA 1245 hrs.

(b) By D.R.L.S. leaving SARAFAND 1400 hrs, through A.I.F. Camps, arriving GAZA 1709 hrs.

From LYDDA

(a) By Train Courier leaving LYDDA 1110 hrs, calling EL MAJDAL 1208 hrs, arriving GAZA 1245 hrs.

From A.I.F. Camps

(a) As at present with D.R.L.S., leaving SARAFAND at 1400 hrs, arriving GAZA 1709 hrs.

(b) As at present with D.R.L.S., leaving QASTINA 1100 hrs, arriving GAZA 1220 hrs.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

H.Q. 6 AUS DIV

OFFICE ORGANISATION

Ref F.S.R. Vol I and H.Q. Aus Div S.Os for War.

1. Incoming Correspondence, etc.

(a) Opening of Correspondence.

All correspondence, etc, will be delivered to the Reception Office and, with the exception of that which is marked secret or confidential, will be opened by the Div Reception Clerk. Correspondence marked secret or confidential will be delivered personally by Chief Clerk to G.III (O), who will open it and mark to Branch or Service concerned. The Chief Clerk will then register this correspondence and despatch for action and retention by Branch or Service concerned.

(b) Registration of Correspondence.

All correspondence, other than secret, confidential or that referring to Intelligence, will be registered first in the Div Reception Office and then passed for registration on A.F.2040 and retention, etc, by the Branch or Service concerned. Branches and Services will register with the same filing system as the Div Reception Office. Intelligence correspondence will be forwarded direct to the Div Int Sec, who will be responsible for registration, etc. The following Branch and Service filing systems will be brought into operation forthwith:-

G.
A.Q.
Med.
Ord.
I.
Secret and Confidential.

(c) Messages.

See H.Q. 6 Aus Div S.Os for War, Chap II Sec 6.

(d) Cipher Messages "IN". One deciphered version of inward cipher messages will be distributed by the Cipher Office in an envelope and a receipt given for it by the recipient, who will be responsible for the further distribution and safe custody until passed to the Chief Clerk for filing in the Secret Registry.

2. Outgoing Correspondence.

(a) Immediately after correspondence has been signed, all copies will be handed to the Despatch Orderly, who will number them, detach and prepare necessary copies for despatch. The remaining copies will be handed to Reception Clerk, who will register them. One copy will be retained by Reception Office and the others returned to the Branch or Service concerned.

Intelligence correspondence will be registered, etc, by "I" Sec.

Secret or confidential correspondence will be registered, etc, under arrangements made by Chief Clerk.

Branches and Services are responsible that all correspondence is correctly marked and pinned for despatch before submission for registration and final despatch by Reception Office.

(b) The file copy of all correspondence etc, which has been desp will be returned by the Branch or Service concerned for initialling by the Offr originating the correspondence.

2. (c) Messages.
See H.Q. 6 Aus Div S.Os for War, Chap II Sec 6.

(d) Cipher Messages "OUT". Two copies of outward message will be handed to cipher office which will retain one and pass the other to the Chief Clerk for filing in the Secret Registry. Originator will be responsible for the safe custody of all other copies (if any) until passed to Secret Registry.

3. Clearing of Outward Correspondence from Offices.

Clerks will ensure that all outward correspondence is cleared at half-hourly intervals throughout the day. (Particular care must be ensured that correspondence is cleared in sufficient time to be ready for despatch by D.R.L.S.)

4. Branch superintendents and senior clerks of services will be responsible that all spare copies of correspondence, rough drafts, wax sheets etc are destroyed by burning, daily. (Particular attention is to be paid to waste paper baskets).

5. Hours of Duty, Clerks and Orderlies.

Clerks and Orderlies:
0815 - 1245 hrs)
1345 - 1715 hrs)daily.
(Altered arrangements may be made on Sundays).

Branch Superintendents will ensure that a Clerk is on duty in each Branch and Service from 0815 - 2230 hrs daily.

Before dismissal at 1715 hrs, Branch Superintendents etc will ascertain from the Senior Offr in the Branch or Service concerned as to the number of Clerks required at night.

The Chief Clerk will be responsible that rosters are prepared allowing, when possible, essential recreation for Clerks during the afternoon.

6. Dress.

Shoes and stockings may be worn.

GAZA
2 Jun 40.

-- Lt-Col.
G.S. 6 Aus Div.

Distribution:
In H.Q. 6 Aus Div.

181/5

SUBJECT :- Dispersion and Camouflage.

SECRET.

Force H.Q.
CR/PAL/16518/G.
3 Jul 40.

1.Aus Corps.
1 Cav Div.
16 Inf Bde.
Jsm Area.
H.Q., R.A.F.

B i/c A; Q; G."I".) for inf.

Reference this H.Q. letter CR/PAL/16518/G dated 17 May 40.

1. Formations will inform Force h.Q. of the steps taken up to date.

2. It has been noticed in several cases that sufficient dispersion of camps has not taken place. Force H.Q. Signal G. 1441 of 10 Jun gives necessary authority and Signal G. 1406 of 11 Jun also applies
The maximum dispersion of tentage compatible with ground available and economical running of camps will be aimed at.

3. The following suggestions are made concerning the methods to be adopted in achieving this re-arrangement together with the necessary protection :-

(a) All tents will be camouflaged by mud spray or splashing. This action will be taken immediately on receipt of this instruction. The mud can be thrown over the tent roof by hand with an empty jam tin. A patchy result without any completely white patches is to be aimed at. This camouflage can be carried out by the occupants of tents.

(b) Endeavours will be made to break the regular appearance of Camps - tents will be irregularly placed.

(c) In conjunction with (b) the new siting of tents should be combined with bomb splinter-proof protection. One method is to dig out the floor space of the tent to a depth of 12 to 13 inches, throwing the soil, in the form of a parapet, around the tent; the parapet should commence under the eaves of the tent (to break any hard lines of shadows, and to prevent dew falling into the tent) and should leave an entrance on the side away from the prevailing wind.

An E.P.I.F. tent thus dug-in is found to be cooler than one above ground, and to provide ample splinter-proof protection to occupants lying on stretchers or bed-boards.

An E.D. tent should be equally satisfactory, but a C.D. tent will be more difficult of arrangement.

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(d) The digging should be spread over a period of time and should be arranged to interfere as little as possible with training programmes, and it is suggested that one tent in each group of tents should be so dug out at first, thus providing protection for the occupants of neighbouring tents in the event of attack.

(e) Vehicles. Wide dispersion of vehicles in Camp is neither desirable nor economical. Instead, vehicles should be arranged in small groups on the vehicle parks, facing in the direction of dispersion, with the drivers detailed to move them out on a pre-arranged plan in the event of alarm or attack; it must be possible to move any vehicle although neighbouring ones are put out of action.

(f) Playing fields should be interfered with as little as possible.

4. It is considered that sufficient attention has not been paid up to date, in particular, to huts and permanent buildings. This is the responsibility of the unit occupying a camp and must not be left to an incoming unit even if a date for a move is published or imminent.

A great deal can be done to huts with mud spray or splashing (care being taken that the design is carried out in bold and large "blobs" and to avoid a mottled appearance).

A.L. Pitt-Hardacre
Brigadier,
General Staff.

CR/RAU/12793/Q.

FORCE H.Q.

18 May 40

1 Cav Div.
6 Div.
6 Aus Div.
Jordan Area.

6 AUS. DIV. 181A 4

J'em Area.
D.A.D.O.S. Sarafand. } for information.

TENTAGE - CAMOUFLAGE.

1. Pending the arrival from the United Kingdom of the new PUNSCHIN tent-dye, liquid Cutch shortly available from EGYPT will be issued on a reduced scale.

2. The object of this issue is for units to dye tents in the lines so as to break up the mass of white tents.

Sufficient Cutch is not available to do 100% of tentage.

3. Whole tents will be dyed and NOT parts of several tents.

4. Issues will be made by D.A.D.O.S. Sarafand to units without indent, together with instructions as to the number of tents to be dyed with the quantity issued and as to the methods to be employed.

G. A number of spare copies of this have come to my notice when looking for another file. There is no indication as to how the balance were distributed. So I send one along now in case it has not previously been seen by G.S., though I think that is unlikely. FWH 18 May

Lieut-Colonel,
A.A.&Q.M.G.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Headquarters,
6 Aus Div,
GAZA.

6 Jun, 40.

A.I.F. OFFICERS' CLUB

1. At a meeting held on 3 Jun, 40, it was decided to form an A.I.F. Officers' Club at GAZA in the building at present being used for that purpose and based on the following general principles:-

(a) All Officers of the A.I.F. and of H.M.'s Forces serving in GAZA district, all representatives of Press and Philanthropic Institutions living in A.I.F. Officers' Messes, and such civilians as may be approved by the Committee may be members of the Club. The wives of such members and all members of A.A.N.S. Messes shall be deemed eligible for associate membership.

(b) The following Committee was elected:-

President - Col G.A.Vasey, D.S.O.
Hon Secretary - Lieut A.R.Eva
Hon Treasurer - Lieut R.R.Vial

Members:
Lt-Col R.G.H.Irving, H.Q., 6 Aus Div
Capt E.A.Hedburg, A.A.M.C.
Capt F.H.L. Brown, Sigs 6 Aus Div.

(c) The rules of the Club were to be drawn up for presentation at a later general meeting.

2. At a Committee meeting held on 4 Jun, 40, the following decisions were made:-

(a) The membership fee will be 50 mils per week, payable fortnightly and collected through the mess accounts of the individuals.

(b) A person eligible to become a member shall be deemed to have become a member from the date he first buys a book of chits (vide sub para (c) below.) A member may resign on giving one month's notice in writing. It was decided that for purposes of membership subscription those persons who signed chits at the dance held on 25 May or subsequently will be charged membership fees from those dates.

(c) The system for the purchase of drinks and refreshments will be by chits purchasable in books each costing 500 mils. In order to record the disposal of chit books members' rank, name and unit will be entered in a register kept for that purpose. Chit books can only be purchased for cash.

(d) Except for the weekly subscription, all purchases at the Club will be made by means of chits.

3. The Club is located about one mile West of GAZA and consists of a newly-constructed building containing several rooms and a large flat roof. It is furnished with tables and easy chairs. Attached is a plan showing the location of the Club in relation to GAZA.

4. Facilities which the Club provides include:-

(a) An Officers' changing room, showers and hot baths. Towels are not provided. (These facilities are not available on days when organized functions are being held at the Club.)

(b) Refreshments:

(i) Afternoon tea at a cost of 40 mils.

(ii) Light supper consisting of eggs to order, bread and butter and tea, cost 75 mils.

(These will not be available on dance nights.)

(c) A bar serving drinks at usual prices; during entertainments there will usually be another bar on the roof.

(d) It is proposed to set aside one room as a card room.

(e) A reading and writing room will be available shortly.

(The above facilities are available daily from 1200 hrs and from 1000 hrs on Sunday.)

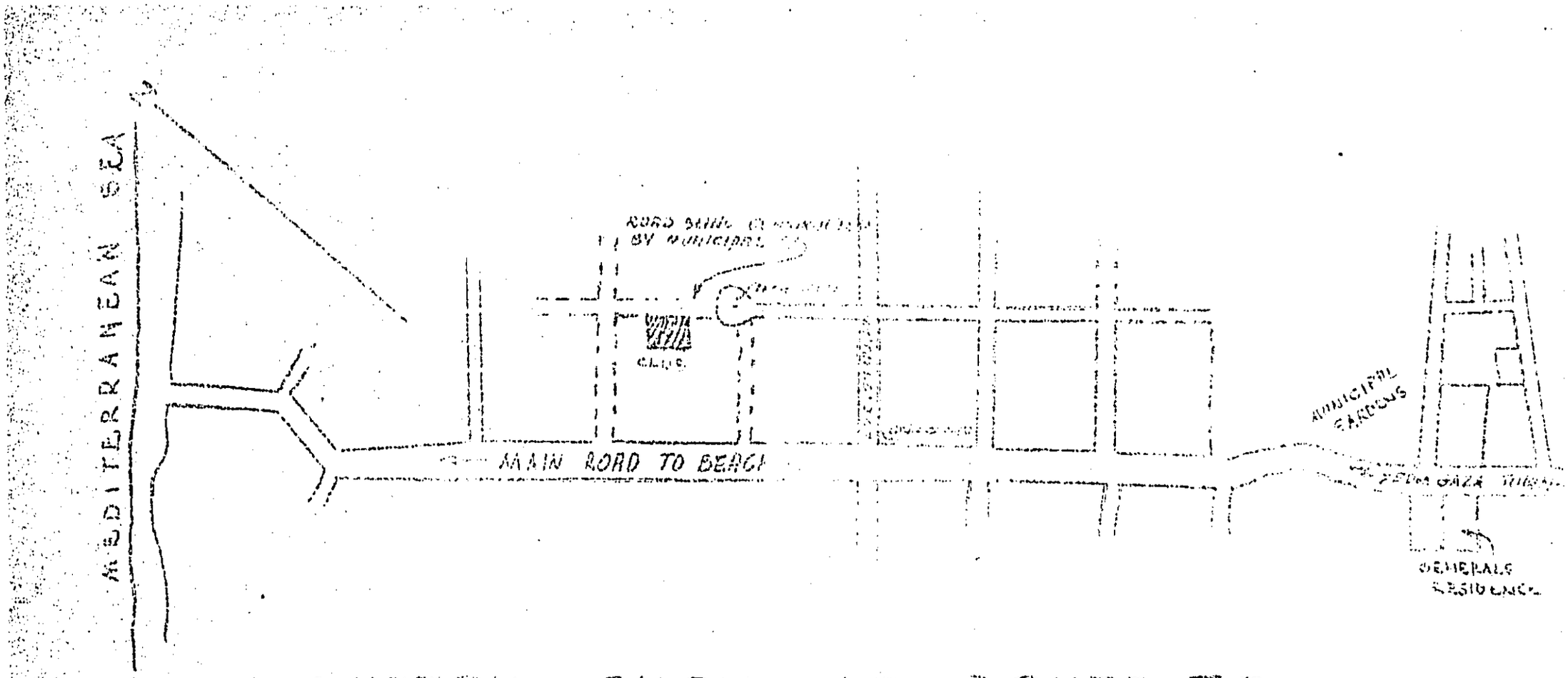
5. It was decided that an afternoon tea dance will be held every Saturday from 1730 hrs to 2000 hrs. Members of the A.A.N.S. are eligible and invited to attend. Charge for admission, including one drink, 50 mils.

6. By the kind permission of the C.O., 2/8 Bn, the band of that unit will play at the Club from 1800 hrs to 2000 hrs on Wed, 12 Jun. Members of the A.A.N.S. may attend.

7. In conclusion, it is desired to draw attention to the fact that the A.I.F. Officers' Club is designed to provide social amenities for members and their friends at reasonable prices, and it is confidently anticipated that sufficient Officers will avail themselves of the privilege of membership so as to ensure the future of the Club.

On behalf of the Committee,

L. Wasey.



SKETCH SHOWING ROUTE TO A.I.F OFFICERS CLUB GAZA

6 AUS DIV.

LEAVE TIME-TABLE NO.9

1. The following is Leave Time-Table for period inclusive 9 Jun 40 to inclusive 22 Jun 40.

2. Leave shewn herein applies to personnel from 2nd Convoy only. Personnel in Palestine prior to arrival of 2nd Convoy will not participate in organised leave at present.

3. Owing to the temporary suspension of leave in excess of 24 hours 4-day leave is not shewn. W hen this is resumed a fresh time-table w ill be issued.

4. Attention is directed to 6 Aus Div Administrative Instruction No. 32.

5. In the case of parties starting from two or more camps, picquets will be supplied for the whole leave party from the Camp marked "P".

DATE.	TO	FROM	MAX NO.	DATE	TO	FROM	MAX NO.
9 Jun	JERUSALEM	(GAZA TOW N	25	16 Jun	JERUSALEM	(BEIT JIRJA	100-P
		(GAZA RIDGE	50			(DEIR SUNEID	25
		(BARBARA	25-P				
		(QASTINA	25		TEL AVIV	KILO 89	125
	TEL-AVIV	(BEIT JIRJA	100-P				
		(DEIR SUNEID	25				
10 Jun	JERUSALEM	BEIT JIRJA	250	17 Jun	JERUSALEM	(KILO 89	75-P
						(DEIR SUNEID	100
	TEL AVIV	KILO 89	(75			(GAZA TOWN	25
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11 Jun	JERUSALEM	(BEIT JIRJA	(200-P	18 Jun	JERUSALEM	KILO 89	250
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		(BARBARA	50		TEL AVIV	KILO 89	250
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14 Jun		NIL		21 Jun		NIL	
15 Jun		NIL		22 Jun		NIL	

Gaza
6 Jun 40

Col.
A.A.& Q.M.G. 6 Aus Div.

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WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 16 GAZA

From 1800 hrs 1 Jun to 1800 hrs 8 Jun 40

1. GENERAL. With the exception of a few minor events this has been a quiet week. An affray took place at EL HARA; this proved to be a small dispute over land rights. A British plane a"LYSANDAR"crashed 10 kilos east of RAFAH, the two occupants, Flying Officer Williams and Aircraftsman Mould were killed. The plane was from RAMLE aerodrome. A customs official had 10 shots fired at him, when endeavoring to stop 3 men with a team of 5 trotting camels. One camel was captured & found to be carrying 12 pieces of opium (15kgs). An accident occurred between a police P.U. and a mule-drawn vehicle. The driver of the latter, DEEB SHERIF, was killed.

2. LOCAL ATTITUDE. Great interest is still being taken in events on the Western Front. There is a definite feeling of apprehension among Arabs due to the possibility of ITALY entering the war. Except for a few isolated cases, the Arabs are very anti-Italian. There have been reports of anti-British propaganda from some quarters.

3. SUMMARY.

2 Jun 40	Affray at EL HARA
5 Jun 40	British plane crash in RAFAH district
5 Jun 40	3 daggers seized from Dair Suneid and sword confiscated at HEBURIEH.
6 Jun 40	Customs official fired at by smugglers
7 Jun 40	Car smash at Kilo 67

4. LOCATION. As notified in our W.I.S. No.15 with the following amendments:

DEIR SUNEID	106106	delete F Soc Sigs
KILO 89	103103	Sigs 6 Aus Div

5. ARMS. Arms surrendered GAZA district:

	Rifles	Revolvers
GAZA Sub-district	-	-
BEERSHEBA Sub-district	-	-
Total	-	-

Distribution

As per W.I.S. No.15.

J. McConnell-Walker Capt
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	OUT Original passed to Exchange at 24 30 hrs (GMT)	GR.	

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TO Camp Comd QASTINA - JULIS - BARBARA - BEIT JIRJA - DEIR SUNEID - KILO 89 - GAZA RIDGE

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
6 Armd Div	O 147	10	

REC	announces	ITALY	declares	War	on
Allies	at	2000	hrs	local	time

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS.

Signed [illegible] Col

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER.

Signed

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS Degree of Priority: Phonogram

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T.H.I.

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TO BUZI

FROM WAXE | Originator's Number 0148 | Date 10 | In Reply to Number 9440

Ack					
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This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means.

SIGNED

Liable to be intercepted or fall into Enemy Hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER.

SIGNED

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority

Time of Origin. 2328LT

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TO R121

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
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Ack					

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If liable to be intercepted or fall into Enemy Hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER.

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TO TOKE WA+E.TEXU YANA Rptd NEMO

FROM BUZ-1

Originator's Number G1440

Date 10

In Reply to Number —

Wash with Gdaly 0 and V

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Comb Cond Gage Sides
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Gas Det Lieut Wilson
Engrs Lieut Hastie
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Signed W Woodward Maj

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TO Corps Cmdr, DIVISION, JULIS, BARBARA, BEIT JIRJA, DEIR SUNEID, KHULEIQ, GAZA RIDGE

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
60th Div	0150	11	

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Signed [signature]

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TO Camp Commandant ~~EASTERN~~, JULIS, BARBARA, BEIT JIRJA, ~~DEIR ESNEID, KHOSH, TALA DUMA~~

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
G Ops. Div.	0150	11	

Read	Camouflage	07	Nets	to	be
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This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN** by any means.

Signed [signature] Maj

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WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE-SUMMARY.
(Erase heading not required)

Army Form C. [illegible]

GPP. 8881—10000—5.9.39

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
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		1220	[illegible]	
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S E C R E T.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

In reply please quote
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Headquarters,
6 Aus Div.,
GAZA.
13 Jun 40.

To/

DISTRIBUTION LIST "B"

DISCIPLINE-OFFICERS.

The G.O.C. 6 Aus Div directs that CR/PAL/16604/BA. of 8 Jun 40, which is reproduced below, be read and initialled by all officers of your command:-

1. "It has come to the notice of the Commander-in-Chief that there has been talk in British circles of a "defeatist" nature and that in many cases such talk can be attributed to British Officers.

2. It will be realized that such talk by a soldier is a military offence, and in the Middle East a particularly serious one.

3. All officers will, therefore, be warned that the following in particular constitute military offences :-

(a) Statements tending to disparage the efforts of our allies.

(b) Criticism of the general conduct of the war by His Majesty's Government.

(c) Reference to inferiority of, and deficiencies in, equipment and material for the forces.

4. Formation Commanders will, therefore, immediately take the necessary action to ensure that the spirit of these orders is loyally observed and that commanding officers keep this question continually before their officers, W.Os. and N.C.Os."

(Sgd) Brigadier i/c Administration"

E Galwey Col.
A.A.& Q.M.G. 6 Aus Div.

6 AUS DIV.

TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO.11.

WEAPON TRAINING - ANNUAL RANGE COURSES - SMALL ARMS.

(1) In future all annual Range Courses, Small Arms for units of 6 Aus Div. and ancillary units will be fired in accordance with the practices prescribed for the Regular Army.

(a) Inf Bns - vide S.A.T. Vol I - Pamphlet No 14. Annual (1939) Range Courses, Regular Army.

(b) Div & Non-Div Units (Other than Div Cav Regt & Inf Bns). vide S.A.T. Vol I -Pamphlet 16. Annual Range Courses, Regular Army.

(c) Instructions will be issued separately regarding the courses to be fired by the Div Cav Regt.

(2) Units, other than 6 Aus Div Cav. Regt, who have already fired their annual courses vide S.A.T. Vol I - Pamphlet No 14 (Australia) will be required to fire additional practices in accordance with S.A.T. Vol I - Pamphlets 14 and 16 Annual Courses - Regular Army as shown below:-

(a) Inf Bns (Pamphlet 14)

(i) L.M.G. (Bren) Course.

Pt's I, II, III, IV.

(ii) Rifle Course

Pt's V, VI, (sighting shots allowed for practice VI will be fired before practice V.)

(iii) Snipers Course

Pt's I, & II.

(iv) A.A. Course.

Complete

(v) A.Tk. Rifle Course.

Pt I & Pt II (Practice 3 only)

(b) Div & Non-Div Units (other than Div Cav Regt & Inf Bns) Pamphlet 16.

(i) L.M.G. Course

Complete

(ii) A.A. Course

Complete

(iii) A. Tk. Rifle Course.

Pt I & Pt II (Practice 3 only).

Ian Duncan

(3) In order to complete these additional practices, units will forward to reach ~~H.Q. 6 Aus Div by 16 Jun~~, a return showing the desired allotment of JAFFA Range during the months of July and August.

(4) No stocks of Pamphlets S.A.T. Vol 1 - Annual Courses- Regular Army - are available, but it is intended to temporarily overcome this difficulty by issuing relevant extracts.

(Sgd) J.C.BAILLON Lt-Col
for Col
G.S. 6 Aus Div

GAZA
14 Jun 40

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WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 17

FROM 1800 HRS 7 JUN TO 1800 HRS 14 JUN 40

1. GENERAL The district has been very quiet. A small affray took place at BEERSHEBA, between 3 unarmed men. An attempted murder took place at BEIT HANOUN, when AHMAD HAJ MOHD ISMAD ZID and his brother attempted to murder MAHMOUD AHMED ABU SITTIEH, the reason being a long standing feud, ABDEL KHADR MOHD JALHOUN of HIRBYA, found in possession of a revolver and 9 rounds S.A.A., was arrested.

2. LOCAL ATTITUDE With ITALY'S entry into the war, the attitude of Arabs in GAZA and villages to the North, and among the Bedu to the South, has swung definitely to the Allied cause. The memories of Italian treatment of Tripoli, Abyssinia and Albania, which are very alive in the Arab mind, can be called the reason for such firming of public opinion.

A number of suspected anti-British and pro-Italo-German propagandists have been arrested. The public re-action to this has been good. Some dissenting voices were heard, but generally appreciation of this firmer stand is noted, especially among the more level-headed.

That the people have fear of Italian action here, and that they wish to do all they can to bring about her downfall, is very evident. One result has been increased co-operation in the black-outs.

News of the abolition of military courts, in favor of civil courts, has been very well received, and is looked on as a sign of increasing normality and a sign of the Government's confidence in the people.

3. SUMMARY

8 Jun 40 affray at BEERSHEBA
8 Jun 40 attempted murder at BEIT HANOUN
13 Jun 40 1 revolver, 9 rds S.A.A. seized at HIRBYA

4. LOCATION As notified in our W.I.S. No. 15 with the following amendment:

CASTINA 2/1 C.C.S.

5. ARMS

NIL arms surrendered GAZA district
Seized 1 revolver)
9 rds S.A.A.) HIRBYA village

J. McConnell Walker
Capt
D.I.O. 6 Aus Div

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H.Q. 6 Aus Div

EXTRACTS FROM INTELLIGENCE REPORT ON CHEMICAL WARFARE - ITALY

Appendix "A" is forwarded for information.

for Col
G.S. 6 Aus Div

GAZA
15 Jun 40

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APPENDIX "A" 6 AUS DIV SECRET

EXTRACTS FROM INTELLIGENCE REPORT ON CHEMICAL WARFARE

ITALY

OFFENCE

(a) ORGANIZATION, ADMINISTRATION AND STRENGTH.

Italians are apparently convinced of the utility of specialist troops for conducting large scale gas operations.

(i) SPECIAL GAS UNITS

Chemical Regt with depot in Rome consisting of one Chemical Bn and one Chemical Mortar Group.

A Chemical Coy with each Army Corps

A Chemical Pl with each Alpine or Mobile Division

Flame Throwing Detachments form part of Chemical Companies with Army Corps.

Special Gas Units are stationed in :

NORTH AFRICA
TRIPOLI
BENGHAZI
DERNA

(ii) GAS SMOKE UNITS

(iii) GAS IN TANK UNITS

No information available.

(iv) GAS IN ENGINEER UNITS

No information available.

(b) CONTEMPLATED GASES FOR OFFENSIVE USE.

(i) GENERAL:

All types - blister, choking, tear and nose gases are likely to be used.

Not thought that new gases are probable - though possible that there may be new developments.

(ii) BLISTER GASES :

(a) Mustard
(b) Lewisite
(c) "Dick" (Ethyl-dichlorarsine)
(d) Vesicant Toxic Smoke

Note:

i. Mustard & Lewisite mixtures may be used to reduce freezing point.

ii. An improved type of mustard gas is likely with better persistency and more potent - and made by improved German process. May be difficult to de-contaminate.

iii. The Italians are stated to be very interested in Lewisite and that a considerable use may be made of a mixture with 20% olive oil as stabilizer.

(iii) CHOKING GASES

i. Phosgene
ii. Diphosgene
iii. Chloropicrin
iv. "Dick" (primarily a choking gas)
v. Chlorine.

NOTE: There have been frequent references to mixtures of choking gases, such as phosgene, diphosgene and chloropicrin, which are stated to be more effective than the individual gases.

(iv) TOXIC SMOKES: (Nose Gases)

1. D.A.
2. D.C.
3. D.M.
4. Vesicant Toxic Smoke

NOTE: The Italians appear to favour D.M. rather than D.A.

(v) TEAR GASES:

1. C.A.P.
2. B.B.C.
3. Bromo acetone
4. Benzyl Bromide
5. Xylyl Bromide

NOTE: The Italians appear to favour C...P.

(c) OFFENSIVE WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT

(i) GENERAL:

Since 1918 the Italians have studied the influence of meteorological factors and topography on the tactical use of gas and smoke. It may be anticipated, therefore, that conditions from the offensive and defensive aspects suitable and unsuitable for the use of gas have been approximately but clearly defined and an accurate estimate made of the value of different types of weapons.

Possible development of some ingenious new gas weapon cannot be ignored and as far as our information goes, the following may be used:-

(ii) AERIAL SPRAY

Considerable work carried out on Aerial Spray- this form of attack was employed in Abyssinia.

As a rule it was released from low altitudes rarely over 500 feet and the persistency was NOT high under the hot conditions prevailing. It appears that the Italians have conducted experiments on aerial spraying from heights of 2000 and 4000 feet. There is only meagre information of spray apparatus.

Chargings will probably be Mustard Gas or Lewisite - or a mixture of these two. There are reports of spraying [illegible] dust clouds from aircraft i.e. clouds of finely divided absorbent material impregnated with War Gases, particularly mustard gas. It is stated that such a cloud will travel many miles before it finally settles.

Not likely to have greater casualty effect than the equivalent amount of mustard gas.

(iii) CHEMICAL AIRCRAFT BOMBS

Marked attention has been paid to aircraft gas bombs and Italy actually used a large capacity (500lbs) spray type of bomb, with mustard gas charging in Abyssinia.

(iv) SMOKE UNITS

The production of smoke screens has been the subject of considerable study in the Italian Army.

A unit known as a smoke producing company (compagnia nebbiogina) is allotted in war on the scale of one to each division.

(v) FLAME THROWERS

1 per Division.

(vi) BACTERIA

Some attention has been given to the possible use of bacterial warfare - Mainly from a defensive aspect.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

6TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Headquarters,
GAZA.

Jun, 40.

CRASHED OR FORCE LANDED
ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

Attached hereto is CR/PAL/13663/G dated 17 Jun 40, showing the action to be taken in the event of aircraft crashing in this Command.

The contents of this circular is to be made known to all ranks.

Colonel,
General Staff,
6th Australian Division.

List B
For information
H.Q. AUS. Overseas Base

SUBJECT: Crashed or Force Landed Enemy Aircraft.

S E C R E T.

Force H.Q.
CR/PAL/16063/G.
17 Jun 40.

1 Cav Div.
6 Aus Div.
16 Inf Bde.
Jsm Area.

I.G. Police.

H.Q. R.A.F. (for information).

In the event of an enemy aircraft crashing in this Command, the following is the procedure to be adopted :-

(a) Extract personnel from aircraft and, if still alive, retain them prisoner.

(b) Place a guard on the aircraft.

(c) Inform Force H.Q. of location of crash.

(d) Ensure that aircraft is not touched by anyone until technical officer has inspected it.

Brigadier,
General Staff.

W. 230

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

6TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Headquarters,
GAZA.

Jun, 40.

Subject:- Security. Italian Activity.

1. A report from Beersheba which is passed herewith for information states:-

2. "There is a rumour current that a number of "Moghrabi" spies (originating from Lybia) are operating in the vicinity of the various military camps in Southern Palestine. The opening of the Artillery camp at Asluj at the beginning of the month was reported on the Italian Arabic broadcast. The Arabs suspect Jewish(Communist) employees of giving this information."

3. This report has been substantiated. Any information relative to above to be passed to D.I.O. 6 Aus. Div.

J. McConnell Walker-Leigh
for Colonel,
General Staff,
6th Australian Division.

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All Unit Security
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Headquarters,
6 Aus. Div.
GAZA.
15 Jun. 40.

TENTS, E.P.I.P.

1. It is proposed to issue additional tentage to bring all units to an eight men to E.P.I.P. basis (vide G.O.13 of 1940 para 13) provided sufficient tentage is available.

2. Units will report through the usual channels to reach this H.Q. by 22 Jun 40 the additional tentage required for this purpose.

F.W. Woodward Maj for COL.
A.A. & Q.M.G. 6 AUS. DIV.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

6 AUS DIV

BIRD PLAN

1. The following revised instructions will be taken into use forthwith. Formations and units supplying coast watching posts will take early action to inform their posts by secure means.

SEQUENCE OF CONTENTS OF MESSAGES

2. The following sequence will be adhered to:-

(a) Code Word "BIRD"
(b) Place. In all repeated messages this will be the centre from which it originated. There are now four such centres, i.e., CYPRUS, HAIFA, SARAFAND and GAZA.
(c) Time observed.
(d) Number of aircraft.
(e) Direction of flight.
(f) Height.
(g) Identification, i.e. Friendly, Hostile or unknown.

Examples:-

(i) A "Bird" message originating from a post in the 6 Aus Div area would reach GAZA control as follows:-

"BIRD (.) RAFA (.) 0930 (.) four (.) South (.) 5000 (.) unknown "

(ii) The above message will be automatically repeated by Sigs GAZA control to Gun Operations Room, HAIFA (G.O.R. HAIFA) as under:-

"BIRD (.) GAZA (.) 0930 (.) four (.) South (.) 5000 (.) unknown "

3. ALL AIRCRAFT observed by watching posts will be reported to GAZA control by W/T; the latter, as stated above, passing the message on to G.O.R., HAIFA.

4. FURTHER ACTION

(a) Messages about HOSTILE or UNKNOWN aircraft will be passed on to GAZA control in the following order of priority:-

1. GAZA aerodrome.
2. Force H.Q.
3. 16 Inf Bde (SARAFAND) }
4. Duty Staff Offr
5. All 6 Aus Div Camps and Camp Comdt, GAZA.

(b) Only formations of 3 or more HOSTILE or UNKNOWN aircraft will be repeated as above by GAZA control.

(c) Messages received at GAZA control concerning aircraft reported as friendly will NOT be repeated to Force H.Q. or other control

5. IDENTIFICATION

It is repeated for information that ITALIAN troop carrying aircraft are three-engined, low-winged monoplanes with retractable undercarriages.

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G.S., 6 Aus Div.

GAZA,
15 Jun, 40.

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6 AUS DIV

BIRD PLAN - ISSUED 15 JUN 40

AMENDMENT

PARA 4(a) line 2 for "to" read "by".

Gaza
18 Jun 40

Col
G.S. 6 Aus Div

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6 AUS DIV

TRAINING INSTRUCTION No.12

1. Minimum Gas Training.

Appendix "A" is considered by the Army Gas School to be the minimum Gas Training which must be included in Recruit Training in the Army.

2. Anti-Dimming Compound

The correct method of applying Anti-Dimming Compound is set out in Appendix "B".

3. Aerial Spray

The Italians have carried out considerable work on aerial spray; this form of attack was employed by them in Abyssinia. It is possible that spray may be released from low altitudes and it is known that Italians have carried out experiments on aerial spraying from heights of 2000 and 4000 feet.

It is therefore essential that a high standard of training in individual protection against aircraft spray be achieved.

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GAZA,
17 Jun, 40.

F.H. Berryman
Col.
G.S., 6 Aus Div.

APPENDIX "A"

ANTI-GAS TRAINING

1. The soldier must be taught that any feeling of choking, irritation of the nose or eyes, any unusual smell, strange liquid, unknown solid or powder on the ground must be treated as a War Gas until proved otherwise.

2. HE MUST UNDERSTAND CLEARLY THE DIFFERENCE IN THE METHODS OF PROTECTION AGAINST BLISTER GASES AS COMPARED TO OTHER WAR GASES.

THE IMMEDIATE DANGER OF THE LIQUID AND THE DELAYED DANGER OF VAPOUR MUST BE EMPHASIZED AND THOROUGHLY UNDERSTOOD.

He should be shown liquid Mustard and Lewisite and allowed to form his own opinion of what they smell like.

3. Respirator

(i) The soldier must know how the respirator is carried, (i.e. Slung, Alert, Alternative Alert position), and how to remove the facepiece and return it to the haversack. These need NOT be taught as a drill and when showing the man how to return the facepiece to the haversack, elementary care and cleaning should be taught and the correct application of Anti-Dim must be emphasized.

(ii) The soldier must be taught the following as a Drill and he must become highly proficient in:-

(a) Gas from the Alert or Alternative Alert.
(b) Gas from the Slung.
(c) Test for Gas.

(See P.A.G. & A.R., No. 2, Sec 5(2).)

(iii) He must know that the respirator will give 100% protection for his eyes, nose and lungs against all War Gases, provided that it is in good condition and fits properly.

He should be warned that in some cases the effects of gases become worse after adjusting facepieces and that therefore the facepiece must be kept on in spite of possible discomfort, however great.

He should be given confidence in the respirator by a Chamber Test (C.A.P.) early in his training and he must be exercised in carrying out normal duties with the facepiece adjusted.

4. He must know the various articles of personal Anti-Gas equipment, what their uses are, and how carried.

5. He must know how to carry out "personal decontamination" in the correct sequence. This should include decontamination of the weapon with which he will be armed.

6. Every soldier must recognise the Gas Alarms (Local, General and Spray) and know the immediate action he must take on hearing them. He must also know the correct action on hearing the All Clear whistle signal.

7. He must understand the uses of:-

(a) Gas Spray Detectors.
(b) Type A. Detectors.
(c) Gas Ground Detectors.
(d) Signs, Warning, Gas.

APPENDIX "B"

CORRECT METHOD OF APPLYING ANTI-DIMMING COMPOUND

The method of applying anti-dimming compound is printed on the outfit, Mark V, and is to be used for ALL outfits:

Clean eyepiece with cloth provided. Apply compound evenly with the finger. If it is too stiff to spread easily, breathe on the eyepiece to moisten it. Spread lightly over the eyepiece with the cloth. DO NOT POLISH. Breathe on the eyepiece until it becomes clear.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

In reply
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Headquarters,
6 Aus Div.,
GAZA.
18 Jun 40.

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To/

DISTRIBUTION LIST "B".

RETURN OF UNDESIRABLES.

1. Approval has now been received to the request that personnel who are considered "undesirable" for the following reasons may be returned to Australia:-

(a) Possessing criminal records
(b) Repeated offences against discipline, making it undesirable for them to remain with the A.I.F.

2. (a) Units of 1st Convoy furnished a return in accordance with Div R.O. 164/40 of 19 Mar 40. Owing to the time that has elapsed, this return will now be revised and re-submitted so as to reach this H.Q. by 1200 hrs 29 Jun 40.

(b) 2nd Convoy units desirous of returning personnel under either of the above categories will render a similar return to reach this H.Q. at the same time. NIL returns are required.

3. The following particulars will be supplied in all cases:-

(a) Any available evidence regarding criminal record.
(b) (i) Date of enlistment
(ii) Copy of Conduct Sheet
(iii) Any other particulars relating to the man's character.

4. Personnel included in the above return will remain with their units until orders for their disposal are issued.

for Col.
A.A.& Q.M.G. 6 Aus Div.

SECRET

19 Jun 40

6 AUS DIV BIRD PLAN

INSTRUCTION NO 1

1. With reference 6 Aus Div Secret Instruction dated 15 Jun 40, attached hereto is CR/PAL/16443/G dated 17 Jun 40 showing amended procedure to be adopted by Coast Watching posts in reporting aircraft.

2. Formations and units supplying Coast Watching posts will take early action to inform their posts by secure means.

3. This amended sequence will be brought into operation immediately on receipt of this letter.

F.H. Berryman Col
G.S. 6 Aus Div

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19 Jun 40

6 AUS DIV BIRD PLAN

INSTRUCTION NO 1

1. With reference 6 Aus Div Secret Instruction dated 15 Jun 40, attached hereto is CR/PAL/16443/G dated 17 Jun 40 showing amended procedure to be adopted by Coast Watching posts in reporting aircraft.

2. Formations and units supplying Coast Watching posts will take early action to inform their posts by secure means.

3. This amended sequence will be brought into operation immediately on receipt of this letter.

H.H. Berryman Col
G.S. 6 Aus Div

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SUBJECT :- BIRD PLAN.

S E C R E T.

Force H.Q.
G1/Plt/[illegible]/G.
17 Jun 40.

1 Cav Div.
6 Aus Div.
16 Inf Bde.
Jem Area.
H.Q., R.A.F.
I.G. Police.

G. "I". } for inf.
C.S.O. }

1. With further reference to G1/Plt/[illegible]/G dated 15 Jun 40, it has been found desirable, in order to conform to the practice in neighbouring organisations, to alter the sequence of the messages referred to in para. 2 of the letter under reference.

2. The message will begin with the word BIRD. This is an indication of its nature and also the urgency for a "clear the line" call. The message will then continue as follows :-

"D"	Place	Within PALESTINE the "Place" will be the name, (at present in clear), of the Coast Watching post originating the report.
"E"	Number of aircraft.	
"F"	Description.	
	1	Friendly.
	2	Hostile.
	3	Unknown.
"G"	Direction of flight.	What is required is an estimate of the general direction of the flight e.g. N, NW, W, S, SE etc. Bearings are not required in degrees.
"H"	Height.	This can only be an approximate estimate. One of the following words will be used :- "LOW" meaning under 5,000 ft. "MEDIUM" meaning between 5,000 and 10,000 ft. "HIGH" meaning over 10,000 ft.
"J"	Distance and bearing from post.	Distance will be expressed in miles, bearing as for "G" above. The word "miles" need not be used.
"K"	Time seen.	Within PALESTINE this will be expressed in local time, using the 24 hour system. The word "hrs" will not be used.

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3. A sample completed message will appear as follows :-

"BIRD

D ASCALON E one F three G South H medium J 5 SW

K 1432 "

decoded this would mean :-

"ASCALON reports one aircraft of unknown nationality flying South between 5,000 and 10,000 ft at a distance of 5 miles South West of the post at 2.32 p.m.

4. It is essential that the above sequence be rigidly followed and quite unnecessary to add anything further. The amended sequence will operate on receipt of this letter.

Brigadier,
General Staff.

SUBJECT :- BIRD PLAN.

S E C R E T.

Force H.Q.
CR/III/16443/G.
17 Jun 40.

1 Cav Div.
3 Aus Div.
16 Inf Bde.
Jsm Area.
H.Q., R.A.F.
I.G. Police.

G. "I".)
C.S.O.-) for inf.

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"S"	Number of aircraft.	
"F"	Description.	
	1	Friendly.
	2	Hostile.
	3	Unknown.
"G"	Direction of flight.	What is required is an estimate of the general direction of the flight e.g. N, NW, W, S, SE etc. Bearings are not required in degrees.
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A. Brigadier,
General Staff.

-W. 229

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

6TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Headquarters,
GAZA.

19 Jun, 40.

SECURITY INTELLIGENCE

The attached Force H.Q. Circular GSI/B/2/32, dated 8 Jun, 40, is circulated to emphasize instructions contained in 6 Aus Div General Staff Instruction No. 14, dated 31 May, 40.

Distribution:
List A.

Colonel,
General Staff,
6th Australian Division.

SECURITY INTELLIGENCE:

GSI/B/2/32.

1 Cav Div
6 Div
6 Aus Div
Jerusalem Area
Lydda Area
O.C.Troops Cyprus
All Branches Force H.Q.
District Manager N.A.A.F. I
Aus O/S Base.

Two recent incidents have occurred, sumaries of which are given below. These are now circulated to emphasize the instructions contained in this H.Q. letter GSI/B/2/32 dated 25/5/40.

(a) An Arab was observed by a British Police constable to be trundling a barrow-load of waste paper through the streets of a town in Palestine. It was noted that scraps of the paper were roneoed copies of military documents and an examination was made of the load. The waste paper proved to be chiefly bad copies of run-offs from the Roneo, which, instead of being burnt by a responsible person, had been relegated for disposal to a native sweeper. This native, with a view to profiting from the sale of these papers, which had a small marketable value, had disposed of them to a Jewish dealer, and they had again been re-sold. Unfortunately amongst all these waste copies, key sentences to a certain military cipher and various other secret documents were also found. Steps were immediately taken for the cipher to be changed and for the matter to be fully investigated and as far as is known, no leakage of information appears to have occurred as a result of the sweeper's mercenary actions. This incident strongly emphasizes the necessity for a rigid observance of the principles outlined in the above quoted Security Intelligence Order.

(b) On 1/6/40 a call was put through a Brigade exchange to a unit, by an unknown person who asked:

(1) Have the Brigade moved?
(2) How many are left behind?
(3) Where has the Brigade moved to?

Non-committal answers were given and the call was checked up. It was traced to a public call-box.

This incident proves clearly the obligation on all users of telephones to exercise the greatest caution in answering telephonic queries. No information which may prove of value to the enemy should be discussed over the telephone, and suspicious queries should immediately be reported to higher authority.

pp Lt.Colonel.
General Staff 'I'

G.S.I.b.Force H.Q.
Jerusalem. 8/6/40.

COPY NO ..16. 6 AUS DIV. SECRET.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.18.

FROM 1800 hrs.14Jun 40 TO 1800hrs 21 Jun 40.

1. GENERAL. A quiet week with the exception of a few minor events. An armed robbery occurred near the aerodrome GAZA, MOHAMED IBRAHIM OMAR, a camel dealer was attacked by two unknown Arabs armed with a revolver and stick, they stole two camels and made off in a westerly direction.
In GAZA, 153 rounds of TURKISH amn. were seized in the TURKMAN QTR., and 2 old bombs found while excavating during rebuilding.

2. LOCAL ATTITUDE. As noted in my W.I.S. No17, is very definitely pro British. Reliable observers, with years of previous experience in this country, and with Arab peoples, consider the present attitude as more pro British than during any period in the past four years.

3. MILITARY AND POLICE OPERATIONS. A combined military and police operation commencing at 0230 hrs. 18 Jun 40 and completed at 1100hrs 18 Jun 40, was carried out at the village of BURIER. Two platoons 2/4 Bn. constituted the military force, who cordoned the village while a search was carried out for two absconders MOHD ABU TAICH and IBRAHIM ABU DOCH. These two were not discovered but two relations of the-irs, who had assisted in keeping and feeding them, were arrested. The attitude of the village towards troops was good. This village however, leaves a lot to be desired from the point of view of co- operation with the government. The"ghaffirs" or village police, quartered there for past misdeeds in the village, are as a whole far from trustworthy.

4. SUMMARY.

15 Jun 40	Camel robbery at GAZA.
18 - 40	Combined Military and Police Operation at BURIER.
20 - 40	153 rounds are confiscated at GAZA.
21 - 40	2 old bombs found at GAZA.

5. Location as notified in our W.I.S. No. 17 with the following amendments;-
Kilo 89. 103103 2/4 Inf Bn.
G aza Town D99101 "C" Coy 2/5 Inf Bn.
Kefar Vitgin 139199 2/1 Aus Conv Depot.

6. ARMS.
Nil arms surrendered GAZA district
Seized 153 rounds amn. GAZA.

J. McConnell Walker
Capt.
D.I.O. 6 Aus Div.

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Sigs 6 Aus Div.	" "	7
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G.	" "	9
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

6TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

In reply please quote - 242

Headquarters,
GAZA.

21 Jun, 40.

All Camp Commanders (10)

COAST WATCHING
BIRD PLAN - 6TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

With further reference 6 Aus Div Secret Instn No. 1, dated 19 Jun, 40, shown below are code signals for air raid warnings, etc., as laid down in Protection Against Gas & Air Raids, 1939, Pamphlet No. 3 (Passive Air Defence). This code is being used to report the "All Clear" signal by other area Comds and may cause confusion when repeated to Camp Comds by Duty Staff Offrs.

F.H. Berryman Colonel,
General Staff,
6th Australian Division.

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Situation (1)	Message (2)	Text (3)
Raiding Aircraft are approaching Area.	Preliminary Caution.	"Air Raid Message - YELLOW"
Raiding Aircraft are heading towards certain Areas which may be attacked within 5 to 10 mins.	Action Warning.	"Air Raid Warning - RED."
Raiding Aircraft have left Areas warned & no longer appear to threaten those Areas.	Raiders Passed.	"Air Raid Warning - GREEN."
Preliminary threat has passed.	Cancel Caution.	"Air Raid Message - WHITE."

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
6TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Headquarters,
CAZA.

In reply please quote -

21 Jun, 40.

S.245. RECOGNITION OF AIRCRAFT

1. Information has been received as follows regarding the markings of aircraft.

2. ITALIAN

(a) The ITALIANS are converting various types of civil aircraft for troop-carrying and are building S 82s for this purpose also. In the past the types used have been:-

CA 133
S 81
S 79

(b) All ITALIAN S types of aircraft are three-engined, low wing monoplanes.

(c) The CA 133 is a three-engined, high wing monoplane.

(d) The following are the markings of ITALIAN aircraft operating under GERMAN Comd;-

(i) Upper and lower surfaces of monoplane wings.

A black ring surrounding a white circle on which are shown three black fasces.

(ii) Lower surface, each side of fuselage.

A black ring surrounding a white circle on which is shown one black fasces.

(iii) Rudder (each side).

A plain broad cross on a camouflaged background.

3. IRAQ PETROLEUM COMPANY

(a) FRENCH Registration - F-AQOH, F-AQOI.

Blue, white and red stripes on both sides of the lower fuselage on the direction rudder and elevators.

(b) BRITISH Registration - G-AFFB, G-AFFC. G-AECU, G-AESR.

Red, white and blue stripes on under side of lower wing and on rudders and elevators.

4. DIAGRAMS & SILHOUETTES

Enclosed herewith in accordance with the distribution shown in Appx "A" are copies of the following:-

(a) Diagrams - (National Marking)

(i) FRENCH and BRITISH aircraft.

(ii) ITALIAN aircraft.

It is desired that these diagrams are brought to the notice of all concerned.

(b) Silhouettes (Service Types)

BRITISH and Foreign aircraft.

The copies issued to Watching Posts are to be retained at the Posts and will not be taken away when the units at present in occupation move.

[signature]
Lieut-Colonel
General Staff
6th Australian Division

Distribution:
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APPENDIX "A"

DISTRIBUTION OF DIAGRAMS AND SILHOUETTES

Unit	No. of Copies		Remarks
	Diagrams (National markings)	Silhouettes (Service Types) British & Foreign Aircraft.	
16 Aus Inf Bde	62	2*	Incl one for immediate despatch to Coast Watching Post 107119.
17 Aus Inf Bde	62	2*	Incl one for immediate despatch to Coast Watching Post 090096.
19 Aus Inf Bde	62	2*	Incl one for immediate despatch to Coast Watching Post 076082.
6 Aus Div Cav Regt	15	2*	Incl one for immediate despatch to Coast Watching Post 116136.
R.A.A. 6 Aus Div	14	1*	
R.A.E. 6 Aus Div	8	-	
Sigs 6 Aus Div	12	-	
A.S.C. 6 Aus Div	15	1*	
A.D.M.S.	15	1*	For issue to 2 Aus Gen Hosp.
S.O.M.E.	5	-	
D.A.P.M.	5	-	
Aus Base Ord Depot	3	-	
Aus Inf & Gen Base Depot	3	-	
Aus Overseas Base	6	-	
6 Aus Div Int Sec	10	1	
Camp	3	-	
Total:	300	12	

* Includes one for Camp Comds.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Headquarters,
6 Aus Div.,
GAZA.

Quote

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22 Jun 40.

To/

DISTRIBUTION LIST "B".

BLOOD TYPES.

1. Blood Typing of all personnel whose Blood Types have not yet been recorded will commence on 24 Jun 40.

2. Only sufficient tubes are available to enable one camp to be treated at once and these tubes will be passed from Camp to Camp in a Southerly direction commencing with Qastina Camp on 24 Jun 40.

3. In succession, each Camp Commander will be responsible for notifying the next camp 24 hours in advance of the time at which Blood Typing can commence. They will notify 2 Aus Gen Hosp simultaneously.

4. Camp Commanders will arrange for R.M.O's to attend to the Blood Typing of units to which no R.M.O's are attached and will be responsible that the blood types of all available personnel are recorded. They will also supply the necessary vehicles for the transport of tubes between Camps and 2 Aus Gen Hosp.

[signature]
Lt Col
A.A.& Q.M.G. 6 Aus Div.

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Headquarters,
6 Aus Div.,
G.2/A.

28 Jun 40.

To/

DISTRIBUTION LIST "B".

BLOOD TYPES.

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f/ Col.
A.A.& Q.M.G. 6 Aus Div.

LLB/DB.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Quote 772

Headquarters,
6 Aus Div.
GAZA.
24 Jun 40.

The following copy of A.H.Q. 33539 is passed to you for the information of all members of the Permanent Forces who have joined the A.I.F.

247/714/16

Department of the Army

MILITARY BOARD.

NO.33539.

Army Headquarters,
MELBOURNE.

PAYMENT IN LIEU OF RECREATION LEAVE AND FURLOUGH TO MEMBERS OF THE PERMANENT MILITARY FORCES JOINING THE A.I.F.

I am commanded by the Military Board to state that approval has been given for members of the Permanent Military Forces to receive pay in lieu of any recreation leave or furlough for which they are eligible and which it has not been possible for them to take prior to appointment, enlistment in, or allotment to the Australian Imperial Force.

2. The following are the conditions relating to the grant of this privilege :-

(a) Recreation Leave.

(1) Members who have recreation leave due may be granted such leave upon application, provided that leave shall not be granted in respect of any period in excess of leave accumulated in accordance with regulations.

(2) Payment in lieu of the leave due in accordance with (a) above may be made in those cases where the exigencies of the service do not permit of the member taking the leave so granted.

(b) Furlough.

(1) Members who are eligible for furlough may be granted such furlough upon application to the prescribed approving authority.

(2) The existing regulations governing the grant of furlough and recreation leave in the one year will apply in all cases, e.g. recreation leave in respect of the year in which furlough is granted will not be allowed in addition to the full period of the furlough.

(c) Pay in lieu of Recreation Leave or Furlough.

Payment in lieu of Recreation Leave or Furlough granted will be made at the applicable Permanent Force rates of pay and allowances payable immediately prior to a member's appointment, enlistment in or allotment to the A.I.F.

Superannuation Payments by the Commonwealth.

For that period of service in the overseas force which is covered by furlough or recreation leave granted in accordance with the foregoing, members will be required to meet their superannuation contributions.

(e) Date of Application of Approval.

Members of the Permanent Military Forces on active service overseas or allotted to formations proposed to be employed on active service overseas, are eligible for the benefits covered by the above approval.

3. In the above connection, I am to state that the provisions of A.M.R. & O. 857, 861 and 863 will apply in respect of accumulated leave. Applications for pay in lieu of leave should be submitted to their previous formation, etc. headquarters by members at present serving in the A.I.F. in Australia. In the case of members who have proceeded abroad Formations, etc. should forward full particulars of the leave due to the members concerned to the District Finance Officer.

In regard to future enlistment in or appointment to the A.I.F. leave due to a member should, if possible, be granted prior to his taking up duty in the A.I.F.

The provisions of A.M.R. & O. 871 apply in respect of pay in lieu of furlough, viz. a member must have at least twenty years service in the Permanent Forces. Applications will be submitted by all members desiring pay in lieu of furlough to their previous formation etc, headquarters which will submit the applications to Army Headquarters w ith particulars in accordance with M.F.R. & I. 222. The member's application should clearly indicate the period for which pay in lieu of furlough is required.

All payments in respect of leave and furlough will be effected by the District Finance Officer through the members pay book.

(Sgd)
Secretary, Military Board.

for COL.
A.A. & Q.M.G. 6 AUS. DIV.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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Q.S.1

Headquarters,
6 Aus Div.
GAZA.
26 Jun 40.

TRANSPORT & WEAPONS - REDISTRIBUTION.

1. It has been necessary to equalize the distribution of available equipment so that the Division will reach an even standard of training with transport and weapons that have to date been available only to units of the First Convoy.

2. Appendices A,B,C, and D attached show an amended distribution of A.Tk. rifles, 2-inch and 3-inch Mortars, and M.T. for the formations and units indicated therein.

3. The receiving formation or unit will arrange to collect from the transferror. Transferrors will commence preparations forthwith. No transfers will be effected before 29 Jun, but all will be completed not later than 1 Jul. The provisions of 6 Aus Div Adm. Instr. 38, para 71, will apply equally to transport and weapons. Associated stores will be transferred complete in every case.

4. Sights for 2-inch Mortars will be transferred 4 to 17 Aus Inf Bde, 1 to 19 Aus Inf Bde (already in possession of 3), leaving 4 with 16 Aus Inf Bde.

E.W. Woodward Maj
fo. COL.
A.A. & Q.M.G. 6 AUS. DIV.

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APPENDIX. "A"

A. TK. RIFLES.

Serial No.	Unit	Present Strength	New Scale	Remarks
1	H.Q. 6 Aus Div	-	2	From 2/1 Bn
2	6 Aus Div Cav Regt	1	11	10 from 2/3 Bn
3	R.A.A. 6 Aus Div	-	1	From 2/2 Bn
4	2/1 Fd Regt	2	3	1 from 2/2 Bn
5	2/2 Fd Regt	-	3	From 2/2 Bn
6	R.A.E. 6 Aus Div	-	1	From 2/1 Bn
7	2/1 Fd Coy	1	1	
8	2/2 Fd Coy	-	1	From 2/1 Bn
9	Sigs, 6 Aus Div	1	4	3 from 2/1 Bn
10	H.Q. 16 Aus Inf Bde	2	1	
11	2/1 Bn	14	7	
12	2/2 Bn	12	7	
13	2/3 Bn	17	7	
14	H.Q. 17 Aus Inf Bde	-	1	From A.A.S.C.
15	2/5 Bn	7	7	
16	2/6 Bn	7	7	
17	2/7 Bn	7	7	
18	19 Aus Inf Bde	-	1	From H.Q. 16 Aus Inf Bde
19	2/4 Bn	21	7	
20	2/3 Bn	-	7	From 2/4 Bn
21	2/11 Bn	-	7	From 2/4 Bn
22	A.A.S.C. 6 Aus Div	4	3	
	TOTAL	96	96	

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APPENDIX "B"

3 INCH MORTARS

Serial No	Unit	Present Strength	New Scale	Remarks
1	2/1 Bn	2	1	
2	2/2 Bn	2	1	
3	2/3 Bn	2	1	
4	2/5 Bn		1	From 2/1 Bn
5	2/6 Bn		1	From 2/2 Bn
6	2/4 Bn	2	1	
7	2/8 Bn		1	From 2/3 Bn
8	2/11 Bn		1	From 2/4 Bn
	TOTAL	8	8	

APPENDIX "C"

2 INCH MORTARS.

Serial No.	Unit	Present Strength.	New Scale.	Remarks.
1	2/1 Bn.	8	5	
2	2/2 Bn	4	4	
3	2/3 Bn	8	5	
4	2/5 Bn	3	5	2 from 2/1 Bn
5	2/6 Bn	3	4	1 from 2/1 Bn
6	2/7 Bn	2	4	2 from 2/3 Bn
7	2/4 Bn	4	5	1 from 2/3 Bn
8	2/8 Bn		4	From Ser.10 Indent on D.A.D.O.S. 6 Aus Div.
9	2/11 Bn		4	From Ser.10 Indent on D.A.D.O.S. 6 Aus Div.
10	Ord. Depot Sarafand	8	-	
	TOTAL	40	40	

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MOTOR TRANSPORT.

APPENDIX "D"

Serial No.	Formation or Unit	Scale & Disposal	M.Cs	Cars 5-Str	Cars 4-Str	Trucks 8Cwt	Trucks 12 Cwt	Trucks 15-Cwt	Trucks Office	Trucks Compressor	Lorry 30-Cwt	Lorry 2/3 ton	Ambulance 30-Cw t.
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n
1	16 Aus Inf Bde	Old	19	1	1	16	10	42	2		20		
2		New	9	1		7	4	23	1		14		
3		To Serial 5	7		1	7	4	15	1		8		
4		To Serial 7	3			2	2	4					
5	17 Aus Inf Bde	Old	2					7				7	
6		New	9		1	7	4	22	1		8(a)	7	
7	19 Aus Inf Bde	Old	6			5	2	19			5	7	
8		New	9			7	4	23			8(b)	7	
9	2/1 Fd Coy	Old	13			2	3			2	15		
10		New	7			1	1			1	8		
11		To Serial.12	6			1	2			1	7		
12	2/2 Fd Coy	New	6			1	2			1	7		
13	2/1 Fd Amb	Old	5		1	1	2				12		2
14		New	3		1	1	1				7		1
15		To Serial.16	2				1				5		1
16	2/2 Fd Amb	New	2				1				6(c)	2	1

(a) 2 from A.A.S.C.)
(b) 3 from A.A.S.C.) replaced by 6 2/3 ton lorries issued on loan to A.A.S.C. 25 Jun.
(c) 1 from A.A.S.C.)

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MOTOR TRANSPORT.

APPENDIX "D"

Serial No.	Formation or Unit	Scale & Disposal	M.Cs	Cars 5-Str	Cars 4-Str	Trucks 8Cwt	Trucks 12 Cwt	Trucks 15-Cwt	Trucks Office	Trucks Compressor	Lorry 30-Cwt	Lorry 2/3 ton	Ambulance 30-Cw t.
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n
1	16 Aus Inf Bde	Old	19	1	1	16	10	42	2		20		
2		New	9	1		7	4	23	1		14		
3		To Serial 5	7		1	7	4	15	1		8		
4		To Serial 7	3			2	2	4					
5	17 Aus Inf Bde	Old	2					7				7	
6		New	9		1	7	4	22	1		8(a)	7	
7	19 Aus Inf Bde	Old	6			5	2	19			5	7	
8		New	9			7	4	23			8(b)	7	
9	2/1 Fd Coy	Old	13			2	3			2	15		
10		New	7			1	1			1	8		
11		To Serial.12	6			1	2			1	7		
12	2/2 Fd Coy	New	6			1	2			1	7		
13	2/1 Fd Amb	Old	5		1	1	2				12		2
14		New	3		1	1	1				7		1
15		To Serial.16	2				1				5		1
16	2/2 Fd Amb	New	2				1				6(c)	2	1

(a) 2 from A.A.S.C.)
(b) 3 from A.A.S.C.) replaced by 6 2/3 ton lorries issued on loan to A.A.S.C. 25 Jun.
(c) 1 from A.A.S.C.)

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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Headquarters,
6 Aus Div,
GAZA,
18 Jun, 40.

LOCATION STATEMENTS

In future all movements and changes which involve an absence of more than one night from normal stations will be reported to H.Q. 6 Aus Div by 1000 hrs on the first day of arrival at the new location.

for Colonel,
G.S. 6 Aus Div.

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WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 19 Copy No. 16....

From 1800 hrs 21 Jun 40 to 1800 hrs 28 Jun 40.

1. GENERAL. As before, a quiet week from the security view-point. A case of wounding occurred at BEERSHEBA, when ODEH ANAD HAM JURI attacked his neighbour with a sword. Reason for attack was a dispute over land.

A "Caradagh" revolver and 18 rds of .455 S.A.A. were confiscated at BEERSHEBA.

The open air cinema constructed by RASCHAD SHAWA in GAZA was ppened this week.

2. LOCAL ATTITUDE. It is difficult at this stage to assess the result of SYRIA'S decision on the local Arab. The position is as yet obscure. The present attitude towards Great Britain remains unchanged.

On Mon 24 Jun 40 a meeting of notables and tribal Sheikhs was held at BEERSHEBA. This was very well attended, and many expressions of loyalty to H.M. Government were made.

Similar sentiments were expressed at a garden party held at H.Q. 6 Aus Div on Fri 28 Jun 40, attended by 75 Arab notables and Sheikhs from Gaza Military District. Lieut-Gen Sir T.A. BLAMEY, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and Maj-Gen I.G. MACKAY, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., were in attendance, and the speeches made by leading Arab citizens in reply to their speeches were indicative of the loyal spirit throughout this area.

3. SUMMARY.

24 Jun 40.	Meeting at BEERSHEBA.
	Revolver confiscated BEERSHEBA.
26 Jun 40.	Case of wounding BEERSHEBA.
28 Jun 40.	Reception at GAZA.

4. LOCATION. As notified in our W.I.S. 18.

5. ARMS. Nil arms surrendered GAZA district.
Seized 1 revolver 18 rds .455 S.A.A. GAZA.

GAZA.
2 Jul 40.

G. McConnell Walker
Capt.
D.I.O. 6 Aus Div.

Distribution:
As per our W.I.S. 18.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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Headquarters,
6 Aus Div,
GAZA.

30 Jun, 40.

NOTES ON RECENT FIGHTING IN FRANCE
AND BELGIUM

The attached copy of "Notes on Recent Fighting in France and Belgium" is forwarded for information.

H.H. Berryman
Colonel,
G.S., 6 Aus Div.

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NOTES ON RECENT FIGHTING IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM

The following notes are compiled as the result of two interviews with D.M.T. and talks with a number of officers returned from Dunkirk.

D.M.T. has already presided over several conferences on "Lessons of the War" but he emphasised that his views were personal, and, as yet, somewhat undigested, while obviously the opinions of individual officers are frequently coloured by the impression of purely local events.

1. There is general agreement that there is nothing radically wrong with our pre-war training doctrine either in defence or withdrawal. Our advance to the DYLE which had been worked out in detail some time previously was a model of precision and rapidity.

From the time when we occupied the DYLE however we have been consistently forced to fight under exceptional conditions. The collapse of the French on one flank, followed by the capitulation of the Belgians on the other, forced us to fight defensively on fantastic frontages in which no depth was possible, practically no reserves could be maintained, and full use could seldom be made of river obstacles because, owing to the frontage held, the obstacle could not be covered with fire throughout its length. Our flanks were more often than not insecure and insufficient reserves were available to deal with flank penetration.

After the withdrawal from the DYLE the front was never stable sufficiently long for positions to be properly prepared, there were no wire or A T mines available. Even under these conditions we nearly always succeeded in stopping the Germans, and obtained the necessary delay on successive positions. Command was exercised by means of liaison and contact officers, there was seldom time to write orders.

German Methods

2. The German method of attack has been to find the weakest spot in a position, attack on a comparatively narrow front with overwhelming air, artillery and tank support.

Once a penetration has been made the Germans pour through the gap tank formations and lorry-borne infantry, at the same time constantly attacking the flanks of the gap to widen it.

There is nothing revolutionary or new in this conception of the attack, the counter to which is adequate reserves, depth, and sufficient resources in artillery, anti-tank and anti-aircraft weapons. These we have never had owing to the frontages we have been forced to hold,

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3. German Method of Dealing with River Obstacles

It might be thought that the numerous river obstacles in France would have provided opportunities of stopping tank attacks and allowing time for the stabilisation of the front.

In fact the Allies never seem to have successfully held a river line for any length of time.

The Germans deal with river obstacles as follows:

(a) If no outpost position is held on the enemy's side of the river:

They rapidly occupy their own bank and begin to pin point our forward L.M.G. posts and Artillery O.Ps. At the same time they deploy great strength in artillery, and large numbers of the very effective infantry support 5.9 Hows, and infantry mortars. As each of our L.M.G. positions is located they destroy it or force it to move by intense concentrations of artillery and mortar fire. They adopt the same tactics against our Artillery O.Ps., but the use of the armoured O.P. combined with choice of alternative sites is an effective counter to these tactics. It seems that counter battery artillery fire should be able to neutralise enemy guns employed on such a forward role, but it is stated that our counter battery organisation has never been able to develop efficiently chiefly owing to the almost complete failure of artillery recce aircraft to maintain themselves in the air. This in turn is due to very effective German S.A. and Lt A.A. Artillery fire in the forward areas which keeps our artillery recce aircraft up at a height at which enemy fighters have continually attacked them.

It has to be remembered that the Germans seem to have been able to obtain local air superiority over the battle areas whenever they wanted to do so. The rapid neutralisation of our forward defences on river obstacles, combined with our not infrequent inability to cover the whole obstacle with small arms fire owing to extent of frontage held, facilitated infiltration over the obstacle by German infantry, which have been highly trained for this type of operation.

Working at night or under cover of smoke, using assault boats and infantry bridges, they cross at the weakest points and establish small bridge heads, which are rapidly developed to cover the construction of heavy bridges to take tanks.

The obvious retort of counter attack, supported by tanks, before the bridge head could be exploited, has seldom been possible owing to lack of reserves, or because available reserves have already been depleted to protect exposed flanks. Counter attack by carriers has however often been successful.

(b) In cases where an outpost position has been held on the German side of the obstacle, greater delay has nearly always been possible, and the truth of the dictum that once an obstacle has been reconnoitred by the enemy half its value is lost, has been fully demonstrated.

To hold in front of an obstacle implies organisation in considerable depth which has often been out of the question owing to the frontages we have had to hold.

4. The anticipated problem of holding river lines in France where so often the valley is flat and featureless, and rises a thousand yards from the river in steep wooded hills, has frequently arisen. In such cases it has been impossible to hold the river line except at night, owing to lack of concealment and exposure to enemy fire. In these circumstances the Germans have generally found little difficulty in forming bridge heads under cover of intense artillery fire and smoke. This, and lack of French reserves to counter attack, probably accounts for the comparative failure of the French to stop the enemy on any of their better known river lines. The French have also failed badly to destroy bridges, or devastate the countryside. Those sectors of river lines which have held have always been successfully turned by the Germans who have penetrated other portions of the front.

5. Experience in the Employment of New Weapons and Equipment.

(a) Carriers Infantry

All agree that the Germans have a very wholesome respect for our carriers which have been in constant and successful use during all stages of the operations.

In support of local counter attacks, forming defensive flanks, covering withdrawals by night and day, they have been continuously over-employed and the demand has been for more of them. An increased establishment is probable.

(b) Motor Battalions

Apparently repeatedly justified themselves.

Considered that an increased proportion of carriers to trucks and officers' cars will be demanded owing to vulnerability of the latter to air and ground attack.

(c) Div Cav Regt. (Lt Tanks and Carriers)

During the advance into Belgium, the gaining of contact, and while withdrawing from the DYLE under exceptionally difficult conditions, the Div Cav Regts were invaluable. Their organisation, equipment and tactical handling was fully justified.

During the confusion of the latter stages of the withdrawal to DUNKIRK they were employed in improvised Brigades in attempts to close the gap caused by the French on the right. Apart from this, they were generally employed under their respective Divisional Commanders.

(d) Armd Car Cav Regt. (12 L.)

This Regiment was employed as G.H.Q. or Corps Cav Regt throughout the whole operations.

The information provided was at all times invaluable, and by their spread and mobility, detachments were, during the latter stages, often able to shadow German tank units which had broken through and were cruising about in rear and on the flanks of the Force, without becoming committed or suffering severe loss themselves.

Everyone seems to agree that it is difficult to over-estimate the value of the information provided by the Armd Car Regt at a period when the situation was so confused and obscure.

The Regt was employed in long distance reconnaissance, maintaining touch with Allied forces, and protective reconnaissance on the flanks.

(e) Machine Gune Battalions

Were fully employed and considered of great value. Generally units allotted to Corps, and sub-units to Divisions for specific operations.

Stream line ammunition and the use of dial sights has increased effective range of medium M.Gs., but produces training complications. There is at present no stream line ammunition in Middle East and units are untrained in the use of dial sights.

(f) A.A. Defence

The Germans consistently use bombing aircraft against all types of ground targets including defensive positions, troops and transport deployed in action, transport, guns and troops in reserve areas. Dive bombing, which is extremely accurate, has been intensive and continuous in both forward and rear areas.

The moral effect of intensive dive bombing with large H.E. bombs is difficult to exaggerate. Material effect is, however, small as the bombs have very thin walls and their splintering effect is very limited.

Where troops are well dispersed and protected by adequate slit trenches the casualties caused by the most intensive bombing have been extraordinarily few.

Well constructed slit trenches are an essential protection for all troops in forward or rear areas. The accuracy of dive bombing on small unprotected ships or small villages is such that it has immense moral effect.

Eye witnesses speak of the complete destruction in a matter of minutes of small but fairly well-built Belgian villages by waves of dive bombers. Villages often a death trap. During the evacuation of Dunkirk small unprotected ships were sunk one after another in quick succession by German dive bombers.

Captured German airmen state that small arms fire from L.M.Gs. is a most effective deterrent to dive bombers, and this form of defence undoubtedly keeps bombers up at a height where fighters can deal with them, and reduces their accuracy. A Corporal Maxon, 1st Bn Scots Guards, shot down two German bombers in succession in Norway by firing a Bren gun using the shoulder of another man as a stand. The picquetting of routes by A.A. L.M.G. and similar protection for H.Qs. and administrative centres should never be neglected.

In defensive positions, if possible, all L.M.Gs. should have A.A. positions, and a proportion should be allotted definitely for A.A. defence. There are unconfirmed reports of German aircraft being armoured beneath the fuselage against S.A.A. fire. We are producing a .5 A.A. M.G. for this contingency. Identification of hostile aircraft has proved an insolvable problem and it has been the complaint of the R.A.F. that where enemy air pressure has been most intense British troops have fired indiscriminately on friend and foe. It is being suggested that our aircraft should carry long unmistakable coloured streamers.

(g) Infantry Tanks

During the advance into Belgium were railed forward on French flats.

They were employed during the defence of the DYLE in support of counter attacks, and in a similar role during the withdrawal.

Employed on their proper function they were most successful and effective.

After the collapse of the French on the Meuse, and the penetration by German armoured forces, I. Tanks were used to block roads, a task for which they were quite unsuitable. The French rolling stock which lifted them to Belgium was destroyed by air bombing and the railway broken, with the result that in attempting to extricate the tanks they were forced to cover excessive mileage at high speeds and were eventually immobilised owing to track and engine trouble.

(h) Artillery

The Germans have at all times employed against us a great superiority in artillery. Their infantry support 5.9 Hows have been freely used close to their leading infantry. It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that we are under-gunned, especially in view of the constant demands on field artillery to assist in an A T role. As previously mentioned our C.B. organisation never seems to have developed satisfactorily. A reorganisation of troops from a four to a six-gun basis is probable.

All field artillery has to be sited so as to be able to bring direct fire to bear on tanks which may penetrate the position.

The two-pounder A T gun has done well and penetrates the side armour of the German heavy 30-ton Tank at short ranges.

There has never been enough A T Artillery available to provide adequate defence in depth particularly of important H.Qs., reserve and administrative areas with the result that once a few German tanks have broken through there has been nothing to take them on in the rear areas. The effect of even a few tanks roaming at large in rear areas is to paralyse communications and slow up the whole business of command and administration with increasingly unfavourable moral effect on the troops in the line.

German heavy and medium tanks always operate in company with light tanks whose role is reconnaissance to locate A T guns. Troops must therefore be trained to reserve their fire of the heavier A T weapons for the heavier natures of tanks. The Boys rifle is effective against German light tanks.

6. A.A. Defence of L of C and Base Areas

(a) Railways

Cannot be relied upon if they are liable to intensive air attacks. During the operations on the DYLE the rail communication and rolling stock of the B.E.F. were partly destroyed with fatal results to the two Army Tank Battalions.

Damage to railways easily repaired except at focal points, such as defiles, big railway junctions on which German air attacks are generally concentrated. There has never been enough A.A. Defence available to force enemy aircraft to keep at such a height that our fighters can deal with them. The fact that our fighters cannot attack enemy aircraft below a certain minimum height is never realised by the "troops" who, in consequence, are often extremely critical of the inactivity of the R.A.F.

(b) Roads

Are less vulnerable to air attack than railways, and dispersion or diversion of traffic is easier.

At a density of 10 V.T.H. it has been found that traffic is seldom interfered with and little damage done. The drivers must be taught to carry on in spite of bombing attack or M.G. fire from the air. The latter form of attack has often caused inexperienced drivers to stop and take cover. Germans often dive on and machine gun individual staff cars.

For intensive traffic moves the picquetting of the most vulnerable or easily congested portions of the route by L.M.Gs. is always a necessary precaution.

(c) Rear Installations

Loss from air attacks can be minimised by careful P.A.D. measures and dispersion. Obvious and easily located sites should be avoided. Small badly-built villages have proved a death trap for concealing administrative installations.

For protection of personnel well-dug slit trenches are essential and, as in the last war, experience has shown that personnel in well-dug slit trenches suffer little loss from the worst intensive bombing.

Incendiary bombs have often caused great material damage, particularly to petrol and clothing.

7. Staff Duties

The advance from Flanders into Belgium for which ample preparation had been made was carried out with notable precision and rapidity. After the withdrawal from the DYLE when both flanks were in the air, German armoured units astride the L of C and thousands of refugees congesting the roads, conditions could hardly have been more difficult. Command was exercised from G.H.Q. down through formations largely through liaison and contact officers. Liaison officers used Armd Cars, Lt Tanks, Cars or M.Cs. Orders were seldom written. Headquarters, including G.H.Q. Command Post, were sometimes in contact with enemy tanks. There are unconfirmed reports that the Germans were using D.F. to locate formation H.Qs. and G.H.Q. and directing their tank operations behind the line accordingly.

8. Summary

To sum up, the consensus of opinion seems to be that our pre-war tactical doctrine is sound and our equipment and organisation is on the whole effective, but numerically inadequate. Our difficulties have been due to the immense frontages we have been forced to fight on, allowing little or no depth and making it extremely difficult to maintain an intact front. Divisions have been holding 15,000 (?) yards. Our flanks have been constantly insecure and communications with rearward Services often severed by enemy tanks.

Our scale of A.T. A.A. Artillery and Tanks is inadequate, and we and our Allies owe our defeats more than anything else to our inability to stop the tank that we invented in the last war.

We never seem to have been able to obtain local air superiority for any particular tactical operation.

If there is any criticism of our pre-war training policy it is perhaps that we were, and still are, too ready to accustom our commanders to "normal" situations in which we have assumed equality of armament with the enemy.

Recent operations have again shown that there is no such thing as "normality" in war. It is the abnormal and totally unexpected for which we should train commanders and junior leaders.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

6 AUS DIV AND ANC. TPS. - ORDER OF BATTLE AND LOCATION STATEMENT
(as at 2359 hrs 30 Jun 40.)

H.Q.			
	H.Q. 6 Aus Div	GAZA TOWN	099101
	Int Sec 6 Aus Div	" "	"
Cav.			
	6 Aus Div Cav Regt	QASTINA	127126
R.A.A.			
	H.Q. R.A.A. 6 Aus Div	DEIR SUNEID	106106
	2/1 Fd Regt	" "	"
	2/2 Fd Regt	" "	"
R.A.E.			
	H.Q. R.A.E. 6 Aus Div	QASTINA	127126
	2/1 Fd Coy	"	"
	2/2 Fd Coy	KISHON	247151
Sigs.			
	Sigs 6 Aus Div (less details)	KILO 89	103103
	"C" Sec No 1 Coy	QASTINA	127126
	Details "D" Sec No 1 Coy	GAZA TOWN	099101
	"J" Sec No 3 Coy	JULIS	119122
Inf.			
	H.Q. 16 Aus Inf Bde	JULIS	119122
	2/1 Inf Bn	"	"
	2/2 Inf Bn	"	"
	2/3 Inf Bn	"	"
	H.Q. 17 Aus Inf Bde	BEIT JIRJA	109112
	2/5 Inf Bn (less "C" Coy)	" "	"
	"C" Coy	GAZA TOWN	099101
	2/6 Inf Bn	BEIT JIRJA	109112
	2/7 Inf Bn	" "	"
	H.Q. 19 Aus Inf Bde	KILO 89	103103
	2/4 Inf Bn	" "	"
	2/8 Inf Bn	" "	"
	2/11 Inf Bn (less "B" Coy)	" "	"
	"B" Coy	GAZA RIDGE	102102
A.A.S.C.			
	H.Q.	BARBARA	112118
	Details 6 Aus Div Sup Coln	"	"
	6 Aus Div Pet Coy	"	"
	Details 6 Aus Div Amn Coy		"

/A.A.M.C.

A.A.M.C.			
	2/1 Fd Amb	JULIS	119122
	2/2 Fd Amb	BEIT JIRJA	109112
	2/1 Fd Hyg Sec	DEIR SUNEID	106106
Pro.	6 Aus Div Pro Coy (less three Secs)	TEL AVIV	
	Two Secs	DEIR SUNEID	106106
	One Sec	GAZA TOWN	099101
Postal.			
	6 Aus Div Postal Unit	BARBARA	112118
Empl.	6 Aus Div Empl Pl	GAZA TOWN	099101

-- NON-DIVISIONAL UNITS --

Adv H.Q. 1 Aus Corps	GAZA TOWN	099101
2/1 C.C.S.	QASTINA	127126
2/1 A Fd Wkshops (less L.A.Ds.)	BARBARA	112118
39 L.A.D.	QASTINA	127126
45 L.A.D.	JULIS	119122
46 L.A.D.	BEIT JIRJA	109112
40 L.A.D.	DEIR SUNEID	106106
43 L.A.D.	DEIR SUNEID	106106
42 L.A.D.	KILO 89	103103
6 Aus Div Fd Cash Office	GAZA TOWN	099101
A.I.L. Sec 6 Aus Div	RAHLE	139148

-- L. OF C. AND BASE UNITS --

Aus Overseas Base	JERUSALEM	
1 Aus Gen Hosp	GAZA RIDGE	102102
2 Aus Gen Hosp	" "	"
No 3 Spec Dental Unit	JULIS	119122
No 4 Spec Dental Unit	BEIT JIRJA	109112
No 5 Spec Dental Unit	KILO 89	103103
2/1 Conv Depot	KEFAR VITQIN	139199
Aus Ord Base Depot	BARBARA	112118
Inf and Gen Base Depot	DEIR SUNEID	106106

GAZA
2 Jul 40.

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[signature] Lieut Col
for Col.
G.S. 6 Aus Div.

ATTACHED PERSONNEL
H.Q. 6 Aus Div.

RANK.	NO.	NAME.	UNIT.
Maj-	NX 202	CAREY S.H.	2/3 Bn.
Capt.	VX 227	WILLIAMS T.	Recce.
Capt.	NX 21	BRIGHTON L.L.	16 Aus Inf Bde.
Capt.	VX 290	NORRIS G.M.	Aus O/Seas Base
Capt.	NX 298	ANDERSON R.	Fd. Cash Office.
Capt.		Mc.Causland	Aus O/Seas Base.
Capt.	SX 1447	WILSON F.P.	2/10 Bn.
Capt.	VX 277	STOKES H.E.	A. Fd. Wkshp.
Capt.	NX 61	Mc.CARTY J.	2/4 Bn.
Capt.	NX 153	FARRELL W.	2/4 Bn.
Lt.	NX 7536	EVA A.R.	2/1 Bn.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

H.Q 6. Aus Div (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
MAJ-GEN *	1	–	
COLONELS *	2	-	
Lieut.-Colonels	1	-	
Majors	6	-	
Captains	7	-	
Lieutenants	2	-	
2nd Lieutenants CHAPLAIN ...	3	-	
Quartermasters		-	
TOTALS	22	-	

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (*e.g.*, present whereabouts, if known)

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1 Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.		4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
MAJ-GEN	NX363	MACKAY	I.G	HQ 6 AUS DIV	YES	
COL	VX9	VASEY	G.A	"	"	
"	VX294	DISHER	H.C	"	"	
LT-COL	VX20308	BERRYMAN	F.H	"	NO	IN. AUS
MAJOR	NX9	WOODWARD	E.W	"	YES	
"	VX5	MCINTOSH	K.S	"	"	
"	NX136	SAXBY	N.H.W	"	"	
"	WX1554	BARRETT	J.F	"	NO	a/B.M. 19 Aus Inf Bde
"		SIMPSON	J.T	"	NO	IN. AUS
"	VX12	IRVINE	W.W.M	"	YES	
CAPT	VX6	WEBSTER	I.G	"	"	
"	VX7	SPRY	C.G.F	"	"	
"	VX8	OLDHAM	A.G	"	NO	M.E. Staff School, Haifa
"	NX28	HAYMAN	G.G	"	YES	[redacted]
"	VX16	HAWKER	G.C	"	"	
"	VX24	WHITTAKER	I.K	"	NO	
"	VX125	WALKER	G.Mc.	"	YES	A.L.O. Cairo. EGYPT.
LT	NX364	PILCHER	J.D	"	"	
"	VX3557	VIAL	R.R	"	/	
CHAPLAIN	VX302	MCKIE	J.D	"	/	
"	VX202	MCCARTHY	T	"	/	
"	VX352	GOLDMAN	L.M	/	/	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

H.Q 6 Aus Div
(Unit.)

3-6-40
(Date of Despatch.)

[signature] Major
Camp Commandant, 6 Div. A.I.F.
(Signature of Commander.)

GAZA
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1 Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.		4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
MAJ-GEN	NX365	MACKAY	I.G.	HQ 6 AUS DIV	YES	
COLONEL	VX9	YASEY	G.A		✓	
	VX294	DISHER	H C		✓	
LT-COL	VX20303	BERRYMAN	F.H		NO	IN AUS
MAJOR	NX9	WOODWARD	E W		YES	
"	VX5	M-INTOSH	K S		✓	
"	NX186	SAXBY	N H W		✓	
"	WX1554	BARRETT	J E		NO	H/QM 9 AUS INF
"		SIMPSON	J T		NO	IN AUS
"	VX12	IRVINE	W W M		YES	
CAPT	VX6	WEBSTER	I G		✓	
	VX7	SPRY	C C F		✓	STAFF COLLEGE
"	VX8	OLDHAM	A G		NO	M.E. ~~STAFF~~ HQ
"	NX28	HAYMAN	G G		YES	
"	VX16	HANKER	G C		✓	
"	VX24	WHITTAKER	I K		✓	
	VX183	WALKER	G M C		YES	
LT	NX364	PILCHER	J D		✓	
LT	VX35577	VIAL	K R		✓	
CHAPLAIN	VX302	NARIE	J D		YES	
	VX208	M-CARTHY	T		✓	
	VX354	GOLDMAN	L M		✓	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

HQ 6 Aus Div (Unit.)

10-6-40 (Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

GHQ (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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LOCATION

Air Photo Performance

Date Serial No:

Photo Number	Source	Data	Remarks

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

H·Q 6 AUS DIV (Unit) 8 – 6 – 1940 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	3	-	
W.Os. Class II.	7	-	
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1	-	
Staff Serjeants	1	-	
Serjeants	7	-	
Corporals	7		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	118		
TOTALS	144	*	*

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
78	2/4 BN.	2	INTERPRETERS
8	FD CASH OFFICE	2	ELECTRICIANS
18	SIGS 6 AUS ~~CORPS~~ DIV	1	A-A-C-S
2	REECE REGT	~~8~~ 8	SWIMMERS PRESS ~~CORRESPONDENT~~
4	AUS O/SEAS BASE	~~3~~ 3	H·Q A·I·F ~~PHOTOGRAPHERS~~
2	A. F. W	1	A-C-F
1	R.A.S.C.	2	6 AUS CORPS

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

D.3[illegible]—C.4792

- H.Q 6 Aus Div - Unit.

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Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.		
Bricklayers																	
Butchers																	
Carpenters and Joiners																	
Clerks																	
Despatch Riders																	
Draughtsmen (topo)																	
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																	
Electricians																	
Farriers																	
Fitters																	
Masons																	
Painters and Decorators																	
Plumbers and Gasfitters																	
Saddlers and Harness Makers																	
Signallers																	
Storemen technical																	
Vickers Machine Gunners																	
Cooks																	
General duty personnel																	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)																	

H. Q. 6 Aus Div
Unit.

Capt. [illegible] Adjt. 6 Div. T.A.
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 10-6-40.
D.S.M.

GAZA
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

- H.Q 6 Aus Div - ..... Unit.

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	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.		
Bricklayers																	
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Signallers																	
Storemen technical																	
Vickers Machine Gunners																	
Cooks																	
General duty personnel																	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)																	

H. Q. 6 Aus Div
Unit.

Capt. [illegible]
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 10-6-40
D.S.&T.

GAZA
Bde., Div., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

AUSTRALIAN OVERSEAS BASE

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM

AUSTRALIAN ARMY CANTEEN SERVICE

Jerusalem
6 June 40

1. This Memorandum No. 1 is cancelled as from 6 June 40.

2. The Policy of the Australian Government is to create a Canteen Service [illegible] and abroad. This Canteen Service will staff and manage all Canteen Institutes in camps. The number of Canteen Institutes that will be established will vary with circumstances; usually one Canteen Institute will be provided for more than 800 men; one will normally be established in a camp when the number of men is not less than 100. Canteen Institutes, though they are not confined to the service of single units, but are for the use and benefit of all Australian troops.

The profits from the Canteen Service will be used to :-

(a) Make regular monthly payments to the credit of Regimental Funds, which are at the disposal of C.Os. for the benefit of their troops.

(b) Provide service and amenities to the troops such as recreational facilities, finance concert parties, subsidise leave hostels, etc.

Troops should realise that the Canteen Institute is for their benefit and they must encourage the management by conducting themselves in a proper manner and by assisting the Canteen Institute employees in the performance of their duties. It is their duty also to protect Canteen Institute property and equipment, remembering always that they are expected to help the authorities who are doing what they can to make camp life as comfortable as possible.

Complaints regarding Canteen Institute management must be made through the C.Os. of units and not under any circumstances be dealt with by the troops direct. In this way complaints can be dealt with more expeditiously.

Unit Commanders will be responsible for the discipline through using the Canteen Institute in their areas.

In conducting the Canteen Services the following will be adopted :-

(1) A Committee to be known as "The A.I.F. Overseas Canteen Committee" will be formed to control the policy of the Canteens and also to frame a method and make distribution of profits. The members of the Committee will be the Commandant, Aus O/S Base, and the Officer in Charge Paymaster A.I.F., two representatives nominated by the 6 Aust Div., Messrs. James Payne, R. H. Wilkinson, and the D.D.C.S., who will act as Secretary to the Committee.

(2) A Profit & Loss Account covering the whole of the Australian Army Canteen Institutes overseas will be prepared and issued by the 10th day of each month, covering the previous month's trading. Such account will be audited and certified by the Chief Auditor, A.I.F.

(3) All allocations of profits to the units as decided by the Committee will be paid into a Trust Account for each unit with the Chief Paymaster, and will be controlled as laid down in Accountancy Instructions Part IV, pages 33, 34 and 133.

(4) The general basis for the distribution of profits will be not less than 6% on the net sales, and profits will be credited to the Regimental Trust Fund Accounts on the basis of the average unit strength for that month, as calculated from strength states.

(5) A statement will be included in Formation Routine monthly setting out how the profits for the previous month have been distributed.

(6) The D.D.C.S. will be in executive control of the Canteen Stocks, distributing depot, and all Canteen INSTITUTES.

(7) The opening and closing times for A.A.C. INSTITUTES will be fixed from time to time through Formation or Unit Routine Orders.

(8) Formation Headquarters are empowered directly or through O's. C. of units to impose restrictions on sale of any particular commodity.

(9) Suggestions in connection with the running of the A.A.C.S. will be forwarded by C.Os. of units direct to D.D.C.S. for consideration by the Canteen Committee.

(10) The Canteen Institutes will operate for the sale of beer, soft drinks, and dry goods. They will supply goods to messes and unit messing from one or more Grocery Stores at a discount of 10% provided all accounts are paid within seven days of receipt of monthly statement.

(11) The A.I.F. personnel required for the various branches and depots of the A.A.C.S. will be obtained from the units concerned. Such personnel will serve with the A.A.C.S. and will be borne supernumerary to establishments of their present units. When an A.A.C.S. establishment is settled such personnel may be transferred to A.A.C.S. The D.D.C.S. will be Commanding Officer of such personnel for the purposes of command and discipline.

(12) Any promotions of A.I.F. personnel serving with A.A.C.S. will be acting only. Substantive rank will remain as prior to appointment to acting rank. Such promotions may be made by the D.D.C.S. up to and including the rank of Acting Staff Sergeant. Recommendations for promotion to higher rank will be made through the usual channels. The usual casualty returns will be submitted by D.D.C.S.

(13) There will be no fixed establishment for A.A.C.S. but requests for personnel to be attached will be made as required. A.I.F. personnel for A.A.C.S. will be paid by the Paymaster concerned, but reimbursement will be made to the Chief Paymaster by the A.A.C.S. on the 16th day of each month for all payments made to such personnel for the previous calendar month.

(14) D.D.C.S. will be empowered to employ civilian labour for office work, for work in the depot, the handling of goods elsewhere, and for staff requirements in the Institutes.

(15) Army transport in operation may be used for the transport of staff or goods free of cost to the A.A.C.S., provided no additional expense to the Army is incurred thereby. Where hired vehicles are supplied to the A.A.C.S. under Army contracts the cost of same is to be charged to the A.A.C.S.

E. Faulkner

Lt.Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G.
Aus C/S Base.

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HEADQUARTERS

AUSTRALIAN OVERSEAS BASE

ROUTINE ORDERS BY BRIGADIER B.M. MORRIS D.S.O.

No. 78. JERUSALEM
27 June '40

1. PAY PARADE.

The following procedure will be adopted for pay parade on Tuesday, July 2nd. A supply of schedules sufficient for six pay periods have been printed and are available at the Cash Office.

Osi/c Sections will list their personnel on these schedules in alphabetical order, and the completed lists will be handed to the Pay Sergeant (Sgt. Edgar) not later than Saturday, June 29th.

The amounts required will be stated in multiples of 100 Mils (A2/6) and under no circumstances will alterations in these amounts be accepted after the schedules have been lodged.

The Pay Parade will be held at the following times:-

2nd. Echelon	0930 hrs.
Provost	1030 hrs.
Postal	1130 hrs.
Finance	1400 hrs.
H.Q. Details	1530 hrs.

Pay books will be produced on Tuesday 2 July '40.

2. M.T. TESTER-APPROVAL OF.

Cpl. Grant A. having passed the required tests is appointed to examine applicants for licenses, Drivers M.T. The approval of the Camp Commandant (Lieut. H.E. Gale M.B.E.) will be obtained before an applicant is tested.

Capt.
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.
Aus. O/S. Base.

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SECURITY INSTRUCTION NO. 8.

JERUSALEM.

26 JUNE '40.

1. AMENDMENT.

Aus. O/S. Base Security Instruction No. 7 is amended by deleting therefrom Para. 2.

Capt.
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.
Aus. O/S. Base.

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HEADQUARTERS, OVERSEAS BASE

ROUTINE ORDERS BY BRIGADIER D. H. HORRIS, D.S.O.

NO. 77 JERUSALEM 24 June, 40.

1. Commonwealth Bank Savings Accounts.

Arrangements have now been made for personnel holding receipts or pass books for Commonwealth Bank Savings Accounts to draw up to £A.10.

On presentation to the Cash Office on June 26, the receipts will be endorsed and the amount made available.

Should more than the specified amount be required, a cable at the soldier's expense will be despatched to London and the necessary authority obtained.

2. Late Return Books - Signing of

Sentries are now posted all night at all billets. Commencing Mon., 24 June, 40, it is no longer necessary for personnel to sign the Late Return Book on leaving billets. All O.Rs. (with the exception of Warrant Officers) returning after 2200 hrs., or, if in possession of a late leave pass, after the expiration of the same, will produce to the sentry their pay book and will furnish the sentry with their full and proper particulars. Such particulars will be entered by the sentry in the Late Return Book and be initialled by the soldier concerned.

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D.A.A.& Q.M.G., Aus.O/S Base.

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NOTICE

Mails. Surface mails for Australia close at Base P.O. at 1200 hrs. on Saturdays and 1500 hrs. on Wednesdays.

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AUSTRALIAN OVERSEAS BASE

ROUTINE ORDERS BY BRIGADIER B.H. HORRIS D.S.O.

No. 76 JERUSALEM 20 June '41.

1. PAY BOOKS.
All reference to the unit on the cover and first page of the pay book will be erased or deleted so as to be quite illegible.
(6 Aus. Div. R/O 91 Para 593)

2. CLOTHING AND NECESSARIES-MARKING OF.
Clothing and necessaries will be marked with the Man's Army Number only. Any other marking will be deleted except that the name, if already on, may be left.
(6 Aus. Div. R/O 90 Para 591)

3. LEAVE PASSES-APPLICATIONS FOR.
Applications for late leave passes will be submitted in writing to the Orderly Officer or Camp Commandant before 1600 hours daily.

Capt.
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.
Aus. O/S. Base.

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NOTICE

BROADCASTING - FORCES PROGRAMME

A special Forces Programme will be broadcast daily by Egyptian State Broadcasting from 5.45 P.M. to 6.30 P.M., and on Sundays from 5.30 P.M. to 6.00 P.M.
The wave length will be 483 metres equal to 620 kilocycles.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS.

by

MAJ-GEN I.G. MACKAY, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D. COMD A.I.F. IN PALESTINE

Gaza. 19 Jun 40

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PART I.

12. DISTRIBUTION OF CANTEEN PROFITS FOR APRIL 1940.

Based on the average strength of units during the month the following distribution of profits has been made and credited in Unit Trust A/c's by the Div Paymaster:-

UNIT.	Average Strength April 1940.	£P.Mils.
H.Q. 6 Aus Div	75	5.750
6 Aus Div Cav Regt	484	37.107
2/1 Fd Regt	638	48.915
2/1 Fd Coy	263	20.164
Sigs 6 Aus Div	137	10.503
H.Q. 16 Aus Inf Bde	82	6.287
2/1 Bn	818	62.715
2/2 Bn	843	64.650
2/3 Bn	824	63.174
2/4 Bn	860	65.933
A.A.S.C. 6 Aus Div	550	42.167
2/1 Fd Amb	262	20.086
2/1 Fd Hyg Sec	26	1.995
6 Aus Div Pro Coy	47	3.603
2/1 A. Fd Wkshop	57	4.370
2/1 Aus Gen Hosp	229	17.557
2/1 Aus Conv Depot	13	.997
Aus Ord Base Depot	51	3.910
Aus Overseas Base	147	11.270
	6406	£P491.127

CIRCULATION

Initial	Date
Month	4/6
Egypt	20/6
Za	24/6
HQ	21/6

COMMANDING
A.A.G.
A.A.A.G.
H. Qrs.
Gaza

L. Waring Col.
A/A.A.G. A.I.F. in Palestine.

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AUSTRALIAN OVERSEAS BASE

ROUTINE ORDERS BY BRIGADIER B.M. MORRIS D.S.O.

JERUSALEM
18 JUNE '40

NO. 72

1. AUSTRALIAN CONVALESCENT DEPOT-COMMAND
As from 1140 hrs. on 16 June '40, 1 Aus. Convalescent Depot is placed under the Command of the Commandant Aus. O/S. Base.

2. PETROL-DRAWING OF.
When drawing petrol for M.T. or M.C.'s all personnel will obtain from the supplying unit the duplicate A.B. 55 or A.F. G 825 duly signed by the person issuing the same. Such duplicate vouchers will be handed to the transport corporal immediately on return to H.Q. Aus. O/S Base. Failure to obtain and hand in such duplicate will be treated as a breach of discipline by the personnel concerned.

3. ECONOMY IN USE OF STORES.
The effect of waste on the conduct of the war must be impressed on all ranks. Waste by Australian troops has to be paid for by Australia. It must be remembered that all scales of issue are maximum entitlements, and that indents must NOT be automatically submitted based on these scales. They should be carefully scrutinized by the originator to ensure that the quantities are actually required. All Officers and N.C.O.'s will check waste whenever it comes to their notice. It should be the aim of all ranks to practice at least one economy per day.

CAPT.
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.
Aus. O/S. Base.

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ROUTINE ORDERS BY BRIGADIER B.M.MORRIS,D.S.O.

Jerusalem,

No.74. 14 June, 40.

1.CORRIGENDUM

R/O 73 of 12 June, 40, para. 1 "Air Raid Precautions" sub-para.(d) - "Black-out" Hours is amended by deleting the figures "1530" where they occur therein and substituting therefor the figures "0530".

2. PAY PARADE

The following procedure will be adopted for Pay Parade on Tuesday, 18th June. O.I.C's Sections will prepare and hand to the Pay Sergeant (Sgt. Eagar) on Saturday, 15th, a list of personnel desiring pay and the amount in Palestine Currency they desire to draw. (not more than the 14 days' pay can be drawn unless a larger amount is authorised by the O.I.C.).

Pay Parade will be held on Tuesday, 18 June, 40, at the following times:-

	Hrs.
2nd Echelon	0930
Provost	1030
Postal	1130
Finance	1400
H.Q. Details	1530

Pay books will be produced on Tuesday at time of payment.

K. J. [illegible] Lieut.
Staff Captain, Aus.O/S Base.

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AUSTRALIAN OVERSEAS BASE

ROUTINE ORDERS BY BRIGADIER B.H. MORRIS D.S.O.

JERUSALEM

No. 75. 12 June '40.

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1. AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS

(a) Protective Equipment:- Respirators Anti-Gas and Helmets Steel, will not be carried except during the period between the Air Raid alarm being sounded and the "All Clear" signal being given.

(b) Movement of Personnel:- After sounding of Air Raid alarms no personnel other than those actually on duty or under orders to proceed to duty will move from billets or other buildings, and before leaving such billets or buildings will report to the Officer or N.C.O. in charge and give their names and the nature of the duty to which they are proceeding. Personnel required by causes of duty to move from buildings will not move in bodies of more than ten persons. At all times personnel will as far as possible avoid congregating in larger numbers than is necessary.

(c) Movement by Road:- During "Black out" hours no mechanically propelled vehicles other than Military or Police vehicles on duty will be permitted to travel on the roads outside Municipal or Village Area without Special passes issued under the Authority of Military Commanders. (GR/PAL/15273/13/G).

(d) "Black Out" hours. Commencing 12 June '40 "Black out" hours will be from 1945 hours to 1530 hours. (Jerusalem H 119)

2. SIDEARM-ARMS CARRYING OF.

All Officers will carry pistols at all times. All other ranks armed with pistols will carry them at all times. (JEH Area H. 118). Personnel entitled to carry pistols will draw same from Aus. O/S. Base Armoury forthwith. They will be carried at all times during waking hours, and while sleeping will be securely safeguarded.

3. ACCIDENTS--REPORTING TO CIVIL POLICE.

All traffic accidents in which Military vehicles of any description are involved with Civilian cars or which involve inquiry or damage to Civilians, animals or Civilian property, will be reported at the first available opportunity to the nearest Civil Police Station or Civil Policeman by the driver of the Military vehicle or the Senior member of the Party travelling in that vehicle.

Every report on such accidents forwarded after the date of this order will include the date and time at which the Civil Police were notified.

Disciplinary action will be taken in every case of non-compliance of this order. (6 Div. R/O 85.)

4. COURT OF INQUIRY. A Court of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned Officers will assemble at such time and place as the President may determine for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon a fire which occurred at Goldsmit House on Wed. 8 May '40.

President:- Capt. A.H. Tinley
Members :- Lieut. J.S. Copland.
Lieut. L.S. Walsh.

5. COURT OF INQUIRY A Court of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned Officers will assemble at such time and place as the President may determine for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon a fire which occurred at Silberstein House on 24 May '40.

President:- Major H. Walford King.
Members :- Lieut. H.E. Gale M.B.E.
Lieut. R.J. Davis.

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R/ Davis
Lieut.
Staff Captain
Aus. O/S. Base.

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AUSTRALIAN OVERSEAS BASE

ROUTINE ORDERS BY BRIGADIER B .H. HORRIS D.S.O.

No. 72. JERUSALEM. 11 June '40.

1. COURT OF INQUIRY.

A Court of Inquiry consisting of the undermentioned Officers will assemble at such time and place as the President may determine for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the circumstances under which M.T. No. V. 51 was damaged near Rehovot on 28 April '40.

President:- Capt. G. Cohen
Members:- Capt. E.D. Wallace
Lieut. J.J.T. Sheehan.

2. IDENTIFICATION-SERVICE PERSONNEL

(a) All personnel will at all times carry pay-books (A.A.F.-W.F.5) on their persons and will produce them when requested by the Civil Police or Military Personnel on Police or other duty in order to establish the identity of the individual.

(b) Any loss of pay book will be immediately reported to the Staff Captain (Lieut. R.J. Davis)

3. PALLIASSES STRAW-REFILLING OF

For purposes of enabling palliasses to be refilled with straw, all personnel of Aus. O/S. Base (other than those who arrived in the Second Convoy) will leave palliasses in the entrance hall of their billets not later than 0830 hrs. on Wed. 12 June '40. Palliasses will be stacked neatly.

Refilled palliasses will be available for collection by personnel in entrance halls of billets after 1700 hours on Wed. 12 June '40.

[signature]
Staff Captain
Aus. O/S. Base.

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NOTICE

On Sunday 16 June a party of 30 men from Aus.O/S Base has been invited to visit the settlement of Gi'vat Brenner near Rehovot and also an Arab settlement. Transport will be provided. The party will leave Aus. O/S. Base at 0900 hrs. and will return by 1600 hrs.

Personnel desiring to join the party will hand their names in to the Orderly Sergeant (Sgt. McKenzie) by 1200 hrs. on Wed. 12 June '40.

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AUSTRALIAN OVERSEAS BASE.

ROUTINE ORDERS BY BRIGADIER B.M. HORRIS D.S.O.

No. 71

JERUSALEM
7 June '40

1. ROUTINE
CORRIGENDUM.

R/O 70 of 6 June '40 Para (3a) is amended by deleting the figures "0830" after the words "First Parade" and substituting therefor the figures "0815"

2. COURT OF ENQUIRY.

A Court of Enquiry consisting of the undermentioned Officers will assemble at such time and place as the President may determine for the purpose of enquiring into and reporting on an injury sustained on 29 Mar. '40 by NX 1289 L/Cpl. Sheppard A.L. of Aus. O/S. Base Provost Coy.

President:- Major H. Walford King.
MEMBERS:- Lieut. H.E. Gale M.B.E.
" R.J. Davis.

3. MEDICAL INSPECTION.

All O/Rs of Aus. O/S.Base will parade by sections at H.Qs Office (room 35) on Thursday of each week for Medical inspection at the times stated below. Engineer and Medical Sections and all personnel attached to O/S. Base (other than Orderly Room Sgts.) will parade with H.Q. Section. The Camp Commandant will make arrangements to have all cooks, Mess orderlies, and special duty personnel relieved from duty to attend Medical inspection.

1630 hrs. H.Q. Special duty personnel
1640 hrs. H.Q. Details
1650 hrs. No.1 Section (Records)
1700 hrs. No.5 Section (Finance)
1710 hrs. No.6 Section (Postal) & No. 7 Sec. (Audit)
1720 hrs. Aus. O/S. Base Provost Coy.

4. CANTEEN SERVICES:- POLICY-CONTROL.

R/O 31 of 23 Feb. '40 Para (4) is amended as follows:-

Insert between "-------Commander Adv. 6 Aus. Div." and "Secretary" the following:-
"Messrs. James Payne and R.H. Wilkinson"

R.J. Davis
-------Lieut.
Staff Captain
Aus. O/S. Base.

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AUSTRALIAN OVERSEAS BASE

ROUTINE ORDERS BY BRIGADIER B. K. MORRIS, D.S.O.

No. 70. Jerusalem Thurs. 6 Jne 40.

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1. SECURITY - Travelling by train, Arms to be carried

(a) Except as ordered below parties or individuals travelling by rail within Palestine and Egypt need NOT be armed, except where arms accompany troops as a normal consequence of the move.

(b) Between Jerusalem and Lydda parties of not less than two officers or other ranks will travel together. At least two of the party will be armed.

(G/O 252/40).

2. CENSORSHIP - Mails - Franking of

(a) Examination in Australia of mail despatched from A.I.F. Palestine has shown that censorship by unit franking officers generally errs on the side of leniency. Obliteration of text is not sufficient, excision by cutting out must be resorted to when deletions are necessary.

(6 Div. R/O. 76).

(b) Franking officers are referred to R/O 42 of 15 Mar 40 para 4 :- "Franking officers will excise all offending matter from mail by cutting out same. No other method will be used."

3. ROUTINE

(a) Corrigenda

Routine Order 27 of 19 Feb 40 para 5 is cancelled and in lieu thereof is substituted the following :-

General

Reveille	0630 hrs	Second Parade	1400 hrs
Sick Parade	0700 "	Recreation	1630-1830 "
Breakfast	0730 "	Dinner	1830 "
First Parade	0830 "	Lights Out - Commencement of darkness	
Lunch	1300 "	Billets close	2200 hrs.

Office

Office opens	0845 hrs.
" closes	1245 "
" opens	1400 "
" closes	1630 "

(b) Extra Duty O's. i/c Sections may from time to time order the whole or any part of their respective sections to be on duty outside the hours abovementioned.

4. DRESS - Uniform Service Dress - Second Issue :

All personnel of Aus O/S Base who have not yet received their second issue of Service Dress uniform will hand in their names, together with a note of uniform size required, to Q.M.s. office (Room 6) not later than 0900 hrs on Fri 7 Jne 40.

5. EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING - Deficiencies in :

All personnel of Aus O/S Base who are deficient in any articles of equipment or clothing on charge to them will hand in a signed list, setting out all of such deficiencies, to the Q.M.s. office (Room 6) not later than 0900 hrs on Fri 7 Jne 40.

6. MESSAGES - Times shown in :

(a) As from this date times of origin, despatch and receipt shown in messages sent within Aus O/S Base or sent to or received from units in Palestine will be in local time and the letters L.T. will be shown after each time shown.

(E.T.O.)

6. (b) In messages between commands, times of origin etc. will be stated in G.M.T. and these letters will be shown accordingly.

(c) The twenty four hour clock will invariably be used.

(d) Greenwich Mean Time is three hours behind Palestine "Summer Time".

(A.O.B. 425/205/11)

7. AIR RAID WARNINGS - TESTING OF

In order to familiarise personnel with sound of air raid warning apparatus, the same will be tested at the following hours on Fri 7 Jne 40 :

Goldsmit House	-	0730 hrs
Nordia House	-	0730 "
Silberstein House		0650 "
Meo House	-	0710 "
Mercantile Building		0930 "

Officers in charge of I A.F.H. and Clivet House will arrange similar tests of apparatus installed at above premises.

K. J. Laver

.....Lieut.
Staff Captain
Australian Overseas Base.

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No. 69.

JERUSALEM.
4 June '40.

1. CLOTHES, CIVILIAN - WEARING OF.
The wearing of plain clothes is prohibited except in special cases where approval is given and when engaged in sporting activities.

2. ROADS- SECURITY.
The road HAIFA-TIBERIAS is now a degree one road. Appendix D to Aus. O/S. Base Security Instruction No. 3 will be altered accordingly.

3. ROUTINE - LIGHTS OUT.
1. Corrigenda. R/O 27 of 19 Feb. '40 Para 1 (a) is amended by deleting the figures "2200 hrs" after the words "lights out" and substituting therefor the figures "2100 hours".

2. Return to billets. Although "Lights out" is now at 2100 hours owing to Black out arrangements, the previous time for return to billets Viz. 2200 hours remains unchanged.
All personnel will return to billets not later than 2200 hours unless in possession of a leave pass signed by the Camp Commandant.
The security picquet has been instructed to take the names of those infringing the above orders.

4. INTOXICATING LIQUOR.
No intoxicating liquor will be consumed in billets or buildings occupied by Aus. O/S. Base except in those rooms set apart as Messes or Canteens. Under no circumstances will liquor be consumed or kept in bedrooms.

5. MAILS - FRANKING AND DESPATCH OF.
Air Mail. Air mails for Australia close at Aus. O/S. Base Post Office at 1700 hours on Tuesday, and 1245 hours on Saturday each week

6. PICQUETS - AIR RAID.
Air raid picquets for Nordia house Silberstein House, Goldmit House and Heo House, are detailed as follows:-

NORDIA HOUSE	SILBERSTEIN HOUSE	GOLDMIT HOUSE
W.O. (11) Bowden in charge.	Cpl. Cormley in charge.	Sergeant Box in charge.
Sgt. Sayer	Pte. Franklin	Pte. Mullins
" Jenkinson	" Bickford	" J. Walther
" Carter	" Parsons	" A. Davis
" Beirs	" Collins	" J.F. Anderson
" Banks	" Clancy	" K. Mixwin
" Ryan	" Cooper	" D. Brock
" Hankivell	" Preston	" W. Richardson
" Caudwell		" J. Peck
		" L. Boswell

HEO HOUSE

Pte. J.J. Reid
" P. Nolan
" J. Mason
" H. Holcombe
" V. Whitman
" D. Watson
" J. Jewett
" J. Hipwell
" O. Rose.

Air raid picquets for Olivet House and 1st. Aust. Detention Barracks will be detailed by the Officers responsible for those premises.

P. J. Rivers Lieut.
Staff Capt.
Aus. O/S. Base.

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NOTICE

Rumours have arisen in the A.I.F. that Red Cross Stores have been sold. Inquiries have failed to substantiate any of these stories, but all ranks are requested to Cooperate by reporting alleged cases which may come to their notice. It should be realised that the spreading of false reports such as these, can only have a harmful and quite undeserved effect upon the funds of the Australian Red Cross.

PRECIS FORM OF UNIT WAR-DIARIES.

SUBJECT.	UNIT H.Q. 6th. Aust. Division.	PERIOD.
A.A OPERATIONS.	Mounting of Bren-Guns on Div. H.Q. buildings and issue of instructions in combating of Parachute Troops. Promulgating of instructions onthe camouflage and dispersement of camps.	June '40.
ADMINISTRATION.	Re-organisation of A.I.F. to conform to new War Establishments and to compensate for the non-arrival of various units. Arrival of Maj.General Sir T.A. Blamey in Palestine.	June '40.
PHILANTHROPIC.	Allotment of representatives of various organisations to Areas.	June '40.
SECURITY.	Issue of instructions on general precautions to be taken consequent of Italy declaring war.	June '40.
LOCATION.	Appendix showing location of 6th. Divisional troops to June 30th 1940.	June '40.

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