

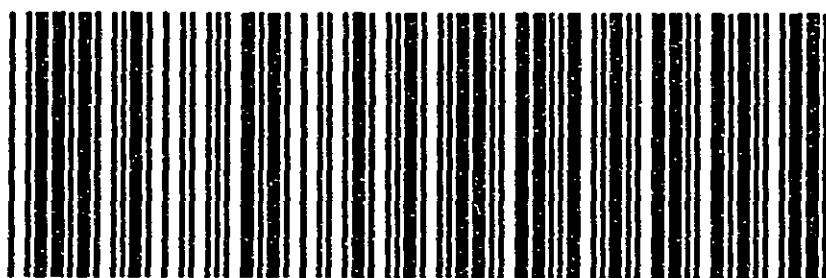
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Australian Military Forces, Army headquarters,  
formation and unit diaries, 1939-1945

# 1/4/1 CORPS

1 Australian Corps  
General Branch (1 Aust  
Corps 'G' Branch)

1939-1940, part2, appendices



1/4/1-020

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Adv. Headquarters,  
1 Aus Corps.  
G a z a.

5 Sept 40.

DAY OF NATIONAL PRAYER.

1. With the approval of the King, and by order of His Majesty's Privy Council, Sunday, September the 8th has been arranged as a day of national prayer.
2. It is desired to bring this to the notice of all ranks and attendance at the various Church Services being held throughout the country is earnestly urged.
3. Commanding Officers will arrange for the holding of Services in each Camp and will notify times of Services in Unit Orders.

*R. J. Davis*  
Lt. Col.  
A. Q. M. G. 1 Aus Corps.

Distribution: List "A".

*War Diary*

SECRET.

Force Headquarters,  
Palestine.  
CR/Pal/14105/OS.

H.Q.

1 Cav Div.	1 Aust. Corps.
Lydda Area.	Fortress Area, Haifa.
Jam Area.	Troops, Cyprus.

Copy to:- D.A.D.O.S., Sarafand.

SUBJECT:- Tracer .303"

1. Units which have not yet submitted indents to D.A.D.O.S., Sarafand for Cartridges S.A. Tracer .303" G.II will do so at once.
2. The scale of issue is as follows :-
  - (a) For L.M.Gs. specifically allotted in War Establishments for A.A. Defence and where scales of S.A.A. in A.Fs.G. 1098 show a proportion of tracer for A.A. L.M.Gs. :-
    - (i) Armoured Fighting Vehicles.  
One round .303" G. Mk.II tracer to  
4 rounds .303" Mk.VII
    - (ii) L.M.Gs. allotted otherwise than in (i).  
One round .303" G. Mk.II tracer to two  
rounds .303" Mk.VII.
  - (b) For L.M.Gs. used for A.A. purposes and not provided for in (a), one round of .303" G Mk.II tracer to nine rounds .303" Mk.VII.
3. Indents must show the number of A.A. L.M.Gs on which the demand for tracer is based and state whether made under the provision of para 2 (a) or para 2 (b) of this letter.
4. Issue of tracer will be arranged by D.A.D.O.S., Sarafand.

S 1117-86  
11-5-6  
Lieut. Colonel,  
A.Q.M.G.

31st. October, 1940.

CR/Pal/27231/Q

FORCE H.Q.

21 Nov 40.  
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1 Aust Corps.	J'sm Area.
1 Cav Div.	Lydda Area.
Haifa Fortress Area.	O.C. Troops CYPRUS.
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4 Cav Bde.	6 Cav Bde. )
5 Cav Bde.	All Branches Force H.Q.) for information.
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O V E R C R O W D I N G.

1. The tendency to crowd men into huts and billets to get them out of tents in the wet weather must be strictly guarded against.
2. This practice is highly dangerous to health in that it causes the spread of infectious disease, especially under "black-out" conditions.
3. In huts and billets on no account will personnel :-
  - (a) have less than 600 cubic feet per man for sleeping. The previous ruling that each man should only be allowed 480 cubic feet is suspended for the present owing to winter and blackout conditions. The matter will be reviewed before next summer.
  - (b) Sleep in huts or buildings not specially allotted for the purpose.

(sgd) S. HOPLINSON, Major.  
for Brigadier i/c Administration.

CR/Pal/27217/Q

FORCE H.Q.

22 Nov 40.

1 Aust Corps.  
1 Cav. Div.  
J'sm Area.  
Lydda Area.  
Haifa Fortress Area.  
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4 Cav. Bde. )  
5 Cav. Bde. )  
6 Cav. Bde. )  
M.E.School of Cookery. ) for information.  
All Branches Force H.Q. )  
Capt. H.S.Stringer, )  
General List. )  
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CATERING ADVISER FORCE H.Q.

1. Captain H. S. Stringer, General List, has recently arrived in Palestine as Catering Adviser and is attached to "Q" Branch Force H.Q.
2. Captain H.S. Stringer will visit units in turn to help them and advise them on all messing matters. His visits will be made without prior notice and are solely for the purpose of helping and advising units on any difficulties they may have encountered.
3. Captain Stringer has been instructed to report himself on arrival to the Commanding Officer of the unit he is visiting and also to report to the H.Q. of the Formation or Area in which the unit he is visiting is situated.
4. Any unit or formation particularly requiring advice should inform Force H.Q. through the normal channels so that Captain Stringer may visit them as early as possible.
5. Captain Stringer's visits are only for the purpose of advising and helping units. Any matters requiring decision will be forwarded in the normal way to Force H.Q.

(sgd) S. HOPLINSON, Major.

A. Q. M. G.

CR/Pal/24507/1/Q

FORCE H.Q.

18 Nov 40

1 Aust Corps. O.C., Troops Cyprus.  
 1 Cav. Div. Aust O/S Base.  
 J'sm Area. All branches, Force H.Q.  
 Lydda Area.

ORGANISATION AND POWERS OF THE DIRECTOR  
 OF LABOUR MIDDLE EAST.

The following amendments will be made to G.H.Q., Middle East letter No. CRLE/4243/Q dated 3 July 40 forwarded under this H.Q. letter of even number, dated 8 July 40 :-

1. Para. 4. - at end of line 1 add "through 'Q' staff".
2. Para. 5. - first sub-para., delete and substitute -  

"As it is the duty of the Director of Pioneer and Labour to allot enlisted labour (or his representative within his area) will be responsible for advising the 'Q' Staff of formations and areas as to orders necessary for the movement of Pioneer and Labour units".
3. Para. 5. - second sub-para., line two after "concerned" insert "through 'Q' Staff Channels".
4. Para. 5. - third sub-para., delete line 2 and substitute :-  

"G(SD), if the move is from one Command to another on the advice of the Director of Pioneer and Labour".
5. Wherever the term "Director of Labour" occurs substitute "Director of Pioneer and Labour".

S/11p7-8-2

Major,

A. Q. M. G.

NF:

2nd AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ADV. HEADQUARTERS,  
I Aus Corps,  
GAZA.

2 Sept. 40.

JEWISH HOLY DAYS. OCTOBER 1940.

During the month of October the following Jewish Holy Days will be celebrated:-

New Year.	Wed. evening 2 Oct. to Fri. evening 4 Oct.
Day of Atonement.	Fri. evening 11 Oct. to Sat. evening 12 Oct.

The above are the most important Holy Days in the Jewish Year, and it is desired that the practice observed during the Great War of Jewish soldiers being granted leave for the observance should be continued.

For religious reasons it is desirable that leave should commence not later than 1600 hrs.

Leave will be granted to Jewish soldiers who request it, on the days set out above.

*R. J. ...*  
- Lieut. Col.  
A. Q. M. G. I Aus Corps

DISTRIBUTION.  
List A.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Adv. Headquarters  
1 Aust Corps.  
G a z a.

10 Sept 40.

DISPOSAL OF PERSONNEL NOMINATED AS "UNDESIRABLE".

Reference Adv H.Q. 1 Aust Corps Circular of 8 Sept, 40.  
Para (i) "Personnel to be returned to Australia, S.N.L.R.",  
will be amended by adding the following :-

"N.X. 747 Pte WESTROPP, R.S. 2/1 Fd Amb.

*R. J. H. Davies*  
Lt. Col.  
A.Q.M.G. 1 Aust Corps.

Distribution:-  
6 Aus Div (40)  
List "A".

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Adv. Headquarters,  
1 Aus Corps,  
G a z a.

8 Sept 40.

DISPOSAL OF PERSONNEL NOMINATED AS "UNDESIRABLE"

Following upon the report of the Board of Inquiry held at A.I.F. Camps on 12, 13 and 14 August 40, to report upon the disposal of personnel whose names have been submitted as undesirable, the G.O.C. 1 Aus Corps has directed that the following personnel are to be disposed of as indicated below.

(1) PERSONNEL TO BE RETURNED TO AUSTRALIA S.N.L.R.

NX 9311	Spr.	HALL, A.W.	2/1 Fd Coy R.A.E.
NX 3539	"	GOULDING, S.	" " " "
NX 3516	"	LEVI, A.G.	" " " "
VX13576	Pte	PROSSER, B.F.	2/2 Fd Amb.
NX 7543	"	LOCKWOOD, G.A.	2/1 Bn.
NX2611	"	PERRY, A.J.	" "
NX 7481	"	DAVIDSON, C.J.	" "
NX 3483	"	REYNOLDS, R.	" "
NX 1540	"	GRAHAM, J.	2/2 Bn.
NX 9541	"	RICHARDS, C.J.	" "
NX 1449	"	PAGGET, L.J.	" "
NX 1730	"	HOWELL, R.C.	" "
NX 1894	"	WATSON, J.	" "
NX 1596	"	DULIHANTY, M.B.	" "
NX 1266	"	WATSON, G.L.	" "
NX 2219	"	KENNEDY, F.A.	" "
NX 1816	"	PRATER, W.E.	" "
NX 4576	"	JARVIS, W.	2/3 Bn.
NX 4785	"	McKENZIE, A.H.	" "
NX 9931	"	ARMSTRONG, G.	" "
NX 4998	"	SAVILLE, J.A.	" "
VX 5699	"	GREENWOOD, W.H.	2/7 Bn.
VX16052	"	BECKHURST, J.W.	" "
VX16551	"	ALDRIDGE, G.T.	" "
VX 7465	"	HYNISON, R.J.	" "
VX 7536	"	WEEKS, N.	2/5 Bn.
VX11808	"	ROSIER, G.	" "
VX11319	"	DUDLEY, A.C.	2/6 Bn.
VX 7581	"	FRANKLIN, C.R.	" "
VX 689	Gnr	PARRIS, W.G.	2/2 Fd Regt.
VX 986	"	HOBBINS	" "
VX 7588	Pte	BARNFIELD, C.B.F.	Aus O/seas Base.
NX 6096	"	LENNON, D.J.	2/3 Bn.
NX 7477	"	WALLACE, W.	2/1 Bn.
NX 6089	"	HEIDTMAN, H.R.	2/1 Fd. Amb.
NX 1107	"	STEEDMAN, A.R.	2/1 Fd Coy.
NX 9760	"	MARSHALL, D.G.	2/3 Bn.
NX 9900	"	JUDD, R.A.	" "
NX 2773	"	BRABIN, F.	2/1 Bn.
NX 7983	"	GRAY, J.P.	2/3 Bn.
NX 7006	S/Sgt	GIRAUD, C.H.	2/1 Fd Amb.

War Diary

Any of the above personnel who have not already been moved there, will be moved to General Base Depot forthwith, to await draft for return to Australia. If for any reason, such as the soldier being in hospital, any of the above cannot be moved to General Base Depot, this H.Q. is to be informed accordingly.

(ii) PERSONNEL TO BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER UNIT.

VX 10155	Pte	KENNY, L.A.	fr 2/7 Bn	to 1 Aus Corps
VX 3287	"	BARWICK, C.W.	6 Div Pet	Guard Bn.
NX 5447	"	STABIN, J.	2/3 Bn	- do -
NX 1272	"	McRAE, E.	2/2 Bn	A. A. S. C.
NX 7789	"	RATTRAY, G.S.	2/2 Bn	- do -
NX 1818	"	PRINCE, H.P.O.	2/2 Bn	Sigs. 6 Aus D.
NX 3999	"	WILLIAMS, H.	2/2 A.G.H.	RAA, 6 Aus Div
VX 5212	"	KINGSTON, P.	2/5 Bn.	6 Aus Div Cav.

The above personnel will be transferred forthwith to new Units as indicated. Arrangements for transfer will be made by soldier's present Unit direct with his new Unit.

(iii) PERSONNEL PLACED ON PROBATION FOR A PERIOD OF 3 MONTHS.

NX 8405	Pte	McINTOSH, G.H.	2/2 Bn.
NX 9564	"	SHIPLEY, A.	2/3 Bn.
NX 4879	"	TUCKER, L.G.	2/8 Bn.
WX 1777	"	FINDLAY, R.C.	2/11 Bn.
WX 1612	"	MINCHIN, J.	" "
NX 5569	"	DEAN, M.E.	2/3 Bn.

In the event of any of these personnel being found guilty of any offence against Military Discipline, this H.Q. will be informed by letter immediately, a copy of the Charge Sheet (B.252) being attached.

(iv) PERSONNEL TO BE MEDICALLY BOARDED.

NX 1296	Pte	WILLIAMS, T.A.	2/2 Bn.
NX 8418	"	BRINKWORTH, J.E.	2/2 Bn.

Units will be notified by D.D.M.S. of arrangements for Boarding these personnel.

(v) PERSONNEL IN REGARD TO WHOM NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

NX 3662	Spr	COOK, W.H.	2/1 Fd Coy R.A.E.
VX 2924	Tpr	CHAMBERS, S.	6 Aus Div Cav Regt.
NX 526	"	REILLY, W.B.	" " " " "
NX 7030	Pte	WALSH, S.P.	2/1 Fd. Amb.
NX 9022	"	THOMPSON, H.	2/1 Bn.
NX 8606	"	RIGG, R.L.	2/2 Bn.
NX 1272	"	LAINING, A.W.	" "
NX 1299	"	CLARKE, D.M.	" "
NX 5459	"	MONTEFIORE, S.R.	2/3 Bn.
NX 5035	"	HYLAND, P.J.J.	" "
VX 1147	"	GORDON, J.M.	2/5 Bn
VX 11802	"	SPALDING, B.G.	" "
VX 11342	"	MURRAY, R.A.	2/6 Bn.
VX 5029	"	DEW, R.C.	" "
VX 6307	"	CARROLL, T.J.	2/8 Bn.
NX 4214	"	WHITE, J.E.	2/2 A.G.H.
VX 9851	"	AINSLIE, R.K.	" "
NX 9477	"	RUSSELL, C.S.	" "
VX 9980	"	WALTERS, W.P.C.	" "

VX 3444	Gnr	MUIR, J.	2/1 Fd Regt.
NX 1037	"	JACKSON, I.J.	" " "
VX 949	"	BURNETT, R.A.	2/2 Fd Regt.
VX 574	"	WILSON, J.T.	" " "
WX 1395	Pte	O'CONNOR, L.P.	6 Aus Div Pet Coy.
NX 6318	"	WITHERS, F.W.	2/1 Army Fd. W'shop.
VX 511	"	CAMERON, L.A.	" " " "
VX 10470	"	KENNEY, M.R.	6 Aus Div Sup Col.
QX 2196	"	KEEGAN, G.J.	" " " " "
VX 10471	"	MOONEY, W.M.	" " " " "
VX 10337	"	FLYNN, J.S.	" " " " "
NX 6274	"	NORRIS, T.K.	" " " " "
NX 2676	"	McDOUGALL, E.R.	" " " " "
VX 2436	"	McCREANOR, F.K.	" " " " "

(vi) The decision of the G.O.C. 1 Aus Corps, in respect of:-

NX 2612	Pte	PORTER, P.F.	2/1 Bn.
NX 9666	"	FITZGERALD, J.G.	2/3 Bn.
WX 1023	"	HEWITT, G.R.	2/11 Bn.

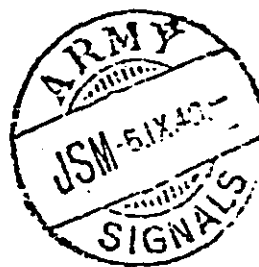
is withheld pending the finding of the District Court Martial, and will be notified separately.

*R. J. Davis*  
for Lt. Col.  
A.Q.M.G. 1 Aus Corps.

*Returned  
1. Cons to 7<sup>th</sup>.  
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Hawthorn, Sydney Trop.*

ARMY FORM C.3125.

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INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE  
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T.H.I.

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T.O.R.

Headquarters,  
1st Australian Army Corps,  
GAZA.

13th September, 1940.

To all Commanding Officers of the A.I.F.  
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The fighting power of the A.I.F. in the 1914-18 War was due in a large degree to the unity of spirit that pervaded the whole Australian Corps. If a similar strength is to be attained by the second A.I.F. the same spirit must be cultivated to the highest degree.

It is essential that all of you as Commanders of units should be imbued with the determination that 'Australia will be there' and train your commands and develop the morale of your units to the highest degree in this determination.

I believe we are well on the way to this desired end.

But in their eagerness to raise their own units to the highest pitch it is found sometimes that the need of assisting in developing this spirit throughout the whole A.I.F. is lost sight of by some Commanders who look at all matters from a very parochial point of view.

In the recent call to send men for the Headquarters Guard several Commanding Officers thought they had found a means of passing on to some one else some of their difficulties and responsibilities and, with some disregard for the instructions they had received, sent in men who were not of the class demanded.

Those of you who may have done this overlooked two very important considerations. First your own fitness for the very important task of command is bound to be called into question by such action, and your action stands out, in contrast with that of other commanders who sought to carry out their instructions loyally and accurately, in a light detrimental to your own reputation. And second, that you can not be allowed to pass off your responsibilities in this way in contravention of orders.

The Headquarters Guard is being formed for two purposes. The first is to train a battalion to a high pitch from which companies will be drawn for the protection of, and duties at, Corps and Divisional Headquarters. In this way it is hoped that units will be relieved of providing duty companies for Headquarters. The second is to relieve battalions of older men who may not stand up to the hardships of front line campaigning and who, under front line conditions, will soon become ineffective, to the detriment of the unit as well as being the cause of a considerable financial loss to the State.

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But the point that I desire to stress is, that if the A.I.F. is to become what both you and I desire it shall become, loyalty to the unit must not overshadow loyalty to the A.I.F. and you must realise your command, not as a thing apart, but as a part of something bigger and greater which can only reach its greatest strength and power if the spirit of co-operation extends to every part of it.



Lieutenant-General.  
Commanding 1st Australian Corps.

W.D.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Adv. Headquarters,  
1 Aust Corps,  
G a z a.

14 Sep 40.

List 'A'  
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CO-OPERATION - LETTER TO ALL COMMANDING OFFICERS  
f r o m  
G. O. C., 1st AUST CORPS.

I am directed to forward herewith one copy of  
a letter addressed individually to all Commanding Officers  
of Units of the A.I.F. serving in the Middle East.

*Guestiney* Major.  
D.A.A.G. 1 Aust Corps



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Lieutenant-General.  
Commanding 1st Australian Corps.

NOTES ON THE USE OF TELEPHONES.

The congested state of telephones in EGYPT and other war areas necessitates all officers doing their best to reduce congestion. The only alternative to everyone taking a personal interest in this matter is to reduce the number who are allowed to use trunk lines, and it is hoped that this measure will not have to be resorted to.

The following notes are appended to remind telephone users of the different points where they can assist in avoiding this congestion.

- (1) The telephone is a military instrument and NOT a social convenience.
- (2) No telephone call should be made if other means of obtaining what you want can be used without detriment to efficiency.
- (3) The officer who "dwells" on the telephone is a nuisance on an internal system and often a bore, but the officer who "dwells" on a trunk call is a menace to the Army. From this it will be seen that the trunk call user is the one who must take most trouble to cut down his calls.
- (4) To avoid unnecessary trunk calls ask yourself :-
  - (a) Would a letter by D.R.L.S. be just as good, or
  - (b) Could the subject be dealt with in a telegram.

If neither of the above will meet the case, think what you have to say before calling, have your references ready to refer to, when the call comes through make it snappy and ring off.

- (5) Always keep your temper, be polite, clear and firm, with the exchange operators. If you need to know why, call at any Headquarters exchange between the hours of 1100 and 1300 and ask the Supervisor if you can watch them working for five minutes, when you will get the answer. Much delay is caused in trunk calls by officers not realising the above and not taking the trouble to look up numbers if available, or asking for appointments by the wrong name, or by asking for officers by name with whom the operators are not acquainted.
- (6) When called, answer the telephone by giving your rank, name and appointment, the caller should then give you his (or hers) for identification purposes, after which, the conversation should commence.
- (7) Remember the danger of the telephone as a source of leakage of information -
  - (a) Lines can be "tapped" and the elusive spy can intercept your conversation. But by far the biggest danger is the officer who talks loosely on the telephone, imagining that he is immune from over-hearing which every telephone is liable to outside house telephones.
  - (b) Care should also be taken that the hand-set is not left lying on the table waiting for someone to come and answer. Any conversation carried on near it is carried to the outside station. Instances have recently occurred of a Most Secret conversation being transferred from one town to another by this means.
  - (c) Many consider that by garbling the message into racy language or by other means, its meaning is hidden. This also has proved quite wrong on occasion.

SECRET

EXTRACTS FROM NOTES ON VISIT TO WESTERN DESERT.

1. ARTILLERY AS AN A/T WEAPON

(a) Weapons: Practically every 18-pr in the area is doing an A/T task, and is an efficient weapon for the job. All are on platforms. These platforms are those manufactured for steel-tyred guns, but have been used successfully with the narrow pneumatic tyres fitted to the guns seen. They were improved by building the edge up with sand-bags, and, in one case, a concrete runway.

No How. is being used as an A/T weapon. Of the A/T guns, the Vickers 2-pr is largely being manned by infantry, and the A/T Bty is armed with Bofors.

At ---- there are in addition a number of moribund medium tanks which have been buried and whose 3-pr guns are used for the same purpose.

25-prs, on account of their range and scarcity, are not being used for A/T purposes, except in the mobile operations on the frontier.

(b) Ammunition: There seems to be a difference of opinion as to the most suitable fuze for use with 18-prs against tanks. The No. 101 seems the best answer. When the No. 106 is used, some Comds advocate leaving the cap on and this seems an advantage. A near miss which would normally damage the tracks may be wasted if this is done.

(c) Co-ordination: In the - and -- areas the siting was done by the B.C. of the A/T Bty, in consultation with the Inf Bde Cmr and the C.R.A. These gun positions are the first positions chosen and the infantry dispositions are fitted in later. In - the siting was done by the CRA in accordance with a definite plan by the Brigadier.

This priority of the gun in a position to be defended against tanks was emphasised continuously, and one infantry post half completed was moved because it was too close to a site chosen for a gun.

While the infantry were preparing their position the A/T B.C. visited his various sites with his Tp Cmr and met the infantry in the area. In very many cases he was met with requests for help in the siting of the Boys Rifle, and once, in answer to a question as to where the Boys Rifle was going, he was told: "Well, it is up to you, Sir, to say where you would like it."

In fact, one of these weapons was normally sited about 20 yds from each gun, and with a similar arc, so that light tanks could be dealt with without disclosing the gun site.

(d) Protection: The forward guns were in all cases in the front line of the infantry (excluding minor outposts, etc). Infantry posts were sited to give them good protection against unarmored troops.

Every gun had its own Bren LMG, which was intended primarily for A.A. defence, and for which a site would be prepared some 20 yds from the gun.

In more than one case, the B.C. was asked by the Brigadier whether he was satisfied with the protection planned.

The general opinion was that in mobile operations, two, or at least one, Bren Carrier per gun would be normal protection.

(e) Control: All guns, though sited by A/T B.C. remain under the control of their own Regt. When battle commences, all guns of all types come under command of Inf Bde in their sector. All communications are through the Infantry.

W. Murray

## NOTES ON VISIT TO WESTERN DESERT -- Contd.

(f) Administration: The feeding of detached guns has been solved by issuing each detachment with a stove improvised from a petrol tin and cooking is done on the position with wood.

(g) Siting: (i) All guns were defiladed from the front and from high ground, mostly by natural hillocks, but in a few cases by artificial ones.

(ii) Ranges, if possible, were between 400 and 600 yds.

(iii) Zones varied with the country; they were always limited by the defilade, and in most cases had an arc in one direction only. Zones were of the order between 45 degs and 120 degs. A flank gun in one case had to be prepared to cover two zones of about 130 degs. each.

(iv) Lines of fire, where possible, were onfilading an A/T obstacle. Obstacles take the form of water, a trench, Danner's Wire, Dragons' Teeth and hedgehogs. All likely approaches were covered. Dragons' Teeth are not regarded as effective, but the hedgehogs are.

(v) The defence was carried to a considerable depth and 18-prs were used in the rear positions, normally in the third line.

(h) Concealment: Guns were defiladed, dug in and camouflaged with netting. The Desert is exceptionally easy to hide.

## 2. AIR RAIDS and WEAPONS

Apart from an intensified bombing of - to coincide with his advance, the enemy produced a crop of "bombs" which have been called "Thermos Flasks" or "Bobby Bombs".

The H.E. bombs have done comparatively little damage and have not successfully delayed the work there. The slit trench and dug-in tent are an answer to everything but a direct hit. All the casualties in - resulted from one direct hit on a trench, and through personnel running too far from a trench. If a trench is not close, it is better to lie down at once. No one so doing has been hurt at - and it is a regimental order in - Regt that no one shall run for a trench. If one is not within quick walking distance, the man must lie down.

The "Thermos Flask" is really a hand mine dropped from a plane. If all ranks know their appearance and action, and are reasonably careful, only very few casualties should occur.

If they are known to have been dropped in an area, the following precautions are suggested:-

- i. Picket the area at once.
- ii. Explode immediately any bombs blocking an essential track.
- iii. Enforce STRICT track discipline at all times.
- iv. Clean up the area as opportunity offers.

A plane dropping these must fly fairly low and offers a good target to all A.A. personnel.

## 3. M.T.

(a) All self-propelled vehicles had wide-section tyres, some being very similar to those of Vans B/S and Harmons. Very little or no difficulty has resulted from this. In the opinion of the C.O.M.E. sand-tyres will not be necessary in dry weather, and will be a disadvantage after rain. Light recon vehicles do need a wide tyre of some sort.

NOTES ON VISIT TO WESTERN DESERT -- Contd.

(b) The Humber has proved unsatisfactory because its knee-action allows rocks to hit the sump. All have now been replaced by Fords with wide tyres, and these are proving very satisfactory. Their weaknesses have been overcome, by special strengthening.

(c) The Harrier F.W.D. is used by the - Regt, but no opportunity was found of obtaining their opinion of them. They have a good reputation with other Units.

A Morris F.W.D. is used by - Regt and has proved very satisfactory, except for certain structural weaknesses, which have now been largely overcome. To drive, the "feel" of a M-H is much more satisfactory.

(d) Efficient air-filters and care of them are essential.

(e) M.C's are used and are as useful as anywhere else. The country in parts is very hard on their tyres.

4. LIAISON OFFICERS

Much more use is made of Liaison Officers than in the AIF. They are a most effective means of getting urgent information or orders direct to Units.

5. GENERAL POINTS

(a) HQ. The marking of routes to HQ and the forwarding to both higher and lower formations or units of a location statement, are matters which require IMMEDIATE attention on coming to a new position.

(b) Telephones. Metallic return has been found essential on all lines as an earth return needs continuous water which is NOT available. This might perhaps be overcome for short periods by carrying a tin of sea water.

(c) A/Gas Precautions. Troops are being practised continuously in working for short periods wearing or carrying respirators and/or eyeshields.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

1 Aust Corps,  
G A Z A.

23 Oct. 40.

LEAVE TIMETABLE NO. 4.

PERIOD 28 OCT. 40 to 10 NOV. 40.

1. The Leave Timetable for the period 28 Oct. 40 to 10 Nov. 40, covering 1 and 2 day Leave Parties to Jerusalem and 1 day leave Parties to Tel Aviv is attached - Appendix "A".

2. Until further notice, conditions governing these Leave Parties will be the same as those appertaining hitherto.

3. For the purpose of 1 Day Leave, Gaza Town and Gaza Ridge Camps have been included as one Unit, and arrangements for both Camps will be made by Camp Commandant, 1 Aust Corps, stationed at Gaza Town.

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APPENDIX "A".

LEAVE TIMETABLE NO. 4.

Serial	Date	Day	Leave Place	(a) Gaza Ridge and Corps H.Q.	(b) Kilo 89	(c) Deir Suncid.	(d) Beit Jirja	(e) Barbara.
1.	Mon 28 Oct.	1	Jerusalem	-	-	-	50P	-
		1	Tel Aviv.	50P	100	50	100	-
		2	Jerusalem	-	25	-	-	25
2.	Tues 29 Oct.	1	Jerusalem	-	50P	50	-	-
		1	Tel Aviv	25	-	50P	150	50
		2	Jerusalem	-	-	-	50	-
3.	Wed 30 Oct.	1	Jerusalem	50	-	-	-	50P
		1	Tel Aviv	-	100P	-	-	-
		2	Jerusalem	-	25	25	-	-
4.	Thurs 31 Oct	1	Jerusalem	-	50	-	100P	-
		1	Tel Aviv	50	50	50	-	50P
		2	Jerusalem	25	-	-	-	25
5.	Frid 1 Nov	1	Jerusalem	-	100	50P	-	-
		1	Tel Aviv	50	-	-	100P	50
		2	Jerusalem	-	-	-	50	-
6.	Sat 2 Nov.	1	Jerusalem	50P	-	-	-	50
		1	Tel Aviv	-	100P	50	-	-
		2	Jerusalem	-	25	-	-	25
7.	Sun 3 Nov	1	Jerusalem	-	-	-	100P	-
		1	Tel Aviv	-	100	-	-	50P
		2	Jerusalem	25	-	25	-	-
8.	Mon 4 Nov	1	Jerusalem	-	100P	-	-	50
		1	Tel Aviv	50P	-	50	150	-
		2	Jerusalem	-	-	-	25	-
9.	Tues 5 Nov	1	Jerusalem	50	-	50P	-	-
		1	Tel Aviv	-	100P	-	150	50
		2	Jerusalem	25	-	-	-	25
10.	Wed 6 Nov	1	Jerusalem	-	-	-	150P	-
		1	Tel Aviv	50P	50	25	-	50.
		2	Jerusalem	-	25	25	-	-
11.	Thurs 7 Nov	1	Jerusalem	50	50P	-	-	50
		1	Tel Aviv	-	100	50	150P	50
		2	Jerusalem	25	-	-	-	-
12.	Frid 8 Nov	1	Jerusalem	25	-	-	100P	-
		1	Tel Aviv	50	100	50P	-	-
		2	Jerusalem	-	-	25	-	-
13.	Sat 9 Nov	1	Jerusalem	-	-	50P	-	-
		1	Tel Aviv	-	-	-	100	50P
		2	Jerusalem	25	25	-	-	-
14.	Sun 10 Nov	1	Jerusalem	-	-	-	100P	-
		1	Tel Aviv	50	50P	50	-	-
		2	Jerusalem	-	-	-	25	25



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Headquarters,  
1 Aus Corps,  
GAZA.

No. 143Q.

5 Sep 40.

*War Diary*

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WAR EQUIPMENT POSITION AS AT  
1 SEP 40 - C.R.M.E./7867/Q

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2. The return is to be submitted through the following channels:-

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OCTAGON  
SAMBO  
BARREL  
A.A.S.C. 6 AUS DIV

Through D.A.D.O.S.  
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Through A.D.O.S. 1 Aus Corps to Force H.Q.

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HQ 1 Aust Corps  
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1 AUST CORPS.

GS Instruction No. 27.

Information for units arriving in the Corps Area.

GENERAL.

1. The following paragraphs are published for the information of units etc arriving in the area. Unless so stated they will have the force of an order.

DEFENCE AGAINST AIR ATTACK.

2. (a) Each camp will be responsible for its own protection.  
(b) A Coast Watching Service, manned by the Palestine Police, is in posn along the coast. Reports from posts are relayed to camps through a military exchange called 'GAZA CONTROL EXCHANGE'. Liaison is also arranged through this control with the rest of Palestine.

Messages received will usually follow a pre-arranged code, copies of which are issued separately.

(c) On receipt of warning that hostile or unknown aircraft are over Palestine, Camp look-outs should be warned. An air raid warning should only be sounded when it is clear that the area is liable to attack.

(d) Engagement of aircraft with small arms fire.

Aircraft will NOT be engaged by Small Arms A.A. defences unless:-

- i. They are within range, i.e. below 2,000 feet and
- ii. They are definitely recognised as hostile

or

- iii. If of unknown identity, they commit an hostile act against the area so protected.

All ranks will be further practised in recognition of (our own) aircraft.

(e) LMGs etc allotted to AA posts may be used for tng in the vicinity of such posts, but will be mounted on sounding of a warning.

PASSIVE AIR DEFENCE.

3. (a) PAD Schemes Each camp will prepare and put into execution a PAD scheme, type scheme att at Appx 'A'. The Camp SO will be the Camp PAD offr. See also "Defence against Gas and Air Raids, Pam 3, Chap I.5 and Chap VIII.

(b) Dispersion. Particular attention will be paid to dispersion. Dispersion of tents in small gps with wide spaces between gps is better than a uniform dispersion throughout the area. (Cf the old 'arty formation') Vehicles should be similarly dispersed. (See also 'Notes on Concealment and Camouflage, M.T. Pam 26, Sec 8).

(c) Blackout conditions will be imposed from dusk to dawn.

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Reference Z.B.

(d) Camouflage. All tents and buildings will be camouflaged. Details of suitable methods will be issued separately.

SECURITY

4. (a) Arms and Amn. Every precaution will be taken to ensure against loss of arms and amn. Full details are published in SOs AIF Palestine at Sec I.

(b) Censorship. See Sec I of SOs AIF Palestine.

(c) Security of Information. The contents of GS Circular No 19 dated 14 Oct 40, republished at Appx 'C' will be strictly observed.

UNEXPLODED AIRCRAFT BOMBS

5. The location of any unexploded aircraft bomb will be reported immediately by Signal to this HQ. A guard will be placed near the bomb to prevent interference with it by any unauthorized person. (For disposal see CR/PAL/16750/G dated 9 Sep 40).

UNEXPLODED BOMBS, AMMUNITION and EXPLOSIVES - Finding to be reported.

6. Old bombs, shells or explosives of any kind that may be found in this area are to be reported to the nearest RAE unit which will arrange for their demolition.

MALARIAL AREAS

7. (a) Certain areas in the 1 Aust Corps tng area are malarial and tps must NOT camp in their vicinity.

(b) Details of Malarial areas are att at Appx 'B'.

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PRO FORMA

APPX "A".

PAD SCHEME for .....

Copy No.....

Date .....

1. DESCRIPTION OF AREA.

(a) This area consists of all offices, huts, etc. in .....  
..... as shown in att Map in Appx "A".

(b) It is divided into sectors as shown in above map. Apprecia-  
tion of Area from point of view of Air Attack.....

(c) List of offices, huts, etc., and usual number of occupants  
is shown in Appx "B"

2. ORGANIZATION.

The Comd of the Area is .....

The Area PAD Officer is .....

The Sector PAD Offrs are :-

(A) .....

(B) .....

(C) .....

(The duties of the above Offrs are as laid down in "Protection  
against Gas and Air Raids Pam 3").

3. INFORMATION.

The object of this scheme is -

- (a) To organize protection against all forms of air attack.
- (b) To lay down the services required for that purpose.

The most likely forms of attack are :-

- (a) H.E. bombs
- (b) Incendiary agents
- (c) Gas attack from aircraft.

4. SHELTERS.

Two types of shelters will be provided :-

(a) Slit Trenches. These will be sited and dug near all offices  
and huts in such a position that persons they are designed to  
protect can reach them within 3 minutes.

The trace should be of zig-zag type with traverses of not  
more than 15 feet. Trenches will be 4 ft deep- the sides being  
at a slope of 4/1.

Steps will be provided at entrance and provision made for  
drainage.

(b) Shelters in existing buildings. The ceiling should be  
strutted so as to enable it to carry the estimated debris load;  
Engr Services will advise material necessary and quantity of  
strutting required. Protection against splinter and blast effects  
will be provided to a minimum height of 5 ft.

(c) Protection of Personnel. Provision will be made for protection of key men and vital centres such as :-

- (i) Comd Post
- (ii) Telephone Switchboard
- (iii) Other important buildings such as certain rooms of HQ etc.

In addition an alternative position will be provided for Comd Post say in full depth trench with overhead cover. (See Protection against Gas and Air Raids Pam 3 Sec 20).

5. FIRE FIGHTING.

Fire points will be provided as required in all buildings. Their location is shown in Appx "C".

6. PROTECTION AGAINST GAS.

(a) The Gas Defence Centre will be at ..... It will be the base for the Decn Squad and all the eqpt will be stored there.

(b) The Gas Cleansing Centre will be at .....

(c) All dumps of stores and eqpt in the open will be kept covered.

7. WARNING SIGNALS.

All signals will be made on general warning sirens installed at .....; they will be :-

- |     |  |                   |
|-----|--|-------------------|
| (a) | Series of long blasts                          | <u>Air Attack</u> |
| (b) | Series of short blasts                         | <u>Air Spray</u>  |
| (c) | One continuous blast                           | <u>Gas Attack</u> |
| (d) | Two long blasts repeated at 5 second intervals | <u>All Clear</u>  |

They will be sounded on the order of the Area Comd or PAD offr.

8. THE DEMOLITION AND RESCUE PARTY will be based at .....

9. INTERCOMM.

The Comd Post will be at .....and will be connected by telephone to Centres and Posts detailed in paras 6,8,10,11.

Emergency and alternative comms will be by DRs operating from Comd Post.

10. THE FIRST AID POST will be established at .....

11. POLICE.

The Police Post will be at .....

12. GENERAL.

(a) Manning Details of this scheme will be notified later in Appx "D".

(b) All centres will be clearly sign posted and all ranks will make themselves familiar with the locations.

(c) All PAD Eqpt will be inspected at regular intervals by PAD Offr.

.....(Signature)

# MALARIA AREAS

## APPENDIX "B"

### —LEGEND—

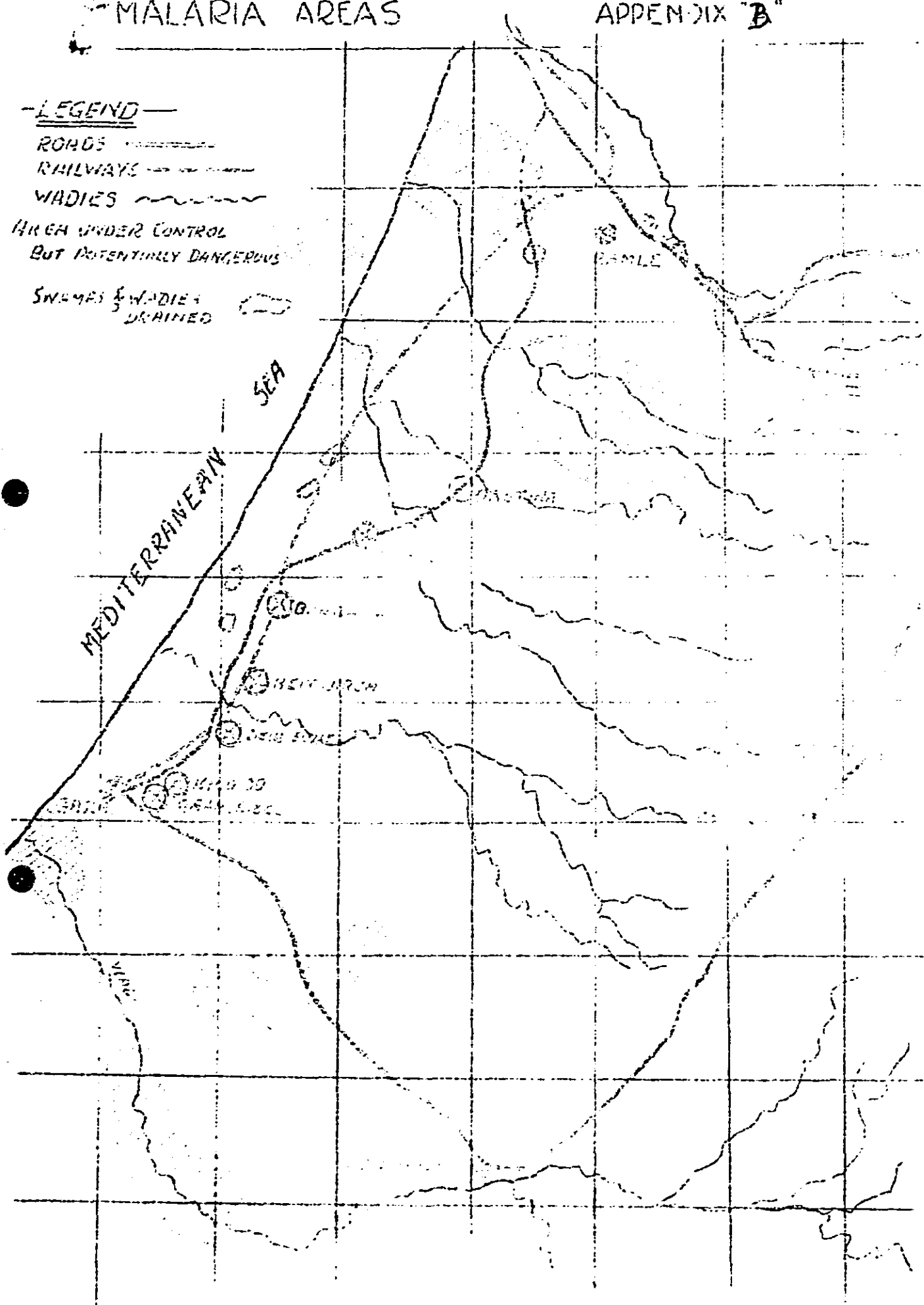
ROADS ————

RAILWAYS ————

WADIES ~~~~~

AREA UNDER CONTROL  
BUT POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS

SWAMPS & WADIES  
DRAINED



APPX "C".

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Headquarters,  
1 Aust Corps,  
GAZA  
14 Oct 40.

1 Aust Corps

GS CIRCULAR NO 19

SECURITY OF INFORMATION.

1. It is becoming increasingly evident that information about troop movements, either in progress or projected, is the subject of discussion by many members of the A.I.F., who normally have not access to the sources of such information. It is obvious that official matter which has been conveyed to certain recipients under secret cover, is being disclosed in a highly irregular and dangerous manner.
2. There is, in addition, a considerable amount of idle gossip regarding troop movements which however, contains such elements of truth as to make it appear that it derives from official sources.
3. This matter has already been referred to in Adv HQ 1 Aust Corps Circular G2 of 12 Aug 40, and G4 of 26 Aug 40 (issued to certain recipients only), as well as 1 Aust Corps GS Circular No. 5 of 3 Sep 40 (issued to all recipients).
4. The fact that it should now be necessary again to direct attention to this matter is evidence that some personnel having access to secret information have little sense of their responsibilities, as it must be appreciated that the leakage of information of this nature constitutes a source of potential danger to our own troops.
5. All concerned are accordingly warned that it is proposed to institute the closest enquiries into any cases of discussion of troop movements by unauthorized persons, which are subsequently brought to notice, and to take the most severe disciplinary action against any one so offending.

(Sgd) S. F. ROWELL  
Brig,  
GS 1 Aust Corps.

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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

ADV Headquarters,  
I Aust Corps,  
GAZA.  
12 Sep.40.

<u>Camp Commander.</u>	
Barbara.	4
Deir Suneid.	2
Kilo 89.	6
Gaza Ridge.	3
Camp Commandant, Corps HQ.2	
Commissioner Goward.	4
6 Aust Div.	2
A.P.M.I Aust Corps.	2
R.T.O. Gaza.	1
G.P.M.	1
Capt. Caddy, A.J.	2
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Spares.	20
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} for information.

## 1 AUST CORPS CIRCULAR NO. A1

### LEAVE - CAIRO.

1. The following instructions will be observed and adhered to relative to parties of selected personnel from A.I.F. in Palestine proceeding on leave for one week to Cairo.

Parties at present will consist of 5 Officers and 50 Other Ranks.

### 2. ALLOTMENT TO CAMPS.

<u>Camp.</u>	<u>Oftrs.</u>	<u>ORs.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Barbara.	1	15	16
Kilo 89 (inclg GBD)	2	20	22
Gaza Ridge	2	15	17
Deir Suneid			
Corps HQ.			
	5	50	55

The next leave party will leave Gaza Railway Station on Monday, 16 September, 1940, and thence every following Monday.

### 3. COMMAND IN CAIRO.

Leave parties in Cairo will come under Command of Capt. A.J. Caddy, stationed at the "Victoria Hotel".

Capt. A.J. Caddy will be assisted by Provost Detachment of 9 other ranks already established in Cairo.

4. ACCOMMODATION.

Officers:- First night in Cairo they will stay at "Minerva" Hotel. Thereafter they will make their own arrangements. "Minerva" Hotel recommended. Capt. A.J. Caddy to be notified of address.

Other Ranks:- Victoria Hotel.

5. TRAVELLING.

(a) Leave parties will leave Gaza Railway Station at 1240 hrs. each Monday and will return to such Station at 0428 hrs. on the following Tuesday week thus allowing for one week's leave in Cairo.

(b) Whilst travelling from Gaza to Cairo and from Cairo to Gaza each leave party will be under Command of the senior officer travelling. This officer will submit a report to this HQ. of any occurrence of note or recommendation covering his tour of duty within three days of his return.

(c) Meals. N.A.A.F.I. at Kantara East will provide meals at reasonable cost on both forward and return journeys

(d) Bus travelling from Cairo Railway Station to Hotel by other ranks will be arranged by Capt. A.J. Caddy and notified to G i/c leave party on arrival in Cairo.

6. COST.

(a) <u>Officers:-</u>	Accommodation - 7 days @ 600 mils (rate of "Minerva" Hotel).	4,200 mils
	Travelling - train, approx.	2,000 "
	Bus hire and Exchange.	100 "
		-----
		6,300 "
		-----

<u>Other Ranks:-</u>	Accommodation - 7 days @ 400 mils.	2,800 mils
	Travelling - train, approx	1,100 "
	Bus hire & Exchange.	100 "
		-----
		4,000 "
		-----

Above costs do not cover any meals taken at Kantara East on both forward and return journeys.

7. DRESS AND EQUIPMENT.

(a) Dress. Shorts and shirts will be worn on reporting and when desired on leave. Service dress will be carried by all ranks.

(b) Equipment. Steel Helmet and Respirator will be carried by all ranks. Officers only will carry revolvers. Water bottles will be filled and carried by all ranks on both the forward and return journey.

8. ADMINISTRATION.

Camp Commanders will detail an officer in charge of respective Camp leave parties. Such officer will be responsible for:-

- (a) The handing over of a nominal roll of his Camp party to the senior officer travelling at 1130 hrs. each Monday at Gaza Railway Station. These rolls will be handed to Capt. A.J.Caddy immediately upon arrival at Cairo Station.
- (b) The handing over to Capt. Caddy at the Victoria Hotel, Cairo of sufficient funds to cover the cost of board and accommodation for all other ranks in his Camp party. This money will be collected under unit arrangements and handed to the Camp officer detailed.
- (c) The correct preparation of "single" rail warrants and making provision therein for all ranks comprising his leave party. Two sets of such rail warrants will be made out to cover the forward journey from Gaza to Kantara East, and Kantara West to Cairo, respectively. Return warrants will be obtained in Cairo prior to return.
- (d) Reporting his party to R.T.O., Gaza Station not later than 1200 hrs. on the day of departure and procuring from R.T.O., Gaza rail tickets for his party.

9. NOMINAL ROLLS.

Camp Headquarters will render to this HQ. on the Saturday immediately preceding the departure of leave parties nominal rolls in duplicate detailing the number and names of all ranks selected, the O i/c Camp leave party and the monies collected from Camp leave personnel in respect of the costs to be incurred.

10. Attention is drawn to the following in the selection of personnel for Cairo leave.

- (a) The leave is to be regarded as a reward for good conduct and application to duty.
- (b) Only personnel with sufficient money in their paybook to cover the costs mentioned and normal expenditure should be selected.
- (c) Personnel should be a credit to the A.I.F., and such as may be expected while on leave to conduct themselves accordingly.
- (d) As far as possible leave within camps should be allotted to a minimum number of units

11. PAY.

- (a) Arrangements have now been made whereby personnel proceeding on leave may draw pay whilst in Cairo from 6 Div Cash Office located at Victoria Hotel.

11.(b) Chief Paymaster A.I.F.will:-

- (i) Make pay available for all ranks at Gaza Station on each Monday commencing from 1130 hrs.
- (ii) Change Palestinian Money into Egyptian Currency concurrent with the issue of pay.
- (iii) Convert Egyptian money into Palestinian currency at 0430 hrs on each Tuesday morning at Gaza Station.

12. PAYBOOKS.

It is essential that all ranks be in possession of paybooks to serve as means of identification for passing into Egypt. also certificates in the form set out in Appendix "A" to this circular.

13. SOCIAL AMENITIES, ETC, CAIRO.

Lecture. Capt. A.J.Caddy will address troops on leave at the Victoria Hotel on the Tuesday immediately following the day of arrival of each visit.

To all officers. 1030 hrs.  
To all other ranks. 0930 hrs.

and give details of places to visit and general conditions in Cairo, also all information regarding Theatres, Cabarets, and taxi charges.

Capt. Caddy has an office in the Victoria Hotel and will be there daily from 0900 hrs. to 1030 hrs.

14. CLUBS.

(i) Officers.

(a) TURF CLUB. 19 Sharia Adly Pasha. Officers are admitted as guests for a period up to five days without payment (one period only). At the Turf Club there are reading rooms, billiard rooms, lunch room and, at night, dining in the open roof garden. Drinks at the bar or in the various lounges are cheaper than in hotels.

(b) GEZIRA SPORTING CLUB, on Gezira Island. Officers may take out temporary membership for a period of one week on payment of 10/- at the office of the Secretary of the Club (in the Club Grounds). The Club offers every sporting facility such as cricket, squash, tennis, golf, racing (for which an additional charge is made). There is an excellent swimming pool, reading and dressing rooms and bars adjoining. In addition to lunch, supper is available on three nights weekly. This Club is undoubtedly the finest investment for any officer on leave.

(ii) Other Ranks.

(a) EMPIRE SERVICES CLUB, Sharia Emad-el-Dine. Excellent meals are obtainable under ideal conditions of cleanliness and at a minimum cost. There is a bar where drinks are sold at most reasonable prices. Books and games are available and frequent concerts are arranged for the troops.

14. (ii) (b) EMPIRE SERVICES CLUB, Esbekiah Gardens, Cairo.  
This Club is situated in the pleasant surroundings of the gardens and in addition to meals there is an excellent swimming pool.

(c) TIPPERARY CLUB, Rue Fouad, (near Esbekiah Gardens).  
Tea or light meals can be obtained from 1100 hrs. till about 2100 hrs. Reading rooms are available and the Club offers a resting place in the heart of the City.

15. COINAGE.

(a) Troops on leave should not accept 20 piastre pieces (a very large coin similar to our own crown piece). Other coins should always be examined carefully and well-worn coins declined. You cannot hurt anybody's feelings in Egypt by "ringing" each coin on the counter.

(b) It is not uncommon for waiters to present change for a 10/- note when £1 is presented. This happens more frequently as the evening advances; Change should always be demanded immediately.

(c) Exchange. £E1 equals 1,000 mils or 100 piastres. Money should be changed at the Ottoman Bank (96 pts) or Barclays Bank (95 pts).

16 MEALS EN ROUTE.

Arrangements have been made at Gaza and Kantara East Railway Stations for meals. Prices are dependent upon particular tastes and meals will be paid for by personnel partaking.

17. BAGGAGE.

Officers with baggage in excess of comfortable travelling are advised to book the same through to Cairo.

18. CONDUCT.

Particular attention should be paid to appearance and conduct at all times. Personnel on leave are representing Australia and any reports of misconduct may mean the cancellation of leave for others and discredit for the A.I.F.

*A. J. Davis*  
for Lieut. Col.  
A.Q.M.G. 1 Aust Corps.

APPENDIX "A".

.....No.....Name.....Rank  
of.....(Regiment or Corps) is a member of  
H.M. Forces and is proceeding to..... on the  
..... (date).

Date.....

Signed.....  
Rank.....  
Regiment Or Corps.....

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Headquarters,  
1 Aust Corps,  
GAZA.

5 Oct 40.

1 AUST CORPS G.S. CIRCULAR NO. 17.

ITALIAN DELAY ACTION BOMBS.  
(Ref. 1 Aust Corps Memo S 154, para 4)

Advice has been received that delay action bombs dropped  
at ALEXANDRIA on the morning of 22 Sep 40 have since exploded  
at the following intervals:-

After 33½ (thirty-three and half) hours.  
" 42½ (forty-two and half) "  
" 3 days 21 hrs (twenty-one).

*J. R. Bryson* Capt  
Brig.,  
GS 1 Aust Corps.

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1 Aust Corps,  
GAZA.

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G.S. CIRCULAR No. 18.

NOTES ON VISIT TO WESTERN DESERT.

The attached extracts from notes of a visit by an Officer of 2/2 Fd Regt to the Western Desert recently are circulated for information.

These notes contain much useful information and will repay careful study.

*A. Howell*  
Brig.,  
GS 1 Aust Corps.

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*W. Kennedy*

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17 Oct 40.

GS CIRCULAR NO 22

CENSORSHIP CHRISTMAS CARDS

1. The following order issued by Chief Censor GHQ ME is repeated for information.

"Owing to the necessity to economise in paper, it now appears possible that all Christmas cards will be forbidden.

No Christmas Card should therefore be passed by the Deputy Chief Field Censor without reference to the Chief Field Censor, General Headquarters, Middle East, as we do not want units to go to the expense of having cards printed and then find later on that their distribution is forbidden."

2. All formations and units intending to print Christmas Cards, in the event of ban not being imposed, must submit specimen designs of Christmas Card to HQ 1 Aust Corps for necessary action pursuant to the order above-mentioned.

*W. Kennedy*  
for Major  
Brig.  
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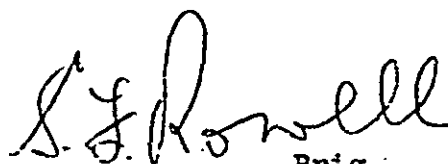
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24 Oct 40.

GS CIRCULAR No. 24.

THIEVING IN CAMPS AND AREAS UNDER 1 AUST CORPS.

1. Attention is directed to the fact that in the past few days three (3) rifles and a number of other articles have been thieved from Camps in the Corps Area.
2. Immediate action will be taken by all Commanders to ensure that the instructions covering the safe-guarding of arms and ammunition are fully observed, and that every precaution be taken to ensure that this thieving does not continue.
3. Sentries charged with duty of protecting arms and ammunition and other Government property will use every means to ensure its safe-guarding. When other means fail and the circumstances demands, they are authorised to shoot.
4. These losses are undoubtedly known to the local population, and it may therefore be expected that unless our precautions are adequate there will be an increase in the attempts to thieve.

  
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GAZA.

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1 AUST CORPS CIRCULAR No. A2.

HOURS OF DUTY - 1 AUST CORPS H.Q., GAZA.

1. In order to meet the changed conditions due to reversion to standard time and to allow personnel some period for recreation in the evening, the hours of duty, on and from Friday 4th October, will be as follows :-

0745 hrs	to	1215 hrs
1315 hrs	to	1545 hrs

2. All concerned will adjust daily routine to comply with these variations.

*G. W. M. S. M. S.*  
D.A.A.G. Major,  
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1 AUSTRALIAN CORPS CIRCULAR NO. 13.

AMENDMENTS TO A.M.R.O.s.

The following amendments of general interest are contained in Serial No. 23 of A.M.R.O. Amendments; and are published for information of all concerned:

A.M.R. & O. 316 is amended by inserting at the end of sub-paragraph (i) the words "They are also forbidden to furnish testimonials to any company, firm, or person in respect of the quality of commodities supplied for military purposes."

(831/2/91.)

A.M.R. & O. 331 and 332 are repealed and the following order is inserted in their stead:-

"331. (i) An officer or W.O. liable to arrest may be placed under arrest by a competent authority when charged with an offence, but will not normally be placed under arrest by an authority other than his C.O. unless the needs of discipline so require, nor will he be kept under arrest unless his C.O. is satisfied, on investigation, that it will be necessary to proceed with the case and to report it to superior authority.

(2) When an officer or W.O. is placed under arrest, the C.O., unless he dismisses the case, will report the matter without delay to the formation, &c., commander.

(3) An M.C.O. liable to arrest may be placed under arrest by a competent authority when charged with a serious offence. If, however, the offence alleged appears not to be serious, it should be investigated and disposed of without previous arrest."

(831/2/91.)

A.M.R. & O. 337 is amended by inserting at the end thereof the words "If the offence alleged is not of a serious nature, the offender should not normally be placed under arrest, but should be informed of the charge and ordered to attend at orderly room at a specified time."

(831/2/91.)

A.M.R. & O. 369 is amended by inserting in sub-paragraph (2), next after the word "his", the words "bedding and".

(831/2/91.)

A.M.R. & O. 370 is amended by omitting sub-paragraph (i) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph:-

"(i) Except as provided in paragraph 333 (2) a soldier under close arrest will be allowed the use of his bedding."

(831/2/91.)

A.M.R. & O. 372 is amended by omitting the words "soldier under arrest" and inserting in their stead the words "private soldier".

(831/2/91.)

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Other amendments of less general interest contained in Serial 23 are: (i) Alterations to A.M.R.O. 137(1A), affecting the Citizen Forces only; (ii) The insertion of an A.M.R.C. 213A dealing with promotion above the rank of sergeant in A.A.M.C. (Citizen Forces); (iii) The insertion of a footnote to Appendix X indicating that the Defence (Visiting Forces) Act 1939 was proclaimed to commence on 1 Jun 40; (iv) The repeal of Appendix IV and the insertion of a new Appendix IV containing nine new Court Martial delegations; and (v) The alteration of the statements of offence under A.M.R.O. 210 and the insertion of statements of offence under A.M.R.O. 210A (Appendix I).

*John H. K. Cpr*  
*for* Major.  
D.A.M.G., 1 Aust Corps.

Headquarters,  
1 Aust Corps,  
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1 Aust Corps,  
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A.C.S.O.  
Gen Base Depot  
HQ Tng Depot (4)  
1 Aust Gen Hosp  
2 Aust Gen Hosp  
Aust Base Ord Depot  
2/1 A.Fd Wkshop  
GOC  
G  
A  
Q  
Q(M)  
APM  
Camp  
Area Comdt, GAZA (6)  
DAPM, GAZA  
File (2)  
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Spares (13)

CONTROL OF AIRCRAFT.

1. Attached is copy of Force HQ CR/PAL/15308/G dated 2 Oct 40, in which units are asked to advise movements of R.A.F. aircraft.

2. It will be noted that the Instruction refers only to aircraft which have landed at the request of units of formations.

*J.D. Rogers Maj*  
for Brig.,  
GS 1 Aust Corps.

SUBJECT:- Control of Aircraft.

S E C R E T.

Force H.Q.  
CR/PAL/15308/G.  
2 Oct 40.

1 Aust Corps.  
1 Cav Div.  
5 Cav Bde.  
Jsm Area.  
Lydda Area.  
O.C.Troops, Cyprus.

H.Q., R.A.F. ) for inf.

1. Difficulty is being experienced in checking movements of R.A.F. aircraft in Palestine and Cyprus.
2. In order to facilitate this the following procedure will be adopted:-
  - (a) Units will report by priority telephone calls or by immediate signal to their nearest A.R.C. the departure of aircraft from landing grounds, e.g. JERUSALEM, etc., which are adjacent to their camp or on which they have landed at the request of the unit/formation. (R.A.F. aerodrome landing grounds are excluded from this arrangement).
  - (b) The information will include type of aircraft, time of departure and destination.
3. O.C.Troops, Cyprus, will send a prefixed 'immediate' signal to A.R.C., Jerusalem, at the departure of communication aircraft from Cyprus to Palestine giving same information as in 2.(b).

*Brigadier*  
Brigadier,  
General Staff.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Headquarters,  
1 Aust Corps,  
GAZA.

14 Oct 40.

1 Aust Corps

GS CIRCULAR NO 19

SECURITY OF INFORMATION

1. It is becoming increasingly evident that information about troop movements, either in progress or projected, is the subject of discussion by many members of the A.I.F., who normally have not access to the sources of such information. It is obvious that official matter which has been conveyed to certain recipients under secret cover, is being disclosed in a highly irregular and dangerous manner.
2. There is, in addition, a considerable amount of idle gossip regarding troop movements which however, contains such elements of truth as to make it appear that it derives from official sources.
3. This matter has already been referred to in Adv HQ 1 Aust Corps Circular G2 of 12 Aug 40, and G4 of 26 Aug 40 (issued to certain recipients only), as well as 1 Aust Corps GS Circular No 5 of 3 Sep 40 (issued to all recipients).
4. The fact that it should now be necessary again to direct attention to this matter is evidence that some personnel having access to secret information have little sense of their responsibilities, as it must be appreciated that the leakage of information of this nature constitutes a source of potential danger to our own troops.
5. All concerned are accordingly warned that it is proposed to institute the closest enquiries into any cases of discussion of troop movements by unauthorized persons, which are subsequently brought to notice, and to take the most severe disciplinary action against any one so offending.

*S. J. Howell*

Brig.  
GS 1 Aust Corps.

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5 Oct 40.

19 Aust Inf Bde (4)  
1 Aust Corps Gd Bn  
A.A.S.C.  
A.C.S.O.  
Gen Base Depot  
HQ Tng Depot (4)  
1 Aust Gen Hosp  
2 Aust Gen Hosp  
Aust Base Ord Depot  
2/1 A.Fd Wkshop  
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fn. Brig.,  
GS 1 Aust Corps.



**SUBJECT:-** Control of Aircraft.

S E C R E T.

Force H.Q.  
CR/PAL/15309/G.  
2 Oct. 40.

1 Aust Corps.  
1 Cav Div.  
5 Cav Bde.  
Jsm Area.  
Lydda Area.  
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*Robert M. Cap*  
Brigadier,  
General Staff.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

1 Aust. Corps,  
GAZA.

LEAVE TIME-TABLE NO. 6.

19 Nov. 40.

PERIOD 25 NOV. 40 TO 8 DEC. 40.

1. The Leave Time-Table for the period 25 Nov. 40 to 8 Dec. 40, covering 1 and 2 day Leave Parties to JERUSALEM and 1 day Leave Parties to TEL AVIV is attached - Appendix "A".

2. For the purpose of 1 day leave, GAZA TOWN and H.Q. 1 Aust. Corps personnel in GAZA RIDGE Camp have been included as one Unit, and arrangements for both Camps will be made by Camp Commandant, 1 Aust. Corps, stationed at GAZA TOWN.

3. No 1 day leave to either TEL AVIV or JERUSALEM will be allotted in future on Saturdays, nor will Camp or Unit Commanders approve of any special leave on that day to those centres.

4. The leave schedule for Sundays provides for a maximum of 200 personnel to be in TEL AVIV, and for not more than 100 members of the A.I.F. to be granted 1 day leave to JERUSALEM. From Mondays to Fridays, the maximum each day will be 400 for TEL AVIV and 200 for JERUSALEM.

5. For 1 day Leave Parties Camp Commanders will arrange for transport with Mobey's Ltd. representative with the A.A.S.C. BARBARA CAMP, who will be given definite information of Camp requirements 24 hours in advance. Similar notice will also be given to the D.A.P.Ms JERUSALEM and TEL AVIV of the numbers and times of arrival of ALL Leave Parties.

6. JULIS and QASTINA Camps and BEIT JIRJA and DEIR SUNEID Camps have been grouped in this leave schedule. Camp Commander JULIS will be responsible for allocating leave to QASTINA, and leave for DEIR SUNEID will be allotted by Camp Commander, BEIT JIRJA.

*J. H. Broughton*  
Major,  
D.A.A.G. 1 Aust. Corps.

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Camp Comd. BEIT JIRJA	(6)
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Mr. Goward, Post Hotel, JERUSALEM.	

*Wm. King*

APPENDIX "A".

LEAVE TIMETABLE NO. 6.

Serial	Date	Day	Leave Place	(a) Gaza Ridge and Corps H.Q.	(b) Kilo 89	(c) Beit Jirja and Deir Suneil	(d) Bar- bara	(e) Julis and Qastina
1.	Mon 25 Nov	1	Jerusalem	50 P	--	--	50	--
		1	Tel Aviv	--	50	250 P	--	50
		2	Jerusalem	--	--	25	--	25
2.	Tue 26 Nov	1	Jerusalem	--	50	100	--	50 P
		1	Tel Aviv	50	--	150 P	25	--
		2	Jerusalem	25	--	--	25	--
3.	Wed 27 Nov	1	Jerusalem	50	--	50	50 P	--
		1	Tel Aviv	--	50	200 P	--	--
		2	Jerusalem	--	25	--	--	25
4.	Thur 28 Nov	1	Jerusalem	--	50	--	--	50 P
		1	Tel Aviv	75	--	200 P	75	--
		2	Jerusalem	--	--	50	--	--
5.	Fri 29 Nov	1	Jerusalem	--	--	50 P	--	--
		1	Tel Aviv	--	50 P	200	--	75
		2	Jerusalem	25	25	--	--	--
6.	Sat 30 Nov	1	Jerusalem	--	--	--	--	--
		1	Tel Aviv	--	--	--	--	--
		2	Jerusalem	--	--	50	--	--
7.	Sun 1 Dec	1	Jerusalem	--	50 P	50	--	--
		1	Tel Aviv	50	--	50 P	--	75
		2	Jerusalem	--	--	--	50	--
8.	Mon 2 Dec	1	Jerusalem	--	50 P	50 P	--	--
		1	Tel Aviv	50 P	--	200	100	--
		2	Jerusalem	--	25	--	--	25
9.	Tues 3 Dec	1	Jerusalem	50	--	--	50 P	--
		1	Tel Aviv	--	50	200 P	--	75
		2	Jerusalem	--	--	50	--	--
10.	Wed 4 Dec	1	Jerusalem	--	--	150 P	--	50
		1	Tel Aviv	50	75 P	--	50	--
		2	Jerusalem	25	--	--	--	25
11.	Thur 5 Dec	1	Jerusalem	50 P	--	--	50	--
		1	Tel Aviv	--	75	200 P	--	50
		2	Jerusalem	--	--	50	--	--

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Serial	Date	Day	Leave Place	(a) Gaza Ridge and Corps H.Q.	(b) Kilo 89	(c) Beit Jirja and Deir Suneid	(d) Barbara	(e) Julis and astina.
12.	Fri 6 Dec	1	Jerusalem	--	--	200 P	--	--
		1	Tel Aviv	75	--	--	50	75 P
		2	Jerusalem	--	25	--	25	--
13.	Sat 7 Dec	1	Jerusalem	--	--	--	--	--
		1	Tel Aviv	--	--	--	--	--
		2	Jerusalem	--	--	50	--	--
14.	Sun 8 Dec	1	Jerusalem	--	--	50 P	--	50
		1	Tel Aviv	50	--	--	75 P	--
		2	Jerusalem	25	--	--	25	--

("P" DENOTES CAMP TO SUPPLY PICKUP).

RED CROSS  
MELBOURNE.

CONFIDENTIAL FOR TURNER DMS MIDEAST HAS ASKED BURSTON IF AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS COULD  
SUPPLY URGENTLY TWO AIR AMBULANCES STOP THESE REQUIRED WESTERN DESERT STOP  
IMPOSSIBLE OBTAIN QUICKLY ENGLAND OR AMERICA STOP IN INTEREST OF ALF BURSTON AND  
SELF STRONGLY URGE COMPLIANCE STOP PLANES TO CARRY TWELVE STRETCHERS IF POSSIBLE  
STOP TO MEET EMERGENCY COULD HAROLD DARLING COLIN FRASER SEND COMPANESS PLANES IF  
SUITABLE COHEN.

**1 AUST CORPS (PALESTINE) -- ORDER OF BATTLE  
AND LOCATION STATEMENT.**

(As at 2400 hrs 18 Sep 40)

Ref 1/100,000 maps PALESTINE.

**CORPS and L. of C. TPS.**

**HQ.**

HQ 1 Aust Corps	GAZA TOWN	099101
(absorbs Aust O/Seas Base)		
Det AIL Sec	" "	099101
" " "	KILO 89	103103

**Medical**

2/1 CCS	DEIR SUNEID	106106
1 Aust Gen Hosp	GAZA RIDGE	102102
2 Aust Gen Hosp less det.	" "	102102
Det. 2 Aust Gen Hosp	EGYPT	
No. 3 Spec Dental Unit	EGYPT	
" 4 " " "	BARBARA	112118
" 5 " " "	KILO 89	103103
1 Aust Conv Depot	KFAR VITQIN	139199

**Ord.**

2/1 A Fd Wkshop	BARBARA	112118
39 LAD	EGYPT	
40 LAD	EGYPT	
42 LAD	EGYPT	
43 LAD	EGYPT	
45 LAD	EGYPT	
46 LAD	EGYPT	
Aust Ord Base Depot	BARBARA	

**Pay.**

6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	EGYPT
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**L. of C. Units.**

Gen Base Depot	KILO 89	103103
Aust Port Det	SUEZ (EGYPT)	
Aust Det Bks	JERUSALEM	171133

**6 AUST DIV.**

**HQ.**

HQ 6 Aust Div	EGYPT
Int Sec 6 Aust Div	EGYPT
6 Aust Div Emp Pl	EGYPT

**Cav.**

6 Aust Div Cav Regt	EGYPT
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**RAA.**

HQ RAA 6 Aust Div	EGYPT
2/1 Fd Regt (AA)	EGYPT
2/2 Fd Regt	EGYPT

**RAE**

HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	EGYPT
2/1 Fd Coy	EGYPT
2/2 Fd Coy	EGYPT

Sigs.

Sigs 6 Aust Div less att secs & dets  
No. 1 Coy  
Sec No. 2 Coy

EGYPT  
EGYPT  
GAZA TOWN 099101

Inf

HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde  
2/1 Bn  
2/2 Bn  
2/3 Bn

EGYPT  
EGYPT  
EGYPT  
EGYPT

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde  
2/5 Bn  
2/6 Bn  
2/7 Bn

EGYPT  
EGYPT  
EGYPT  
EGYPT

HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde  
2/4 Bn  
2/8 Bn  
2/11 Bn less 'B' Coy  
'B' Coy 2/11 Bn  
1 Aust Corps Gd Bn

KILO 89 103103  
KILQ 83 103103  
KILQ 89 103103  
KILQ 89 103103  
GAZA TOWN 099101  
DEIR SUNELD 107107

AASC

HQ AASC 6 Aust Div less dets  
Composite Coy AASC  
6 Aust Div Sup Col  
6 Aust Div Pet Coy  
6 Aust Div Amn Coy

BARBARA 112118  
EGYPT  
BARBARA 112118  
" 112118  
" 112118

AAMC

2/1 Fd Amb  
2/2 Fd Amb  
2/1 Fd Hyg Sec

EGYPT  
KILQ 89 103103  
EGYPT

Pro.

att 1 Aust Corps for pro duties - 1 Det  
1 Det  
6 Aust Div Pro Coy less 4 Secs  
Det 6 Aust Div Pro Coy  
" (2 secs) " "

JERUSALEM 171135  
GAZA 099101  
EGYPT  
TEL AVIV 129165  
CAIRO EGYPT

POSTAL

6 Aust Div Postal Unit dets  
" " " " "  
Aust Army Base Postal Unit less det  
" " " " Det.

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EGYPT  
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CAIRO EGYPT

GAZA: 19 Sep 40.

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Notes on

THE ADMINISTRATION OF  
DISCIPLINE ON WAR SERVICE.

Part I.

1. These notes replace the disciplinary sections in the Field Service Pocket Book which are not applicable to the A.M.F. in their entirety.
2. The object of these notes is to assist officers of the Australian Military Forces on war service in the administration of Military law. In particular they have been designed to meet the change from peace to war conditions. No attempt has been made to deal exhaustively with the matters which have been included, as the notes would then have become too voluminous and would not have achieved their object. The Manual of Military Law (which contains the Army Act and Rules of Procedure) and the Defence Act and Australian Military Regulations and Orders must, therefore, be consulted for further details.
3. Punishment is the last resort in obtaining obedience to military law. All ranks should understand that the provisions of the Acts and regulations represent boundaries fixed in the common interest and within which all members are in honour bound to conduct themselves. With such a foundation, discipline is a positive attitude of mind and not merely a negative virtue. In the words of A.M.R. & O. 304 "Discipline maintained by punishment alone is a poor sort of discipline which would not stand any severe strain. What must be aimed at is that high standard of discipline which springs from a military system administered with impartiality and judgment so as to induce in all ranks a feeling of duty and the assurance that while no offence will be passed over, no offender will be unjustly dealt with. All ranks having authority must administer discipline with firmness while remembering that arrogance and abuse of power are productive of resentment in the lower ranks and equally destructive of discipline as weakness of administration, which creates contempt of authority."

The avoidance of petty restrictions, and the issue of clear decisive orders at all times are conducive to good discipline.

APPLICATION OF ARMY ACT.

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4. The following provisions relate to discipline of the Australian Military Forces on war service or when deemed to be on war service. War service means active service and any military service in time of war, that is while a state of war actually exists, including the time between the issue of a proclamation of the existence of war or of the danger thereof and the issue of a proclamation declaring that the war or the danger of it no longer exists. This war service period may be extended by the issue of a proclamation declaring that by reason of the recent existence of a time of war it is necessary in the public interest that the military forces should be temporarily subject to the Army Act. A second proclamation declaring that such necessity no longer exists is then necessary to terminate the period.

War Diary



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Members are also deemed to be on war service whether on war service or not, when they are -

- (a) serving with Imperial Forces outside Australia.
- (b) on their way from Australia for the purpose of so serving; or
- (c) on their way back to Australia after so serving.

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5. Members of the Australian Military Forces at all times when on war service or deemed to be on war service are subject to the Army Act, save so far as it is inconsistent with, or is modified by, the Defence Act and Australian Military Regulations. Although the King's Regulations are not applicable, corresponding provisions will be found in the A.M.R. & O.

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#### ARREST.

6. Under section 45 of the Army Act as adapted by A.M.R. & O 351, any person subject to military law when charged with an offence punishable under the Army Act or the Defence Act or A.M.R.'s may be taken into military custody, which means that the offender is placed under arrest.

AA45(4)&  
AMRO  
357

The commander of a guard shall not refuse to receive or keep any person liable to arrest who is committed to his custody by an officer, W.O. or N.C.O.

Arrest is either close arrest or open arrest. In the case of an officer, W.O. or N.C.O., when arrest is not described as open arrest by the authority ordering it, it means close arrest.

AMR & O  
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Close arrest in the case of an officer, warrant officer or N.C.O. means placed under the charge of an escort consisting of another officer, warrant officer or N.C.O. of the same rank if possible. If circumstances so require, he may be placed for custody under the charge of a guard, piquet, patrol, sentry or provost-marshal.

AMR & O  
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Close arrest in the case of a private soldier means being placed in confinement under charge of a guard, piquet, patrol, sentry or provost-marshal or assistant provost-marshal. On being placed in close arrest he will be searched and deprived of knives and other weapons. If drunk, he may, except in cold weather, be deprived of his boots.

AMR & O  
361

An officer against whom charges are preferred will invariably be placed under arrest.

A warrant officer or NCO charged with a serious offence will be placed under arrest, but if the offence alleged is not serious or its commission is doubtful it may be disposed of without previous arrest.

AMRO  
367-8

A private soldier charged with a serious offence will be placed under arrest. He will not be placed under close arrest unless he disobeys an order distinctly given or resists the authority of an officer, W.O. or N.C.O., or unless confinement is necessary to ensure his safe custody or for the maintenance of discipline.

AMR & O  
360

An officer, warrant officer, or N.C.O. under close arrest will not leave his quarters, except to take such exercise under supervision as the medical officer considers necessary. When under open arrest he may take exercise at stated periods and within defined limits but is not to use his own or any other mess premises or to appear in any place of amusement or public assembly. He may not wear sash, belt, sword, or spurs. W.Os and NCOs are also prohibited from entering a liquor bar or corporal's room.

AMR & O  
364

A private soldier in open arrest will not quit barracks or camp except on duty or with special permission.

AMR & O  
373

An officer or soldier under arrest will not perform any duty except such as may be necessary to relieve him of any cash, stores, accounts etc. for which he is responsible.

On active service an officer or soldier under arrest may be ordered to bear arms, attend parades, and perform all his ordinary duties.

AMR & O  
364

A private soldier under open arrest will attend parades and may be ordered to perform all duties.

AMR & O  
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Care will be taken to ensure that an officer or soldier under arrest is not called upon to perform any duties not performed by members of equal rank not under arrest and not undergoing punishment.

The nature of the arrest may be varied from time to time by any person by whom the arrest could be ordered.

CHARGE REPORT (AAF. A4).

AMR & O  
357-8

7. (a) The officer, W.O. or N.C.O. who commits any person into custody shall deliver to the officer, W.O., N.C.O. provost-marshal or assistant provost-marshal into whose custody the person is committed a charge report (AA Form A4). The charge report must be signed by the officer, W.O. or N.C.O. committing such person into custody, and must contain particulars of the charge preferred.

(b) The charge must be so worded as to disclose an offence against the Army Act, the Defence Act, or the AMRs eg -

Absent without leave from to  
(AA 15 (1)).

Being out of Bounds contrary to  
Battalion Order No.

Dated (AA 15 (3)).

AMR & O  
324

If an offence is an offence against the AA and also against the D.A. or A.M.Rs it should usually be charged as an offence under the A.A.

(c) The charge report when received is to be forwarded to the C.O. of the person in custody.

AMR & O  
358

If the charge report is not delivered when the person is committed to custody an oral report to the same effect is to be made. If the charge report is not received within 24 hours the guard commander must attempt to procure it or report it to the officer to whom the guard report is furnished. If no charge report or evidence to justify continued arrest is received within 48 hours of committal such last-mentioned officer will order the release of the person in custody.

(d) The name and offence of the person in custody and the name and rank of the person by whom he is charged are to be entered by the guard commander in the guard report.

The guard commander shall, if asked, inform the person in custody of the rank and name of the officer, W.O., or N.C.O. who laid the charge and deliver to him a copy of the charge report if received.

AMR & O  
359

(e) When an officer or soldier not on active service remains in custody over eight days without a court-martial being ordered to assemble or his being brought before a civil court, a report on the further delay is to be made by his C.O. to the officer to whom application would be made for a court-martial. Similar reports are to be sent in every eight days. The onus of satisfying himself as to the necessity for the continuance of such custody is then on the last-mentioned officer.

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(f) When a soldier is placed in open arrest or ordered to attend orderly room the senior W.O. or N.C.O. of the company or equivalent sub-unit should be informed of the nature of the offence, and the names of the witnesses. A report is then prepared in the same manner as above mentioned.

#### SUSPENSION.

8. The utilization of suspension in lieu of arrest is dealt with in A.M.R. & Os 377 to 379a and 383.

#### INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES.

AMR & O  
369/395

9. Charges must be investigated without delay, but a soldier charged with drunkenness should not be tried until he is sober (usually 24 hours should be allowed to elapse from the time of arrest).

AMR & O  
396

Every charge against a soldier should be investigated in the first instance by the Company, etc. Commander at his Company orderly room which will be held at such an hour as will ensure that a soldier remanded for disposal by the C.O. may be ready to go before him at the appointed time.

AMR & O  
372

The accused is marched before his Company, etc. Command together with an escort and all witnesses. A soldier during the investigation is deprived of his cap and all articles which could be used as missiles.

AMR & O  
401

The Company Commander first reads out from the charge report the accused's name and number and asks the accused "Is that your name and number?" This proves identity. The charge is then read out and the evidence of witnesses is given orally in turn. The accused may demand that the evidence be given on oath. The same form of oath or solemn declaration will be used as that administered at a district court-martial. The oath reads thus -- "I swear by Almighty God that the evidence which I shall give before this Court shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth." The accused may cross-examine any witness. The Company, etc. Commander may examine witnesses if necessary. If the accused is considered 'Not guilty' or in the discretion of the Company, etc. Comd.

he thinks the charge ought not to be proceeded with, the charge is dismissed and the charge report (A.A. Form A.4) is destroyed. If it is considered that there is a case to answer, the accused should be asked, "Do you wish to make any statement or to give evidence upon oath? You are not obliged to say anything or give evidence unless you wish to do so, but whatever you say or any evidence you give will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence." The accused should also be asked whether he wishes to call any witnesses. If the Company, etc., Commander has power to deal with the case summarily and contemplates doing so by a finding or award which will involve a forfeiture of pay or by an award of any but a minor punishment he must ask the accused whether he desires to be dealt with summarily or by court-martial. If the accused elects to be dealt with summarily the punishment is then decided on after consideration of his conduct sheet. If the Company, etc., Commander deals with the charge himself he will enter the punishment on A.A.F. A.4.

A.M.R. & O.  
397.

If he remands the case to the C.O. he will enter that fact on A.A. Form A.4.

A.M.R. & O.  
412.

When the soldier has been removed from the presence of the Company, etc., Commander the award cannot be increased.

A.M.R. & O.  
396.

Whether the Company, etc., Commander disposes of the case or reserves it for the C.O. he will send the charge report to the orderly room before the hour fixed for disposal of charges by the C.O.

A.M.R. 397.

If the unit furnishes a guard the particulars will be copied on to the Guard Report (A.A.F. A.18) if this has not already been done.

A.M.R. & O.  
398.

The Company, etc., Commander will attend the orderly room with the soldier's conduct sheet which will not be placed before the C.O. in a case reserved for his consideration until he decides that an offence has been committed.

R.P. 4.

Should the accused have elected to be dealt with by his C.O. the procedure will be similar, but if at the conclusion of the hearing the C.O. thinks that the case ought to be proceeded with he shall -

- (a) dispose of the case summarily if he has power;
- (b) refer the cause to the proper superior authority, or
- (c) adjourn the case for the purpose of having the evidence reduced to writing. This is done by the Adjutant or any other officer detailed for the purpose. For the Form to be observed see App. VI, of the A.M.R. & Os.

If the case is reduced to writing the C.O. will consider the evidence taken down (called the summary of evidence) and shall follow one of the following courses:-

- (a) dismiss the charge without re-hearing;
- (b) remand the accused for trial by court-martial;
- (c) refer the case to proper superior authority, or
- (d) re-hear the case and dispose of it summarily unless the accused elects to be tried by court-martial.

AMR & O  
393a

Before awarding punishment in a case in which the accused has the right to elect trial by a court-martial the C.O. should say, "Do you wish to be dealt with by me or by court-martial?" If you elect to be tried by a Court, higher authority will decide whether that Court will be a military or civil one." If on application for a court-martial the superior authority directs trial in a Civil Court, the accused will be so informed and will be given the opportunity of electing to be dealt with summarily by his C.O.

R.P.S.

Charges against an officer must first be investigated by his C.O. in order that he may determine whether the charge shall be dismissed or the case referred to superior military authority. If the officer requires it the evidence shall be taken in writing.

AMR & O  
662

The C.O. may assemble a Court of Inquiry to make preliminary investigations.

AA 47  
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In the case of an officer below the rank of field officer or a warrant officer such officer or warrant officer must be asked whether he desires to be dealt with summarily or be tried by a court-martial where the authority having power to deal summarily with the case considers he may so deal with it, except when such authority awards a severe reprimand or reprimand.

#### POWERS OF COMPANY COMMANDER.

10. A company commander may award -

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| (i)   | Reprimand  | In case of an NCO below rank of sergeant or the appointment of lance sergeant (AMR & O 423). |
| (ii)  | Admonition   |  |
| (iii) | Fine for drunkenness (scale in AMR & O 444)  |  |
| (iv)  | C.B. not exceeding 7 days.   | In the case of a private soldier. (AMR & O 423).   |
| (v)   | Extra guards or piquets (only for minor irregularities in connection with these duties). |  |
| (vi)  | Admonition   |  |

#### NOTES-

- In the case of (iii) the soldier has the right to elect to be dealt with by his C.O.
- The punishments (iv) and (v) may be awarded conjointly or separately.
- A company commander cannot punish an officer, W.O. or N.C.O. of or above the rank of sergeant.

#### POWERS OF A COMMANDING OFFICER.

AMR & O  
418

11. (A) A commanding officer may, subject to the soldier's right to elect, previous to the award, to be tried by court-martial, award -

- Deduction from the ordinary pay of a N.C.O. under AA 138 (4).

- (ii) Detention not exceeding 28 days.
- (iii) Field punishment not exceeding 28 days (on active service only)
- (iv) Forfeiture of ordinary pay not exceeding 28 days (on active service only)
- (v) Fine not exceeding £5.
- (vi) Deduction from ordinary pay under AA 138(4)
- (vii) Fine for drunkenness (scale AMR & O 444)

In the case of a private soldier.  
(A.M.R. & O 418)

#### NOTES

AMR & O  
422

- (a) A C.O. below field rank will not award detention exceeding 7 days except with sanction of superior authority.

AMR & O  
421

- (b) An award of detention not exceeding 7 days should be made in hours.

- (c) The punishment (A) (i) may be awarded conjointly with, or separately from, any of the punishments mentioned hereafter in (B) (i), (ii), (iii).

- (d) The punishments (A) (ii), (iv), (v) (vi) may be awarded separately, or conjointly with each other or with the punishments mentioned in (B) (iv) and (v), except as mentioned in note (e).

AMR & O  
418 (8)

- (e) When detention exceeding 7 days is awarded, a minor punishment shall not be added.
- (f) The punishments (A) (iii) and (iv) may be awarded separately or conjointly but a conjoint award is only made where it is intended that the period of forfeiture of pay shall extend beyond the period of field punishment, or that pay shall be forfeited for the period of field punishment during which the soldier is not in custody.
- (g) The punishments (A) (vi) may be awarded separately or with any other punishment or punishments mentioned in (A) and (B)
- (h) A C.O. cannot punish an officer or a W.O.

(B) A commanding officer may also inflict the following punishments, the offender having no right to elect trial by court-martial except where a forfeiture of pay is involved:-

- (i) Reprimand or severe reprimand
- (ii) Admonition
- (iii) Reversion of acting ot lance ranks to permanent grade (AMR & O 223)

In the case of NCOs (AMR & O 418).

(iv) C.B. not exceeding 14 days

(v) Extra guards or pickets  
(only for minor irregularities in connection with these duties.

In the case of  
private soldiers  
(AMR & O 418)

(vi) Admonition.

NOTES -

- (a) The punishment (B) (iii) may not be awarded conjointly with (B) (i) or (ii).
- (b) The punishments (B) (iv) and (v) may be awarded conjointly or separately.

LIMITATION OF OFFENCES WITH WHICH A COMMANDING OFFICER CAN DEAL.

AMR & O  
409

12. The offences with which a C.O. can deal without reference to superior authority are to be found in the following sections of the A.A. -

6 (except on active service); 8 (2) (threatening or insubordinate language only, and except on active service); 9 (2) (except on active service); 10 (except sub-section (1)); 11, 14, 15 18 (1) and (3) 19, 20 (except when the act is wilful); 21, 22, 24 and 40.

in the following sections of the D.A. -  
74, 79, 81.

and in A.M.R. and O. 332 (1).

AA46(7)  
AMRO  
410

A person shall not be tried by court-martial where the charge has been dismissed or his offence has been summarily dealt with and he shall not be punished for any offence of which he has been acquitted or convicted by a Civil Court or court-martial.

FORFEITURE OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES.

13. No member of the A.M.F. is entitled to receive any pay or allowances -

- (a) While under a charge for which he is afterwards convicted, A.A. 138 and D.A. 119.
- (b) while under sentence of penal servitude, imprisonment, detention, or field punishment. AA. 138 and DA 119;
- (c) while absent without leave. AA 138 and DA 119;
- (d) while in confinement in consequence of his having confessed to desertion or fraudulent enlistment, if an order dispensing with his trial is made. A.M.R.O. 486.
- (e) While absent on account of sickness or injury certified by the M.O. as having being caused by an offence against the AA., D.A., or A.M.R. & O., A.M.R. & O. 487.

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(f) while under suspension, if afterwards convicted, A.M.R. & O. 379 (7) and (9).

NOTE-

For calculation of periods of absence see A.M.R. & O. 490.



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1. In this Convention the expression "British Forces" includes:-

2. (a) The expression "Appropriate British Authority" means:-

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4. No member of the British Forces shall be subject to the criminal jurisdiction of the Courts of Egypt, nor to the civil jurisdiction of those Courts in any matter arising out of his official duties. If any civil proceeding is instituted against a member of the British Forces before any Egyptian Court, notification of the proceedings shall be given to His Majesty's Ambassador, and no further steps shall be taken until twenty-one days have elapsed from the date of notification. This period shall be extended if His Majesty's Ambassador states that it has not been possible to conclude the necessary investigations in the above time. A statement to the Court by His Majesty's Ambassador that the proceedings arising out of official duties will be considered as conclusive evidence of that fact.

5. Without prejudice to the fact that British camps are Egyptian territory, the said camps shall be inviolable and shall be subject to the exclusive control and authority of the Appropriate British Authorities.

6. In pursuance of the provisions of the Treaty of Alliance, the Egyptian Government hereby consents to the enjoyment by the British Forces of:-

(a) freedom of movement between British camps, and to or from the ordinary points of access to Egyptian territory by water, land or air; there would of course be consultation with the Egyptian Authorities as regards movements of large bodies of men, stores or vehicles on railways and roads used for general traffic;

(b) unrestricted communication by radio other or telegraphy, telephony or any other means howsoever; and the necessary facilities for maintaining such communications whether inside or outside of British camps, including the laying of cables and land lines; it is understood that the telegraph and telephone cables and lines herein referred to will be situated in the areas where the British Forces are stationed, and that any connection with the Egyptian system of telegraphs and telephones will be subject to arrangement with the Egyptian Authorities;

(c) the right within British camps to generate light and power for use in British camps, and to transmit and distribute such light and power between the place of generation and any other British camp by means of cables, pipes or in any other way whatsoever;

(d) transmission, subject to the payment of the usual charges, of telegrams and messages over the Egyptian State Telegraphs and Telephones, in clear, in code or in cypher;

(e) use of the Egyptian State Railways upon the terms and subject to the conditions now in force;

(f) the supply, maintenance and use of telephones as required, as part of and connected with the Egyptian State Telephones service and system, at the rates and upon the conditions now in force;

(g) entry into and departure from Egypt of members of His Majesty's Forces at all times without let or hindrance, subject only to the production of a certificate showing membership of the British Forces in cases when such members do not arrive or leave by a British Man of War, Troopship, Freightship, or service aircraft, Service Transport or as a formed body under command of an Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer, or Petty Officer;

(h) the use of roads, bridges, canals, streams, lakes, waterways and other bodies of water without the payment of dues, tolls or charges either by way of registration or otherwise for vehicles or waterborne craft used on His Majesty's Service;

(i) port facilities free of payment for His Majesty's Men of War, Troopships, Freightships and Service Aircraft of an amphibian or seaplane character;

(j) the same immunity regarding the official correspondence of the British Forces and their couriers as is enjoyed in International Law by the Diplomatic representative of Foreign States.

7. (a) Members of the British Forces who are owners of real property shall pay the same taxes, registration and transfer fees in respect of such property and its produce as civilians of British nationality;

(b) members of the British Forces shall pay in respect of any privately owned radio receiving or transmitting apparatus the tax or licence fee for the time being in force and applicable to such apparatus.

(c) members of the British Forces shall pay the fee for the time being in force for the registration of a private water-borne craft; and (subject to the provisions of Article 6 (h) hereof) also all dues, charges and tolls leviable in consequence of the user of such craft;

(d) members of the British Forces shall pay the tax or registration fee for the time being in force for a private motor vehicle used on any public road maintained by the Egyptian Government or for any privately owned aircraft;

(e) the Agreement between the Egyptian Government and the British Military Authorities dealing with imports and exports by the British Naval, Military and Air Force Authorities as well as with imports by individual members of His Majesty's Forces and by the Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes, dated the 14th July, 1921, as amended up to the date hereof, shall remain in full force and effect; provided however, that, in the event of a change in the tariff, either party to the said Agreement shall have a right to demand a revision of the ad valorem rates which have been accepted by mutual consent as equivalent to the actual duties and dues chargeable under the tariff now in force. The principle of an ad valorem equivalent shall be maintained;

Save as above provided British Camps, the British Forces and the members thereof shall be immune from all taxation, other than Municipal rates for services enjoyed, and from all registration fees or charges unless there has been an agreement between the two Governments to the contrary.

8. The Egyptian Government freely offers every assistance to British aircraft in distress, and will accord full facilities to His Majesty's personnel and stores to proceed to and from the salvage of any aircraft in distress that may have made a forced landing in Egyptian territory.

9. The Appropriate British Authority will surrender, on receipt of an application signed by the appropriate official of the Egyptian Ministry of Justice, persons not being members of His Majesty's Forces and who are within any British camp, and

(a) against whom a warrant of arrest has been issued in respect of any offence triable by a court in Egypt; or

(b) against whom an order of imprisonment has been made by any court in Egypt; or

(c) against whom an order has been issued by an appropriate Egyptian military authority for desertion or absence without leave from the Egyptian army; and

(d) who are not immediately ejected therefrom as would ordinarily be done in the case of such persons who take refuge therein from the Police.

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Every application for the surrender of an offender, under these provisions shall be accompanied by a certified true copy of the warrant ~~for~~ arrest of order or imprisonment as the case may be, and by such information as is available as to the identity and whereabouts of the person whose surrender is desired.

10. The Egyptian Government will ensure :-

(a) the searching for, apprehending and handing over of any members of the British Forces who are claimed as deserters or absentees without leave, upon request made in writing by the Appropriate British Authority;

(b) the prosecution of persons accused of acts in relation to the British Forces, which, if committed in relation to the Egyptian Forces, would have rendered them liable to prosecution.

11. (1) Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (a) of the preceding Article, members of the British Forces shall be liable to arrest by the Egyptian Authorities only in such circumstances as would justify the arrest of civilians of British nationality. Should any member of the British Forces be arrested the following procedure will be adopted :-

(a) Notification of the arrest giving the name and other particulars of the person arrested together with information as to the nature of the offences for which the said person was arrested, will be sent forthwith to the Appropriate British Authority;

(b) A similar notification will also immediately be sent to the office of the nearest British Consular Officer;

(c) The alleged offender will be handed over on demand to the Appropriate British Authority;

(d) Full particulars of the charges against the alleged offender together with the names, addresses and statements of the relevant witnesses will be delivered or sent by registered post to the Appropriate British Authority within 48 hours of the arrest;

(2) When it is alleged that a member of the British Forces has committed an offence for which he has not been arrested, particulars of such alleged offence together with the proces verbal will be sent with all convenient speed to the Appropriate British Authority.

12. The British Forces will send an armed escort into any part of Egypt for the purpose of taking over and escorting to a British camp, any member of the British Forces arrested under the provision of Articles 10 and 11 hereof.

13. (a) The Egyptian Government undertakes ~~the~~ the request of the appropriate British authority to take all reasonable steps to secure the attendance of persons amenable to its jurisdiction as witnesses before His Majesty's military tribunals in Egypt (courts-martial, courts of inquiry, committees of adjustments, and boards of officers or other service tribunals) convened and assembled by the Appropriate British Authority.

(b) The Government of the United Kingdom undertakes to take all reasonable steps to secure the attendance of any member of the British Forces as a witness at any proceedings before the Egyptian Courts, including the Mixed Courts, courts-martial, disciplinary tribunals or courts of inquiry, upon application being made to the Appropriate British Authority signed by the appropriate official of the Ministry of Justice or the President of the Tribunal concerned.

14. The Egyptian Government and the Government of the United Kingdom agree that it is desirable that any person ordered to attend a British military tribunal under Article 13 (a) above and who is accused of any of the following offences, should be amenable to prosecution before the appropriate Egyptian Court, that is to say :-

- (i) being duly summoned makes default in attending; or
- (ii) refuses to take oath or make a solemn declaration legally required to be taken or made; or
- (iii) refuses to produce any document in his power or control legally required to be produced by him; or
- (iv) refuses when a witness to answer any question to which the tribunal may legally require an answer; or
- (v) is guilty of contempt of the tribunal by using insulting or threatening language or by causing interruption or disturbance in the proceedings of such tribunal; or
- (vi) when examined on oath or solemn declaration before the tribunal wilfully gives false evidence.

Similarly it is desirable that a person ordered to attend an Egyptian tribunal under Article 13 (b) above who commits any of the offences specified above, shall be amenable to prosecution before the appropriate British military tribunal.

The exact manner and the extent, however, to which effect can be given to the two preceding paragraphs of this article depends upon the laws of the United Kingdom and of Egypt respectively, and the two Governments agree that there shall be further discussion at a later date in regard to the matter.

15. Each Government shall pay to the other on demand all reasonable expenses incurred in execution of the provisions of Articles 8, 9, 10 (a), 13 (a) and 13 (b) hereof.

16. The privileges and immunities provided for in the present Convention only apply to persons stationed with or attached to those Forces of His Majesty who are present in Egypt in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty of Alliance and as further defined in Article 1 above.

As regards military and air force personnel, the limitations as to numbers provided for in the said Treaty (without prejudice to the provisions of Article 7 thereof) apply.

In witness whereof the undersigned Plenipotentiaries being duly authorised to this effect by their respective Governments have signed the present agreement and affixed thereto their seals.

Done at London in duplicate this 26th day of August, 1936.

For the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland :

(L.S.) ANTHONY EDEN.

For the Egyptian Government :

(L.S.) MUSTAPHA EL-NAHAS.

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1 AUSTRALIAN CORPS CIRCULAR NO. 13.

AMENDMENTS TO A.M.R.Os.

The following amendments of general interest are contained in Serial No. 23 of A.M.R.O. amendments; and are published for information of all concerned:

A.M.R. & O. 316 is amended by inserting at the end of sub-paragraph (i) the words "They are also forbidden to furnish testimonials to any company, firm, or person in respect of the quality of commodities supplied for military purposes."

(331/2/91.)

A.M.R. & O. 361 and 362 are repealed and the following order is inserted in their stead:-

"361. (i) An officer or W.O. liable to arrest may be placed under arrest by a competent authority when charged with an offence, but will not normally be placed under arrest by an authority other than his C.O. unless the needs of discipline so require, nor will he be kept under arrest unless his C.O. is satisfied, on investigation, that it will be necessary to proceed with the case and to report it to superior authority.

(2) When an officer or W.O. is placed under arrest, the C.O., unless he dismisses the case, will report the matter without delay to the formation, etc., commander.

(3) An W.C.O. liable to arrest may be placed under arrest by a competent authority when charged with a serious offence. If, however, the offence alleged appears not to be serious, it should be investigated and disposed of without previous arrest."

(331/2/91.)

A.M.R. & O. 367 is amended by inserting at the end thereof the words "If the offence alleged is not of a serious nature, the offender should not normally be placed under arrest, but should be informed of the charge and ordered to attend at orderly room at a specified time."

(331/2/91.)

A.M.R. & O. 368 is amended by inserting in sub-paragraph (2), next after the word "his", the words "bedding and".

(331/2/91.)

A.M.R. & O. 370 is amended by omitting sub-paragraph (i) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph:-

"(i) Except as provided in paragraph 368 (2) a soldier under close arrest will be allowed the use of his bedding."

(331/2/91.)

A.M.R. & O. 372 is amended by omitting the words "soldier under arrest" and inserting in their stead the words "private soldier".

(331/2/91.)

Other amendments of less general interest contained in Serial 23 are: (i) Alterations to A.F.R.O. 137(1A), affecting the Citizen Forces only; (ii) The insertion of an A.F.R.O. 213A dealing with promotion above the rank of sergeant in A.A.F.C. (Citizen Forces); (iii) The insertion of a footnote to Appendix X indicating that the Defence (Visiting Forces) Act 1939 was proclaimed to commence on 1 Jun 40; (iv) The repeal of Appendix IV and the insertion of a new Appendix IV containing nine new Court Martial delegations; and (v) The alteration of the statements of offence under A.F.R.O. 210 and the insertion of statements of offence under A.F.R.O. 210A (Appendix I).

*Lehigh Co. Apr*  
Major.  
D.A.A.G., 1st Aust Corps.

Headquarters, .  
1st Aust Corps,  
20 Nov 40.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Headquarters,  
1 Aust Corps,  
GAZA.

3 Oct 40.

1 AUST CORPS CIRCULAR No. A2.

HOURS OF DUTY - 1 AUST CORPS H.Q., GAZA.

1. In order to meet the changed conditions due to reversion to standard time and to allow personnel some period for recreation in the evening, the hours of duty, on and from Friday 4th October, will be as follows :-

0745 hrs	to	1215 hrs
1315 hrs	to	1545 hrs

2. All concerned will adjust daily routine to comply with these variations.

*G. W. Mearns*  
D.A.A.G. Major,  
1 AUST CORPS

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Headquarters,  
1 Aust Corps,  
GAZA.

5 Oct 40.

1 AUST CORPS G.S. CIRCULAR NO. 17.

ITALIAN DELAY ACTION BOMBS.  
(Ref. 1 Aust Corps Memo S 154, para 4)

Advice has been received that delay action bombs dropped  
at ALEXANDRIA on the morning of 22 Sep 40 have since exploded  
at the following intervals:-

After 33½ (thirty-three and half) hours.  
" 42½ (forty-two and half) "  
" 3 days 21 hrs (twenty-one).

*J. R. Bryson* Capt  
Brig.,  
GS 1 Aust Corps.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

1 AUST CORPS

MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 20

Copy No. 14

GAZA 29 Oct 40

MOVEMENT OF NO. 5 DRAFT FROM AUSTRALIAN GENERAL  
BASE DEPOT TO UNITS.

1. COMPOSITION AND DESTINATIONS OF NO. 5 DRAFT

Serial	Unit	Strength		TOTAL	Section	Destination	Method of Move		
		Offrs	OR's						
1.	2/2 Inf Bn	2	20	22	A	El Amariya	Rail		
2.	2/3 Inf Bn	3	10	13	A				
3.	2/5 Inf Bn	1	150	151	A				
4.	2/6 Inf Bn	5	100	103	A				
5.	2/7 Inf Bn	2	50	52	A				
6.	2/2 Fd Regt	1	1	2	A				
7.	2/1 Fd Coy	1	16	17	A				
8.	2/1 Fd Amb	-	11	11	A				
9.	2/1 Fd Hyg Sec	-	2	2	A				
10.	2/1 Inf Bn	1	50	51	B	Ikingi Maryut	Rail		
11.	6 Aust Div Cav	3	20	23	B				
	Regt								
12.	2/1 Fd Regt	2	60	62	B				
13.	2/2 Fd Coy	1	-	1	B				
14.	6 Aust Div Sigs	2	24	26	B				
15.	2/2 Fd Amb	-	24	24	C	Helwan	Rail		

2. COMMAND

G.B.D. will detail one officer to be Draft Conducting Officer for A. & B. Sections and one Sergeant to be Draft Conducting N.C.O. for C. Section.

3. MOVEMENT OF SECTIONS A. & B.

(a) Sections A & B will move from present locations in time to report to R.T.O. (A.I.F.) MAJDAL Railway Station by 2315 hrs on Wednesday 30 Oct 40, and will entrain under orders of R.T.O. (A.I.F.) MAJDAL at 2359 hrs on Wednesday 30 Oct 40.

(b) Rail time table for Sections A. & B. is shown in appendix A attached.

(c) Necessary transport from present locations to MAJDAL Railway Station will be demanded of A.A.S.C. BARBARA.

(d) H.Q. 6 Aust Div will arrange reception of sections A & B destinations.

(e) (i) Baggage up to entitlement will be taken on M.T. to MAJDAL Ry. Sta. Baggage will be clearly marked with regimental No., name and addressed to destination. No reference will be made to unit.

(ii) Baggage up to entitlement will be taken on train and will be stacked separately by serials in van.

(f) Twenty-four hours emergency rations will be carried. Water bottles will be filled. Hot meal is being provided at KANTARA EAST Ry. Sta. Messing equipment must be readily accessible. One train ration will be carried.

4. MOVEMENT OF SECTION C.

(a) Section C will move from present locations in time to report to R.T.O. (A.I.F.) MAJDAL Ry. Sta. by 1100 hrs on Wednesday 30 Oct 40 and will entrain under orders of R.T.O. (A.I.F.) MAJDAL Ry. Sta. at 1138 hrs on Wed. 30 Oct 40.

(b) Rail time table for section C is shown in Appendix A attached P. T. O.

- (c) Necessary transport from present locations to MAJDAL Ry. Sta. will be demanded of A.A.S.C. BARBARA.
- (d) H.Q. 6 Aust Div will arrange reception of section C at Cairo Ry. Sta. and on word movement by H.T.
- (e) Baggage up to entitlement will be taken on H.T. to MAJDAL Ry. Sta. Baggage will be placed in luggage van.
- (f) Subsistence Section C will take with it unconsumed portion of day's rations (cooked) together with 24 hours emergency rations. Water bottles will be filled. Hot meal is being provided at KANTARA EAST Ry. Sta. Mess gear must be accessible. One train ration will be carried.

#### 5. ADMINISTRATION

- (a) Dress - Full marching order.
- (b) Rail warrants. Rail warrants will be made out as follows:  
 Section A. - MAJDAL - KANTARA EAST & KANTARA WEST - EL AMARIYA  
 Section B. - MAJDAL - KANTARA EAST & KANTARA WEST - IKINGI HARUT.  
 Section C. - MAJDAL - KANTARA EAST & KANTARA WEST - CAIRO.  
 Rail warrants will be made out by Gen Base Depot.
- (c) Frontier passes will be carried by Section C.
- (d) Nominal Rolls Pro-forma Q(H) 1 will be completed in quintuplicate and will be prepared by Gen Base Depot. Variations in composition of personnel shown in this order will not be made.

#### 6. WEB EQUIPMENT

Personnel now issued with '08 Pattern Web Equipment will take the same with them. H.Q. 6 Aust Div will arrange for replacement with '37 Pattern Web Equipment and for return of '08 Pattern to C.O.O. BARBARA.

#### 7. P.A.D. PRECAUTIONS - SECTIONS A & B.

- (a) If an Air Raid Alarm is sounded during the stay of a train in a station the train crew have instructions from the Movement Control concerned to take the train out of the station immediately, and only to stop at the most suitable cover, such as an orange grove or other wooded feature immediately adjoining the line.
- (b) The following course will be adopted, therefore on the sounding of an Air Raid Alarm :-  
 (i) Those actually in the train will remain seated, and proceed in the train until it stops, when they will immediately detrain and disperse in the cover by which the train stops.  
 (ii) Those who have detrained, and those who are meeting the train, will immediately take cover. If no cover is within the immediate vicinity, then such personnel will lay flat on the ground at the spot where they were standing when the alarm was sounded.

#### 8. INSTRUCTIONS FOR O.C. TRAIN: Will be issued separately

*[Signature]*  
D.A.Q.H.G. (H) 1 Aust Corps

#### DISTRIBUTION:

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10.	- D.A.G. A.I.F.	21.	M.C.O. LYDDA
11.	- C.P.H.	22.	M.C.O. KANTARA
		23 to 25.	Spares

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TRAIN TIMINGS

APPENDIX A to  
1 Aust Corps Movement Order  
No. 20.

Serial	Train placed on platform	Depart Hajdal	Arrive Kantara East	Depart Kantara West	Arrive Cairo	Arrive El Amariya	Arrive Ikingi Maryut	REMARKS
A	30/10/40 2230 hrs	2359	31/10/40 0600 hrs	To Follow	-	1430 approx.		Hot meal at KANTARA EAST
B	30/10/40 2230 hrs	2359	31/10/40 0600 hrs	To Follow	-	-	1450 approx.	Hot meal at KANTARA EAST
C	30/10/40 1138 hrs	1139	1730	1927	2235	-	-	Hot meal at KANTARA EAST

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

HQ 1 AUST CORPS

MOVEMENT ORDER No 21

Copy No 28.

GAZA 5 Nov 40.

MOVEMENT OF No 6 DRAFT FROM AUSTRALIAN GENERAL  
BASE DEPOT TO UNITS

1. COMPOSITION AND DESTINATION OF No6 DRAFT

Serial	Unit	Offrs	<u>Strength</u>		Section	Destination	Method of move
			Ors	Total			
1	2/2 Bn		75	75	A)	IKINGI	Rail
2	2/2 Fd Regt		50	50	A)	MARYUT	
3	2/1 Fd Coy		10	10	A)		
4	2/1 Bn		25	25	A)		
5	2/1 Fd Regt		20	20	A)		
6	2/2 Fd Coy		29	29	A)		
7	6 Aust Div	2	30	32	A)		
	sigs						
8	2/8 Bn		5	5	B	KILO 89	Local
9	{ 6 Aust Div Amn Coy 6 Aust Div Pet Coy 6 Aust Div Sup Col	2	156	158	B	BARBARA	
							arrange- ments.

2. COMMAND Aus Gen Base Depot will detail one officer of Fd rank as OC, Draft Conducting Officer of Section A, and additional Draft Conducting Officers as follows:-

Serial 1 - 2 DCO's  
" 2 - 2 DCO's  
" 6 - 1 DCO

3. In addition to the personnel enumerated in Para 1 above, the following personnel specified at Appx 'A' to Reinforcement Order No 2 of 2 Nov 40, will travel with drafts to units as set out if available

Serial	Unit	Offrs	ORs	<u>Strength</u>		Section	Destination	Method of move
				Total				
10	2/1 Fd Regt	1	-	1		A)	IKINGI	Rail
11	HQ RAE	1		1			MARYUT	
12	AASC Comp Coy	-	4	4				
13	2/2 Fd Amb	-	2	2				
14	2/8 Inf Bn	-	8	8		B)	KILO 89	Local arrange- ments
15	1 Aust Corps							
	Sigs	-	1	1			KILO 89	
16	6 Aust Div							
	Sup Col	-	1	1			BARBARA	
17	AAMC	2	-	2			1 AGH GAZA RIDGE	
18	AA Pro Corps	-	1	1			GAZA	
19	AACS	-	1	1			REHOVOTH	

4. MOVEMENT OF SEC 'A'

- (a) Date of move                      Thur 7 Nov 40
- (b) Time of Movement and Rail Timings, are as shown at Appx. 'A' attached. Draft will move from present locations in time to report to RTO (AIF) MAJDAL Ry Sta 50 minutes before scheduled time of departure of train and will entrain as directed by RTO MAJDAL Ry Sta.
- (c) Personnel will move from present locations to MAJDAL Ry Sta by march route.
- (d) (i) Baggage up to entitlement will be despatched from present locations to reach MAJDAL Ry Sta by 1600 hrs, 7 Nov 40, and will be loaded as directed by RTO, MAJDAL Ry Sta. Baggage will be stacked by serials. Necessary MT for baggage to MAJDAL Ry Sta will be demanded of AASC BARBARA.  
(ii) Baggage Parties will be detailed by OC Draft 'A' and will travel on MT with baggage to Ry Sta.  
(iii) Baggage will be clearly marked with Regimental No name and addressed to destination. NO reference will be made to units.
- (e) ADMINISTRATION
  - (i) 6 Aust Div will arrange for reception at destinations
  - (ii) Twenty four hours reserve rations will be carried
  - (iii) Water bottles will be filled
  - (iv) A hot meal and train ration is being provided at KANTARA EAST.
  - (v) Dress - Full marching order
  - (vi) Rail Warrants will be made out as follows:-  
Section A MAJDAL - KANTARA E and KANTARA W - IKINGI MARYUT and will be made out by Aus Gen Base Depot.
  - (vii) Frontier passes will NOT be carried
  - (viii) Nominal Rolls. Pro-forma Q(11) 1 will be completed in quintuplicate and will be prepared by Aus Gen Base Depot. Variations in composition of personnel shown in this order will NOT be made.
- (f) Aus Gen Base Depot will be responsible for ensuring that section 'A' entrains in an orderly manner.

5. MOVEMENT OF SECTION 'B' Movement of section 'B' will be by arrangements made directly between Aus Gen Base Depot and Units concerned. Pro-forma Q(11) 1 will be prepared in quintuplicate by Aus Gen Base Depot.

6. WEB EQUIPMENT. Personnel in possession '08 pattern web equipment at time of departure will take same with them. HQ. 6 Aust Div will arrange for replacement of such web equipment by '37 pattern web equipment and for the return of '08 pattern to B.O.D., BARBARA in respect of Section 'A'.

7. P.A.D.

- (a) If an Air Raid Alarm is sounded during the stay of a train in a station the train crew have instructions from the movement

Control concerned to take the train out of the station immediately and only to stop at the most suitable cover, such as an orange grove or other wooded feature immediately adjoining the line.

(b) The following course will be adopted, therefore on the sounding of an Air Raid Alarm:-

(i) Those actually in the train will remain seated, and proceed in the train until it stops, when they will immediately detrain and disperse in the cover by which the train stops.

(ii) Those who have detrained, and those who are meeting the train will immediately take cover. If no cover is within the immediate vicinity, then such personnel will lay flat on the ground at the spot where they were standing when the alarm was sounded.

#### 5. Medical Officers

DDMS 1 Aust Corps will detail one Medical Officer to accompany section 'A'

*[Signature]* Capt.  
D. J. N. G. (M) 1 Aust Corps.

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		22	DDMS
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		35	H.Q.C. HARTMAN
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TRAIN TIMINGS

APPX 'A' to  
1 Aust Corps  
Movement Order No 21

SECTION	Train placed on platform	Depart MAJDAL	Arrive KANTARA E.	Depart KANTARA W.	Arrive EL AMARIYA	Arrive IKINGI MARYUT.	REMARKS
A	1500 hrs 7 Nov 40	2359 hrs 7 Nov 40	0600 hrs 8 Nov 40	to be notified		to be notified	Hot meal & train ration at KANTARA E.

2. Composition of train at MAJDAL Ry Sta.

For attachment to special train proceeding to KANTARA E.

3rd Class Coaches	3
1/2 Class Compo Coach	1
Shebak	1

3. Shebak will be placed at Ry Sta by 1200 hrs 7 Nov 40 and will be available thereafter for loading, Shebak will be ferried at KANTARA E. and will be attached to train, KANTARA W. to destination.



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I (a) *1/11/9*

I (b) *1/11/9*

C.O. *LHB 11/9 RWS 11/9*

Area Comdt. *1/11/9*

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## Australian Imperial Force Orders

by

Major-General H. D. WYNTER, C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
Commanding the Australian Imperial Force in the United Kingdom.

### 1. MESSAGE FROM H.M. THE KING.

His Majesty the King has graciously addressed the following message to all ranks of the Australian Imperial Force on the occasion of their arrival in the United Kingdom :—

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

" A few months ago I sent some words of welcome to the first contingents of the Second Australian Imperial Force and the New Zealand Expeditionary Force when they disembarked in the Middle East.

It has fallen to your lot to come to the United Kingdom itself, and as you take your place beside us you find us in the forefront of the battle. To all I give a warm welcome, knowing the stern purpose that brings you from your distant homes.

I send you my best wishes, and I look forward to visiting you soon."

(Signed) GEORGE R.I.

### 2. MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR.

The following message has been received from the Secretary of State for War :—

WAR OFFICE,  
WHITEHALL, S.W. 1.

" On behalf of all ranks of the Army in this country, I offer you my congratulations on your safe arrival after your long voyage, and a warm welcome to the home land.

You come at a timely hour. The enemy has thrown his full weight into the onslaught. The cause of the free nations needs every measure of support that can be given. Doubly welcome, then, is your presence at this moment, and doubly glad, I know, are you to be here.

With Australia and New Zealand represented in two theatres of war, with Canada and South Africa taking their full part, we can now present to our enemy a truly Imperial front—a front which, as he has learned from experience in the past, has never been and never will be broken by him.

Once more I welcome you to this great Imperial rally at this momentous hour. However stern the struggle we are confident that victory will finally crown our aims."

(Signed) ANTHONY EDEN,  
Secretary of State for War.

A. Eden

### 3. APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.

The following appointments, and promotions to acting rank, have been approved (Appointments Order No. 1 of 26.4.40) :—

#### *HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.*

*To be Colonels*—Lieutenant-Colonels K. B. Fraser and A. W. Wardell, M.C., and to be Assistant Director of Medical Services and Colonel in Charge of Administration, respectively, 20th June, 1940.

*To be Lieutenant-Colonel*—Major A. G. Wilson, and to be General Staff Officer, 1st Grade, 20th June, 1940.

*To be Major*—Captain R. J. Barham, and to be General Staff Officer, 2nd Grade, 20th June, 1940.

The following appointments have been approved to date 20th June, 1940 :—

Aide-de-Camp to General Officer Commanding—Lieutenant T. W. Young.

Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-General—Lieutenant-Colonel A. P. O. White.

Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General—Lieutenant-Colonel T. V. Taylor.

Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General—Major R. Bierwirth.

Staff Captain—Captain C. H. Costello.

Staff Captain—Captain F. St. John.

Commander Royal Australian Engineers—Lieutenant-Colonel J. Mann.

Assistant Director of Ordnance Services—Lieutenant-Colonel C. A. Stinson.

Deputy Assistant Director of Ordnance Service—Lieutenant-Colonel J. T. Simpson.

Senior Ordnance Mechanical Engineer—Lieutenant-Colonel C. A. Geyton.

Deputy Assistant Provost Marshal—Captain W. J. H. O. Hawkins.

Camp Commandant—Captain A. Binney, M.C.

Legal Staff Officer—Captain M. P. Crisp.

#### *INFANTRY—25TH INFANTRY BRIGADE.*

*To be Colonel and Temporary Brigadier*—Lieutenant-Colonel (Temporary Colonel) W. Bridgford, M.C., Australian Staff Corps, and to command, 21st June, 1940.

*To be Major*—Captain R. G. Pollard, Australian Staff Corps, and to be Brigade Major, 21st June, 1940.

A. W. WARDELL,

*Colonel in Charge of Administration.*

HEADQUARTERS,

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE (in U.K.),

24th June, 1940.



## Australian Imperial Force Orders

by

Major-General H. D. WYNTER, C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
Commanding the Australian Imperial Force in the United Kingdom.

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### 4. POSTAL ADDRESS.

(1) The postal address of members of the Australian Imperial Force in the United Kingdom is as follows :—

No.	Rank. Unit. A.I.F.	Name.
Army Post Office, England.		

(2) This Order is to be brought to the notice of all ranks who are to be advised, in their own interest, to notify their correspondents accordingly.

### 5. PAYMENT OF DUTY—PRESENTS TO AUSTRALIA.

The following copy of a circular from the Comptroller-General of Customs is published for information :—

“ The question has been raised regarding the admission without payment of duty of presents sent to persons in Australia by members of the Australian Imperial Forces and other services serving abroad.

It has been decided that subject to restrictions hereunder mentioned, presents forwarded from abroad to persons in Australia from—

- (a) Members of the Australian Imperial Forces.
- (b) Members of the Royal Australian Navy on service outside Australian Waters ;
- (c) Nurses serving with the Australian Imperial Forces ;
- (d) Imperial Reservists who have been recalled from Australia by the Imperial Government for military service ;
- (e) Representatives of the Australian Branch of the British Red Cross serving abroad ;
- (f) Y.M.C.A. Secretaries serving overseas with the A.I.F.
- (g) Detective Officers serving overseas with the A.I.F.
- (h) Australians who have left Australia since the outbreak of war and are now serving in the Imperial Forces

may be admitted without payment of duty. Provision will be made on the Estimates so that the department may be recouped the amount of duty ordinarily payable.

Account is to be kept of the amount which would ordinarily be payable and advice thereof, showing the respective Tariff Divisions affected, forwarded to this office at the end of each quarter.

The conditions covering relief from duty are :—

1. The concession is limited to the admission of dutiable goods of the value of £10 from any one individual in any 12 months, and payment of duty is required in respect of any excess over £12.
2. The term “ presents ” is to be taken as including articles of adornment, curios, jewellery and other such articles which would ordinarily be sent as presents by travellers abroad. Duty is to be required on any tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, or spirits.

Parcels, per packet post, which on the face of the packet bear evidence of having been sent by any of the persons mentioned in paragraph (2) may, unless it is apparent that the goods are of the value of £1 or over, be delivered without examination and without a record thereof being kept.”

#### 6. UNIFORM—AUSTRALIAN ARMY NURSING SERVICE.

Members of the Australian Army Nursing Service will wear chromium plated titles "Australia" on shoulder straps. A free issue of four titles per member will be made.

#### 7. CARRYING OF ARMS.

Personnel armed with the pistol will at all times carry that weapon loaded together with their personal issue of ammunition.

Personnel armed with the rifle will carry that weapon, and also their personal issue of ammunition, whenever absent from camp on duty.

This order will not apply to personnel in London, or, in the case of other ranks, to picquets on duty in towns.

#### 8. PROMOTION TO WARRANT RANK.

(1) With reference to A.M.R. & O. 198(b).

Promotion to Warrant rank will be made on the approval of the following authorities :—

(a) Warrant Officer, Class I.—G.O.C. A.I.F. (U.K.).

(b) Warrant Officer, Class II.—

(i) In the case of a unit forming part of a mixed brigade—the brigade commander.

(ii) In the case of force troops—the A.A. & Q.M.G.

(iii) Other units—the colonel in charge administration.

(2) The letter notifying an approval under this Order will be quoted by the unit concerned in the Casualty Return which records the promotion.

#### 9. FIELD ALLOWANCE (Army Telegram F.3699 of 3.7.40).

Field Allowance has been approved, commencing on the 12th June, 1940, at the following daily rates :—

Officers—three shillings.

Warrant Officers, Class I—one shilling.

The amount will be added to the daily rate of pay in the paybook, provision being made for two-fifths of the allowance to be paid in sterling.

Field allowance will not be paid to any officer in receipt of command allowance.

#### 10. COMMAND ALLOWANCE (Army Telegram F.3699 of 3.7.40).

The following allowances have been approved with effect from the date of disembarkation overseas of the officer concerned :—

G.O.C. A.I.F. ...	£750 per annum.
G.O.C. of a division ...	£400 "
Commandant, Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. ...	£250 "
Brigadiers ...	£182 10s. per annum.

#### 11. PROVISION OF MESS GEAR (Army Telegram F.3699 of 3.7.40).

The provision and maintenance of mess gear and equipment will not in future be charged to public funds.

#### 12. APPOINTMENTS and PROMOTIONS (Appointments Order No. 2 of 3.7.40).

The following appointments, changes, and promotions to acting rank, have been approved :—

##### HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Lieutenant-Colonel T. V. Taylor, from the appointment of Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General to be Assistant Adjutant-General, 25th June, 1940.

Major R. J. Harvey to be Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General vice Major R. Bierwirth, 26th June, 1940.

Captain F. St. John, from the appointment of Staff-Captain to be Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General and to be Major, 25th June, 1940.

Captain M. P. Crisp to be Major, 25th June, 1940.

Captain J. M. Hayes to be Staff-Captain, 1st July, 1940.

Captain R. Eastwood to be Welfare Officer, 2nd July, 1940.

#### AUSTRALIAN CORPS OF SIGNALS.

To be Lieutenant-Colonel—Major S. O. Jones, and to command, 26th June, 1940.

#### INFANTRY.

70th Battalion—To be Lieutenant-Colonel—Lieutenant-Colonel H. W. Strutt, and to command, 26th June, 1940.

71st Battalion—To be Lieutenant-Colonel—Major A. S. C. Sparkes, and to command, 26th June, 1940.

72nd Battalion—To be Lieutenant-Colonel—Major R. Bierwirth, and to command, 26th June, 1940.

2nd/1st Machine Gun Battalion—To be Lieutenants (on probation)—NX7628 Wensley Hall, NX8735 Athelstane Gordon Earle, NX4082 Dennis Russell Owen, NX1832 Allan Hugh McArthur, VX9770 Geoffrey William Byrne, SX1056 Leonard Arthur James Wilcox, and VX6096 Frank Edward Ardley, 20th June, 1940.

#### AUSTRALIAN ARMY SERVICE CORPS.

To be Lieutenant-Colonel—Major E. A. Coleman, and to command, 26th June, 1940.

#### AUSTRALIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

To be Lieutenant-Colonels—Major M. L. D. McKeon, 2nd/3rd Field Ambulance, and to command, 26th June, 1940; Major T. A. Parry, 2nd/11th Field Ambulance, and to command, 26th June, 1940.

To be Majors—Captain L. G. Hill, Captain C. F. Marks, and Captain A. W. Robertson, 26th June, 1940.

To be Lieutenant and Quartermaster (on probation)—QX85 Stanley William Shillito, 26th June, 1940.

#### AUSTRALIAN ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS.

To be Lieutenant (on probation)—VX9713 John Frank McLean, 28th June, 1940.

#### AUSTRALIAN ARMY PAY CORPS.

To be Lieutenants (on probation)—TX984 Douglas Carling Green, NX9301 Harold Neil Howlett, VX9738 Trevor John Trewren Marks, 24th June, 1940.

#### AUSTRALIAN PROVOST CORPS.

To be Lieutenant (on probation)—VX2095 William Henry Kenneth Rainsbury, 27th June, 1940.

#### GENERAL LIST.

To be Lieutenants (on probation)—VX9778 Herbert John Brown, and to be posted to 2nd Echelon, 22nd June, 1940; VX841 Jack Harnett Trend and to be Assistant Camp Commandant, Headquarters Australian Imperial Force in the United Kingdom, 29th June, 1940; NX11009 Roy Andrew Moloney and to be Adjutant and Quartermaster Australian Imperial Force School, 1st July, 1940.

#### 13. CORRIGENDUM.

Line 3 of A.I.F. Order 3, for "26.4.40" read "26.6.40."

A. W. WARDELL

Colonel in Charge of Administration.

HEADQUARTERS,  
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE (in U.K.),  
6th July, 1940.



## Australian Imperial Force Orders

by

Major-General H. D. WYNTER, C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
Commanding the Australian Imperial Force in the United Kingdom.

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### 14. UNIFORM—PROVOST UNIT.

The issue of one pair of breeches M.S. and one pair of leggings, leather, brown, to each member of the Provost Unit is approved.

### 15. MESSAGE FROM FIELD MARSHAL THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD BIRDWOOD OF ANZAC, G.C.B., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., C.I.E., D.S.O., formerly G.O.C. A.I.F.

At the conclusion of his visit to A.I.F. units on 12th July, 1940, the following message was sent by Field Marshal Lord Birdwood to G.O.C., A.I.F. in U.K. :—

"I was very glad indeed to be able, on my visit to-day, to renew my association with the A.I.F. and to meet a number of my comrades of the old A.I.F. I was sorry that I was not able to see more of the men of the 2nd A.I.F. owing to their absence at training. Those whom I saw impressed me by their physique and bearing as being worthy successors of the old A.I.F. I am sure they will give a good account of themselves, as the old A.I.F. never failed to do. I shall maintain the keenest interest in the activities of the 2nd A.I.F. to whom I send my best wishes for success and good luck."

### 16. CONSERVATION OF PAPER.

Owing to the shortage of all types of paper, units will keep the size of sheets down to a minimum, utilizing the smallest practicable for all correspondence. Margins will be avoided as far as possible and spare paper will not be left at top or on the lower part of the correspondence. Duplicating paper (absorbent) is available in Quarto and will be utilized as much as possible. Both sides of duplicating paper will be used. Old correspondence and army forms will be used for scribbling and the discarding of usable stationery will be avoided. Printed forms will be used only for original copy—plain paper being employed for remaining copies.

### 17. PHILANTHROPIC INSTITUTES—PASSES.

It is notified for information that in future all principals and organisers of philanthropic institutes, etc., who visit military establishments in the course of their duty have been instructed to carry A.F.A.29, signed by War Office authority.

Personnel employed with mobile canteens and in camp will also be issued with A.F.A.27 countersigned by Headquarters, Southern Command.

Persons without A.F.A.27 should not be admitted to camps or other military establishments.

### 18. CHANGE IN SENIORITY OF OFFICERS.

By summary award of the General Officer Commanding, the following officers will take rank and precedence in their corps and in the Australian Military Forces as if their appointments bore the dates shown below opposite their respective names :—

Lieutenant K. P. J. Kimmins, 2nd/12th Battalion ; 8th July, 1940.

Lieutenant J. A. Raftery, Australian Army Ordnance Corps ; 15th July, 1940.

Lieutenant R. G. Sampson, 2nd/1st Machine Gun Battalion ; 15th July, 1940.

# 19. APPOINTMENTS and PROMOTIONS (Appointments Order No. 3 of 13.7.40).

## HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Captain R. A. Hollingsworth to be Deputy Assistant Director of Postal Services, 26th June, 1940.  
 Captain K. M. Oliphant to be General Staff Officer, 3rd Grade, 27th June, 1940.  
 Captain L. Hughes to be Liaison Officer, 21st June, 1940.  
 Lieutenant R. A. Rafferty to be General Staff Officer, 3rd Grade, 24th June, 1940.

## ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS.

To be Major—Captain A. S. Gehrman, 8th July, 1940.  
 To be Captains—Lieutenants D. O. Muller, G. E. Young, J. W. Smith, 8th July, 1940.

## INFANTRY.

2nd/9th Battalion—Lieutenant F. C. E. Loxton to be seconded and appointed Liaison Officer Headquarters, 18th Australian Infantry Brigade, 8th July, 1940.  
 2nd/10th Battalion—To be Captains—Lieutenants J. E. Brocksopp and I. D. Hayward, 20th June, 1940. Captain I. D. Hayward and Lieutenant R. W. Seddon to be seconded and appointed Transport Officer and Liaison Officer Headquarters, 18th Australian Infantry Brigade, respectively, 8th July, 1940.  
 2nd/12th Battalion—To be Captains—Lieutenants D. P. Sharp, R. G. Swan, W. P. Taylor, 25th June, 1940; Lieutenant A. G. Suthers, 29th June, 1940. To be Lieutenant (on probation)—TX885 Kevan Britton Thomas, 8th July, 1940. Lieutenant C. S. Kirk to be seconded and appointed Liaison Officer Headquarters, 18th Australian Infantry Brigade, 8th July, 1940.  
 70th Battalion—To be Lieutenants (on probation)—NX3800 Leslie Charles Crook, VX3047 Jack Winston Salter, QX164 Norton Sheridan Stable, TX10 Robin Russell Upcher, 8th July, 1940.  
 71st Battalion—To be Captain—Lieutenant A. D. Petrie, 8th July, 1940. To be Lieutenants (on probation)—WX293 Donald Franklin Eacott, WX529 Gerald Emerson Dixon, WX670 Colin Brownrigg, 27th June, 1940; WX507 Mathias John O'Mara, WX1022 Edward Valentine Bruton, WX477 Carl Gladstone Lancaster, WX400 John Morrish, WX462 Patrick Brinkley, QX37 Henry Gerard Davies, VX1621 Neil Silvester Smith, QX2063 Richard Edward Cartwright, 8th July, 1940.  
 72nd Battalion—To be Captain—Lieutenant J. C. Taylor, 8th July, 1940. To be Lieutenants (on probation)—WX299 Thomas Woogen Cotton, WX335 Gordon William Bennett, WX540 George Frederick Roberts, 27th June, 1940; VX11588 Norman Donald Mair, NX12925 David Alexander Mitchell, VX11589 William Douglas Copp, VX16074 Keith Mills, VX3267 Edwin Clark Logan, 8th July, 1940.

## AUSTRALIAN ARMY SERVICE CORPS.

To be Major—Captain E. W. Fleming, 8th July, 1940. To be Captains—Lieutenants E. F. Brandwood, W. L. Day, K. J. Morris, J. A. Donald, W. R. Roberts, 8th July, 1940. To be Lieutenants (on probation)—QX6S13 Harold Brown, SX619 Stewart Francis Laurie, QX4571 Leslie Henry Shea, NX639 Donald Edward Protheroe, NX6215 Reginald Charles Ellis, QX4525 Victor Harold Tutt, VX10166 Robert Charles Ballantyne, NX6351 Henry John Bead, VX1660 Harry Roy Davey, 8th July, 1940.

## AUSTRALIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

To be Lieutenant-Colonel—Major D. B. Loudon, 3rd Australian Special Hospital, and to command, 20th June, 1940. To be Major—Major H. W. Trethowan, Australian Army Medical Corps, and to be Deputy Assistant Director of Medical Services, 1st July, 1940. To be Captain and Quartermaster—Lieutenant H. J. Christie, 3rd Australian Special Hospital, 20th June, 1940.

TRANSFERS—The following transfers are approved to take effect on 11th July, 1940 :—

Name.	Old Unit.	New Unit.
Major C. J. Cummings ...	2nd/12th Battalion	72nd Battalion.
Captain D. P. Sharp ...	2nd/12th Battalion	71st Battalion.
Captain A. W. Buttrose ...	2nd/10th Battalion	72nd Battalion.
Lieutenant J. W. London	Australian Corps of Signals	Royal Australian Artillery (Field).
Lieutenant J. C. Taylor ...	Australian Army Service Corps	72nd Battalion.
Lieutenant R. F. England	2nd/9th Battalion	70th Battalion.
Lieutenant J. H. Williams	2nd/10th Battalion	70th Battalion.
Lieutenant C. H. R. Thorn	2nd/12th Battalion	70th Battalion.
Lieutenant J. G. Jackson	2nd/12th Battalion	70th Battalion.
Lieutenant T. A. Rafferty	2nd/12th Battalion	70th Battalion.
Lieutenant K. P. Kimmins	2nd/12th Battalion	70th Battalion.
Lieutenant S. L. Hopton...	2nd/10th Battalion	72nd Battalion.
Lieutenant P. H. Bright ...	2nd/10th Battalion	72nd Battalion.

## SECONDMENTS.

The following officers are seconded in the units or corps shown opposite their names :—

Lieutenant-Colonel C. A. Australian Army Ordnance Corps ... 20th June, 1940.  
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 Major F. M. St. John ... Royal Australian Artillery (Anti-Tank) 20th June, 1940.  
 Major M. P. Crisp ... Royal Australian Artillery (Anti-Tank) 20th June, 1940.  
 Captain R. Eastwood ... Australian Army Ordnance Corps ... 2nd July, 1940.  
 Captain W. H. J. Hawkins ... Royal Australian Artillery (Field) ... 20th June, 1940.  
 Lieutenant T. W. Young ... Royal Australian Artillery (Field) ... 20th June, 1940.  
 Captain L. Hughes ... Royal Australian Artillery (Anti-Tank) 21st June, 1940.  
 Lieutenant V. Barker ... Royal Australian Artillery (Field) ... 23rd June, 1940.  
 Lieutenant R. A. Rafferty... 2nd/12th Battalion ... 24th June, 1940.  
 Captain R. A. Hollingsworth Australian Corps of Signals ... 26th June, 1940.  
 Captain K. M. Oliphant ... Royal Australian Artillery (Field) ... 27th June, 1940.  
 Major R. J. Harvey ... Royal Australian Artillery (Field) ... 2nd July, 1940.  
 Captain J. M. Hayes ... Royal Australian Artillery (Field) ... 2nd July, 1940.

## GENERAL LIST.

The following officers are posted to the General List with effect on and from 20th June, 1940 :—

Colonel A. W. Wardell, M.C.; Lieutenant-Colonels A. P. O. White, J. T. Simpson and A. G. Wilson; Major R. J. Barham; and Captains C. H. Costello and A. Binnie.

A. W. WARDELL,  
 Colonel i/c Administration.

HEADQUARTERS,  
 AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE (in U.K.),  
 15th July, 1940.



# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE ORDERS

BY

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR THOMAS BLAMEY, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.  
Commanding 1st Australian Corps.

HEADQUARTERS,  
1ST AUSTRALIAN CORPS,  
27th May, 1940.

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- (1) The power to appoint or promote officers to acting rank in the Military Forces provided that any officer appointed or promoted to acting rank under this delegation shall cease to hold the office if the Governor-General refuses to confirm the appointment or promotion.
- (2) (a) The power to convene courts-martial ;  
(b) The power to appoint officers to constitute courts-martial ;  
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(d) The power to mitigate or remit the punishment or any part of the punishment awarded by any sentence, or to commute, the punishment for any less punishment to which the offender might have been sentenced by the court-martial ; and  
(e) The power to suspend the execution or currency of any sentence on such terms and conditions (if any) as he thinks fit ;
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- (4) The power to establish and control administrative headquarters and base and line of communication units in conformity with the organization of that portion of His Majesty's Military Forces with which he is operating ;
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- (9) The power to detail to any corps or unit officers and soldiers placed on a supernumerary list or seconded ;
- (10) The power to detail to any corps or unit officers and soldiers of first and subsequent reinforcements ;
- (11) The power to return to Australia either through any organization created for administrative purposes or otherwise, officers and soldiers medically unfit or for any other reason whatsoever ;
- (12) The power, subject to any direction that may be given by the Minister, to enter into contracts, for and on behalf of the Commonwealth Government or otherwise to buy, requisition or provide supplies and material required to equip and maintain the Australian forces under his command, provided that the exercise of the power given by this paragraph will be subject to agreement with the Commander-in-Chief of the Force with which 1st Australian Army Corps is serving, and also subject to such agreements as may be made between the United Kingdom and Australian Governments ;
- (13) The power to administer, subject to the provisions of the Defence Act and any regulations made thereunder and any instructions of the Minister, the pay and finances of the Forces ;
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(Authority C.G. 63 of 4 April, 1940).

## 13. X-RAY EXAMINATION OF MEMBERS OF A.I.F. RETURNED FROM ABROAD.

All A.I.F. personnel returning to Australia from abroad will be subject to X-Ray examinations of the chest prior to discharge. These examinations will be made by the microradiographic method and will be carried out in all cases whether the personnel concerned are being discharged as medically unfit or for any other reason.

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Approval has been given for the establishment for the Australian Red Cross Society to be increased to allow approved representatives of that Society to be attached to Formations on the following scale :—

### In Australia.

Army Headquarters, Melbourne—

Commissioner ... .. 1

### Abroad—At A.I.F. Headquarters or any intermediate A.I.F. Headquarters—

Commissioner ... .. 1

Secretary ... .. 1

### In the field—

Deputy Commissioner ... .. 1

Deputy Assistant Commissioner ... .. 1

Assistant Commissioner ... .. 1

Representative Overseas Base ... .. 1

Representative at each Australian General Hospital or Convalescent Depot 1

Motor drivers, storemen, or other Assistants ... .. 8

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(Authority A.H.Q. 29907 of 18 May, 1940).

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1. The following policy regarding the promotion of Officers of the Australian Staff Corps has been approved and is promulgated for information :—

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- 1. An interim rebate equal to 2½ per cent. on turnover will be returned to the troops in Australia, pending finalization of a code of allocation of profits.
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- 4. Any amounts paid to formations in the past will be considered to be a part of this rebate and adjustments in future disbursements made accordingly.
- 5. The District Finance Officer will credit each Unit with an amount to be determined by the District Canteens Board in accordance with paragraph 6 and will issue to each Unit so concerned—except Militia who are provided for under M.F.R. and I. 598—a Regimental Fund Trust Account Book in which will be entered the amount of the credit and any withdrawals made by the Unit against it. When desiring to withdraw from this account, Commanding Officers will apply to the District Finance Officer who will enter the withdrawal in the book and make the money available immediately.
- 6. A statement will be prepared by the District Canteens Board showing in detail the amount paid to the District Finance Officer and the camps from which the profits were derived, and the approved division between Units. The District Finance Officer will then take action to make the amounts available to the respective Units.
- 7. The Commanding Officers to whom a Regimental Funds Trust Account Book is issued will be responsible to the General Officer Commanding for the proper disbursement of such moneys and will arrange for a statement of disbursements to be supplied to the Controller-General, Australian Defence Canteens Service for his information. Audit of these books should be conducted in accordance with the Accountancy instructions laid down for Regimental Funds Trust Account.
- 8. No expenditure may be made for ordinary Military requirements, for the use of Officers, in aid of any religious or philanthropic institution or for any purpose other than the advantage of the warrant, non-commissioned officers and men.
- 9. Officers who are concerned in the control or custody of the above monies or the monies of any fund raised for the benefit of a Unit will have the same responsibilities and duties in regard thereto as for Public Moneys.

(Authority A.H.Q. 27522 of 16 May, 1940).

#### 18. EQUIPMENT SEVENTH DIVISION AND CORPS TROOPS.

Separate schedules are being issued covering war equipment to be taken overseas and training stores for use in Australia.

Pending receipt of these schedules authority has been given for progress issues of such personal equipment and training stores, appropriate to the service arm, as are essential for immediate training.

(Authority A.H.Q. 2599 of 20 May, 1940).

B. J. ANDREW,  
Colonel.  
D.A.G., A.I.F.



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Assistant Commissioner	...	...	...	...	...	1
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Representative Overseas Base	...	...	...	...	...	1
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4. Any amounts paid to formations in the past will be considered to be a part of this rebate and adjustments in future disbursements made accordingly.
5. The District Finance Officer will credit each Unit with an amount to be determined by the District Canteens Board in accordance with paragraph 6 and will issue to each Unit so concerned—except Militia who are provided for under M.F.R. and 1. 598—a Regimental Fund Trust Account Book in which will be entered the amount of the credit and any withdrawals made by the Unit against it. When desiring to withdraw from this account, Commanding Officers will apply to the District Finance Officer who will enter the withdrawal in the book and make the money available immediately.
6. A statement will be prepared by the District Canteens Board showing in detail the amount paid to the District Finance Officer and the camps from which the profits were derived, and the approved division between Units. The District Finance Officer will then take action to make the amounts available to the respective Units.
7. The Commanding Officers to whom a Regimental Funds Trust Account Book is issued will be responsible to the General Officer Commanding for the proper disbursement of such moneys and will arrange for a statement of disbursements to be supplied to the Controller-General, Australian Defence Canteens Service for his information. Audit of these books should be conducted in accordance with the Accountancy instructions laid down for Regimental Funds Trust Account.
8. No expenditure may be made for ordinary Military requirements, for the use of Officers, in aid of any religious or philanthropic institution or for any purpose other than the advantage of the warrant, non-commissioned officers and men.
9. Officers who are concerned in the control or custody of the above monies or the monies of any fund raised for the benefit of a Unit will have the same responsibilities and duties in regard thereto as for Public Moneys.

(Authority A.H.Q. 27522 of 16 May, 1940).

### 18. EQUIPMENT SEVENTH DIVISION AND CORPS TROOPS.

Separate schedules are being issued covering war equipment to be taken overseas and training stores for use in Australia.

Pending receipt of these schedules authority has been given for progress issues of such personal equipment and training stores, appropriate to the service arm, as are essential for immediate training.

(Authority A.H.Q. 2599 of 20 May, 1940).

B. J. ANDREW,  
Colonel.  
D.A.G., A.I.F.

*H.B. Details  
1. Am. Corps*

**INSTRUCTIONS TO COMMANDING OFFICERS AND OFFICERS DESIGNATED  
BY COMMANDING OFFICERS TO TAKE VOTES OF MEMBERS OF THE  
FORCES.**

**DEFINITIONS. —**

"Commanding Officer" means the Officer commanding any Unit;  
"Member of the Forces" means a person who is or has been a member of the Defence Force of the Commonwealth and is or has been on active service outside the Commonwealth during the present war;  
"Unit" includes any detachment, formation, establishment or ship of the Defence Force of the Commonwealth.

The Commonwealth Electoral (War Time) Act 1940 provides:—

1. That a member of the Defence Forces of the Commonwealth, who is not under the age of 21 years and who is on active service outside Australia with any Unit during the present war, shall be entitled to vote at any election as an elector of the Division in which immediately prior to his appointment or enlistment as a member of the Forces he was ordinarily resident (or in the case of a member of the Forces appointed or enlisted prior to the outbreak of war (i.e. the 3rd September, 1939) of the Division in which he was ordinarily resident immediately prior to that date).

2. That the Chief Electoral Officer may appoint Commonwealth Returning Officers overseas to give effect to the provisions of the Act.

NOTE.— In pursuance of this provision Lt. Col. P. A. Parsons V.D., A.I.F., Headquarters, Palestine, has been appointed Commonwealth Returning Officer in respect of all Units of the Forces serving in or adjacent to the Middle East.

3. That immediately after the close of nominations the Chief Electoral Officer shall notify the Commonwealth Returning Officer of the names addresses and occupations of all candidates for the Senate election for each State and for the House of Representatives election in each Division of the Commonwealth.

4. That as soon as possible thereafter the Commonwealth Returning Officer shall, so far as the exigencies of Defence operations permit, supply to the Commanding Officer of each Unit in the area under his control a sufficient supply of:—

- (a) Lists showing the names, addresses and occupations of the candidates for the Senate election for each State and for the House of Representatives election for each Division;
- (b) Envelopes bearing the prescribed declaration to be made by the respective voters;
- (c) Senate Election Ballot-papers—printed for each respective State;
- (d) House of Representatives Election Ballot-papers—printed in blank; and
- (e) Alphabetical Lists of polling places for each State, to enable the members of the Forces in the respective Units to record their votes.

5. That immediately upon receipt of the material specified in the last preceding paragraph, the Commanding Officer of each Unit shall—

- (a) designate one or more Commissioned Officers of the Unit before whom the members of the Forces serving with that Unit may record their votes;
- (b) hand over to the Officer or Officers so designated the envelopes, ballot-papers and lists received from the Commonwealth Returning Officer; and
- (c) notify in Orders where and before whom and on what days and during what hours members of the Forces serving with that Unit may record their votes.

NOTE.— It is imperative that arrangements be made so as to permit of the votes being recorded with the least possible delay.

6. That the manner of voting shall be as follows:—

- (a) a member of the Forces serving with the Unit shall attend before an Officer of that Unit designated in pursuance of the last preceding paragraph and shall, in the presence of that Officer, fill in the prescribed form of declaration which the Officer shall then complete and attest.

Provided that if the voter is unable to state the Division in which he ordinarily resided immediately prior to appointment or enlistment as a member of the Forces (or immediately prior to the 3rd September, 1939) as the case may be, the Officer shall, by reference to the Alphabetical Lists of polling places supplied to him, determine the Division and insert the name thereof in the declaration;

- (b) the Officer shall initial and issue to the voter —

(i) a Senate ballot-paper for the State of which the voter's Division forms part on which have been printed the names of all the candidates in the order and grouped as required by the provisions of the Commonwealth electoral Act; and

(ii) a House of Representatives ballot-paper for the voter's Division (if the election in that Division is contested) on which the officer has written, in alphabetical order, the names (but not the addresses or occupations) of all the candidates for that Division as appearing in the list supplied to that officer.

- (c) that the voter shall, then and there in private, mark his vote on the ballot-paper (or ballot papers) and return it (or them) to the officer so folded as to conceal his vote and to show clearly the initials of the officer; and

- (d) that the officer shall then and there place the ballot-paper (or ballot-papers) in the envelope bearing the declaration of the voter, fasten the envelope and at the earliest practicable time, deliver it or cause it to be delivered to the Commanding Officer.

7. That where only one Commissioned Officer of a Unit is designated in pursuance of paragraph 5 hereof, the Commanding Officer shall for the purpose of enabling that officer to vote, perform the functions set forth in the last preceding paragraph.

8. That the Commanding Officer shall forthwith transmit, or cause to be transmitted, by the most expeditious means available, to the Commonwealth Returning Officer controlling the area in which his Unit is located all envelopes bearing declarations and containing ballot-papers which are delivered to him in accordance with the last preceding paragraph.

NOTE.— It is important that this instruction be carried out with the utmost expedition, inasmuch as only those envelopes which reach the Commonwealth Returning Officer prior to 8 p.m. on the day fixed by the Writ for the polling viz., 21 September 1940 may be accepted for scrutiny.

A copy of the printed list showing the names, addresses and occupations of the candidates at the elections should, if practicable, be placed on exhibition for the general information of members of the Forces attached to the Unit immediately it is received.

9. Clause six of the Act provides:—

For the purpose of this Part, the Chief Electoral Officer may appoint such Commonwealth Returning Officers as he thinks necessary, and any Commonwealth Returning Officer so appointed may appoint such Deputy Returning Officers to assist him in carrying out his functions under this Part as he thinks fit. A Commonwealth Returning Officer may delegate to a Deputy Returning Officer appointed by him the whole or any of his powers and functions under this Act, except the power of delegation.

The Deputy Commonwealth Returning Officer appointed for

your area is

1 AUSTRALIAN CORPS

32.

MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 1

SECRET

GAZA  
28 Aug 40.

SUBJECT :- RETURNEES TO AUSTRALIA - NO. 2 PARTY  
COMPRISING PERSONNEL RETURNING S.H.L.R.,  
DRAFT CONDUCTING OFFICER and ESCORT.

1. COMMAND

Capt. J. C. Currie will be O.C. Party and Draft Conducting Officer.

2. PERSONNEL

The personnel returning S.H.L.R. are as attached in Appendix "A".

3. ESCORT

The personnel of the escort will be 1 Sergeant, 1 corporal and 8 other ranks, as detailed by O.C. Party from personnel of 1 Aus Corps H.Q. Guard Battalion.

Nominal Rolls of personnel of escort will be in the hands of the C.P.M. and O i/c Records 2 Echelon A.I.F. by 0700 hrs Thur 29 Aug 40.

4. MOVEMENT

No. 2 Party will depart GAZA railway station for SUEZ at 1245 hrs on Thur 29 Aug 40. Party will report to R.T.O. by 1200 hrs on day of departure. Time table for train journey GAZA to SUEZ is as follows :-

Depart Gaza	1245 hrs	
Arrive Kantara East	1730 hrs	(change)
Depart Kantara West	1927 "	
Arrive Ismailia	1956 "	(change) ++ see below
Depart Ismailia	2035 "	
Arrive Suez	2240 "	

++ The 3rd class coach for personnel will be slipped at Ismailia. Personnel in this carriage will remain in same until arrival at SUEZ. Other personnel will change carriages at ISMAILIA.

5. TRANSPORT TO GAZA RAILWAY STATION

C.O. General Base Depot will make demand on Camp Commandant 1 Aus Corps for necessary transport to GAZA railway station. Party will depart General Base Depot at 1145 hrs on Thur 29 Aug 40.

6. BAGGAGE

Baggage up to entitlement will be taken on transport to GAZA Railway Station. Baggage will be clearly marked with Regimental number, name, and addressed to SUEZ. No reference will be made to unit. Baggage up to entitlement will be taken on passenger train.

7. ENTRAINMENT

Party will entrain under instructions R.T.O. GAZA.

8. RATIONS

Train ration will be carried and water bottles will be filled. Personnel will carry 24 hours' reserve rations in case of interference by enemy action. Rations will be provided by C.O. General Base Depot.

9. CONCLUSION OF JOURNEY

Party will report to R.T.O. SUEZ for further instructions.

10. EQUIPMENT

All army equipment except helmet, steel and respirator anti-gas and personal clothing will be handed in to store before departure by Returnees S.N.L.R. If so instructed by O.C. A.I.F. Port Detachment SUEZ, respirators anti-gas and helmets steel of Returnees S.N.L.R. will be handed in to A.I.F. Port Detachment.

11. ESCORT and DRAFT CONDUCTION OFFICER

Escort and Draft Conducting Officer will move in full marching order. Each member of escort will carry 50 rounds of ball ammunition.

12. RAIL WARRANTS

Rail warrants for party will be prepared by C.O., General Base Depot and will be made out from GAZA to SUEZ. 1st class warrants will be issued for O.Rs.

13. Y.M.C.A.

Mr. L. B. Finn, Y.M.C.A. Officer, will enquire at JERUSALEM at 0855 hrs and will join No. 2 Party at GAZA. Arrangements have been made with Movements Force H.Q. for issue of his warrant. He will report to M.C.O. at JERUSALEM at 0800 hrs on Thur 29 Aug 40.

14. EMBARKATION FORMS

Embarkation Forms AAP T.51 will be prepared by H.Q., 1 Aus Corps and will be handed to O.C. Party for use.

15. PAY

Detailed financial instructions for the voyage will be issued by C.P.M. to O.C. Party. Adjustment of pay books will be made under arrangements made directly between O.C. Party and C.P.M.

16. PERSONAL DOCUMENTS

Personal documents will be handed to O.C. Party and will be adjusted under arrangements made directly between O.C. Party and Records 2 Echelon A.I.F. and O.C. Party.

17. EMBARKATION AT SUEZ

Embarkation at SUEZ or elsewhere will be carried out as directed by the local authority in question.

18. SEA VOYAGE

The Party will remain under the command of Capt. Currie until arrival in Australia. If the Party travels on a troopship or other ship containing a combatant military officer senior to the O.C. Party, or exercising a senior appointment, the O.C. Party will be under the command of such officer.

19. ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA

Party will report to the appropriate military authority at first port of call in Australia for further instructions.

20.

In the event of a call or staging at BOMBAY contact will be made with Australian Liaison Officer BOMBAY for further instructions.

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D.A.Q.M.G. (M) 1

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For information.



APPENDIX "A" TO MOVEMENT ORDER NO.1. 1 AUS. CORPS 28 AUG 40

Number	Rank	Name		Unit
VX 252	Capt.	Currie	J.C.	Draft Conducting Officer
-----	-----	<del>Currie</del>	<del>J.C.</del>	<del>2/1 Bn.</del>
NX3616	Spr.	Levi	A.G.	2/1 Fd. Coy.
NX3639	Spr.	Goulding	S.	do
NX9311	Spr.	Hall	A.W.	do
NX2611	Pte.	Perry	A.J.	2/1 Bn.
NX7543	Pte.	Lockwood	G.A.	do
NX7841	Pte.	Davidson	C.J.	do
NX8483	Pte.	Reynolds	R.	do
NX1266	Pte.	Watson	G.L.	2/2 Bn.
NX1449	Pte.	Fagget	L.J.	do
NX1540	Pte.	Graham	J.	do
NX1596	Pte.	Dulihanty	M.B.	do
NX1730	Pte.	Howell	R.C.	do
NX1816	Pte.	Prater	W.E.	do
NX1894	Pte.	Watson	J.	do
NX2219	Pte.	Kennedy	F.A.	do
NX9541	Pte.	Richards	C.J.	do
NX4576	Pte.	Jarvis	W.	2/3 Bn.
NX4785	Pte.	McKenzie	A.H.	do
NX4998	Pte.	Saville	J.A.	do
NX6096	Pte.	Lennon	D.J.	do
NX9931	Pte.	Armstrong	G.	do
VX5465	Pte.	Kynson	R.J.	2/7 Bn.
VX5699	Pte.	Greenwood	W.H.	do
VX16052	Pte.	Beckhurst	J.W.	do
VX16551	Pte.	Aldridge	G.T.	do
VX7536	Pte.	Weeks	H.	2/5 Bn.
VX11808	Pte.	Rosier	G.	do
VX7581	Pte.	Franklin	G.R.	2/6 Bn.
VX11319	Pte.	Dudley	A.C.	do
VX13576	Pte.	Prosser	D.N.	2/2 Fd. Amb.
VX689	Gnr.	Parris	W.G.	2/2 Fd. Regt.
VX7588	Pte.	Barnfield	G.B.F.	Gen. Base Depot

SECRET & IMMEDIATE

1 AUSTRALIAN CORPS

MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 2

Gaza,  
30 Aug 40.

SUBJECT : RETUMNEES TO AUSTRALIA - NO. 2A PARTY COM-  
PRISING PERSONNEL RETURNING S.H.L.R. and  
NO. 2B PARTY COMPRISING ESCORT TO SOHDAY.

1. Reference is made to 1 Aus Corps Movement Order No. 1 of 28 Aug 40.

1. COMMAND

Major H. E. Ronald will be Draft Conducting Officer for the rail journey GAZA to SUEZ. He will be attended for the journey by an orderly selected by him. On arrival at SUEZ he will hand over Nos 2A and 2B Parties to Capt. J. C. Currie, C.O. No. 2 Party.

2. PERSONNEL

Personnel returning S.H.L.R. to Australia have already been notified to all concerned and comprise No. 2A Party.

3. ESCORT

The personnel of the escort will be one corporal and nine other ranks as detailed by C.O. of 1 Aus Corps H.Q. Guard Bn, and will comprise No. 2B Party. Nominal Rolls of Nos. 2A and 2B Parties will be in the hands of C.P.M. and C i/c Records 2 Echelon A.I.F. by 0830 hrs Sat 31 Aug 40.

4. MOVEMENT

Nos. 2A and 2B Parties will depart GAZA railway station for SUEZ at 1245 hrs on Sat 31 Aug 40. Parties will report to R.T.O. by 1200 hrs on day of departure. Time table for train journey GAZA to SUEZ is as follows :-

Depart Gaza	1245 hrs	
Arrive Kantara East	1730 "	(change)
Depart Kantara West	1927 "	
Arrive Imaillia	1956 "	(change)
Depart Imaillia	2035 "	
Arrive Suez	2240 "	

5. TRANSPORT TO GAZA RAILWAY STATION

Camp Commandant, 1 Aus Corps, will provide necessary transport to GAZA Railway Station by arrangement with C.O., General Base Depot. Parties will depart General Base Depot at 1145 hrs on Sat 31 Aug 40.

6. BAGGAGE

Baggage up to entitlement will be taken on transport to GAZA Railway Station. Baggage will be clearly marked with Regimental number, name, and addressed to SUEZ. No reference will be made to unit. Baggage up to entitlement will be taken on passenger train.

7. ENTRAINMENT

Party will entrain under instructions R.T.O. GAZA.

8. RATIONS

Train rations will be carried and water bottles will be filled. Personnel will carry 24 hours' reserve rations in case of interference by enemy action. Rations will be provided by C.O. General Base Depot.

9. CONCLUSION OF JOURNEY

Party will report to R.T.O. SUEZ for further instructions. On handing over to O.C. No. 2 Party, Major Ronald and orderly will return to GAZA under arrangements made by O.C., A.I.F. Port Detachment, SUEZ.

10. EQUIPMENT

All army equipment except helmet steel and respirator anti-gas and personal clothing will be handed in to store before departure by No. 2A Party.

10A. No. 2B Party will move in full marching order. Each member will carry 50 rounds of ball ammunition, bandolier packed.

11. RAIL WARRANTS

Rail Warrants for party will be prepared by H.Q. 1 Aus Corps and will be available to D.C.O. on arrival at railway station GAZA. 3rd class warrants will be issued for other ranks.

12. FRONTIER PASSES

Frontier passes will be prepared by H.Q., 1 Aus Corps and will be available to D.C.O. on arrival at railway station GAZA.

13. EMBARKATION FORMS

Embarkation Forms A.A.F. T.51 will be prepared by H.Q., 1 Aus Corps and will be handed to D.C.O. for use and subsequently handed over to O.C. No. 2 Party.

14. PAY

Detailed financial instructions for the voyage have already been issued by C.P.M. to O.C. No. 2 Party. Adjustment of pay books for Nos. 2A and 2B parties will be made under arrangements made directly between O.C. Party and C.P.M.

15. PERSONAL DOCUMENTS

Personal documents will be handed to D.C.O. and after having been adjusted under arrangements made directly between O 1/c Records 2 Echelon A.I.F. and D.C.O. On arrival at SUEZ they will be handed over by Draft Conducting Officer to O.C. No. 2 Party.

16. ARRIVAL AT BOMBAY

It is at present intended that the ship in which No. 2A and 2B parties will travel will call at BOMBAY, in which case No. 2B Party will disembark. They will report forthwith to Australian Liaison Officer, BOMBAY (Brigadier B. M. Morris, D.S.O.) and will act in accordance with his instructions.

.....Capt.  
D.A.Q.M.G. (H) 1 Aus Corps

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Commanding 1 Aus Corps.

No. 1.

Gaza 5 Sep 40

GENERAL STAFF

1. D.R.L.S. GAZA Area:

(a) As from Thu 5 Sep 40 the following D.R.L.S. will run daily; all previous orders are cancelled:-

NOTE:-All times refer to Times of Departure, except at Terminal stas, when they are Times of Arrival.

Place	Van		M/C.	
	Up	Down	Up	Down
GAZA	0905	1725	1600	1201
GAZA AIRPORT	0918	1717		
GAZA R.T.O.	0935	1700		
GAZA RIDGE	0945	1650	1614	1152
KILO 89	0957	1638	1626	1140
ETH DEIR SUNEID	1008	1627	1637	1129
NTH DEIR SUNEID	1021	1619	1645	1118
BEIT JIRJA	1037	1658	1656	1116
BARBARA	1048	1617	1706	1100
JULIS	1107	1528		
CASTINA	1125	1512		
A.A.C.S. REHOVOT	1202	1433		
SARAFAND (P.O.)	1228	1407		
SARAFAND (Sig.O)	1230	1400		

(b) Rail Letter Service -- CAIRO-HAIFA-CAIRO

(i) UP Departs GAZA Ry Sta at 0458 hrs  
AL MAJDAL " " " 0512 "  
LYDDA by D.R.L.S. (Rd) at 0650 hrs,  
arriving JERUSALEM at 1210 hrs.

(if) DOWN Departs JERUSALEM by D.R.L.S. at 0515 hrs.  
LYDDA by train at 1110 hrs.  
AL MAJDAL " " " 1208 hrs.  
GAZA Ry Sta " " " 1245 hrs.

2. Respirators Anti-Gas:

Respirators anti-gas will NOT be carried except for training when ordered by the Comd concerned. (371.11.7)

*S. J. Kewell*

Brig.,  
G.S. 1 Aus Corps.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S STAFF.

3. Air Mail Services:

(a) Imperial Airways are now operating a bi-weekly service both ways on the Sydney-Tiberias-Durban run on the following tentative schedule:-

WESTBOUND - Arrives Tiberias Sundays and Thursdays 1400 hrs  
EASTBOUND - Arrives Tiberias Mondays and Fridays 1100 "

(b) Outgoing mails both East and Westbound will close at Army Base P.O. GAZA Wednesdays and Saturdays at 1200 hrs.

(c) Inwards mails arrive at Army Base P.O. GAZA on Sundays and Thursdays at 2030 hrs and will be ready for delivery at 1030 hrs on Mondays and Fridays.

4. Empty Mail Bags:

Units will submit to D.A.D.P.S. by 10 Sep 40 a return showing the number of empty mail bags on hand at 31 Aug 40.

5. Out of bounds:

The "Assamir" Cafe adjoining the "New Gaza Cinema" is Out of Bounds to all troops.

6. Washing & Disinfecting of Blankets:

The arrangements for washing and disinfecting blankets are as follows:-

(a) Units, during this month - September - will submit indents to D.A.D.O.S. SARAFAND for replacements, quoting CR/PAL/13495/OS.

(b) Instructions to take soiled blankets to SARAFAND and draw clean ones for replacement will then be signalled to units by D.A.D.O.S. SARAFAND.

(c) After Australian grey blankets have been washed they will be returned by D.A.D.O.S. SARAFAND to Aus Base Ord Depot. Units will then indent for the number of these blankets which they sent away and will return an equal number of British blankets to D.A.D.O.S. SARAFAND.

*W. H. Cleland*  
cap  
for Lt. Col.,  
A.Q.M.G. 1 Aus Corps.

Distribution - List "A", which is as follows:-

17 Aus Inf Bde  
19 Aus Inf Bde  
C.R.A.E.  
2/2 Fd Coy  
2 Coy Sigs  
A.A.S.C.  
2/2 Fd Amb  
  
A.I.L. Sec  
Gen Base Depot  
1 Aus Gen Hosp  
2 " " "  
10 " Spec "  
2/1 C.C.S.  
2/1 Aus Conv Depot  
2/1 Aus Det Bks  
Aus Base Ord Depot  
  
Aus Port Det  
A.L.O. BOMBAY  
  
G.O.C.  
G.  
A.  
Q.  
Camp  
Area Comdt GAZA  
D.D.M.S.  
A.D.O.S.  
A.D.E.S.  
D.A.P.M. GAZA  
Area Compensation Offr  
D.A.D.P.S.  
2nd Ech  
Chief Paymaster  
Audit Sec  
D.D.C.S.  
File (2)  
War Diary (2)  
Spare (3)

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Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

No. 3.

Gaza 8 Sep 40

GENERAL STAFF

11. Abbreviated Titles

From this date the abbreviated title for "AUSTRALIA" will be "AUST." Action will be taken by all formations, units, Staffs and Services to ensure the previous abbreviation ("AUS") is NO longer used. All office stamps, etc., will be changed accordingly at the first convenient opportunity.

*L. J. K. 11*

Brig.,  
G.S. 1 Aust. Corps.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S STAFF

12. Canteen Orders

Before a Canteen Order is presented to a canteen it will be stamped on the back by the Unit orderly office and signed by an Officer, signifying that the order has been received by the rightful owner named in the Order.

*The Canteen*  
*for Lt.-col.*  
A.Q.M.G. 1 Aust. Corps.

*War Diary*

Distribution

List "A"  
6 Aust Div (3)  
G.H.Q. M.E. (3)  
Force H.Q. (3)



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No. 4.

Gaza, 11 Sep. 40

GENERAL STAFF.

13. Applications for Employment of Civilians.

Applications for employment of civilians in Military Areas will in future be directed to "Military Commander, H.Q. 19 Aust. Inf. Bde."

14. Unexploded Aircraft Bombs.

The location of any unexploded aircraft bomb will be reported immediately by Signal to this H.Q. A guard will be placed near the bomb to prevent interference with it by any unauthorized person. (For disposal see CR/PAL/16750/G dated 9 Sep 40).

*Keith Murray*  
Lt Col  
in Brig.,  
G.S. 1 Aust. Corps.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S STAFF.

15. Accommodation and Tentage Return. (CR/PAL/12848/Q).

This return will still be rendered as required by 6 Aust. Div. Circular 1121/Q of 12 Jul 40 except that one copy thereof will be sent to this H.Q. and NOT 6 Aust. Div.

16. Conservancy Contract.

To compute the amount due to the Conservancy Contractor the following returns will be rendered by Camp Commanders in respect to the whole of their Camp Areas. These returns will reach this H.Q. NOT later than the 5th day of each month and will show the position as at the last day of the preceding month:-

16.

Conservancy Contract (continued).

(a) Civilians.

- (i) The total number of civilians living or working in each camp.
- (ii) The term "civilians" includes sweepers as well as all employees of Canteens, Officers' or Sergeants' Messes, Contractors, etc.

(b) Latrine Tubs.

The total number in actual use in each camp.

(c) Urine Buckets.

The total number in actual use in each camp.

(d) Sullage Water.

A certificate as to the quantity of sullage water removed during the month.

17.

Weekly Return of Amn. and Explosives Expended.

(a) Units will submit every Thursday by 0900 hours by signal message through the usual channels, a return of Amn. or Explosives expended during the previous seven days, provided that the return due on Thursday 12 Sep. will show the expenditure during the previous 14 days.

(b) Expenditure will be shown separately for (1) Practice and (2) Operations.

(c) Inf. Bdes. will consolidate returns for their H.Q. and units, and submit by signal to this H.Q. by 1000 hours. Other units will submit direct to this H.Q. by 0900 hours.

(d) Times mentioned are those by which messages will be handed in to Signals.

(e) NIL RETURNS are required.

(f) The Amn. Code in F.S.P.B. pamphlet No. 9a/1939 will be used, but if units are not in possession of such pamphlet, then the Code shown as Appendix "A" to CR/PAL/16749/OS of 10 Jul 40, which has already been issued to units, will be used.

*W. H. Ireland*  
for Lt. Col.  
A.Q.M.G. 1 Aust. Corps.

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Commanding 1 Aust. Corps.

No. 5.

Gaza 14 Sep. 40.

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18. Distribution List.

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*J. H. Murray*  
Brig.  
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20. Transfer of Personnel.

Personnel on transferring from one unit to another unit will take with them their personal equipment, arms, blankets and bed boards. Voucher G.1033 will be passed.

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- (a) The standard method of sterilisation of water in the field is by clarification, super-chlorination with water sterilising Powder, and dechlorination with taste remover tablets.
- (b) Owing to the presence of Schistosomiasis (Bilharzia) in the Middle East, the minimum period which must elapse after the addition of the water sterilising powder and before the addition of the taste remover tablets will always be at least half an hour, but

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*A. H. Curand*  
*for Lt. Col.*  
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Appx.B. to 1 Aust. Corps Routine Orders of 14 Sep.  
PRO FORMA Q(11) 1.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

NOMINAL ROLL OF DRAFT.

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PRO FORMA Q(M) 1.

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NOIINAL ROLL OF DRAFT.

FROM. . . PLACE . . . TO . . .  
Date of Despatch . . .

Army No.	Rank.	Name.	Unit.	Roll Call.		Remarks.
				Present (P). Departure	Absent (A). Arrival	

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Lt.-Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

Commanding 1 Aust. Corps.

No. 6.

GAZA. 17 Sep. 40.

GENERAL STAFF.

N I L.

*J. E. B. Blamey, Capt*  
Brig.  
G.S. 1 Aust. Corps.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S STAFF.

22. Accommodation & Tentage Return (CR/PAL/12848/Q).

In reference to para 2 of 6 Aust. Div. Circular 1121/Q of 12 Jul 40, units in PALESTINE will in future forward one copy of the return therein mentioned to A.D.O.S. 1 Aust. Corps, BARBARA, in lieu of the copy previously rendered to H.Q. 6 Aust. Div.

23. Anti-Gas Ointment No. 2.

(a) CR/PAL/8068/6/OS dated 14 Sep 40 is being forwarded to units under separate cover.

(b) In reference to para 4 of the above quoted Circular, units in PALESTINE will submit indents forthwith to A.D.O.S. 1 Aust. Corps, BARBARA, who will immediately consolidate the indents for submission to D.A.D.O.S., HAIFA.

*The General*  
for Lt. Col.  
A.Q.M.G. 1 Aust. Corps.

NOTICE.

*for*  
*Bar*  
LOST RIFLE - Rifle No. 20943 has been found. Any unit having this Rifle on charge will notify this H.Q. forthwith.

DISTRIBUTION.  
List "A".

(Ref - Corps Routine Order 23/40 of 17 Sep 40).

S E C R E T.

Force Headquarters,  
Palestine.  
CR/PAL/8068/6/OS.

14 September 1940.

Headquarters,  
1 Aust. Corps.  
1 Cav. Div.  
J'sm Area.  
Lydda Area.  
O.C., Troops Cyprus.

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Copy to D.A.D.O.S. Haifa.  
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1. It has been decided that Anti-Gas Ointment No. 2 will be issued immediately it becomes available to all formations and units on the scale of one pot for each officer and other rank.

2. 50% of the number of pots in possession of troops will be maintained as a command reserve by D.A.D.O.S., Haifa.

3. The following extract from Pamphlet No. 3 Protection against Gas and Air Raids, is notified for information:-

"Ointment No. 2. This ointment will be issued in tins each containing eight tubes. It is effective against liquid mustard or Lewisite and, under certain conditions, may be used as a prophylactic for blister gas vapour.

If the skin is contaminated with liquid blister gas small quantities of the ointment should be rubbed thoroughly into the affected part."

4. Formations and units will submit indents forthwith repeat forthwith to D.A.D.O.S., Haifa for requirements of Ointment No. 2 pots.

5. The D.A.D.O.S., Haifa will demand on the B.O.D. Egypt for formation and unit requirements plus the authorised proportion for command reserve.

6. On receipt of ointment No. 2 by formations and units the second tin of ointment anti-gas No. 1 will be returned to the R.A.O.C. by arrangement with the D.A.D.O.S., Haifa. The D.A.D.O.S. Haifa will notify this Headquarters in due course of the number of tins of ointment No. 1 returned under this instruction.

(sgd) S. HOPKINSON, Major.  
for Lieut. Col.  
A.Q.H.G.

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less Nos.  
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(Ref - Corps Routine Order 23/40 of 17 Sep 40).

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No. 67

GAZA 20 Sep. 40

GENERAL STAFF.

24. Unit Title.

(a) The title of the newly raised Guard Battalion is 1st Australian Corps Headquarters Guard Bn.

(b) The abbreviated title will be - 1 Aust. Corps H.Q. Gd. Bn.

*A. G. Bury* Capt  
Brig.  
G.S. 1 Aust. Corps.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S STAFF.

25. Cable Messages.

When sending private Cable Messages members of the Forces will include on the telegraph form their number, rank and unit.

Cables will not be accepted for transmission unless these details appear on the form.

26. Pay Books.

All reference to the unit on the cover and within Pay Books will be erased or deleted so as to be quite illegible.

27. Unfulfilled Unit Indents.

(a) Unfulfilled unit indents for stores to be supplied by A.I.F. Base Ordnance Depot, which have been submitted prior to the 20th July 1940, are hereby cancelled.

(b) Fresh indents will be submitted for any stores still required.

28. Septic Sores.

With a view to lowering the incidence of septic sores, Unit Comds. will -

- (a) Ensure that all personnel sustaining minor injuries and abrasions, no matter how trivial, report to the R.M.O. for first aid treatment at the earliest opportunity, and
- (b) Impress upon all ranks -
  - (i) the importance of keeping the skin clean in a hot and dusty climate;
  - (ii) the necessity for at least one bath daily, preferably at the close of the day's work, and the frequent use of the new soap issue.

29. Soap Issue.

- (a) Approval has been given for the issue to all ranks of soap for personal use.
- (b) The issue will be on the scale of one cake per man per fortnight.
- (c) Units will submit indents to Aust. Base Ord. Depot, Barbara, fortnightly in advance for the necessary supplies.

30. Visiting hours in Hospital.

(a) Visiting hours will be as follows:-

<u>Officers' Wards.</u>	<u>General Wards.</u>
1400 hrs - 1600 hrs	1500 hrs - 1600 hrs
1900 hrs - 2100 hrs	1800 hrs - 1900 hrs
	} daily.
	1400 hrs - 1600 hrs
	1800 hrs - 1900 hrs
	} Sundays.

- (b) Other ranks visiting general wards will obtain a pass at the Reception Hut, and present the pass to the Ward Sister - the Ward Sister may refuse to admit a visitor to a patient.
- (c) All parcels brought for patients will be delivered to the Ward Sister and NOT to the patients.
- (d) Anyone bringing alcohol or any article of uniform for the use of a patient into a ward will be dealt with severely.

*A. Q. M. G.*  
Lt. Col.  
A.Q.M.G. 1 Aust. Corps.

NOTICE.

CABLE DELAYS -

- (a) to Australia.  
It is regretted that for the time being E.M.F. Cables to Australia are subject to a delay of 7 days;
- (b) from England.- CR/PAL/21418/6/Q of 17 Sep 43.  
is attached for information.

CR/PAL/21418/5/Q  
Force H.Q.  
17th September 1940.

1 Aust. Corps  
1 Cav Div.  
Haifa Base Area  
Jerusalem Area  
Lydda Area  
4 Cav Bde.  
6 Cav Bde. All Branches Force H.Q.  
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Telegraph Traffic - Delay of.  
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1. Information has been received that owing to the war situation, the following delays may be expected in regard to all telegraphic traffic from ENGLAND to PALESTINE.

Full rate telegrams	No delay.
Deferred Rate telegrams	2 days' delay.
Night letter telegrams	5 days' delay.
Expeditionary Force Message (E.F.M.) telegrams.	5 - 7 days' delay.

2. It is hoped that these delays may only be temporary but those on E.F.M. telegrams will probably increase.

All units should be informed of these delays which are unavoidable, although every effort is made to deal with this traffic as expeditiously as possible.

It must be understood that official and highly paid traffic must have preference.

(sgd) S. HOPKINSON, Major.  
for Lieut. Colonel.  
A.Q.M.G.



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No. 8.

GAZA 25 Sep 40.

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N I L.

*R. H. H. H. H. H.*  
Brig.  
G.S. 1 Aust. Corps.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S STAFF.

31. COVERS OVERALL FOR BREN GUNS.

Units will submit indents forthwith to Aust. Ord. Base Depot for Covers overall Bren, required to complete to the scale of one for each Bren Gun held on charge.

32. HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

Personnel for admission to any Gen. Hosps. or Conv. Depots will take with them respirator anti-gas and helmet steel.

33. MONTHLY STATEMENT OF GUN & MORTAR AMMUNITION etc.

- (a) This return will still be rendered by units in PALESTINE as required by 6 Aust. Div. Circular QS/57 of 15 Jul 40 except that two copies thereof will be sent to this H.Q. and NOT to D.A.D.O.S. 6 Aust. Div.
- (b) Units will include in the return the additional information which is asked for in CR/PAL/16749/OS dated 13 Aug 40.

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*R. H. H. H. H.*  
Lt. Col.  
A.Q.M.G. 1 Aust. Corps.

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No. 10.

GAZA, 29 Sep 40.

GENERAL STAFF.

41. ROAD CURFEW.

Attention is drawn to the fact that a curfew on all mechanically propelled vehicles on all roads in Palestine has been declared. No civilian vehicle may use the roads in the Gaza Military District between the hours of 1945 and 0530, unless in possession of a valid authority to do so. Such valid authority can only be issued by the Military Commander Gaza Area, Kilo 89 Camp. Military and Police vehicles travelling on duty do not need such curfew pass.

*RW Inall*  
*for* Brig.  
G.S. 1 Aust. Corps.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S STAFF.

42. ARAB DRESS.

The wearing of Arab dress or any article thereof in PALESTINE by personnel of the A.I.F. is not permitted on any occasion whatsoever.

43. COOKS - TRADE TESTING.

(a) CR/PAL/21685/3/Q dated 24 Sep 40 from Force H.Q. is att.

(b) Unit Comds. will ensure that every Cook who is despatched for testing is fully up to standard in every respect.

44. INSTRUCTIONS TO GUIDE STORAGE ETC. OF ANTI-GAS CLOTHING AND STORES.

(a) 57/GEN/496/(S.D.9.c) dated 30 May 40 from the War Office is att. for unit guidance.

45. SAFE CUSTODY OF STORES.

(a) CR/PAL/26374/Q dated 27 Sep 40 from Force H.Q. is att.

(b) The loss of any of the stores therein mentioned will be reported to this H.Q. forthwith.

(c) Unit Comds. will ensure that W.D. property is most carefully safeguarded.

46. SUPPLEMENTARY RATION ALLOWANCE.

The practice of obtaining goods other than items of food from Canteens with the expectation of paying for them out of Supplementary Ration Allowance is growing. It will cease forthwith, and purchases will be confined to items of food.

*The Finance*  
*for Brig.*

D.A. and Q.H.G. 1 Aust. Corps.

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57/GEN/496/(S.D.9.c) ).

List "A".

C.O.O. Barbara.

Except that CR/PAL/21685/3/Q

and 57/GEN/496(S.D.9.c) -

are not issued to the following:-

A.I.L. Soc.

Aust. Port Det.

A.L.O. Bombay.

Area Comdt. GAZA.

D.A.P.H. GAZA.

Area Compensation Offr.

D.A.D.P.S.

2nd Ech.

Chief Paymaster.

Audit Sec.

D.D.C.S.

A.P.H.

CR/Pal/26374/Q.

FORCE H.Q.

27 Sep 40.

1 Aust Corps	Lydda Area.
1 Cav Div	Haifa Base Area
J'sm Area	4 Cav Bde
	5 Cav Bde
	6 Cav Bde

C.E.	D.A.D.R.	} for information
O.S.	D.D.V.S.	
S.T.	F.A.	
D.D.H.S.		

SAFE CUSTODY OF STORES.

1. On 20 Sep 40 the Palestine Police found the under-mentioned stores hidden in rushes near Beit Alpha, TIBERIAS :-

Four new Army tents;  
Two bales of new horse rugs;  
One bale of new blankets;  
One sack of new tent pegs.

2. On 17 Sep 40, 400 Army blankets were found in the illegal possession of a civilian at TEL AVIV.

3. The loss of none of these stores has been reported to this H.Q. Will you please report whether the loss has hitherto been brought to your notice.

4. The necessity of maintaining some form of administrative accounting for all W.D. property has been stressed by this H.Q. The fact that these stores have been found in the circumstances described shows that there must be a laxity in the care of W.D. property in certain quarters.

5. At this time, when the most economical use of all available shipping space is of vital importance to the prosecution of the war, particularly in the Middle East, any action which deprives the Army of essential stores is comparable with "Fifth Columnist" activity and this aspect of such losses should be brought to the notice of all ranks.

6. Will you please take such additional steps as you may consider necessary to ensure that W.D. property is most carefully safeguarded.

*AS Bunsell*

Brigadier,  
i/c Administration.

BH:

14.D  
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Lt. Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

No. 9.

GAZA, 27 Sep 40.

GENERAL STAFF.

34. RAIL COURIER SERVICE.

1. Ref. Aust. Corps R.O. No. 1/1 dated 5 Sep 40, the following procedure will be adopted regarding despatch of mail matter to EGYPT:-
  - (a) All matter for despatch will be lodged with Sig. Office GAZA by 1000 hours daily.
  - (b) Sig. Office will parcel into three bags, addressed respectively -
    - (i) H.Q. 6 Aust. Div,
    - (ii) H.Q., B.T.E.
    - (iii) Ausport Det. SUEZ via KANTARA.and will arrange for their delivery to the person of the Rail Courier at GAZA Rly. Sta. daily.
  - (c) 6 Aust. Div. will arrange for the bag to be collected from the Rail Courier daily on his arrival at CAIRO Rly. Sta.
2. Reciprocal arrangements will be made by 6 Aust. Div. for matter for delivery in Palestine. This bag will be addressed "H.Q. 1 Aust. Corps, GAZA."
3. All mail matter for this service will be endorsed -  
"By Rail Courier Service."

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35.

COURT OF INQUIRY.

- (a) A Court of Inquiry, composed as under, will assemble at such time and place as shall be appointed by the President, to enquire into and report upon

- (i) the cause of the fire which occurred on this date and destroyed a block of billets at this H.Q.  
(ii) the loss or damage to clothing and equipment sustained by personnel.

President - Lt. Col. L. C. Kelly.  
Member - Lieut. S. A. Fletcher.

- (b) The proceedings and report of the Court will be submitted to this H.Q. as soon as possible.

36.

A.D.O.S. 1 AUST. CORPS.

- (a) A.D.O.S. 1 Aust. Corps is now established at Top Floor, Farah Hotel, GAZA.  
(b) All communications for A.D.O.S. will be addressed accordingly.  
(c) All indents for Clothing and equipment will be submitted to D.A.D.O.S., BARBARA.  
(d) All correspondence for Aust. Base Ord. Depot will be addressed to the C.O.O. BARBARA.  
(e) 1 Aust. Corps Admn. Instruction No. 1 is amended as follows -  
Read D.A.D.O.S. 1 Aust. Corps BARBARA for A/A.D.O.S. 1 Aust. Corps BARBARA, wherever occurring.

37.

BOUNDS.

A.I.F. personnel will obey all notices in hotels and cafes in regard to bounds issued under orders of British or Australian Formations.

38.

BROADCAST - AUSTRALIAN NEWS.

Arrangements have been made, as from Tuesday 1 Oct. for the re-broadcast of Australian News over the Palestine Broadcasting Service in conjunction with the normal evening news session from Jerusalem.

The Broadcast will commence at 1715 hours and will last approximately for 15 minutes.

39.

LEAVE PASSES.

All soldiers leaving the limits of their own Camp Area will be in possession of a Leave Pass unless on duty or when a member of a formed body proceeding on recreational training etc. under the command of an Officer, W. O. or N.C.O.

40.

OBSCENE LANGUAGE.

Measures will be taken to suppress obscene language, the use of which is prevalent both in Camps and whilst men are on leave.

DISTRIBUTION.

List "A"

H.Q. Eng. Depot (6)  
C.O.O. Barbara (1)

*(The following are for Brig.)*  
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NOTICES.

1. APPLICATIONS.

(A) Applications are called from Officers for the position of A.I.F. Liaison Officer in CAIRO with the Australian Government Commissioner in EGYPT.

Rank of appointment - Captain. Suitable temporary rank will be given to the successful applicant if of lower rank.

Minimum age 30 years.

Applicants must possess a sound commercial knowledge, and will be required to carry out general liaison duties between the Australian Government Commissioner and the A.I.F. In co-operation with the Australian Government Commissioner he will enquire into requirements and provision of Army Stores obtainable from Australia, other than those obtainable through Army channels.

Applications will be submitted to reach H.Q. 1 Aust. Corps through the usual channels by 15 Oct. 40.

Commanding Officers, when submitting applications, will report in detail on the general suitability and military service of applicants.

The foregoing will be promulgated through Unit Routine Orders.

(B) Applications are called for the position of Office Manager of Canteen Services from members of the A.I.F., not above the rank of Captain.

Applicants must be qualified and experienced accountants.

Temporary Commissioned Rank will be granted if a member of the A.I.F. of lower rank than Lieutenant is appointed.

Minimum age 30 years.

Applications will give details of applicants' commercial experience.

Applications will be submitted to reach H.Q. 1 Aust. Corps through the usual channels by 15 Oct. 40.

Commanding Officers will give a detailed report on each applicant's military service and general suitability.

The foregoing will be promulgated through Unit Routine Orders.

2. JEWISH HOLY DAYS.

(a) The following dates of the forthcoming Jewish Holy Days are published for information:-

2 - 4 Oct. New Year - begins at sunset on 2 Oct. and lasts until nightfall 4 Oct.

11 - 12 Oct. Yom Kippur - the most sacred day in the Jewish Calendar. Begins on the afternoon of 11 Oct. and terminates at nightfall on 12 Oct.

(b) The Jewish Community of Jerusalem have offered their hospitality to members of the Aust. Forces of the Jewish Faith, who may be in Jerusalem over the period of the above Holy Days.

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Gaza 2 Oct 40.

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48. D.R.L.S. GAZA Area:

(a) As from Tues 2 Oct 40 the following D.R.L.S. will run daily; all previous orders are cancelled:-

NOTE.- All times refer to Times of Departure, except at Terminal stas, when they are times of Arrival.

Place	Van		M/C	
	Up	Down	Up	Down
GAZA	0905	1725	1600	1101
GAZA AIRPORT	0918	1717	----	----
GAZA R.T.O.	0935	1700	----	----
GAZA RIDGE	0945	1650	1614	1052
KILO 89	0957	1638	1626	1040
STH DEIR SUNEID	1008	1627	1637	1029
NTH DEIR SUNEID	1021	1619	1645	1021
BEIT JIRJA	1037	1558	1656	1010
BARBARA	1048	1547	<u>1706</u>	<u>1000</u>
JULIS	1107	1528		
QASTINA	1123	1512		
A.A.C.S. REHOVAT	1202	1433		
SARAFAND (P.O.)	1228	1407		
SARAFAND (Sig.O)	<u>1230</u>	<u>1400</u>		

(b) Rail Letter Service --CAIRO-HAIFA-CAIRO.

(i) UP Departs GAZA Ry Sta at 0438 hrs  
AL MAJDAL " " " 0512 "  
LYDDA by D.R.L.S. (Rd) at 0650 hrs.  
arriving JERUSALEM at 1210 hrs.

(ii) DOWN Departs JERUSALEM by D.R.L.S. at 0436 hrs.  
LYDDA by train at 1031 "  
AL MAJDAL by train " 1129 "  
GAZA Ry Sta by train " 1206 "

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49. POSTAL RATES. A.I.F. IN PALESTINE.

The following rates of postage apply to articles posted by members of the A.I.F. in Palestine:-

1. To Australia.

(a) Air Mail. Letters- each ten grammes or part 60 mils.  
Palestine stamps to be used.  
Registration fee on Air Mail  
Articles 15 mils.

(b) Ordinary Mail- Australian stamps to be used.  
The rates are as follows:-

<u>LETTERS</u>				<u>PACKETS</u>			
Weight	Stamp	Chge. in Mils.		(Maximum weight 1 lb.)	Weight	Stamp	Chge. in Mils.
4oz 113 gms	Free	---		4oz 113 gms	Free	---	
5oz 141 "	1d	4		8oz 226 "	2d	7	
6oz 169 "	2d	7		12oz 340 "	3d	10	
7oz 177 "	3d	10		1 lb 453 "	4d	14	
8oz 225 "	4d	14					
9oz 253 "	5d	17					
10oz 281 "	6d	20					

<u>PARCELS</u>				<u>PRINTED MATTER</u>		
(Maximum weight 11 lbs)				Weight	Stamp	Chge in Mils
Lbs	Gms	Stamp	Charge in Mils			
1	453	6d	20	4oz 113 gms	Free	---
2	907	9d	30	8oz 226 "	1d	4
3	1360	1/-	40	1 lb 453 "	2d	7
5	2268	1/3	50	1 1/2 " 679 "	3d	10
8	3628	1/6	60	2 " 907 "	4d	14
11	4989	1/9	70			

BOOKS & PERIODICALS

Weight	Stamp	Chge in Mils
4oz 113gms	Free	---
12oz 340 "	1d	4
24oz 680 "	2d	7
36" 1020 "	3d	10
48" 1360 "	4d	14
60" 1700 "	5d	17
72" 2040 "	6d	20

REGISTRATION FEE

Stamp	Charge in Mils.
3d	10
All classes of articles (excepting Parcels) may be registered.	

2. WITHIN PALESTINE. Palestine stamps to be used.

<u>Letters</u>	each 20 gms	7 mils
Registration fee		15 mils.
<u>Parcels</u>	1 kg	20 mils
	3 kg	40 mils
	5 kg	60 mils

3. BRITISH EMPIRE.

LETTERS. (Surface Mail) under 113 gms FREE.

/Foreign.

4. FOREIGN.

<u>LETTERS.</u>	(Surface mail)	first	20 gms	15 mls.
		each additional	20 gms	9 mls.
Registration fee.....				15 mls.

Letters exchanged between camps, either Australian or British, postage FREE.

## 50. AIR MAIL SERVICES.

Corps Routine Order No.3 of 5 Sep 40 is amended by deleting sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) therein and substituting the following in lieu thereof:-

- (b) Outgoing Hails-both East and West bound will close at Army Base P.O. GAZA on Tuesdays and Fridays at 1630 hours.
- (c) Inwards Hails-arrive at Army Post Office GAZA on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 2030 hrs and will be ready for delivery at 1000 hours on Thursdays and Sundays.

51. RAMADAN GUN-FIRING OF.

- a/ The Ramadan Gun will be fired at Sunrise and Sunset daily during the month of October, on the occasion of the Moslem period of fasting.
- b/ All ranks are warned against moving into the vicinity of the gun as loss of life and serious injuries have been incurred on previous occasions.
- c/ The Ramadan Gun is situated near the Police Station Gaza.

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DISTRIBUTION:-

As per list 'A'.

**NOTICE.**

In connection with the recent air raid on Tel Aviv and Jaffa the following reply to the message sent by the General Officer Commanding 1 Aust. Corps has been received from the Chairman of the Municipal Corporation of Jaffa:-

"I thank all members of the Australian Imperial Force for their kind message of sympathy extended to those members of the Arab Community who suffered during the recent Air Raids."

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60. D.R.L.S. - GAZA AREA.

Ref. R.O. No.48, dated 2 Oct 40 - delete para (b) and substitute:-

(b) Rail Letter Service - CAIRO-HAIFA-CAIRO.

(1)	<u>UP</u>	Departs GAZA	Ry Stn at 0435 hrs
		AL HAJDAL	" " " 0512 "
		LYDDA	by D.R.L.S. (Rd) at 0650 hrs
			arriving JERUSALEM " 1140 "
(1)	<u>DOWN</u>	Departs JERUSALEM	by D.R.L.S. at 0500 hrs
		LYDDA	by train " 1040 "
		AL HAJDAL	" " " 1139 "
		GAZA Ry Stn	" " " 1216 "

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61. STERLING - (BANK OF ENGLAND) NOTES.

(a) Field cash offices will arrange to collect at once all Sterling (Bank of England) notes in possession of Officers and Other Ranks and to exchange them at par for local currency out of their Imprest Accounts. This must be completed NOT later than 12 Oct 40 and thereafter Sterling notes in possession of troops must not be exchanged under any consideration.

(b) The above measure does not affect sterling rate of exchange, which has not altered, nor does it imply any instability of sterling currency, but it is taken in consequence of action by the British Government to prevent the enemies from using forged sterling notes and notes seized by them in occupied territory, to buy supplies for the prosecution of the war. In consequence of this action by the British Government, Banks abroad will not accept sterling notes and therefore it will be impossible to make purchases with such notes.

(c) Field Cash Offices which collect sterling notes will advise Chief Paymaster by signal on 13 Oct 40 of amount of sterling held by them.

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70. OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE - Addressing of

All official correspondence will be addressed to the formation or Unit concerned and NOT to branches or individuals.

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G.S. 1 Aust Corps

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71. PAY - WEEKLY

In order to provide additional facilities to troops it has been decided to inaugurate a weekly pay to A.I.F. personnel. Intermediate payments will NOT be made to troops except for leave of two or more days.

Units will provide clerical assistance to Pay Sergeants where necessary.

The first pay under the weekly system will be made in the week following 25th October 1940. (743/1/33)

72. TRANSPORT - Economy in the use of

(1) In view of the present transport situation, it is absolutely essential that the greatest economy in the use of A.I.F. and hired transport be exercised.

(2) Pending the issue of further orders, the following will be observed:-

(a) Requisitions must be linked up to the utmost possible extent, so that the same vehicle can comply with more than one requisition.

(b) Only the minimum number of vehicles compatible with the maximum number of trips possible in a day should be detailed.

(c) In all cases the possibility of "return loads" should be looked for, to obviate dual mileage and ensure economy generally. Good liaison between Officers i/c Transport will materially assist in this respect.

(959/1/76)

73. POSTAL - CHRISTMAS MAILS.

The following information regarding the latest times of posting for Christmas Mails has been received.

No guarantee can be given that correspondence posted by these dates will be delivered by Christmas day and all ranks are advised to post early.

73. POSTAL - CHRISTMAS MAILS contd

DESTINATION	Parcels & Ordinary Letters etc.	AIR MAIL
United Kingdom & Eire	23rd October	20th November
Australia	31st October	5th December
New Zealand	28th October	5th December
India	4th November	10th December
South Africa & North & South Rhodesia	4th November	10th December

(771-1-59)

74. CONFERENCE - Unit Quartermasters.

Ref. R/Os.16 Para.65. The conference of Unit Quartermasters notified for 0900 hours on Monday 21 Oct 40 at Base Ordnance Depot is postponed for one week to 28 Oct 40.

75. UNFULFILLED UNIT INDENTS

(a) Unfulfilled Unit Indents for stores to be supplied by A.I.F., Base Ordnance Depot, which have been submitted prior to 20th August 1940 are hereby cancelled.

(b) Fresh indents will be submitted for any stores still required.

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NOTICESLOSTValise

At Gaza R.S. on or about 22 Sep 40, an Officers valise bearing the following markings:-

D.G. LIDDELL R.A.S.C.

This valise was possibly taken off the train in error by A.I.F. personnel returning from Egypt on the above date. Information to H.Q. 1 Aust Corps.

Handcart

It is reported that one green hand cart was removed from 2 Aust Gen Hosp Lines on or about Tues 15 Oct 40. The cart is branded with the Unit marking - White, Grey, White 195.-

Information to H.Q. 1 Aust Corps.

FOUNDRifle & Kit

Rifle No.A.94456 together with complete set of web equipment ('03 pattern) were left on Kantara East Railway Station on the night of 12/13 Oct 40. The rifle and equipment belong to the A.I.F.

The Unit to which the above rifle and equipment is on charge will notify H.Q. 1 Aust Corps immediately.

BROADCASTING NOTICES

The B.B.C. will broadcast items of interest to Australians as follows:-

TUESDAY 22nd October - 1015 hrs " Calling Australia."

THURSDAY 24th October - 1015 hrs A special talk addressed to Australia by  
H.V. Hodson

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GAZA 22 Oct 40.

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76. D.R.L.S. - GAZA AREA

Reference to Para 48 of R.Os. of 12 Oct 40.

As from 17 Oct 40, the D.R.L.S., Gaza will be extended to QASTINA.

Depart QASTINA (down) 0935 hrs  
Arrive QASTINA (Up) 1731 hrs

Note. No stop will be made at JULIS.

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GAZA 24 Oct 40.

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77. DISTRIBUTION LISTS "A" and "B".

Distribution Lists "A" and "B" as amended to 23 Oct 40 are published as Appx "A" and "B" att.

*Headly Lof*  
Brig.  
G.S. 1 Aust Corps.

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78. BICYCLES Mk IV & IV<sup>x</sup> - Return of number on charge

All Units and Establishments will render direct to Force H.Q. immediately, with copy to H.Q. 1 Aust Corps a statement of numbers of bicycles Mk IV "A" and "B", and IV<sup>x</sup> "A" and "B" which are held on their charge

Details of each type of bicycles will be shown separately.

NIL returns will be submitted. (Force O.C. 446/40)

79. CAMP AREAS - Control of Hawkers

- (a) Fruit sellers, and hawkers of goods generally are NOT to be permitted entry to or to operate in the vicinity of Camp Areas. There is a tendency in Camp Areas for hawkers to be encouraged by personnel unthinkingly. The policing of Camp Areas in this regard is the responsibility of C.O's.
- (b) C.O's will arrange for Regimental Police to deal with this matter. Regimental Police will wear a blue brassard with the initials R.H.P. thereon in red letters. Where necessary, Regimental Police will be provided with the use of bicycles from Unit resources to enable these duties to be efficiently performed.

80. POTATOES

- (a) A copy of CR/Pal/16084/1 dated 20 Oct 40 in reference to economy in the use of potatoes is being forwarded to all Units and Formations by D.R.L.S. today.
- (b) Units will ensure that economy is exercised. (629/1/27)

81. STATIONERY - Economy

A copy of CR/Pal/20561/1 in reference to economy in the use of stationery is circulated with this Routine Order. The strictest economy in the use of stationery will be observed at all times.

82. AMENITIES OFFICERS - Weekly Conference

Amenities Officers of all Camps (Gaza-Qastina) will attend a weekly conference with the Corps Amenities Officer at Kilo 89 at 0930 hrs each Monday morning, commencing Mon 28 Oct 40, and will bring with them a brief report concerning:-

- (a) The activities of the week ending the previous day.
- (b) Proposed activities for the ensuing week.

83. DISINFECTORS ALL TYPES - Census

(1) Units will render in triplicate to this Headquarters a return showing the number of Disinfectors held on their charge as at Midnight 30 Sep 40. Returns will be rendered within 24 hours of receipt of this order. NIL returns are required.

(2) Units will ensure that the correct vocabulary nomenclature is given and state whether they are included in their War Equipment Table or have been specially authorised. Where Disinfectors of types NOT shown in the V A O S are held a full description will be given. Registered numbers, if any, and reference to the A.F. G.1098 or other special authority under which they are held will also be shown.

(CR/Pal/3142/Q)  
(Force G.O. 494/40)

DISTRIBUTION List "B"

*H. J. ...*  
D.A. & J.H.G. 1 Aust Corps.

NOTICES

CATERING ADVISER 6 AUST DIV - APPLICATIONS for APPOINTMENT.

1. Applications are called from all ranks for the position of Catering Adviser 6 Div. Commissioned rank will be granted if a member of the A.I.F. of lower rank than Lieutenant is appointed.

2. The duties of the position are as follows:-  
Advising on all matters concerned with

- (a) Messing
- (b) Preparation & cooking of food
- (c) Service of meals
- (d) Cookhouse Equipment
- (e) Improvised methods
- (f) Petrol cookers
- (g) Preparation of Bills of Fare
- (h) Liaison between Supply Depot and Units
- (i) Economy & avoidance to waste.

3. Applicants should possess at least two years practical kitchen experience and have administrative experience in hotel and restaurant trade.

4. Applications will be submitted to reach H.Q. 1 Aust Corps through the usual channels by 29 Oct 40.

When submitting applications, C.O's will report on the general suitability of applicants.

The foregoing will be promulgated through Unit Routine Orders.

FOUND Rifle No.B.19447. Any Unit having this rifle on charge will notify these H.Q. forthwith.



APPX "A"

1 AUST CORPS

DISTRIBUTION LIST "A".

23 Oct 40

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3	H.Q. A.I.F. Tng & Gen Base Depot	5 - 6
4	Aust Port Det Suez	7
5	A M L O Bombay	8
6	G O C	9
7	G	10 - 11
8	A	12
9	Q	13
10	C E	14
11	C S O	15
12	A D O S	16
13	D D S T	17
14	D D N S	18
15	D A D P S	19
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23 Oct 40

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2	19 Aust Inf Bde	6 - 9
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4	6 Div A.A.S.C.	11 - 15
5	2/7 Fd Amb	16
6	H.Q. Tng & Gen Base Depot	17 - 22
7	2/8 Fd Pk Coy	23
8	1 Aust Corps Sigs	24
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10	1 Aust Corps Gd Bn	26
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12	7 Div Sec Ord Fd Pk	28
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14	2/1 C.C.S.	30
15	1 Aust Gen Hosp	31
16	2 Aust Gen Hosp	32
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CR/Pal/20561/Q.

FORCE H.Q.

25 Oct 40.

	5 Cav Bde.
	6 Cav Bde.
1 Aust Corps	Lydda Area
1 Cav. Div.	Haifa Base Area
J'ann Area	O.C. Fixed Defences Haifa
4 Cav Bde.	All Branches Force H.Q.

ECONOMY IN THE USE OF STATIONERY

1. It is again reported that there is still considerable wastage in the use of stationery stores. In view of the shortage of supplies, the strictest economy is necessary. It has already been necessary to reduce issues of some types of paper to 50% of actual requirements and if unnecessary wastage continues, a complete rationing of paper may be necessary.

2. Attention is again directed to the Annexure to CR/Pal/20561/AQ of 29 Sept 1939 and to A.C.I. 783 of 1939. The instructions contained therein will be adhered to in detail.

3. In addition to the examples of wastage referred to in CR/Pal/20561/Q of 9 Jan 1940, it is reported that more duplicating paper is wasted in testing pressure, ink, etc., which could be saved and used over and over again for this purpose. Both sides of the duplicating paper should moreover be used whenever possible.

4. Commanders of formations and units will take immediate steps to ensure a strict supervision of the use of stationery in the offices under their command.

S. H. P. 32  
11:51 6-  
Lt. Col.  
A.Q.M.G.

NF:

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No.22.

GAZA 30 Oct 40.

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90. LOSS of ARMS - Action to be taken

Attention of all comds is again directed to the action to be taken in the event of loss of arms. This procedure will be rigidly enforced in order to reduce the rapidly increasing number of losses. Breaches of this order must be seriously dealt with:-

- (a) Report the loss IMMEDIATELY to the local Palestine police for investigation.
- (b) Report the loss by IMMEDIATE Signal to HQ 1 Aust Corps rptd Force HQ:
- (c) Ensure as far as possible that the site of the loss is left untouched until the Palestine Police have carried out their investigations.

On receipt of the report at HQ 1 Aust Corps it will be handed to "G" Branch who will immediately inform API.

*J. D. Rogers*  
G.S. 1 Aust Corps.

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91. CONFERENCE - Unit quartermasters.

All Unit Quartermasters will attend fortnightly Conferences to be held at B.O.D. at 0900 hrs on each alternate Monday commencing on Monday 14 Nov 40.

*Alfred Zimmern*  
Brig.

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The following Broadcasts from B.E.C. will be relayed through P.B.S:-

Thursday 31 Oct 40

"Australia Calling" talk by  
Sir Alfred Zimmern. 10.15.a.m.(LT.)

Saturday 2 Nov 40

"Programme for Australians in the  
Forces" 7.40 p.m. (LT.)

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92. ENGAGEMENT OF AIRCRAFT WITH SMALL ARMS FIRE

Aircraft will NOT be engaged by Small Arms A.A. defences unless:-

- (a) They are within range, i.e. below 2,000 feet and
- (b) They are definitely recognised as hostile

or

- (c) If of unknown identity, they commit an hostile act against the area so protected.

All ranks will be further practised in recognition of (our own) aircraft.

*J. H. Rogers* Maj  
Brig.  
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93. WAR DIARIES - Signing of

War diaries without any initialling or signatures are being received from some Units. Entries will be initialled by the officer making them. Each months diary will be signed by or for the C.O. of the Unit.

94. AIRMAIL SERVICES.

Corps Routine Order No.12. para 50 of 2 Oct 40 is amended by deleting para (b) thereof and substituting the following:-

- (b) Outgoing Mails - both East and West bound will close at Army Base P.O. GAZA on Tuesday and Fridays at 1000 hrs.

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99. MALARIAL AREAS

(a) Certain areas in the 1 Aust Corps training area are malarial and troops must NOT camp in their vicinity.

(b) Details of Malarial areas are att. at Appx "A".

100. DISTRIBUTION LISTS "A" & "B"

Ref CRO No 20 para 77 of 24 Oct 40, Appx "B" is amended as follows:-

Delete detail at Serial 3. "2/2 Fd Coy" and substitute "2/2 Fd Pk Coy".

Delete detail at Serial 7. "2/8 Fd Pk Coy" and substitute "2/8 Fd Coy".

101. CENSORSHIP - Censorable Matter

The only effective method of deletion is by cutting out the offending passages and this method will be employed by franking officers of all units.

*J. D. Rogers*  
Brig.  
G.S. 1 Aust Corps.

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102. COMFORTS

A distribution of 1.oz of Tobacco and one packet of cigarette papers per man, also tinned fruit will be available to all Units at Comforts Fund Store as from 0830 hrs Tuesday 5 Nov 40.

*W. A. Ireland*  
Brig.  
D.A. & Q.M.G. 1 Aust Corps.

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# MALARIAL AREAS

APPENDIX 'A'  
TO ROUTINE ORDER NO. 25

## - LEGEND -

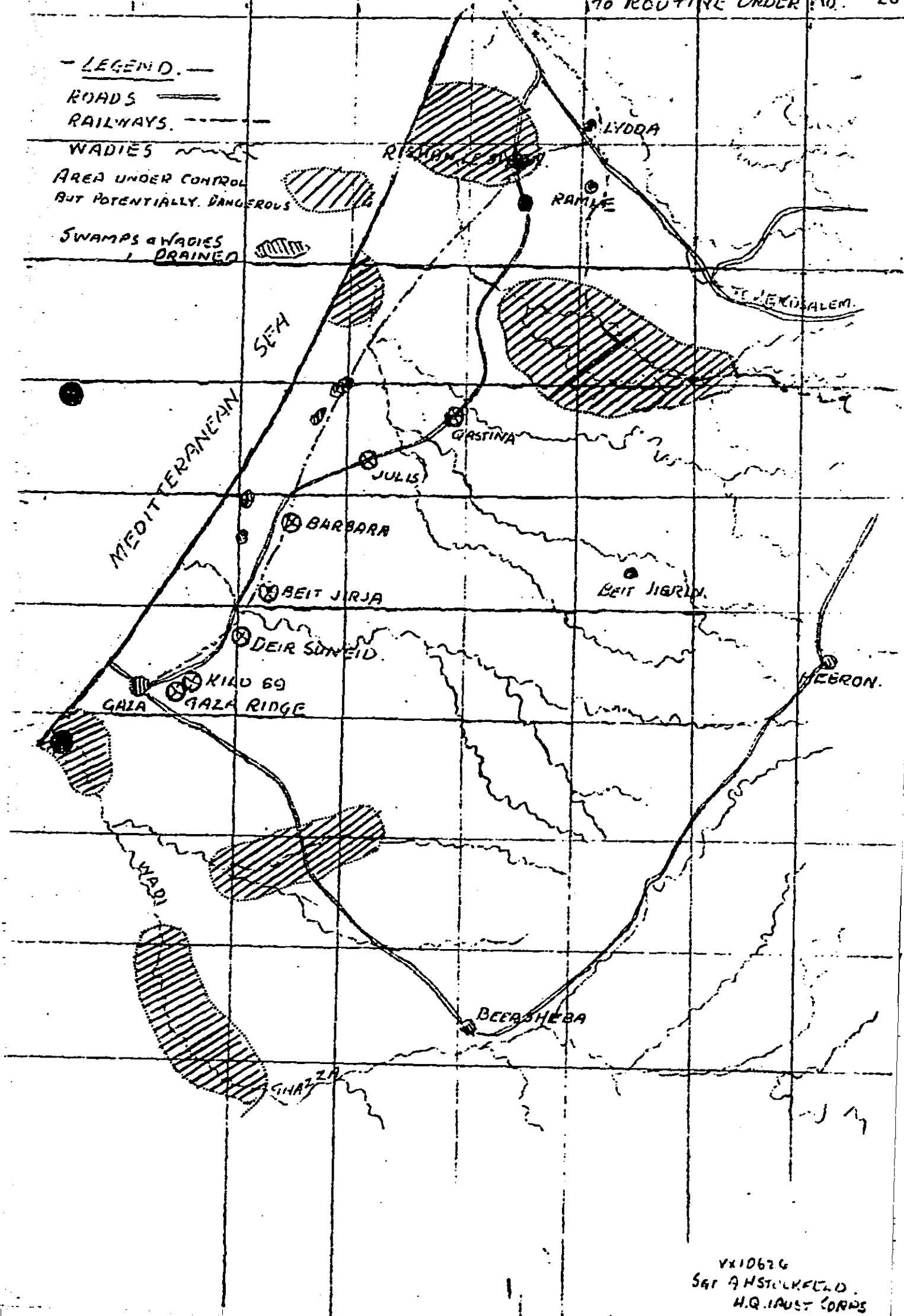
ROADS ———

RAILWAYS. - - -

WADIES ~~~~~

AREA UNDER CONTROL  
BUT POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS

SWAMPS & WADIES  
DRAINED



VX10626  
SGT A HSTOLKFIELD  
H.Q. INFANT CORPS

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103. UNEXPLODED BOMBS, AMMUNITION & EXPLOSIVES - Finding to be reported

J. R. Burton Capt  
for Brig.  
G.S. 1 Aust Corps.

104. TENTS SHELTER

- (i) Nomenclature - Tents Shelter, Mk 111, Catalogue No JA 1856.
- (ii) Scale - Two men.
- (iii) General Details:-

- Sheets. Duck 5'-3" square, fitted with one guy line and buttons and button holes. Two for each tent.

- (c) Weight 9½lbs

- (e) Pins to be provided locally.



2.

105. ARMY POSTAL SERVICES - Notification of Change of address

1. All ranks who have changed units or locations, or have arrived in this country since 1 Sep 40, should report their latest address to:-

O/C,  
Australian Army Base Post Office,  
A.I.F. ABROAD.

2. Any subsequent change of address should be reported immediately to the same authority.

3. Change of address and other particulars should be as shown below.

Date. \_\_\_\_\_  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname (in Block letters) \_\_\_\_\_  
Christian Names (in full and in  
Block letters) \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit. \_\_\_\_\_ AIF, ABROAD.  
Is address permanent \_\_\_\_\_  
If NOT, state up to what date address  
holds good \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*W. G. Webster. Capt.*  
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106. D.R.L.S. RAIL LETTER SERVICE - Aust Units in EGYPT.

- (a) To Aust units in EGYPT - leaves GAZA Ry Sta at 1216 hrs daily, arrives 6 Aust Div 1200 hrs following day.
- (b) From Aust units in EGYPT - leaves 6 Aust Div at 1240 hrs daily, arrives GAZA Ry Sta 0428 hrs following day.  
(425/4/24)
- (c) To and from CAIRO - no change.

107. DETECTOR PAINT.

- (a) Cases have occurred of attempts being made to dilute detector paint with various solvents.
- (b) If the paint is found to be too stiff to be workable, a small quantity of white spirit may be well mixed in; no other substance, however, is suitable.

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Brig.  
G.S. 1 Aust Corps.

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108. D.R.L.S. - Rail Letter Service

Ref CRO No. 15, para 60 of 11 Oct 40 and CRO No. 27, para 106 of 7 Nov 40. All matter for D.R.L.S. Rail Letter Service for despatch from GAZA must reach GAZA Signal Office THIRTY minutes before time of departure of train concerned.

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fn. Brig.  
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NOTICES

1. ARMISTICE DAY - 1940

There will be NO official celebration of Armistice Day in PALESTINE this year.

2. ARMISTICE SUNDAY

Special Services of Remembrance and Dedication will be held on Sun 10 Nov 40 as arranged by Camp Commanders. No special parades will be held for these services.

3. LOST.

Lost on 7 Nov 40 between BARBARA and QASTINA, sack containing 480 sets Carriers Cartridge W.E. '37 Pattern.

Label addressed :- 2/8 Fd Coy, R.A.E.

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109. P.A.D. - Blackout.

It is NOT possible to provide ventilating shutters for all buildings so that existing shutters, curtains or painted windows must be used.

Much can be done by an examination of the existing lighting systems; it will be found that high power lamps can be replaced by others of lower candlepower, some can be removed altogether, while others can be fitted with improvised screens or shades.

This applies to office blocks particularly, where "Black out" conditions are often the cause of many complaints.

*J.D. Rogers Maj*  
G.S. 1 Aust Corps.

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110. H.T. - War Department numbers on Australian Vehicles.

War Department Numbers will NO longer be carried on the bonnets of Australian Vehicles, and all such numbers will be immediately removed. This instruction does NOT apply to War Department vehicles on loan to units of 1 Aust Corps.

111. POSTAL SERVICES.

A. INWARD MAIL.

- (i) All mail received from Army Postal Services will be dealt with by Unit Postal Orderlies without delay.
- (ii) Mail which may be re-directed to a definite address will be carefully endorsed and returned to the Army Postal Services for transmission daily.
- (iii) All previous addresses will be struck out, and the latest address clearly endorsed, dated, and initialled by the person making such endorsement.

B. OUTWARD MAIL

- (1) Complaints are frequently received that delay is occurring to letters posted for outward transmission, through neglect of the unit censors concerned to deal with such correspondence immediately. All letters handed in for censoring will be dealt with daily, and handed over to the Unit Postal orderly on completion.

B. OUTWARD MAIL Contd.

- (ii) Unit Postal Orderlies will deliver all such censored correspondence to the Army Field Post Office concerned daily, at the hours appointed for their attendance, and in time to catch the daily out-going mails to the Army Base Post Office concerned.

C. UNDELIVERABLE MAIL MATTER

All mail matter undeliverable at the unit address for any reason whatsoever, will be returned to the Army Postal Services daily.

D. DELIVERY OF REGISTERED AND PARCEL MAIL.

- (i) All registered and Parcel mail received from the Army Postal Services will be entered in Army Book 426.
- (ii) A separate book will be kept for each type of mail, i.e. registered and parcels.
- (iii) Where possible, postal orderlies will make personal delivery to addressees who may be called upon for identification if NOT known to the Postal orderly.  
Personal signatures of addressees for registered mail and parcels will be obtained in Army Book 426 by the unit postal orderly.  
Where personal delivery cannot be effected, an authority signed by the addressee, witnessed by an Officer and countersigned by the C/O or Adjutant of the Addressee's unit or the unit to which he is attached, may be accepted. Delivery may then be made only to the person described in the authority.
- (iv) Registered mail or parcels which cannot be delivered within the unit will be returned without delay to the Australian Army Field Post Office serving the unit.

112. SALVAGE - Sump oil.

All units will submit forthwith to these HQ a return showing estimated quantity of used sump oil available for salvage each week  
(363/1/38)

*W. G. Trickett, Capt.*

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NOTICE

FOUND by Military Police, JERUSALEM:-

one belt waist WE '08 pattern at Cafe Metropole about 22/10/40

" " " " " " " Old Post Office Blds "

" " " " " " " Ginati Cafe about 3/11/40

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113. FIELD CABLE

Cable electric of the "D" series will NOT be issued for internal camp telephone systems; it is for use in the field only.

*J. Robinson Capt*  
for Brig.  
G.S. 1 Aust Corps.

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114. AIRMAIL SERVICES

(1) Outgoing mails

Airmail closing times at Army Base Post Office GAZA, will be as under:-

(a) To Australia

Saturdays - 1630 hrs

Tuesdays - 1000 hrs

(b) To Great Britain & Diplomatic Mail (both directions)

Fridays  
and  
Tuesdays - 1000 hrs

(11) Corps Routine Order No 23 Para 94. of 31 Oct 40 is cancelled.

115. COMFORTS

The Australian Comforts Fund have now on hand a substantial quantity of socks for winter issue. Units may draw their requirements from Comforts Fund Store, GAZA, upon making the necessary arrangements with Capt. E. Gorman.

*W. A. G. Gorman Capt*  
for Brig.  
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116. CENSORSHIP - Posting of Correspondence.

The attention of all ranks is drawn to the instruction relating to posting of private correspondence.

- (a) All letters from all ranks to any destination and with any stamps must be posted in Army Post Offices.
- (b) All letters which are posted in civil post offices will be intercepted by the censor and disciplinary action taken against the offender.

117. LOCAL "SUMMER" TIME - Alteration of clocks.

- (a) At 2400 hrs Sat 16 Nov 40 all members of AIF in PALESTINE will advance their clocks and watches one hour to conform with the re-introduction of "Summer" time in PALESTINE.
- (b) Rail timetables have been amended and the new times of arrival of trains at principal stations used by AIF are as follows:-

<u>To Egypt.</u>		<u>From Egypt.</u>	
LYDDA	1117 hrs	KANTARA EAST	0100 hrs
EL MAJDAL	1238 "	GAZA	0608 "
GAZA	1306 "	EL MAJDAL	0651 "
KANTARA EAST	1830 "	LYDDA	0755 "

*War Diary*  
for Brig.  
G.S. 1 Aust Corps.

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118. CURTAINS SANDFLY.

- (a) All curtains sandfly in possession of AIF units in PALESTINE will be withdrawn from use and returned to C.O.O., B.O.D. by the 30th November 1940.
- (b) Should continued retention of curtains beyond this date be considered essential, recommendation of unit medical officers will be submitted through the usual channels.  
(CR/Pal/22628/OS)

119. STORES - Philanthropic Organizations

- (i) All stores supplied by and distributed by Philanthropic Organizations (Australian Red Cross Society, Australian Comforts Fund, Y.M.C.A., and Salvation Army) are clearly marked with the title of the organization concerned.
- (ii) Cases may arise of goods destined for Philanthropic purposes NOT reaching their correct addresses through faulty packing, or repacking of damaged consignments. All such cases will be reported without delay to the Commanding Officers of the units concerned, who will take immediate action to list such goods and arrange for their free distribution to the troops under their command. The nearest representative of the organization concerned will be notified of the action taken.
- (iii) In cases where such goods are delivered to canteens with canteen stores, similar action to the above will be taken, and the D.D.C.S. will be informed direct. The canteen service will make supplementary deliveries of canteen stores to complete original orders.
- (iv) The purchase, sale or resale of stores consigned as property of a Philanthropic organization constitutes a serious offence and is forbidden. All ranks will be warned accordingly.
- (v) The utmost care will be exercised by Canteen staffs that no goods of Philanthropic organizations are accepted by purchase from any individual or resold under any circumstances.

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*for* Brig.  
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*J. R. Blamey*  
Brig.  
G.S. 1 Aust Corps.

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120. MOVEMENT of INDIVIDUALS

- (a) The Western Desert and Sinai Peninsular are prohibited areas where travelling is NOT permitted without a permit. By special arrangement a certificate signed by Officers Commanding units or Camp Commandant will be accepted by the Frontier Districts Administration in respect of military personnel

The certificate should be made out in the following form:-

C E R T I F I C A T E

.....No. ....Name. ....Rank  
of.....(Regiment or Corps) is a  
member of H.M. Forces and is proceeding to .....on  
the.....(date)

Signed.....

Rank.....

Regiment or Corps.....

Date.....

- (b) This certificate will be in addition to identification cards (if any) and pay books carried by officers and other ranks.
- (c) Parties of over six in number may be issued with a block pass stating numbers only. This pass must be in possession of the officer or N.C.O., in charge of the party.

Parties of six and under must be issued with the special pass in accordance with Sub Para. (a) above.  
(Force G.Os. 348/40 & 547/40)

121. INVESTIGATION of OFFENCES - Assistance to Police.

- (a) When any offence, such as larceny, breaking and entering, or burglary, has been discovered, civil and military police will be notified immediately, and a guard will be posted at the scene wherever the offence or offences has been committed, to prevent any interference with the property or buildings concerned by any unauthorised persons.
- (b) The scene of the offence will be left exactly as discovered until the arrival of the police. This is to enable the investigating officer to discover if any finger prints, foot or shoe marks, or any other marks or signs have been left by the offender.
- (c) Any objects, such as boots, shoes or articles of clothing found at the scene will NOT be handled, as this would effectively mask any scent left on these objects, and render the use of the police dogs and native trackers non-effective.
- (d) If any tracks or footmarks are seen at the scene of the offence, care will be taken that they are NOT obliterated by persons walking over them or by the passage of vehicles.

122. PETROL TINS - Return of

All AIF units in PALESTINE will signal immediately to these HQ:-

- (a) The number of good petrol tins available now, and
- (b) an estimate of the number available weekly for the next three months.

These tins are required for use by the olive trade and consequently only tins in good condition are suitable. Tins which have been used for defence works or similar purposes (e.g. filled with sand etc) are NOT suitable.

123. RAILWAY WARRANTS

- (a)(1) In future, railway warrants (except on the counterfoil) will NOT show the unit of the individual or body of troops, for whom they are made out - only the nature of the force, e.g. British Troops, N.Z.E.F., A.I.F., French volunteers, Poles etc., etc.
- (11) The purpose of the journey, similarly, will NOT be shown on railway warrants, e.g. "rejoining unit".
- (b) In view of this, care will be taken to ensure that:-
  - (1) The counterfoils are correctly completed.
  - (11) The name of the officer who signs the warrant is shown in block capitals below his signature,
- (c) HQ 1 Aust Corps or other authority, will be quoted in all cases where this is possible. (Force G.O. 555/40)

124. ORDNANCE STORES - Indents for

When indents are submitted for Ordnance Stores a separate sheet will be used for each section or sub-section of the vocabulary of Army Ordnance Stores.

*W. Bridgeford.*

Brig.

D.A. & Q.I.G. 1 Aust Corps.

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NOTICES

LOST

Rifles, numbered 64507, 64418, 64360, 64521, between EL KANTARA and JULIS on or about 3 Nov 40.

These rifles from which bolts had been removed were made into a package addressed to 2/1 Pnr Bn.

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LOST

Rifle bolt No. 11151 between EL KANTARA and JULIS on or about 3 Nov 40.

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Brig.  
GS 1 Aust Corps.

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125. POLICE POST.

A Police Post on the road JAFFA-GAZA is established in the vicinity of QASTINA village.

As from Monday 25 Nov the officer in charge of the infantry picquet and the N.C.O. in charge of the military Police at the Post will take the following action in regard to A.I.F. personnel passing the post:-

1. (a) Personnel in convoy or leave buses in charge of an officer:-

No particulars will be recorded.

- (b) Officers passing the Post:-

The rank, name and unit of all officers and whether proceeding on leave or on duty will be recorded.

- (c) All other A.I.F. personnel:-

The leave pass, duty pass or work ticket (in the case of drivers) will be inspected.

- (d) Personnel NOT in possession of an authorised pass or work ticket will be returned to their unit under infantry escort.

2. Particulars of A.I.F. personnel passing the Post will be forwarded to A.P.M., 1 Aust Corps. daily on pro forma provided.

126. DESS

1. Commanding Officers may order the wearing of pullovers without tunics by all ranks when engaged in training.
2. When away from unit areas and NOT engaged in training, pullovers may be worn, but if used, will be worn under tunics.
3. Within unit areas, the order of dress will be as determined by Commanding Officers, provided that uniformity of dress will be observed.
4. Change of dress from summer to winter will take place under the orders of Divisional, Brigade or other Commanders after consultation with responsible medical officers.
5. Battle Dress tunics are an article of dress. Under existing conditions of active service, if these tunics are worn, all distinguishing badges of rank and riband of decorations etc. to which the wearer is entitled, will be worn.
6. The wearing of part summer and part winter dress is irregular, and will cease.

127. WAR EQUIPMENT TABLES - Army Field Workshops & L.A.D.

The following Tables are authorised as the respective War Equipment Tables for Army Field Workshops and L.A.Ds with the Australian Imperial Force.

(1) Army Field Workshops:-

G.1098 - Unit Equipment  
AAF.E2 173A - Army Field Workshop Equipment

(11) Light Aid Detachments:-

G.1098 - Unit Equipment.  
AAF.E2 173B - L.A.D. Workshop Equipment.

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133. UNIT ROUTINE ORDERS

The posting of Unit Routine Orders on Unit Notice boards is NOT sufficient promulgation of orders to ensure that all ranks are acquainted with same. Unit Routine Orders Part I and the relevant portions of Part II Orders will be read out on appropriate parades.

134. CHURCH PARADES

So far as the exigencies of the service will permit, Commanding Officers will arrange unit programmes and routine up to 1000 hrs each Sunday so that the maximum number of personnel on strength of units will have the opportunity of attending Church Parades.

135. COMFORTS

Consequent upon the difficulty of providing full recreational facilities for units at new locations, the following policy in relation to the distribution of Comforts Fund stores has been decided as a temporary measure :-

- (a) Personnel of the AIF in PALESTINE will continue to receive the benefits of all recreational facilities as heretofore.
- (b) To offset the lack of such amenities in new areas, an increased scale from Comforts Fund stores to units in new areas is being effected. This relates more particularly to food stuffs, tobacco, cigarettes, etc. In consequence there may be a slight reduction, temporarily in the scale of issue of these commodities in the PALESTINE area.

136. PERSONNEL for A.A.M.C.

- (a) Approval has been granted in AIF (Middle East) Orders 72(a) and 85(a) for additional personnel of the A.A.M.C. to be attached to Units.
- (b) Personnel on unit strength and considered satisfactory, will be transferred to A.A.M.C. on Unit Casualty Returns and will remain attached.
- (c) Vacancies NOT filled after completion of the action outlined above will be notified in the Unit Weekly Field Return of Other Ranks A.F. W.3009

137. RECOVERY of M.T.

- (a) Ref. Standing Orders, PALESTINE, Pamphlet No 2. Section III Page 36. Much inconvenience both to Workshop Recovery Sections and also to the unit concerned, is being caused by the lack of correct information.
- (b) All signals or telephone messages will be addressed to "Officer i/c Ordnance Workshop, BARBARA".
- (c) If a definite map reference cannot be given, a kilo stone reading will be quoted. Information that will assist recovery will be given, e.g. whether the vehicle :-
  - (i) is on the road,
  - (ii) is upside down,
  - (iii) can be towed,
  - (iv) must be lifted.

138. RETURNS - Submission by New Units.

- (a) Ref. Corps Admin Instn No 21 "Summary of Q Returns required from Units" - all AIF Units in PALESTINE who have arrived in this country since 1 Nov 40 will render the following returns forthwith as at date of arrival.
  - (i) Statement of Amn, Explosives and Weapons held.
  - (ii) Census of Warlike Stores.
- (b) The above mentioned units will then submit returns as required by 1 Aust Corps Admin Instn No 21 in the normal manner.

139. PATTERN '37 WEB EQUIPMENT

All units who have arrived in PALESTINE since 1 Nov 40 will forthwith notify D.A.D.O.S. 7 Aust Div or D.A.D.O.S. GAZA Area, as applicable, their requirements to complete issue of Pattern '37 Web Equipment. D.A.D.'s O.S. will notify C.O.O., B.O.D., BARBARA of these requirements at the earliest possible date.

140. ORDNANCE STORES - Submission of Indents

D.A.D.O.S. 7 Aust Div will receive all indents from units of 7 Aust Div and forward them to the C.O.O., B.O.D., BARBARA, for necessary action. All Corps and I of C units will continue to submit indents to D.A.D.O.S., GAZA Area, BARBARA.

141. HUTS and BILLETTS - Overcrowding

- (a) The tendency to crowd men into huts and billets to get them out of tents in the wet weather must be strictly guarded against.
- (b) This practice is highly dangerous to health in that it causes the spread of infectious disease, especially under "black-out" conditions.
- (c) In huts and billets on no account will personnel have less than 600 cubic feet per man for sleeping.
- (d) On no account will personnel sleep in huts or buildings NOT specifically allotted for the purpose.

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GENERAL STAFF

128. COMMAND - 2/1 Pnr Bn.

2/1 Pnr Bn comes under command 7 Aust Div for the following purposes from 25 Nov 40 :-

- (a) Local administration
- (b) Training, except when detailed by 1 Aust Corps for other duties.

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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S STAFF.

129. P.A.D. - Warning Syrens

- (a) The scale of issue of syrens for AIF camp areas in PALESTINE is as follows :-

QASTINA	2	DEIR SUNEID	2
JULIS	2	KILO 89	2
BARBARA	2	GAZA RIDGE	3
BEIT JIRJA	2	GAZA TOWN	2
DIMRA	2	GAZA AIRPORT	1

- (b) Syrens will be issued to Camp Staff Officers as part of fixed installations of the camp.

- (c) Camp Staff Officers will indent on C.O.O., Aust B.O.D., for their requirements in accordance with scale of issue in para (a) above.

130. AIRMAIL POSTAL RATES

- (a) CRO No 12. para 49/1(a) is cancelled.
- (b) Airmail rates to Australia have been reduced and are now as follows :-

Letters (14 grammes = $\frac{1}{2}$ oz)	9d = 30 mils
Postcards	5d = 17 mils

- (c) Australian stamps must be affixed and are obtainable at all Australian Army Post Offices and Canteens.

- (d) Letters for Australia posted at British Army Field Post offices may bear English stamps of equivalent value, and will be accepted for transmission.

131. KIT STORE AIF

(a) A Kit Store, AIF has been established in 26 Rue Echelle des Cereales, ALEXANDRIA, (O.C. Capt. G. Cohen, 2/4 Bn).

(b) This store will be available as from 24 Nov 40, for the holding of kits of officers and other ranks AIF which are NOT required to be retained with units.

(c) Instructions covering conditions of holding and procedure are being issued separately.

132. DRESS

CRO No 21 para 88 of 28 Oct 40 is cancelled.

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