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August 1941, Log Diary

REF. TRIPOLI		OPERATIONS LOG				17 Aust Inf Bde	DATE Aug 15
SERIAL NO.	ORIG. NO.	TIME REC. OR SENT.	OUTWARD TO.	INWARD FROM	T.O.O.	INFORMATION	REMARKS
964 ✓	O 137	1845	2/5 bn		1845	Arms of troupes Speciales du Levant will NOT be re-issued without authority this Head quarters.	
965 ✓	RM 20	1913		2/5 bn	1845	Colonel Gourdon has issued instructions to troupes Francaises du Levant to recover arms from us commencing tomorrow (.) Will this H.Q. conform	
966 ✓	B129/FF	2005		2/2 par bn	1800	Security Report this day nil return	
967 ✓	I 307	2008	7 Div.		2008	In Reply to 0633 (.) Nil return submitted all units	
968 ✓	O 138	2101	2/5 bn		2101	In Reply to R.M. 20 (.) Instructions issued in 0137 (.) Inform if not clear	
969 ✓	I 308	2235	7 Div.		2235	Reply to O.646 (.) Lieut J.M. MENZIES (.) Lieut F.R. Wray (.) Lieut H.V. Brown.	
970 ✓	M.17	2215		2/5 bn	2205	In Reply to 0138 (.) Instruction understood perfectly.	
971 ✓	O 646	2235		7 Div	2120	Report urgently names your Liaison Officers your H.Q. (.) Officers temporarily att from Units NOT required.	
16 Aug.		16 Aug.				16 Aug	
972 ✓	I 309 + I 310	0822	All att Units		0822	PHOTO REMAL-TELL Street TRIPOLI is placed out of bounds to all ranks.	

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973 ✓	EC 35	1115		2/2 Pnr Bn	0930	Re G 570 11 Aug 41 ME OCTU 14 Intake @ regret cannot fill vacancy @ Re G 582 12 Aug 41 Fd works course MIETS @ Regret cannot fill vacancy.	
974 ✓	I 311	0846	7 Div.		0846	The attached letter is judged for what it is worth (.) PHOTO KEMAL has been placed out of bounds to all ranks as this is the second report about same.	
975 ✓	O. 02	0907	7 Div.		0907	Nominations for MEWTS No 2 course grenade wing from 2/3bn N.X.11940 @/Cpl OUTRAM B.H.	
976 ✓	O. 03	0915	2/3bn		0915	Students for MEWTS No 2 course grenade wing report KHALDE rest camp by 1200 hrs 25 Aug (.) Other instructions in pain courses & joining instructions ME schools.	
977 ✓	O. 04	0920	7 Div.		0920	Captured revolvers held by 2/2 pnr bn H.Q. (.) 1 MARTIAM 765 cm automatic No 37315 and 1 VICTOR BERMEDO automatic 765 cm No 1969 (.) Other units under comd. NIL return	
978 ✓	I 312	1015	2/9 Fd Coy.		1015	Could rep 2/9 Fd Coy. please visit 17 Bde re construction and block as discussed Lieut BUCKAM.	
979 ✓	O 19	1630		2/3 Bn	1535	ME W.T.S No 2 Course Grenade Wing @ No offer nominated 2/3bn @ Lieut FLORENCE J.M. VX 13849 @ NX510 @/ GALVIN T.J. nominated by 6 Div Cav.	

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980 ✓	0 05	0825	7 Div		0825	Nominations for MEWTS No2 course grenade wing from 6 Div bdr. VX 13847 Lieut Florence J M. and NX 510 cpl GALVIN. J. J.
981 ✓	0 140	2135 (16 Aug)	6 Div Cav			your report arrives tomorrow @ no information available as to time of arrival
982 ✓	00 6	0842 17 Aug	67 Div			nominations No 14 Sgt's cooks course from 2/5 Bn VX 7512 Sgt McIntyre W. (no copy of list)
983 ✓	00 7	0850	2/5 Bn			nominations No 14 Sgt cooks course 6 to 27 Sep report KHALDE rest camp 1200 hrs to 5 Sep. (Ditto)
984 ✓	0 233	1250	+	1 Aust Corp	1215	Commission authorities issue on signature to FFF upto 650 rifles only from LATTAQUE or TRIPOLI
985 ✓	0 141	1630	2/5 Bn			Issue on receipt signed by off commanding NOT repeat NOT more than 650 rifles @ please report no issued in due course.
986 ✓	I 797	1930 Aug 18		7 Div ()	1250	Amendments to code list XIX Aug 18
987 ✓	I 313	0827	all Art Units		0827	Detailed locations required at this H.Q. at earliest

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988 ✓	I 314	0831	6 Aust Cav.		0831	Please notify present location.	
989 ✓	I 315	0900	1 Aust Corps Rest Camp		0900	Ref our message I 301 (-) Have received no reply (-) Text of message read (-) Ref 2/cpl Carroll VX 3952 paybook (-) Paybook was cleared by signals from 17 Bde 28 Jul 41 to Pay Sgt 1 Aust Corps Rest Camp (-) Book has not been received by 2/cpl Carroll who has now rejoined unit (-) Please return paybook at earliest to 17 Bde. (-) Ask.	
990 ✓	I 1	1021		6 Aust Cav.	0915	Reply to I 314 (-) Concentrated EL BEDOU area 1642278 16422788	
991 ✓	I 47	1021		2/5 bn	1000	Location as at 0800 hrs 18 Aug (-) 2/5 B.H.Q. 16023993 "A" Coy 15943999 (-) "B" Coy 15953995 (-) "C" Coy 15953993 "D" Coy 17804390 (-) H.Q. Coy 15953992 (-) 9 Bty 2/5 Fd Regt. (-) H.Q. 9 Bty 16143997 (-) 9 Bty "B" 1 Sec 17804390 (-) 2/4 Fd Coy 15983996 (-) "A" Coy 2/4 Fd Amb. 15983992	
992 ✓	0658	1111		7 Div	1015	Amendments to location statement (-) ^{1 Aust Corps High School of Mech} located with 21 Aust Bde (AASC) 1 Aust Cav moved to 6 Aust Cav area 17 Aug (-) 6 Aust Cav leaving Comd 19 Aug.	
993 ✓	I 316	1728	2/5-2/3 2/4 bn		1128	Please submit security reports or NIL returns daily.	

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SERIAL NO.	ORIG. NO.	TIME REC. OR SENT.	OUTWARD TO.	INWARD FROM	T.O.C.	INFORMATION
995 ✓	Q.652	0921		7 Div	0830.	<p>6 Aust Div bar. will move from EL BEDAQUI 0800hrs 19 Aug to destination Palestine to be advised () 25 M.I.H. 20 v.T.M. () P.O.L. 200 miles () Unconsumed portions plus two days hard rations () Stage () night 19/20 vicinity Acre () Guides to bivouac being supplied by H.Q. 10 Amnd Div () Depart Acre 0730 hrs 20 Aug for Gaza area () RASC tpt will be retained by 6 Aust bar. until completion of moves and then returned O.C. RASC () AASC. 7 Aust Div supply three additional 3 ton lorries report 6 Aust Cav. 1600 hrs 18 Aug to return immediately on completion of move () route 19 Aug Coast Rd to ACRE () Route 20 Aug to be advised () 6 Aust bar pass this instr to N.C.O. in charge of convoy () ack. (Important)</p>
996 ✓	I 137	1328	7 Div		1328	<p>In reply to Q652 () Ack.</p>
997 ✓	WMI	1505		2/5 Bn	1445	<p>118 Carbines and 532 rifles were issued to 2 Bn Du LEVANT by 1200 hrs 18 Aug.</p>
998 ✓	W4	1545	7 Div	2/5 Jd regt	1415	<p>Location statement @ Ref TRIPOLI 1/50000 2/5 Jd regt lvs det 16352781 Det 2/5 Jd regt 16322786 @ 10 Bty lvs det 16362780 det 10 Bty 10 pdr 29 ORs 16642806, 10 ORs 15762733, 2 pdr 22 ORs ref HALBA 1/50000 18823095 @ 9 Bty ref LATTARQIE 1/50000 16133995.</p>

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999 ✓	EC 38	1610		2/2 Rls Bde	1145	Security @ Herwik report by 1st Comd recently stationed at TELL KALAKH	
1000 ✓	26	1610		8 Rec Sec.	NIL	Location (-) TRIPOLI 1/500000: 16472775.	
1001 ✓	M 55	1637		1 Aust Coy Rest Camp	1555	In reply to I 315 (-) Message I 301 referred to say Sgt EZ-ZIB rest camp Aug 14 (-) L/Cpl Carroll was patient EZ-ZIB and not Corps Rest Station M. ROUJ (-) suggest you send further signal addressed EZ-ZIB.	
1002 ✓	I 29			2/3 BN	1200	Bn H.Q. 16322783 ○ A Coy less det 16352788 ○ Det A Coy 182256 ○ B Coy less two sec 16412782 ○ One sec B. Coy 18032871 ○ One sec B Coy 18832867 ○ C Coy less one sec 16282779 ○ One Sec C Coy Rd Blk 16292770 ○ D Coy less one Pl 148263 ○ One Pl D Coy 147264 ○ Sang H.Q. 16322782.	
1003 ✓	0657	2130 17/8		7 Div.	2045	GOC 1 Aust Corps directs that one Coy BIM sent to contact Vichy tps be allowed to be stationed in TRIPOLI.	

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1004 ✓	0 21	1630		2/3 bn	1430	Guards each of one sec are now placed on vulnerable bridges in this area. viz () At 1803 2874 and 1883 2867	
1005 ✓	0.660	2320		7 Div.	2215	Following will attend conference Thursday 21 Aug probably afternoon () Time and place later () Comds and B.M.S. Bdes 17 Aust Div H.Q. and Comds 7 Aust Div 7 Aust Cav - 7 Aust Div RAA - 7 Aust Div RAE - 2/3 M.G. Bn. 7 Div Sigs.	
		19 Aug				19 Aug	
1006 ✓	0 250	1035		1 Aust Corps	0935	VX 1151 dvr R.E. BRITTINGHAM and DC-in-Charge Staff car proceeding Aleppo arriving there noon tomorrow () Request you arrange accommodation dvr Brittingham Lattaquié tonight () Will report 2/5 bn on arrival	
1007 ✓	I 48	0830		2/5 bn	0730	King Gps Security Report () Nil return.	
1008 ✓	I 318	0855	7 Div		0855	For your information () Permanent guards have been placed on the following bridges () Ref HALBA 1/50000 () Stone bridge at 1803 2874 and at Stone culvert 1883 2867 () Ref 17 Bde Intelligence Summ. No 29	

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1009 ✓	I 319	0907	1 Aust Corps Rest Camp		0907	Ref L/Cpl Carroll V.X.3952 paybook (1) Paybook was cleared 17 Bde by signat. 28 Jul 41 to Pay Sgt 1 Aust Corps Rest Camp (1) Book was not received by L/Cpl Carroll who has rejoined his unit (1) Please fwd this H.Q. at earliest (1) Ack.	
1010 ✓	I 320	1118	2/4 Td A.L.		1118	please fwd to this HQ. at earliest detailed location statement	
1011 ✓	EC 39	1230	17th Bde C.H.A. 1st Huss. Corps	2/2 Pnx b.	1030	Re M.E. school of engineering 8 Sept 41 to 20 Sept 41. V422622 CPL TAYLOR L.F. selected to attend this course.	
1012 ✓	EC 40	1230	" " "	2/2 PNBV	1040	Re C 533 of Corps @ M.E. School of cooking N 41 course @ Vx 23657 Pte Matthews C.H. selected to attend this course.	
1013 ✓	0666	1336		7 DIV	1214	M.E. OCTO 14 intake no wing students report rest camp KHALDIE 1200 hrs 20 Aug 21st Bde provide the three students KHALDIE, MAIFA @ WO MACDOUGAL sang in charge all informed	
1014 ✓	I 321	1428	7 DIV Capt Cameron			enclosed trace of LATTACQUE PORT as asked for by Capt Cameron.	
1015 ✓	O 668	1430		7 DIV	1245	D.C. in C visiting Corps area for purposes visiting to areas and gen recce itinerary indefinite but commences ALLEPPO 20 Aug and during following three days includes LATTACQUE, BANIAS, TRIPOLI, HOMS ALEY BALBEK, DAMASCUS details later all informed.	

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SERIAL NO.	ORIG. NO.	TIME REC. OR SENT.	CUTWARD TC.	INWARD FROM	T.C.O.	INFORMATION		
1016 ✓	A 344	1515		7 DIV	1205	7 Div pro will set TCP south of KHALDE BEIRUTH Sheet 1/200000 at 12632060 on 19 Aug 41 @ all personnel must be in possession of leave or duty pass @ all informed		
1017 ✓	I 30	1550		2/3 bn	1030	Rd rece rd BTERRAM KFAR HAZIR.		
1018 ✓	I 322	1630	2/3 2/5 2/2			aircraft recognition signals for 19 Aug till 26 Aug.		
1019 ✓	R 61	0020 (20 Aug)		2/2 Pch	0010	flashes approx gun fire AC approx 360° seem to indicate heavy naval or an engagement		
1020 ✓	Q 75	1645 (19 Aug)		1 Aust Corps	1515	Please signal 1 Aust Corps, locations ownership, and type of any petrol pumps in your area which might be desirable for military use @ signal refers to possible delivery of bulk petrol.		
1021 ✓	Q 663	1725		7 DIV	1642	ref 1 Aust Corps Q 775 of 19 @ petrol pumps @ phase signal answer to 7 DIV.		
1022 ✓	Q 143	1000 (20 Aug)	AIF reinforcement depot			For Capt Joss @ phase advise forthwith pson regarding two lorries despatched for kits @ if no finality in sight return lorries immediately		
1023 ✓	Q 142	0940 (20 Aug)	All units			will C.O's groups units under command and in support phase attend conference Lt Col MONAGHAN at 17 Bde H.Q 1200 hrs to day.		
1024 ✓	I 323	1050	171 Lt AA			detailed location statement required at this HQ at earliest		

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1025 ✓	I 324	1130	7 Div Cav			Location statement required at this H.Q. at earliest	
1026 ✓	O 25	1230	2/3 Bn		1100	ME OCTU 14 intake @ WO II MAC DOUGAL 2/3 Bn reported rest camp KHALDE 19 Aug in compliance with your @ 135 of 14 Aug @ 008 received to late to cancel previous instruction.	
1027 ✓	EC 41	1310 20 Aug	2/2 Pn Bn		2005 19 Aug	Security @ NIL return.	
1028 ✓	O 144	0907	7 DIV. HQ.		0907	Your msg SEI / 3/2/34 of 19 Aug @ ack.	
<u>21 Aug.</u>							
1029 ✓	O 674	0955	7 Div		0925	Ref our 0660 of 18 Aug. () Conference postponed until 22 or 23 Aug () Details later () Ack () All Informed.	
1030 ✓	I 328	1120	2/5, 2/3 Bn 2/2 PNYC.			aircraft recognition signals	
1031 ✓	O 145	1005	7 DIV			In reply to N° O 674 Ack	
1032 ✓	ST / 10	1255	B	171 LTAA	0800	Location Statement	
1033 ✓	EC 45	1255		2/2 Pn Bn	0927	Security @ PI comd TARTOUS reports hearing of barrister there professing to be DE GAULLE ST but who tells Arabs that if they support Britain or France, Hitler will bomb them @ Enquiring further @ Please advise if this man is known to you.	

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1034 ✓	I 326	1357	2/2 Pntbn		1357	we have no information to Corister please advise result of your enquiry at earliest	
1035 ✓	RM 28	1600		2/5 Bn	1535	Nomination AIF ME school of sigs no 9 course sigs refresher @ Sig TURNBULL CP VX 7544 Sig HOWELL FW VX 14530 Pte BERRIGAN LG, VX 35368	
1036 ✓	RM 27	1630		2/5 Bn	1535	Nominations AIF ME school of sigs No 9 course @ VX 7549 WARD JF Sgt.	
1037 ✓	I 1502	1630 (21 Aug)		H.Q. Palestine T.J. & Syria	2000 19 Aug	Amendments to code list XIX (General (revised))	
1038 ✓	I 327	1720	H.Q. Palestine T.J. & Syria		1720	Ack. (in reply to I 1502)	
1039 ✓	0681	1830		7 Div	1755	Secret recce required of stream from rd approx 175370 to coast at 111368 to determine (1) Is it complete A.Tk obstacle - is it an A.Tk obstacle except for crossing places - if neither what work and mines are required to make it complete A.Tk obstacle (2) Recce to be made by Inf Offr NOT below Comd Bn and by Comd 2/9th Coy jointly under arrangements made by 17 Bde (3) Progress report to 7 Div by 0900 hrs 23 Aug. (IMMEDIATE)	

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1040 ✓	O 26	1930		2/3 Bn	1900	Ref books cover @ Could name of course and duration be given please	
1041 ✓	R 65	1930		2/2 Pz Bn	1858	2/9 Fd Coy left this area about 1400 hrs 21 Aug @ Trucks seen proceeding South between 1400 and 1645 hrs @ no further knowledge this H.Q.	
1042 ✓	00 12	2005		2/8 Bn		ME school of cooking course No 40 23 Aug to 13 Sep 41 @ Students report 7 Div Rest camp 1200 hrs 22 Aug and move to school under 7 Div management @ urgent delay.	
1043 ✓	I 49.	0830		2/5 bn.	0745	King group security report @ 22 Aug.	
1044 ✓	I 328	0850		2/9 Fd Coy	0850	please send new location at earliest	
1045 ✓	I 329	0917		7 Div		2/9 Fd Coy now located Map Ref TRIPOLI 1/50000 at 16342775	
1046 ✓	O 146	1100		7 Div		Ref your G 23/1/1007 of 9 Aug @ reported that one rifle of 2/3 bn found 20 rds at AFV's DAMASCUS @ ps	
1047 ✓	A/102	1145		2/9 Fd Coy	0945	Location of 2/9 Fd Coy less 2 rds 16342775 1/50000 TRIPOLI	
1048 ✓	I 329	1220		all units		amend 17 Bde location statement of 20 Aug to read 2/9 Fd Coy at 16342775. ref map TRIPOLI 1/50000	

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1049 ✓	I 330	1220	6 Div 6 Div			amend 17 Bde location statement of 20 Aug to read 2/9 7th Coy to read 16342775.
1050 ✓	FC/69	0934		H.Q. T.J. & Syria	1530	Please arrange JENNINGS report Unit H.Q. JULIS 24 Aug (-) Above for LOGAN from COA
1051 ✓	I 31	1850		2/3 Bn	1730	One Det of 2 N.C.O.s & Nine O.R.s from 2/3 Bn A Coy security piequut 1605-2789.
1052 ✓	O 147	2230	7 Div.			Stron runs from 17423681 to 17023690 @ a river from 17283696 to coast complete obstacle except crossing at 17223699, where strip 50 yds long 50 ft wide up to 3ft 6 inch deep could be crossed and two span stone bridge 50 ft long 12 ft wide at 170436910 further report later. (Important)
1053 ✓	O 27	1025 23 Aug		2/3 Bn	1000	ME WTS NO2 course made being a swing to vacanter sick of A/cpl OUTRAM NX 5437. A/cpl LOGAN JR is nominated instead.
1054 ✓	I 331	1134	G.P.M. Bar H.Q.			Can you advise this H.Q. whether paybook belonging to L/cpl CARROLL LR VX 3952 is in your possession & if so please forward this H.Q. at earliest @ acks

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1063 ✓	A 422	2145		7 Div	2120	Informed that FF unit at TRIPOLI formerly purchasing at A CI canteen now forbidden by canteen not to make further purchases & what ever action taken by Lt Col King will be approved by 7 Div	
1064 ✓	I 334	1725	H.Q. P. T.J. & Syria		1725	your I 1506 Ack.	
1065 ✓	O 150	1810	7 Div.		1810	OP Inst 24 Ack.	
1066 ✓	I 0649	2143	H	H.Q. P. T.J. S.	1417	Send MT driver to collect vehicles from RAMLEH and seven drivers to collect seven vehicles and one motor returning from HELWAN in accordance with op instr 6 group instructions	
1067 ✓	Q 640	2145		H.Q. P. T.J. S.	1417	Forward immediately types to date W.D. numbers of all M.T. held by you (C) (message for 14 WOU.)	
<u>Aug 24</u>							
1068 ✓	O 151	0730	7 Div.		0730	SG/30/1/21 (C) Ack.	
1069 ✓	EC 80.	0800		2/2 pm lw	2010 23/8	Security report (C) Nil.	

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1070 ✓	O 152	0830	2/5 Bn			Capt J.A.H. McGeoch will rejoin his unit for duty on Tuesday 26 Aug.	
1071 ✓	I 51	0930 1045		2/5 Bn	0930	KING Gp security report Nil	
1072 ✓	I 50	1045		2/5 Bn	0500	cipher return.	
1073 ✓	I 48			2/5 Fd Regt	1045	cipher return.	
1074 ✓	I 334		AIR FORCE HQ. P.T.J.		1215	of your message @ unable to get results this HQ. please check.	
1075 ✓	A3.		a/s Fd Coy		1335	Following signal despatched 2/9 Fd Coy to-day @ water supply at Cedars failed @ please investigate @ returned with this added @ Mj's Brewer will you please get a man on this as early as you can as it is apparently urgent @ Initialled A.B. & addressed to 2/5 Fd Coy.	
1076 ✓	O 698	1540		7 DIV	1515	To assist in training personnel 6 Div Sigs 6 Div desires replace 1 sect now with 17 Bde H.Q. by 2 sec if approved 1 sect would take over current situ on relief @ do you agree to reflect.	
1077 ✓	O 697	1546		7 DIV	1430	2/9 Fd Coy will revert comd H.Q. corps to engro RAE and move ALEPPO 26 Aug @ priority task preparation demolitions north of line 235465-285465, 235425, 155395 @ Secondary task urge assistance adv H.Q. 23 inf Bde	

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1078 ✓	I 153	2000	7 DIV			no objection if other considered to be in the interest of service @ our letter KG/361/19 of to-day's date refers.	
1079 ✓	I 334	1640		7 Div 2/2, 2/3 7 DIV. Cav.	1815 0857	cipher returns for week ending 23 Aug required at this HQ at earliest @ weekly return to reach this HQ not later than 1200 hrs each Tuesday @ Nil returns required	
1080 ✓	I 52	0935		2/5 Am	0830	King gp security report. Nil	
1081 ✓	Q 843	1035		1 Aust Corp	0900	please fwd urgently details requested in my Q 775 of 19 Aug re pet pumps	
1082 ✓	I 335	1122	7 DIV			Intelligence summary @ Nil Return	
1083 ✓	O 702	1135		7 DIV	0912	Letter G198/9/57 of 24 Aug ref 104 MORTAR comm is cancelled.	
1084 ✓	I 50	1140		2/5 7d regt	0845	please supply with 3 copies each of following maps to complete series @ 1/20000 ALEP, SELEMIYE, KARTAYINE @ 1/50000 ZAHLE, KARTABA, BAALBEK TELL KALAKH	
1085 ✓	I 336	1220	7 DIV			ref Q 843 @ we have taken no action @ will you advise @ 1 Aust Corps location of petrol pumps	

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1086 ✓	Q 697	1230 2355 23 Aug		1230 HQ P.T.S. for W.O.U.	1302	following despatches to cut tenders to be collected by you from RAMLEY immediately W.D 6075 878 - 646 - 862 - 817 - 852 - 851 - 826 819 0 total 9 vehicles. (Cipher)	
1087 ✓	FC/67	1530	22 Aug.	HQ. P.T.S. 4 Sigs	0934	CIPHER.	
1088 ✓	Q 640	2110	23/8	HQ. P.T.S.	1905	CIPHER.	
1089 ✓	Q 647	2355	HQ. 23/8	HQ. P.T.S. for 266 Coy RAF	1302	CIPHER Re Vehicles	
1090 ✓	BH 41			2/2 P.W.B.	0930	Cipher Return.	
1091 ✓	0688	2330		7 DIV H.Q.	2110	Ref our 0660 of 18 Aug & 0674 of 21 Aug @ Bde Comd with one so each A.R. a Comd 7 DIV car. 7 DIV Arty 7 DIV RAE. 7 DIV Sigs. 2/3 M G Bn. will assemble 1100 hrs 24 Aug @ Rd Jun 17 kms. N.E. of Tripoli ref mat TRIPOLI 173286 @ ACK.	
1092 ✓	4/1610			H.Q. P.T.S.	2015/22	Code list amend.	
1093 ✓	1337		H.Q. P.T.S.		1525	ACK.	
1094 ✓	0703	1620		7 DIV H.Q.	1610	Ref our 0697 2/9 Fd Coy moving alpha 0700 The 26 Aug @ 1 rec 2/5 Fd Coy taking over from 2/9 1st Coy & occupying present 2/9 H.Q. W.E.F 26/Aug.	

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1095 ✓	X/8	1840		7 Div Cav.	1224	In Reply to I 334 (i) higher return for week ending 23 Aug (i) Nil return.		
1096 ✓	I 51	1805		2/5 Fd Regt	1640	Please advise location of 25 Bde as soon as possible		
1097 ✓	I 338	1835	2/5 Fd Regt		1835	In reply to I 51 (i) 14152465 14152465		
1098 ✓	0705'	1225'		7 DIV HR.	1110	Parties of 1 off 4 3 ors 1 from 10 Aust Corp sig with 1 off from 7 DIV regt will visit formations 26 & 27 Aug to make tech inspection of Major items of sig equipment	26 Aug	
1099 ✓	Sigs 745	1100.		7 Div Sigs	1012	Ref CR/PAL/17710/GSI of 11 Aug (i) BLACK same will be effective from 0200 hrs 27 Aug all informed (i) Ack.		
1100 ✓	0706	1330		7 Div	1105	New locations 2/31 hr 1428 2524 (i) 2/9 Fd Coy reverts Comd HQ. Corps Ips RAE 26 Aug and moves Alip (i) A div sec 2/1 Aust Ord PR. established 14152450		
1101 ✓	I 512	1300 25/8		7 Div	1330 25/8	Ref CR/PAL/17710/GSI of 11 Aug (i) BLACK GAME unit BLACK GAME will be effective from 0200 hrs 25 Aug (i) All informed (i) Ack.		

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1102 ✓	I 340	1444	7 Div		1444	In reply to I 1512 (C) Adm.	
1102 ✓	WM 23	1500		2/5 Bn	NIL	nominations platoon weapon Training 28 Sept 29 Oct VX 428 A/cpl McPoyle FA. VX 13969 A/cpl Holland E.J. © mortar training 28 Sept 15 Oct VX 29962 Lt TRAINER F.P. VX 7418 Cpl White E.G.	
1103 ✓	Q 855	1500		1 Cent Coy	1100	Australian guard on tpt depot 800 metres north of CHEKA will be relieved by FFL 26 Aug. (Cephur) (Important)	
1104 ✓	I 53	1515		2/5 Bn	1430	King GP security report © NIL	
1105 ✓	I 53	1600		2/5 Fd Regt	1535	phase notify identity and locations of ATED	
1106 ✓	I 341	1600	2/5 Fd Regt			H.Q. AIF reinforcement Depot BEIT JIRJA PALESTINE	
1107 ✓	I 595	1855		7 Div	1745	All units are reminded that when new code list comes into force at 0200 hrs 27 Aug personal code list number system as per 7 Aust Div Circular 9101 of 13 Aug also commences (C) Instruct all units under Comd (C) All informed	
1108 ✓	I 54	1925		2/5 Fd Regt	1705	Sitrep (C) 10 Bty Transit to posn occupied by 9 Bty (C) Otherwise no change.	
1109 ✓	I 55	2115		2/5 Fd Regt	2000	In reply to I 342 (C) Ack.	

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1110 ✓	I 596	1940		7 Div	1745	Report received that Officer in Australian uniform stating that his name is Capt TEHOLDING of 1 Aust Corps Sigs has been seen using camera near secret equipment in BEIRA () No Officer of this name known to 1 Aust Corps Sigs () Detain this Officer and advise 1 Aust Corps.	
1111 ✓	I 343	2026	All Units Att.		2026	As Serial 1110 - All Units advise 17 Bde.	
1112 ✓	I 597	0900 2704p		7 DIV	2220 26 Aug	Cancel instr contained in sig 1596.	
1113 ✓	I 344	0845	all units			Location statement required in detail at this HQ, giving locations as at 1200hrs today	
1114 ✓	I 345	0910	all units			Refer I 343 @ cancel instr	
1115 ✓	I 345	1020	all units			between 1000-1100 28 Aug 9 11 RAF planes will be over towns in our sector @ warn all personnel	
1116 ✓	Pay 815	1050 27 Aug		C P M	1140 26 Aug	Ref your 14/41 pay book Vx3592 CARROLL never held here @ advise if further action desired.	
1117 ✓	I 346	1104	7 DIV			NX 70744 Ltut D B Hunter takes over as I.Q. 2/3 Bn	
1118 ✓	L 19	1310		7 Cav	1220	Location Statement 7 Cav 7 Cav 22 Offrs 41 P ORs @ 7 Cav LAD 10 offrs 11 ORs @ 7 Cav Sigs 10 offrs 8 ORs.	

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1119 ✓	T 247	1314	7 Cav			Ref see I 344 & map references of locations of all ops your unit required.	
1120 ✓	O 146	1100 (22 Aug)	7 Div			ref your G 23/1/1007 of 9 Aug & reported that on night of 2/3 Bn fired 20 rds at AFVs DAMACUS ops.	
1121 ✓	O 155	1400	2/5 Bn			Naval rep has left for LATTAGUIE @ Place Guard on Steamer no on to land @ collect as many as possible of those already landed including soldiers.	
1122 ✓	ST/19	1430		171 Lt AR	1230	Location Statement.	
1123 ✓	I 35	1445		2/3 Bn	1230	Location Statement.	
1124 ✓	O 156	1450	7 Div			In reply to O 711. Ack.	
1125 ✓	I 54	1535		2/5 Bn	1200	Location Statement. as at 1200 hrs 27 Aug.	
1126 ✓	L 21	1537		7 Div cav	N16	Location Statement.	
1127 ✓	O 22	1650		2/3 Bn	1125	Nomination pl. weapons wing NX 7855 Sgt Wilson R. NX 12286 Lt EJB Carter.	
1128 ✓	O 33	1650		2/3 Bn	1130	Nominations MORTAR wing NX 4887 Lt/Cpl LAUGHLIN D.P. NX 4P27 Lt/Cpl DOWD. T.1 no off.	
1129 ✓	WM 30	1845		2/5 Bn	1825	Ship with full complement has been cleared by naval rep leaves 1930 hrs 27 Aug for Haifa	

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1130 ✓	I 348		2/5 Fd Regt		1900	Ack in reply to 594/41/15	
1131 ✓	F2	2100		2/5 Fd Coy	2035	H.Q. same location H.Q. 2/9 Fd Coy	no maps available
1132 ✓	F1	2100		2/5 Fd Coy	2030	please supply maps TRIPOLI 1:50,000	several copies would be appreciated
1133 ✓	I C 61	1705		7 DIV HQ	1455	Security report of Multi-engined plane invisible passed over I.P.C. eastern direction 2050 26 AUG returned going West 0455 hrs. 27 Aug still invisible	
1134 ✓	I 348	1715	7 Div		1715	2/2 Pm Bn reports multi-engined plane invisible passed over I.P.C. easterly direction 2050 hrs 26 Aug (.) returned going west at 0455 hrs 27 Aug (.) Still invisible.	
1135 ✓	I 349	1905	2/5 Fd Regt		1905	Bob King would like to see Col O'Brien at 1930 hrs at 87 Bde.	
1136 ✓	I 55	1020 28 Aug	2/5 Fd	2/5 Bn	0900	KING Sp security report.	
1137 ✓	O 685	1425 22/8		7 Div	1400 22/8.	Ref para 3 our SG 64/4/86 flooded this afternoon DR (.) you are authorized hand over VICHY Stores to any accredited H.Q. Free French force Officer bearing authority from Com. of Control (.) Transfer and receipt will at all times have been mutually arranged between C of C and F.F.H.Q. (.) F.F. Officers will NOT request hand over until arrangements made by them for relief of guards by F.F.F.	

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1138 ✓	0719	1145		7 DIV	1110	1 Aust Corps has instructed 6 DW release to sig sec by Jase immediately @ details when available.	
1139 ✓	32	1225		8 Rec sec	1150	Location statement (in reply to IB44)	
1140 ✓	0718	1310		7 Div HQ	1130	in addition syllabus required para 6 7 DIV @ Cir 100 units will find in Duplicate fortnightly prog programme to reach 7 DIV HQ 8 day prior to commencement of period covered @ prog to be in brief outline only & state objects & any special arrangements @ first return to cover fortnight commencing 1 sept & include current programme @ this return to 7 Div HQ by 19 Aug @ all informed.	
1141 ✓	WM33	1420		2/5 Bn	1330	all combatant officers at present on strength have attended OCTU	
1142 ✓	156 156	1145 0940 29/8		2/5 Fd Regt	0720 29/8	Sitrep (C) Ref map LATTACUIE (C) 9 Bty 2/5 Fd Regt 16362780 (C) Det 10 Bty Fort 37 16642806 (C) Ref L-HAMA 10 Bty Less Det 163397 (C) Otherwise no change.	
1143 ✓	I349	1010 29/8	All Att Units		1010 29/8	Refour I325 (C) times as follows 0300 to 0700 0700 to 1500 (A) 1500 to 1900 - 1900 to 2300 2300 to 0300	

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1144 ✓	038	1105		2/3 bn	1030	In ref to 0018 (-) NX5416 Lieut D.F. MCKAY - NX4618 Lieut D.C. Williams. NX4613 Lieut J.A. Stanton NX4867 Lieut G.K. Brown. NX7596 Lieut K.M. McKenzie. (-) Lieut McKenzie seconded AIF (ME) Reinf't Offrs School Junior instructor	
1145 ✓	I 350	1027	7 Div		1027	17 Bde Int Summary (-) Nil returned.	
1146 ✓	I 351	1215	All Out Units		1215	Amendment to 17 Bde location statement 28 Aug (-) King Gp amend E TP 10 Bty to redd 10 Bty 2/5 Fd Regt (-) Stevenson Gp amend 10 Bty to 10 Bty less cets at 163397 (-) Amend 9 Bty 2/5 Fd Regt at 16362780	
1147 ✓	I 352	1230	2/5 Fd Coy A Sec.		1230	5 Unexploded bombs found at TELL-KALAKH 200303 ref map HORN 5 200000 (-) Contact Gendarms and arrange to disarm bombs immediately please.	
1148 ✓	0 728	1605		7 DIV	1450	concerning disposal bombs in vital areas and orders preferably in writing otherwise signal @ Dist via Telephone @ note enemy increasingly using delayed action bombs	

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1149 ✓	JBR1	0010 21/8		SL0	2300 20/8	General Blameys proposed itinerary as follows (-) 21 leave Aleppo 0730 hrs call 2/5 bn lunch with 17 Bde (-) call 25 Bde and component hrs during afternoon spend night at ALEY 22 Aug. call 7 Div then ZAHLE BAALBEK - DAMAS - CHATTAURA MERDJAY OUN spending night when convenient (-) 23 Aug to JERUSALEM.	
1150 ✓	I 353	0830	7 Div			Spec with application from Haseib. KADOU for employment	Send 30/8 1030 hrs
1151 ✓	I 354	0847	7 Div		0847	Interpreter supplied to 2/5 bn Coy on frontier met with accident (-) evacuated to hospital (-) Urgently require another	
1152 ✓	I 354	0920	2/5 + 2/2 P.M.		0920	Reserve cipher personnel for 17 Bde (-) Send two men when convenient to you for instruction on duties as cipher (-) Instruction will be for two days or less.	
1153 ✓	I 56	1040		2/5 bn	0945	King Gp Security report (-) NIL	
1154 ✓	0725	1315		7 Div	1200	Offr not below rank of Capt with experience Syria required for period of 14 weeks primarily to lecture on Ops (-) Will be det from Unit for that period (-) Date commencing not known (-) Submit recommendation by signal to reach 7 Div 0900 hrs 31 Aug.	

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1155 ✓	0 157	1420	Att Units		1420	Serial 1154 sent to Units. (i) Reply to 17 Bde tonight.	
1156 ✓	0 41	1545		2/3bn	1530	In reply to 0 157 (i) NB such offer recommended.	
1157 ✓	1 60	1745		2/5 Fd Regt	1700	Capt HODGE, WESTGARTH and Brown are only Capts in Btys except BCs. (i) Shortage already causes serious trouble in admin and trng. (i) Nominate Capt T B BROWN.	
1158 ✓	1 57	NIL		2/5 Fd Regt	0800	This HQ closes present location 0900 hrs reopens at 0930 hrs (i) 9 Bty moving with to same area.	
1159 ✓	1 355	2007	2/5bn		2007	Ref your 41-17-44 has been fwded (i) Will advise you if card approved (i) Last year color patch with Regimental number not allowed.	
1160 ✓	1 356	2008	7 Div.		2008	Would you please fwd these Xmas cards for censoring.	
1161 ✓	1 357	2053	2/5 Fd Regt		2053	S94/41 (i) Ok.	
1162 ✓	1 358	2058	7 Div		2058	2/5 Fd Regt R.H.Q. less det 1636 2776 (i) 9 Bty less det 1635 2776 (i) remainder no change.	
1163 ✓	1 359	2215	7 Div.		2215	Regimental nominations as follows (i) 2/5 Fd Regt. Capt T.B. Brown; 2/2 Pwr bn Lt Col R L Monaghan 2/5 bn Capt A. P. Bennett 2/3bn nil.	

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1164 ✓	Q 695	0030		7 Div	0001	Water for drinking (?) Please ensure town supply only at TARTOUSS used unless water from wells properly treated.	
1165 ✓	I 57	0840		2/5 low	0745	King Sp. security report (?) NIL.	
1166 ✓	I 62	2210 30/8		2/5 Fd Regt	1920 30/8	Please supply with as many copies as possible of TRIPOLI 1/50000 (?) Lower priority KATARBA BAALBEK and SIREDDANNE (?) Reason intensive recce	
1167 ✓	O 731	1250 31/8		7 Div	1143	movement to schools 1 Sept. 17 Bde provide 4 Sgt Cook to HAIFA pick up NCO for MEWTS at 21 Bde 1400 hrs own rail authority O 25 Bde CW students own arrangements.	
2025 1168 ✓	2025 NIL	2025	Tp 200y Bty 2/1 Aust 200y Regt	7 Aust Div HQ RAA		Collect 5 mules tomorrow from 2/25 Aust Inf Bde.	
1169 ✓	I 360	0915	2/5 Fd regt and Bde			concerning disposal of Bombs in VITAL areas when passing on orders do not use telephone & send on in writing otherwise signal & note enemy increasingly using delayed action bombs.	
1170	I 361	1432	7 Div & 8 Rec	8 Rec		Security report 1 Sept rel.	

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803 ✓	R 28	0800 1/8/41		2/2 pnr.	2155 31/7.	Security Officer on recce with C.O. (In reply to I282) Will not be back until 2 Aug Forwarding brief report on lines requested Information from Officer just returned from recce.	
804 ✓	A. 95	0840		2/3 bn	0800	Ack	In reply to I273
805 ✓	I274	0840	7 Div.		0840	Attached are two further applications for employment for civilians.	
806 ✓	I275	0900	2/5-2/3 2/2 pnr		0900	Detailed statement giving location and strength of all security guards you require urgently. Also show what guards guarding.	
807 ✓	I276	1038	2/5-2/3 2/2 pnr.		1038	ref 6 Div Location Statement section C serial 4 read 2 Kings Own NOT rpt NOT Queens	
808 ✓	084	1645	7 Div 6 Div.		1645	Herewith lists in duplicate stores taken over 31 July.	
809 ✓	J.54	1732		2/5 bn	1715	Ref Locations Location Statement Ack.	In reply to <u>I273</u>

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810 ✓	0558	1635 28/7		7 Div	1600 28/7	57 Lt AA reports Comd HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps forthwith @ Letter redistribution (Important) 57 Lt AA follows.	(NOT DATE)
811 ✓	1269	1335 31/7	2/3 + 2/5 bus.		1335 31/7	fwd cipher traffic return for month ending 31 July containing number of letters in and out excluding messages from higher formations	
812 ✓	1277	2039	14 Inf Bde		2037	2/5 Fd Regt unable decipher please repeat to 17 Bde	069 (Reply to 069)
						Aug 2nd	Aug 2nd.
813 ✓	1277	0926	2/3-2/5 2/2 pm		0926	Aircraft recognition signals from 0800 hrs 2 Aug @ 2/3 Aug 0300 to 0900 hrs Red Yellow 0900 to 1500 y. y. 1500 to 2100 G. G. 2100-0300 R. R. @ 3/4 Aug R. Y. - R. G. - G. G. - R. R. @ 4/5 Aug G. G. - R. Y. - R. G. - y. y. @ 5/6 Aug R. G. - G. Y. - G. G. - R. Y. @ 6/7 Aug R. Y. - R. G. - G. Y. - G. G. @ 7/8 Aug R. R. - R. G. - G. G. - y. y. @ 8/9 Aug R. G. - G. Y. - G. G. - R. R. @ 9/10 Aug R. Y. - R. R. - G. Y. - G. G. -	

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814 ✓	AWS/1	1305		14 Inf Bde	1002	Message checked and repeated @ following for AA Troops from 171 AAA @ Defend VP oil installation @ ack. (Immediate - In Reply to I277.)			
815 ✓	0.85	1325	14 Inf Bde		1325	In reply to 0.69 - Troop has been defending VP Oil installation since arrival this area.			
816 ✓	A.19	0845		2/5 Fd Regt	2155 1/8	0.69 Ack.			
817 ✓	I278	1305	14 Inf Bde		1305	In reply to AWS/1 @ Ack			
818 818 ✓	0.88	2030	2/5 bn		2030	Troupes Speciales du Levant will be disarmed but not disbanded and will remain present areas until taken over by E.F.L. @ Arms and Amn but NOT animals and other equipment will be handed in commencing 0900 hrs 3rd Aug at LATTAQUIE @ Arms and Amn will be handed in and listed by U G U T and will be reissued shortly under separate orders.			
818A ✓	0.87	1710	1 Aust Coy 7 Div.		1710	Herewith lists in duplicate stores taken over 1 Aug.			

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819 ✓	I 279	0920	2/3 - 2/5 2/2 pm		0920	following amendments to code lists XIX/E against JOTO insert 3 Bty 2/1 Aust Anti TK Regt @ against NOBA amend detail to read 2/1 Q/TK Regt @ Under misc against TALL insert 7 Aust Div Rest Camp @ Against MUZE insert 7 Aust Div Reception Camp.	
820 ✓	I 14	1523		2/3 bn	1435	Location of 2/3 bn @ B.H.Q. - "A" - "B" - "C" Coys and attached units as previously stated @ "D" Coy less 2 PLS 151264 @ 1 PL 151266 @ 1 PL stationed at tunnel 148264.	
821 ✓	R.M. 7	1555		2/5 bn	1505	Arms has already been taken over from Trupes Des Speciales Levants @ Arms will be taken over tomorrow morning @ Arms from ROUAD are being brought to LATTACUIE and will be taken over tomorrow afternoon @ All will be stored at arms dump LATTACUIE.	
822 ✓	F 66	1558		7 Div	—	Stencil E 13 with compromised @ Restrict use of this cipher to minimum	
823 ✓	O 89	1705		1 Aust Coy 7 Div	1705	Herewith lists in duplicate, stores taken over 2 Aug and balance stores taken over 31 July 1 Aug.	
824 ✓	I 280	—		7 Div	—	New locations 2/3 bn "D" Coy @ "D" Coy less 2 pto. 151264 - 1 PL 151266 - 1 PL at tunnel 148264	

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825 ✓	I 181	2050	All Att. Units.		2050	H.Q. MIDDLE EAST has requested that cipher traffic returns be rendered weekly starting from week ending 9 Aug 41. They will include both in and out messages in all ciphers. In case of NIL return a signal may be sent instead of using a form. Returns should reach this H.Q. NOT later than 11 AM Monday of each week.	
826 ✓	O 589	1440 2/8	F1	7 Div	1420 2/8	For your information. Portion 6 Long Div will relieve 4 Div base Bde. Time of relief not notified 7 Div.	
		4 Aug				4 Aug	
827 ✓	I 41	1037		2/5 bn	1020	Rece plane R.A.F. landed 0845 hrs 15943968 ref LATTALQUIE 1/50000. Detailed report to follow.	
828 ✓	I 282	1105	2/7 bn		1105	fwd destruction certificate of code list number 18 D copy number 60 to 6 Div.	
829 ✓	I 283	1125	7 Div		1125	As Serial 827.	
830 ✓	O.90	1300	7 Div.		1300	Ref your G 198/1/978 of 31 Feb following have been recommended for commission but not yet appeared in Orders: 2/3 bn NX 5412 WO(II) McQuinn L. - NX 4384 A/WO(II) HODINOTT, F. - NX 572 WO(II) McDougall, B. H. - NX 5383 Sgt Long L.M. - 2/5 bn V.X. 3358 Sgt Lind W.A.T. - V.X. 5343 Sgt TRIPlett, L.C. - V.X. 3354 Sgt Fowler S.A. - V.X. 5272 Sgt Redding J.E.H. - V.X. 5296 Sgt Whyte S. MCK	

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831 ✓	0593	13435		7 Div.	1400	Ref G 198/1/978 of 31 July 1. Junior Officers course delete para 1 (A). This course now intended only for Officers who have been commissioned from Ranks. Please advise names of Officers available at earliest. All informed.	
832 ✓	092	1645	1 Aust Coy 7 Div.		1645	NIL equipment taken over complete. Consolidated returns will be forwarded tomorrow. Issuing petrol still in possession of French on orders signed by French authorities and obtaining receipt. Will you please advise if this procedure is correct.	
833 ✓	093	1730	1 Aust Corps 7 Div.		1730	Commission of control request all AFVs be routed to RAYAKO. Have notified R.T.O. EL MINA who is contacting movement control BEYROUTH re authority. Do not anticipate that any movement will take place within one week.	
834 ✓	094	1745	7 Div.		1745	Capt W.T. Adams movements reported 3 Aug to take over as R.T.O. EL MINA and to arrange lighterage contracts. Will you please check authority.	
835 ✓	1284	2005	2/5 Fd Regt		2005	7 Div require destruction certificate Aust Div exporter code list copy Number 33 and amendments 1234.	

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836 ✓	0592	1037 4/8		7 Div	1000 4/8	150 lbs rounds American type and 120 rounds English type three inch mortar bombs now available for training purposes @ 50 American and 40 English type will be issued to each Inf Bde Bde.
837 ✓	0850 I 32	0850	-	2/5 Fd Regt	0810	Please send your message in clear as copy received is faulty and cannot get number of code list
838 ✓	I 285	0902	2/5 Fd Regt		0902	7 Div require destruction certificate — As 835 Reply to I 32 —
839 ✓	A 146	1205		2/2 pm	1140	ref telephone message ref village ARB ALY @ Small village vicinity of TELL KALAKH NOT marked by on map.
840 ✓	096	1205	2/2 pm 2/3-2/5 bns		1205	Sixteen American type and thirteen English type 3 inch mortar bombs per unit will shortly be available for practice
841 ✓	I 286	1330	7 Div	7 Div	1330	ref 17 bde Inst Sum. No 12 para I @ Further information is provided herewith as required
842 ✓	A 266	1605		6 Div baw.	1230	Names offers available in order of priority NX 5629 Lieut Black JD - V.X. 8346 Lieut Woodhouse M.C.

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839 843 ✓	I 287	1638	2/2 priv 2/3-2/5 buss		1638	Following amendments to code lists XIX/E © Under ARTY against HADQ amend detail to read 4 Bty 2/1 Aust A/Tk Regt © Under Medical against RABA insert 1 Aust Mob Bact Lab.	
844 ✓	I 288	1650	All Att. Units		1650	Complete location statement required as at 1200 hrs 6 Aug	
845 ✓	I 289	1650	8 Rec Sec 2/4 Fd Amb		1650	Location statement as at 1200 hrs 6 Aug required	
846 ✓	O 97	1700	1 Aust Corp 7 Div.		1700	Herewith returns in duplicate stores taken over 4 Aug and consolidated returns for CD and A.A.	
847 ✓	I 290	1715	7 Div		1715	171 Lt.A.A. H.Q. established 16712806	
848 ✓	O 594	1645 4/8		7 Div	1615 4/8	Students for No 14 D and M and No 39 cooking courses report rest camp KALDE by 1200 hrs 8 Aug for rpt to HAIFA.	
849 ✓	A 34	0930 6/8		2/9 Fd Coy	6/8	Location Statement © 2/9 Fd Coy Monaghan GPO TRIPOLI 1/500000 1650 2794	6 Aug 6 Aug

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850 ✓	0565	1150		7 Div	1025	Control commission has ruled that french Offrs leaving their units to reside elsewhere must on arrival report themselves to nearest local British Comd who will record their addresses.		
851 ✓	098	1300	1 Aust Corps 7 Div.		1300	Herewith lists in duplicate stores taken over 4 Aug and 5 Aug and engineer stores handed over at Amm. dump TELL KALIAKH on 2 Aug.		
852 ✓	R 39	1330		2/2 pm bn.	1110	French transport is calling on EL MINIA POL dump to supply petrol and oil daily. Demands have been met on production of dockets in accordance with instructions of BM. Please advise if this policy to be continued.		
853 ✓	099	1335		2/2 pm.	1335	In Reply to R 39. Yes. Continue to obtain receipts.		
854 ✓	0561	2240 5/8.		7 Div.	2130 5/8	Of 5 Aug. Both nominees - ref A 266 - can attend if considered desirable. Please advise earliest.		

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855 ✓	0560	2300 5/8		7 Div	2130 5/8	Certain French Officers are being ordered report 1. Aust Corps by 1600 hrs 7 Aug @ If they require transport they are ordered to call on local British Comd who will find immediately necessary cars and drivers.	
856 ✓	115	1248		2/3 br	1200	Location Statement @ 2/3 B.H.Q. 16322753 - "A" Coy 16362784 - "B" Coy 16412782 - "C" Coy 16412778 - 10 Bty 2/5 Fd Regt. 16362780 - 6 Aust Cav. 16422788 - 2/5 Fd Regt 16352781 - 2/9 Fd Coy 16342779 - 2/3 H.Q. Coy 16322782 2/3 "D" Coy 151265	
857 ✓	12	1340		6 Aust Cav.	1200	Location Statement @ 6 Aust Cav. 16422788 - H.Q. Sqn 16422788 - "A" Sqn at Stade Municipale 12862156 - B Sqn TABARJA area 142233 - C Sqn, less two tps 16422788 - 2 tps C Sqn LATTAQUIE area 160400	
858 ✓	A 149	1340		2/2 pm	1310	In reply to 1288 @ Location statement herewith.	
859 ✓	-	1415		8 Rec Sec.	1400	Location TRIPOLI 1/50000 16472775.	
860 ✓	143	1645		2/5 br	1500	Location 1200 hrs @ 2/5 B.H.Q. 16023993 - "A" Coy 15943999 - "B" Coy 15953995 - "C" Coy 15953993 - "D" Coy 158439 H.Q. Coy 15953992 - 9 Bty 2/5 Fd Regt 16143992 - A Coy 2/4 Fd Amb. 15983996 - C Sqn 6 Aust Cav. 15963992 - 2/9 Fd Coy 15983992	

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861 ✓	I 37	1620		2/5 Fd Regt	1350	Please notify if Det 10 Bty 2/5 Fd Regt comes under Comd 2/2 pm bn for admin.	
862 ✓	2100 O.101	2100	2/5 Fd Regt		2100	In Reply + I 37 - Refer 17 bde OP. Inst. NO 90. C.D. Detachment under 2/2 for operation and local admin. Local admin must conform orders issued by 2/2 pm bn for local security and discipline.	
863 ✓	I 04	1710		7 Div.	1455	Arrangements have been made all POLES deserting Vichy forces to be transferred to Polish Legion. All such personnel reporting formations or unit should be sent Aust Corps reception camp KALDE for transit.	
864 ✓	O.600	1700		7 Div	1440	Under orders higher authority protocol 1 to convention has been ruled entirely void. Free French Forces may therefore enter French camp and mix personally there in. Under no circumstances will any British or Australian under 1 Aust Corps Comd take any part in such entry or propaganda or mixing. Nor SHALL THEY BE USED to enforced or assist such entry or mixing. 1 Aust Corps may be required to put off observed in vichy concentration areas to establish liaison for commission or control.	

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865 ✓	I 16	0800		2/3 bn	2010 6/8	Enclosed Rd Piece report dating between July 28 and Aug 1st @ Also report from 6 Div bar.	
866 ✓	I 18	0958		2/3 bn	0950	Ref Location 2/3 bn "C" Coy @ "C" Coy less 15 Pl 16282778 @ 15 pl 16242774	
867 ✓	O 102	1150	2/3-2/5 2/2 pm	2/3-2/5 2/2 pm	1150	Same as Serial 864 —	
868 ✓	O 103	1700	2/2 pm 2/3 bn.		1700	68 A.T. grenade instruction commencing 8 Aug @ Instructor will report 2/3 bn at 1800 hrs.	
869 ✓	I 104	1840	2/5 bn		1840	Place road block South of Aleppo Road junction forthwith @ Stop all vehicles and search for General JAENNEI- -K VNS Chief of French Air force @ Description, tall, fair, solid build, wears two rows of ribbons including M.C. @ If found apprehend and report this H.Q. by telephone immediately (Immediate)	
870	0 63	1610		7 Div	1445	If not already posted goods will be placed on the W/T	
870 ✓	O 63	6/8			6/8	stations LANTAKIA and TRIPOLI on receipt of this order @ When goods posted C.S.O. is to arrange dismissal of civil employees.	

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871 ✓	0610	0620 8/8		7 Div	2340 7/8	For your information following movements take place 8 Aug @ H.Q. Coy. 1st R.A.E. to TELL KALAKH at 206303 @ 2/14 Aust Fd PK Coy. to area east of EL QOUISSIA 2328 @ 2/14 Aust Fd PK Coy will commence rd work in area under Comd Adv H.Q. 1 Aust Corps.	
872 ✓	0109	1015	2/2 pr.		1015	H.Q. corps 1st RAE moves to TELL KALAKH today @ Will you please notify your detach Comd this.	
873 ✓	0110	1130	Commission of Control		1130	Optical instruments located and being taken over 1600 hrs today.	
874 ✓	0111	1140	2/9 Fd Coy.		1140	Please arrange to meet Lieut Rank at French H.Q. 1600 hrs today who will take you to Camp Legault to take over optical stores.	
875 ✓	0112	1400	2/5 bn		1400	Because of injury to instructor 68 Grenade course cancelled	
876 ✓	0113	1730	2/5 bn		1730	Instructor 68 grenade now available. advise your area A.M. 10 Aug.	
877 ✓	0115	0925	2/2 pr		0925	Vacancy for one N.C.O. at No 12 Pand RT course Sarafand 18 Aug to 11 Sep. @ If you wish to nominate advise by 10 Aug and student required to report at Rest Camp KALDE 1200 hrs 15 Aug.	

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878 ✓	0116	0930	2/3-2/5 lms		0930	NO 40 books course 23 Aug 13 Sep @ 2/3bn 1 OR. report Khalde Rest Camp 22 Aug 1200 hrs @ NO 42 Course 13 Sep 4 Oct 2/5bn 1 OR. report Khalde Rest Camp 1200 hrs 12 Sep @ Nominations by 12 Aug.	
879 ✓	0117	0945 9/8	2/3bn		0945 9/8	In reply to 07 — Responsibility of C.C.O. If any difficulty give order on 2/2 Pm. to supply from dump taken over at TELL KALAKH.	
880 ✓	07	1815 8/8		2/3bn	1745 8/8	2/3bn Hutchinson advises no arrangements have been made for petrol for vehicles required by F.F. and cars can NOT be handed over until petrol is available @ assume supply of petrol is responsibility of C.C. or F.F. @ Please advise	
881 ✓	0114	0900	2/3bn		0900	Lieut A Randall ON 4 will attend Junior Officers School @ Report KALDE Rest Camp 1200 hrs 10 Aug together with Lieut D Black and Lieut N. N. Woodhouse of 6 Aust Cav. @ Lieut Black takes batman and will be in charge of party @ collect papers at Rest Camp.	

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882 ✓	0621	1126		7 Div.	1020	ref SG. 30/1/79 location 2/31 bn should read 14142333. @ all informed.	
883 ✓	1292	1523	7 Div		1523	In reply to your SG1/63/1/5 @ NIL return	
884 ✓	1580	1446		7 Div.	1345	Please expediate return required our SG1/63/1/5 of 27 Feb.	
885 ✓	1291	1340	7 Div.		1340	Enclosed find applications for employment civilians this area.	
886 ✓	—	1620		2/5 Fd Regt	1412	Please supply if possible 30 copies of HALBA sheet 150,000 @ 2/5 Fd Regt shooting over this area.	
887 ✓	0622	1620		7 Div	1540	Ref R.S.M course @ Assistant Instructors not now required @ Students must be of warrant rank where necessary substitution will be made and names advised before 12 Aug @ All informed.	
888 ✓	0118	1600	1 Aust Coy 7 Div.		1600	Herewith return in duplicate stores received in Tripoli Area.	
889	571	1720		2/5 bn	1635	Reported five Greek Officers escaped from Messina Italy. Arrived by Rebel in Lattaquia today @ Full investigation being made @ Will report full details as available.	

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890 ✓	0119	2100	Chef des Services SPECIAUX		2100	Captain Robbe has asked us to find out where he is to report as ordered in message form from Lieut - Colonel de chevigne.			
891 ✓	1293	1040 10/8	2/3/2/5 2/2 pm.		1040 10/8	Aircraft Recognition signals from 10 Aug 0300 hrs to 18/19 Aug 0300 hrs.			
892 ✓	0121	1052 10/8	6 Curt Cabr.	6 Curt Cabr.	1052 10/8	Onslow to ring 7 Div. Chapman after 1900 hrs 11 Aug ref trng.			
893 ✓	0294	1300 10/8		7 Div.	1300 10/8	attached is list of details of Greek refugees. On arrival by M.V. AGOOR at the Port of Lattakia 9 Aug. They had in their possession a letter from the British Consul of Marsina (Turkey) asking the Capt of the AGOOR to convey them to Haifa at which port the AGOOR is registered. As the MV has broken down 2/5 bn are forwarding them to us arriving approximately 1700 hrs 10 Aug			

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894 ✓	0623	1510		1430 7 Div	1430	Ref G/198/1/1000 Junior Staff school now postponed until 1 Sep. Student report Rest Camp 30 Aug. All informed.	
895 ✓	-	0820 10/8		2/5 bn	-	Arrival of Greek Refugees LATTAGUIE Forwarded a list showing particulars of Greek refugees who arrived by M/V (AGDOR) at the Port of Lattaguié this afternoon. They had in their possession a letter from the British Consul at MESSINA (Turkey) asking the captain of the AGDOR to convey them to Haifa at which Port the vessel is registered. On arrival here our Official of the Surete rang Surete Central Office at Beyrouth who authorized that they be passed on to Palestine without delay. As the M/V is broken down they are being passed back to you per ration vehicle as arranged with Major Bishop per telephone communication this evening.	
896 ✓	0161	1730		1 Aust Corps	1625	Lieut. Fletcher R.N. is being sent to TRIPOLI as resident naval Offr 11 Aug 41.	

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✓ 897	0624	1735		7 Div	1645	Advise whether take over French stores now complete and all lists supplied. If not, anticipated date completion.
✓ 898	I 294	0800	All attn Units		0800	11 Aug Following amendments to Code lists XIX/E ⊙ under Ordnance insert HARE 1 Aust DRD AMN Coy ⊙ Under Misc. insert ZORA - H.Q. AUST BASE AMN DEPOT.
✓ 899	0.627	0845		7 Div.	0715	Reconnaissance M.E. O.C.T.U. 14 intake commencing inf wing 22 Aug ⊙ Bde 29 Aug ⊙ 17 Bde 21 Bde 25 Bde 7 Aust Div R.A.F. each one vacancy ⊙ Nominations before 16 Aug.
✓ 900	0630	1340		7 Div	1200	Following unit FFF to placed under command VATA ⊙ one Coy 1 Bn BIM at TRIPOLI ⊙ advise strength and location.
✓ 901	I 296	1325	2/5			any details re LATTAQUH harbour and port you can procure are required
✓ 902	0 5448	1340		7 Div.	1251	For Lt Officer ⊙ Report when action completed vide H.Q. AIF 131/3/3 of you 7 Aug re Plymouth car.

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903 ✓	0631	1400		7 Div	1305	In order assist trace suspected sabotage guards at veh pks at which VTEL vehs are handed in will record in register kept at pk. name and unit of each driver and No of each veh. (Important)	
904 ✓	J7	1635		2/5	1340	9 Bty 2/5 7d regt calibrating guns in LATTAQUE area as per attached trace @ Period 0900 to 1700 daily 11/17 Aug 41 @ local authorities advised.	
905 ✓	0632	1848		7 Div	1800	O.C. ^(P. T. Coy) Animal will call to discuss with you our SG 58/1/19 of 9 Aug if you desire @ Advise 7 Div time required.	
906 ✓	0124	1800	7 Div		1800	Complete except for odd lots of vehicles being received from time to time @ Additional lists from engineers to be supplied by 14 Aug.	
907 ✓	0.123	1600	2/3 bnd		1600	The siren at the I.P.C. will be tested at 0800 hrs 12 Aug.	
908 ✓	I297	2005	All att Units		2005	Ref our B#61, 7 ful re inspection of anti gas equipment @ Please expediate as these returns are urgently required.	

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909 ✓	I 23	2022		2/3bn	1940	Sitrep 1940 hrs @ All quiet in Area.	
910 ✓	0125	2200	7 Div.		2200	Very grateful for visit @ Any day convenient for 4 Am. Pack. Hpt. Coy. O.C. please advise. (In Reply to 0632)	
911 ✓	0126	2210		2/5 + 2/3bn	2210	Same as Serial. 903	
912 ✓	A.7.	2210	2/2 pm bn.		2210	One bn Lebanese marching out Camp Legoult 0800 hrs tomorrow @ 2/2 pm bn band will meet at I.P.C. and play them past 2/2 pm B.H.Q.	
913 ✓	-	2250		2/3bn	2200	Sitrep 2200 hrs @ Area quiet, no change.	
914 ✓	I 25	0030 12/8		2/3bn	0030	<u>12 Aug</u> Sitrep 2359 hrs 11 Aug @ 2/3 Area quiet, no change.	
915 ✓	I 26	0250		2/3bn	0200	Sitrep 0200 hrs @ Area quiet.	
916 ✓	I 27	0650		2/3bn	0600	Sitrep 0600 hrs @ Area quiet.	
917 ✓	B 65	0800		2/2 Pm bn	0600	Strength State @ A x NIL and NIL @ A y NIL and 4. AZ NIL and 2. @ B NIL and 6 @ C att 2-15 and 13-474. D NIL @ ATT. Rations - 1 interpreter - 2 Sigs.	

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SERIAL NO.	ORIG. NO.	TITLE REC. OR SENT.	CUTWARD TO.	INWARD FROM	T.O.O.	INFORMATION	REMARKS
A. ✓	0481	15/7		7 Div	1400 15/7	Ref 00 No 2 para 18 (c) Time of closing 1000 hrs 17 Jul. (c) Confirmation later (c) All informed	
B. ✓	0568	2206 30/7		7 Div	1100 30/7	Comd 6 Aust Cav. with report 1 Aust Corps 1100 hrs 4 Aug discuss equipment div cav reqts.	
C. ✓	091	1510	2/3 br		1510	Please inform 2/5 Fd Regt arty tech. equipment asked about by 2/5 Fd Regt WATCHORN is all at Arty Park BEYROUTH.	
D. ✓	cc/ci/2023	1700 6/8		Commis- sion of control	1420	Six repeat Six large cases of optical stores chiefly clew binoculars sent TRIPOLI from Arty PK. BEYROUTH night 10 July (c) investigate whether these stores handed over to you particular optical testing apparatus	
E. ✓	0100	1735 6/8	2/9 Fd coy.		1735 6/8	Same as Serial "D"	
F. ✓	Q576	1820 6/8		1 Aust Corps	1720 6/8	092 of 4 Aug (c) Petrol may be issued for use in possession of French on order signed by Schumacher of French Liaison 1 Aust Corps.	
G. ✓	A.35	1910 6/8		2/9 Fd coy	1830 6/8	Ref 0100 nothing is known of optical stores by this Unit.	
H. ✓	0105	2111 7/8	Com. con.		2111 7/8	Re cc/ci/2023 (c) Nil handed over unable to trace	
I. ✓	0108	1000	1 Aust Corps 7 Div		1000	Q576 of 6 Aug (c) French authorities request issue on local signature we because of difficulty of contacting Schumacher (c) May signature of local Lt Col. be accepted please.	

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918 ✓	0615	1500 8/8		7 Div	1420 8/8	Vacancies No 12 P and RT course Sarafand 18 Aug - 11 Sep. 17 Bde 21 Bde 25 Bde each one M.C.O. (.) nominations by 11 Aug (.) accommodated leave and transit camp (.) Report rest camp RALDE 15 Aug.	
919 ✓	0120	0910 9/8	7 Div		0910 9/8	NX9561 Cpl Benson J of 2/3bn Ref 0615.	
920 ✓	R 55	1005		2/2 pmw bn	0946	T.C.P. established at H.Q. 2/2 pmw Bn. by 0945 hrs (.) FFF personnel have advised that they will be delayed about 15 mins (.) Have instructed to report without further delay	
921 ✓	I 298	1105	7 Div			Strength 7 F coy one off 104 OR's @ Location 16682799 ref map TRIPOLI 1/50000	
922 ✓	0127	1140	7 Div			Ref our EG/93/M/ of 1 Aug 0 for Sgt EWDUFF read A/W.O. (").	
923 ✓	0644	1350		7 Div	1300	fw'd to 7 Div by 16 Aug report on usefulness of Thomson S.M.G. under service conditions with special ref usefulness in sand and under high temperature ① if not considered satisfactory give full Tactical ② Technical reasons why ③ all informed.	
924 ✓	0122	1355 10/8		2/3bn	1355 10/8	Take over from Artillery Z at Caissons Auger all antigas equipment.	

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925 ✓	I 299	1510	7 Div			Attached find names intelligence personnel as asked for by 7 Div Cameron	
926 ✓	O 128	1600	7 Div			No experience in sandy conditions @ weapon has given excellent results under all conditions experienced by this formation	
927 ✓	O 129	1700	7 Div Corps			Herewith lists in duplicate stores received in TRIPOLI area	
928 ✓	O 633	1930		7 Div	1800	Submit return by 1630 hrs 16 Aug showing numbers and types in detail of captured revolvers held by personnel (.) Nil return required (.) All informed	
929 ✓	A 197	1800		2/3bn	1705	Indian vchs in Legoult park one only (.) No 4162826 Type 30 cwt. Make Ford.	
930 ✓	O 133	2135	7 Div		2135	Included in vchs handed over by French is Ford 30 cwt 4162826 captured from Indian Bde.	
		13 Aug					
931 ✓	I 300	0955	2/2 pmv 2/3 bns		0955	Daily security reports not being received (.) Nil returns required.	
932 ✓	Q 634	1010		7 Div	0945	Following message received from 1 Aust Corps is repeated by 17 Bde for attention (.) Message begins number Q 679 date 12 ref your telegram 100 1700 hrs 12 Aug (.) NO rept NO list attached (.) Please fwd.	

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933 ✓	F.C. 164	1036	7 Div		1036	Ref Q.634. (.) Lists stores in duplicate despatched 12 Aug. (.) Despatch No. 236 (.) Regret omission of message from envelope.			
934 ✓	I 301	1140	2/13 Fd Amb.		1140	Ref L/Cpl barrel. VX 3952 pay book (.) Paybook was cleared by signals from 17 Bde 28 Jul 41 to pay Sgt 2/13 Fd Amb. (.) Paybook has not been received by L/Cpl barrel who has now rejoined his unit (.) Please return Paybook to 17 Bde			
935 ✓	M 791	1200 13/8		2/2 Fd Hyg. Sec.	1230 12/8	Ref G/198/21/979 (.) Personnel attending anti malarial sting school will be available for collection at 2/2 Fd Hyg Sec (14302210) at 1000 hrs 15 Aug 41.			
936 ✓	O 636	1540		7 Div.	1240	Secret (.) 6 Aust Cav, less A Sqn reverts Comd 7 Div 1200 hrs 14 Aug and will concentrate area EL BEDAQUI at 164279 15 Aug prior to handing over and vehicles and equipment to 7 Aust Cav. (.) Bde will issue instructions for move of Sqns to concentration area but B Sqn must commence move north not later than 0600 hrs 15 Aug with 15 minutes interval between tps (.) Part two follows (Immediate)			
937 ✓	I 301	1735	7 Div		1735	7 Div operation Order inst NO 23 Ack.			

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938 ✓	0637	1755		7 Div	1705	Secret (.) Ref our 0636 sent 13 Aug NOT sent OSDA (.) Arranged A Sqn revert comd 7 Div (.) A Sqn revert Comd 7 Div (.) LO 7 Div visits OSDA 0900 hrs 14 Aug to arrange time reversion comd and move of A Sqn to EL BEDAQUI at 164279 on 15 Aug (.) Move NOT to commence earlier than 0730 hrs with fifteen mins interval between tps.	
939 ✓	08	2015		2/3Bn	1905	Nomination OCTU NX572 WOII B.H. Macdougall	
940 ✓	0636	1540		7 Div	1240	Request made for A Sqn revert Comd 7 Aust Div (.) Instructions on this later	
941 ✓	A211	1725		2/3bn	1615	P/T course commencing 16 Aug 41 (.) Would you please inform as to name of school NX9561 Cpl Benson J.J. (2/3 bn) is to attend, and duration	
942 ✓	I302	1845	2/3bn		1845	No 12 Pand RT course SARAFAND 18 Aug - 11 Sept (.) Accommodated leave and rest camp (.) Report Rest camp KHALDE 15 Aug 1200 hrs	
943 ✓	I303	2200	2/3bn		2200	M.E. Requires report actual experience MOLOTOV COCKTAIL in Syrian campaign (.) Reports or nil returns to 17 Bde by 16 Aug.	

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944 ✓	0134	0710	2/3 bn		0710	6 Aust Cav revert Comd 7 Div (C) 2/5 bn will issue order for movement (C) Two hrs 15 mins between tps to EL-BEDAQUI 164.279 to arrive 1200 hrs by 15 Aug (C) 2/3bn to will allot 6 Cav move at discretion of Comd 6 Div base.	
945 ✓	0315	0845	2/3bn		0845	Nomine M.E. OCTU report 7 Aust Div Rest Camp KHALDE 1200 hrs 19 Aug.	
946 ✓	0316	0845	7 Div		0845	Nomination M.E. OCTU 22 Aug from 2/3bn NX 572 WOI BH MACDONALD	
947 ✓	0638	2152 13/8		7 Div	2105 13/8	ME Requires reports actual experience MOLOTOV COCKTAIL in Syrian campaign (C) Reports on rail returns to 7 Div by 17 Aug.	
948 ✓	0639	2152 13/8		7 Div	2105 13/8	Ref our 0631 of 11 Aug if cases sabotage suspected investigate and send reports 7 Div.	
949 ✓	RM 17	1015		2/5 bn	1000	Ref I 303 NIK returns.	
950 ✓	001	1000	7 DIV.		1000	Nomination METS junior comds course from 2/5 bn Vx. 74 CAPT A.V. MCKENZIE	
951 ✓	010	1145		2/3bn	1045	MEWTS NO2 course grenade wing 26 Aug 10 Sept (C) 2/3bn nomination NX 11940 A/cpl OUTRAM B. H.	

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952 ✓	I 304	1057	7 Div		1057	17 Bde Int Sum. (.) Pil returned.	
953 ✓	0643	1500		7 Div	1420	Arrangements over 0637 of 13 Aug confirmed (.) A Sqn reports comd 7 Div 1200 hrs today.	
954 ✓	I 305	1545	2/3 Bde		1545	Attached find tracks in your area for which no recce reports have been received (.) could these be guided to complete rd recce reports 17 Bde sector.	
955 ✓	I 305	1550	2/3 Bde		1550	To complete rd recce your area could short reports on rds (.) Rd junct QARAKUI 159274 to BDEBBA 156268 to BELMANO 154270 (.) Rd junct 150265 to rd junct 160261 (.) BTERRAM 156267 to KAFIRR HEZZIR 155264. be given	
956 ✓	NA 1051	1600		Moat Control	1051	Commission of Control letter SC/2 of 12/8 not to R.T.O TRIPOLI, R.T.O. RAYAK (.) Rolling stock available per 15/8 (.) 19 Tanks to be located by 0700 hrs 16/8 dep R.T.O. TRIPOLI 0725 hrs arrive RTO RAYAK 2100 hrs (.) Remaining 11 Tks to be loaded by 1000 hrs 16/8 dep R.T.O. TRIPOLI, 1030 hrs arrive 2335 hrs (.) Commission of Control arrange to have all loaded R.T.O. RAYAK by 1200 hrs 17/8 as rolling stock urgently required	

REF. TRIPOLI 1/2000000 OPERATIONS LOG 17 Aust Inf Bde DATE 15 Aug

SERIAL NO.	ORIG. NO.	TIME REC. OR SENT.	OUTWARD TO.	INWARD FROM.	T.C.O.	INFORMATION
957 ✓	I 306	2105 14/8	7 Div		2105 14/8	Herewith attached details of inspection of anti-gas respirators by 2/9 Fd Coy.
958 ✓	EC 33	1327 15 Aug		2/2 Para Bn	1210 15 Aug	Re captured revolvers held by personnel @ 1 MARTIAM .465 CM Automatic N° 37315 and 1 VICTOR BERMEDO Auto .465 cm. N° 1969 held by two members of this unit who claim to have purchased same from other soldiers @ traps held 2/2 Para HQ pending further inquiries <i>in reply to 0131</i>
959 ✓	016	1500		2/3bn	1200	Reports will be forwarded as soon as possible Reply to I 305
960 ✓	017	1525		2/3bn	1410	In Reply to 0131 (.) Nil return is submitted by the following 2/3 bn 2/5 Fd Regt 2/9 Fd Coy.
961 ✓	018	1525		2/3bn	1430	In Reply to I 303 (.) Ref MOLOTOV COCKTAIL (.) No personnel from 2/3bn have had any actual experience with this bomb.
962 ✓	G 50	1940 14/8		6 Aust bn	1055 14/8	In Reply to I 303 (.) Nil Return. Per D/R.
963 ✓	R 58	1830		2/2 Para bn	1455	In Reply to I.303 (.) No MOLOTOV COCKTAILS used by 2/2 Para bn in Libyan campaign

C & I Aust Corps

Syria

Aug 41

Securities works

Repair of
Roads

Our plan to repair about 700 kms
in I Aust Corps area has been put
into effect & work is now started
should be complete by 15 Oct

Hutting

Proposed that all ~~the~~ above
the 1000 ft contour in Syria ~~that~~
should have huts. 23 Aust Fd
P.K. Coy has started making sections
for 200 barrack huts & 200 cookhouses
as an initial order.

Equipment

Eng Stores

The giving of all the by French R.E.
stores in Syria to F.F.F. caused
much trouble, but matter is now in
a fairly satisfactory basis. We now
permanently control certain dumps & the
French do likewise. Issues to either
British or F.F.F. are made from both.

Works

Operations
in Syria

C & I Aust Corps Tech Inst NO 8
~~and~~ Engineering Operations in Syria
June - July 41. Att.

Photographs

Bridges
Built

across Litani river etc, also
demolished bridges in Syria. Att.

Plans

Engineering
works

~~road~~ road ^{& bridge} constructions
etc. Att.

1 Aug

ALEY

Eng Coy Bn asked to obtain list of RE stores & explosives being supplied by CE PVTJ. who is willing to supply SBA & tubular scaffolding br. for use at NUSERAT, & arrange for FBE. at HAIFA [CE 395]

CE returned from EGYPT.

2 Aug

ALEY

NO A.D.F. Recommending Capt. Dawson to go to 9 Aust Div & be replaced by either Capt. Nolan or Davey or Lieut Donnell [CE 396]

Reporting position regarding take over of In. stores [CE 397]

CRE 6 Bn, 7 Aust Div & Coy 1st advised of names of contractors [CE 400]

6 Div informed of conditions of returning bridging camp at QAROUN [CE 402]

Lieut Shemwood RE reported for duty. Is being attached to CRE 1 Aust Coy as surveyor of works

3 Aug

ALEY

Design of arch br. to replace RSD. span in DARMOUR BR was submitted by N°66 CRE works CE suggested certain variations [CE 406]

NO AIF informed that Lieut Chandler of 2nd Freshy Coy should be sent to ETB. on arrival [CE 408]

2nd AIF informed of presence of anti tank mines on DARMOUR BR. REIT ED DINE rd. [CE 412]

1. Aust. Corps addressing Selection of Capt Cooper
 2/16 a 2nd Coy for ME combined by centre N°6 Avenue.
 Advice received that 2 diesel caterpillar tractors
 & graders or were at the by car & truck park at
 Aleppo. CRE & Aust Div asked to arrange protection
 [CE 411]

Advice received that 54 2nd Coy, etc was moving
 forward into SYRIA

4 Aug. ALEY

Following a request from CRE to Div, CE
 PVTJ was asked to furnish type plans of
 various emplacements [CE 412 A.]

CE departed to attend conference at JERUSALEM

5 Aug. ALEY

CE returned from JERUSALEM & result of
 conference is given in advice to CRE [CE 420]

Report on position regarding taking over of
 eng. stores from V. Div. [CE 421]

6 Aug.

Lt Col Jillett COME 1 Aust Corps instructed not to issue timber from dump at KIBBEY except over signature of CRE 7 Aust Div or 3d Coy Comdr [CE 424]

G2 Engr HIF HQ supplied with draft letter of proposed classification of officers [CE 426]

CRE 6 & 7 Aust Div instructed to put all surplus stores & equipment into div RE dumps [CE 430]

CRE 6 Div instructed to return LBG to RE ASBSD HAIFA after completion of drawing [CE 431]

CE PVTJ advised LBG reqd till end of Aug. CE 432

1 Aust Corps asked to advise 7 Aust Div to construct waterpoint for 2/13 Coy 3d Amb. at 147219. [CE 433]

Lebanese Minister for Pub. Works called on CE & discussed road contracts. re.

7 Aug

ALEY

Following on CE's recommendation that Lieut Templeton should replace Lieut Watts, GII Engrs informed with a matter of priority. [CE 434]

CRE informed that RE dumps under CE PVTJ will issue retail orders on signature of 3d Coy or 3d Pl Coy Comdr & wholesale orders on signature CRE endorsed by CE 1 Aust Corps [CE 436/437]

To CE PVTJ re buying office & also disposal of machine stocks [CE 437A]

CE PVTJ re oxygen & acetylene cylinders to 6 Div [CE 438]

GII Engrs informed 2/16 A 3d Coy despatch for SYRIA & recommended holding in transit camp [CE 441]

GII Engrs recommending Maj Aiken to become DCRE under Force [CE 442]

8 Aug ALEY

Request to DADOS to replace motor cycle [CE 443]

CRE 6 Div advised 1000 air force bombs & anti personnel mines left by Vets of HAMA [CE 445]

Enl ME informed of recommendations re mech equipment for 3d Park Coy [CE 444]

CRE asked to attend HQ to meet Col Field

Director of Mechanisation [CE 4417]

9 Aug

Proposed organization of eng. in Stores as recommended by Sub Committee. Commission of

Contract. sent to CRE. [CE 452]

10 Aug

Allotment of candidates for 5th course S.M.E. [CE 450]

GII O. Q. advised of Stores likely to be required [CE 455]

CE P+TJ supplied with report on effect of

Shell fire on obstacles re [CE 456]

CRE 6 & 7 and Div asked to furnish location & number of concrete mixers & stone crushers [CE 458]

names of officers with experience in dock construction sent to G2 Eng. [CE 459]

Mr J Wilson reported to take over duties as SORE 1

11 Aug ALEY

Demolition Plan of Rds & Airways of CE P+T.J. CRE's told to indicate needs in their own areas. [CE 460]

G II Eng. Explanation of Course S.M.E. OCTU etc [CE 461]

CE. P+TJ re Boring Equip + Stone [CE 464]

CE. P+T.J. re Training Anti Tank Men (German) [CE. 466]

1 Park Coy re CRE + Fd Coy, and authority to issue RES. Stone [CE 465]
Conference with Director of Mechanisation [Report attached]

12 Aug ALEY

Establishment of Engineers on Corps HQ [CE 469]

Stores offr Corps Tps Engs - letter re requirements of 6 Div [CE 471]

1 Park Coy re R.E. Stores organization [CE 474]

CRE. Corps Tps re Road Contract Alterations [CE 475]

12 Aug (Cont'd)

ALEY

CRE Sps Corps Tps Engns re Alteration Rd. Contract [CE 600]
 CE left on Tour of Roads of N. Syria

13 Aug

ALEY

Syrian Roads - Papers for Contract [CE 478]

14 Aug

ALEY

Signal sent to CE P & T.S. re available concrete [CE 482]

miners & stone crushers in SYRIA - Information

obtained from CRE 6 Div & 7 Aust Div

Road & Rly Demolition Recce - Request estimate [CE 483]

work sent to CE P & T.S. at invitation CRE 6 Div

R.F. Stores to Free French will NOT be [CE 484]
 handed over.

15 Aug.

ALEY

Vehicle Establishment - Staff of CE 1 Aust Corps [CE 485]

Signal to CE P & T.S. re Bitumen [CE 487]

R.T.O. HOMES re rollers & water carriers. [CE 488]

Syrian Roads - request for oil for cutting back [CE 489]

R.F. Stores - CRE 7 Aust Div asked again for monthly [CE 490]
 estimate

CE returned for Tour of Inspection of Roads
 in N. Syria with CE P & T.S.

16 Aug

ALEY

Engineer Responsibilities & areas 1 Aust Corps. CE 492

Major AIKEN posting ^{attached to CE Division} ~~as CRE~~ CE 494

Camp Accommodation - to CRE 6 Div CE 495

Road Contract - Costs & Advances to P.W.D's CE 514

To E in C re cost. of Natural Asphalt v bitumen CE 519.

17 Aug

ALEY

Demolition Tripoli Pipe Line - Note for issue of letter
 to 1 Aust Corps CE 520

17 Aug (cont'd)

ALEY

CE P & T.S. re Demolition Pumping Station

CE 524

Notes re Bridge at NADI ISHABY (Dug CE.02)

CE 525

Concrete Bridge to be built by 2/5 Fd Coy RAE.

18 Aug

ALEY

Preliminary (only) Winter R.E. Programme sent to
1 Aust Corps.

CE 530

Demolition Tripoli Pipeline - ^{Progress Reports} ~~Water Pumping Station~~

CE 534

Re Rock Ryball for making Colas

CE 538

Promotion of Majin in 6 Aust Div Engineer

CE 539

Demolition Tripoli Pipeline - Water Pumping Station

CE 541

1 Boring Section - Letter to ADOS re Tpl.

CE 545

19 Aug

ALEY

Engineer Stores - Preliminary Estimate of Requirements

CE 552

CE visited Majin Dillon O.C. 112 Workshop & Park
Coy. at R.E. Dump St. Michel. Detailed stores
lists were viewed and proposal to
remove some stores to Aust Corps dumps
was proposed, - caused by difficulty of Free French
ownership.

20 Aug.

ALEY

Tripoli Pipeline, ^{Demolition} - Explanatory letter to CE P & T.S.

CE 556

Time for rendering road or rail demolition
report for SYRIA extended by one week by CE
P & T.S., information passed to CRE's

CE 559

Arrangements concluded with 23 Fd Pk Coy RAE
to start large Aust Corps dumps. ^{The Two} Dumps
will be at ALMA and near BHALBEK exact
location to be fixed. Up to $\frac{2}{3}$ of ^{each} ~~material~~item in French dumps to be taken. Timber
& tools will be first priority to facilitate building
prop programme. (See Notes dated 20/8/41.

21 Aug

ALEY

To ACE, P+T.J. re Stores agreement concluded between
Big Steels and Gen. Lamerlat. CE 577

To CE P+T.J. re Demolition of Pipe line - re T2. CE 579

do re Demolition of Drilling Rig CE 582

Arrangement for Taking Over of Engineering
Dumps in Beyrouth District - Agreement between
Gen. Lamerlat and Big Steels. (Notes attached)

22 Aug

ALEY

To 1 Aust Corps - re last entry above. CE 585

7th Col Barker of Spears Mission - Copy of Agreement above. CE 586

CE P+T.J. Copy of Agreement above CE 587

Recommendation to make 2/9 Fd Coy of 7 Aust Div
responsible for demolition preparation in northern
part of 6 Div area. CE 588.

Notes for discussion with G.O.C. Blamey.

CRE 7 Aust Div for 2/9 Fd Coy re Capt FOLEY & Lt Stock
of G(R). CE 590

23 Aug

ALEY

Preliminary Designs for Winter Hutting See plans at base
of appendices.

Experimenting with design of small, light
concrete pill box (one foot only on concrete) all round
fire

CE 1 Aust Corps Tech. Publ. No 8, - Engr Operation
in SYRIA Jan - Jul '41 (Document attached)

24 Aug

ALEY

CE & SORE interviewed Capt Hittin F.F.L.
(Officer i/c Engr Stores) re removal of stores for ALEY
& St. Michel by 1 Aust Corps.

25 Aug

ALEY.

Engineer Stores Position.

CE 601

To CE P+T.J. re Demolition TRIPOLI Pipeline

CE 606

Changes in Personnel CE Staff.

CE 607.

CE. W visited bridge (concrete) being constructed by 2/15 Fd Coy at Wadi near DJEBLE (175375). See Plan at back of appendices.
 Work progressing favourably. Reinforcement rods, max. length available 15ft. No facilities for welding. Rods must be lapped.

26 Aug

ALEY

Introduction for Major West of Kent Corps Tps Engs, an expert on Demolition of Oil Installations.

Bridging Equip Censuses.

CE 612

CE P+T.J. re price of Petrol etc to Contractors

CE 614

do re pirating of Steam Roller.

27 Aug

ALEY

To "G" Techn. Inst. No 8 and please for expenditure on camera

CE 600A

Demolition of Oil Installations SYRIA, Inst. G.

CE 624

CORE and 2/9 Fd Coy

Mech. Equip Coy - Recommendation requested by G.

CE 625

Engr Stores Take Over from French, points for discussion will get harmful. (See notes attached.)

28 Aug

ALEY

CRE 6 Dir re progress reports on T₂ + T₄

CE 630

2/9 Fd Coy - re train for demolition work in tunnels

CE 634

2/9 Fd Coy - re Capt. FOLEY & Lieut SHOTT

CE 638

29 Aug

ALEY

CE P+T.J. re taking over of dump at TRIPOLI

CE 643.

The CE & his S.O. went to TRIPOLI. - visited det. of 112 workshop & Park Coy at port and confirmed

29 Aug (Cont'd)

ALEY

derricks of bitumen to road jobs. Visited
23 Fd Pk Coy and discussed with O.C. progress
of reconstruction but construction. Agreed that
studding could be 2" x 3" and window opening,
3' x 3'. There appeared to a lack of
initiative and drive. Also examined
some experiments with an oil heater
for warming huts in winter. Designs
too complex, unsatisfactory.

~~To 1st Aust Corps re Allocation of Huttling~~ ~~CE 640~~
To C.E.P. + T.J. re Take over of Dump at TRIPOLI CE 643

30 Aug

ALEY

To all CRE - Copy of Col Marris letter CE 644

TRIPOLI Pipeline + WADI Sheriff - Progress Reports CE 635

To CE-P + T.J. Demolition Kece Reports. SYRIA. CE 646

Demolition of Railways - TURKEY - possible places
information for Lt Col Lord. (see notes). CA

To 1st Aust Corps - Re Establishments of Pioneer Bns. CE 655

~~To CRE 6 Div re L.B.G. Bridge~~ CE 656

31 Aug.

ALEY

To CRE 6 Div re L.B.G. Bridge CE 657

Summary for Month.

(1) Roads A plan to repair about 700 kms in
1st Aust Corps area has been put into
effect and work is now started.
All work should be completed by 15 October
if contractors are up to time. There has
been some delay in receipts of bitumen
deliveries. C.E. Corps Tps Engs is
directing the work.

Summary for Month Aug Cont'd.

- (2) Hutting It is proposed that all troops above the 1000 ft contour in SYRIA should live in huts. Lower altitude camps will have tents and certain amenity hutting. It is proposed to make wooden section alined hutting with curved iron (corrugated) roofs. Production of sections has started by Ft 23 Aust Fd Park Coy. They are to make sections for 200 barrack huts and 200 cookhouses, on an initial order.
- (3) Defence Still no definite policy from G. Probably will be large pillbox program in area TRIPOLI, BEYROUTH BAALBEK general area.
- (4) Eng. Stores. The giving of all Vichy French RE Stores in Syria to the F.F.L. caused much trouble. But largely due to intervention of CE 1 Aust Corps matter is now on a fairly satisfactory basis. We now permanently control certain dumps and the French do likewise. Issues to either British or F.F.L. are made from both.

J. G. Wilton Major
S.O.P.E.
1 Aust Corps.

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TO *CO ENGR TNG BN AIF REINF DEPOT 4th G2 Engrs HQ AIF*

FROM *CE 1 Aust Corps*

Originator's Number *CE 395* Date *1 Aug* In Reply to Numbers

Obtain list of RE stores and explosives being supplied to Cmd. AIF R D. by CE FORCE; BRIG DIXON who is willing to provide SGBB + scaffolding for use at NUSSERAT and arrange for FBE wet bridging at HAIFA if required suggest you contact DIXON when you have decided on requirements & if TORE not visiting you for several days despatch messages 503 to 507 incl. by courier mail.

W.D.

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TO *HQ AIF*

FROM *CE 1 Aust Corps* Originator's Number *CE396* Date *2 Aug* In Reply to Numbers *478*

For G2 ENGRS @ consider MANN being actively engaged should have DAWSON if LUCAS concurs @ can DAWSON then be replaced by NOLAN DAVEY or McDONELL @ consider that MAIN would be prepared to release ^{W.O.} PROCTOR or similar to LUCAS @ CORPS pending signal re MAIN's move as suggested

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE397

HQ 1 Aust Corps
2 Aug 41.

G Ops

REF. 0/3500 of 1 Aug 41.

Present position is understood to be that all RE stores now being taken over by RAE in Corps area are to handed over to FF.

FF will probably then follow course initiated by VF of selling these to civilians, particularly as they have very little other use for them. We will then ship RE stores from EGYPT, or preferably, because of shipping difficulties, buy them at greatly enhanced prices back from civilians or FF.

There are ample supplies of timber, here, which is very short elsewhere in ME.

Brig.
CE 1 AUST CORPS.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE398

HQ 1 Aust Corps
2 Aug 41.

Deputy Engineer in Chief,
Army HQ
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE. VIC.

REF SM 6280 OF 2 JUN 41.

Receipt is acknowledged of confidential report on
students who attended No 20 course, School of Military Engineering.

Brig.
CE 1 AUST CORPS.

WD

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE400

HQ 1 Aust Corps
2 Aug 41.

With ref to your letter of _____, I have to advise
that your name has been recorded and, if and when tenders are
being called for works your firm will receive consideration.

Brig.
CE 1 AUSTR CORPS.

Copy to:- M. Emile Bustani, POB 1036, BEYROUTH.
M. Michel Saghbini, BO 729, BEYROUTH.
M. Wahid Ghanem, Rue des Capucins Georges
Stambouli, BEYROUTH.
M. Antoine Rizk, Rue Gouraud, BEYROUTH.
Mssrs Raphael Dana et Joseph Hilwani,
Place De L'Etoile, BEYROUTH.

Wardling.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE402

HQ 1 Aust Corps
2 Aug 41.

6 Div

BRIDGING CAMP - QARAOUN.

The site of the bridging camp at QARAOUN has been inspected by Med Service of this HQ and it is considered that the camp need NOT be removed provided the following precautions are observed:-

1. Sleeping area to be moved to a point further south. Map ref 14731798 - Sheet DJEZZINE - Lebanon 1 - 50,000. Men must not sleep in present buildings,
2. Picquets wear headnets and gloves.
3. Full anti-malarial personnel protection to be enforced.
4. CONTROL. The blockage under the bridge to be removed sufficiently to lower the level of water above it by at least one foot. This would eliminate pool formation on the banks, and flush the stream below. Any remaining pools to be oiled and treated with Paris Green. The river and adjacent irrigation channels from Map ref 14601797 to 14601793 Sheet DJEZZINE LEB 1 - 50,000 must be also controlled with Paris Green.

Brig.
GS 1 AUST CORPS.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE403

HQ 1 Aust Corps
2 Aug 41.

1 Aust Corps

6 Div.

The attached letter might be forwarded to

The matter is urgent.

Brig.
CE 1 AUST CORPS.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE406

HQ 1 Aust Corps
3 Aug 41.

No 66 CRE Works

DAMOUR BR.

Thank you for your letter of 1 Aug 41
and enclosures 11/10, 11/13 and 11/16. *return to him MS*

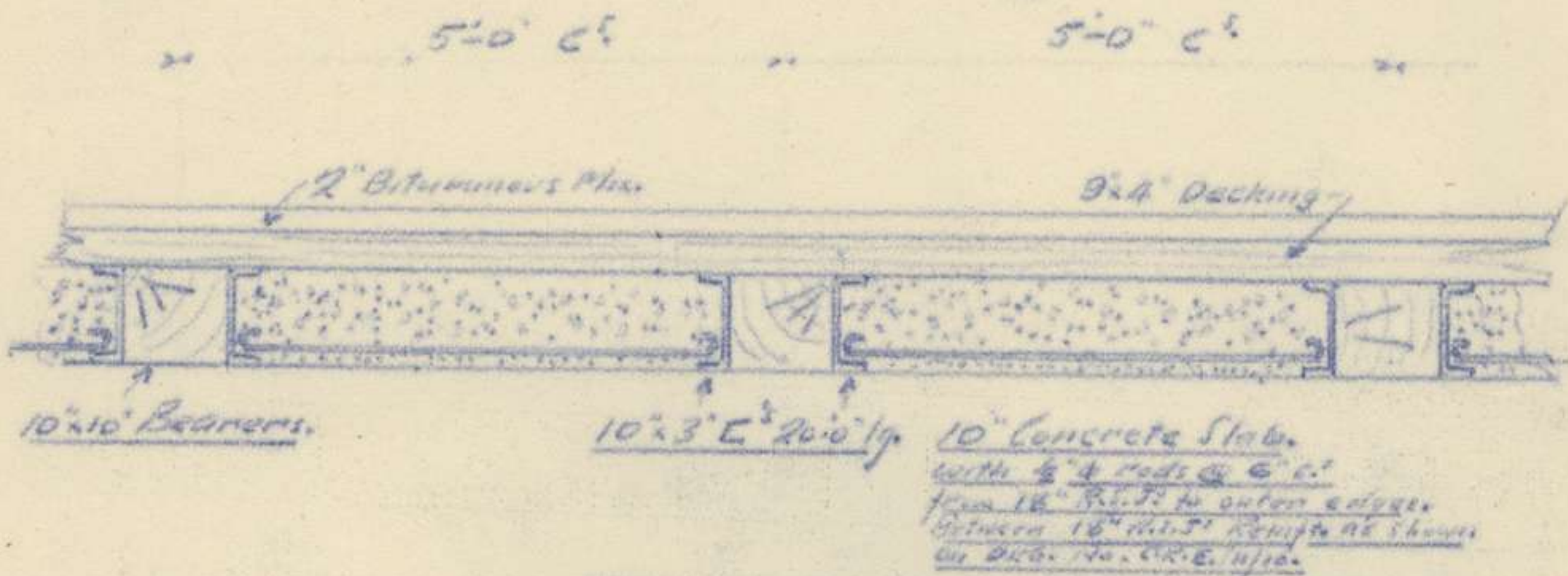
I concur, if concurrence is necessary,
with reduction of longitudinal steel shown in 11/13.
I think reduction in dia of stirrups from 3/8" to 1/4"
unwise. The saving in steel is small and a 1/4" stirrup
about 4' long is very flimsy.

With regard to 11/16 I do not consider
the X section to be workable and traffic maintained.

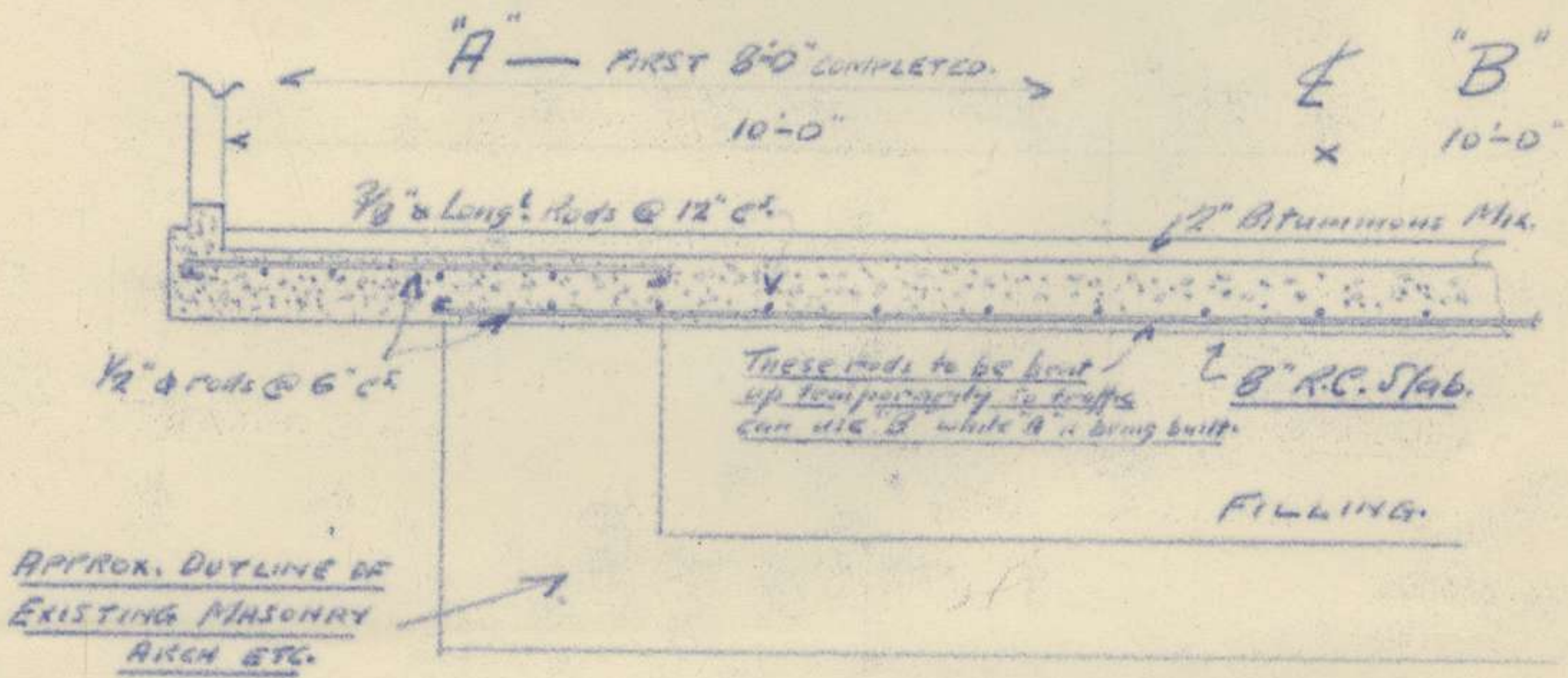
I venture to indicate how this might
be done in the accompanying sketches.

Brig.
CE 1 AUST CORPS.

Wardlaw



PART LONGITUDINAL SECTION - SOUTH SPAN.



HALF-CROSS-SECTION OF EXISTING (NORTH) SPAN.
SHOWING METHOD OF INCREASING WIDTH TO 20'.

DAMOUR BRIDGE.

REF. LETTER NO. C.E. 406 - OF 3. AUG. 41.

SCALE 1/2" = 1 FT.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE408

HQ 1 Aust Corps
3 Aug 41.

HQ AIF (ME)
(DAG)

LIEUT W. G. CHANDLER - 2/2 FORESTRY COY.

Ref your 149/500/336 of 31 Jul 41.

Lieut W. G. Chandler should be sent on arrival
to Engr Tng Bn and thence to SME.

He will be later allotted for duty by G11 Engrs.

Brig.
CE 1 AUST CORPS.

WT

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE410

HQ 1 Aust Corps
3 Aug 41.

1 Aust Corps

ME COMBINED TNG CENTRE NO 6 COURSE - 14-16 AUG 41

Ref G426

Capt Cooper, 2/16 A Fd Coy, is nominated
for the vacancy allotted to 1 Aust Corps.

Brig.
CE 1 AUST CORPS.

W.D.

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TO *CE 7 Aust Div*

FROM *CE 7 Aust Div* Originator's Number *CE411* Date *3 Aug* In Reply to Numbers

Please instruct BLEECHMOPE to give protection to 2 Diesel Paperpulan Tractors & 1 Grader etc^{at} VICHY CAR & TRUCK ^{Rank}, 2 miles west of ALEP and opposite cavalry barracks

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TO

① 1st Am Coy

FROM

CE

Originator's Number

CE-412

Date

3 Aug

In Reply to Number

Ref	059	Force HQ	Proposed location
54	2d Coy	NOT known	

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TO

CE Force

Opp 84 Base sub area

FROM

CE 1st Army Corps

Originator's Number

CE 41V

Date

3 Aug

In Reply to Number

It has been reported that French anti tank mines are still in situ close to DAMOUR BR - BEIT ED DINE rd. about 1 1/2 miles East of br. © Further details of location will be supplied by Provost Corps det. at the br. © It is believed that these mines have already been reported but no action appears to have been taken.

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TO

CRE 6 Bn. Div.

FROM

CE 1 Am. Corps

Originator's Number

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In Reply to Number

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CE PVTJ has been asked to forward type plans of employment

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FROM

CE 1 Am Corp

Originator's Number

CE 417

Date

3 Aug

In Reply to Number

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE412A

HQ 1 Aust Corps
4 Aug 41.

CE P & TJ.

DEFENCE WORKS.

Please furnish type plans (8 copies) of the latest designs of:-

1. Concrete emplacements for
 - (a) BREN GUN and A/TK Rifle.
 - (b) Vickers MG (both single and double).
 - (c) 2 pnd A/TK GUN.
 - (d) Observation posts for RA.
 - (e) HQs for RA Inf Bde and Bn.

Roofs about 1 foot thick are envisaged.

2. Camouflaged field emplacements for
 - (a) Field guns.
 - (b) 3.7 AA guns.
 - (c) 2 pnds AA guns.
 - (d) AA machine guns.

Particulars are required of the amount of scrim to be fixed to camouflage netting; generally this is found to be inadequate in both quantity and shape, with the result that concealment is not effective.

3. The main information sought from above drawings is:-
 - (a) Dimensions of loopholes for weapons and observations.
 - (b) Dimensions of working space for weapon.
 - (c) Dimensions of storage for ammunition.

W.D.
Brig
CE 1 AUST CORPS

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

HQ 1 Aust Corps
2 Aug 41.

CRE 6 Div RE
" 7 Aust Div
" C Tps Engrs.

Herewith list of contractors and their addresses, who have expressed a desire to tender for work in Corps area.

Before letting any contract, however, steps should be taken to check up their financial standing and capacity to carry out work.

RAPHAEL DANA et JOSEPH HILWANI	- Place de L'etoile, BEYROUTH.
ANTOINE RIZK	- Rue Gouraud, BEYROUTH.
WAHID GHANEM	- Rue des Capucins Georges Stambouli - BEYROUTH.
MICHEL SAGHBINI	- Rue du Liban, BEYROUTH.
EMILE BUSTANI	- The Contracting & Trading Co - BEYROUTH.
HASSIB MOSSAWIR	- BEYROUTH.

W. D.
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CE 1 AUST CORPS.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE415

HQ 1 Aust Corps
4 Aug 41.

CE P & TJ.

REF YOUR CE/17/12 OF 27 JUL 41.

Lieut F. Sherwood report for duty on 2 Aug 41.

No additional staff required at present,
but this will be better determined after work developes.

Brig.
CE 1 AUST CORPS.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE419

HQ 1 Aust Corps
5 Aug 41.

Camp Commandant.

TSFR OF SPR H. B. BAKER.

In accordance with Capt Heugh's request
Spr H. B. Baker ceased duties as batman and reported
to the Employment Platoon on 4 Aug 41.

Maj.
SORE 1 AUST CORPS.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE420

HQ 1 Aust Corps
5 Aug 41.

CRS 1 Aust Corps Tps
" 6 Div) For information and
" 7 Aust Div) action where necessary.
Capt R. Carr MBE RE
1 Aust Corps)
CE P & TJ.) For information.

MAIN RDS SYRIA.

1. It is proposed that all main rds in the ALLEPPO-DAMASCUS-BEYROUTH - LATTIQUE circuit, and the rds TRIPOLI - HOMS and HOMS - ZAHLE, shall be put in good order and bitumen sealed by 11 Oct 41.
2. To enable this to be done a contract for part of the work has been let to Messrs SOLEL BONEH and ALBERT PHARAON and remainder is to be done by PWDs. Appendix "A" shows the allocation of work.
3. CE P & TJ has accepted responsibility for the supply to PWDs with such plant, bitumen and cash as they require.
4. SB & AP's contract is a "schedule of rates" contract, in which they supply everything except bitumen, gas oil, coal and thirty steam rollers. All these items are being supplied to nearest railhead, or as required, by CE P & TJ. Appendix B lists the various types of construction on which rds in the contract will be rated.
5. CRS 1 Aust Corps Tps is responsible for the supervision of all the work, including PWD secs and, in case of contract portion, determining with the contractor the ratings of the various secs of rd, as provided for in Appendix "B". Thus the final contract cost of the job will be lengths of rd multiplied by the ratings determined by the CRS 1 Aust Corps Tps and contractor, made prior to the start of any sec. Lengths of rated secs will be determined by CRS 1 Aust Corps Tps, in conjunction with the contractor.
6. In dealing with PWDs, it should be remembered that the country is under Martial Law and all necessary steps will be taken to ensure that PWDs conform to the time programme.
7. STORES: Dumps under control of CE FORCE are DARAS, ALEY and BEYROUTH. Under CE 1 Aust Corps (or CSRS concerned) are RAYAK, TRIPOLI, LATTIQUE or as may be required.
8. STORES OFFICER: CRS 1 Aust Corps will detail an officer to be attached to CE 1 Aust Corps as stores officer. The duties of this officer are to co-ordinate demands of CSRS, submit them to CE FORCE Stores Officer, BEYROUTH and generally see that CSRS get prompt service. Similarly, he will see that bitumen in the appropriate quantities is despatched when and where required, both to PWDs and contractors.
9. DELIVERY OF STORES: CE FORCE has undertaken to deliver RE stores to all RE dumps in 1 Aust Corps area, and to nearest railhead in case of bitumen. Contract provides for cartage to job from railhead by contractor.
10. REPAYMENT TO BRITISH GOVT: Capt R Carr MBE RE Commission of Control, should ensure that provision is made by the LEBANESE AND SYRIAN govts for repayment to the BRITISH govt of £3 1 per square metre for rds, which either have never been bitumen surfaced or have been allowed to deteriorate

to such an extent as necessitates re-construction.
CE 1 Aust Corps Tps will make such information
available to Capt R. Carr.

W. H. ...

Brig.
CE 1 AUST CORPS.

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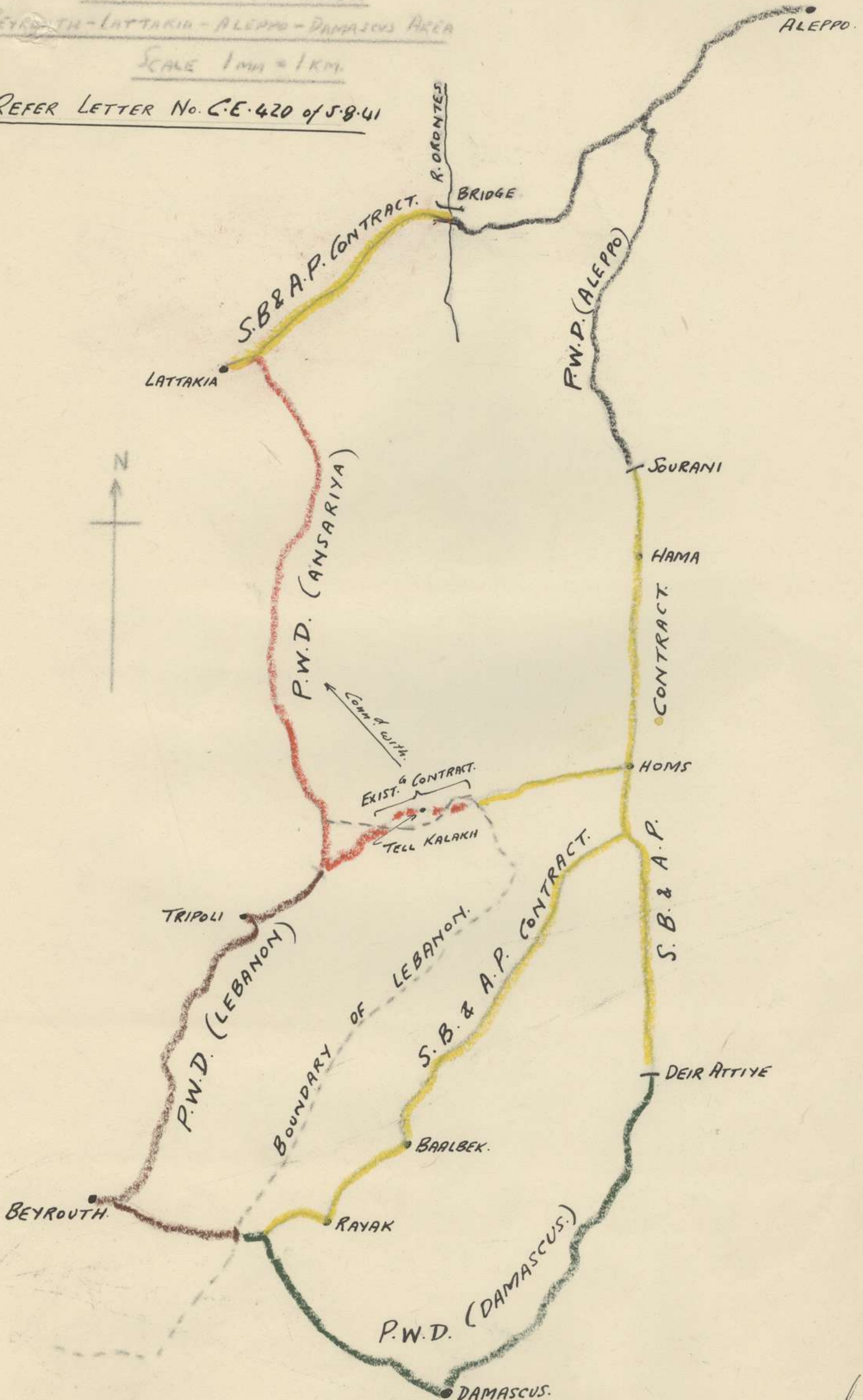
APPENDIX A.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

BEYROUTH - LATTAKIA - ALEPPO - DAMASCUS AREA

SCALE 1mm = 1km

REFER LETTER No. C.E. 420 of 5.8.41



APPENDIX "B" - RDS SYRIA.

Unit prices are required for the following items for each of the various sections of rd:-

- (a) Sealing only.
- (b) Resurface and seal.
- (c) Patching potholes, up to 5% of the rd area and seal.
- (d) " " " " 10% " " " " " "
- (e) " " " " 20% " " " " " "
- (f) Where potholes exceed 20% of the rd area and rd is soled, scarify and remake with 3" consolidated semi-grout carpet and seal.
- (g) Do. but not soled and remake with 2 courses 10cm thick consolidated carpet; upper course semi-grouted and later sealed.
- (h) Make new rd comprising two courses macadam each 4" thick; upper layer semi-grouted and sealed including making up formation as required providing kerbs and forming berms.
- (i) Where soling only exists, provide 3" consolidated thickness semi-grouted carpet and seal later.
- (j) Excavate to form side ditches including trim sides throughout and trimming and making up berms.
- (k) Provide 10 cm x 20 cm spall kerbs including excavation and making good.

NOTE:- Contractor has submitted unit prices, which have been accepted. These unit prices vary in different locations.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE421.

HQ 1 Aust Corps.
5 Aug 41.

1 Aust Corps.

All RE dumps in 1 Aust Corps are in the process of being taken over by us from VF. This will be concluded within a few days.

To the best of my knowledge the FF have no suitable organization for handling RE stores.

The most suitable arrangement therefore would appear to be for us to handle these stores and give copies of lists of issues to the FF offr attached to the engr stores sub-committee. (Commadant ~~de Le Leur~~).
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It should be noted that all FF dumps DAMAS - BEYROUTH (incl) are under control of FORCE.

Brig.
CE 1 AUST CORPS.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE422

HQ 1 Aust Corps
5 Aug 41.

CRE 6 Div
" 7 Aust Div

Attached please find 3 maps of each:-

- (a) SYRIA and PALESTINE frontier
- (b) Northern SYRIA and TURKISH frontier.

Maj.
SORE 1 AUST CORPS.

War Diary.

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TO *HQ AIF*

FROM *CE Kaust Corps.* Originator's Number *CE 473.* Date *5 Jul* In Reply to Numbers *E 83*

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TO *Lt Col VILLETT*

FROM *CE 1 Aust Corps.* Originator's Number *CE424* Date *6 Aug* In Reply to Numbers

Please do not receive further from

dump at KIBBEY except over

authority of CE 1 Aust Div or

his Hd Coy Commanders. (2/6 2/5 2/9 2/11

25 2d Bn Coy)

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TO *HQ AIF*

FROM *CE 1 Aust Corps* Originator's Number *CE 426* Date *5 Aug* In Reply to Numbers

In 92 Ings @ Reference 5

Classification of Ings etc @ 10

Am posting draft letter today @ 15

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE432

HQ 1 Aust Corps
6 Aug 41.

CE P & TJ.

Reference your S/CE/333 of 4 Aug 41.

CsRE 6 Div and 7 Aust Div have been instructed to return all engr equipment and stores surplus to G1098 establishment to CsRE divisional dumps.

Report of service bridge equipment held by 25 Fd Pk Coy is attached.

CRE 6 Div recently drew a LBG bridge for training purposes, not a SBC. The LBG will be used for training until end of Aug and will then be returned to RE BSD HAIFA.

Brig.
CE 1 AUST CORPS.

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TO *1 Aust Corps*

FROM *CE*

Originator's Number *CE 433* Date *6 Aug* In Reply to Numbers

Will you please instruct 7 Aust Div

to contact Major NEY, 7/13 C. Fd

Amb at 147219 opp Hotel BOIS DE

BOULOGNE 0 job is to construct

a waterpoint @ repaired time

of completion 1200 hrs 8 Aug.

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TO *CE P4TJ*

FROM *CE Head Corps* Originator's Number *CE 439 A* Date *7 Aug* In Reply to Numbers

Reinforcing opinion that by buying 5

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FROM

CE 1 Aust Corps

Originator's Number

CE442

Date

8 Aug

In Reply to Numbers

AD2325/X

For 92 Sigs @ MAIN Thomas AIKEN may make
 food after 6 to 8 months experience in the
 field as 2-1-C @ vacancy for Coy Comdr
 will probably occur before then @ it
 therefore seems desirable for AIKEN to
 become DRE @ can I be authorized to
 attach him to DIXON at my discretion

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TO *Hq AIF*

FROM <i>CE 1 Aust Corps</i>	Originator's Number <i>CE 446</i>	Date <i>8 Aug</i>	In Reply to Numbers
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*In G-2 Sups @ your letter 2 Aug ref
 offers received @ but is not
 addressed to Pz Bns @ if not already
 sent to Pz await arrival of
 my CE 427 of 6 Aug.*

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RAE 1 Aust Corps Tps
8 Aug 41.

CE 1 Aust Corps.

ORGANISATION OF RE UNITS.

Ref CE357 of 19 Jul, the following recommendations
is made:-

- (1) Mechanical excavating plant:-
Bulldozer:- Div Fd Pk Coy - 1
 C " " " - 1
Float for bulldozer - Div Fd Pk Coy - 1
Roadgraders - C Fd Pk Coy - 2.

Other equipment (or additional of above) - E in C's
pool or at RE Stores Depot, NOT with fd units. -This
would include the special "dumper" type of tipping
lorry, which should be held by RE organisation, NOT
Ordnance.

- (ii) AMERICAN Div Engr Equipment:-
(a) No change.
(b) Four concrete mixers on C Fd Pk Coy
 establishment.
(c) No change.
(d) Regarding (f), water treatment is better
(e) carried out on an unit basis under RMO's
(f) supervision (owing to dispersion and
(g) movement of units in the field).

(SGD) JOHN W MAIN Lt-Col.
 CRE CORPS TPS.

E/8673/41.

HQ RAE 9 Div.
TOBRUK FORTRESS
31 Jul 41.

To CE 1 Aust Corps.
From CRE 9 Aust Div.

Subject:- Re-organisation of RE Units.

With reference to CE 357 dated 19 Jul 41 and E in C's letter of 15 Jul 41, I have to advise that as a result of this Unit's experience in CYRENAICA the following recommendations are made:-

- (i) Allotment of mechanical excavating plant as an integral part of :-
- (a) Corps Fd Pk Coy. and/or
 - (b) Div Fd Pk Coy.

The only mechanical excavating plant advocated for both Fd Pk Coys, is :-

One tracked bulldozer.
" float for above bulldozer.
Proportion of MT to consist of lorries, tipping body.

Although not actually requested in the letter, and acting on the assumption that one (1) Pnr Bn will normally be allotted to each Div., it is advocated that four (4) compressor plants 2/associated stores should form part of the equipment of a Pnr Bn. The present number of compressor plants in a Div has proved insufficient but if the Pnrs had 4, the whole resources of compressors in a Div although carried with units could be used as a pool according to the situation.

Regarding other mechanical excavating plant it is thought that this should be available in RE Base or Adv Base Stores Depots, but that there should be a definite operating unit, such as the NZ Mechanical Equipment Unit, in charge of it. It is not considered satisfactory to hold this equipment in Depots and sending it forward for operation by Corps or Div Engr Units. The types of equipment advocated, to include:-

Ruston Bucyrus 20 - Combination shovel, backditcher and dragline.
D7 or D8 Caterpillar Tractors and Bulldozers.
Letorneau Carry Alls.

- (ii) Comment on AMERICAN scale of engr equipment in a Div:-

With the exception given in (i) above, our WE for a Fd Pk Coy has proved satisfactory although a concrete mixer might be included with advantage.

- (iii) Additional comment on WE Div Engrs:-

One of the greatest difficulties in engr ops is the lack of communications and it is considered that wireless sets should be carried by Fd Coys and HQ Div Engrs.

For desert warfare, portable distillation plants would prove very valuable.

(SGD) J.MANN Col.
DCE.(CRE)9 AUST DIV.

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CE 1 Aust Corps.

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No 74 CRE (DAMASCUS)

FROM

CE 1 Aust Corps

Originator's Number

CE428

Date

5 Aug

In Reply to Number

<i>Please</i>	<i>forward</i>	<i>table</i>	<i>showing</i>	<i>men</i>	<i>material</i>
<i>equipment</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>work</i>	<i>done</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>each</i>
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CRE 6 Div CRE 7 Aust Div

FROM

CE 1 Aust Corps

Originator's Number

CE 430

Date

6 Aug

In Reply to Number

Please arrange for all engr equipments and stores held by your corps surplus to G 1098 establishment to be placed in depository RE driving

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CRE 6 Dm

FROM

CE 1 Aust Corps

Originator's Number

CE 431

Date

6 Aug

In Reply to Number

*On completion of br. training please return
LBG bridge to REBSD HAIFA*

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TO

CE P+TJ

FROM

CE 100th Corps

Originator's Number

CE 511

Date

5 Oct

In Reply to Number

It is requested that you forward at earliest opportunity a copy of SOUL BONE's agreement and requirements of various RND's collected by STENHOUSE. Assume that information etc. should be available as required by these methods by 11 Aug for completion of orders under my submission, by 11 Oct.

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AUST FORCE

FROM

CE 1 Aust Corps

Originator's Number

CE 434

Date

7 Aug

In Reply to Number

GE/1/AT

For G2 Engrs @ TEMPLETON no replacement WATTS
and will proceed at the time WATTS were
normally go. @ NOT to be given priority

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TO

CRE 6 Div, CRE 7 Aust Div

FROM

CE 1 Aust Corps

Originator's Number

CE 436

Date

7 Aug

In Reply to Number

RE dumps under control CE Force at BEYROUTH
ALEX and DAMASCUS will issue retail orders
on signature of OC 3rd Coy or 3rd Park Coy &
wholesale orders on authority of CRE endorsed
by CE 1 Aust Corps

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CE PVTJ

FROM

CE 1. Aust Corps

Originator's Number

CE 435

Date

7/8

In Reply to Number

E 2646

Please repeat E 2609 @ No record

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W. J. Guss

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TO

CRE 1st Army Corps *Is* A^o 74 CRE (DAMASCUS)

FROM

CE 1st Army Corps

Originator's Number

CE 437

Date

7 Aug

In Reply to Number

RE dumps under control CE Force at BEYROUTH ALEY and DAMASCUS will issue retail orders on signature of OC 2d Coy, or 7th Para Coy & wholesale orders on authority of CRE endorsed by CE 1st Army Corps.

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TO

CE P. V TJ now CRE 6 DIV

FROM

CE 1 Aust Corps

Originator's Number

CEU38

Date

7/8

In Reply to Number

Please deposited by rail to RAYAK
for CRE 6 DIV 10 cylinders ACETYLENE
20 cylinders OXYGEN @ URGENT

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TO

G 2 Engrs HQ AIF

FROM

CE 1 Aust Corps

Originator's Number

CEU41

Date

7 Aug

In Reply to Number

E2/3

SYMONS destination SYRIA @ recommend holding
 in transit camp as suggested @ FRAMES
 UNIT JENIN @ 3 RIGS @ equipment complete

WD

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AUST CORPS

FROM

AUS FORCE

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

AD 2325/K 6

Ref CESOS of

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JULY

MAJOR D.G. A KEN

can

NOT

be

reduced in rank

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to

be

carried supernumerary establishment in

corps troops engineers pending

allotment another appointment

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TO

DADOS 1 Aust Corps Ips

FROM

CE 1 Aust Corps

Originator's Number

CE 443

Date

8 Aug

In Reply to Number

Norton motor cycle No 4388965 on charge to CE was stolen on 28 Jul. Will you please arrange replacement

W.D.

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W.D. Grippes

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TO

CRE 6 Div

FROM

CE 1 Aust Corps

Originator's Number

CE 405

Date

5 Aug

In Reply to Number

*The following information supplied by ...
Control of 1000 ...
mine saps by ...
citadel at HAMA*

WW

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CE444.

1 Aust Corps
8 Aug 41.

E in C,
HQ ME.

I enclose herewith copies of replies of my CsRE to your letter of 15 Jul 41.

It will be noted that all consider that some type of mechanical excavating or road-making equipment should be held within the Corps. This, however, may be based on the phrasing of your para 1.

My own opinion is that such equipment should be held in RE dumps to the following scale:-

For each Div Fd Pk Coy:-
1 tracked bulldozer
1 float for above.

For each Corps Fd Pk Coy:-
1 tracked bulldozer.
1 float for above
1 road grader.

Further RE personnel-carrying lorries should include a percentage of the tipping type.

It follows that behind Corps, road construction machinery such as crushers, graders, sprayers and rollers should also be available.

With regard to AMERICAN equipment I would comment as follows:-

1. Assault boats will only carry a total of 110 men. I do not think this is sufficient and should at least be doubled.
2. Concrete mixers should be carried in RE dumps.
3. Prefer compressor type of paving breaker.
4. Power earth auger would be useful if coupled to a compressor.
5. 6. & 7. as for comments by CRE 6 Aust Div.

Attention is directed to CRE 9 Aust Div's comments on W/T.

Brig.
CE 1 AUST CORPS.

War Diary

CE

1 Aust Corps

Ref

ORGANISATION RE UNITS.

Ref your letter CE 357, the following recommendations are made:-

- (i) If mechanical excavating plant were allotted it is considered that there should be two drag-line excavators, and that they should be carried only by Corps Fd Park Coy, but not in the Div.
- (ii) Equipment carried by Engineers of an American Inf Div.
 - (a) Our present establishment is quite satisfactory. The change from a 6 man to a 10 man boat would involve an unnecessary duplication for some time.
 - (b) The 1/2-yd concrete mixer would be a useful addition to our equipment.
 - (c) No justification is seen of the power driven portable hammer paving breaker.
 - (d) If the Power earth auger could be driven from the compressor much use would be made of it, but if the introduction of an extra power unit is necessary there can be no justification for its introduction at all.
 - (e) The present establishment of power saws is considered sufficient.
 - (f) Water purification unit should remain with AAMC.
 - (g) The theodolite (transit) carried by the Fd Park Coy is sufficient.

Phuan
.....Lt Col
CRE 6 AUST DIV.

CE,
1 AUST CORPS.

ORGANISATION OF RE UNITS.

1. The following is submitted in response to your CE 357 of 19 Jul - with apologies for prolixity.

EXCAVATING PLANT.

2. For Div Fd Pk Coy are recommended :-

One "Caterpillar" R.D. 6 tractor fitted with bulldozer and cable (NOT hydraulic) control power unit;

One low loading trailer to carry above.

3. Corps Fd Pk Coy.

The views in this para are based on limited experience, but it is not conceded that they are anything but sound on that account.

The following plant is put forward for consideration :-

Two "Caterpillar" R.D. 7 tractors fitted with 8' bulldozer and cable control power unit;

Two "Le Tourneau" Carryall Scoops, cable operated, to suit R.D. 7 tractors (capacity 8 c. yards);

One "Le Tourneau" cable operated roter, 3 teeth, to suit R.D. 7 tractor;

One R ~~Big~~¹⁹ Ruston Bucyrus or similar Diesel powered excavator with -

(a) normal boom and bucket

(b) back-acter bucket

(c) dragline boom and bucket

Two (or one?) low loading trailers for R.D. 7 tractor

One transporter for excavator

One service greasing truck for above plant.

It will be noted that tractors are R.D. 7, whereas R.D. 6 was recommended for Div Fd Pk Coy. My information is that anything smaller than R.D. 7 is unsuitable for a roter to do a man-size job and keep on doing it. R.D. 7 is 60 HP and weighs 11 tons without bulldozer - probably 12 tons with it. Too big for forward requirements - or is it? R.D. 6 is 40 HP, 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ tons without bulldozer - say 8 tons with it. The smaller plant seems desirable for Div, though one would like the R.D. 7 for uniformity and ability to use all the relevant equipment proposed for Corps.

Two alternatives appear -

(i) give Corps Fd Pk Coy only tractors with bulldozers, and count on drawing other requirements from time to time from pools in rear of Corps;

(ii) issue all to Corps Fd Pk Coy.

Any intermediate course risks falling between two stools - burdening the Coy with a deal of heavy plant which is still of insufficient range for the tasks that may be asked of it.

(OVER)

It may be urged in favour of alternative (i) that it will permit the practice of a certain measure of economy. But it is doubted if wars can be won at Woolworth rates; "economy" may result in plant being unavailable when most required, and, as far as the AIF is concerned, no organisation exists to hold a pool in reserve of Corps.

On the other hand, alternative (ii) will burden the Coy with heavy plant which will often be an encumbrance rather than an asset. At such times, however, it might well be left in a rear park behind the main body. (Occasions will also arise - e.g. on deliberate defence works - when plant listed is insufficient and additional is required from other sources.)

With some hesitation, alternative (ii) is preferred.

4. AMERICAN Div Engr. Eqpt.

(a) Assault Boats.

W/E of Div Fd Pk Coy contains 48 as against 10 "carried by Engrs in an AMERICAN Inf Div". One wonders whether these latter are not intended for Engr use only. Certainly 10 seem inadequate for the purpose for which they are intended with us - inf assault. It is suggested that AMERICAN inf units may also carry assault boats, or the Div may have other equipment for assault purposes, such, for example, as K.A.B.

(b) Concrete Mixer.

No need of a concrete mixer has arisen during active operations of this Div, nor has writer seen occasion for one during operations elsewhere. Demands will doubtless arise in more static roles, but it is felt that normally concrete mixers will be supplied from CE's resources (~~see~~ Corps Fd Pk Coy?) rather than carried in Div. Even then, except on major tasks, 1/3 yd machines would be more suitable than 1/2 yd.

Consideration might be given to inclusion in the Fd Pk Coy of two 1/6 yd trailer mixers (on pneumatics), but ~~they are~~ scarcely recommended.

(c) Portable Hammer Paving Breaker, Gasoline Driven.

Very little experience of these, and not impressed by the little seen. Impression is that tool is top-heavy and clumsy, and much less efficient than pneumatic. Latter would always be used in preference. Occasions do occur, however, when air-compressor cannot be got forward, and gasoline tool could. Would not recommend addition of nine to Aust Div equipment, but three in Fd Pk Coy would be worth a trial.

(d) Power Earth Auger, Motorised.

Question whether it merits addition to W/E, though possibly justified in AMERICAN conditions. Experience to date has shown very little scope for earth augers - but other terrain, other needs. Again supply from C.E. resources rather than normal Div equipment seems indicated. This plant, though possibly common in U.S.A., is not ^{readily} available from civil sources elsewhere. It is suggested therefore that the details of the plant and its performance be sought from our AMERICAN friends with a view to considering placing some where they may be of use.

(e) Saw Timber.

Fd Pk Coy has a 30" circular saw and bench, and each sec of a Fd Coy has a small pneumatic circular saw capable of cutting scantlings up to approx 4". These are invaluable, but appear adequate. It is understood the nine AMERICAN saws are

(OVER)

of the order of 24" (?). This scale is doubtless influenced by greater availability of "lumber" in USA than in GREAT BRITAIN (where our W/E table was produced).

(f) Water Purification Units, Portable.

We have so far always been able to get clear water, reasonably pure. Sterilising powder in unit water carts has been sufficient treatment. In less favourable circumstances, portable purifiers could be very useful, and preferable to improvised plant.

9. Survey Eqpt., Transits.

One is carried in Fd Pk Coy. It is sufficient.

IN THE FIELD,
6 Aug 41
RJHR/VHJ.

R J H R Lt.-Col.,
CRE, 7 AUST DIV.

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TO *CRE 6 Aust Div. CRE 7 Aust Div CRE 1 Aust Div*

FROM <i>CE 1 Aust Corps</i>	Originator's Number <i>CE 447</i>	Date <i>8 Aug</i>	In Reply to Number
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Col. J. J. ... from Australia so at this time ... a senior ... may attend ... before ...

W.D.

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TO

CRE 6 Aust Div

FROM

CE 1 Aust Corps

Originator's Number

CE 051

Date

9 Aug

In Reply to Number

Further to my CE 447 I would like you to attend here 11 Aug

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TO *OC RE Dunny ST MICHEL*

FROM *CE 10000 Camps* Originator's Number *CE 448* Date *9* In Reply to Numbers

Please supply beams with

1 - 250 ft or equivalent tank 5

4 fittings 10

8 - 1/2 taps 15

1 - 3/4 x 3/2 elbow 20

2 - 3/4 x 3/2 Ts 25

3 - 1/2 MTF tanks 30

4 - 3/4 elbows 35

3 - Shower rods 40

4 sheets flat iron w/eg 45

250' run 4x2 timber 50

120' 4x1 55

120' 60

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PROPOSED ORGANISATION OF ENGINEER STORES IN SYRIA.

1. The situation at the moment with regard to Engineer Stores taken over from the Troupes Francaises du Levant is as follows:-

British Engineers have taken over all stores and are guarding them whilst special engineer store units take stock.
2. It is understood that all engineer materials taken over belong to the Forces Francais Libres, and are for the advancement of the common cause.
3. Since the British Army will very shortly be requiring large quantities of stores locally for engineer works connected with the defence of SYRIA arrangements have to be made immediately for
 - (i) The organisation and supply of the various engineer stores.
 - (ii) Accounting for all stores issued to the British Army.
4. Committee No 16, suggests that:-
 - (i) The British Engineer Units should remain as at present organising and operating the various engineer stores until such time as the Forces Francaise Libres are in a position to replace them by a similar organisation.
 - (ii) Monthly lists of all stores issued to the British Forces should be forwarded to Force HQ for transmission to GHQ ME where arrangements will be made with the Forces Francais Libres for pricing and crediting their account accordingly.
 - (iii) Any demands on behalf of the Forces Francais Libres which are authorised according to French Military procedure shall be met wherever possible, and a separate list of these stores forwarded to Force HQ.
5. The issue of stores from the various Parcs du Genie in SYRIA must be controlled by a superior military authority in order to prevent wastage of stocks upon work which is not of first importance for the defence of SYRIA.
6. Any stores which are delivered to engineer stores from sources other than the Troupes Francaise du Levant must be separated for accounting purposes, and possibly kept in separate dumps.
7. A qualified officer of the Forces Francaise Libres should be detailed to look after the interests of the Forces Francais Libres in stores matters and for liaison with the British Stores Officer and organisation.

President.
Committee No 16.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE452

HQ 1 Aust Corps
9 Aug 41.

CRE 1 Aust Corps Tps.
" 6 Div
" 7 Aust Div.

The attached memo, which it is anticipated will become operative, is forwarded for your information.

Maj.
SORE 1 AUST CORPS.

War Diary

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE453.

HQ 1 Aust Corps.
9 Aug 41.

The Very Rev D. G. Nathail, M.A.
Assyro-Chaldeans Parish Priest,
Maalaka-Zahle,
LIBAN.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of 4 Aug 41 suggesting that the Assyro-Chaldeans are without work.

I have to advise that a road contract has just been entered into in which we require a considerable amount of labour for its completion, and I will ask the Contractors to contact you and see if some of your parishioners can be employed.

Yours faithfully,

Brig
CE 1 AUST CORPS.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE454

HQ 1 Aust Corps
10 Aug 41.

1 Aust Corps.

5TH COURSE SME (ME)

The following allotment is made for the
above course (officers) commencing 26 Aug 41:-

OCTU graduates from 12th intake	4
1 Aust Corps Tps	1
6 " Div	1
7 " "	1
9 " "	1
2/2 Pnr Bn	1

The candidate from 2/2 Pnr Bn must be an
enr officer.

W.B.
Maj.
SORE 1 AUST CORPS.

fo
Brigadier
C.E. 1 Aust. Corps

W. Diary -

CE 455

MEMORANDUM.

From.....

To.....

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1 Aust Corps. Ref. Q 634 Date.....19
(Q)

Equipment deficiencies
Compasses prismatic
binoculars
tools artificiers

Stores likely to be required in
RE dumps

Pumps power
pipes water.
Compressors
concrete mixers
wire, barbed & plain
pickets
timber
galv iron
Cement
R.S. Is
Bolts, nails hinges. (hardware generally)

WTD

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE456.

HQ 1 Aust Corps
10 Aug 41.

CE P & TJ.

REF YOUR S/CE/307/1.

The attached report by CRE 7 Aust Div is
forwarded for your information.

The required information was not available
to CRE 6 Div.

Brig.
CE 1 AUST CORPS.

War Diary

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE457

HQ 1 Aust Corps
10 Aug 41.

DAAG
1 Aust Corps.

REPLACEMENT OF VEHICLES - YMCA.

Ref your A1/422.

No information is available as to services rendered by YMCA during active service.

Brig.
CE 1 AUST CORPS.

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TO
 CRE 6 Div.
 " 7 Aust Div.

FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

CE 1 Aust Corps

CE458

Please furnish to this HQ number
 and location of concrete mixers and
 stone crushers available in SYRIA.
 This information is urgently required.

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TO SIGNALS

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TO HQ AIF

FROM CE 1 Aust Corps

Originator's Number 459

Date 10

In Reply to Numbers

For G2 ENGRS. @

letter fifth just arrived @ dont know BARLOW,

DEGLAN, PORTER probably PARLOUR at T.K.

@ letters qualifications seem weak @ reports

on WALKER generally unfavourable @

suggest replace DEGLAN by him @ my

team would be SCORER, LEDGERWOOD COLLEY

DEGLAN

GILMOUR BAMGARTEN, GRAHAM 1 and Corps

Tps Engrs. SCALLEY 1 and Corps Sig at D.50

presume we will now have say in ensuring

that design and methods of construction

are suitable @ can provide leading hands

if required

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE460

HQ 1 Aust Corps
11 Aug 41.

CRE 6 Div
" 7 Aust Div.

DEMOLITION PLAN.

Attention is invited to attached copy of instruction
from CE P & TJ.

CsRE will initiate recce forthwith in respect of
rds and rlys within their divisional area and forward
reports to this HQ NOT later than 22 Aug.

Brig.
CE 1 AUST CORPS.

MSCE/40 of 8 Aug 41

W. D. King

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE461

HQ 1 Aust Corps.
11 Aug 41.

HQ AIF (ME)
(GII Engrs)

The attached graph gives relative periods of various courses of instruction.

2. As instructors for SME (AIF) are attending No 4 Course (SME) they will not be available for instructional purposes until about 4 or 5 Sep 41.

To enable OCTU graduates to attend, the commencing date recommended for SME (AIF) is 14 Sep 41, with the various wings commencing at intervals shown on graph.

3. It is noted that the first course of the Junior Offrs' School (AIF) - (ref AIF (ME) G1226) starts 12 Aug 41 for a period of 14 days after which engr students enter "the respective schools of their arm" for a further period of 14 days.

Three Pnr Offrs will attend their first course and if they are engr offrs, should attend SME (AIF). Otherwise they will attend Inf course.

It is considered that the engr junior offrs, after completing his 14 days in junior offrs' school, should attend the engr offrs' refresher course SME covering a period of 28 days. (Tactics, recce and technical).

Brig.
CE 1 AUST CORPS.

W.D.

NOTES.

OCTU.

Candidates recommended for commissions. Period 8 weeks after which they will enter SME (AIF) for a further period of 6 weeks. Normally 4 candidates for RAE AIF, but last OCTU was 5.

SME (ME)
Offrs
ECME/139/4
6 Jun 41.

Period 5 weeks.
For Junior offrs and for cadets on completion of their 8 weeks training at OCTU (ME).
9 Candidates from AIF.

SME (AIF)
NCOs
ECME/139/4
6 Jun 41.

Period 2½ weeks
Object to train new NCOs or to refresh senior NCOs in selected subjects of Fd Engineering.
Instns will be designed chiefly to suit NCOs of Fd units, but those from other types of units are not debarred from attending.
7 candidates from AIF.

SME (AIF)

3 wings.
(i) Engr refresher course--Engr offrs. Period 4 weeks.
OCTU graduates attend for 2 weeks only.
(ii) Fd works course - OCTU graduates & new engr offrs. Period 3 weeks.
(iii) General course - OCTU graduates and Engr NCOs - Period 3 weeks.

Junior Offrs' School.
AIF (ME)
G 1226.

Object: To train junior offrs, who have received commissions without attending OCTU. Period 4 weeks, but tech offrs will only attend 2 weeks and then go to the respective school of their arm for a further period of 2 weeks.

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TO *2/9 3d Coy RAE*

FROM *CE 1 Aust Corps*

Originator's Number *CE463*

Date *11*

In Reply to Numbers

for Major BLEECHMORE OAF 20 has been credited to your paybook to be spent at your discretion for the welfare of your Coy. please send suitable ack. to President Enps AIF Comfort Fund 55 Collins Place Melb. O ack

WSD

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TO *CE P4T.J*

FROM *CE 1st and 2nd Grps*

Originator's Number *CE4164* Date *11* In Reply to Numbers *2083*

IPC transport only reqd. for

derrick material and 30' length

of casing and drill rod @ can

start my moving now @ balance

of useful material now at JENIN @

CRE stores to decide how much

of above is to go to K.M and

use necessary instructions @

DIXON concurs.

WD

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

MEMO
CE 466

Headquarters,
1 Aust Corps,
11 Aug 41.

CE P & TJ

ANTI TANK MINES AND DETECTORS

Ref your S/CE/203 of 7 Aug 41.

Will you please arrange for delivery of German mines and traps to Engr Tng Bn (AIF), when available.

These will be available to Fd units for tng purposes in PALESTINE.

Brig.
CE 1 Aust Corps.

Copy to; Engr Tng Bn

war diary

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE465.

HQ 1 Aust Corps.
11 Aug 41.

1 Aust Corps.

For inclusion in Corps Orders.

Will you please promulgate in Corps Orders that demands by units for RE stores should be made on the CRE or OC Fd Coy within the area in which the work is required.

Demands for RE stores ^{should} ~~must~~ not be sent direct to CE.

W.D. for Brig.
CE 1 AUST CORPS.

W.D.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

NOTES OF CONFERENCE WITH DIRECTOR OF MECHANIZATION AUSTRALIA.

GE'S OFFICE 11 AUG 41.

1. Those Present:

CE 1 Aust Corps	Brigadier Steele.
SORE 1 " "	Major Wilson (Major Briggs).
DOS AIF	Brigadier Beavis.
Director of Mech.	Colonel Field.
CRE 6 Div	Lt-Col Lucas
" 7 "	Lt-Col Risson
" C Tps Engrs.	Lt-Col Main
OC 2/15 Fd Coy	Major Myer.
OC 1 Boring Sec.	Captain Frame.

2. Engineer Equipment.

Col Field opened for discussion a long list of items of engineer equipment being manufactured in AUSTRALIA. In each instance he recorded the deficiency of the various engineer units in AIF.

Views of meeting on more important items were:-

(I) Air Compressors.

British type of compressor mounted on a truck and driven by truck engine was desired by Engr Comdrs, because of its greater air capacity and mobility, but failing this an adequate supply of existing trailer type, if possible, with a 50% increase in capacity.

Life of compressor on service is shorter than is laid down, i.e. a depreciation of 6% per month. Actually, it has been about 25% per month, which could probably be reduced to a minimum of 12% per month with a proper system of maintenance. ~~No~~ adequate reserve of spare parts and spare compressors ~~are~~ essential.

The correct lubricating oil (S.A.E. 20 with a low carbon content) is essential and is NOT available through ~~any~~ ^{army} sources.

(2) Sump pump, pneumatic.

This pump was very useful and worked well in Western Desert. It is not now in WE of Fd Coys or Fd Pk Coys and ~~will~~ ^{should} be put on WE table.

(3) Cutters, wire special (Gregory).

This cutter will cut hard drawn wire such as Dannert up to Gauge 8. It is being manufactured in AUSTRALIA, but is not yet available in ME. CE was satisfied with tests he conducted in AUSTRALIA, but there was some dissension among those present as to serviceability of cutters.

(4) Camouflet Equipment.

Engr Comdrs agreed that pattern is unsatisfactory, too heavy, and no advantage over British Pattern. Manufacture ~~will~~ will change over to British Pattern.

(5) Generating Sets. 4 KW.

All wished that existing engine should be replaced by 4 cyl water cooled engine. Adequate spares have

W.D.

been ordered for existing engine.

(6) Compasses Prismatic.

Increased supplies to AIF urgently needed, Liquid type is much preferred to dry type.

(7) Pumps 2,000 gals. Kelly & Lewis.

This pump is not good. It wears quickly and suction head is low.

It has no advantage over British Pump Set No 4 (Flex drive), which was strongly recommended to replace Kelly & Lewis' pump.

3. Controlled Stores.

DOS pointed out that much engineering equipment came in above category, which means that total supplies in ME are pooled and issued to units in greatest need. It seemed likely that AIF would receive some priority for equipment peculiar to AIF.

4. Equipping of Newly-Created Units.

CE mentioned that provision should be made to equip any new unit formed in ME or in AUSTRALIA. SME, Eng Tn Bn, Bridging Coy RASC were cited as examples.

5. M.T.

Col Field stated that 30 cwt lorry was now obsolescent and will be replaced by a 3 ton lorry.

Among the proposals put forward by Engr Comdrs were

- (a) Some of the Fd Coy Sub-sec's vehicles should be tipping type.
- (b) Load capacity of Sec HQ tool carrying vehicles should be increased. One 15 cwt and one 3 ton (WD type vehicles) would be satisfactory.
- (c) Car DS will be replaced by "Battle-buggies" or vans 1-ton. Various suggestions were advanced for position of spare tyres and types of apertures in the roof.

6. Boring Sec Equipment.

Discussion became too specialised to be of general interest. The results of a conversation between Col Field and Capt Frame were:-

- (a) Hand boring equipment no good except in soft-ground.
- (b) AUSTRALIA will supply seven Bagshaw Rigs to bore holes up to 9" diam. Distribution to be two to 1 Boring Sec and five to 2 Boring Sec.
- (c) AUSTRALIA will supply 10 deep-well pumps complete with engines. Pumps are to go inside a 6" casing and to lift 1,000 gals/hr against a head of 250 ft.
- (d) In ME, casing may be drawn for British Sources.

J. G. Wilson Maj.
SORE 1 AUST CORPS.

CE467.

1 Aust Corps.
11 Aug 41.

Permission is given to Messrs. S.WILENSKE
and J. SHORR and car driver to proceed to rd br in
the vicinity of LATTAQUE and to take levels and
carry out examination of the br.

Brig.
CE 1 Aust Corps.

W.D.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE469

HQ 1 Aust Corps.
12 Aug 41.

1 Aust Corps.

CORPS HQ ESTABLISHMENT - ENGRS.

1. It is recommended that above establishment should be:-

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| | | <u>OFFRS.</u> |
| (1) | CE | Brigadier. |
| (2) | SORE | Major |
| (3) | IORE | Captain. |
| | | <u>ORS.</u> |
| (4) | WO II | |
| (5) | Corporal | |
| (6) | ^{Corporal}
Sapper Draughtsman (Trade Group I) | |
| (7) | " Clerk | (" " III) |

2. It is NOT desired, at present, to fill the existing vacancy for Serial (7) Sapper Clerk.

M.W. for Brig.
CE 1 AUST CORPS.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

CE471.

Headquarters,
1 Aust Corps,
12 Aug 41.

Stores Offr,
Corps Tps Engrs.

RE STORES

Attached is copy of letter from CRE
6 Div to CE 1 Aust Corps.

Kindly examine the requirements and
submit comments on availability etc of items demanded.

J.W. Wilson Major.
S.O.R.E. 1 Aust Corps.

Ward

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE472

HQ 1 Aust Corps
12 Aug 41.

M. L. Mouradian,
Ingenieur E.I.M.
Building Mohamed Beleche,
Avenue President Ali Abed,
DAMASCUS.

Dear Sir,

Your application for employment has been received
and your qualifications noted.

If a position suitable for you should arise you
will be informed.

JW
Brig.
CE 1 AUST CORPS.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE474

HQ 1 Aust Corps.
12 Aug 41.

1 Aust Corps.
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HQ BF in P & TJ Adm Instn No 100 (Revised).

Ref. Q.3/282

RE STORES.

1. The RE stores arrangements set out in the above instruction do not fully explain the position.
2. Certain proposals of an Engineer Sub-Committee of the Commission of Control are now operative. Summarised these are:-

All Engineer Stores in SYRIA at the date of the Armistice now belong to the Free French, but dumps are being operated temporarily by British Engineers, who will be responsible for the accountancy of the stores issued.

3. It would appear that the dumps may remain under British control for some weeks, which is satisfactory.
4. Stores for work in 1 Aust Corps area are issued on the authority of the CRE or Fd Coy Comdr, in whose area the work is to be executed.

W. L. H. H. H. H.
for Brig.
CE 1 AUST CORPS.

W. L. H. H. H. H.

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20/12/41
M. J. /
M. J. /

Chief Engineer.
Public Works ~~Alleppe~~ DAMAS.

In confirmation of verbal instructions given by
C.E. Pahl T.T.

(i) You will carry out repairs to the following
roads on behalf of the British War Department
Roads to be completed by Dec 15th 1941

- (a) SOURANI - HOMS.
- (b) DEIR ATTIE - DAMASCUS.
- (c) DAMASCUS - QENITRA including widening, stone & iron

(ii) H.D. will provide necessary materials, coal and
solars oil free and begining point for by P.W.D.
delivered to nearest railway station on main line
HOMS - ALLEPPO.

(iii) H.D. will advance necessary funds with
repurchase as who will bear cost of all work.
W.D. will advance all sum by payment to
Financial Dep^t of Syria. The first payment of
£8000 -

(iv) H.D. will loan 5 stone crushers, 5 rollers & 2 crushers

(v) Chief Engineer Aleppo will submit forthwith
detailed estimate of all work to be done together
with detailed estimate of cost - On completion of
all work D.P.D. will render detailed accounts
of all moneys advanced

Copy to C.E. 1st Auct. Camps.

M. J. /
M. J. /
M. J. /

SURK

Phone to CRT also please

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الديوان

رقم 12 Aug

Chief Engineer
Public Works Aleppo

In confirmation of verbal instructions given by C.K. Pahlavi.

(1) You will carry out repairs to the following roads on behalf of the British War Dept - Roads to be completed by Oct 15 1941

(1) Aleppo - SOURANI

(2) ALEPPO - LATTAKIA upto a point 22 KM west of ORONTES Bridge

(iii) W.D. will provide necessary bitumen, coal, fuel and kerosene for Solar oil delivered to nearest railway station on main line HAMA - ALEPPO -

(iii) WD will advance necessary funds without prejudice as to who will bear cost of all work. WD will advance at once, by payment to Financial Dept of Syria, the first payment of £10000.

(iv) Chief Engineer Aleppo will submit fortnightly detailed estimate of all work to be done together with certified estimates on completion with tender details and amount paid money advanced.

M. H. B. B. B.

Copied to CE Aleppo

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE475

HQ 1 Aust Corps
12 Aug 41.

CRE 1 Aust Corps Tps.

The following letters are repeated to you for information and necessary action:-

12 Aug 41.

CE
Public Works
DAMAS.

In confirmation of verbal instructions given by CE P & TJ.

(1) You will carry out repairs to the following rds on behalf of the British War Department. Rds to be completed by 15 Oct 41.

- (a) SOUPANI-HOMS.
- (b) DEIR ATTIYE-DAMASCUS.
- (c) DAMASCUS-QOUNEITRA, including widening where ordered

(ii) WD will provide necessary bitumen, coal, solar oil free and benzine paid for by P.W.D., delivered to nearest railway station on main line HOMS-ALEPPO.

(iii) WD will advance necessary funds without prejudice as to who will bear cost of all work. WD will advance at once by payment to Financial Dept of SYRIA. The first payment of £8,000.

(iv) WD will loan 5 stone-crushers, 5 boilers & 2 sprayers.

(v) Chief Engineer, ALEPPO, will submit forthwith detailed estimate of all work to be done together with detailed estimate of cost. On completion of all work DPW will render detailed accounts of all moneys advanced.

(SGD) R. E. DIXON Brig.
CE.

Copy to: CE 1 AUST CORPS.

CE.
Public Work,
ALEPPO.

12 Aug.

In confirmation of verbal instructions given by CE P & TJ.

(1) You will carry out repairs to the following rds on behalf of the British War Department. Rds to be completed

W.D. Dixon

by 15 Oct 41.

(1) ALEPPO-SOUPANI.

(11) ALEPPO-LATTAQIA up to a point 22 km west of
ORONTES Bridge.

(ii) WD will provide necessary bitumen, coal, solar oil
free and benzine paid for, delivered to nearest railway
station on main line HOMS-ALEPPO.

(iii) WD will advance necessary funds without prejudice
as to who will bear cost of all work. WD will advance
at once by payment to Financial Dept of SYRIA, the
first payment of £10,000.

(iv) Chief Engineer, ALEPPO, will submit forthwith detailed
estimate of all work to be done, together with detailed
estimate of accounts for all money advanced.

(SGD) R. E. DIXON Brig.
CE.

Copy to:- CE 1 AUST CORPS.

J. G. Wilson Major
for Brig.
CE 1 AUST CORPS.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE476

HQ 1 Aust Corps
13 Aug 41.

M. A. G. Durrayk B.A.
Enfeh,
EL KOURA.

Dear Sir,

Your application for employment has been received
and your qualifications noted.

If a position suitable for you should arise you
will be informed.

J. G. Wilson Majr
for Brig.
CE 1 AUST CORPS.

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CPE 1 Aust Cp Tps.

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Have met PWD CE'S ALEP &
DAMAS @ have agreed to extend
ALEP P.W.D. Sec. from ORONTES
BR to point 22 kloo towards
LATTAKIE @ also to put HOMES
- SOURANI section under PWD
DAMAS @ Solel Boreh will
be given some compensating
work on DAMAS-DEKA Rd.

W. Sherrin
CE

SORE

Please phone or otherwise
get this thro' to CPE 1 Aust
Cp Tps.

WSS 1225

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE600

HQ 1 Aust Corps.
12 Aug 41.

CRE 1 Aust Corps Tps.

Have met PWD CES ALEPPO and DAMAS. Have agreed to extend ALEPPO PWD Sec from ORONTES BR to point 22 Kilo towards LATTAQIE. Also to put HOMES-SOURANI sec under PWD DAMAS. Solel Boneh will be given some compensating work on DAMAS-DERAA rd.

J. G. Wilson for
CE 1 AUST CORPS. Brig.

W. D. Denny

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE477.

HQ 1 Aust Corps.
13 Aug 41.

CRE Corps Tps Engrs.

NO 2 NCOs' COURSE - SME (ME) 3-20 SEP 41.

Ref attached copy of HQ AIF G1365.

Please advise to which Coy this allotment should
be given, and forward the name of the NCO before 18 ~~Aug~~ 41.

J. G. Wilson Major
for Brig.
CE 1 AUST CORPS.

Dear Brany

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

CE478.

HQ 1 Aust Corps,
13 Aug 41.

CRE C Tps Engrs

SYRIAN ROADS CONTRACT

The following letter is repeated to you for
necessary action:-

HQ P & TJ
CR/PAL/16796/47/RE
11 Aug 41.

CE
1 Aust Corps.

Certain of SOLEL BONEH's employees have
in error been issued with passes and visas valid only for
one month. Those concerned are known to SOLEL BONEH.
You should arrange, before the month expires, to have these
passes and passports collected and brought to this office
for renewal for a further month, and issue to the owners
of these a temporary pass while there passes are down here
for renewal.

Sgd. for Brig.
CE P & TJ.

J. G. Wilson
Major
S.O.B.E. 1 Aust. Corps

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

CE479

Headquarters
1 Aust Corps,
13 Aug 41.

G II Engrs
HQ AIF.

ORGANISATION OF RE UNITS

Ref GHQ MEF ECME/569 of 30 Jul and your
1385E of 6 Aug 41.

1. Tools, Pneumatic.

Same scale as G1098 is recommended, with
addition of one sump pump for compressor. The heavy
concrete breakers are seldom used.

2. Welding Tools

A reasonable selection of available comm-
ercial types would cover military requirements.

3. Petrol driven Pump

- (a) Pumping Set No.4. This set is an excellent
general purpose pump, provided that it is
carefully used and received proper main-
tenance. If ill used flex drivers will give
trouble.
- (b) Pumps at RE Stores. Portable assemblies with
direct drive, and sizes 2" or 3", would be
suitable. A proportion should be light self-
priming types.

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B. Steel

Brig.
CE 1 Aust Corps.

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CKE Corps Tps ~~00000~~ Eng. Det DAMOUR BRIDGE

FROM

CE 1st Coy

Originator's Number

CE 473

Date

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In Reply to Number

Detachment

DAMOUR

BRIDGE

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ground

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J.G. [Signature]

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TO Soleh Borch Contractors HAIFA

FROM CE 1st Army Corps	Originator's Number CE 480	Date 13	In Reply to Number
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Forward settle	following urgently	message crushers	to ⊙	TELAVIV DAN	⊙
			Sent at request of 215 Fd Coy for Soleh Borch		
War Scary					

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J.G. Wilson Major

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TO

CRE 6 Aust Div

FROM

CE 1 Aust Corps

Originator's Number

C.E. 481

Date

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In Reply to Number

Arrangement	to	transfer	out	NOTE	to
CE	are	proceeding	and	should	ultimately
in	about	three	days	⊙	when
this	end	is	fixed	well	signal
you	for	Sg1 STEELE	who	well	be
provided	NOTE	⊙	assume	you	approve ⊙
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TO LAMP

FROM CE 1 Aust Corps

Originator's Number
CE 482

Date
14 Aug

In Reply to Number
E/2609

For CE (.) Located at BEYROUTH RE dump two concrete mixers capacity five cubic feet motors detached but available in dump and two jaw crushers approx twelve inch (.) At hospital TRIPOLI one mixer approx one cubic yard (.) At HOMS three crushers fifty forty and fifteen metres day (.) At HAMA three crushers fifteen metres day (.) On rd at 200432 ~~LATTIQUE~~ one crusher small portable
LATTAGUIE

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J. G. Wilson

SIGNED

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FROM

CE 1 Aust Corps

Originator's Number

CE 483

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In Reply to Number

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Copy to Commission of Control

FROM CE 1 AUST CORPS

Originator's Number
CE 484

Date
14 Aug

In Reply to Number

You will NOT hand over any RE stores to FREE FRENCH until further notice (.)
Permit officers and staff FREE FRENCH establish themselves at dumps but in
watching capacity only

W.D.

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J.G. Wilson Majr
SIGNED

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CE 485

HQ 1 Aust Corps.
15 Aug 41.

1 Aust Corps
"Q".

VEHICLES - CE 1 AUST CORPS.

1. It is recommended that the following vehicles be permanently allotted to CE:-

Car D.S. (Battle Buggy)	-	one.
Van - 1 ton	-	one.
Motor cycle.	-	one.

2. At present, there is an extra officer (stores officer) on C.E. staff, who will remain for at least one month. It is suggested that for him, there should be allotted temporarily:

Van - 1 ton or 15 cwt	-	one.
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J.M.
Brig.
CE 1 AUST CORPS.

h D.