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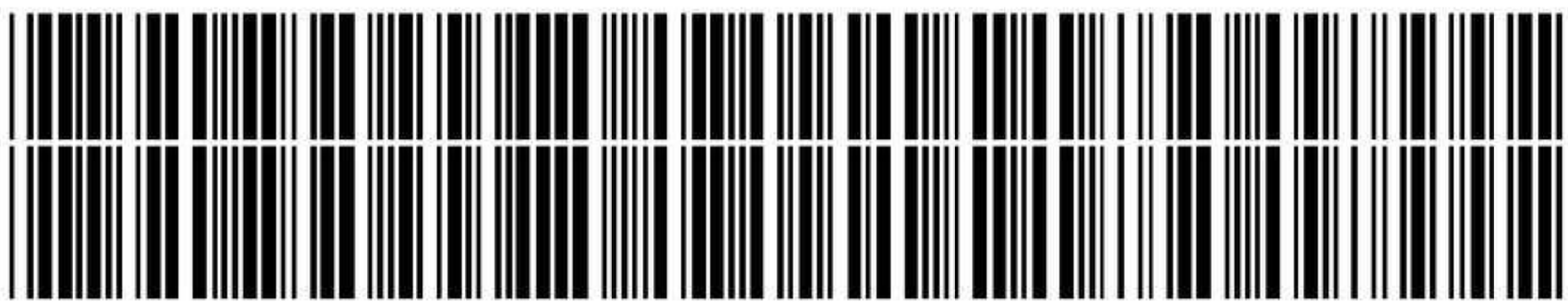

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DIARIES AND NOTES OF C. E. W. BEAN CONCERNING THE WAR OF 1914 - 1918

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16 Sept., 1946. C. E. W. BEAN.

1

Mersa Matruh

6d.

Lawrence & Mayo

for Lawrence: 1 pr. puce-my
1 pr. apples
Prescription } 15/- for

Also my glasses for puce

Dreme: 3rd volume Statii
(Teachnitz) Fore & Second - 18/-

J's sleeping bag

Ross little 7/6
Elastic Bands
Jars 6 in 3 in.

15 2 (39)

£2.10 - a wk. | System of checks.
Clerk - Trustworthy
Reception & Storage
No Distribn to new units
But — - L of C etc.
~~? Hosp.~~ Private Buyers.

Bookplate.
Best means of transport etc.
Postage & Registrn.

Gramophone
Lamps 7/6 7

Feb 20. Sunday.
15 The Turk who was caught by the beef boat swimming Canal at 7 pm yesterday was a young chap. Native of Medina. 2½ yrs ago he was taken to Jerusalem ~~[illegible]~~ enlisted two yrs ago there
Sent as a soldier to Akaba. Thence sent to El Arja. Came thro central route to Toussoum. [illegible]
[illegible] water was carried on camels on [illegible] kerosene tins. Dug at foot of sand hills for water. [illegible] water simply? waiting.
Dragged guns over partly on horses, partly by hand. Horses v. heavy.
Wounded carried on camels
Same troops are still at the district of El Arja. He was tired of being a soldier
or cleared out — walked over in 4½ days.
going so as to miss all roads.
No water, tried to native wells. Water in most of them — man can walk down them — sometimes dug himself w hands. Sd he took his
Trick to swim canal — when well across got seized w cramps. Sd he never saw tent or line or soldier as he came thro'.

15

T. troops well fed & in good heart.
20,000 at El Arja — all this
last 12 months & first blistered.
Tracks on W bank — not E.
Ws wearing a long cloak like Arabs.

Feb 24. Mond. Cairo again
to see Sellheim re distributing
Anzac Book from Cairo.
Mac Anderson dined w
Sellheim & self at Club
& suggests that the men
shd be able to have
copies posted from England
— not Cairo. Sellibrands
suggestion of a book plate
on wh they cd write!

address they wanted it sent to is excellent.

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Sellheim talking to me afterwards said that he & Gen. Leslie were talking about various units 1 other day – "The Twenty ninth Division & the 1st Aust Aust Divn were well organised efficient Divisions," Sellheim had remarked – or something to the effect – when Leslie interrupted him: "You may take it from me", he sd,

Evacuation

that no division ~~that was~~
equal to the First Australian
Division ever went to war."

That is pretty fine praise
from a British officer of
Canadian birth. Leslie who
saw the work of the 1st Austral.
Divl. Staff & many other
staffs knows pretty well
what he is talking about.

Genl. Monash came
by 1 same train as I did.
He told me it at abt
9.30 on 1 last night at

anzac he sent out patrols;
& ~~one of~~ his patrols reported
th along a part of his
front, below the farm, the
Ts. were digging trenches &
working for all they were
worth. They had begun
to dig trenches there during
our "Silent Battle" in
November — & clearly they
were trying to rush these
new trenches to completion.
Monash himself left at

The men were lying down in groups waiting there quietly. A movement of hand cleared them off road & then they waited — supposed to have waited hours — till their turn came.

11 p.m. He met other parts of his unit at the X ways behind Cheshire Ridge in Chailak Dere — They were all lying down very quietly (w 6 m.gs — leaving 6 w the ~~later bt~~ C party) They assembled after minutes before 11; waited till the N.Z. infantry from Apex had passed; & then joined in at their tail. Lower down they met the Mounted Rifles. The whole formed one long line wh

moved in by 1 broad lap very quietly — at a slow pace — but with only one Halt of abt 5 mins probly caused by the numbering off at 1 head of 1 column. Then they moved on. Presently Gl. Antill came along. "Hallo — that you Seul?" he asked. "Here you are — this is your barge" — & they were turned off to a pier. "Everyone is to get down below" — said a voice.

rather sharply: "Oh - I beg your pardon, Seul - not you of course." They gave him a seat ~~out of sight~~ by the funnel; the others went below out of sight of Turks. There was a wait of abt 5 minutes during wh all #cd be seen was two or three other column filing quietly down onto other piers - all piers carpeted w sacking - ~~Sir W.~~ There was a little room in 1 boat & Sir W. Russell had decided at this moment to bring one of hospitals (the

14 Last lot of 4th Bde – 13 Bn.
3 men, Serjt & 1 Officer left
position at 2.15 reached beach
at 2.35 or so – Offr sd: "Now
then Serjt – you can make
1 pace as hot as you like" –
Very fast walk. They were
abt 100 yds ahead of lot
from Apex & saw nobody
Else. Had normally only fired when
they saw Turks in valley beyond
lines. Offr. spent last 2 hrs
burying H.E. bombs under
fire place w ¼ in earth &
ashes on top in hope tt Ts
might light a fire there.
Shovel wd stuck in w pin bomb
tied to handle when T. pulled it it

15 13 British one) off – & this
wd what kept them. There
~~they packed~~ wd a
momentary rushing off
to find 1 hospital people.
Then they packed off
The Arran (?) I think wd
1 steamer they were travelling
to. She had two of her
plates cut off, bow &
stern – & 1 troops simply
marched off into her,
an officer dividing them
wd explode. Hotchkiss on Rose Hill – bursting
Explosion 20 yds off the beach left
South Lighthouse

The intelligence people are informed tt 70 German & Turkish officers were sent from Gallipoli for counter artil after 1 ~~bag~~ evacuations.

Barber tells me tt a man from Salonica told him tt the Austrian guns on Tershenkeni were about to open on 1 morning of Dec. 20. It had bn arranged tt they shd begin at 7 a.m. but it was misty & they put it off till 9. at 9 a.m. the battery rang up for its target. "We're not sure tt there is a target" wd 1 reply. "What do you mean?" "The target we think is Mafish!"

The ship wd dark - no smoking ~~and in bows~~ yet. But 1 Seul found his way to 1 Saloon - and there he met, for 1 first time for months, a crowd of old friends, officers of all sorts, from all parts of Australia - laughing, chatting, smoking - a wonderful reunion.

The 4th Bde is to make the 12 Bde - Slosburn

Elliott 1
Forsyth 2
Macleod 3 } — 1st Brigade.

5
6
7 } — 2nd.

9.10.11. (from west) 3rd

4
Glasgow 4 — 12th
3 — 13th } 4th

Smyth 1 — 14th
Irving 2 — 15th } 5th
8

It will be with the 12th & 13th (made by 3rd Bde) in the 4th Brigade. The 1st Bde ~~will~~ Gen. Smyth will make the 14th & the 2nd Bde the 15th (Irving). & these two w 1 8th will make the 5th Brigade.

Possibly Glasgow gets the 13th. He's had a phenomenal rise.

So the battalions will be

The only irregularity is in Bdes & Drums.

1, 2, 3	1	5, 6, 7	2	9, 10, 11	3
4, 12, 13	4	8, 14, 15	5		

from 4th
13 — 45
14 — 46
15 — 47
16 — 48 } 12th

from 3rd.
9th — 49
10 — 50
11 — 51
12 — 52 } 13th

from 1st.
1 — 53
2 — 54
3 — 55
4 — 56 } 14th

from 2nd.
5 — 57
6 — 58
7 — 59
8 — 60 } 15th

9th
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10th
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11th.
41
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Evacuation.

1st Bde.

(? from Colo Cass, 2Bn.)

(Eve. B. 18.5.25)

Sat spent

15 7, 2 Blackfellows, 3 Q4-Q1, 1 Q1-T. Stones 4-T6, 4 (joined up as L17)

3611 on Saty.

On Saty night cut down 6 1800.

Sunday.

5.30 sent away 953.
pm

Through mouth of Victoria Gully, creeping slowly down gully.

Sap. Sap. Along Upper Beach Rd 6

Anzac Gully. All embarked at Watsons. Taken from all S. Bns. All officers & some NCOs had to be over ground.

Quietest night for a long time. Beach Bill 1 shell every 15 minutes.

Same on Saty night.

15

at 10.5.10 withdrew 380
This left 442 holding
1000 yds of front.
all in qs exc. 2 per bn. now some
(av. 4 or 3 per bn.) Some went in
5s. 30 batch.

10 pm bt all went in
small parties abt 30.

at 2 a.m. final withdrawal
began. Parties were sent away
at 10 mins intervals.
Last party left each part
of line at 2.40. Bde HQ.
shut down at 2 a.m.
all instruments taken.
For last 10 mins 8 men

& 2 offrs in trenches in
2nd Bn; & 2 offrs
2 messgrs for Bn H.Q.
No patrols out - no T.
patrols seen. We had
wired heavily all lt wk
There were some m. gs on
right till last part (C.
2 o'c). In 7th Bn there
were 6 water-matic
rifles (site Spum). Knocked
off sights & bolts.

On last night last part
had to embark at Williams
Pier bec. 5000 mills bombs had

going to ship these Mills bombs away in order that it is about least secret. The last day this was impossible so they were tumbled on somebody's authority into the sea off Watsons Pier - That ~~night~~ day (Sunday) the barges dont get in to pier bec of this heap of bombs.*

[* I was afterwards told this was wrong. [E.W.B. 18.5.25]]

15 bombs had (at Watsons Pier) been thrown there. They had been a

boat to wharf at 3.15.
Lighter left 3.26. Transport about 4 o'c. Mines went up while boats at pier.
All this out report every ½ hr or so -
"1st Bn speaking. all quiet in our front" "2nd Bn speaking" - & so on. "Heavy firing down at Helles" was reported.
"B Party clear - 68 men" & so on.
Boots were all muffled since abt 5 o'c.

Shipsotts pass in 1 night
The 1st Bde Sentry
War Babies
Gen. Birdwoods letter.
White & Discipline
Gellibrand's method.
Feb 28th heard we were going to France
Feb 29 – Cuts
Quite forgot it was leap year.

16th. Bn. Night of Ap. 25.

about 8 – 9 o'clock pm. St Jacobs was continually calling for men.

Offr. of 16th Bn w 6 men went across to Dead Mans Ridge & found Jacobs there with 6 men. only abt 20 men on Pepes Jacobs was on D Mans Ridge. About 3 pm. when this happened he retired from Dead Mans R. the 16th put picket calling for reinforcements on slope of Pepes. & dug in all night on top. Fire to right & little to left – (very little doing on walkers

th night — but a lot
next day - Serjt Harvey (May) of 16th made his men dig
in 6ft deep w fire step
at back of trench (that was very wide in those days.)
(Ye 6 6) In morning
abt 7 o'c or 60'c after dawn they
saw 12 to 30 creeping
down Walkers Ridge. at first thought
(they were NZs - ~~Then~~ going in
6s or so. Then men began to fall on
on back of Popes, not in trenches

All ~~the~~ night whistles were going - "Cease Fire" - We heard no whistles or bugles.

Mond morning

Ts. attacked Popes abt 300.
Came in rushes.
QE stopped
tt rush - no
more all day.

but behind them.
Finally got m.g. onto them from behind & but 3s & 4s cod break thro. That night Le attacked Popes from the ~~two~~ Nek & directly from in front & thread.
morning still attacking.
N. Zs moved up walkers
tt afternoon going splendidly
till our men on Popes

[From Young offr of 16th
whom I met in Lemnos
1 Aust. St. Hospl. [E.W.B.
18.5.15]

fired on them.

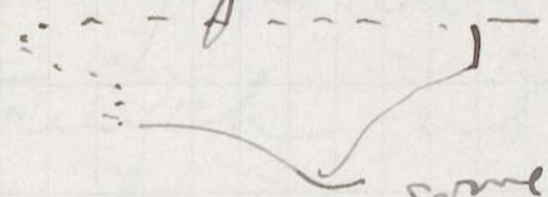
Theo. night Buffs.
Got on nerves of some of
16th who wd get out
forward & lie down
over parapet to see better.

16th speak well of RMLI
& Esp of Serjt - who were
in Quinns w them.

On Thursday 2 no firing
when they went up valley.

It was not till supports began to sing Tipperary & Australia will be There the m.gs were attached to this part of line - These mgs were behind our left rear Eg. Three men had thrown their rifles into a bush while they were digging. The rifles were cut to pieces by the fire

fire when they got over shelf.



This knocked some of them back. went onto lower slope of Dead Mans R. Got up again from there. Little firing all night but constant orders to go to the left. The left was in the air, was hardly dug in, F

15

many dead there next
morning in little pot hole
– trench not –
continuous.

Ts. began to come up
– our shooting was splendid
T. Shrapnel splendid targets
Wheu whiz whiz
whiz – S' shells
from right behind –
Plugge's direction – Some
men thought warships

but prob. too small
(so seemed to men on
spot) hit hillside
a foot or two below
edge & blew it up. Our
trench (dug by us) was
not more than 12 ft
in (or 6 ft on extreme left
— 20 yds on right).
Men at once began to
retire. Kretchmar
retired I believe on

Quinns.

Sergt Maj. Harvey came back 3 days later (? Wed). in half dazed condn, w bayonet stab across chest ~~died~~ 4 or 5 days later. He sd Ts. on mound had found him in trench, kicked & bayoneted him & put him up on parapet

& he had rolled
down from there.
He had marks on him
wh, so far as they
went, corroborated
this -
(snipers)
Tsa were behind
Popes till Wed.

On 1 Canal.

Ships to pass in 1 night

White Gothy & I. Hs decision to Hang on. (Thursday)

White & 1 Aust & NZ discipline.

The mob.

Brit. Govt. wont agree to an armistice

Hosp. Shelled in hosp. The nurses & the soldiers.

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M. Matruh

Mersa Matruh.

Capt Reynolds A.A.S.C: We knew at early part of Dec it would have to go to W. Frontier.

Betw 1 & 7 Dec. all Australians went on to el Daba at head of present rly. Khedivial rly had been torn up (3 ft?) but up to Daba. 4/8½

Troops went on by 4 days trek el gerab, 1st Stage. 2nd Stage El Baguch, 3rd El Jerawala -

Matruh

15 4th Mersa Matruh
Road is thin layer of
sand on top of soil
& impassable 3 days
after heavy rain.
In sight of sea all way.
Country gradually slopes
up to 200 ft at 12-15 miles
inland

All lines of Commn were
guarded when we began
by NZ troops under
Col Stewart. He was
1 of C Big camp at Daba
& about Gamam on sky before
Daba.

Mr Instrucks

15 All stns on rly were fortified. Natives were cleared out of Daba town & Refugee Arabs came in.

Composite Regt of Eng Yeomanry & A.L.H., Detachment of armoured cars. patrolled road. All troops exc. No 1 Coy Aust Div Train went thro. (Others 3 – transport personel only – went thro). No 1 Coy were warned ~~that~~ at Bergush at 500 Senussi were waiting for them in cliffs & caves beyond Bergush – This was abt Dec 15 – Coy turned back & covered 57½ miles to set

Matruh

1st there & back 26½ hrs going. Horses were without water ext. from 8 gallon tanks. From then rd was closed for long time.

Matruh is mostly Sk & Arab — 1500 or 1600 inhabts in natural rock-locked harbour 2 or 3 rds lead from interior to it.

Xmas day there was one big fight abt 25 miles out. Aeroplane reconnaissances were made from Matruh & as soon as they

saw a concentration
a punitive Expedn
wd be sent away to them.
about 5 fights.
2 specially built
minelayers Magnolia
& Clematis – minelayers
w 6 in guns, looked big
~~Dread~~ warships – very
shallow draught. They
were operating as warships.
They were also patrolling
for submarines.

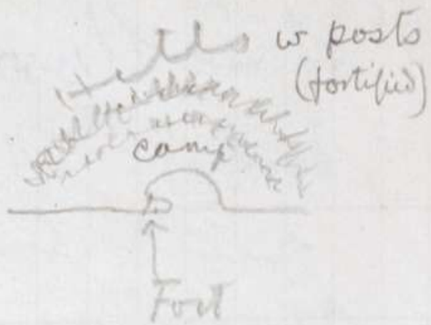
Senussi had proper
m. gs & field pieces & some
German & Turk officers &
their equipment must have
be carried in to port

Matruh

of Sollum (near Tripoli border) – This at present really belongs to Senussi. Atmosphere is very clear. During Bir Saka march for Example an Aeroplane was overhead guiding us all time. Earl of Lucan was in command w 1 Regt of Sikhs, 2 Engl. infantry, Comp. Yeomanry, Light Horse Regt, & N.Z. Infantry (Engl. regts were by this time on L of C.) Tents, fodder, 90 camels were taken.

It was rainy season & once camp at Matruh

W Matruh



Matruh -

Snipers used to come up every night.

ws flooded for 7 days.

Guns: We had H.A.C. + Notts arty. and fort had new 4·2 in guns. Dial Train had to do very hard work. for abt mile betw ships in port + camp.

In Desert the train never had less than 4 horse teams + at a push outspanned + doubled teams.

We had Abt 5000 troops. (had a civilian canteen)

At Buiani Enemy had abt 8000

On Jan 22 troops moved out (covering to went out night before). Last moved out 2 p.m. Jan 22. That night

Wadi Senussi

they moved out 18 miles WSW of Wadi Senussi on Khedivial Road. It rained in torrents.

On 23. word came back that our casualties were abt 200 (abt 40 killed). The Div Train sent out escort (on heavy horses) to its own convoy, & sent out motor waggons for wounded.

We picked up one dead Turkish officer & two dead Germans (civilians). Senussi carried away their own dead. Expedn came back on 25th. Sikhs suffered heavily – we lost 300 K & W. South Africans had just

In Wadi

arrived (unmounted) a day before
– mostly had been in S.W. African
campaign.

Camel transport was
at this time being formed
wh replaced Aust Field Train
wh was brought back on
Jan 30th. Concert given 15
them 1 night before –
Maid caught them up from
Wadi Rah in 2 motor cars.
All captured camels were
used in desert betw Bersuk
& Gerawala & were so
slow tt all were "lost" in 1 night.
Did stay Bersuk to El Fuka
where infantry ~~and~~ were guarding.
next stop Bir Shika. Wed 2nd.

Mr Weatherhead

On beach on this last
slip some men, hearing there
were evidences of wrecks
~~of Persia & Middleton~~ on
beach, got leave to go down
there & found body of one
of Persia's stewards with
cabin chits in his pockets.
woman's body was also
lying there. also lifebuoy
w name Middleton.

Thurs 3 Feb - reached El
Dabia, & then Alex-
Zeitoun.

Supply ~~portion~~ section of
Each Coy was at Gallipoli
— transport sects at Mersa.

In Instruct

The Aust. L. Horse at Mt. Meatuk
were under Capt Hudson (or at least
he wd be best source
for details of fighting).
(?3 LH Bde)

Austin re Hore.
Selby.
Glasgow re Maxwell
Griffiths
Lt Donelly will be
down to Ismailia
on fat Evg.
Geoff & Bristowe

March 1 — 9

61 this week has been spent by C.O.s in running abt looking for officers for their new commands. Glasgow in Birdwds H.Q. Glasford then too.

White up to Cairo. (abt officers to be convalescent homes)

Stuart in town looking for old 5th — only 140 left — 60 in old Bn, 60 in new Bn

Told him right: "12 — not bad".

Johnson hurrying round. Sergt major saw me abt sides. (5-9th)

Two maxwells seized on

Lorenzo in train told me he was getting them from Light Horse

Birdwoods regiment cutting bns in half & letting new C.O. choose wh half he will have.

182 bns to move at once.

Cant write my diary bec. my eyes went back on me after riding back & get a half sand storm in desert. First the right eye went — then left.

I spent a wk in
No 1 Stationary Hosp.
under Capt Moillet.
& then got a poisoned
leg – after fleabite.
Applied to go away
with the first crowd
(1st. 2nd Divn). Newman
& Massey arrived
at G.H.Q. – Massey for
the London papers.
He was in Cairo last yr
a most straight going

unselfish comrade
& very interesting.
He told us abt the
120 batteries of 9 inch guns in England.

Ans. Book is taking
up almost all
my time now.
MacAnderson, Selheim
& Esp. Lieut. H.S. Evans of
the Flying Corps are
helping us – we have
now an Office in
Evans' room.

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The book will ~~be~~ not be issued to the public until ~~orders from~~ the troops have ~~been fulfilled~~ had a full opportunity

To Bases Lofc. Units

The Anzac Book ~~will show~~ The Souvenir of Anzac which was written & illustrated entirely by ~~the forces~~ officers & men at Anzac between Nov 13 and December 8 — is now being printed in London.

The Book consists of 224 pages ~~and~~ with paper cover, printed after the style of "Punch's Pie"; it contains about 30 photographs

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~~Chemist.~~

~~Dunlop~~

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be entered on the acquittance roll
??? opposite his name.

The ~~—~~ book plate, if lost, is
not replaceable. Each man
should enter ~~—~~ the
name and address of
the person to whom he wants
the book sent and his own name
on each bookplate.
The bookplates will be ~~—~~ handed
back to the Unit committee.
They ~~must be compared~~
~~& certified correct~~
with the acquittance roll as to
~~—~~ show that every book

receiving one book (or 5/- for two books, & so on. The same entry must at the same time be made in his pay book.

In the second quittance roll, (Postal) an entry of 3/- must be ~~made against~~ signed for by each man receiving a ~~book~~ plate. These book plates are in duplicate (one red, & one white,) each pair representing one book stamped, registered, & handed to the post office addressed to the person ~~named~~ to whom the purchaser indicates on the bookplate

~~agreement for the purchase of the books~~. it being understood in accepting delivery of book you make yourself responsible for payment for them.

Payment for the books delivered (2/6 each) should be made by means of one acquittance roll & payment for copies to be posted (3/-) on another separate roll. On the first quittance roll (books) an entry of 2/6 should be signed for by each man

Dear Sir.

I find herewith the number of book plates ordered by you on your bookplate list of ....." (or received ..... I am also able to forward you .... books [state how books are to be forwarded or whence obtained] ~~for which a receipt must be given~~ which will be handed over to you on receipt of an acknowledgment of the number contained in the consignment. ~~The receipt is to be taken as an~~

~~As [illegible]~~ Separate Acq. Rolls.

As it is desired by a majority of the troops to have copies of the Anzac Book forwarded to various friends in ~~Australia~~ Australia & England without the trouble & risk of bringing them out into the desert & posting them back again, ~~it has been for~~ the Clerk will undertake ~~for a charge of 6d extra~~ to ~~forward~~ dispatch them by registered post to any address named. The ~~address~~ purchaser will write his name & the name & address of the person to whom he wishes the book to be sent, on a handsome bookplate which will be gummed into the copy forwarded. A sum of 6/- will be charged the

Regimental ~~Dis~~ distributing authority.
(must be held in Australia)

We want 2 ~~lists~~ schedules indicating, by units,

(1) Book list indicating no of books required to be actually delivered to units representative in Cairo (? or to unit) Price 2/6.

(2) ~~Registered Post~~ Bookplate list indicating number of book plates needed for sending of book by registered post to address named on book plate. Price 6d extra (3/-).

Please send in by March 16th Book & Book Plate lists to Sec Army of Bk Clerk for each battalion, regiment, battery, field ambce, or corps of A.S.C. (signallers or Engrs)

cost of postage + registration (this being less than the actual cost to the Committee).

registration + insurance
+ trouble of packing.
If not, we must give them
some of our profit.

Adjutants to be
informed that they must
check acquittance rolls
by bookplates — forward
both together to Paymaster
Cairo.

Corps Book Office
will then be in Cairo.
~~C. will be informed of~~
~~Here~~. C. will compare
roll with labels,

~~Ca~~
+ enter up nos. on
labels under headings of
units; enter up amt
due from Paymaster;
separate Red labels
from white. Forward
white labels with
covering letter to each
batch, stating how many
sent, giving numbers.
Will keep red labels
as sort of card index.

Thus you have (1) a permanent check for the paymaster

(2) a check on losses of bookplates at sea;

Cassells must be told not to send any books for white ~~[illegible]~~ plates; the red plates will be kept by Ctee under lock & key unless they hear from C. that a lot have not been rec'd, when red will be forwarded & green cards put in in their place.

Our ~~Cass~~ office, the moment a batch of ~~cards~~ c. plates has been sent off shd enter those

Red plates shd be separated from white plates & sent one wk later (for letter kept until we hear of a batch not rec'd. It is essential that either

Cassells or P.O. shd (1) keep a list of all purchasers & addresses to whom books are registered. The postal ~~[illegible]~~ registration receipts will be the only evidence to us tt books have been sent by them.

& (2) Shd acknowledge to us the numbers & designations of the ~~packets~~ batches of bookplates received.

Must find out from C. to if 6d will cover postage

back balance in good condn.

getting books from C to V
C shd go with them &
distribute them himself & get
receipt from V or V can
send man empowered to
give receipt.
In any case C must not
let them out of his hands
without properly authorised
receipt. He may arrange
~~cars~~ special journeys to
deliver consignments of
size making it worth while.
Books in Cairo must be
kept under lock & key

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Book Plates.

1 Pr
2 Pr socks
5 Handks

Book Plates will be sent out
by Ctee - (President or Secy)
on receiving order.
They will be numbered
& stamped for each Unit.
Eg. "1 Bn 146" "57 Bn 17"
& a separate Quittance
Roll will be sent for them and
the number issued to each man
shd be entered opposite his
name. (bec. each of these means
a book). Eg. Col. Gellibrand 25 to 44
Pte Jones 45 etc.

Junior United Service Club
JUSC. Charles St. off Regent St.
Want check in case ship
torpedoed.

Notes on Anzac Book.

∴, when sent off registered,
Register is to record
~~keep in batches in cab. posted.~~
Cassell can register & wd hear
from P.O. if ship lost.
In such case post w pink
labels at once to addressees.

Red & white labels are needed for
us to post to Cassells by two diff.
Ships.
Shd be sent in batches numbered.
If A.1 — 2000 white : A1 — 2000 Red.
B.1 — 1500 white : B1 — 1500 Red.

With the 10,000 we pay by cheque
at once.
We start Bks a/c. Anglo Egy
? as in London - Better in Lond.
W small a/c here. Ask Farr.
Our 1s pays for Books as a/c

Jack's washing

Shirts	3
Collars	1
Socks	4
Pyjamas	1
Handks	2
Towel	1
Coat	1
Short Pants	1

warrants it.
C = Cairo office.
Books. Check on No of Books rec'd in Cairo -
& handed over to C.
C is responsible for these books
& gets receipt from U (Unit)
when handing them over - on giving
Receipt U becomes responsible for
books & must pay for all on hand

(1) Leave w Asst forces.
(all matter thro (HQ) via London)

(2) ~~Pages~~ into Farr.
Will leave A. Book in such condition it
no [illegible]

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10 am. Col McPanderson.
Hutchins Slade B Wop
Farr
Rodgers
Reynolds.

2 pm.

Pay
Gen
See Donelly re Co.

D Bryant.

How send lists
See Farr - abt circ. rots etc
abt prizes -
abt 15 PT each.

Duplicates for A. Bk

Col B LH - Reconnaissance Helicop
Brigadier 3 L.H. Regimental
Aerodrome
Helicop

1. MacAnderson. Cure to Rest
2. Tabit
3. D. Bryant
4. Moore v Duncan.
5. Lawrence v Mayo

Can Bennison
Can you give us
4 C A R

~~Complete orders~~