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OFFICERS' PAY AND ALLOWANCES

In this theatre of operations no accounts for Officers are maintained and consequently no pay or allowances are paid by the local Command Paymaster. Pay is credited by Officer i/c, Army Pay Office (Officers a/cs), Manchester, or Agents, and all allowances are credited by Officer i/c, Army Pay Office (Officers' a/cs), Manchester. It is therefore necessary for every Officer who is permanently transferred to the British North Africa Force to complete the attached pro-forma for the information of the Army Pay Office, Manchester, and the Army Agents. The completed pro-forma should be sent to the Command Paymaster, No. 2 Command Pay Office, Pointe Pescade, Algiers. Further supplies of the pro-forma may be obtained from Area or Field Cashiers.

Arrangements have been made whereby Officers who have family commitments in the Middle East may authorise (at Part III of pro-forma) monthly payments to be made locally - either to a bank or to an individual.

The whole of North Africa is regarded at present as a "field allowance area" and all Officers are therefore entitled to Field Allowance and half rate of Colonial Allowance - vide A.O. 224/1939. These allowances, in addition to Family Locating Allowance, will as stated above, be credited to Officers by the Officer i/c Army Pay Office (Officers' a/cs), Manchester, PROVIDED THAT THE UNIT HAS REPORTED THE OFFICERS' ARRIVAL IN THIS THEATRE OF OPERATIONS TO D.A.G., G.H.Q. 2ND ECHELON, ALGIERS.

RATES

	<u>Field Allowance</u>		<u>Colonial Allowance</u> (Half Rate)	
	s	d	s	d
Field and General Officer	3.	6	1.	9
Captain	3.	0	1.	9
Lieut and 2/Lieut	2.	0	1.	9

ADVANCES OF CASH

The following are the maximum amounts which may be advanced to Officers at any one time and will be limited to three in any one calendar month. These amounts take into consideration the entitlement to Field and Colonial allowances.

2/Lieut and Lieut 3 advances of 24 per calendar month
Captain " " " "

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The following are the maximum amounts which may be advanced to Officers at any one time and will be limited to three in any one calendar month. These amounts take into consideration the entitlement to Field and Colonial Allowances.

2/Lieut and Lieut	3 advances of £4 per calendar month
Captain	" " £6 "
Major	" " £8 "
Lieut. Col and Col.	" " £10 "
Brigadier	" " £12 "
General Officers	" " £16 "

Officers are responsible that they have sufficient funds available at home to meet advances drawn.

ADVANCE BOOKS

Officers not already in possession of an advance book (A.F.W 3241) may obtain same from Area or Field Cashier.

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL OFFICERS PERMANENTLY TRANSFERRED FROM M.E.F. TO B.N.A.F.

Name (BLOCK LETTERS) _____

Rank _____ Personal Number _____

Regiment or Corps _____

PART I

WHEN IN MIDDLE EAST

My ALLOWANCES were drawn from the Command Paymaster, Jerusalem, and paid

{ Direct by Army Draft to me
+ { To the credit of my banking account with _____

Branch _____

I drew my PAY from { Officer i/c., (Officers' A/cs), Manchester
+ { Command Paymaster, Jerusalem
{ Agents _____

+ Delete where necessary

PART II

IN NORTH AFRICA

PAY MAY BE ISSUED BY OFFICER I/C, ARMY PAY OFFICE (OFFICERS' A/cs), MANCHESTER, OR BY ARMY AGENTS, BUT SEE FOOTNOTE TO PART III OVERLEAF.

ALL ALLOWANCES WILL BE ISSUED BY OFFICER I/C, ARMY PAY OFFICE (OFFICERS' A/cs), MANCHESTER, FOR CREDIT TO PRIVATE BANKING ACCOUNTS.

I desire to + _____ continue to draw my PAY through + { Officer i/c Army Pay Office,
{ (Officers' A/cs) Manchester

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{ Direct by Army Draft to me
+ { To the credit of my banking account with _____

Branch _____
Officer i/c., (Officers' A/cs), Manchester
Command Paymaster, Jerusalem
+ { Agents _____
Delete where necessary

PART II

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ALL ALLOWANCES WILL BE ISSUED BY OFFICER I/C, PAY PAY OFFICE (OFFICERS, I/Cs), MANCHESTER, FOR CREDIT TO PRIVATE BANKING ACCOUNTS.

I desire to + continue to draw my PAY through + { Officer i/c Army Pay Office,
(Officers' A/cs) Manchester
Agents _____

The address of my private bank in the United Kingdom is :-

Branch

+ Delete where necessary.

Signature

Rank

Date _____

P.T.O.

PART III

FAMILIES IN MIDDLE EAST, SOUTH AFRICA, ETC

Officers who have family commitments in Middle East or other sterling area should complete the following :-

Full name of person or bank to whom payment is to be made

Address

I request that a monthly payment of £ : s. d. be made to the person or private bank named above and hereby authorise recovery to be made from my pay and allowances.

Signature

NOTE

Officers making allotments as above must elect to draw their pay through Pay Office, Manchester, and complete Part II of this form accordingly.

No private banking facilities are available in this theatre for transfer of Sterling credits from banks at home or from other Sterling Areas.

FOR PAYMASTER'S USE

To: Officer i/c, Army Pay Office (Officers' A/cs), Manchester.

Air Mail request for last Pay and/or Allowance Certificate was sent to the Command Paymaster, Jerusalem, on _____ for microgram despatch to you.

Signature _____

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British North Africa Force.

Date _____

Command Paymaster
No. 2 Command Pay Office

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TO: Transport Officer

REF. FILE: _____
No: _____

The following officer has received permission to go
to _____ on _____
(PLACE) (DATE)

He has been authorized by written certificate from,

(AUTHORITY)

However, no special transportation is to be accorded,
but accommodation on regular or normal trips of vehicles.

RANK

NAME

INIT.

D. B. AITKEN
LT. COL.
SCHOOL COMMANDANT

COPY 1 (For Transport Officer)

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School Commandant
A

SC/AA

SUBJECT:- Safeguarding of Arms & Equipment

CONFIDENTIAL

A 202

4 Jul 43

Headquarters,
Algiers Area
Bougie Area
Philippeville Area
Bone Area
Constantine Area

1. In spite of various orders issued from time to time on the subject of loss of revolvers and other weapons, the number of cases of pistols being lost through negligence is still too high. A disturbing aspect of this matter is that most pistols lost probably find their way into the hands of arabs and this is causing considerable disquiet to the French.
2. It must be impressed on all ranks that failure to safeguard arms is a very serious offence, and that the safeguarding of arms is the duty of the individual responsible for his own weapons. The fact that a man is billeted in a private house does not absolve him from the duty of safeguarding his arms, indeed owing to the added risk of loss in these circumstances, he should be more careful than ever in ensuring the security of his weapons and equipment.
3. If matters do not improve it will be necessary to try offenders by Court Martial and to impose sentences of detention in addition to ordering offenders to pay for cost of replacement.

(Sd/-) *W. GOLDBIE*

Colonel i/c Administration,
L of C.

Copy to:

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9 Jul 43

Distribution List "B"

Copy on reverse of HQ L of C letter, A 202 dated 4 Jul 43, is forwarded for information and necessary action.

EHS


Lt. Colonel,
A.A. & Q.N.G.,
ALGIERS AREA.

David Brunton

CIVIL AIRCRAFT

PERSONAL HISTORY SHEET

This form to be completed by applicant and other persons in accordance with instructions to the Civil Air Corps Officer.

SURNAME AITKEN

(in block capitals)

CHRISTIAN NAME DAVID BRUNTON

(in block capitals)

REGISTRATION AND NUMBER OBE. DFC.

PLACE & DATE OF BIRTH WILMSLOW CHESHIRE March 25th 1895

(FATHER) British

(MOTHER) British

(MARRIED) British

MARRIED OR SINGLE Married

TO MARRIED

1. NAME OF WIFE VERA, MAUDE AITKEN

2. PRESENT ADDRESS HOLLYGROVE, PULVERBATCH

near SHREWSBURY

3. NATIONALITY OF WIFE British

4. PARTNER(S) OF CHILDREN Boy IAN ROBERTSON aged 7

Boy ALASTAIR GRAHAM aged 3.

WIFE OR SON (other than wife) MRS GREENSHIELDS.

WEST TOWN

1912 British
1914 British
1914 British

Married

VERA, MAUDE AITKEN
HOLLYGROVE, PULVERBATCH
near SHREWSBURY
British

Boy IAN ROBERTSON aged 7
Boy ALASTAIR GRAHAM aged 3.

MRS GREENSHIELDS.

WEST TOWN
near LESMAHAGOW SCOTLAND.

MILL HILL SCHOOL 1907-1912 Scholarship
TRINITY COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE 1913-14 20-21 BA.
SANDHURST 1914
HARBURG UNIVERSITY GERMANY

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EDUCATION
(Mention the schools or colleges at which education received, profession, as well as general give dates of entry and leaving and brief particulars of any distinction obtained).

T/lt Col The Seepth Highder (Regular) 1938-'41 and '42 —
 previously appointed in same rank. Wing Commander, and
 Senior Controller R Camp ROP and HAV OMC Base Area
 previous staff appointments — Staff Capt Zulea Allied
 Military Mission Budapest 1918-19.
 Staff Capt. BSO 3 Rhein Army 1927-30.

Served in same Messopotamia Egypt Palestine, 1914-18
 " " Kajani Plain Indian India 1930-31
 " " Palestine Campaign 1935-36

German	yes	yes	mil. Interpersonalship
French	yes	yes	nil oral exam.
Hungarian	-	-	Slight
Italian	-	-	Slight
			D.B. C. R. R.
			School Commandant
			Chief Training Centre
			15 May.

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Noted by [unclear] 1/1/51

PARTICULARS REQUIRED FROM OFFICERS REPORTING.

Bed No. LONDON

Location CHALET

A. Personal Number 9382

B. Acting, Temporary or W/S (Rank) T/Lt Col.

C. Name (BLOCK LETTERS) AITKEN

D. Christian Names DAVID BRUNTON

E. British or American British

F. Unit The Seaforth Highlanders

G. Age 48

H. Designation of last Unit, AA*QMG No 2 Base Area
serving with & Address

J. Date of original Commission Feb 1915

K. Previous Service in Army Regular Officer

L. Medical Category A

TAC	TT.	VAC.	OTHERS.
<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>

N. Religion C of E.

O. Private Address HOLLYGROVE PULVERBATCH near SHREWSBURY

P. Next of Kin wife Mrs DAVID AITKEN

Q. Address of Next of Kin as at O

R. Bankers Lloyds Bank Pall Mall London

S. Where Educated MILL HILL SCHOOL TRIN. COLL. CAMBRIDGE

T. Civil Occupation —

U. Languages German French Slight Italian & Hungarian

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 J. Date of original Commission Feb 1915
 K. Previous Service in Army Regular Officer
 L. Medical Category A
 M. Protective Inoculation TAC TT. VAQ. OTHERS.
 & Vaccination. Yes Yes Yes Yes
 N. Religion C of E.
 O. Private Address HOLLYGROVE PULVERBATCH near SHREWSBURY
 P. Next of Kin Wife MR DAVID AITKEN
 Q. Address of Next of Kin as at O
 R. Rankers Lloyds Bank Pall Mall London
 S. Where Educated MILL HILL SCHOOL TRIN. COLL. CAMBRIDGE
 T. Civil Occupation ---
 U. Languages German French Slight Italian Hungarian
 V. Date of Arrival in North Africa Nov. 1942
 W. Date of entraining, on playing or Embarkation; BRITISH
 officers, from theatre other than U.N.A.F. Nov 1942
 X. Arrived by SEA/AIR Sea 349
 Y. Date of arrival at School May 13 1943
 No of Movement Order NIL 6 year
 Date of Departure & Authority JS Cullen Signature
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