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11 Oct 63.

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Subject:- Regimental Inquiry.

1. A Regimental Inquiry is convened as follows:
  - a. Composition President T/Lt. R.W. Knight(472161) RAEC.  
Members. Nil.
  - b. Assembly Monday 14 Oct 63. 0830hrs, in the Education centre.
  - c. Terms of Reference To investigate the circumstances whereby 277073 WO1 J.A. Mouzer REME became contaminated with Radio Activity on Tuesday 1 Oct 63. The Regimental Inquiry is to express an opinion as to whether WO1 Mouzer was on duty at the time that he became contaminated, and whether the contamination was as a result of that duty, the extent to which he became contaminated, and whether or not he was decontaminated, and if so what was the result of that decontamination.
2. The following witnesses are to attend at the time and place stated above.
 

277073 WO1 MOUZER. J.A.  
23846799 Cfn. WILBY. R.
3. The following are asked to give evidence at a time to be arranged between them and the President
 

Colonel W.G. HENDERSON. O.B.E. ARA Range Commander.  
MARSU.  
Mr. J. COPPARD.
4. The President is to arrange to take evidence from Capt. C. Derbyshire(447030) O.C. REME Workshops, and 23660496 Cfn Lever.D. on their return from leave, and from any other persons he sees fit.

*G.B. Mitchell*  
Major, RE,  
Officer Commanding,  
(G.B. MITCHELL).

Distribution:- Colonel W.G. HENDERSON. OBE,ARA.  
Lt. R.W. KNIGHT. RAEC.  
OC REME WKSP.  
WO1 MOUZER.  
Mr J. COPPARD. ✓  
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Both Aust. & UK wish to use this in their

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Bundle. Trust that you agree with sanitizing action. Charles.

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Health Hygiene Group,  
MARALESIA. 5TH AUSTR.

4th October, 1963.

Officer Commanding,  
United Kingdom Army Element,  
MARALESIA. 5TH AUSTRALIAN.

Medical in Confidence  
6th. 24/6/85  
BR 300.3

ALPHA CONTAMINATION ON   
RIGHT HAND

Unclassified if  
Name is sanitized  
6th. 2/7/85

During the afternoon of Tuesday, 1st October 1963,  of the  element, while occupied on Range clean-up duties in the forward area, came into contact with debris lying partially buried in a radioactive burial pit. This pit contained only small amounts of alpha active material and the sign designating the area as radioactive was damaged and not easily seen.

reported immediately to a Health Hygiene team working in the vicinity and was subsequently monitored. Only a low level of contamination was found. (A level approximately equal to  $1.5 \times 10^{-5}$   $\mu\text{Ci}/\text{cm}^2$ .) On washing with soap and water this contamination was removed and further monitoring showed no trace of radioactivity remaining on

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