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Senior Presbyterian Chaplain  
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WAR DIARY

Rev. W. Floyd Shannon

Army Form C. 2118.

Australian Headquarters

London

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