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A.I.F. FORM C 2118A

WAR DIARY

(RENDER UNDER SECRET COVER)

For material required, see F.S.R. Vol. 1, Sec. 174

UNIT 3 Aust. Lt. A.A. Regt.

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES	C.O's. REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH (On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)
Abu Haggag.	May I	No,entry.		
	2	Two enemy Recce planes over camp area first seen by R.H.Q and 9 Bty.		
	3	0230 hrs. Two Wellingtons crashed fully bombed up and all camp wakened by the exploding of bombs.		
	4	Combined Church Parade - R.H.Q,Corps Petrol Park, R.A.S.C. & R.A.F. personnel. 3.7 in action - Wellington flying outside prescribed limits.		
	5	No entry		
	6	Heavy duststorm all day. Visibility Nil		
	7	No entry		
	8	0400 hrs. Enemy bombers over. 20 bombs dropped no damage.		
	9	Another terrific dust storm. No activity.		
	I0	No entry		
	II	Lieuts Boyd and Downey from 4 A.A. Bde R.A. arrived for attachment to deliver lectures on latest types of enemy aircraft.		
	I2	No entry		
	I3	9 Aust. Lt. A.A. Bty moved West to new positions.		
	I4	9 Aust. Lt. A.A. Bty I Troop moved to 0 7 Drome		
	I5	9 Aust. Lt. A.A. Bty moved to Sidi Barrini. Heavy dust storm all day.		
	I6	Heavy dust storm, visibility Nil. Sandfly fever prevalent amongst personnel.		
	I7	Advised that Lieut.J.C.Guest and 29 O.R's 8 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty missing in action. Advance party of A S.A.A.A. arrived, B.C. Major Batho accompanied by Lieut Horne.		
	I8	Guns arrived for H.K.S. Bty. Train derailed at Abu Haggag Station. S.A.A.A. guns arrived - twin Lewis A/A mtg. G Trp, I Trp 9 Bty returned to Dromes 0 I0 and 0 I2.		
	I9	25 Hy Bty R.A. Commanded by Sir Basil McFarlane Br came under command. 3rd portion H.K.S.R.A. 3 Sect- arrived commanded by Lieut Wilkinson.		
	20	No Entry.		

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Abu Haggag.	May 21.	No Entry.		
	22.	H.K.S. passed under comd Lt.Col.Jeffrey S.A.A.A. also S.A.A.A. Hy Bty.		
	23.	No Entry.		
	24.	Detailed list of missing 8 Bty personnel received.		
	25.	Lieuts Flok,Quick and Rees S.A.A.A. reported in to R.H.Q.		
	26.	9 Aust. Lt. A.A. Bty passed under command of I Lt.A.A. Regt.R.A. attached to 7 Support Gp. 2 Bty I3 Lt.A.A. Regt R.A.- 37 Bty 38 Bty - comd by Maj. Olivier and Major Boddy came under comd 3 Aust. Lt. A.A. Regt.		
	27.	Two Wellingtons crashed I at Bagush, I at Fuker killing 6 R.A.F. personnel.		
	28.	37 Lt. A.A. Bty R.A. moved into O.I2 drome.		
	29.	First news of 7 Bty on Crete received I Offr. and I7 O.R's, Lieut.W.E. Kelly arrived back at Alexandria.		
	30.	Adjt visits Alex. for news of 7 Bty.		
	31.	Adjt. returns from Alex. Only arrivals of 7 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty 6 Offrs and 65 O.R's. Lieuts.Mann,Donaldson and Macindoe missing together with I80 O.R's.		

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

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Unit 3 AUST Lt AA Regt Date and Time.—From 1 — 30 MAY '41 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
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			Chambers 1.0 3 AUST Lt AA Regt	
				Refer 33/9/41

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

3 Aust. Lt. A.A. Bty (Unit) 31 May 41

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	3		1
Lieutenants	20		2
2nd Lieutenants	1		
Quartermasters	1		1
TOTALS	29		4

R.M.O. Capt
Chaplain Padre Capt

Includes 1 ost Rnfcts

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
Capt.	Michaelis A.	1 Aust Corps	Hospital Q.M. VX 47597
Capt.	Jorgensen F. H.	"	Hospital Bty Capt VX 48756
~~Lieut~~	~~Davis L. J.~~	~~"~~	~~Hospital Tpldr VX 14123~~
			Retd to Unit.

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col. C.O.	VX13726	Rhoden J.W.	1 Aust Corps	YES	
Major B.C	VX48009	Hipworth J.A.	"	NO.	Detached from Unit
" B.C	VX47598	Stokes P.W.	"	"	" "
" B.C	VX14465	Hughes-Hallett C.L.	"	YES	
Capt. Adjt	VX 95	Young A.F.	"	"	
" Bty Capt	VX47987	Margetts A.G.	"	"	
" "	VX48177	Baglin B.A.	"	NO	Detached from Unit
Lieut Tp Ldr	VX40765	Starighton S.T.	"	YES	
" "	VX47965	Purdell J.	"	NO	Detached from Unit
"	VX14121	Dyer K.	"	YES	
" Tp Ldr	VX47007	Willis K.E.	"	"	
" I.O.	VX44309	Chambers J.A.	"	"	
"	VX46280	Kelly W.E.	"	NO	Detached from Unit
" Tp Ldr	VX45907	Harry R.V.	"	NO	" "
"	VX48380	Reilly C.W.	"	YES	
"	VX14363	Wright R.G.	"	YES	
" Tp Ldr	VX14000	Mann J.G.	"	NO	Detached from Unit
" " "	VX14007	Donaldson J.L.	"	"	" "
"	VX14001	Coggins R.	"	"	" "
" Tp Ldr	VX17654	Reed F.W.	"	"	" "
" " "	VX14417	Stephens H.L.	"	"	" "
"	VX14643	Harris T.J.	"	YES	
"	VX14441	Macindoe S.C.G.	"	NO.	Detached from Unit
" Tp Ldr	WX 4841	Fitzhardinge D.M.B.	"	YES	
"	VX 38167	McKinnell J.F.N.	"	NO	Detached from Unit
	VX 45985	Crooke J.D.	"	YES	
	VX 25752	Robson J.S.	"	NO.	Detached from Unit
Capt. R.M.O	VX48422	Hayes P.G.	"	YES	
Padre	WX 3371	Inwood F.C.N.	"	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Lieut	NX 12248	Traynor N.G.	Sigs Sec	29/12/40	Attached.
"	VX 3045	Wiley G.	Wkshop Sec.	19/3/41	"

3 Aust. Lt. A.A. Regt.
(Unit.)

A.X. Young Capt. for Lt. Col.
(Signature of Commander.)

31 May 41
(Date of Despatch.)

1 Aust. Corps.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

3 Aust Lt A.A. Bty (Unit) 31 May 41

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (*i.e.* deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	3		1
Lieutenants R.M.O. Capt	20		2
2nd Lieutenants	1		
Quartermasters Chaplain Padre Capt ...	1		1
TOTALS	29		4

Includes 1st Rnfcts

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (*e.g.*, present whereabouts, if known)
Capt	Michaelis A.	1 Aust Corps	Hospital. Q.M. VX47597
Capt	Jorgensen F. H.	"	Hospital. Bty Capt VX48756
~~Lieut~~	~~Davis L. J.~~	~~"~~	~~Hospital Fld VX14123~~
			Retd to Unit.

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Lt Col. C.O.	VX13726	Rhoden J.W.	1 Aust Corp	YES	
Major B.C.	VX48009	Hipworth J.A.	"	NO.	Detached from Unit
" B.C.	VX47598	Stokes P.W.	"	"	" "
" B.C.	VX14465	Hughes-Hallett C.L.	"	YES	
Capt. Adjt	VX 95	Young A.F.	"	"	
" Bty Capt	VX47987	Margetts A.G.	"	"	
" " "	VX48177	Baglin B.A.	"	NO	Detached from Unit
Lieut Tp Ldr	VX40765	Staughton S.J.	"	YES	
" "	VX47965	Purdell J.	"	NO	Detached from Unit
"	VX14121	Dyer K.	"	YES	
" Tp Ldr	VX47007	Willis K.E.	"	"	
" I.O.	VX44309	Chambers J.A.	"	"	
"	VX46280	Kelly W.E.	"	NO	Detached from Unit
" Tp Ldr	VX45907	Harry R.V.	"	NO	" "
"	VX48380	Reilly C.W.	"	YES	
"	VX14363	Wright R.G.	"	YES	
" Tp Ldr	VX14000	Mann J.G.	"	NO	Detached from Unit
" " "	VX14007	Donaldson J.H.	"	"	" "
"	VX14001	Coggins R.	"	"	" "
" Tp Ldr	VX17654	Reed F.W.	"	"	" "
" " "	VX14417	Stephens H.L.	"	"	" "
"	VX14643	Harris T.J.	"	YES	
"	VX14441	Macindoe S.C.G.	"	NO.	Detached from Unit
" Tp Ldr	WX 4841	Fitzhardinge D.M.B.	"	YES	
"	VX 38167	McKinnell J.F.N.	"	NO	Detached from Unit
	VX 45985	Crooke J.D.	"	YES	
	VX25752	Robson S.	"	NO.	Detached from Unit
Capt. RMO	VX48422	Hayes P.G.	"	YES	
Padre	WX 3371	Inwood F.C.N.	"	YES	

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Lieut	NX 12248	Traynor N.G.	Sigs Sec	29/12/40	Attached.
"	VX 3045	Wiley G.	Wkshop Sec	19/3/41	"

3 Aust Lt A.A. Regt.
(Unit.)

31 May 41
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A.F. Young Capt for Lt Col.
(Signature of Commander.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

3 first Lt AA Regt (Unit) 31 May 1941 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	3		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	5		1
Serjeants Pay L/Sgt	45		9
Corporals Bdrs	62		1
~~Gunners~~ Troopers, Privates, &c.	515		258
TOTALS	632	*	* 269

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
√X 39101 W.O. (11) Duthie SK & 31 O.Rs.	Wkshops Sec		
NX 28595 Sgt Williams LR & 37 ORs	Sig Sec		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

as per List attached

3 Aust Lt AA Regt Unit.

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Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals. Bdrs Gunners	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals. Bdrs Gunners	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Cooks																		
General duty personnel												1	9	1	258		269	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)												1	9	1	258		269	

3 Aust Lt AA Regt.
Unit.

[signature] Capt. for Lt
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 31 May 41

1 Aust Corps
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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Part C. Description of Other Ranks whose return to the Unit is Particularly Requested.

VX35722	Gnr	Gordon	L.W.	3 Aust Lt.A.A.Regt.	1 Aust Conv Depot.
VX36136	"	Schmutsch	A.	"	1 A.G.H. Gaza Ridge
VX37035	"	Heddle	D.	"	" "
VX36727	"	Turnham	W.	"	" "
VX34226	Sgt	Morgan	L.P.	"	" "
VX30030	Gnr	Hart	F.G.	"	" "
VX35716	"	Shackleford	B.	"	Arty Trng Regt.
VX33371	"	Hunt	A.S.	"	64 G.H. Alex.
VX45945	"	Griffen	D.J.	"	" "
VX47798	"	Barrett	M.H.	"	" "
VX35333	"	Gillingham	E.L.	"	" "
~~VX28549~~	"	~~Spiller~~	A.E.	Rtd to Unit	~~8 Spec Hosp. GazaRg~~
VX45540	"	Grant	T.A.	"	64 G.H. Alex.
VX44932	"	Saleh	C.G.	"	" "
~~VX37860~~	"	~~Winstone~~	A.J.	Rtd to Unit	~~Hosp. Cairo ?~~
VX37656	"	Sterry	C.	"	" Not known.
VX48215	"	Bennett	H.W.	"	" " "
VX29946	"	McNicol	E.S.	"	" " "
VX37383	"	Karlsson	R.	"	" "B "
VX22607	"	Shotbolt	V.	"	" " "
VX38113	"	Sands	E.S.S.	"	" " "
VX32920	"	Whitfield	J.F.	"	" " "
VX44502	"	Keane	J.A.	"	9 A.G.H.

H.B. Young Capt for Lt. Col.
C.O. 3 Aust. Lt. A.A. Regt.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

3 Inst Lt AA Regt (Unit) 31 May 1941 (Date).

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Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
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NX 28595 Sgt Williams LR + 37 ORs	Sig Ser		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

as per List attached

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3 Aust L A A Regt Unit.

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Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Corporals. Lance-Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Sergeants.	Corporals. Lance-Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Cooks																		

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Part C. Description of Other Ranks whose return to the Unit is particularly Requested.

VX35722	Gnr	Gordon	L.W.	3 Aust Lt.A.A.Regt.	1 Aust Conv Depot.
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VX37035	"	Heddle	D.	"	" "
VX36727	"	Turnham	W.	"	" "
VX34226	Sgt	Morgan	L.P.	"	" "
VX30030	Gnr	Hart	F.G.	"	" "
VX35716	"	Shackleford	B.	"	Arty Trng Regt.
VX33371	"	Hunt	A.S.	"	64 G.H. Alex.
VX45945	"	Griffen	D.J.	"	" "
VX47798	"	Barrett	M.H.	"	" "
VX35333	"	Gillingham	E.L.	"	" "
~~VX28549~~	"	~~Spiller~~	~~A.E.~~	"	~~8 Spec Hosp. Gaza~~
VX45540	"	Grant	T.A.	"	64 G.H. Alex.
VX44932	"	Saleh	C.G.	"	" "
~~VX37860~~	"	~~Winstone~~	~~A.J.~~	"	~~Hosp. Cairo ?~~
VX37656	"	Sterry	C.	"	" Not known.
VX48215	"	Bennett	H.W.	"	" " "
VX29946	"	McNicol	E.S.	"	" " "
VX37383	"	Karlsson	R.	"	" "B "
VX22607	"	Shotbolt	V.	"	" " "
VX38113	"	Sands	E.S.S.	"	" " "
VX32920	"	Whitfield	J.F.	"	" " "
VX44502	"	Keane	J.A.	"	9 A.G.H.

Capt.

Lt. Col.
C.O. 3 Aust. Lt. A.A. Regt.

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12 May, 41.

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1 AUST AA BDE OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 3.

1 Aust AA Bde Operation Instruction No. 1. dated 28 Apr. is amended as under:-

Delete para 8, and substitute -

8. This officer will be with the R.A.F. Ops Officer of the aerodrome.

Delete para 9 and substitute -

9. All gun stations will be connected to the Gun Ops Officer by direct telephone line. This telephone will NOT be taken through RAF exchange.

Delete para 13, and substitute -

13. Aircraft will NOT be engaged except by request of RAF Ops Officer, or by order from Gun Control Room, until a hostile act is committed, except that when an aircraft has been identified as hostile and is within Lt Gun range (2,000 yds) it will be engaged at once by Lt AA guns.

Para 17, at end of para add - "and moonlight".

After para 21, add -

CONCEALMENT

22. All gun stations and installations will be effectively camouflaged.

23. Alternative positions will be prepared for all guns.

24. Where available, dummy guns will be sited in alternative positions.

25. Guns will be changed around from time to time.

Maj.,
(K.D. Chalmers)
B.M. 1 Aust AA Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:
1 - 10 3 Aust Lt AA Regt
11 - 20 1 SA Bde
21 - 22 6 Div
23 - 52 16 Inf Bde (through 6 Div)
53 RAA 7 Aust Div
54 - 57 Mobforce
58 - 77 204 Group RAF
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AMENDMENTS

to

1 AUST AA BDE OPERATION INSTRUCTION No. 1.

Herewith copy of amendments to 1 Aust A.A. Bde Operation Instruction No. 1 enclosed with 16 Inf Bde Operation Instruction No. 8 of 28 April 41.

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14 May 41.

Major.
B.M. 16 Inf Bde.

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1 AUST AA BDE OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 3.

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1 Aust AA Bde Operation Instruction No. 1, dated 28 Apr, is amended as under:-

Delete para 8, and substitute -

8. This officer will be with the R.A.F. Ops Officer of the aerodrome.

Delete para 9 and substitute -

9. All gun stations will be connected to the Gun Ops Officer by direct telephone line. This telephone will NOT be taken through RAF exchange.

Delete para 13, and substitute -

13. Aircraft will NOT be engaged except by request of RAF Ops Officer, or by order from Gun Control Room, until a hostile act is committed, except that when an aircraft has been identified as hostile and is within Lt Gun range (2,000 yds) it will be engaged at once by Lt AA guns.

Para 17, at end of para add - "and moonlight".

After para 21, add -

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22. All gun stations and installations will be effectively camouflaged.

23. Alternative positions will be prepared for all guns.

24. Where available, dummy guns will be sited in alternative positions.

25. Guns will be changed around from time to time.

Maj.,

(K.D. Chalmers)
B.M. 1 Aust AA Bde.

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Serial	Date	Unit	From	To	Remarks
1	27 May	HQ 9 Aust Lt AA Bty 2 W/T Dets 3 Aust Lt AA Regt. Sig Sec U/C	Garawala U/C 3 Aust Lt AA Regt	Kilo 134 Rd Sidi-Barrani Matruh U/C 7 Support Group	Comd to report to Comd 1 Lt AA Regt Kilo 134 before 1200 hrs 27 May
2	28 May	One Tp 9 Aust Lt AA Bty.	Garawala L.G.	Tp less one gun to Kilo 93 Sidi-Barrani Matruh Rear HQ 7 Support Group U/C 7 Support Group	Remaining gun to be attached to Tp 9 Aust Lt AA Bty at L.G. 05.
3	28 May	37 Lt AA Bty (less one Tp 3 guns)	U/C 7 Support Group	Garawala L.G. U/C 3 Aust Lt.AA Regt.	(3 Guns).
4	29 May	38 Lt AA Bty (less Tp already U/C 3 Aust Lt AA Regt.	U/C 7 Support Group	L.G. 05 and U/C 3 Aust Lt AA Regt.	(7 Guns). D Tp & Dets revert to 38 Lt AA Bty.
5	29 May	One Tp 9 Aust Lt AA Bty	L.G. 05.	30 F.S.D. and U/C 7 Support Group	(4 Guns).
6	30 May	One Tp 9 Aust Lt AA Bty	L.G. Sidi-Haniesh North	Kilo 134 Rd Sidi - Barrani - Matruh & U/C 7 Support Group	
7	30 May	One Tp 37 Lt AA Bty	U/C 7 Support Group	L.G. Sidi - Haniesh North and U/C 3 Aust Lt AA Regt.	(3 Guns).

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REPOSTING OF UNITS.

Commencing 27 May 9 Aust Lt AA Bty will come under Command 7 Support Group and 37 & 38 Lt AA Btys will revert to control 1 Aust AA Bde and come under command 3 Aust Lt AA Regt in accordance with programme in Appendix A.

Maj.
(K.D.Chalmers)
B.M. 1 Aust AA Bde.

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Maj.
(K.D.Chalmers)
B.M. 1 Aust AA Bde.

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Unit 8 Lt. A.A Bty. 3 Lt AA Regt

Month and Year MAY 1941

Commanding Officer Mjr. P.W.C. STOKES

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
TOBRUK	1	0845	Warned that thirty (30) tanks broken through. 'Stand to' ordered.	
		0945	Raid on artillery by twenty (20) J.U.87's	
		1015	3 M.E.110's low over B.H.Q and landing ground. One (1) hit badly and thought down by Bdr. MASSEY-GREENE. One (1) J.U.87 hit by two (2) guns of W.O.II LIGHT's detachment and left belching smoke and losing altitude	
		1300	Further raid. S/Sgt SCOTT operating Twin Guns against last of three (3) M.E.110's passing over B.H.Q at about 1000' machine gunned by a fourth further back — two bullets striking sight and flank guard. Sgt. LE SUEUR's detachment whilst moving to an alternative position came under heavy shell fire which exploded an ammo. dump nearby — Sgt LE SUEUR and Gnr. BRAZENOR received wounds from shell splinters — the former head, back and arm, the latter through the right side. Truck and gun damaged. Former replaced, latter repaired. During night several shells landed near B.H.Q.	AA.

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Unit 8 LT. A.A. Bty 3 Lt. A.A. Regt. A.I.F.

Commanding Officer Maj. P.W.C. STOKES

Month and Year MAY 1941

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
TOBRUK	2		Another Khamsin. More shells in valley during early morning. Guns of 57 Bty. R.A. under command withdrawn and re-deployed to cover further gun areas.	
		1800	Raid on PILASTRINO area by 12 J.U. 88's and M.E. 110's. Two (2) guns of Lt. REED's detachment claim hits on J.U. 88 which crashed West of PILASTRINO - confirmed verbally by infantry.	
		1925	Further raid on PILASTRINO and Artillery positions by forty (40) J.U. 87's, M.E. 110's and M.E. 109's. 3-ton Chev. of Bdr WHITLEY's gun detachment hit by M.G. bullets and set on fire. Body of truck burnt and personal kit destroyed.	WH
	3	0230	Valley occupied by B.H.Q. shelled. Several close to B.C.'s tent - one (1) about 10x off and shell fragments tore through tent walls. B.C. and Lt. STEPHENS left on separate recces seeking fresh position for B.H.Q. Area in which Lt. STEPHENS recce shelled - very close, several Indian troops injured. B.H.Q. moved and established on new position.	WH

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Unit 8 Lt. AA. Bty. 3 Lt. AA Regt A.I.F.

Commanding Officer Mjr. P.W.C. STOKES

Month and Year MAY 1941

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
TOBRUK	4		Mjr STOKES instructed to establish Advanced H.Q. leaving bulk of personnel in rear position. Recce. for this purpose during afternoon.	
		1830	Raid on C.C.S. DIV. H.Q and position vacated by B H Q. – several killed.	
		1900	Further raid. Several bombs near Bdr. HILL's position – clothing and equipment ripped and torn. No casualties.	Nil.
	5		Established advanced H.Q with 6 O/R's at PILASTRINO as an operational centre leaving the remainder of B H Q and the Relief troop at Rear H.Q under command Lt STEPHENS to carry out Q arrangements. Arranged to intensify 57 Bty area and withdrew two (2) guns of Lt. McKINNELL's detachment and one (1) of W.O.II LIGHT's detach. from area formerly under operational command, releasing four (4) guns of 57 Bty. At present Bty manning sixteen (16) 20-m-m BREDA's and is responsible for the protection of One (1) Troop 18 pdrs., Nine (9) Troops 25 pdrs, One (1) Troop 60 pdrs 9 DIV H.Q and the Aerial Landing Ground, also	Nil.

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Unit 8 Lt A.A. Bty 3 Lt A.A. Regt. A.I.F.

Month and Year MAY 1941

Commanding Officer Mjr P.W.C. STOKES

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
TOBRUK	5		PILASTRINO Cross Roads and Defile, assisted by four (4) Mobile Bofors under operational command. Arranged with MJR. YOUNGER o/c. 40th Bty. RA for Sgt. M'GILLIVRAY and 10 o/Rs to relieve a like number of his personnel for a period of three (3) days to enable training on Static BOFORS and a similar number for a like period for training with 1st Lt A.A. Bty. R.A. Mobile BOFORS.	WH
TOBRUK	6		Khamsin, worst yet, lasting nearly all day.	
		0900	BOFORS training commenced.	
		1000	One (1) detachment moved to cover position taken up by Det Troop 107 Bty RA near EL ADEM Cross Roads. Advised by Col. EASTWOOD that two (2) further BREDAS made available to Bty. — arranged to relieve detachment at EL ADEM and return under own operational command.	WH
TOBRUK	7	0830	Two (2) gun crews took over two (2) Breda guns of 57 Bty protecting One Troop HAA and Base Supply Depot. Guns from EL ADEM moved to PILASTRINO under command Lt. REED.	WH

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Unit 8th AA Bty 3rd AA Regt A.I.F.

Commanding Officer Mjr R.W.C. STOKES

Month and Year MAY 1941

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
TOBRUK	7	1630	About forty (40) JU. 87's and 88's, ME. 109's and 110's and CR. 32's bombed harbour sinking gunboat 'Aphis'. Two craft under heavy fire from Bofors escaped by flying up valley 20' from ground. Lt REED and WO II LIGHT claimed having hit one plane each and doubted their reaching their base. Mjr STOKES in company with Col EASTWOOD and Bgdr SLATER visited camouflage depot to view working of A.A. Camouflage Cover designed by Mjr. STOKES. Quite successful and authority given for manufacture of sufficient for AA guns in area.	Nil.
	8		Khamsin from 1400 to 1800.	Nil.
	9	0840	Three (3) ME.109's flew over Bdr CAMPBELL's gun position and were engaged for five seconds. Shells appeared to hit one plane without any apparent result. Gun sited within BSD area moved to position outside B.S.D. Detachments on mobile and static Bofors returned to Base H.Q.	Nil.
	10	0830	Bofors detachments changed over.	Nil.

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Unit 8 Lt. AA Bty 3rd. AA Regt. A.I.F.

Month and Year MAY 1941

Commanding Officer Mjr. P.W.C. STOKES

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
TOBRUCH	11	1100	Gnr. FELLOWS G.G. wounded by shrapnel from odd shell and taken to Hospital	
TOBRUK	12		Hom raids on Tobruk, no action	
TOBRUK	13		MJr STOKES arranged with Col. EASTWOOD that tests be carried out using the SOLOTERNE A/T rifle which fires the same ammo. as the BREDA 20-mm against armour-plating from J.U. 87.	
TOBRUK	14	1920	Raid on HAA position by 12-15 JU87's and M.E 109's — visibility bad due to glare and dust — 2 guns engaged — 146 rounds fired — no casualties.	
TOBRUK	15		Canvas for camouflage nets issued to twelve (12) guns.	
TOBRUK	16		Tests with SOLOTERNE. Ammo. gave good results. At 220x H.E fractured the plate punching a large hole clean through after a .303 bullet had bounced off leaving no impression. At 440x A.P. punched straight through whilst H.E dented very heavily and may have gone through if the part of the plating hit had been supported	
TOBRUK	17		During early morning raid two bombs dropped 15x from Adt AUSTIN's gun near B.S.D. also flares which were put out by the gun crews.	

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Commanding Officer Major P.W.C. Stokes

Month and Year May 1941

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
TOBRUCH	18		Visit by CO and arranged that owing to large amount of work entailed with own Battery operational control of 1st L.A.A Bty be removed from Major STOKES. Troop 1 R.H.A changed location during night owing to enemy shelling. Necessary liaison covering change of position carried out by Major STOKES. Early morning raids by single planes on TOBRUCH	Nil
"	19		Field Troop covered by Sgt RICHARDS and Bdr MILLIGAN heavily shelled by enemy carrying out air cooperation shoot with HS-126	Nil
"	20		Field Troop above withdrew to new position Major STOKES carried out incidental reconnaissance and redeployment — 3 ME 109's engaged by two M. REED'S guns hits observed on one craft	Nil
"	21	0855	11 bombers in high level attack along coast towards B.S.D. wave of five identified as being 4 Blenheims, three with British markings one with German one smaller plane with British markings accompanied by CR 42 fighters.	

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Unit 8th AA Bty 3rd LAA Regt A.I.F.

Commanding Officer Major P.W.C. Stokes

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
Tobruk	21	0905	Dive bombing attack on Pumping Station made AUDA by 15–20 JU87s accompanied by ME109s, 10 of which flew along escarpment over Adv HQ and were engaged without success	
		0945	3 ME 109s flew west along PILASTRINO escarpment at 2500' and engaged without success. Major STOKES with Adjt and another officer of 14 Regt inspected Lt REED's 5 guns	
		1850	1 gun B Troop engaged HS 126 – 24 rounds – without success	
"	22		Heavy shelling during afternoon vicinity Lt HARRY's quarters. Major STOKES received advice to evacuate Bde. Godfrey who was relieved of command and returned to Rear H.Q.	
"	23		Severe Khamseen. Major STOKES with Lt STEPHENS conferred with Lt Col Goodwin C.O. 2/12 Fd Regt re AA protection of 2 troops of 4.5 Howitzers reconnaissance carried out – decided Bty's present resources inadequate to give such protection. Major STOKES suggests 1 gun be moved to	

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Commanding Officer Major P.W.C. Stokes

Month and Year May 1941

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
Tobruk	23		Strengthen 3 present guns covering 2 I/s 25 Pdrs and 1 I/s 60 Pdrs. Suggestion accepted	RHH.
"	24		Very severe Khamseen. Despatch rec'd direct from G.H.Q. M.E. requiring particulars of devices invented by Major STOKES for combating low flying aircraft. Major STOKES inspected Lt. HARRY'S guns and redeployed one to cover another I/s. I/s. Major STOKES visited Bde H.Q. conferred with Major Mc KELLAR O.B.E. re aforementioned devices. Advance signals rec'd from 9 Div. that promotions W.O II [redacted] LIGHT and Sgt. McGILLIVRAY approved. Conference of Officers re future promotions within Bty.	RHH.
"	25		PILASTRINO ridge shelled again during early morning. No damage. MS126 closed off by H.AA fire without apparent effect. Several high level bombing attacks on Tobruk by single aircraft during day. Area Adv. H.Q. again shelled heavily during late afternoon.	

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Unit 3 L.A.A. BTY.

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Commanding Officer Maj. P.W.C. Hobbs.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
Tobruk	26		Five air raids over Tobruk during day by from one (1) to nine (9) planes, flying in formation at about 10000' to 12000'. About 30 bombs dropped but apparently little effect. Lieut Harry took over position of Acting BTY. CAPT. at Rear H.Q. and Lieut Stephens took command of A. Troop. Gnr Marshall W. wounded by shell splinter.	
Tobruk	27		B.C. inspected Lieut McKinnell's gun positions this morning, Bdr Massey-Greene's gun came under shell fire, about 80 rounds during inspection and was moved to an alternative position. This afternoon B.C. visited Rear H.Q.	
Tobruk	28	0915	Raid by two ME 110 along PILASTRINO Road adjoining ADV H.Q. Several bombs dropped causing fire among stack of Ballastite. Lieut Stephens gun opened up, and Sgt. RICHARDS + Sgt WILLIAMS guns obtained hits, on one (1) aircraft with no apparent effect.	

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Unit 8 LT AA BTY. A.I.F.

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Commanding Officer MAJ P.W.C. STOKES.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
TOBRUCH	28	1820	ADV. HQ shelled consistently for 10 mins., over (30) thirty shells of 75 MM calibre fell around the dugouts. No serious damage	[illegible]
TOBRUCH	29	1350	Raid by thirty (30) JU 87's on Tobruch, oil dump hit & set on fire. two (2) lighters & one (1) small ship sunk.	
		1740	Further raid, five (5) DORNIERS, four (4) SAVOIAS, five (5) ME 109.	
		1745	Raid by one (1) JU 88.	
		1920	Two (2) HEINKEL III's on way to TOBRUCH, one (1) of which was engaged by three (3) of Lunt Light's troop. BDR COURTNEY'S gun fired 160 RDS & claimed repeated hits. RASC personnel at B.S.D state they saw pieces fly from plane, which immediately jettisoned its bomb load and flew back the way it had come	[illegible]
TOBRUCH	30		Various raids on TOBRUCH during morning & afternoon, all too high to engage, except by HAA at extreme range.	[illegible]

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Unit 8. L.T.A.A. BTY. A.I.F.

Commanding Officer MAJ. P.W.C. STOKES

Month and Year MAY 1941. *(Erase heading not required).*

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
TOBRUCH	31	0915	Two (2) planes from high altitude dropped armed bombs near TOBRUCH and H.A.A. site. BDR ROBERTS position heavily shelled + field TROOP whom he was protecting moved forward, and his gun was accordingly re-disposed. Acting on information received B.C. interviewed a SIGNALLER of the 2/15 BTN. who had just arrived after escaping from PRISONER OF WAR CAGE at DERNA five (5) weeks ago, and obtained information as to the whereabouts + wellbeing of LIEUT J.C. GUEST, ~~[illegible]~~ and party, who were captured on the morning of the 7 APR. and as far as the informant knew with only one (1) man slightly wounded in the arm. Yesterday, Lieut Harry + Bdr Moyes attended H AA BDE CAMOUFLAGE CLASS, today the class was attended by LIEUT Mc GILLIVRAY + BDR. MILLIGAN.	

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Instructions for the Light AA Defence of Landing Grounds.

1. 1 AA Bde Operation Instruction No. 1 as amended by 1 Aust AA Bde Operation Instruction No. 3 is cancelled.

2. The following principles will be adopted in the Light AADefences of Landing Grounds.

COMMAND AND LIAISON.

3. Comd Lt AA Defences is responsible for -

(a) Disposition of resources under his command as instructed by BAA.

(b) Liaison with RAF regarding location and changes in LGs in use.

(c) Liaison and co-operation with infantry formation responsible for providing ground defences of LGs.

(d) Liaison with Hy AA Def Comd regarding co-ordination of defences.

4.(a) At each landing ground or vulnerable point, an officer will be appointed AAD Comd of the area.

(b) AAD Comds will maintain the closest liaison with OC aerodrome and Comd Ground Defence troops.

SITING OF GUNS.

5. (a) Lt AA Guns will be sited to fulfill their primary role of defence against air attack. Consistent with this, consideration will be given to their purely secondary role of A/T defence.

RECOGNITION.

6. Aircraft recognition signals (ARS) will be issued through AA Bde HQ and are also available at RAF Ops rooms. Issued lists will be checked daily with RAF Ops Rooms to ensure the latest ARS are available.

7. Air corridors will be issued through AA Bde HQ, and are also available at RAF Ops Rooms.

8. Aircraft approaching defended areas should fly along the corridor and make the ARS on entering the corridor. Comds Lt AA units will insist on the necessity for this procedure. (NOTE: MAn. AA Defence, Vol. 2, Pam. 2, Sec. 4, Para. 11).

9. Warning of air raid will be passed from Hy AA Defences to landing ground RAF Ops Rooms.

CONTROL.

10. The AAD Comd at each LG and VA will ensure that an Officer (Gun Ops Officer) is at all times in executive command of guns.

11. This Officer will be at all times with the RAF Ops Officer at landing grounds.

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CONTROL (Contd.)

12. All gun stations will be connected to the Gun Ops Officer by direct telephone line. This telepohne will NOT be taken through RAF exchange.

ENGAGEMENT OF TARGETS.

13. The Gun Ops Officer is responsible for ordering the engagement of targets.

14. The RAF Ops Officer at each LG is responxible for informing the Gun Ops Officer at the earliest possible moment whether the aircraft in the vicinity are ffiendly or hostile, and for requesting the engagement of hostile aircraft.

15. Aircraft will NOT be engaged except by request of RAF Ops Officer, or by order from Gun Ops Officer, until a hostile act is committed, except that when an aircraft has been identified as hostile, and is within Lt Gun range (2,COO yds) it will be engaged at once.

16. A Master Gun will be detailed at each LG. In case of breakdown of Comms, opening of fire by this gun will be the signal to engage.

17. AALMGs and rifles will open fire immediately hostile aircraft are identified and come within range.

DEGREE OF READINESS.

18. Light Guns will be at immediate call. At stations where four or more guns are sited, one gun in four may be permitted to s tand down.

MOVEMENT.

19. Should the necessity arise to move RAF units, the order for the move to Lt AA units will emanate from Comd Lt AA Defences.

20. Comd Lt AA Defences will move to conform to and establish himself in the vicinity of the Inf HQ responsible for the ground protection of LGs, and will maintain the closest liaison with these HQ.

21. A recce of alternative landing grounds and routes will be carried out by all AA HQ and units, in co-operation with Inf Comd.

GROUND DEFENCE.

22. The senior Inf Officer in each LG is responsible for defence against ground attack, and for making thedefence plan. AA Guns will be prepared to act as A/Tk guns in support, and in accordance with his plan, when there are no air targets.

CONCEALMENT.

23. All gun stations and installations will be effectively camouflaged.

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CONCEALMENT (Contd.)

24. Alternative positions will be prepared for all guns.

25. Where available, dummy guns will be sited in alternative positions.

26. Guns will be changed around from time to time.

27. Comd Lt AA Defences is responsible for the issue of orders in conformity with these instructions.

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B.M. 1 Aust AA Bde.

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1 AA BDE OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 6.

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COPY NO. 20

24 May, 1941.

Instructions for the Light AA Defence of Landing Grounds.

1. 1 AA Bde Operation Instruction No. 1 as amended by 1 Aust AA Bde Operation Instruction No. 3 is cancelled.

2. The following principles will be adopted in the Light AADefences of Landing Grounds.

COMMAND AND LIAISON.

3. Comd Lt AA Defences is responsible for -

(a) Disposition of resources under his command as instructed by BAA.

(b) Liaison with RAF regarding location and changes in LGs in use.

(c) Liaison and co-operation with infantry formation responsible for providing ground defences of LGs.

(d) Liaison with Hy AA Def Comd regarding co-ordination of defences.

4.(a) At each landing ground or vulnerable point, an officer will be appointed AAD Comd of the area.

(b) AAD Comds will maintain the closest liaison with OC aerodrome and Comd Ground Defence troops.

SITING OF GUNS.

5. (a) Lt AA Guns will be sited to fulfill their primary role of defence against air attack. Consistent with this, consideration will be given to their purely secondary role of A/T defence.

RECOGNITION.

6. Aircraft recognition signals (ARS) will be issued through AA Bde HQ and are also available at RAF Ops rooms. Issued lists will be checked daily with RAF Ops Rooms to ensure the latest ARS are available.

7. Air corridors will be issued through AA Bde HQ, and are also available at RAF Ops Rooms.

8. Aircraft approaching defended areas should fly along the corridor and make the ARS on entering the corridor. Comds Lt AA units will insist on the necessity for this procedure. (NOTE: MAn. AA Defence, Vol. 2, Pam. 2, Sec. 4, Para. 11).

9. Warning of air raid will be passed from Hy AA Defences to landing ground RAF Ops Rooms.

CONTROL.

10. The AAD Comd at each LG and VA will ensure that an Officer (Gun Ops Officer) is at all times in executive command of guns.

11. This Officer will be at all times with the RAF Ops Officer at landing grounds.

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CONTROL (Contd.)
12. All gun stations will be connected to the Gun Ops Officer by direct telephone line. This telephone will NOT be taken through RAF exchange.

ENGAGEMENT OF TARGETS.

13. The Gun Ops Officer is responsible for ordering the engagement of targets.

14. The RAF Ops Officer at each LG is responsible for informing the Gun Ops Officer at the earliest possible moment whether the aircraft in the vicinity are friendly or hostile, and for requesting the engagement of hostile aircraft.

15. Aircraft will NOT be engaged except by request of RAF Ops Officer, or by order from Gun Ops Officer, until a hostile act is committed, except that when an aircraft has been identified as hostile, and is within Lt Gun range (2,000 yds) it will be engaged at once.

16. A Master Gun will be detailed at each LG. In case of breakdown of Comms, opening of fire by this gun will be the signal to engage.

17. AALMGs and rifles will open fire immediately hostile aircraft are identified and come within range.

DEGREE OF READINESS.

18. Light Guns will be at immediate call. At stations where four or more guns are sited, one gun in four may be permitted to stand down.

MOVEMENT.

19. Should the necessity arise to move RAF units, the order for the move to Lt AA units will emanate from Comd Lt AA Defences.

20. Comd Lt AA Defences will move to conform to and establish himself in the vicinity of the Inf HQ responsible for the ground protection of LGs, and will maintain the closest liaison with these HQ.

21. A recce of alternative landing grounds and routes will be carried out by all AA HQ and units, in co-operation with Inf Comd.

GROUND DEFENCE.

22. The senior Inf Officer in each LG is responsible for defence against ground attack, and for making the defence plan. AA Guns will be prepared to act as A/Tk guns in support, and in accordance with his plan, when there are no air targets.

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24 May, 1941.

1 AUST AA BDE OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 4.

1. In confirmation of verbal instructions, AA Defences, W.D.F. are re-organised, w.e.f. 21 May.

2. ORGANISATION.

(a) HEAVY AA DEFENCES - Comd Lt. Col. S.H. Jeffrey, U.D.F.

HQ 1 AA Regt (Bde) U.D.F.
1 AA Regt U.D.F. Sig Sec.
1 AA Regt U.D.F. WKShop Sec.
25 Hy AA Bty R.A.
23 (S) Hy AA Bty HKS, R.A.

(b) LIGHT AA DEFENCES - Comd Lt. Col. J.W. Rhoden, A.I.F.

HQ 3 Aust Lt AA Regt
3 Aust Lt AA Regt Sig Sec
3 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec
9 Aust Lt AA Bty
D Tp 38 Lt AA Bty R.A.
3 AA Bty U.D.F.
One Sec. 2 AA Bty U.D.F.

3. RESPONSIBLIITY.

(a) Comd Hy AA Defences is responsible for the protection of LGs and installations in the area GARAWLA - FUKA against high level attack.

(b) Comd Lt AA Defences is responsible for the protection of LGs and VAs as detailed by BAA, against low-flying attack.

4. AA DEFENCES in following areas are placed under command as shown:-

MATRUH - Under command MATRUH FORTRESS
1 AA Bty U.D.F.
2 AA Bty U.D.F.
306 S/L Bty R.A.
1 S/L Bty U.D.F.

FORWARD AREA - Under command Support Group
1 Lt AA Regt
37 Lt AA Bty
38 Lt AA Bty (Less one Tp)

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9-12 3 Aust Lt AA Regt
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14 23 (S) Hy AA Bty (HKS)
15 D Tp 38 Lt AA Bty
16 1 Lt AA Regt
17 37 Lt AA Bty
18 38 Lt AA Bty
19 Comd
20 B.M.
21 S.C.
22 1 A AA Bde Wkshop
23 1 A AA Bde Sigs
24 Bde Supply Offcr
25-26 HQ WDF
27 AQ WDF
28-29 MAtruh Fortress
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24 May, 1941.

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A.A.D. OPERATION INSTRUCTION No. 1.

28 Apr 41.

A.A. DEFENCE OF AERODROMES AND LANDING GROUNDS.

The following principles will be adopted in the A.A. defence of aerodromes and Landing Grounds:-

COMD. & LIAISON.

1. The senior A.A. Officer at the aerodrome or landing ground will command all A.A. units at the aerodrome or landing ground.

2. A.A. Comd. will maintain the closest liaison with the O.C. aerodrome or landing ground and with Comd. ground defence tps.

RECOGNITION.

3. Aircraft Recognition signals A.R.S. will be issued through this H.Q. by B.A.A. W.D.F. and are also available at Air Ops rooms. Issued lists should be checked closely daily with Air Ops rooms to ensure unnotified changes are received.

4. Air corridors will be issued through this H.Q. by B.A.A. W.D.F. and are also available at Air Ops rooms.

5. Aircraft approaching defended areas should fly along the corridor and make the A.R.S. on entering the corridor. Comds A.A. units at aerodrome will insist on the necessity for this procedure particularly in areas in which light A.A. guns are located as the time for recognition in these areas is limited.

CONTROL.

6. An A.A. officer(Gun Ops Officer) will at all times be in executive command of the A.A. guns on the aerodrome or L.G.

7. This officer should be with the Air Ops Officer of the aerodrome. If this is not possible, he will be in direct telephonic communication with the Air Ops Officer.

8. All gun stations will be connected by telephone to the Gun Ops Officer

ENGAGEMENT OF TARGETS.

9. The Gun Ops Officer is responsible for ordering the engagement of targets. Guns will not open fire without orders from the Gun Ops Officer unless attacked.

10. The Air Ops Officer is responsible for informing the Gun Ops Officer at the earliest possible moment whether the aircraft in the vicinity are friendly or hostile and for requesting the engagement of hostile aircraft.

11. Aircraft will not be engaged except by request of the Air Ops Officer until a hostile act is committed.

12. A.A. Comd at aerodromes or L.G. will provide at least one lookout to be stationed with the air lookout to co-operate in location and identification of aircraft.

13. A master gun will be detailed at each aerodrome or L.G., which will be used for the firing of any warning or "bring to" the Air Ops Officer and the Gun Ops Officer may decide is required.

14. A.A.L.M.Gs of ground defence or A.A. defences will not open fire until the aircraft is engaged by the A.A. defences unless a hostile act is committed against the ground defences.

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DEGREE OF READINESS.

15. Light A.A. guns will be at immediate call. At stations where four or more guns are sited, one gun in four may be permitted to stand down.

16. Heavy guns will be at 30 secs where no G/L operates; at 2 mins where G/L operates. Where S/L's are available heavy guns will be at call 24 hours; where no S/L's are available, during the hours of daylight.

17. Every care will be taken to see that guns are kept clean and free from dust.

MOVEMENT.

18. Should the necessity arise to move R.A.F. units, the order for the move to all ground units will emanate from Bn Comd responsible for the ground protection of the landing grounds or aerodromes.

19. Immediately orders referred to in para 18 are issued, A.A. units on the aerodrome or landing ground will notify this H.Q.

ADMINISTRATION.

20. A.A. units under comd this H.Q. will notify this H.Q. daily by 0830 hrs the ammunition state both gun and S.A.A. at each gun position, troop and B.H.Q.

21. Receipt of these orders will be acknowledged on the forms attached herewith and returned to this H.Q. within 4 hours of receipt.

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Lt.-Col.
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17. Every care will be taken to see that guns are kept clean and free from dust.

MOVEMENT.

18. Should the necessity arise to move R.A.F. units, the order for the move to all ground units will emanate from Bn Comd responsible for the ground protection of the landing grounds or aerodromes.

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A.A. Defence Operation Instruction NO 2

28 Apr 41.

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MATRUH 1.500.000
CAIRO 1.500.000

1. H.Q. 16 Inf Bde has assumed responsibility for protection of all L.Gs of 204 Gp. R.A.E.

   3 Aust Lt.A.A.Regt. & attd tps has come under command 16 Inf Bde.

   Bn Comds will assume comd of all protective tps on the gps of L.Gs being protedted by Coys of their Bns.

   Coy Comd will assume executive comd of all protective tps on L.Gs covered by their Coys

2. In the event of 204 Gp R.A.F. moving back to rearward L.Gs protective tps will accompany them.
3. It is not possible at this stage to indicate to which rearward L.Gs individual sqns will move.
4. R.A.F. Sqns are likely to move back in two echelon, aircraft by air, stores & personnel by M.T.
5. Detailed plans for rearward movement and for establishment of protection of rearward L.Gs are being prepared by Bn Comds.
6. O.C. 9 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty and tp comds O.C. 23 Hy Bty will consult with O's C. R.A.F. Stns and Bn Coy Comds in the drawing up of these plans.
7. The following general points will govern the prpn of the plans :-
   A. O.C. 9 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty and O.C. 23 Hy A.A. Bty are to be prepared to move all their own personnel, guns, 1st line ammn and stores.
   B. They will conform and be prepared to maintain protective measures at fwd and rearward L.Gs simultaneously during period of rearward move.
   C. Rearward routes will be allotted by Bn Comds.
   D. O.C. 9 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty and O.C. 23 Hy A.A. Bty in the event of the destruction of ammn or stores being necessary will decide what A.A. arty material has to be destroyed and will give the executive order for destruction.
   E. O.C. 9 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty will be responsible for giving the executive order mentioned in para D in respect of the A.A. arty at BERGUSH SATTELLITE.
   F. O.C. 23 Hy A.A. Bty will be responsible for giving the executive order mentioned in para D in respect of the A.A. arty at FUKA.
   G. H.Q. of Btys and tps will remove with the H.Q. of the Inf Coys protecting the various L.Gs.
8. In the event of a rearward move being decided on, H.Q. 3 Aust Lt. A.A. Regt will move with H.Q. 16 Inf Bde to area BURG EL ARAB.

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28 Apr 41.

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MATRUH 1.500.000
CAIRO 1.500.000

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A.A. DEFENCE OPERATION INSTRUCTION No. 3.

1. Add para 2A to A.A.D. Instruction No. 1 of 28 Apr 41:-
2A. Siting of Guns. A.A. guns will be sited to fulfill their primary role of attack against hostile aircraft. Consistent with this, consideration will be given to their purely secondary role of A.T. defence.

2. Ref para 6, A.A.D.I. No. 1 of 28 Apr 41. The following officers are detailed for duty to be rostered by senior A.A. officer as Gun Ops Officer at the L.Gs hereunder :-

BAGUSH SATT.	Major C.L. Hughes-Hallett.
	Capt Margetts.
	Lieut Willis.
	Lieut Dyer
	Lieut Smyth.
	Subadar Sarfraz Khan
FUKA SATT	Lieut Harris
	Lieut Crooke
	Lieut Reilly
FUKA	Major Dickinson.
	A/Capt White.
	Lieut Taylor.
	Lieut Farnsworth.
	Lieut Billings.
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6. These instructions and those contained in Instruction No. 1 will come into force immediately on receipt of this instruction.

7. Ack.

H.D. Jones Capt.
Lt.-col.,
C.O. 3 Aust Lt. A.A. Regt.

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ROUTINE ORDERS
by
LT.COL. J. W. RHODEN
Commanding 3 Aust Lt. A.A. Regt.

PART 1, No. 85 — 13 May 41.

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The prisoner may expect, and will get, a rough time, but providing he is reasonably strong, he will, in time, be able to adapt himself to his new conditions.

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Commanding 3 Lt. A.A. Regt.
Pt. 1 - No. 8

1. DUTIES. Duty Bty 7 Bty.
Next for duty 9 Bty.

Regtl Orderly Officer Lieut. J.A. Chambers.

Regtl Orderly Sgt. To be appointed by R.H.Q. if required.

2. GUARDS. 1 Officer, 1 Sgt., 6 Bdrs and 84 Gnrs to be provided by Duty Bty.
Duty Bty may draw on Wkshops Sec. for 10 men for guard.

3. PARADES. As per R.O. Pt. 1, No. 5 of 5 Feb 41.

4. CAMOUFLAGING OF TENTS. All white tents must be completely mudded over top and ends by 1200 hrs 9 Feb 41. Disruptive painting is not sufficient if any w hite of tent is shown.

5. ABLUTIONS. Ablution shelters must be scrubbed and swept out daily.

6. STORAGE OF FOOD. Food must be kept off floor in cook-houses and dry ration stores.

7. CAMP TIME. Bty orderlies will report to R.H.Q. at 0915 hrs daily to get correc t camp time.

8. HOOKWORMS. In view of the prevalence of hookworms in the soil of this camp, all personne l should be warned of the danger of handling soil. I t has been noticed that in the mud washing of tents, troops have been handling soil with their bare hands.

9. LATRINES. Btys will place notices in their latrines instructing troops to urinate in troughs before defaccating, since floors are becoming contaminated through ignorance of the necessity for this measure.

10. ABLUTIONS. Troops are using cement squares provided for washing latrine buckets, for ablution purposes. This practice must cease and squares are out of bounds to all ranks.

12. GREASE TRAPS AND STRAINERS. Units must ensure that these are cleaned daily and that all grease and sludge are removed.
Traps will be scrubbed out with 1% Cresol twice weekly, and the straw in the strainers will be changed daily. Until enough old palliasse straw becomes available, units may draw from Ordnance on the scale of one bale every three days.

13. OFFICERS' TRUNKS & BAGGAGE. Btys will arrange to have steel trunks belonging to Officers who have gone to C adre stored in Q.M. Store.
Any empty tents are to be struck and returned to Store.

14. SHOWERS. Showers, situated in brick building near Camp H.Q., are available to personnel of this Regt on Monday 10 Feb 41 at the following times:-

R.H.Q., Wkshop S ec. & Sigs Sec.	: 1300 hrs	- 1400 hrs.
7 Bty	: 1401 "	- 1500 "
9 Bty	: 1501 "	- 1600 " .

After 1600 hrs, showers will be available to all personnel until 2400 hrs.

15. CHURCH PARADES. Sunday, 9 Feb 41. 1000 hrs -Pa rade in front of 7 Bty lines.
0730 hrs -Communion in Recreation Hut.
0945 hrs-R.C. Service in 2/2 M.G. Bn. lines.

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Commanding 3 AUST. LT. A.A. REGT.

10 Apr 41.

Part I. No. 69.

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1. **DUTIES.**

Duty Battery.	9 Aust. Lt. A.A. Bty.
Next for duty.	7 Aust. Lt. A.A. Bty.
Regtl. Orderly Officer.	Lieut. D.M.B. Fitzhardinge.
Next for duty.	Lieut. J. G. Mann.
Regtl. Orderly Sgt.	Bdr. Paton. B. W.
Next for duty.	Sgt. Humphreys. D.

2. **GUARDS.** 1 Officer, 1 Sgt, 2 Bdrs and 36 O.Rs to be provided by Duty Battery.

3. **PARADES.** As per Routine Orders Pt. I. No. 17 of 17 Feb 41.

4. **PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS** The following promotions have been advised by 1 A.A. Bde., :-
VX.35516. A/W.O.(II) Thomas. J. C. to be Acting W.O. (I) and R.S.M. as from 5 Mar 41.
VX.30523. A/Sgt. Gallagher. D. C. to be Acting W.O. (II) as from 1 Apr 41.

5. **LAUNDRY.** Personnel will note that Pross Laundry situated at Camp Bath House will close down at 1800 hrs 12 Apr 41. All laundry is to be collected by this hour.

6. **AIR MAIL.** As Outward Air Mail is leaving earlier, week end mail closes 0900 hrs Sunday instead of 1200 hrs Monday next.

7. **CHURCH PARADES.** The following services will be held on Sunday 13 Apr 41 :-
0715 hrs - Holy Communion in Recreation Tent.
0845 hrs - Regtl. Church Parade.
Markers will report at 0840 hrs to R.S.M. on Regtl. Parade Ground in front of 7 Aust. Lt. A.A. Bty lines.
1930 hrs - Evening Service in 7 Aust. Lt. A.A. Bty. Mess Tent.
R.C. Church Parades.
0730 hrs - Mass - to be held in Church Tent between Corp Ammn Pk and Corps Pet Pk lines, Hill 69.
1030 hrs - Mass - to be held in Recreation Tent, 3 Aust. Lt. A.A. Regt., Massa.
Confession. Saturday 12 Apr 41 from 1800 hrs onwards in the Chaplains' Room Hill 69.

8. **COURT OF ENQUIRY.** Owing to the departure of Capt. Tudehope, the Court of Enquiry on the alleged injury to NX.31237, Pte. McGlynn. V. H. when reopened will be re-constituted as under.

President.	Major. J. A. Hipworth.
Member.	Capt. B. A. Baglin.
Member.	Lieut. J. D. Crooke.

9. **AMENDMENT HOSPITAL CONSULTATION** Ammendment to R.O. Pt. I. No. 65, para 6 of 6 Apr 41. Personnel for consultation to 1 A.G.H. will be transported by bus leaving C.R.S. at 0950 hrs arriving at 1100 hrs and leaving for return at 1500 hrs. This bus will run daily - Sundays excepted. All patients will carry a cut lunch.

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(MDF RO's 19,7 May 41).

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Part 1 - No. 32.

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Next for duty : Lieut. J. Harris.

Regtl Orderly Sgt. : Sgt Tonkin, R.N.
Next for duty : Sgt Wilkinson, J.R.

2. GUARDS. 1 Officer, 1 Sgt., 2 Bdrs and 39 O.Rs to be provided by Duty Bty.

3. PARADES. As per R.Os Pt. 1, No. 17 of 17 Feb 41.

4. CAMP ROADS. It has been noticed that units are removing the metal from roads and adjacent areas for the purpose of making tent floors, etc. This practice is NOT permitted and must cease immediately.

5. BATHING - WADI SUQREIR. Camp Comd QASTINA is responsible for control and safety measures at WADI SUQREIR bathing area.
Until the organisation is completed at the beach, units parading troops for bathing will supply their own safety picquets.
The WADI SUQREIR is heavily infected with malaria; all bathing parties will leave this bathing area one clear hour before sunset, and will keep clear of the scrub.

6. PROTECTION OF TENTAGE. Attention is drawn to the following memo received from Comd A.I.F. Base Area:-

At this time, when the most economical use of all available shipping space is of vital importance to the prosecution of the war, particularly in the Middle East, any action which deprives the Army of essential stores is comparable with "Fifth Columnist" activity, and this aspect of such losses should be brought to the notice of all ranks.

It has become apparent that insufficient attention is being given to the important duty of guarding tentage, particularly in camps near villages.

It should be impressed on all units that sufficient guard will be maintained at all times to ensure that tents, whether occupied by personnel or for use as stores, are adequately safeguarded against possible theft or damage to tent walls, poles, pegs, etc.

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Part 1 - No. 38.

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Next for duty : 9 Lt. A.A. Bty.

Regtl Orderly Officer : Lieut. S.C.G. Macindoe.
Next for duty : Lieut. D.M.B. Fitzhardinge.

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Next for duty : Sgt. Paul, R.H.

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3. PARADES. As per R.Os Part 1, No. 17 of 17 Feb 41.

4. TITLE OF A.I.F. A.A. UNITS. The abbreviation "Aust" will be introduced into the titles of A.I.F. A.A. Units, which will be referred to as "7 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty" etc.

5. USE OF WORD "HYGIENE". Where appropriate, the word "hygiene" will be used henceforth instead of "sanitary" in all Orders, correspondence, etc.
War Establishments, where necessary, will be amended accordingly.

6. CORRESPONDENCE FOR DECEASED PERSONNEL. On receipt of private correspondence, packages, etc., addressed to personnel known or believed to be deceased, Unit Commanders will ensure that such correspondence is returned to A.I.F. Base Post Office, under cover of a memo giving the reason for non-delivery.
On no account will the articles be endorsed in any way.

7. NEXT OF KIN. SUPPLEMENTARY. The attention of all ranks will be directed to A.I.F. Order (M.E.) No.16 of 20th July 1940, which, amended where necessary, is republished hereunder:-

"Approval is given for the compilation of a record of supplementary next-of-kin to enable casualty advices to be forwarded to near relatives on active service in addition to the normal notification to next-of-kin in Australia.

All ranks may apply through the usual channels for registration as the supplementary next-of-kin of a named relative on active service with the A.I.F. in the Middle East.

Units will collate such applications and render them on Casualty Returns (A.F's W.3010/11) to the Officer in Charge, 2nd Echelon, A.I.F. "

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PART 1, No. 83. 10 May 41.

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12. A.F. B.2069 - Offence Report.

An A.F. B.2069 - Offence Report - will be prepared for each unit on a weekly basis showing particulars of summary awards. If a unit has had no offences to report during the voyage a 'Nil' return will be submitted on disembarkation. In the event of a Court Martial being held particulars, as shown hereunder, will be entered in the A.F. B.2069 of the unit concerned:-

(a) Nature of Court Martial.
(b) Place and Date of Trial.
(c) Charge or Charges. (in full).
(d) Finding.
(e) Sentence and Date.
(f) Confirmation, by whom and date.
(g) Date of promulgation by unit.
(h) Period in confinement awaiting trial. (See A.M.R. & O. 490 (1) (b)).
(i) Remarks (To include any remission, reduction, commutation, suspension etc., of sentence - by whom awarded & date).

13. Court Martial Proceedings.

The proceedings of any Courts Martial held during the voyage will (irrespective of the nature of the finding) be forwarded to the Officer-in-Charge Records, 2nd Echelon, A.I.F. on disembarkation.

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(b) The entries in the A.Fs. B.122 (Field Conduct Sheet) will be compared with corresponding entries in the A.F. B.103 and schedules submitted to the Officer-in-Charge Records showing particulars of any necessary adjustments.

(c) The schedules referred to in the preceding sub-paras will be prepared, in duplicate, on a unit basis. The duplicate copies are to be forwarded to the Officer-in-Charge, 2nd Echelon, Army Headquarters, Melbourne.

10. A supply of blank A.Fs. A.200 (Attestation Form) will normally be available on board each transport. A copy will be made out for any person whose Attestation Form is deficient and marked "Substitute pending receipt of certified copy of original". The front page only will be filled in and signed by the member. A substitute form completed in these circumstances does not purport to be an Attestation Form, and accordingly the oath will not be administered nor will the medical examination be undergone. The signature of the member will be witnessed only; the words 'Attesting or' being struck out. Substitute A.Fs. B.199A, B.103 or D.1. need not be made out but a list of all deficiencies in personal records will be submitted to the Officer-in-Charge Records, 2nd Echelon, A.I.F. Improvised A.F. A.200 will be used if necessary.

11. Casualty Returns.

Casualty Returns (A.F.W. 3010 - Officers and Nurses) and (A.F. W.3011 - Other Ranks) will be compiled for each unit. The first

COMNS. (Contd.)

(b) Secs will provide telephonists at gun stations.

(c) Warning of air raid will be passed from Gun Stations to LGs on Comns to be provided by RAF.

MOVEMENTS.

10. Should the necessity arise for the movement of RAF Units, orders for the move of Hy AA Defences will be given by the BAA.

11. A recce of alternative landing grounds and routes will be carried out by all AA HQ and units, in co-operation with Inf Comd.

CONCEALMENT.

12. All gun stations and installations will be effectively camouflaged.

13. Alternative positions will be prepared for all guns.

14. Where available, dummy guns will be sited in alternative positions.

15. Guns will be changed around from time to time.

16. Comd Hy AA Defences is responsible for the issue of orders in conformity with these instructions.

Maj.,

(K.D. Chalmers)
B.M. 1 Aust AA Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:

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If personnel have only one pair and they require repairing, a list will be forwarded to R.H.Q. and an endeavour will be made to have them replaced by new ones.

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The interrogation of prisoners of war is one of the most valuable means of obtaining information.
From a study of Italian documents captured during the recent operations in Libya it is evident that valuable information was obtained from British prisoners of war as a result of their interrogation by the enemy.
All ranks are reminded that, in the event of their being captured, they will seriously endanger the lives of their comrades if they give any information to the enemy other than their NUMBER, RANK, and NAME.
They will NOT disclose their unit and they will be most careful to avoid giving away information regarding conditions behind our lines, or concerning any operations in which they may have taken part.
Soldiers when captured will NOT try to give misleading information - it may do more harm than good. They will avoid answering any questions owing to the danger of being trapped by a skilled interrogator.
They will be on their guard against concealed listening devices which may report their conversations, and of enemy agents disguised as bogus prisoners. Maps are often hung up, where prisoners can see them, to encourage conversation about past operations.
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18. Part 1 Orders.

Copies of Part 1 Orders issued during the voyage will be handed over to the Officer-in-Charge Records, 2nd Echelon, A.I.F. on disembarkation. Copies are also to be forwarded to the Officer-in-Charge, 2nd Echelon, Army Headquarters, Melbourne.

19. Nominal Roll of Troops Parading Sick.

A Nominal Roll, in accordance with the following pro forma will be maintained showing the names of all personnel who paraded sick during the voyage, irrespective of whether or not they are admitted to Ship's Hospital. This Nominal Roll will be forwarded to the Officer-in-Charge Records, 2nd Echelon, A.I.F:-

NOMINAL ROLL OF PERSONNEL PARADING SICK:

Transport No.....
Embarked..(Place)..(Date)
Disembarked..(Place)..(Date)

Personal or Army Number.	Rank.	Name.	Unit.	Date Paraded Sick	Dis-ability	M.Cs Remarks	Initials of M.C.

20. Statistical Return.

A Statistical Return, in accordance with Appendix "A" showing by units, the number of personnel who embarked, the variations brought about during the voyage through evacuations to shore Hospitals, illegal absentees, inter-unit transfers etc., and the number who disembarked, will be submitted to the Officer-in-Charge Records, 2nd Echelon, A.I.F, as soon after disembarkation as possible.

21. Disembarkation Nominal Rolls.

(a) At the end of the voyage a Disembarkation Nominal Roll, by Units, is to be compiled (in triplicate) from the Embarkation Nominal Rolls giving particulars of the following:-

(i) Disembarked at...on..(with main body of Unit).
(ii) Evacuated from Ship to Hospital at....on.....
(iii) Baggage parties remaining on board for subsequent disembarkation at.....on.....

(b) Details of personnel who illegally absented themselves or disembarked

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1 AUST AA BDE OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 5.

Instructions for Heavy AA Defence of Landing Grounds or VAs.

1. 1 Aust AA Bde Operation Instruction No. 1 as amended by 1 Aust AA Bde Operation Instruction No. 3 is cancelled.

2. The following principles will be adopted in the Heavy AA Defence of Landing Grounds and VAs.

3. Comd Hy AA Defences is responsible for :-

(a) Disposition of the Hy AA resources under his Command as instructed by BAA.

(b) Liaison with RAF regarding -

(i) Location of and changes in LGs in use.
(ii) Co-ordination with RAF operations staffs.

(c) Liaison with Comd Lt AA Defences in relation to co-ordination of ground defences of heavy gun stations by infantry responsible for LG defences.

SITING.

4. Attention will be paid in the siting of guns in their primary role to ensure that they can perform their secondary roles of defence against low flying aircraft and tank attack.

RECOGNITION.

5. Aircraft recognition signals (ARS) will be issued through AA Bde HQ and are also available at RAF Ops Rooms. Issued lists will be checked daily with RAF Ops Rooms to ensure the latest ARS are available.

6. Air corridors will be issued through AA Bde HQ, and are also available at RAF Ops Rooms.

CONTROL.

7. Hy AA Guns will be controlled by a Gun Operations Room which will be located with the RAF Fighter Operations Room.

ENGAGEMENT OF TARGETS.

8. Aircraft will be engaged only by order of the Gun Ops Officer, except that gun stations will engage aircraft definitely identified as hostile. The Gun Ops Officer may order a gun station to fire a warning or "bring to" round.

COMMS.

9. (a) Sigs will establish and maintain communication between Gun Operations Room and gun stations.

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1 AUST AA BDE OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 1

COPY NO. 1 28 Apr, 41.

A.A. DEFENCE OF AERODROMES AND LANDING GROUNDS.

The following principles will be adopted in the AA Defence of Aerodromes and LG's:-

COMD AND LIAISON.

1. The senior AA Officer of the units providing AA defence of an aerodrome or LG will command all AA units in the area.

2. The AA Comd will maintain the closest liaison with the O.C. aerodrome or LG, and with Comd ground defence troops.

SITING OF GUNS.

3. AA guns will be sited to fulfill their primary role of attack against hostile aircraft. Consistent with this, consideration will be given to their purely secondary role of AT defence.

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6. Aircraft approaching defended areas should fly along the corridor and make the ARS on entering the corridor. Comds AA units will insist on the necessity for this procedure, particularly in areas in which light AA guns are located. (NOTE: Man. AA Defence, Vol. 2, Pam. 2, Sec 4, Para. 11).

CONTROL.

7. The Comd AA units will ensure that an Officer (Gun Ops Officer) is at all times in executive command of guns.

8. This Officer should be with the RAF Ops Officer of the aerodrome. If this is not possible, he will be in direct telephonic communication with the RAF Ops Officer.

9. All gun stations will be connected by telephone to the Gun Ops Officer

ENGAGEMENT OF TARGETS.

10. The Gun Ops Officer is responsible for ordering the engagement of targets. Guns will not open fire without orders from the Gun Ops Officer unless attacked.

11. The RAF Ops Officer is responsible for informing the Gun Ops Officer at the earliest possible moment whether the aircraft in the vicinity are friendly or hostile, and for requesting the engagement of hostile aircraft.

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12. Aircraft will not be engaged except by request of the RAF Ops Officer, until a hostile act is committed.

13. The Comd AA units will provide at least one lookout to be stationed with the air lookout to co-operate in location and identification of aircraft.

14. A Master Gun will be detailed, which will be used for the firing of any warning or "bring to" round the RAF Ops Officer and the Gun Ops Officer may decide is required.

15. AALMG's and rifles will open fire immediately hostile aircraft are identified and come within range.

DEGREE OF READINESS.

16. Light Guns will be at immediate call. At stations where four or more guns are sited, one gun in four may be permitted to stand down.

17. Heavy guns will be at 30 secs where no G/L operates; at 2 mins where G/L operates. Where S/L's are available heavy guns will be at call 24 hours; where no S/L's available, during the hours of daylight.

MOVEMENT.

18. Should the necessity arise to move RAF units, the order for the move to all ground units will emanate from Bn Comd responsible for the ground protection of the L/G.

19. AA Regt HQ will move to conform to and establish themselves in the vicinity of the Inf Bde HQ responsible for the ground protection of L/G's, and will maintain the closest liaison with these HQ.

20. A recce of alternative landing grounds and routes will be carried out by all AA HQ and units, in co-operation with Inf Comd.

GROUND DEFENCE.

21. The senior Inf Officer in each LG is responsible for defence against ground attack, and for making the defence plan. AA guns will be prepared to act as AT guns under his command, and in accordance with his plan, when there are no air targets.

Maj.,

B.M. 1 Aust AA Bde.

(K.D. Chalmers)

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From ... Commanding Officer, H.M.S. "KINGSTON".

Date ... 26th May 1941. No. 1293/01.

To ... Officer Commanding 3rd Light Anti-Aircraft Australian Regiment.
(Copies to :- Officer Commanding , Transit Camp, Amyiria.
Captain (D), Fourteenth Destroyer Flotilla,
H.M.S. "Jervis").

During recent operations to the North of Crete, Lieutenant W. E. Kelly and eighteen other ranks of the 3rd Light Anti-Aircraft Australian Regiment were picked up in Candia Bay by this ship. The t time was about 0100, 21st May.

2. Owing to naval operational requirements, no opportunity occurred to land them again in Crete and they were retained onboard until the ship returned to Alexandria in the early morning of 24th May.

3. During the three days this party was onboard, I was greatly impressed by their splendid discipline, which reflects the greatest credit on Lieutenant Kelly. On the 21st and 22nd May a number of dive bombing attacks were made on the ship. They were particularly intense on the 22nd May, when all hands were at their action stations from 0815 until after dark. The assistance provided by Lieutenant Kelly and his detachment during this trying period was of the utmost value.

They formed a party to augment the supply of ammunition to the Pom-Pom gun. Without this help it is more than probable that this gun could not have been kept continuously in action. They were also of great assistance in attending the many survivors who were picked up from other ships. In addition Lieutenant Kelly himself, was continually going round the quarters encouraging the hands and supplying them with chocolate, etc.

All onboard were filled with admiration for this detachment, particularly when it is remembered that they were "doing their stuff" in circumstances which must have been very strange to them.

(Sgd. P. Somerville)

Lieutenant Commander,
Commanding Officer.

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BAVO
GADO
ARCO

1. Btys will immediately build dummy guns from material which can be obtained by indent from R.E. U29.

2. BAVO will draw from ABAN 1 dummy gun and place it in position in one of the alternative positions at U21 Sattellite by 1600 hrs 4 May 41.

3. BHQ. ARCO will detail 5 men, with tentage accomodation, to report to BAVO at U15 Sattellite by 1500 hrs to man the gun.
They will draw rations with and come under command HBAVO.

4. BAVO will indent on D.A.D.O.S. TITO for a supply of luminous paint for forward area sights.

5. Btys and Troops will take immediate steps to camouflage positions using nets from tractors and trucks and any other device available.

6. Btys and Troops will take immediate steps to see that all ammn is protected from the rays of the sun at gun positions.

7. No practice firing will take place at any gun position without the written consent of ABAN.

8. The attention of all officers is to be drawn to the use of code names and other matters appertaining thereto.

9. All ranks armed with rifles will be put through a refresher course in the engagement of aeroplanes with rifles.

10. Rifles and other small arms in the possession of all units will be inspected daily.

Lt/Col.

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ROUTINE ORDERS
by
LT.COL. J. W. RHODEN
Commanding 3 Aust Lt. A.A. Regt.

PART 1, No. 81. 3 May 41.

1. CHURCH PARADE.

A voluntary Church Parade, combined with R.A.S.C., Sig Sec. and Wkshop Sec., will be held in R.H.Q. Lines at 0830 hrs Sunday 4 May 41.

2. RETURNS.

Ammunition and Strength Returns must reach R.H.Q. by 0830 hrs daily to enable them to be collated and forwarded to 1 A.A.A. Bde by first D.R.

3. A.A. DEFENCE.

The following is an extract from memo CRME/3598/1/G(Tng) of 24 Apr 41 :-

"It has been reported that B Echelon of an Armd Regt recently brought down five enemy aircraft which attacked them.

This example of courage and determination in face of such attacks will be brought to the notice of all ranks, and every unit must be trained to this or an even higher standard in face of attack from the air.

The moral value of actions such as this is even greater than the material."

4. MAIL.

Ref R.Os Part 1 No 78, para 4, lines 1 and 2 are cancelled. The following are the mail times :- Closes at R.H.Q. at 1200 hrs on Sundays and Wednesdays.

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(b) The entries in the A.Fs. B.122 (Field Conduct Sheet) will be compared with corresponding entries in the A.F. B.103 and schedules submitted to the Officer-in-Charge Records showing particulars of any necessary adjustments.

(c) The schedules referred to in the preceding sub-paras will be prepared, in duplicate, on a unit basis. The duplicate copies are to be forwarded to the Officer-in-Charge, 2nd Echelon, Army Headquarters, Melbourne.

10. A supply of blank A.Fs. A.200 (Attestation Form) will normally be available on board each transport. A copy will be made out for any person whose Attestation Form is deficient and marked "Substitute pending receipt of certified copy of original". The front page only will be filled in and signed by the member. A substitute form completed in these circumstances does not purport to be an Attestation Form, and accordingly the oath will not be administered nor will the medical examination be undergone. The signature of the member will be witnessed only; the words 'Attesting or' being struck out. Substitute A.Fs. B.199A, B.103 or D.1. need not be made out but a list of all deficiencies in personal records will be submitted to the Officer-in-Charge Records, 2nd Echelon, A.I.F. Improvised A.F. A.200 will be used if necessary.

11. Casualty Returns.

Casualty Returns (A.F.W. 3010 - Officers and Nurses) and (A.F. W.3011 - Other Ranks) will be compiled for each unit. The first return will show names of those who embarked, the number of the transport, and the date and port of embarkation. Thereafter Casualty Returns will be prepared as required. All information affecting the pay or service of a soldier (vide the detail shown at the head of the form) will be given in the Casualty Return.

12. A.F. B.2069 - Offence Report.

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FAILURE TO EMBARK - UNAUTHORISED EMBARKATIONS - EVACUATIONS TO HOSPITALS ENROUTE AND ILLEGAL ABSENTEES.

23. (a) The O.C. Troops will advise the Officer-in-Charge, 2nd Echelon, Army Headquarters, by the quickest possible means of the names of personnel who:-

(i) Failed to embark although their names are shown on the Embarkation Nominal Roll.
(ii) Embarked without authority.
(iii) Were evacuated to a shore hospital at an intermediate port; or -
(iv) Illegally absented themselves enroute.

(b) The documents of the personnel referred to in sub-paras (a) (i), (iii) and (iv) above will not be returned to Australia but will be handed over to the Officer-in-Charge Records, 2nd Echelon, A.I.F. on disembarkation.

24. The instructions laid down in the preceding paragraphs are additional to, and are not to be regarded as conflicting with, the normal procedure whereby information regarding the personal service of members is conveyed to the Officer-in-Charge Records, 2nd Echelon, A.I.F.

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BATTERY ROUTINE ORDERS.

by

Major P.W.Stokes. Commanding 8 Aust.Lt.A.A.Bty.

Part 1. No. 2.

BOOTS. Boots, light heavy are for A.I.F. M.T.DRIVERS only and units indenting for such will certify that the boots are for issue to Dvrs.

RETURN OF WORN BOOTS. After boots have been replaced, the old boots will be returned to A.O.D.

POSTAGE FACILITIES - EGYPT.

1. In future, postage rates payable by A.I.F. personnel in Egypt will conform to the special rates adopted in Australia for mail matter to and from members of the Commonwealth Defence Forces, subject to the waivure of postage on all articles (excluding air mail) not exceeding 4 ozs. in weight.

2. In cases where postage is payable, it will be prepaid in Australian stamps and will be calculated on the full weight of the article.

3. These special rates together with Egyptian weight and currency equivalents are

TO AUSTRALIA.

(a) AIR MAIL - Letters - up to 14 grammes - 30 m/ms/ Over 14 grammes - 60 m/ms., each 14 grammes or part. Registration fee on Air Mail articles - 10 m/ms. Australian stamps to be used.

(b) ORDINARY MAIL - Australian Stamps to be used.

LETTERS.

Weight.	Charge. Australian.	Egyptian.
4 oz.	Free	-
5 oz.	5d.	17 m/ms/
6 oz.	6d.	20 m/ms/
7 oz.	7d.	24 m/ms.
8 oz.	8d.	27 m/ms.
9 oz.	9d.	30 m/ms.
10 oz.	10d.	34 m/ms.

PARCELS (Max weight 1 lb.

Weight.	Charge. Australian.	Egyptian.
4 oz.	Free	-
8 oz.	2d.	7 m/ms.
12 oz.	3d.	10 m/ms.
1 lb.	4d.	14 m/ms.

PARCELS.
(Maximum weight 11 lb.)

lbs.	Charge. Aust.	Egyptian.
1	6d.	20 m/ms.
2	9d.	30 "
3	1/-	40 "
5	1/3.	50 "
8	1/6.	60 "
11	1/9.	70 "

PRINTED MATTER.

Weight.	Charge. Aust.	Egyptian.
4 oz.	Free	-
8 oz.	2d.	7 m/ms.
1 lb.	3d.	10 "
2 lb.	4d.	14 "

BOOKS & PERIODICALS.

	Aust.	Egyptian.
4 oz.	Free	-
12 oz.	1d.	4 m/ms.
24 oz.	2d.	7 "
36 oz.	3d.	10 "
48 oz.	4d.	14 "
60 oz.	5d.	17 "
72 oz.	6d.	20 "

REGISTRATION FEE.

Aust.	Egyptian.
3d.	10 m/ms.

All classes of articles (excepting parcels) may be registered.

The scheduled selling price of Australian postage stamps is :

Aust. Denomination.	Egyptian Sale Price.	Aust. Denom.	E.S.Price
1d.	4 m/ms.	5d.	17 m/ms.
2d.	7 "	6d.	20 "
3d.	10 "	9d.	30 "
4d.	14 "		

EGYPT. Mail to Egyptian and non-Empire addresses up to 30 grammes weight free to Egypt; To Non-Empire Countries - Postage is payable at Egyptian [illegible] grammes.

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MAIL. NON-EMPIRE COUNTRIES - Postage is payable at Egyptian rates with Egyptian stamps.
Further details are available at F.P.Os. or from Unit Post Orderlies.

AMMUNITION. Ammunition will only be drawn from A.Ps, the locations of which have been notified to all concerned.
Removal of amn. from dumps by personnel other than R.A.S.C. or A.A.S.C. engaged on amn. duties will be regarded as a serious offence and dealt with accordingly.

PERSONNEL WITH RAILWAY EXPERIENCE. Any member of the Bty. who has - - competent to take up duties in any of the following capacities will - - advise this H.Qs. forthwith his particulars - Type of duty for which qualified and former experience.

Officers -	Traffic Operating.	Other Ranks -	Traffic Operators.
	Loco Running.		Blockmen.
			Brakemen & Shunters.
			Railway Eng. Drivers.
			Firemen (loco)

CONGRATULATORY. The following messages have been received by the G.O.C. TOBRUK FORTRESS :-
1. From the Prime Minister of ENGLAND. "The whole Empire is watching - your STEADFAST and spirited defence of this important outpost of EGYPT with gratitude and admiration".
2. From General Sir Archibald Wavell, G.C.B., C.M.G., M.C., C. in C. "Your magnificent defence is upsetting the enemy's plans for attack on EGYPT and giving us time to build up force for a counter offensive. You could NOT repeat NOT be doing better service. Well done".

Similar messages already promulgated to all ranks were received from - The Prime Minister of Australia (The Hon.R.G.Menzies) and Brig. General Sir Thomas Blamey G.O.C.

MIRROR GLASS. Mirror glass is urgently required for the manufacture of periscopes. It is believed that mirrors have been removed from billets which are no longer occupied or are still in occupied billets. Immediate steps will be taken by units to reclaim all such mirror glass in the - possession of personnel (pieces not less than 3" x 3" are satisfactory) and deliver to No. 1 RE Dump (SOUTH of TOBRUK off BARDIA rd).

THERMOS BOMBS. Thermos Bombs are being dropped by EA in TOBRUK Fortress area. All Ranks should be warned of the possibility of encountering -- new Thermos Bomb Fields and the necessity of reporting same immediately. It is a Unit responsibility to deal with Thermos Bombs dropped in Unit areas. Thermos Bombs CANNOT be disarmed, their demolition being - - carried out by SA fire or dragging on a long rope.
(a) SA Fire must be directed from behind cover (a few sand bags or - equivalent) at least 50 yds. distant and on the side remote from the - - nosecap of the bomb.
(b) One method of dragging which has proved effective is to use an old truck tyre on the end of a long rope. The tyre is placed around the bomb and drawn by the rope from a distance, preferably behind cover.

NOTICE. Morris 8 cwt P.U. 4134365 has been lost. Any information concerning whereabouts of same should be sent to Rear H.Q. 9 Aust. Div.

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Rear H.Q. 8 Lt.A.A.Bty.
A Troop " "
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ROUTINE ORDERS.

by

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Part 1. No. 3.

BOUNDS. The experimental branch of the Advanced Ammunition Depot, - - Tobruk is out of bounds to all ranks at all times. This branch is - situated at the ITALIAN amn depot and is enclosed by a barbed wire fence.

Enquiries regarding the experimental branch (and enquiries - re ITALIAN amn) w ill be made to the office of No. 2 Sub-Depot which is situated on SOUTH side of escarpment overlooking the wire fence of the experimental branch, or to COO, AAD direct.

PROTECTION OF VEHICLES. It has been noticed that many vehicleshave been "dug in" in such a manner that whilst the radiator and engine are - - - protected, the vehicle itself is on a slope. Whilst the first stage of "digging in" a vehicle is to protect the engine etc, the process should not finish there but should be continued so that the vehicle eventually may be parked in a horizontal position.

M.T. - FIRE EXTINGUISHERS. A recent check of fire extinguishers on - - vehicles of certain troops revealed that in many cases the extinguishers were empty or otherwise unserviceable. Troop Cdrs. will arrange for these items to be periodically checked and will submit indent for refills or replacements as necessary.

SHAVING STICK BOMBS. It is reported that the enemy has been known to -- use a "Shaving Stick" Bomb which explodes when unscrewed. Exact details of the description and working of the bomb are lacking. It is said to resemble a "shaving stick" or an empty film container. Any person - - observing such bombs lying about or being dropped should report the fact immediately to the nearest HQ. The Formation concerned will then arrange for expert investigation.

DISTRIBUTION as per B.R.O. 10 May 41.

Leigh Stokes . . . . . .Mjr.
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BATTERY ROUTINE ORDERS.

by

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Part 1. No. 4.

PROMOTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, CLASSIFICATIONS.

The following Promotions, Appointments and Classifications have been made within the Battery :-

PROMOTIONS:

VX33102	L/Sgt.	Williams R.R.	promoted to	Sgt.	as from	1 Mar. 41.
VX17407	Gnr.	Slattery L.J.	" "	Bdr.	" "	22 Mar. 41.
VX18697	L/Bdr.	Forbes J.A.	" "	Bdr.	" "	8 Apr. 41.
VX33644	L/Bdr.	Fillard E.T.	" "	Bdr.	" "	8 Apr. 41.
VX44538	L/Bdr.	Austin G.G.	" "	Bdr.	" "	8 Apr. 41.
VX38151	Gnr.	Robertson H.R.	" "	Bdr.	" "	8 Apr. 41.
VX36173	Gnr.	Berkley J.R.	" "	Bdr.	" "	8 Apr. 41.
VX35736	L/Bdr.	Nichols L.G.	" "	Bdr.	" "	1 May 41.

APPOINTMENTS.

VX44404.	Gnr.	Phillips R.D.	appointed	L/Bdr.	as from	16 Mar. 41.
VX35142.	Gnr.	Macmillan C.V.	"	L/Bdr.	" "	8 Apr. 41.
VX47571.	Gnr.	LAngdon W.C.C.	"	L/Bdr.	" "	8 Apr. 41.
VX40993.	Gnr.	Duke A.	"	L/Bdr.	" "	8 Apr. 41.
VX32786.	Gnr.	Nichols L.G.	"	L/Bdr.	" "	8 Apr. 41.
VX32563.	Gnr.	Bryant R.K.	"	L/Bdr.	" "	8 Apr. 41.
VX36852.	Gnr.	Welch R.A.	"	L/Bdr.	" "	8 Apr. 41.
VX44627.	Gnr.	Palmer R.G.	"	L/Bdr.	" "	18 Apr. 41.
VX37057.	Gnr.	Moyes J.L.	"	L/Bdr.	" "	1 May 41.
VX38867.	Gnr.	Roberts T.H.	"	L/Bdr.	" "	1 May 41.
VX24598.	Gnr.	Courtney E.J.	"	L/Bdr.	" "	1 May 41.
VX38466.	Bdr.	Whitley A.J.	"	L/Sgt.	" "	14 May 41.

CLASSIFICATIONS.

VX38277. Gnr. Bright E.L.J. Classified from DVR.MEC. Group 111.to MEC. M.T. Group 11 as from 8 May 41. 41

VX33303. Gnr. Clifford W.S. Classified DVR.MEC. Group 111 from 1 May.

VX28192.	Gnr.	McBean C.A.	Classified	Gun Layer	Group	111	from 1 Mar.41
VX38262.	Gnr.	Campbell R.G.	"	"	"	"	" 1 Mar.41
VX47571.	L/Bdr.	LAngdon W.C.C.	"	"	"	"	" 1 Mar.41
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VX32563.	L/Bdr.	Bryant R.K.	"	"	"	"	" 1 Mar.41
VX33235.	Gnr.	Croft J.W.	"	"	"	"	" 1 Mar.41
VX38258.	Gnr.	Taylor L.C.	"	"	"	"	" 1 Mar.41
VX30539.	Gnr.	Heathcote J.G.	"	"	"	"	" 1 Mar.41
VX12482.	L/Bdr.	Arpt E.W.	"	"	"	"	" 1 Mar.41
VX31975.	Gnr.	Greenwood E.	"	"	"	"	" 1 Mar.41
VX36852.	L/Bdr.	Welch R.A.	"	"	"	"	" 1 Mar.41
VX37243.	Gnr.	Bell K.O.	"	"	"	"	" 1 Mar.41
VX29847.	Gnr.	Page W.S.	"	"	"	"	" 1 Mar.41
VX36557.	Gnr.	McFarlane A.L.	"	"	"	"	" 1 Mar.41
VX36805.	Gnr.	Farr A.R.	"	"	"	"	" 1 Mar.41
VX24757.	Gnr.	Smith H.C.	"	"	"	"	" 1 Mar.41
VX34207.	Gnr.	Nicholson F.H.	"	"	"	"	" 1 Mar.41
VX27767.	Gnr.	Stringer H.S.	"	"	"	"	" 1 Mar.41

VX41790. Gnr. Toy F.R. Re-Classified from Gnr.Clerk Group 111 to Gnr.from 18 Apr.41 and Classified as Gun Layer as from 19 Apr. 41, Group 111.

VX44761. Gnr. Watson G.B. Classified Gnr.Clerk Group 111 from 19 Apr. 1941.

DISTRIBUTION as per B.R.O.10 May 41.

DEMOTIONS. VX44538. Bdr. Austin G.G. reduced to rank of Gunner from 18 May 1941.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

8 AUS LT AA BTY (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 **Posted** strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (*i.e.*, deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1	—	—
Captains	—	—	1
Lieutenants	4	—	2
2nd Lieutenants	—	—	—
Quartermasters	—	—	—
District Officers	—	—	—
TOTALS	5	—	3

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (*e.g.*, Major-General, Brigadier, etc.)

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		NIL		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		NIL		

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (*e.g.*, present whereabouts, if known).
		NIL	

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

8 Aust. Lt.A.A.Bty. — 4 May 1941.

PART A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements.

	Posted.	Surplus.	Reinforcements required.
W.O. Class 11.	1.	-	-
Staff Sergeants.	1.	-	-
Sergeants.	7.	-	3.
Bombardiers.	19.	-	1.
Gunners Etc.	134.		43.
	162.		47.

PART B. Other Ranks attached from Other Corps.

Appointment.	Units to which belong.	Appointment.	Unit to which belong.
Dvr. Brown S.I.	R.A.S.C.	Dvr. Hicks S.T.	R.A.S.C.
" Robertson R.W.	"	" Slee A.	"
" Roberts G.H.	"	" Allen J.	"
" Reeve S.C.	"	" Starling J.	"
" Titman R.	"	Cpl. Hotchkiss H.R.F.T.	"
" Whitear R.	"	Dvr. Cleminson A.	"
" Craddock S.	"	" Chaplin H.T.	"
" Corke J.	"	" Bromwich R.H.	"
" Owers C.A.	"	" Bell G.	"
" Richards J.L.	"	" Ramsay W.R.	"
" Savage R.T.	"	" Purcell A.J.	"
" Chester C.W.	"	" Vincent C.D.	"
" Tebbutt G.J.	"	" Lantsbury B.W.	"
" Thurley S.J.	"	" Redding E.	"
" Walsh E.	"	" Murphy J.J.	"

PART C.

NIL.

PART D. Details by trades etc. of Reinforcements required.

	Sgts.	Bdrs.	O/Rs.
Non Tradesmen.	-	-	47.

Major.
O.C. 8 Aust. Lt.A.A.Bty.

8 Aust. Lt.A.A.Bty.
4 May 1941.

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Major	-	STOKES P.W.	10- AUS	Yes	—
Lieut	-	HARRY R.V.	" "	"	—
"	-	REED F.W.	" "	"	—
"	-	STEPHENS H.L.	" "	"	—
"	-	MCKINNELL J.F.N.	" "	"	—

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or temporary rank. if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
		NIL.			

5 AUS. LT. A.A. BTY
(Unit.)

4 MAY '41
(Date of Despatch.)

Percy W. Stokes Major.
(Signature of Commander.)

4 A.A. BDE.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

8 Aust. Lt.A.A.Bty. — 11 May 41.

PART A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements.

	Posted.	Surplus.	Reinforcements required.
W.O. Class 11.	1	-	-
Staff Sergeants.	1	-	-
Sergeants.	7	-	3
Bombardiers.	19	-	1
Gunners etc.	134	-	43
	162.		47.

PART B. Other Ranks attached from Other Corps.

Appointment.		Units to which belong.		Appointment.		Unit to which belong.	
Dvr.	Brown S.I. 6 W/T.	R.A.S.C.		Dvr.	Hicks S.T.	51st.	R.A.S.C.
"	Robertson R.W.	51st.	R.A.S.C.	"	Allen J.	346 Res.	M.T. Co.
"	Roberts G.H.	"	"	"	Craddock S.	"	" " "
"	Reeve S.G.	"	"	"	Chaplin H.T.	"	" " "
"	Titman R.	"	"	"	Bromwich R.	"	" " "
"	Whitear R.	"	"	"	Starling J.	51st.	R.A.S.C.
"	Owers C.A.	"	"	Cpl.	Hotchkiss H.R.	"	"
"	Richards J.L.	"	"	Dvr.	Cleminson A.	"	"
"	Savage R.T.	"	"	"	Ramsay W.R.	"	"
"	Chester G.H.	"	"	"	Purcell A.J.	"	"
"	Tebbutt G.J.	"	"	"	Vincent C.D.	"	"
"	Thurley S.J.	"	"	"	Lantsbury B.W.	"	"
"	Way R.G.	"	"	"	Redding E.	"	"
"	Cole W.T.	"	"	"	Jones R.A.	"	"
"	James W.	"	"	"	Rodgers J.S.	"	"

PART C. NIL.

PART D. Details by trades etc. of Reinforcements required.

	Sgts.	Bdrs.	O/Rs.
Non-Tradesmen.	3	-	47.

Unit. 8 Aust. Lt.A.A.Bty.

In the Field.
11 May 1941.

Reginald Stokes
. . . . . Major.
O.C. 8 Aust. Lt.A.A.Bty.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

8 AUST LT A. A. BTY. **(Unit)**

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 **Posted** strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (*i.e.*, deficits on establishment).
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..... *			
..... *			
..... *			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1	—	—
Captains	—	—	1
Lieutenants	4	—	2
2nd Lieutenants	-	-	-
Quartermasters	-	-	-
District Officers	-	-	-
TOTALS	5		3

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (*e.g.*, Major-General, Brigadier, etc.)

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		NIL.		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		NIL.		

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (*e.g.*, present whereabouts, if known).
LIEUT.	DAVIS L J	1ST AUS.	WAS IN BASE HOSPITAL

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1 Substantive Rank.	2 Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
MAJOR	—	STOKES P.W.G	1ST AUS	YES	—
LIEUT	—	HARRY R.V	"	"	—
"	—	STEPHENS H.L	"	"	—
"	—	REED F.W.	"	"	—
"	—	McKINNELL J.F.N	"	"	—

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or temporary rank. if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
		N.L			

8 AUST LT A.A BTY.
(Unit.)

11 MAY '41
(Date of Despatch.)

Philip W Stokes Major
(Signature of Commander.)

4 A.A. BDE.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

8 AUST LT A.A BTY (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (*i.e.*, deficits on establishment).
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..... *			
..... *			
..... *			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1	—	—
Captains	—	—	1
Lieutenants	4	—	2
2nd Lieutenants	—	—	—
Quartermasters	—	—	—
District Officers	—	—	—
TOTALS	5	—	3

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (*e.g.*, Major-General, Brigadier, etc.)

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		NIL		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		NIL		

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (*e.g.*, present whereabouts, if known).
LIEUT	DAVIS L. J.	1ST AUS.	Was in Base Hospital.

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PART D. – NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1 Substantive Rank.	2 Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
MAJOR	–	STOKES P.W.	1st AUST	YES	
LIEUT	–	HARRY R.V.	"	"	
"	–	STEPHENS H.L.	"	"	
"	–	REED F.W.	"	"	
"	–	MCKINNELL J.F.N.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or temporary rank. if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
		N.L.			

8 AUST LT A.A. BTY.
(Unit.)

18 MAY 1941.
(Date of Despatch.)

Philip W Stokes Major
(Signature of Commander.)

H A.A. BDE
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

8 AUST LT A A BTY. (Unit). 18 MAY 1941. (Date.)

(To be furnished by all Units of Royal Artillery, Royal Army Service Corps, Royal Army Medical Corps and The Army Dental Corps.)

PART A. STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Appointment.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
W.O.'s Class I.			
W.O.'s Class II.	1	—	—
W.O.'s Class III.	—	—	—
Battery or C.Q.M. Serjeants.	NIL	—	—
Staff Serjeants.	1	—	—
Serjeants.	9	—	2
Bombardiers or Corporals.	19	—	—
Buglers.	—	—	—
Trumpeters.	—	—	—
Gunners, Drivers, Privates, etc.	132	—	45
Total	162	* —	* 47

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W. 3009A.

PART B. OTHER RANKS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Appointment.	Units and Corps to which they belong.	Appointment.	Units and Corps to which they belong.
Bdr. Brown S.J.	6 Aust. Fd. Bty.	Gnr. Turner L.O.	51st Fd. Regt.
Gnr. Rose R.W.	51st " "	" Cumming B.H.	" "
" Tyrrell E.	" " "	" Jones R.A.	" "
" Whittle E.	" " "	" Allen T.S.	" "
" Richards T.A.	" " "	" Allen T.	3rd Reinforcements Fd. Regt.
" Spence C.T.	" " "	" Craddock S.	" " "
" Sumner S.T.	" " "	" Cameron N.T.	" " "
" Cook H.T.	" " "	" Bowman R.	" " "
" Innes N.J.	" " "	" STARLING J.	13th A.A. Regt.
" Lawrence H.J.	" " "	" Simmons A.	" " "
		" Chester C.N.	" " "
		" Hicks S.T.	" " "

PART C. DESCRIPTION OF OTHER RANKS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
VX32086	BDR.	HEVEY F	1st AUS.	Wounded in action Base Hospital
VX40134	GNR	BELL D.C.	" "	" " " "

8 AUST LT A A BTY. (Unit).

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PART D. DETAIL BY TRADES OF SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED AS SHOWN IN PART A OF ARMY FORM W. 3009a.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus to Establishment.											Reinforcements required.										REMARK
	W.O.'s Class I.	W.O.'s Class II.	W.O.'s Class III.	Battery or C.Q.M. Serjeants.	Staff Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Bombdrs. or Corpls.	Buglers.	Trumpeters.	Gnrs., Drvs., Pts., &c.	TOTAL.	W.O.'s Class I.	W.O.'s Class II.	W.O.'s Class III.	Battery or C.Q.M. Serjeants.	Staff Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Bombdrs. or Corpls.	Buglers.	Trumpeters.	Gnrs., Drvs., Pts., &c.	TOTAL.	
Artificers, other than those enumerated																						
Bakers																						
Batty. Commanders Assts.																						
Battery Surveyors																						
Blacksmiths																						
Butchers																						
Carpenters & Joiners																						
Clerks																						
Clerks (R.A. Clerks Section)																						
Clerks (Tech. M.T.)																						
Coach Painters																						
Coach Trimmers																						
Computors																						
Cooks (Hospital)																						
Coppersmiths																						
Dental Clerk Orderlies																						
Dental Mechanics																						
Dispensers																						
Draughtsmen (Topo.)																						
Draughtsmen (Mech.)																						
Driver-mechanics																						
Drivers (H.T.)																						
Drivers (M.T.)																						
Drivers (I.C.)																						
Electricians																						
Equipment Repairers																						
Farriers																						
Fitters																						
Grinders Precision																						
Gun Position Officers Assts.																						
Instrument Makers																						
Issuers																						
Laboratory Assistants																						
Masseurs																						
Mechanics																						
Mental Nursing Orderlies																						
Motor-mechanics																						
Moulders																						
Nursing Orderlies																						
Observers (A.S.)																						
Operating Room Assistants																						
Painters & Decorators																						
Panel Beaters																						
Pattern Makers																						
Pharmacists																						
Plumbers & Gasfitters																						
Radiographers																						
Saddlers & Harness Makers																						
Sanitary Assistants																						
Searchlight Operators																						
Signallers																						
Special Treatment Orderlies																						
Storemen (Technical)																						
Surveyors R.A.																						
Telephonists																						
Trained Nurses																						
Turners																						
Typepressers																						
Vulcanizers																						
Welders (Acetylene)																						
Wheelers																						
Non-Tradesmen										47	47											
TOTALS (to agree with Cols. 3 & 4 of Part A.)										47	47											

8 AUST LT A A BTY
Unit.

15 May 1941
Date of Despatch.

Capt W Stoka Major
Signature of Commander.

4 A A Bde
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

8 AUST LT A BTY (Unit). 25 MAY 1941. (Date.)

(To be furnished by all Units of Royal Artillery, Royal Army Service Corps, Royal Army Medical Corps and The Army Dental Corps.)

PART A. STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Appointment.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
W.O.'s Class I.	—		
W.O.'s Class II.	— 1	—	NIL
W.O.'s Class III.	—	—	—
Battery or C.Q.M. Serjeants.	—	—	—
Staff Serjeants.	1	—	—
Serjeants.	9	—	1
Bombardiers or Corporals.	20	—	
Buglers.	—	—	—
Trumpeters.	—	—	—
Gunners, Drivers, Privates, etc.	131	—	46
Total	163	*	* 47

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W. 3009A.

PART B. OTHER RANKS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Appointment.	Units and Corps to which they belong.	Appointment.	Units and Corps to which they belong.
Dvr. Brown	6 WITK. Co. R.A.S.C.	Dvr Vincent C.D.	516 Hdq R.A.S.C.
" Young S.A.	516 W.H.Q. R.A.S.C.	" Sweeney B.W.	
" Tidman R.	" " "	" Reading E.	
" Whitney R.	" " "	" Jones R.A.	
" Richards E.L.	" " "	" Rodgers T.S.	
" Savage R.T.	" " "	" Thomas S.A.	
" Talbot E.J.	" " "	" Allen J.	346 Roove M.T.C. R.A.S.C.
" Shirley S.J.	" " "	" Craddock S.T.	" " " " "
" Ivey R.J.	" " "	" Chaplain H.T.	" " " " "
" Cooke A.T.	" " "	" Bronnich R.	" " " " "
" James W.		" Sandland T.	13 Fd Bty R.A.A.C.
" Ramsay W.R.		" O'Hara T.	" " " "
" Prince H.S.		" Burgess O.	" " " "
		" Thompson W.T.E.	" " " "
		" Whitcombe A.E.	" " " "

PART C. DESCRIPTION OF OTHER RANKS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
VX37086	BDR.	HEVEY F N	1ST AUS.	Was evacuated Base Hospital
VXH0134	GNR.	BELL D C	" "	" " " "

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

8 Aust L^T A.A. Bty (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (*i.e.*, deficits on establishment).
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..... *			
..... *			
..... *			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1	—	—
Captains	—	—	1
Lieutenants	4	—	2
2nd Lieutenants	—	—	—
Quartermasters	—	—	—
District Officers	—	—	—
TOTALS	5	—	3

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (*e.g.*, Major-General, Brigadier, etc.)

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
~~4/LIEUT~~	~~LIGHT N.O~~	~~1st AUS~~	~~25/5/41~~	~~Promotion from W.O.II~~
~~LIEUT~~	~~MCCULLOCH M.T~~	~~" "~~	~~25/5/41~~	~~" " SGT.~~
		NIL		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		NIL		

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (*e.g.*, present whereabouts, if known).
LIEUT	DAVIS L.J.	1st AUS	Was in Base Hospital at Alexandria.

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
MAJOR	—	STOKES P.W.	10th AUS	YES	—
LIEUT	—	HARRY R.V.	"	YES	—
"	—	STEPHENS H.L.	"	YES	—
"	—	REED F.W.	"	YES	—
"	—	MCKINNELL J.G.N.	"	YES	—
"	—	LIGHT H.D.	"	YES	—
"	—	MCGILLIVRAY A.T.	"	YES	—

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or temporary rank. if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
		NIL			

8 AUST LT A.A. BTY
(Unit.)

25 MAY '41.
(Date of Despatch.)

Philip W Stokes Major
(Signature of Commander.)

H A.A. BDE
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

8 AUS L^T A A BTY (Unit). 1 JUNE 1941. (Date.)

(To be furnished by all Units of Royal Artillery, Royal Army Service Corps, Royal Army Medical Corps and The Army Dental Corps.)

PART A. STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Appointment.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
W.O.'s Class I.			
W.O.'s Class II.	1		
W.O.'s Class III.			
Battery or C.Q.M. Serjeants.			
Staff Serjeants.	1		
Serjeants.	9		
Bombardiers or Corporals.	20		
Buglers.			
Trumpeters.			
Gunners, Drivers, Privates, etc.	128		50
Total	159.	*	* 50

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W. 3009A.

PART B. OTHER RANKS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Appointment.	Units and Corps to which they belong.	Appointment.	Units and Corps to which they belong.
Driver Brandt P.	6 M/Tk Bty R.A.S.C.	Driver Redding F.	5 M.H.A.A. R.A.S.C.
Forman R.	" "	Jones J. Cpl	" "
Whitear W.	" "	Swayn J. S.	" "
Evans L. G.	" "	Kuhn S. T.	" "
Sawyer J.	" "	allen J.	7 L.A.A. Regt R.A.S.C.
Tebbutt G. T.	" "	Craddock J.	" "
Thurley R. J.	" "	" Bromwich R.	" "
Rose J.	" "	Ellery J.	15 L.A.A. R.A.S.C.
James W.	" "	O'Hara J.	" "
Rumsey W. R.	" "	Burgess J.	" "
Pw[illegible]	" "	wilton W. J.	" "
Vincent G. D.	" "	[illegible]	" "
Lansbury B. W.	" "	whittaker R.	" "

PART C. DESCRIPTION OF OTHER RANKS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
VX 32016	BDR	HEVEY FN	1ST AUS	Wagga Wagga Rural Hosp
VX 20134	GNR	BELL D C	" "	" " "
VX 44965	"	MARSHALL W	" "	" " "

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

8 AUS LT A A BTY. **(Unit)**

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	**Posted** strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (*i.e.*, deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1	-	-
Captains	-		1
Lieutenants	4		2
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
TOTALS	5		3.

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (*e.g.*, Major-General, Brigadier, etc.)

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		Nil		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		Nil		

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (*e.g.*, present whereabouts, if known).
LIEUT	DAVIS L. J.	1st Aus	Was in Bar [illegible] at Alexandria then 2 Als H. Egypt.

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Major	-	STOKES P.W.C.	1st Aus.	Yes	—
LIEUT	-	HARRY R.V.	"	Yes	-
"	-	STEPHENS H.L.	"	Yes	-
"	-	REED F.W.	"	Yes	-
"	-	McKINNELL T.E.N.	"	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or temporary rank. if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
		NIL.			

8 Aus. Lt A. A. Bty
(Unit.)

Philip W. Stokes Major
(Signature of Commander.)

1 June 41
(Date of Despatch.)

4 A A Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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PART D. DETAIL BY TRADES OF SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED AS SHOWN IN PART A OF ARMY FORM W. 3009a.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus to Establishment.											Reinforcements required.										REMA
	W.O.'s Class I.	W.O.'s Class II.	W.O.'s Class III.	Battery or C.Q.M. Serjeants.	Staff Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Bombdrs. or Corpls.	Buglers.	Trumpeters.	Guns., Drvs., Pts., &c.	TOTAL.	W.O.'s Class I.	W.O.'s Class II.	W.O.'s Class III.	Battery or C.Q.M. Serjeants.	Staff Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Bombdrs. or Corpls.	Buglers.	Trumpeters.	Guns., Drvs., Pts., &c.	TOTAL.	
Artificers, other than those enumerated																						
Bakers																						
Batty. Commanders Assts.																						
Battery Surveyors																						
Blacksmiths																						
Butchers																						
Carpenters & Joiners																						
Clerks																						
Clerks (R.A. Clerks Section)																						
Clerks (Tech. M.T.)																						
Coach Painters																						
Coach Trimmers																						
Computors																						
Cooks (Hospital)																						
Coppersmiths																						
Dental Clerk Orderlies																						
Dental Mechanics																						
Dispensers																						
Draughtsmen (Topo.)																						
Draughtsmen (Mech.)																						
Driver-mechanics																						
Drivers (H.T.)																						
Drivers (M.T.)																						
Drivers (I.C.)																						
Electricians																						
Equipment Repairers																						
Farriers																						
Fitters																						
Grinders Precision																						
Gun Position Officers Assts.																						
Instrument Makers																						
Issuers																						
Laboratory Assistants																						
Masseurs																						
Mechanics																						
Mental Nursing Orderlies																						
Motor-mechanics																						
Moulders																						
Nursing Orderlies																						
Observers (A.S.)																						
Operating Room Assistants																						
Painters & Decorators																						
Panel Beaters																						
Pattern Makers																						
Pharmacists																						
Plumbers & Gasfitters																						
Radiographers																						
Saddlers & Harness Makers																						
Sanitary Assistants																						
Searchlight Operators																						
Signallers																						
Special Treatment Orderlies																						
Storemen (Technical)																						
Surveyors R.A.																						
Telephonists																						
Trained Nurses																						
Turners																						
Typepressers																						
Vulcanizers																						
Welders (Acetylene)																						
Wheelers																						
Non-Tradesmen																					50	50
TOTALS (to agree with Cols. 3 & 4 of Part A.)																					50	50

8 AUS L^T A A BTY
Unit.

1 JUNE 1941
Date of Despatch.

Philip Wicken MAJ
Signature of Comman

4 A A BDE
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serv

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3 LT AA REGT (Less 8 Bty)

GREECE - CRETE — 22 APR/31 MAY 41

MOVEMENT

EMBARKED	ALEXANDRIA for CRETE (less 8 Bty) 22 Apr 41.	3 LT AA REGT (Less 8 Bty) 22 APR/31 MAY 41.
ARRIVED	SUDA BAY 24 Apr 41	
MOVED	To HERAKLEON 27 Apr 41.	
EVACUATED	CRETE by H.M.S. "HEREWARD"; transhipped to H.M.S. "DIDO" - 28 May 41.	
ALEXANDRIA	Reached at 2130 hrs 29 May 41.	

AIR ACTION

BROUGHT DOWN	First plane in CRETE, by no. 6 gun on 13 May 41.	3 LT AA REGT (Less 8 Bty) 22 APR/31 MAY 41
14 MAY 41	Hundreds of bombs dropped - number did not explode. 6 planes shot down. Air raids every day until 20 May 41 when 200 troop carriers came over in 2 waves. 2000 paratroops dropped from 200 ft. 15 Tp Carriers shot down. Main areas between Greek Barracks and ALIKANOSSOS. Fighting in town during night between Germans, Yorks and Lancs; also, Black
21 May 41	Watch active. Greeks ran out of amn. Continued fighting with German stores which had been dropped. Lieut. Kelly and 16 ORs forced evacuate Fort in small boats. Germans pushing forward with captured Greeks in front of them. Wiped out by Leicestershire Regt. We got
22 MAY 41	further 10 planes. Buried 1000 German dead; still many more stacked in heaps by Greeks.
CANDIA 25/27 MAY 41	Attacked from WEST - still more paratroops and stores. CANDIA in ruins. Total planes shot down by Bty, 29.
EVACUATION 28 MAY 41	Embarked on H.M.S. "HEREWARD"; transhipped outside harbour to H.M.S. "DIDO". 50 deaths when bomb hit forward gun turret.

EQUIPMENT

3 LT AA REGT (Less 8 Bty) 22 APR/31 MAY 41

100% of LMGs and spare SAA taken off CRETE. All other stores destroyed.

ALLIED TROOPS

Several cases of heroism by Greek soldiers. — 3 LT AA REGT (Less 8 Bty) 22 APR/31 MAY 41

AMENITIES

ALL TYPES — comforts given men at ALEXANDRIA and AMIRIYA on return. — 3 LT AA REGT (Less 8 Bty) 22 APR/31 MAY 41

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8 BTY, 3 LT AA REGT

TOBRUK — MAY 41

AIR ACTION

SEVERAL STUKA ATTACKS	During month. Bty manned sixteen 20 mm Bredas - responsible for protection 11 Arty Tps and 9 Div HQ. Fire kept high planes going over to TOBRUK. Brought down several planes - damaged several others.	8 BTY 3 LT AA REGT MAY 41
HIGHLIGHT	S/Sgt Scott, lucky escape 1 May 41. Fired at 3 ME110s and fourth machine-gunned him - bullets struck sight and flash guard.	

TRAINING

PERSONNEL	Of unit placed on Bofors guns for periods of 3 days. Personnel also attended camouflage classes.	8 BTY 3 LT AA REGT MAY 41

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8 BTY, 3 LT AA REGT

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