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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt *Date and Time.—From* APRIL 43 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERKSHIRE VALLEY	1	1000	Cricket match played between RHQ Group and 8 Aust Lt AA Bty, won by 8 Aust Lt AA Bty.	Appendices
		1900	Major Purcell, Lieut Middleton and cricket team return to 8 Aust Lt AA Bty	
" "	2	0900	Lt Col Rhoden and Lieut Williams proceed to 8 Aust Lt AA Bty and PERTH	A. RRO No 23 by Lt Col JW. Rhoden
			Lieut Hunt proceeds to 7 Aust Lt AA Bty at GERALDTON	B. Weekly I Report No 38 by Lieut CS. Rosenberg
" "	3	1100 1115	Lecture by WO II Hilton of 8 Aust Inf Bde on the Malayan langua Snr Chaplain CK. Daws arrives at RHQ	C. Field Return of Offrs D. " " " ORs
" "	4	1000 1400	Service at RHQ by Snr Chaplain Daws Cricket match by RHQ Group against boys from the New Norcia School	
			Won by RHQ.	
		1530	Snr Chaplain Daws proceeds by road to 8 Aust Lt AA Bty	
		2000	8 Aust Inf BdeComd Battle School carry out Compass Exercise under Lieut Dorrie in the vicinity of RHQ area.	
		2359	Lt Col Rhoden and Lieut Williams return to RHQ.	
" "	5	1400	Lecture on Map Reading to RHQ Group.	E. Standing Orders for Practice Amendment Nol by Capt K.S. Rowan
" "	6	0830	Lt Col Rhoden, Capt Rowan and Capt Reed proceed by road to 7 Aust Lt AA Bty at GERALDTON.	F. RRO No 24 by Lt Col Rhoden
" "	7	1100 1400	Lecture by WO Hilton on the Malayan Language Lieut Hunt left by road for 8 Aust Lt AA Bty and PERTH.	
		1730	Lt Col Rhoden, Capt Rowan and Capt Reed return to RHQ	

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BERKSHIRE VALLEY	8	1330	Lt Col Rhoden proceeds to 8 Bty and PERTH. Lieut Williams and cricket team leave for 8 Aust Lt AA Bty	G. RRO No 25 by Lt Col Rhoden
" "	9			H. Weekly I Report No 39 by Lieut C S Rosenberg
" "	10			I. Field Return of Offrs J. Field Return of ORs
PEARCE	11	1400	Cricket match played between RHQ Group and 8 Aust Lt AA Bty. Won by 8 Aust Lt AA Bty	
BERKSHIRE VALLEY	12	1400 1700	Lt Col Rhoden, Lieut Williams and cricket team return to RHQ Lieut Hunt returns to RHQ.	K. RRO No 26 by Lt Col Rhoden
" "	13	0900 0930	Lt Col Rhoden and Lieut Williams proceed by road to 8 Bty Capt Reed proceeds by road to 8 Aust Lt AA Bty and PERTH	L. 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt I Summary by Lieut Rosenberg
PEARCE AIRFIELD		1000	Co-operation between RAAF and 8 Aust Lt AA Bty at PEARCE AIRFIELD 3 Beauforts, 11 Wirraways and 1 Brewster Buffalo took part &	
			much valuable training was afforded both pilots and gunners of the Bty.	
BERKSHIRE VALLEY		1630 1900	Lt Col Rhoden & Lieut Williams return to RHQ. Chaplain General TC Rentoul ED (Meth) and Snr Chaplain Daws	
		1945	arrive at RHQ. Chaplain General Rentoul addresses RHQ Group.	
		2100	Chaplain General Rentoul and Snr Chaplain Daws leave RHQ by road for THREE SPRINGS.	
" "	14	1900	Lecture by Mr Ferguson YMCA 2 Aust Div. Subject "A British Spy Suspect in Japanese occupied China".	
" "	15	0830	Lt Col Rhoden, Lieut Rosenberg, Lieut Williams and WO I Elder proceed by road to 7 Aust Lt AA Bty at GERALDTON	
GERALDTON		1700	Chaplain General T.C. Rentoul ED (Meth) and Snr Chaplain Daws visit 7 Aust Lt AA Bty at GERALDTON	

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BERKSHIRE VALLEY	16	1745	Lt Col Rhoden, Lieut Rosenberg & Lieut Williams and WO I Elder return to RHQ.	M. Weekly I Report No 40 by Lieut C.S. Rosenberg
" "	17	0600	Strength of Regt for week ending 17 Apr 43-17 offrs and 436 ORs plus 5 ORs permanent attachments under WE.	N. RRO No 27 by Lt Col JW Rhoden
GERALDTON		0800	3 guns withdrawn from GERALDTON Airfield defence to co-operate in Paratroop exercise by 2 Aust Div at GEORGINA Satellite Airfield. The exercise which proved successful was attended by the Minister for the Army, Mr Forde & GOC 3 Aust Corps Lt Gen H Gordon Bennett.	
BERKSHIRE VALLEY	18	0930	Cricket team proceeds to and plays DALWALLINU local team. Match won by DALWALLINU.	
	19			O. Letter of appreciation from 109 Aust Lt AA Regt for co-operation in exercise & loan of guns & personnel.
" "	20	1500	Lieut Hunt proceeds by road to 8 Aust Lt AA Bty and PERTH.	P. Training Instruction No 13 by Lt Col J. W. Rhoden
				Q. Training Syllabi by Lt Col J.W. Rhoden
" "	21	0900	Lt Col Rhoden and Capt Rowan proceed by road to 8 Aust Lt AA Bty and PERTH.	R. RRO No 28 by Lt Col Rhoden
		1400	Capt Reed proceeds by road to 8 Aust Lt AA Bty and PERTH.	
		1700	Chaplain Gen T.C. Rentoul ED (Meth) & Snr Chaplain Daws return from 3 Aust Corps itinerary (North) to RHQ	
		1830	Service with RHQ personnel	
		2100	Chaplain General Rentoul & Snr Chaplain Daws proceed by road to PERTH.	
PEARCE	22	0930	Shoot by 8 Aust Lt AA Bty at PEARCE, attended by Chaplain Gen TC Rentoul ED (Meth), Lt Col Rhoden, Snr Chaplain Daws Major J. Purcell and Capt K.S. Rowan.	

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BERKSHIRE VALLEY	22	1830	Lt Col Rhoden, Major Purcell and Capt Rowan arrive at RHQ	
" "	23			S. Weekly I Report No 41 Lieut CS Rosenberg
" "	24	0730	Lt Col Rhoden, Major Purcell and Capt Rowan proceed by road to 7 Aust Lt AA Bty at GERALDTON.	
			Strengthof Regt for week ending 24 Apr 43, 17 Offrs and 435 ORs plus 5 ORs attached.	
GERALDTON BERKSHIRE VALLEY		1330 2000	Shoot by 7 Aust Lt AA Bty at GERALDTON Lt Col Rhoden, Major Purcell and Capt Rowan return to RHQ.	
" "	26	1500	Lt Col Rhoden & Major Purcell proceed by road to 8 Aust Lt AA Bty and PERTH	
		1800	Capt FW Reed returns to RHQ.	T. RRO No 29 by Lt Col Rhoden
" "	28	1400 1900	Bren Gun instruction with AA mounting by Cpl Rowe L. Lecture to RHQ Group by Lieut Watson Education Offr 8 Aust Inf	U. RRO No 30 by Lt Col Rhoden
			Bde, entitled "The Japanese Expansion & Strategy in the Pacific"	
" "	29	0830	Lt Col Rhoden and Capt Rowan proceed by road to 7 Aust Lt AA Bty at GERALDTON	
GERALDTON	30	1330	Lt Col Rhoden proceeds by aircraft to EXMOUTH GULF on visit to F Bty. Inspects BHQ & 7 Tp then to 8 Tp at ONSLOW and spends	V. Weekly I Report No 42 by Lieut Rosenberg
			the night at ONSLOW.	W. 7 Aust Lt AA Bty War Diary April 43.
				X. 8 Aust Lt AA Bty War Diary March 43.
				Y. F Bty 2/3 Aust Lt AA Rgt War diary Mar 43
				Z. 8 Bty War Diary Apr 43
				Z1. Obsolete correspondence etc as per list attached.

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APPENDIX A.

NOT TO BE PUBLISHED
AMR & O 1587

ROUTINE ORDERS
BY
LT COL J.W. RHODEN
COMMANDING 2/3 AUST LT AA REGT

2 APR 43

Last Routine Order No 22 Sub Para No 187 dated 25 Mar 43. PART 1 NO 23

188. PERSONAL ISSUE OF HELMET STEEL & RESPIRATORS AG ETC. RRO 3/23/43
Several instances have been brought to notice where units are not complying with the above RRO.
Action will be taken forthwith to give effect to this RRO.
(CRO 69/787 of 24 Mar 43)

189. DRESS - WINTER CLOTHING
The order of dress for all ranks under comd 3 Aust Corps will be changed to Winter Dress (ASO 8/3) on 1 May 43. (CRO 69/790 of 24 Mar)

190. AUSTRALIAN MILITARY REGULATIONS AND ORDERS
It is advised that by an Order of the Commander in Chief, dated 2 Mar 43, the AMR & Os were amended by the omission of para 712.
(CRO 69/791 of 24 Mar 43)

191. LEAVE
Officers only will exercise the discretionary power of determining whether leave of absence will be granted or not, except in the case of detached troops, where specific authority has been given by an officer to an NCO i/c of a detachment to do so. In any other circumstances leave will not be granted or refused by a WO or an NCO.
(CRO 70/797 of 30 Mar 43)

192. MAINTENANCE - TRUCKS 3 TON 4 x 4 WATER
Ref RRO 22/183/43.
In all circumstances where the WE permits, the drivers allotted will be a trade grouped driver mechanic who will be made available from the unit's existing entitlement on WE for driver mechanics. Where no establishment exists for a driver mechanic care will be exercised in selectionof a suitable driver. (CRO 70/799 of 30 Mar 43)

193. USE OF THE WORDS "AIRCRAFT" & "AIRFIELD"
In future, the words "aircraft" & "airfield" will be used in all military correspondence, operation orders, messages and signals, instead of the words "aeroplane" & "aerodrome". The term "advanced landing ground" will, however, continue to be used where appropriate. (GRO 240 of 26 Mar 43)

194. CHANGE IN NOMENCLATURE : ANTI TANK UNITS
1. The term "anti-tank" will no longer be used in the AMF.
The following term will be used instead:

Existing term	New term	Authorized abbreviation for new term
Anti-Tank	Tank Attack	Tk. A.

2. The nomenclature of all anti tank units will be changed in accordance with para 1 above.
3. This instruction takes effect forthwith.
(GRO 241 of 26 Mar 43)

195. DEDUCTION OF PAY FROM MEMBERS
1.(a) When disciplinary action is being taken against a member, every effort will be made to ascertain at the earliest possible date the provable value of the amount of the loss, damage or expense, which has been occasioned to the Commonwealth, by the member's alleged offence, for the purpose of including that value in the charge.
(b) Disposal of the charge, however, will not be delayed on this account beyond 30 days from the date of the alleged offence, and if at the expiration of that period the provable value of the amount of the loss, damage or expense occasioned tothe Commonwealth by the member's alleged offence has not been as certained the charge will be disposed of without including therein any reference to such value.
(GRO 242 of 26 Mar 43)

196. TRANSFERS OF INDIVIDUAL SOLDIERS OF AMF.
1. The following paras are inserted after para 3 of RRO2/10/43
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196. (Cont)

"Transfers with the object of enabling two sisters to serve together

4. An elder sister may claim the transfer to her unit of a younger sister.

The principles set out in para. 1(b) (except sub para. VI) will, however, apply as restrictions.

Transfers involving movement between L of C Areas.

5. All transfers involving movement between L of C Areas are subject to the prior approval of LHQ except in cases of brother to brother and sister to sister transfers."

2. Para 4 is renumbered 6. (GRO 244 of 26 Mar 43)

197. SPECIAL BOOTS - APPROVAL OF ISSUE

1. In addition to authorization by the DGMS under MFR & I.252(1V), DDMSs and ADMSs at HQL of C Areas may approve the supply of special boots to technically qualified or specially trained personnel whose ability to perform their duties is dependant upon the provision of special footwear.

2. Reference of each case to a surgeon specialist (orthopaedic) for report will be a pre-requisite to approval.

3. Wherever practicable and appropriate, special boots will be obtained through the Dept of Rehabilitation; in other cases supply will be arranged by the Army. (GRO 248 of 26 Mar 43)

198. RECORDING OF LEAVE

1. Pending the introduction of a Record of Service Book (AAB 83) which is now in process of preparation, action will be taken by all units forthwith to compile a Record of Leave for all ranks covering the period commencing on 1 Jul 42. The Record of Leave will be compiled in or to the effect of the form shown in Appendix "A" hereto, under unit arrangements, as a temporary measure pending the introduction of the Record of Service Book. (AAB 83)

2. (a) All leave authorized since 1 Jul 42, will be included, irrespective of its nature.

(b) Entries should be made in the following manner:-

(i) Column headed "Authority".- The authority for the credit or debit will be briefly shown, e.g. "GRO559, LHQ 123456, GRO 199, RO Part II 37/42 (3).

(ii) Column headed "Type of leave". - In showing the type of leave the following abbreviations may be used:-

Recreation (GRO A559/42, para 3 or 11)	- Rec.
Compassionate (GRO A559/42 para 5)	- Com.
Emergency (GRO A559/42 para 6	- Emer.
Special (GRO A559/42 para 9	- Spec.
Disembarkation (GR O A559/42 para 10	- Disem.
Pension Claims (GRO A559/42 para 14(a) (Proviso)	- Pens.
Service (GRO A559/42 para 14(b)	- Serv.
Seasonal occupation (GRO A 199/42	- Occ.

(iii) Column headed "Leave Credits".-

Period - The months for which the credits are given will be shown, e.g. July - Sept 42

Days - The entitlement in days for the period will be shown e.g. 6.

All credit entitlements to date will be entered on each occasion in which any leave is granted.

(iv) Column headed "Leave Debits" - Details will be shown of all debits for leave granted or deducted for any reason from entitlement, eg. for AWL. The sub headings are self-explanatory

(v) Column headed "Debit Balance".- When leave has been anticipated, the amount anticipated will be shown in days.

(vi) Column headed "Credit Balance".- When leave has been accumulated, the amount accumulated will be shown in days.

Vii) Column headed "Signature of Officer etc"- Each entry will be authenticated by the signature of an officer who is responsible that the entry is correct.

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(viii) Column headed "Remarks" - Any special circumstances relating to the entries which may affect future leave or pay while on leave, and which are not shown in the other columns, will be shown here.

3. Until the issue of a Record of Service Book (AAB 83) to the member (into which book the particulars from the Record of Leave will be transcribed) the Record of Leave will form one of the member's unit documents, and will be forwarded with other unit document on movement by the member from his unit.

RECORD OF LEAVE — APPENDIX "A"

No..... Rank..... Name..... Date of Enlistment.....

Authority	Type of Leave	Leave Credits Period	Days	Leave Debits Time	Date	Time	Date	With/o Pay	Pay	Leave Bal. Debit	Leave Bal. Cred.	Off. verifying grant or cr. of leave Sig. of	Remks.

(GRO 249 of 26 Mar 43.)

199. RETURN OF EMPTY AMN PACKAGES, FIRED CASES, etc.

1. The following procedure for the return of amn empties will be adopted forthwith.

2. All units, including Salvage, will arrange for the return of empty packages and produce from fired rounds through normal channels to the nearest Adv or Field Amn Depot or the Amn Depot from which the amn was drawn.

3. Strict attention is to be given to the return of amn packages complete with fittings. Further, such components as fuse covers, clips cartridges, covers tail, etc, are to be returned in the packages originally carrying this type of amn. SAA chargers, bandoliers cotton & cartons to be returned in separate containers apart from SAA fired cartridges. (GRO 253 of 26 Mar 43)

200. EXPENSE STORES

1. The provision and issue of the undermentioned expense stores, will in future, be the sole responsibility of the AASC:-

Soap, yellow
Soda, crystals.

2. Units will therefore indent only on AASC for these items.

3. Bulk supplies of calico, unbleached, will continue to be supplied to AASC by AAOC.

4. Calico is still in extremely short supply and it may not be possible to meet demands. For making puddings, units will therefore devise means, such as the use of tins or pannikins, in preference to the use of pudding cloths.

5. RRO 301/79/42 is cancelled (GRO 259 of 26 Mar 43)

201. CENSUS OF WARLIKE STORES

1. The following items will, in future, be considered Controlled Stores and AAFs. series will be amended as follows:

Serial	Item	Schedule
521(a)	Guns Machine Bren, MkII	A

2. Nomenclatures on AAF series will be amended as follows.

Serial		Item	Schedule
521	Gu	Machine, Bren MkI	A
522	Gu	, Machine, Bren, Barrels Spare, Mks I&II	A

(GRO 262 of 26 Mar 43)

202. PETTY CASH ADVANCES TO UNITS

1. The CO of a unit may, on application to a Depot or Div Paymaster,

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obtain a Petty Cash Advance not exceeding £5. Such advances are intended to enable the purchase of postage stamps for the unit and of small items which cannot conveniently be obtained through normal Army channels.
2. At present, large numbers of claims for unit purchases amounting only to shillings are submitted to DFOs and Comd Paymasters for payment. The wider and intelligent use of Unit Petty Cash Advances can considerably reduce the numbers of these small claims.
3. Every effort should be made to obtain necessary supplies through normal channels to avoid the necessity for payment of the generally higher cost of these supplies when purchased in small quantities on the open market.
4. Individual purchases out of the advance must not exceed one pound and every payment must be authorized by the CO or Adjt of the unit.
5. Petty cash expenditure will be entered in detail on Form 16 and signed for by the various recipients. In respect of payments up to 5/- a receipt must be attached to Form 16 for each payment, except where this is impracticable. Receipts for payments in excess of 5/- must in all cases accompany Form 16. (GRO 268 of 26 Mar 43)

Capt
Adjt 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt

Distribution as per RRO 18 of 11 Mar 43

NOTICES:

REGTL TRANSPORT COMPETITION
The above for the D.B.Fitzhardinge Trophy resulted as follows:
1st Equal finish with 93 points:
Quod 4527446 Gnr Davis D.J. 7 Bty
30cwt L7199 Gnr Ampt M.A. RHQ
3rd: 89 pts 1ton V103 03 Sig Flaherty J. Sigs Sec.
4th: 88 pts Quod H4525696 Gnr Roado S.J. 8 Bty

REGTL TRUST FUNDS
Statement for month of March 43 of Regtl Trust Funds.

A. Balance at Credit 1 Mar 43			£500- 2- 8
Balance at Credit 31 Mar 43			£550-15- 2
B. Receipts during month			
Distribution of Canteen Profits for Dec 42		51-2-1	
Proceeds sale of bottles RHQ		2-2-3	53- 4- 4
C. Expenditure during month			2-11-10
D. Details for which disbursements were made:			
4 Tilley Lamp Globes RHQ		18-0	
Repairs to Punch Ball "		8-6	
New Bty & valve for wireless RHQ		1- 5-4	£2-11-10
Bal. comprising Regtl Trust Fund are:			
RHQ		4-12-8	
7 Bty		173- 3-1	
8 Bty		372-19-5	£550-15-2

CORRIGENDUM
Ref RRO 22 Part 1 dated 25 Mar 43. For Nos 171 to 180 substitute 178 to 187.

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SECRET

2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt
2 Apr 43.

Ref S/1695/15

APPENDIX B

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 38

OPERATIONS

(A)

1. The following report was submitted by VX43613 Bdr Telford R.P. of "F" Bty, 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt.

PATROL - ASHBURTON MOUTH

(i) Patrol Movement e Ref Map ONSLOW 8m = 1"

(a) Left ONSLOW 1715 hrs 15 Mar, travelled via Minderoo Bridge and bivouaced night at Map Ref 286,265.

(b) Left bivouac 0645 16 Mar, arrived Map Ref 271,279 at 0900 hrs,

(c) Patrol under Bdr Telford comprising 10 ORs was despatched to recce Tidal Stream at ref 274,288.

(d) This patrol divided into three groups who moved independantly to LANDING 274,288 and towards WELL ref 278,286 and towards ASHBURTON at ref 280,283.

(e) Patrols returned to RU at 1230 hrs. No reports of enemy activity.

(f) 1330 Recce Party left to return - 2 hrs stop at MINDEROO, arrived ONSLOW 1710 hrs.

2. INFORMATION

(a) Roads Onslow to Minderoo - earth roads traversing spinifex and clay-pans. No air cover. Road boggy after recent rains (approx a fort-n ight previous).
Claypans impassable - detours by sandhills - suitable for only single stream traffic. Av speed 8 MPH. Telegraph follows road.

(b) MINDEROO - GLENROY earth roads following river over claypans. Spinifex and B lack Heart Gums becoming denser down a stream where aca-cias and small bushes grow. Large claypans - some long enough for EIG Bridge over Ashburton - Steel construction to 40 feet above water - banks steep - classification estimated 20tons, good condition, river fresh at this point.

3. COUNTRY

(1) ASHBURTON - GLENROY. Generally - Bare sandhills along coast tidal flats and impassable swamps practically surround elevated tussel grass flats with waist high cover and scattered bushes to 10'. Occasional low sandhill, Movement possible by Mech. Forces in dry weather, on horse or foot in wet weather.

(2) LANDING Sandy beach - creek deep and narrow infested by shark, con tains numerous fish.

(3) ANIMAL LIFE Kangaroos, wild turkeys and ducks numerous.

(4) WATER No wells seen.

4. MAPS

Road continually alter. Main track to GLENROY branches left at ref 279,280.

(B) On the morning of 31 Mar 43, a Red Warning was notified by Operations Room on RAAF Airfield GERALDTON. This was evidently the result of mistaken enthusiasm. RDF had notified the approach of 3 Catalinas and either through a bad phone connection or for some other reason ops concluded that the aircraft were enemy. The result was chaotic, nobody even finding time to sound the siren. All clear was given four minutes later. Guns had stood down before RAAF personnel had really begun to take cover.

SECURITY

Security generally can be expected to improve as a result of the screening of the film "Next of Kin" at MOORA & GERALDTON. It is intended to conduct a security exercise by 7 Aust Lt AA Bty in cooperation with Div FSS per-sonnel.

The number of photographs forwarded in letters has dropped to zero. Furthermore, very few personnel have made any attempt to have cameras forwarded from the Eastern States. This is probably due to the difficulty experienced in having films developed and printed.

Lieut
I O 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

APPENDIX C.

14/43

2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt
Less 2/9 Aust 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)
*			Awaiting promotion within the Regt
*			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	1		2
Captains	4	1	
Lieutenants	11		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters (Capt)..	1		
District Officers			
Totals	18	1	2

*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.

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.)

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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.
Lt Col	VX13726	RHODEN J.E.	CO	Yes	
Capt(T/Maj	VX47984	PURCELL J.	BC	Yes	
Lieut(T/Capt	VX17654	REED P.W.	RQM	Yes	
" "	VX14417	STEPHENS H.L.	Bty Capt	"	
" "	WX 4941	FITZHARDINGE D.M.	2 i/c	"	
" "	VX28764	ROWAN K.S.	Adjt	"	
" "	VX28330	McGillivray M.J.	Bty Capt	"	
"	VX41525	CIRDWOOD A.	Tp Cdr	"	
"	VX28457	PARNELL L.F.	" "	"	
"	VX46294	RICHARDS R.L.	" "	"	
"	VX15387	ROSENBERG C.S.	I O	"	
"	VX27594	HARRIS A.L.	Tp Cdr	"	
"	VX36904	HUMPHREYS D.S.	" "	"	
"	VX41846	Middleton A.L.	" "	"	
"	Not Known	DYCE D.M.	" "	No	Attending Sch.
"	VX41867	BUTLER C.K.	" "	"	ARL
"	VX36979	PARKER H.W.	" "	Yes	
"	VX47593	DICKINSON H.S.	" "	"	

(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.
Sen Chaplain	VX30395	DAWS CK.	AACHD	9.1.42	Padre

2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt (Unit.)

3 Apr 43 (Date of Despatch.)

H S Rowan Capt Lt Col
(Signature of Commander.)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt (Unit). 3 Apr 43 194 (Date)

(To be furnished by all Units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters 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		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants.			
Staff Serjeants.	2		
Serjeants.	37	2	1
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	37		7
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	364		21
TOTALS.	434	* 2	* 29

* 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.

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)

2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt Unit.

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(page 2.)

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. W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED. W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	REMARKS
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners																				
Clerks																	1		1	X
Cooks																		1	1	X out
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																				
" " (Wheeled)																				
Driver-Mechanics																				
Driver-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors															1		1		2	Certificate that the figures inserted show the number of Specialists & Tradesmen actually required in this unit
Wheelers																				
X VX40150 Pte Cole H C 2/1 AGH X listed																				
Y 4 Sigs and one Cpl attending Schools X listed																				
Z VX44655 Cpl Reed W.J. 110 AGH X list																				
General duty personnel						2				2							5	20	25	X
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)						2				2					1		7	21	29	

Lt Col

2/3 AUST LT. AA. REGT. Unit.

Date of Despatch 3 - APR 1943

Signature of Commander.

3 Aust Corps
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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APPENDIX E

SECRET

2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt
5 Apr 43.

1703 29

STANDING ORDERS FOR PRACTICE
AMENDMENT NO 1

(1) Para 2 will be amended by the addition of sub para e.

(e) "Criticism will be given whilst the gun crew remain on the gun at the end of each run.

A A Stewart Capt
Adjt 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt

Distribution:

7 Bty	1.	Adjt	4.	WD 7-8	✓
8 Bty	2.	QM	5.	File 9	
CO	3.	OO	6.		

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APPENDIX F.

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EMR 2/0 1587

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

LT COL JW RHODEN
COMMANDING 2/3 AUST LT AA REGT

6 APR 43

Last Routine Order No 23 Sub Para 202 dated 2 Apr 43. PART 1 NO 24

203. BATTLE CASUALTIES "X" LIST PART II ORDER NO 18 OF 30 DEC 42

584 VX43155 Gnr GOAD A.J. Ref. 25/2054/41
Previously reported Missing in [illegible]
Action 29.5.41
Now reported Killed in Action 7.6.41

685 VX32365 Sgt WHITESIDE M.N. Ref X 42/501/41
Previously reported deceased at 5 [illegible]
AGH Piraeus. (No cause stated)25.5.41
Now reported D[illegible] of Wounds (G.S.W Spine) Whilst POW. 25.5.41

The following personnel previously reported Missing in Action believed killed, now reported drowned as result of Enemy Action on 29.5.41

686	VX13123	Pte	ANDERSON	N.J.	Ref X 1/51/42
687	VX42651	Sgt	BOSSENCE	O.H.	" X 1/10/42
688	VX35175	Gnr	BURNS	B.	" X 1/9/42
689	VX47883	Gnr	CROFTS	L.K.	" X 1/11/42
690	VX31444	Gnr	EINSIEDEL	J.E.	" X 1/12/42
691	VX25054	Gnr	FAY	H.W.	" X 1/14/42
692	VX20708	Gnr	FLORRIMELL	L.M.	" X 1/13/42
693	VX30579	Gnr	FOSTER	V.C.	" X 1/41/42
694	VX26725	Gnr	FUERY	W.M.	" X 1/15/42
695	VX33409	Gnr	GIBSON	J.S.	" X 1/17/42
696	VX28436	Gnr	GRACE	G.F.	" X 23/269/41
697	VX32860	Gnr	HODGSON	L.	" X 1/19/42
698	VX33324	Gnr	HUNT	O.R.	" X 1/18/42
699	VX33352	Gnr	KING	T.L.	" X 1/40/42
700	VX28243	Gnr	LE MARSHALL	J.E.	" X 1/20/42
701	VX25689	Gnr	MONCUR	A.O.	" X 1/21/42
702	VX32514	Gnr	McNAMARA	T.A.	" X 1/23/42
703	VX35118	Gnr	O'CONNOR	M.J.	" X 1/27/42
704	VX35417	Gnr	O'MEARA	C.J.	" X 1/26/42
705	VX32622	Gnr	PAYNE	L.G.	" X 1/29/42
706	VX33054	Gnr	PERROTT	G.E.	" X 1/31/42
707	VX31385	Gnr	PHILLIPS	J.E.	" X 1/30/42
708	VX26146	Gnr	PIPER	J.W.	" X 1/28/42
709	VX31206	Gnr	STUART	C.D.	" X 1/33/42
710	VX26154	Gnr	WHITBOURNE	[illegible]	" X 1/35/42
711	VX33000	Gnr	WHITSON	C.K.	" X 1/37/42
712	VX27100	Gnr	WEBSTER	W.H.	" X 1/36/42
713	VX27184	Bdr	TAYLOUR	M.D.	" X 1/34/42
714	VX35805	Gnr	MOODIE	K.R.	" X 1/22/42
715	VX28557	Gnr	RAWLINS	E.J.B.	" X 1/32/42
716	VX20641	Gnr	YOUNG	J.L.	" X 1/38/42

Struck off Section "Z" List
Transferred:
VX31121 Sigmn MORRIS N J.W. From 6 AGH to Sig Trg. Bn. 9.2.43

Corrigenda:
VX31748 Gnr LOWE A.R. Ref 11/636
For "G.S.W."
Substitute "Bullet Wound".

VX31748 Gnr LOWE A.R. Ref X 11/153.
For "G.S.W."
Substitute "Bullet Wound".

204. LEAVE
All applications forwarded to RHQ, whether on Compassionate grounds or not, must include particulars as to last ARL. (CRO 72/807 of 2/4/43

205. TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES
Ration of tobacco and cigarettes for the month of April will be 3 ozs Tobacco or 105 Cigarettes perman per week. (CRO 72/810 of 2 Apr 43)

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206. CENSORSHIP - CORRESPONDENCE WITH PEN FRIENDS

The District Censor reports an increase in the number of Military Personnel seeking Pen Friends per medium of correspondence.
Attention is drawn to the following extract from 3 Aust Corps ASO's Chap 2, Sec 3 Para 17(b):-

"Correspondence with Pen Friends is forbidden".

Disciplinary action will be taken against all future breaches of this CRO reported by the District Censor. (CRO 71/800 of 1 Apr 43.)

207. FATAL CASUALTIES - PERSONAL EFFECTS

(a) Personal effects will be forwarded to Effects Section DRO for disposal to next of kin or other beneficiaries according to the last will of the deceased.
(b) A complete inventory (in triplicate) for all deceased soldier's personal effects - including moneys, ration coupons, etc. - will be at once made out; one copy retained by Unit, one to DRO Effects Section and the 3rd copy to the DRO. (CRO 71/803 of 1 Apr 43)

208. RETURNABLE CONTAINERS - ACCOUNTING FOR

1. This instruction implements and is to be read with RRO 22/176/43 and will apply forthwith.
2. CLASSIFICATION OF RETURNABLE CONTAINERS
(a) The following chargeable containers are returnable to Contractors through normal supply channels :-
Biscuit Tins
Egg Crates
Egg Crate Containers
(b) The following chargeable containers will be returnable to Salvage through normal supply channels:-
All bags (Cost 1/- flat rate for all bags)
3. ACCOUNTING
(a) Contractors Returnable Containers as per para 2 (a) will be accounted for in the normal manner.
(b) All bags will be accounted for through normal supply channels. When returns of bags are made by AASC to Salvage a receipt in duplicate will be issued. One copy to be retained by AASC one copy submitted to DID to enable necessary adjustment of returnable container accounts to be made.
DID's will return bags received from individual units direct to Salvage.
4. ALL OTHER CONTAINERS
In view of the general shortage of containers of all descriptions all other containers not specifically mentioned in paras 2 and 3 will be returned to Salvage. (3 Aust Corps Memo Q 3/2/51 2 Apr)

209. ACCUMULATION OF & EXPENDITURE OF BALANCES IN REGTL TRUST FUNDS

(a) In a number of cases the balances in such a/cs are abnormally high and the credits therein represent in many instances a large proportion of the allocations from Canteen Profits, which were distributed for the benefit of the members of the unit. Such accumulations defeat the intention of those distributions.
As on and from the 1st day of June, 1943, a review of such balances will be made quarterly and in such cases as the credit therein exceeds the amount of £1 for each member of the unit a direction will be given that the excess in respect of such distributions will, unless satisfactory reasons are adduced to the contrary, be transferred to the funds of GOC 3 Aust Corps to be spent at the GOC's discretion for the general benefit of the troops under his comd.
(b) In addition if the relevant Cmdg directs, the unit concerned may be excluded from distributions allocated from Canteen profits under the provision of GRO 175 of 1942 until he otherwise directs.
Where a considerable proportion of the personnel of any unit is transferred to another unit or where any unit or detachment is attached to or being provided with amenities by another unit, the unit from which such transfer is made or which, or part of which, is so attached to another unit, shall contribute from its regtl funds to the transferee unit or unit to which such personnel is attached a fair proportion of the cost of the amenities provided. Failing aggreement as to the amount of such contribution, the assessment shall be referred to and determined by the relative Div or higher Commander.
(3 Aust Corps Administration Inst. AQ 17)

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210. COMMITTAL OF SOLDIERS UNDER SENTENCE TO A DETENTION BARRACK OR MILITARY PRISON

1. When it is necessary for a CO to commit a member to a detention barrack or military prison, he will first ascertain by signal from the APM or DAPM of the appropriate Lines of Communication Area whether accommodation is available and, if so, at what place.

2. The CO of a member about to be committed to a detention barrack or military prison will ensure that -

(a) The member takes with him all his clothing, necessaries (incl. shaving and toilet articles) and all equipment, except arms, knife, fork, spoon, mess-tin and blankets (Aust Military (Places of Detention) Regulations and Standing Orders, para 100). Any deficiencies will be replacedbefore commitment.

(b) The following documents are forwarded with the escort for delivery to the commandant of the detention barrack or military prison as the case may be -

(i) Medical certificate of fitness - AMR & O 616(1)

(ii) Warrant of commitment, in the appropriate form (AMR & O 607) with all particulars duly completed and signed personally by the authority issuingit, in accordance with AMR & O 382,602 and 608.

(iii) Conduct sheet (except when a member is committed for safe custody) - AMR & O 616(2).

(iv) Kit inventory.

(v) An authenticated description of the member. (AAF A52)

(vi) Paybook (WF5) which will be handed to and retained in the custody of the commandant until the member is released.

(GRO 267 of 2 Apr 43)

211. APPEARANCES FOR PROSECUTION OR DEFENCE AT COURTS-MARTIAL

1. ORs, even if they possess legal qualifications, will not be permitted to appear at courts-martial as counsel, prosecutor or defending officer.

2. WOs, NCOs and ORs may appear at courts-martial as prisoner's friend In respect of this, attention id directed to Rule of Procedure 87(A) and (D). (GRO 268 of 2 Apr 43)

212. INFORMATION REGARDING LOCATION OF GRAVES

1. It has been noticed that letters of condolence sent to next of kin by COs, chaplains and other have in some cases, disclosed the location of particular units by referring specifically to the place of burial of deceased members.

2. Letters of condolence to next of kin and others from commanding officers, chaplains and others will refer only to the actual burial service and contain no information regarding the location of the grave

(GRO 270 of 2 Apr 43)

213. APPOINTMENT OF RUBBER INSPECTORS, ARMY.

1. The W&E of HQs L of C Areas, Tasmania Force, NG Force, NT Force, Corps and Armd Divs. have been amended to include Rubber Inspectors whose activities are co-ordinated and directed by an officer of MGO Branch (DME) LHQ having expert knowledge of rubber problems.

2. The duties of the Rubber Inspectors have been detailed in a DME Technical Instruction and include -

a. Inspection of tyre equipments on vehicles.
b. Examination of worn or damaged tyres
c. Classification of tyres.
d. Condemnation of uns erviceable tyres.
e. Supervision of tyre repairs.
f. Liaison with officers in charge of Ordnance and Salvage Depots.

3. Rubber Inspectors will ascertain and report as to whether GROs and other special instructions pertaining to conservation of rubber promulgated by LHQ are being observed.

4. COs of units will give the fullest assistance to the Rubber Inspectors in the execution of their duties. (GRO 274 of 2 Apr 43)

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214. SUPPLEMENTARY RATION ALLOWANCE

Instruction to Btys dated 15 Jul 42 is amended as follows:

1. Para 7. Add the following:-

"In cas es where it is necessary or desirable to pay the vendor expeditiously, COs may effect a cash payment from the units regtl fund. Certified copies, AAFs F59 and receipts, together with a covering TS4 in favour of the units regtl fund, will be attached to monthly supplementary ration statements. Recoupment of the Unit Trust Fund will be effected by DFOs."

2. Para 8. Add the following:-

"It will be ensured that local purchases for payment by cheque and cash purchases from regtl funds for recoupment to the Unit Trust Fund are shown separately."

In sort para 10.

"Claims by civilian vendors will be paid by one of the following methods:-

(a) By cheque by DFOs on receipt of the TS4s attached to WF177 before the 15th of the monthfollowing purchase.

(b) By the unit from regtl funds in cases where it is necessary or desirable to pay the vendor more expeditiously. The units regtl fund will be reimbursed by the issue of a Credit Advice and Credit Note by the DFO of Accounting Area upon receipt of WF177 accompanied by a TS4 in favour of the units regtl fund supported by receipted invoices."

(GRO 278 of 2 Apr 43)

Clive B. Rosenberg Lieut.
For Capt
Adjt 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt

Distribution as per RRO 18 11 Mar 43.

NOTICES

(a) Amenities

The attention of allunits is invited to the magazine "ARMY" a monthly publication costing 1/- and distributed through ADCS.

"ARMY" provides excellent reading for troops and profits from its sale go the Australian Army Amenities Service.

(b) LOST

Rifle No 9216 betw een CHIDLOWS and HARVEY on 17 Mar 43.

Any person or unit finding this rifle will report same immediately toRHQ.

(c) FOUND

Rifle No 9133 in WATHEROO AREA.

Unit having this rifle on unit charge may obtain same on application to HQ 3 Aust Corps.

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APPENDIX G

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AMR & O 1587

ROUTINE ORDERS
BY
LT COL J.W. RHODEN
COMMANDING 2/3 AUST LT AA REGT.

8 APR 43

PART I NO 25

LAST ROUTINE ORDER PART I NO 24 SUB PARA NO 214 DATED 6 APR 43

215 EASTER SUNDAY-- ANZAC DAY

The coincidence of Easter Sunday with Anzac Day this year lends profound spiritual significance to 25 Apr 43. It is the Corps Commander's desire that parades shall be assembled wherever possible, having due regard to operational requirements, to commemorate with grateful remembrance Australia's National Day coupled with the special significance of Easter Sunday in the Christian Calender.

(CRO No 75/812 of 5 Apr 43)

216 MONTHLY FREE HOME LEAVE TRAVEL PASSES

Cases are occurring, where Units are returning Books of PLI. (Applic- for issue of free Railway Ticket on Midland Railway) monthly to DFO W Aust L of C Area and as a result may be without a book when issues are required to be made.

Only HL1 and HL2 are required monthly for checking and Railway Audit; Rail Warrants and Home Leave Travel Books may only be supplied on correctly authorised requisitions or official Signals.

(CRO No 813 of 5 Apr 43)

217 PRACTICE WITH LIVE AMMUNITION-AMMUNITION FAILURES.

(a) It has been brought to notice that during training with live ammunition, the necessary safety precautions have NOT always been observed.

(b) The attention of all officers will be directed forthwith to the instructions contained in the undermentioned RRO: :-

RRO 294/39/42 Premature Explosions or Damage to Ammunition by Fire or Water.

The implications of the abovementioned instructions will be explained to all ranks.

(c) It is necessary to emphasise the following:-

(i) Under no circumstances will the instructions contained in the abovementioned RRO be departed from.

(ii) Instruction will NOT be given to troops involving the dismantling of live ammunition.
Instruction in the composition and mechanism of a projectile may be carried out with the aid of diagrams and/or dummy projectiles, provided the latter do NOT contain any explosive

(iii) All mortar practice shoots will be carried out as laid down in:-
(i) SAT Vol.I Pam 9
(ii) Instructions for Practice 3" Mortar.

(CRO 818 of 6 Apr 43)

218 SUPPLEMENTARY RATIONS

RRO 22/163/43 is cancelled and the following procedure will be adopted in respect of supplementary Rations:-

(a) Unit Supplementary Ration statement together with all Canteen Invoices and Forms TS 4 and AAFs F59 covering the months expenditure will be despatched to relative Field or Depot Paymaster at the earliest possible date after the close of each month.

(b) Unit Commanders will ensure that the following certificates are endorsed on all forms TS 4 concerning Supplementary Rations.

(i) Certificate stating that the items covered by the TS 4 have been purchased against Supplementary Ration entitlement.

(ii) "For Stores" certificate at foot of TS 4 signed by Unit Commander.

(CRO No 819 of 6 Apr 43)

219 SECOND ECHELON REPAIRS- CORPS TROOPS

(a) Second echelon repairs for Corps Troops will no longer be evacuated to Midland Junction

(b) Second Echelon repairs will be effected by the 118 Aust Ind Bde Gp Wkshop AEME, Location Map Ref 402061.

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219 SECOND ECHELON REPAIRS - CORPS TROOPS. (Contd)

(c) Corps Units will NOT contact third or fourth echelon workshops direct. The channel of communication for Corps Troops ceases at the second echelon workshops; from there on communications will be conducted only through workshop channels.
(CRO No 74/820 of 6 Apr 43)

220 TRANSFERS

Attention is drawn to RRO 23/196/43.
It is now possible to obtain transfer to enable brothers to serve in the same unit involving movement between L of C Areas.
Members of the unit are encouraged to submit claims for younger brothers.

H S Rowan Capt
Adjt 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt.

Distribution as per RRO 18 of 11 Mar 43.

NOTICES

Receipt is gratefully acknowledged to Salvation Army attached 8 Aust Inf Bde of the following amenities:-

Writing Paper	Blotters and Blotting Paper
Pens	2 Packs Playing Cards
Pencils	6 Ping Pong Balls
Ink	1 Set Draughts.

LOST.

1. Pistol .45 No551 at CLAREMONT LTD on 24 Mar 43
Any person or Bty knowing the whereabouts of this Pistol will report same to this HQ.
2. At 3 Aust Corps Sig Training Centre NORTHAM Rifle No 9698. Bty locating this rifle will return it to HQ 2 Aust Div.
3. Rifle No 12239 Bolt No A53831 in GERALDTON area
Any person or Bty finding this rifle will report same to this HQ

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APPENDIX "H"

REF S/1711/15 SECRET

2/3 AUST LT AA REGT
9 APR 43

WEEKLY I REPORT NO 39

OPERATIONS

1. Recent training tests by RHQ, Sigs and 7 Aust Lt AA Bty with the Bren Gun show a very good standard of efficiency.
   (i) In the RHQ and Sig Sec test the average score was 35 out of a possible 50 over a range of 100 yds with 55 men shooting.
   (ii) In 7 Aust Lt AA Bty, the first 25 men to be put through made an average score of 40 with 28 rounds at 200 yds.
   This is the equivalent of 10 hits in the head or body out of 28 rounds

2. Three Lectures were given during the week to RHQ Group by Sgt Mantle of the 2 Aust Ind Coy; the subjects being "The Jap as a Fighter" "Timor and its people" "and "Independent Companies".
These lectures proved to be very interesting and instructive and were made possible by the courtesy of 8 Aust Inf Bde who have also been instrumental in showing to the personnel the Security Film "Next of Kin" and providing an instructor in the Malayan Language.

SECURITY

Letters censored by officers of 7 Aust Lt AA Bty show a very high standard of Security in correspondence.
On an average approximately one letter in every 100 requires any cutting at all and then only for minor faults.
This can not be said for attached personnel, who until their faults are pointed out to them do not appear to be up to date in their knowledge of Security rulings and on occasions their letters require considerable cutting.

Ernest Rosenberg Lieut
I O 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt.

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APPENDIX I

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/3 AUST IT AA REGT (Less 2/9 Aust 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)
*			
*			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	1		2
Captains	4	1	
Lieutenants	11		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters Capt	1		
District Officers			
Totals	18	1	2

*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.

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.)

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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.
Lt Col	VX 13726	RHODEN	J.W.	CO	Yes	
Capt(T/Maj)	VX47984	PURCELL	J.	BC	YES	
Lieut(T/Capt	VX17654	REED	F.W.	RQM	Yes	
" "	VX14417	STEPHENS	H.L.	BC	Yes	
" "	WX4841	FITZHARDINGE	D.M.	2 i/c	"	
" "	VX28764	ROWAN	K.S.	Adjt	"	
" "	VX28380	McGILLIVRAY	M.J.	Bty Capt	"	
"	VX41525	GIRDWOOD	A.	Tp Cdr	"	
"	VX28457	PARNELL	L.P.	Bty Capt	No	ARL
"	VX48294	RICHARDS	R.L.	Tp Cdr	Yes	
"	VX15357	ROSENBERG	C.S.	I O	"	
"	VX27594	HARRIS	A.L.	Tp Cdr	"	
"	VX35904	HUMPHREYS	D.S.	" "	"	
"	VX41846	MIDDLETON	A.L.	" "	"	
"	Not Known	DYCE	D.W.	" "	No	Attending Sch
"	VX41867	BUTLER	C.K.	" "	No	ARL
"	VX36979	PARKER	H.W.	" "	Yes	
"	VX47593	DICKINSON	H.S.	" "	"	

(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.
Sen Chaplain	VX39395	DAWS	C.K.	AAChD	9.1.42	Padre

2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt (Unit.)

10 Apr 43 (Date of Despatch.)

Capt for 3 Aust Corps. (Signature of Commander.)

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

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APPENDIX 'J'

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

Less 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt (Unit) 10 Apr (Date) 194...

(To be furnished by all Units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters 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		NCO's awaiting promotion within the Regt
W.Os. Class II.	3		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants.			
Staff Serjeants.	2		
Serjeants.	37	2	1
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	Nil		
Corporals.	37		7
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	353		22
TOTALS.	433	* 2	* 30

* 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.
1 Pay Sgt	AAPC		
1 Postal Sgt	1 AL of C Area Postal Unit		
1 Gnr Batman to Padre	3 Aust Corps		
3 Med Cpls.	AAMC		
1 Eqy Sgt	AAMC		

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)

2/3 AUST LT. AA. REGT. Unit.

Army Form W.3009
(page 2.)

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. W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED. W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	REMARKS
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners																				
Clerks																	1	1	2	
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																				
" " (Wheeled)																				
Driver-Mechanics																				
Driver-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors															1	1	2			
Wheelers																				
X VX48759 Bdr Cole HC 3/A 3 Aust Corps																				
Y 4 Bdrs and 1 Gnr to Schools Courses out of Regt																				
General duty personnel						2			2								5	22	27	Y
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)						2			2						1	1	7	22	30	

I certify that the figures in red show the number of Spec Tradesmen required in this unit

A/Lt Col
Adjt

2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt
Unit.

Date of Despatch 10 Apr 43

A/S for Lowe Capt
Signature of Commander.

3 AUST CORPS
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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APPENDIX 'K'

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ROUTINE ORDERS
BY
LT COL JW [redacted]
COMMANDING 2/3 AUST LT AA REGT

12 APR 43

LAST ROUTINE ORDER PART I NO 25 SUB PARA 222 DATED 8 APR 43 PART I NO26

221. GREEN ENVELOPES
The RAAF has been granted the privilege and use of a Green Envelope identical with the Army envelope, with the exception that "RAAF" has been printed in one corner. Troops should be warned that interchange of these envelopes is prohibited and will result in mail delays.

222. FORMATION OF CORPS OF AEME - SECOND PHASE
1. On 1 May 43, the second phase of the formation of the Corps of AEME will take effect.
2. This entails the transfer of the following personnel of this unit to the AEME.

RHQ		
Fitters, gun	.....	1
Mechanic MV	.....	1
BTYS		
Fitters, gun	.....	4
Mechanics MV	.....	5

Btys will submit names of personnel to be transferred by 28 Apr 43.
3. On 1 May 43, all the above tradesmen below NCO rank, will cease to be designated as "Gunners" and will become "Craftsmen" (abbreviation "Cfn").
4. WE's will be amended accordingly. (GRO 290/43 of 9 Apr 43)

223. MARRIAGES OF MEMBERS OF THE AMF.
The marriage ceremony of a member of the AMF will not be celebrated in any military camp, station or establishment (GRO 282 of 9 Apr 43)

224. SERVICE CHEVRONS
In order to count as qualifying for a chevron additional to the first, each of the prescribed periods of 12 months must be completed in full, and this provision will be strictly observed. (GRO 283 of 9 Apr 43)

225. WATCHES, BINOCULARS, COMPASSES AND PISTOLS TO BE UNIT EQUIPMENT
1. Every unit will keep a record of issues of watches, binoculars, compasses and pistols issued to personnel. Items will be signed for by the recipients and recorded by registered numbers where these exist
2. All such items, whether issued already or to be issued hereafter, will be treated as unit equipment and not as a personal issue and will be returned to the unit on transfer of the holder, an appropriate record of the return being made.
3. In the event of any of the above equipment not being returned by the holder on transfer, suitable action will immediately be taken by the unit to ensure that the equipment is recovered. The unit to which the holder has been transferred will co-operate in ensuring return of the equipment to the issuing unit. (GRO 291 of 9 Apr 43)

226. ACCIDENT REPORT FORMS - G13
Attention is drawn to RRO 18/156/43. Para 28 of G13's are NOT yet correctly filled in by drivers.

227. PUBLICATIONS
The following is an extract from MGRA's monthly letter No 3 - Feb 43.
" Personal issues of publications are NOT now made. The practice of members considering unit publications as personal issues is possibly a cause of units being in a state of short supply."

[redacted] Capt
Adjt 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt

Distribution as per RRO No 18 of 11 Mar 43.

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PRONUNCIATION OF JAPANESE PHRASES

ENGLISH	JAPANESE (Romanised)	PRONUNCIATION IN ENGLISH
1. Advance	Susume	Ser-ser-meh
2. Cease fire	Hassha wo yamo	Haas'shaa woh yaa-meh This syllable to be pronounced quickly
3. Do you understand English?	Eigo wa, wakarimssu Ka?	Aee-goh, wah, wah-kah-ree-mah-ser-kah?
4. Follow me	Kite	Kee-teh
5. Food	Taberu-mono	Tah-beh-roo - Moh-noh.
6. Halt	Tomare	Toh-mah-reh.
7. Halt, who goes there?	Tomare, Dare da?	Toh-mah-reh, Dah-reh dah?
8. How many? (men)	(Hito) Nan nin?	(Hee-toh) Nhan ngin?
9. Lie down	Yoko ni nare	Yoh-koh nee nah-reh
10. No	Iye	Ee-yeh
11. Non-combatant	Hisento-in	Hee-sen-toh - inn.
12. Officer	Shoko	Shoh-koh
13. One at a time	Hitori-dzutsu (d is silent)	Hee-toh-ree - zer-cher
14. Password	Ango	Aan-goh
15. Put down your arms	Buki wo suteto	Boo-kee woh ser-tch-toh
16. Silence	Damare	Dah-mah-reh
17. Surrender	(Kosan or Kofuku	Koh-saan or Koh-foo-koo

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APPENDIX "L"

Ref S/IV32/15

SECRET

2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt Intelligence Summary No 15

(Compiled from information obtained up to 1200 hrs 13 Apr 43)

1. ENEMY CHEMICAL WARFARE

It is reported with reserve that the Japanese have a new sternutatory and lung irritant gas called "Red Tube", which will to some extent penetrate any respirator. It is used from containers - "Red Tube, Medium Red Tube and Small Red Tube". The first two are connected with a spray device having a maximum range of 300 metres, but really effective only within 150 metres. (3 Aust Corps "I" Summary No 49 of 7 Apr)

2. SECURITY

(i) "NEXT OF KIN" Those who have seen, or later have an opportunity of seeing, "Next of Kin" will be interested in the following comment by a GHQ GSI(b) Officer:-

"As one who was engaged in the initial stage in the making of this film (I left for overseas and handed over to Sir Basil Bartlett, an ex-Field Security Officer) I think that before each showing it should be made perfectly clear that the incidents depicted whereby the enemy obtained the information of our movements and plans, are actually taken from careless safeguarding of documents, careless talk, and evasion of censorship which have come to the notice of Security since the outbreak of war. Two officers to my knowledge have been court-martialled for losing satchels containing secret documents in the manner, i.e. "switching", shown in the film, and a senior official of the Ministry of Information was dismissed for losing documents from a car. Confessions from an agent working for the enemy, and subsequently hanged, showed that he obtained much of his information simply by sitting in a cafe and listening to the Careless Talk of our troops. Other similar instances might be quoted. I consider that these facts should be brought to the notice of all who see the film, lest the lessons it teaches should ever be submerged in their minds by the feeling that it is a "good story"; a "story" associates itself with fiction, and "Next of Kin" is most certainly NOT that - it is real".

(ii) Security of Information - MAPS and DOCUMENTS: A great deal of useful information is obtainable from marked maps and it can NOT be too strongly emphasized that great care must be exercised to prevent them falling into the hands of the enemy. The following copy of a memo from AC of S G-2 GHQ should be brought to the notice of all concerned.

"1. The Chief Engineer has submitted a memorandum which is of immediate interest to Intelligence Officers of the Allied Services, viz:

(a) The JAPANESE hydrographic charts are single color copies of Admiralty, DUTCH and World War 1 GERMAN charts. No new soundings of any importance have been found and the charts copied in most cases have been obsolescent rather than the latest editions.

(b) The JAPANESE do NOT have their own maps of this area and have made good this lack by reproducing, without change, both the AUSTRALIAN 4 ml strat sheets of NEW GUINEA and the AUSTRALIAN 1/1,000,000 air charts. These copies are first traced in the field and blueprints reproduced and later reproduced in color for general use. There is even a credit line to the issuing Headquarters in AUSTRALIA.

(c) Some aerial photographic mapping units exist as evidenced by 3 sets of captured maps, two of BUNA (4 sheets 1/14,000 and 2 sheets 1/50,000) and a four sheet job of the WAIROPI area. It is apparent that only a single vertical camera is used and that NO latitude and longitude observations have been made. The quality of the work is excellent and indicates a remarkable amount of detail for a single color map by combining various symbols.

Trail reconnaissance information is well indicated.

(d) NO captures are on record of anything comparable to US photomaps. Field reproduction seems confined to crude sketches reproduced by mimeographic stencils and pasted together."

(WA L of C I Summary No 144 of 10 Apr 43)

Clive S. Rosenberg
Lieut
I O 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt

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APPENDIX "M"

Ref S/1733/15

SECRET

2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt
16 Apr 43.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 40

1. OPERATIONS

Air Co-operation: The best air co-operation yet given th this Regt by RAAF was seen at PEARCE Airfield, on 13 Apr 43. Continuous attack was made on the guns of 8 Aust Lt AA Bty from 1000 hrs to 1100hrs by a force consisting of 3 Beauforts, 11 Wirraways and 1 Brewster Buffalo.

Every method and avenue of attack was exploited by the pilots and very valuable training was afforded to them and the gunners of the Bty.

At a subsequent conference many points of interest to both pilots and gunners were discussed and noted for future action.

The co-operation was witnessed by Chaplain-General T.C. Rentoul ED (Meth) who was very interested.

2. SECURITY

Provost report No 9318 was received from 4 Aust Div Prov Coy showing the name of the unit together with the unit serial number thereby associating the two.

Lieutl
I O 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt

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APPENDIX 'N'

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ROUTINE ORDERS
BY
LT COL JW RHODEN
COMMANDING 2/3 AUST LT AA REGT

17 APR 43

LAST ROUTINE ORDER PART I NO 26 SUB PARA 227 DATED 12 APR 43. PART I NO27

228. PERSONNEL MOVEMENT - DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

(a) The lack of detail in Movement Orders has been most noticeable with the result that Movement Control Gps, LHD's AHD's have lacked the necessary information to expedite the movement of personnel to their destination.

(b) To avoid this delay AAF's A19 or other relevant instructions will in accordance with the information supplied by Movements Control, include directions as to the method, dates and times of travel, and intermediate reporting centres (if any) en route.

(c) If information of this nature is not forthcoming in time the AAF A19 or Nominal Roll should contain the reason and the authority for the move e.g. "Rejoining----------(Name of unit)" or Reinforcement to ----------(name of unit) Authority Reinforcement Order No----------", transferred to ---------- (Name of unit) Authority---------Without naming the destination at which it is believed the unit was last located. (SM3953)

(CRO 821/75 of 12 Apr 43)

229. MEDICINE BALLS

Units holding Medicine Balls which are US but repairable will forward same to Ordnance for repair.

Units forwarding US Medicine Balls for repair will inform Ordnance whether the Medicine Balls forwarded for repaid are surplus to requirements. (CRO 827/75 of 12 Apr 43)

230. PASSOVER LEAVE FOR HEBREW PERSONNEL

Leave may be granted under para 9 of GRO A559/1942 to Hebrew members for the observance of the Jewish Passover. Where practicable, the leave will be of a duration which will enable the member to spend the time from sunset on 19th April to 2400 hrs on 20 April, 1943 at his home (or the nearest Synagogue if the home is too far distant.) (SM7115 of 6 Apr 43) (C RO 828/75 of 12 Apr 43)

231. FORWARDING OF SUPPLIES AND STORES FOR SHIPMENT

(a) No Service supplies, stores or equipment will be forwarded to the Fremantle wharf for shipment until the consignment has been booked through HQ 4 Aust Movement Control Group and a time and place of delivery is received. All rail trucks for the forwarding of such cargo will be ordered through Movement Control and not direct from Railways.

(b) Advice of the despatch of all rail trucks from the loading depot will be forwarded to Movement Control either through the local RTO or direct, such advice including the number of the truck and a general description of the contents.

(c) All drivers of MT will be in possession of a Delivery Order showing in detail the contents of the vehicle and information regarding the weight and/or measurement and destination. These Delivery Notes are required at the wharf for checking and are recorded with the original space reservations and cargo delivered at the wharf without such a list will be returned to the loading depot.

(d) Cargo is also being forwarded to the wharf incorrectly marked or not marked at all. Cargo not properly marked will in future be returned as this is resulting in over-carriage and wrong deliveries.

(CRO 829/75 of 12 Apr 43)

232. RECLAMATION OF USED LUBRICATING OIL

Reference RRO 12/110/43.

Attention is drawn to the abovementioned RRO, which states that engine and gear oil will not be mixed.

Instances are occurring where this instruction is not being carried out.

Units will exercise every care to place these oils in the correct containers. (CRO 830/75 of 12 Apr 43)

Capt
Adjt 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt

Distribution as RRO 18 of 11 Mar 43

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NOTICES

Receipt is gratefully acknowledged to the 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt Welfare Fund of the following books which have been forwarded as follows:-

7 Aust Lt AA Bty

High Adventure by A.H. Cobby DSO DFC
Two Pacific Democracies
China & Australia by W.Y. Tsao
Gypsy Afloat by Ella Maillart
I Left England by A.T.A. Loch
I Lived these Years by Eric Baume
The Red Fleet & the Royal Navy by Mairin Mitchell
In the Mill by John Masefield
On the Wallaby by Chas Barrett
Southward Journey by Halliday Sutherland
Lancer at Large by F. Yeats-Brown

8 Aust Lt AA Bty

Pied Piper by Nevil Shute
The Go-Getter by Leonard Maun
Proceed Sgt Lamb by Robert Graves
Death Rides the Desert by Denis Adair
Through Mighty Seas by Henry Hughes
A Time to Keep by Halliday Sutherland
Rod Clark takes a hand by Gordon Young
In two Latitudes by Georges Simenon
Guns of Greed by H.A. Woodbury
The Unfinished Clue by Georgette Heyer
Fame is the Spur by Howard Spiny

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Telephone No. .....

APPENDIX "O"

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

WESTERN AUSTRALIA LINES OF COMMUNICATION AREA

Please quote this Number when replying

43	18	893

3 LT. A.A. REGT. S 1765 49

RHQ
109 Aust Lt AA Regt.
AUSTRALIA.

19 Apr 43.

C O
2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt.

LOAN OF 3 TRACTORS FOR C.O.T.C.

In returning the 3 Quad tractors which were loaned to this Unit for the last C.O.T.C. I would like to say how much they were appreciated during the course.

The behaviour and experience of the drivers gave an excellent lead to our lads, and as a result gun positions were occupied which less experienced drivers would not have attempted.

It would be much appreciated if the drivers could be informed that their co-operation was of greatest assistance to us.

CO.
2 i/c.
ADJT.
QM.
OO.
RMO.
RSM.

3 LT. A.A. REGT.
21 APR 1943
HRS 0820
RECEIVED

Lt Col.
CO 109 Aust Lt AA Regt.
P.W.A. KELSO.

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APPENDIX "P"

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2/3 AUST LT AA REGT TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO 13

Training for the month of May 43 will be directed along the following lines.

1. Mobile Gun Drill - One gun in the Bty will be made available for this training.
2. Stripping and assembling
   Gun for aircraft travel - This will be carried out under direct supervision of Tp Comd, Bty and Tp Fitters, Armament Artificer Fitter AEME.
3. Shooting - Dates to be notified later.
4. Air Co-operation - To be arranged locally with RAAF Station Comds.
5. Camera Gun laying.
6. Map reading - Refresher course.
7. BCs will prepare syllabus of training to reach this HQ by 1800 hrs 30 Apr 43.

John Rhodes

Lt Col
C O 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt

20 Apr 43

Distribution as per Training Instruction No 11

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APPENDIX 9

2/3 AUST LT A.A. REGT.
S. 1757/49

SECRET

2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt
20 Apr 43

RAA 3 Aust Corps

TRAINING SYLLABI

1. Ref 3 Aust Corps Tng Notes No 6 of 14 Sep 42.

Approx Date	Unit	Nature	Location	Time	REMARKS
22 May	7 Aust Lt AA Bty	Practice Shoot	Mouth GREENOUGH RIVER GERALDTON	0930	In accordance with trace already submitted. Time submitted is requested as position of sun is unsatisfactory during afternoon.
27 May	8 Aust Lt AA Bty	Practice Shoot	PEARCE AIRFIELD	0900	In accordance with trace submitted with this HQ Memo S1650/49 of 22 Mar

2. If date, 22 May is NOT suitable, Station Comd RAAF GERALDTON has NO objection to shoot being conducted on any other day, as location does NOT interfere with his flying programme.

Lt Col
C O 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt

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ROUTINE ORDERS
BY
LT COL J.W. RHODEN
COMMANDING 2/3 AUST LT AA REGT

21 APR 43

LAST ROUTINE ORDER PART I NO 27 SUB PARA 232 DATED 17 APR 43. PART I NO28

233. SECURITY OF INFORMATION
Personnel when absent from their units, if obliged to give their name and address for the purpose of hotel or guest house accomodation or when questioned by civilian or unidentified persons MUST NOT give the name of the unit or present location but will simply give their No, Name and town of home address.

234. CARE OF BOOTS
Boots A/B and boots H/H are being worn out unnecessarily by the two pairs issued to each soldier ~~to each soldier~~ being worn on alternate days. The result frequently is that boots are condemned owing to the soldiers reserve pair being repaired when the second pair also require attention.
New boots will be worn until they are broken in and then action will be taken to ensure that one pair only is worn continuously and the other pair is kept in reserve and only to be worn when the first pair are wet or otherwise unserviceable. CRO 76/834 of 15 Apr 43.)

235. ISSUE OF EXPEA BLANKET
Approval has been given for units located in GINGIN Area and south of that area to be issued with an additional blanket for all personnel forthwith. (CRO 76/835 of 15 Apr 43)

236. DISCS, IDENTITY AND BLOOD GROUPING
A recent check showed that 25% of the patients passing through a Medical Inspection Centre were either not in possession of identity discs or were wearing discs on which the blood grouping had not been recorded.
Unit Comds are responsible that the blood group is stamped on the identity discs of all personnel. Discs are to be worn at all times and disciplinary action will be taken in future when instances of non-compliance with these orders are reported.
(CRO 77/838 of 16 Apr 43)

237. TEA & SUGAR RATION COUPONS - ISSUE TO PERSONNEL PROCEEDING ON LEAVE
Numerous instances have been reported of personnel on leave making application, in writing or personally, to the Deputy Director of Rationing for Tea and Sugar Ration Coupons.
This practice is quite irregular and must cease forthwith. Prior to proceeding on leave, with or without pay, personnel will receive from their Unit Issuing Officer, their entitlement of tea and sugar ration coupons. It is the responsibility of Unit Comds to ensure that a sufficient reserve of coupons is held to meet requirements.
(CRO 77/839 of 16 Apr 43)

238. VEHICLE RESERVE POL AND WATER
This RRO cancels RRO 6/42/43 and reserves of petrol and equivalent lubricants will be maintained in accordance with the following table as 1st Line and 2nd Line holdings. 1st Line holdings will be maintained in Unit lines and in case of operational necessity will be immediately loaded and maintained as part of unit of sub-unit reserve 2nd Line holdings will be maintained and carried by AASC.

Formation	1st Line (in addition to full tanks)	2nd Line
Corps HQ & Corps Troops	100 miles	50 miles

It will be a unit responsibility to ensure that all vehs detached for long journeys on recce or other duty will be provided with adequate reserves of both POL and water after consideration of the availability of petrol & water supplies en route to be taken.
(CRO 76/841 of 15 Apr 43)

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239. CANTEEN SUPPLIES

Owing to the limited output of Cream, Ideal Milk and Tinned Fruit it has been found necessary to ration these goods solely for troops in Tropical Area (CRO 77/842 of 16 Apr 43)

240. PHOTOGRAPHY - APPROVED PHOTOGRAPHERS

Names of Photographers approved by HQ L of C Areas in accordance with RRO 338/309/42 are shown below:

WA L of C AREA

Kodaks Pty Ltd and their agents
Tilleys Ltd and their agents

It is advised that if personnel desire to send films out of their unit area for processing, they may enquire through PRO to RHQ for the name of Approved Photographers in any other L of C Area.

(CRO 77/837 of 16 Apr 43)

241. SECURITY OF INFORMATION

RRO 333/280/42 is amended by the addition of the following sentence at the end of para 5:-

"The report will state whether any and, if so, what disciplinary action has already been taken against the officer". (GRO 296 of 16 Apr)

241. CHANGE IN NOMENCLATURE - DISCONTINUANCE OF USE OF TERM "ANTI-GAS".

The substitution in general use of the term "anti-gas" will be implemented forthwith and will alter existing Ordnance vocabulary. Examples of old and new terms are:-

by the term "gas"

Old Term	New Term
A/gas training	Gas training
LHQ Gas School, A/gas wing	LHQ Gas School, Gas wing
Capo, A/gas	Capo, gas
Valise, A/gas	Valise, gas
Respirator, A/gas	Respirator, gas

(GRO 297 of 16 Apr 43)

242. NOTIFICATION OF CASUALTIES

1. RRO 326/219/42 was designed to prevent the disclosure of information regarding woundings and deaths in advance of the official notification to next of kin.

2.(a) It is appreciated that service considerations demand, in the case of senior officers, that casualty advices should be communicated to superior authority with the utmost despatch, but steps should be taken to ensure that, if the unit concerned is one which is not required to submit AF W30?, advice to the L of C Area Records Office concerned is forwarded not later than that to superior authority.

(b) If, as is usually the case, advice is sent by signal, the signal should be repeated to the Records Office for the area in which the deceased member was serving at the date of his death.

(c) Should the signal or other advice not be repeated to the relevant L of C Area Records Office because of appropriate notification having been sent independently, such advice should conclude with the words "Distrec advised".

3. Casualty information which is notified to superior authority as a matter of service administration is to be regarded as confidential until such time as it can be reasonably supposed that the next of kin has been officially informed. (GRO 302 of 16 Apr 43)

243. BOOTS, ANKLE - INTRODUCTION OF WIDER FITTING

1. A wider fitting has been introduced in the manufacture of universal and half-heavy boots.

2. This will be known as "No 6 fitting" and applicable to sizes, 6,7 and 8 only.

3. Units will include this fitting in future indents on the basis of 12% of quantities ordered for sizes 6, 7 and 8.

4. Small stocks are now available in Ordnance Depots

(GRO 305 of 16 Apr 43)

Chas S. Rosenbaum
Capt
Adjt 2/3 Aust Lt A. Rgt

Distribution as per RRO 18 of 11 Mar 45.

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REF AS/1763/15 SECRET

2/3 AUST HT AA REGT
23 APR 43

APPENDIX "5"

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 41

OPERATIONS

1. "F" Bty Comd reports that POKER continues to progress, that the strip should be ready there in a month and the buildings are nearly all completed.
At POTSHOT the strip should be ready in two months, but there is not the timber for the buildings yet.

2. A few copies of the new silhouettes of A/C operating in SWPA showing types and full description have been obtained from RAAF by 8 Aust Lt AA Bty.
These would be most useful for further distribution throughout the Regt if copies are available.from 3 Aust Corps (AIF).

SECURITY

Now that the increase of 1 officer on BHQ in the latest Bty WE is made, the appointments of Security Officers for the Regt will now be:-

Lieut C.S.	Rosenberg	RHQ.
Lieut H.W.	Parker	7 Aust Lt AA Bty
Lieut P	Roberts	8 Aust Lt AA Bty
Lieut L.R.	Williams	Sig Sec
Lieut C.A.S.	Hunt	Wkshop Sec.

TOPOGRAPHICAL

(i) Road Recce CHITTERING Area
Ref Map MS-- TOODYAY 1" to 1 mile.

On 17 Apr 43 the O.C 8 Bty (Major J. Purcell) and Lieut P Roberts carried out a recce of road SOUTH CHITTERING and its northern prolongation connecting to road Main CHITTERING with the purpose of ascertaining whether the prolongation was passable for MT.
It was discovered that between refs 126863 and 122872 there is no track passable to any MT.Therefore the prolongation does NOf connect with road MAIN CHITTERING as indicated in Map.

(ii) Road Recce ONSLOW to YARRALOOLA STATION
Ref Map ONSLOW 8 miles to 1"
Date 3 Apr 43 Report by Bdr McBean C.A. "F" Bty.
Type of Vehicle used. 3 ton FWD .
Weather Fine
Route From ref points 299294 to 387306 via 316282, 333282, 358273 375288.
Left THQ 299294 at 0800 hrs 3/4/43 Truck Speedo 731 miles.
Travelled in southerly direction country tidal flat, road earth unformed but solid. 301289 Telephone Box on right 200 yds from road. Turned South east-bad patch of road 307287, 309286 end of tidal flat. Country changed flat scattered scrub bushes and hills,road solid with odd sandy patches on surface. 313284-road crossed by track and telephone line;windmill and tank 800 yards on left. 316282- turned east on branch road.321281- fence passed through gap, windmill three quarters mile to right. Telegraph line visible from road. 322281-crossed claypan.333282- River crossed over ford now dry,well in river bed equipped with pump- bucket chained to well.Timber along banks of river.TAMPOOL hills visible in distance, country flat, spinifex,low scrub,scattered trees passing through thicker belt 338280 Now travelling in SE direction.339279- passed over cattle pit,windmill on right(100 yds).346276-woolshed, windmill,tanks-huts on right,passed through gate, road solid. 349275-passed over cattle pit.355273-passed over cattle pit,windmill on left ½ mile,TAMPOOL hills on left,country now more barren in scrub or trees.358273-sign post on left. PEEDAMULLAH homestead on right of road.Turned NE along fence under low telephone line nec essary to lift line to clear truck,passed through gate and over low grassy flat country changing tp low hills. 365278-telephone line crossed road.Crossed creek- marshy ground creek

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dry, bad stretch of road (100 yds) Timber along watercourse.Water course dry-low scrub,scattered timber,Mt PEEDAMULLAH on left, unmarked hills on right.373286-Passed through gate,bad stretch of road approaching Warranboo Creek (200 yds). Crossed over creek at 375288 by means of bridge (unmarked);creek dry,timbered along banks.Through gate.
382294-Warranboo homestead on right of road ,turned NE through gate 200 yds from homestead passing through 2 more gates at 3 mile intervals.
385305- crossed Robe river (dry),YARRALOOLA homestead over river.
Arrived 387306 1120 hrs-Speedo reading 798.5 miles.
Distance travelled 67.5 miles in three hours twenty minutes(3Hrs20min)
Returned over same route.
Points en route
In its present condition road would carry any MT.The deep wheel tracks on three parts of road could be filled to give clearance for low vehicles.
In wet weather road impassable to all MT.Guns could be towed by tractors at max.speed of 12 M I H , 3 ton vehicles 20 M I H.
Water available from wells and mills en route.
Map devoid of many details.
Telephone line runs along road,although at times not visible, crosses at several points.

(iii)Road Recce ONSLOW to YANREY
Ref Map ONSLOW 8 miles to 1"
Date 30/3/43 Report by Sgt Prideaux R.M. "F" Bty
Object:- To travel to DID at YANREY to collect 14 days rations for 8 Troop.
Report:- Left ONSLOW at 1030 hrs and proceeded by way of Airfield to RAAF MINDAROO Station where a halt was called for lunch.
Road:- Bl although in wet weather it would deteriorate to B3.
Surface sandy and dusty-unmade road.Speeds-up to 30 M I H.
MINDAROO to YANREY:-(1st 10 miles) Very rough.Road Bl(B3)
Speed 15 to 20 mph.
After the first 10 miles the road improves and although still in the classification of Bl(B3) an average speed of 30 mph could be maintained.
This class of road continues to YANREY Airfield and right through to the homestead except for the last 5 miles,which still retain the Bl(B3) classification, but speeds could not exceed 15 mph.
Only small stretches of the road are formed and there is no sealing or gravelling.
The whole of this road,ONSLOW to YANREY, could be used for towing guns along in dry weather, but a shower of rain would soon make this impossible.
Note Approximately 15 miles past the bridge over ASHBURTON river at MINDAROO there is a turnoff to YANREY and GERALIA indicated by signposts. Do not take this turnoff but continue on the CARNARVON Road, the reason being that the road indicated by the signposts traverses "crabhole" country which is rough in dry weather and impassable when wet.

Eric Rosenberg Lieut
I O 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt.

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APPENDIX T

NOT TO BE PUBLISHED ROUTINE ORDERS
AMR&O 1587
BY
LT COL J.W. RHODEN
COMMANDING 2/3 AUST LT AA REGT 26 APR 43
LAST ROUTINE ORDER PART I NO 28 SUB PARA 232 DATED 21 APR 43. PART I NO 29

233. DRESS ON LEAVE:- CAPS SD AND SHOES
Provost Reports received indicate that members of this unit are wearing the abovementioned articles of dress while on leave.
Caps SD will NOT be worn by ORs except when on duty. (See ASO 5/3)
Shoes will only be worn by ORs when permission to do so has been obtained from a Medical Officer.
This permission will be endorsed on the soldier's Leave Pass.

234. LEAVE PASSES
1. A new form of leave pass (AAF A96, revised April, 1943) has been printed. Units will requisition for books of the forms through normal channels.
2. A Register of Issue showing serial numbers of forms issued to units will be kept by stationery depots. Units will also keep a record of the serial numbers of forms received.
3. On receipt of the new forms, units will take them into immediate use and will return to stationery depots not later than 31st May 1943, all unused forms AAF A96 of any earlier issue.
Stationery depots will arrange for forms so returned to be destroyed by pulping or other suitable means.
4. If a book or part of a book of leave passes is lost, the unit to which such book was issued will furnish a report of such loss, immediately on discovery thereof, by the quickest available means:-
(a) to the HQ of its formation (for the information of the APM); and
(b) to LHQ (for the information of the PM).
The subsequent finding of a book or part of a book of leave passes reported lost will be similarly reported.
5. Instructions regarding the use and custody of the new forms are printed on the covers of the books and on the backs of the new forms Those instructions will be strictly observed.
6. Two sets of numbers are printed on the edges of the new forms. The numbers 1 to 24 represent hours of the day and the numbers 1 to 31 represent days of the month. Before a pass is issued, holes will be punched with a pin or some other suitable instrument in the spaces corresponding with the hour and day on which the pass expires.
(GRO A326 of 23 APR 43.)

235. BUNGS AND WASHERS FOR 4-GALL and 44-GALL DRUMS.
Severe shortages of rubber used in washers and of die-cast metal used in bungs make it essential that these items be conserved. Units using drums will replace bungs and washers and tighten them with a bung spanner. Care will be taken not to damage bungs by using a hammer or other unauthorized method of opening.
(GRO Q327 of 23 APR 43)

236. FITTING OF LAYER'S FOOT FIRING GEAR TO MOUNTINGS 40MM AA MKS 111 & 1V.
1. It is proposed to fit to all Mk111 and Mk 1V 40 mm AA Mountings a layer's foot firing gear the same as that on Mk 111 Mountings of early manufacture.

2. Instructions for fitting the gear are being promulgated to AEME Workshops, which will arrange for Ordnance Depots to advise them when the necessary stores become available.
(GRO 0.329 of 23 APR 43)

237. INTERCHANGEABILITY OF SPARE PARTS FOR ARMAMENT
1. As a result of rapid production under wartime conditions, spare parts for armament are not always interchangeable. However, the amount of work required to adjust them is usually small and constitutes a 1st Echelon repair only.
(Contd overleaf)

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237. INTERCHANGEABILITY OF SPARE PARTS FOR ARMAMENT (Contd)

2. Because of these minor discrepancies it is important that as soon as spares are received they are checked for interchangeability, in accordance with Regulations for Care and Preservation of Artillery Equipment, 1939, para. 87. This checking is to be done under supervision of the AEME.

3. Any parts which do not fit will be adjusted by AEME Workshops where possible. Such parts that cannot be so adjusted will be returned to RSD

(GRO 0.332 of 23 APR 43)

238. RIFLES, NO 1 MKS III AND III - CHANGED BOLTS, BREECH

1. An unduly large proportion of rifles returned to depots by units has been reported as having "Changed bolts, breech".

2. Bolts, breech are fitted to rifles to which they are intended to be used. Great care is taken to ensure that they fit and fulfil all conditions to ensure that they are gauged to and within safe limits. When the bolt is so mated, it is stamped on the lever with the "Factory" or Master No. This number may be seen on the right side of the forward end of the body of the rifle.

3. BCs will arrange for all rifles on their charge to be carefully checked in this regard and, where it is found that bolts, breech, have been changed, immediate efforts will be made to place them correctly. If any such changed bolts cannot be placed correctly within the unit, a report showing:-

(a) numbers stamped on bolt levers;
(b) "Factory numbers of rifles. to formation HQs

will be submitted through RHQ/which will endeavour to place them correctly between the units of the formation. Should there be any bolts that cannot be placed correctly by this procedure, then HQ formation will instruct the CO of the unit or units concerned to submit rifles to nearest AEME Workshop for refitting of bolt, breech.

H S Rowan Capt.
Adjt 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt.

NOTICES

Receipt is gratefully acknowledged to the Australian Comforts Fund of the following articles:-

2 Crib Boards
12 Packs Playing Cards.
6,000 Sheets Writing Paper.
1,500 Envelopes.

CORRIGENDUM Ref RRO 25/219(b)- "For 118 Aust Ind Bde Gp Wkshop AEME" substitute "120 Aust Ind Bde Gp Wkshop AEME"
(CRO Serial 76 of 15 APR 43)

Distribution As per RRO 18 of 11 Mar 43.

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ROUTINE ORDERS
BY
LT COL J.W.RHODEN
COMMANDING 2/3 AUST LT AA REGT

28 APR 43.

LAST ROUTINE ORDER PART I NO 29 SUB PARA 249 DATED 26 APR 43 PART I NO 30

250. OFFICERS - FIRST APPOINTMENT
All AAF A22's submitted to these HQ for approval will in future be forwarded in duplicate, as it is now necessary to file one copy with basic documents at 2nd Echelon. (CRO 79/847 of 24 Apr 43)

251. HOME LEAVE TRAVEL - REPORTING TO NEAREST LTD
(a) Instances have occurred where personnel having been granted permission by CO to travel direct to home town destination without proceeding through LTD home state in cases where latter is further than home town destination, have been instructed to report to LTD home state on expiration of leave.
(b) Where such personnel hold only HL 1 or HL 2 to home town, this is insufficient authority for rail travel to a point further than town shown as destination.
(c) Units will ensure that such personnel are issued with AAF T1 covering the additional journey (single) from home town to LTD home state. (CRO 79/849 of 24 Apr 43)

252. AMENITIES - SUPPLY OF FOOTBALLS
In view of the limited supplies of footballs and the desire for all units to participate in the distribution, units are requested to requisition only for immediate needs until further supplies can be made available. (CRO 79/850 of 24 Apr 43)

253. PATIENTS UNDER ESCORT
(a) Instances have occurred of patients under escort arriving at hospitals without documentary explanation for the escort. Usually the only information obtainable is verbally from either the prisoner or his escort.
(b) Units sending patients to hospitals under escort will ensure that the necessary information and any commitment warrants that may be required are forwarded with such patients.
(CRO 79/852 of 24 Apr 43)

254. RESPIRATORS GAS
In some instances, Casualties are being evacuated without respirators. RRO 285/4/42 will be strictly observed and the above irregularity checked by OC's and medical units. (CRO 79/853 of 24 Apr 43)

255. RETURNABLE CONTAINERS - ACCOUNTING FOR
Reference RRO 24/208/43.
The following amendments will be made:-
Para 2(a) add "Vegetable Crates".
Para 4 add "Containers received from Ordnance will be returned to Ordnance and not to Salvage".
(CRO 79/854 of 24 Apr 43

256. FOUR GALLON PETROL CONTAINERS
A check taken recently showed that in certain areas 20% of 4 Gallon petrol containers returned by Units contained water. Units will ensure that 4 gallon drums when returned empty are completely drained. After the containers are drained the caps will be screwed down tightly and the containers stacked with the cap towards the ground.
(CRO 79/855 of 24 Apr 43)

W Lowan Capt
Adjt 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt

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Corregendum: Ref RRO No 29 dated 26 Apr 43 for Nos 233 to 238 substitute 244 to 249.

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APPENDIX V

SECRET

Ref S/1802/15

2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt
30 Apr 43.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 42

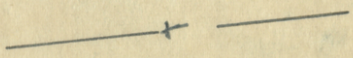
OPERATIONS

1. A report from 9 Aust Lt AA Bty at present in New Guinea, shows that all their Bofors Gun pits are now fitted with complete overhead concealment.

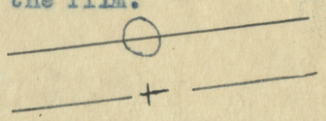
2. On 17 Apr 43 three guns were withdrawn from GERALDTON Airfield defence to participate in a Paratroop exercise at GEORGINA satellite field. The exercise was successful. Minister for the Army Mr Forde and the GOC 3 Aust Corps Lt Gen H. Gordon Bennett were among those present.

3. 7 Aust Lt AA Bty is making considerable use of Camera Gun in the training of layers. It has been found that the clearest method of marking films so that faults can be most easily pointed out oto layers is as follows:

(a) Mount film over glass-topped box with lighted interior.
(b) Using a sharp instrument draw a line through the axis of aircraft flight.



(c) Draw a second line, parallel to axis, but through the centre of the film.



In these exercises no clock course is given to the layer he being told to keep the plane flying on correct hour into the centre of the clock.

SECURITY

Efforts made to render personnel more security-minded are bearing fruit. RAAF officers have reported the fact that on approaching gun positions on GERALDTON Airfield they have been requested by sentries to produce identity cards. Their attitude proves that they would much prefer that their uniforms alone should not be accepted as sufficient proof of identity.

GENERAL

Original members of the 7 Aust Lt AA Bty have witnessed at the invitation of the RAAF two editions of the film "AIF MAGAZINE". Edition one dealt with Tobruk, Edition two with Greece and Crete. Interest taken, and comment overheard later, indicate that such a revival of campaigns in which personnel have been concerned will do much to maintain their morale and keep them at fighting pitch. Inquiries are being made into the possibility of further films of a like nature being obtained.

Eliud Kreuberg
Lieut
I O 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

Unit 7th Aust. Lt. A.A. Battery Date and Time.—From 1st April,1943 To 30th April,1943

APPENDIX W.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Geraldton.	6:4:43		Visit by C.O. Lt.Col. J.W.Rhoden.	
	8:4:43			B.R.O.
	15:4:43		Visit by C.O. Lt.Col. J.W.Rhoden. also Chaplain General for Australia, Major General Rentoul.	
	17:4:43			B.R.O.
	21:4:43		Church Service by Major General Rentoul.	B.R.O.
	25:4:43		Practice Shoot at Greenough River- Report Attached.	
	26:4:43			B.R.O.
	29:4:43		Visit by C.O. Lt.Col. J.W.Rhoden.	

H.H.Stephen Captain.
7 Aust. Lt. A.A. Battery.

343 /5.29.—C.4788.

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ROUTINE ORDERS BY
CAPTAIN H.L.STEPHENS
ADMINISTERING COMMAND

7 Aust.Lt.A.A.Bty.
No.97 Part 1.
8.4.43

1. USE OF THE WORDS "AIRCRAFT" & "AIRFIELD"
In future the words "aircraft" and "airfield" will be used in all military correspondence, operation orders, messages, and signals, instead of the words "aeroplane" and "aerodrome". The term "advanced landing ground" will, however, continue to be used where appropriate. (CRO 240 of 26 Mar 43).

2. DRESS-WINTER CLOTHING
The order of dress for all ranks under comd 3 Aust Corps will be changed to Winter Dress (ASO 3/3) on 1 May 43. (CRO 69/790 of 24 Mar)

3. CHANGE IN NOMENCLATURE: ANTI-TANK UNITS
The term "anti-tank" will no longer be used in the AMF. The following term will be used instead:

Existing term	New term	Authorised abbreviation for new term
Anti-tank	Tank Attack	Tk.A.

2. The nomenclature of all anti-tank units will be changed in accordance with para 1 above.
3. This instruction takes effect forthwith.
(CRO 241 of 26 Mar 43)

4. APPOINTMENTS PROMOTIONS AND COMMISIONS
VX47593 Sgt Dickinson H.S. Appointed A/Lieut w.e.f.20.3.43 (3 Aust Corps A.& P List No.15/43
Part11 Order 275/13 1April 43.

5. STRENGTH DECREASE -TRANSFERS
VX32829 Gnr Bates W.J. To 121 Aust.Lt.A.A.Regt 10.3.43 (Part 11 Order No.13 1 April 43)

6. EYE TROUBLE
Any personnel suffering from eye infection of any kind must report immediately to the R.A.P. for treatment.

7. R.A.A.F. LIBRARY
Books from this library must be returned within 7 days otherwise a charge of one penny per day will be made. The use of the library is a courtesy extended to the Battery by the R.A.A.F. and our personnel using the library must see that this instruction is observed.

8. CENSORSHIP-CORRESPONDENCE WITH PEN FRIENDS
The District Censor reports an increase in the number of military personnel seeking pen friends per medium of correspondence. Attention is drawn to the following extract from 3 Aust Corps ASOs Chap 2 Sec 3 Para 17(b):-
"Correspondence with Pen Friends is forbidden"
Disciplinary action will be taken against all future breaches of this CRO reported by the District Censor. (CRO 71/800 of 1 April 43)

Distribution as per B.R.O.
8.3.43

H.L.Stephens
.....Capt.
Adm Com 7 Aust.Lt.A.A.Battery.

Notice:

Regimental Transport Competition
The above for the D.B.Fitzhardinge Trophy resulted as follows:
1st Equal finish with 93 points:
Quod 4527446 Gnr Davis D.J. 7 Bty
30cwt L/199 Gnr Ampt M.A. RHQ
3rd: 89 pts 1 ton V10303 Sig Flaherty J. Sigs Sec.
4th: 88 pts Quod N4525696 Gnr Reade S.J. 8 Bty.

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ROUTINE ORDERS BY
CAPT.H.L.STEPHENS
ADMINISTERING COMMAND

7 Aust.Lt.A.A.Bty
No.98 Part 1.
17.4.43

1.GREEN ENVELOPES
The RAAF has been granted the privilege and use of a Green Envelope identical with the Army envelope,with the exception that"RAAF" has been printed in one corner.Troops should be warned that interchange of these envelopes is prohibited and will result in mail delays.

2.MARRIAGES OF MEMBERS OF THE AMF
The marriage ceremony of a member of the AMF will not be celebrated in any military camp,station,or establishment. (GRO 282 of 9 April 43)

3. SERVICE CHEVRONS
In order to count as qualifying for a chevron additional to the first, each of the prescribed periods of 12 months must be completed in full,and this provision will be strictly observed. (GRO 283 of 9 April 43)

4.APPOINTMENTS,PROMOTIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS OF RANK
VX37123 Bdr Takasuka M. Promoted A/Sgt w.e.f. 20.3.43

Distribution as per BRO 8.3.43

...Captain
Adm Com 7 Aust.Lt.A.A.Battery

NOTICE:
Receipt is gratefully acknowledged to Regimental Welfare Fund for the following ten books:-

" The Red Fleet And The Royal Navy"	by	Mairin Mitchell
" In The Mill "	by	John Masefield
" On The Wallaby "	by	Chas Barrett
" Southward Journey "	by	Halliday Sutherland.
"Gypsy Afloat "	by	Ella Maillart
" Two Pacific Democracies "	by	W.Y.Tsao
" I Lived These Years "	by	Eric Baume
" I Left England "	by	A.F.A.Lock
" Lancer At Large "	by	F.Yeats-Brown
" High Adventure "	by	A.H.Cobby D.S.O. D.F.C.

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ROUTINE ORDERS BY
CAPT. H.L.STEPHENS
ADMINISTERING COMMAND

7th Aust. Lt. A.A.Bty.
No.99. Part 1.
21st April, 1943.

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1. APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND CONFIRMATION OF RANK.

NX25893 A/Bdr Wade C.V. Rank of Bdr confirmed 9.4.43 (Pt.11 Order No.15/355
VX45833 Gnr Brown E.J. Appointed L/Bdr w.e.f. 9.4.43 " " " 15/356
Date 15.4.43

2. TRADE GROUPINGS

VX27527 Gnr Stone P.W.E. Graded Grp 11 Cook w.e.f. 20.3.43) Pt 11 Order No. 15/373

NX54456 Gnr Leeming L. " Grp 111 Driver Mechanic w.e.f 8.3.43
Pt 11 Order No 15/374
Date 15 April 43

3. STRENGTH INCREASE-STRENGTH TAKEN ON

NX79388 Gnr Woods W. From N SEc FSS 2 Aust Div 9.4.43)
)Pt 11 15.4.43

4. STRENGTH DECREASE-Transfer

VX51228 Gnr Tucker H.D.W. To 121 Aust Lt AA Regt 6.4.43)

5. PUNISHMENTS

VX26077 Gnr Clam G.J.

Offence: AWL from 0900 hrs 26.12.42 to 1800 hrs 14.1.43.
Award: Fined £5 & 14 days CB by C.O. 2/3 Aust Lt.A.A.Regt 7.4.43.
Automatic forfeiture 20 days pay.

6. STATE OF VICTORIA-LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL GENERAL ELECTION

(a) State of Vic Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council General Elections are to be held 12.June 1943 and all members of the forces duly enrolled as electors for the State of Victoria may claim the right to vote by post at this election.

(b)(1) Persons under the age of 21 yrs are not eligible for enrollment as electors for either of the Houses of the Parliament of Vic.

(2) Electors for the Legislative Assembly are those persons who have reached the age of 21 yrs, were normally resident in Victoria prior to enlistment in the AMF and who have ~~enrolled~~ been enrolled as such electors.

(3) Electors for the Leg Council are those persons possessing the property qualifications (normally house or other real property owners or occupiers) and who are enrolled as such electors.

Personnel requiring applications for postal ballot papers for the Legislative Assembly and, if eligible, Leg council elections will submit their names to THQ's not later than 1200 hrs on 23 April 1943.

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...H.L.Stephens.....Captain
Adm Com 7 Aust.Lt.A.A.Battery

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ROUTINE ORDERS BY
CAPTAIN H.L.STEPHENS
ADMINISTERING COMMAND

7th Aust.Lt.A.A.Bty.
No.100. Part 1.
26th April, 1943

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1. ATTACHED PERSONNEL:/AUST. LT. A.A.REGT. WORKSHOPS SEC. AEME.

Trade Groupings:

WX33148 Pte. Bayliss,G.C. Relinquished Group 111, Driver Mechanic 10.3.43
Graded Group 11, Mechanic M.V. 11.3.43
Part 11 Order No.16/392 dated 15th April,1943

2. SECURITY OF INFORMATION.

Personnel when absent from their units, if obliged to give their name and address for the purpose of hotel or guest house accomodation or when questioned by civilian or unidentified persons MUST NOT give the name of the unit or present location but will simply give their Number, Name and Town of Home Address. (RRO No.28 of 21 April, 1943)

3. CARE OF BOOTS.

Boots A/B and boots H/H are being worn out unnecessarily by the two pairs issued to each soldier being worn on alternate days. The result frequently is that boots are condemned owing to the soldier's reserve pair being repaired when the second pair also require attention.
New boots will be worn until they are broken in and then ~~taken~~ action will be taken to ensure that one pair only is worn continuously and the other pair is kept in reserve and only to be worn when the first pair are wet or otherwise unserviceable. (CRO 76/834 of 15 April, 1943.)

4. DISCS, IDENTITY AND BLOOD GROUPING.

A recent check showed that 25% of the patients passing through a Medical Inspection Centre were either not in possession of identity discs or were wearing discs on which the blood grouping had not been recorded.
Unit Commands are responsible that the blood group is stamped on the identity discs of all personnel. Discs are to be worn at all times and disciplinary action will be taken in future when instances of non-compliance with these orders are reported. (CRO 77/838 of 16 April, 1943)

5. PHOTOGRAPHY - APPROVED PHOTOGRAPHERS.

Names of Photographers approved by HQ L of C Areas in accordance with RRO 336/309/42 are shown below;

Kodaks Pty Ltd. and their agents
Tilleys Ltd. and their agents
} WA L of C Area.

It is ~~desired~~ advised that if personnel desire to send films out of their unit area for processing, they may enquire through BHQ to RHQ for the name of Approved Photographers in any other L of C Area. (CRO 77/837 of 16 Apr.43)

6. CHANGE IN NOMENCLATURE - DISCONTINUANCE OF USE OF TERM "ANTI-GAS".

The substitution in general use of the term "anti-gas" will be implemented forthwith and will alter existing Ordnance vocabulary. Examples of old and new terms are:-

OLD TERM.	NEW TERM.
A/Gas Training	Gas training
LHQ Gas School, A/gas wing	LHQ Gas School, Gas wing
Cape, A/gas	Cape, gas
Valise, A/gas	Valise, gas
Respirator, A/gas	Respirator, gas

(CRO 297 of 16 April, 1943)

7. SPEED LIMIT ON 'DROME.

Complaints have been received that personnel of this Battery are exceeding the speed limit of 15 m.p.h. within the limits of the drome. Strong disciplinary action will be taken against offenders in this regard.

8. DRESS.

Personnel of the Battery must wear hats at all times when in the drome area.

9. RAAF LIBRARY.

Advice has been received that if personnel of the Battery continue to disregard the stipulation that books must be returned within ~~the~~ seven days the privilege of using the library will be withdrawn.
Attention is again drawn to RRO of 8 April, 1943.

Distribution as per RRO 8.3.43.

H.L.Stephens
.....Captain.
Administering Command,
7th Aust. Lt. A.A. Battery.

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S E C R E T.

7 AUST LT AA BTY.
25 Apr '43.

2/3 AUST LT AA REGT.

REPORT ON PREMATURES AT SHOOT 24Apr'43.

PARTICULARS OF ROUNDS:

	Batch No. 273L PREM at 200yds.	Batch No. 269G PREM at app 1000yds.
Fuse:	DA 251 Mk.1.	DA 251 Mk.1.
Manufacts. Initials.	AEM	T.G. Co.
Year of manuf.	1941	1941
Initials of filling firm.	B.R.	B.R.
Date of filling.	2/1941	6/1941
Filled Lot No.	143	325.

PARTICULARS OF GUN:

Barrel No. L23479
Mtg. No. L4206
Plat. No. P3018
Breech Casing No. L5360

.....Capt.
ADM COMD 7 LT AA BTY.

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7th Aust. Lt. A.A. Battery.

Report on Practice Shoot held at Greenough River on 24th April, 1943.

Section No.	Barrel No.	Mounting No.	Platform No.	Breech Casing No.	Batch No.	Fuse No.	Shots fired. Single	Shots fired. Auto.	Max Recoil.	REMARKS.
W A.Tp	L23479	L4206	P3018	L5360	273L 269G	251 251	11 2		209	Three rounds misfired but two fied on second strike. One failed to fire (269G), One premature (273L) at 200 yds.
4 B.Tp.	L14674	"	"	"	273A 273B 193F	251 251 250	2 6	5 7	"	Tracer good, all burst.
6 B.Tp	L15360	"	"	"	272B 193F	251 250		8 2	"	Tracer only fair. All rounds except 4 two 272B and two 193F burst.
1 D.Tp	L23479	"	"	"	254G 269G	251 251	11 2		"	Tracer good, all burst. One premature (269G) after passing target.
5 B.Tp	L15360	"	"	"	272B 253B 463B	251 251 251		8 4 1	"	Three rounds 253B showed no tracer, all burst.
2 D.Tp	L15360	"	"	"	254G 272B 253D 269G	251 251 251 251		5 3 3 2	"	Tracer good, all burst.
9 A.Tp	L14719	L8378	P2943	L5341	253B 272B 253D 269G	251 251 251 251		7 3 2 1	207	Tracer good, all burst.
8 A.Tp	L14719	"	"	"	253D 273L 463B	251		6 4---1	"	Tracer fair, all burst.
3 D.Tp	L15728	"	"	"	253D	251		11	"	Tracer fair, much smoke, all burst.

COMMENT: The effectiveness of the shooting showed a distinct improvement on that of the previous shoot held last month, and it is considered that this improvement is due mainly to two factors: (a) The fact that in most cases the tracer could be clearly observed and was used intelligently by layers to make corrections. Percentage of trace in the last shoot was 33% as against approx. 80% in this. (b) Use of the camera gun in the training of layers.

Captain.
7th Aust. Lt. A.A. Battery.

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Army Form C. 2118.

Unit 8 Lt AA Bty

Month and Year March, 1943.

Commanding Officer J Purcell Major

APPENDIX X

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
Bullsbrook	4	0900	Weekly inspections by OC of all gun positions & HQ areas instituted.	
"	5	"	Visit by CO, 2/3 Lt AA Regt (Lt Col J.W. Rhoden).	
			Bty Capt (Capt H.L. Stephens) transferred to 7 Bty. Lieut M.J. McGillivray appointed Bty Capt.	
"	9	1400	A cricket match against a team from 109 Regt was played at the RAAF Sta PEARCE & was won by 8 Bty.	
"	10	"	A welfare committee was formed from representatives of BHQ and all troops to advise in matters concerning the welfare of the troops.	
"	11	0900	Weekly inspection by OC of all gun positions and HQ areas carried out.	
"	12	0900	Lt Col J.W. Rhoden, CO 2/3 Lt AA Regt visited the bty.	
"	13	1830	A wet canteen was opened in a central position for benefit of battery personnel.	
"	18	0900	Senior Chaplain C.K. Daws arrived on an extended visit.	
		0900	OC's weekly inspection.	
		1400	Maj J. Purcell (OC) attended a meeting of the Station Defence Committee for the purpose of co-ordinating the defences of the aerodrome.	
		1600	A lecture was given by Sgt Mantle, the subject being "Timor Guerillas".	
"	19	0900	CO 2/3 Lt AA Regt visited the bty.	

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Bullsbrook	22	1400	Maj J. Purcell attended a meeting of the Station Defence Committee.	
"	24	0900	Maj Crosthwaite of 3 Aust Corps Mobile Inspection unit inspected all vehicles of the Bty.	
		1400	A meeting of the Station Defence Committee was attended by OC.	
		1400	A cricket match was played at Guildford against the RAAF resulting in an outright win by the Bty team.	
"	25	0900	Weekly inspection of bty was carried out by OC	
"	26	0900	Visit by CO 2/3 Lt AA Regt.	
"	28	0900	OC (Major J. Purcell) moved to Geraldton to witness practice 'shoot' by 7 Bty.	
"	29	0900	Lieut D.S. Humphreys (TC 'D' Tp) transferred to 7 Bty. Lieut H.S. Dickinson arrived from 7 Bty in his place.	
"	30	1100	Bty Capt (Capt M.J. McGillivray) in company with CO, RAAF Sta visited all 8 Bty gun positions for the purpose of siting AA Vickers Machine Guns to be manned by Air Force personnel.	

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by

Major. J. PURCELL, Comdg. 8 Aust.Lt.A.A.Bty.

Part 1. No. 8. 7 Mar 43.

98. SEASONAL LEAVE.

Attention is drawn to the strictly limited scope of seasonal leave, and particularly to the fact that such leave must be for seasonal requirements in rural industries and that personnel must be able to rejoin their units within 24 hrs of receipt of notification of recall. Interstate seasonal leave, therefore, cannot be granted.
In some cases, although seasonal leave may not be warranted, recreational leave, compassionate leave, emergency leave or "occupational leave" without pay may be warranted, and in some cases, circumstances may justify priority in the granting of annual recreational leave. In some cases, recommendation should be forwarded through normal channels to HQ 3 Aust Corps.
In all cases, it is essential that full facts be included in all applications and accompanying recommendations forwarded. Particular attention is drawn to ASO 5/7.
(3 Aust Corps Memo of 19 Feb 43)

99. SERVICE CHEVRONS.

Service chevrons authorised under BRO 10/78/43 may be worn by officers and O/Rs on shirts and safari jackets having long sleeves, greatcoats and cloth and drill jackets, but may not be worn on any other article of clothing.
(Extract GRO 158 of 19 Feb 43)

100. DESTRUCTION OF VEHICLES.

BRO No. 28 of 19 Oct 42 is amended as follows:-

Para 1. (2) Delete and insert -
"If possible, demolition will be done by RAE personnel and after this, when fire is permitted, vehicles will be further destroyed by burning. If RAE are not available, units will destroy their own vehicles".

Para 1. (5) Line 2 Delete "Remove distributor and HT Leads" and insert "Destroy carburettor, distributor and fuel pump".
Line 4. Delete "Remove carburettor" and insert "Damage generator".
also Delete - "or pour dry sand into oil filler cap and run engine on full throttle until it seizes".
(Extract GRO 168 of 19 Feb 43)

101. OUT-OF-BOUNDS - CHEQUERS HOTEL, BULLSBROOK.

On and from Saturday 27 Feb 43 the abovenamed hotel is out-of-bounds to all members of the Australian Military Forces.
Similar orders are being issued by Officer, commanding RAAF in W.A.
(GRO 63/717 of 25 Feb. 43.)

102. DANGER TO AIRCRAFT.

1. The attention of all personnel is again drawn to the necessity of keeping all gates and gaps in the Aerodrome fence closed except for the momentary passage of vehicles and Aircraft. The danger to Aircraft particularly at night, from wandering stock should be obvious.
2. All ranks must realise that it is their personal responsibility to assist in this matter. If a gate is noticed to have been left open by some thoughtless individual, the opening should be closed and the matter reported to the Station Adjutant.
(RAAF Station BRO 3 of 27 Feb 43)

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

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Part I No. 9

103. PROHIBITION OF ENTRY OF ANIMALS ETC INTO AUSTRALIA

1. The entry into Australia of any animals or birds from places outside Australia is subject to strict regulations under the Quarantine Act, owing to the risk of the introduction of rabies, piroplasmosis and other diseases.

2. Under no circumstances will permission be granted for the conveyance by sea or air from places outside Australia to the mainland of Australia (which includes Tasmania) of -

(a) Animals or birds on the WE of a unit, whether allocated before or after re-embarkation from Australia.

(b) Living mascots or pets (dogs, monkeys or other animals or birds) whether acquired before or after embarkation from Australia.

3. ESOs and ATOs are authorised to take action to have animals, living mascots, pets or birds, which arrive at a port or an aerodrome from outside the mainland of Australia, destroyed forthwith.

4. Disciplinary action will be taken in respect of any breach of this order.

(GRO 171 of 26 Feb 43)

104. MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE SPEED OF VEHICLES

1. The following are the maximum speeds permitted for artillery tractors during training :-

Equipment	m.i.h. (includes 10 min halt in the hour)		Maximum speed in m.p.h.	
	On 1st Class rds.	Cross Country	On 1st class rds	Cross Country
FA or Lt AA Tractor (not towing) ..	20	12½	30	20
40 mm AA Equipment towed ..	12½	8	18	12

2. This is an addendum to BRO 2/56/43 and is to be inserted at bottom of table in para I (a).

(GRO 176 25 Feb 43)

105. OINTMENT, ANTI GAS

1. Available stocks of anti-gas ointment are packed as follows :-

(a) Ointment, Anti-gas No. 1 .. in 2 oz tins.
(b) " " No. 2 .. in 2 oz glass jars.
(c) " " No. 2 .. in 2 oz tins, each containing
(d) " " No. 3 .. eight ¼ oz tubes.

2. Until further notice, (a) and (b) above are to be regarded as suitable for weapon decontamination only.

(GRO 182 of 26 Feb 43)

106. MECHANICAL VEHICLE - WHEEL ROTATION

Extensive tests in connection with the direction of rotation of Army pattern tyres prove that considerable saving of rubber is effected by fitting tyres on rolling wheels so as to rotate in the opposite direction to driving or rear wheels.

The correct direction of rotation for "Chevron" pattern tyres is :-

REAR WHEELS : With apex of chevron forward and in most cases is indicated by an arrow on tyre wall.

FRONT WHEELS: With apex to rear, open face of chevron forward.

Since front wheels of FWD vehicles are rarely used as driving wheels they will be considered as rolling wheels.

Action will be taken immediately to correct tyres to this instruction.

(Instr. ADME 3 Aust Corps)

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107. METHODS OF ADDRESSING CORRESPONDENCE

Letters have recently been sighted addressed to UNITS and personnel of the Field Forces, bearing either the name or the code name of the location. Attention is directed to GRO Q174 which reads :-

"The use of the indicators "AIF Australia" and "Home Forces" in Postal addresses will be discontinued forthwith."

In future, the address for correspondence (including telegrams) for members of units of the Field Army serving in Australia or its territories (i.e. New Guinea and Papua) will comprise :-

(i) Army Number
(ii) Rank
(iii) Name
(iv) Squadron, battery, company or other sub-unit.
(v) Unit (i.e. Regiment, battalion etc.)
(vi) The indicator "AUSTRALIA"

Mail matter and telegrams for personnel of units comprising fixed defences, training units, hospitals, and other stationary establishments will continue to be addressed to place names as hitherto. The attention of all unit Franking Officers will be specially drawn to paragraph 2 of Appendix "C" to Army Field Censorship Instruction No. 22. It is of the utmost importance that the correct military address of the writer be shown at the head of all correspondence from members of the forces. The unit title should be shown in full but, where abbreviations are used, only those authorised will be permitted."

Failure to observe these instructions will result in delay or non-delivery of correspondence.

(3 Aust Corps Order 724 of 3 Mar 43)

108. PERSONNEL TRAVELLING BY PACK TRAIN - MESSING GEAR

Many instances have occured of personnel travelling by pack train not carrying messing gear.

No messing gear is provided by LTDs or at messing points on route and all ranks moving by pack train will carry messing gear.

(3 Aust Corps Order 733 3 Mar 43)

109. CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO

The allocation of cigarrettes and tobacco for Mar 43 is 120 cigarettes or 4 oz of tobacco per man per week. Canteens will be supplied on the basis of 60% first grade tobacco and 40% second grade, and 90% first grade cigarettes and 10% second grade.

(3 Aust Corps Order 735 3 Mar 43)

.....Major
OC, 8 Aust Lt AA Bty

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Part I

No. 10

II0. PRIORITY OF MESSAGES

BRO No. 9 of 15 Jul 42 is amended as follows :-
Message Priority. Para (a) - Insert -
(v) ORDINARY (Non-Priority).
No entry is required in the originator's instruction space on Army Form C. 2128 for "Ordinary" traffic.
(vi) DEFERRED.
This will rank below Ordinary (non-priority) Service traffic, but before private paid traffic. Originators will write "DEFERRED" in the originator's instruction space on ARMY FORM C. 2128.
In order to reduce the congestion on signal channels, this category will in future be used for all messages of a routine nature. Such messages will be handled by "Signals". They may be despatched by telegraph after all "Ordinary" traffic has been cleared, should the volume of traffic permit, or they may be routed to the signal office of the addressee by the message carrying agencies of "Signals"
(GRO L90 of 5 Mar 43.)

III. ESCAPE OF PRISONERS OF WAR FROM ENEMY HANDS

1. It is the duty of all soldiers if captured by the enemy to effect their escape at the earliest possible moment.
2. It is equally important that the soldier having completed his escape should not disclose the method by which he, or any companions, he may have had, evaded the enemy and achieved freedom.
3. The disclosure of such information :-
(a) prejudices the chances of other escapes;
(b) prevents other members of allied forces from using the same or similar methods of escape;
(c) endangers the lives of those who may have assisted the escapees at any stage of their escape.
4. Therefore, escaped prisoners of war will not, without the permission of GSI of a Corps or higher formation, disclose any details of their experiences in connection with their escape:-
(a) either verbally or in writing to any person or persons including friends and relatives;
(b) either verbally or in writing to the Press or Broadcast Stations.
5. Full details, however, will be given by escaped prisoners of war at the earliest oppurtunity to the nearest Allied Military HQ, from whence it will be transmitted to GSI at LHQ or Advanced LHQ direct.
6. Disclosure of information regarding escapes, by any soldier whether concerned in the escape or not, is expressly forbidden except as provided in para 5 above.
7. This order shall be read in conjunction with GRO. A. 443/1942 re giving parole by officers and other ranks.
(GRO I92 of 5 Mar 43)

II2. LEGAL - MISUSE OF ARMY TRANSPORT - THEFT OF PETROL

With reference to the procedure to be followed in the case of the unauthorised use of a vehicle, as laid down, in all such cases, the quantity of petrol consumed during the illegal use of the vehicle will normally be proved by calling evidence of the quantity of petrol in the vehicle immediately before the illegal use (the G2 may be produced) and evidence of the quanitty of petrol in the vehicle immediately afterwards. The value to the Army of petrol stolen, varies according to the district in which the offence is committed, but the average value of petrol to the Army in 3 Aust Corps Area may be taken to be I/8d. per gallon and this value should be alleged in all cases.
(3 Aust Corps Order 743 of 9 Mar 43)

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II3. SICKNESS OF OR INJURY TO MEMBERS OF THE AMF ON LEAVE

No extension of leave will be granted to a member on the ground that he has become sick or sustained injury whilst on leave.

GRO 550 is repeated :-

"I. It is to be impressed on all members of the AMF that it is necessary to inform the military authorities at once should they become sick or sustain injury whilst on leave. This responsibility rests with the individual in order to avoid the risk of being regarded as "absent without" "leave" in the event of such sickness or injury preventing his return to his unit by the due date.

2. Any member who becomes sick or sustains injury whilst on leave will-

(a) Report at once to the nearest military hospital or, where this is impracticable, to the nearest area medical officer; or

(b) Report at once to the nearest public hospital, if a military hospital or area medical officer is not available; or

(c) If unable to attend or to be taken to a military hospital(or public hospital, where a military hospital is not available) then obtain private medical attention and immediately forward a certificate by the medical attendant to the nearest headquarters of a L of C Area, which will take action to notify the unit and DDMS. of [illegible]

3. When the state of health of members who are injured or become sick whilst on leave permits, they will at once communicate with their unit advising the nature of injury or sickness, location whilst sick and the probable duration of treatment.

4. Any military hospital, area medical officer or administrative medical authority to which or to whom a member so reports, will -

(a) arrange for appropriate medical or surgical treatment, and

(b) advise the member's unit that the member has reported and of the arrangements made for treatment, and the nature and probable duration of disability.

5. Members who become sick or sustain injury whilst on leave without pay granted for the purpose of engaging in seasonal or industrial activities in a civil capacity are not entitled to treatment in military hospitals or at government expense. However, in order to maintain records it is necessary that such members should report particulars of any sickness or injury, and of the progress of their treatment, to the nearest area medical officer or administrative medical officer, who will then ensure that the member's unit is advised."

II3. SALUTING

All commanders are directed to take continuous and vigilant action to obtain an improvement in the standard of saluting in WA.

Instruction will be given in respect to the regulation relating to saluting, and disciplinary action will be taken in respect of any failure to salute unless there are particular extenuating circumstances.

(3 Aust Corps Order 741 of 9 Mar 43)

II4. RATION SCALE "C"

Commencing with issues on II Mar 43, Meat Pres I2 Oz and Biscuit Service IO oz, in lieu of Meat Fresh I6 Oz and Bread I2 oz, will be issued one day each fortnight

(3 Aust Corps Order 747 of 9 Mar 43)

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115. ATTENTION TO DRESS

The following are some of the main faults noted in the metropolitan area.

(a) Service Chevrons. These are being worn on the upper part of the shirt sleeve. Chevrons may be worn on shirts and safari jackets having long sleeves. They will be attached in the same position relative to the cuff of the shirt sleeve as described in.

(b) Hats. Various methods are being used to pinch the crease of the hat together. The crease of the hat will NOT be pinched together by any means. Hats in many cases are being worn pushed back on the head.

(c) Collars of Jackets SD. In a large number of cases these are being left undone.

(d) Shorts etc after 2000 hrs. Shorts are being worn after 2000 hours and sleeves left rolled up and hats turned down. This practice is to cease.

(e) Shoes. A large number of men wearing shoes have been reported. Boots only are authorised for other ranks.

(f) Gaiters or anklets web. With summer dress gaiters or anklets web will not be worn with shirt and slacks whether drill or SD.

(g) Belts. In many cases soldiers appear on leave without belts.

(Extract 3 Aust Corps Memo A60/90)

116. PUNISHMENTS & AWARDS

No.	Rank	Name	Offence	Punishment
NX109I7	Gnr	Fryer, K.	WOAS neglects to obey a general order contrary to ASO 8/6 in that he at about I8I5 hrs I2 Mar 43 in Murray St Perth, did carry bottled liquor, i.e. one bottle of wine. (AA.II)	7 days CB.
NXI9795	Gnr	Tinning, W	WOASneglects to obey a general order contrary to ASO 8/6 in that he at about I730 hrs I2 Mar 43 in Barrack St Perth, did carry bottled liquor, i.e. one bottle of beer (AA.II)	7 days CB
VX33299	Gnr	Payne, P.L.	WOAS conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he at about 2300 hrs II Mar 43 did create a disturbance in the vicinity of the Chequers Hotel. (AA 40)	Fined £5 I4 days CB
VX40I34	A/Bdr	Bell, D.C.	WOAS conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he at 0745 hrs I2 Mar 43 was still in bed. (AA 40)	Reduced to the rank of Gunner.
VX52835	Gnr	Hands, F.A.	WOAS Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he did commit a breach of Censorship in a letter dated I0.2.43 in contravention of 3 Aust Corps ASOs Chap.2 Sec 3 "Field Censorship Instructions". (AA 40)	Fined £5 14 days CB
VX4I642	Gnr	Cuttriss, C.N.	WOAS conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he in a letter date II Mar 43 did commit a breach of censorship in contravention of 3 Aust Corps ASOs Chap 2 Sec 3 Para I4 (k) "Field Censorship Instructions." (AA 40)	Admonished

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117. EXTRACT ROUTINE ORDERS PART II

Appointments, Promotions & Confirmations of Rank

VX26360	Bdr Broadbent, H.K.	Appointed L/Sgt		26.2.43
VX40134	Gnr Bell, D.C.	Promoted A/Bdr		26.2.43
VX45684	Gnr Morris, R.W.	Appointed L/Bdr		26.2.43
NX18321	Gnr Bracher, W.H.	Appointed L/Bdr	6.3.43	26.2.43
VX36803	Gnr Farr, A.R.	Appointed L/Bdr		6.3.43
VX36991	Gnr Tinham, J.	Appointed L/Bdr		6.3.43
VX37415	Gnr Tom, W.E.	Appointed L/Bdr		6.3.43

Trade Groupings

VX40134	Gnr Bell, D.C.	Relinquished Trade Group III Driver Mech	25.2.43
VX31596	Gnr Hillman, A.	Graded Trade Group II Cook	12.2.43

.....Major
OC 8 Aust Lt AA Bty

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Bty Trust Account

Balance 31 Jan 43	£108/ 4/ 5.	
Plus Cash on hand (Unexpended portion of Amount previously Drawn)	-/16/-	£109/ -/ 5.
Receipts during month of Feb		
Distribution of Canteen Profits (ME)		1/ 9/ 6
		£110/ 9/11
Disbursements during month		
Purchase of cricket & tennis balls.		5/ 2/ 6
		£105/ 7/ 5

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Major J.PURCELL Commanding 8 Aust.L.t.A.A.Bty.

Part 1. No.11.

116. BLUE AND WHITE (Signals) ARMLET.

1. The blue and white (signals) armlet will be worn by the following personnel only:-
   (i) Officers of the Australian Corps of Signals and Regimental Signal Officers.
   (ii) NCOs of all arms in charge of, or employed in, signal offices and NCOs in charge of battery signallers.
   (iii) Dispatch riders of the Australian Corps of Signals.
   (iv) Australian Corps of Signals personnel engaged in the construction and maintenance of lines.
2. The armlet will be worn on each upper arm and only while on duty.
3. Personnel wearing blue and white (Signals) armlet are engaged on urgent military duties and will be accorded assistance in ~~xxxx~~ areas of congested traffic, by all concerned.

(GRO 211 of 12 Mar 43)

117. ~~xxxxxxx~~ SICKNESS OF OR INJURY TO MEMBERS OF THE AMF ON LEAVE

1. In the event of a member who has been granted recreation leave or disembarkation leave being admitted to hospital during the period of such leave, a period of additional leave may be granted to him on and subject to the conditions hereinafter set out.
2. The period of such additional leave will be -
   (a) where the member is discharged from hospital prior to the expiration of his leave - the total period spent by the member in that hospital;
   (b) where the member is transferred from hospital to a Convalescent Home and is discharged from that Convalescent Home prior to the expiration of his leave - the total period spent by the member in that Hospital and Convalescent Home.
   (c) where the member's leave has expired prior to his discharge from Hospital or Convalescent Home - the unexpired period of his leave at the date of his admission to hospital.
3. Additional leave under this Order may be granted -
   (a) where the member has been admitted to a Military Hospital or Convalescent Home - by the C.O. of the hospital or Convalescent Home in which the member is.
   (b) where the member has been admitted to a civil hospital - by the Headquarters of the L of C Area in which such civil hospital is situated.

   The authority granting the additional leave under this Order will immediately on granting such additional leave notify both the Records Office of the Area in which the additional leave is granted and the CO of the member's unit and will make the necessary endorsement on the member's leave pass.
4. Such additional leave will not become operative until the member's leave pass has been so endorsed.
5. The provisions of this order do not relieve the member of his obligations under MRO 10/113/43.
6. The first two lines of MRO 10/113/43 are cancelled.

(GRO No. 218 of 12 Mar 43)

118. CONSERVATION OF RUBBER.

1. Urgent attention is directed to GRO 0.150/1942 as amended by GRO 0.10/1943 and amplified by GRO. 0.136/1943.
2. The principal use of rubber is in the form of tyres for mechanical vehicles. The instructions in regard to the conservation of rubber are not always being observed, and a very serious view is taken of this dereliction of duty on the part of Commanding Officers, Transport Officers and NCOs. and drivers of mechanical vehicles.
3. The supply situation in regard to rubber is now so serious as to make

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118. (Continued)

It imperative that every ounce of rubber in use by the Army should be conserved to the utmost.

The use of vehicles is to be restricted to essential requirements.

4. When vehicles are used the following six points are to be rigidly enforced:-

(i) Don't speed, avoid rapid acceleration, harsh braking and fast cornering.

(ii) Check pressures daily with gauge to protect side walls and sa tread wear.

(iii) Keep brakes equalized, wheels true, and watch for misalignme

(iv) Interchange tyres at prescribed intervals to keep wear even.

(v) Closely inspect tyres daily, remove any stones, and repair minor cuts.

(vi) Report defects immediately.

~~[illegible]~~ (GRO No.222 of 12 Mar 43)

119. SIGHTING WITH 300-600YDS APERTURE SIGHT - RIFLES NO.4.

1. The following table is to be followed for instructing personnel in the method of sighting with the 300-600 yds L type aperture sight which is fitted to the later pattern No. 4 Rifles.

Range	Sight Set	Position of Point of Aim in relation to desired M.P.I.	
		Without bayonet fixed.	With Bayonet fixed
100-200 yds	300 yds	Aim down approx 16 ins.	Aim down approx 8 "
300yds	300 yds	Aim down approx 12 ins.	~~Aim~~ MPI correct
400 yds	300 yds	MPI Correct	Aim up approx 16 ins
500 yds	600 yds	Aim down approx 30 ins.	Aim up approx 10 ins
600 yds	600 yds	MPI correct	" " " " "

2. In regard to zeroing on a 25 yd range and testing for accuracy and grouping on 100 ft Ranges, Testing, Rifles, the following allowances for MPI must be made:-

Range	Sight set	Position of MPI in relation to P of A.	
		Without Bayonet fixed.	With Bayonet Fixed
100-ft Ranges Testing, Rifle.	300 yds	MPI 3⅞" up.	MPI 2½" up
75-ft Zeroing Range.	300 yds	MPI 2⅝" up.	MPI 1⅝" up.

(GRO No. 193 of 15 Mar 43)

[signature]
.....Capt.
For O.C. 8 Aust.Lt.A.A.Bty.

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BATTERY ROUTINE ORDERS

Army Act S. 1(5)(b).

by

31 Mar 43

Major. J.Purcell, Commanding 8 Aust.L.A.A.Bty.

Part 1. No.12.

120. LIGHTING RESTRICTIONS.

All lights in Army barracks, camps or billets situated within three miles of the Coast of Western Australia must be screened in such a manner as to ensure that such lights are NOT visible from seawards.

(CRO 67/756 of 16 Mar 43)

121. CONVICTION OF SOLDIERS BY CIVIL COURTS.

Arrangements have been made for particulars of the convictions of soldiers by Civil Courts to be notified to DAPM W A L of C Area who pass such particulars to W.A. L of C Area Records Office. On receip of such notification W.A. L of C Area Records Office notifies the Un in which the soldier is then serving, of details of the conviction. Unit will enter particulars in the soldier's Field Conduct Sheet and take whatever further action is required in the particular case.

(CRO 67/760. of 16 Mar 43)

122. TRANSPORTATION TO AUSTRALIA OF WIVES, WIDOWS & CHILDREN OF MEMBERS THE FORCES WHO MARRIED DURING THE PERIOD OF THEIR ACTIVE SERVICE OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA.

1. The Commonwealth Government has decided -
   (a) that no further action will be taken by it towards arranging passages for the abovementioned persons until after the conclusion of the war;
   (b) that the Repatriation Commission shall continue to have discretionary power to consider applications from any eligible person who arrive in Australia under their own arrangements and who later claim refunds, and to refund to them the equivalent of the normal third class fare;
   Provided that if the circumstances arise which in the opinic of the Minister for Repatriation render it imperative that this pc should be temporarily waivedn the Minister may authorise such acti as may be deemed expedient to meet the situation.
2. C.Os will inform all applicants for transportation of the above decisions.
3. No authority has been given bythe Minister in pursuance of the proviso to paragraph 1 hereof but any such authority that may be given will be notified in General Routine Orders. (GRO 227. 19 Mar

123. BY-PASSING MIDLAND JUNCTION. (Ref. ERO 1/43 11/1/43)

It is advised that the MIDLAND JUNCTION By Pass is NOT suitable for convoys due to the condition of the Swan River bridge in GUILDFORD. Convoys will therefore use the Main PERTH-GERALDTON road but individual vehicles will continue to use the By-Pass.

(CRO 68/776 of 22 Mar 43)

124. TRADE TESTS.

Personnel recently Trade Tested at ATD, KARRAKATTA are advised that applications for training at trade schools cannot be accepted. Wh vacancies occur for such training, personnel concerned will receive notification.

125. PROMOTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, TRADE GROUPINGS Etc. (Extracts Pt.11 Orde No. 12 of 25 Mar

Promotions.			
VX37415, L/Bdr TOM,	W.E. promoted A/Bdr		13.3.43.
Reversions.			
VX40134, A/Bdr BELL	D.C. reverted to Gnr.		12.3.43.
Trade Groupings.			
VX50961, Gnr. SPARK	G. Graded T.G.11. (Cook)		12.3.43.
VX23017, " WRIGHT	A. " " 111. (Gun Layer)		12.3.43.
VX36557, " McFARLANE	A.L. Relinqd. " 111. " "		12.3.43.
VX31598, " GENT	I.R. " " 111. Dvr.Mech.		12.3.43.
	Graded " 11. Mech.M.T.		13.3.43.
VX37415, A/Bdr TOM	W.E. Relinqd." 11. Mech.M.T.		12.3.43.
VX37764, Gnr. WASHBOURNE	F.E. Graded T.G.111. Dvr.Mech.		13.3.43.

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126. PUNISHMENTS & AWARDS.

VX43013, Gnr. FALCK, G.A. Offence: Conduct to the Prejudice of good order and military discipline. 8/2/43.
Award: Fined £3. 14 days C.B. by C.O. 2/3 Aust.L.t.A.A.Regt. 26/3/43.

VX50764. Gnr. GOULD, K.H. Offence: (1) Neglecting to Obey S.Os for Drivers.
(2) An Act to the prejudice o good order & military discipline.
Award. Fined £5. 14 days C.B. Orde to refund the sum of 10d. by C.O. 2/3 Aust.L.t.A.A.Regt. 19/3/43.

VX50525, Gnr. BUTTERWORTH, M.L. Offence: (1) Absenting himself with Leave
(2) Neglecting to obey S.O's for Drivers.
(3) Conduct to the prejudi of good order and military discipli
Award: Fined £4. 14 days C.B. Ord to refund the sum of 2d. by C.O. 2/3 Aust.L.t.A.A.Regt. 26/3/43.

.....Major.
C.O. 3 Aust.L.t.A.A.Bty.

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NOTICES.

Battery Trust Account.

Balance at 28 Feb 43.	£104.11.5.	
Plus Cash on hand, being unexpended portion of amount prevously drawn)	16.	£105. 7. 5.
Receipts during month of March. (Amount refunded from advance made to finance Bty. Canteen)		25.
		£130. 7. 5.
Expenditure during month. Repairs Tennis Racquet)	5/-	
(Amount drawn to Finance Bty. Canteen)	£50.	
(Purchase of Lamp for Bty.Office)	7/-/6d.	57. 5. 8.
Balance on Hand 31/3/43. Cr. in Trust A/c Book £72.10.9.		73. 1. 9.
Cash on hand	11.	
	£73. 1.9.	

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Army Form C. 2118 (Adapted.)

H. 100M 2/42

Unit F Bty, 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt. Date and Time.—From 5 Mar. 43. To 31 Mar 43.

APPENDIX X

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ONSLOW.	5	1400 hrs	Capt. Fitzhardinge returns from POTSHOT.	1.O.O. by Lieut Martin.
		1000 hrs	Unidentified vessel reported off ONSLOW.	2. Patrol report.
	10	2040 "	Green Verey seen approx Ashburton mouth. Patrol going to Ashburton mouth held up by rain.	3. Tng Syllabus.
				4. Layout POTSHOT.
	11	1800 "	Bofors tractor sent out 10 miles from ONSLOW to take water to linesmen and help them to extricate truck from marsh.	
	12	1000 "	Conference Capt Fitzhardinge, F/O Tainter, F/O Porter and Lieut Martin. Decide to send composite patrol to Ashburton mouth at 1630 hrs.	
		1630. "	Rain stops all movement.	
	13	1000 "	Practice shoot to proof guns, 4 rpg. Rammer spring broke on one gun, temporarily fixed by spring pieces. AA & RAAF concert held in hall.	
	14	1000 "	Chaplain O'Callaghan arrives from POTSHOT.	
	15	1300 "	Patrol moves across country along coast 4 miles.	
		1400 "	Chaplain O'Callaghan visits sites.	
		1600 "	Patrol leaves for OLD ONSLOW.	
		2030 "	Electrical storm causes damage to tents.	
	16	1800 "	Patrol returns from Ashburton mouth, reports no activity.	
	17	1330 "	WO. 11. Hauser leaves by road for YANREY.	
	18	1300 "	Tennis Tournament, win for 8 Tp.	
	19	1500 "	Grenade throwing competition, win for 8 Tp.	
	20	1400 "	Cricket match AA vs [illegible] Grn Bn. Win for AA.	
		1500 "	Rifle Range competition - win for 8 Tp.	

J. Fitzhardinge Capt.

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ONSLOW.	23	0930 hrs.	Visit by Maj Gen. Whitelaw and Brig Klein who inspected all sites. Practice air raid with co-operation from RAAF.	
	24	1330 "	Cricket AA vs 76 Sqn. Win for RAAF by 7 runs.	
		1800 "	"Chungking" berths. Arrangements made for move.	7 Tp and BHQ move
	25	1000 "	Guns brought out of pits on standby for move.	8 Tp remains ONSLOW
		~~1800 "~~	~~3 Guns and M.T. commence loading.~~	w/c Lieut HARRIS
		2359 "	Tps embark.	
	26	0400 "	All MT aboard.	
		0430 "	"Chungking" sails.	
		1430 "	Arrive off POTSHOT, 2 miles from landing. Capt Fitzhardinge goes ~~ashore on recce.~~	
		1930 "	First barge loaded at ship.	
		2030 "	First barge arrives at shore, commences unloading.	
	27	0700 "	First barge unloaded after 10½ hrs work.	
		0930 "	Second barge unloaded.	
		1500 "	Guns put into action. Covering USNstrip.	
		1800 "	Third barge arrives ashore with remainder of tps under Lieut ~~Richards who supervised unloading at ship.~~	
	28	1200 "	Guns in posn and fully manned.	
		1630 "	Sqn Ldr. Truscott crashes off POTSHOT.	
	29		BHQ and 7 Tp HQ move. Gunpits being built.	
	31	0900 "	Gun crews stand to as funeral of Sqn Ldr. Truscott is flown SOUTH.	
		1615 "	Capt Fitzhardinge flies to ONSLOW.	
		1900 "	Returns (note return trip by road takes 3 days).	

H Fitzhardinge Capt.

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11-3-43

APP 1.

O/O for Recce Patrol by Lt Martin.

a. Recce patrol will move from Jarrah 1630hrs 11/3/43

Object To recce area from Asburton River to old Jetty on E. side & from river mouth to landing W. side

Information No definite incident pointing to enemy activity, but incidents occurring since 7-3-43 may point to enemy activity in area.

Intention To proceed to area and carry out extensive recce.

Method Proceeding from Jarrah by truck, troops taking part will provide standing patrols through the area until satisfaction is obtained as to whether area is occupied by enemy or not.

Troops taking Part – 6 RAAF Personnel. 6 AA personnel.
9 Garrison & 1 F.S.S..

Administration Party will be under Lt Martin
Dress – Fighting
Rations for 3 days & emergency 3 days will be carried in trucks
All utensils for cooking
Blankets & ground sheets in trucks

Ammunition .303 – 75 Rounds per man.
.45 all available
L.M.G. (Bren) 2 .303 5000 Rounds
Grenades No 36 4 sec 4 Boxes
Pistols Verey 3 Rounds

Inter-Comm H.Q. at mouth of asburton
To Jarrah Vehicle by day
Verey pistol by night
Telegraph – when available from Minderoo
Personal contact of OC at daily stages

APP 2

COPY NO. 2
Ref. Map ONSLOW.
8m= 1".

SECRET.
"F" BATTERY,
2/3 AUST LT AA REGT.
18 NOV. 1943.

PATROL - ASHBURTON MOUTH.

1. PATROL MOVEMENT.
(a) Left ONSLOW 1715hrs 15 Mar, travelled via Minderoo Bridge and bivouaced night at Map Ref 286,265.
(b) Left bivouac 0645 16 Mar, arrived Map Ref 271,279 at 0900hrs.
(c) Patrol under Bdr Telford comprising 10 ORs was despatched to recce Tidal Stream at ref 274,288.
(d) This patrol divided into three groups who moved independently to LANDING 274,288 and towards WELL ref 278,286 and towards ASHBURTON at ref 280,288.
(e) Patrols returned to R.U at 1230hrs. No reports of enemy activity.
(f) 1330hrs Recce Party left to return - 2 hours stop at MINDEROO, arrived ONSLOW 1710hrs.

2. INFORMATION.
(a) Roads Onslow to Minderoo - earth roads traversing spinifex and clay-pans. No air cover. Road boggy after recent rains (approx a fortnight previous).
Claypans impassable - detours by sandhills - suitable for only single stream traffic. Av speed 8 M.P.H. Telegraph follows Road.
(b) MINDEROO - GLENROY earth roads following river over claypans. Spinifex and Black Heart Gums becoming denser down stream where accacias and small bushes grow. Large claypans - some long enough for E.L.G. Bridge over Ashburton - steel construction to 40 feet above water - banks steep - classification estimated 20 tons, good condition, River fresh at this point.

3. COUNTRY.
(1) ASHBURTON & GLENROY. Generally - Bare Sandhills along coast tidal flats and impassable swamps peactically surround elevated tussel grass flats with waist high cover and scattered bushes to 10'. Occasional low sandhill. Movement possible by Mech. Forces in dry weather, on horse or foot in wet weather.
(2) LANDING Sandy beach - creek deep and narrow infested by sharks contains numerous fish.
(3) ANIMAL LIFE Kangeroos, wild turkeys and ducks numerous.
(4) WATER No wells seen.

4. MAPS.
Roads continually alter. Main track to GLENROY branches left at ref 279,280.

Above is copy of report by BDR TELFORD

CAPT.
F BTY, 2/3 AUST LT AA REGT.

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App 3

Date.	Subject.	Time.	Under.	Subject.	Time.	Under.
8	Bren Gun-description,cleaning,parts, stripping.	1 hr.	Sgts.	Gundrill 40mm. Rifle shoot.	1 hr.	Sgts.
9	Bren Gun-firing,loading,filling magazines, change barrels.	1 hr.	Sgts.	Rifle shoot.		Tp Comds.
10	Bren Gun-AA Mounting,firing,engageing,tgts.	1hr.	Sgts.	Sport.- Cricket,tennis.		
11	Gundrill 40mm.	1 hr.	Sgts.	Fishing competition.		
12	Thomson Gun-Description,cleaning,parts, stripping.	1 hr.	Sgts.	Gundrill 40mm.		
13	Thomson Gun-firing,loading,filling mags.	1 hr.	Sgts.	Make and mend.		
14	Thomson Gun-stripping and general recapitulations.	1 hr.	Sgts.	Beach sports.		
15	Hand Grenade-description,maintenance,use.	1 hr.	Sgts.	Gundrill 40mm.		
16	Hand Grenade- practice throwing from 3 positions.	1 hr.	Sgts.	Grenade throwing competition.		Sgts.
17.	A/G - fitting of respirators,drill.	1 hr.	Sgts.	Sport-Cricket,tennis.		
18	A/G - gas attack,types gas,means of decontamination.	1 hr.	Sgts.	Grenade throwing competition-3 per gun and H.Qs.		TpComds.
19.	A/G - personal equip.maintenance,drill.	1 hr.	Sgts.	Gundrill 40mm.		
20	Grenade throwing competition 4 per tp.	1	Tp Comds.	Make and mend.		
21	Make and mend.			Tennis tournament.		
22	Gundrill 40mm.	1 hr.	Sgts.	Fieldcraft exercises.	Capt.Fitzhardinge.	
23.	P.T.and unarmed combat - beach.	2hrs.	PT.Ints.	P.T.unarmed combat - beach.	2hrs.	PT Ints.
24	Bren Gun-deflections,opening ranges, siting,employment.	1 hr	Sgts.	Cricket,tennis.		
25	Bren Gun-firing practice on ground tgts.		Tp Comds.	Bren Gun - firing on ground tgts.		Tp Comds.
26	Thomsom Gun- recapitulations.	1 hr.	Sgts.	Gundrill 40mm.	1 hr.	Sgts.
27	A/G - gas drill and cleaning respirators.	1 hr.	Sgts.	Fishing competition,make and mend.		
28	Make and mend.			Tennis tournament.		
29	Gundrill 40mm.	1 hr.	Sgts.	A/G - recapitulation,types gas,gas drill.	1 hr.	Sgts.
30	Fieldcraft exercise.	Capt.Fitzhardinge.		Beach sports.		
31	Bren,Thomson Gun refresher.	1 hr.		Cricket,tennis.		

NOTE.All guns & predictors on duty will lay on all a/c in sight at all times.

Capt.
F Bty 2/3 Aust Lt A A Regt.

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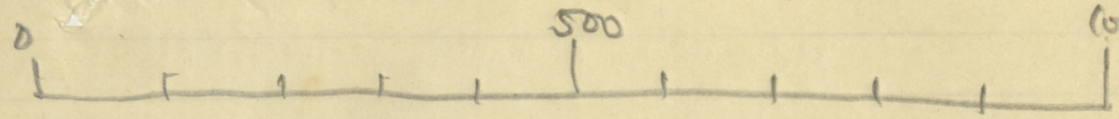
App 4.

SKETCH OF 40 MM BOFORS LAYOUT ON USN STRIP POTSHOT.



SCALE APPROX.

FLATS
GRASS
SCRUB 7'0"

1 BRAIN PREDICTOR

DA

USN BASE

2 HAWKINS

WKSHOPS

PRAAF OPS RM

VA

3 WORSLEY.

4 BTY SITE 2

4/3.7" 1/40 MM

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Date .....

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Unit 8 Aust Lt AABty

Commanding Officer Purcell Major

Month and Year APRIL, 1943

APPENDIX Z

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
PEARCE	2	1000	Commanding Officer (Lt-Col J.W. Rhoden) visited the battery.	
		1400	VX42863 Gnr Cross, C.C. proceeded to D & M Course Northam. Hotel	
	5	1400	The DAPM (Major Forster) visited the OC (Major Purcell) in reference to Bullsbrook	
	6	1900	AES showed training films in Technical Library RAAF Station. Good attendance.	
	7	0900	OC (Major Purcell) inspected 'D' Troop.	
	9	1000	CO (Lt-Col J.W. Rhoden) visited the battery.	
		1400	Advice received that Sgt Roberts, P. commissioned as from 7 Apr 43	
	11	1500	The Methodist Chaplain-General (Major-General Rentoul) assisted by the Regimental Padre (Lt-Col C.K. Daws) conducted a Church Service attended by representatives from this battery and 109 Lt AA Regt.	
	12	1000	CO (Lt-Col J.W. Rhoden) visited the battery.	
	13	1000	Air co-operation was arranged by Major Purcell. Beauforts and Wirraways from 25 & 14 Squadrons took part. Very successful.	
	17	1400	OC (Major Purcell) and Lieut P. Roberts carried a reconnaissance of RD SOUTH CHITTERING and its northern prolongation.	
	20	1400	Air co-operation was arranged by Major Purcell with 25 Squadron for the purpose of training in estimation of heights, slant ranges and air speeds.	

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Commanding Officer

Month and Year APRIL, 1943

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			CONTD	
PEARCE	21	1100	CO (Lt-Col J.W. Rhoden) and the Adjutant (Capt K.S. Rowan) visited the battery.	
		1400	Preparation and issuing of orders for practice 'shoot'.	
	22	0900	Practice 'shoot' took place attended by CO, Adj, Chaplain-General Rentoul, Senior-Chaplain Dawes and representatives of the RAAF.	
		1600	CO (Lt-Col J.W. Rhoden) and the OC (Major Purcell) left for Geraldton to witness 7 Bty practice 'shoot'.	
	25	0900	Combined Church Service at RAAF Station commemorating Anzac Day and Easter Sunday was attended by representatives of this battery.	
	26	1700	OC (Major Purcell) arrived back from GERALDTON.	
		1700	CO (Lt-Col Rhoden) arrived on a visit to the battery.	
	27	1700	CO (Lt-Col Rhoden) returned to RHQ.	
	~~28~~	1900	AES showed training films in RAAF Technical Library. Good attendance.	
	28	1500	An Air Co-operation was arranged by Major Purcell with 14 Squadron for the purpose of training in estimation of slant range.	

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by

Major J. Purcell, Commanding 8 Aust Lt AA Bty

Part I

No. 15

147. SECURITY OF INFORMATION

Personnel when absent from their units, if obliged to give their name and address for the purpose of hotel or guest house accomodation when requested by civilian or unidentified persons MUST NOT give the name of the unit or present location but will simply give their No., Name and town of home address.

148. CARE OF BOOTS

Boots, AB and boots HS are being worn out unnecessarily by the two pairs issued to each soldier being worn ~~together~~ on alternate days. The result frequently is that boots are condemned owing to the soldiers reserve pair being required when the second pair also require attention.

New boots will be worn until they are broken in and then action will be taken to ensure that one pair only is worn continuously and the other pair is kept in reserve and only to be worn when the first pair are not ordherwise unserviceable.

(GRO 76/234 of 15 Apr 43)

149. DISCS, IDENTITY AND BLOOD GROUPING

A recent check showed that 25% of the patients passing through a Medical Inspection Centre were either not in possession of identity discs or were wearing discs on which the blood grouping had not been recorded.

Unit Cmds are responsible that the blood grouping is stamped on the identity discs of all personnel. Discs are to be worn at all times and disciplinary action will be taken in future when instances of non-compliance with these orders are reported.

(GRO 77/239 of 16 Apr 43)

150. TEA & SUGAR RATION COUPONS - ISSUE TO PERSONNEL PROCEEDING ON LEAVE

Numerous instances have been reported of personnel on leave making application, in writing or personally, to the Deputy Director of Rationing for Tea & Sugar Ration Coupons.

This practice is quite irregular and must cease forthwith.

Prior to proceeding on leave, with or without pay, personnel will receive their entitlement of tea and sugar ration coupons. It is the responsibility of Unit Cmds to ensure that a sufficient reserve of coupons is held to meet requirements.

(GRO 77/239 of 16 Apr 43)

151. CANTEEN SUPPLIES

Owing to the limited output of Cream, Ideal Milk and Tinned Fruit, it has been found necessary to ration these goods for troops in Tropical areas.

(GRO 77/242 of 16 Apr 43)

152. PHOTOGRAPHY - APPROVED PHOTOGRAPHERS

Names of Photographers approved by HQ L of C Areas are shown below :

Kodaks Pty Ltd and their agents
Villegs Ltd and their agents

It is advised that if personnel desire to send films out of their unit area for processing, they may enquire through HHQ to HHQ for the name of Approved Photographers in any other L of C Area.

(GRO 77/237 of 16 Apr 43)

153. DRESS ON LEAVE - CAPS, SD AND SHOES

Provost reports received indicate that members of this unit are wearing the abovementioned articles of dress while on leave. Caps SD will NOT be worn by ORs except on duty. Shoes will only be worn by ORs when permission to do so has been obtained from a Medical Officer. This permission will be endorsed on the soldier's leave

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154. BUNGS AND WASHERS FOR 4 GALL AND 44 GALL DRUMS

Severe shortages of rubber used in washers and of die-caste metal used in bungs make it essential that these items be conserved Units using drums will replace bungs and washers and tighten them with a bung spanner. Care will be taken not to damage bungs by using a hammer or other unauthorised method of opening.

(GHQ Q 327 of 23 Apr 43)

155. FITTING OF LAYER'S FOOT FIRING GEAR TO MOUNTINGS 40MM AA MKS III & I V

1. It is proposed to fit to all Mk III and Mk IV 40 mm AA Mountings a layer's foot firing gear the same as that on Mk III mountings of early manufacture.

2. Instructions for fitting the gear are being promulgated to AOMC Workshops, which will arrange for Ordnance Depots to advise them when the necessary stores become available.

(GHQ G. 329 of 23 Apr 43)

156. INTERCHANGEABILITY OF SPARE PARTS FOR ARMAMENT

1. As a result of rapid production under wartime conditions, spare parts for armament are not always interchangeable. However, the amount of work required to adjust them is usually small and constitutes a 1st Echelon repair only.

2. Because of these minor discrepancies it is important that as soon as spares are received they are checked for interchangeability in accordance with Regulations for Care and Preservation of Artillery Equipment 1939 para. 87. This checking is to be done under supervision of the AOMC.

3. Any parts which do not fit will be adjusted by AOMC Workshops where possible. Such parts that cannot be so adjusted will be returned to AOMC.

(GHQ G. 332 of 23 Apr 43)

.....Major
GC's Asst Lt AA Bty

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20 Apr 43

by

Major J. Purcell, Commanding 8 Aust Lt AA Bty

Part I

No. I4

I39. GREEN ENVELOPES

The RAAF has been granted the privilege and use of a Green Envelope identical with the Army envelope, with the exception that "RAAF" has been printed in one corner. Troops should be warned that interchange of these envelopes is prohibited and will result in mail delays.

I40. SERVICE CHEVRONS

In order to count as qualifying for a chevron additional to the first each of the prescribed periods of I2 months must be completed in full, and this provision will be strictly observed.
(GRO 283 of 9 Apr 43)

I4I. MARRIAGES OF MEMBERS OF THE AMF

The marriage ceremony of a member of the AMF will not be celebrated in any military camp, station or establishment.
(GRO 282 of 9 Apr 43)

I42. FORMATION OF CORPS OF AEME - SECOND PHASE

I. On I may 43 the second phase of the formation of the Crops of AEME will take effect.
2. This entails the transfer of the following personnel of this unit to the AEME.

RHQ -	Fitters, gun . . .	I
	Mechanics, MV . . .	I
BTYS -	Fitters, gun . . .	4
	Mechanics, MV . . .	5

3. On I May 43, all the above tradesmen below NCO rank, will cease to be designated as "Gunners" and will become "Craftsmen"(abbreviation "Cfn").
4. WE's will be amended accordingly.
(GRO 290 of 9 Apr 43)

I43. PUBLICATIONS

The following is an extract from MGRA's monthly letter No. 3 - Feb 43.

"Personal issues of publications are NOT now made. The practice of members considering unit publications as personal issues is possibly a cause of units being in a state of short supply."

I44. DISCIPLINE - SHOWER ROOMS

Shower Rooms I2A and 62A(South end only) have been allotted for use of personnel of this battery and all other showers on the RAAF station are out of bounds. Shower parades will cease by I700 hrs, but parades may resume under special circumstances after I830 hrs.

I45. DISCIPLINE - ENTERING & LEAVING ~~'DROME~~ Air Field

All personnel below the rank of sergeant will at all times use Main Gate when entering and leaving the 'drome.

I46. DISCIPLINE - PROHIBITED AREAS

Personnel will not under any circumstances go near or touch any Aircraft at any time. This applies particularly to dispersed aircraft in splinter-pens.

J. Purcell . . . . . .Major
OC8 Aust Lt AA Bty

DISTRIBUTION

as per BRO of 2 Feb 43.

NOTICES

Receipt is gratefully acknowledged to the 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt Welfare Fund of eleven books.

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war Diary

Not to be published. BATTERY ROUTINE ORDERS
A.M.R & O. 1585. by 13 Apl 43.
Major J. PURCELL Comd.8 Aust.Lt.A.A.Bty.

Part 1. No. 13.

127. DRESS - WINTER CLOTHING.
The order of dress for all ranks under comd 3 Aust Corps will be changed to Winter Dress (ASO 8/3) on 1 May 43. (CRO 69/790 of 24 Mar)

128. LEAVE.
Officers only will exercise the discretionary power of determining whether leave of absence will be granted or not, except in the case of detached troops, where specific authority has been given by an officer to an NCO i/c of a detachment to do so. In any other circumstance leave will not be granted or refused by a WO or an NCO.
(CRO 70/797 of 30 Mar 43)

129. USE OF THE WORDS "AIRCRAFT" & "AIRFIELD".
In future the words "aircraft" & "Airfield" will be used in all military correspondence, operation orders, messages and signals, instead of the words "aeroplane" & "aerodrome". The term "advanced landing ground" will, however, continue to be used where appropriate.
(CRO 240 of 26 Mar 43)

130. CHANGE IN NOMENCLATURE ; ANTI TANK UNITS.
The term "anti-tank" will no longer be used in the AMF.
The following term will be used instead:

Existing Term.	New Term.	Authorised abbreviation for new term.
Anti Tank.	Tank Attack	Tk.A.

The nomenclature of all anti tank units will be changed in accordance with para 1 above.
These instructions take effect forthwith.
(CRO 241 of 26 Mar 43)

131. TRANSFERS OF INDIVIDUAL SOLDIERS OF AMF.
1. The following paras are inserted after para 3 of BRO 1/42/43:-
"Transfers with the object of enabling two sisters to serve together.
4. An older sister may claim the transfer to her unit of a younger sister.
The principles set out in para 1 (b) (Except sub para VI) will, however, apply as restrictions.
Transfers involving movement between L of C Area.
5. All transfers involving movements between L of C Areas are submitted to the prior approval of LHQ except in cases of brother to brother and sister to sister transfers".
2. Para 4 is renumbered 6.
(CRO 244 of 26 Mar 43)

132. CENSORSHIP - CORRESPONDENCE WITH PEN FRIENDS.
The District Censor reports an increase in the number of Military Personnel seeking Pen Friends per medium of correspondence.
Attention is drawn to the following extract from 3 Aust. Corps ASO's Chap.2 Sec 3. Para 17(b):-
"Correspondence with Pen Friends is forbidden",
Disciplinary action will be taken against all future breaches of this CRO reported by the District Censor.
(CRO 71/800 of 1 Apr 43)

133. APPEARANCES FOR PROSECUTION OF DEFENCE AT COURTS MARTIAL.
1. ORs, even if they possess legal qualifications, will not be permitted to appear at courts-martial as counsel, prosecutor or defending officer.
2. WOs, NCOs and ORs may appear at courts martial as prisoner's friend.
In respect of this, attention is directed to Rule of Procedure 87(A) and (D).
(CRO 268 of 2 Apr 43)

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134. INFORMATION REGARDING LOCATION OF GRAVES.

1. It has been noticed that letters of condolence sent to next of kin by COs, chaplains and others have in some cases, disclosed the location of particulars of units by referring specifically to the place of burial of deceased members.
2. Letters of condolence to next of kin and others from commanding officers, chaplains and others will refer only to the actual burial service and contain no information regarding the location of the graves.

(GRO 270 of 2 Apr 43)

135. EASTER SUNDAY - ANZAC DAY.

The coincidence of Easter Sunday with Anzac Day this year lends profound spiritual significance to 25 Apr 43. It is the Corps Commanders desire that parades shall be assembled wherever possible having due regard to operational requirments, to commemorate with grateful remembrance Australia's National day coupled with the special significance of Easter Sunday in the Christian Calendar.

(GRO No. 73/812 of 5 Apr 43)

136. EXTRACTS OF PART II ORDER NO. 14 of 8 APR 43.

TRADE GROUPINGS.

330. VX24756, Gnr. QUINN, C.McD. Graded T/Gp. 11. Cook. 18/3/43.
331. NX21239, Gnr. GREEN, J.H. " " " " 26/3/43.

137. GREEN ENVELOPES.

The RAAF has been granted the privilege and use of a Green Envelope identical with the Army envelope, with the exception that "RAAF" has been printed in one corner. Troops should be warned that interchange of these envelopes is prohibited and will result in mail delays.

138. PUNISHMENTS, AWARDS ETC.

VX46170, Gnr. O'DONNELL, F.W. Offence. ABSENTING HIMSELF WITHOUT LEAVE.
Award: Fined £5. 14 days C.B.
Automatic Forfeiture of 8 days pay.
Total Forfeiture £7.12/-.

W.J.W. Cullenward Capt for Major
O.C. 8 Aust.Lt.A.A.Bty.

DISTRIBUTION: As per BRO of 2 Feb 43.

NOTICES:-

REGIMENTAL TRANSPORT COMPETITION.

Results of competiton for the D.B.Fitzhardinge Trophy were as follows:-

1st Equal finish with 93 pts.	Quad 4527446,	Gnr. Davis, D.J., 7 Bty.
	30cwt L7199.	" Ampt, M.A., RHQ.
3rd. 89 pts	V10303, 1 ton,	Sig.Flaherty, J. Sigs.
4th 88 pts.	Quad. 4525696.	Gnr. Reade, S.J. 8 Bty.

AMENITIES.

The attention of all units is drawn to the magazine "ARMY", a monthly publication costing 1/- and distributed through ADCS.
"ARMY" provides excellent reading for troops and profits from its sales go to the Australian Amenities Service.

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9 AUST DIV. SECRET

MOVEMENT ORDER NO 2. 6 FEB 41.

One Bty 3 Lt AA Regt under comd Major P. Stokes will move to AMIRYA, streng th 8 Offrs 209 ORs entraining at MAJDAL 2010 hrs 6 Feb.

2. 14, 3 ton lorries (hired) will report to unit lines KHASSA at 1800 hrs to transport personnel to station.

3. Train make up is :-

One 1st / 2nd Compo
Two 3rd Carriages
One 3rd Brake

4. Two E.S.R. Box vans will be placed at MAJDAL for loading of unit stores and equipment by 0900 hrs 6 Feb. Loading is to be completed by 1700 hrs 6 Feb.

5. All personnel will proceed fully armed, clothed and equipped according to rank, 50 rds per rifle and 10 rds per pistol of S.A.A. will be taken. Four blankets and one waterproof sheet per man will be carried. Kitbags will be loaded in carriages with men.

6. F.S. scale of tentage and accommodation stores will be taken.

7. All personnel will carry two days reserve rations plus full waterbottles.

8. A hot meal is being provided at KANTARA EAST, 0700 hrs 7 Feb.

9. Rail warrant and frontier pass herew ith.

10. Code word for move - "CATERHAM"

for Colonel.
A.A.&.Q.M.G.

Distribution.

C.R.A.
3 Lt AA Regt (2) (with rail warrant and frontier pass).
HQ, A.I.F. Base Area.
G.
AQ.
File (2)
War Diary (2)

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE. SECRET.

21 Feb 41.

H.Q. R.A.A. 1 AUST CORPS.

Record of Telephone Discussion with B.M., 4 A.A. BDE, R.A., and G.S.O.II, 21 Feb 41.

Location and Employment - 8 Lt. A.A. Bty, A.I.F.

As a result of a message from TOBRUCH Sub Area, dated 17 Feb 41, enquiring as to the required employment of 9 (?) Lt. A.A. Bty, A.I.F., the G.S.O.II telephoned to the B.M., 4 A.A. Bde, R.A., at the C.C.R.A.'s direction at 0955 hrs on 21 Feb 41. The result of the telephone discussion is recorded as follows :-

(a) 4 A.A. Bde did NOT know of the existence of this bty until the B.M. found it on 19 or 20 Feb 41. As this bty was sent forward to come under comd 13 Corps or CYRENAICA Comd, this accounts for delay for training or employing it, after its arrival in LIBYA.

(b) 8 (NOT 9) Lt. A.A. Bty, A.I.F., (Major Stokes) is at present at TOBRUCH undergoing training, by R.A. instructors, on captured Italian Lt. A.A. armament. The bty should be ready for active employment in the first week in Mar 41; and 4 A.A. Bde proposes to use it to relieve 155 Lt. A.A. Bty, R.A., which is then to be withdrawn.

(c) As 8 Lt. A.A. Bty, A.I.F., has no transport, special arrangements will be required to move it from TOBRUCH to its proposed area of employment (presumably under comd 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp).

H.D.

Copies to :-
G.S. (O), 1 Aust Corps.
A.Q.M.G. 1 Aust Corps.
3 Lt. A.A. Regt.

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(Pads of 100.)

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Serial No. 5

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TO 9 DIV HQ.

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8 LT AA BTY	S1	3	—

Please	advise	HQ	3	LT.	AA
REGT.	BTY	disposed	as	follows	one
officer	thirty	OR'S	DERNA	one	officer
forty	three	ORS	BARCE	remainder	forty
H.Q.	at	BENGHAZI	O	All	three
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sub	—	area			

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7.3.41 from Gaza

SIGNED

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SIGNED

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Subject. Command - 8 Aus Lt.A.A.Battery, R.A.A.

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Headquarters,
4th. A.A.Brigade.

No. 4AA/78/4.

Officer Commanding,
3rd. Aust Lt. A.A.Regiment,R.A.A.

Reference your No. 30/1/5 dated 5th.March,1941, addressed to O.C. 8 Lt.A.A.Battery, a copy of which has been forwarded to this H.Q. by O.C. 8 Lt.A.A.Battery.

1. On arrival in TOBRUK 8 Lt.A.A.Bty was placed under command 4th.A.A.Brigade by H.Q. Cyrenaica Command and is still under command of this H.Q. All activity reports, returns, etc have in consequence been rendered to this H.Q. and not to you.

2. A copy of a letter from O.C. 8 Lt.A.A.Bty explaining why you received a casualty return from 153 Hy.A.A.Bty and his reasons for replenishing shortages of kit from reinforcements is attached.

3. H.Q. Cyrenaica Command has been asked for authority to have the 1st.Reinforcements belonging to 8th.Lt.A.A.Bty (1 officer and 14 O.Rs) [redacted] sent to join the battery in view of the number of tasks allotted to it.

4. The battery is armed with 24 20-mm Breda guns distributed as follows :-

H.Q. and 10 guns.	-	BENGASI.
4 guns.	-	BARCE.
4 guns.	-	DERNA.
4 guns.	-	EL ADEM.
2 guns.	-	GAMBUT.

The guns now at EL ADEM were previously at BENGASI and those at GAMBUT were at BARCE.

The guns at BENGASI and DERNA have all been in action against hostile aircraft and have done very well.

It has not been possible to provide transport for the battery.

L.C. Pitt

In the Field.
19. 3. 1941.
WJT.

Major,R.A.
Brigade Major 4th. A.A.Brigade.

Copy to :- O.C. 8 Lt.A.A.Battery,R.A.A.

3rd A.A. REGT.
15 MAY 1941
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - SOUTHERN COMMAND.

8 Lt. A.A. Bty.
Bengasi.
13 Mar 41.

C.R.A.
BENGASI.

re 3 Lt. A.A. Regt. Memo 30/1/5 5 Mar 41.

I enclose copy of the above communication received by me today and shall be pleased if you will cause the Regt. to be advised on the various points contained therein as follows:-

On being detached from the Regt. on 6 Feb 41 the Bty travelled to Tobruk and were established on the 12 Feb 41 at a Transit Camp through whose H.Q's proper returns were made.

I was informed on the 19 Feb 41 by the Bgde Mjr. 4 A.A. Bgde. that I was now under command of his Bgde which was later confirmed to me by my own C.C.R.A. and such being the case no such returns have been sent to the Regt. but to the Formation under whose command the Bty has been placed. On arrival at Tobruk and Bengasi messages were sent to the Regt. in the first case of of our arrival and in the second case as to our arrival in Bengasi and the deployment of the detachments. The Casualty reports of attachments to other Units having been received by Regt. from them prior to same having been sent by meobviously refers to One Officer and 21 O.Rs who were attached to 153 Heavy Bty R.A. for 7 days training, which arrangement was cancelled within 24 hrs upon receipt of order to move to Bengasi. I therefore had no knowledge that that Unit would issue a casualty return in connection therewith to the Regt or myself until I received a copy thereof the day before yesterday. In any event the Bty was at this time under command of 4 A.A. Bgde who were cognisant of such detachment.

The replenishment of shortages of personal kit from that of the re-inforcements became necessary owing to the fact that the R.Q.M. could not supply the articles which had been duly reported as lost by various personnel and from whom if I remember rightly either the C.O. or R.Q.M. stated the articles could be debited against the Bty personnel who were so supplied and the replacement to the re-inforcements would be made at their end as soon as available and I understand a list of the personnel so affected was left with the R.Q.M. However I am causing enquiry to be made to disclose who the men were who received such articles and will advise in due course. This may occasion some delay as my detachments are at present spread over a large area.

(Sgd) W.Stokes, Major,
O.C. 8 Lt. A.A. Battery.

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3 LT. A.A. REGT.
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

HEADQUARTERS,
3 Aust Lt. A.A. Regt.
5 Apr 41.

H.Q.
1 A.A. Bde.

REF. LIEUT C.W. REILLY, SGT MORGAN L.P. &
GNR MAHON J.D.(Batman to Lt. Reilly)

I desire to submit for recommendation the proposal that Lieut C.W. Reilly who is the 1st reinforcement officer of 8 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty, and Sgt Morgan, L.P. who is Rfct Sgt, be allowed to join their Bty at present in Libya.

My reasons for this proposal are as follows :-

1. From information in my possession it would appear that 8 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty are dispersed over a very wide area and manning a larger number of guns than their War Establishment provides for, therefore it would appear that the services of an additional officer and sgt would be welcome.

2. From casualty returns received by me it would appear that they have temporarily at least lost the services of two officers and one sgt.

3. The 1st reinforcements of the 8 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty have been absorbed in the 7 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty to bring it up to the establishmen required by A/A. M.E., and there is therefore no personnel for Lieut Reilly or Sgt Morgan to train.

4. Both Lieut Reilly and Sgt Morgan attended the course held on the Bofors Gun for personnel of this Regiment at Pt.Said, and would be valuable instructors for the Bty if and when they become armed with this gun.

5. They will be unemployed when the remainder of the Regiment move out.

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

AAMC say the correct answer send them and inform someone when they have gone.

Army Form. W. 3008.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

8 Lt. A. A. Bty. A.I.F.

PART A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

Ranks.	Posted.	Surplus.	Reinforcements required.
Majors.	1	-	-
Captains.	-	-	1.
Lieutenants.	4		2.
	5.		3.

PART B. Particulars of Officers joined or quitted during week.

Joined NIL.

Officers Quitted during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	Guest J.C.	1st. Aust.	7 Apr.	Missing with - - detachment since morning of 7 Apl.

PART C.

Officers whose return to Unit is particularly requested.

NIL.

PART D.

Nominal Roll of Officers on Strength.

Rank.	Name & Initials.	Corps.	Whether with Unit.	If not with Unit. How employed.
Major.	Stokes P.W.C.	1st. Aust.	Yes.	-
Lieut.	Harry R.V.	" "	"	-
"	Reed F.W.	" "	"	-
"	Stephens H.L.	" "	"	-
"	McKinnell J.P.N.	" "	"	-

Officers Attached from other Corps.

NIL.

8 Aust. Lt. A. A. Bty.

13 April 1941.

Lieut W Stokes

. . . . . .Major.

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

with 9 Aust. Div.

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Army Form W. 3009A.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

8 Aust. Lt.A.A.Bty. 13 April 1941.

PART A. Strength , Surplus or Reinforcements.

	Posted.	Surplus.	Reinforcements required.
W.O.Class 11.	1	-	-
Staff Sgts.	1	-	-
Sergts.	9	-	2
Bombardiers.	14	-	5
Gunners etc.	149	-	28
	174.		35.

PART B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Appointment	Units to which belong.	Appointment.	Unit to which Belong.
Dvr. Brown S.	R. A. S. C.	Dvr. Powell S.	R. A. S. C.
" Williams E.	R. A. S. C.	" Price J.	R. A. S. C.
" Cox R.	R. A. S. C.	" Webb S.	R. A. S. C.
" Kearsley H.	R. A. S. C.	" Newton S.F.	R. A. S. C.
" Quantrill M.	R. A. S. C.	" Rudd G.H.J.	R. A. S. C.
" Reeve S.G.	R. A. S. C.	" Counter W.J.	R. A. S. C.
" Murphy J.	R. A. S. C.	" McLennan G.	R. A. S. C.
" Smith H.	R. A. S. C.	" Craddock S.	R. A. S. C.
" Kelly J.	R. A. S. C.	" Thompson G.	R. A. S. C.
" Whitear R.	R. A. S. C.	" Titman R.	R. A. S. C.
" Rodgers J.S.	R. A. S. C.	Cpl. Hotchkiss H.R.	R. A. S. C.

PART C. NIL.

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

	Sgts.	Bdrs.	O.Rs.
Driver Mechanics.			1.
Fitters.		2	
Telephonists.			1.
Non-Tradesmen.	2	3	26.
	2.	5.	28.

8 Aust. Lt. A. A. Bty.

13 April 1941.

Philip W. Stoke . . . . . .Major.
O.C. 8 Lt. A. A. Bty.

with 9 Aust. Div.

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8 Lt. A. A. Bty.

REPORT ON MOVEMENT KHASSA TO BENGASI AND ACTIVITIES ETC.

6 Feb. 41. Bty. moved by train from El Majdal Stn. at 2100 hrs.

7 Feb. 41. Arrived El Kantara 0600hrs. - Left El Kantara 1330 hrs.

8 " Arrived Amiriya 0100 hrs - Received Movement Order at 0200 hrs. requiring move at 0830 hrs. that morning to Alexandria for - embarkation - Embarkation Rolls prepared - Moved at 0830 hrs. Arrived Alexandria 1000hrs - Embarked V203 - Appointed O.C. Troops - Complement 500 - Ship sailed 1830 hrs.

10 " Anchored outside Tobruk Harbour 1230 hrs.

11 " Moved into Harbour - Disembarked 1830 hrs. by Lighters - Contacted Area Comdt. - Nothing known of our arrival - Finally marched 5 miles over stony Desert to the "Wadi Anda" arriving 2300 hrs - Slept night in Wadi.

12 " Transit Camp established in Area and Bty. attached thereto - Day spent in unloading stores from ship and making dug-outs in the sides of Cliffs.

13 " Contacted Area Comdt. and explained position - He unable to move in the matter as a Corps Order received that no troops were to be sent forward owing to Transport and Supply - - difficulties. Requested that salvaged Breda Guns in Area - be made available for training - Personnel still working on Camp.

14 " Lt.Stephens detached to assist in Artillery Survey of salvaged equipment - Saw Area Comdt. again who stated he may have some news within 2 days - Lack of transport between Camp and Tobruk causing concern - Personnel still at work cleaning up Italian debris, equipment, ammunition etc. which was strewn around the wadi's.

15 " Personnel similarily employed.

17 " Area Comdt. advised he had sent full particulars in respect of Bty. forward and was awaiting reply.

18 " Route march, P.T. and swimming parade. Lt.Stephens returned.

19 " B.M. of 4 A.A.Bgde. arrived in response to Area Comdt's. - - request and stated we would come under command of his Bgde. Arranged for supply of 6, 20-m.m. Breda Guns and 4 Instructors for training.

20 " Guns and Instructors arrived at 0900 hrs. Training commenced - 3 Guns recalled by 38 Bty. that afternoon.

21 " Organised Bty. training on 3 Guns.

Registered and had issued to Bty. the following Italian - - - vehicles salvaged by us :-

10 H.P. Fiat Car.
Bonelli Motor Cycle & Trailer.
3½ Ton Diesel Fiat Truck.

22 " Sighted Junkers 88K Rec. Plane at about 15000 feet. Obtained 3 additional Breda's during afternoon - Conference Officers, N.C.O's and Instructors to settle Breda Gun Drill, also - - obtained translation of Hand Book on Gun.

23 " 0600 hrs - First Air Raid - Several Junkers 88K indulged in High Level Bombing of Harbour, diving from 10000 to 8000 feet - 8 Bombs dropped. Salvaged 3000 rounds Breda Ammo. and - - obtained 2 additional Breda Guns from Salvage Control Officer.

24 " Under instructions returned 3 Breda's to 38 Bty. 3 man-handled to beach for firing practice, which commenced at 1100 hrs. All personnel firing at least 2 trays (24 rounds) - Personally - salvaged additional Breda Gun - 2 Guns placed on Cliffs and manned in readiness for attack. 1845hrs. 6 planes dive - - bombed the Town and Harbour using 500 to 1000lb. bombs.

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24 Feb.41 (contd) Observed tactics of one plane machine gunning to cover -- approach of remainder in dive, by drawing searchlight -- attention to himself.

25 Feb.41 0615 hrs - Rec. plane at 15000 ft. Detached 8 N.C.O's and 12 O.Rs. for duty on 38 Bty. Gun sites. Decentralised Bty. under Troop Control and dispersed them over wide area as - a P.A.D. measure. 1830 hrs. Further raid - One plane dive bombing with incendiary bombs on ships in Harbour.

26 " Lt.Davis and 21 O.Rs. attached to 153 H.A.A.Bty. for -- instruction. Reconnoitred 38 Bty. lay out - During absence received visit from C.C.R.A. and G 1.

27 " 0700hrs - Rendezvous with C.C.R.A. & G 1 and verbally -- informed that Bty. now under command 4 A.A.Bgde. 1100 hrs. warning order received from 4 A.A.Bgde - 1300 hrs. Message received to move 4 Gun detachments to Derna - 6 to Barce and remainder Bengasi - Transport supplied by 13 Lt. A.A.Regt. Stores and equipment split to cover allotted Breda Detachments. Detached personnel recalled.

28 " Weather bad - Bitter cold - Pouring Rain and blowing a gale - Air Raid 0730 hrs. Moved from Camp site at 1030 hrs - Convoy arrived Derna 1600 hrs. Lt.McKinnell and 30 O.Rs (Right - Section F Troop) relieved detachment 38 Bty. Bivuoaced 10 miles west of Derna.

1 Mar Moved from Bivuoac site 0730 hrs. Arrived Barce 1330 hrs. Lt.Harry and 43 O.Rs (remainder F Troop and No.4 Sub-section E Troop) relieved detachments 37 and 38 Bty. Remainder Bty. arrived Bengasi 1800 hrs. and billeted for night.

2 " Completed recce. of Harbour defences of 37 Bty. with their C.C. Personnel spent day settling into Billets.

3 " Interviewed by C.R.A. and with him interviewed Area Comdt. and discussed Harbour defences. 12, 20-m.m. Breda Guns - received, dismantled and serviced by Bty. personnel and proof rounds fired from each.

4 " 0900 hrs. Relieved 37 Bty. and placed 10 guns in position. Contacted C.R.E. re construction of gun emplacements who -- supplied an Officer to whom requirements explained.

5 " In company with C.R.A. was interviewed by G.O.C. and - - - discussed A.A. and Coast defences with which we are also -- charged. 1235 hrs. Dornier 215 flew over Harbour - engaged and believed hit by two guns - Plane belched smoke and - - veered off - Two Hurricanes went out and Pilots state plane fell into sea 10 or 15 miles out, they not firing a shot. Bty. unofficially credited. Afternoon spent at A.A. work-shops designing a sight for Breda Guns manned, they having no sights. Deficiency in cooking utensils due to each Gun Detachment doing their own messing - Purchased Alluminium ware to implement equipment, sufficient for the purpose. Full firing instructions etc. issued to each gun.

6 " 0945 hrs. Plane engaged at extreme range - 1030 interviewed by B.R.A. and C.R.A. in connection with Beach defence - - scheme. Personnel laboring hard with R.E. details erecting gun emplacements - advised by B.R.A. that he intended - - ultimately to fully equip us as a Bofors Unit.

7 " C.R.A. requested me to accompany him to Agadabia, 90 miles S.E. of Bengasi to examine captured Field pieces and choose 75/28 m.m. Guns for Beach defence. Returned B.H.Q. 1700 hrs. 1800 hrs. Rec. plane 25000 ft. 2000 hrs. 3 planes attacked Harbour, power diving from 10000 to 6000 feet. Guns - - endeavoured to engage planes by sound and succeeded in - - keeping planes above 6000 ft.

8 " 2000 hrs. 2 Junkers 88K came over Harbour, showed correct - recognition signals and then dropped 5 bombs close to one --

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8 Mar. 41. (contd). Gun position which held it's fire until plane clearly seen in light of tracers from other guns and observed 2 trays (24 rounds) hit plane. Plane made off and a flash observed 8 miles to sea on his course which may either have been the plane itself or the jettisoning of the remainder of his -- bomb load.

9 Mar. 41 Conducted test at 2000 ft. against ½ inch armour plating - taken from Junkers 88K brought down by Hurricans last week using the 3 types of Ammunition ie. A.A.explosive, A.P. explosive and A.P; A.A. had shallow explosive effect, both types of A.P. punched clean through the plating and continued on 12 to 15 inches in solid concrete wall. Informed by -- C.R.A. that Bty. to man 2 captured Italian 75/46 m.m. A.A. guns.

10 " Carried out recce. for beach defence. Lt.Davis and 37 O.Rs. detailed to man 2 Heavy A.A.Guns. Sited Heavy Gun positions.

11 " Detachment detailed working on Gun positions and billets. Further recce. of South Coast during which located a mine on beach. 3 enemy planes appeared at 2000 hrs. and dropped 30 or more bombs N.E. of Town. Planes difficult to see without searchlights - Guns engaged for short time only.

12 " In company with C.R.A. and Mjr. from C.R.E. pin pointed -- gun positions for beach defence and gave requirements for -- gun emplacements. Mine located destroyed by R.A.E. personnel. 2345 hrs. 2 planes flew over Harbour and were fired upon - - before showing correct recognition signals.

13 " Forwarded further Breda gun to Barce detachment. Recce. of North Coast with C.R.A. and siting guns for beach defence. Tested and proofed 2 Field Guns, 10 of which are to be manned by Notts. Yeomanry. B.M; 4 A.A. Bgde arrived and was - - - conducted around gun positions - expressed appreciation of work done and lay out. Received message from 4 A.A.Bgde. through 51st Regt. to detach 2 Gun detachments from Barce to leave following morning for El Adam to protect Aerodrome - Also to further detach 4 Gun detachments tomorrow from - - Bengasi to take over defence of Aerodrome releasing first - 2 detachments who were to move to a position near Bardia. Detailed Lt.Reed and 27 O.Rs for the purpose. Also received orders to mount one Gun on Railway Truck to accompany train to Solloch for protection of train.

14 " Detachment ex-Barce left for El Adam early this morning. Advised by C.R.A. that Bty. would also be required to man - 4, 3lb. Boom defence guns at entrance to Harbour. Detachment ex-Bengasi for El Adam left 1400 hrs. Transport supplied by R.A.S.C. Original lay out of Harbour defences - amended to suit altered conditions.

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8 Lt.A.A.Bty.
Bengasi.
14 Mar. 41.

Dear John,

I duly received your letter and whilst answering it had a visit from the C.R.A. who heard me dictating a reply and stated that as I was under his Command such reply must go through him.

Therefore the Official reply will reach you through -- those channels - Unofficially you will realise that up to now I -- have had little time to have sent a report for your information but before your letter reached me was compiling various points in - - connection with the Armament with which we are issued and the - - technical and tactical handling of same from our experience. As it is barely a week since we have been in action you will realise the impossibility of doing so before. I have jotted down for your - - private information a précis of events since we left from which you will see we have constantly been on the go. Also from this you -- will see that apart from A.A. tasks we are charged with Coast - - Defence, Beach defence, Boom defence and Heavy A.A. and that the - Bty. is spread over 300 miles of front.

With reference to your personal copy of Serial lll. I noticed on unpacking my text books yesterday that in addition -- to this pamphlet I also had your Serial ll. and Vol. ll. Pamph. l which I am returning herewith. These apparently were removed from your office in error with other text books which we were studying - under your instructions on the night before we left.

Kind regards,

Sincerely,

Phil

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Headquarters,
8 Aust. Lt.A.A.Bty.
1 April 1941.

C. O.
3 Lt. A.A.Regt.,
A.I.F. Abroad.

Dear John,

I rather regret all the"Shilly-shallying" that has - - occurred mainly due to the fact that 4 A.A.Bde and 9 Div. have been - trying to decide under whose Command we really are and I have been - - rather like the poor rabbit caught between two dogs, so much so that I am afraid I have rather neglected you of late - also I cannot be sure whether I am doing the right thing in sending you the enclosed summary but I know you are sure to be most anxious to learn what the Bty. has been doing. I am therefore taking the risk and sending this as a more or less sem-official document.

You will be sorry to hear that Jorgensen has been - - evacuated and with Davis temporarily in Hospital duties have weighed - somewhat heavily during the past fortnight. As Davis now has a - - definite role I have appointed Chester as Acting Battery Capt. and - trust this meets with your approval.

We have been fairly quiet here as far as Enemy Activity is concerned during the past week but Harry at Magrum engaged 3 ME.110's the day before yesterday but without evident success, due mainly to the fact that terrific dust storms caused 2 guns to go out of action.

In future I will make it a definite point to advise you each week of our doings and shall be very pleased to hear how matters are at your end.

I am attaching a list of the personnel who obtained -- equipment from reinforcements as far as I have been able to do but -- there still remains a detachment 350 miles away on whom I am awaiting - a report.

Yours most sincerely,

Phil

P.S. Field Returns 3008 & 3009 and Casualty Returns 3010 and 3011 are also forwarded for R.H.Q. records.

3 LT. A.A. REGT.
8 - JUN 1941
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PARTICULARS OF EQUIPMENT OBTAINED BY PERSONNEL OF
8 BTY. FROM REINFORCEMENTS.

- - - - - - - - - -

Reinforcement.	Equipment.	Personnel who obtained same.
VX34226. Sgt. Morgan L.P.	Helmet, Steel.	VX27502. Bdr. Simpson F.J.
VX31219. Gnr. Grieve H.W.	Hat, Khaki fur, Hat band. Chin Strap. Hat Badge.	VX32086. Bdr. Hevey F.N.
VX25858. Gnr. St.Clair D. " " " " "	Haversack. Waist belt.	VX46271. Gnr. Miller L.A. VX40783. Sgt. Hawkes T.B.
VX30030. Gnr. Hart F.G.	Field dressing.	VX37836. Gnr. Guy A.R.
VX26566. Gnr. Buisst. G.	Hat, khaki fur, Hat band, Hat Badge, Chin strap,	VX36991. Gnr. Tinham J.
VX32829. Gnr. Bates. B. " " " "	Haversack. Field Dressing.	VX46281. Gnr. Miller G.A. VX46271. Gnr. Miller L.A.

Unaccounted for.

VX31219. Gnr. Grieve H.W.	Water bottle. Water bottle carrier.
VX26566. Gnr. Buisst. G.	Waist Belt.

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

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Army Form. W. 3008.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

8 Aus. Lt. A.A.Bty.

PART A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

Ranks.	Posted Strength.	Surplus.	Re-inforcements required.
Majors.	1		
Captains.			1
Lieutenants.	5		1
Totals.	6		2

PART B. Particulars of Officers joined or quitted during week.

N I L.

Officers Quitted during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt.	JORGENSEN F.W.	1st.Aust.		Entered BARCE Hospital 19 Mar. Transferred to X list 30 Mar.
Lieut.	DAVIS L.J.	1st.Aust.		Entered BARCE Hospital 22 Mar. Transferred to X list 30 Mar.

PART C. Description of Officers whose return to the Unit is particularly requested.

N I L.

PART D. Nominal Roll of Officers on Strength.

Substantive Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit.	If not present, how employed
Major.	STOKES P. W. C.	1st.Aust.	YES.	
Lieut.	GUEST J.C.	"	YES.	
"	HARRY R.V.	"	YES.	
"	REED R.W.	"	YES.	
"	STEPHENS H.L.	"	YES.	
"	McKINNELL J.F.N.	"	YES.	

Officers attached from other Corps.

NIL.

8 Lt.A.A.Bty. A.I.F.
30th. March 1941.

Reginald Stokes .Mjr.
Serving with, 4 A.A.Bde.

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Army Form W. 3009A.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

8 Aust.Lt.A.A.Bty. 30th. March 1941.

PART A. STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

Appointment.	Posted Strength.	Surplus.	Reinforcements required.
W.O. CLASS 11.	1		
Staff Sergeants.	1		
Sergeants.	10.		1
Bombardiers.	19		
Gunners etc.	174		3
Totals.	205.		4

PART B. OTHER RANKS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Appointment.		Units or Corps to which they belong.
L/Bdr.	Knights.	51st. H.A.A.Regt. R.A.
Gnr.	Brown.	Ditto.
	Frosdick.	"
	Lintine.	"
	McCowan.	"

PART C. Description of other Ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

N I L.

PART D. Detail by trades of surplus or reinforcements required as shown in part A of Army Form W 3009a.

Gnr. Telephonist. 1
Non Tradesmen 2 Gnrs ~~N I L.~~
1. Sgt.

8 Aust.Lt.A.A.Bty.
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Philip W. Stokes ....Mjr. C.O.
Serving with, 4 A.A.Bde.

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8 Aus. Lt. A. A. Battery.

RESUME OF ACTIVITIES.

Mar. 15. Inspected Heavy Detachment and had both guns fired.

" 16. In company with C.R.A. placed a further 75/26 Field Gun in position North Shore and proofed same.
B.H.Q. personnel engaged in clearing Guiliana Peninsula of civilians.

" 17. 0455, 2 planes, 4 or 5 - 250lb. bombs each - nearest fell 400 yards away. Proofed 3 pdr. Hotchkiss, Vintage 1893. B.R.A. inspected several Breda positions and expressed satisfaction.

" 18. 0500, Alarm, 1 plane, no action.
0552, Alarm, 1 plane, 1 tray.
0920, In Company with B.R.A. and C.R.A. presented to Generals Sir. John Dill and Sir Archibald Wavell. With C.R.A. tested a further 75/26 mm. field gun on South Coast.
Demonstration by Heavy Detachment for B.R.A. very successful.

" 19. 0430 - Raid - 2 planes - 20 bombs - All clear 0512.
Capt. Jorgensen evacuated to 4 A.G.H. Barce.
Servicing and installation of 3 pdr. Boom Guns still being carried out.

" 20. Remaining 2 - 3 pdr. guns proofed. Installed Generator in Heavy position. Advised by C.R.A. to place a 3rd. 75/46 A.A.Gun in - - position and to man same after Ordnance have completed repair.

" 21. Installed 75/46 A.A.Gun in position. Movement Order received for 6 detachments to move to REGIMA, 25 miles East Bengasi tomorrow. Arranged C.R.A. supply 5 men from 51st. Hy.A.A.Regt. R.A. and - - detailed them with B.H.Q. personnel to man Harbour Guns. Heavy seas breaking over mole destroyed Gun emplacement and hutment of one crew, damaging gun. Majority of crews belongings rescued and first aid treatment given. Dirty night and during temporary - - evacuation of some of the Harbour positions as a safety measure -- B.Cs. Car and one Bty. Truck came into collision injurying Lt.Davis.

" 22. 6 detachments from Ed. Troop under command Lt.Stephens relieved - - by personnel from B.H.Q. and 5 O.Rs. 51st. H.A.A. Regt. and moved to Regima at 1100 hrs. 2 Guns withdrawn and returned to store. Only two trained crews now remain, which includes those injured - and who will be out of action for some days. Decided to bring 4 - men forward from Derna detachment. 1400 hrs. Order received from 4 A.A.Bde to carry out daylight rec. at Magrum 60 miles South and occupy concealed positions with 3 detachments by night. Role - - protection of F.S.D. which had been consistently bombed and M.Gunned by low flying craft. Discussed position with C.R.A. and informed - him only 1 trained crew available. He then arranged with 4 A.A.Bde to withdraw Lt.Harry's detachment from Barce and to relieve them - with a detachment of Notts. Yeo. Lt.Davis evacuated to 4 A.G.H. Barce.

" 23. Lt. Harry and detachment ex-Barce reported, also 4 men from Derna.

" 24. 3 Guns cleaned serviced and tested. Lt.Harry left on recce. and reported back at 1600 hrs. 1830 hrs. detachment with 3 guns under command Lt.Harry left to occupy position Magrum under cover of - - darkness, leaving 1 gun crews available for harbour defence.

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Mar. 25. Received orders to protect Bengasi Railway Station and Yards.

" 26. Carried out recce. Certain considerations prevented carrying this role into effect and temporarily 1 Gun installed on high roof of Station building.
Advised that 20 Inf. Bde has no guns to supply Regima detachment who were to deploy for their protection and that same are to - be recalled pending guns being made available. Detachment -- recalled and reported back at ~~2400~~ 1900 hrs.

" 27. B.C. visited 4 A.G.H. at Barce. Capt. Jorgensen had been - - operated on for Haemorrhoids and to be evacuated to Base. Lt. Davis progressing favourably. L/Bdr. Morris with shoulder injury evacuated to Base.

" 28. Laid out 75/46 Guns on a Barrage line off mouth of Harbour and registered them by firing. This to be a secondry role if - - attack only sea borne.

" 29. Demonstrated collapsable carrier for Camouflage made from ½" piping by 7 Div. R.A.E. according to specifications. Interviewed by C.O. 14 Regt. (Breda Estab) who was seeking information from us in connection with these weapons.
Advised that 3 pdr. Boom Defence Guns would now be manned by -- Notts. Yeo. and that we were to take over 3 Field Guns.
Move duly completed.

" 30. Conducted practice with Field Guns.

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Headquarters,
8 Aust. Lt. A. A. Bty.

C.O.
3 Lt. A. A. Regt.

Dear John,

Unfortunately another week has gone by since I last wrote - without any news being received of Chester or his detachment.

We are at present manning 16 guns which are deployed for - protection of gun areas, Bde H.Q's and an Aerodrome. There has been a certain amount of swopping about of guns with the Regiment to which we are attached which has been to our detriment inasmuch that we have - - handed over good guns and had to take over others in very poor condition.

Reed's troop of 4 guns accounted for 3 planes in the Harbour the other day and later when placed in support of a certain Infantry Bde. area got a further 3 but with all the different forces in the area it is doubtful if we will be credited with more than half this latter 6. The type of equipment ~~which~~ with which we are armed is so entirely different to anything we previously knew and is very subject to stoppages due to desert conditions requiring constant cleaning, maintenance and testing by firing. Each gun crew is some 600 to 1000 yards apart and messes - singly with rations and water delivered once daily. The men dig holes in the ground in which they live. As advised you previously the question of filling the Officer vacancies in the Bty. has been taken up by 9 Div. and with Light and McGillivray both skilled as detachment Commanders with the full knowledge of equipment and conditions I have reccommended them to fill 2 of the 3 vacancies. It is possible that Davis may return in 5 or 6 weeks but Jorgensen is exceedingly doubtful being a very weakened and nerve shattered man when he left - also with Chester assumed to be a P.O.W. two definite vacancies exist. You will understand that under the stress of the present campaign it would not be advisable to send - forward any Officer as a reinforcement who was not trained in our present equipment and desert conditions. For your information I enclose extracts from a report received from 20 Bde. supplied by a Cpl. 2/15 Bn. who - - succeeded in making his escape when part of the convoy of his Bn. to - which Chester was attached was trapped by the enemy. I enclose a further weeks Resume and shall be pleased if you will keep these safely as it may occur that we may have to destroy our copies ~~and~~ in which case the - - records of the Bty. would be lost. I should be pleased if you would - - write and let me know how things are going with the Regiment.

Kind regards to all,

Yours Philip W Stokes

P.S. Water Bottle and Carrier the property of VX31219 Gnr.Grieve H.W. was taken by VX27103 Gnr.Mathews J.R. The only article not now - accounted for is 1 Waist Belt and I have been unable to trace this article todate.

I enclose copy of Promotions the Casualty Return in relation - - thereto having been forwarded a few days ago.

In the Field.
20 Apl. 1941.

We greatly miss having green envelopes for use by the troops and would appreciate some if it could be arranged.

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April (contd). 1. 2 of our trucks and 1 on loan broke down causing complete - redistribution of stores and ~~petrol~~ personnel.
1700 hrs. 2 trucks and trailers recalled by A.D.S.T. to take further petrol supplies to Magrum causing guns which had been mounted thereon and bolted down to be off loaded together with Ammo etc. Position now acute but relieved by arrival of 3-ton and 15-cwt vehicle being those supplied by 4 A.A.Bde. to - - evacuate Magrum detachment.
2200 hrs. Attended conference called by C.R.A. and handed - message cancelling the whole of the evacuation and ordering - all vehicles on loan to be returned but notwithstanding to maintain instant readiness to move. Decided to make no move in regard to anything until 0800 hrs. tomorrow as Personnel had been working without sleep for 48 hours.

April 3. 0740 hrs. Executive order to evacuate received - Zero starting as from 0730, we to clear town by 0900 - 3 Field Guns destroyed together with Ammo, also 3 H.A.A. guns, Predictor, Height and Range Finder destroyed as also was 1 light gun. Personnel and stores evacuated to central position - Ammo. dump at Bty. H.Q's fired. Bty. moved off in convoy to the first Rendezvous 12 -- miles East of Bengasi on the Tocra Road awaiting the 51st R.H.Q. R.A.S.C. and Naval details who were joining the convoy under - Command Mjr.Corfield. Convoy moved from Rendezvous at 1100 - with 4 mobile Breda's disposed along Column. 1400 reached - - Tocra Escarpment without action and bivuoaced 5 miles East of the pass. Reported to 4 A.A.Bde. H.Q's and advised by B.R.A. Cyr. Command to stay where we where for the night and he would give us orders in the morning. 4 A.A.Bde. also to supply 4 15-cwt trucks to enable release of 10 ton Fiat Truck and - - personnel of 3rd. K.O.Hussars commandeered by us.
2300 hrs. Advised by Adjt. of 51st. Regt. that remainder of our convoy were pulling out for Derna immediately.
2400 hrs. Advised by Mjr.Corfield that we were to conform with the movements of our own Infantry who were deployed forward on the Escarpment. Balance of their convoy then moved to Derna.

" 4. 0100 hrs. B.C. went forward to Escarpment to contact Bde. H.Q's and met Bgr. Tovell who stated he was unaware of our existence but ~~that~~ advised he had two Bn's forward one of which was withdrawing at dawn.
0200 hrs. B.C. went to Barce to see 4 A.A.Bde. in order to - clarify position only to find the town deserted and burning. Returned to Bivuoac Area and despatched Lt.Harry at 0500 hrs. to again contact Infantry Bde. H.Q's. to see if any role had been allotted to us by 9 Div.
0630 hrs. Lt.Harry returned with orders from 9 Div. for Bty. to protect troops withdrawing over the Escarpment East of - - Barce on the North Road.
B.C. moved forward on Recce. with Bty. following - 10 guns - - deployed along road and 2 in Div. H.Q's area pending their - arrival. Transport difficulty still preventing 1 gun being - allotted to a truck. Trucks carrying stores off loaded and - sent for petrol, oil and Rations which were supplied to the - gun detachments along the route.
Savoia 79 flew over at 15000 ft. and appeared to drop 4 bombs well East of our position.

" 5. Div.H.Q's established. B.C. reported and was instructed by -- Mjr.General Morshead to deploy 4 guns on the North Road to come under Command 26 Inf.Bde. Another 4 on the South Road to come under command 20 Bde. whilst remainder with H.Q's would be -- attached to 9 Div. H.Q. pending transport being made available to enable remaining 4 guns to be mobile.
Orders issued detailing Lt.Guest and 4 mobile guns come under

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Apl. 5. (contd). Command 20 Inf. Bde. forthwith to carry out protection of South Pass over Escarpment and Lt.Harry and 4 detachment's to come under Command 26 Inf.Bde. with the task of protecting the North Pass.
Moved with remaining 4 guns and H.Q's personnel to Area East of Tecnis adjacent to 9 Div. H.Q's.
Deployed 4 guns for protection of Div. H.Q's remainder Bivuoaced.
Report received from Lt.Harry that he had engaged a M.E.110 at 3000' and same banked and dived m/gunning Bdr.Milliagan's gun.
No casualties sustained. 1 gun claimed several hits.
1900 - Orders to move to El Fardia following 9 Div.H.Q's.
1930 - Message substituting Derna for El Fardia.
2000 - Bty. ready to move when orders received cancelling rearward move. Returned to Bivuoac Area for night.

Apl. 6. 4 3-ton vehicles allotted to Bty. by 9 Div. and loads redistributed on a 1 gun per truck basis.
Message received from Lt.Guest that 1 Truck in very bad condition. Lt.Stephens despatched with a 5 ton Fiat which had been off loaded as a replacement.
1600 hrs. orders received to move to Tmimi.
Col.White D.A.A.G. requested that as many vehicles as possible be made available to evacuate 24 Bn. and to load balance of trucks to maximum for a straight move. Personnel and stores re distributed. Loads cut to mimimum, 4 guns dismantled and loaded on 1 truck.
1730 - Orders received from G.O.C. (Mjr.Gnl.Morshead) to move - forthwith and place guns in position to protect Div.H.Q's to be established at Tmimi. Detachments under command 20 and 26 Bdes. were to move under Orders those Bdes.
1845 - Bty. Cdr. with Gun convoy moved - followed by B Echelon Convoy at 2000 hrs.

" 7. 0830 - Arrived Tmimi after all night drive across desert, ascertained from 26 Bde.H.Q's at Tmimi that 9 Div.H.Q's were - established about 20 Kilo's East of Gazala. Interviewed by Mjr. Aitken B.M; 4 A.A.Bde. and informed that Lt.McKinnell and Ex-Derna detachment would be reporting back under Command.
Lt.McKinnell reported and stated that after evacuating Harbour - positions he had moved his guns to protect the Aerodrome and - - engaged 9 M.E.110's - shot 1 down from the sky at least 2 others definitely hit, 2 of which reported by R.A.F. to have been seen to crash making the total destroyed 3.
8 guns One Section under command W.O.Light placed in position for protection of Div.H.Q's.
Lt.Stevens O.C. B Echelon Convoy reported that 2 10-ton vehicles carrying stores and rations had broken down during the evacuation and had to be abandoned. The personnel on the Q.M's truck had - picked up Lt.Harry passing through under command 26 Bde. and - boarded the last 2 gun vehicles of this detachment which was - - diverted over the pass and into Derna. Whilst coming out of the pass East of Derna such vehicles were engaged by 5 enemy A.F.V's . Guns could not be got into action due to overloading caused by lack of transport and excess personnel. Gnrs. Hawkey and Beck wounded by M/gun bullets and the vehicle in which Bdr.Milligan's gun was mounted had sustained such damage that it was impossible to proceed. Our Artillery opened up on the A.F.V's driving them off. Personnel unable salvage Gun, stores or equipment as every vehicle passing was fully loaded and were picked up in 1 and two's 2 attached personnel (1 Sgt. and 1 Tpr. of the 3rd. K.O.Hussars) were of this number and have since been posted as missing.
1830 - Orders received to move a further 20 miles approx. to rear conforming to movement of 9 Div. H.Q's.
2000 - Moved to new position - Guns placed ready for action. Lt. McKinnell's detachment protecting Div.H.Q's and W.O.Light's -- detachment nearer the road with dual role of A.F.V's.

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Apl. 7. (contd.) No report received from Lt.Guest and detachment who were last -- seen on the desert 30 miles W of Martubah.
Signal sent to 20 Bde. to advise if had knowledge of whereabouts.

Apl. 8. No Action. Blinding dust storm all day.

" 9. 0620 - Savoia 79 flew over position in direction of Tobruk. Height 15000 to 30000'.
1040 - 3 M.E.110's and 6 JU88K's passed over position 3 to 4000' in direction of Tobruk. Guns engaged and hit one JU88K which was seen to slide slip and fall with smoke pouring from it somewhere near Tobruk before the Tobruk defences opened up.
1 M.E.110 flew over 9 Div. H.Q's M/gunning at about 1000 ft. Guns opened up, tail was shot off plane which crashed 500 yards from gun position. 5 minutes later a Hurricane swooped down over the Wadi with one M.E.110 on its tail which was engaged and driven off. Hurricane Pilot made forced landing in Wadi and was removed to Hospital. Later reported by 9 Div.H.Q's that M.E.110 so engaged had crashed into sea. Report received from Lt.Harry that his -- detachment had engaged 18 M.E.110's bringing 1 down. A most - successful day but marred by the fact that no report received as to Lt.Guest's whereabouts.
Maps and Memorandum obtained from plane brought down near Gun - position delivered to 9 Div.H.Q's.
B.C. called on Lt.Reed 3 of whose guns had been transferred from El Adem to Tobruk Harbour, the remaining gun to Gambut and - - ascertained that under orders of B.R.A. the 3 guns at Gambut had been handed over to 14 Lt.A.A.Regt. and the crews withdrawn to Tobruk to man a further 2 guns.
1600 - Orders received to move - subsequently cancelled.
2030 - Further orders to move forthwith - Reported to Col. C.M. Lloyd now Acting G.O.C. 9 Div. who stated he had been advised by Bgr. Slater who had returned as B.R.A. Cyrenaica that Bty. under his command.
2100 - B.H.Q. and 2 detachments moved to Ft.Solero and deployed for protection of 9 Div. H.Q's.

" 10. During morning Heinkel flew over position at 20000'. Orders -- received to detachmen 1 section of 4 guns to come under command - 18 Bde. near El Adem. Lt.McKinnell detailed and moved out at hrs. Remaining 4 guns redisposed in Div.H.Q. Area.
1800. 9 Savoia's flew over Tobruk and indulged in High level and high dive bombing.
2100. 3 successive raids on Tobruk, spread over 1 hour.
Personnel with 4 Bofor Guns of 1st. A.A.Bty. attached to Command.

" 11. 1245. 8 JU88's carried out raid over Tobruk - H.A.A. brought 1 down. Hurricane patrol accounted for another. 1 Hurricane engaged by 3 G50's flew over gun positions and were driven off by fire - from 3 Bofors and 3 Breda Guns.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES.

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Mar. 31. B.C. and Actg. Bty. Capt. moved from Bengasi to El Abiar (43 miles across Desert) to contact 9 Div. H.Q's for instructions on various matters and as to their assumption that we were under their command. They rang Cyr. Com who advised Bty. still under command 4 A.A.Bde.
Lt.Stevens conducted ranging practice with 3rd. Field Gun on - South Coast. Magrum detachment advised engaged yesterday 3 M.E. 110's at 3000 ft. without evident success although one gun claimed hit - the other 2 guns sustained stoppages after first few rounds due to severe dust storm.
1600 hrs. Air Raid - 5 bombs off outside mole by plane definitely identified as Bristol Blenheim.

April 1. 0245 - Air Alarm - No activity.
B.C. attended conference with all Unit Commanders and Sub-Area convened by Area Comdt. Col. Stamer with reference to the - - proposed evacuation of Bengasi and demolition thereof. Many points discussed chiefly transport difficulties, our demands - being the greatest individual demand, we requiring 14 additional trucks to move.
Advised at conference that 20 hrs. warning order would be given and thereafter 4 hours for the demolition and evacuation.
1830 hrs. B.C. and Actg. Bty. Capt. interviewed A.D.S.T. Col. Galley with reference to supply of Transport and with him - - interviewed Area Comdt. on the subject. During discussion the first signal was received at approx. 1915 hrs. A.D.S.T. - - promised 10, 5-ton and 2, 3-ton vehicles by 2130 hrs. Returned B.H.Q's and gave full instructions to all gun commanders with reference to evacuation. Withdrew all light guns from Harbour and Railway Station Defence and sent 3 trucks to evacuate - - Magrum detachment. Personnel worked throughout night mounting 4 light guns on flat 5-ton Italian trucks so that they were - capable of being fired from the tray of the truck. Gun detachment Ex-Barce mounted on separate vehicle to await return of balance of Magrum detachment. Field Guns Commanders and Heavy Detachment advised in method of destroying their guns, equipment, and Ammo. and 1 light gun which was also in a position from which it was unable to withdraw in time allowed. Orders received - from Area Comdt. to release 4 vehicles to enable petrol to be - - sent to 2 Armrd. Div. at Magrum. Vehicles off-loaded and despatched to Petrol Coy. H.Q's.

" 2. 0600 hrs. Lt.Harry reported back with Magrum detachment and -- was despatched together with his other gun detachment to Regima to protect the Convoys evacuating Bengasi along that route.
0800 hrs. Lt.Harry and detachment left for Regima.
1300 hrs. 1, 5-ton truck reported back from supplying petrol -- to Magrum stating that the whole load had been blown up by our sappers immediately after off-loading.
1500 hrs. A.D.S.T. supplied 2, 5-ton trucks with trailers in lieu of 4 taken - 1 trailer of no use being without sides, other had 4" cleats. Proceeded to mount further 2 light guns in firing position on 2 trucks returned and Ammo and spare parts on 1 -- trailer. Visited by B.M; 4 A.A.Bde who stated he had also sent 1, 3-ton and 1, 15-cwt. vehicle to Magrum in case it became - - necessary for Lt.Harry to evacuate. He was informed of action already taken. He then advised our holding the 2 vehicles sent by him should we make contact with them.
1500 hrs. Heavy Detachment opened up at 20,000 ft. on 1 enemy aircraft reported by fighter operations R.A.F. Their first - engagement.

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Dear John,

I received your letter dated 26 Mar. together with the £20 worth of Canteen Orders for which many thanks. I am surprised that you have not heard from me as I have written to you on several occasions - - giving a complete Resume of the Bty's operations.

I have unfortunately to report to you that Chester, Tom Hawkes, Adams, Young Syme and Sloane with their guns and gun crews (29 O/R's in all) have been missing since the 7 Apl. They were detached as a mobile Unit under command of a certain Infantry Bde. with whom they -- were supposed to move but such Bde. ran into trouble or at least the Bn. with which Chester was attached did and they lost contact with him.

Chester had been acting as my Capt. since "Jorge" went down but owing to the exigencies of the moment took over Command of his Troop for the purpose of the exercise. Two of Dick Harry's men were also - - wounded by m/gun fire from Armoured Cars.

I intend writing to Chester's Wife in a few days after giving about that time in the hope of better news. It has been a great blow to me as not only being my best Officer he was my closest friend.

The Bty. has been Officially credited with 9 planes, 2 at Bengasi, 3 at Derna by McKinnell's Troop, 1 by Harry at Gazala and 3 others to McKinnell's Troop and Light's Troop whilst defending 9 Div. H.Q's East of Gazala. 2 of these were shot down within a few hundred yards of the gun positions. The rest of the Boys are in good heart despite our losses, filthy blinding dust storms and lack of equipment and are hopeful in the near future of being withdrawn for outfitting complete so that they can make the "Bastards" pay.

Light and McGillivray have both been Commanding Troops of 4 guns for some weeks and have both done an exceedingly good job. I have made a request to Cyr Com for Reinforcements but at the same time given - the names of these two as being worthy of promotion. I trust this will meet with your approval and you will realise that I have not done this - without gauging their merits to the utmost.

There will of necessity need to be other promotions within the Bty. and I will forward you a copy of the Routine Order containing - the same in due course for your approval.

We all wish to be remembered kindly to the remainder of the Regiment and send you and Alan our Kind Regards.

Yours sincerely,

Philip W Snoke

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TO:
4 A.A.Bde.

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8 Aust.Lt.A.A.Bty.
(22 Guns)

Report for Month of March 1941.

Planes destroyed.	2.
Planes probably destroyed.	Nil.
Planes damaged.	1.
Rounds fired.	2647.

March 5. Dornier 215 engaged by 6 guns and veered off course - - belching smoke. 2 Hurricane Pilots from Benina Aerodrome later reported that plane fell into sea without their opening fire.

" 8. Junkers 88K hit by two trays from one gun and later a - spotter on a high building saw a flash to sea on its - course. Parts of plane washed up on shore following - day.

" 17. Junkers 88K hit by two guns several times and departed - without unloading its bombs on target.

In the Field.
1 Apr. 41.

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

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RESUME OF ACTIVITIES.

April 12. Blinding Dust Storm - No local activity.

" 13. Blinding Dust Storm - H.Q. moved camp about 2 Kilo's nearer - Tobruk. Visited Cyr. Com. advance H.Q. and obtained authority issue of 10 Binoculars, 18 Pistols, 4 Bren Guns and 2 Solaterne A/Tk. Rifles. Attended Ordnance in Tobruk - Also obtained - - certain articles of clothing and equipment to replace those -- lost by enemy action.
Mr.Reed with 4 guns and detachments moved to position at Fort. Pilastrino and 2 spare gun detachments returned to B.H.Q.

" 14. 0700 - Warning received enemy had broken through near El Adem and to stand by ready to move. 4 Brens, 1 Lewis, 2 A/Tk Rifles and Riflemen deployed in defensive position to meet enemy - - threat. Later advised that of the 25 tanks and three or four hundred mechanised Infantry that had broken through, 21 Tanks knocked out of action and Infantry either killed or taken - - prisoner.
0800 - Heavy raid on Tobruk - 40 to 50 planes engaged and over 80 bombs dropped - Main Hospital and Beach Hospital bombed causing fairly heavy casualties . 14 planes brought down of which Lt. Reed's detachment accounted for 3 JU 87 B's; R.A.F. 10 and H.A.A. 1. Further raids during day and one about 1800 hrs. by 3 planes 1 of which was brought down by R.A.F.
Conference with B.M. 4 A.A.Bde. in respect to relief of Mr. McKinnell's troop in 24 Bde. area.
Advice received that 3 3-ton lorries were to be issued to Bty. on following day.
1900 hrs. 2 guns sited at B.H.Q. sent to area east of 24 Bde. to relieve 2 Bofors of 1st. Lt.A.A.Bty. to enable them to take over protection of El Gubbi Aerodrome.
Advised by Col.Eastwood, 14 Lt.A.A.Regt who was acting as A.A.D.C. of Mobile A.A.Forces that 8 Bty. allotted western half of - - defended area and was responsible for A.A. defence as required - by 20th. and 26th. Inf. Bdes. Also that the 6 remaining guns - of 1st. Lt.A.A.Bofors Bty. were to come under my command - - operationally.
Capt.Jorgensen and Lt.Davis being evacuated by Hospital ship to Cairo. Both Hospital ships bombed that evening - one of which - was later beached in harbour. The other carrying Capt.Jorgensen and Mr.Davis succeeded in leaving Port.

" 15. Moved H.Q's back to near Fort Solero and contacted Bgdr.Tovell and Bgdr. Murray 20th. in regard to A.A. requirements.

" 16. Another Dust Storm. Mr.McKinnell's detachment relieved and came into mobile reserve in area near Tobruk. Interviewed by Col. Eastwood in connection with re-siting of guns at Ft.Pilastrino and Ft.Solero. Troop areas visited and necessary adjustments - made. Light automatic and A/Tk. guns sited in defensive positions and a roving patrol maintained to deal with parachutists.

" 17. Visited by Col.Eastwood who was arranging relief of McKinnell's area. With him visited Bgdr.Tovell and arranged for Lt.Harry's Troop of 3 guns to protect 8 Fld.Guns of 51st. Regt. on left - flank whilst Mr.McKinnell's Troop took over protection of 26th. Bde. H.Q's and 2 Troops each of 6 25-pdrs. on right flank of - Bde. zone. 1 gun of Mr.Light's troop detached and placed under Command of Lt.Reed for added protection of Fld.Gun area in 20th. Bde. zone.
Necessary recconnaissance of Troop Commanders.
1630 - Conference of Troop Commanders with Bty. Cdr.
Heavy raid on area during dust storm by 30 to 40 Bombers. 60 or more bombs dropped. 1 plane hit by 2 trays 2 other planes hit.

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Apl. 17 (Contd.) Gun crew on Mr. Light's troop blown off gun due to detonation - of gelignite exploded by bomb about 75 yards from gun position. Several guns had stoppages due to severe dust storm.
Mr. McKinnell's Troop relieved Mr. Harry's Troop protecting 2 gun areas and Bde. H.Q's. on right of 26th Bde. zone and Mr. Harry's at dusk moved to occupy position at left flank for protection - of gun area.

Apl. 18 0340 - Heavy raid over Tobruk and many bombs dropped including - one which due apparently to damaged vanes turned over in the air causing a noise very like a steam engine gradually accellerating. Raid continued for over one hour and planes were engaged by H.A.A. without success. 1 gun of Mr. Light's troop sent to workshop for repair returned and detached under command Lt. Reed to augment - protection of gun area in 20th Bde. zone.

Apl. 19. Air raid at 0230 continuing until dawn. B.C. Called on D.A.A.G. 9 Div. who authorised the issuing of car D.S. which was duly - collected in the afternoon.
B.C. visited 9 Div. Rear H.Q's in connection with transport allotment and promotions within the Bty.
Decided that the names of W.O. Light N.D. and Sgt. McGillivray M.J. be put forward for promotion to fill two of the three vacancies occasxioned by casualties.
Whilst at A.O.D. at approx. 1530 hrs. heavy raid by 15 planes - over Tobruk - 2 large bombs within 15 yds of the B.C. who had - fortunately taken shelter in a covered trench. Four planes brought down, 2 by Navy, 1 by Harbor Defences and the other crashed after being hit by 2 trays from a gun in Mr. Light's Troop.
A Relief Troop formed under command of Sgt. McGillivray to relieve each troop in turn daily to enable personnel so relieved to visit beach and make and mend.

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Headquarters,
8 Aust. Lt.A.A.Bty.

C.O.
3 Lt.A.A.Regt.

Dear John,

You will doubtless by now have information enabling you to form an opinion in regard to the present position of this Campaign in general. Insofar as the Bty. is concerned apart from the Activity disclosed in the attached Resume we have been fairly quiet, although hardly a day passes without causing a little uncertainty in the - - ductual function of one or other of us. Everyone has been doing an excellent job and although quite a number of planes were hit during - the week none were seen to come down within our range of vision.

As a point of interest and one which is fairly obvious although not previously given any great thought is the necessity -- when protecting a gun area of reconnaissance of both forward and - - rear alternative positions and the indication to Nos. 1 of the route to and alternative positions of their own guns so that in the event - of a move by the Fld. Guns the A.A.Guns so protecting can move in - - comformity without delay and even in the absence of the Tropp Cdr. - on other duties in his area.

I would also like to mention that Dick Harry's and - - Wilbur Reed's Troops are within a mile of the front line and the - - latter has come in for a share of shell fire. We are at present - - under Command of an English Lt.A.A.Regt. organised on a Breda establishment and I have been appointed A.A.D.C. of the greater area of our present defences. We should be very pleased to hear from you occasionally both from a personal aspect and in respect to the doings of the remainder of the Regt. We have had our worst experience of a Khamsin which has been raging for the past 48 hours and as yet shows little signs of abatement. The blinding dust and stifling heat - - practically brings all activity to a standstill whilst the condition of the Troops in the open becomes almost unbearable. I suppose you no doubt heard that Andy. Arthur got his D.S.O. and has been removed from the seriously wounded list, also that John O'Brien is a Lt. Col. Commanding a Fld. Regt. in the 7 Div.

Kind regards to all,

Reginald Lake

In the Field.
27 Apr. 41.

3 LT. A.A. REGT.
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

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Headquarters,
8 Aust. Lt.A.A.Bty.

C.O.
3 Lt.A.A.Regt.

Dear John,

I cannot understand why we have not heard from you since you sent the Canteen Orders, as before that date and since I have - - written regularly to you each week, also one letter to Alan and one to John Hipworth. Naturally we are very interested to know what has been happening. Certain information has been received by Bty. personnel - from friends in the Regt. - mainly scanty and not very lucid. We have heard that for some time now you have been training on Bofors, also - that you all sport Puggerees now. As you will see by the attached -- Summary of events we have had a pretty hectic week - however not without its successes - On our reckoning we have 21 planes down and many others severely damaged. With the enemy lines in such close proximity to our position it is quite easy for enemy aircraft to make their own lines even after being severely hit. I have now arranged for reliefs to be made available to two Bofor Bty's here - 1 Static with Predictors, the other Mobile with FA Sights and by this method will endeavour to train the Bty. personnel in about the only Artillery piece they have not yet handled in action so that if we ever are equipped with our own - - - armament we will not need a long course of training. We have been - most fortunate in casualties todate although sickness due to desert - conditions is a gradual drain on our strength.

Kind regards to all,

Sincerely,

Philip W. Cooke

In the Field.
7 May 41.

3 LT. A.A. REGT.
17 MAY 1941
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(a) 1 Troop less 1 gun protecting 1 Troop 18 pdrs, plus 1 gun and Aerial landing ground.
(b) 1 Troop protecting Div.H.Q., A.D.S. and 1 Troop 60 pdrs.
(c) 1 Troop protecting Bde. H.Q., Defile and Cross Roads and 2 Troops 25 pdrs.
(d) 1 Troop plus 1 gun, protecting 1 Troop 18 pdrs. and - 3 Troops 25 pdrs.

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RESUME OF ACTIVITIES

Apl. 20. Sunday - Quiet day - No local Activity.

" 21. Visited Tobruk and obtained Beer and Chocolates for distribution to the men from the £20 forwarded from The Welfare Fund. Went - to 9 Div. H.Q. and obtained permission to pick up 2 M.Cycles. Two of Mr.Light's guns taken from Escarpment and placed on Harbour for further protection of additional shipping. With Col.Eastwood inspected gun positions and reconnoitred 60 pdr. gun area. Placed one gun of Lt.Reed's in position and reconnoited further position to enable additional gun when released from Harbour to be placed there. Inspected Mr.Reed's other gun positions.
1700 - 40 to 50 planes raided Tobruk, 1 large Merchantman hit -- and beached. No planes brought down by Bty. although several - - hits claimed. Bdr.Hill H.W.J. and detachment showed courage in dismantling their gun to rectify a stoppage while under low - - - aerial M/gun fire.

" 22. Inspected Lt.McKinnell's positions in the morning - Various - - positions on the Perimeter Dive Bombed - Considerable Air Activity between ME109's and Hurricanes. B.C. visited Lt.Harry's - - - positions in afternoon. Mr.Reed reported that in the morning - his position was shelled, one shell falling a few yards plus of Sgt.Butler's position and exploding caused damage to Mr.Reed's - - car. Mr.Reed reported having engaged several ME109's and claimed several hits. Mr.Light also reported ~~to~~ having engaged JU88 and claimed hits.

" 23. B.C. Liased with H.Q's of 20 and 26 Bdes. 1130 Heavy bombing -- raid over Tobruk by approx. 10 planes. Numerous duels between -- ~~Enemy Stukas and~~ ME109's against Hurricanes. 6 enemy planes down to 3 of ours (2 Pilot's safe). 1245 further raid on Tobruk in - which 2 bombs landed near Lt.Steven's and his driver who were - - collecting mail from the P.O. causing his Austin UT to be - - - completely written off. 1400 further heavy raid during which - - huge palls of smoke appeared over Tobruk. 1500 - Further attack during which two planes were seen to fall - believed to be ME's. 1600 - Still further raid by about 10 planes. Two of Mr.Light's guns temporarily out of actiondue to broken springs. Replacements obtained.

" 24. Air Activity during night - In early hours our Bombers going over and near Dawn the enemy's. Some action but no apparent results, although Lt.Reed and Mr.Light claimed hits.
Lt.McKinnell~~s~~ moved two guns approx. 1000 to 1500 yards forward - for protection of one troop 25 pdrs. which had also been moved - forward. Gun from workshops belonging Mr.Light's detachment - - returned and placed in position under command Mr.Reed.
1725 - Raid on Tobruk by 25 planes - Many bombs dropped.
2115 - Reconnaissance planes over. H.A.A. fire.

" 25. 0645 - Recce. planes and H.A.A. fire.
0946 - " " and all guns firing - several hits observed and plane disappeared over Escarpment belching smoke. Mr.Light's two guns on Harbour relieved and sited, one on Eastern end of - - landing ground other returned to its former position on escarpment. Visit from A.A.D.C. Perimeter Defences in connection with fitting of sights to guns. During afternoon H.A.A. opened up three times but no bombing. Mr.Reed's detachment in action for a few seconds against JU86's which passed over its position. Gnr.Courtney E.J. showed great coolness under aerial M.gun fire after his gun had - jammed by endeavouring to correct the stoppage after the rest of his detachment had gone to ground. Gun position of Sgt.Butler under Command Mr.Reed shelled by 105-mm. German gun, 4 shells - - bursting within 10 yards of ~~his~~ gun position - fortunately no - - casualties.

" 26. Heavy Khamsin lasting all day. Early morning H.A.A. fire for - - short action. Owing to movement of Fld. Bty's general redistribution throughout the Bty. which resulted in one gun of Lt. McKinnell's detachment being detached to come under command Lt. Harry, 1 gun of Lt.Harry's detachment under Command Lt.Reed - - returned to original command, 1 gun Mr.Light's detached under - command Lt.Reed also returned leaving the Bty. generally deployed as follows:-

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

June 1. Normal Day.
1910 raid by 30 to 40 87's & 5 109's on Tobruk & vicinity and 2 to 3 craft shot down by Bofors & Heavy A.A.
1920 Further raid by 4 to 5 JU 87's singly on various gun areas. In the 1920 raid Mr. McKinnell's Troop (Bdrs. Roberts & Forbes) claimed hits and plane crashed in German lines. Confirmed by O.P.414 Bty. and officially credited to Bty.
2000 hrs. 3 ME110's flew over Bty. H.Q. and Bombed and M/Gunned Artillery positions near H.Q.

" 2. 1630. Mr.Davis and Bdr.Hevey returned to Unit from Staging Camp after being absent for some time through illness and injuries.
1945. Raid on Tobruk by 4 planes (JU87 and JU88's). 1 plane observed to come down very low and appeared to crash.
1955. Another raid on Tobruk by 4 planes (JU87's). 1 plane appeared to turn over in Dive and left losing altitude.

" 3. 0940. Two ME109's flew over Adv.H.Q. and one was engaged by Bdr. Campbell's gun.
0945. Hurricane flew over Adv.H.Q.
B.C. visited 9 Div.H.Q., Rear H.Q. and Hospital.
3 or 4 single planes flew over Town and Harbour during afternoon and were engaged by H.A.A. but no apparent effect.
Heavy shelling of Pilastrino area, about 3 to 400 yds. from Adv.H.Q.

" 4. Further heavy shelling in same position and around Bdr.Grimwade's gun site necessitating movement of his gun position.

" 5. Heavy Sand Storm.
0700 - Heavy artillery concentration in vicinity of Rocket Troop - numerous shells landing in and around gun pit vacated the previous night by Bdr.Grimwade.
About 2130 hrs. attack by 1 plane which dropped Incendaries and about six bombs setting fire to a quantity of aviation spirit.

" 6. Three raids during afternoon by single high flying planes on Tobruk, 22 bombs in all, no damage reported. B.C. attended conference with Brig. and C.O.
1945. Sgt.Butler's gun engaged Henschel at 3000' - 24 rounds without success.
2230. 5 planes singly at 5 min. intervals - Numerous bombs including incendaries dropped in vicinity of Harbour and Perimeter - No damage.
2326. Single plane dropped H.E. and Incendaries destroying 2000 rds. 75-mm. Cartridges in an Old Italian Ammo. Dump. L.O. and Batman (24 Bde) Killed.
A bright light showing during the latter raid was reported by us.

" 7. 0515. 5 planes attacked signly at intervals and dropped numerous H.E. Bombs in vicinity of Town and Harbour. No damage reported.
1400 - Arranged take over 2 Breda's from 40th. Bty. In Company with C.O., B.C. attended at A.O.W. and arranged conversion of four - - vehicles for the purpose of mounting 20-mm. Breda's thereon.

" 8. Trucks sent to A.O.W. for conversion. 2 Isotta Fraschini 20-mm.Guns exchanged with 39 Bty. for 2 Breda's.
1420. Raid on Artillery positions vicinity Ft.Pilastrino and West - by 13 JU87's, 3 JU88's and escort of 4 Fighters. Stuka's had Italian markings and dived from 6000' to 500' Bombing and M/Gunning. With - the exception of destruction of a dump of Italian Balistite no - - damage reported. 1 JU87 (crashed ½ mile West of Sgt.William's gun), which was thought to have been brought dow n by the nearby Bofors - gun of 1st.Lt.A.A.Bty - Another crashed in flames just outside the Perimeter. Another engaged by guns of C Troop departed South and - was last seen to be on fire by the O.P.Staff of 1 R.H.A. Fld. Bty. and fell out of sight below the Escarpment and in German lines. The 4 guns of Lieut.Harry's Troop fired 326 rounds; Sgt.Williams gun -- claims 1 JU87B down which fell in flames to the West, also hits on - another JU87 - During the engagement this crew had to seek shelter - owing to a concentrated M/gun attack from 3 planes. Sgt.Richards - gun repeatedly hit a JU88 - Bdr.Milligan claims hits on 1 JU87 and Bdr.Middleton claims hits on 2 JU87's. 3 guns of Lieut.McKinnell's Detachment fired 220 rounds, Bdr.Massy-Greene claimed hits on JU87 - which departed smoking to West and believed down; Bdr.T.H.Roberts - relief crew also claimed 1 JU87 down. 3 guns of Lieut.Reed's detach- ment fired 114 rounds and Sgt.Hepworth claimed to have brought dow the plane which banked sharp to the South and was reported on fi

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June 8. (contd). The claims of Sgt.Williams, Bdr.Massy-Greene & Bdr.Roberts apparently all refer to the same plane - Gun positions of which are more or less in close proximity. Understand Bty. officially credited with 2 planes. The two airmen of the plane brought down in our lines baled out at about 200' but their parachutes failed to open. They were Italians and both were killed.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES.

April 27. Khamsim still blowing. Afternoon a heavy raid by about 20 - JU88's the target being the Heavy A.A. sites. 5 guns and 2 - predictors damaged but all except one gun repaired and replaced in action. Casualties believed about 60.

" 28. Slight Aerial Activity at night with a few bombs and some - - flares. 1 flare landing in the middle of H.Q. Compound. Raid at 1015 hrs. over Tobruk.
" " 1130 " " " 12 planes.
" " 1740 " on Perimeter - 20 planes. Two planes believed down and 1 claimed by Light and McGillivray's Detachments. B.C. went on inspection with Col.Eastwood of all gun positions. 1 Gun Detachment 57 Bty. attached under Command.

" 29. 0600 hrs. Alarm and slight raid. 1000 hrs. Blenheim shot down over sea by 4 ME109's. ~~14oo~~ Reconnaissance planes over during morning. 1400 hrs. Heaviest raid yet experienced - over 50 - planes and many bombs dropped. 1700 hrs. Raid on Tobruk by 15 planes - Massy-Greene claimed hits on 1 plane. 1920 hrs. Further heavy raid more than 60 JU's and about 100 or more bombs on - - Artillery positions etc. Massy-Green claimed hits on 3 planes. B.C.held conference as to re-deployment of guns owing to advent of 3 additional troops of artillery being deployed in area - - which necessitated 4 Breda guns of 57 Bty. being placed under - Command.

" 30. 0700 hrs. Plane brought down near B.H.Q. by Bofor gun of 1st. It.A.A.Bty.(attached to Bty. for operational purposes) after - machine gunning in company with 2 ME109's. Plane identified - as Hurricane - Pilot burnt beyond recognition. Enquiries - - provided no trace of this craft belonging to any of our Squadrons and presumed to be enemy flown. Reconnaissance plane over about 1030. 1255, 1 plane dropped some bombs near H.A.A. 2015, Raid by 40 JU87's and 88's on Artillery positions. During afternoon guns redeployed to cover changes in Field Artillery - positions.

" 1. Early morning slight aerial activity. Artillery duel all night. Shells landed in Valley near B.H.Q. Warning received 0845 hrs. that 30 Tks. broken through. "Stand to"ordered for personnel manning 3 Bren Guns, 2 A/Tk. Rifles and 12 Riflemen. 0945 hrs. Raid on Artillery by 20 JU87's. 1015 hrs. 3 ME110's flew low over B.H.Q. and Aerodrome. 1 ME110 hit badly and thought down by Massy-Greene. 1 JU87 hit by two guns of Light's detachment and left belching smoke and losing altitude. 1300 hrs. Raid by 20 or so JU's on Artillery positions on Perimeter, 50 bombs dropped. S/Sgt.Scott operating Lewis Gun against last of 3 ME110's passing over B.H.Q. at about 1000' was machine gunned by a fourth further back - 2 bullets striking sights and flash guard. Sgt.LeSueur's detachment whilst moving to an alternative position came under heavy shell fire which exploded an ammunition dump near by - Sgt. LeSueur and Gnr.Brazenor received wounds from shell splinters - the former Head,Back and Arm the latter through the right side. Both truck and gun were damaged. The former replaced, the latter repaired. 1900 hrs. Further raid on Artillery, 16 planes taking part. During night 6 shells -- landed near B.H.Q.

" 2. Another Khamsim. More shells in valley during early morning. Guns of 57 Bty. under command withdrawn and redeployed to cover further gun areas. 1430 hrs. Small raid on Tobruk Harbour. 1800 hrs. Raid on Pilastrino area by 12 JU88's and ME110's. 2 guns of Lt.Reed's detachment claim hits on JU88 which crashed West of Pilastrino - Confirmed verbally by Infantry. 1925 hrs. Further raid on Pilastrino and Artillery positions by 40 JU87's and ME110's, 109's and H.S. 3 ton Chev. of Bdr.Whitley's gun detachment hit by Machine gun bullets and set on fire. Body of truck burnt and personal kit destroyed.

" 3 Valley occupied by B.H.Q. shelled about 0230 hrs. and several - landed in close proximity to B.C's tent - 1 about 10 yards off and shrapnel fragments tore through tent walls. 2 trucks of - 1st.Lt.A.A.Bty. about 200 yards away were put out of action - -

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May 3. (contd). by shell fire and 2 personnel of that Bty. wounded. B.C. & Lieut.Stephens left on separate reconnaissances to discover - fresh position for R.H.Q. and the Wadi in which Lieut.Stephens was reconnoitreing was shelled one landing within a short distance of him injuring several Indian troops. H.Q's moved and re-established in new position.

May 4. 0600 hrs. Raid on Tobruk. 0930, 4 M.E.109's machine gunned - Ridge adjoining R.H.Q. 1300 hrs. 2 JU88's dropped bombs on Tobruk from about 20000'. Raids on perimeter during afternoon. B.C. instructed to establish advanced H.Q. leaving bulk of - - personnel in present rear position. Reconnaissance carried out for this purpose during afternoon. 1830 hrs. Heavy raid on Casualty Station, Div.H.Q. and position in Valley vacated by - Bty. yesterday, several killed. B.C. narrowly escaped injury from a 8.7 H.A.A. shell which only partially burst and landed - within 10 feet of him. 1900 hrs. Raid on Harbour by 12 JU88's and escort of 6 ME109's. H.A.A. hopelessly off target which - dive bombed from about 15,000' ~~-~~ to 6,000' at a Hospital ship in Harbour, registering 1 direct hit on stern which fortunately did not render the boat unseaworthy. Rear of Sgt.Richards truck hit by shell and slightly damaged. Several bombs fell in close proximity to Bdr.Hill's position and although their clothing - and equipment were ripped and torn they fortunately escaped - - injury.

" 5. Established advanced H.Q. with 6 O/R's at Fort Pilastrino as an operational centre leaving the remainder of R.H.Q. and the - - Relief Troop at Rear H.Q. under Command Lieut.Stephens to carry out Q arrangement. Arranged with C.O. 13 Regt. to extend 57 Bty. area and withdrew 2 guns of McKinnell's troop and 1 of - Light's from area formerly controlled who released 4 guns of 57 Bty. formerly under operational control and necessary movements duly completed. At present the Bty. is manning 16 Breda 20-mm. guns and is responsible for the protection of 1 Tp. 18 pdrs., 9 Tps. 25 pdrs., 1 Tp. 60 pdr., 9 Div.H.Q. and the Aerial landing ground, also Pilastrino Cross Roads and Defile, assisted by 4 Mobile Bofors under operational command. Arranged with Mjr. Younger O.C. 40 Bty. for Sgt.McGillivray and 10 O/R's to relieve a like number of his personnel for a period of 3 days to enable training on Static Bofors and a similar number for a like period for training with 1st. Lt.A.A.Bty. Mobile Bofors. 4, 75 -mm. shells landed within 50 yards of advanced H.Q. during afternoon.

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To:- B.M.
4 A.A.Bde.

8 AUST. LT. A. A. BTY.
(16 Guns)

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REPORT FOR MONTH OF APRIL.

Enemy Planes Destroyed	14.
Enemy Planes probably destroyed	2.
Enemy Planes damaged	13.
No. of Rounds fired	7555.

REMARKS.

Apr. 6. 4 guns engaged 9 ME110's in vicinity of Derna Aerodrome. 1 shot down near Aerodrome, 2 others reported down by R.A.F.personnel.

" 9. 3 guns under Command 26 Inf.Bde. engaged 18 ME110's near Gazala bringing 1 down in area.

" 8 Guns near Derna-Tobruk road (near detour around broken bridge) engaged firstly 3 JU88K's, 1 of which fell into the sea. Later engaged 3 ME110's, 1 of which was shot down within a few hundred yards of a gun position and another engaged whilst attacking a Hurricane and was later reported by 9 Div.H.Q. personnel to have fallen into the sea.

" 11. 1 JU (Reed's Troop) claimed down, through Mjr.Younger(40 Lt.A.A.Bty)
2 JU's(Reed's Troop) " " " " " " " " "
2 guns opened fire on 3 G50's which were pursuing a Hurricane and drove them off.

" 13 3 JU 87's(Reed's Troop) claimed down, through Mjr.Younger(40 Lt.A.A.

" 17 3 Guns claimed hits (1 gun two trays) into 3 JU87's which however were not observed to come down.

" 19 1 gun claimed two trays into a JU88 which was observed to crash about a mile further on and about 1 mile due W.of 9 Div.H.Q. This JU88 at the time it crashed was being pursued by a Hurricane which however did not get close enough to open fire.

" 21 3 guns of different detachments reported having each hit JU87's several times.

" 23 1 gun claimed hits on JU87 during raid at 1150.
5 guns " " " different planes (JU87's) 4 observed to be smoking badly and probably came down in own lines to South. (1 wobbled very badly, banked and continued flight in uncertain manner losing altitude).

" 24 Henschel hit several times without any apparent effect except sudden change of course.
JU87B hit (2 trays) and continued flight to S.W. losing altitude and smoking from tail.

" 28 1 Gun claimed hits on JU87 which lost height rapidly and smoke issued from tail immediately after hits. Disappeared below horizon approx. 10-12 miles N.W.of 9 Div. H.Q.

" 28 2 guns claim many hits on JU87 seen to smoke and appeared to fall approx. 10 miles S.W. of 9 Div. H.Q.

" 29 1 JU87 approached flying N. at 5000' and with smoke issuing from tail evidently as a result of H.A.A.fire. 1 gun opened fire and hit plane several times. It continued on way belching smoke but evidently unable to gain altitude.
1 gun engaged 5 or 6 planes at approx. 4500'. 1 JU87 was definitely hit several times and smoke observed to issue from it. Fire on two other planes was observed by Tank Corps personnel standing by to be effective but could not see any apparent result.

" 30 1 JU87 believed hit but no apparent results discernable.

(Signed) P.W.Stokes Mjr.
O.C. 8 Aust. Lt. A. A. Bty.

In the Field,
20 May 41.

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Headquarters,
8 Aust. Lt.A.A.Bty.

C.O.
3 Lt.A.A.Regt.

Dear John,

I can only presume from your continued silence that you have taken up thy bed and have gone to some place hence, resulting in my communications still following you and my not receiving replies.

A visitation has recently descended upon us in the shape of the 2/12th. with some story that you had been fully equipped and bound for a trip over the water just prior to the need for same - becoming ineffective. However the story continues that either some - or all of you are in the wastes your faces turned towards the West. If such is the case we no doubt will meet again long before this - letter reaches you. The past 5 days have been extremely quiet we - having only experienced a few very small and very high level bombing raids which are of course of no interest taken against a mass attack of 80 Dive Bombers followed by four more of 30 to 40 in the course - of one day. It is amazing how little damage they really do, their - major successes being against shipping at anchor in the harbour. Strangely enough the 87 appears to dive far more steeply than the 88 - almost an 80° dive and climb darn near as steeply. There is never any difficulty about identification of his Bombers but ~~th~~ his 109's are very similar to a Hurricane, with exception of the struts on the tail unit which produce a high whistling sound in a dive and in - addition the cylindrical cooling system is different with one under the fuselage as against the Hurricane's two under the wings. However the greatest difficulty in identification is the Heinkel 113 which is very hard to distinguish from the Hurricane - Fortunately we have - only had one in the area during the campaign and which being within a few hundred feet was easily distinguished by its markings. Of - course there are definite differences - dihedral for instance, but generally it would prove the most difficult.

The boys are all well and doing an extremely good job despite constant shelling and bombing - Gnr.Courtney again distinguished himself endeavouring to clear a stoppage whilst under M/gun fire.

Kind regards to all,

Ralph Stokes

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES.

May 6. Khamsim, worst yet lasting nearly all day. 0900 hrs. Sgt. McGillivray and 10 O/Rs. reported to 14 Bty. (Static Bofors) Bdr. Ellard and 9 O/Rs. reported to Capt. Farr, 1st. Lt.A.A.Bty. for duty on gun sites. Bdr.Grimwade and detachment moved to - cover new position taken up by Don Troop, 107 Bty near El Adem Cross Roads. Inspection by B.C. of Lt.Reed's gun positions. Advised by C.O. 14 Lt.A.A.Regt. that two further Bredas made - available to Bty - Also arranged for Bdr.Grimwade to be relieved and returned to own operational area.

" 7. 0700 hrs, Small raid on Tobruk. 0830 hrs. 2 guns crews under - Bdrs.Austin and Godfrey took over 2 Breda guns of 57 Bty. - - protecting 1 Troop H.A.A. and Base Supply Depot. B.C. inspected Lts. Harry's and McKinnell's Troops - Whilst at Bdr.Milligan's - gun 15 105 mm. shells landed 500 yards short of position - Enemy evidently shelling dummy O.P. Tower. Bdr.Grimwade moved to - - Pilastrino area and came under command Lt.Reed.
1130 hrs. Raid on Aerial landing ground and Harbour by 30 JU87's 10 ME109's and 110's and 8 JU52's. Little or no damage caused.
1630 hrs. About 40 JU87's & 88's, ME109 & 110's, CR32's bombed - harbour sinking Gunboat "Aphis" but with only slight casualties. Two craft under heavy Bofors A.A.Fire escaped by flying up valley 20' from ground. Lt.Reed and Mr.Light claim having hit one plane each and doubted their reaching their bases. B.C. inspected Mr. Light's Troop. Bdr.Austin's gun sent workshops for repair. At 1145 a Heinkel 113 flying at about 100' approached Bdr.Austin's position at B.S.D. - The gun which had suffered a stoppage ---- during a former raid was not in action and they missed a golden opportunity. Plane sheered off flying west along coast.
1600. B.C. in Company with Col.Eastwood and Bgdr.Slater visited - Camouflage depot to view working of A.A.Camouflage carrier - - - designed by B.C. Quite successful and authority given for - - manufacture of sufficient for the A.A.Gunsin the area.
1800 and 2000 - About 20 shells in vicinity of Advanced B.H.Q.

" 8. Slight Artillery Activity during early morning and about 2 dozen shells landed in vicinity of Advanced B.H.Q. B.C. at Rear H.Q. and discussed various matters with Lt.Stephens. Another Khamsim commenced at 1400 hrs. and lifted at 1800 hrs.

" 9. Artillery Activity during early morning. 0840, 3 ME109's flew - over Bdr.Campbell's Gun position and were engaged for a few - - seconds - Tracers appeared to hit one plane without any apparent result. Very high level bombing attack on Tobruk during afternoon, two bombs on Hospital. Otherwise only normal routine -- activity. Gun sited within B.S.D. area moved to a position - - outside B.S.D. Detachments on Mobile and Static Bofors returned to Rear H.Q.

" 10. 0830 hrs. Detachments Mobile and Static Bofors changed over, the Mobile Detachment going to Static Bofors and Vice Versa. B.C. in company with Lt.Reed visited O.C.Static Bofors and discussed questions of A.A.Policy and also visited A.G.H. 1430 - High level bombing attack on Harbour - No A.A.Fire. Otherwise Normal day.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES.

May 11. Usual Artillery activity during day - Aerial Reconnaissance - Shelling of position in vicinity of Advanced H.Q. during night and early morning otherwise normal day.

" 12. 0530 - Raid on Tobruk. B.C.visited Rear H.Q. Armour plating - - secured from JU 87 and delivered to Rear H.Q. 1100 Raid on Tobruk. 1500. Raid on Tobruk, 30 JU87's, 8 JU88's and 2 ME109's - 150 - - Bombs dropped - Sunk H.M.S.Ladybird, Four 3.7 's and A.A.equipment damaged - 3 Enemy Aircraft down, 6 others hit.
During night low flying plane over area dropped Thermos and - - Shaving Stick Bombs - Heavy Artillery fire during evening.

" 13. Small raid on Tobruk about Dawn. Harbour shelled by Heavy A.A. Gun - no damage - B.C.visited C.C.S. and Beach Hospital.
B.C. arranged with C.O. that tests be carried out using the - - Solaterne Rifle which fires the same ammunition as the 20 mm. Breda.

" 14. 1510 Raid on Tobruk, Could not see Planes for dust. Raid 1920 on H.A.A.positions - 12 to 15 JU87's and ME109's - approx. 50 bombs dropped - no damage done - Visibility bad due to glare and dust - 2 guns engaged - 146 rounds fired - no success.

" 15. Aerial Activity - Reconnaissance and Fighter planes over during - afternoon. B.C.inspected guns in Lt.Reed's Troop. Bde. Mjr. visited Advanced H.Q. Carriers for camouflage nets issued to 12 guns.

" 16. From 0200 hrs. on heavy battle took place lasting all morning. B.C. inspected Sgt.McGillivray's Troop and 2 guns of Lt.McKinnell's Troop. During afternoon carried out tests with 20 mm. Solaterne A/Tk. Rifle on 5/16th. armour plating. Excellent practice and -- ammunition gave good results. At 220 yards H.E. fractured the - plate punching a large piece clean through after a 303 bullet had bounced off leaving no impression. At 440 yds. A.P. punched - - straight through whilst H.E. dinted very heavily and may have gone through if the part of the plating hit had been supported.
1915 hrs. High level raid around Harbour - no damage.

" 17. 0430 to 0530 hrs. Several Raids - Bombs dropped near two of the H.A.A. Sites. B.C. in morning inspected remaining two guns of Lt.McKinnell's Troop, and Mr.Light's Troop. During the early -- morning raid two bombs dropped 15 yards from Bdr.Austin's gun -- near B.S.D. also flares which were put out by the gun crew.
1545 - Raid by 30 JU87's, HE 111 and ME109's - About 30 bombs -- dropped around Harbour.

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Headquarters,
8 Aust. Lt. A. A. Bty.

C.O.,
3 Lt.A.A.Regt.

Received your letter of 8 May. I am glad that you received at least one of my letters but it is not a very good average considering I have written every week enclosing a daily summary - apparently our both being on the move has been the factor affecting their non-delivery because one of mine to you turned up here the other day and has been re-addressed. I am glad you were able to see Jorgey and Lin and appreciate your sending some of the Boys in to see them. I have particularly requested for the return of him to the Unit but - am afraid that the other will not be of very much use to me.

I take it from your cryptic comment that Happy Jack and his Mob are in a bloody hot spot at present and am glad that you have - met up with some of our friends who I take to be Caulfield, Lemmon, Boyd and Co. and who no doubt have given you some idea of our stay with them at Bengasi.

With regard to your sending money to purchase extra comforts for the men - unfortunately the A.A.C.I's cupboard is bare and has been for some time. We are all enforced teetotallers not that that hasn't got its good points if you could only see the slim - - - silhouettes of men like Roberts and Bishop at present Bdr. and L/Bdr. respectively. However if you are holding our proportion of any funds received it will be better to make it available when we get - our break for leave as there are many things the men will then be - in urgent need of. I am sorry I don't like the manner in which you have taken the whole of the violent sand storm to yourself and - - expressing the opinion that we may be getting part of it. I am afraid that we are the vortex around which all Libyan dust storms - turn but hope you enjoyed yours from the fringe of things.

I suppose it is only to be expected that our experiences - will be branded as "lies" as there is certainly some very tall - - stories among them.- There is no doubt that you are very fortunate to miss the "Debacle" as I can assure you that these back shuffles are a nasty proposition. We are all looking forward to the day - when we meet up with you because in addition to the re-union the - important aspects of your so doing and the resultant prospects of leave will be a red letter day in this Bty's history.

Best of luck and trust you are knocking a few feathers out of the birds.

Phil

P.S. Have just received an Advance Signal that Light and McGillivray have been approved for appointment to Commissioned Rank.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES.

May 18. Visit by C.O. and arrangements made that 1st. Lt.A.A.Bty. be removed from operational control owing to large amount of work entailed with own Bty. but on the understanding that any movements of their guns within our area be immediately notified as affecting the general lay out. Visited Rear H.Q. in connection with distribution of contents of parcels of missing soldiers. B Tp. 1 B.H.A. Fld. Bty. changed location during night owing to enemy shelling which also persisted in vicinity of Adv. H.Q. - Necessary Liasion covering change of position. Early morning raids on Tobruk by single planes several bombs being dropped.

" 19. With Tp. Cdr. Mr.Reed visited new position of B Tp. 1 B.H.A. which unfortunately had been sited near position prepared for 1 Sec. 3.7 A.A.Guns. C.O. informed and stated he would confer C.O. Fld. Regt.
Fld. Tp. covered by Sgt.Richards and Bdr.Milligan heavily shelled by enemy carrying out air co-operation shoot with HS. 126 - 2 guns and limber damaged - 3 men believed killed.

" 20. Fld. Tp. above referred to withdrew to new position - B.C. carried out Reconnaissance and redeployed guns to give necessary protection - 3 ME 109's engaged by 2 guns of Mr.Reed's Troop - Hits observed on 1 craft.

" 21. 0855 hrs. 11 Bombers carried out high level bombing attack along coast towards B.S.D. 1 wave of 5 identified as being 4 Blenheims, 3 with British markings, 1 with German and another smaller craft with British Markings accompanied by CR 42 fighters
0905 - Dive Bombing attack on Pumping Station Wadi Auda by 15-20 Ju 87's accompanied by ME 109's, 1 of which flew along the escarpment over Adv. H.Q. and was engaged without success.
0945 - 3 ME109's circled over Area and flew West along Pilastrino escarpment at height of 2500' and were engaged without apparent success. B.C. in Company with Adjt. and another Officer of 14 Regt. inspected 5 guns under Lt.Reed's command.
1350 - 1 gun of B Tp. engaged HS 126, 24 rds, without any success.

" 22. Normal day - Heavy shelling during afternoon in vicinity of Lt. Harry's quarters also 2 5.9's close to Adv. H.Q. Received advice to evacuate Bdr.Godfrey and relieved him of his command and returned him to Rear H.Q.

" 23. Another Khamseen raging. B.C. with Lt.Stephens had conference with Lt.Col. Goodwin C.O. 2/12 Fld.Regt. in connection with A.A.protection of 2 troops of 4.5 Howitzers in forward area and carried out Reconnaissance of area deciding that Bty's present resources inadequate to give such protection. Reporting to C.O. and Brig. thereon and suggesting 1 gun be moved to strengthen the 3 present guns covering 2 Tps. 25 pdrs. and 1 Tp. 50 pdrs. Suggestion accepted.

" 24. 0100 hrs - Despatch received direct from G.H.Q.,ME. requiring particulars of devices invented by B.C. for combating low flying aircraft. Khamseen still going strong but now from opposite direction to yesterday. Inspected Lt.Harry's Guns and redeployed one to cover another Fld. Tp. B.C. visited Bde. H.Q. and conferred with Mjr.McKellar O.M.F. in respect to above mentioned Devices for combating low flying aircraft. Advance Signal received from 9 Div. that Promotions of Mr.Light and Sgt. McGillivray approved. Conference of Officers in respect to future promotions within the Bty.

" 25. Pilastrino Ridge shelled again during early morning - No damage H.S. 126 once more came over and was chased off by H.A.A. fire a few rounds bursting quite close but without apparent effect. Several high bombing attacks on Tobruk by single Aircraft during day, all flying very high. The Ridge, Flat and around Adv. H.Q. again shelled fairly heavily during late afternoon

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Headquarters,
8 Aust.Lt.A.A. Bty.

C.O.
3 Lt.A.A.Regt.,

Dear John,

Received yours of 17 May and am surprised that you have only received three of my letters to date seeing that I have regularly written to you each week, also that Alan had not received my letter.

I trust I can put a full interpretation upon your use of the expression "Our Weapons". Canteen Orders are to hand but amounted to £17:10:- not £15 as advised and as there appears some liklihood of canteen supplies being available any further contributions will be gladly received. In my last letter I sent you a list of the men with Chester and was fortunate to get some heartening and really authentic information from a Signaller who was captured with them and who - - - succeeded in making his escape. According to my informant they were all captured alive and unhurt with the exception of a member of Sgt. Hawkes Gun crew who was wounded in the arm. I have arranged to - - further interrogate the Signaller in a couple of days after he has - rested up. However in the meantime I have cabled "Pa" Coggins the -- good news and have also written to him asking that he pass on the -- information to the relatives. This news has lifted a great weight -- from my mind. I am not surprised that you accuse Massy-Greene of wishful thinking but to tell the truth he and his crew seem to have a 'flare' for buying into it eg. When occupying a temporary position - near Gazala without any protection whatsoever they were twice heavily M/gunned inside 10 minutes. Later inside the Garrison area he was - sent forward to occupy a position near Sgt.Williams Gun crew and - - walked right into a 'Jerry' push. They were heavily shelled and - - M/gunned and although some of the Fld. Artillery who were with them - in the Wadi were skittled our fellows didn't get a scratch. They - went to ground until darkness fell and then started to retire during - the course of which they met a Digger who said something about them - having a rough spin to which they answered "Yes, but what about the - poor Bloody Infantry in front of us" to which the Digger replied "There isn't any I and my mates behind me are the front line Infantry you - thought in front of you". Again only the other day 80, 75-mm. shells fell around Massy-Greene's position bowling over several of the Fld. Artillery and necessitating a further change of position so I think - you can forgive what might appear to you to be extravagant claims. I might add that all claims made are very carefully checked and confirmed whenever possible.

I had a letter from Boyd the other day and note we are - supposed to see them shortly and whilst pleased to see them again and get the information from them that you cannot set out in a letter I - hope it does not mean a hold up in your previous expressed intention - of seeing us yourself shortly.

Kind regards to all, particularly Gavan Hayes - Tell - him if there is any Beer down there to have one on me.

Sincerely,

Phil.

In the Field.
1 June 41.

Philip W. Shakes

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES.

May 26. Five Air Raids over Tobruk during day by from 1 to 9 planes the latter flying in Formation at about 10,000 to 12000'. About - 30 Bombs dropped but apparently with little effect. Lt.Harry took over position of Acting Bty. Capt. at Rear H.Q. and Lt. Stephens took command of A Troop.

" 27. B.C. inspected Lt.McKinnell's gun positions in morning. Bdr. Massy-Greene's gun position came under shell fire - about 80 rounds - during inspection and was moved by B.C. to an alternative position. In afternoon B.C. visited Rear H.Q.

" 28 0915 Raid by 2 ME110's along Pilastrino road adjoining ~~rear~~ - Adv. H.Q. Several bombs dropped causing fire amongst a stack - of Ballistite. Lt.Stephens guns opened up and Sgt.Richards - and Sgt.Williams guns obtained hits on one craft with no apparent effect.
1820 - Adv. H.Q. shelled consistently for about 10 minutes, over 30, 75-mm. shells falling all around H.Q. and some within a few feet of dug outs. B.C's Car received several pieces of shrapnel through it.

" 29. 1350 - Raid by 30 JU87's on Tobruk. OilDump hit and set on Fire 2 Lighters and 1 small ship sunk.
1740. Further raid, 5 Dorniers, 4 Savoias, 5 ME109's.
1745 - Raid by 1 JU88.
1920 - 2 Heinkel 111's on way to attack Tobruk, 1 of which was - engaged by three guns of Mr.Light's Troop. Bdr.Courtney's gun fired 160 rounds and claimed repeated hits - R.A.S.C. personnel at B.S.D. state they saw pieces fly from Plane which immediately jettisoned its load and flew back the way it had come.

" 30. Various raids on Tobruk during morning and afternoon - All too high to engage except by H.A.A. at extreme range.

" 31. 0915 hrs. 2 planes from high altitude dropped several Bombs near Tobruk and H.A.A.site. Bdr.Roberts position heavily shelled - and Fld Tp. 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 Bn. who had just got in after escaping from the Prisoner of War Cage at Derna five weeks ago and obtained information as to the whereabouts and well being of Lt.Guest and his party who were captured on the morning of 7 Apr. ~~This~~ so far as the informant knew with only 1 man slightly wounded in the arm.

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Headquarters,
8 Aust. Lt. A. A. Bty.

C.O.
3 Lt. A. A. Regt.

Dear John,

You will notice from the attached summary that Lin has returned and I have recommended him for promotion to Captain and the only one within the Regiment who will be superseded will be John Purcell.

I understand that you have again changed your stamping ground so do not know when or if this will reach you.

The Boys have had a good week with apparently three planes officially credited or confirmed down in addition to many others damaged. I am sorry that our chances of linking up now appear more remote than ever; but I suppose we must accept that "c'est la Guerre". I was very upset at the news that Lin. brought back anent "Hippy's" mob. From his remarks it would appear that Jim Mann and Jack Macindoe were lost with some of their men on a Destroyer which was sunk. Also that apparently there was no knowledge of the whereabouts of John Purcell. I would be very pleased, if you are able, to receive some authentic - information in respect to them. I believe "Hippy", Baglin and Kelly and I understand Scott-Robson have all returned safely. Give them my best wishes and also "the children of the Sun" who I have been told are still with you.

Best of luck - the boys are in good heart and as you can see are still shooting.

Sincerely,

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In the Field
8 June 1941.

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Headquarters,
8 Aust.Lt.A.A. Bty.

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C.O.
3 Lt.A.A.Regt.,

Dear John,

Herewith Summary todate. Have not yet - received any word from you since you sent the second lot of Canteen Orders.

You will probable have later news of us - - before
~~then~~ this letter reaches you so there is no use ~~my~~ - - adding anything at present.

Kind regards,

Phil

In the Field.
15 Jne. 41.

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Summary of Activities.

June 9. 0014 - Large number of small bombs dropped by unidentified - - E.A. - No damage.
0425 - 6 bombs from EA - Damage Nil.
0527 - 4 Bombs from EA - No Damage.
B.C. with C.O. conferred at 18 Bde HQ in respect to forthcoming operation.
2000 hrs. Conference with T.C's at Rear H.Q.
Tsport Offr. 18 Bde. requested information as to requirements to bring Bty. up to full vehicle strength.

" 10. Normal day.
1130 hrs. JU88 returning from Raid on Tobruk engaged by 2 guns of B Tp. without effect.
2235 - 3 EA dropped HE and Incendiary bombs - No damage.
2345 - 1 EA " " " " " - " "
Midnight - 1 EA dropped HE and Incendiary bombs - No damage.

" 11. 0020 - 3 EA dropped 12 bombs - No damage.
0106 - 3 EA " Number of bombs - No damage.
0230 - 1 EA " 6 HE and Incendiaries - No damage.
0248 - 3 EA over area - Raid lasted 25 minutes - HE and Incendiaries dropped without effect.
0750- Raid on Tobruk and Wadi Auda by 12 JU87's, 6 CR42's - - supported by 2 ME109's - No damage.
1207 - 1 JU88 - 3 bombs dropped in Sea.
B.C. attended 9 Div HQ and conferred with G1 and A & Q reference to Transport and supplies.
7 1-ton Vans GS arrived from 2/1 Pioneers.

" 12. Several before dawn raids by from 1 to 3 planes dropping HE and Incendiaries (also Flares) - No damage reported.
0745 - Raid by approx 12 JU87's supported by 109's and CR42's Objective Tobruk, H.A.A. and Wadi Auda - 1 Craft shot down and claimed by Bofors although Bdr.Courtney claimed earlier hits on same craft - his and Sgt.Sitlington's guns firing 164 rounds - between them
Visit from Capt.Tonkin of 51 HAA, RASC Sec. re Transport.
B.C. conference with Mjr.Kidd, Capt.Todd and Adjut. 14 Lt.A.A. Regt., with reference to redisposition of gun sites and areas.

" 13. More raids before dawn by from 1 to 3 or 4 EA and several bombs dropped also Incendiaries and flares.
B.C. attended Div conference.
1800 - Raid by 1 plane on Tobruk.
2000-2100 - Heavy shelling on Pilastrino Ridge and Flat and - around Adv.H.Q.

" 14. Usual aerial activity by single High level Bombers.
1100 - B.C. conference with B.M. 18 Bde re operation.
B.C. then to 9 Div re exchange Car D.S. for 15-cwt Truck of 9 Div. signals - also to obtain serviceable vehicles in exchange for Two 1-ton G.S.Vans received from 2/1 Pioneers.
1500 - Conference of T.C's and promulgation of Orders.
Gnr.Courtney E.J. recommended for M.M. by B.C.

" 15. Early morning usual aerial activity.
Bty. Operation Order No.1 issued.

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(C O P Y)

To; B.M.,
4 A.A.Bde.

8 AUST. LT. A. A. BTY.
(18 Guns)

REPORT FOR MONTH OF MAY.

Enemy Planes destroyed	2
Enemy Planes probably Destroyed	8.
Enemy Planes damaged	6.
No. of Rounds fired	9043.

REMARKS.

May 1. 3 definitely hit - 1 ME110 strongly suspected to have crashed. 1 JU87 received many hits from 2 guns, last seen smoking badly and at low altitude crossing escarpment S.W. Heinkel 111. definitely hit by 2 trays and left in Southerly direction with smoke issuing from it.

" 2. 2 Guns had hits into JU88 which crashed West of Pilastrino. This was verified verbally by Infantry. Hits observed on Dornier 215.

1 JU87 definitely down in Enemy lines S.W.of Pilastrino and another JU87 possibly down W. from Pilastrino.

" 4. JU87 hit several times and swerved off course but did not lose altitude. Hits also observed on ME109 and on Henschel without any noticeable effect.

" 7. 2 JU87's definitely hit and departed flying low in Southerly direction from Ft.Pilastrino. Hits confirmed by T.S.M. of "B" Tp. R.H.A. and No. 2 of Bofors Gun with 1st Lt.A.A.Bty at Pilastrino.

" 9. 1 ME109 hit by several shells without any apparent effect.

" 17. 1 JU87 hit and left with smoke pouring from starboard wing.

" 20. Hits observed on ME109.

" 28. 2 Guns claimed 17 shots into Heinkel 111. No noticeable effect.

" 29. Heinkel 111 hit repeatedly and B.S.D. personnel watching action claim piece blown from plane which dumped its bombs and turned back.

(Signed) P.W.Stokes
.....Mjr.
O.C. 8 Aust. Lt.A.A.Bty.

In the Field.
4 June 41.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES.

June 16. Receipt of various Operational Orders - Carrying out various administrative arrangements.
A heartening sight - 15 of our own aircraft passed over on - their way to pay attention to the enemy lines.
Very heavy shelling on Eastern Perimeter. Heavy shelling - continued throughout the night around Grimwade's gun site and just forward of Adv. H.Q.

" 17. A Heinkel 111. flew over and dropped bombs from a High Level on Tobruk. At the same time we were watching about a dozen of our own Aircraft making a sortie over the enemy lines.
B.C. inspected Sgt.William's gun mounted on a converted lorry which the crew pronounced very satisfactory. Lt.Harry - - advised that all four mobile guns were giving satisfaction.
During the afternoon 8 of our Bombers and 4 fighters were seen flying in a westerly direction outside the perimeter. German A.A. opened up without effect.

" 18. Another Khamseen lasting all day and paralising all Activity.

" 19. Again a severe dust storm blowing all day with a similar - - effect on Activity. Received advice of postponement of Operat-
" ion.

" 20. The third day of dust storm which cleared up in the later - - part of the afternoon.
B.C. visited 9 Div.H.Q. and arranged for re-transfer of his Car and other matters.
During afternoon raid by 1 plane which dropped several bombs in Tobruk area from a High Level.
Bdr.Middleton's crew reported back from 39 Bty. and with a - further gun crew of Bdr.Ellard's went out under command Lt. McGillivray to relieve 2 guns of 57 Bty. protecting several - troops of 2/12 Fld.Regt.

" 21. B.C. to 9 Div. and with C.O. saw C.R.A. in respect to redis-position of Fld.Guns. Whilst leaving to pick up his Car a High Level Bombers dropped bombs on Tobruk and 5 which fell within 400 yards.
Inspection of several gun sites by B.C. Reconnaissance and re-disposition. 2 guns of B Tp. forward with the two of Lt. McGillivray's now covering 6 Tps (2 Tps 4.5 Hows; 2 Tps 149 mm. 1 Tp. 105 mm and 1 Tp. 75/27 mm) - 2 remaining guns B Tp. - covering 1 Tp. 25 pdrs; 3 guns D Tp. covering 2 Tps 25 pdrs; A Tp. covering Tp. Heavy A.A, Div H.Q. and 1 Tp. 60 pdrs; C Tp. and 1 gun of D Tp. covering 4 Tps 25 pdrs.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES.

June 22. Repeated raids throughout night and early morning by single Aircraft. Bombs dropped in Tobruk area.

" 23. Inspection by B.C. of C Troop gun positions. Several raids by 1 or 2 Aircraft - Bombs dropped from High level in Tobruk area.

" 24. Inspection by B.C. in morning of B.D.&.E. gun positions and in afternoon of A Troop.
Raid during afternoon by 12 to 15 JU87's accompanied by 6 Fighters. 40 to 50 Bombs dropped in Harbour area. 1 JU87 badly hit by 2 guns of A Troop and came down to about 200' with smoke pouring from it. Flew across Flat Machine gunning and evidently in great difficulties but managed to last long enough to clear escarpment and land in own lines. Further raids during afternoon by single planes High Level Bombing. 5 fighters during late afternoon flew over Front lines and - dropped leaflets pointing out what had happened to the A.I.F. at Greece and Crete and calling on Tobruk Forces to come out under a White Flag otherwise they would be bombed out as their Dive Bombers were ready.

" 25. Inspection of C and D gun positions by C.O. accompanied by - B.C. and Tp. Cdrs. Further raids by single aircraft. High level Bombing. 8 Hurricanes and 4 Glen Martins flew over - area. Heavy Artillery duels - many shells falling along - - Pilastrino ridge near Adv. H.Q. Small ammunition dump - - destroyed.

" 26. Usual morning air Activity. 3 flights of our planes passed - over, about 40 in all and gave Jerry a taste of his own - - medicine. He replied with 2 or 3 visits by single High level Bombers.

" 27. C.O. with B.C. inspected A.B.& E. Troops.
B.C. in afternoon visited A.D.M.S. in relation to Medical - requirements.
B.C. to conference with C.O. Bty allotted additional task - of protecting Distilleries. 2 Guns A Troop withdrawn for - this purpose and redisposed in new positions by 2030 and under operational command 13 Regt.

" 28. Early morning raid about 0100 hrs. Further raids during early morning and throughout day and evening by High level Bombers.

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Adv. Headquarters,
8 Aust. Lt.A.A.Bty.

C.O.
3 Lt.A.A.Regt.

Dear John,

Just a short line forwarding the usual weekly Summary. There has been only one large scale attack during the week which shows a considerable falling off. The Boys are all in good heart despite the drought in canteen supplies causing all of us to become "Teetotallers" for the best part of the last month with little signs of the - drought breaking. Still the fact that mail comes through regularly serves to keep the morale high - Nevertheless the constant strain, lack of sleep and conditions of living are having their effect. They are all looking forward to a spot of leave if and when we are relieved and there is no doubt whatsoever that they have earned it. From - - various sources I have the news that as part of the Bde. you are with the new Force - If this is correct I hope we meet before this letter - reaches you. By some mistake in the Postal Service Bdes. No. 1 -- Summary intended for another Bty. under their command found its way to me and has been re-forwarded after perusal. For your own information some of the facts stated,at any rate from our experience, are - - inaccurate, whilst the recommendations from an A.A. view point are - practically nil. In an effort to clarify the position for you I - enclose a short commentary for your private use only. It is hard to conceive that we have now been on the war-path 3½ months but in that time a lot of water has run under the bridge.

Give my Kind Regards to Alan, Hughes and Jack Hipworth also the rest of the lads and tell them "That they ain't seen nothin' yet".

Yours sincerely,

Philip W Stokes

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COMMENTS ON 1 AUS. A.A. BDE. INFORMATION SUMMARY No.1 of 27 Apr.41.

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1. Types of Attack : "Low Level Bombing 20' to 2000' " -
The lowest level bombing experienced on this front has been 100' carried out by DO 215 with delayed action bombs - M/Gunning and Cannon fire fixed - in direction of flight", also to rearwards from Rear Gunner.

2. Methods of certain Types of Attack:
(a) Steep Dive Bombing Attack.
During countless raids on this area JU87's have dived at - angles from 70 to 90 degrees always with their air brakes on and seldom at a speed greater than 200 mph.
(b) Shallow Dive Bombing Attack:
ME109, ME110, G50, CR 42 & 32 have been used exclusively - as fighters - HS 126 as Reconnaissance plane - BA 65 has not been seen in area. Although ME110's have been known to - carry out Bombing attacks in other zones the remainder of - those immediately enumerated do not conform to this - -- category. The majority of Dive Bombing attacks in this - area have been carried out with JU 87's but also with a -- fair proportion of JU 88's whose dives vary between 30 and 60 degrees.

3. Types of EA to be expected and main functions:
Refer comments para 2 (b).

6. Some Recommendations for Aerodrome Defence:
(b) This recommendation is the only one of the 5 relevant to - active A.A.Defence and appears merely a reiteration of usual - - siting procedure.

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Subject:- Enquiries. DWM/JG.

Officer Commanding,
3rd Lt. A.A. Regt.

NX 35063 Capt. PHIPPS.
VX 12835 Lieut. GUEST.

I have been requested by Headquarters of the Australian Red Cross Society to make enquiries concerning the a/m soldiers, reported missing.

Unfortunately, Headquarters 9th Aust. Div. are unable to give any information and I should be glad if you could inform me of the circumstances or if they have been since heard of.

D.W. Montgomery Sergeant,
Australian Red Cross Society.

In the Field.

19th May, 1941.

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3 Aust Lt. A.A. Regt.
26 May 41.

Sgt D.W. Montgomery,
Aus Red Cross Society,
IN THE FIELD.

REF. VX.12835. Lieut J.C. GUEST.

I am unfortunately unable to give you any information about the abovementioned officer save an extract of a report which I received from his Bty Cdr which indirectly refers to Lieut Guest.
Copy of report herewith.

John W Rhoden
Lt.-Col.,
C.O. 3 Aust Lt. A.A. Regt.

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Extracts from Report of Cpl.N.H.C.Collins QX8183.

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Morning of Monday 7th. April 1941.

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On reaching the parked vehicles I recognised and spoke to Driver Laws; then seeing Padre Arkell some 50 yds. further on I drove the truck up to him and asked if he had seen the Colonel whom I knew to be only a few - minutes ahead of me according to information received from a Lieut of -- the Light A.A.Battery. There could be no doubt as to the accuracy of this information as the C.O. had partaken of a curried stew for breakfast with informant.

At this juncture our men were firing strongly with rifles and apparently two Bren guns. The A.A.guns mounted on two Italian lorries were firing viciously at the armoured cars but I could not observe any damage resulting therefrom. These guns I believe were operated by the light A.A. Battery which was supposed to be attached to us.

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Headquarters,
8 Aust.Lt.A.A.Bty.
23 June 41.

C.O.
3 Lt.A.A.Regt.,

Dear John,

I today received your letter of 11 June which is the first from you since obtaining the second lot of Canteen Orders.

As I write you and forward a Summary each Sunday together with the Field Returns you should have received one per week but - - several times of late these Despatches have returned here instead of going through to you with the consequent delay in reforwarding. I suppose it is only to be expected with the consequent movements that the mail service between us has been affected.

Dealing with the Official matters raised by you.

Firstly: I was most surprised at your remarks re Appointments ~~and~~ and Promotions being made without reference to you as when requested to put such forward I definitely stipulated that they must first go to you for approval and I cannot understand why this was not done.

Secondly: I am naturally very pleased that Jorgensen is again fit - and well and will ultimately be returning but as you know it was - - considered earlier that it would be a very long time, if ever, before he was fully recovered - Naturally therefore he was considered a write off and Davis although far from well has been doing an excellent job the work of which was very much increased owing to various matters of which you no doubt 'Ken'. He has therefore been recommended for - promotion but in the light of Jorgensen returning you will be able to deal with the Application accordingly when it reaches you.

Owing to recent demands we have had to reorganise on a - Breda Basis, 4 guns to a troop, each Troop with a T.C. and T.L. At the present time we have 4½ Troops which for the sake of administration and ease of working have been lettered A.B.C.D.&.E. A Troop (Harry) B Troop (McKinnell) C Troop (Reed) D Troop (Light) E Troop (McGillivray). Unfortunately Stephens has not been very well lately and is apparently suffering from Gall Stones.

I was pleased to hear that 9 have now cracked it - it was - about time. With regard to our claims - Your remarks about reducing them by 2/3rds is not appreciated. After all we have been in action 4 months without relief and with inferior weapons but still our - - Authentic figures as returned to Brigade each month show to date :

21 Down,
11 Probable,
25 Damaged

for that period during which 22,000 rounds have been fired. Of the - 21 definitely down 13 have been Officially credited, 6 were obtained - by Reed's Troop whilst detached from my Command, the other two fell over the Infantry lines and credited to Infantry small arms fire which engaged them on the point of crashing due to our own fire. On your assumption therefore 7 must have bagged 42 in 4 weeks, if so I "Dips me Lid".

Thanks very much for the list of those evacuated from Crete which I am afraid makes very sorry reading. Give my very best wishes to 'Hippy' and his brother Officers and express our wish that we may - yet convive together again.

I am afraid the 'Arty' visitors you mention have not yet - put in an appearance here so we have not yet been able to get the - - correct story. I am pleased to hear you apparently have increased - your Domain and have now taken wings. I also had arrangements 'teed' up similarly when the Battery was spread from Magrum to Gambut, that is over 400 miles, but unfortunately the back scuttle queered things.

We received the news yesterday of the Russo-German conflict and are all cheerfully optimistic that the end cannot be far from sight.

I suppose you have the news by now that Chester is apparently in Italy with it is presumed the remainder of the 'Batch'. I received a letter from Alan dated 18 May at the same time as yours under reply. Cheerio and hope to see you soon,

Sincerely,

Phil

For information I attach copy of our returns for April & May to 4 A A Bde re Claims.

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8 Aust. Lt.A.A.Bty.

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C.O.
3 Lt.A.A.Regt.,

Dear John,

I received your letters of 30 May and 5 June and the news of 7 Bty. makes very sorry reading indeed.

However whilst admitting some of the lessons to be learnt and also from reading 'Hippy's' report which has been promulgated I - agree with you that in the main they are relative to the particular - conditions in Crete. Of course we have known for some time in our liaison with Bofors people that the Predictors are of no use whatsoever against the Dive Bomber and one of the Bofors Bty's with us which had over two years experience nearly half of which was spent in this - - Campaign has in common with us put strongly forward the use of the - 'Hose pipe method'. I can never agree on economy grounds that you require more than one Bty. to protect an aerodrome and the "flap" at 14 Regt. engendered by Hippy's report has caused the 'B.F's' to issue us with Rifles, Bayonets, Grenades with a Fiat LMG at each gun site. This may be all very well in the case of local protection of guns of 40-mm and upwards but the 20-mm job is such an excellent weapon against troops in the open that the only necessity to use hand to hand weapons would be in case of the gun sustaining a stoppage "Still we grin and bear it" - whilst learning bayonet drill.

I am afraid that the Crete show brought to light particularly the fallacy of static guns - flexibility and mobility is still the - watchword. It is of apparent that with only three months training - the majority of which would be taken up in mastering that technical - abortion the Predictor plus the fact that the personnel had not learnt to use their weapons under reasonable attacks where they would have - gained not only experience in handling but that faith in their weapons which is necessary before a crew will stand up before an intense - - attack must be definitely considered as derogatory factors. It was - only this knowledge which enabled five of my crews particularly to -- stand up against a mass attack of 80 Dive Bombers carrying 1000lb. -- bombs. Apart from technical reports I have made on the Breda, which are of no concern to you at the moment the A & Q side is much the same as I have already intimated to you :

(a) The necessity for a complete set of cooking utensils - and a small portable cooker with each gun crew, also containers in - which contaminable foods can be kept.

(b) In addition to a fairly comprehensive kit at each - - Troop HQs. a medical kit containing Iodine, Disinfectant's, Ointment, Bandages etc. should be kept by each No.1 who should have some - - - rudimentary training in first aid.

(c) Communications are essential because even the most - mobile force becomes static on occasion - a ten line exchange and - - telephones to the scale of 1 per 2 guns should be a firm establishment. One can usually scrounge cable but telephones are a different matter. The incorporation of a Signal section on the lines of that of a Field Artillery Bty. would be of material benefit.

(d) Pay - The establishment of a skilled pay Corporal per - Bty. would also be of great assistance when detached.

(e) As you are no doubt aware the use of Motor Cycles has been found impossible under desert conditions.

I was sorry to hear about my re-inforcements and would be - glad of some detailed information.

We have of course the news of Chester - I also received - letters from Mr. Syme, Mrs. Hawkes and others.

For your information the copy of a letter you received re - Ellis Kelly was not enclosed.

I have not yet had an opportunity of contacting Lt. Downing who is some miles from here but will do so when able.

The Officers are all well and working excellently and we -- have very little sickness amongst the men as you will see from our -- Strength States.

Remember us kindly to the rest.

Yours sincerely,

In the Field.
29 June 41.

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Headquarters,
8 Aust.Lt.A.A.Bty.
6 Jul. 41.

C.O.
3 Lt.A.A.Regt.,

Dear John,

Received your letter of 23 Jun. and note your remarks - but you will have received by now I trust my earlier letter in which I mentioned the subject-anent Jorgensen's intended return. Personally John I am glad in a sway for Jorge's sake that he is remaining with you for the present as the severe drubbing he received must undoubtedly have left its mark. Give Hughes & Co my good wishes for their - bag and let me know who was the man who was killed.

I am still not sure of your exact position as we were - led to believe that you had gone to Roy Jaboor's National Home but since have gathered you are still in the same old place.

I have not yet been able to get hold of Downing to clear up these doubts as to your whereabouts. In the list you sent me - Coggins got back and MacIndoe didn't - In your letter you say Coggins is missing - Which is right?

I note that you have iniiiated arrangements with regard - to brining us up to strength when we rejoin - But does that mean - that movements are afoot to relieve us here? We sincerely hope so as five months in action without leave is having its effect. I had another casualty yesterday (wounded by Shell splinters) and two - - day before yesterday (one from a Bullet wound in head the other injuries to face through dug out falling in due to hit from a shell) but both on - - treatment returned to Duty. 14 of my positions including my own - Adv.H.Qs are in the forward areas and subject to enemy Artillery -- fire. Bdr.Roberts T.H. and L/Bdr.Bishop J.R. & Co reciprocate yours and Speeding's Good Wishes. I'm sure Massy-Greene will appreciate - your remarks when next I see him. The fact that there is no Beer in Palestine as stated by you and the reading of your Routine Order - - giving the Canteen Hours where you are is very aggravating to men who have not seen Beer for over two months. Stephens is on a H.A.A. course at present which will give me three officers with a knowledge of that equipment. We had a Heavy attack on the Harbour the other day and guns of Milligan's and Courtney's did an exceedingly fine - job as you can see from the Summary. For your information I enclose a screed issued by 4 A.A.Bde. on the subject.

Dick Harry would like to know if pte.T.Anderson of - W/Shop Section is among the missing or still with you.

Sincerely,

Enc. Summary,
Returns.
4 A.A.Circ.
June Activity Report.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES.

June 29 Early morning raid approx. 0300 hrs. Bombs and Incendiaries - dropped. Further raids during afternoon and evening.

" 30. Usual spasmodic raids by 1 or 2 craft dropping large Bombs - from a High level. B.C. to conference of B.C's with C.O. Night visits by several craft and about a dozen or so Bombs and Incendiaries dropped also Flares in the vicinity of Adv. H.Q. and C Tp. H.Q.

July. 1. 1000 hrs. T.C's conference with B.C. at Adv.H.Q.
Several raids during morning and in early afternoon one by - approx 50 to 60 JU87's, - The target being the Harbour. Practically no damage. Bdrs.Milligan and Courtney's guns - - (A Tp) placed near the Harbour fired 857 rounds and claimed - hits on at least 7 Craft. In this action the work of Milligan's and Courtney's crews were highly commended by the C.O. of the 13th. Regt. and in particular the work of Gnr.Farr A.R. Bdr. Milligan's layer for coolness and devotion to duty in quickly remedying 4 stoppages whilst under fire. 12 bombs fell between these two gun positions the nearest 100 yards away. Later - enemy Artillery shelled Harbour for some time and single - - aircraft carried out High Level attacks.
Under cover of darkness Bdr.Milligan and Courtney's guns moved and interchanged positions with two guns of 57 Bty. protecting the B.S.D.

" 2. Normal day. Own Heavy Artillery Fire - Se veral single - - Bombers dropped Incendiaries and Flares during night. Considerable activity in the area forward of Pilastrino during the night.

" 3. 2 or 3 visits during day and evening by High Level Bombers and about a dozen bombs and incendiaries dropped. No damage. With approval of A.&.Q. of 9 Div. B.C. exchanged with O.C. - - Aust.Postal Service Tobruk his D.S. Sedan for Chev.Desert Van.

" 4. Normal Day. 1820 hrs. Raid by approx 25 JU88's, JU87's and Fighters - many bombs dropped around Harbour and South Coast. Practically no damage. 4 planes shot down during raid. During evening several planes over and about 8 to 12 HE Bombs and Incendiaries dropped near Arty. positions - All High flying craft. Heavy shelling by enemy in co-operation with HS 126 in vicinity of B and E Tps. L/Bdr.Mawdsley wounded in leg - by shell splinter and evacuated to Hospital.

" 5. Very heavy Dust Storm - the worst yet and activity practically Nil. During shelling by enemy of forward positions Gnr.Ince R.V. and Dvr.Rodgers J (R.A. S.C.) members of Bdr.Roberts P. crew under Command Lt.McGillivray, received injuries when the dug out in which they were sheltering fell in owing to a direct hit from a shell. Dvr.Rodgers was evacuated to Hospital and Gnr.Ince treated for a face wound and returned to duty. During late afternoon Gnr.Davey L.A. a member of Bdr.Milligan's crew sustained a head wound from a bullet which grazed his scalp. He also was treated and remained on duty. Slight aerial activity during night. Bdr.Roberts gun rested during evening and moved to fresh position under cover of darkness.

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TO: B.M.
4 A.A.Bde.

8 Aust. Lt. A. A. Bty.
(18 Guns).

REPORT FOR MONTH OF JUNE.

Enemy Planes Destroyed.	3.
" " probably Destroyed.	2.
" " Damaged.	8.
Number of Rounds fired.	2260.

REMARKS.

June 1. One JU87 came in from the South and Guns B3 and B4 opened fire and obtained many hits on the craft which veered off towards - the S.W. losing altitude until it finally crashed in the enemy lines. The O.P. of Don Troop 414 Bty. rang back to say Plane had crashed, Map Ref. 398423 or 399423 bearing 195 from R10.

" 2. One JU87 came in from East - Fired on by A4 gun and several - shells seen to hit plane which turned sharply, jettisoned its bombs and made off.

" 8. 13, JU87's, 2 JU88's and Fighters in attack. A3 definitely claims to have brought down a JU87 which fell in flames to the West and evidently in enemy lines. Confirmed by 2/17 Infantry Bn. Officers.
A3 also claims hits on another JU87.
A1 repeatedly hit JU88 (1 tray at least).
A2 claims hits on JU87.
A4 claims hits on two JU87's.
One JU87 hit by gun C3 banked sharply South with smoke streaming from it. Dived low into Bomb Smoke and was not observed by gun crew from then on. Later reported by 1 RHA that plane passed their position on fire and then changed course to West - - - disappearing below the escarpment.
Gun B3 claims to have hit JU87 which crashed in flames. This is believed to be same craft as claimed by A3.
B2 claims hits of JU87 which turned West smoking. Believed - down in enemy lines but not confirmed.

" 10. JU88 taking part in raid on Tobruk was fired on by several guns of A Troop and hits obtained definitely by A2.

" 12. JU88 hit by shells from Gun D2 (3 trays). Plane appeared to - be out of control and later to come down in flames 4 miles - North West of B.S.D. (Unconfirmed).

" 24. A1 gun fired 120 rounds at JU87 which went away West flying - very low and smoking badly. A2 also claimes hits on same craft which flew across flat at very low altitude passed of Adv.H.Q. and managed to make own lines although evidently in very bad condition.

In the Field.
1 Jul. 41.

Knight Stokes
. . . . . .Maj.
O.C. 8 Aust.Lt.A.A.Bty.

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Following from BERLIN Radio 1015 hours 2 July 1941.

Large formations of Italian and German Stukas bombed TOBRUCH yesterday.

Two large ships were sunk in the harbour and enemy A.A.fire was silenced in a few minutes. GERMAN Stukas did great damage to harbour installations and warehouses.

All GERMAN and ITALIAN planes returned safely.

Brigade Commander's Comments.

1. A.A.ammunition expenditure in Harbour area as follows:-

3.7".....	540	102mm.....122	
75mm.....14		40mm.....1171	
37mm.....130		20mm.....	857
3".....36			

2. No damage to shipping.

3. Damage to unimportant buildings including DETENTION BARRACK BLOCK.

4. One Stuka crashed in sea. @

   Two Stukas hard hit - probably did not get home.

   Four other Stukas hit but got away.

@ Perhaps this was a ROUMANIAN Stuka.

3.7.41.
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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES. File No 34.

July 6. 0930 hrs. Raid by about 12 planes on various points along South Coast. B.C. inspected E Tp. Gun positions and those resited. Dust Storm during greater part of day but cleared up in evening.

" 7. B.C. visited Bde.H.Qs - Conference of all C.O's and B.C's held at which each gave a lecture on various A.A. subjects. Usual aerial activity during day - odd raids - At night one - plane flew around area for over an hour and it is thought dropped Thermos Bombs or other type Booby Traps.

" 8. B.C. again to Bde. H.Qs when lectures were continued. Further raids by single High flying craft during day. Lt.Stephens attached to H.A.A. Bty. for 7 days training.

" 9. Normal day. T.C's conference at Adv.H.Qs on matters concerning Liaison and discipline. Further odd raids during day and night. Sgt.Sitlington's gun resited to cover new position taken up by Fld. Bty. to which he was giving protection.

" 10. Normal day with day and night raids by single craft.

" 11. Dawn raids by about 4 or 5 planes at 7 minute intervals - Bombs dropped near Tobruk and along South coast. Padre Mills with B.C. visited gun positions of C Tp. Sgt.William's gun due to move of 60-pdrs resited at position - covering 9 Div. H.Qs. Bdr.Noyes whilst relieving Sgt.Cavanagh's crew were under heavy shell fire during middle of day and sustained 4 direct hits on dug out without effect - Casualties to personnel and equipment were sustained by 2/12 Fld.Regt.

" 12. Early morning raids, first by single planes at High level and - later by Bombers doing a shallow dive - Attack concentrated on South Coast.

" 13. Dawn raids and intermittently during morning and afternoon by single high flying craft. Many H.E. bombs dropped in area near Town and South Coast. C.O. inspected C Tp. again without advising Tp. Cdr.

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File No 34

1330

Headquarters,
8 Aust.Lt.A.A.Bty.
21 Jul. 41.

C.O.,
3 Lt.A.A.Regt.,

Dear John,

Received your letter of 13th. July and note with interest - that you expect to recreate with some of Roy's forbears very shortly. A nice Garrison job in pleasant surroundings would certainly be a welcome change for us but it looks as if the 'altered circumstances' to which - you cryptically refer may have put the 'Kybosh' on it. I am very hard pressed at present for men but am doing what I can to relieve a number for training - Davis and 6 Sgts. started a 7 days course on Static sites today and will be followed by the remaining Sgts. for a similar period. In all there are only about 40 men of the Bty. who have not had some - training and I am endeavouring to remedy this as opportunity allows. Unfortunately everything here is static and little if any training is - available at getting in and out of action particularly on the larger - equipment. Bde. arranged a series of lectures by B.C's of whom there are about a dozen in the area and now Regt. is carrying on with lectures by all Officers. These are quite interesting and entertaining and many good points are brought to light. I had a letter yesterday from Jack Hipworth who states he is in Hospital at Rehovat with Sand Fly Fever and an injured back but hoped to be out soon. The other team have confined themselves of late to very High Level attacks with the consequent - - result that we have not had an action for 5 weeks with the exception of two guns which were for a short time on the harbor. This does not help

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the men at all. However I managed to relieve two crews for 2 days once every 3 weeks and send them down to rear H.Qs for P.T; Bayonet Drill; Swimming and Make and Mend with beneficial results. They are all in good spirits and looking forward with the expectation that - only six months in the desert can engender to that spot of leave - - which they hope some day to get. I think that as you suggest it - would be better to hold any cash you may have for us until we are -- relieved. Bishop's Father died suddenly the other day leaving -- numerous estates requiring his attention and I have seen the G.O.C. who has recommended that he be given six months leave of absence to return to Australia.

Kind regards from us all, the Denizens of the Rat Holes of Tobruk.

Phil

G.O. .....

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G.M. .....

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R.S.M. .....

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES.

July 14. Continuation of raids by single planes.
Lt.Stephens returned to Bty. from training period with Hy.A.A.Bty.

" 15. Further raids. W.O. Kerr. to Bomb reconnaissance course in - afternoon.

" 16. Continuation of dawn raids and throughout day by High flying - craft. B.C. to Reg.H.Qs for lectures by Tp.Officers - the first lecture being by Lt.Reed on "Method of combating A.F.Vs".
B.C. later turned in his Desert Van to No.1 Pool A.O.D. and - - obtained a Humber snipe.
Sgts.Cavanagh and Robertsons positions again heavily shelled, a direct hit from a 105 shell on Sgt.Cavanagh's dug out. Fortunately quite a number of shells in Robertson's area were duds. Cavanagh's gun was later shifted to a new position. W.O. Kerr to 39 Bty. for bayonet Drill and instruction.

" 17. Early morning attack by our troops on enemy lines. Terrific -- din until early hours of morning due to Enemy Artillery putting over a heavy barrage. Usual High level raids in early morning several bombs being dropped in the valley occupied by B.D.&.E. Tps. Further shelling during afternoon several landing in close proximity to Adv.H.Q. Severe Dust storm for major portion of day. C.O. and B.C. liaisoned with C.O. 51st. Fd. Regt. and - - approval diven to treat the area containing his and attached - - commands as a gun area there being 9 troops of Fd.Artillery in the area. Artillery action during late night and early morning.

" 18. Early morning High level raids. Continuation of dust storm - curtailing activity. Sgt.Gallagher's gun resited and Sgt. Cavanagh's crew took over position vacated by Sgt.Gallagher.

" 19. Third day of Dust Storm and the worst. Practically no activity in air or on land.

" 20. Inspection of 12 gun sites by G.O.C. who expressed satisfaction. Gnr.Cowie congratulated by G.O.C. on getting his truck out under shell fire to evacuate two casualties on 5 Jul. Preliminary - arrangements carried out to allow 1 Officer and 6 Sgts. to be attached to 40th. Bty. (Static Bofors) for instruction.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES.

July 21. Sand storm slightly abated but still blowing. B.C.liaised with C.R.A. and made following - - dispositions - Bdr.Campbell's gun moved forward - to cover B Tp. 107 Bty and a gun of 1 Lt.A.A.Bty. took over Bdr.Campbell's area.

" 22. Sand storm now on its sixth consecutive day. B.C. inspected D Tp. and also resited Sgt.Richards gun (A Tp) to cover 9 Div.H.Q.

" 23. Practice 'Stand to' as from 0430 hrs. to 0700 hrs. 7th. day of Sand Storm and worst yet. Sgt.Richards gun again resited to cover A Tp. 23 Bty. 2/12 Fd. Regt. (3, 105-mm guns).

" 24. Sand and more Sand - 8th. day and getting worse - instead of better. Under orders from Bde. 6, 3-ton Trucks returned to 13 Lt.A.A.Regt. RASC Sec. and - notification received that a further 3, 3-ton Tks. are to be transferred to other Bty's.

" 25. Wind slightly abated and a little less Sand. 2, 3-ton Trucks transferred to 39 Bty. and 1 to 57 Bty. under instructions from C.O. Whilst B.C. visiting Hospital, Car and Dvr. had narrow escape from half a dozen 210-mm. shells which landed in vicinity. Car moved just prior to shell landing - 30 feet from its former position.

" 26. Still windy and sandy. B.C. with Lt.Reed inspected Bdr.Campbell's new position.

" 27. B.C. inspected Gallagher's and Courtney's crews, also interviewed 4 A.A.Bde. with regard to making - Hold-fasts for A Tp. guns. Slight aerial - - - activity from 2300 to 2330 hrs. and a number of - H.E. Bombs dropped in area.

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R.H.Q. 3 Aust Lt. A.A. Regt.
22 Aug 41.

H.Q.
1 AUST A.A. BDE.

Re 8 AUST LT. A.A. BTY.

Forwarded herewith is a copy of letter received by me from O.C. 8 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty.

1. I desire to support fully his request that he be relieved.

2. I desire to point out that this Bty has been in action continuously since the middle of Feb without any break whatsoever and has probably been in continuous action longer than any other unit in the A.I.F.

3. In view of the fact that an English unit is to be relieved, could stronger representations be made for the relief of 8 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty.

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

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Headquarters,
8 Aust. Lt. A. A. Bty.

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

Dear John,

It will be six months on Sunday since we set foot in this blasted spot and 5½ months since we have been in action. All becoming a little fed up as prospects of relief appear remote. Had thought you could have arranged something through 1 Aust. A. A. Bde. There is about half of a Tommy Lt. A.A.Bty. which has been in action since Decr. and they have protested sufficiently to be relieved shortly. Heavy shelling has, thanks to the strength of the dugouts, resulted in comparatively few casualties although hardly a day goes by without one - fortunately mostly slight, caused by splinters. Light was evacuated this morning with arthritis.

Aerial activity has increased the last two days. 30 87s bombed and machine gunned around my position here. Two came down - one definitely to Gallagher. Earlier in the morning a the Bofors at my H.Q. shot down a G.50 in flames. It was practically burnt out when we got to it. We have also had about 12 raids each of the last 3 nights - 5, 1 & 1 bombs dropping at rear H.Q. - only damage a hole in Davis' tent.

As far as I can ascertain you have now all forgathered in the original camp; but I have no definite news. Chas Littlejohn said he met you & Alan in Cairo one night. If you possibly can I shall be pleased if youwill drop me a line with some definite information - even though veiled in allegory. How is "Jorgy" keeping? I have been expecting a letter from him. Give him my best wishes - also all the others.

In the Field.
5 Aug. 41.

Kind regards.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES.

July 28. Normal day. Slight Aerial Activity and usual - - Artillery exchanges. During evening several mines dropped from Planes and also some H.E. and Incendiaries.

" 29. 7 Months since we left Australia.
Usual Aerial and Artillery activity.

" 30. Normal day.
Several raids during night by single aircraft - - dropping mines or heavy bombs.

" 31. B.C. inspected B & E Troops.
Normal day. Slight dust.

Aug. 1. Nothing of importance apart from morning Lectures at Regt. Usual Aerial and Artillery activity.
No. 4 Gun A Tp (Bdr. Courtney) relieved by detachment of 57 Bty. in B.S.D. area and moved to cover 2, 60pdr guns of 2/12, Fd. Regt.

" 2. B.C. visited Lt. Light in A.G.H. and later to Rear H.Q. Rocket Tp. RHA moved to a position 1000 yds. in rear of former position and Sgt. Hepworth's gun moved to cover. Sgt. Robertson's position again shelled and Gnr. Maxwell received wound in shoulder from shell fragment but after treatment returned to duty. Later Sgt. Robertson's position again shelled and Truck slightly damaged.
Raids during night by several single craft dropping heavy bombs. 5 bombs landing at Rear H.Qs without causing any damage.

C.O. .....

R.S.M. .....

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES.

Aug. 3. 0325 hrs. Very heavy Artillery fire against a Section of Enemy lines.
0830 hrs. Informed two squadrons our Bombers would attack Hy. Gun positions off Bardia Road - later heavy thumps in that - - direction announced their arrival.
A return visit was made by Single EA dropping bombs from a - - High level.
1000 hrs. A C50 on Recce. was engaged by Sgt.Hill's gun which obtained hits on it and the same craft was immediately afterwards engaged by a Bofors of 1 Lt.A.A.Bty. which scored a direct hit causing it to crash a few hundred yards South of Adv.H.Q.
Several high level raids during day and at 1940 hrs. a raid by 25 or more JU87's diving to about 800 feet on Artillery positions (3 positions being attacked at one time). Hits were obtained by Guns of Sgt.Gallagher (who stated plane left in flames and Lieut. Mcillivray confirmed one as having crashed near El Adem); Bdr. Courtney (hits confirmed by Artillery Personnel); Bdr.Middleton, and Sgt. Robertson (Hits also confirmed by Artillery personnel. Three Infantry personnel camped near Adv.H.Q. were killed by -- Bombs during this raid. From 2130 hrs. raids by single planes - were practically continuous until 2300 hrs. Many H.E. and - - Incendiaries being dropped, some landing in Rear H.Qs area. An Artillery O.P. reported later that 2 Enemy Stukas had crashed - while returning from the Dive Bombing raid. Heavy Artillery - fire was also put down by the enemy from 2100 hrs. until 2230.

" 4. B.C. visited Mr.Light in Hospital. Informed he would be evacuated that night.
Several high level raids during day and from 2200 hrs. to 0100 hrs. practically a continucus raid by single planes the bombs - falling in vicinity of Town and some very close to Rear H.Qs -- several bomb fragments passing through roof of tent occupied by Mr.Davis. Usual Artillery exchanges during day and evening.

" 5. Dust again but it did not stop Arty.exchanges and odd visits - - from High Level Bombers. From about 2130 to 0100 hrs. their - planes ran a taxi service over the area dropping H.E. bombs - (10 at a time).

" 6. Very severe wind and sand storm. Voted as the worst yet. Practically no action in the area and even the Arty. fire is - only spasmodic. Night free from raids for a change.

" 7. More Dust. Aerial activity at night and about 40 HE Bombs dropped Otherwise normal day.

" 8. Received advice from Bde. that Lt.Stephens had topped the N.A.A. course with 89 out of a possible 40 marks. Letter of congratulation received from C.O. 14 Regt. Normal day with few raids.

" 9. Bde. Cdr. inspected B.D.&.E. Tps. during afternoon. Sand storm during day. 3 visits from H.L.Bombers. Night quiet except for visit from single plane which dropped about 8 HE Bombs near town.

" 10. Bde. Cdr. inspected A & C Tps. The Brig. advised and congratulated Bdr.Courtney on having been awarded M.M. Whilst on the last gun that of Bdr.Milligan's a Dive Bombing raid occurred from - -

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17 Stukas and 7 G50's and generally bombed the Harbour and Town. Several planes were hit - one by Sgt.Butler's gun and 1 by a Bofors of 1st. Lt.A.A.Bty. manned by 3 members of this Bty. during a training period.
During late evening and early morning several raids by single planes.

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8 Aust. Lt. A. A. Bty.
11 Aug. 41.

C.O.
3 Lt.A.A.Regt.,

Dear John,

Received your welcome letter of 31st July and note that you were expecting a visit from the C.C.R.A. I trust you are not -- leaving any stone unturned to effect our relief from this benighted - spot. You are quite right in your statement that we are pretty well browned off after six months in the desert without let up especially when we read your Orders referring to Canteens and leave to Cairo. In view of the peregrinations of H-H we feel that our Plum has grown a - little over-ripe. If we could only get the larger tubes we would be much happier but nothing is so disheartening after registering several hits to see the buggers get away. The Brig. completed 2 days - - - inspection yesterday and advised Bdr.Courtney of his Award. I gave - him your congratulations and we are all very pleased as you can guess.

I am very sorry to hear about 'Jorge' but it is just as well that it occurred whilst he was with you. Conditions here are - bloody hard and unless a man's a 100% fit he can't do his job with resultant loss of efficiency. Please give my Congrats to John Purcell whose selection seems a sound choice. Three of our chaps were in - action on a Bofors during their period of training and yesterday hit an 87. It seems hard to believe but the official figures show 1200 raids on this place of which a third were D/Bombing attacks. Planes however do not come easy as the heavier armaments keep them up. I've received a letter from Home indicating that 9 had grassed 50 as also had 7. The last advice I had 9 had 6 - Surely there is a mistake -- here somewhere. The Officers are all well and wish to be remembered to you. The Majority of the men are suffering from Desert sores but in the main are standing up well. Stephens attended a H.A.A. course run by 4 A.A.Bde. in which a Capt. and Subaltern attended from each Bty. except in our case but although a lone representative against - senior Officers with some experience Stephens topped the course - - - obtaining at the final examination 39 out of a possible 40 marks, the next best was 36 marks. He has also since given interesting lectures on the subject. This makes my third Officer to have a knowledge of - the Heavy equipment.

Cheerio and all the best and hope our relief is not - far from accomplishment.

Pat.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES.

Fin Co 34,

Aug. 11. The Gun detachments of E Tp. and 3 of B Tp. changed over with C Tp. and 1 gun of D Tp. Tp. H.Qs were also changed between B & C Tps. and E Tp. Cdr. moved to quarters originally occupied by Adv. H.Q.

Aug. 12. Usual night and early morning raids by single planes one dropping a stick of Bombs on Italian A.A.D. which caused - a 2 hours exhibition of fireworks. B.C. inspected new positions of C Tp. and also reconnoitred further positions for - - protection of Artly.

Aug. 13. Heavy raids during early morning and intermittently during day. B.C. to Bde. Lecture by Col.Kellar. B.C. to Rear Div (Maj.Barham) and to Field Cash Office. Gnr.Watson appointed Unit Pay Clerk. C.O. advised further Bofors made available and arranged to relieve No. 2 Gun A Tp. (Bdr.Milligan) next - morning.

Aug. 14. Several raids during morning. Slight Dust Storm. Further raids during day and at night and also shelling of - - Town area by Hy. Bty. Reconnaissance by B.C. and Lt.Harry of position for Bdr.Milligan's gun. Gun moved to selected site.

Aug. 15. More single raids and at approx. 1930 hrs. raid by 15 or more JU 87's escorted by 6 or more fighters - At the - same time Hy. Bty. shelled Town Area and B.S.D.

Aug. 16. Two squadrons Maryland Bombers passed over at approx. 0900 hrs. and bombed position of Hy. Bty. - Result unknown. Dust Storm all day. Activity slight. Word received that - - L/Bdr. Bishop granted extended leave to Australia on Compassionate grounds and he to report to Staging Camp immediately for evacuation.

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C.O. [signature]

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES.

Aug. 24. T.C's conference at Adv.H.Q. at 1100 hrs.
1720 hrs. Raid by about 15 JU87's on Town, Harbour and South Shore.
1800 hrs. JU88 passed over at a bout 25,000' and dropped 2 large bombs which fell near M.D.S.

" 25. Early morning raids and heavy A.A.fire.
Day fine and activity normal.

" 26. Fine day - Normal activity.

" 27. Fine day - Normal activity.
T.C's conference.
1805 - Raid on Harbour, Town and Hy.A.A.Sites by approx. 35 JU87's, 5 JU88's with Fighter Escort. During evening several planes were over and many H.E. Bombs and flares dropped - A.A. opened up in no uncertain manner. Several shells around Adv. H.Q. and E Tp. H.Q's.

" 28. T.C.s Conference.
Normal Activity. Fine day.
Visit by C.O. to Adv. H.Q.

" 29. B.C. inspected Guns of A Tp. Fine day and normal activity - Planes over at night and a few bombs - dropped near Town.

" 30. B.C. inspected Guns of C Tp. Heavy Artillery fire N.W. of Pilastrino - Slight aerial activity during night and some bombs dropped near Town. H.E.111 shot down during night by Hy.A.A. The day was -- again fine creating a record for consecutive fine days.

" 31. B.C. with C.O. to H.Q. Arty. Regt and carried out Liaison duties and advising them generally on A.A. Defence. Normal day with little activity. Weather still fine.

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In the Field
29 Aug. 1941.

BATTERY ROUTINE ORDERS.

By

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

Part 1. No. 17.

ENTERTAINMENTS & COMPETITIONS.

Reference 14 Lt.A.A.Regt. R.A., Routine Order No. T.2, para 11. Prizes have been awarded as follows:-

Recipe using Bully Beef or M. & V.

1st Prize (7-lb tin Sweets) Gnr. SELLARS, W. "D" Tp. 8 Aust. L.A.A.Bty.
"Defiance Pie".

2nd Prize (100 Cigarettes) Bdr. ROBERTS, P. "B" Tp. 8 Aust.Lt.A.A.Bty.
"Tobruk Marrow".

3rd Prize (50 Cigarettes) Gnr. McINTOSH, D.J. 39 Lt. A. A. Bty. R.A.
"Meant & Bacon Cakes".

Recipe using Tinned Fish.

1st Prize (150 cigarettes) Gnr. STIRLING, J. 39 Lt.A.A.Bty.
"Fish Cakes".

2nd Prize (100 cigarettes) Gnr. COKER, F.L. "B" Tp. 8 Aust.L.A.A.Bty.
"Curried Salmon".

Miscellaneous Recipes.

1st Prize (150 Cigarettes) Gnr. GROSS,R.J. "C" Tp. 8 Aust. L.A.A.Bty.
"Cheese Fritters".

2nd Prize (100 Cigarettes) Gnr. REID, R. No. 1 Tp. 39 Lt. A.A.Bty.
"Oatmeal & Cheese Scones"

PARCELS FOR DESPATCH.BY POST.

All parcels for despatch by post must show nature of contents and value on outside. The words "souvenirs", "soldier's gift" or "curios" will NOT be accepted.

SOLDIERS RETURNED TO AUSTRALIA S.N.L.R.

Soldiers returned to Australia S.N.L.R. do not receive any of the privileges of a Returned Soldier and do not get a good discharge. Attention of all ranks is to be drawn to these facts.

M.T. - WORK TICKETS.

The necessity for the use of Work Tickets with all vehicles when proceeding on duty is once again stressed. Disciplinary action is likely to be taken by the Provost Staff against any driver found without a Work Ticket.

STOP LIGHTS.

All stop lights will be put out of action forthwith by adopting the following procedure:-
Remove positive lead to stop light switch. Cut positive lead off where it leaves wiring harness and effectively insulate with adhesive tape to prevent short-circuiting by coming in contact with frame. Replace stops light switch terminal screw and copper washer. Tighten securely.

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EXTRACT FROM PART 11. ORDERS (3 Lt.A.A.REGT.)

Died in Hospital.

VX 34211, Sgt. Le SUEUR, F.H.C., 7 Aust. Gen Hosp. 9/8/41.

PERSONNEL PRISONERS OF WAR OR INTERNED IN A NEUTRAL COUNTRY - - -

RETENTION OF TEMPORARY OR ACTING RANK.

Personnel who became prisoners or War or who are interned in a neutral country will retain any temporary or acting rank held by them prior to capture or internment.

REGISTERED POST.

A.T.F. Order (M.E.) No. 484 of 12th July 1941 is amended by the addition of the following to para. (c) :- Articles intended for transmission by registered post will not, on any account, be handed back to the sender by the holder of the unit censor stamp, but will be forwarded to the Army Post Office through the unit postal orderly who will deliver the official receipt (FORM APS 8) to the sender.

PROMOTIONS, CLASSIFICATIONS ETC.

VX 23786, Gnr. KRUGER, C.J. to be A/Bdr. w.e.f. from 28/8/41.
VX 44761, Gnr. WATSON, C.B. to be L/Bdr. w.e.f. from 28/8/41.
VX 37941, Gnr. WILLIAMS, L.A. classified Mechanic M.T. Trade Group 11. w.e.f. from 29/8/41.
VX 38277, Gnr. BRIGHT, E.L.J. relinquished appt. of Mechanic M.T. Trade Group 11. 28/8/41. regraded Driver Mech. Trade Group 111 w.e.f. from 29/8/41.
VX 32935, Bdr. WAUGH, S.G. reverted to rank of Gunner Cook, Trade Group 11 at own request w.e.f. from 29/8/41.

CARE OF BINOCULARS

All ranks are again reminded that due attention must be paid to the care and preservation of binoculars. It is suggested that a covered receptacle be made in the wall of the gun-pit.

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

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TO: B. M.
4 A. A. Bde.

8 AUST. LT. A. A. BATTERY.
(18 Guns)

REPORT FOR MONTH OF AUGUST.

Enemy Planes Destroyed.	2.
Enemy Planes Probably Destroyed.	2.
Enemy Planes Damaged.	7.
Number of rounds fired.	2635.

REMARKS.

Aug. 3. A Fiat G50 was engaged by Gun No.2 of A Tp. (72 rounds) and several hits observed causing plane to lose altitude. This plane was then engaged by a gun of 1st.Lt.A.A.Bty. which obtained a direct hit and brought the plane down in flames to South of Pilastrino.

Guns 1,2 & 3 of D Tp. engaged JU87's during raid on Artillery positions (Pilastrino Area) and No.1 claims hits on plane which veered away towards El Adem landing ground in flames - E Tp. Comdr. (Lt.McGillivray) reports seeing a plane which appeared to come down in the direction that the one hit by D1 had taken. (Unconfirmed reports were later received from Infantry personnel ~~that~~ in FDL's that plane had crashed).
Guns 1,3 & 4 of A Tp. engaged several JU87's during same raid and Gun No.4 (180 rounds) observed a number of hits on craft and this was confirmed by Artillery personnel near his position.
In same raid Guns 1 & 2 of E Tp. and 3 of B Tp (under Command E Tp) engaged JU87's and E1 and B3 claimed hits on separate craft. (These hits also confirmed by Arty. personnel).

" 10. Guns 2,3,& 4 of C Tp. engaged 3 JU87's returning from raid on Tobruk and No. 2 claimed hits on craft.

" 17. Guns 1 & 2 of E Tp. engaged 3 JU87's returning from raid on Tobruk and No. 2 claims 5 or 6 hits on one craft.
Guns 1,2,3 & 4 of D Tp. engaged another 3 JU87's returning from same raid and all claimed hits - of the three planes which came across very low, 2 left smoking badly and losing altitude, the other plane remaining on course and gaining altitude - The two disappeared over first escarpment to S.W. still losing height.
C (Guns 1,2,3 & 4) } All engaged above three planes and it was
A (Guns 1,2,3 & 4) } later confirmed by Lt.Col.Mathews C.O. of 104 Regt. R.A. that one had crashed into escarpment and another just cleared escarpment but was in great difficulties.
Guns 1,2 & 4 of B Tp. engaged another two JU87's and No. 4 claimed several hits on one craft but without any noticeable effect.
Evening Raid. Guns 1 & 2 of E Tp. engaged 1 JU87 which was machine gunning Artillery positions on its way back from raid on Tobruk and No. 2 obtained several hits on craft and drove it off. (This was confirmed by G.P.O. E Tp. 1 RHA). Plane was later confirmed as down in El Adem FDL's by 2/15 Bn.

" 21. D 2 & 4. }
C 1,2 & 3. } All guns engaged same plane (ME109) on Reconnaissance
A 1 & 2 } and No.2 of C and 2 of A obtained hits. Plane disappeared into clouds with smoke issuing from it other than the initial burst of smoke from the exhaust when it accelerated.

In the Field.
1 Sept. 1941.

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

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Headquarters,
8 Aust. Lt. A. A. Bty.

C.O.
3 Lt. A. A. Regt.,

Thank you very much for your expressions of good -- wishes re peregrinations - much appreciated.

With reference to Lin. he has been carrying out the duties of Bty. Capt. since 2 June and so far as is compatible with policy would suggest that he be given the benefit from that date.

Although ~~any~~ my information from Home incorrectly -- reported the contents of your letter everyone who heard -- your letter read apparently had the same impression as my wife, judging from other letters received within the Bty. from their people who heard it read - point - Must have - been those legal abbreviations.

I was very tickled at your information in regard to Alan and Nev. Traynor but appalled at the number and nature of the casualties in "H-H Crowd" - Can't they take it? or does S abound in other things besides Milk and Honey?

You will notice that McGillivray has been sent on a Course and had a bit of excitement on the way down. Have not heard from him yet. As you will ~~notice~~ see from the -- Summary we had a little success during the week and collected a couple. I should be pleased if you would let me have particulars of Sgt. Le Sueur's death and funeral as I would like to write a letter to his parents.

Hope you are well and that your staff is fully -- recovered - oh for the opportunity. Cheerio.

Lil.

Give my very best to Jorgy - all the boys send him their regards.

JMB

RED SHIELD HUTS - HOSTELS
ON SERVICE with the TROOPS

P.S. Note also to pass my congrats to Lees.



Date 12 Sep 41

From
No. VX 47598
Major P. W. STOKES
8 Aust. H.A.A. Bty.
A.I.F. M.E.

"My strength is as the strength of ten, because my heart is pure"

Dear John,

Was very concerned to hear that you were holding McGillivray down there. He was sent down to the school to give him a break for three weeks and in the meantime I have had to use a Sgt to do his job. I have now been informed that within the next week we are getting bigger better and brighter goods and will definitely need Mc Lee to enable the Bty to carry out its role.

As you know Light is at 2 AGH suffering from Arthritis and his return to the unit appears doubtful. In any case I am still an officer short on basked establishment. my subalterns being Harry Reed Stevens Mc Kinnell and Mc Gillivray. Sgt Shepworth who you will remember as an exceedingly fine type has carried out his duties remarkably well and if it meets with your approval I would like to see him commissioned.

Mc Gillivray has been a tower of strength in the battery and his assistance in the transitions will be invaluable, although I realise that at the time the training of our Reinforcements would appear in a different perspective.

Lord knows if and when the return to the Promised Land will ever eventuate - we have broken out our winter woollies and that plus the news in this letter appears to effectively postpone matters.

We had a pretty fair raid on the first of the month 100 planes (a very mixed assortment). Very little damage although 60 bombs fell around Stevens' 4 guns which we were inspecting - Nearest 50 yards - Soft ground thank Goodness. Well John there have been a lot of wild tales floating about but nothing concrete. Please tell Jacqy I have been working on a letter from him. Regards to self and cheers to the Gang. all the best. Stu.

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3 LT. A.A. REGT. 2.1.24

R.H.Q. 3 Aust Lt. A.A.Regt.
8 Sep 41.

O.C.
8 AUST LT. A.A. BTY.

Your last letter received and contents noted.

(1) With regard to Sgt Le Sueur, he died from pulmonary tuberculosis in 1 A.G.H., and was buried with full military honours in GAZA War Cemetery. The pall bearers were members of the 8 Bty from the X List and 7 Bty here at present. The mourners were myself, the Adjt., Purcell, Kelly, Baglin and Sgts from R.H.Q. and 7 Bty - who also provided the firing party. John Purcell has taken a photo of the grave and has sent it home to Le Sueur's parents. I wrote a personal note to them describing the ceremony and expressing regret.

(2) McGillivray has arrived here with me, a mistake having been made about the course. I have suggested to A.A. Bde that he be retained here to train the men I am getting together to bring you up to full strength. Sgt Morgan, who is now quite fit, is also being retained here together with your X List personnel on instructions of 2nd. Echelon. McGillivray is now unfortunately ill in hospital and will be there for some time.

(3) A.A. Bde are making further strong representations about the Bty. Courage, my infant, be patient for a little while.

(4) Your men are being trained on our guns and have had nearly 15 months' A.A. experience already.

(5) Morris Gibson is quite close to here, and I have seen a lot of him lately in connection with this.

Regards to all the boys from us here.

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Lt.-Col.,
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Headquarters,
8 Aust. Lt. A. A. Bty.
19 Sep. 41.

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~~8 Aust. Lt. A. A. Regt.,~~

I was grateful for the information re LeSueur and most appreciative of what you had done. I also wrote his parents expressing the Bty's regret and the high esteem in which he was held.

I was sorry to hear that McGillivray was in Hospital - You did not state the nature of his complaint - Jaundice I suspect.

However you are doubtless now aware that Brig. of 4 A.A.Bde. - has arranged with M.E. for our reinforcements to be sent forward.

Ever since we have been here man power has been strained to the limit of its resources and with the decision to re-equip us on a - - larger scale more men become an operational necessity.

I am given to understand that the existing arrangements here at present are for the two English Bty's to be brought up to full - - - strength - requiring a double century - and as this can only be - - gradual they will take over from us piece by piece. Under this scheme it will be several months yet before we depart.

I was unable to glean anything from your statement that you had seen a lot of Morris Gibson in connection with "this".

As we now have a more regular distribution of canteen supplies (not including beer) it perhaps would be as well if you could send - me up whatever proportion of money you are holding on behalf of the Bty.

I have sent you a copy of a Summary which I have compiled and - which has gone down with the Official Despatches. Although some of the matter may appear Radical I can assure you that all the other -- Bty. Cdr's and Lt.A.A.Officers of 4 A.A.Bde. are in complete accord therewith.

I was pleased to see that John Purcell has his Captaincy - Please give him my congratulations. I s uppose that we can expect Lin Davis' to come through any time now.

Much to my surprise Light rejoined the Unit yesterday and appears quite fit again.

There is very little else of note except a blinding dust storm during the past 48 hours and the fact that we are in the throes of - re-organisation.

Col. Muirhead the new Brig. of 4 A.A.Bde who you met in Cairo dropped in to see me the other day.

I think that is about all at present. The Boys all send their Kind Regards.

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Philip W. Stokes
. . . . . .Maj.
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES.

Sep. 15. Fine Day. B.C. had conference with C.O.14 Lt. Regt., who advised that Bty. would now be taking over 4 of the 5 Bofors expected into the area and would hand over 5 Breda guns to other Bty's. On instructions from 4 A.A.Bde. Bty's reinforcements asked for as a first priority. B.C.interviewed O.M.E. 4 A.A.Bde. with reference to conversion of a further truck for mobile operations. B.C. inspected new site for rear H.Q's which was progressing satisfactorily. Some - heavy enemy arty. activity during late afternoon and evening the former being a co-operation shoot with a CR42. Usual High level Bombers during day but - - night reasonably quiet except for front line activity

" 16. Fine day. High level Bombers over at 0830 and 0900. Normal day. Clocks back an hour.

" 17. Fine day. Usual morning appearance of High level - Bomber. B.C. with Maj.Neville inspected Sgt.Richards gun and a demonstration was given of working of gun in fixed position, placing on truck and firing from moving truck. Normal activity during day and - - evening.

" 18. Windy and Dusty. High level visitor again on time 0830. Owing to severe dust and bad visibility - - activity at a minimum. Lieut. Light returned from Base. Changes made in personnel and guns in - - preparation for taking over of Bofors.

" 19. Another day of dust. Practically no activity.

" 20. Fine day. C.O. with Adjt. 14th. Regt. called on -- B.C. at Adv.H.Qs. and with B.C. inspected sites for new Bofors. Very little activity during day. Quiet night.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES.

Sep. 8. Fine Day. Usual Arty. action and a few H.L.raids - during day. Several planes over during night and many bombs dropped.

" 9. Fine Day. Some H.L.Bombers during day - 1 JU88 gliding in sufficiently low to give Bdrs.Middleton & Milligan long range shots but without success. During night - a number of planes over and bombs dropped around - - Harbour.

" 10. Fine Day. Our usual 0930 to 1000 hrs. raider again appeared gliding in as usual dropping his bombs and away again. Bdrs.Ellard, Roberts, & Massy-Greene - opened up at extreme range without success.

" 11. Another fine Day. Considerable Arty. activity during late afternoon and a considerable number of planes - over during night. Many H.E. bombs and Mines being dropped.

" 12. Lt.Cade called on B.C. to obtain further particulars of Bty's activities for inclusion in A.I.F. War History. B.C. to Regt. for conference with C.O. Usual Arty. Activity during late afternoon. Continuous raids by from 1 to 3 or 4 aircraft from 0030 hrs. to 0500 hrs. and about 100 or more H.E.Bombs & 6 mines dropped in Area.

" 13. Fine Day. B.C. to Regt. Arty. and Aerial Activity - very slight and during night only a few bombers over - area.

" 14. Fine Day. Conference of T.C!s with B.C. at Forward - H.Q. Col.Muirhead the new Brig. of 4 A.A.Bde and C.O. called at Fowd.H.Q. and with B.C. inspected Gun - - position of Bdr.Milligan. Only 1 plane over in morning and a stick of bombs dropped on Bofor position. Quiet afternoon except for usual Arty. activity. Quiet night.

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Headquarters,
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DETACHMENT OF THE 3RD AUSTRALIAN LIGHT ANTI-AIRCRAFT REGT

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

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

To .... Officer Commanding, Transit Camp, Amirya.

Captain (D), fourteenth Destroyer Flotilla, H.M.S."JERVIS"

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(Sd) P. SOMERVILLE,
Lieut. Commander, Commanding Officer.

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3 LT. A.A. REGT
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3 Aust. Lt. A.A. Regt.
29 Jan 42.

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9 Aust. Lt. A.A. Bty.

REF "TONY" A SYRIAN NATIONAL.

An immediate report is required in connection with the above man.

(1) Who was responsible for his removal from Syria, and the circumstances thereof.

(2) What officers knew of his removal from Syria.

(3) What officers knew of his presence with 9 Aust. Lt. A.A. Bty in Egypt.

(4) Reasons (if his presence was known to officers) why he was not returned to his home as soon as his presence was known.

(5) Which officer authorised his passage to this H.Q.

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

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7 Aust. Lt. A.A. Bty.

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Arthur Cooper.

Lt.Col. J.W.Rhoden,
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3 AUST LT AA REGT - MOVEMENT ORDER NO 1

(1) H.Q. 3 Aust Lt AA Regt, 3 Aust Lt AA Regt Sig Sec, 3 Aust Lt AA Regt W/shp Sec will move from WESTERN DESERT to SPHINX CAMP as follows:

(a) Adv. Party H.Q. 3 Aust. Lt AA Regt comprising 1 off 3 O.Rs., and 1 veh., will depart 18 JUL 41 for AMIRIYA CAMP.

(b) Main Party H.Q., 3 Aust. Lt. A.A. Regt., Sig Sec., and W'shop Sec., will depart present location at 0600 hrs, 21 JUL 41.

(2) STAGES. (a) Stage 21/22 Jul 41 - AMIRIYA STAGING CAMP.
(b) Stage 22 Jul 41 - SPHINX CAMP.

(3) MOVEMENT. (a) H.Q., 3 Aust. Lt. A.A. Regt., and Sig. Sec., will form 1 party, travelling to Amiriya.
Speeds. 20 M.I.H.
Density. 15 V.T.M.
Stops en route will be made 10 mins at every hour.

(b) 3 Aust. Lt. A.A. Regt., W'shop Sect., will move independently, the speeds mentioned in para 3 (a) to be adhered to as near as possible.

(4) RATIONS. M.E. hard scale of rations will be carried in all vehicles.

(5) P.O.L. Will be available at DABA and AMIRIYA. Minimum requirements only will be carried on vehicles.

(6) TENTAGE AND ACCOMODATION STORES. Such tentage and accomodation stores, as required by relieving units will be handed over before departure.

(7) STORES. (a) All stores and eqhipment will be packed on vehicles by 1700 hrs, 20 Jul 41.
(b) Tents not required by relieving units will be struck by 1900 hrs, 20 Jul 41.

(8) PARADES. 21 Jul 41, Reveille. 0500 hrs.
Breakfast. 0530 hrs.
Move. 0600 hrs.

(9) CODE NAME. The Code Name for the move is FOSSIL.TWO.

Capt.,
Adjt. 3 AUST. LT. A.A. REGT.,

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6-7. W'shop Sect.,
8. 12 A.A. Bde.,
9. 2 Lt. A.A. Regt.,
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8 Aust. Lt. A.A. Bty. AIF.

Adjt., S 477 39
2/3 Aust. Lt. A.A. Regt., AIF.

Communications.

Herewith Report dealing with severing of telephone wires at Crawley.

H. Stephens Lieut. for Capt.
O.C. 8 Aust. Lt. A.A. Bty.

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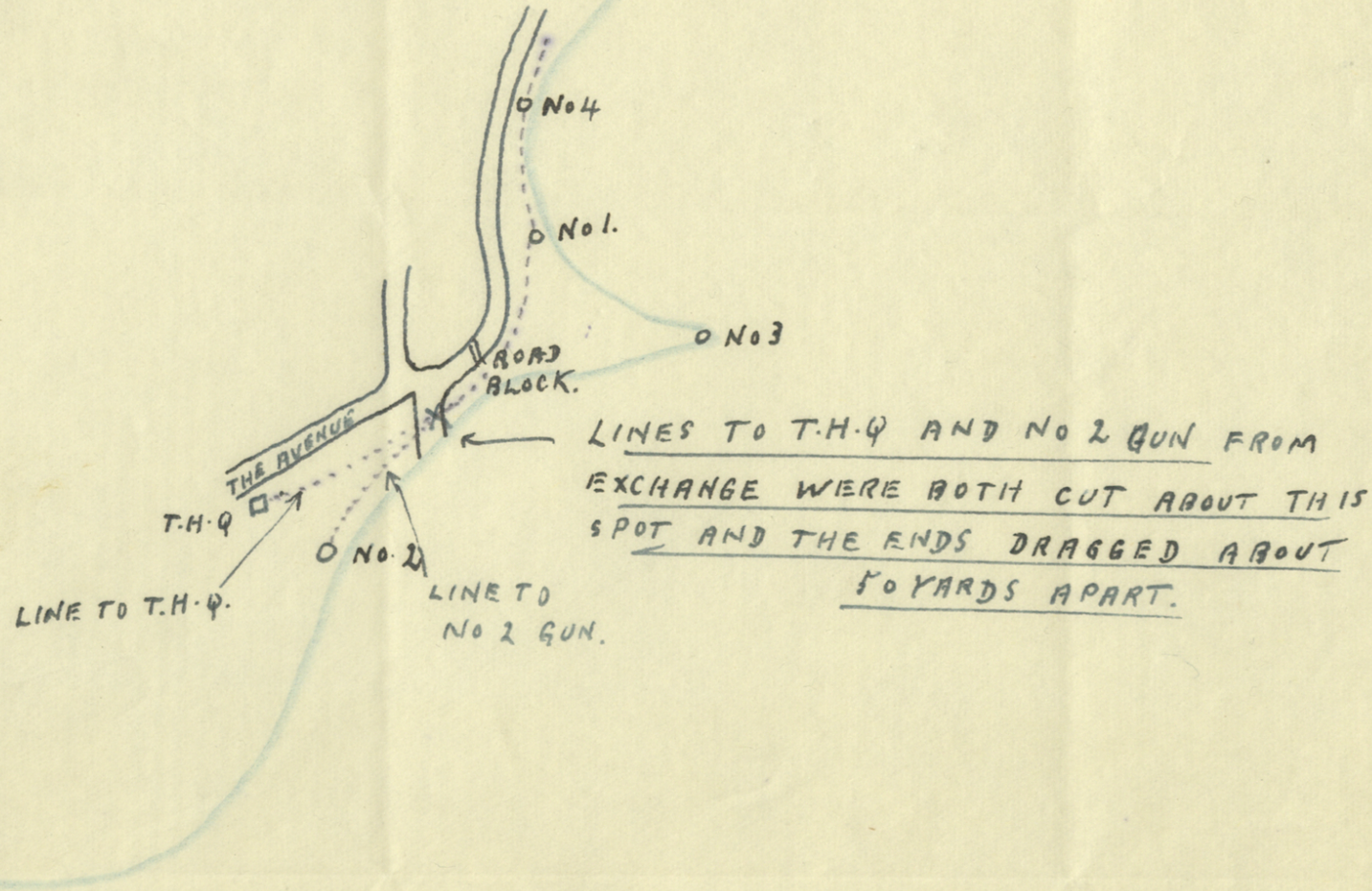

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O.C.
"A" Troop.
8 Aust.Lt.A.A.Bty.

I wish to report that between the hours of 1700 hrs. and -- 1800 hrs. Sunday 28 June two lines (a) Exchange - T.H.Q. and (b) Exchange - No.2 Gun position were cut by some unknown person. The cut was made by the use of pliers and obviously carried out by a - person with deliberate intent to sever Communications.

Duty linesman carried out repairs and completed same by - - 1830 hours. Location of damage was approx. 250 yds outside - - restricted area and indicated on Sketch Map.

The matter has also been reported to U.S.Navy.

(Sgd) J.N.CAMPBELL. Sgt.

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APPENDIX Z1

2/3 AUST LT AA REGT WAR DIARY APRIL 43
OBSOLETE CORRESPONDENCE ETC

Date of letter or document	Ref No	From	To	Particulars
6 Feb 41		9 Aust Div	3 Lt AA Regt (AIF)	Movement Order No2 for 8 Bty.
21 " 41	S74/A/oll5	RAA 1 Aust Corps	" " "	Record of phone discussion with 4 AA Bde RA re 8 Bty.
3 Mar 41	S1	8 Lt AA Bty	9 Aust Div	Location statement 8 Bty detached in Libya.
19 " 41	4AA/78/4	4 AA Bde RA	3 AustLt AA Regt. AIF	Ref 8 Bty
13 " 41		Major Stokes OC 8 Bty	CRA Bengazi	Ref 8 Bty
5 Apr 41	36/2/75	3 Aust Lt AA Regt. AIF	1 Aust AA Bde	Ref Lieut CW Reilly & 8 Bty 1st Rfcts.
13 " 41		8 Aust Lt AA Bty		Field Return Offrs
13 " 41		"		" " ORs
6 Feb-14Mar 41		"	3 Lt AA Regt	Movement Khassa to Bengazi & activities.
14 Mar 41		Maj Stokes	Lt Col Rhoden	Employment of Bty
1 Apr 41		" "	" "	Resume of events from 15 Mar-30 Mar
13 Apr 41		" "	" "	Resume events 31Mar-11 Apr
20 " 41		" "	" "	Resume events 12-19 Apr
27 " 41				Resume events 20-26 Apr
5 May 41		" "	" "	Resume events 27Apr-5 May
17 " 41		" "	" "	Resume events 6-17 May
25 " 41		" "	" "	Resume events 18-25 May
1 Jun 41		" "	" "	Resume events 26 - 31 May
8 " 41		" "	"c "	Resume events 1 - 8 Jun
15 " 41		" "	" "	Resume events 9-15 Jun
28 " 41		" "	" "	Resume events 16 - 28 Jun
13 " 41		" "	" "	Resume events 29 Jun - 13 Jul

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27 July 41		Major Stokes	Lt Col Rhoden	Resume events 14-27 Jul
10 Aug 41		" "	" "	" " 28 Jul - 10 Aug
31 " 41		" "	" "	" " 11-31 Aug
19 Sep 41		" "	" "	" " 1 - 19 Sep and personal letter.
25 Jun 41	4670	HQ AIF ME	3 Lt AA Regt	Copy of letter from Comd HMS Kingston
29 Jan 42	377/39	3 Aust Lt AA Regt	9 Aust Lt AA Bty	Ref "Tony" - a Syrian national
13 Oct 41		" "	7 Aust Lt AA Bty	Copy of letter from 24 Aust Inf Bde
13 Jul 41		" "	RHQ Group	Movement Order No 1
29 Jun 42	3477/39	8 Aust Lt AA Bty	2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt	Re severing of telephone wires at CRAWLEY.

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H. 100M 2/42

Unit 9 Bty (Det) 2/3 Aust. Lt. A.A. Regt *Date and Time.—From* 1400hrs 2 Apr 43 *To* 1000 hrs 12 Apr 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY			REF. MAPS GILI GILI 1 in. = 25,000. - SAMARAI 4 ins. = 1 mile.	
" "	2 Apr 43	1400	Lieut. Carson inspected proposed Anti-Tank Range with view to conducting Bofors Anti-Tank practice shoot. Range found to be unsuitable.	
	5 Apr 43	0900	Lieut. Carson to A.A. Group H.Q. to take over duties as Adjutant vice Capt. Davidson.	
	8 Apr 43	1020	A.A.D.C. and Bty Comd. inspected A Tp. H.Q. and Gun Sites on TURNBULL STRIP.	
	9 Apr 43	0941	Gun Sites Take Post. (See A.A. Intel. Summary)	Appendix "A".
	11 Apr 43	0930	Test Shoot of Bty Guns carried out. No. of rounds fired, 10 per gun. Two guns found to be defective, broken rammer spring and faulty recoil being the defects.	
		1230	Guns in action again after repairs and adjustments.	
	12 Apr 43	1000	A.A.D.C., Bty Comd and Tp Comd. inspected D Tp. Sites in very	

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Unit 9 Bty (Det) 2/3 Aust. Lt. A.A. Regt. Date and Time.—From 1000 hrs 12 Apr 43 To 1320 hrs 14 Apr 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	12 Apr 43	1000	good order, and favourably commented upon.	
		1000	School for L/Bdrs commenced. Duration approx. two weeks.	
			C.I., Lieut Purves, A.C.I's, Sgts Patterson and Nicholls.	
			Lectures to be given by Tp Officers as required.	
		1400	Construction of new Bty Office cpmmenced.	
	14 Apr 43	1100	Gun Sites take Post.	
		1221	Raid No. 24. Bty Guns on Water-Front and A 1 gun on TURNBULL STRIP engaged Dive bombers attacking shipping in the Harbour. Targets at extreme range and no hits claimed. No damage or casualties to Bty guns or personnel on Water-Front. Slight damage by bomb splinters to A 1 Tractor, when 1000 lb. bomb landed within 60 yards of A 1 position, on TURNBULL STRIP, no casualties to personnel.	
		1320	Bty guns at KANA KOPE engaged dive bomber attacking small	

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MILNE BAY	14 Apr 43	1320	supply ship. Hits claimed by both Dets. and plane seen to lose height and crash into the sea. This plane is credited by the RAAF as definitely destroyed by Lt.A.A. No damage to the ship resulted from this attack.	
			For full details of raid see A.A.Intel.Summary.	Appendix "A"
		1645	General Milford, G.O.C. 5 Aust.Div. unofficially visited D 1 and D 2 Gun Sites, and discussed raid with Det.Comds. Evidently satisfied with his inspection.	
	15 Apr 43	1100	Bty Comd and Lieut.Purves inspected Gun Sites on LAU LAU IS.	
		1930	Conference of Bty Officers to discuss procedure carried out with Intelligence Reports after raids.	
	16 Apr 43	1525	Phone message received from H.Q. A.A.Group to supply gun crew to man Bofors gun on "S.S.GEORGE PEAT". Gun, stores, ammn. etc., to be drawn from Ordnance and to be ready to load on to	

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WAR DIARY or ~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

(Erase heading not required).

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Unit 9 Bty (Det) 2/3 Aust. Lt. A.A. Regt. Date and Time.—From 1525hrs 16 Apr 43 To 1930hrs 27 Apr 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	16 Apr 43	1525	ship at 1800 hrs from PONTOON WHARF. Sgt. Long placed in	
			charge of Composite Det., three O.R's being supplied from	
			each of A., C. & D. Tps.	
	17 Apr 43	0900	Gun still waiting for "GEORGE PEAT" to arrive.	
	18 Apr 43	0755	Gun Sites take post. See A.A. Intel. Summary.	Appendix "A".
		1000	"GEORGE PEAT" berthed PONTOON WHARF and Gun and Det. placed	
			aboard.	
		1200	"GEORGE PEAT" pulled out for CAMPBELL'S SLIP for repairs to	
			engines, expected to take two weeks.	
	21 Apr 43	1930	Officers conference at Bty. H.Q.	
	23 Apr 43	1600	N.C.O.'s School completed.	
	24 Apr 43	0530	Visit by Bty Comd to KANA KOPE. Inspected gun positions there.	
		1815	Bty Comd returned to GILI GILI.	
	27 Apr 43	1930	Officers Conference at Bty. H.Q.	

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A.

SECRET.

MILNE BAY ANTI-AIRCRAFT GROUP INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 22.

PERIOD 1 - 30 APR 43.

Covering the activities of Anti-Aircraft Defences in MILNE BAY area.

1. FORCES AT OUR DISPOSAL.

72 Aust A.A. S/L Coy put into operation two new searchlight positions S7 at map ref 309429 and S8 at map ref 388486 and S4 was made into a two light cluster.

Two 3.7" Static A.A. Guns in addition to the two being installed previously are now installed at M.3 making it a four gun site.

3 Troop 2/17 Aust Lt. A.A.Bty with three 40 MM Bofors guns and two 3" Mobile A.A.Guns at Goodenough Island are now placed under control of A.A.D.C. Milne Bay.

One 40 M.M. Bofors was installed on the "George Post".

2. DISPOSITION OF FORCES.

The Transmitter of the R.D.F. A.A. Set at M.3 was moved to lengthen the transmitter and receiver base and improve reception also to place the predictor midway between them.

The remaining two 3.7" Mobile A.A. Guns at M.3 were moved to M.6 and were ready for action 1000K 22 Apr 43. This makes M.6 a Four gun site.

B6 40 M.M. Bofors gun of 235 Aust Lt. A.A.Bty. was moved to map ref 366451.

3. ALERTS.

Take

2 Apr Gun Sites/Post - 1024-1037.

An R.D.F.Indication at a height of 25,000' over the bay proved to be one of our own planes.

6 Apr Gun Sites Take Post - 1332 - 1545.

Nothing resulted from a heavy R.D.F. indication on bearing 12° North 14 miles.

7 Apr Gun Sites Take Post - 1031 -1110.

An R.D.F. indication at Bg. 255°, Range 32 miles was considered to be a possible Jap A/C. M.3 sighted a P.38 and this may have been the indication.

9 Apr Gun Sites Take Post - 0941 - 1020.

R.D.F. indication Bg. 90°, North, Range 23 miles. G.5 indication Bg. 89°, North, 32,000 yards (slant). M.5 identified a "DINAH" at 25,000' and M.2 M.5 engaged. A P.40 pilot who was in the air at the time saw two "Dinahs".

11 Apr Gun Sites Take Post - 0026 -0047.

Gun Sites took post when M.4, M.5, M.104 reported sound of A/C coming up the bay. The plane was identified as a Beaufort returning earlier than anticipated from a mission.

12 Apr Gun Sites Take Post - 1053 -1124.

R.D.F. indications picked up on Bg. 100 North Range 75 miles were believed to be 3 enemy bombers - 3 fighters. All indications picked up by R.D.F. A.A. were friendly.

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13 Apr Gun Sites Take Post - 0402 - 0454

P/S reported 10 E/A flying South from Ferguson Island. Only a Beaufort came into the area.

14 Apr Gun Sites Take Post - 1100 - 1322 - Raid No. 24.

16 Apr Gun Sites Take Post - 1528-1556 -

Red. Warning. Gun Sites took post when M.4 reported a Jap plane over Gurney Field. Nothing further was seen.

18 Apr Gun Sites Take Post - 0755 - 0824

A Yellow Warning had been issued on an R.D.F. indication at Bg. 90c, Range 86 miles. G.4 received an indication on Bg. 110c at 35,000 yds. At 0800 M.2 identified a "Dinah" and at 0804 M.5 engaged.
Gun Sites Take Post
24 Apr/Red Warning- 1855-1912.

A Yellow Warning had been issued at 1846 when R.D.F. had an indication on Bg. 190c, North , Range 86 miles. When M.6 reported heavy explosions on Bg. 220c at 1855 a Red Warning was issued. The indications are believed to have been on Catalinas moving out on a strike to the North.

26 Apr Gun Sites Take Post - 0924 -0934

A Red Warning was issued on an R.D.F. indication which was quickly identified as friendly.

Gun Sites Take Post - 1060-1122

A Red Warning was issued on a further R.D.F. plot which was identified as friendly.

4. ACTION.

RAID NO.24.

At 1130K/14 R.D.F. Station 305 reported a large number of Aircraft flying South, range 150 miles. Later these indications appeared to have split into two formations, totalling about 50 Aircraft.
A report followed drom KITAVA of U/I A/C flying South.
It would appear at this stage the A/C was again making a wide detour to the East, adopting similar tactics as in Raid 23.
R.D.F. A.A. Sets G3, G4 and G5 were ordered on the air by G.O.R.

At 1214K, R.A.A.F. issued a Red Warning and G.O.R. ordered Gun Sites " TAKE Post".
Fighter Sector advised us at 1217K that P38s from PORT MORESBY were about to enter the area.
Next indication at 1220K was from R.D.F. - 60 miles due East - coming in.

M.2 reported at 1228K that bombers, with fighters as top cover, were coming up the Bay. Similar reports followed this up from M.6 and M.4.
36 E/A were identified as type Sally, 10 Dive Bombers as type Val and 30 fighters as type Zeke.

At 1251K, R.A.A.F. gave "Tally Ho", but later gave permission for A.A. to engage, providing safety precautions were observed when our fighters were intercepting.

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ACTION Contd.

RAID NO. 24 Contd.

G.4 had indications at 24,000 yards, then M.4 reported 3 - V formations of E/A.
Sallys approached the target area from a South Easterly direction and were engaged by M.6 at 1240K, followed by M.2, M.3, M.4 and M.5 at 1241K, height approximately 25,000ft. They maintained their course and formation despite observed hits from A.A. and interception of our fighters. Dog fights between Zekes, Vals and P40s developed over a wide area, allowing light A.A. to engage with occasional bursts. 19 got a burst into a Sally which had previously been hit, and when last seen was losing height, thick smoke trailing it. M.5 later confirmed this. After Sallys had flown over the target area, Vals circled and flew in from a Westerly direction and dive bombed ships in the harbour, scoring hits on three ships, each about 3,000 tons. One of these, berthed at WAGGA, received a direct hit, was badly damaged, and probably heavy casualties.
There are no 3.7" or 40 M.M. A.A. Guns at WAGGA.
An escorting corvette shot down a Val.

An interesting feature of this raid was that the new heavy A.A. Sito H.C. (2 x 3.7" guns) situated East of Turnbull Airfield, engaged E/A for the first time. Their initial bursts were very accurate and 1 definite A/C, 1 probable and 1 possible are claimed.

The total claims by A.A. were 3 Sallys and 1 Zeke definites, one probable and one possible. In addition, A1 and A2 at KANA KOVE, have also claimed a Val which was about to attack a small ship "Woomera", Bofors and .50 calibre engaged at height approximately 250-ft, range 1,000/1200 yards. Plane was diverted from attack on ship, last seen slowly losing height. Later reported by Naval Port War Signal Station to have crashed into the sea off East Cape. We lost 1 P40s and 1 P38.

At 1305K 'B' Troop, 2/17 Aust Lt. A .A .Bty, at GOOMENOUGH reported E/A flying in Northerly direction. They engaged on Barrage system even though above cloud level. No bombs were dropped. Those A/C were engaged by the two 3" A.A. guns under control of 'B' Troop, 2/17 Aust Lt.A.A .Bty.

Our fighters claimed 4 Sallys, 1 Val and 3 Zekes, probables 3 Sallys and 1 Zeke, and possibles 2 Sallys and 1 Zeke.

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications generally have been satisfactory during this period.

M.6 and G.2 were connected to G.O.R.

Searchlights are a problem, in that the area to be covered by field cable is too extensive. Searchlights 87 and 88 have been connected and apart from occasional faults are working satisfactorily.

A Conference was held to co-ordinate all services in the underground cable scheme.

Preliminary work for the movement of G.O.R. to Fighter Sector is progressing satisfactorily.

6. GENERAL.

A.A.Reinforcements consisting of 2 officers and 51 O.Rs. arrived from the mainland and have considerably relieved thestrain on personnel and making it easier to man the new gun site at M.6.

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6. GENERAL.Contd.

A test shoot was conducted by M.4 in an endeavour to ascertain with what accuracy slant ranges to bursts can be obtained using R.D.F. A.A. which if successful would make it possible to obtain ballistic data by firing rounds on reception of a red warning. A test series of 5 rounds was fired at 26,000' but the bursts were not observed on any set. A further series of 5 rounds at 20,000' was then fired and no results obtained. As bombing is usually done from a height of somewhere between these heights, the tests were not proceeded with below 20,000'.

On 30 Apr 43 all the heavy A.A. sites participated in a practice barrage shoot. The gunsites plotted the course of an imaginary target on information from G.O.R. Three runs were made at a height of 15,000' and one at 12,000'.

Each site fired one barrage on each run. Results were fair. The bearing was generally good, but there were quite a number of bearings being over 5 degrees out. The timing of barrages likewise showed room for improvement. On only one run was the timing correct; the other three runs showed an average of 7 seconds error; although this error was to place barrages too much ahead. Bursts were timed by a watch synchronised with the plots. More practice, with these lessons in view, will be carried out.

It is to be noted that this shoot was the first opportunity the area has had of getting an adequate check on the accuracy of predicted barrages. With improvement in drill, it is felt that barrages accurate to one degree in bearing and two seconds in time can be obtained.

7. WEATHER.

The Weather continued fine except for heavy rain on Tues. 27 Apr when heavy rain fell. The enemy did not take advantage of a good moon to carry out any raids.

8. ACK.

Mearne W.O.I. for
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I.O. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.

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AND AMENDMENTS.
III/67 10 Rec 42
III/68 17 Rec 42
AND 210
ATTACHED NILAND 2.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/3 Aust. Lt. A.A. Regt. (Unit) 24 Apr. 1943. (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

WE

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
1 W.Os. Class II.	1		
1 Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
16 Serjeants	14		
20 Corporals	13		
172 Troopers, Privates, &c.	162		19
210 TOTALS	191		19

*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. PERSONNEL AGAINST ATTACHED W/E.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail. OTHER ATTACHMENTS:	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Cpl.	A.A.M.C.	10 R.	2/3 Aust. Lt. A.A. Regt. Signals Sec.
		2 O.R's	III Aust. Lt. A.A. Regt
		1 O.R.	A.A.P.C.

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).
VX44940	Sgt.	Barnett C.T.	R.A.A.	G.D.D. Caulfield, Vic.
VX45984	Sgt.	Ross J.R.	"	2 A.A. Tng. Regt.
VX44519	Bdr.	Russell D.J.	"	102 Aust. Con. Depot.
VX38791	Bdr.	Cormack W.C.	"	102 " " "
VX35250	L/Bdr.	Malone J.C.	"	107 " " "
VX35902	L/Bdr.	Reed G.F.	"	101 " " "
VX37197	L/Bdr.	Hamill S.A.	"	114 " " "
VX38244	L/Bdr.	Sullivan K.H.	"	114 " " "
VX41845	Sgt.	Paton J.C.	"	O.C.T.U. No 21 Course, Woodside, Sth Aust.
VX40804	Sgt.	Evans K.I.	"	" No 2 " " "

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2/3 9 Bty (Detached) Aust Lt 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 (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			GUNNERS		19
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								19

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

2/3 9 Bty (Detached) Aust Lt A.A. Regt. *Unit.*

Brooke Bayly for MAJOR.
Signature of Commanding AUST. LT, A.A. BTY, R.A.A. 5 AUST. DIV.

Date of Despatch 24 Apr. 43.

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

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C.M.F. Personnel Serving With Unit Nil

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A.I.F.....
W.E. Reference
A.M.F.....
W.E.....X.....
Attached
Allowed by W.E.....X.....

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Date.....

.....*Unit*

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

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

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

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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 and higher temporary rank, if held	2 Personal Number	3 Name and Initials	4 Appointment	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/3 Aust 9 Bty Lt A.A (Detached) Regt (Unit) 17 Apr 1943 (Date).

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

A/I 11 Aug 42 and Amendments.
10 Dec 42.
17 Dec 42.
1 and 210 Attached. Nil and 2.

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.E.			
W.Os. Class I.			
1 W.Os. Class II.	1		
1 Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
16 Serjeants	14		
20 Corporals	13		
177 Troopers, Privates, &c.	178		3
210 TOTALS	207	*	* 3

*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.

Personnel against W.E. Detail. Attached	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Other Attachments. Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Cpl	A.A.M.C.	1 O.R.	2/3 Aust Lt A.A. Regt Signals Sec.
		26 O.R.'s	111 Aust Lt A.A. Regt
		1 O.R.	A.A.P.C.

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).
VX44940	Sgt.	Barnett C.T.	R.A.A.	G.D.D Camfield Vic.
VX45984	Sgt.	Ross J.R.	"	2 A.A. Inc. Regt.
VX44519	Bdr.	Russell D.J.	"	102 Aust. Con. Depot
VX38791	Bdr.	Cormack W.C.	"	102 " " "
VX35250	L/Bdr.	Malone J.C.	"	107 " " "
VX35903	L/Bdr.	Reed G.F.	"	101 " " "
VX37194	L/Bdr.	Hamill S.A.	"	114 " " "
VX38247	L/Bdr.	Sullivan K.H.	"	114 " " "
VX41115	Sgt.	Paton J.C.	"	D.C.T.U. No1 Course, Woodside, Sth Aust.
VX40207	Sgt.	Evans K.J.	"	" No2 " " " "

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2/3 Aust 9 Bty (Detached) Lt 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 (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Drivers, Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			Gunners		3
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								3

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

2/3 Aust 9 Bty (Detached) Lt A.A Regt Unit.

Signature of Commander. Lt. A.A. Bty, R.A.A. 5 Aust. Div.

Date of Despatch 17 Apr 43.

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

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C.M.F. Personnel Nil

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AND AMENDMENTS
111/67 10 Sec 42
111/68 17 Sec 42
7 AND 2-10
ATTACHED
NIL AND 2

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

9 Bty (Detached)
2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt (Unit)

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			
Majors	1		
Captains	1		
Lieutenants	5		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	7		

WE 7

* 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
Lieut	Archer L.B.	R.A.A.	2.4.43	Course at Small Arms School Rifle and Bren

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)

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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 Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Capt					
Major	VX40176	Staughton S.T.	Bty Comd	YES	
Lieut					
Capt	VX40325	Crooke J.D.	Bty 2/c	YES	
Lieut	VX42377	Archer L.B.	Tp Comd	YES	
Lieut	VX37604	Hall H.	Tp Comd	YES	
Lieut	VX35813	Mason A.R.	Tp Comd	YES	
Lieut	VX41478	Chamberlain L.T.	Tp Comd	YES	
Lieut	VX41204	Cornelius H.B.	Tp Comd	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

2/3 Bty (Detached) 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt
(Unit)

17 Apr 43
(Date of Despatch)

A Staughton
(Signature of Commander)

Capt, Aust Lt AA Bty
RAA 5 Aust Div
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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War Diary

C.M.F. Personnel Nil.

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A.1.5)
111/27 A/1 11 Aug 42
AND AMENDMENTS:
111/67 10 Dec 42
111/67 17 Dec 42
AND 210
ATTACHED- NIL AND 2

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt (Detached) (Unit) 10 Apr 43 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

WE

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
1 W.Os. Class II.	1		
1 Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
16 Serjeants	13		
20 Corporals	12		
173 Troopers, Privates, &c.	168		15
210 TOTALS	195	*	* 15

*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.

PERSONNEL AGAINST WE Detail.	Attached	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail. (OTHER ATTACHMENTS)	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Cpl		A A M C	1 OR	2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt Signals Sec
			25 OR	111 Aust Lt AA Regt
			1 OR	A A P C

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).
VX44940	Sgt	Barnett C T	R A A.	113 Aust Gen Hosp
VX45984	Sgt	Ross J R	"	2 AA Tng Regt
VX44519	Bdr	Russell D J	"	102 Aust Con Depot.
VX38791	Bdr	Cormack W C	"	102 " " "
VX35250	L/Bdr	Malone J C	"	107 " " "
VX35902	L/Bdr	Reed G F	"	101 " " "
VX37197	L/Bdr	Hamill S A	"	114 " " "
VX38247	L/Bdr	Sullivan K H	"	114 " " "
VX48445	Sgt	Paton J C	"	O.C.T.U. No 1 Course, Woodside Sth Aust
VX40807	Sgt	Evans K I	"	" No 2 " " "

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2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt (Detached) 1 Bty *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 (a).	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			GUNNERS		15
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								15

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt (Detached) 1 Bty
Unit.

A Naughton Major
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 10 Apr 43

R A A 5 Aust Div.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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C.M.F. Personnel Serving with Unit.

Nil.

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A.I.F.
111 27 A/1 4 Aug 42
AND AMENDMENTS
111/69 10 Dec 42
111/68 17 Dec 42
ATTACHED - NIL AND 2
W.E.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

9 Bty (Detached)
2/3 Aust Lt A.A. Regt. (Unit)

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	1		
1 Captains	1		
5 Lieutenants	4		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
7 Totals	6		

* 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)

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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~~ Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
T/Capt					
T/Maj	VX40765	Staughton S.T.	Bty Comd	YES	
Lieut					
T/Capt	VX45985	Crooke J.D.	Bty 2 ½	YES	
Lieut	VX37694	Hall H.	TP Comd	YES	
Lieut	VX58453	Carson I.R.	TP Comd	YES	
A/Lieut	VX42718	Purves J.K.	TP Comd	YES	
A/Lieut	VX44531	Corneliusen A.B.	TP Comd	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

9 Bty (Detached)
2/3 Aust Lt A.A. Regt
(Unit)

10 Apr 43
(Date of Despatch)

S.T. Staughton Major
(Signature of Commander)

R.A.A. 5 Aust. Div.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/3 Bty (DETACHED) 2/3 Aust Lt A A Regt (Unit) 3 Apr 1943 (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.			
W.Os. Class II.	1		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	13		
Corporals	13		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	167		16
TOTALS	194	*	* 16

*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. PERSONNEL AGAINST ATTACHED W/E	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail. OTHER ATTACHMENTS	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 CPL	A A M C.	1 OR.	2/3 Aust Lt A A Regt Signals Sec
		24 ORs	111 Aust Lt A A Regt
		1 OR	A A P C.

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).
VX44940	SGT	BARNETT C T	R A A	113 Aust Gen. Hosp
VX45984	SGT	ROSS J R	"	2 A A Tng. Regt.
VX44519	BOR	RUSSELL D J	"	102 Aust Con. Depot
VX38791	BOR	CORMACK W C	"	117 Aust Gen. Hosp
VX35250	L/BOR	MALONE J C	"	107 Con Depot
VX35902	L/BOR	REED G F	"	101 Aust. Con Depot
VX42845	SGT.	PATON J C	"	O.C.T.U. No1. Course Woodside Sth Aust.
VX40807	SGT	EVANS K I	"	O.C.T.U. No2 Course, Woodside Sth. Aust
VX38491	L/BOR	HAMILL S A	"	2/1st Aust. Con. Depot.
NX38347	L/BOR	SULLIVAN K H.	"	111 Aust Con. Depot.

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2/3 Bty (DETACHED) 2/3 Aust. Lt 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 (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners		-	Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			GUNNERS.		16
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

2/3 Bty (DETACHED) 2/3 Aust. Lt A.A. Regt *Unit.*

Date of Despatch 3 Apr. 43.

A A Laughlin Major
Signature of Commander.
R A A. 5 Aust Div.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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C. M. F. PERSONNEL. NIL.

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A.I.F.
111 27 A/1 11 AUG 42.
AND AMENDMENTS.
111/67 10 Dec 42.
111/68 17 Dec 42
AND 210
ATTACHED. NIL AND 2.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

9 Bty. (DETACHED).
2/3 Aust Lt A.A Regt. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
W.E. *			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
1 Majors	1		
1 Captains	1		
5 Lieutenants	4		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
4 Totals	6		

* 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)

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 and higher temporary rank, if held	2 Personal Number	3 Name and Initials	4 ~~Corps~~ Appointment	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed
T/CAPT					
T/MAJOR	VX40765	STAUGHTON S.T	Bty. Comd.	YES	
LIEUT.					
T/CAPT	VX45985	CROOKE J.D	Bty 2/C	YES	
LIEUT.	VX37694	HALL H.	TP. COMD.	YES.	
LIEUT.	VX58453	CARSON I.R	TP. COMD	YES.	
A/LIEUT.	VX42718	TURVEY J.K.	TP. COMD	YES	
A/LIEUT.	VX44531	CORNELIUSEN H.B	TP. COMD	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

2/3 9 Bty (DETACHED) Aust Lt AA Regt
(Unit)

3 Oct 42
(Date of Despatch)

S.T Staughton Major
(Signature of Commander)

R A A 5 Aust Div.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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