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Unit 160 Aust LAA Bty RAA (AIF) Date and Time.—From 312359 KL Dec 43 To 031000 KL Jan 44.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	31 Dec 43	2350	Issued Training Instruction No 26.	Appx A. JRA
DARWIN	1 JAN 44	0900.	Visited all CTP gun sites accompanied by	
			TP Comd Lieut Glew.	JRA
NOONIMAH.	1 JAN 44	1000	Rear HQ issued MT Instruction No 2.	Appx B. JRA
DARWIN.	1 JAN 44	1030.	Capt Price A.L.O 5 Sqn visited Fwd HQ.	JRA
DARWIN.	1 JAN 44	1130	Lieut Willis acting R.D.M. 112 Aust LAA Regt	
			RAA (A.I.F) visited Fwd HQ	JRA
DARWIN	2. JAN 44	0900.	Strength Return for 160 Aust LAA Bty as at 0900 hrs	
			Present 5 Officers	
			187 ORS.	Appx C JRA
DARWIN.	2 JAN 44	0930.	Issued Training Instruction No 27	Appx D. JRA
DARWIN	3 JAN 44	1030	Attended lecture held in Crew Room 5 Sqn.	
			by 1.0 P/O Councer	JRA
NOONIMAH	3 JAN 44	1000.	Rear HQ issued Routine Orders Part I No 128	Appx E. JRA

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Unit 160 Aust LAA Bty RAA (AIF) Date and Time.—From 031000 KL JAN 44 To 081400 KL JAN 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN.	4 JAN 44.	0900	Visited C.O. at 112 Aust LAA Regt RAA A.I.F for Training conference.	JRS
DARWIN.	4 JAN 44	1500	Visited HQ AA Defences Fortress Area reference Routine matters.	JRS.
DARWIN.	6 JAN 44	1000	Major Greenes Catering Corps visited Fwd HQ. and was instructed to proceed to RHQ to take up the matter of checking reserve rations, catering corps attached to Regiment	JRS
DARWIN.	7 JAN.	2000	Lieut McLeod visited Fwd HQ for TP Comds Conference. Matters included Trng & routine.	JRS.
DARWIN.	8 JAN.	1045.	Visited Crew room 54 Sqn to attend lecture on latest type Japanese A/C. all DC's from CTP 160 Bty were present.	JRS
DARWIN.	8 JAN	1400	Visited HQ AA Defences - re new arcs of fire - Bofors School.	JRS

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Unit 160 Aust LAA Bty RAA (AIF) Date and Time.—From 081400 KL JAN 44 To 12200 KL Jan 44.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN.	8 JAN 44	2000	Visited 1st Sqn mess accompanied by Lieut Glen to meet new CO. Flight-Lieut Newton.	JRA.
DARWIN	10 JAN 44	0900	Visited 112 Aust LAA Regt RAA AIF - re manning Detail - Trng + routine matters.	JRA.
DARWIN.	10 JAN 44	1400	Lieut Clarke AEME. visited Fwd HQ on matters ref Bty Workshops Sub-section.	JRA.
DARWIN	11 JAN 44	1400	Lieut Johnson I.O. 112 Aust LAA Regt. visited Fwd HQ 160, matters pertaining to Security.	JRA.
DARWIN	12 JAN 44	0600	Lieut Glen, adm Comd CTP 160 Bty reported to RHQ to pick up movement order to attend School of Cmty (A/A Wing) Sydney.	JRA.
DARWIN	12 JAN 44	0600	Lieut Bonnen resumed comd CTP 160 Bty.	JRA
DARWIN	12 JAN 44	2200	Lieut O'Brien RQM 112 Regt visited Fwd HQ re inquiry into Binoculars.	JRA

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Unit 16 Aust Lt AA Bty, RAA (AIF) Date and Time.—From 122200 KL Jan 44 To 212000 KL Jan 44.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN.	13 Jan 44	1000	Visited HQ Fortress WK Shops Lieut Benson, Ref Binoculars in Question by RHQ.	JRA
"	17 Jan 44	1200	Major Crawford attended Regtl Conference re amendment of gun drill according to LHQ Pcl of Arty notes. Drill to be amended in detail and Maximum Deflection method fire control to be adopted	JC
"	18 Jan 44	0930	Major Crawford attended conference at HQ RAA re Lt AA WETs. All b'typs in NT represented. Main changes recommended concerned Lt Btys of Composite AA Regts.	JC
"	13 Jan 44	—	Adm Instn No 4 issued	See Appx F JC
"	14 Jan 44	—	Trg Instn No 27 issued	See Appx G JC
"	17 Jan 44	—	R.O. Part I No 129 issued	See Appx H J
	21 Jan 44	1000	Recced site for 200 yds Rifle Range at ref map DARWIN 1" to 1 mile 824188	JC

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Unit 160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF) Date and Time.—From 211000 KL Jan 44 To 312359 KL Jan 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Darwin	25 Jan 44	—	Trg Instn No. 28 issued	Appx I
"	30 Jan 44	—	Trg Instn No 29 issued	Appx J
"	31 Jan 44	—	R O Part I No 130 issued	Appx K.

J Crawford Major RAA

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TRAINING INSTRUCTION No.26.

DEF WEAPON TRAINING INSTRUCTORS COURSE No.2.

1. STUDENTS

Sgt HENRY
" JACOBI
" PITCHER
~~Bdr DONOVAN~~
L/Bdr MATTHEWS
Sgt KLEINSMITH
" HALL
" THRUH
" BETTLES
" COATES

2. LOCATION

Near HQ 100 Bty.

3. DURATION

8 Jan - 14 Jan '44 inclusive.

4. MOVEMENT

Students will report to Near HQ 078030 hrs by Tp tpt. Lieut Stanway to arrange return of students after evening meal 14 Jan '44.

5. INSTRUCTOR

Lieut R.M.STANWAY

6. KIT

Students will bring full web eqpt, helmet steel, rifle, note book and pencil and the following pamphlets (if available):-

SAT PAMPHLET
2A PISTOL
4 BREN
3 RIFLE
13 GRENADES
21 TMC

7. NEW YEARS DAY

Except for normal routine duties, maintenance and operational manning, no other work or Trg will be done on New Years Day.

John R Sennett .....Lieut
Actg Comd 100 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF)

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160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF) MOST SECRET

M.T. INSTRUCTION No. 2.

CAMOUFLAGE OF VEHS

1. Camouflage of Bty MT will now be proceeded with in accordance with the foll owing extracts from Regtl MT Instn No.15 and the attached diagrems of designs. It is intended tht each HQ & workshops sub-section will proceed with their own painting so far as supplies permit. Indents have been submitted to fulfil the requirements for paint but such as is already held in the Bty will be proportioned out to each HQ.

2. Mechanical Vehicles will be painted in accord with charts attached :
(i) Vehicles bearing the "Geneva Cross" will not be camouflaged.
(ii) Maintenance painting as it becomes due.

3. No charts have been provided for moter cycles. These may be camouflaged if considered necessary.

4. Procedure in painting vehicles is outlined below :-
(i) The appropriate chart will be followed as closely as possible.
(ii) First chalf out the pattern on roof of vehicle, then continue on sides, front and rear, co-ordinating the pattern with that on roof.
(iii) On canopies with curved edges, the roof tone will be carried around the curve to meet side tone along top edge of vertical surface.
(iv) All fittings such as tool boxes, spare wheel carriers (but NOT spare wheels) will be embraced in the disruptive scheme.
(v) Spare wheels, including spokes and hubs will be painted in the darkest tone.
(vi) Tyres will not be painted.
(vii) Nuts securing disc wheels of the divided type must remain red.
(viii) One coat only will be applied, keeping colours within the chalked boundary lines. Where the painting is by hand all edges of patterns will be kept sharp. When application is by spray diffused colour boundaries will be permitted.
(ix) Care will be exercised to avoid uneven or double coating on canvas parts, because such coating result in cracking and deterioration of canvas.
(x) If difficulty is experienced with adhesion of paint to canvas, soft soap mixed with the paint in proportion determined by test may provide the answer.
(xi) If paint which is being applied by brush develops a sheen, it may be textured with fine grit. Proportion of grit to paint should be 30% by volume. Admixture must be thorough. Normal spray gun cannot handle gritty paint.
(xii) Gun Tractors (Quads) will be camouflaged in same design as Tractor Fd Arty.

5. Paint :-
(i) The quantities of pint required are approximately -

	MT & Trailers 30cwt - 3 ton	MT & Trailers under 30cwt
Dark Green	4 pints	4 pints
Medium "	6 "	5 "
Grey	6 "	4 "

(i) For thinning purposes, the following will be demanded - one pint of turpentine, or substitute, to each gallon of paint.

6. After camouflage treatment, the registered number will be clearly painted in white on rear of vehicle and on both sides of bonnet, or when bonnets are not available, on other suitable positions. The dimensions of the letters and figures will be NOT less than :-

Height	8 inches
Overall width	3½ "
Width of every part of each letter or figure	5/8 "

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M.T. INSTRUCTION No. 3. contd.

7. Unit Serial Number and Tactical Sign as per M.T. Instn No. 2 will complete painting of vehicles.

8. Enclosed find charts of various designs.

W. Munnery Lieut.
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160 Aust Lt A/A Bty RAA (AIF)

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160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF) 2 Jan, '45.

STRENGTH RETURN

	PRESENT	LEAVE	HOSPITAL	SCHOOL	TOTAL
Offrs	5	1			6
ORs	187	2	5	3	197
	192	3	5	3	203

HOSPITAL
Bdr McConnell
L/Bdr Finch
Gnr Austin
" Reeves
" O'Sullivan EP

LEAVE
Maj Crawford
X List
Gnr Coates L
" Vile

SCHOOL
Sgt Jane
" Ford
Gnr McDonald JCC

ATTACHED
AACC 8
AAMC 1
233 Bty 1

Marched Out Gnr Cormack and Gnr Burger.

159 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF)

Present ORs 12 Total 12.

W/Shops Section

PRESENT	LEAVE	DETACHED	TOTAL
12	1	1	14

Leave - Cfn Hardy Detached - L/Cpl Ridgway

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160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF) RESTRICTED.

TRAINING INSTRUCTION No 27.

APTITUDE TEST - REGTL DVR OPS.

1. An aptitude test for all Regtl Dvr Ops, whether trained, partly trained, or volunteers who as yet have received no training whatsoever, will be held as follows:-

160 BHQ (Fwd) - 1600 hrs 5 Jan '44.

2. Test will be carried out by Lieut DOSWELL, 2 Coy Div Sigs, and will extend for approx 1 hour.

3. The test is intended to decide whether candidates have necessary aptitude to attend an LHQ Wireless School, but failure in aptitude test will not debar a soldier from being trained as Dvr Op Within unit.

4. Candidates to provide themselves with pencils.

LHQ SCHOOL OF ARTY (AA) COURSES FOR 1944.

5. The following are extracts from an LHQ Instruction ref the above:-

" Lt AA Gunnery Instructors Courses (Offrs and NCO's)

These courses are to be general and will cover the ground previously covered by Lt AA Gunnery, Tactical and Aircraft Identification courses. Officers will spend more time than NCO's on tactical training while NCO's will devote more time to gun drills and mechanisms.

Lt AA Fire Control Conversion Courses(Offrs and NCO's).

It is anticipated that early in 1944 Sights Correctional (Stiffkey Sticks) and Cartwheel Sights will be coming into service in replacement of existing Forward Area Sights. These courses are to be held to give units the opportunity to have personnel trained on standard lines to act as instructors when Sights Correctional and cartwheel Sights are issued.

6. Regtl Serial No 134. - (a) NCOs Drill and Weapon Trg Course serial No 9. and

(b) NCOs Junior Ldrs Course No 8. NTF School Winnellie

Student. VX101416 Sgt WOOTTON R.T. (160 Bty)

Duration. Course (a) commences 6 Jan 44, and extends for 28 working days.
Course (b) commences 3 Feb 44, and extends for 25 working days.

Notes:-
Student to report to School 1700 hrs 5 Jan '44. 160 Bty to arrange transport. Essential that Student reports with full eqpt (incl Web eqpt), rifle, bayonet, 2 pr boots, mosquito net.

7. Bty Weapon Trg & Instructors Course-. Cancelled until further notice.

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ROUTINE ORDER PART 1 No. 128

100 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF)

RESTRICTED 5 Jan '44

1. CONFIRMATION OF RANK

VX20614	A/U011	HEADLAM J.H.	Bank of WO.	Confirmed	5/12/43.
VX40306	"	BANNISTER R.L.	"	"	"
VX110111	"	WHELEY D.E.	"	"	"

(Auth for above R/O 27/10026/43)

2. MEDICAL CLASSIFICATION

VX113121 Gnr MOLLOY M. Med Classification reassessed from "A1" to "B" by Med Board H .T. L of C Area. 10/12/43.

(Auth for above R/O 27/10026/43)

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

VX137422 Gnr COATES L. Granted leave without pay from 24/11/43 to 25/2/44 and transferred to "X" List.

(Auth Vic L of C Area 104305)

4. CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM C.O.C. H.T. FORCE.

To all my officers, NCOs an d Men, and to all members of the Women's Services. I send greetings for Christmas, good wishes and good luck for 1944.

I wish to express my thanks for the hard work done during the past year, and the enthusiasm displayed by all ranks in carrying out their share of the task allotted to this Force. A task which still remains a very important one.

However, we must not slacken our efforts to prepare ourselves for what may be required of us in 1944.

Efficiency must be our watchword. Every Officer, NCO, man and woman, must be one hundred per cent.

During training for war, and when defending an outpost such as this one, there are times when our enthusiasm might wane, but I would remind you that enthusiasm is essential to victory. We, in Australia, can be thankful that our country is at least now free from invasion and our families free from molestation by the enemy.

We can have confidence in the fact that final defeat of the enemy is much closer than it has ever been before. The war situation this Christmas is immeasureably better than it was last Christmas.

Let us strive for an early defeat of our enemies so that once more we may enjoy freedom, and happiness with our families.

5. AMMUNITION - TAMPERING WITH

A recent report indicates that certain ammunition held by a unit had been tampered with rendering it extremely dangerous to handle or to fire.

On no account must ammunition be tampered with or dealt with by officers or ORs except as authorised in approved publications or standing orders.

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6. SHEETS - GROUND MK VIII (AUST)

In view of the rubber shortage, a new type of sheet to be known as Sheets, Ground MK VIII (Aust) has been reproduced.
The new sheet differs from the old type in that theproofing used is nitro-cellulose, and all rubber, except a very small amount used for cementing the seams and turnovers, is eliminated.
The new type is easily distinguished from MK VII by its appearance and the touch of the material when handled. In view of the new type of proofing, it is imperative that these sheets should not be folded but rolled.
On both the MK VII and the MK VIII it has been decided to omit the hook and eye and the one button the right hand side of the collar.

7. RETURNABLE CONTAINERS (AASC)

In future, the undermentioned items will be regarded as returnable containers:-

CONTAINER	DESCRIPTION
Egg Cases and Fillers	24 galls
Petrol drums	44 galls (heavy)
Kerosene drums	"
Distillate drums	"
Fuel oil drums	"
Furnace oil drums	"

All other containers issued by the AASC will be classified as salvage and will be returned to the Salvage Service as soon as possible after receipt.

8. SPECIALIST CLASSIFICATION

Relinquishment of his trade grouping will not, in future, be applied in cases where a specialist (Cnr) is promoted to the rank of acting W CO.
Such member will, on reversion, retain his specialist appointment unless by means of an appropriate entry on a Casuality Return the C.O. of the unit concerned orders the relinquishment of such specialist appointment in addition to the relinquishment of the acting WCO rank.
A specimen of the entry to be promulgated in Routine Orders Part II to cover a reversion of a specialist from acting WCO rank where no relinquishment of specialist appointment is made, is as follows,viz:-

" Reverted to Cn r (Trade Gp III Clerk). (Date).

A specialist who is promoted to substantive WCO rank will relinquish his specialist classification on promotion, and on reversion to Cnr will not be entitled to his specialist appointment unless so re-appointed by his C.O.

9. OUTWARD PARCELS - CANTEEN GOODS

It has come to notice of HT Force that goods purchased from Canteens Service are being sent out of the HT by means of enclosure in parcels sent by post.
This practice will cease forthwith, and any breaches of this order will be made an offence calling for disciplinary action.
It must be realied by all ranks that canteen stores are brought into HT under extreme difficulties of transportation, for the sole use of members of the Forces, and the above misuse of the facilities thus provided is entirely wrong in principle.

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10. DRIVING OF VEHICLES - MISUSE OF GEARS

The practice of misusing the gearbox when slowing down, cornering and descending hills has become prevalent in units, and will cease forth with.

The correct use of gears in above circumstances is fully explained in Standing Orders for Drivers of MT Vehicles (1942) Amendment No.1, pages 1 and 2.

O.Cs will ensure that every driver is inpossession of the above pamphlet and amendment, requisitioning on Stationery Service for copies as necessary.

After drivers have been made fully conversant with the instructions disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

Sub unit Cmds will inform these HQ when action in accordance with above is complete.

11. CARRIAGE OF PISTOL AND CASE ON BELT ETC.

Cases have recently occurred whereby pistols have been lost when carried below and attached to the ammunition pouch.

To obviate this, lanyards will always be worn attached to the pistol, and securely fastened to the waist belt or the person.

If a lanyard is not available, the pistol will be attached to the butt by a leather lace or cord.

12. LEAVE WITHOUT PAY.

Cases are still occuring in which soldiers, who have been granted leave without pay, afterwards claim that they were not aware of the full effect of the grant of such leave.

In order to reduce the possibility of misunderstandings to a minimum, the following action will be taken:-

(a) Paras 105 and 106 of CMF A.600/1943 as under will be published in sub-unit routine orders at intervals of not more than four months.

105. Attention is directed to the provisions of War Financial (Military Forces) Regulations, which provide, in effect, that all pay (including allotments) and pay allowances cease in respect of any period for which a soldier is granted leave (or an extension thereof) without pay.

106. When leave (or an extension thereof) without pay is granted, the following will not be payable during the period of such leave (or extension) :-

(i) pay (including deferred pay;
(ii) field allowance;
(iii) command allowance;
(iv) special allowance;
(v) exchange allowance;
(vi) dependant's allowance;
(vii) travelling allowance;
(viii) subsistence allowance;
(ix) any allowance payable under regulation 9 of the above mentioned regulation s.

(b) The officer who first receives an application for leave without pay will, before dealing with the application, satisfy himself by personal interview with the soldier concerned that the soldier understands the full effect of a grant of such leave.

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13. DARWIN DRAINAGE - UNIT RESPONSIBILITY.

Continuous complaints are being received concerning waste and foul water lying in DARWIN street drains.

Due to bad reticulation the remedying of the drainage presents a major problem, which can only be partially overcome by sweeping ALL gutters daily.

Units occupying houses or areas in DARWIN FORTRESS AREA will be responsible to keep the street gutter's scrupulously clean in the area adjacent to their occupation.

14. RADIO BROADCASTS - SPORTING SESSION FOR TROOPS

Advice has been received that the Australian Broadcasting Commission has arranged for a sporting service for the troops from 5.30 to 5.45 p.m . each Saturday evening, in which will be included descriptions of the principal races run in Melbourne and Sydney during the afternoon. This program will, of course, be in addition to the existing Saturday program for the Fighting Forces summarising results, with comments on the main events.

The transmission will be undertaken by the A.B.C. station located in Brisbane.

15. ANTI-MALARIA CONTROL (NTF 339)

The attention of COs is directed to NT FORCE Order of 21 Dec' 43 repromulgated herewith:-

> " With the approach of the wet season it becomes necessary for the Anti-Malarial precautions laid down in GROs A404/43 and G491/43 to be carried out in this area. Personnel will use mosquito nets and wear slacks and shirts with sleeves rolled down after sunset."

16. IDENTITY DISCS

A recent check up on Identity Discs within the Bty shows that a large percentage have been lost, indicating ~~XXXX~~ carelessness on the part of troops. It is now pointed out for all time that this is a serious offence, NOT because of their commercial value but because of purpose which they are intended to serve. Losses of Identity Discs in future are liable to be dealt with by punishment.

17. CANTEEN -BALANCE SHEET FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER.

Balce Fwd Loan Welfare Fund		£171-3-2	Cash on Hand	£108-14-10
Profit December	£35-5-11		Stock on "	£ 41- 9-3
			Xmas Distrib.	£ 53- 5-0
Less Welfare			Food Container	
Cttee purchase	2-0-0	33-5-11	C Tp.	£ 1- 0-0
		£204-9-1		£204- 9-1

[signature] .....Lieut
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ADMIN INSTRUCTION No 4.

Under recent NT Force Instructions ALL US clothing will now be returned to Depot.

The following proceedure will now be adopted by this Bty.
US clothing for exchange will be fwd to BHQ by 27 of each month in Tp lots with attached list in bulk, with sizes etc, and the exchanged clothing will be forwarded to Tps as far as possible by the end of that month.

It is emphasised that US clothing will be checked at Bty before return to Ordnance, and to make this check effective, it will be n necessary for the clothing to be clearly marked with the name of the owner, as in doubtful cases clothing may have to be returned to Tp and the resultant confusion which would ensure with unmarked clothing is obvious.

The basis of exchange will be article for article.

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160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF)

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TRAINING INSTRUCTION No. 27

TRADE TESTING OF DR. OPERATORS.

1. STUDENTS

6 ORs 161 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF)

Gnr FLOWERS
" LONG
" STUCKEY
" CAMERON
" CLARKSON
" BARTLETT

2. LOCATION - C Tp HQ 160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF)

3. DURATION - Approx 1 week. 17 Jan - 23 Jan '44.

4. MOVEMENT - Students will report to C TpHQ 161430 hrs.

5. INSTRUCTION - Capt. TRAYNOR (Fortress Sigs)

6. Equipt - Students will bring notebooks and pencils as well as all gear.

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.....Maj.
Comd 160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF)

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ROUTINE ORDER PART 1 No 129.

160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF).

RESTRICTED. 17 Jan '44.

1. STRENGTH INCREASES.

SX22401 Capt BENNETT G.L. from 1Aust Fd Amb as R.M.O. 1/1/44
VX101813 Lieut JOHNSTONE G.A. rejoined Unit from Vic L/C 16/12/43
NX26983 " O'BRIEN G.W. on attachment from 1 Aust Fd Regt (Acting I.O.) 16/12/43
NX57693 " CLARK J. from 1 Aust M.T. W/S AEME 14/11/43
SX24957 " STANWAY R.M.)attachment from 101 Aust Comp
SX24954 " THOMPSON J.J.) AA Regt Sig Sec (R/O 4/10092/43
) 18/8/43.

NX128985 " WYNTER G.D. attachment from 12 Aust Div Sigs a as acting O/C 112 Regt Sig Sec R/O 4/10092/43 17/11/43

2. STRENGTH DECREASES.

NX128985 Lieut WYNTER G.D. ceases to be attched and trans out to 1 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec 20/12/43
VX54870 Sgt Tolhurst K.A. trans to Adv HQ NT Force 23/11/43

3. DISCHARGES.

VX80030 Gnr LEATHART F.O. final Med. Board class "D" 115 (H) MH Discharge Auth No 5498 16/12/43
V160438 " BURGER E.A. to resume Civil Avocation m/o 3/1/44 M.P.R2 - V2793
TX12899 " CORMACK E.D. " " T461
TX12810 " QUINN J.A. " " T625

4. PUNISHMENTS.
VX103823 Gnr BUGGY V.B. Striking his superior officer
Award.- Fined £5 & 28days Detention.
6/1/44.
(Auth for Maj Fraser D.H. to deal with case- HQ RAA, NTF memo 18/2/4660

for Maj.
.....Lieut.
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TRAINING INSTRUCTION No.28

PROFICIENCY PAY

1. Attached is nominal roll of personnel by Tps and Bty HQ who are required to qualify as at least 2nd Class Rifle Shots in order to obtain Proficiency Pay.

2. SAA being in exceedingly short supply, Tp Comds and BSM (for Bty HQ) will immediately take steps to refresh these personnel in Musketry. Shooting will commence on approx Tuesday 8 Feb 44.

3. A 2oo yd range will be constructed at ref map DARWIN 1" to 1 ml 324188, to be constructed by a working party under comd Sgt Jane of 2 ORs from each Tp - work to commence 27 Jan 44. Sgt Jane to make final arrangements with Tps.

Crawford
.....Major RAA
Commanding 160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF)

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TRAINING INSTRUCTION No.29

TOETS - RIFLE, GRENADE, LMG, GAS

1. General Inf future all ORs will be required to pass TOETS every month - this includes Tp and Bty HQ personnel.

2. TOETS - Feb Tests for February will be completed by 7 Feb 44. A return will be submitted by 081200KL Feb 44 showing personnel who have failed to qualify in any test. Copies of each TOET are attached for each Tp (6).

CONVERSION TO MAXIMUM DEFLECTION METHOD OF FAS CONTROL

3. "Model on Stick" Trainer Tps will construct these trainers as laid down in AA TRG DIRECTIVE No.1 - on the basis of one per gun det. To be completed by 7 ~~Jan~~ Feb 44.

4. Lecture All Det Comds and above will attend a lecture on "Maximum Deflection" to be held at HQ D Tp 022015KL

LECTURES - GENERAL SUBJECTS

5. Commencing Monday 7 Feb 44 a series of lectures will be given each Monday and Wednesday at 2015 hrs at a place to be arragged. Personnel to attend - Det Comds and above.

6. Lecture - 7 Feb 44 Lecturer - Maj J.S.Crawford.
Subject - Amphibious Operations.
Place - Sgts Mess D Tp.

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ROUTINE ORDER PART 1 No 139

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1. A.I.F. ENLISTMENTS.

V 285863 Gnr HAMILTON B.W. trans to A.I.F. and allotted Army No. VX 145299
(Auth R/O 1/40/44)

2. TRADE GROUPINGS.

VX 115718 Gnr O'SULLIVAN B.P. Relinq TG 11 Intelligence duties at own request. 16/12/43.
(Auth R/O 1/40/44)

3. SCHOOLS & COURSES.

VX 28644 Sgt JAN E H.A. Qualified L.H.Q. School of Arty (A.A.) Serial No.44 5/1/44.
(Auth R/O 2/285/44)

VX 119394 Sgt MOORE F. Qualified Course No.42 LHQ P.T.School 24/11/43.
(Auth R/O 1/40/44

4. PUNISHMENTS.

VX 101419 Gnr HENDERSON I.A. Driving in excess of Regulations.
Award: Fined £2. 14/1/44.

5. ARMY-RAAF RECRUITING.

(i) Ref GROs A223/42, A547/42, and A412/43.

(ii) Under instructions from L.H.Q. personnel serving in NT Force will not be released for transfer to RAAF.

6. GREEN ENVELOPES.

In view of the numerous queries raised and the uncertainty which still appears to exist in ref to the use of GREEN ENVELOPES the following is promulgated.

(a) All previous Orders covering the issue and/or use of Green Envelopes issued prior to the date of this Order are cancelled.

(b) The issue of Green Envelopes is a privilege which may be restricted individually or collectively by the order of GOC, NT Force.

(c) A Green Envelope may be issued to any soldier upon request from that soldier, who will NOT be required to give any explanation as to why requires the envelope or what he intends to write about.

(d) The Green Envelopes will be rigidly controlled.

(e) Green Envelopes may be used for the transmission of letters relating to only private and family affairs.

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(f)The certificate, asto the contents, printed on the face of the envelope, must be signed by the sender.

(g)A soldier may use one (1) Green envelope every ten (10) days. More than one but NOT more than three letters may be sent in one Green Envelope (see paras (h) (i).

(h)A Green Envelope will NOT be retained by the soldier to whom it is issued for any period exceeding ten days. If NOT used within that period it will be returned to the person who issued it.

(i)A Green Envelope is NOT transferable under any consideration and will NOT be issued used by any person other than the person to whom it was issued.

(j)Allranks will be informed that letters posted in Green Envelope though not subject to examination or franking within the unit are liable to Censorship by the Fd Censorship Coy or the Base Censor, which may cause slight delay in the transmission of the letter.

(k)Green envelopes cannot be registered. Money or valuables will NOT be enclosed within, nor will photographic films or prints which do not relate solely to private and family affairs.

(l)Green envelopes may be sent by Air Mail. The ordinary rates of air or surface postage are payable on Green Envelopes to any destination.

(m)When the Green Envelope is used to despatch on e letter to one addressee the address will be written in the space provided and the necessary postage stamps affixed in the top right hand corner.

(n)When the Green Envelope is used to despatch two or three letters each to separate addresses, each envelope letter willbe enclosed in a separate ordinary envelope. These envelopes will be properly addressed and stamped and left unsealed. They will then be placed in the Green Envelope which will be addressed to the " Base Censor" . N o postage stamps will be required to be placed on the Green Envelope,but the certificate will be signed as set out in para (e).

(o)Any misuse of Green Envelopes or breaches of the regulations as to their use, will be regarded as a serious offence, and will incur disciplinary action as well as the withdrawal of the privilege of the Green Envelope.

7.UNIT CENSORSHIP.

Unit censorship will, in future, be applied only to communications from a memberof the AIF who is:-

(a) outside the mainlan d of Australia.

(b) within the area of the mainland of Australia which has been "declared" under National Security (Emergency)Regulations.

(c) in that part of Western Australia north of 20degrees south latitude, other than that part of Western Australia included in (b) above.

(d) in that area of Queensland and north of the northern boundaries of the shires of Barkly Tableland,Cloncurry,McKinley, Wyangarie Flinders,Dalrymple and Thuringowa.

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(e) writing to an address outside Australia.

(f) irrespective of his station, under order to move to an operational area from the tim e of receipt of the warning oredr or movement order.

For the purpose of this order, the area ofthe mainland of Australia which has been "declared" under National Security (Emergency) Regulatio shall be deemed to be:-

(a) that part of the state of Queensland north of 12 degrees south latitude, including all islands forming part of that State which in whole or part are north of 12 degrees south latitude.

(b) the Northern Territory of Australia.

(c) the Shire of Barkly Tableland and the Districts of Hasling-den, Heywood and Mount Isa in the State of Queensland.

(d) that part of the State of Western Australia northward of a line drawn from Yampi Sound to the intersection of the 20 degree southn latitude with the western boundary of the Northern Territory.

8. ESCAPE OF AUSTRALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR FROM ENEMY HANDS.

It is the duty of any soldier, if captured by the enemy, to effect his escape at the earliest possible moment.

It is also his duty-(any breach of whi ch is serious offence) not to communicate to unauthorised persons any information about the means employed by him or his companions to escape from enemy han ds.

The disclosure of such information:-

(a) prejudices the chances of other escapes;

(b) prevents other members of Australian or Allied forces from using the same or similar means of escape;

(c) endangers the lives of those who may have assisted the esc pees at any stage of their escape;

therefore, except as prvided in paras 10 and 11 below, an escaped prisc er of war is forbidden to disclose particulars of his escape directly o indirectly to any person whatsoever, either by word of mouth or writing.

An escaped prisoner of war will disclose full particulars of his escape only to officers authorised by the Director of Military Intell-igence to interrogate such an escapee. No officers, except those authorised by the DMI, are permitted to interrogate any escapee on the circumstances of his escape.

Should it be considered desirable for an escaped prisoner of war to lecture on his experiences, the script of the proposed lecture will be submitted to the DMI for approval. No lecture will be arranged until approval of the DMI has been obtained.

9. SIGNAL CABLE-UNAUTHORISED USE.

At present, the demand for signal cable exceeds the amount that manufacturers can produce.

The practice of using this cable for the tying of packages and for improvised clothes lines, guy ropes or other unauthorised purposes will cease forthwith.

Sub-unit commanders will ensure that there is no contravention of this order.

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10.CURRENT AFFAIRS-INSTRUCTION OF ALL RANKS.

Importance is attached to instruction in current affairs because the maintenance of morale is partly dependant upon an understanding of the issues for which sacrifices are ~~impendent~~ demanded and upon counter ing conditions conductive to mental stagnation by a stimulation of interest in topics not directly related to army life.

Consequently,O/C Sub-Units will arrange that,so far as operational factors permit, a period of at least 30 minutes duration is devoted eac week to instruction in current affairs. This instruction will be based upon the "Current Affairs Bulletin", which is distributed fortnightly on the scale of one copy for every officer. Officers will inform their men concerning the matter contained in the Bulletin. It is suggested that this might best be done by means of a talk by the officer, followe by discussion.

O/C's are responsible for this as for all other aspects of traini Where practicable, officers will meet together each week to discuss among themselves the material contained in the Bulletin and the appro- priate methods of conducting the subsequent discussion with their men.

It is essential that the suspicion of partisanship of the part of officers be avoided. Officers will, therefor, ensure that the discussio are conducted in such a way that they cannot be construed as propagand on behalf of the Government or of any political creed or party and tha while discipline is maintained, a free exchange of opinions upon controversial issues is permitted.

11.CORRECT USE OF LIGHTS WHEN APPROACHING ONCOMING TRAFFIC.

Accidents involving army vehs have occurred due to lack of road courtesy of drivers who fail to dim their headlamps when approaching oncoming traffic.

In order that personnel in ~~regard~~ control of vehs may appreciate their responsibility in this regard, the action to be taken is set out herewith:-

(a) When approaching oncoming traffic,the driver of a veh will ensure that his headlamps are dipped and will keep as near as practicable, having regard to all the circumstances, to the left-hand edge of the roadway.

(b) If the headlamps cannot be dipped,they will be dimmed. If they cannot be dipped or dimmed,the driver will switch to l parking lights. In either case,he will reduce the speed of veh so that he can stop within his lessened limits of visio

The driver is responsible for checking the correct operation of al lights and for reporting immediately(on AAF G17) all defects which he is not permitted to rectify.

12.SAFE CUSTODY OF SMALL ARMS WEAPONS.

Locks and bolts of small arms weapons will NOT be stored or tran ported seperately from the weapons to which they belong.

13.VEH MAINTENANCE-BATTERIES.

Owing to the rapid evaporation of electrolyte in storage batteri due to climatic conditions,all batteries in vehs will be inspected by drs daily and topped up if necessary in accordance with proceedure laid down in Mech Veh Trg Pamphlet No.1.

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14. ESCAPED LEPERS.

All ranks are warned that numerous leper patients (natives and halfcasts have absconded from CHANNEL ISLAND. They are supposed expected to endeavour to reach their former homes in all parts of the NT. Acharp look out will be kept for any strange natives. If found, nearest Pro Unit or Civil Police will be informed immediately.

15. REMOVAL OF COMPONENTS OF BODYWORK FROM VEHS.

It has been noticed that components of bodywork of vehs such as doors and bonnets have been removed for reasons other than for repair;and that vehs have been worked in this semi-stripped condition.

This practice must cease. Those components are definite parts of the veh,and the belief that better travelling is obtained is quite wrong. Any such components that have been removed will be replaced at once.

16. COLOUR PATCHES.

GRO A401/1948 is amended to read:-

(a) "Miniature colour patches will not be worn on head-dress."

17. INCOME TAX-LIABILITY OF MEMBERS DETACHED ON LEAVE FOR SEASONAL OCCUPATION

A member holding a rank not higher than that of sergeant,who has been granted leave without pay for the purpose of enabling him to engage in seasonal occupations,will be issued, on behalf of the Commissioner of Taxation with a certificate which will exempt him from liability for tax deductions on wages earned by him during the period of such leave.

The member's CO will be responsible for issueing the certificate and for securing the member's signature on the original and duplicate. The original certificate will be handed to the soldier,whilst the duplicate will be forwarded by the CO to the Deputy Commissioner of Taxation in the state in which the member enlisted.

18. NEW YEAR GREETINGS.

In reply to a greeting telegram sent by the CO on behalf of the Regt, the following is a copy of a telegram received from the Shire President-Mr A.Cameron.

" Greetings from yourself and Regiment to the people of Hobbsville greatly appreciated and cordially reciprocated. A hearty welcome awaits your return,the sooner the better."

19. CARE & PRESERVATION OF OPTICAL INSTRUMENTS:BINOCULARS.

(a) On no account should the lenses be exposed to direct sun rays or left in a hot place for any length of time as lense are cemented together with Balsam which melts and forms spots or fernlike growths on object glasses.

(b) On no account should the object glasses shades be screwed or binoculars extracted from case by pulling same,they should be eased from case by holding the ends only.

(c) Optical cleanliness is essential for good vision,object glasses can be cleaned by breathing on them and polishing lightly with clean handkerchief.

(d) If a defect is noticed immediately evacuate to Tp HQ for dispatch to W/Shops. Similar precautions are necessary for Prodiotor Telescopes. Eye shades should be cleaned and powdered daily.

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20. DARWIN BOTANICAL GARDENS

These gardens contain valuable botanical specimens from world wide tropical areas and in their prime they constitute one of the few beauty spots of DARWIN.

Unless vandalism and other senseless damage ceases the gardens must be prohibited to all.

In the interest of DARWIN generally and the future re-establishment of the area all ranks are requested to co-operate in avoiding or preventing damage.

21. PHOTOGRAPHY.

All ranks, who have cameras, may in future use them subject to the following:-

An officer will be appointed in each unit to be O.i/c Photography. He will maintain a register showing the number, make and description of every camera held in the unit, together with the number, rank and name of its possessor.

Officers and ORs will be responsible for ensuring that cameras in their possession are registered with th e O.i/c Photography.

Cameras will be withdrawn prior to departure, from personnel of units about to proceed to an active theatre of operations. Cameras will be withdrawn at once from personnel already in an active theatre of operations.

C.Os of units may at any time order the withdrawal of cameras for security reasons.

The O. i/c Photography, when the order for withdrawal has been given, will collect and forward cameras to:-

(a) Such persons as the possessors of cameras direct, at the expense of the possessors. Package containing cameras will be sent by registered post and registration receipt will be hand to the possessors in each case:-

(b) H.Q.L. of C.Area:
or
(c) O.i/c Base Depot.

The O. i/c Photography will give a receipt for all cameras received whether for disposal by (a), (b) or (c).

Notwithstanding the provisions of paras.4, 5, and 6, a C.O. may, if he thinks fit, approve of the retention of cameras by not more than four members of the unit provided they signify their agreement that such retention will be subject to the following terms:-

(a) That cameras so retained will be used only as directed by O. i/c Photography.

(b) That the said cameras remain in the possession of the members concerned and will be at such members' risk.

(c) That the C.O. may withdraw such approval at any time.

H.Q. L. of C.Areas will be responsible for ensuring that cameras deposited for custody by a unit proceeding overseas are forwarded on the unit's behalf to the Base Depot abroad.

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21. (a) Films of photographs taken for official purposes will be forwar ed for processing by formations, units, experimental and technical establishments, etc., direct to H.Q.L. of C.Area. They will be accompanied by a memo. signed by the C.O. or an officer of field rank stating the purpose to which they will be put.

(b) If in the opinion of C.S.I. at H.Q L. of C.Area, films or print should not, for security reasons, be returned to forward areas; C.S.I. wil retain them and will without delay advise the formation, unit, experimenta or technical establishmentts, etc., accordingly.

(c) Other arrangements for processing may be made only with the prior approval of L.H.Q.

Films of photographs taken by officers and ORs for non-official purposes will be forwarded to an approved photographer for processing. H.Q.L. of C.Areas will arrange with approved photographers that photogr contravening the control of Photography Order will not be returned to th sender, but to H.Q.L. of C.Area. Such photographs will be returned to C.O. unit for necessary action.

The names of approved photographers will from time to time be published in Unit Routine Orders. Approving authorities will be, in Australi H.Q.L. of C.Areas, and abroad, Formation Commanders.

(i) Photographs (other than those taken for official purposes), which, if captured, would be of value to the enemy, are prohibited.

(ii) Contraventions of this order will be dealt with by disciplinary ac tion, and/or by:-

(a) Withdrawal, temporary or permanent, of cameras.

(b) Destruction of films and prints.

The attention of all ranks is drawn to paras (i) and (ii) of the above appendix. In amplification of para (i) photography of the following is prohibited:-

Military vehicles of all kinds
Tanks or other AFVs
Signal equipment
Artillery weapons or weapons or equipment of all kind.
Defences
Aircraft, whether damaged or otherwise
Ships of any kind.
Aerial views
Aerodromes or seaplane bases
Fortifications
Camp or barracks
Military operations
Diagrams of weapons
Any riotous or disorderly assembly, or premises, or other objec damaged in the course of such assembly.

The under-mentioned list gives the names and addresses of those firm and/or persons approved by this HQ in accordance with GRO-G 645/42.

QUEENSLAND

Brisbane	S.A.Best Pty Ltd	Gipps Street, Valley.
	H.B.Gresh & Co	150 Queen St., Brisbane.
	Kodak (Aust) Pty Ltd	250-2 Queen St., "
Rockhampton	Kodak (Aust) Pty Ltd	East Street,
Ipswich	Gribb & Foote Ltd	Merchants.
Toowoomba	K.W.Graham	284 Ruthven Street,

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Mackay	Edward T.Grent	71 Sydney Street
Townsville	Kodak(Aust) Pty Ltd	Flinders Street
Cairns	Kodak (Aust) Pty Ltd	Abbott Street
Maryborough	Campbell Portrait Studio	Kent Street
Charters Towers	G Griffiths	Chemist

NEW SOUTH WALES

Sydney	Kodak (Aust) Pty Ltd Edward Matsson	379 & 386 George Street 124 Pitt Street
Newcastle	Kodak (Aust) Pty Ltd Harringtons Pty Ltd	Newcastle "
Katoomba	Harringtons Pty Ltd	Katoomba
West Maitland	E.T.Jakeman	452 High Street
Tamworth	A.J.Cohen	394 Peel Street
Bathurst	A.G.Howlett	179 George Street
Grafton	H.S.Fabian R.N.Cutler	28 Olive Street Prince Street
Lismore	J.R.Allen	94 Molesworth Street
Cowra	Pardey Bros Studio	Cowra

VICTORIA

Melbourne	Kodak(Aust) Pty Ltd	252 Collins Street
Albury	Gissing & Dennison	Dean Street
Seymour	Henry Meredith	Station Street
Shepparton	S.H.Ghent	182 Wyndham Street
Wangarratta	T.W.Campbell	70 Murphy Street
Bairnsdale	Miss M.C.McLeod	154 Main Street
Dandenong	R.Clark	Dandenong
Warragul	David Evans	Chemist
Ballarat	Kodak(Aust) Pty Ltd Gear's Pharmacy V.Gennola Taylor & Taylor	406 Sturt Street 100 Sturt Street 217 Sturt Street 105 Sturt Street
Bendigo	W.D.Day Kalma Studios	215 Mitchell Street Pall Mall
Colac	Ray's Pharmacy	Murray Street
Hamilton	S.G.Robson	Gray Street

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Geelong	Bull & Oven	113 Moorabool Street
	B.M.Donald	147 Ryrie Street
	H.L.S.Potter	90 Ryrie Street
Mildura	Blockotts Pharmacy	Eight Street
	Jenkins "	Deakin Avenue

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Adelaide	Kodak(Aust) Pty Ltd	37 Rundle Street
	Photographic Supplies Ltd	62 Gawler Place
	K.C.Crane	2 James Street

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Perth	Kodak(AUSA) Pty Ltd	Hay Street and their agents
	Tilly's Ltd	" " " " "
Albany	Jeff Coles	Stirling Terrace
Bunbury	G.S.Cox	William Street
	M.J.Thomas	116 Victoria Street

TASMANIA

Hobart	Kodak(Aust) Pty Ltd	45 Elizabeth Street
	Ash,Bester & Co	102 " "
Launceston	Kodak(Aust) Pty Ltd	93 Brisbane Street
	H Andrew	Brisbane Street
	H.A.Graham	" "
Queenstown	A.K.Dargaville	Queenstown
	T.F.Hankivell	"
Devonport	The B.A.P. Co.	Stewart Street
Ulverstone	A.J.Collins & Co	Ulverstone
Sheffield	B.L.Ralph	Sheffield
Wynyard	W.A.Tohzeau	Wynyard
Burnie	A.E.Winter	Cattlin Street
Smithton	W.Winslade	Smithton

The Bty Capt. will be the Officer in Charge of unit Photographer.

.....Maj.RAA
Comd 100 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF)

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Unit 160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF) Date and Time.—From 010001KL Feb 44 To 171700 KL Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Darwin	1 Feb 44	—	Q and Equipment Section No 1 issued	Appx A.
"	8 Feb 44	1000 hrs	Conference at HQ 112 Aust Lt AA Regt RAA (AIF) re range practice for Proficiency Pay. Major Crawford met Major SANDERS, newly appointed comd 159 Aust Lt AA Bty and 5 Reinft Captains, NOT yet appointed. 5 Captains will relieve officer shortage but are likely to cause trouble through superceding officers at present acting as Bty Capts & Tp Comds	
"	8 Feb 44	1500 hrs	CRA and GI RA inspected CTp HQ and gun sites. No adverse comments from inspecting officers	
"	8 Feb 44	—	RO Part I No 131 issued	Appx B
"	10 Feb 44	—	Trg Instruction No 30 issued	Appx C
"	14 Feb 44	—	RO Part I No 132 issued	Appx D
"	17 Feb 44	1700 hrs	MAJOR CRAWFORD handed over comd of Bty to Lt J.L. DONNELL to proceed to LHQ Tactical School, Beenleigh.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Darwin	19 Feb 44	1000 hrs	Lieut Donnen handed over comd of C TROOP to Lieut J.M.G. Black for a short period.	
"	20 Feb 44	0930	Bty Comd visited and inspected Coastal Arty Bty under comd Major Watson (attached Light guns. Appreciation was made and one Tower Gun recommended.	
"	21 Feb 44	0900	Conference at HQ AA Group Darwin re. light guns coastal arty Bty.	
"	"	1130	visited C.O. 54 Fighter Sqn. - Sqdn Ldr Newton D.F.C ref shoot at B24 fuselage on beach (Lee Point).	
"	23 Feb 44	0930	Shoot (Bofors) at B24 fuselage. 15 rounds 251 Fuze expended.	
	25 Feb 44	1000	Lt-Col Hughes-Halcott inspected Darwin Loc Layout.	

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Unit 160 Aust LAA Bty RAA (AIF) Date and Time.—From 25 0900 KL Feb 44 To 29 1400 KL Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Darwin	25 Feb	0900	Strength return for 160 Bty plus attached as at 0900 hrs	APPx E
Noonamah	25 "	0930	Issued R.O. Part I No 133	APPx F
Darwin	27 "	0900	Lieut Donnee visited HQ AA Group Darwin re ting and hygiene	
Darwin	27 "	2000	Lieuts Donnee and Murray attended ting conference at 112 Aust LAA Regt RAA (AIF)	
Darwin	29 "	1100	Lieut Donnee received verbal warning order for relief of 160 Bty from Fort Area Darwin	
Darwin	29 "	1400	Lieut Donnee visited Maj Lowry 161 Aust LAA Bty RAA (AIF)	
			John R Donnee Lieut	

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160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF)

Q and Equipment Instn No.1

Monthly Equipment Charts

1. In future a physical check of all W.E.T. Eqpt held on charge to Tps will be carried out once a month, alternativelyby Tp Comds and Bty Capt.

2. This will be completed by the 19th day of each month,after which a return will be fwded to BHQ in thefollowing form:-

Det or HQ	Articles lost or U S	Reason for loss or dama

NB It will not be necessary for tps to submit a return after t Bty Capts inspection. Nil returns will also be submitted.

Lubrication Charts.

3. Recently a distribution of 7 lubrication charts was made to each These will be issued, one to each HQ for reference and one to each det which will be PASTED into the back of the Det Equipment books in a neatly folded form.

4. It is required that all members of Dets study these charts as insufficient is known by the average gunner of the correct lubricant to be used for specific parts or components of equipment.

Painting.

5. The following RAA instruction is reproduced for general information and future guidance.

Guns (a) Scrape off old paint and remove all trace of oil, grease,etc.

(b) Apply priming coat of red lead and linseed oil(raw).

(c) Apply 2 coats of lead base paint.

Wood (d) Stop with putty any cracks

(e) Apply procedures (a), (b), (c) above.

(f) It is important that lead base paint is used and NOT camouflage paint.

(g) General instructions for painting eqpts are set out in Care & Preservation of Arty Eqpt,Sec X1111, which should be studied before task is begun.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1. N o. 131.

100 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF)

RESTRICTED 9 Feb '44.

1. DISCHARGES.

VX 65366 Cpl MARSHALL E.E. m/o for discharge on compassionate grounds. (LHQ 9097 - 25/1/44)

2. LEAVE

TX 11735 Gnr BANKS N.J. m/o to L.T.D. Tas L/C for Seasonal LWOP. 7/1/44.

VX 124922 Gfn HARDY D.W.R. (AIME) granted LWOP from 0800hrs 9/12/43 to 0800hrs 16/12/43. (R/O 9/10240/43) granted extension LWOP 0800hrs 16/12/43 to 0800hrs 30/12/43. (R/O 1/312/44)

3. TRANSFERS & ATTACHMENTS ETC.

TX 4997 Sgt YEATES J.C. (AIME) attached from 10 Aust Adv Base W/Shops AIME & detached to 100 Bty W/Shops. 26/1

VX 121333 Gnr CLANE C.B. transferred to 101 Aust Comp AA Regt. 27/1/4

4. PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE AIF.

No member of the AIF, shall save in pursuance of his military duty, write for publication in any form any matter dealing with or reffering to any military subject, whether fact or fictional, unless preparation and publication thereof have been approved by the Director General of Public Relations.

Regtl R/O Part 1 No.93 para 6 subtended below, shall be read in conjunction with para above of this order:-

" Attention is directed to the fact that all members are forbidden to communicate with the press or to give interviews for broadcasting or other media of publicity on military matters, whether by correspondence, personal interviews with press representatives or by any other means except in accordance with apmra (ii) hereof.

(ii) Members who have been on active service may give interviews on first hand experiences in battle to uniformed accredited war correspondents, provided that every proposed statement of the nature referred to in this paragraph will be submitted before publication for the approval of an officer of the Directorate of Public Relations. The publication of names of members of rank of lieutenant is prohibited unless specifically authorised.

(iii) No retriction is placed on members in regard to articles, stories or poems for publication in the press, in periodicals or other publications, provided that these do not deal with military matters and that no indication of the military rank or unit of the contributor is given.

5. CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF UNIT CANTEENS.

Object.

The object of this order is to define the responsibilities of unit canteens and monies arising therefrom, and to lay down rules governing the management and working of such canteens.

Responsibilities.

(a) All unit and sub-unit Conds are at all times responsible for the safe custody of unit canteen funds, for the efficient working of the canteen and for ensuring that proper provision is made for the protection of stocks and for the prevention of losses by theft or negligence. They

are responsible for ensuring that unit canteens are not used for for the purpose of making unauthorised sales or purchases or for black marketing

6. (a) Unit and sub-unit Comds will inform higher authority of requirements necessary to fulfil the responsibilities set forth above (e.g. lock-up boxes and keys) in cases where their own ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ resources are insufficient for this purpose.

(b) It is the duty of all staffs and services to provide the reasonable requirements of unit and sub-unit Comds with minimum delay.

Management.

Each unit and sub-unit Comd will appoint a Management Committee consisting of at least one offr and one NCO. The names of the Committee will be published in Bty Orders.

Management Committee appointed for HHQ Canteen -

Lieut Murray
Gnr Cross F.H.

Duties of Management Committee.

(a) To establish and maintain proper books of account. Funds may be expended upon approval of the committee.
(b) The safe custody of monies and stock.
(c) Ensuring a proper system of vouchers and receipts.
(d) Ensuring that buying is adequate but not in excess of unit requirements, that full advantage is taken of the variety of goods available at bulk stores, and that liquor purchases do not exceed the prescription.
(e) The maintenance of proper prices. No price in excess of ADCS price list will be charged.
(f) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Maintening correct trading hours as prescribed by the unit and sub-unit Comd.
(g) To take stock and submit certified balance sheet to the unit and sub-unit Comd once every fortnight.
(h) Generally, to supervise and control the working of the canteen and its staff at all times.

Audit.

CRO 819/43 states-
(a) The CO of each unit will appoint at least two auditors whose duty it will be to conduct regular audits of each unit trust account. The CO will be responsible that these accounts are audited at least once each month.
(b) The auditors so appointed will not be members of the committee of management.
(c) The auditors will ensure that all entries in the cash book are supported by vouchers, or credit entries. After audit, all voucher will be endorsed as having been used in audit. Whilst examining vouchers, auditors will pay particular attention to ensure that expenditure from canteen profits has been in accordance with Canteen Service Regulations (vide para 8 (a) republished in this order).
(d) the auditors will endorse on each monthly statement submitted for inclusion in unit routine orders a certificate in the following form:-

" We certify that we have examined the cash book, the unit trust book and vouchers relating to Battery Welfare Fund and V 16 unit trust accounts, and that in our opinion this statement correctly sets out the position of the funds as at (date) "

The certificate may be qualified as considered necessary by the auditors.
A separate certificate will be furnished in respect of each particular fund (i.e., regimental unit funds, officers' mess funds, sergeants' mess funds, etc).

(e) At any time the CO may be required to produce the audit certificates for inspection by any inspection officer of the AAFC.

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5. The two auditors (who shall NOT be members of the Committee) will audit and submit a report thereon to Unit Cond once monthly, as nat at 18 each month. Copies of fortnightly Balance Sheet will be handed to auditors either or both of whommay attend any stocktaking or inspect books of account and monies in hand at any time desired by them . Auditors will pay particular attention to paras (a),(b),(c),(e) and (g) of previous section of this order and see that monies are not spent in contravention of GRO 819/43 para 8(a) which states -

" In Australian Military (Canteens Service) Regulations, it is prescribed that the manner of disposal of profits and surplus funds of th Canteens service should be as approved, but expenditure shall not be made therefrom for ordinary military requirements, for the entertainment of officers, in aid of any religious or philanthropic institution or for any purpose other than the benefit of the WOs,NCOs and privates."

After audit, all vouchers will be endorsed as having been used in audit.

Auditors will endorse each monthly statement as submitted for inclusi in NOs with certificate detailed in GRO 819/43 as shown above.

Publication of this order.

(a) This order will be published in all sub-unit orders.
(b) A copy of this order,together with the names of the members of the Management Committee and of the Canteen Staff will be posted in a prominent place inside the unit canteen .

6. WARRANT OFFICERS - MANNER OF ADDRESSING.

Copy of LHQ Memo 6388 of Jan 44 set out below:-

" As it would appear that some uncertainty exists as to the correct m manner of addressing Warrant Officers of the Australian Military Forces, attention is drawn to the principles laid down in AMR & A 1165 (2),viz:-"NCOs and men are to address WOs in the same manner as they do officers, but not salute them."
In applying these principles, in the instances where an officer would be addressed as "Sir" or as "Mr" or by his rank, a warrant officer will be addressed as "Sir" or by the title of his appointment, that is "Sgt-Major",etc,with such abbreviation,if any, as is in accordance with the custom of the service. A Warrant Officer will not be addressed as "Warrant Officer","WO", or "Mr".

7. NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS,ETC.

Submission of forms AAF A256 in connection with AAB 65 shows that a large number of changes in records relating to NEXT-OF-KIN,HOME ADDRESSES,etc,have occurred, and have not been notified to NHQ.

Troop Conds will take steps to ensure that all personnel under their command are made aware in no uncertain terms that they have in fact committed an offence in failing to notify such changes.

All ranks will be informed that changes of NEXT-OF-KIN and their addresses,members Home addresses,Births,etc,must be notified as soon as is practicable after they occur, and that in future,disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

8. VACANCY-CLERK ARTY.TR GP 111.

Nominations are called to fill a vacancy for Clerk Arty Tr Gp 111, now existing on NHQ. Those interested in this posting will make application through these HQs,giving details of any previous experien

Applications should reach these HQs by 16 Feb 44.
Applicants should have had some previous experience in typing.

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9. PAYMENTS OF CASH TO PAYMASTERS

No amount in excess of £5 will be accepted by Paymasters for remittance or credit to Paybooks of members of NT Force unless the approval in writing of the CO of the unit is first obtained.
It will devolve upon the CO to satisfy himself that the remittance or credit does not arise from any unauthorised or illegal source.

10. AUTHORITY - RAAF PRO PERS.

By mutual arrangement between NT Force and RAAF,NW Area,RAAF Pro Pers are authorised to stop all army vehs and RAAF vehs may be stopped by Army Pro Pers.
All Army vehs will therefor stop when ordered to do so by RAAF Pro Pers and drivers will give such infn as asked for.
Evidence by RAAF Pro Pers will be admitted in all army proceedings in the same way as is evidence by Aust Army Pro Pers.
This Order will be brought to the special notice of all drs MT.

11. PRIVATE TELEGRAMS

It is brought to the notice of all ranks that owing to special conditions obtainingin NT,deliveries of private telegrams cannot approach the degree of rapid transmission from the sender to the addressee which obtained in city and suburban areas in pre-war days.

Outgoing Telegrams- (whether paid for at urgen t or ordinary rates)after being unit censored,are taken to the nearest Fd PO for recording then passed to the local Sig Office for despatch from the nearest Sig Tele Tr Transmitting Office by line direct to the appropriate MMC Tele Office. From then onwards telegrams traverse the normal MMC channels to the addressee.

Incoming Telegrams- are received via MMC channels at the appropriate Sig Tele Transmitting Office,details are recorded, and telegrams then passed over to the nearest APO for delivery to units of destination. As the Army Postal Service has insufficient facilities for making special deliveries of telegrams direct to many units which are located over widely dispersed areas,prompt delivery of telegrams in accordance with civilian standards is impracticable. In many cases the final stage of delivery is made by DWLS or MT,although special action is taken in the case of telegrams which from their text are obviously of an urgent nature.

All telegrams are therefor subject to certain unavoidable delays. Added to this there is the factor of heavy war-time traffic being handled over Army Sigs and Civil MMC lines.
In order to ensure a reasonably rapid degree of transmission for telegrams of a really urgent nature,all ranks should refrain from sending greetings or matters of non-urgen t nature by telegram,and should request their correspondents to observe the same discrimination. Correspondence of this nature should be forwarded by Air Mail.

11. INSTRUCTIONS TO SOLDIERS ref AADOS.

The loss,destruction or defacement of an AAD CC by a wilful act or by negligence or the unauthorised alt eration of any information contained therein is an offence in respect of which a charge will lie under AA 40.

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12. BTY CANTEEN

BALANCE SHEET FOR MONTH OF JAN '44.

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Fwd Dec '43	£150-4-1	Cash on hand 31/1/44	£ 86- 1-3
Addition Loan Bty Welfare Fd	£3 -13 9	Stock " " "	£ 92-17-1
Profit Jan '44	£ 25- 0-6		
	£178-18-4		£178-18-4

13. BTY WELFARE FUND

BALANCE SHEET FOR MONTH OF JAN '44

LIABILITIES		ASSETS		
B/Fwd 1 Jan '44	£257-14-7	Loan BHQ Canteen		£178-18-4
Profit Canteen Jan	£ 25- 0-6	Trust A/c V16	£102- 0-6	
Refund 301 Sigs	3-15-9	Cash	5-10-0	£107-10-6
	£286-8-10			£286- 8-10

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W Brennan Lieut for
.....Maj. RAA
Cond 160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF)

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TRAINING INSTRUCTION No.30

SA CLASSIFICATION FOR PROFICIENCY PAY

1. Range practice will commence 12 Jan 44 for those personnel required to qualify for Proficiency Pay. Personnel to shoot are shown in the nominal roll attached to Trg Instn No.28. Personnel listed on Manning Detail as MCOs are NOT required to fire the rifle practice - arrangements will be made for these men to fire the necessary pistol practice.

2. OC Range Lieut Stanway.

3. Range Assistants Each Tp will provide daily one Sgt or Bdr to act as coach or OC Butt Party.

4. Daily Numbers to Shoot Each Tp will send 8 ORs daily to the range in Tp tpt - to arrive by 0900 hrs. Tpt to be at range for return journey at 1700 hrs.

5. Rifles As a number of rifles require x zeroing, personnel to shoot will if necessary borrow a trusty weapon for the day.

6. Amn Tps will provide amn required daily - 41 rounds per man.

7. Messing Cut lunches

8. Equipment Battle order with hats felt fur less respirators.

WEEKLY LECTURES

9. The following lectures will be delivered each Monday hight at D Tp Sgts' Mess at 2015 hrs:-

14 Feb 44	Sups - Medical - Repair & Rec	Major J.S.Crawford
21 Feb 44	Engineering in the Field	Lieut J.R.Donnell
28 Feb 44	Radar	Lieut D.N.McLeod
6 Mar 44	Mines and Booby Traps	Lieut J.R.Donnell

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.....Major RAA
Commanding 160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF)

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ROUTINE ORDER PART 1 No 132

160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF)

RESTRICTED

14 Feb '44

1. DISCHARGES

VX 18997 W01 DALEY S.M. Final Med Board Class "D" 115 (H) MH 24/1/44 Discharge Auth.006701.

2. TRANSFERS & DETACHMENTS

VX 113121 Gnr MOLLOY M. to 12 Aust Div Rec Camp 12/1/44
VX 85485 L/Sgt TUCKER A.F. detached from W/Shop Sec to 161 Bty 2/2/44.
NX 166003 Cpl BEHRM AN N O.H. ceases to be attached to DARWIN W/Sh 2/2/44.

3. SCHOOLS & COURSES

VX 85455 Gnr McDONALD J.C.C.) Qualified at No.19 Cooks & Potenti
VX 140624 " GREENWAY F.C.) Cooks Course.NTFS. 9/1/44.
(Auth for above R/O 3/584/44)

4. FUNISHMENTS

VX 65333 Gnr LLOYD J.H. Using obscene language.
Award: Fined 10/- 5/2/44.

5. AFRICA STAR

Personnel who served in North Africa under certain conditions, between 10 Jun'40 and May 12 '43 may apply for permission to wear the ribbon of the Africa Star.

Certain service in ABYSSINIA, ITALIAN SOMALILAND, ERITREA, BRITISH SOMALILAND, and MALTA also qualifies.

Full information and forms of application are available at BHQ.

6. PARADE HOURS -"REVEILLIE" & "LIGHTS OUT"

As from 9 Feb '44 the following timings for REVEILLE and LIGHTS OUT will be applicable to ALL troops under Command Darwin Fortress.

(a) REVEILLE: Reveille will NOT be later than 0700 hrs.

COs may direct earlier Reveille to meet local requirements.

(b) LIGHTS OUT: Except in buildings necessary for carrying out unit administration and buildings used for officers quarters lights will be extinguished NOT later than 2230hr

7. SCREENING OF SHOWERS & LATRINES

Showers or Latrines within sight of N.A Road will be either removed or effectively screened forthwith.

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W Murray Capt for Maj.RAA
Comd 160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF)

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APPX E.

160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF) 25 Feb 44

STRENGTH RETURN

	PRESENT	LEAVE	HOSPITAL	SCHOOL	DETACHED	TOTAL
Offrs	5			1		6
ORs	185	3	1	2	2	193
	190	3	1	3	2	199

HOSPITAL
Gnr Watt EA

LEAVE
Gnr Banks
X List :
Gnr Coates L
" Vile

SCHOOL
Lt Glen
Sgt Ford
" Wootton

Detached to RHQ
Sgt Hall
Sgt Speed

ATTACHED
AACC 8
AAMC 1
233 Bty 1

Gnr CARROLL M. marched in from RHQ.

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159 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF)

PRESENT 1 Offr 12 ORs TOTAL 13

- -

W/Shops Section -

PRESENT	HOSPITAL	DETACHED	TOTAL
12	2	1	15

HOSPITAL Cfn Stubbs , Cfn Stephens

DETACHED S/Sgt Stubbs

ATTACHED Sgt Yeates, Cfn White.

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APPX F.

ROUTINE ORDER PART 1 No. 153

160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF)

RESTRICTED - 19 Feb 44.

1. TRANSFERS & ATTACHMENTS Etc.

NX77280	Major	SANDERS	EH	r/i from N.S.W. L/C Con Details Depot to take up duty as Bty Cond. 160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF) 6/2/44
VX30045	Capt	COOP	EH	
VX30043	"	SHEEDY	JH	
TX6253	"	SHECC	KB	r/i from First Aust Army AA Pool
SX12568	"	DALEY	EF	8/2/44
NX100110	"	COCKS	CH	
QX33951	"	STONE	FH	" " " " " " " 11/2/44
VX85455	Gnr	McDONALD	JCC	trans to AACC and attached as Gp. Ll. Cook 10/9/43
VX140624	"	GRENHWAY	FC	trans to AACC and attached as Gp. Ll. Cook 6/1/44

2. TRADE GROUPINGS.

VX85455	Pte	McDONALD	JCC	Graded Gp. Ll. Cook 10/9/43
VX140624	"	GRENHWAY	FC	" " " " 6/1/44
VX85559	Gnr	REYFREE	RC	Corrigendum. Ref R/O Part 1. No. 53 of 15/9/42. Delete complete entry. (Auth for above R/O 4/014/44)

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

VX79655	Gnr	VILE	BE	Granted LWOP from 0800hrs 12/1/44 to 0800 hrs 25/2/44.

4. INCLUSION OF CENSORABLE MATTER IN CORRESPONDENCE.

Sub-units will publish in their routine orders the following extract from CRO 627/44 :-

"All ranks are forbidden to include in their correspondence information classed as censorable matter under current Field Censorship Instructions, notwithstanding that such correspondence is to be submitted to a franking officer or a censorship authority."

5. DRINKING WATER FROM TENIN IRON ROOFS.

It has been noticed that troops are placing water barrels to catch the rain water from huts which are roofed with Terne iron. In some cases such water is being used for drinking purposes. This practice will cease forthwith as the danger of lead poisoning is very real.

6. DAMAGE TO MANTON PIPE LINE.

An instance occurred recently whereby a vehicle collided with the Manton pipe line, displacing several concrete cradles and damaging a 5" connector to the main.
This damage was not reported to the appropiate authority and repairs were accordingly not made for some hours after the occurrence, resulting in a considerable loss of water thereby seriously effecting the storage requirements at Darwin.
The vital importance of the Manton pipe line will be brought to the notice of all ranks who will be instructed to report to the nearest RAE officer particulars of any similar mishaps or damage to the pipe line from any cause whatsoever so that emergency repairs can be carried out and thereby obviate any break-down in the supply.

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7. VENEREAL DISEASE - EFFECT ON PAY.

Preliminary :-

Approval has been given for the amendment of War Financial (Military Forces) Regulation 25 to provide that no forfeiture of pay will be incurred by a member -

(a) for the first thirty-five days of his absence after the 31 st Jan '44 as the result of venereal disease acquired by him on the first occasion as defined in para 16 hereof and including any days of absence as a result of a relapse from a disease acquired on any such first occasion, provided that the total number of days of absence as a result of such first occasion and any such relapse does not exceed thirty-five days.

(b) acquiring venereal disease while acting in the course of his duty; or

(c) who is suffering from a congenital form of venereal disease.

Commencement :-

The approval so far as it related to sub-para (a) of para 'Preliminary' of this R/O will take effect on and from the 1st Feb 44, and so far as it relates to sub-paras (b) and (c) of that paragraph will operate as from 6 th Oct '39.

Interpretation :-

For the purpose of this order, the term 'first occasion' when used in connection with venereal disease will mean -

(a) the first occasion on which a venereal disease is diagnosed after 31st Jan 44.

(b) in the case of a member who was on 1st Feb 44 absent from duty by reason of the disease diagnosed prior to that date - venereal disease for which he is being treated; or

(c) in the case of a member who, subsequent to the 31 st Jan 44, is absent from duty through a relapse from the venereal disease diagnosed prior to the 1st Feb 44 - the relapse from which he is then suffering.

whichever first occurs.

Transfers and Re-enlistment :-

No account will be taken of any absence through venereal disease of a member -

(a) whilst serving with the Royal Australian Navy or the Royal Australian Air Force, or

(b) during any previous period of service with the AIF under an earlier appointment or enlistment.

Records :-

Directions regarding casualty advice to be submitted by medical units will be included in an amendment to 'Instruction to Medical Officers. Instructions regarding method of promulgation in routine orders, Part I will be issued by the Officer-in-charge, 2nd Echelon, LHQ.

8. AMENITIES :-

Before the Regt left VICTORIA, sporting goods to the value of some £113- were obtained from the Directorate of Amenities, LHQ. A charge for the value of the ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ goods, which had been made against the Regt, has now been cancelled by the generous action of the Directorate of Amenities, who has made the material a free gift to the Regt.

9. CAMERAS & PHOTOGRAPHY.

Ref Regtl Intell Instn No.13. The use of Cameras for unofficial purposes is permitted to all ranks.
Tps will complete the register of all Cameras privately held by 24 Feb 44 and will show :-

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CENSORSHIP & PHOTOGRAPHY - contd.

NAME
TYPE OF CAMERA
N O. OF CAMERA
LEN S SIZE
LENS NO.
FILM SI ZE
OWNERS SIGN ATURE
SIGNATURE OF REGI STRATION OFFI CER.

Tps will forward copy of these parti cul ars to BHQ by 25 Feb 44.

10. ARMY EDUCATION SERVICE :-

A Catalogue of Educatio nal Book s, for loan to Tps from the ADELAIDE library is ava ilabl e at RHQ.
Personnel desirous o f availing them sel ves of thi s opportunity will make request to the I.O. at RHQ.

.....Lieut for Major.
160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF)

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Unit 160 Aust LAA Bty RAA (AIF) Date and Time.—From 011400 KL Mar 44 To 032100 KL Mar 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Darwin	1 Mar	1400	Lieut Donnen visited rear HQ 160 Bty – ref	
			Rear HQ move to Hughes area	
Darwin	1 Mar	2300	Recon Lieut Donnen received O O No 5 from	
			11th Aust LAA Regt RAA (AIF)	
Darwin	2 Mar	1000	Lieut Donnen issued Ops Order No 2.	Appx A
Darwin	3 Mar	0100	CTP 160 Bty relieved RAAF Drome defences	
			by E TP 161 Aust LAA Bty	
Hughes	3 Mar	0500	Guns into L1, L2 L3 L4 L10 & L12	
			in action Hughes area (CTP)	
Darwin	3 Mar	2100	Tac HQ 160 Aust LAA Bty RAA (AIF) RAAF	
			Darwin closed down.	
Hughes	3 Mar	2100	Main HQ 160 Aust LAA Bty RAA (AIF) – Noonimah	
			closed down.	
Hughes	3 Mar	2100	HQ 160 Aust LAA Bty RAA (AIF) reopened Hughes Area – 35 Mile Reg	

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Unit 160 Aust LAA Bty RAA (AIF) Date and Time.—From 040130KL Mar 44 To 050930KL Mar 44.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Darwin	4 Mar 44	0130	D. TP 160 Aust LAA Bty RAA (AIF) excl 1 gun	
			(FORT HILL) relieved by F TP 161 Aust LAA Bty	
			RAA (AIF)	
Hughes	4 Mar 44	0530	Gun sites L5 L7 L8 L9 L10 in action	
			Hughes Area (D TP)	
Hughes	4 Mar 44	0915	Lieut Downes visited ADO Hughes Area (Capt	
			Locke)	
Hughes	4 Mar 44	1000	Lieut Downes visited AA Ops Room C + D	
			THQ's and Baker Switch	
Hughes	4 Mar 44	1530	Lieut Downes visited HQ 12 Aust LAA Regt RAA	
			(AIF) - ref. Discharge to manpower applicants	
Hughes	5 Mar 44	0930	Issued maintenance schedule of Bofors guns -	
			Hughes Layout	APPX B JLR

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Unit 160 Aust Laa Bty RAA (AIF) Date and Time.—From 050930 KL Mar 44 To 171300 KL Mar 44.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Hughes	5 Mar 44	0930	Issued Trg Instruction no 31.	APPX C. JRA
	5 Mar 44	1100	Visited G.D.O. 452 Squadron (F/O Bouzens)	
			-preparation for movement of Squadron to	
			Satler Field - to be covered by 3 guns CTP.	
Hughes.	6 Mar 44	0900	~~CTP~~ Issued routine order Part 1 No 134.	APPX D JRA
Hughes	7 Mar 44	0930	Issued Telephonist Drill - Procedure instruction	APPX E JRA
Hughes	7 Mar 44	1000	Issued Adm Instruction No 5	APPX F. JRA
	7 Mar 44	1830	Col Hughes-Hallett and Lieut Donnell visited HQ.	
			103 TK/ATTACK Regt.	
Hughes	8 Mar 44	1500	Lieut Donnell visited HQ 159 Aust Laa Bty RAA (AIF)	
Hughes	9 Mar 44	0900	Lieut Donnell visited all sites Hughes area.	
Hughes.	10 Mar 44	0930	Issued Extracts from Layout standing orders	APPX G. JRA
Hughes	12 Mar 44	1100	Lieut visited HQ 112 Aust Laa Regt RAA (AIF)	
Hughes.	17 Mar 44	1300	Col Hughes-Hallett visited this HQ	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Hughes	18 Mar	0900	Lieut JR Donnell visited Darwin Fortress Area	/
Hughes	21 Mar	0930	Issued Routine Orders Part 1 No 135	APPX H. JRD
Hughes	25 Mar	1400	Lieut Donnell visited HQ 159 Aust LAA	
			Bty RAA (AIF).	
Hughes	27 Mar	1000	Lieut JR Donnell visited HQ 112 Aust LAA Regt RAA	
			AIF.	
Hughes	27 Mar	1200	Issued R.O's Part 1. No 136.	APPX I JRD
Hughes	31 Mar	0930	Lieut JR Donnell visited HQ 112 Aust LAA Regt	
			RAA AIF	
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APPX A.

O. O. No. 2.

(In confirmation of Verbal Orders)

INFM

1. Vide Appx 'A' att.

INTENTION

2. 161 Aust Lt AA Bty will relieve 160 Aust Lt AA Bty in DARWIN FRT Area.

METHOD

3. Allotment

RAAF Air Fd	-	6 guns
F.B. Base	-	3 guns
Oil Tks	-	3 guns

4. Relief

Chan ge over will be made on the ground as follows and DARWIN FRT will NOT be uncovered -

C Tp 160 Bty will be relieved by E Tp 161 Bty, night 2/3 Mar 44
D Tp 160 Bty will be relieved by F Tp 161 Bty, night 3/4 Mar 44
160 BHQ and Wkshops to be relieved by 161 BHQ and Wkshops night 3/4 Mar 44.

5. Timing

(a) 161 Bty will uncover in HUGHES Area NOT before 2100 hrs.

(b) All GUNS will be in action in new area by 0630 hrs excl Guns ex FORT HILL which will be in action in HUGHES Area within 48 hrs, timed from its relief on FORT HILL.
Bty Comds will mutually arrange times of actual hand-over.

6. Comd

On completion of occupation, 161 Bty will pass under comd HQ, DARWIN FRT for all purposes, and 160 Bty will revert to Regt.

7. Layout Documents

SOs and all relevant pps will be handed over to incoming HQ.

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8. Completion of Move

Tps will signal GOR HUGHES, rptd BHQ when in action.

ADM

9. Amn

Both Btys will move with WE Scale, allcalbre.

10. Pol

Will be handed over on the ground.

11. Rations

(a) Tps will indent for incoming Tp until the day prior to their departure. Tps will receive from BHQ rations for the following day at new layout HQ.

(c) The 3 days reserve and 2 days emergency rations held by Tps will move with each Tp.

12. Camp and Accomodation Stores

(a) Both Tps will move with WET Stores, but all others will be handed over on the ground, on AAF F54. Tps may organise exchange of NCOs prior to move to check lists.

(b) Telephones will be left in position in each area.

13. Noonamah Camp

Main HQ, 160 Bty will hand over to Regtl HQ for subsesequent disposal, all buildings and stores on charge 14 L of C Sub Area.

14. Tpt

vide Appx 'B' and Adm Instn No. 29, issued separately.

15. HQ Locations

160 Bty - 35 M. Peg. RIDING Air Fd.

B Switchboard - LIVINGSTONE Air Fd

No change - Sigs personnel will be att 160 Bty.

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Signed at 1000 hrs 2 Mar '44.

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Appx 'A'
to G.O. No.5

STRENGTHS AND DISPOSITION OF ENEMY FORCES

ESTIMATED ENEMY LAND BASED AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

25 FEB '44

N.W. AREA	FIGHTERS	BOMBERS	OTHER A/C	TOTAL	AREA TOTAL
TIMOR	9	3	6	18	
AMBON	20	6	36	62	
AROE & KAI	11	6	4	21	
HALMAHERA	7	3	6	16	
DUTCH N.G.	18	3	17	38	
CELEBES	42	12	16	70	
TOTAL	107	33	85	225	225
JAVA - BALI LOMBOK	35	-	16	51	
BORNEO	18	-	13	31	
PHILLIPINES	-	16	16	32	
GRAND TOTAL	160	49	130	339	339

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Appx 'B'

to O.O. No.5

TPT FOR MOVE - 160 and 161 LAA BTYS

GENERAL

1. The move of each Bty will be treated as an exercise, despite shortage of MT Vehs.

2. Vehs held by Btys will be allotted Tac Nos and deficiencies provided as in Movt Table att.

DVR TASK SHEET

3. Each dvr of loaned vehs will be issued with a Task Sheet as per pro-forma att, before departing from Regtl HQ.

CONVOYS

4. All mvt will be in convoy with exception of vehs allotted to 161 Bty that are NOT re-allotted to 160 Bty for South bound move, these vehs will return to 159 Bty independently.

CONGESTION

5. To overcome congestion between incoming vehs of 161 Bty and outgoing vehs of 160 Bty at Bty and Tp HQs, all 160 Bty vehs will be loaded and lined up in convoy on the N.A. Rd prior to the arrival of the incoming 161 Bty convoy. Vehs will then have adequate space in which to work when off-loading 161 Bty eqpt and on-loading 160 Bty Eqpt.

6. TSMs will be responsible for collecting required vehs from off-loading Bty and guiding them to required position for on-loading, and ensuring that dvrs erase OLD Tac marking and chalk on NEW Tac marking for South bound task.

7. After of during on-loading 159 Bty dvrs are to be given refreshments by 160 Bty.

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MVT TABLE FOR VEHS ON LOAN
&
INSTRUCTION TABLE FOR DVRS 159 BTY EMPLOYED IN 160-161 BTY CHANGE OVER

NORTH BOUND - HQ 161 BTY

SOUTH BOUND - HQ 160 Bty

SERIAL	TYPE VEH	REPORT TO	REPORT TABLE	TAC MARKING NORTH BOUND	TAC MARKING SOUTH BOUND	REPORT TO & TIME
1	3 ton	161 Bty HQ	1800 hrs	P 2	P 2	160 Bty Tac HQ
	F Tp				D Tp	
2	3 ton	F Tp HQ	1800 hrs	GF 3	WLD 2	D Tp HQ
3	3 ton	F Tp HQ	1800 hrs	WLF 2	WLD 3	D Tp HQ
4	3 ton	F Tp HQ	1800 hrs	WLF 3	L 4	D Tp HQ
5	15 cwt	F Tp HQ	1800 hrs	MF	RD 3	D Tp HQ
6	15 cwt	F Tp HQ	1800 hrs	MF	HD	D Tp HQ
7	3 ton				H 2	160 Bty main HQ 2100 3/3/44
8	3 ton				Q 3	160 Bty main HQ 2100 3/3/44

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MVT TABLE FOR VEHS ON LOAN

&

INSTRUCTIONS TABLE FOR DVRS 159 BTY EMPLOYED IN 160-161 BTY CHANGE

NORTH BOUND : E TP - 2 MAR '44 SOUTH BOUND : C TP - 3 MAR '44

SERIAL	TYPE VEH	REPORT TO	REPORT TIME	TAC MARKING NORTH BOUND	TAC MARKING SOUTH BOUND	REPORT TO
1	3 ton	E Tp, HQ	1800 hrs	GE 3	WLC 2	C Tp,HQ.
2	3 ton	E Tp, HQ	1800 hrs	WLE 2	WLC 3	C Tp,HQ.
3	3 ton	E Tp, HQ	1800 Hrs	WLE 3	GC 2	C Tp,HQ.
4	3 ton	E Tp, HQ	1800 hrs	L 5	GC 3	C Tp,HQ.
5.	15 cwt	E Tp, HQ	1800 hrs	RE 3	MC	C Tp,HQ.

PROVISIONAL MEAL

NORTH BOUND	SOUTH BOUND
159 Bty responsible	Refreshment to be provided by 160 Bty.

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APPX B

160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF) SECURITY

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE OF BOFORS GUNS

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
0830-1030	L1	L2	L3	L4	L11	L12
1530-1730	L5	L6	L7	L8	L 9	L10

1. This H.Q. Security memo cancels all other Maintenance Timetables laid down for this Area.

2. When guns cannot be maintenanced owing to bad weather Tps will advise AA Ops Room Hughes and arrange special times.

3. Det Comds will IMMEDIATELY notify AA Ops Room Hughes should a gun be out of action at the expiration of the allotted time.

4. The schedule will be rigidly observed to ensure that :-

No two guns are out of action simultaneously.

5 Mar 44.

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a Maj comd 160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF)

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APPx. C.

160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF)

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TRAINING INSTRUCTION No. 31 5 Mar 44.

TRADE TESTING OF DVR OPERATORS.

1. The following have already passed in subjects B, C, D, and E.

VX30300	Gnr	Bartlett	P
VX64994	"	Cameron	DJ
VX30061	"	Clarkson	GC
VX77311	"	Flowers	JL
VX126162	"	Stuckey	GG

2. Above personnel still have to pass subjects A and F.

3. Personnel will attend this H.Q. for school (approx 5 days' duration) 062000hrs.

4. Instructors - WOii Headlam
L/Sgt Watts

5. A Regtl bd ard to test canidates will vi sit this H.Q. on 13 and 14 Mar 44.

6. Engine Hand I.C. The board which tested engine hands I.C. on 18 Dec 43 was not properly constituted and canidates will have to be retested on the practical side. The board for subject A of Dr Ops test will conduct the oral and practical test on 13 Mar at same time and place as Dr Ops.

7. Syllabus for engine Hands I.C. Appx A attached.

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APPENDIX A

1. Introduction - Reason for a generator.
2. Description and characteristics of a Coventry Climax.
3. Detailed description of a [illegible] I.C. Engine.
4. Detailed descri ption of generator and circuit breaker switch.
5. Running Practise and visual signals.
6. Descreiption and characteristics of a Sco tt.
7. Maintenance of equiptment.

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APPX D

ROUTINE ORDER PART 1 No. 124

160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF)

RESTRICTED 6 March 44

1. APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS & CONFIRMATION OF RANK -

VX33282	WO11	ROBERTS	AF	From A/WO1. Regtl S.M. (Auth for above R/O 5/1024/44)	16/12/43
VX30062	L/Bdr	MATTHEWS	LW	From A/Bdr (Auth R/O 6/1209/44)	18/8/43

2. TRANSFERS

VX6[illegible]06	S/Sgt	STUBBS	EJ	trans from 112 Regt W/Shop Sec AIEF to 112 Aust Lt AA Regt RAA (AIF)	16/2/44
VX115718	Gnr	O'SULLIVAN	EP	from 160 Bty to Regtl HQ	18/2/44
VX18662	"	CARROLL	M	" Regtl HQ to 160 Bty	20/2/44

3. PUNISHMENTS

VX125605	Gnr	[illegible]	PH	Losing by neglect his AAB.83.14/2/44 Award : 7 Days CB	15/2/44
VX125883	"	MARSHALL	PA	Losing by neglect his AAB.83.14/2/44 Award : 7 Days CB	15/2/44
VX65628	"	CLEEHAN	NJ	Losing by neglect his AAB.83. 9/2/44 Award : 7 Days CB	15/2/44

4. MOSQUITO CONTROL : EMPTY BOTTLES.

Empty bottles carelessly left lying about become a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

5. All personnel will have impressed upon them the danger of such carelessness and will be instructed to stack empties where they can be collected and removed.

6. Empty bottles have a value for refilling and should be returned through normal channels.

FIRE PRECAUTION - DRY SEASON.

7. The following order is designed to deal with the danger of grass fires during the coming dry season and will be implemented in full by all sub-units by the dates specified hereunder :

Clearing Camp Area of Grass

(a) All grass will be cleared for a distance of :
- (i) 10 feet from tents marquees etc. veh harbours, sleeping, mess and recreational huts.
- (ii) 50 feet from incinerators, kitchens and storage shed.
- (iii) 40 feet from Pet and Ammo Dumps

by 10 MARCH 44

(b) Grass will be removed by hand and pulled out by the roots to prevent further growth and will be dumped in safe areas where when dry it will not be a danger to Army Camps and Installations. (See Appx A attached)

contd.

ROUTINE ORDER PART 1 No. 134 - contd.

FIRE PRECAUTION - DRY SEASON - contd.

(c) ON THE 1st MARCH a certificate will be rendered by all sub-units to this HQ

"I certify that I have personally inspected the Camp Area and/or installations under my control and that all grasses have been removed from the danger areas in accordance with Regtl H/O Part.1. No.130 para 11.

Sgd.....Bty Comd.

107 ACH ADELAIDE RIVER

8. (a) Visiting Hours :

Patients - 1400 hrs to 1600 hrs
1930 hrs to 2030 hrs
Sundays Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Visitors will NOT be permitted on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturday evenings.

All visitors will report to Orderly Room on entering Hosp grounds and will obtain permission of Sister i/c Ward before entering ward. Vehs of visitors will be parked at veh pk and will NOT be driven into Hosp grounds.

AMES and AMES Messes - 1930 hrs to 2230 hrs

(i) No visitors to the above messes will be permitted Tuesdays Thursdays and Saturdays.

(ii) Visitors to the above messes must leave at 2230 hrs.

(iii) AMES Mess is out of bounds to offrs unless special permission i s obtained from CO of hosp.

All vehs must leave veh pk by 2300 hrs. Thi s rule will be rigidl y enforced.

(b) Entertainments 107 ACH

(i) These entertainments are intended for pers and patients of 107 ACH.

(ii) Owing to the lack of seating accommodation, the hosp area is out of bounds to all pers on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights, except such as have been specifically invited by a member of the staff to the particular entertainment.

FIRE PRECAUTIONS - CLEANING PET TANK.

9. Attention is drawn to the danger of fire when pet tank s of vehs are being cleaned, particularly from sparks from electrical machinery or electric switches. In future all vehs will be placed NOT nearer than 50 yds from any workshop, and as far away as possible from adjacent vehs whilst pet tanks are being cleaned.

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ROUTINE ORDER PART 1 No. 134 - contd

POISONOUS BRINE IN REFRIGERATORS.

10. Delta Brine No 18 is known to consist largely of Barium Chloride, a highly poisonous substance.

Every precaution will be taken to ensure that such brine, if spilled is thoroughly removed by copious washing from any surface upon which foodstuffs might be placed.

It will be assumed that all refrigerent brines are poisonous.

Containers of refrigerator brine solutions will be conspiciously marked - POISON.

INVENTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS to MIL DEPT. - PROCEDURE (CRO 077/42)

11. The responsibility for the examination of new proposals and inventions as regards weapons, ammn, etc rests with the Army Inventions Directorate.

" Proposals or inventions by SERVING PERS may be submitted direct by the proposer or inventor to the Army Inventions Directorate through the normal unit etc., censorship channels. Censoring Offrs will be responsible that security is not infringed and, if considered necessary in the interests of security, will arrange for comm to be forwarded through official, instead of normal channels

Proposals and Inventions by serving members in the NT will be addressed to :

Army Inventions Directorate 51 Spring St., Melbourne.

DARWIN WATER SUPPLY

12. Incidents have been reported of pers using Standpipes on the Darwin Water Supply Pipeline for the purpose of washing down vehs etc.

The seriousness of acts of this nature and their possible effect on the Darwin Water Supply need no stressing.

The use of Standpipes will be restricted to the filling of water vehs.

RD TRAFFIC ON RY BRS - LOAD LIMITS.

13. During the wet season it may sometimes be necessary to divert rd traffic over ry brs.

Ry brs are class 40 excepting ADELAIDE RIVER and ELIZABETH RIVER which are class 24, but owing to the incidence of high rear axle loads the following restrictions relating to hy vehs are to be observed.

(a) Loaded Tank Tptrs and vehs whose axle or bogey loads exceed 18 tons will not cross any ry br.

(b) Loaded Mack Diesel trucks and vehs whose axle or bogey loads exceed 7 tons will not cross ADELAIDE RIVER or ELIZABETH RIVER ry brs.

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ROUTINE ORDER PART 1 No. 154 contd.

LEAVE TRAVEL.

14. From infm received at LHQ, it would appear that the full effect of Part XVI of GRO A598/43, and in particular of para 108, which reads as follows :

" Normally , free leave travel will be provided as follows:-

Destination	Frequency of Leave
Up to 150 miles	Not more than once monthly
Over 150 miles but within the L of C Area.	Not more than once in six months
Over 150 miles and outside the L of C Area	Not more than once in twelve months."

has, in some cases, not been recognised. The following infm is therefore promulgated for guidance.

Before GRO A598/43 was promulgated there were various authorities in force, which provided in result that, in some cases leave travel was free and in some cases it was wholly or partially at the members' expense.

By GRO A598/43, prior instns have been cancelled, and a uniform polic for all types of leave has been adopted. Part XVI of the GRO is not limite to recreation leave, but it applies to all kinds of leave.

Consequently under para 108, a member may now be granted free travel for any type of leave provided the free travel which he has received for all types of leave together is within the frequency prescribed in that pa

Similarly, unless the content or some other existing provisions instr shows that a restricted application is necessary, the other provisions of Part XVI also apply generally to all types of leave.

TELEPHONE DRILL

15. In future telephonists or personnel employed as such will NOT on answering the telephone ask "WHO IS CALLING?" This practice is frowned upon by higher formation and will cease forthwith in this Regt.

Drill to be adopted in future will be as follows:

For example - Adjt calling Bty Capt.
Caller will say "Adjt calling, I want the Bty Capt please and/or the offrs rank and name filling the appointment".

VENEREAL DISEASE - EFFECT ON PAY ADJUSTMENTS OF PAST FORFEITURES

16. In any instance to which the provisions of sub paras (b) or (c) of para 14 of Regtl R/O Part 1 No 118 apply in relation to cases prior to 1 Feb '44, action for adjustment will be initiated by the member making application through his CO to the Records Office for the L of C Area of enlistment, which will examine the clinical records of the member and, if these disclose that the disease was acquired in the course of duty or was a congental form appropriate action will be taken to effect a corrigendum.

On this being promulgated in HQs Part II, the necessary credit will be entered in the members paybook quoting the HQ Part II as authority.

FORFEITURE OF PROFICIENCY PAY.

19. Paras 10 and 14 of Bty RO No 121 of 14 Nov '43 amended to read as follows:

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If a soldier who is in receipt of proficiency pay commits a breach of good conduct he shall automatically forfeit his proficiency pay on and from the date of his conviction or the award against him.

A soldier's conduct will be deemed good unless he commits a breach of Good Conduct, as interpreted hereunder.

Breach of Good Conduct will occur when a soldier is awarded any of the following punishments:

(a) detention
(b) field punishment
(c) a fine of or above the amount of £1
(d) any ordered forfeiture of pay providing that such forfeiture amounts to £1 or more
(e) confinement to barracks for a period of 7 days or longer

The contraction of veneral disease will NOT be considered a breach of GOOD CONDUCT.

A soldier who has forfeited his proficiency pay by a reason of a breach of good conduct will, on completion of six months' service with good conduct be again entitled to proficiency pay without the necessity for further examination. Any period spent in detention, civil gaol or undergoing field punishment, as a result of circumstances constituting a breach of good conduct, will not be taken into account when calculating the required period of six months, which period will commence from the date on which the sentence was completed or any unexpired portion was remitted or suspended.

Attention is drawn to the undermentioned GROs, NTF Orders & NTF Adm Orders:

RECOVERY AND RECLAMATION OF WORN AND DAMAGED COMPONENTS - M.V and TECH EQPT

20. It is obvious by the condition of parts being returned to Ord Fd Pks that many units in this area are not complying with the terms of GRO 51/4

Many valuable and irreplaceable parts when originally removed from vehs are either serviceable or repairable, but owing to exposure to wet or careless handling become entirely US.

Alluced parts, serviceable or repairable, should be treated as new, and the same care and attention given them, otherwise the short supply of many spare parts will be further accentuated.

MOUNTING OF BAR TREAD TYRES - GRO 696/43

21. The following rules relating to the mounting of bar tread tyres will be observed -

(a) A bar tread tyre will be mounted on a NEAR WHEEL so that when the veh is moving fwd, THE APEX OF THE CHEVRON IN THE TREAD PATTERN WILL BE THE FIRST PART OF THE CHEVRON TO MEET THE GROUND.

(b) A bar tread tyre will be mounted on a FRONT WHEEL so that, WHEN THE VEH IS MOVING FWD, THE APEX OF THE CHEVRON IN THE TREAD PATTERN WILL BE THE LAST PART OF THE CHEVRON TO MEET THE GROUND.

In the position prescribed for a rear wheel tyre, the tread is self-cleaning and offers maximum traction, in that prescribed for a front wheel tyre, the tread wears less rapidly. In consequence, observance of the rules set out in para 1 hereof will allow for full benefit to be derived from periodic interchanging of tyres in wheel positions, and will lessen erractic wear.

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ROUTINE ORDER PART 1 No. 134 contd

In case where a veh, which is equipped with front wheel drive, has to negotiate extremely difficult soft and muddy terrain, a reversal of the prescribed method of mounting tyres on the front wheels may be permitted in order to obtain maximum traction.

Certain mechanisation circulars and pamphlets contain instns inconsistent with the rules enunciated above. Th e cancellation of such instns will be anticipated. Manufacturers' instns relative to this subject whether appearing in handbooks, on tyres, o r elsewhere, will be disregard ed.

GRENADES, HAND, or.303 INCH RIFLE No. 36 m.

22. Small Arms Training, Vol 1, Pam No 13, Grenades (Aust, 1943) Less 1 para 4, sub para 11 states:-

> " Clean off all wax from the body, central sleeve, striker and spring. See that the striker is straight and has two nipples with a vertical slot between them".

GRO 0.60/43 states that hangfires might be due to insufficient blow of the striker, owing to non-removal of the waterproof composition from around the junction of the striker and the body of the grenade, and that it is important that it be carefully removed during preparations of grenades for use.

It has been found, however, that, in tropical areas, this waterproofing composition does not set hard and retard the striker and that removal of the composition does materially effect the waterproof properties of the grenade and, therefore, reduce its effectiveness.

In view of the above, the waterproofing composition will not be removed from grenades, during preparation for use, in tropical areas.

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STANDING ORDERS FOR FIRE - NTF

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FIRE

1. All grass will be cleared -

   (a) For a distance of ten yards from tents, marquees etc and vehicle harbours. The clearing of tent areas will be made the responsibility of the occupants thereof.

   (b) For a distance of twenty yards from incinerators, Kitchens, Ration Sheds, Bush shelters etc.

   (c) For a distance of forty yards from petrol and ammunition dumps.

2. Grass will be removed by hand - pulled out by the roots - to prevent further growth. Care will be taken to protect the hands as the serrated edges of native grasses can cause severe lacerations.

3. Grass removed in accordance with above will be carefully collected and dumped in safe areas where, when dry, it will be of no danger to camp installations etc.

4. Rubbish will NOT be burned in open incinerators.

5. Tins will be placed in tents and huts for recepti on of cigarette butts and matches and disciplinary action will be taken against offenders who fail to dispose of same accordingly.

6. Hurricane lamps will NOT be left unattended in tents or huts.

7. Camp fires will NOT be left unattended and when no longer required will be covered with earth.

8. Care will be taken to see that out-breaks of fire which are extinguished are picqueted for twelve hours before vigilance i s relaxed.

FIRE PICQUETS

9. A Fire Picquet of two men will be detailed in each BHQ, THQ, each gun posn and Camp site. They will be responsible for proceeding at once to the scene of the fire and rendering first aid in extinguishing or limiting the fire by locating the actual seat of the outbreak and using all fi re fighting appliances at hand until the arrival of the fire parties.

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FIRE PARTIES

10. Fire parties will be detailed in sub-unit orders in sufficient strength to provide the following at each BHQ, THQ, Gun positions and Camp Site -

(a) A party to bring up any fi re equipment required by the fire picquet and to assist generally.

(b) A party to form bucket chains from available water supply (where possible) to seat of fire.

(c) A fatique party to salvage propetty and goods.

FIRE POSTS

11. Each BHQ, THQ, Gun position and Camp site will constitute a Fire Post and such Fire fighting appliances as available will be concentrated therein.

FIRE FIGHTING APPLIANCES

12. Fire fighting appliances such as Fi re Beaters and buckets or other suitable containers will be distributed evenly to THQ and Gun sites when available.

13. RQM will take steps to obtain equipment from Engineers Services on the following basis :-

Fire Beaters :- 3 per each BHQ, THQ and Gun site.

Bucket or other
suitable containers :- 6 per each BHQ, THQ, and Gun site.

(Such containers will be filled with sand or water at all times ready for emergency)

14. Other appliances such as Bega Knapsack Sprays, Chemical Extinguishers etc where at present available, will be issued to as many Fire Posts as possible.

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APPX E

1 GO Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF) SECURITY

TELEPHONIST DRILL - PROCEDURE

HUGHES AREA

1. B Switch will be responsible for a check call to all Lt Gun sites:-

(a) By day every ½ hour
(b) By night every hour

2. REPORTING OF AIRCRAFT

Owing to the heavy use of lines only 2 sites in the area will report all A/C to G.O.R. namely:-

L 4 HUGHES
L 8 LIVINGSTONE

3. As laid down in para 1 (a) sites will be checked on the half hour. Assuming the call does not eventuate, after a lapse of 5 mins, the duty spotter will ring through to B. Switch. If B Switch cannot be contacted it is the duty of the spotter to notify the D C or Duty Bdr, who will instruct the driver of tractor to proceed to the nearest site and report the line "out" to B Switch.
The same procedure shall be laid down for para 1 (b).
Switch operator will then in turn notify Sigs that line is "out".
This procedure must be strictly adhered to.

4. Allsites must log line tests.

5. Phones on sites are used for a purpose i.e. Operational requirements. Disciplinary action will be taken if this procedure is abused.
Personnel to use phone ONLY are :-

N C O's and Duty Spotters or Guards for operational or urgen t adm requirements.

6. It is of utmost importance to comply with the above paras, as line communications in this area detiorate suddenly.

7 March 44

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APPx F.

160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (ALF)

7 Mar '44.

Admin Instruction No.5.

GENERAL.

The following instructions are designed to cover all the rou ine admin requirements of the Bty. These orders will be read to and understood by all BHQ & Tp HQ personnel. It must be clearly understood by all drivers that they will always enquire at the Orderly room of any HQ before departing for any other HQ.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. Telephonic- Tp have telephonic comm with BHQ through B switch. This will be used for:-

(a) Operational necessity.
(b) Urgent Adm matters.
(c) Matters which require discussion and cannot adequately be covered by written signal.

2. MCO, Ration Truck etc:- The undermentioned list of routi MCO and veh runs between BHQ and Tp HQ is given so that arrangements can be made for all normal adm matters(signals,trnfer of stores etc to be carried out by these runs.

DAILY.

Veh	Leaves BHQ	Leaves C Tp	Leaves D Tp
MCO	0830	0900	0930
Rations	1130	1215	1145
"	1630	1715	1645

WEEKLY.

Veh	Leaves BHQ	Leaves C Tp	Leaves D Tp
Canteen	0900	1300	1330.

NB. All times stated above are appron only.

3. It is again stressed that written signals be the normal method of inter HQ communications and NOT add conversations over th telephone.

RATIONS.

Will be delivered twice daily by BHQ at Appron 1200 hrs fo normal fresh rations and at appron 1700 hrs for meat etc.

ORDERS.

Adm Instructions continued.

STORES.

Lists of any stores as required by Tps (excl clothing) will be faxed to BHQ by the routine comms and if available will be subsequently sent to Tps on the ration truck or by any Tp driver calling at BHQ who may collect same from G store.

P.O.L.

Will be collected and delivered by BHQ, Tps will submit a return of P.O.L. (incl power boro for cleaning) requirements on Tuesday of each week to BHQ who will collect and deliver same on the following day.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

will be collected by HHQ MCO at 0045 hrs from 105 Fy A A Bt and will subsequently be delivered to Tp HQs by 0930 hrs daily.

RETURNS.

Weekly.

Day.	To	Nature of Return.
Tuesday	BHQ	POL requirements.
Sunday AM	"	Trunk line calls.
Thursday	"	Veh marking progress.

Daily. Strength Returns.

STRENGTH RETURNS.

Strength returns will b sent in by the morning MCO as follows :-

	Present	Hospital	Leave	School	Tot
Offrs.					
Ors.					

Hospital. Leave. School.
Offrs. ... Ors ... Offrs. ... Ors. Offrs. ... Ors.

All personnel marching in or out of the Bty for any reason will always report to HHQ Orderly room. Under NO circumstances will this be contravened.

If however personnel, through circumstances beyond their or Tp HQ control, move out of or into Bty, the Tp concerned will give full details in their next Strength Return.

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Adm Instructions continued.

PAY.

Pay together with Acquittance rolls and paybooks duly made up for that period, will b delivered to Tps on alternate Thursday mornings.

Surplus money and acquittance rolls duly signed by the paying Offic will be returned to BHQ by the Friday morning MCO.

Instructions dealing with remittances of pay can be obtained from BHQ.

MEDICAL.

Sick parade will be held daily at 0900 hrs at BHQ.
Personnel for sick parade will be sent i n by Tps at 0845 Hrs.

Mail.

Outgoing mail will be censored and sent to BHQ by the late afternoo ration truck to catch the following mornings mail.
Incoming mail will be delivered to Tp on either the morning or afternoon ration truck daily.

CANTEEN.

Beer and Lolly water will be delivered by BHQ to each Tp HQ according to their strength return, normally before 1500 hrs on Tuesday
On Fridays the Canteen truck will tour each HQ and all gun sites f the sale of Canteen goods.

CHURCH PARADES.

Church parades which may be attended where operational requirement permit, are held at 2 Sqn camp as follows :-
Roman Catholic 0900 Hrs Sundays.
C of England 2000 " "

AMMENITIES.

Pictures are held at HOONAMAH on Friday nights and the same pictu again at HUGHES on Saturday night. Consistent with operational require Tps may use one veh only on each night for tpt of personnel to these entertainments.
Tps may visit the Canteen (40 mile peg) on Sunday ni ghts where a concert is frequently given. For this purpose Tps may use one veh for tpt of personnel.
Requirements of sporting and ammenity goods willl be decided at t monthly meeting of the Welfare Committee. Efforts will be made by BHQ Obtain such requirements and issue sam to tps.

DENTAL.

BHQ will arrange with Dental centre HOONAMAH.

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Adm Instructions continued.

TRUNK LINE CALLS.

The present allotment of trunk line calls stands at one per Tp per week. Tps will return to BHQ by 1800 hrs on Sundays the Number, name, rank. Telephone No. of their allotted caller. Personal calls may be made in which case BHQ will be given the ~~nd~~ additional information.

W Murray .....Lieut.
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Air Sentries and Security Guards on Gun Sites.

(Extract from Bty Layout Standing Orders)

A copy of the following orders will be displayed in a conspicious place at all gun sites. It will also be the responsibility of the Detachment Cond to propulgate the contents of same at frequent intervals as laid down by the Bty Cond on muster parades of all personnel of the Detachment. It will likewise be the duty of all personnel before mounting duty as air sentries or as security guards to make themselves thoroughly acquainted with same.

1. AIR SENTRIES.

(a) Tour of duty.

An air sentry who will also combine the duties of a security guard will be posted at each gun site for tours of duty not to exceed one hour continous duty during hours of daylight, or two hours during hours of darkness. This duty will be maintained at all hours at each gun site except during the periods which the AADC Fd S.O's permit a security guard only to be maintained. During those periods the Orders relating to Security Guards will apply. The latter periods are set out in those Orders.

(b) Duties of the air sentry (and security guard).
(i) To maintain a vigilant look out for hostile aircraft.
(ii) To man the telephone connected to the site. When answering the phone he will report :- The tactical No of the gun: Through.
(iii) To give immediate warning of the approach of hostile aircraft to the duty crew by sounding a series of continuous blasts on the whistle.
(iv) To maintain a log of all Aircraft movements and of all operational telephone messages IN or OUT. The Bty Cond may declare certain guns/ten only within the Layout as reporting guns. In that case, Reporting Guns only will log movements of all A/C namely L1,L4 and L8.
(v) To turn out the duty crew to the gun pit on the approach of any Royal Officer of field rank or above, any officer acting in the capacity of the Bty Cond, Bty 2 i/c and Tp Officer on inspection, and any officer of field rank or above including Naval and Air Force equivalent rankings PROVIDED THAT where a visiting officer is NOT recognised or notified his credentials must first be inspected by the Det Cond who will advise the Tp Cond. In the latter case, the sentry will salute the p officer and will summon the Det Cond.
(vi) To prevent the approach of any unauthorised person or persons within the perimeter of the gun site.
(vii) To guard all Govt property on the site.
(viii) To prevent the parking of vehs within 50 yds of the gun pit.

(c) DRESS

He will be smartly and neatly attired at all times. Dress will comprise:-

y Day - Hat Fur Felt (with p[illegible]aree) turned down.
Shorts, Khaki : Shirt (Optional)
Belt,web. : Gaiters or puttees.
Sox : rolled down if desired.
Boots, A.S.

y night-Hat, fur felt (with [illegible]garee) turned down.
Trousers,KD. : Shirt with slee ves rolled down.
Belt web. : Sox
Boots, A.S. : Gaiters or Puttees.

(d) ARMS
(i) Sentries will be armed with rifles with fixed bayonets.
(ii) During hours of daylight same will be kept within close proximity ready for instant use.
(iii) During hours of darkness sentries will carry same at all times
(iv) Five rounds .303 S.A Ball will be kept in the magazine.
(v) A round will NOT be placed in the chamber UNLESS an unsatisfactory answer is received to a challenge.

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(vi) Extreme care will be exercised at all times in the handling of arms and all safety precautions will be rigidly observed. On the hand over of duties between sentries, the following procedure will be adhered to rigidly:-

(a) The outgoing sentry will remove the magazine in the presence of the incoming sentry, who will check the number of rounds and will take over same.

(b) The outgoing sentry will remove the rifleibolt. The incomingsentry will close the bolt and will apply the safety catch and will close the cut switch (if same is provided). He will then replace the magazine with five rounds therein.

(c) Extreme caution will be exercised at all times in the handling of arms and all safety precautions will be observed. A WARNING is sound d to sentires that in the event of an enquiry being held into any incident, in which the evidence establishes that full safety precautions have NOT been observed, i.e., failure to check safe condition of rifle on take over from an out going sentry the person concerned may be found guilty of negligence in the handling of arms and punished accordingly.

(d) The incoming sentry will be responsible for checking that the rifle and bayonet taken over are in first class condition. He will reprot any any fault to his Det.Comd.

(e) WARNINGS

(a) Air Raid - a series of continuous blasts on whistle.
(b) Turn out of crew for other reason - long blasts on whistle.
(c) When sentry is due for relief - Call relief.

(f) GENERAL

An air sentry should realise that he represents the eyes and ears of his Detachment, during his tour of duty. He must not rely upon telephone warnings of impending air raids. Telephone circuits frequently fail in tropical conditions, and in many Lt AA layouts, aprticularly in the field, the sentry must rely upon his sight alone, as no other warning system prevails. His tour of duty is of paramount importance as opportunity sneak raids DO AND WILL occur when least expected. A sentry who becomes indolent over a period of months cannot suddenly become alert, and must fail in any energency to summon his crew in time to enable a fast sneak raider to be engaged.

Accordingly the following rules will apply in the interests of securing alertness at all times :-

(i) A sentry will NOT leave the area defined by the perimeter of gun pit. He will adopt the stand at ease position when standing in any one position. He will not sit or loll about under any circumstances.

(ii) He may move around the outer perimeter of the gun pit but will not remain within the pit. In the event of very heavy rain only, the sentry may take cover within the sentry box provided adjacent to each gun site. He will not removethe telephone from the spotters pit. Immediately upon cessation of the rain he will return to the pit.

(iii) He will NOT smoke.

(iv) He will NOT read any books or any reading matter.

(v) He will come smartly to attention when an officer addresses or acknowledges him or is passing him during the course of inspection. He will salute the officer. Same will apply to compliments to be paid to senior officers passing gunsites on the road side. Compliments will be padd to the following:-

(a) GOC - car bearing red flag.
(b) Brigadiers " blue " .

In both cases sentry will salute ONLY unless carrying his arms at at the timein which case he will come to the present arms.

(vi) He will check the condition of all equipment upon which he will rely in the exercise of his duties :-

(a) Binoculars will be kept in the bimocular case except when in use. The case will be housed in a thoroughly water proofed ed compartment beside the telephone in the spotter's pit. Any star's or above faults appearing in the binoculars will be reported immediately to the Det Comd. These binoculars are very valuable equipment and must be MOST carefully handled.

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(b) Telephones - Same will be kept housed in a water proofed compartment in the spotter's pit. They will be constantly checked to ensure that they are working. Any fault will be reported to the Det Comd immediately.

2. SECURITY GUARDS.

In order to ease the strain on gun numbers the AADC (Fd) has authorised that :-

(a) One gun in each of C & D Tps in HUGHES area need NOT be manned during the period 1600HL to dark daily and that a security guard ONLY need be maintained during these hours.

(b) That all guns will be manned throughout the full moon and the four nights before and the four nights after full moon while the moon is shining. The dates for this manning, and the hours of moon shine will be notified periodically. On all other nights, from dark till first light and during the full moon period nights before moon rise and after moon set security guards ONLY will be mounted on all gun sites.

The following will apply to security guards during the above periods. At all other times the Orders relating to Air Sentries will continue to apply.

TOUR OF DUTY

Period of duty NOT to exceed 2 hours.

DUTIES

The duties of the Security Guard are as follows :-

(a) To prevent the approach of any unauthorised person or persons within the perimeter of the gunsites.
(b) To man the telephone connected to the sight.
(c) To guard all Govt property on the sight.

DRESS

(as laid down in the Orders relting to AIR sentries para 1 (c).

ARMS

(as laid down in the Orders relating to Air Sentires para 1 (c).

GENERAL

The Security Guard is in the nature of a prowler guard. He will be at all times alert and vigilant. He will prowl around the perimeter of the gun pit, but will make at least two circuits of the layout area during his tour of duty, keeping within the sight of the gun pit and within hearing of the telephone.

He will stand at ease in any on position and will NOT under any circumstances sit down, lie down, loco about, smoke or read during his tour of duty.

He may take shelter in the sentry box from weather ONLY under the conditions laid down in orders relating the Air Sentries para 1 (e) All)

~~8 Feb~~ 10 Mch '44.

.....Lieut
Adm Comd 160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF)

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Routine Orders. Part 1 No. 135.

160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA(AIF).

RESTRICTED. 21st Mar '44.

1. TAKEN ON STRENGTH.

NX119495	Lieut	P.H.ALLEN	from 658 Aust Lt AA Bty (Static) (Auth LHQ 10309 of 27/2/44.)
TX4997	Sgt	J.C.YEATES	from 10 Aust Adv W/Shop Base & posted to 160 Bty W/Shop Sec. 26/1/44.
VX123884	Gnr	J.S.MARSHALL	from HQ 3 Aust Salvage Depot & posted to 160 Bty 11/3/44.

2. STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.

VX85478	Gnr	RICHARDSON E.G.	Discharged to resume civil avocation 12/3/44.
TX11075	"	THURLEY L.J.	" " " " "

3. APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS etc.

VX68906 A/S/Sgt STUBBS E.J. Reverted to Sgt at own request 16/2/44

4. PUNISHMENTS.

VX123883	Gnr	MARSHALL R.A.	Disobeying a lawful command given by his superior officer. 28/2/44. Award. Fined £5-
V265628	"	CLEEMAN N.J.	Corrigendum: Ref R/O Part 1 No 134 para 8. Delete all reference.
V265628	"	CLEEMAN N.J.	Driving a veh in excess of maximum speed as laid down. Award: 7 days C.B. 15/2/44.

5. TRAFFICE CONTROL - ENTERING N.S.ROAD.
All veh about to enter N.S.Road from any access rd or track or from any unit lines, will stop at least five (5) ft before the front of the veh arrives at the highway.

6. The dr will look both to his right and left whilst halted, and before moving on, will ensure that there is no veh approaching him from either direction along the N.S. Rod within 50 yds of his veh.

7. All veh passing in either direction along NS Rd, have the right of way over veh entering that Rd.

8. Disciplinary action will be taken against any dr who commits a breach of this order.

9. SEA BATHING : DARWIN- Danger of.

Cases have occurred recently of men suffering injuries from Portugese Men of War (Blue Bottles) and from ear trouble probably due to impure water.

10. Sea bathing will cease in the Darwin Area fro the current wet seaso

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11. RECORD OF SERVICE BOOK - AAB .83.

It is reported that many patients not in possession of AAB.83. are being admitted to hospital. Sub-units will ensure that personnel are in possession of AAB.83. when being evacuated to hospital.

12. Every soldier will be in possession of his AAB.83. at all times and any soldier who hasnot been issued with an AAB.83 will report that fact immediately.

13. EQUIPMENT OF PERSONNEL EVACUATED TO HOSPITAL.

It has been brought to notice that Btys are NOT forwarding personnel gear with , of to personnel who have been evacuated to hospital. The following procedure will be in future adopted:

(a) Personnel, leaving Bty and who are almost certain to be evacuated beyond a Fd Amb or its equivalent will take gear listed para(e) below.

(b) If a soldier is not given the opportunity of returning to his unit to collect his gear, the responsibility will then lie with the Bty AAMC Cpl to report any evavuations to the B.S.M. who will forthwith have all gear listed in para (e) below, collected and fwded to the soldier.

(c) As a majority of cases are evacuated through 2/13 Fd Amb. gear may also be fwded to the Fd Amb for on forwarding to Adelaide River the next morning. All such gear will be tied in neat bundles and will be clearly labelled with No. Name & Rank of the soldier to whom it is being fwded. Such consignments will,be deposited with 2/13 Fd Amb by 1600 hrs on the day on which the soldier is evacuated.

(d) Soldiers who are admitted to Fd Amb Units and are NOT to be evacuated beyond, will take only bare necessities such as toilet gear.

(e) The following gear will be taken by all personnel moving beyond a Fd Amb:-

Respirator, Helmet Steel, Messing Gear, Web Eqpt, Groung sheet, Blankets, Mosquito Net, all personal gear incl clothing toilet necessities, AAB.83. and Pay-book.

MAKE AND MEND FOR W/SHOPS PERSONNEL.

14. In view of the fact that W/shops personnel are employed in jobs which render items of clothing in a filthy condition, it has been decided that Saturday afternoon will in future be set asid as a half day in which to make and mend. This will take effect from and including Saturday 18 Mar'44 and will apply to all AEME personnel including those attached to Btys. This half day of make and mend will in no way effect the one day per week STAND DOWN for W/shops personnel but will be taken advantage of for the purpose of washing and mending only, and NOT for visiting friends in outside units.

15. INJURIES - COMPILATION OF AAF D 11.
In view of NT Force Adm Order No 14 para 106. Btys will in future compile AAF D11 in quadruplicate for personnel suffering injuries of any nature. Page 1 only of the D 11 will be compiled by the Bty with the assistance of the examining MO. Page 2 will be compiled by this HQ. Where possible signed statements in quadruplicate from any available witness will be fwded as on attachment to AAF. D 11.

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PROFICIENCY PAY FORFEITURE'S

Para 19 of RO134 is amended to read as follows:-

Breach of Good Conduct

(a) detention
(b) field punishment
(c) a fine of or above the amount of £1
(d) any ordered forfeiture of pay providing that such forfeiture amounts to £1 or more
(e) confinement to barrcks for a period exceeding 7 days

17. CANTEEN & WELFARE BALANCE SHEETS

CANTEEN BALANCE SHEET for month of Feb 44.

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Loan from BHQ Welfare Fund as at 31/12/44.	£179- 4-4	Cash on Hand	£104- 3-11
Discount Feby.	£ 21-18-11	Stock on hand 29/2/44	£ 96-19- 4
	£201- 3- 3		£201- 3- 3

WELFARE FUND BALANCE SHEET for month ofFeb 44

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Capital	£286-14-10	Loan BHQ Canteen Trust A/c £102- 0-6	£179- 4- 4
		Cash£ 5-10-0	£107-10- 6
	£286-14-10		£286-14-10

MANEGEMENT

Amendedient to RO ptl No 131 to read as follows:-

Each Unit and sub-unit Comd will appoint a Management Committee consisting of at least one offr and one NCO. The names of the Committee of this Bty are as follows:-

Lieut W.MURRAY
Bdr G.SENIOR.

.....Lieut
Adm comd 160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF)

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1. No.136.

160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA(AIF).

RESTRICTED. 27 Mar '44.

1. STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.

VX85413 Gnr REEVES P.R. to Vic L/C GDD Med Class "D" (tentative) for discharge. 17/3/44.

2. APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS ETC.

VX79928	Gnr	RANKIN E.D.	Appointed Paid L/Bdr 19/12/43.
VX78575	"	ROBERTSON D.A.	" " " "
VX73341	"	McLEAN M.J.	" " " "
VX100478	"	FOLEY R.P.	" " " "
VX78835	"	O'SULLIVAN J.B.	Appointed Unpaid L/Bdr 14/12/43.
VX85451	L/Bdr	CALLANDER A.McI	Reverted from Paid L/Bdr to Unpaid L/Bdr w.e.f 6/12/43.
VX85451	"	MANN R.J.	Reverted from unpaid L/Bdr to Gnr at own request 24/1/44.

(Authority for above R/O 8/1702/44)

3. TRADE GROUPINGS.

VX80032	L/Bdr	CALLANDER A.McI.	Graded T.Gp II Inst Oper 6/12/43.
VX78835	"	O'SULLIVAN J.B.	Relinq T.Gp III G/layer 14/12/43. Graded T.Gp.II Inst Oper 14/12/43.
VX78575	"	ROBERTSON D.A.	Relinq T.Gp. III G/layer 13/12/43.
VX100478	"	FOLEY R.P.	" " " " " "
VX79618	Gnr	POWELL D.R.P.	" " " " "14/12/43. Graded T.Gp.II Inst Oper 14/12/43.
VX110565	"	CURTAIN B.A.	Relinq T.Gp.III G/layer 14/12/43. Graded T.Gp.II Inst Oper 14/12/43.
V211107	"	EASTWOOD E.A.	" " " " "
VX90813	"	CRAINE I.W.	" " " " "
VX15037	"	HICKS P.W.	" " " " "
VX124041	"	GUEST A.W.	" " " " "

4. A.I.F. ENLISTMENTS.

V295869 Gnr MOLONEY M.P. Corrigendum- Ref R/O Part 1 No 74 of May 3 rd '43 para 2.
Delete. VX124526 and insert VX124528
(Authority for above R/O 18/43/V229)

5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

TX11735 Gnr BANKS M.J. Granted LWOP from 1/2/44 to 2/3/44 incl
(Auth for above R/O 8/1702/44)

6. SCHOOLS AND COURSES.

VX101416 Sgt WOOTTON R.T. Qualified at No 9 NCO's Drill and Weapon Trg Course NTFS. 7/2/44.
(Auth for above R/O 8/1702/44)

7. INCLUSION OF UNAUTHORISED ITEMS IN KITS DEPOSITED IN KIT STORES.

A serious fire recently occured at an Aust Kit Store resulting in the destruction of many thousands of kit bags and partial loss of the contents of many others.
During the fire violent explosions occurred indicating that ammn had been deposited in the kits.
Troops are again warned that NO inflamables, explosives or loots of any description will at any time be deposited in a kit bag store.

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8. JEWISH PASSOVER SERVICE.

The Passover Festival will be held at Hut 22 Mens Mess Hall, HQ ADELAIDE RIVER on Friday evening Apr 7 at 2000 hrs.
Jewish personnel will be granted leave to attend.

9. 1943 ARMY XMAS BOOK.

As the demand for the 1943 Army Xmas Book (Khaki and Green) has reached the maximum number that can be produced orders willnot be placed by members.
Orders which have been received by the Officer-in-Charge, Militar History Section,or which are now in transit will be delivered in their turn as quickly as supplies can be obtained from the printer.
After orders now in transit have been received the Officer-in-C Military History Section, will furnish to units which have placed orders a forecast of the dates of delivery of orders which have not yet been despatched.

10. MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL EVACUATED TO HOSPITAL.

Para 13. R/O Part 1 No155 is CANCELLED and is replaced by the following order.
Personnel evacuated beyond RAP or BAP unless otherwise ordered by the RMO will take the following eqpt- Respirator, helmet steel messing gear, web eqpt, all personal gear reasonably required. (incl changes of clothing) toilet necessities,mosquito net, AAB 83, Pay book,Gd sheet and blankets.
If a soldier is admitted without the above articles the hospital will nitify the soldiers unit. Every endeavour will immediately be made to deliver the necessary clothing or eqpt to the hospital Failure on the part of a Bty to do so will be viewed most seriously.

11. LINE COMMS.

The efficiency of line communications is being impaired by the actions of personnel at gunsites who are failing to observe the correct drill when handling telephones. It must be realised that the line layout, and eqpt in the area are in many ways lacking, consequently extra precautions must be taken to ensure the best possible results. The following instructions are issued as a result of recent observations.

Operation. (a) Do not remove the receiver from the hook until ring of a collective call cuts out. If the receiver is removed earlier the other phones on your line will not hear the full ring.

(b) If two telephones are on the line at the same time the strength of signals is 50% in each phone. Therefore DONT listen into other peoples calls.

Maintenance. (a) Telephones at present held are built for indoor use, make certain that they are protected from weather at all times.

(b) Too many minor faults become 1st Ech repair jobs in the hands of " experts" therefore phones that do not work are NOT to be tampered with.

(c) In view of the above, corred procedure must be observed in that all defects or minor faults which from time to time may arise, must be reported to Tp or Bty HQ as soon as possible.

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12. WOUND STRIPES.
The wearing of wound stripes by members of the AMF, in accordance with this order, is authorised.

For the purpose of this order, a member will be deemed to be wounded only if he is listed as wounded in unit routine orders, partII in a classification establishing the wound as a battle casualty.

One gold stripe may be worn to denote each occasion on which a member is wounded during the present war.

One red stripe may be worn to denote a wound or wounds received during previous wars. Only one such red stripe may be worn, irrespective of the member of occasions on which the member was wounded.

Further particulars may be obtained on application to RHQ.

13. MECHANICAL VEHICLES- USE OF GEAR AS BRAKES.

The practice of approaching a high speed and then changing down to lower gear, while still at comparatively high speed, in order to obtain the necessary deceleration when slowing down for any purpose, e.g. stopping, entering gateways, negotiating cornors etc, is still prevelent.

This practice, which is forbidden, produces excessive engine speeds causes unnecessary strain on the veh transmission system and is a contributing factor to ripid tyre wear.

14. CAMERAS.

All ranks are again reminded that Camera's must be declared. Particulars will be entered in Bty and RHQ Camera Register.

15. HOSPITAL CONSULTATIONS.

Personnel for eye consultations at 107 A.G.H will carry a cut lunch with them.

16. APPOINTMENTS , PROMOTIONS

VX 76779 Pte BOX L.R. AACC Prom A/Cpl w.e.f. 26/12/43.
VX 86240 Pte LANG F.J. " " " " "
(Auth for above R/O 9/1895/44)

17. REGTL TRANSFERS.

VX 85339 Gnr RENFREE R. from 160 Bty to Regtl HQ 21/3/44.

18. THIEVING OF EQPT FROM ORs CLUBS.

Incidents have occurred of eqpt and furniture being stolen from OR Clubs. In Club 15 alone, 27 canvas cahirs have been stolen. Units will cause an examination of accomodation stores to be made forthwith and return furniture belonging to Canteens Service to AACS. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

19. ADVANCES OR OVERDRAWALS OF PAY.

A unit paying offr or pay representative will not make any payment that will cause the overdrawing of a member's pay book, except as set out hereunder:-

(a) A member whose paybook is overdrawn may be paid within the limit of the restricted drawing rate which has been endorsed in the paybook by a member of the AAPC.

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(b) A formation paymaster or a depot paymaster may overpay a member to the extent of 75% of any estimated claim for travelling allowance on the written authority of the members' CO, and such overpayment will be adjusted by the member on payment of his claim for travelling allowance.

(c) A member proceeding on leave of more than 72 hrs may be paid in advance against his credit earnings calcuated to the date of expiration of such leave.

(d) A member may be paid in advance in special circumstances (for example, prior to embarkation or upon disembarkation) where such payment is authorised by instructions issued by LHQ. In exceptional circumstances, an advance against the security of deferred pay may be made where the necessary approval has been obtained in accordance with instructions issued by the Chief Finance Offr.

20. APPLICATION OF CLOTHES RATIONING TO THE ARMY.

Reports from the Director of Rationing indicates that his Deputy Directors in the various States are still receiving applications for clothing coupons direct from individual members of the AMF. Such applications will cease immediately.
Personnel placed in circumstances of extreme necessity will make application to RHQ through normal channels.

21. PROFICIENCY PAY.

R/O Part 1. No. 134 and R/C Part 1. No.121 ppxss covering "Breach of good conduct" are cancelled and the following substituted:-

"Breach of good conduct" will occur -

(a) when a soldier is awarded any of the following punishments:-

Detention
Field punishment
Forfeiture of pay of four days or more (Note:- Automatic forfeiture of pay, as, for example, for AWL, is NOT a punishment.)
A fine exceeding £1.
Confinement to barracks for more than 7 days.

(b) when a soldier has been convicted by a civil court and fined £5 or more or sentenced to imprisonment, whether or not such sentence is suspended upon the soldier entering into a bond.

The contaction of venereal disease will NOT be considered a breac of good conduct.

A deduction from pay NOT exceeding £5 to make good loss, damage, expense etc will NOT be classed as a breach of good conduct.

J. Chuck Donnell
.....Lieut
Adm comd 160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF)

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Unit 160 Aust LAA Bty RAA (AIF) Date and Time.—From 03 1700 IK To 17 1700 IK. 3 Apr 17 Apr 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Hughes	3 April	1700	Lt-Col Sharpe, Lt-Col Hughes-Hallett visited this HQ for purpose of interviewing all subalterns in 160 Aust LAA Bty.	
Hughes.	10 Apr.	0900.	Lieut JR Sommer visited CTP HQ and inspected Skanss layout accompanied by Lieut P Allen.	
Hughes	12 Apr	0930	Lieut JR Sommer visited DTP HQ's and inspected Hughes-Lessingston layout accompanied by Lieut Stanway.	
Hughes	14 Apr	0900	Issued R.O's part 1 No 137.	~~A~~ B.
Hughes	17 Apr	1700	Capt AC Neil takes over comd 160 Aust LAA Bty from Lieut JR Sommer.	
Hughes	17 Apr	1700	Lieut JR Sommer reports to HQ 112 Aust LAA Regt RAA (AIF) as temporary Adjutant.	

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April 44

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Unit 160 Aust LAA Bty RAA(AIF) Date and Time.—From 18 Apr 44 To 22 Apr 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Hughes. NT.	18		Checking various documents, manning, layout S.O's etc. Through with Lieut. Donnell in connection with the assumption of comd. of the Bty from him.	
	19.	All day.	Inspection of C & D Tp HQ and C Tp guns.	
	20.	All morning.	Inspection of D Tp 1 guns.	
		Afternoon	Attg lecture on 'Amn' at 56 Aust. AA Regt. with Lieut Murray. Lecture related principally to care & preservation of 3.7" amn, and had little application to 40 MM. equipment.	
	21.	Morning	Attg RHQ for Tactical Lecture on ~~Employ~~ Technical Appreciations in LAA Deployment.	
	22.	All day	Attg 161 Bty conducting Regtl. Predictor test of 161 Bty personnel. Regtl. Predictor Board comprised Capt. Neil (President). Lieuts Grice & McLeod.	

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Unit 160 Aust. L.A.A. Bty. R.A.A. (M.M.) Date and Time.—From 23 Apr 44 To 30 Apr 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Hughes. N.T.	April 23.		Issued R.O. Parts. A138.	Appx "A"
	24.	0900.	Inspected L8 + L9 sites with Lieut Col Lead. Inspection devoted to drill, state of training of individual members of gun crews and hygiene at layouts.	
do	28.	1400-1700	AADC Fd Hqrs (Lt Col R.W.H. Kelso) visited 160 Bty Lines to inspect localities of light gun sites Hughes area in view of 57 Comp. Regt taking over operational responsibility in near future	App "B" - I. & T. Summary
do		1900	Air raid warning. guns ordered "Take post" - "all clear" given at approx 1810 hrs. Information - unidentified A/c located by radar but NOT seen or engaged.	
do	~~May~~ 30	1100	Major JS Crawford returned ex L.A.A. school leave + resumed comd of Bty	J.S. Crawford Major RAA

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Appendix "A"

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1. No.138

160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF)

RESTRICTED 22 April 44

1. APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS & CONFIRMATION OF RANK

VX 68906	A/Sgt	STUBBS E.J.	Rank of Sgt confirmed	14/8/43
VX 73518	"	FITCHER A.A.	" " " "	9/9/43
VX 80062	A/Bdr	MATTHEWS L.W.	" " Bdr "	18/8/43
		(Auth for above R/O 11/2351/44)		
TX 4997	Sgt	YEATES J.C.	Promoted A/S/Sgt w.e.f.	26/1/44
		(Auth for above W/Shop R/O 8/2303/44)		

2. STRUCK OFF STRENGTH

V 45997	Cfn	GILL R.O.	trans to NT 1 of C W/Shops AEME 5/4/44

Discharges

TX 11735	Gnr	BANKS M.J.	Tas D of C MPR T 1311 m/o 3/4/44

3. TAKEN ON STRENGTH

SX 12568	Capt	DALEY P.F.	)
QX 35951	"	STONE F.M.	)
VX 80845	"	SHEEDY J.M.	) Auth. Hq,RAA, NTF. 48/2/6902 of 12/4/4
VX 80845	"	COOP D.H.	)
VX 108316	Lieut	GRIFFITHS D.N.	)
VX 40298	Sgt	CRAWFORD K.B.	from 1 Aust LTAA Trg Regt and posted 160 Bty. 8/4/44
VX 78363	Gnr	RILEY W.E.	from 2 Aust M.T. W/Shops and posted 160 Bty. 10/4/44

4. POSTINGS

To 160 Bty (temp att)	to Comd	Capt A.C.NEIL

5. A.I.F. ENLISTMENTS

V 197334	Gnr	O'DWYER G.E.	Transferred to A.I.F. and allotted VX 145468. 6/4/44
			(Auth for above R/O 14/2647/44)

6. PROFICIENCY PAY.

The undermentioned personnel are classified proficient and granted proficiency pay on dates shown:-

As at 1 July 43

TX 13883	Gnr	ALEXANDER S.D.	VX 124927	Gnr	BEECHAM N.F.
TX 15582	"	HARVEY B.L.	VX 145284	"	LAWS R.W.
VX 65333	"	LLOYD J.H.	VX 79669	"	HOBSON C.A.
VX 123884	"	MARSHALL J.S.	VX 101419	"	HENDERSON I.A.
TX 11638	"	LOCKLEY A.M.	V 265628	"	CLEEMAN N.J.
TX 13317	"	SMEDLEY C.L.	TX 11080	"	WIGGINS E.R.

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6. PROFICIENCY PAY contd

As at dates shown

VX 117984	Gnr	HADDAD A.	29/3/44
V 325968	"	SWANBOROUGH C.L.	22/10/43
VX 112957	"	SNELL W.J.	24/9/43
VX 40754	"	HILL C.J.	1/4/44

(Auth for above R/O 14/2647/44)

The undermentioned cease to draw proficiency pay as at dates shown:-

VX 124927	"	BEECHAM N.F.	(Fined £3)	14/10/43
VX 112957	"	SNELL W.J.	(7 days Unit Det)	13/11/43
VX 79669	"	HOBSON C.A.	(Tr Gp 111 Clerk Arty)	6/10/43
VX 101419	"	HENDERSON I.A.	(Fined £2)	24/9/43

(Auth for above R/O 14/2647/44)

7. PUNISHMENTS

VX 103823 " BUGGY V.B. Offence: Whilst acting as a security guard between 2300 hrs 2/3/44 and 0100 hrs 3/3/44 did leave his post without being regularly relieved.
Award: Fiend £5 and 28 days detention.
27/3/44
(R/O 13/2568/44)

8. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

VX 78635 " VILE B.E. Granted extension of LWOP 0800 hrs 23/2/44 to 0800 hrs 23/3/44.
(R/O 13/2568/44)

9. CAMERAS

All ranks are again reminded that cameras must be declared. Particulars will be entered in RHQ Register of Cameras.

10. RDS WORKS IN NT : CLASSIFICATION

The following classification will be used in future in all correspondence, rd reports, submission for funds, etc., dealing with construction or or maintenance of rds.

(a) Main rds
STUART HIGHWAY (NS RD) and MT ISA-TENNANTS CREEK RD (EWRD

(b) Secondaryy rds
Feeders rds linking main rds with installations, camps etc

(c) Depot and Camp rds
Internal rds of depots, camps and installations.

(d) Town rds
Rds within a town area such as DARWIN will be referred to as Town Rds DARWIN.

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11. FIRST VICTORY LOAN - INSTALMENT SUBSCRIPTIONS

Arrangements have now been made for paymasters to accept applications from members who desire to make instalment subscriptions.

A member desirous of making instalment subscriptions should complete the loan application form in duplicate and either lodge cash for the amount of the initial deposit, or (if sufficient credit is available in his paybook to cover the amount of that deposit) arrange a paybook debit.

Where it is desired, a member may pay instalments by means of forms WF 131(remittance of undrawn pay) or WF 131A(cash remittance).

In either case the appropriate instalment docket(forwarded to the member by the Commonwealth Bank) must be attached to the remittance form.

A member will not be permitted to overdraw his paybook for the purpose of meeting his instalment subscriptions.

12. TREATMENT OF DISCHARGED MEMBERS SUFFERING FROM MALARIA

It is possible that malaria may manifest itself for the first time after a member has been discharged.

By arrangement with the Repatriation Commission, in such cases, provided the member establishes his identity, e.g. by production of a discharge certificate, medical treatment will be made available forthwith at the expense of the Repatriation Department, pending determination of whether the malaria is attributable to the members war service.

To obtain such treatment, the ex-member -

(a) if he resides in the metropolitan area of a capital city, should contact the local office of the Repatriation Department or apply to the Repatriation General Hospital; or
(b) if he resides outside the metropolitan area of a capital city should apply to the nearest Repatriation Medical Officer.

13. SHAVING AND HAIRCUTTING

Subject to the provisions of para 2 of thismorder, a male member will keep the hair of his head tidy and short, and will shave his chi under lip and the cheeks of his face. He may wear a moustache, but will not wear side whiskers.

Where a unit is in an operational area, and the CO considers it necessary or desirable so to do, he may authorise any departure from the provisions of para 1, unless otherwise directed by superior authority.

14. ANZAC DAY OBSERVANCE

In view of service exigencies under war conditions, organised parades of members of the AMF in connection with Anzac Day ceremonies will not be held during the war.

Members of the AMF who served in the 1914-18 war may be granted local leave to attend Anzac Day ceremonies wherever possible, subject to service requirements, but their participation will be individual and voluntary.

Service bands may participate in Anzac Day ceremonies as in previous years.

15. REMOVAL OF COAL FROM NA RYS COAL STACKS

Coal is being removed by unauthorised pers from NA Rys Coal Stacks. These coal stacks are held as reserves for NA Rys and must not be removed. Disciplinary action is to be taken against any offenders.

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16. USE OF LAVATORIES ON TROOP TRAINS

Reports have been received that troops are continuing to use carriage lavatories whilst trains are stationery in station yards and platforms.

This practice will cease as it is most unhygenic and shows lack of control on part of officers in command of carriages.

Steps will be taken to ensure that this matter is brought to notice of all OC trains.

17. GRENADES HAND No 36M - DEFECTIVE IGNITER SETS

Two lots of Mk V igniter sets have failed at proof and given very short time of burning; they are:-

(a) Igniter set Mk V Lot 2880 in Grenade Lot 1133 filled ME
(b) Igniter set Mk V Lot 2925 in Grenade Lot 1157 filled ME.

If any of these igniter sets are held by units they will immediately be returned to the nearest Adv Amn Depot, or Fd Amn Depot where serviceable igniter sets may be drawn in lieu.

18. REMITTANCES

The following arrangements are in force in connection with remittances to remittees in Australia:-

Remittances of cash - Paid by cheque from District Accounts Office direct to remittee within 24 hours of receipt at that office. See NT F Adm Order No.8, para 50, which requires the approval of the CO for remittances in excess of £5.

Remittances of Undrawn Pay - Paid by District Accounts Office of District of Enlistment. This method involves some delay in receipt of cheque by remittee.

In view of the fact that ready means of transmitting funds are available, currency will NOT be sent by mail from any point North of LARRIMAH (inclusive), except in exceptional cases on the approval of Commanding Officers. Unit censors will police this instruction.

The practice of sending large sums of postal notes should be discontinued. Not only does this practice impose unnecessary work on Postal Units, but, as the maximum compensation for registered articles posted at any Army Post Office is £2, an avoidable risk of loss is incurred. Amounts greater than £2 should therefor be forwarded through the Pay Office for safety reasons.

19. COMMONWEALTH RECONSTRUCTION TRAINING

The following outline of rehabilitation training provided for discharged members of the forces is promulgated for information.

Members of the Defence Forces with 6 months full time service are eligible for training.

TYPES OF TRAINING

(a) Full time professional training - University, Technical College Teachers College, School of Mines or similar institution in a degree course, Diploma or equivalent cousre. Following personnel may apply :-

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(i) Those incapacitated for their pre-service occupation
(ii) Those completing a professional course interrupted by service.
(iii) Those who commenced full time duty before their 21st birthday or those who, although over 21 years of age, contemplated a professional course before entering war service
(iv) Those incapacitated for their pre-service occupation and who require conversion training.
(v) Those who require a refresher course.
(vi) Those who showed outstanding mental ability during war service.

Full Time Vocational Training - for a skilled vocation or trade.. Pers who may apply are approximately the same as above.

Part Time Training- to improve status or general education. Following may apply:-

(i) Those completing a course commenced on service.
(ii) Those who desire to improve their occupational status.
(iii) Those undergoing vonational full time training who satisfy the authorities that a part time course is desirable.

20. CONDITIONS OF SELECTION FOR TRAINING.

Army administration is concerned only with those applying at discharge but ex-members of Services remain eligible for training up to 12 months after discharge or cessation of hostilities which ever is later. Personnel discharged to industry can apply for training, but until the work for which their release was claimed ceases to be of national importance they may be eligible for, part time training only. Selection of personnel for training in the various states is under authority of the Central Reconstruction committee.

21. ARMY PROCEDURE.

Rehabilitation Sections at Discharge Centres will ensure that potential discharges are aware of the entitlement under the scheme.

22. A.W.C. "TIVOLI" CONCERT PARTY.

Artists:- "Dorraine" Iris Shaw
(Tivoli) "The Cisco's"(3) Jack Luden.

A.W.C Artists:- Three and Manager.

In all -TEN. (Three females, seven males)

ITINERARY.

Date	Performance	Staging.
Sat 29 Apr.	Inf Bde	Noonamah.
Sun 30	Rest Day	"
Mon 1 May	Noonamah	"
Tues 2	RAAF	"
Mon 19 Jun	Inf Bde	"
Tues20 "	Noonamah	"
Wed 21 "	RAAF	"

23. PERSONNEL REPORTING DIRECT TO Tp HQS AND BTY HQs.
It has been brought to notice on several occasions that personnel returning from hospital, Con Depot or passing through 12 Aust Div Reception Camp ADELAIDE RIVER have been reporting direct to Bty & Tp HQs. This practice will cease forthwith. All troops will be warned that in future on discharge either of the above they will report direct to Regtl HQ where necessary arrangements will be made for their return to their respective BTYS when deemed fit.

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.....Lieut.
160 AUST LT AA BTY RAA(AIF).

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appendix 'B' to war diary for April

160 Aust LAA Bty RAA (AIF)
27 Apr 44

INTELL AND TECHNICAL SUMMARY

Ref 3121

A. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

NIL

B. TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE

Technical Problems etc.,

(a) Aided laying equipment - Predictor eyeshields, rubber cables and rubber casings of wiring, gum junction box to electric motors and control units, are in many cases perished and badly deteriorated. Many transmission faults have developed from the perishing of the cables. Replacement is desirable although guns with predictor control are in action. (requisitions outstanding six months) Three gun oil units type B Mk 1V are NOT ready for operation with predictor No 3, owing to defective sensitive valves and magslip number. These parts have been under requisition, in the case of the valves, for two months.

(b) Difficulty is being experienced in replacement of worn torque amplifer bands which cause frequent trouble in aided laying (also under requisition).

Note: All the above equipment is old and was taken over in Jun 43 by this unit from 2/2 Aust LAA Bty. Weather conditions for the period under review - current month hot and dry - previous period included 2 months wet season.

(c) Glasses anti-glare for layers are NOT held to full entitlement, and have been the subject of a separate memo.

(d) Training of personnel on the SMG has been retarded by lack of waepons of which the Bty holds 6 as against WET of 43 and of ammunition for practice shoots.

(e) Layers are being instructed in "maximun deflection" method of fire control at FAS but a towed drogue for practice shoots is necessary to test and check the teaching and is not so far available. Instruction of layers in the principles of naval eye shooting has been commenced but practice is NOT possible until the appropriate cartwheel sight is issued. Practice cartwheel sights are being constructed to overcome difficulty of applying eye shooting methods with gate sight on FAS.
"Trainor models" and "training wands" are also being constructed for training layers in judging approach angle and obversation of tracer.

(f) A practice was held during the month of aerial cooperation with fighter A/c, the gun being fitted with a "camera gun". This matter has been the subject of a separate report submitted earlier in the month.
It is considered a valuable method of practising and checking gun layers but shortage of film makes repeti of the practise at present impossible.

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(g) Binoculars

Trouble has been experienced with the object glasses through balsem cracks and fungus growth. Binoculars in wshops will be tropic-proofed and those in use returned for treatment in rotation.

(h) Generator sets.

It has been found that the C.C.E "Godiva" is superior to the JAP in starting, general running and maintenance requirements. The water cooling is an additional advantage in this area.

(i) Eleven of the twelve guns of the Bty have had the structural alterations pursuant to DME instructions. The twelfth is at wshops for that purpose.

(j) Ammunition (40 mm) held does NOT include "flashless" type which would be a considerable advantage for shooting at night.

Note:- All WET amn held has been on existing gunsites in this area for at least two years.

(k) Bren guns

No issue has yet been made of the new magazine to hold 100 rds - considered essential for AA trg work.

C. Changes in organisation)
Changes in deployment) NIL
Changes in equipment)

Relief of personnel

In the absence of the Bty Comd Lieut Donnell, Tp Comd C Tp, adm comd of Bty until 17 Apr 44, then relieved by Capt A.C. Neil from 161 Aust LAA Bty. Lieut P.H.Allen commenced duty as Bty HQ subaltern 24 Apr 44.
Fighting strength compared with WE:-

WE	Offrs	ORs	Strength	Offrs	ORs
	9	215		9	181
	Attached	4AEME			3AEME
		8AACC			7AACC
		1AAMC			1AAMC

Deficiency of 34 ORs has made it necessary to reduce personnel on Bty HQ and both Tp HQs to an absolute minimum in order to enable operational manning of guns to be maintained. Any further depletion would affect the operational commitments of the Bty.

Arthur C Neil Capt
.....Capt
Adm Comd 160 Aust LAA Bty RAA (AIF)

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160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF)

Maintenance Schedule of Bofors Guns.

1. This instruction supersedes the existing memo. dated 5 Mar 44 governing period for weekly maintenance of eqpt.

2. Times of maintenance will be as follows:-

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
0900-1100	L 1	L 2	L 3	L 4	L 11	L 12
1400-1600	L 5	L 6	L 7	L 8	L 9	L 10

3. When guns cannot be maintenanced at the above times owing to inclement weather or other cause, the Tp Comd will advise AA Ops Room HUGHES and will arrange special times. Care will be taken to ensure that this does not result in two guns being out of action simultaneously.

4. Det Comds will notify AA Ops Room HUGHES immediately should a gun be out of action at the expiration of the allotted time.

Arthur C Neil Capt

.....Capt

April 44 Adm comd 160 Aust Lt AA Bty RAA (AIF)

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Hughes Area N T	May 2	0800-1800	Bty Comd on recce, with C.O. & offrs of local units, of area Marrakai for tactical exercises next week for 159 Bty.	FHA
	3	1100	Regt. Trng Insn following AA trng directives 1 & 3 issued to Tps for instrn & listing of layers	FHA
		1130	Signal to Tps re moon manning 4-12 May	FHA
	3	1900	Information fr. RHQ that 160 Bty less one Tp & rear party at Bty HQ is to proceed on leave before end of month	FHA
	4	2000-2200 ~~1800-20~~	Lecture from BM (Maj. Farrer) on mobile work Fd Arty with LAA in sup. - Discussion by offrs & N.C.O.s followed.	
	7	0700-1900	Maj. Crawford accompanied 159 Bty on troop exercises as umpire	FHA

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Unit ..... Date and Time.—From 8 May 44 To 18 May 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diagrams, &c.
Hughes area	8 May	0900	Issued Bty RO Pt 1 no 139 -	App A
	9		Practice shoot - Hughes area Bty - FAS and predicted - total rounds 240 - A/C towed drogue	Instns App B
	9		Capt Coop posted to Bty as Bty Capt etc 159 Bty -	
	10		Changes in duties of Bty Offrs - Lt Murray to be HQ Sub - Lt Allen to be Tp Ldr 1 D Tp.	
	12		(Bty Comd) Major Crawford evacuated to AGH - Capt Coop	adm comd.
	15	1500	C + D Tps vacated guns sites moved to Bty concentration area vacated by 159 Bty	
			A & B Tps 159 Bty relieved C & D Tps on sites Hughes Livingstone Strauss layout	
	18		D Tp commenced Fd exercises Manakai area - Troop battle drill - recce & occupn.	

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Unit 160 Aust. Lt. AA Bty. R.A.A. Date and Time.—From 15 may To

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Riding Camp	15 may		Issued BRO Pt 1 No 140	Cyps x RC Wm
"	25 "	2130	Bty Comd (Maj Crawford) returned from 101 AGH - takes over command.	
"	26 "	1100	D Tp returned to Comp from Fdg Exercises.	
"	27 "	0630	First leave draft left camp.	
			Remainder of bty stand down & maintenance.	
"	28 "	1100	D Tp recce party departs for field trng.	
		1300	D Tp remainder departs for fd trng.	
"	29. "		C Tp stowage of equip and	
"	30 "		preparation for leave.	
"	31 "	0630.	C Tp depart on leave.	
				J Crawford Maj RAA

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1. No. 141.

160 AUST LAA BTY RAA (AIF).

RESTRICTED. 23rd May 44.

1. APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND CONFIRMATION OF RANK.

VX79372 Gnr McDOUGALL L.G. Appointed Paid L/Bdr 8/4/44.
VX124041 " GUEST A.W. " " " "
VX85346 " MACE R.M. " " " "
(Auth for above R/O 16/3368/44.)

2. A.I.F. ENLISTMENTS.

V265536 Gnr WAIN B. Transferred to A.I.F and allotted Army number VX145487. 7/4/44.

3. PROFICIENCY PAY.

VX144041 L/Bdr GUEST A.W. Classified proficient and granted proficiency pay 8/4/44.
VX85346 " MACE R.M. " " " 8/4/44.
TX13883 Gnr ALEXANDER S.D. Corrigendum: "Ref R/O Pat 1. No.138 para.6, delete 1/7/43 and insert 4/8/43.

4. TRADE GROUPINGS.

VX124041 L/Bdr GUEST A.W. Relinq.T.Gp. Inst Oper 8/4/44.
VX85346 " MACE R.M. " " " " "

5. SCHOOLS AND COURSES.

VX85372 Sjt BEGG C.L. Qualified at No.32 Fd Works Course, N.T.F.S. from 27/3/44 to 12/4/44. (Auth for above R/O 16/3368/44.)

6. TAKEN ON STRENGTH.

SX24957 Lt STANWAY R.M. From 101 Aust Comp AA Regt 4/4/44. (L.H.Q 58988 of 2 May 44)

Discharges.

7. VX119004 Gnr GRANGER J.E. M/O to GDD Vic L of C Area 8/5/44. NTF NTA 1505.

8. TEMPORARY DETACHMENTS.

VX116615 Cpl SUTTON R.M. Rejoined Regt from 55 Aust Comp AA Regt 12/5/44.
VX85475 Gnr WATT E.A. Detached to HQ RAA NTF as dvr 4/5/44.

9. REGTL TRANSFERS.

VX61425 Lt GLEN W.H. From 160 Bty to RHQ and posted Adjt (~~Mr Mic~~ Lt T.D. CARTY placed on R.S.L.) 16/5/44.
VX85467 Gnr WILSON C.E. From 160 Bty to RHQ 16/5/44.

10. WEARING OF SHORTS, DRILL, KHAKI.

It has been observed that members of the AMF are wearing shorts, drill, khaki, in very abbreviated form.
Shorts have been designed to give a maximum amount of comfort, to give reasonable protection, and to provide for the necessary degree of decency when worn in public. Shorts will therefore NOT be cut down.

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11. PRESERVATION OF THE WOODWORK OF RIFLES.

Raw linseed oil will be used to preserve the wood-work of rifles in accordance with this order.

Once a month each member will apply the oil to the outside of the fore-end butt and handguards of his rifle in the following manner:-

(a) Remove all dust and dirt by wiping with dry rag,
(b) apply a small quantity of raw linseed oil to the wood-work and rub it well into the wood, care being taken to keep the oil away from the metal parts;
(c) allow the rifle to stand fro approximately three hours and then wipe off all superfluous oil with a clean rag.

Each stock, fore-end, butt and handguard held as a spare on Bty or Tp charge will be similarly treated by an AEME armourer.

Raw linseed oil will be demanded by Bty or Tp on the scale of ten pints for every 1,000 rifles.

12. PERIODS OF AWL AFFECTING LEAVE BALANCE.

Periods of AWL will be debited against authorised rec leave with a maximum debit of 24 days for any one period of AWL. The debit is NOT part of the penalty, but purely automatic.

13. OIL UNITS, Type "B" - EXERCISE OF

To prevent damage by rust to the internal mech of oil units, Tyoe "B" units holdings this equipment will ensure that the oil motors are run for at least 15 minutes continuously each week. This will be accomplished by power control from the No 3 pred. or if this is not practicable, by smartly elevating and traversing the gun manually with the oil motor clutches engaged. AEME Personnel will ensure that the oil in the oil units is maintained at the correct level at all times.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1. No.139

160 Aust LAA Bty RAA (AIF)

RESTRICTED 5 May 44

1. APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS & CONFIRMATION of RANK.

TX 4997 A/S/Sgt YEATES J.C. Rank of S/Sgt confirmed 26/1/44
TX 4997 S/Sgt YEATES J.C. Promoted A/WO 11 28/3/44
(Auth for above W/Shop R/O 10/2729/44)

2. DISCHARGED TO INDUSTRY.

VX 653333 Gnr LLOYD J.H. M/O to GDD Vic L of C Area 27/4/44
NTA 1418 (MPR 7363)

3. DETACHMENTS

NX 8293 L/Sgt STEVENS P.K. M/O for tour of duty HQ Second Aust Army 19/4/44
VX 116615 Cpl SUTTON R.M. Detached to 55 Aust Comp AA Regt W/Shop Sec AEME 6/4/44

4. LHQ, ARMY etc SCHOOLS

A return is to be submitted to BHQ by 1800 hrs 12 May 44 with all the available infm ref any LHQ, Army, Corps, L of C or Comd School attended by any member of the unit PRIOR to joining the unit

No. Rank & Name.
Name or Nature of School.
Whether one of the above mentioned catagories of Schools
Course No.
Where held.
Date and duration of.
If school already entered in paybook or AAB 83 quote RO authority.

5. OCCUPATIONAL LEAVE WITHOUT PAY - ISSUE OF PART WORN CLOTHING.

Approval has been received for the following items of part-worn clothing to be issued to personnel granted occupational leave without pay of not less than six weeks duration:-

Trousers SD Part-worn	2 prs	
Jumpers WD Part-worn	2 prs	Either or both jumpers WD part worn may be replaced by Jersey pullover.

The last LTD through which the soldier passes before proceeding on leave will make all such issues, and record the transactions in the soldier's AAB 83.
On completion of leave this clothing will be withdrawn from the member at the LTD making the issue. Record of withdrawal being entered in the member's AAB 83.

6. BREAKING DOWN OF SERVICE AMN

Paras 139 - 141 of GRO 51/44 refer.
Recently an accident occured in this area through a member of a LAA gun detachment attempting to break down a Bofors 40mm round. The result was that the Gnr concerned suffered serious injuries which led to the amputation of one hand.
The attention of all personnel is drawn to the danger of breaking down service amn citing the accident referred to in previous para as an example of what may result from disobeying orders.

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7. SEA BATHING- DARWIN AREA.

In view of the improved conditions and the ending of the wet season, sea bathing in the Darwin Fortress Area may be resumed.

8. BAYONETS AND SCABBARDS- PRESERVATION.

The following actien will be taken by troops to prevent deterioration of the above mentioned components:-

(a) Remove each frog from the scabbard where fitted.

(b) Paint the locket, i.e. metal portion at top of scabbard, with two coats of paint, khaki colour or other suitable paint available. Care will be taken that the first coat is dry before application of the second coat, and that the frog is not replaced until the second coat is perfectly dry.

(c) When in use for operations or training, the bayonet will be freguently inspected and coated with "Rust Preventative, Type A" (petroleum Jelly).

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8th May 44.

Instructions for 40 M M AA Shoot.

HUGHES - 9 May 44.

1. Time. - 1400 - 1700 hrs 9 May 44.

2. Director of Practice. Major J.S.Crawford - at L 5 (T)

3. Firing Points & Safety Officers.

095822	L 3 (T)	Lieut Donnell.
099819	L 4	" Willis.
102809	L 5 (T)	" McLeod.
107803	L 6	" Stanway.

4. Firing Arcs - all guns 15° - 105° grid

5. Movement of Guns - Guns at L 3 and L 5 sites will be moved to temporary positions as indicated in para 3 above by 091300 HK hrs. Predictor at L 5 will be set up at L 5 (T).

6. Target. - drogue towed by Vultee Vengeance A/C

(a) Height- 1000 ft.
(b) Ground Range.- 1000 yds.
(c) Approx Speed - 150 mph.
(d) Course - 1000 yds east and parallel to HUGHES Airfield.
(e) Runs available each serial - 4

7. Amn. - 20 rounds per gun.

8. Movement of Dets - practice will be carried out in three serials- not more than 4 guns being out of action at any one time.

Firing point	L 3 (T)	L 4	L 5(T)	L 6	Remarks
Serial 1.	L 1	L 2	L 9	L 8	Dets at firing pt by 1345. Return to own sites immediately on completion.
Serial 2.	L 3	L 4	L 5	L 6	Dets to remain with guns.
Serial 3.	L 12	L 11	L 10	L 7	Dets move to firing points during serial 2 on orders of Director.

9. Safety Precautions.- Safety Officers will ensure that:-

(a) No gun is fired if it is pointing at or ahead of the towing A/C.
(b) No gun is fired outside the Firing Arc.
(c) No gun is fired whilst any other A/C is within the danger area- to this end a spotter will be posted at each firing position.

10. Intercommunication. - between Firing Points by LT line laid morning 9 May 44 by Bty personnel.

11. Dress- Shorts, shirts, helmet steel, socks and hose tops or stockings, boots, puttees or gaiters, web belt.

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160 Aust LAA Bty RAA(AIF) 11th May 44.

Report on 40 MM Bofors Drogue shoot-
HUGHES Area, 9th May 44.

1. TARGET- drogue towed by Vultee Vengeance A/C, speed 150 mph- ground range 1000 yds - height 1000 ft.

2. MET - clear cloudless sky with some haze. Smoke from fire near north end of HUGHES Airfield.

3. FIRING POINTS.

L.3.	(T)	095822.
L.4.		099819.
L.5.	(T)	102809.
L.6.		107803.

Note (T) temporary.

4. CONDITIONS OF SHOOT - the shoot was carried out in 3 serials, 4 dets shooting in each serial as follows:-

(a) Rounds per det - 20.
(b) Target runs per det - 4.
(c) Rate of fire - single shot. (one round per second)

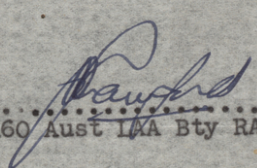
5. RESULTS - two definite observed "hits" were claimed. As there was a proportion of 250 fuze devitalized fired it is probable that other hits were obtained. The target was dropped on the airfield on completion of shoot, but no information could begained as only two feet of drogue remained intact.

6. GUN DRILL - the gun drill was universally good.

7. GENERAL - the shooting, in view of the lack of practice during the last 12 months, was surprisingly good. Regular practice of this nature at least once a month, would produce a much more impressive record of "hits".

At times tracer was not visible through dust raised by the muzzle blast. This emphasises the necessity for laying the dust in the vicinity of gun pits during the dry season, and the necessity for adhering strictly at all times to the principles of fire control and observation of tracer laid down in AA Trg Directive No.3.

The co-operation given by crew of towing A/C was excellent.



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Routine Order Part 1 No. 140.

160 Aust LAA Bty RAA(AIF).

RESTRICTED. 15th May 44.

1. DAILY ROUTINE.

Revielle	0700.
Breakfast	0745.
Parade	0830.
Stand Down	1200.
Lunch	1230.
Parade	1330.
Stand Down	1700.
Dinner	1745.

2. CAMP DUTIES.

Orderly Sjt report 1700 hrs Bty Office.
Bty runner " 0830 " " "
Piquet (1 Bdr & 4 ORs) Mount 1900 discount 0700
Pioneer (2 ORs) Mount 0830 hrs
Offrs & Sgts Kitchen (20Rs) Mount 0715 hrs.
Troop Duty NCO's (Bdrs) report Orderly Sgt 1700 hrs

(a) Piquet NCO reports to Ord Sgt before mounting.
(b) Piquet and Ord Sgt mount night previous to day of Tp duty
(c) Both Troops to supply Duty NCO daily.

3. DUTY TROOP

Duties outlined in para 2 will be supplied by C & D Tps on alternate days.

DUTY TROOP	DATE
C Tp	16 May 44
D Tp	17 May 44
C Tp	18 May 44
D Tp	19 May 44

4. MESS PARADES

Troop NCO's will conduct Troop Mess parades. Duty Tp will go through first.

5. DRESS

All ranks will be attired in slacks and shirts for and after evening meal.

6. MAIL

Outward mail will be brought to Tp Officers for censoring under Tp control.

Censored mail will be delivered to Troop Orderly rooms on arrival.

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