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MAY 1945

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554 LIGHT ANTI AIRCRAFT
BATTERY

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C.2118,
(Adapted)

Unit 554 AUST LAA Bty (ALF) Date and Time.—From 1 APR 45 To 12 APR 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUHAINVILLE	1		STAND DOWN WEATHER FINE . AMENDMENT No.1 STANDING ORDERS AGAINST GAS & AIR RAIDS ISSUED	See Append "A"
			MONTHLY INTELLIGENCE & TECH SUMMARY FOR MONTH OF MARCH ISSUED	See Append "A(1)"
	2		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE	
	3		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE	
	4		Bty RO 9/45 PUBLISHED NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE STRENGTH DECREASE 3 OR'S X 1ST. STRENGTH INCREASE 1 OR TOS 12 AUST ARMY TROOPS.	See Append "A(11)"
	5		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE BY DAY RAIN AT NIGHT STRENGTH DECREASE 2 ORS.	
	6		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE BY DAY RAIN AT NIGHT. STRENGTH DECREASE 1 OR X LIST.	
	7		NORMAL TRAINING RAIN IN MORNING AND AFTERNOON	
			W3008 & W3009 COMPILED	SEE Append "B"
	8		STAND DOWN INTERMITTENT SHOWERS.	
	9		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE BY DAY RAIN AT NIGHT	
	10		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE BY DAY RAIN AT NIGHT STRENGTH DECREASE 2 ORS X LIST 2/1 A.G.H.	
	11		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE BY DAY	
	12		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE Bty STANDING ORDERS FOR OPERATIONS PART I ISSUED	SEE APPEND "C"

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit 554 AUST LAA BTRY(AIF) Date and Time.—From 13 Apr 45 To 23 Apr 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE	13		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE IN MORNING RAIN IN EVENING	
	14		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE STRENGTH INCREASE 10R ex X LIST ex 2/1/ A.G.H.	
	15		STAND DOWN WEATHER FINE RO 10/45 PUBLISHED	SEE APPEND "D"
	16		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE STRENGTH DECREASE 1 OR 2/1 AGH B10,B11,B12 moved into Bivouac Area Ref Map TOROKIA 11n series No.4895 606954.	
	17		Normal Training Weather Fine. Strength Decrease 1 OR X List 2/1 A.G.H.	
	18		Normal Training Weather Fine. A3 moved to new site Ref Map TOROKINA 1" series No.4895 Map Ref 603945. B9 moved to new site Map Ref 593954.	
	19		Normal Training Weather Fine by day rain at night.	
	20		Normal Training Weather Fine. A2 moved to new site Map Ref 600932 .	
	21		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE	
	22		STAND DOWN WEATHER FINE. STRENGTH DECREASE 1 OR X LIST 2/1AGH	
	23		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE. B8 MOVED TO NEW SITE MAP REF 580952	

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Unit 554 AUST LAA BTY(AIF) Date and Time.—From 24 APR 45 To 30 APR 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE	24		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE. A5 MOVED TO NEW SITE MAP REF 591948. RO 11/45 PUBLISHED	APPEND "E"
	25		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE.	
	26		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE BY DAY RAIN AT NIGHT	
	27		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE BY DAY RAIN AT NIGHT. OPERATION INSTRUCTION No.3 ISSUED	SEE APPEND "F"
	28		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE BY DAY RAIN AT NIGHT.	
	29		STAND DOWN. WEATHER FINE.	
	30.		NORMAL TRAINING. WEATHER FINE BY DAY RAIN AT NIGHT. STRENGTH DECREASE 1 OR X LIST 2/1 A.G.H. STRENGTH INCREASE 2 OR's ex X LIST ex LEAVE. MONTHLY INTELLIGENCE & TECH SUMMARY ISSUED	SEE APPEND "G".

554 AUST LAA Bty (AIF)

STANDING ORDERS FOR PROTECTION AGAINST

GAS AND AIR RAID

Amendment No. 1

1. The Standing Orders for Protection against Gas and Air Raids will be classified as a "SECRET" document.
2. Part I (para 6) is deleted and the following substituted in lieu:-

"Blackout conditions will be rigidly adhered to when in force. When blackout conditions are not in force on receipt of Red Warning all unnecessary lights will be extinguished, and essential lights will be screened so that light will not be visible outside building or tent."
3. Part V (paras 3 & 4) will be deleted and the following inserted in lieu:-

"3. Air Raid

(a) Warnings of air raids will be given as follows:-

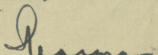
- (i) Air Raid Warning YELLOW is a preliminary warning only. It means that unidentified aircraft have been detected within approximately 22 minutes flying time but attack is NOT imminent. - Alarms will NOT be sounded.
- (ii) Air Raid Warning WHITE cancels Air Raid Warning YELLOW.
- (iii) Air Raid Warning RED means that unidentified aircraft have been detected within 12 minutes flying time and attack is imminent. - Alarms will be sounded.
- (iv) Air Raid Warning GREEN means either that the aircraft have been identified as friendly or that further attack is unlikely. - 'All Clear' will be sounded.

4. Air Raid Alarms will be given as follows:-

- (i) General Alarm - Rising and falling note on siren.
- (ii) Local Alarm - Succession of short blasts on whistle sounded by sentry. Local Alarm devices may be used by subsections but the alarm must be clearly understood by all personnel.

5. All Clear

- (i) General Alarm - Continuous blast on siren of one minute duration.
- (ii) Local Alarm - Two long blasts on whistle repeated at 20 seconds interval or words 'All Clear' passed by word of mouth. 'All Clear' will only be given on authority of PAD Officer."


 O.C. 554 Aust Lt A.A. Bty

War Diary 4441 A1

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Subject : MONTHLY INTELLIGENCE AND TECHNICAL SUMMARY

for month of MARCH 1945.

554 Aust LAA Bty (AIF)

1 Apr 45

283/12/45

A. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

- (i) No enemy aircraft observed in the area.
- (ii) No changes in the employment of equipment.

B. TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE

- (i) 9 guns have been overhauled and modifications completed as far as possible by 12 Aust Adv Wksp. Overhaul of the remaining 3 guns has been delayed but work should commence shortly.
- (ii) Arrangements made with I.C.O. 13 Aust Amn Depot for testing of Cartridges of 40 mm HE in accordance with GRO 81/45.

C. GENERAL

- (i) No change in organisation or deployment.
- (ii) 12 Sets of Sights Correctional Mk V (Aust) arrived and have been fitted to all guns.
Fire Control now at Sights Correctional.
Predictors and Remote Control Equipment being withdrawn.
Will be maintained by 12 Aust Adv Wksp before return to RSD. Two sets complete will be retained for Hy AA Practice Shoots (180° throw-off).
- (iii) Approximately 50% of Unit personnel have had over 12 months service outside Australia without leave. Leave arrangements satisfactory.
- (iv) Morale high.
- (v) Personnel Strength:-

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>OR's</u>
Strength WE	6	179
Fighting Strength	7	164
Leave	1	26
Expected to rejoin Unit -		
From Duty	-	2
From School	-	3

.....Major
(I.A. PEARMAN)

O.C. 554 Aust LAA Bty (AIF)
(AADC 4 Aust Base Sub Area)

Distribution:-

RAA First Aust Army	1.
MGRA (LHQ)	2.
4 Aust Base Sub Area	1.
File	1.
War Diary	1.

A.A. TECHNICAL EFFICIENCY REPORT - TOROKINALocation and Numbers of A.A. Equipment Held and DeployedA.A. ARTY

Serial	Unit	3.7" AA Guns (m)	3.7" AA Guns (s)	40mm AA Guns Type 'A'	40mm AA Guns Type 'B' & 'C'	5.25" AA/GA Guns No.1.	Pred AA No.3.	Pred AA No.10.	RT Com-put-ers	I&R GL Mk III	GL No.1. Mk II	GL Mk IIIC	Ref Map	Map Ref	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)

1. H.C.

554 Aust LAA Bty
(ALF)

Det	A.1	1
	A.2	1
	A.3	1
	A.4	1
	A.5	1
	A.6	1
	B.7	1
	B.8	1
	B.9	1
	B.10	1
	B.11	1
	B.12	1

TOROKINA

1 : 63360	601958	All guns now fitted with
608942		Sights Correctional Mk
596937		V (Aust)
577938		Fire Control
568947		at Sights
589943		Correctional.
576946		Predictors &
567958		Remote Control
575965		Eqpt being
596960		Withdrawn.
607959		
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.....Major
(I.A. PEARMAN)
O.C. 554 Aust LAA Bty (ALF)
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APPX A2

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDER PART I

BY

MAJOR I. A. PEARMAN

O.C. 554 AUST LAA BTY (AIF).

In the Field

No. 9/45

3 Mar 45

48. SAFETY AND WELFARE OF MEMBERS WOMEN'S SERVICES.
(4 Aust Base RG A153/45).

1. In order to ensure the welfare of members of the Women's Services and female members of Philanthropic Organisations, the following orders will be complied with.
2. For the purposes of this order Matron will exercise control of all female officers including female members of philanthropic organisations whether posted to, attached to or visiting the unit and such female personnel will hereinafter be described as "Female Officers".
3. After sunset, female officers will not leave camp areas unless accompanied by armed male escort.
4. Female officers proceeding to organised entertainment will be escorted on the basis of ONE armed escort (exclusive of the driver) to each vehicle.
5. Between the hours of sunrise to sunset male escorts may be unarmed.
6. All Female Officers must be in their lines by 2330 hours each night, subject only to an extension of time being granted by Matron, until 2400 hours.
7. Female Officers may entertain their friends in AANS Mess until 2330 hours except that Matron may extend the hour until 2400 hours on the occasion of organised entertainment.

OTHER RANKS OF THE AAMWS

8. For the purpose of this order, Other Ranks of the AAMWS will be referred to as members.
9. Members of the AAMWS will not leave camp areas after sunset except in parties of no less than TWO, accompanied by armed male escorts.
10. Members proceeding to organised entertainment will be escorted on the basis of ONE armed escort (Exclusive of driver) to each vehicle.
11. During the hours from sunrise to sunset male escorts may be unarmed.

12. Parties consisting of not less than TWO members of the AAMWS may be entertained in messes etc., outside their own unit lines.
13. Organised entertainments to which members are invited will end at 2230 hours.
14. Under no circumstances will members be permitted to be absent from their own camp lines after 2300 hours.
15. An application by a member of the AAMWS for leave outside her unit lines will be submitted to the Commandant, and must be supported by a written invitation addressed to the member concerned which has been countersigned by a commissioned officer of the unit of the soldier sponsoring the invitation.
16. Members may entertain visitors in AAMWS Recreation Huts when they are off duty until 2230 hours. This time may be extended, by the Commanding Officer on occasions of organised entertainments, to not later than 2300 hours.
17. Alcoholic liquor will not be taken into lines of members of the AAMWS under any pretext whatsoever.
18. Bounds in this area for members of the AAMWS will be laid down in Unit Standing Orders for the AAMWS.
19. Warrant Officers, non-commissioned officers and private soldiers of the Army Women's Services will not enter messes of either male or female officers, except when necessary in the performance of their duties.
20. Native villages are OUT OF BOUNDS in all areas to all ranks of Army Women's Services.

49 ECONOMY IN STATIONERY ITEMS (4 Aust Base RO Q156/43)

1. Considerable difficulty is being experienced in the procurement of adequate supplies of certain stationery items - and in particular all types of pencils and larger sizes of envelopes.
2. It is imperative, therefore that the strictest economy be effected in the use of stationery items generally, and that present stocks of pencils and large envelopes be conserved to the utmost.
3. It is apparent from the large demands made upon Stationery Depots, that there is an exorbitant usage rate in a number of items, which indicates that the need for economy in this regard is not appreciated. This again applies very seriously in the case of pencils.
4. Unit Commanders and others concerned will ensure that sufficient measures are taken to effect the strictest economy in all stationery items.


50. TOBACCO AND CIGARETTE SUPPLIES

10. Due to circumstances beyond the control of A.A. Canteen Services, the ration of Tobacco and Cigarettes will be reduced to the following on and from 1 Apr 45:-

2 one Tobacco }
20 Cigarettes. } per man per week

51. GRENADERS, HAND, OR .303-INCH RIFLE No. 36M

1. GRO 060/43 states that hangfires of above Grenades might be due to insufficient blow of the striker, owing to non-removal of the waterproofing composition from around the junction of the stri ker and the body of the Grenade, and that it is important that it be carefully removed during preparation of grenades for use.
2. It has been found, however, that, in tropical areas, this waterproofing composition does materially affect the waterproof properties of the grenade and, therefore, reduce its effective life.
3. In view of the above, the waterproofing composition will not be removed from grenades, during preparation for use, in tropical areas.


 I. A. PEARMAN
 O.C. 554 AUST LAA BTY(AIF)

NOTICES

MAILS FOR FRANCE

It is now advised that Postal Communications of a personal or family nature may now be accepted for the Department of MEUSE.

MAIL FOR BELGIUM

The limit of weight has been extended to 4½ pounds in respect of communications intended for Belgium, and registration and express delivery facilities are now available.

SPORT

554 BTY "A" Team defeated 13 Aust Fd Baking Pl at Table Tennis by 11 games to 9.

Crickets

Enjoy "A" 32 and 22 beaten outright by Volcanoes 100.

Enjoy "B" 65 defeated on 1st innings by 2/2 Forestry 167

ATHLETICS

The Athletic Meeting postponed from last month will be held on 25 of this month at Bosley Field. Personnel will notify Sports Officer whether they desire their entries still to stand.

STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS OF THE 554 AUST LAA BTY
CANTEEN ACCOUNT AS AT 31 Mar 45

TRADING TRANSACTIONS

Period 1 Mar 45

To 31 Mar 45

<u>DEBIT</u>		<u>CREDIT</u>	
Stock on hand at 1 Mar 45	24. 3. 5	Sales for period as per	
Purchases as per Stock Book	324. 7. 11	Sales Book	320.13. 3
Profit for Month	14.12. 3	Stock on hand at 31 Mar 45	30.14. 4
		Transferred to Regt Trust	
		A/c	11.16. 0
Total	£363. 3. 7	Total	£363. 3. 7

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 MAR 45.

Excess of assets over liabilities:-		Cash on hand at 31 Mar 45	61.16. 8
Bal c/fwd from Feb 45	132.13. 6	Bal as per Trust A/c Book	42.18. 9
Plus profit for Mar 45	14.12. 3	Trans. to Regt Trust A/c	11.16. 0
		stock on hand	30.14. 4
Total	<u>£147. 5. 9</u>	Total	<u>£147. 5. 9</u>

We certify that we have examined the Cash Book, the Unit Trust Book and vouchers relating to 554 Aust LAA Bty Canteen A/c, and that in our opinion this statement correctly sets out the position of the fund as at 31 Mar 45

Unit Auditors *[Signature]* Lieut

..... *[Signature]* Lieut

STATEMENTS OF AFFAIRS OF THE 554 AUST LAA BTY
REGIMENTAL TRUST ACCOUNT AS AT 31 MAR 45.

<u>Transactions for month</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>
Receipts for the month as per Cash Book - (including £11.16. 0 transferred from Canteen A/c)	26. 2. 3	
Total Income		26. 2. 3
Expenditure for month as per Cash Book	8.19. 0	
Excess for period		17. 3. 3

<u>Assets and Liabilities</u>		
Assets -		
Cash on hand	Nil	
Balance as per Trust A/c Book	107.15. 0	
Total		107.15. 0
Liabilities -	Nil	
Excess of assets over Liabilities		107.15. 0

We certify that we have examined the Cash Book, the Unit Trust A/c Book and vouchers relating to 554 Aust LAA Bty Regimental Trust A/c, and that in our opinion, this statement correctly sets out the position of the fund as at 31 Mar 45.

..... *[Signature]* Lieut

..... *[Signature]* Lieut

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

14 / 45 (Serial No.)

W.E. VI/1372 OFFRS. 6 O.R's. 173 OFFRS. - O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
				• •					
	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels					
	-	-	1	Majors					
	-	2	6	Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	-	2	8						

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* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7/4/1965 554 AUST LAJ (Unit)

W.E. VI / 134 / 2 OFFRS. 6 O.R's 173 + OFFRS. - O.R's 6 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.	AACG SGT	1	-	-	
	-	-	1	W.Os. Class II.	AACG CPL	1	-	-	
	-	-	1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	AACG PTE	3	-	-	
				Staff Sergeants	AACG CPL	1	-	-	
	-	4	18	Sergeants					
	-	1	14	Corporals					
	-	6	150	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
	-	11	184	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		6	-	-	

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

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Detail	A.I.P.	M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	149	47	-				77	68		190
B(1)										
B(2)						100				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

[illegible]

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To.....(Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194.....

[illegible]

Part A of Army Form W.3008 at 0800 hours Sunday 18/4
 Part E Detail of Present Strength and Movements required as shown in

NOTES

- Surplus of 4 Trade Gp 2 Inst Operators due to 8 Gen Reinfts Gp 2 Inst Ops taken on strength from NG DD on 12/1/45.
- Vacancy to be filled on RTU of 2 Trade Gp 2 Engine Hands I/c at present on X List.
- Vacancy to be filled by appointment of 3 Unit personnel and on return to Unit of 2 Trade Gp 3 Gun Layers at present X List - Hospital Mainland.
- Surplus of 4 Sgts due to Reinfts posted under GRO 187/44. See nominal roll below.
- Surplus of 1 Bdr due to posting of surplus NCO's under GRO 187/44. See nominal roll below.

NOMINAL ROLL OF SURPLUS NCO'S POSTED TO UNIT UNDER GRO 187/44.

		Gun Sgt	Spec Qual Nil	Med Class A1
NX113714	Sgt Hay F. J.			
NX108838	HIND N. P.	"	"	"
N89248	FRIEDWALD W. E.	"	"	"
N109157	COOTE K. C.	"	"	"
N346695	Bdr LOUGH W. H.	GUN BDR	"	"

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WAR DIARY

APPX C.

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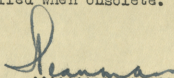
BATTERY STANDING ORDERS FOR OPERATIONS

PART I

- (a) The distribution of Battery Standing Orders for Operations will be as follows:-

	<u>Copy No.</u>
B. C.	1
Bty Capt	2
Tp Comds	3&4
Tp Leaders	5&6
BSM	7
BQMS	8
Tp Sgts	9&10
File	11
War Diary	12&13
Spares	14,15,16

- (b) Amendments will be issued as necessary and the holders of these orders are responsible that their copies are kept amended.
- (c) Orders of a temporary nature will be issued as a temporary memo and will be cancelled when obsolete.


.....MAJOR
I. A. PEARMAN
O.C. 554 AUST LAA BTY(AIF)

.....¹²Apr 45.

PART II

BATTERY STANDING ORDERS FOR OPERATIONS

SECURITY.

1. GENERAL.

(a) All ranks will exercise constant care to prevent leakage of information through indiscreet conversation.

(b) Information of impending moves or operation of units will under no circumstances be discussed outside the unit.

(c) Every effort will be made to suppress rumours, and disciplinary action will be taken against personnel initiating or repeating them.

(d) Orders, Official documents and marked maps will NOT be carried into action, except such as are indispensable to the operation in hand. These will be destroyed when there is any risk of capture.

(e) Personal and private papers which may give information re unit, location or morale will NOT be taken into action.

(f) Documents, maps, secret and confidential papers will NOT be left lying about in offices, tents or billets. Officers will ensure that all drafts of orders, stencils, waste paper etc are destroyed by burning.

(g) Officers are responsible that all ranks under their command are familiar with FSPB Pamphlet No.3 1939 Section 16 - 26

2. SECURITY OFFICERS.

(a) One officer will be detailed as security officer in the Battery.

(b) This officer will be responsible for the training of all ranks in security measures and precautions.

COMBAND AND CONTROL.

3. LOCATION REPORTS

the following

(a) On change of location/reports will be forwarded immediately to Battery Headquarters:-

- (1) Position of Troop Headquarters and guns including Map References.
- (2) Primary Area of Fire.
- (3) Dead area of Predictor guns.
- (4) Position of Vulnerable Area or Vulnerable Point.
- (5) Priorities of Vulnerable Points within the layout.
- (6) Area of Transport Group if away from Anti-Aircraft layout area.

(b) A trace embodying the above information will be submitted to Battery Headquarters as soon as possible.

(c) As soon as alternative positions have been selected a further report and/or trace will be submitted under such headings in sub-para "A" above, as apply.

(d) When a Troop Headquarters moves without giving at least one hour's notice to Battery Headquarters, an orderly will be left for a reasonable period at the old location to re-direct traffic.

4. DETACHED TROOPS

When a troop is detached from the Battery and is placed under command of another unit or formation reports in accordance with para 1 above will be submitted to the appropriate authority.

5. MARKING OF HEADQUARTERS

(a) All Battery and Troop Headquarters will be marked by their appropriate sign, illuminated by night if possible. Sufficient signs will be posted to eliminate difficulty in locating the headquarters from the main road or track.

(b) Spare signs will be available to go forward with the party establishing the new Headquarters.

6. ROUTINE AT HEADQUARTERS

(a) An officer or Other Rank who knows the exact whereabouts of all officers will be on duty at Battery Headquarters day and night.

(b) A duty officer may be appointed when considered necessary. His duties will be laid down in "DUTY OFFICER'S STANDING ORDERS" for the layout then in occupation.

7. DUTY ROSTER.

Duty Rosters at Battery and Troop Headquarters will allow adequate periods of rest for both officers and Non-commissioned Officers. They will not be disturbed while resting except in case of emergency.

8. LIAISON OFFICERS

Battery or Troop Commanders will normally effect personal liaison with the commander or staff of the unit to whom they are in support or under command.

The Battery Captain or, in the case of a detached troop, the Troop Commander will act as general liaison officer within the Battery, and will collect all available information as to the situation within the Battery or Troop.

The Battery Commander will be the liaison officer to higher formation and will collect and disseminate all available information of a tactical nature as required.

9. ORDERLIES AND DESPATCH RIDERS AND DELIVERY OF MESSAGES.

(a) Every assistance must be given to orderlies or Despatch Riders who are looking for Headquarters or for an individual officer in order to deliver a message.

(b) Orderlies will enquire, when delivering messages, if there are any messages to take back, or if there is any answer to the particular message delivered.

(c) An orderly wishing to deliver a message to an individual officer who may, for example be engaged in conversation, will not wait until somebody asks him what he wants, but will announce loudly "Message for"

10. FRANKING MESSAGES - USE OF RADIO TELEPHONY

Officers are authorised to frank messages as follows:-

1. IMPORTANT.

Battery Commander. In his absence his immediate representative.

2. ORDINARY. All Officers
3. DEFERRED All Officers, to be used for matters of routine nature.

(b) In special urgency, an unauthorized officer may frank a message as above, but he will be held personally responsible that his action is justified by circumstances.

11. CIVIL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH LINES.

Civil lines, offices and exchanges will not be used without authority of Chief Signal Officer, unless vital communications would be delayed by reference to the Chief Signal Officer. Such urgent use of the civil system will be reported without delay.

12. DAILY TIME SIGNALS.

(a) When Troops are within telephonic communication with Battery Headquarters synchronization of time will be arranged by the Battery Captain, on receipt of correct time from higher authority. This will be done twice daily.

(b) Detached Troops will arrange own time synchronization with unit or formation to whom attached or under command.

(c) Battery Commander will be responsible for ensuring that watches are synchronized immediately before an operation, in addition to the daily time signals.

13. DESPATCH RIDER LETTER SERVICE.

(a) Despatch Rider Letter Service will be used only for urgent matter that cannot be sent by post.

(b) Bulky packages and rolled maps will not be sent by Despatch Rider Letter Service; full use must be made of the postal services to avoid overloading Despatch Rider Letter Service.

14. GUN DETACHMENTS.

(a) Gun Detachments will consist of personnel as laid down in Manual and Gun Drill for Ordnance QF 40 LBI in use at time.

(b) A duty crew will always be rostered; guns will be manned as follows:-

- Predictor Control - Non-commissioned Officer and six Other Ranks.
- Gun Control - Non-commissioned Officer and five Other Ranks.

These personnel will be available near the gun site and able to be in action within 10 seconds and must not be away for even short periods. Remaining personnel may be on rest period or recreation or training, but in any case must be within early recall distance. The roster will be based on the employment of all men in rotation.

(c) Detachments will turn out whenever an officer of Field Rank or above visits the gun site, including Royal Australian Navy, Royal Australian Air Force, British or Allied Officers or equivalent ranks. They will fall in at detachment rear in a convenient position, near the gun pit, wearing steel helmets. If the detachment

commander is present he will approach and report to the senior officer present. If the detachment commander is not present the detachment Bombardier will carry out this duty. No matter what the precise words used by the visiting officer after his inspection the detachment will be stood down by the order from the Non-commissioned in charge "DISMISS". Every man will salute.

(d) The order contained in Para 14(c) will be suspended between evening "Stand To" and morning "Stand Down", and at all times in a forward area.

(e) Visits by officers will only be made by arrangement, visitors will be accompanied by a UNIT Officer.

15. STAND TO

(a) When ordered duty crews will "stand to" one half hour before and after first light, and one hour before last light.

(b) In coastal areas, when carrier borne aircraft may operate, the morning "stand to" will extend to one hour after first light.

16. SPOTTERS

(a) A spotter will be posted continuously at each gun during the hours of daylight. His tour of duty will not exceed one half hour. He will remain on duty, when the gun is engaging targets, and if possible an additional spotter will be posted when an attack is imminent.

(b) It will be impressed on spotters that their demeanour reflects the state of efficiency of their gun crew and unit, under normal conditions spotters may stand at ease near the gun pit. Where visibility is affected by weather conditions spotters may take shelter in the gun pit to assist their sense of hearing.

(c) The signal to turn out a detachment is continuous blowing on a whistle, or the sounding of any local alarm device that is permitted, until all men have reached the gun. Spotters will not use their voices.

(d) Spotters will maintain the detachment log and will be properly dressed.

(e) Spotters will be provided with binoculars which will be kept in a handy container ready for immediate use. Detachment commanders will be responsible for safe custody of such binoculars. When not in use (e.g. at night) they will be kept in the case provided and in the possession of the Detachment Commander.

17. SENTRIES

(a) An armed sentry will be posted at each gunsite during the hours of darkness, he will move around outside the gunpit as a prowler picket.

(b) Three men will be detailed for this duty, and relief will sleep adjacent to the gun pit under all conditions.

(c) Battery and Troop Commanders will be responsible for security of their own Headquarters personnel and equipment.

(d) Spotters and sentries will not permit any individual who is not known to them or definitely recognised, to approach a gunsite without a challenge.

(c) In the event of any stranger, whether in uniform or civilian clothes engaging in conversation or asking questions, the sentry or spotter will immediately summon the senior Non-Commissioned Officer available who will request production of Paybook or Identity Card. In the event of identification being unsatisfactory, or where the Non-Commissioned Officer has any doubts, he will immediately place the matter before one of his officers, detaining the stranger in the meantime.

(d) On no account will technical matters, the tactical situation or the past exploits of the unit or any one gun detachment be discussed outside the unit.

(e) Sentries will be responsible for the protection of equipment and stores of the detachment and will sound the alarm in the event of Air Raid or ground attack.

(h) Sentries will not leave their posts until relieved.

18. STATE OF READINESS

(a) A state of readiness will be maintained 24 hours a day.

(b) Sufficient personnel, including at least one NCO, will be at or within 10 seconds of the gun during hours of daylight, and 60 seconds by night to ensure that effective fire can be brought to bear on any target.

(c) One spotter per detachment will be kept on the lookout and listening at all times during daylight. Period of duty will NOT be more than half an hour at a time.

(d) Sub Unit counts may increase the degree of readiness at any time but will NOT decrease it.

19. FIRE CONTROL.

(a) The detachment commander is responsible for the identification, selection and engagement of targets.

(b) Normal methods of fire control are -

GUN CONTROL .. F A S or SIGHTS CORRECTIONAL
PREDICTOR CONTROL

20. ENGAGEMENT OF TARGETS.

Targets will be engaged in accordance with Battery Standing Orders for Opening Fire, but these orders are subject to any local limitation which may be imposed.

21. UNSEEN TARGETS.

Unseen targets will be engaged only on specific orders.

22. RATE OF FIRE.

The normal rate of fire at all methods of Fire Control, including long range harassing fire, is single shot (60 rpm) except under the following circumstances:-

(a) Against targets available only for a very brief engagement such as a hedge-hopper, when fire at auto may be employed. As a guide an engagement may be taken as brief if the target is within range when first seen.

- (b) Against dive-bombers when fire at auto should be employed immediately the target is committed to its dive and is within range.
- (c) Against tight formations and mass attacks when fire at auto may be employed.

LIGHT ANTI AIRCRAFT TASKS.

23. (a) Normal Roles of Light Anti Aircraft Batteries and Troops are as follows:-

Protection of Vulnerable Points

Dispersal points
Defiles
Bridges
Debussing points
Embussing Points
Start Points
Ammunition and Stores dumps.
Harbour and other installations.

Protection of Field Artillery.
Protection of Royal Australian Air Force, Advanced Landing Grounds and Airfields.
Protection of columns in line of march.
In support of Armoured forces
Protection of Reserve and B Echelon areas.

(b) Additional or other tasks may be ordered from time to time by Superior authority.

24. TANK ATTACK

(a) In forward areas guns will normally be sited with a secondary role of Tank Attack, particularly with reference to self protection. It is therefore not practicable to include these guns in a co-ordinated fire plan for Tank Attack defence other than as superimposed.

MOVEMENTS

25. MOVING OFF

When starting from bivouacs, billets etc, Motor Transport or dismounted parties will move off direct from dispersed sub-unit areas, without first forming up in larger groups or parties.

26. HALTS.

All troops, vehicles and groups of vehicles, when halting even for a short time, will if possible clear the road.

27. ORDERS FOR MOTOR TRANSPORT MOVEMENT

Orders for movement by Road will be issued as occasions arise.

INFORMATION

28. Situation Reports

These will be submitted to reach Battery Headquarters by 1600 hours daily and whenever there is a change in the situation.

29. GENERAL REPORTS

(a) Reports compiled for week ending 2400 hours each Sunday will be submitted to Battery Commander by 1600 hours each Monday.

(b) Report to cover all activities under the following headings:-

- Training
- Constructional Works.
- Equipment State
- Ammunition State
- Health
- Intelligence
- Morale and Discipline
- General

(c) Any matters under the above headings of an urgent or important nature will be reported immediately to Battery Commander and followed up in the report.

30. AIRCRAFT RECOGNITION

(a) All ranks will be thoroughly trained in aircraft recognition and information regarding types and performances of aircraft in use by both enemy and own forces will be promulgated when available.

(b) Aircraft recognition signals of the day will be promulgated to all gun crews personnel. All officers and Other Ranks handling these signals will be responsible for maintaining their secrecy.

31. RECOGNITION OF ALLIED AND ENEMY LAND FORCES

Officers will ensure that all ranks under their command are thoroughly familiar with the appearance of Allied and enemy uniforms and Armoured Fighting Vehicles.

32. HOSTILE SHELLING INTELLIGENCE

Information regarding enemy shelling will be forwarded by Troop Headquarters to Battery Headquarters for transmission to proper authorities. Troops will submit direct when detached.

- (a) Exact times shelling began and ended.
- (b) Bearing of the flash or report of hostile gun.
(the map reference of the place from which the bearing is taken must be given)
- (c) Area shelled.
- (d) Damage done
- (e) Number of guns firing and rate of fire.
- (f) Nature of fire e.g. Registration, bombardment etc.
- (g) Whether guns or howitzers, and, if possible the calibre.

33. GAS INTELLIGENCE

(a) Whenever gas is used by the enemy, the fullest particulars and the place where it was used, will be noted and reported.

(b) If it is thought that the enemy is using a new gas, samples of earth and water from gas, shell holes, contaminated materials and splinters from shells or bombs should be sent to Battery Headquarters for despatch to higher authority, together with any precise information as to location of any unexploded bombs or shells suspected of containing gas. Such information should be accompanied by a captured enemy respirator whenever possible.

34. AIR INTELLIGENCE (BATTLE REPORTS - IMMEDIATE AND SITE)

(a) Intelligence reports will be submitted in accordance with Anti Aircraft Procedure Instruction (AUST) No.6, of Anti Aircraft PROCEDURE INSTRUCTIONS (AUST) G45 of 31 May 43. See Appendix "B" attached.

(b) Situation reports will include additional air intelligence as follows:-

Pyrotechnic and light signals used by enemy aircraft.
Spray attacks and tactics employed, nature of spray.

(c) The following will be the subject for an immediate report:-

Particulars, including location of enemy aircraft crashed within our lines. A statement of the equipment salvaged and action taken with regard to enemy pilots and airmen should be given.

Information of casualties to our own or allied aircraft.

If an aircraft falls in the unit area the senior officer on the spot will arrange to assist the crew and mount guard on the aircraft with orders to allow no one but Royal Australian Air Force or Allied Air Force personnel to approach it.

LOCAL PROTECTION

35. AIR AND GAS SENTRIES.

At all times at least one air and gas sentry will be posted at each Headquarters and gun position.

36. ANTI AIRCRAFT LIGHT MACHINE GUNS.

These will be sited in co-ordination with layout by Troop Commanders, and will be manned during hours of daylight, also at halts when on march.

37. BILLETTS AND BIVOUAQS.

Unit Standing Orders for Protection against Gas and Air Raids will be observed.

38. GUN PIT AND SLIT TRENCH POLICY.

Gun pits and slit trenches will be constructed when a layout is occupied, unless orders are given to the contrary.

ANTI GAS MEASURES.

39. MARKING OF CONTAMINATED AREAS.

It is the responsibility of the unit whose personnel discover contaminated ground to mark the area off with gas warning signs, and to bring the contaminated area to the notice of troops in, or entering the area.

40. GAS ALARMS.

(a) Gas other than blister gas spray:-

ALARM. Gas rattle or shout of 'GAS'.

(b) Spray:- The word 'SPRAY' will be given by word of mouth.

(c) Gas Clear:- The words 'GAS CLEAR' will be passed verbally.

ADMINISTRATIVE.

41. AMMUNITION CODE.

The ammunition code is included in Field Service Pocket Book Pamphlet No 9 - 4.

42. AMMUNITION.

Ammunition expenditure reports will be submitted to Battery Headquarters at same time as immediate air activity reports.

43. PETROL, OIL AND LUBRICANTS.

Troops will indent for all Petrol, Oil and Lubricants through Battery Headquarters unless detached.

44. SUPPLIES.

Indents will be made direct on Australian Army Service Corps for supplies. In certain circumstances it may be necessary for detached Troops to indent direct.

When rations are indented for by the Unit to which a Battery or Troop is attached it may be necessary to supply an additional vehicle or vehicles to assist such units B Echelon.

45. ORDNANCE STORES

Battery Headquarters will indent direct on DADOS at Divisional Headquarters or other formation, for ordnance stores. Stores will normally be sent up in supply column vehicles.

46. RETURNED STORES.

(a) The importance of salvage will be impressed on all ranks.

(b) Unserviceable stores (other than ammunition) which have salvage value will be sent back in returning vehicles of the supply column. Fired cartridge cases, ammunition boxes etc. will be returned through ammunition echelons. Any live Small Arms Ammunition returned will be placed in a separate box and clearly labelled.

47. BILLETING PARTIES.

Billeting parties will normally be constituted as under:-

Battery Quarter Master Sergeant and four Other Ranks under instruction from Battery Captain.

48. RETURNS.

A list of returns to be rendered to Battery Headquarters is attached as Appendix 'A'.

49. IMMOBILIZATION OF EQUIPMENT.

(a) It is a point of honour that regimental guns are fought to the bitter end and then prevented at all costs from capture by the enemy.

Where loss of equipment cannot be avoided, every endeavour must be made to prevent certain important portions of the predictors and gun mountings from falling into the possession of the enemy.

(b) Where the possibility of capture is foreseen the predictor should be withdrawn, the control units on the ground dismantled, and all removed to a place of safety. The engagement must be continued by gun control.

(c) When destruction of the control units and predictors becomes necessary, the following procedure will be adopted:-

- (i) Place the predictor one or two feet from the muzzle of the gun and fire several rounds by means of a rope lanyard attached to the rear crank lever on the mounting.
Crack cylinder wall of Generator with a hammer and break all breakable parts.
- (ii) If it is not possible to take away the complete control units, remove the front and rear covers from the resetter compartments of the control units on the gun and:-

Remove control valve.
Free the resetter wheel by removing the three screws.
Break the bakelite fixing rings round the maglip units and withdraw the red and black receivers. These should be carefully guarded or completely destroyed.


In an emergency break the units out by means of the crowbar and maul.

(d) To prevent the gun being used immediately:-

- (i) Open the side cover plate and remove the pin connecting the breech ring to the loading tray.
- (ii) If time permits, remove the breech complete.
- (iii) Destroy the barrels by inserting a round, fuze first, firmly into the muzzle and fire the gun by means of a rope lanyard. Change the barrel and repeat with spare barrel.
- (iv) Ruin tyres.

Note: It is essential to remove the same part from all guns to prevent the completion of other equipment.

..17.. Apr 45


.....Major
(I. A. PEARMAN)
O.C. 554 Aust LAA Bty (AIF)

APPENDIX 'A'

BATTERY STANDING ORDERS FOR OPERATIONS

<u>WHEN SUBMITTED</u>	<u>Ser No.</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>RENDERED TO</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Immediately	1	Immediate Air Activity Report	Tp HQ.	By Det Comds in Duplicate
	2	Site Battle Report	B H Q	By Tp Comd in duplicate. (compiled from Det Comds Immediate Air Activity Report.
	3	Ann Expenditure	B H Q	See Para 42
	4	Locations	B H Q	On change of location see para 3.
	5	Use of Gas by enemy	B H Q	See para 33.
	6	Crashed A/c	B H Q	See para 34
As necessary	7	Hostile Shelling	B H Q	See para 32
	8	E/A Casualty claims	B H Q	See AA Procedure
	9	Situation Report	B H Q	Interim No 6 See para 28
Daily	10	Parade State made up to 0600hrs	B H Q	-
	11	Officers' Battle Casualties APW3010	B H Q	-
	12	O R's Battle Casualties APW3011	B H Q	-
	13	Attd Pers Battle Casualties APW3011	B H Q	-
Monthly	14	Return of E/A Destroyed and Damaged	B H Q	See AA PROCEDURE INSTN NO 6

BATTERY STANDING ORDERS FOR OPERATIONS1. IMMEDIATE REPORT

<u>Information Required.</u>	<u>Method of passing</u>	
A. Site No	A.	A.1.
B. Time of opening fire	B.	1614
C. Time engagement ceased (last round)	C.	1618
D. Target No. Type Height	D.	2 ZERO Four thousand
E. Casualty claims	E.	Cat.1 - 1 Cat.3 - 2
F. Amn expended	F.	30 - 251 Fuze

Note Casualty claims will be set out under one of the following categories.

- Cat 1. "Destroyed" - Aircraft seen to fall in flames break up in the air or crash.
- Cat 2. "Probably Destroyed" - Where evidence is sufficiently strong to show that the aircraft could not have reached its base.
- Cat 3. "Damaged" - where there is evidence that the aircraft was hit, but insufficient to support Cat 2 claim.

2. GUN SITE BATTLE REPORT

.....Battery

.....Troop

<u>Site</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
<u>Report No.</u>	Guns - Number of
<u>Date</u>	Predictors
	Sights Correctional
	F.A.S.
	Visibility

Nature of attack

1. Date
2. Time (stand To)
3. No and type of E/A
4. Formation
5. Type of attack
6. Method of approach
7. Height during } feet
Engagement }

APPENDIX 'B' cont

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Duration of raid

8. Time attackers under observation ----- to -----
9. Time on target
10. Time first gun
11. Time last gun
12. Time Stand Down

Method of engagement

13. Method of engagement
14. Method of fire control
15. No. of rounds
16. Nature of Amm.

Effect of engagement

17. Effect of fire
18. Enemy action
19. Casualties by E/A

Effect of raid

20. Casualties to personnel
21. Casualties to equipment
22. Tp Comds will submit a tracing showing the track of the aircraft from time when first picked up until lost, whenever possible.

Sgd.Tp Comd
Date and time of despatch

War Diary. APPX. D.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY

MAJOR I. A. PEARMAN

O.C. 554 AUGF LAA BRY (AIF)

In the Field

No. 10/45

15 Apr 45

52. EMERGENCY CALLS - AMBULANCE SERVICE (4 Aust Base RO A166/45).

1. Units requiring ambulances in an emergency will contact 3 Aust Mac Pl - Phone Pacific 479.
2. Emergency calls to 2/1 Aust Gen Hosp will only be made where a Medical Officer is required to attend or where the shortness of the distance to be travelled warrants such a call.

53. AUTHORISED PARKING AREAS (4 Aust Base RO 167/45)

1. ANZAC BEACH is not an authorised parking area where vehicles may be left unattended.
2. All unattended vehicles at ANZAC BEACH will be impounded by Provost personnel.

54. CONTROL OF PHOTOGRAPHY (4 Aust Base RO G177/45)

1. Personnel are not permitted to process films or prints or to have in their possession materials used for such processing.

55. SPEED LIMIT. (4 Aust Base RO A179/45)

1. All vehicles proceeding along the road leading from LARUMA Rd to ANZAC BEACH will observe a speed limit of 10 miles per hour.

56. WASHING OF ISSUE CLOTHING (GRO 103/45)

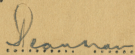
1. Due to the short supply of all raw materials involved, it is necessary that the maximum life be obtained from all items of clothing on issue to AIF personnel.
2. Incorrect methods of washing, exposure to strong sunlight, excessive sweating and using too much of certain soap powders, may seriously affect the dyes and weaken the fibre of clothing material. Failure to remove completely all soap and perspiration by thoroughly rinsing after washing, is one of the reasons for breakdown of fabrics.
3. Neglect to pay due attention to regular and efficient washing of garments has been responsible for many cases of dermatitis. Observance of the following instructions will assist in decreasing the incidence of all skin complaints.

4. Washing flannels and woollens

- (a) Worsted shirts, socks, woollen draws, etc., should be washed in luke warm water and never in boiling or hot water, as this shrinks the material. A tablespoonful of ammonia added to every two gallons of water will remove grease and perspiration stains;
- (b) Good quality yellow soap only should be used, and, after washing, the garment should be rinsed in clean, tepid water and stretched by hand before drying.

5. Washing of cottons

- (a) If cotton garments are boiled, the washing compound or soap will be added to the water prior to putting in the garments to be washed;
 - (b) If washing compounds, which are usually sold in packets under well-known brands and frequently known as soap powders, are used, not more than one tablespoonful of the compound will be added to each gallon of water to be boiled;
 - (c) If ordinary soap is used, 1 oz (approx a 1 in cube) should be added to each gallon of water to be boiled;
 - (d) It is most important that, after washing, the garments are thoroughly rinsed to remove all trace of soap.
6. It is realised that washing facilities and an adequate supply of water are not always available. Nevertheless the hints and instructions contained in this order will be carried out whenever possible, especially in regard to rinsing thoroughly after washing.


I. A. PEARMAN
O.C. 554 AUST LAA BTY (AIF).

NOTICES.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA TO AUSTRALIAN TROOPS.

On the recent visit to New Guinea and the Solomons area the Acting Minister for the Army (Senator the Hon J.M. Fraser) he conveyed the following message from the Prime Minister of Australia:-

"The Australian Government and people have ever had cause to be proud of their fighting forces. In this war new names have been emblazoned on the banners of Australian Units, to join those made sacred in our memory in 1914-18.

"The stage through which the Pacific War is now passing finds such places as New Guinea, New Britain, Bougainville and the Solomons having the strongest impact on our minds and on our hearts. Our thoughts are constantly with you.

"Your Government knows the obstacles in your path- a tenacious and ferocious enemy and shocking terrain.

"The Acting Minister of the Army (Sen Fraser) comes to you at my request to ensure that what can be done will be done. I ask that you do not hesitate to tell him fully what he should know.

"That God will watch over you and protect you is the hope and prayer of Australia"

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C of E AND OPD CHURCH SERVICE S

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
SUNDAY	0900hrs	8 Aust Ord Veh Pk	Church Parade
"	"	HQ USAFNORSOLS CHAPEL	Holy Communion C of E
"	1008	" "	P.D.
"	1800	5 Aust Army Tps	Church Parade
"	1900	HQ USAFNORSOLS CHAPEL	Song Service
		HQ 2 Aust BGD	Church Parade
MONDAY		N11	
TUESDAY		N11	
WEDNESDAY	1800	HQ 13 Aust Fd Baking Pl	Church Parade
	1900	HQ USAFNORSOLS Chapel	Everyman's Fellowship
THURSDAY	1800	HQ 13 Aust Fd Baking Pl	Church Parade
	1830	38 Works Coy	Church Parade
FRIDAY	1745	54 Aust BIPOD Pl	Church Parade

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 2

BY

MAJOR I.A. PEARMAN

C.O. 554 AUST LAA BTY (AIF)

In the Field No. 11/45 24 APR 45

57. TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS - 2/1 AGH. (4 Aust Base RO G186/45.)

1. Owing to the increased telephonic traffic with the hospital, NO private calls will be made between the hours of 0800 - 1230 and 1330 - 1700 daily.

58. LIGHTING OF FIRES WITH PETROL

1. Apart from the necessity of conserving petrol the lighting of fires with petrol is a dangerous practice and is strictly prohibited. Disciplinary action will be taken against any offenders.

59. UNIT CANTEEN AND CANTEEN TRUST ACCOUNT

1. For the conduct of the Unit Canteen and Canteen Trust A/c the undermentioned personnel are appointed.

Supervisor	VX5829 Lt. G.A. SLATER
KCO in charge	NK109337 Gnr McGROHON E.J.
Audit Board	VX85561 Lt. C.P. ALLEN NK128764 Lt. J.A. GAUKRODGER
Signatories for Operating	WX29218 Maj. I.A. PEARMAN NK128764 Lt. J.A. GAUKRODGER NK109339 WO.II LUCAS T.

REGIMENTAL TRUST ACCOUNT

2. For the conduct and operation of the above trust account the following personnel are appointed:-

Audit Board	VX85561 Lt. C.P. ALLEN NK128764 Lt. J.A. GAUKRODGER
Signatories for operating	WX29218 Maj I.A. PEARMAN NK128764 Lt. J.A. GAUKRODGER NK109339 WO.II LUCAS
Committee of Management	NK109339 WO.II LUCAS T. NK109344 Sgt HODGES J.E. NK150533 Sgt McINERNEY F.W. GX47194 Gnr PEARSON R.H. N.407003 Gnr O'BRIEN C.T. NK112080 L/Bdr SMITH C.J.

60. HONOURS AND AWARDS

QX54186 Cnr D. MASON T.J. Mentioned in Despatches vide Order No. 2nd Ech LHQ, DQ7 of 12/3/45.

QX13038 Cnr KUSS R.D. Mentioned in Despatches vide Order No. 2nd Ech LHQ, DQ7 of 12/3/45.

61. PUNISHMENTS

- VX119549 Cnr STEWART M.C. (1) Offence ARL from 0800 hrs 13/2/45 to 0800 hrs 14/2/45.
Award admonished by Comd Vic L of C Area LHD 14/2/45. Automatic forfeiture of one day's pay and one day's ARL.
- (2) Offence ARL from 0800 hrs 24/2/45 to 0800 hrs 27/2/45.
Award Fined 25 and forfeiture of 9 day's pay by Comd Vic L of C Area LHD. 27/2/45. Automatic forfeiture 3 day's pay and 3 day's ARL.
- (3) Offence ARL from 0800 hrs 9/3/45 to 1430 hrs 10/3/45.
Award Fined 25 and forfeiture of 2 day's pay, by Comd Vic L of C Area LHD. 10/3/45. Automatic forfeiture 2 days pay and 2 day's ARL.

62. PROFICIENCY PAY

VX119549 Cnr STEWART M.C. forfeited Proficiency Pay 27/2/45 by reason of breach of good conduct.

Pearman
J.L. PEARMAN Major
(L.H. PEARMAN)
O.C. 554 Aust L.H. Bty (AIF)

NOTICES

Issue of Comforts

<u>From whom Received</u>	<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Distribution</u>
ACF	1 tin tobacco	one item of each
	1 pkt papers	per man
	1 cake soap	
	1 tin boot polish	
	1 housewife	
	Writing paper and envelopes	

ISLAND FELLOWSHIP

At present there are a number of Unit Christian Fellowships in operation on the Island, and in order that members may have an opportunity of combining their meetings once a month, thus becoming better acquainted with members of other Fellowships, it has been decided to commence a monthly combined Fellowship meeting to be known as the Island Fellowship.

These monthly meetings will take place on the first Sat of each month, the first meeting being on 5 May 45 at USAFORSCLS Chapel, Service Road (next to HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area)

The service will commence at 1900 hrs with some bright singing and will be followed at 1930 hrs by two addresses by selected speakers. All interested are invited to attend.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Sgt NISBETT HQ 2 Aust Corps (Pacific Extension 21)

ESSAY COMPETITION

Section A

Some aspect (the writer's own choice) of English literature in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Section B

A critical analysis of cultural life in Australia

Section C

Discuss the following comment from Harry Levin's 'James Joyce', (page 133)

"On the whole there were not many obstacles to keep Swift from living up to his definition of style 'proper words in proper places'. The wear and tear on language since his time, the corruptions of usage, the vulgarisations of journalism, the affectations of scholarship have so relaxed the standard that we are no longer surprised to find proper words in improper places."

Conditions.

- (a) Entries welcome from all members of Australian or Allied forces in GWP, outside the mainland of Australia.
- (b) Any entrant may submit an essay in all three sections.
- (c) No essay is to exceed 1000 words.
- (d) Essays to be enclosed in an envelope marked with a pen name.
- (e) Entries to be forwarded with writer's name, number and unit on a separate slip of paper to the Secretary, Solomon Islands Writer's Club, G. (Ops) Branch, 2 Aust Corps.
- (f) Closing date 15 May 45.

Prizes

Two prizes will be awarded in each section.

First Prize : Order on Australian Bookseller to value of £4/10/-
Second Prize : Order on Australian Bookseller to value of 10/-

APP X F

SECRET

Copy No.....6.....

27 Apr 45.

554 AUST LAA BTY (AIF) OPERATION INSTRUCTION No.3.

INFORMATION

1. It is considered that the threat of enemy raiding parties entering the perimeter has now passed.

CANCELLATION OF OPERATION INSTRUCTION

2. Unit Operation Instruction No.2 is cancelled forthwith.

SECURITY

3. Sentries

(a) An armed sentry will be mounted at each gunsite during the hours of darkness.

Three men will be detailed for this duty and relief will sleep adjacent to the gun pit under all conditions.

(b) Between 1800 hours and 0600 hours an armed sentry will be mounted at BHq and Tps Hq area.

Three men will be detailed for this duty.

(c) These sentries will operate as a prowler picquet and will NOT be posted in obvious places.

4. Safety Precautions

(a) Rifles other than those in use by authorised armed parties on security duty will NOT be loaded.

(b) Automatic weapons other than those in use by authorised armed parties on security duty will not have magazines loaded.

(c) Pistols will NOT be loaded.

(d) Rifles of personnel on guard or picquet duty will NOT be carried cocked NOR with a round in the chamber.

Magazine of automatic weapons carried by personnel on guard or picquet duty will NOT be affixed but will be carried for immediate use.

5. Alarm Signal.

(a) Alarm Signal will be a series of SHORT blasts on a whistle.

(b) Stand Down signal will be a series of LONG blasts on a whistle.

(c) In the event of the alarm being sounded all personnel will Stand To. BHq will be immediately notified.

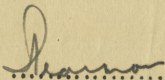
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6. Opening of Fire

Indiscriminate and careless firing of weapons is prohibited.
Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

ACKNOWLEDGE

SIGNED AT 1000 HOURS


..... MAJOR
I. A. PEARMAN
O.C. 554 AUST LIA BTY(AIF)

<u>DISTRIBUTION.</u>	<u>Copy No.</u>
"A" Troop	1
"B" Troop	2
Sgt	3
4 Aust Base Sub Area	4
War Diary	5-6
File	7

APP/ C

CONFIDENTIAL.

Subject: MONTHLY INTELLIGENCE AND TECHNICAL SUMMARY
FOR MONTH OF APRIL 1945.

554 AUST LAA BTY(AIF)
1 May 45.
373/12/45.

A. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

- (i) No enemy aircraft observed in the Area.
- (ii) No changes in the employment of equipment.

B. TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE.

- (i) 11 guns have been overhauled and modifications completed as far as possible by 12 Aust Adv Wkaps. Overhaul of remaining gun delayed.

C. GENERAL.

- (i) No change in organisation.
- (ii) One section (3 guns) withdrawn for preparation in view of contemplate early move.
- (iii) Overlay of new layout consequent on reduction of guns available attached.
- (iv) New layout gives good coverage of all approaches and A3, A5 and A6 also sited in anti-dive bombing role.
- (iv) Predictors and Remote Control Equipment being withdrawn for maintenance by 12 Adv Wkaps before return to RSD.
12 Adv Wkaps advise it will be several months before maintenance can be completed. Two sets completed will be retained for HAA practice shoots (1000 Throw-off).
- (v) Approximately 35% of Unit personnel have had over 12 months service outside Australia without leave. Leave arrangements satisfactory.
- (vi) Morale High.
- (vii) Personnel Strength:-

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>OR's</u>
Strength W.E.	5	179
Fighting strength	6	155
Leave	2	28

Expected to rejoin Unit:-

From Duty.	1
From school.	4



..... Maj OR

L. A. PEARMAN

O. C. 554 AUST LAA BTY(AIF).
A-30 & AUST BASE SUB AREA.

DISTRIBUTION.

RAA First Aust Army.	1.
MBA (HQ)	2.
4 Aust Base Sub Area.	1.
File	1.
War Diary	1.

No.8 Date 1 May 45.

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A.A. TECHNICAL EFFICIENCY REPORT - TOROKINA.
Location and Numbers of A.A. Equipment Held and Deployed.

A.A. ACTY

Ref- al	Unit	3.7" AA Guns (m)	3.7" AA Guns (a)	40mm AA Guns 'A' 'B' & 'C'	40mm AA Guns 'B' & 'C'	5.25 AA/GA Guns (f)	Prod AA No.1 (g)	Prod AA No.3 (h)	Prod AA No.10 (i)	RT Com- put- ers. III II (j)	I&R IFF MK (k)	GL No.1 MK (l)	GL III C (m)	Ref Map (n)	Map Ref (o)	Remarks (p)
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)
• HQ	554 AUST LAA BTY(AIF)															TOROKINA 11series No.4895 606950
Det A1				1												610936 600932 603945 582944 591948 591940 580952 593954 605954
A2				1												Fire Control at sights
A3				1												Correctional.
A4				1												
A5				1												
A6				1												
B7				1												
B8				1												
B9				1												
B10-B11-B12				3												Held at BHQ pending movement.

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 I. A. PEARMAN
 O. G. 554 AUST LAA BTY(AIF)
 AADD 4 AUST BASE SUB AREA.

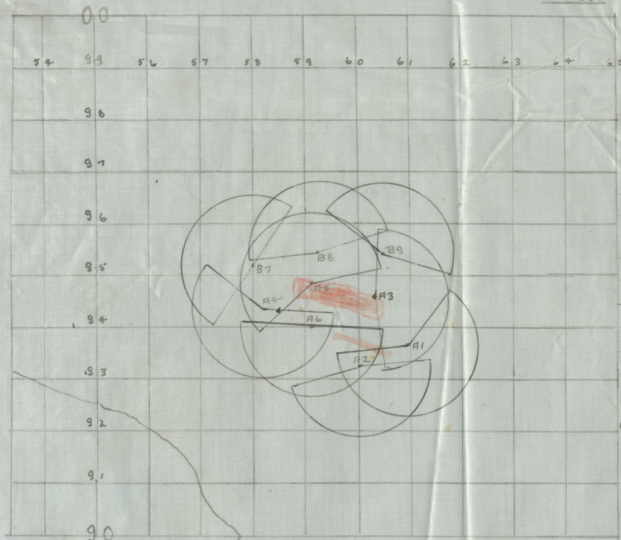
TOROKINA

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Series
No 9895

Gun No	Grid Position	Primary Arc Grid Bearings
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A1	61-936	30°-265°
A2	60-932	35°-255°
A3	60-945	3°-175°
A4	58-944	93°-308°
A5	59-948	228°-70°
A6	59-940	93°-273°
B7	58-952	215°-33°
B8	59-954	265°-75°
B9	60-954	308°-116°

BHQ 60-950

BGR 59-930

V.A. Marked Red

LAYOUT OF A.A. DEFENCES (40mm)

PINA AIR STRIPS

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C.2118.
(Adapted)

Unit 554 AUST LAA BTY(AIF) Date and Time.—From 1 May 45 To 22 May 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE	1		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE	
	2		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE RO 12/45 PUBLISHED	SEE APPDX "A"
	3		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE IN MORNING RAIN IN AFTERNOON	
	4		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE. W3008 & W3009 SUBMITTED S	See APPDX "B"
	5		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE	
	6		STAND DOWN WEATHER FINE	
	7		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE IN MORNING RAIN IN AFTERNOON	
	8		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE	
	9		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE	
	10		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE	
	11		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE	
	12		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE	
	13		STAND DOWN "A" DET MOVED TO JACQUINOT BAY NEW BRITAIN(1 OFF & 36 ORs STRUCK OFF STRENGTH) WEATHER FINE	
	14		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE	
	15		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE MAJOR BELSON RAA FIRST AUST ARMY INSPECTED "B" TROOP GUN SITES.	
	16		NORMAL TRAINING MAJOR BELSON RAA FIRST AUST ARMY INSPECTED "A" TROOP GUN SITES. WEATHER FINE RO 13/45 PUBLISHED	SEE APPDX "C"
	17		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE	
	18		NORMAL TRAINING	
		1125	UNIDENTIFIED PLANE APPROACHING FROM NW. ALL GUNS STAND TO.	
		1154	ALL CLEAR. U/I PLANE LEFT AREA. WEATHER FINE	
	19		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE	
	20		STAND DOWN	
		0910	U/I PLANE APPROACHING FROM SE. ALL GUNS STAND TO.	
		0945	STAND DOWN. U/I PLANE LEFT AREA. WEATHER FINE	
	21		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE	
	22		Normal TRAINING WEATHER FINE BY DAY RAIN AT NIGHT RO 14/45 PUBLISHED	SEE APPDX "D"

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C2118.
(Adapted)

Unit 554 AUST LAA BTY(AIF) Date and Time.—From 23 MAY 45 To 31 MAY 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOUGAINVILLE	23		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE BY DAY RAIN AT NIGHT	
	24		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE	
	25		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE	
	26		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE	
	27		STAND DOWN WEATHER FINE	
		0930	U/I PLANE FROM SOUTH. GUNS STAND TO.	
		0955	GUNS STAND DOWN	
	28		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE	
	29		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE R015/45 PUBLISHED	SEE APPDX "E"
	30		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE	
	31		NORMAL TRAINING WEATHER FINE MONTHLY INTELL & TECH SUMMARY SUBMITTED TO AADC TOROKINA	SEE APPDX "F".

WAA DIRTY

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

MAJOR I. A. FLARMAN.

O.C. 554 AUST LAA BTRY(AIF)

In the Field No.12/45 2 May 45

63. TRAFFIC THROUGH HOSPITAL LINES(4 Aust Base RO A196/45).

1. Personnel of units situated in MOROMAKINA Rd in the vicinity of 2/1 Aust Gen Hosp are using the hospital grounds as a thoroughfare for visiting picture theatres at BOSLEY FIELD and nearby units.
2. This practice will be discontinued forthwith.

64. CESSATION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC - PIVA RD TO TOROKINA RD.

(4 Aust Base RO A198/45)

1. The bridge at ref map TOROKINA 600891 has now been closed, and through traffic between PIVA RD and TOROKINA Rd will cease.

65. LOSS OF MAIL(4 Aust Base RO Q202/45).

1. All air mail, surface letter mail, and registered mail despatched on 17 Apr 45 by Aust Base Post Office Bougainville to New Guinea and the Mainland was lost in transit between Bougainville and Finschhafen.
2. The despatch comprised mail matter in the above categories posted at FFO's between approx 16 and 0800 hrs 17 Apr 45.
3. Senders of postal notes included in either registered or unregistered mail lost will be entitled to be issued with duplicate postal notes after a period of six months upon payment of a fee equal to the poundage rates.
4. Applications for duplicate postal notes should be made to the Deputy Director, Posts & Telegraphs, Brisbane, either direct or through the Formation Postal Officer, giving the following particulars:-
 - (a) No., Rank., name and unit of sender.
 - (b) FFO and date of purchase.
 - (c) No., and value of each postal note.
 - (d) Statements from the payees affirming non-receipt of the postal notes.
 - (e) Postage stamps to the value of the poundage on the postal notes should be pinned to the application.

66. SAFEGUARDING OF MT. (4 Aust Base RO A205/45).

1. Sub paras (b) and (c) of First Aust Army AGO 14/37 read as follows:-

"(b) A driver will remain with his vehicle and not leave same unattended except in an authorised parking area where a piequet has been posted, and after compliance with the provisions of this order so far as they relate to him.

(c) A driver is responsible for the safe custody of his vehicle. If it is lost or damaged as the direct result of his neglect of duty he may be required to make good the loss or portion thereof suffered by the Commonwealth"

2. No parking areas have been provided or defined in 4 Aust Base Sub Area.
3. Piequets provided by Australian or Allied Forces have no responsibility in connection with the safeguarding of Australian vehicles.

67. UNAUTHORISED USE OF PETROL & USE OF DIESEL OIL.

1. Several admittances to Hospital have occurred through failure to observe Bty RO's No.174/44 and 58/45.
2. For the attention of all ranks the substance of these orders are repeated hereunder and it is stressed that strong disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.
3. The use of Petrol is prohibited in incinerators and latrines or for lighting fires.
4. For the burning in incinerators or latrines Diesel oil is authorised but personnel are warned NOT to approach too close when burning is taking place.
5. Bty RO's No.174/44 and 58/45 are cancelled.

I. M. PEARMAN
.....MAJOR
I. M. PEARMAN
O.C. 554 AU ST LAM BEV (AIF)

NOTICES

OFFICERS CLUB:

The OFFICER'S CLUB will open with a dinner dance for which tables must be reserved NOT later than 10 May 45.

For the opening night only 50 seats will be reserved for units comprising 3 Aust Div, 11 and 23 Aust Inf Bdes, and such seats not booked by 10 May 45 will be allotted to other applicants on the waiting list.

Until such time as the Club is fully staffed and completely equipped, the following hours will operate:-

LOUNGE	1800-2330 hours
DINNER	1900-2030 hours
DANCING	2000-2330 hours (Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat).

Until further notice, attendance at Dinner will be by prior booking only.

4. Bookings will open at 0900 hours 7 May 45. Telephone Pacific 546 R1.
5. Pending construction of the Officer's Club Parking area, all vehicles will drop passengers at the Club and return to unit lines, returning again for passengers at 2330 hours.

OTHER RANKS CLUB

(Out of Bounds to Officers)

6. The ORs Club will open with a dance expressly for members of 25 Aust Inf Bn. The LAMWS Commandant has agreed to arrange for the attendance of as many LAMWS as possible, the transportation and escort of whom will be arranged by HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area.
7. 25 Aust Inf Bn will make own arrangements for the transportation of unit personnel.
8. For this special night ONLY, supper and iced drinks etc will be FREE. Dancing will be from 1930-2200 hours, prior to which Music and/or items will be provided. No alcoholic liquor will be allowed on the Club Premises.
9. Following the opening night, transportation of personnel to and from the Club will be under unit arrangements(a bus service will be instituted at a later date).
10. Until such time as the Club is fully staffed and completely equipped, the following hours will operate:-

LOUNGE	Not yet constructed
BUFFET DANCE &	
CONCERT HALL	1800 - 2200 hours.
(Members of the US Armed Forces will be admitted by invitation only).	

11. Other than on opening night, BUFFET DANCES will be held on TUESDAY AND THURSDAY in each week, on which occasions, visitors will make their own private arrangements for inviting and escorting female guests in accordance with 4 Aust Base RO M53/45 as repeated in Bty RO 48/45.
12. Vehicles transporting personnel to the club will park within the Club enclosure. This is NOT an authorised PARKING AREA within the meaning of ASO Chap 14 Sec 3, and in consequence the security of vehicles will be the responsibility of individual drivers.
13. The Club telephone number is Pacific 546 R2.

Visitors to both Officer's and Other Ranks' Clubs will conform to the regulations governing same. Club Managers are invested with full power to police such regulations and must be willingly obeyed by all ranks.

STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS of 554 AUST LAA BTRY (AIF)
CANTEEN ACCOUNT as at 30 APR 45.

Period 1 Apr 45		TRADING TRANSACTIONS		to 30 Apr 45.	
DEBIT				CREDIT	
Stock on Hand 1 Apr 45	30 14	4 Sales for period			
Purchases as per		as per Sales Book	316	19	6
Purchases Book.....	311 8	6 Stock on Hand at			
Profit for month.....	13 16	1 30 Apr 45.....	24	7	2
		Transf to Regt Trust A/c	14	12	3
			<u>355</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>11</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 30 APR 45.

Excess of assets over liabilities:-		Cash on Hand	-		
Bal C/f from Mar 45	135 9 9	Bal as per Trust A/c Book	110	6	5
Profit for month of Apr.....	13 16 1	Transf to Reg Trust A/c	14	12	3
	<u>149 5 10</u>	Stock on Hand	24	7	2
			<u>149</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>

We certify that we have examined the Cash Book, the Unit Trust Book and vouchers relating to the 554 AUST LAA BTRY Canteen Account, and that in our opinion this statement correctly sets out the position of the fund at at 30 Apr 45.

Unit Auditors.

J. J. J. J. J......Lieut
Lieut

STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS of the 554 AUST LAA BTRY REGIMENTAL TRUST
TRUST ACCOUNT as at 30 APR 45.

Transaction for month	Amount	Total
Receipts for month as per Cash Book (incl 14/12/3 transferred from Canteen A/c)...	27 7 6	
Expenditure for month as per Cash Book	31 16 9	
Deficit for period		4 9 3

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Assets-		
Cash on Hand	Nil	
Balance as per Trust A/c Book	103 5 9	
Total		103 5 9
Liabilities		
Nil	Nil	
Excess of assets over liabilities		103 5 9

We certify that we have examined the Cash Book, the Unit Trust Book and vouchers relating to the 554 AUST LAA BTRY Regimental Trust A/c, and that in our opinion this statement correctly sets out the position of the fund as at 30 Apr 45.

J. J. J. J. J......Lieut
Lieut

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5/5/1945 (Unit)

W.E. 1/15/45 OFFRS. 6 O.R's. 475 + OFFRS. O.R's. 6 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm of Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
				* Lieut.-Colonels									
				* Majors									
			1	Captains									
			1	Lieutenants									
		2	6	Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
DETAIL				A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.B.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
A.													
E (1)													
E (2)													

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 16 of Instructions for completion of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. /194

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

18/45

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5/5/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

42/2/45.

2/4/45.

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Signature of Commander

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5/5/1945 554 AUST LAA (Unit)

W.E. VI 131 2 OFFRS. 6 O.R's. 173 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 6 ATT. BY W.E.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfa. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfa. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.	MAGG DOT	1	—	—	
	—	—	1	W.Os. Class II.	MAGG G/L	1	—	—	
	—	—	1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	MAGG PTE	3	—	—	
				Staff Sergeants	MAGG CPL	1	—	—	
	—	4	10	Sergeants					
	—	1	14	Corporals					
				Troopers, Privates, etc.					
	—	4	145	Civilians counting as O.R.					
•	—	9	162 •	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		6 •			•

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by AL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in the Col Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.I. Forces, 10 N.E. Forces.

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Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

[illegible][illegible]

Unit

1845 Serial No.

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 5 / 5 / 1945.

Signature of Commander

NOTES.

- (a) Surplus of Trade Gp 2 Inst Operstors due to 8 General Reinfnts taken on strength from NG DD on 12/1/45.
- (b) Vacancy to be filled on RTU of 2 Trade Gp 3 Engine Hands I/c at present on X List.
- (c) Vacancy to be filled by appointment of 3 Unit personnel and on RTU of 1 Gp 3 Gun Layer at present on X List Hospital Mainland.
- (d) Surplus of 4 Sgts due to reposting of Surplus NCO's under GRO187/44. See nominal roll below.
- (e) Surplus of 1 Bdr due to posting to unit of Surplus NCO's under GRO 187/44. See nominal roll below.

NOMINAL ROLL OF SURPLUS NCO'S POSTED UNDER GRO 187/44.

NX113714	Sgt Hay F. J.	Gun Sgt	Spec Qual Nhl	Med Class	A1		
NX108838	" Hind N. P.	"	"	"	"	"	
N89248	" Friedwald W.E.	"	"	"	"	"	
N109157	" Coote K. C.	"	"	"	"	"	
N346695	Bdr Lough W. H.	" BDR	"	"	"	"	

APPX C

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

MAJOR I. A. PEARMAN.

C.G. 554 AUSTRALIAN ARMY (AIF).

In the Field

No. 13/45

15 May 45

68. SECURITY AND CENSORSHIP (GRC 371/44)

PART A - INTRODUCTION.

1. Interpretation:-

(a) For the purposes of this order-
"Australia" means the Commonwealth of Australia, the territory of Papua and the Mandated Territory of New Guinea;
"communication" means any letter, registered letter, letter-card, field service postcard, green envelope, newspaper, packet or telegram;
"member" means a member of the Australian Military Forces;
"prohibited information" means any naval, military or air force information which has not been published and which may be directly or indirectly of use to the enemy if received by him.

(b) The provisions of this order will not apply to any communications prepared or despatched by a member in the course of his duty.

(c) Part B of this order deals with security and will be observed by all members at all times.

Part C sets out the type of information which must not be written and the type of article which must not be enclosed in communications and will be observed by all members at all times.

Part D contains the orders which will be followed when members are subject to unit censorship and only affects those members to whom the provisions of paras 7 and 8 apply.

PART B - SECURITY

2. Security of Information

A member will not communicate any prohibited information except for the purpose of carrying out his duty. A breach of this provision is also an offence under the Defence Act 1903-1941, punishable by a fine or imprisonment or both.

3. Diaries and notebooks.

(a) A member will not send through the post any diary or notebook.

(b) The CO of each unit will ensure that all diaries and notebooks are collected by an Officer appointed for the purpose-

- (i) before any movement by sea or (except within the Commonwealth of Australia) by air;
- (ii) whenever contact with the enemy is imminent;
- (iii) on the 31st December in each year and at such other times as are notified in formation or L of C Area routine orders.

(c) Diaries and note books will be sent by units to the nearest detachment of 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy or to its nearest Base Censor. All such diaries and notebooks will be clearly marked as such and will show the regimental number, name, rank and unit of the owner.

After examination, they will be sent by Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy or Base Censor to Echelon and Records of the L of C Area of enlistment of the owner of the diary or notebook for storage and safe custody.

(d) A similar procedure will be followed for disposal of official notebooks kept by Officers and Other Ranks containing technical notes or records of details connected with their duties, notes of Army Schools etc (except to the extent to which official unit arrangements for the safe custody of such notebooks are made with the approval of the formation concerned).

(e) Diaries and notebooks may be returned to the owner on application to the Echelon and Records of the L of C Area of the member's enlistment, after return to Australia, provided that such diaries and notebooks have been approved by the OC Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship or Base Censor for release. If such diaries and notebooks are not approved for release, they shall not be returned until after the termination of hostilities.

(f) No member will carry with him when returning to the Commonwealth of Australia, or send, deal with or dispose of any diary or notebook except in accordance with the provisions of this order.

PART C - CENSORSHIP.

4. Prohibited Information

A member will not post or send any communication containing any prohibited information. In particular, reference shall not be made to any of the following matters:-

- (a) strength of any organization of our own or allied forces (including navy and air forces) or reference to their morale;
- (b) location of any naval, military or air force unit or detachment except -

- (i) to the extent to which the official address of the unit includes the name of the location;
- (ii) that, in a communication to an address in Australia, a member in the Commonwealth of Australia may, subject to any restriction imposed by a formation or L of C Area, say that he is in a State of the Commonwealth or in the Northern Territory, but he may not give any indication of his actual location in that state or territory
- (iii) that, in a communication to an address outside Australia, a member may, subject to any restriction imposed by a formation or L of C Area, say that he is in Australia or a Pacific Island, but he may not give any indication of the State in Australia or which island in the Pacific;
- (iv) That, in a communication to an address in Australia, a member in the Territory of Papua or the Mandate Territory of New Guinea or Dutch New Guinea may, subject to any restriction imposed by a formation or L of C Area, say that he is in such territory or country, but he may not give any indication of his actual location in such territory or country;

- (b) movements of any naval, military or air force units or detachments (including reference to reinforcements);
- (d) armament or equipment of any kind;
- (e) distinguishing signs used for the identification of formations, units and their transport;
- (f) plans or forecasts of orders for current, future or cancelled operations or movements, whether known, rumoured or surmised;
- (g) communications, such as the use, condition or probable extensions of roads, railways or other transportation facilities, bridging operations, etc.
- (h) state of the maintenance services (including any references to reserves);
- (i) position or description of billets, bivouacs or camps;
- (j) casualty figures before official publication;
- (k) the effect of any action by the enemy. This includes any remark that may tend, if published, to encourage the enemy, to cause despondency in our own forces or people and to prejudice good relations between our own people and people of neutral or allied countries;
- (l) criticism and statements which may bring into disrepute our forces or those of our allies

5. Prohibited Articles

A member will not, save in the course of duty, include in a communication -

- (a) any document or equipment captured from the enemy or found in places occupied by the enemy, or any document containing information about the enemy, other than documents or equipment stamped with a War Souvenir stamp, signed by an authorised officer certifying that the article is not required by intelligence. In this regard, the attention of all members is directed to GRC 6475/43;
- (b) official documents, including intelligence summaries, orders, maps etc;
- (c) official documents belonging to the civil authorities in allied or enemy territory;
- (d) propaganda leaflets, whether issued by the enemy or by Australian or allied forces or authorities.

6. Codes and ciphers

A member will not post or send any communication containing:-

- (a) any writing which bears any meaning other than that contained on the face of it;
- (b) any instructions or request to use any means of secretly conveying, receiving or recording any information or to use any form of code, cipher or shorthand;
- (c) any writing, mark, sign or thing secretly conveying or recording information;
- (d) any code, cipher, shorthand or any writing, mark or sign in any form of code, cipher or shorthand.

PART D - UNIT CENSORSHIP.

7. Areas where censorship applies:-

All communications (other than green envelopes and field service post cards) from members in any area outside Australia and from members in the following areas within Australia are subject to Unit censorship:-

- (a) that part of Western Australia north of 20 deg south latitude;

- (b) the Northern Territory of Australia;
- (c) that part of Queensland north of the northern boundaries of the shires of Barkly Tableland, Cloncurry, McKinley, Wyangarie, Flinders, Dalrymple and Shuringowa;
- (d) the shires of Barkly Tableland, and the districts of Hastingden, Heywood and Mt Isa in the state of Queensland;
- (e) the territory of Papua and the Mandated Territory of New Guinea.

8. Special circumstances in which unit censorship applies.

The following communications (other than green envelopes and field service post cards) from members outside the areas specified in para 7 of this order shall also be subject to unit censorship:-

- (a) communications from members of any formation or unit where so directed by L.C.;
- (b) communications from a member who is rationed and quartered by the Army when his unit is under orders to move outside Australia or to any of the areas mentioned in para 7 of this order;
- (c) at the discretion of his unit commander, any communications from a member who has been guilty of a breach of security or censorship.

9. Attached personnel

Unit censorship extends to all accredited war correspondents, members of philanthropic organizations and naval, air force or allied personnel attached to a unit.

A commissioned naval, air force or allied officer, an accredited war correspondent or an accredited member of a philanthropic organization with officer status and entitled to wear uniform may frank letters written by himself and censor or frank letters written by his assistants or other ranks who are not members.

10. Only Officers to censor:

No member other than a commissioned officer to whom a communication has been submitted in the course of unit censorship will censor or frank or purport to censor or frank a communication from any member of the forces.

11. Officer responsibility.

The signature of an officer will imply a certificate by that officer that the communication does not contain any matter or article which would be a breach of this order. An officer who franks a communication containing any matter or thing, the despatch of which is prohibited by this order, shall be guilty of an offence. The franking of a communication containing such matter will not in any way absolve the member who wrote, made or sent the communication from being proceeded against for his breach.

12. Secrecy of censorship

An officer will not disclose to, or discuss with, any person whatever the contents of a communication submitted to him for franking or censoring or permit any other person to examine such a communication, provided, however, that -

- (a) in any case of doubt, an officer may refer a communication to another officer of his unit for franking or made send the same to a Base Censor or to a Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy; and

- (b) an officer may refer a communication or make an official report disclosing the contents of a communication if, in his opinion, such a communication contains any prohibited matter or article.

13. Official address

All communications from a member subject to unit censorship shall contain the full name of the sender and his full official address. This shall be written, in the case of a telegram, on the back; in the case of a letter or letter-card, on the top right hand corner of the first page; and, in the case of a packet, parcel or newspaper, on a slip of paper enclosed therein. A member shall not use any address other than his official address or receive any communication except through that address or request any person to send to him any communication except to that address: provided, however, that in writing to a prisoner of war or neutral country, the addresses as provided by Appendix A to Line Field Censorship Instruction No. 4 shall be used.

14. Despatch of communication-

A communication, other than a telegram from a member who is rationed and quartered by the Army, will not be despatched until it bears a unit censor stamp or a Department of the Army concession stamp. Every communication from a member whose communications are subject to unit censorship will bear, in addition to the unit censor stamp, the signature of a franking officer.

15. When civil posting prohibited.

A member, whose communications are subject to unit censorship, will submit to unit censorship all communications made subject thereto by this order. He will not despatch or attempt to despatch any communication through civil postal channels.

16. Carrying communications for others

A member will not carry, convey, send or post any communication from a member whose communications are subject to unit censorship.

17. Green envelopes

A member may use a green envelope to send letters which contain private or family matters. Green envelopes will be issued on the scale of one per ten days for each member whose communications are subject to unit censorship. A member who is guilty of a breach of security may have the privilege of using green envelopes withdrawn by his CO. As a disciplinary or security measure, LMG may direct that the use of green envelopes to formations or units be stopped.

18. Newspapers

A member in any of the areas specified in para 7 of this order will not post or send any newspaper unless authority so to do has been given by the GOC formation. Other members whose communications are subject to unit censorship may send newspapers under unit censorship arrangements, subject to any restrictions imposed by the formation or L of C Area. No unit newspaper will be sent by post unless the issue of such newspaper has been passed for publication by an Assistant or Deputy Assistant Director of Public Relations.

19. Pen friends

- (a) A member will not invite correspondence with strangers by inserting advertisements or letters in any publication or by any other means.
- (b) A member will not reply to any advertisement or letter from a stranger inviting correspondence.
- (c) A member may correspond with 'Pen Pals' sponsored by the following approved organization:-

'Letters from Home'	Box 4, King Street PO, Sydney
'Blota Club'	Town Hall, Melbourne
'Letters from Home'	Box 1513V, GPO Brisbane
'Correspondence Committee Cheer-up Society'	Railway Terrace, Adelaide.

69. WASHING OF VEHICLES (4 Base RO Q212/45)

1. For the purpose of cleaning no vehicle will stand in water to a depth greater than the lowest point of front or rear differential.
2. If vehicle stands in water above bottom of differential housings, water and sand enter brake drums, wheel bearings, brake linings and differentials.
3. Disciplinary action will be taken in cases where vehicles are found standing in a depth of water greater than specified in para 1.

70. CARDBOARD CONTAINERS (4 Base RO Q213/45).

1. To overcome a shortage of suitable cardboard containers for effecting issue of stores, units operating canteens will in future dispose of cardboard containers, in which chocolates, chewing gum, toilet goods etc., are packed to 16 A.O.D.
2. Canteen NCO is responsible that cardboard containers are retained for disposal to 16 A.O.D.

71. AREAS OUT OF BOUNDS (4 Base RO A218/45)

1. The US Army Ordnance Storage Area, adjacent to and north of Bivouac area of 144 Aust Hqs Bty- Grid Coordinates 127.12 -215.21 map reference US Road Net Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville, Solomon Island, scale:1-20000- is out of bounds to all unauthorised personnel.

72. RADIO SETS (4 Base RO A224/45)

1. A number of valuable radio sets specially constructed to meet tropical conditions have been distributed to various Recreation Huts and units.
2. Should any of these sets develop a fault or become damaged units comd and others concerned will immediately advise the YMCA or Salvation Army representative or the A.C.F. Commissioner to whom all sets requiring attention are returned.
3. On no account will repairs or adjustments be made by any unit without first having referred the matter to the A.C.F. Commissioner for approval.

73. NATIVES - TREATMENT OF (4 Base RO Q232/45).

1. The treatment of natives by military personnel other than those of ANGAU is one which causes great concern due to its effect on the discipline of the native, as a result it is necessary at all times for Unit Comds to exercise such control of their personnel to prevent them fraternising in any way with the native labour or population.
2. Units will instruct all personnel under comd by medium of unit routine orders that they will not :-
 - (a) fraternise with or engage natives in conversation.
 - (b) will not offer gifts or cigarettes
 - (c) will not trade with or engage in barter
 - (d) will not issue orders, ill-treat or strike a native in any way
 - (e) will report all incidents of unseemly conduct to unit Hq.
3. The native is in everyway catered for in the ration allowed him which is based on his normal standard of living and is therefore not in need of the many items so often cast to him by military personnel.
4. Where natives are allotted to units as labour, the party is normally under the control of a white supervisor who is solely responsible for the distribution of the work allocated and the manner of its execution, all orders will be issued only through the overseer. It often occurs where no overseer accompanies the natives, in which case the Unit Comd will appoint a responsible officer or NCO to control and supervise their work and discipline.
5. The normal working hours for natives are from 0730 to 1600 hours daily with an allowance for the midday meal of 1 hour, and such hours will not be exceeded without authority.
6. The transport of native labour to and from installations and work areas will be the responsibility of the DAQMG 4 AUST BASE SUB AREA.
7. Cases have come to notice where a native has met with an accident while working with a unit, and has been evacuated to hospital without reference to either ANGAU Native Labour Compound Pacific 188- or the overseer. This must not be done, as the correct channels for evacuation of natives to the Native Hospital must be observed.

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NOTICES

BEER ISSUE

For week commencing 14 May 45 the beer issue will be three (3) bottles per man, comprising 2 bottles normal issue and one bottle special free issue for VE Day.

On and after 21 May 45 and until further notice the issue will be one (1) bottle per man per week.

OTHER RANKS CLUB FORGAIN.REGULATIONS

1. All male and female Other Ranks of the AMF, RAH, RAFF and RNZAF have the right of automatic membership.
2. Members of the US Armed Forces will be admitted by invitation only.
3. Membership can be automatically withdrawn for infringement of any regulation or unbecoming conduct.
4. The Club Manager is invested with full powers, and will police these regulations in the interest of all members. Complete and willing co-operation is expected.
5. Temporarily, times of service are as follows:-

Club Opens	- 1800 hours
" Closes	- 2200 hours (Dance nights 2230 hours)
Snacks, Cool Drinks, Ice Cream	- 1800hrs-2200hrs
Dry Canteen	- 1800hrs-2030hrs
6. Buffet Dances commencing at 1900 hours will be held on Tuesday and Thursday of each week. The closing time for the Club on these nights will be extended to 2230 hours. Members will make their own arrangements for inviting and escorting female guests in accordance with 4 Aust Base Sub Area RO A153/45. Tables may be booked by contacting the Club Manager.
7. The Club Telephone number is Pacific 546 R2
8. Vehicles transporting personnel are not permitted to approach the Club buildings but will park in the defined area. This is not an authorised parking area within the meaning of ASO Chap 14 Sec 3, and in consequence the security of vehicles will be the responsibility of individual drivers.
9. Regulation dress will be observed by all members at all times.
10. Intoxicating liquor will NOT be brought on the premises.
11. Fraternisation or familiarity with NATIVE staff is strictly forbidden
12. The following DONT'S will please be honoured by all Other Ranks in the interests of harmony and good fellowship:-
 - DONT crash into any party (mixed or otherwise)
 - DONT introduce tap dancing without Manager's consent.
 - DONT be a party to unseemly conduct.
 - DONT fail to co-operate with CLUB M.N.GER.
 - DONT FORGET, this is YOUR club.
 - DONT ABUSE THE PRIVILEGES AND FACILITIES OFFERED

CHURCH SERVICES

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>of</u>	<u>E</u>
0800 hrs	16 Aust Works Coy	Morning Prayer & Holy Communion	
0900 "	4 Aust Base Chapel	" "	"
1000 "	69 Fl 133 A.G.F.	" "	"
1000 "	Mob Laundry (alternate Sundays)	" "	"
1830 "	4 Aust Base Chapel	Evensong	

Protestant

0900 "	8 Aust Ord Veh Pk
1000 "	USAFNORSOLS Chapel
1900 "	" "

ROMAN CATHOLIC

0700 "	Camp Rata	1100	Mag 25
0730	USAFNORSOLS	1630	USAFNORSOLS
	B Aust Corps Sigs		Camp Rata
	16 A C D	1800	Hq 3 Aust Div
0800	Memorial Park	1815	Hq 2 Aust Corps
0900	1 Marine Air Wing	1845	2/1 A.G.F.
	106 CCS		
	2/1 A.G.F.		
	2/3 Con Depot		
	Hq 3 Aust Div		

APPX D

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PA T I

BY

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C. C. 554 AUSTRALIAN BUTY (AIF).

In the Field

No. 14/45

22 May 45

74. CENSORSHIP (4 Base RO G235/45).

1. Personnel are now permitted to state in letters that they are serving on BOUGAINVILLE Island, or any one of the surrounding islands, provided that the unit of each member concerned has either been in the area for 1 month or has been in action.
2. The publications "Guinea Gold" and the "Daily Monitor" - may be despatched by post provided that the unit of each member concerned has either been in the area for one month or has been in action.
3. Attached as Appendix "A" are Censorship Hints issued by Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy(AIF).

75. DEGRADATION OF ENEMY GRAVES (4 Base RO A237/45)


1. Article 4 of the Red Cross Convention places an obligation on belligerent parties to the Convention (including Australia and Japan) to ensure that the dead are honourably interred and that their graves are respected and marked so that they may always be found.
2. Unauthorised interference with human remains is an offence under the laws of New Guinea, punishable by imprisonment with hard labour.
3. No member of the forces will, except in the course of his duty, in any way interfere with any grave, or any dead human body of whatever nationality, or any human remains, or without authority be in possession of any such remains including the ashes of a cremated soldier.

76. UNAUTHORISED TRAVEL ON AIRCRAFT (4 Base RO A242/45)

1. Unauthorised personnel are approaching the Air Maint Fl, and also the pilots of supply dropping aircraft, with requests to accompany them on operational missions.
2. This practice will cease forthwith.
3. In future, any person or persons found contravening this instruction is to be reported to this HQ and severe disciplinary action will be taken against the offender.
4. As from the date of publication of this order the area occupied by Air Maint Fl adjacent PIVA STRIP is OUT OF BOUNDS to all unauthorised personnel.

77. SAILING OF SMALLCRAFT IN TOROKIMA HARBOUR (4 BASE RO A243/45).

1. The number of privately owned outboards and small sailing craft now appearing in the harbour is becoming a definite danger to the normal traffic lanes of port craft.
2. As a result such craft will not in future sail in TOROKIMA Harbour South of a line drawn from the Southern end of Beach 3 to the NE end of FURUATA IS.


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NOTICES.

DAMAGE TO LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT: Reports have been received that lines on Beach Life Saving Reels at Beach 4 have been cut and other equipment wantonly damaged. As the safety of bathers depends on this lifesaving equipment damage thereto may result in loss of life.

OPENING OF NEW CHAPEL: The New Chapel opposite HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area will be officially opened on Sunday 27 May 45 at 0900 hours.

OTHER RANKS CLUB

1. Owing to inadequate accommodation it has been found necessary to suspend dancing at the Other Ranks Club until the premises have been extended for this purpose.
2. Large numbers of glasses have been stolen each night from the Other Ranks Club since the opening night and unless this practice ceases forthwith, it will become necessary for members of the Club to provide their own drinking vessels.

CENSORSHIP HINTS IS USED BY DET 1 AUSTRALIAN CENSORSHIP COV (AICV)

1. You are now stationed within an operational area and your mail is subject to Censorship. Censorship is imposed solely for the preservation of security and to deny the enemy any information which may be of value to him. Censorship within an operational area, is a consequence, at times strict, but is relaxed when and where possible according to the changing situation.
2. You are NOT permitted until you have been here one month or your unit has been in action, to give any indication of your whereabouts other than saying that you have left the mainland. Don't try to hint that you are on Bougainville by mentioning the well known creeper, the wisdom of Solomon, or by other devices. The censors know them all off by heart.
3. After you have been here a month, or sooner if your unit has been in action, you may mention:
 - (a) That you are in Bougainville or one of the surrounding islands,
 - (b) Any topographical features,
 - (c) Details of your voyage but NOT the name or type of the ship, port of call, times of arrival, details of any other vessels or escorts,
 - (d) General references to our Allies as long as units or services are not given.

4. Censorship is concerned primarily with denial of information to the enemy. Therefore when describing actions in which you take part avoid mentioning matters that would be of interest to him such as

Your unit strength and casualties

Any new equipment such as flamethrowers, new types of ammunition, bombs, projectors etc that have not been used by your unit against the enemy. After they have been used you may mention them, but do not describe tactics adopted in their use, or any failures or weaknesses in the new equipment.

Deficiencies in equipment, or changes in scale of equipment or organisation of units.

The role, present or future of your unit, or speculation as to what task you might be engaged upon.

5. Censorship is not intended to restrict your freedom of speech in general matters. You may criticize or praise your food, your quarters, your amenities and such like. Political or religious opinions are of no interest to Censorship. You may describe in detail any actions or patrols in which you have taken part, providing
 - (a) The object of the patrol is not disclosed,
 - (b) Our general tactics are not mentioned,
 - (c) No reference is made to weaknesses or faults in enemy tactics.

In writing of the fighting be guided by the principle that it does not offend security to mention incidents or facts that are obviously known to the enemy, but it does offend security to talk about things he may not know about.

When you write from forward areas play safe-remember that any one of your letters may fall into enemy hands. It is in your own interest to give away in your letters nothing that the enemy can use against you

6. Air Letter Forms The unit must NOT be shown on the outside of the envelope.

Appendix A continued

7. Photographs.

If you take photographs, make yourself familiar with GRO 18/44 which deals with the procedure to be adopted. Undeveloped films must be forwarded to an approved photographer. Do NOT photograph new weapons or equipment, or your perimeter and defences, or installations against a background that would give the enemy a clue to their location.

8. Newspapers.

When you are permitted to mention the fact that you are in the Solomons you may forward home copies of "Guinea Gold" and the "Daily Monitor", and any other unit newspaper approved by a Public Relations Officer.

9. GREEN ENVELOPES

The scale of issue for the area is one per man every ten days. They are not transferable and are only to be used for personal and family matters. The certificate on the face must be signed.

10. WAR SOUVENIRS-PARCELS

- (a) War souvenirs, no matter what type, must be approved by Intelligence who will issue a label certifying that the Souvenirs have been examined and are of no Intelligence interest. This certificate must be included with the article when sent.
- (b) Parcels must NOT contain any issue clothing or equipment whether it be American or Australian.
- (c) Number, Name and Unit must be inserted on a slip of paper enclosed INSIDE all parcels and NOT shown on the outside.

11. DIARIES The procedure for these is outlined in GRO 371/44.

12. TELEGRAMS. Telegrams must be endorsed with number, Name and Unit of sender on the back of the form.

13. GENERAL

- (a) Although the following restrictions have not been instituted by censorship they are set out for your guidance. At no time are you allowed to forward, or cause to be despatched;

- (i) Any property issued, distributed or sold by, or belonging to, the Commonwealth or any allied Country or force,
- (ii) Any articles sold, distributed or issued by any Australian or Allied Canteen, or Philanthropic Society. This includes TOBACCO or CIGARETTES.

- (iii) Native seeds or plants except to an approved society.

APPX E
WAR D

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

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In the Field No. 15/45 29 May 45.

78. AREAS OUT OF BOUNDS. (4 Aust Base RO A248/45).

1. All aviation spirit pump houses are out of bounds to AMF personnel, and severe disciplinary action will be taken in cases where this order is contravened.

2. The pump houses concerned are located as follows:-

MISSION ROAD	near PIVA RD
PIVA ROAD	near MATHESON RD turnoff
PIVA ROAD	at end of PIVA NORTH air strip
PIVA ROAD	near turnoff to USN CBNU camp sites.

79. DISCIPLINE - PROMISCUOUS DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS. (4 Aust Base ROA252/45)

1. The discharge of firearms is forbidden within 4 AUST BASE SUB AREA, except in the case of action against the enemy or on established ranges.
2. Promiscuous firing has been taking place in the vicinity of the Native Compound, Laruma River, and as this area is also out of bounds to all troops, offenders against the provisions of this order will be severely dealt with.

80. TRAFFIC CONTROL & ROAD DISCIPLINE (4 Aust Base RO A252/45)

1. The maximum speed limits within 4 Aust Base Sub Area are as follows and a notice setting out the speed limit applicable to the particular vehicle will be displayed on the dashboard:-

Cars, B3 25 MPH
Motor Cycles 25 MPH
Other Vehicles 20 MPH.

81. OWEN GUNS - CARE IN HANDLING (first Aust Army RO Q87/45).

1. If the screw retaining the trigger housing to the body becomes loose or if there is excessive play in the bolt mechanism, it is possible when the magazine is on for the Owen gun to be accidentally discharged, even though the change lever may be set at safe:-
 - (a) This may occur if the gun is dropped.
 - (b) Knocked against a heavy object such as a tree.
 - (c) Jarred by the user in jumping down a bank, etc.
2. The screw retaining the trigger housing to the body is a cheese headed slotted screw located on the bottom of the trigger housing approx 3" behind the pistol grip. This should be screwed up tight with a screw driver. To check for excessive movement of the bolt mechanism, set the change lever at safe & move cocking handle to rear. If it can be moved one inch or more, the gun is unsafe & should be inspected by an armoured.

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subject. MONTHLY INTELLIGENCE & TECHNICAL SUMMARY FOR MONTH OF MAY 1945.

504 AUST LAA BTY(AIF) less "A"
Detachment.

31 May 45.

063/1248

A. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

- (i) No enemy aircraft observed in area.
- (ii) No changes in the employment of equipment.

B. TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE

- (i) 1 Gun yet to be overhauled and modifications completed as far as possible. This work has been delayed but anticipated will be done during the ensuing month.
- (ii) All guns in need of painting but paint NOT available.

C. GENERAL

- (i) One section (3 guns) now under comd 5 Aust Div. Embarked TOROKINA 13 May 45.
- (ii) Predictors & Remote Control Equipment being withdrawn for maintenance by Wkaps before return to R&D.
Position at 31 May as follows:-
12 Predictors - Yet to receive attention.
9 Generator Sets - Yet to receive attention.
3 Generator Sets - Returned to R&D
12 sets Remote Control Eqp - Maintenance now completed by Wkaps and will be returned to R&D.
Two sets complete will be retained for RAA practice shoots (180° throw-off).
Maintenance by Wkaps has been delayed through pressure of other priority tasks.
- (iii) 40mm Ammunition has been tested in accordance with GRC81/45. Awaiting report from I. C. O. before replacement of rejected ammunition.
- (iv) Approximately 35% of Unit personnel have had over 12 months tropical service without leave. Leave arrangements satisfactory.
- (v) Morale - High.
- (vi) Personnel Strength:-

	<u>OFFS</u>	<u>OR's</u>
Strength Wk(Bty Less "A" Det)	5	135
Fighting Strength	3	120
Leave	2	27
Expected to rejoin unit from duty		1
Expected to rejoin unit from leave	1	
Expected to rejoin unit from Hosp.	1	

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DISTRIBUTION

RAA FIRST AUST ARMY	1.	} To AADG TOROKINA
MIRA(LHQ)	2.	
4 AUST BASE SUB AREA	1.	
141 AUST RAA BTY	1.	
FILE	1.	
WAR DIARY	1.	

A.A. TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT - TOROKINA
Location and numbers of A.A. Equipment Held and Deployed

A.A. ARTY

Or-al	Unit	3.7" AA Guns (m)	3.7" 40mm AA Guns Type "A" (a)	40mm AA Guns Type "B" "A" "C" (e)	5.25 AA/CA Guns No. 1 (f)	Prod AA No. 3 (g)	Prod AA No. 10 (h)	RT Com-Inf put-Inf (i)	160mm Mk III (j)	GL Mk II (k)	Ref Map (l)	Map Ref (m)	Remarks (n)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
1.	HQ 554 AUST LAA BTRY(AIF) Less "A" Detachment.												TOROKINA 1" series No. 4895 606950
	Det L 1		1										610936
	L 2		1										600932
	L 3		1										603945
	L 4		1										582944
	L 5		1										591948
	L 6		1										591940
	L 7		1										580952
	L 8		1										593954
	L 9		1										605954
													Fire Control at Sights Correctional

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Held by unit
 pending maintenance by Wkaps
 & return to Rep

[Signature]
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