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654 LIGHT ANTI AIRCRAFT BATTERY

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13. JUNE 1943

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WAR DIARY or ~~INTELLIGENCE~~ SUMMARY

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Army Form C. 2118 (adapted.)

Unit 654 AUST LT A.A. BATTERY *Date and Time.—From* 1200 - 24:5:43 *To* 2400 - 31:5:43

23494 5.42 St. 1621

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
		From	1200 - 24:5:43 To 2400 - 24:5:43	
B.H.Q., KYEEMAGH	24:5:43	1200	IMPORTANT ORDERS.	
			Nil	
		1200	DAILY LOCATION.	
			654 Aust Lt A.A. Bty established Battery Head-quarters at N.S.W. Gun Club House Kyeemagh.	
			Map Reference (Sydney 1" = 1 mile) 166066	
			FIELD ENGINEERING.	
			Nil	
			STRENGTH.	
		1200	2 Officers - 17 O/Rs	
			Seymour V.D. NX115226 Lieut	
			Gaukrodger J.A. NX128764 Lieut	
			CASUALTIES & SICKNESS.	
			Nil	
			WEATHER.	
			Intermittent heavy showers and strong S.E. wind.	
			Equipment & Armament.	
			Nil	
			TRANSPORT.	
			Vehicle 45106 on loan from 221 Aust Lt A.A. Battery.	

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Unit 654 Aust Lt A.A. Battery *Date and Time.—From* 1200 24:5:43 *To* 2400 - 31:5:43

23494 5.42 St. 162a

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			From 1200 24:5:43 To 2400 24:5:43	
B.H.Q., Kyeemagh	24:5:43	1200	RATIONS & QUARTERS.	
			Attached for rations only to 14 Aust Hy A.A.Bty. Personnel quartered in tents and Officers in N.S.W. Gun Club.	
			ENGAGEMENTS.	
			Nil	
			AMMUNITION	
			Nil	
			SECURITY.	
		1800	Guard posted at B.H.Q. tour of duty 1800 to 0600	
			GENERAL.	
			B.H.Q. was established without any trouble owing to being organised previously. Weather conditions limited activities of personnel of Battery O.C. submitted to D.A.D.O.S., V.B. the W.E.T. Lieut Bassett-Smith (Sigs) visited B.H.Q. in reference to installation of 'Phone.	JJ.
			From 2400 24:5:43 To 2400 25:2:43	
B.H.Q., Kyeemagh	25:5:43		WEATHER.	
			Intermittent heavy showers with strong S.E. Wind.	
			EQUIPMENT & ARMAMENT.	
		1400	58 Rifles No 4 Mk 1 taken on charge.	
			GENERAL.	
			Timber and galvanised iron were picked up for construction of Q.Store and Equipment Store. Weather conditions limited activities of Battery.	JJ.

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Unit 654 AUST LT. A.A. BATTERY *Date and Time.—From* 1200 24:5:43 *To* 2400 31:5:43

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			From 2400 25:5:43 To 2400 26:5:43	
B.H.Q., Kyeemagh	26:5:43		~~DAILY~~ LOCATION	
			~~O.C. and 2/I.C~~ carried out Recc of Bunnerong Area and it was found that locations previously occupied would be positions occupied by Battery.	
			WEATHER.	
			~~I~~ntermittent heavy showers all day with light S.E.Breeze.	
			GENERAL.	
			Tin shed was erected as a bulk store. Further timber and iron picked up for construction of Q. and Instrument Stores. Weather conditions limited activities of Battery.	JJ
			- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	
			~~From 2400 26:5:43 To 2400 27:5:43~~	
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	27:5:43		IMPORTANT ORDERS.	
			Routine Order (1) published	Attached as appendices
			WEATHER.	
			Intermittent heavy showers with light S.E. Breeze	
			GENERAL.	
			Construction of Q.Store commenced further timber and iron picked up for Q.Store and Instrument Store.Weather conditions limited activities of Battery.	JJ
			- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	
			From 2400 27:5:43 To 2400 28:5:43	
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	28:5:43		WEATHER.	
			Intermittent heavy showers all day.	

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Unit 654 Aust Lt A.A. Battery *Date and Time.—From* 1200 24:5:43 *To* 2400 31:5:43

St 7455

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			From 2400 27:5:43 To 2400 28:5:43	
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	28:5:43		GENERAL.	
			Weather conditions limited activities of Battery. Construction of Q.Store carried on when possible.	JJ
			From 2400 28:5:43 To 2400 29:5:43	
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh.	29:5:43		WEATHER.	
			Fine but overcast all day.	
			GENERAL.	JJ
			Construction of Q.Stoer continued.	
			From 2400 29:5:43 To 30:5:43	
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	30:5:43	1000	DAILY LOCATION.	
			O.C. and 2 I/C carried out preliminary recc. of Mascot Area.	
			WEATHER.	
			Fine and cool in morning dull and overcast in the afternoon.	
			GENERAL.	
			Erection of Q.Store and Instrument Store continued.	JJ
			From 2400 30:5:43 To 2400 31:5:43	
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	31:5:43		WEATHER.	W3008 and W3009 for week ending 29:5:43 attached as Appendices.
			Fine in morning dull and overcast in the afternoon.	
			TRANSPORT.	
			Vehicle 45106 bumped and damaged tail light of civilian vehicle GK-359 outside Rockdale Post Office.	
			GENERAL:- Further construction of Q.Store and Instrument Store carried out Timber and iron picked up.	JJ Jaukrodger Lieut

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654 AUST LIGHT ANTI- AIRCRAFT BATTERY.

ROUTINE ORDERS.

BY

LIEUT V.SEYMOUR.

OFFICER COMMANDING.

654 AUST LIGHT ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERY.

27 MAY 43.

For Official
Use Only
A.M.R. & O.
1587

No 1

1. OFFICERS AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS REQUIRED IN THE DIRECTORATE OF RAILWAY AND ROAD TARNSPORTATION, LHQ AND FOR ATTACHMENT TO MOVEMENT CONTROL GROUPS IN L OF C AREAS.G.O./42.

(i) Applications are invited from officers and non-commissioned officers with qualification shown hereunder, for positions in the directorate of Railway and Road Transportation at LHQ. Certain of these will be detatched as representatives of this directorate to Movement Control Groups in L of C Areas.

Rank of Major.
Senior Railway transportation officers with first hand outdoor experience of traffic operation and capable of advising on the lay-out of marshalling yards and sidings up to the point where the engineering staff takes over the final planning.

Rank of Captain.
Railway transportation branch officers with practical experience in compilation of train time-tables. It is desireable that these officers should have been Trained Control Officers, with out-door experience in traffic operations.

Rank of Lieutenant and Captain.
Railway transportation officers with experience in loading of freight in truck and computation of freight charges etc.

As Lieutenants and N.C.Os.
Railway headoffice administrative clerks.

(ii) Applications should be forwarded, through the normal channels, to reach LHQ not later than 21 June 43.

Returns to reach this H.Q. by ~~10~~ 6 June 43.

2. "APPOINTMENTS OF INSPECTORS OF RUBBER AEME.- G.O./43.
(i) It has been decided to appoint inspectors of rubber to the Corps of Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers in the rank of Lieutenant. These officers, on appointment, will be attached to certain formations and war establishments have been amended accordingly.

(ii) Qualifications required to be held by appointees are as follows:-
(a) Must be experienced technicians, imbued with the importanance of the conservation of rubber. Experienced in the selling of rubber will not suffice.
(b) Must possess knowledge and experience of design and construction of tyres in particular, and articles composed or mainly composed of rubber in general.
(c) Must be capable of inspecting equipment and imparting to commanders and staffs the most effective advice on the care and maintenance of tyres etc.
(d) Must have an intimate knowledge of the various processes of reclamation, repair and reconditioning of rubber articles, including the retreading and recapping of tyres, also the plant to be used for such processes.

iii) Formations will arange arrange for commanding officers to submit the names of serving officers or soldiers who have the necessary qualifications and who are desirous of applying for one of the above appointments. Applicants will clearly state their qualifications, experience and training together with age, medical ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ classifications regimental particulars etc.

Commanding officers will state whether or not the applicant is reccommended:-
(a) For a commission, if he is already holding one,
(b) For an appointment as an inspector of rubber.

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(iv) Applicants who are recommended by their commanding officers will be interviewed by the senior AEME representative on the formation concerned, who will report his opinion as to the applicants suitability and whether he can be recommended or not for one of these appointments. Applications which are recommended by this EME.are to reach LHQ (EME) not later than one month after the promulgation of this order.

Returns to reach this H.Q. by ~~2 June~~ 31 MAY 43.

5. PUGAREES.
Personnel will not wear pugarees on hats khaki-fur. This order will take effect immediatly, and applies to all ranks.

4. POSTAL ADDRESS.
Postal address for personnel of 654 Aust Lt A.A. Battery is as follows:-

Number - Rank - Name
654 Aust. Lt. A.A. Battery, c/- Mascot Post Office
AUSTRALIA.

(ii) All outward mail is to be submitted to B.H.Q. for censorship and posting.

V. Seymour.

LIEUT.
V.Seymour.
O.C. 654 Aust Lt A.A.Battery.

Distribution:-

Sydney A.A.Group	1 copy
Notice Board	1 copy
War Diary	1 copy
File	1 copy

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Army Form W.3003
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29 / 5 / 1943. [illegible] (Unit)

LHQ Secret Memo 10357

W.E. Appendix "A" OFFRS. 4 O.R's. 60 + OFFRS. — O.R's. — 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'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
				*					
				*					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
				Majors					
	1			Captains					
	1		2	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	2		2						

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL
A.		2									2
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).

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65th Aust Lt AA Battery
Unit

Army Form W.3008
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29/5/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lieut	NX113226	SEYMOUR		Off Cmding	Yes		
Lieut	NX128764	GAUKRODGER	J A	Bty Lieut	Yes		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

2,000 Pads BH59 3/43 W.P.Co.

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Army Form W.3009
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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

22 / 43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29/5/1943. 65th Aust Lt AA Battery (Unit)

LHQ Secret Memo 10154 Appendix A

W.E. Nil / / . OFFRS. 4 O.R's. 60 + OFFRS. — O.R's. — 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.					
				W.Os. Class II.					
1			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
17	10		2	Sergeants					
15	10		5	Corporals					
32	43 27	4	1	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
60	43* 47	4	17*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*

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).

* * 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.

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		10		7				[redacted]	[redacted]		17
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	Sydney Anti-Gas School		

NB

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

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

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65th Aust 4 AA Battery / Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 29/5/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletreemakers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	1	-	NR
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Clerks Gnrl	-	1	-
Electricians				Cooks	2			Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				BQMS	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Sgts - Detach			
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks Bde	1		NR	ment Comdrs	12	2	N/R
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Bde Gen Duty	14	5	N/R
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator	24	1	NR	Clerks, Technical				Lines " "	4	7	40
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concreters							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	1	-	1				
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts				Gun Layers				Bde Hqrs	28	1	3
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	26	1	2	Bde Hqrs CARRIED FORWARD	26 / 28	1 / 1	2 / 3	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	60	17	43

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

29 May 43
Date of Despatch

2,000 Pads BM69 3/43 W.P.Co.

D Seymour Lieut
Signature of Commander

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Clerks Gdr.

W.E.	Posted	Reints Req.
1	Nil	N/A

NB. The deficiencies in Part E will be overcome by appointments of N.C.O's and specialists from the Posted Strength and Reinforcements Received by Unit

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
		From	2400 - 31:5:43 To 2400 - 1:6:43	
~~B.H.Q.~~ KYEEMAGH.	1:6:43		IMPORTANT ORDERS. NIL	
			DAILY LOCATION:- Battery Headquarters N.S.W.Gun Club House Kyeemagh. Map Reference (Sydney 1" - 1 mile) 166066.	
			FIELD ENGINEERING:- Nil	
			STRENGTH:- 2 Officers, 17 O.Rs. Seymour V.D. NX115226 - Lieut. Gaukrodger J.A. NX128764 Lieut.	
			CASUALTIES & SICKNESS:- Nil	
			WEATHER:- Fine and Cool slight showers in afternoon.	
			EQUIPMENT & ARMS:- Nil	
			TRANSPORT:- Vehicle 45106 on loan from 221 Aust Lt A.A. Battery	
			RATIONS & QUARTERS:- Attached for rations only to 14 Auat Hy.A.A.Bty. personnel quartered in tents & Officers in N.S.W. Gun Club.	
			ENGAGEMENTS:- NIL.	
			AMMUNITION:- Nil	
			SECURITY:- Guards altered to every alternate night. 14 Aust Hy AA.Bty providing Guard for alternate nights.	
			GENERAL:- Construction of Q.Store continued. Further wood and iron picked up for same.	Jaf.

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23494 5.42 St. 162.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	2:6:43	From	2400 - 1:6:43 To 2400 - 2:6:43 WEATHER:- Fine but very cold all day.	
			TRANSPORT:- Vehicle 45106 returned to 221 Aust Lt A.A. Battery.	Jaj
			GENERAL:- Construction of Q. and Equipment Stores continued.	
B.H.Q.KYEEMAGH	3:6:43		From - 2400 - 2:6:43 To 2400 - 3:6:43	
			WEATHER:- Fine but very cold all day.	
			TRANSPORT:- Vehicle 45106 returned on loan from 221 Aust Lt A.A. Battery	
			GENERAL:- Construction of Q.Store and Equipment Store continued.	Jaj
B.H.Q.KYEEMAGH	4:6:43		From 2400 - 3:6:43 To 2400 - 4:6:43	
			FIELD ENGINEERING WORKS:- Barbed wire fence erected around Q.Store and Instrument Store.	
		1100	STRENGTH:- Taken on Strength 3 O.Rs.	
			WEATHER:- Fine and cool with cold wind.	
			GENERAL:- Q.Store fitted out with shelves. Construction of P.O.L.Store commenced.	Jaj
B.H.Q.KYEEMAGH.	5:6:43		From 2400 - 4:6:43 To 2400 - 5:6:43. WEATHER:- Overcast and cool.	
			GENERAL:- Continued construction of Stores and erecting of barbed wire fences.	Jaj

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654 Aust Lt AA Bty

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Unit 654 Aust Lt A.A. Battery *Date and Time.—From* 2400 - 31:5:43 *To* 2400 - 30:6:43

St 7455

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH.	6:6:43		From 2400 - 5:6:43 To 2400 - 6:6:43 WEATHER:- Fine and cool all day.	
			GENERAL:- General finishing off of all construction work and continued ~~erecting of barbed wire fence.~~	Jaly
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	7:6:43		From 2400 - 6:6:43 TO 2400 - 7:6:43	
			DAILY LOCATION:- O.C. finalised on gun positions Mascot Area.	
			WEATHER:- Fine and warm day.	
			TRANSPORT:- 2 1 Ton vehicles taken on charge, V4316 and V10985	
			GENERAL:- P.O.L.Store barbed wired in.Q.Store roof painted.	Jaly
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH.	8:6:43		From 2400 - 7:6:43 To 2400 - 8:6:43	
			WEATHER:- Fine and cool	
			TRANSPORT:- Vehicle V10985 elictrical system faulty.	
			GENERAL:- Clothing and equipment picked up from D.A.D.O.S.	Jaly
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	9:6:43		From 2400 - 8:6:43 To 2400 - 9:6:43	
			IMPORTANT ORDERS:- Unit Routine Orders (No 2) published	Attached as appendice
			EQUIPMENT AND ARMAMENT:- Equipment and Stores as on W.E.T. picked up from D.A.D.O.S. South Head.	
			WEATHER:- Fine and cool all day.	
			GENERAL:- Equipment and Stores checked and placed in Q.& Equip.Store	Jaly

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654 Aust Lt AA Bty *Unit* 654 Aust Lt. A.A. Battery *Date and Time.—From* 2400 hrs 31:5:43 *To* 2400 - 30:6:43

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			From 2400 - 9:6:43 To 2400 - 10:6:43	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	10:6:43		WEATHER:- Fine and cool all day.	
			EQUIPMENT AND ARMAMENT:- 12 Generators picked up from D.A.D.O.S.Sth Head.	
			GENERAL:- Continued checking of equipment and stores.	Jaly
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	11:6:43		From2400 - 10:6:43 to 2400 11:6:43	
			WEATHER:- Raining in morning. Fine in afternoon	
			GENERAL:- Further iron picked up for roof of equipment store and roof put on.	Jaly
			From 2400 - 11:6:43 To 2400 - 12:6:43	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	12:6:43	1230	IMPORTANT ORDERS:- O.C. received orders from A.A.O.C. that 654 Aust Lt A.A. Bty. would take over 3 guns from 155 Aust Bty. and would proceed with them to Neilson Park where Bty would releive 2/3 Bty.Neilson Park to be manned by 1000 hrs 13:6:43 by 654 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty.	Jaly
			STRENGTH:- Taken on strenght 10 O.Rs	
			WEATHER:- Fine and warm all day.	
		2030	TRANSPORT:- Vehicle V4316 Broke down owing to dent in petrol pump. 3 vehicles on loan from 155 Bty to tow guns into position.	
		1500	EQUIPMENT AND ARMAMENT:- 3 40-m.m. A.A. guns taken over from 155 Bty complete.	
			GENERAL:- All arrangements made for formation of "B" Troop and for movement of "B" Troop to Neilson Park from B.H.Q. at 0700 13:6:43.	Jaly

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Unit 654 Aust Lt A.A. BATTERY Date and Time.—From 2400 - 31:5:43 To 2400 - 30:6:43

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			From 2400 12:6:43 To 2400 13:6;43	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	13:6:43		DAILY LOCATION:-	
		0700	B.TROOP personnel with 3 guns moved out from B.H.Q.	
		0800	" " " " " " " arrived at Neilson Park	
		0930	B.Troop occupied positions from 2/3 Battery - Sydney 1" to 1 mile	
			L46 - 268178	
			L47 - 273182	
			L48 - 269176	
			THQ. - 272181	
			STRENGTH:- 12 O.Rs M/O to B.Troop from B.H.Q.	
			10 O.Rs M/I from 14Aust Hy A.A. Bty.	
			10 O.Rs attached from Fortress Command.	
			WEATHER:- Fine all day.	
			~~RATIONS & QUARTERS:- B.Troop rationed from B.H.Q.~~	
			TRANSPORT:- Vehicle V 10985 repainted	
			GENERAL:- B.Troop settled in according to plan. Positions in need of vast reconstruction and improvement 10 O.Rs attached to B Troop for Bofor instruction.	JAG
			SECURITY:- Caretaker of Neilson Park interviewed by O.C. Telephone available for messages at FU 5574 being refreshment Kiosk at the Park.	
H.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	14:6:43		From 2400 -13:6:43 To 2400 14:6:43	
			WEATHER:- Fine and cool all day.	
			SECURITY:- Sgt Quail from intelligence Corps. visited B.H.Q. in reference to security.	
			GENERAL:- B.Troop gun sites areas cleaned up.	
			FIELD ENGINEERING:- Barbed wiring commenced on L48	JAG

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654 Aust Lt AA Bty

Unit 654 Aust Lt A.A. Battery — Date and Time.—From 2400 - 31:5:43 To 2400 - 30:6:43

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH.	15:6:43		From 2400 14:6:43 To 2400 15:6:43 FIELD ENGINEERING:- Barbed wiring continued on L48 and commenced L46 & L47 STRENGTH:- M/I 1 O.R. WEATHER:- Fine and cool in morning, cloudy and overcast in afternoon GENERAL:- Co ntinued cleaning up of B.Troop area.	Jalg
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH.	16:6:43		From 2400 15:6;43 To 2400 16:6:43 FIELD ENGINEERING:- Barbed wiring continued on L46 and L47 at B.Troop New gun pit commenced on L48. Mess tent erected for School personnel STRENGTH. M./I 3 O.Rs. 1 reinforcement sent to B.Troop WEATHER:- Cold and overcast with westerly wind. GENERAL:- School personnel at B.troop continued training according to syllabus. Gun drill carried out during manning. O.C. Battery inspected gun sites at B.Troop.	Jalg
B.H.Q.KYEEMAGH	17:6:43		From 2400 16:6:43 To 2400 17:6:43 FIELD ENGINEERING:- Kitchen painted at B.Troop. L46 sandbagged gun pit. L48 continued wiring in of gun site. STRENGTH:- ~~M/I 4 O.Rs~~ M/I 4 O.Rs . 2 reinforcements sent to B.Troop WEATHER:- Overcast in morning with cold westerly wind. RATIONS & QUARTERS:- Rations delivered direct to B.Troop by AASC. SECURITY:- Pte J.Liddy from Security Section visited B.Troop in reference to security.	

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654 Aust Lt AA Bty

Unit 654 Aust Lt. A.A. Battery *Date and Time.—From* 2400 31:5:43 *To* 2400 30:6:43

St 7455

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	17:6:43		GENERAL:-School personnel at B. Troop continued training to syllabus. O.C. Bty, inspected gun sites, at B. Troop.	Jaly
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	18:6:43		From 2400 17:6:43 to 2400 18:6:43	
			FIELD ENGINEERING:- L46 and L48 continuing sandbagging. L47 wiring.	
			~~STRENGTH:- 3 reinforcements sent to B. Troop.~~	
			WEATHER:- Fine day with cold westerly wind.	Jaly
			GENERAL:- O.C. visited B. Troop. School training continued as per syllabus.	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	19:6:43		From 2400 18:6:43 to 2400 19:6:43	
			FIELD ENGINEERING:- T.H.Q. and L47 continued with renovation and repainting of kitchen. Grease trap repaired. L46 L48 continued sandbagging gun pits at B. Troop.	
			WEATHER:- Fine day with cold westerly wind.	
			TRANSPORT:- Vehicle V4316 repainted.	
			GENERAL:- O.C. Bty inspected gun sites at B. Troop. School personnel at B. Troop continued training as per syllabus. Gun drill carried out at dusk manning.	Jaly
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	20 :6:43		From 2400 19:6:43 to 2400 20:6:43.	
			~~WEATHER:- Fine and clear with cold westerly wind. Slight rain at night.~~	
			GENERAL:- O.C. Bty visited B. Troop.	Jaly
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	21:6:43		From 2400 20:6:43 to 2400 21:6:43	
			FIELD ENGINEERING:-L46 & L48 continued sandbagging at B.Troop. L47 filled sandbags.	
			WEATHER:- Fine day cold wind from N.W.	
			GENERAL:- O.C. Bty visited Troop. Floor boards picked up for B. Troop. Troop Commander discussed Sydney AA Group Standing Orders with NCO'S B. Troop.	Jaly

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Unit 654 Aust Lt. A.A. Battery — Date and Time.—From 2400 31:5:43 To 2400 30:6:43

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			From 2400 21:6:43 to 2400 22:6:43	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	22:6:43		FIELD ENGINEERING:- All guns at B.Troop continued sand bagging.	
			WEATHER:- Fine with cold westerly wind.	
			GENERAL:- O.C. Bty inspected Troop. School personnel continued training as per syllabus.	Jaly
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	23:6:43		From 2400 22:6:43 to 2400 23:6:43	
			FIELD ENGINEERING:- B. Troop personnel continued sandbagging gun positions.	
			CASUALTIES AND SICKNESS:-Gnr Price admitted to 72 Camp Hospital.	
			WEATHER:- Fine with cold westerly wind.	
			GENERAL:- Hygiene School conducted by 14 Aust HY A.A. Bty, attended by 2 personnel from B.Troop. B.L. inspected Troop H.Q. School personnel continued training as per syllabus.at B.Troop.	Jaly
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	24:6:43		From 2400 23:6:43 to 2400 24:6:43	
			FIELD ENGINEERING:- Continued sandbagging on all gun positions at B.Troop.	
			~~WEATHER:- Fine with cold westerly wind.~~	
			GENERAL:- School personnel continued training as per syllabus at B.Troop. Gun drill by Troop personnel carried out at Dawn and Dusk manning.	Jaly
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	25:6:43		From 2400 24:6:43 to 2400 25:6:43	
			FIELD ENGINEERING:- Sandbagging on L46 and L48	
			~~CASUALTIES AND SICKNESS:- Gnr Price discharged from Hospital.~~ Gnr O'Brien admitted.	
			~~WEATHER:- Fine and mild.~~	
			GENERAL:- O.C. Bty visited and inspected B.Troop. School personnel underwent practical examination atB.Troop.	Jaly

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Unit 654 Aust Lt. A.A. Battery — Date and Time.—From 2400 31:5:43 To 2400 30:6:43

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			From 2400 25:6:43 to 2400 26:6:43	
B.H.Q KYEEMAGH	26:6:43		FIELD ENGINEERING:- L47 continued sandbagging. Camp improvements on L46, L47	
			WEATHER:- Fine cold day with westerly wind. Rained during night.	
			GENERAL:- O.C. Bty visited and inspected B.Troop. School personnel at B.Troop underwent theory examination and reports prepared on each student.	Jaly
			From 2400 26:6:43 to 2400 27:6:43	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	27:6:43		WEATHER:- Cloudy and overcast with intermittent rain.	
		1600	GENERAL:- O.C. Bty visited B.Troop. School personnel marched out from B.Troop.	Jaly
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	28:6:43		From 2400 27:6:43 to 2400 28:6:43	
			FIELD ENGINEERING:- All gun sites at B.Troop continued sandbagging. L46 dug foundations for M ess Hut	
			STRENGTH:- 2 reinforcements to B. Troop.	
			WEATHER:- Fine with south westerly wind.	
			GENERAL:- Major Vincent and O.C. Bty visited B.Troop. Troop Commander B. Troop held meeting of NCO's and discussed Sydney A.A. Group Standing Orders.	Jaly
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	29:6:43	1930	From 2400 28:6:43 to 2400 29:6:43	
			IMPORTANT ORDERS:- B. Troop received message from Z1 that there was a submarine alarms and they were to maintain careful watch.	
		1935	B.Troop received message to revert to normal alert conditions.	
			FIELD ENGINEERING:- Sandbagging on all guns at B.Troop.	
			CASUALTIES AND SICKNESS:- Gnr Gilbert admitted to Hospital.	
			WEATHER:- Fine with south westerly wind.	
			GENERAL:- Captain Creswick of AASC visited B.Troop and inspected kitchen and Rations.	Jaly

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654 Aust Lt AA Bty

Unit 654 Aust Lt. A.A. Battery *Date and Time.—From* 2400 31:5:43 *To* 2400 30:6:43

St 7455

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			From 2400 29:6:43 to 2400 30:6:43	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	30:6:43		IMPORTANT ORDERS:- Routine order No. 3 published.	(as appendici)
			FIELD ENGINEERING:- Sandbagging on all gun pits at B. Troop	
			WEATHER:- Fine and clear with south westerly wind.	
			GENERAL:-O.C. Bty visited B.Troop.	
				J.A. Gawkrodger Lieut.

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654 AUST LIGHT-ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERY.

ROUTINE ORDER

BY

LIEUT V. SEYMOUR.

OFFICER COMMANDING.

654 AUST. LT. A.A. BATTERY.

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9 June 43

No 2

1. APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS.
The following appointments have been approved:-

N204263	A/L/Bdr	GRIMES, H.A.	- To be A/Bdr as from 6 June 43
N299688	Gnr	GOOLEY, M.J.	- To be A/Bdr as from 6 June 43
NX23317	Gnr	IRVING, B.M.	- To be A/Bdr as from 6 June 43

2. DISCIPLINE - PERSONNEL TRAVELLING ON TRAINS.- NSW L of C. RO 230.
(i) "The lack of discipline of troops travelling on various Railway systems has resulted in a large number of accidents with consequential serious injuries and other fatalities."

(ii) The formation or despatching authority responsible for the movement will ensure that an Officer, N.C.O., or acting N.C.O. is placed in charge of each Unit or portion of Unit draft, detail or leave party, prior to entrainment.

(iii) It is considered that adequate supervision by this draft conducting Officer would greatly reduce the number of accidents of this nature.

(iv) Attention is directed to the following extracts from "Standing Orders for Movements in Australia and its Territories" :-

Appendix E (Part 1.)

(3) Train Discipline. The O.C. Train is responsible for the discipline of the troops travelling and security of Unit equipment and other service stores conveyed on the train. He will ensure that the regulations of the Railway System are strictly observed by the troops. He will not, however, interfere with prescribed running of the train or the working of the Railway Service. At stations where an R.T.O. is located, O.C. Train will make any requests to the Railway authorities through that Officer, who is the channel of communication between the troops and the Railway operating Staff.

Before leaving the entraining station, O.C. Train will warn troops against:-
(a) Boarding or leaving trains in motion.
(b) Leaning out of windows and doors, or protruding any portion of the body from the train as to be in danger of being struck by side or overhead structures.
(c) Throwing anything out of the train.
(d) Interfering with or causing damage to Railway property (Windows, Doors, Brake-gear and other fittings).
(e) Chalk marking of rolling stock.
(f) Discharging of firearms except pursuant to orders.
(g) Carrying or consuming liquor on the train, unless supplied as a normal service available in a dining car.
(h) Occupying any portion of the train other than that set aside for their accomodation.

(v) The above will be repromulgated in all Unit ROs and despatching authorities will ensure that all personnel appointed as draft conducting officers are familiar with its contents.

3. P.M.G. COMMUNICATIONS.-NSW L of C. RO 146/42.
Personnel will not interfere with P.M.G. installations under any circumstances.

4. FIELD SECURITY - PASS NO 79 - LOSS OF.-NSW L of C. RO 229.
"The loss of Field security Pass No. 79, issued to WX19259, Sgt. Renouf, Noel A[illegible] has been reported.
Any person attemting to use this Pass will be apprehended.
Should the above pass be found it is to be returned to B.H.Q. under cover of registered post immediatly.

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5. SICKNESS OF/OR INJURY TO MEMBERS OF A.M.F. ON LEAVE.-Sec Aust Army RO A94.

(i) If a member becomes sick or sustains an injury during leave he will:-

(a) Report to nearest Military Hospital or Area Medical Officer, or, if not available,
(b) Report to nearest Public Hospital, or if unable to report.
(c) Get private Medical attention, and immediatly send Medical certificate to nearest HQ L of C Area.

(ii) In any of the above circumstances at once communicate with his Unit, giving nature of sickness or injury, location while sick and duration of treatment.

6. MT VEHICLES - GEAR CHANGING. Second Aust Army RO Q151.

(i) The practice of changing gear to reduce the speed of a vehicle will be discontinued as it damages gears, throws undue strain on engine and transmissions and causes unnecessary wear on tyres.

(ii) Speed will be reduced by releasing the accelerator and, if necessary, by the gradual application of brakes.

(iii) This instruction is not intended to prohibit the use of a lower gear for acceleration when the vehicle is moving slowly around corners, negotiating gutters or for braking in conditions of emergency, such as the descent of very deep grades.

(iv) Unit Comds will instruct drivers accordingly and take appropiate action to see that this instruction is observed.

(v) Second Aust Army Routine Order 37/42 is cancelled.

7. ENGINEERING CADETSHIPS. - GRO Q.424.

Personnel interested in the above (both Civil Engineering and Electrical and Mechanical Engineering) may obtain full particulars of same on application to B.H.Q.Orderly Room.

8. LEAKAGE OF MILITARY INFORMATION IN PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CIVIL COURTS.-GRO A.427.

(i) On giving evidence in a civil court, a soldier will merely give his number, rank and name and state that he is a member of the A.M.F., without mentioning the name of his Unit.

(ii) In no circumstances will a soldier divulge in open court the location of his Unit, unless the bench rules that a full answer is essential to the case, in which event he will offer to write the information on a slip of paper to be handed to the bench.

(iii) The danger to security in disclosing the locations of Unit cannot be too strongly impressed on all ranks.

9. ORDERLY ROOM - B.H.Q.

Section of Hall comprising 654 Aust Lt A.A. Battery Orderly Room is out of bounds to all personnel excepting those on duty.

10. MAIN KITCHEN.

Main Kitchen is out of bounds to all ranks except for the purpose of duty.

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ROUTINE ORDER

BY

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30 June 43

No. 3

1. INCREMENT - COST OF LIVING - PERMANENT MILITARY FORCES - C.O./233

Financial approval has been granted for the nominal salaries of the Permanent Military Forces to be increased by £6 per annum. (£3 in the case of Workshop Apprentices) as from 13 May 43, to cover increased cost of living.

Members of the Permanent Military forces transferred to Pay Books on 27th March, 1942, whose nominal salary advanced to a higher superannuation group as a result of this increment, must contribute for such additional units as are provided for in the Superannuation Act.

The effects of the Superannuation Amendment Act of 1942, upon contributions of the Permanent Military Forces were promulgated in NSW L of C Area RO 116 Serial No. 11 of 12 Mar 43.

2. RELEASE OF SERVING PERSONNEL - SECOND AUST ARMY NO. A/178.

(i) Cases have brought to notice where action is being taken contrary to GRO A.108/42 para 2.

(ii) Cases of serving personnel on leave making application to the Directorate of Manpower or business firms are still being brought to notice.

(iii) The attention of all ranks will be drawn to the correct procedure of making application for discharge or release, and disciplinary action will be taken in all cases where this order is not obeyed.

3. PAYBOOKS - SECOND AUST ARMY NO. A.78

(i) Production of his paybook affords a member a ready method of establishing his identity.

(ii) C.O's will ensure that Paybooks are not withdrawn from members except for official purposes and that whenso withdrawn they are returned as soon as possible.

(iii) While away from the place where his Unit is normally located each member will carry his Pay book.

4. PILLION RIDING - MOTOR CYCLES - SECOND AUST ARMY NO. A.3

Pillion riding on motor cycles is prohibited except during unit manoeuvres, tactical exercises and training therefor, or in case of emergency.

5. PROPHYLACTIC DEPOTS-NSW AND VICTORIA

(i) Prophylactic Depots are located as under:-

N.S.W.

SYDNEY -	1. AJC Hostel, 320 Sussex Street	8 pm - 8 am
	2. Board of Health, 93 Macquarie St,	24 hrs continuous
	3. Aust Canteen Services Club, Railway Sq.	" "
	4. Concord West (11th CMH)	" "
	5. RAS Showground	" "
CAMPS -	6. Greta No. 1	" "
	7. Greta No. 2	" "
	8. Glenfield	" "
	9. Hume	" "
	10. Ingleburn	" "
	11. Largs	" "
	12. Liverpool	" "
	13. Narellan	" "
	14. Randwick Racecourse	" "
	15. Rutherford	" "
	16. Walgrove	" "
TOWNS -	17. Bathurst, Russell St,	" "
	18. Casino, Canterbury St,	" "
	19. Cowra, Macquarie St,	" "
	20. Dubbo, Macquarie St,	" "
	21. Glen Innes, High St,	" "
	22. Muswellbrook, William St,	" "
	23. Newcastle, off Wolfe St, back of Scotts Ltd. Hunter St,	" "
	24. Singleton, John St,	" "
	25. Tamworth, Bourke St,	" "
	26. Tenterfield, Bourke St,	" "
	27. Wagga Wagga, 12 Collins St,	" "

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- TOWNS -	28. Wollongong, Keira St,	24 hrs	continuous
	29. Goulburn, Kenmore(114 AGH)	"	"
	VICTORIA		
MELBOURNE -	1.,295 Flinders St, opp. Hosies Hotel	"	"
	2. Melbourne Hospital Lt. Lonsdale St,	"	"
	3. Blamey House, 533 Collins St,	"	"
	4. CDD. Caulfield	"	"
TOWNS -	5. Albury, Central Transport Depot Dean St,	"	"
	6. Seymour, Tempory premises, opp. Supply Ration Store on Main Melbourne Road.	"	"
	7. Bendigo, 5 Rath Lane,	"	"
CAMPS -	8. Camp Hospitals (i) Broadmeadows	"	"
	(ii) Royal Park	"	"
	(iii) Darley	"	"

(ii) The facilities of these depots are available to all male service personnel, whether quartered in camp concern or not.

6. POSSESSION AND CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR-SECOND AUST ARMY NO. A.139

(i) Except as provided in para 2 hereof, no member of the Australian Military Forces, when in uniform, shall consume of have in his possession in bottles or other containers, any intoxicating liquor.

(a) In any public place.
(b) In any doorway or vestibule, opening onto any public place.
(c) On any highway or public road.
(d) On any vacant land adjacent to a park or public reserve.
(e) On any part of a park or public reserve.
(f) In any public conveyance.

(ii) Nothing in this order shall prevent the consumption of supply or possession of liquor on licensed premises or upon the premises of any Naval, Military, or Air Force Institute, Mess, or Canteen in accordance with the regulations and orders applying to such Institute, Mess, or Canteen.

7. REGIMENTAL TRUST ACCOUNT.

654 Lt A.A. Battery Regimental Trust Account opened on 11 Jun 43.

	DEBITS £. s. d.	BALANCE.. £. s. d.
Opening deposit - Cheque from 221 Aust Lt A.A.Bty.		9 2 10
Cheque Sydney AA Group (purchasing Sewing Machine for effecting repairs to clothing)	1 - -	8. 2 10
Credit Balance as at 30 June 43		£8 2 10

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26/6/194 854 Aust Lt AA Bty (Unit)

LWOP
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4HQ SECRET MEMO 10354
APPENDIX 'A'

W.E. OFFRS. 4 O.R's. 60 OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... 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'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
				*					
				*					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
				Majors					
1	1			Captains	NIL				
1	1		2	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
4	2		2						

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL
A.		2									2
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).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26/6/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
LIEUT	NX115226	SEYMOUR	VD	OC	Yes		
LIEUT	NX128764	GANKRODGER	JA	Bty Lieut	Yes		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

4.6.43.
Date of Despatch

V. Seymour Lieut.
Signature of Commander
V. SEYMOUR
OC 654 Aust Lt AA Bty

2,000 Pads BH59 3/43 W.P.Co.

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TABLE F. SECONDED OFFICERS

1	2	3	4	5	6
Sub Rank & Higher T/Rk if Held.	Army No	Surname	Initials	Posting to which Seconded	Date of Secondment.
		NIL			

TABLE G. OFFICERS IN TRANSIT.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Sub Rank & Higher T/Rank if Held	Army No	Surname	Initials	Unit or posting to which Officer is proceeding	Date of Leaving Unit
		NIL			

TABLE H. OFFICERS EVACUATED TO HOSPITAL.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Sub Rank & Higher T/Rank if held.	Army No	Surname	Initials	Medical Establishment To which Evacuated	Date of Evacuation from Unit
		NIL			

TABLE I VISITING AND INSPECTING OFFICERS.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Sub Rank & Higher T/Rank if held	Army No	Surname	Initials	H.Q. of Unit To which Officer is Posted	Officers Appointment.
		NIL			

TABLE J. OFFICERS NOT ON POSTED STRENGTH.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Sub Rank & Higher T/Rank if held	Army No	Surname	Initials	Officers Parent Unit etc.	State reason for Officer being with Unit Submitting W3008 viz., Patient Student reinforcement Officer etc.
		NIL			

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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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.					
				W.Os. Class II.					
1			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
			4	Staff Sergeants					
12	10		2	Sergeants					
15	6		9	Corporals					
32	27	21	26	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
60	22*	43	21	38*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	*			*

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).

** 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.

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A		20		18				[redacted]	[redacted]		38
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

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

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

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 26/6/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP 1.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners			
Armament Artificer Fitter			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			
Armament Artificer Instrument			
Armament Artificer Radio			
Armament Artificer Signals			
Armament Artificer Wireless			
Artificer, Artillery			
Artificer, Engine			
Blacksmiths			
Bricklayers			
Computors			
Cooks, Hospital			
Coppersmiths			
Dispensers			
Draughtsmen			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			
Electricians			
Electricians (M.V.)			
Electricians (Signals)			
Fitters			
Fitters (Cycle)			
Fitters (Electrical)			
Fitters (Gun)			
Fitters (Instrument)			
Fitters (M.V.)			
Fitters, Railway Signal			
Fitters, Signals			
Grinder, Precision			
Mechanics, Instrument			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			
Mechanics, Radio			
Mechanics, Typewriter			
Mechanics, Wireless			
Millwrights			
Operators, Excavator			
Pattern Maker			
Pharmacist			
Photographer, Wet Plate			
Photowriter			
Plumber			
Saw Doctors			
Surveyors			
CARRIED FORWARD			

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Surveyors, Engineering			
Surveyors, R.A.A.			
Surveyors, Topographical			
Surveyors, Trigonometrical			
Toolmakers			
Turners			
Watchmakers			
Welders			

	CLERK SDR.	
W.E.	POSTED	Reints Req.
1	1	Nil

NB. The deficiencies in Part E. will be overcome by appointments of NCO's and Specialists from the posted strength and reinforcements received by Unit.

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(adapted.)

Unit 654 Aust Lt. A.A. Battery *Date and Time.—From* 2400 30:6:43 *To* 2400 31:7:43

St 7455

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			Fromm 2400 30:6:43 to 2400 1:7:43	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	1:7:43		IMPORTANT ORDERS:- NIL	
			DAIDY LOCATION:- Battery Headquarters, N.S.W. Gun Club House Kyeemagh Map reference Sydney 1" to 1 mile 166066 B.Troop troop Headquarters 272181) Neilson Park Sydney L46 268178) 1" to 1 mile L47 273182) L48 269176)	
NEILSON PARK			FIELD ENGINEERING:- L47 continued sandbagging gun pit. L46 and L48 continued barbed wiring and sandbagging of ~~pinquets~~ quarters.	
			STRENGTH:- 2 Officers 40 O/R's Seymour V.D. NX115226 - Lieut Gaukrodger J.A. NX128764 - Lieut	
			CASUALTIES AND SICKNESS:- Gnr Gilbert and Gnr O'Brien admitted 72 Camp Hospital.	
			WEATHER:- Fine and warm	
			EQUIPMENT AND ARMAMENT:- 3 40 m.m. Bofors complete at B.Troop. Guns L46 and L47 pulled down by Artificer and cleaned.	
			TRANSPORT:- 2 1 ton vehicles V4316 and V10985.	
			RATIONS AND QUARTERS:- B.H.Q. attached for rations only to 14 Aust Hy A.A. Battery. B.Troop rations delivered by A.A.S.C. Personnel in tents on gun Sites.	
			ENGAGEMENT:- NIL	
			AMMUNITION:- B.Tropp holding 240 rounds 40-m.m. per gun. In reserve 645.	
KYEEMAGH NEILSON PARK.			SECURITY:- B.H.Q. guarded by 14 Aust Hy A A Battery B.Troop guarding each gun by personnel in Troop.	

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Unit 654 Aust Lt. A.A. Battery *Date and Time.—From* 2400 30:6:43 2400 31:7:43

St 7455

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	1:7:43		GENERAL:- O.C. Bty visited B.Troop.	Jaly
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	2:7:43		2400 1:7:43 to 2400 2:7:43 FIELD ENGINEERING:- Sandbagging on gun pit L47. Preparation of sleeping quarters for picquet on L46 and L48. WEATHER:- Fine and warm EQUIPMENT AND ARMAMENT:- Artificer pulled down and cleaned L48.	
		1500	TRANSPORT:- Vehicle inspection at Sydney A.A. Group of vehicles V4316, V10985, by Inspector Second Aust Army.	
			GENERAL:- O.C. Bty visited B.Troop. Lieut Bassett-Smith Sigs Officer Sydney A.A. Group visited B.Troop re installation of 'Phone to T.H.Q. Captain Cain Second Aust Army Reinforcement Training Depot, visited T.H.Q. B.Troop.	Jaly
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	3:7:43		From 2400 2:7:43 to 2400 3:7:43 FIELD ENGINEERING:- Sandbagging on Gun Pit at L47. Barbed wiring on L46 and L48. WEATHER:- Fine and warm.	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	4:7:43		GENERAL:- Normal routine carried out at B.Troop. From 2400 3:7:43 to 2400 4:7:43 WEATHER:-Fine and warm GENERAL:- Capt Miller of V.D.C. visited T.H.Q. B.Troop re training of V.D.C.	Jaly
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	5:7:43		From 2400 4:7:43 to 2400 5:7:43. WEATHER:- Fine and warm during day, cold night. GENERAL:- Continued sandbagging and wiring at B.Troop.	Jaly

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			From 2400 5:7:43 to 2400 6:7:43	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	6:7:43		WEATHER:- Fine and clear. Cold westerly wind.	Jaly
			GENERAL:- Continued sandbagging of gun sites at B.Troop.	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	7.7.43		From 2400 6.7.43 to 2400 7.7.43	
			WEATHER:- Fine and clear	Jaly
			GENERAL:- O.C. Bty visited B.Troop. Gun drill carried out during Mannings.	
~~B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH~~ NEILSON PARK	~~8.7.43~~		From ~~2400~~ 7.7.43 to ~~2400~~ 8.7.43	
			STRENGTH:- 2 O/R's to X List. ~~1 O/R M/I to B.Troop.~~	
			CASUALTIES AND SICKNESS:- NX84676 admitted 72 Camp Hospital with sinivitis.	
			WEATHER:- Fine and clear.	
			GENERAL:- O.C. Bty visited B.Troop. Gun drill during Manning.	Jaly
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	9.7.43		From 2400 8.7.43 to 2400 9.7.43	
			~~IMPORTANT ORDERS~~:- O.C. Bty received instructions from Sydney A.A. Group that L47 and L48 at B.Troop fitted with Mk.1 Auto Loaders were to be transferred to 2/12 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty to be replaced by 2 40 m.m fitted with Mk.111 Auto loaders from 2/12 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty.	
			Unit Routine Order No. 4 published	Attached as appendice.
			STRENGTH:- 2 O/R's taken on Strength.	
			WEATHER:- Cloudy during day. Thunderstorms during evening.	
			TRANSPORT:- O.C. Bty advised that 1.- 3 ton truck to be picked up from ~~North Head.~~	
NEILSON PARK			FIELD ENGINEERING:- L47 and L48 prepared for the removal of guns from pits.	Jaly
			GENERAL:- O.C. Bty visited and inspected B.Troop.	

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St 7455

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			From 2400 9.7.43 to 2400 10.7.43	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	10.7.43		WEATHER:- Fine and clear.	
NEILSON PARK		1030	MOVEMENT OF UNIT:- Transfer of guns as instructed carried out. New guns in action by 1130 hrs.	
			~~TRANSPORT~~:- O.C. Bty picked up 1 3 ton truck from North Head 109530.	
			~~GENERAL:- Brigade Major Sydney A.A. Group visited B.H.Q. O.C. Bty inspected B.Troop.~~	Jaly
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	11.7.43		From 2400 10.7.43 to 2400 11.7.43	
			WEATHER:- Fine and clear.	
~~NEILSON PARK~~			GENERAL:- V.D.C. training commenced at B.Troop of members of 9 Btn V.D.C. 36 members of Btn attended and instruction went according to plan. ~~Lt Col. Patterson C.O. 9 Btn present with O.C. Bty. Brigade~~ Major SYDNEY A.A. Group, Major Sutherland C.S.O. Sydney Fortress visited B.Troop.	Jaly
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	12.7.43		From 2400 11.7.43 to 2400 12.7.43	
			~~WEATHER:- Fine and clear.~~	
NEILSON PARK			~~GENERAL~~:- Bty Lieut. inspected gun sites at Neilson Park. B.Q.M.S. issued clothing to B.Troop personnel.	Jaly
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	13.7.43		From 2400 12.7.43 to 2400 13.7.43	
			WEATHER:- Fine and clear	
NEILSON PARK			~~EQUIPMENT AND ARMAMENT:- New guns at B.Troop found to have push Rods missing. Sydney A.A. Group advised.~~	Jaly
			~~GENERAL:- Barbed wiring and sandbagging carried out at B.Troop as required~~ O.C. Bty visited and inspected B.Troop.	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	14.7.43		From 2400 13.7.43 to 2400 14.7.43	
			WEATHER:- Cold and overcast. Heavy showers in evening.	

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St 7455

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Neilson Park			GENERAL:- Barbed wiring and sandbagging as required at B.Troop. O.C. Bty visited and inspected B.Troop. Major Bedford and party from A.A. Defences visited B.Troop. Capt R.C. Chaplain to A.A. Defences visited and talked to personnel at B.Troop. Troop Commander B.Troop gave lecture on "Definitions" to emebers of 9 Btn V.D.C. at Grimsley Hall, Rose Bay.	Jaly
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	15.7.43		From 2400 14.7.43 to 2400 15.7.43 WEATHER:- Fine and clear. TRANSPORT:- Vehicle V4316 to Work Shops (52 AASL) for overhaul. Second Aust Army inspection.	
NEILSON PARK			GENERAL:- Lieut Bassett-Smith visited T.H.Q. B.Troop re installation of Telephone. Barbed wiring and asndbagging continued at B.Troop.	Jaly
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	16.7.43		From 2400 15.7.43 to 2400 16.7.43 CASUALTIES AND SICKNESS:- NX133888 admitted to 72 Camp Hospital with Laraggitis.	
NEILSON PARK			WEATHER:- Fine and cold. GENERAL:-Barbed wiring continued at B.Troop. Push rods missing from L47 and L48 were installed. 2 Ofiicers and 6 O.R's attended lecture on care and maintenance of .22 Rifles at Kensington Racecourse.	Jaly
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	17.7.43		From 2400 16.7.43 to 2400 17.7.43 WEATHER:- Fine and clear.	
NEILSON PARK			GENERAL:-Barbed wiring carried out on Gun Sites at B.Troop. 5 personnel from B.Troop attended 103 A.G.H for foot treatment.	Jaly
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	18.7.43		From 2400 17.7.43 to 2400 18.7.43 ~~STRENGTH:- 1 O.R taken on Strength ex X List.~~ WEATHER:- Fine and cold.	

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St 7455

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			TRANSPORT:- Transport N.C.O. (Bdr Kellett) taken on Strength to be responsible for P.O.L. for 654 Aust Lt. A.A. Battery and 14 Aust Hy A A Battery.	
NEILSON PARK			GENERAL:- O.C. Bty visited and inspected B.Troop.	Jaly
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	19.7.43		From 2400 18.7.43 to 2400 19.7.43	
			WEATHER:- Cold with occasional showers.	
NEILSON PARK			GENERAL:- Erection of Mess hut commenced on L46. Barbed wiring carried out as required. O.C. Bty visited and inspected Neilson Park.	Jaly
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	20.7.43		From 2400 19.7.43 to 2400 20.7.43	
			IMPORTANT ORDERS:- O.C. Bty advised that 5 40-m.m guns were to be taken from 147 Aust Lt. A.A. Battery at 0900 hrs 21.7.43. Battery R.O. No.5 published.	Attached as appendice.
			CASUALTIES AND SICKNESS:- NX162267 - abscess on back) NX84676 -Synovitis)Admitted 72 Camp Hospital. NX16002 - Fibrisitis.)	
			WEATHER:- Fine and cold.	
			TRANSPORT:- Vehicle V10985 to 52 AASL Work Shops for overhaul. Second Aust Army inspection.	
			RATIONS AND QUARTERS.:- Cpl Moore from D.F.O. Visited B.Troop inspecting rations held.	
NEILSON PARK			GENERAL:- O.C. Bty visited and inspected B. Troop and made arrangements for Gun Fitter to be present from 52 AASL W/Shops when 5 40-m.m guns arrive at B.H.Q.	Jaly
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	21.7.43		From 2400 20.7.43 to 2400 21.7.43	
			WEATHER:- Fine and clear.	
			EQUIPMENT AND ARMAMENT.:- 5 40-m.m guns due to arrive 0900 hrs arrived at 1500 hrs. Checked over by Fitter Gun.	
			GENERAL:- Shadow boards erected on Gun Sites at B. Troop. O.C. Bty visited B.Troop and carried out Request Hour. Troop Commander B.Troop gave lecture	Jaly

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Unit 654 Aust Lt. A.A. Battery *Date and Time.—From* 2400 30.6.43 *To* 2400 31.7.43

St 7455

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			to 9 Btn V.D.C. at Rose Bay on "Definitions". Gun drill carried out during Dawn and Dusk Manning.	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	22.7.43		From 2400 21.7.43 to 2400 22.7.43 IMPORTANT ORDERS:- O.C. Bty informed by Brigade Major Sydney A.A. Group that 654 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty was to send two 40-m.m to Georges Heights and one to Artarmon to be used for V.D.C. Training on Hy A.A. gun sites at Georges Heights and Artarmon. WEAHTHER:- Fine and clear. SECURITY:- Red warning seen from Signal Station South Head st 2115 and B. Troop stood to. All clear seen at 2145 hrs. G.O.R. were not aware of alarm conditions anywhere. GENERAL:- O.C. Bty visited and inspected B.Troop. Barbed wiring and Camp improvements carried out as required at B.Troop. Adj. 10 Btn V.D.C. visited B.H.Q.	Jaly
~~B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH~~	~~23.7.43~~		~~From 2400 22.7.43 to 2400 23.7.43~~ WEATHER:- Fine and clear. ~~TRANSPORT:- O.C. Bty made arrangements to have 3 3ton trucks available~~ for moving guns to Georges Heights and Artarmon. ~~GENERAL:- General camp improvements carried out at B.Troop.~~	
NEILSON PARK				Jaly
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	24.7.43		From 2400 23.7.43 to 2400 24.7.43 STRENGTH:- 10 O.R's Marched in Taken on Strength. WEATHER:- Fine and clear. EQUIPMENT AND ARMAMENT:- 3 guns moved out as arranged to Georges Heights ~~and Artarmon. Each gun tombe looked after by an N.C.O. who went with the~~ gun for the purpose of training V.D.C.	
NEILSON PARK			GENERAL:- Camp improvements carried out as required at B. Troop. Training as per syllabus.	Jaly

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St 7455

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			From 2400 24.7.43 to 2400 25.7.43	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	25.7.43		WEATHER:- Fine and clear. Cold westerly wind.	
NEILSON PARK			GENERAL:- O.C. Bty visited & inspected B.Troop. Personnel stood down for washing etc.	Jaly
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	26.7.43		From 2400 25.7.43 to 2400 26.7.43	
~~NEILSON PARK~~		~~2015~~	~~ENEMY ACTIVITY:- Red warning seen from South Head Signal Station.~~ Guns at B.Troop stood to. Stand down at 2045 hrs.	
			~~WEATHER:- Fine and clear.~~ Cold westerly wind.	
			GENERAL:- Camp improvements carried out as required at B?Troop. L48 reported out of action at 1720 hrs owing to universal coupling becoming damaged. Repaired at 2000 hrs.	Jaly
~~B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH~~	~~27.7.43~~		~~From 2400 26.7.43 to 2400 27.7.43~~	
			WEATHER:- Fine and clear.	
~~NEILSON PARK~~			~~EQUIPMENT AND ARMAMENT:- Sgt Dorhaner (52 AASL W/Shops) visited B.Troop.~~ and readjusted gun balance springs on L46 and L48.	Jaly
			~~GENERAL:- Camp improvements carried out as required at B.Troop.~~	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	28.7.43		From 2400 27.7.43 to 2400 28.7.43	
			~~STRENGTH:- 2 O.R's M/O to EX List. 1 O.R. M/I taken on Strength.~~	
			WEATHER:- Cold and overcast.	
NEILSON PARK			GENERAL:- Troop Commander B.Troop delivered lecture to 9 Btn V.D.C. at Rose Bay on "Characteristics of A.A. Gunnery". Camp improvements carried out as required at B.Troop.	Jaly
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	29.7.43		From 2400 2817.43 to 2400.29.7.43	
			~~IMPORTANT ORDERS:- O.C. Bty informed that two guns at Georges Heights~~ were to be transferred to Rose Bay.	
			~~WEATHER:- Fine and clear.~~	
			GENERAL:- Sgt Dorhaner of 52 AASL W/Shops replaced bolt on elevating gear on L47. Camp improvements as required at B.Troop.	Jaly

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WAR DIARY or ~~INTELLIGENCE~~ SUMMARY.

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Unit 654 Aust Lt. A.A. Battery *Date and Time.—From* 2400 30.6.43 *To* 2400 31.7.43

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH NEILSON PARK	30.7.43		From 2400 29.7.43 to 2400 30.7.43 WEATHER:- Fine and clear. GENERAL:- O.C. Bty visited and inspected B.Troop. Camp improvements carried out as required at B.Troop.	JaG
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	31.7.43		From 2400 30.7.43 to 2400 31.7.43 WEATHER:- Fine, but cold windy day, ~~MOVEMENT:- 2 guns moved from Georges Heights to Rose Bay, and 1 moved~~ from B.H.Q. for V.D.C. training. GENERAL:- Camp improvements carried out at B.Troop as required.	JaGankrodger Lieut.

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654 Aust Light Anti-Aircraft Battery

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

LIEUT V. SEYMOUR

OFFICER COMMANDING

654 AUST LT. A.A. BATTERY

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No. 4

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1. TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES - SUPPLIES FOR LEAVE PERIOD - SECOND AUST ARMY R.O. Q.185
As soldiers' clubs do not hold large stocks of cigarettes and tobacco, personnel proceeding on leave may purchase supplies from the canteen serving the Unit on production of a leave pass.
The scale of issue will be:-
(a) Cigarettes - 10 per day, or
(b) Tobacco - 3 ozs per week.
Personnel will not purchase cigarettes and tobacco from canteens which do not serve their Unit to which they are attached.

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2. SPEED LIMIT - MIDDLE HEAD AREA - SYDNEY FORTRESS H.O. A.81
The speed limit for motor vehicles on Military roads in the Middle Head Area is twenty(20) miles per hour.

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3. USE OF EMERGENCY AND OPERATIONAL RATIONS-G.R.O. Q495
(i) Emergency Ration :- This ration is designed for use solely in an emergency when no other rations are available. It will not be issued as a daily ration.
(ii) Operational Ration:- This ration is intended to replace the normal daily ration issued in areas where the later cannot be supplied. The size and weight of this ration has been reduced to the minimum necessary to provide a complete 24-hours ration for one man. The three meals are separately wrapped so that after the container is opened and one meal consumed the remaining two meals can be carried intact on the man.

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4. NATIVE LABOUR OVERSEAS ANGAU - SECOND AUST ARMY H.O. A.192
Applications are called for volunteers for the above Unit. Interested personnel may obtain full particulars of same one application to B.H.Q.
Applications to reach this H.Q. not later than 15 July 43.

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O.C. 654 Aust Lt. A.A. Battery

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No. 5

1. AIRGRAPH SERVICE-C.R.O. 2116

(i) This service is an arrangement under which letters written by senders in Australia upon special forms are photographed in miniature in this country abd the negatives thus obtained forwarded by air to the overseas country of address, where enlarged prints arex taken, enveloped and delivered by post to the addressees.

(ii) The service now functioning from Australia is available only for communication:-

(a) To civilains in -

Aden	Eire	Palestine
Anglo-Egyptian-Sudan	India	Seychelles
Bahrein	Irak	South Africa
British Somaliland	Kenya	Southern Rhodesia
Canada	Uganda	Tangenyika
Ceylon	Mauritius	Transjordon
Cyprus	Northern Rhodesia	United Kingdom
Egypt	Nyasaland	Zanzibar.

(b) To members of the forces of the Empire serving in -
The countries included in the list above, and -

Syria	Madagascar
Persian Irak Force	Somalia (Italian Somaliland)
Ethiopia (Abyssinia)	Occupied Territories of Eritrea;
Iran (Persia)	

and the charges payable are as follows:-

(i) For airgraph letters to members of the forces of the British Empire - - 5d

(ii) For airgraph letters to civilians - 10d

(iii) Forms upon which airgraph letters may be written by senders are available from Army Postal Orderlies serving within the Units, from whom further details of the service can be secured by personnel.

(iv) Normal Unit censorship arrangements will apply to airgraph letters lodged by personnel. The franking Officer's signature will appear in the lower left hand corner of the form (above the direction "This space should not be used"). Censorable matter will be obliterated and not excised. The unit censor stamp will be affixed in the space between the address panel and the single printed line directly thereunder; it will be placed as far to the left as practicable.

(v) Detailed instruction covering preparation of the letters by senders are set out on the backs of the forms, which will, however, inevery case following censorship be passed through unit channels by postal orderlies for onward transmission.

(vi) If one form be insufficient for the whole of a letter, two or more seperate forms may be used, but in such case each form will be treated as a seperate letter and a seperate fee must be paid for each. Writing must be plain and preferably in black ink, to secure satisfactory photography reproduction. Use of pencil is not recommended but, if used, it will be a soft black lead pencil; indelible pencil will not be used.

(vii) Names and addresses of addressees of airgraph letters will be written by hand in a prominent block lettering(as large as practicable) and will be kept wholly within the panel provided on the form. The full address of the sender and the date of writing will be written at the top of the "Letter" portion of the form and at the foot of the letter the senders full name will be written in block lettering following his signature.

(viii) The airgraph letter as delivered to the addressee oversea will be less than one quarter the size of the original lodged by the sender. The need for block lettering as above described and clear writing generally will therefor be readily understood.

2. TRAFFIC OFFENCES-BUILT UP AREAS.- SECOND AUST ARMY R.O. A199

The following summary of relevant regulations with regard to observation of speed restrictions in built up areas is published for information:-

The speed restrictions of 30 m.p.h. in built up areas apply:-

(a) To any length of street or road NOT provided with street lamps, where restrictions signs (30 on yellow disc) is displayed, and

(b) To any length of street or road provided with street lamps, UNLESS de-restricting sign (traverse bar on disc) is displayed.

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3. PUGAREES: Attention is drawn to Bty R.O. 1/5 of 27 May 45.
It has been noticed that some personnel of this Unit are still wearing pugarees.
This practise will cease forthwith.
Disciplinary action will be taken against any personnel found wearing Pugarees in future.

N O T I C E

4. The Australian Broadcasting Commission has form 5 July 45 instituted a series of broadcasts especially for the members of the forces.

(ii) The broadcasts may be heard on the ~~fkas~~ following stations between 1830 hrs and 2100 hrs daily:

2FC	3AR	and on shortwave, VLQ, VLR, on the 7, 9 and 11 sector bands.
2NR	3GI	
2NC	4AT	
2CO	4QG	
2CY	4QS	

(iii) The A.B.C. has requested that criticism, comments or suggestions on these programmes should be made by members with a view to assisting it to give the entertainment required by members of the forces and has offered the following monthly prizes for the most useful suggestions or criticisms received from any members of the Forces in respect of the said programme.

1st Prize of £5/5/-
5 prizes of £1/1/-
10 prizes of 10/6

(iv) Any such criticisms comment or suggestions should be forwarded through normal channels to D.A.D. Amenities Second Aust Army.

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V. Seymour
O.C. 654 Aust Lt. A.A. Battery

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

LHQ SECRET MEMO 10334
APPENDIX "A"

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 31/7/1943. 654 Aust Lt AA Bty (Unit)

W.E. / "A" OFFRS. O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required. LWOP NIL

TOTAL AMF VDC

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.					
			1	W.Os. Class II.					
	-	-	1 1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
	11		1	Sergeants					
	6		6 9	Corporals					
13	27	31	31 36	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
13*	44	31	59 47*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*

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).

* * 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.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* * VDC	TOTAL.
A	21		26				[redacted]	[redacted]	59	106
B(1)										
B(2)						[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

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

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

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 31 / 7 /1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP 1.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners			
Armament Artificer Fitter			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			
Armament Artificer Instrument			
Armament Artificer Radio			
Armament Artificer Signals			
Armament Artificer Wireless			
Artificer, Artillery			
Artificer, Engine			
Blacksmiths			
Bricklayers			
Computors			
Cooks, Hospital			
Coppersmiths			
Dispensers			
Draughtsmen			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			
Electricians			
Electricians (M.V.)			
Electricians (Signals)			
Fitters			
Fitters (Cycle)			
Fitters (Electrical)			
Fitters (Gun)			
Fitters (Instrument)			
Fitters (M.V.)			
Fitters, Railway Signal			
Fitters, Signals			
Grinder, Precision			
Mechanics, Instrument			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			
Mechanics, Radio			
Mechanics, Typewriter			
Mechanics, Wireless			
Millwrights			
Operators, Excavator			
Pattern Maker			
Pharmacist			
Photographer, Wet Plate			
Photowriter			
Plumber			
Saw Doctors			
Surveyors			
CARRIED FORWARD			

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Surveyors, Engineering			
Surveyors, R.A.A.			
Surveyors, Topographical			
Surveyors, Trigonometrical			
Toolmakers			
Turners			
Watchmakers			
Welders			

CLERKS GRP 111			GUN OPERATOR.		
W.E.	POSTED	REINTS REQ.	W.E.	POSTED	REINTS REQ.
NIL	1	NIL	NIL	1	NIL

N.B.
The deficiencies in Part E. will be overcome by appointments of N.C.Os and Specialists from Posted Strength and Reinforcements received by UNIT.

(A) Number of A.Class personnel replaced by A.W.A.S.
NIL

(B) NIL

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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LHQ SECRET MEMO 10354 Appendix 'A'

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 31/7/1943 654 Aust Lt AA Bty (Unit)

OFFRS. 4 O.R's. 60 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E. 4 W.O.P. NIL

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

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

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. (Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL
A.		2								VDC 4	6
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).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 31 / 7 / 1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
LIEUT	NX115776	SEYMOUR	VD	OC	Yes		
LIEUT	NX118764	GAUKRODGER	FA	Bty Lieut	Yes		
		VDC					
CAPT	N324117	MILLAR	CP				
LIEUT	N324117	COTTERILL	GF				
LIEUT	N324117	HAMILTON	WIS				
LIEUT	N370394	GUTHRIE	JHF				

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
A/LIEUT	NX111860	HARKINS. JP	Gen. Reinf (RAA)	2 JUL 43	Pending Appointment AG's MS List 80

31. 7. 43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
OC 65th Aust Lt AA Bty

2,000 Pads BH59 3/43 W.P.Co.

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			From 2400 31.7.43 to 2400 1.8.43	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	1.8.43		IMPORTANT ORDERS:- O.C. Bty instructed to attend Battery Commander's conference at Sydney A.A. Group.	
			DAILY LOCATION:- Battery HeadQuarters N.S.W. Gun Club House. Map reference Sydney 1" to 1 mile 166066	
			B.Troop Headquarters 272181	
			Neilson Park - L46-268176) L47-273182) Sydney 1" to 1 mile L48-269176)	
			FIELD ENGINEERING :- Nil	
NEILSON PARK			~~STRENGTH:- 4 Officers 46 O.R's.~~ Seymour, V.D. NX115226 - Lieut Gaukrodger, J.A. NX128764 - " Harkins, J.P. NX131860 - " Warham, L.J. NX120119 - "	
			CASUALTIES & SICKNESS:- Nil	
			WEATHER:- Fine and cold squally westerly wind.	
			EQUIPMENT & ARMAMENT:- 8 40 m.m Bofors A.A. Guns; 5 at Neilson Park; 1 at Artarmon; 1 at Brighton; 1 at B.H.Q.; 2 at Rose Bay.	
			TRANSPORT:- 2 1ton vehicles 1 3ton vehicle.	
			RATIONS & QUARTERS:- B.H.Q. attached for rations only to 14 Aust Hy AA Bty B.Troop Rations delivered by A.A.S.C. Personnel in tents on gun sites.	
			ENGAGEMENT:- Nil	
			~~AMMUNITION:- B.Troop holding 240 rounds 40m.m per gun. In reserve 645.~~	
			SECURITY: B.H.Q. guarded by 14 Aust Hy AA Bty. B. TROOP guarding each gun by personnel in Troop.	
			GENERAL:- O.C. Bty visited B.Troop and inspected gun sites. Camp improvements carried out as required at B.Troop. Training as per syllabus. V.D.C.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH.			training continued at B.Troop. Capt Allan V.D.C. Staff Capt C.Group visited B.Troop.	J.P.H.
~~NEILSON PARK~~	~~2.8.43~~		~~From 2400 1.8.43 to 2400 2.8.43~~	
			FIELD ENGINEERING:- Neilson Park: erection of mess hut continued on L46. ~~Barbed wiring continued on L47 and L48.~~	
			WEATHER:- Fine, cold, with strong westerly wind.	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH			GENERAL:- O.C. Bty gave lecture to officers of 9 Btn V.D.C. at Rose Bay on "Organisation of Lt A.A. Bty." Training as per syllabus.	J.P.H.
~~NEILSON PARK~~	~~3.8.43~~		~~From 2400 2.8.43 to 2400 3.8.43~~	
			FIELD ENGINEERING:- Neilson Park: work on messhuts on L46 and L47 continued.	
			~~STRENGTH:- 1 O.R. Taken on Strength from X List.~~	
			WEATHER:- Fine and clear, Cold westerly wind	
			SECURITY:- Cpl Brown R.L. of Field Security visited B.Troop investigating T.H.Q. and general security.	
			GENERAL:- B.L. visited and inspected B.Troop. O.C. Bty attended G.O.R. for lecture on "Anti-Aircraft Procedure Instructions". Training as per syllabus at B.Troop.	J.P.H.
~~B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH~~ B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	4.8.43		From 2400 3.8.43 to 2400 4.8.43	
			IMPORTANT ORDERS:- Unit Routine Orders No. 6 published.	Attached as appendice
			WEATHER:- Fine and cool with strong westerly wind.	
			GENERAL:- Troop Commander B.Troop transferred to B.H.Q. Lieut Warham L.J. taking over B.Troop. Telephone connected to B.Troop T.H.Q. (FU8303)	
			Lieut Harkins J.P. lectured to 9 Btn V.D.C. at Rose Bay on "Deflections" Training as per syllabus. Camp improvements carried out as required at B.Troop.	J.P.H.
~~B.H.Q.KYEEMAGH.~~ B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	5.8.43		From 2400 4.8.43 to2400 5.8.43	
			~~WEATHER:- Fine cool day with light westerly wind breeze.~~	
			GENERAL:- B.R.A.(Brigadier St. Clair) and Col. Boyle and Major Sutherland	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			visited B.Troop T.H.Q. and inspected gun positionx at L47. O.C. Bty visited and inspected B.Troop. Lieut-Col. Worcester and Major Harboson visited B.T Troop re medical facilities. Training as per syllabus.	J.B.H.
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	6.8.43		From 2400 5.8.43 to 2400 6.8.43	
			WEATHER:-Fine and cool.	
			GENERAL:- O.C. Bty visited B.Troop and inspected gun sites. B.L. picked up Amenities for Bty. B.H.Q. personnel passes gas chamber test with D.M. Cpl Taylor of D.F.O. visited B.Troop and inspected reserve rations. Training as per syllabus.	J.B.H.
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	7.8.43		From 2400 6.8.43 to 2400 7.8.43	
			CASUALTIES AND SICKNESS:- 2 O.Rs admitted to Hospital-X List.	
			WEATHER:- Fine and clear.	
			GENERAL:- O.C. Bty visited B.Troop and inspected gun sites. Training as per syllabus at B.Troop. Camp improvements as required carried out at B.Troop.	J.B.H.
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	8.8.43		From 2400 7.8.43 to 2400 8.8.43	
			WEATHER:- Fine, cool and clear.	
			GENERAL:- V.D.C. training continued at B.Troop.	J.B.H.
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	9.8.43		From 2400 8.8.43 to 2400 9.8.43	
			IMPORTANT ORDERS:- Orders for Reorganisation and Manning of Anti-Aircraft Defences received from H.Q. Sydney A.A. Group.	
			STRENGTH:- 1 O.R. transferred to 5 Aust Ord Base Depot.	
			WEATHER:- Cold with squally westerly wind. Rain in evening.	
			GENERAL:- B.L. inspected gun positions at Artarmon and B.Troop. Cpl Francis of D.A.D.O.S. visited B.Troop and inspected ammunition.	J.B.H.
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	10.8.43		From 2400 9.8.43 to 2400 10.8.43	
			WEATHER:- Cold with heavy showers in the morning.	
			GENERAL:- B.L. visited B.Troop and inspected gun positions. Training as per syllabus. Camp improvements as required carried out at B.Troop.	J.B.H.

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Unit 654 Aust Lt. A.A.Battery *Date and Time.—From* 2400 31.7.43 *To* 2400 31.8.43

St 7455

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	11.8.43		From 2400 10.8.43 to 2400 11.8.43 CASUALTIES & SICKNESS:- 5 B Class personnel to 72 Camp Hospital for Medical classification. WEATHER:- Cold and overcast with occasional showers. TRANSPORT:- 1 3ton lorry C15853 received from H.Q. Sydney Fixed Defences. V.10985 to 61 A.A.S.L. Work Shops for attention. GENERAL:- B.L. visited B.Troop inspecting gun positions. Lieut Warham L.J. lectured to 9 Btn. V.D.C. at Rose Bay on "Tendencies of Deflections".	J.O.L.
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	12.8.43		From 2400 11.8.43 to 2400 12.8.43 IMPORTANT ORDERS:- Orders received from Brigade Major, Sydney A.A. Group for 1 gun to be transferred to Artarmon and 1 gun to Iron Cove for V.D.C training. STRENGTH:- 1 O.R. taken on strength ex X List. CASUALTIES & SICKNESS:- 5 B Class personnel to 72 Camp Hospital for Medical classification. WEATHER:- Cold and overcast with heavy showers. GENERAL:- Adjutant of 10 Btn. V.D.C. rang re training of 15 personnel. B.L. visited B.Troop inspecting gun positions.	J.O.L.
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH NEILSON PARK	13.8.43		From 2400 12.8.43 to 2400 13.8.43 FIELD WORKS:- Alterations and renovations to Kitchen. STRENGTH:- 1 O.R. taken on strength. CASUALTIES AND SICKNESS:- 3 B Class personnel to 72 Camp Hospital for medical classification. WEATHER:- Overcast with heavy showers. GENERAL:- B.L. visited B.Troop and inspected gun positions.	J.O.L.
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	14.8.43		From 2400 13.8.43 to 2400 14.8.43 CASUALTIES & SICKNESS:- 3 B Class personnel to 72 Camp Hospital for medical classification.	

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Unit 654 Aust Lt. A.A. Battery *Date and Time.—From* 2400 31.7.43 *To* 2400 31.8.43

St 7455

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			WEATHER:- Fine and cool with light north-easterly breeze.	
			GENERAL:- 1 40 m.m. gun moved to Artarmon and 1 to Iron Cove as arranged for V.D.C. training.	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	15.8.43		From 2400.14.8.43 to 2400 15.8.43	
			STRENGTH:- 1 O.R marched out to X List.	
			WEATHER:- Cool day, overcast in afternoon.	
			GENERAL:- V.D.C. training continued at B.Troop.	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	16.8.43		From 2400 15.8.43 to 2400,16.8.43	
			WEATHER:- Cool with showers in the morning.	
			GENERAL:- ~~[illegible]~~ 2 personnel commenced 1 ~~weeks aircraft recognition course. 1 personnel commenced 3 weeks driving~~ and maintenance course at 1 Aust AASL Regt.	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	17.8.43		From 2400 16.8.43 to 2400 17.8.43	
			FIELD WORKS:- Erection of new mess hut on L47 commenced.	
			WEATHER:- Overcast with showers in morning.	
			GENERAL:- B.L. attended Bty Comdrs conference at Sydney A.A. Group.	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	18.8.43		From 2400 17.8.43 to 2400 18.8.43	
			WEATHER:-Overcast with occasional showers.	
			GENERAL:- Capt Powys M.O. attached to Sydney Fortress inspected camp sites and kitchen. Lieut Warham L.J. detached to 657 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty and Lieut Ferrier E. attached from that Battery. Troop Commander B.Troop delivered lecture to 9 Btn. V.D.C. at Rose Bay on "Tendencies of Deflections"	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	19.8.43		From 2400 18.8.43 to 2400 19.8.43	
			STRENGTH:- 1 O.R. taken on strength.	
			WEATHER:- Overcast with occasional showers.	
			GENERAL:- 1 40 m.m guns moved from Artarmon to Brighton as arranged for V.D.C. training. O.C. visited B.Troop inspecting gun positions.	

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Unit 654 Aust Lt. A.A. Battery *Date and Time.—From* 2400 31.7.43 *To* 2400 31.8.43

St 7455

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	20.8.43		From 2400 19.8.43 to 2400 20.8.43 STRENGTH:- 1 O.R. taken on strength.	
			WEATHER :-Overcast with intermittent showers.	
			GENERAL:- Training as per syllabus. Normal day.	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	21.8.43		From 2400 20.8.43 to 2400 21.8.43 STRENGTH:- 1 O/R Taken on strength.	
			WEATHER:- Fine and cloudy.	
			GENERAL:- Eligible personnel voted at appropriate military polling booths.	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	22.8.43		From 2400 21.8.43 to 2400 22.8.43	
			WEATHER:- Fine and sunny.	
			GENERAL:- Training of 9 Btn V.D.C. at B. Troop Neilson Park, and 10 Btn V.D.C. at Artarmon and Iron Cove.	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	23.8.43		From 2400 22.8.43 to 2400 23.8.43	
			WEATHER:- Overcast with intermittent showers.	
			GENERAL:- Blankets of all personnel returned and clean blankets issued.	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	24.8.43		All No4 Mk.1. rifles of North American manufacture tested at Anzac Range. From 2400 23.8.43 to 2400 24.8.43	
			WEATHER:- Overcast with intermittent showers.	
			GENERAL:- Capt Powys M.O. Sydney Fortress visited B.Troop. Projectional Librarian A.A. Group gave 1 hour screening of various training Films.	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	25.8.43		From 2400 24.8.43 to 2400 25.8.43 WEATHER:- Overcast with occasional showers.	
			~~EXXERALX~~ IMPORTANT ORDERS:- Orders received from B.M. Sydney A.A.Group that the 3 gun positions at Bunnerong were to be occupied on 26.8.43.	
			Preparations for the move were made. GENERAL:- T.C.B.Troop lectured 9 Btn V.D.C. at Rose Bay on"Tables of Laterjal Deflections"	

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Unit 654 Aust Lt A.A. Battery *Date and Time.—From* 2400 31.7.43 *To* 2400 31.8.43

St 7455

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			From 2400 25.8.43 to 2400 26.8.43	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	26.8.43		DAILY LOCATION:- At 0900 hrs movement of 3 guns, equipment, stores and personnel commenced. By 1500 hrs guns and covers were in position.	
			STRENGTH:- 10 O.Rs taken on strength.	
			WEATHER:- Fine and cloudy.	
			GENERAL:- Capt Stenberg and Lieut Pearce from 61 A.A.S.L. Work Shops inspected gun at L5 B.Troop. Normal day	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	27.8.43		From 2400 26.8.43 to 2400 27.8.43	
			FIELD ENGINEERING:- Erection of 3 gun pits at A. Troop Bunnerong commenced	
			STRENGTH:- 6 O.Rs taken on strength.	
			CASUALTIES AND SICKNESS:- 1 O.R. Admitted 72 Camp Hospital	
			WEATHER:- Fine with passing squall at midday.	
			GENERAL:- Work on new positions at Bunnerong continued. The Area was generally cleaned up and kitchen set up at L1. Arrangements were made with the Chief Engineer at Bunnerong Power House for a room in the Power House to be used as a T.H.Q.; also for showers for personnel of A.Troop	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	28.8.43		From 2400 27.8.43 to 2400 28.8.43	
			FIELD ENGINEERING:- Improvements to ammunition recesses at L4 B. Troop. Erection of Mess hut and living quarters was commenced at L2 A.Troop.	
			STRENGTH:- 1 O.R. Taken on strength.	
			CASUALITIES AND SICKNESS:- 1 O.R. admitted to 72 Camp Hospital	
			WEATHER:- Fine and cloudy with strong westerly wind.	
			GENERAL:- Work was continued on new positions at A.Troop. Otherwise a normal day.	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	29.8.43		From 2400 28.8.43 to 2400 29.8.43	
			FIELD ENGINEERING:- Sandbagging of gun pits at A.Troop continued.	
			WEATHER:- Fine and sunny, westerly wind.	

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St 7455

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH A.TROOP BUNNERONG	29.8.43		From 2400 28.8.43 to 2400 29.8.43 (continued). GENERAL:- Sgt McPhee of Hygeine visited A.Troop and supervised construction of incenerators and other general improvements.	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH A.TROOP BUNNERONG.	30.8.43		From 2400 29.8.43 to 2400 30.8.43. FIELD ENGINEERING.:- Sand bagging of Gun pits continued. WEATHER:- Fine and sunny, westerly wind. ~~GENERAL:- Stand~~	
B.Q.H. KYEEMAGH ~~A.TROOP BUNNERONG~~	31.8.43		From 2400 30.8.43 to 2400 31.8.43 ~~IMPORTANT ORDERS:- Orders received from B.M. Sydney A.A. Group that 2~~ gun positions at Mascot Aerodrome were to be occupied ~~by~~ 1.9.43. ~~FIELD ENGINEERING:- Sandbagging of Gun pit and erection of Mess Hut. on~~ L2 continued at A.Troop. ~~WEATHER:- Fine and sunny.~~ GENERAL:- 1 40 m.m. Gun withdrawn from Iron Cove to B.H.Q. as arranged. O.C. interviewed the Adjt of the R.A.A.F. at Mascot re Rations and Messing facilities on Mascot Airfield. Sgt Rankin of B.Troop lectured 9 Bn V.D.C. at Rose Bay on "Fire Control". J.P. Rankin LIEUT. for V. Seymour. O.C. 654 Aust Lt A.A. Bty.	

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654 AUST LT. A.A. BATTERY

4 Aug. 43

No. 6

1. COMPLAINTS BY MEMBERS OF THE FORCES - R

(i) C.R.O. A108/43 para 3 requires that provisions of division 1 part iv of A.M.R. & O. be explained to all formed Units on parade at least once in every month. The consequences of failure by members to observe the provisions of that Division will be made clear.

(ii) Action will be taken to ensure that the provisions of C.R.O. A108/42 are observed.

2. SPECTACLES- SYDNEY A.A. GROUP R.O. 68

Personnel wearing glasses should contact T.H.Q. with a view of obtaining Army glasses that can be worn with respirators. Troop will submit to this H.Q. by no later than 25 Aug 43, nominal rolls of all personnel concerned.

3. REGIMENTAL TRUST ACCOUNT.

Credit balance as at 30.6.43	£ 6 - 2 - 10
Receipts from Canteen Discounts	£ 5 - 8 - 6
	£11 -11 - 4
Expenditure: Purchase of Kitchen ware etc. B.Troop	£ 5 -18 - 11
Credit balance at 31 July 43	£ 5 -12 - 5

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O.C. 654 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty

Distribution:-

Sydney A.A. Group	1 copy.
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20 Augt 43

No. 7

1. PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE FORCES:C.R.O. A582.

i. Members are forbidden to communicate the Press or to give interviews for broadcasting or other media of publicity on Military matters, whether by correspondence, personnel interviews with Press representatives or by any other means except in accordance with para 2 hereof.

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

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

2. LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO GOVERNMENT PROPERTY BY FIRE. GRO Q586.

i. The number of fires occuring particularly in tented camps,has resulted in serious losses of equipment and is impeding our war effort. Many of these fires could have been prevented.

ii. Particular attention will be paid to the following:-

(a) In buildings, etc, in which smoking is prohibited, notices to that effect will be displayed prominently and the prohibition will be rigidly enforced.

(b) In no circumstances will authority be given for smoking in garages, forage barns or dumps, stables, magazines, in the vicinity of petrol or oil stores or in any other building in which inflammable materials are stored.

(c) Grass will be kept short in barrack areas, hutments and camps.

(d) Special arrangements will always be made for the storage of petrol, oil and grease. Tins of smad will be kept available in such places,in addition to tins for oily waste etc.

(e) Naked lights in tents will be kept carefully shielded; candles will be placed in approved holders.

(f) Great care will be exercised when the tanks of vehicles are being replenished. Engines will be stopped and any petrol spilled will be immediately wiped up or liberally sprinkled with sand.

(g) Naked lights or hurricane type lamps will on no account be taken into or used in the vicinity of an inflammable liquid or material store or in power houses, nor will the use of such lamps be permitted when filling petrol tanks of vehicles at night or where there are loose inflammable liquids.

(h) A tin of sand will be kept at each tent.

(i) The cooperation of all ranks will be obtained to prevent the careless throwing away of cigsrette ends, pipe ashes or glowing matches from moving vehicles or in the vicinity of tents or in any place where there is any danger of fire.

(j) Fires will not be lit for any purpose whatsoever in proximity of tents or huts except with the authority of a commissioned officer. That officer will ensure that such fires are subsequently extinguished. The possibility change of wind and wind-born sparks will not be overlooked.

3. CLOAK ROOM-A.M.F.-CENTRAL STATION SYDNEY-

Amilitary cloak room is now open at the corner of Pitt Street and Eddy Avenue, Central Railway Station, for receipt without charge of kits and baggage of Military personnel.

4. LIVERPOOL BRIDGE MAP REFERENCE LIVERPOOL - 1-in TO THE MILE 926087

Vehicles crossing above bridge will observe max. load of 2 tons and max. speed 3 m.p.h. until further notice.

5. INCOME TAX - LIABILITY OF MEMBERS OF THE FORCES AND THE LODGEMENT OF RETURNS

Any member of the Forces whose total income from both Military and private sources exceeds £250 for the year ending 30 June, 1943, must lodge a return to the Deputy Commissioner of Taxation in the state in which the member enlisted. It should be noted that taxable Military income includes pay at the active rate before deducting alotment or tax deductions, field x allowance, and amount paid to the member for subsistence whilst not rationed or quartered, and an amount of 2/5d. per day for the period when the member is rationed and quartered by the Army, but does not include deferred pay and dependent's allowance. Income tax return forms will be made available by pay representative.

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6. ISSUE OF FOOD COUPONS TO ARMY PERSONNEL

Entitlement to food coupons:- Specially printed food coupons, combining in one sheet seperate coupons, for each rationed comodity and representing an half-week's entitlement, will be issued to all ranks of the AMF, who are not rationed departmentally, viz.:

(a) members living at home or on subsistence.
(b) members billetted ;
(c) members on leave, with or without pay, to whom the following scale will apply;

PERIOD OF LEAVE	COUPON ENTITLEMENT
1 to 3 days	1 sheet of combined coupons
4 to 7 days	2 sheets of combined coupons
8 to 10 days	3 sheets of combined coupons.
11 to 14 days	4 sheets of combined coupons
15 to 17 days	5 sheets of combined coupons.
18 to 21 days	6 sheets of combined coupons.
-- and so on.	

Representatives of recognised Philanthropic Organisations on full time duty will be issued with coupons on the same basis as members of the AMF.

The quantitive entitlement of each service coupon on the combined coupon sheet will be one-half that of the civilian ration entitlement for one week.

Issue of coupons to members:- C.O.'s of Units (camp commandants, in respect of personnel on HQ establishments) will be responsible for the issue of coupons as provided hereunder:-

(a) Members living at home or on subsistence - In advance and in accordance with the current scale of issue to civilians.
(b) Billeted personnel - In advance and in accordance with the current scale of issue to civilians.
(c) Leave personnel - Members who are proceeding on leave with pay will be issued with combined couponx sheets in accordance with the scale shown in para 1. Any adjustments found necessary will be made when the member returns from leave.
Members proceeding on leave without pay for periods up to 28 days will be issued with combined coupons sheets in accordance with the scale shown in para 1.
Members proceeding on leave without pay for periods exceeding 28 days will be issued with coupons as directed in para 4 of CRO F 523/1942.
In the case of members returning from New Guinea or other places outside Australia or from Northern Territory, coupons will be issued to them at the first LTD to which they report.

Leave passes will be endorsed with particulars of issue.

LIEUT
V. Seymour
O.C. 654 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 28/8/1943. 654 Aust Lt AA Bty (Unit)

W.E. VI 13J/2. OFFRS. 4 O.R's. 60 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 2 ATT. BY W.E. NIL L.W.O.P.

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.				
W.E. Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
VDC AMF	VDC AMF	VDC AMF	VDC AMF						
				*					
				*					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
				Majors					
1		1	1	Captains					
6	1		3 2	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
7	2	1	4 2						

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	VDC	TOTAL
A.		2								4	6
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.
NX120119	A/LIEUT	WARHAM L.J.			

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX120119	A/LIEUT	WARHAM L.J.	655 Aust Lt AA Bty	26.8.43	Transferred X attached to 654 Aust Lt AA Bty from Gen Reinfts (RAA) P ending appointment AG & MS List 80.

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).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 28 / 8 /1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
LIEUT	NX115226	SEYMOUR	V.D.	O.C.	Yes		
LIEUT	NX128764	CAUKRODGER	J.A.	Bty Lt.	No	Attending LHQ School Course No. 39	
	V . D . C .						
Capt	N324112	MILLAR	C.P.				
LIEUT	N324117	COTTERILL	G.F.				
LIEUT	N324143	HAMILTON	W.S.				
LIEUT	N390594	GUNNE	J.H.F.				

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
A/LIEUT	NX131860	Harkins J.P.	Gen Reinft R.A.A.	2.7.43	Pending appointment AG & MS List 80
A/LIEUT	NX144019	Ferrier E.	" "	2.7.43	" " " " " " "

29 . Date of Despatch

Lieut.
Signature of Commander
OC 654 Aust Lt AA Bty

2,000 Pads BH59 3/43 W.P.Co.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

35/43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29/8/1943 664 Aust Lt AA Battery (Unit)

W.E. VI/13J/2. OFFRS. 4 O.R's. 60 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 2 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required. L.W.O.P. Nil

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
W.E. VDC / AMF	VDC / AMF	VDC / AMF	VDC / AMF	W	W.E.				
			1	W.Os. Class I.					
1			1	W.Os. Class II.					
1		1	1 / 1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
14	1 / 11		1 / 1	Sergeants					
25	5 / 5		7 / 8	Corporals					
157	72 / 25		43 / 51 / 52	Troopers, Privates, etc.	A.A.C.C.2	1		1	1
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
198	* 78 / 41	1	43 / 61 / 52 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	2	1 *		1	1 *

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).

* * 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.

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		27		36				[redacted]	[redacted]	V.D.C 61	124
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

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

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

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 28 / 8 /1943 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletreemakers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	1	-	N.R.
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				AMF B.Q.M.S.	1	1	-
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Sgt Dst Cmdr	12	1	NR
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks VDC	2	1	N.R	Bdr Gen duty	12	7	NR
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Gnr Gen Duty	8	51	NR
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator	24	-	-	Clerks, Technical				VDC W.O. II	1	1	NR
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				C.Q.M.S.	-	/	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concreters				Sgt Dst Cmdr	2	1	-
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Bdr Gen duty	12	7	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Gnr Gen Duty	86	51	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				A.A.C.C.	2	1	1
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	1	1					
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, VDC	12	-	-				
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts				Gun Layers VDC	24	-	-	Bgt Fwd	63	2	
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	24	-	-	Bgt Fwd	24			Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	200	124	1
								CARRIED FORWARD	63	2					

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NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

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Date of Despatch

Lieut.
Signature of Commander
OC 654 Aust Lt AA Bty

2,000 Pads BH59 3/43 W.P.Co.

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W.E.	CLERKS BDR POSTED	REINF REQ
1	1	N.H.

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NOTE:- Deficiencies in Part 'E' will be overcome by appointments of NCO's and Specialists from posted strength of Units ~~concerned~~ received.

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A.W.A.S.

Return in accordance with Second Aust Army H.Q. 207

(a) NIL
(b) NIL

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St 7455

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			From 2400 31.8.43 to 2400 1.9.43	
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	1.9.43		IMPROTANT ORDERS:- Unit R.O. No. 8 published.	Attached as appendice
			DAILY LOCATION:- Battery Headquarters N.S.W. Gun Club House. Map reference Sydney 1" to 1 mile 166066	
			Bunnerong T.H.Q. 230032	
			L1. 227027	
			L2. 235036	
			L3. 228036	
			Neilson Park T.H.Q. 273182	
			L4. 268178	
			L5. 273182	
			L6. 269176	
			Mascot L8. 183083	
			L12. 185074	
			FIELD ENGINEERING:- Work on gun pits and mess hut continued at A.Troop Bunnerong. Construction of incinerator at B.Troop kitchen.	
			STRENGTH:- 4 Officers 66 O/Rs	
			Seymour V.D. NX115226 - Lieut	
			Gaukrodger J.A. NX128764 - Lieut	
			Harkins J.P. NX131860 - Lieut	
			Ferrier E.E. NX144019 - Lieut	
			CASUALTIES AND SICKNESS:- Nil	
			WEATHER:- Fine and sunny.	
			EQUIPMENT AND ARMAMENT:- 8 40.m.m Bofors A.A. Guns ; 3 at Bunnerong. 3 at Neilson Park, and 2 at Mascot Airfield.	
			TRANSPORT:- 2 1-ton vehicles. 2 3-ton vehicles.	
			RATIONS AND QUARTERS:- B.H.Q. attached for rations only to 14 Aust Hy A.A. Battery; Bunnerong and Neilson Park rations delivered by A.A.S.C. Mascot attached to R.A.A.F. For rations only. Personnel in tents and huts on gun sites.	

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B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	1.9.43		ENGAGEMENT:- Nil AMMUNITION:- B.Troop holding 683 rounds, A.Troop holding 682 rounds 40 m.m H.E. ammunition. SECURITY:- A. Troop and B.Troop guarding each gun site by personnel in Troop GENERAL:- Sgt McPhee of Hygeine visited B.Troop.	J.B.L.
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	2.9.43		From 2400 1.9.43 to 2400 2.9.43 ~~FIELD ENGINEERING:- Work on gun pits and mess hut continued at A.Troop.~~ WEATHER:- Fine with scattered clouds ; westerly wind. GENERAL:- 1 40 m.m gun received from 1 Aust Lt. A.A. Trg Regt at Alexandria Goods Yards at 1530 hours and was placed in position L4 at B.Troop Neilson Park at 1615 hours. 1 40 m.m gun from position L4 B. Troop was brought into B.H.Q. for transfer.	J.B.L.
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	3.9.43		From 2400 2.9.43 to 2400 3.9.43 FIELD ENGINEERING:- Reconstruction of gun pit at L4 B.Troop. Work continued on gun pits at A.Troop. STRENGTH:- 1 O/R marched out to X List. CASUALTIES AND SICKNESS:- 1 O/R admitted to 72 Camp Hospital. WEATHER:- Fine with showers in evening. SECURITY:- Cpl Brown from Field Security visited B.Troop GENERAL:- W.O. I Ball of E.M.E. inspected 40 m.m gun P5327 at L4 B.Troop and 40 m.m gun P5337 at B.H.Q.	J.B.L.
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	4.9.43		From 2400 3.9.43 to 2400 4.9.43 ~~FIELD ENGINEERING:- Erection of gun pits continued at B.Troop.~~ STRENGTH:- 1 O/R marched in taken on strength ex X List. ~~SECURITY:- S/Sgt Lodge of Field Security visited A.Troop.~~ GENERAL:- Normal day.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	5.9.43		From 2400 4.9.43 to 2400 5.9.43 WEATHER:- Fine and cloudy with showers in afternoon. GENERAL:- V.D.C. training continued at Mascot, Rose Bay and Neilson Park.	J.P.L.
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	6.9.43		From 2400 5.9.43 to 2400 6.9.43 FIELD ENGINEERING:- Work on sleeping picquet quarters on L1 and L2 at A.Troop. WEATHER:- Overcast with occasional showers. GENERAL:- Capt Alexander of 57 Camp Hospital visited A.Troop. Normal day.	J.P.L.
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	7.9.43		From 2400 6.9.43 to 2400 7.9.43 FIELD ENGINEERING:- Sleeping picquet quarters at L1 and L2 continued. STRENGTH:- 1 O/R marched out to X List. WEATHER:- Overcast with showers in morning. SECURITY:- Cpl Brown of Field Security visited A.Troop. GENERAL:- Lectures were given in evening to 9th Btn V.D.C. at Rose Bay and 10th Btn V.D.C. at Petersham.	J.P.L.
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	8.9.43		From 2400 7.9.43 to 2400 8.9.43 WEATHER:- Fine and sunny. GENERAL:- Lecture on "Fire Control" delivered to 9th Btn V.D.C. at Rose Bay. 10 young soldiers attached from 657 Aust Lt. A.A. Battery for rations only.	J.P.L.
B.H.Q. KYEEMAGH	9.9.43		From 2400 8.9.43 to 2400 9.9.43 WEATHER:- Overcast with occasional showers. GENERAL:- Normal day.	J.P.L.

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	10/9/43		From 2400 9.9.43 to 2400 10.9.43 STRENGTH :- 1 O/R. marched in ex X-List.	
			WEATHER:- Overcast with heavy showers at A.Troop. Fine with clouds, storm conditions in evening at B.Troop.	
			GENERAL :- Training and maintenance as per syllabus in Battery.	J.P.H.
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	11.9.43		From 2400 10.9.43 to 2400 11.9.43 WEATHER:- Overcast with occasional showers at A. Troop and B.Troop.	
			GENERAL:- Brigade Major and Intelligence Officer Sydney A.A. Group visited A. Troop area with view to selection of new alternate position for L2. Normal routine continued in Battery .	J.P.H.
B.H.Q Kyeemagh	12.9.43		From 2400 11.9.43 to 2400 12.9.43 WEATHER:- Fine and clear with S.W. wind at A.Troop and B.Troop.	
			GENERAL:- V.D.C. training continued at A.Troop and B.Troop. O.C. Bty visited and inspected Troops. Normal routine continued in Battery.	J.P.H.
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	13.9.43		From 2400 12.9.43 to 2400 13.9.43 WEATHER:- Fine and clear at A.Troop and B.Troop.	
			GENERAL:- O.C. Bty visited Troops. Normal routine continued in Troops.	J.P.H.
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	14.9.43		From 2400 13.9.43 to 2400 14.9.43 WEATHER:- Intermittent showers ; cold S.W. wind at Troops.	
			ARMAMENT AND EQUIPMENT:- Received instructions 1 40m,m to be loaded at Alexandria Goods Yards at 1000 hours.	
			GENERAL:- O.C. Bty visited A.Troop. Normal routine carried out.	J.P.H.
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	15.9.43		From 2400 14.9.43 to 2400 15.9.43 FIELD ENGINEERING:- Sgt McPhee of Hygeine visited A.Troop and supervised construction of grease trap.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			STRENGTH:- 2 O.R.s marched in taken on strength ex X List.	
			WEATHER:- Fine and warm.	
			GENERAL:- Troop commander B.Troop gave lecture to 9th Bn. V.D.C. on "Fire Control". Normal routine carried out at Troops.	J.R.L.
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	16.9.43		From 2400 15.9.43 to 2400 16.9.43	
			STRENGTH:-,1 O.R' marched in taken on strength.	
			WEATHER:- Fine and clear.	
			GENERAL:- Capt Orr of Gas Section Sydney Fortress visited B.Troop with Mobile Gas Chamber and 7 personnel underwent C.A.P. and D.M. test. Normal routine carried out at Troops.	J.R.L.
~~B.H.Q. Kyeemagh~~	~~17.9.43~~		From 2400 16.9.43 to 2400 17.9.43	
			WEATHER:- Fine day; strong cold westerly wind.	
			~~GENERAL:- Training as per syllabus on Troop locations.~~	J.R.L.
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	18.9.43		From 2400 17.9.43 to 2400 18.9.43	
			WEATHER:- Fine day ; strong cold westerly wind.	
			TRANSPORT:- 1 3-ton truck and 1 B.S.A. M/Cycle picked up from Alexandria goods yards.	
			GENERAL:- Training as per syllabus on Troop Locations. 9th Bn. V.D.C. personnel commenced 1 weeks 40 m.m course at Neilson Park, 9 personnel on school.	J.R.L.
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	19.9.43		From 2400 18.9.43 to 2400 19.9.43	
			~~WEATHER:- Fine day, southerly wind.~~	
			GENERAL:- Capt Burrows and Capt Wolfe from Sydney A.A. Group visited B.Troop ~~headquarters. Normal routine carried out at A.Troop. V.D.C. School~~ continued at B.Troop.	J.R.L.

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B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	20.9.43		From 2400 19.9.43 to 2400 20.9.43 WEATHER:- Fine day, westerly wind GENERAL:- Hygeine Sgt visited A.Troop and recommended improvements to kitchen. O.C. Bty visited and inspected Troops. Normal routine carried out. V.D.C. School continued at B.Troop.	J.P.L.
~~B.H.Q. Kyeemagh~~	~~21.9.43~~		From 20.9.43 to 2400 21.9.43 WEATHER:- Cloudy day with intermittent showers. ~~GENERAL:- O.C. and Bty Lieut visited and inspected A. & B.troops. V.D.C.~~ School continued at B.Troop. Normal routine carried out at Troops.	J.P.L.
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	22.9.43		From 2400 21.9.43 to 2400 22.9.43 FIELD ENGINEERING:- Improvements carried out to kitchen at A.Troop. STRENGTH:- 1 O/R marched out struck off strength. WEATHER:- Overcast with intermittent showers. GENERAL:- Normal routine carried out at Troops. V.D.C. School continued at B.Troop.	J.P.L.
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	23.9.43		From 2400 22.9.43 to 2400 23.9.43 WEATHER:- Fine day. GENERAL:- Normal routine carried out at Troops. V.D.C. School continued at B.Troop.	J.P.L.
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	24.9.43		From 2400 23.9.43 to 2400,24.9.43. WEATHER:- Fine with storm in evening. TRANSPORT:- 1 15cwt truck picked up from 1 Aust Inf. Ord. Fd. Pk. GENERAL:-,School at B.Troop for 9th Bn. V.D.C. continued. Normal day.	J.P.L.
~~B.H.Q. Kyeemagh~~	~~25.9.43~~		~~From 2400 24.9.43 to 2400 25.9.43~~ STRENGTH:- 1 O/R marched out struck off strength.	

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			WEATHER:- Overcast with intermittent showers.	
			GENERAL:- Practice shoot at Malabar for 9th Bn. V.D.C. personnel attending school at B.Troop. Normal day.	J.P.L.
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	26.9.43		From 2400 25.9.43 to 2400 26.9.43	
			WEATHER:- Fine and clear.	
			GENERAL :- School at B.Troop for 9th Bn. V.D.C. concluded. Sgt McPhee of Hygeine inspected kitchen and gun sites at A.Troop.	J.P.L.
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	27.9.43		From 2400 26.9.43 to 2400 27.9.43	
			STRENGTH:- 2 O.R.s marched out struck off strength.	
			WEATHER:- Overcast with occasional showers.	
			GENERAL:- Normal day.	J.P.L.
~~B.H.Q. Kyeemagh~~	~~28.9.43~~		From 2400 27.9.43 to 2400 28.9.43	
			STRENGTH:- 3 O.Rs marched out struck off dtrength.	
			WEATHER:- Fine an d clear.	
			GENERAL:- Normal daily routine carried out at Troops.	J.P.L.
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	29.9.43		From 2400 28.9.43 to 2400 29.9.43	
			STRENGTH:- 1 O.R. marched out to X List.	
			WEATHER:- Heavy storm with general rain throughout the day.	
			GENERAL:- Lecture to 9th Bn. V.D.C. on "Ammunition". Gnrs Carter, O'Brien and Elliott tried by O.C. at B.Troop.	J.P.L.
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	30.9.43		From 2400 2919.43 to 2400 30.9.43	
			STRENGTH:-1 O.R. marched out to,X List.	
			WEATHER:-Fine and clear with south-easterly breeze.	J.P.Larkins LIEUT
			GENERAL:- Normal routine carried out at Troops.	for V. Seymour,
				O.C. 654 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty

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654 AUST LT. A.A. BATTERY

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

LIEUT V. SEYMOUR

OFFICER COMMANDING

654 AUST LT. A.A. BATTERY

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1 Sept 43.

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1. POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BROUGHT BACK FROM OVERSEAS. G.R.O. A609.

The possession of unregistered firearms is a serious civil offence. Firearms and other weapons captured from the enemy are the property of the Commonwealth and their unauthorised possession by members of the forces is unlawful.

Ordnance and salvage depots are authorised to receive such weapons or firearms from members of the forces. Such weapons and firearms will be handed ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ in immediately.

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2. RIFLES - SYDNEY A.A. GROUP R.O. 66

Under no circumstances unless specially authorised, will rifles be taken from gun sites or locations by personnel going on leave or rest days.

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3. VOLUNTEER PARACHUTE COY.

Returns will be submitted to reach this H.Q. by 14th of each month showing the name and trade of personnel who desire to volunteer for inclusion in 1 AUST PARACHUTE BN.

Personnel already interviewed and rejected by Selection Board will not be included in this return.

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4. DEPOSITS TO PAY BOOKS AND CASH REMITTANCES - G.R.O. F.628

i. The attention of all members is drawn to the necessity for obtaining official receipts for all money paid to members of AAPC.

ii. The official receipts issued by AAPC personnel are of two kinds, viz :-

(a) Pay Sergeants' Receipt (WF176) - issued by pay sergeants and personnel carrying out pay duties within units;

(b) Commonwealth of Australia Official Receipts (as used in all Commonwealth Government departments) - issued by paymasters of formations and depot cash office.

DEPOSITS TO PAY BOOKS -

iii. Credits arising from cash deposits appearing in members' paybooks are only accepted as bona fide in cash offices if one of the above receipts for the amount of the credit is affixed to the back of the pay book. Unless this credit is so supported, no portion thereof can be drawn until confirmation is obtained.

CASH REMITTANCES -

iv. Upon completion of a cash remittance (form WF131A), the remitter must receive from the member of the AAPC concerned one of the above receipts for the amount paid by him, the number of which should be quoted in any inquiry relative to same.

v. It is the responsibility of all members to obtain receipts for all monies paid to members of the AAPC.

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5. REGIMENTAL TRUST ACCOUNT

Credit balance as at 31/7/43	£ 5 - 12 - 5
Receipts for month August.	41 - 14 - 5
	£ 47 - 6 - 10
Expenditure; Purchase sporting goods	31 - 17 - 9
Credit Balance at 31/8/43	£ 15 - 9 - 1

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V. Seymour
O.C. 654 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			From 2400 30.9.43 to 24001.10.43	
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	1.10.43.		IMPORTANT ORDERS :- Nil	
			DAILY LOCATION :- Battery Headquarters N.S.W. Gun Club House. Map reference Sydney 1" to 1mile. 166066	
			Bunnerong T.H.Q 230032	
			L1. 227027	
			~~L2. 235036~~	
			L3 228036	
			Neilson Park T.H.Q. 273182	
			L4. 268178	
			L5. 273182	
			L6 269176	
			Mascot L8 183083	
			~~L12 185074.~~	
			FIELD ENGINEERING:- Camp improvements as required on gun sites.	
			STRENGTH:- 4 officers and 61 O/Rs.	
			SEYMOUR V.D. NX115226 Lieut	
			GAUKRODGER J.A. NX128764 Lieut	
			HARKINS J.P. NX131860 A/Lieut	
			FERRIER E.E. NX144019 A/Lieut.	
			~~CASUALTIES AND SICKNESS~~ :- Nil	
			WEATHER :- Fine	
			EQUIPMENT AND ARMAMENT :- 8 40m.m ~~guns~~ Bofors A.A. Guns. ~~3 at Bunnerong~~	
			3 at Neilson Park. 2 at Mascot.	
		1400L	4 40m.m guns picked up from Petersham Rail Head.	
			TRANSPORT :- 2 1-ton vans. 3 3-ton lorries. 1 motor cycle. 1 15cwt.	
			RATIONS AND QUARTERS:- B.H.Q. attached for rations only 14 Aust Hy A.A. Bty Bunnerong and Neilson Park rations delivered by AASC. Mascot attached to RAAF for rations only. Personnel intents and huts on gun sites.	
			~~ENGAGEMENTS~~:- Nil	
			AMMUNITION:- A.Troop. holding 669. In dump at Neilson Park 4105	
			B.Troop. holding 682. Total in Battery. 5456.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			SECURITY:- A.Troop and B.Troop guarding each gun site by personnel in Troop. GENERAL:- Normal routine and training continued in Battery.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	2.10.43		From 2400 1.10.43 to 2400 2.10.43 WEATHER :- Fine and sunny. DAILY LOCATION :- MASCOT L7 190080 L8 183083 L9 178083 Sydney 1" to 1 mile L10 177075 ~~L11 181074~~ L12 185074 EQUIPMENT AND ARMAMENT :- 4 40m.m A.A. Guns sent to C.Troop making 6 guns at Mascot. GENERAL:- Personnel transferred from A.and B.Troops for manning of guns at Mascot. Normal routine within the Battery.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	3.10.43		From 2400 2.10.43 to 2400 3.10.43 IMPORTANT ORDERS : Battery R/O No.9 published. WEATHER :- Fine with strong south wind. GENERAL :- VDC training continued at B.Troop. Normal routine within the Battery.	Appendices attached Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	4.10.43		From 2400 3.10.43 to 2400 4.10.43 WEATHER:- Fine GENERAL :- CAP and DM tests carried out within the Bty. Capt Millar 9th Bn. VDC visited B.Troop.. VDC training continued at L12 Mascot.	Jaly
B?H.Q. Kyeemagh	5.10.43		From 2400 4.10.43 to 2400 5.10.43 WEATHER:- Fine but dull day. GENERAL:- Normal routine and training as per syllabus continued within Bty.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	6.10.43		From 2400 5.10.43 to 2400 6.10.43 WEATHER :- Fine day overcast in aftermoon. GENERAL :- VDC training continued at L12. Lecture given to VDC personnel at Petersham and Rose Bay during the evening. Normal routine .	Jaly

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B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	7.10.43		From 2400 6.10.43 to 2400 7.10.43 STRENGTH :- ~~NX~~144019 Lieut Ferrier E.E. marched out to 1 Aust Trg Regt. 1 O/R marched out to X-list. WEATHER :- Fine day overcast in afternoon. TRANSPORT:-15853 to Work/Shops. SECURITY :- Cpl Brown of Field Security Second Aust Army visited B.H.Q. & Troops. GENERAL :- Normal routine and training.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	8.10.43		From 2400 7.10.43 to 2400 8.10.43 WEATHER:- Cloudy with intermittent showers. EQUIPMENT AND ARMAMENT :- Sgt Dorhaner of Fortress W/Shops visited C.Troop and inspected all guns. GENERAL :- VDC training continued on L12. Routine and Training.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	9.10.43		From 2400 8.10.43 to 2400 9.10.43 WEATHER :- Intermittent showers all day. GENERAL :- Routine and training continued. Weather conditions restricted activities.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	10.10.43		From 2400 9.10.43 to 2400 10.10.43 WEATHER :- Cloudy with showers. GENERAL :- Weather conditions interfered with training of VDC. SECURITY :- 2 .303 rifles stolen from Neilson Park. Report to civil and Military Police.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	11.10.43		From 2400 10.10.43 to 2400 11.10.43 WEATHER :- Cloudy with intermittent showers and wind. TRANSPORT :- 10985 to Fortress W/Shops. CASUALTIES AND SICKNESS :- Personnel of Bty received refresher TAB & TAT as required. SECURITY :- Extensive search for rifles continued. GENERAL :- Normal routine and training within Battery.	Jaly

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B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	12.10.43		From 2400 11.10.43 to 2400 12.10.43 WEATHER :- Fine but windy. GENERAL :- Personnel from Bty attended Naval Gunnery School at Woolloomooloo Cpl Taylor ASC visited and inspected rations at B.Troop. Normal routine	Jaly
~~B.H.Q. Kyeemagh~~	~~13.10.43~~		From 2400 12.10.43 to 2400 13.10.43 WEATHER :- Fine and cloudy. GENERAL :- Normal routine within the Bty. Artificer visited and inspected guns at C.Troop.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	14.10.43		From 240013.10.43 to 2400 14.10.43 WEATHER :- Fine day. EQUIPMENT AND ARMAMENT:- Bdr McQuire Fortress W/Shops inspected guns at B.Troop. GENERAL :- Normal routine within the Battery.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	15.10.43		From 2400 14.10.43 to 2400 15.10.43 STRENGTH :- 1 O/R marched in taken on strength. WEATHER :- Fine and warm day. GENERAL :- VDC training continued on L12. Personnel of Bty attended Naval Gunnery School.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	16.10.43		From 2400 15.10.43 to 2400 16.10.43 IMPORTANT ORDERS :- R.O. 10 published. WEATHER :- Fine but cloudy day. TRANSPORT :- BSA M/Cycle to W/Shops. Vehicle 10511, 109530 to Work Shops for attention. GENERAL :- Normal routine and training.	attached appendices. Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	17.10.43		From 2400 16.10.43 to 2400 17.10.43 WEATHER :- Overcast and windy. GENERAL :- Normal routine and training. VDC training of 9th Bn VDC continued at Neilson Park.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	18.10.43		From 2400 17.1043 to 2400 28.10.43 WEATHER :- Fine, but cloudy. Intermittent shower at night. RATIONS AND QUARTERS :- Capt Taylor 2.8 AASC visited & inspected rations	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			at B.Troop. GENERAL :- Personnel of Bty attended Naval Gunnery School. Normal routine continued. VDC training on L12.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	19.10.43		From 2400 18.10.43 to 2400 19.10.43 WEATHER :- Fine and warm. GENERAL :- TsOET in Gas were carried out. Normal routine. Personnel from Battery attended Naval Gunnery School.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	20.10.43		From 2400 19.10.43 to 2400 20.10.43 STR ENGTH :- 1 O/R transferred to X-list. FIELD ENGINEERING :- RAE Georges Heights layed showers on at THQ B.Troop and extended water service to kitchen. WEATHER :- Fine day with westerly wind. GENERAL :- Normal routine within Battery. Lecture given to 10th Bn VDC at Petersham.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	21.10.43		From 2400 20.10.43 to 2400 21.10.43 STRENGTH :- 1 O/R marched out to X-list. WEATHER :- Fine day. GENERAL :- Personnel from Battery attended Naval Gunnery School. Normal routine within Battery.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	22.10.43		From 2400 21.10.43 to 2400 22.10.43 WEATHER :- Fine but overcast. AMMUNITION :- 1560 rds 40m.m ammunition transferred from Dump at Neilson Park to C.Troop at Mascot. GENERAL :- Personnel of Battery attended Naval Gunnery School. Normal routine in Battery.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	23.10.43		From 2400 22.10.43 to 2400 23.10.43 WEATHER :- Fine and warm. GENERAL :- Normal routine within Battery.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	24.10.43		From 2400 23.10.43 to 2400 24.10.43 WEATHER :- Fine and warm, slightly overcast. GENERAL :- VDC training continued at B.Troop.	Jaly

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B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	25.10.43		From 2400 24.10.43 to 2400 25.10.43 STRENGTH:- 5 O/R marched in taken on strength. WEATHER :- Light showers in morning. Fine but dull in afternoon. TRANSPORT :- 4316 to Fortress Work Shops. GENERAL :- Normal routine in Bty. VDC training continued at L12. Personnel of Bty attended Naval Gunnery School.	Jaf Jaf
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	26.10.43		From 2400 25.10.43 to 2400 26.10.43 WEATHER :- Stormy with south winds. GENERAL :- Personnel of Bty attended Naval Gunnery School. Normal routine and training carried out in Battery.	Jaf
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	27.10.43		From 2400 26.10.43 to 2400 27.10.43 IMPORTANT ORDERS :- Battery R/O 11 published. WEATHER :- Strong southerly wind. Dull and overcast. GENERAL :- Normal routine within Battery. Hygeine Sgt, Sgt COLMAN inspected A.Troop. Lecture given to 9th Bn. VDC by TC B.Troop. VDC training on L12.	appendices attached Jaf
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	28.10.43		From 2400 27.10.43 to 2400 28.10.43 STRENGTH :- 2 O/Rs marched iut to X-list. WEATHER :- Fine with cool wind. GENERAL :- Normal routine in Battery. Personnel attended Naval Gunnery School.	Jaf
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	29.10.43		From 2400 28.10.43 to 2400 29.10.43 WEATHER :- Fine with cool wind. TRANSPORT :- 10511 to Work Shops. GENERAL :- VDC training continued on L12 at C.Troop. Normal routine and trainigg within Battery.	Jaf Jaf
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	30.10.43		From 2400 29.10.43 to 2400 30.10.43 WEATHER :- Fine and windy. AMMUNITION :- Lieut NOONAN D.O.O. Second Aust Army carried out an inspection of ammunition within the Battery.	Jaf Jaf

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B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	31.10.43		From 2400 30.10.43 to 2400 31.10.43 STRENGTH :- 1 O/R marched in taken on strength ex X-List WEATHER :- Fine and hot GENERAL :- VDC training continued at C.Troop. Lieut SWINSON, Sydney Fortress Signals Officer visited B.Troop. Normal routine continued within the Battery.	J.A. Jankrodger Lieut
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by

LIEUT V. SEYMOUR

OFFICER COMMANDING

654 Aust Lt. A.A. Battery

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1. POWERS OF SENTRIES AND GUARDS G.R.O. A648

(i) Regulation 8A of the National Security(General)Regulations (Statutory Rules 1942 No 374) provides that, without derigating from or restricting the existing powers or rights of sentries and guards, a Military Sentry or guard stationed or posted at, on, in, or in the neighbourhood of, any prohibited place, protected area, controlled area, or any premises used by the Commonwealth, or used for defense purposes or for essential services, or any vehicle, vessel or aircraft used by the Commonwealth, or any enclosed picking up place, or any merchant vessel lying in port, or any road, pathway or waterway, specified in an order by the Minister which passes through or near a prohibited place or work of defence, may be armed, and may-

(a) use his weapons against,or otherwise attack any person who, in disregard of a warning given by a sentry or guard, approaches, enters, leaves, or passes over or in the vicinity or neoghbourhood of, or attempts to approach, enter, leave or pass over or in the vicinity or neighbourhood,of, that place, area, premises, vehicle, vessel, aircraft, wharf, picking place, road, pathway, or waterway, or who, after being arrested for so doing, escapes; and

(b) use his weapons against, or otherwise attack, any person attacking him or who is reasonably suspected being about to attack him.

(ii) There are, however, certain principles which must guide all sentries and guards in the execution of their duties as such, and in the exceresige of the right to resort to arms.

(iii) These principles are :-

(a) Sentries and guards will be ordered to take any action required to ensure the safety of their posts or to defeat the activities of enemy, or suspected enemy, agents.

(b) If necessary, they will fire upon or otherwise attack any persons threatening the safety of their posts or engaging in hostile actions.

(c) Before firing upon any persons, the sentry or guard will except in an urgent case of self-defense, challenge that person to "Halt!". If that person does not halt, the sentry should challenge him again with "Halt! or I fire". If he does not halt, and no other means are available for stopping him- as for example by calling on the rest of the guard - it is the duty of the sentry to shoot.

(d) The sentry will use his intelligence and sense of responsibility in chosing whether he will shoot or not, and he must be careful not to allow any suspected person to approach so close that he can be rushed and overpowered.

(e) Guards of enemy prisoners of war. An enemy prisoner of war attempting to excape may be fired upon, but a previous summons to surrender will be given if possible.

(f) Guards of members of the forces in custody.

(i) An escort or guard is not justified in using his weapons merely for the purpose of preventing another member from escaping from custody, and if he so uses his weapons he may render himself, as well as any officer or N.C.O. under whose orders he acted liable to be charged with murder, manslaughter or an incitment to murder.

(ii) If a member in custody attempts to escape the escort or sentry will im immediately raise the alarm and give chase. He may call upon any passer-by to assist him in apprehending the escapee.

(iii) An escort or guard may be justified in using his weapon when a member in custody resorts to violence. In such circumstances an escort or guard may meet force with force, but care just be taken to use no more force that is necessary to overcome the violence offered. Hence, even when violence is offered to an escort or guard, it will only be as a last resort that the use of weapons will be justified.

(iv) Orders for guards and sentries will be framed in conformity with the above and & &guards and sentries will be suitably instructed as to their powers and duties.

2. SPEED LIMITS - MILITARY VEHICLES-Sydney Fortress R.O A171

Orders concerning the maximum speed of Military Vehicles have been issued from time to time.In addition a speed limit of 30 m.p.h. in built up areas is prescribed by NSW State law, while Commonwealth law imposes a further restriction of 30 m.p.h. on all roads subject to certain exceptions.

Difficulty has arisen over the interpretation of these exceptions, and until the

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the position is clarified military vehicles will not exceed 30 m.p.h. unless such increased speed is necessitated by some real and urgent operational necessity.

3. PROFICIENCY PAY-GRO F660

Preliminary :- Approval has been given for the payment of proficiency pay of 6d. per day to every male member of the AMF who holds either the appointment of L/Cpl or L/Bdr or the rank of private or irs equivalent, and who is not in receipt of pay prescribed fro a qualified parachutist or a tradesman or specialist, subject to the conditions set out hereunder.

INTERPRETATION :- For the purpose of this order, the following interpretations shall apply :-

"Six months service" - only continuous full time war service will be taken into account when calculating the period of six months' service. Period of leave with pay will be accepted as service. Periods of leave without pay will not contribute towards the requisite period, but service rendered prior to such leave will not thereby be cancelled but will be accepted as part of the period of six months.

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

"Breach of good conduct" will occur -

(a) when an award has been made by a military authority imposing upon the soldier a penalty higher in the scale set out in AMR & O 414 (b) than confinement to barracks for 7 days, providing that no fine of less than £1 shall be deemed to be a breach of good conduct ;

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

The contraction of venereal disease will not be considered a breach of good conduct.

"Prescribed examination"- The examination conducted for the purpose of enabling a soldier to demonstrate his proficiency in the arm or branch to which he belongs.

ENTITLEMENT - Proficiency pay will be paid as on and from 1st July 43 to a soldier who -

(a) at that date had completed at least six months' service;

(b) for 6 months immediately prior to that date had been of good conduct; and

(c) on the first ocasion subsequent he is examined, passes the prescribed examination.

A soldier who complies with sub-paras (a) (b) of para 3 of this order but who fails to pass prescribed examination will be entitled to proficiency pay on and from the day upon which he passes such examination, provided he has been of good conduct for the period of 6 months immediately prior to passing that examination.

A soldier who completes 6 months' service on a date subsequent to 1st July 43, will be entitled to, proficiency pay on and from the day upon which he passes the prescribed examination. A soldier who passes the prescribed examination before he has completed six months' service will be entitled to proficiency pay on completion of six months' service with good conduct.

A soldier who is debarred from qualifying for proficiency pay by reason of a breech of good conduct will, providing he has passed the prescribed examination, become entitled to proficiency pay on and from the day following the date upon which he completes 6 months' service with good conduct. If such a soldier has not previously passes the prescribed examination he will be entitled to proficiency pay on and from the day upon which he passes the prescribed examination provided he had been of good conduct formthe period of 6 months prior to passing the examination.

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

Subject to para 9 of this order, a soldier who has forfeited his proficiency pay by reason of a breech of good conduct will, on completion of 6 months' service with good conduct be again entitled to proficiency pay without the necessity for further examination. Any period spent in detention, civil gaol or undergoing field punishment as result of circumstances constituting a breech good conduct, will not be taken into account when calculating the required period of six months, which period will commence from the date on which the sentence was completed or any unexpired portion was remitted or suspended.

Profbciency pay may, at any time, be withdrawn by the C.O. if he considers thst there has been a falling off in the efficiency of a soldier and such soldier will be required to again qualify by examination before proficiency pay can be restored.

PROMOTION AND REVERSION- A L/Cpl or L/Bdr or private or equivalent who is in receipt of proficiency pay will cease to be entitled to proficiency pay on his promotion to substantive or acting NCO rank(Cpl or Bdr or higher) as on and from the day of such promotion.

A member who hilds NCO rank and is reverted to a L/Cpl or L/Bdr or private or equivalent will

(a) if, prior, to his promotion, he was in receipt of proficiency pay, again be entitled to proficiency pay on and from the date of his reversion, unless such reversion was the result the breech of good conduct, in which event the member must complete the qualifying period of 6 months' service with good conduct ;

(b) if, prior to his promotion, he was not in receipt of proficiency pay, be required to pass the prescribed examination and to complete the qualifying period of 6

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months' service with good conduct. Unless the reversion was the result of a breech of good conduct, service rendered prior to his reversion will contribute to the qualifying period of six months' service with good conduct.

TRANSFERS- When a soldier who is in receipt of proficiency pay is transferred from one arm or branch of the service to a unit of a different arm or branch, he will, subject to the provisions of para 7 of this order, continue to be entitled to proficiency pay for three months after such transfer, but, unless within that period he passes the prescribed examination for the arm or branch to which he has been transferred, he will on and from the day following the date upon which such period expires, cease to be entitled to proficiency pay.

CASUALTIES - A soldier will not forfeit his proficiency pay by reason only of his

(a) admission to hospital.
(b) becoming a prisoner of war.
(c) being posted as missing.
(d) medical reclassification.
(e) transfer to another unit(except as stated in para 12.)

CASUALTY RETURNS - Casualty returns will be submitted by C.O. showing regimental particulars and names of soldiers who have -

(a) beenc classified proficient or;
(b) cease to be entitled tp proficiency pay by reason of -
(i) promotion
(ii) breech of good conduct.
(iii) inefficiency
(iv) failure to pass a prescribed examination within 3 months after transfer to another arm or branch

All relevant dates,and, in the case of (b), the reasons for the variations are to be stated.

PAYBOOK ENTRIES- No entry will be made in the soldier's paybook entitling him to proficiency pay until receipt by the unit of the relevant routine Orders Pt II showing his classifocation as proficient, which will be quoted as the authority .

In cases where a soldier ceases to be entitled to proficiency pay through a breech of good conduct or by inefficiency, the necessary entry showing the reduction in rate of pay will be madein the pay book by the C.O. on the authority of the casualty return and the reference to the routine order, Part II, will be inserted upon receipt of such order

L/CPLS AND L/BDRS - Proficiency pay provided by this order is in addition to the incresed rate of pay notified GRO F659/43.

PRESCRIBED EXAMINATION - DETAILS OF THE PRESCRIBED EXAMINATION WILL BE PUBLISHED SEPERATELY.

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4. GIFT PARCELS FOR UNITED KINGDOM ADDRESSEES DUTY FREE CONCESSION

A concession has been sanctioned by the United Kingdom authorities which permits members of the AMF and British Armies serving in Australia to send to their relstives and friends in the United Kingdom four(4) goft parcels a year duty free. The usual postage rates are payable.

Such parcels must not weigh more than 5 lbs. each or exceed 30/- in value, and contents may not include :-

(a) any drinkable spirits.
(b) more than ½ lb total weight of tobacco, including cigars and cigarettes (200 cigarettes or 50 cigars = ½lb), or any tobacco goods marked "H.M. Ships only";
(c) more than ½ pint of scent.
(d) more than 2 lbs of any 1 food stuff.

Special Customs Declarations (Army Form W5192) will be affixed to the parcels ; these will be secured through normal stationary channels for issue, under unit arrangements, on a basis of a maximum of four (4) a year to any sender. A comparatively few forms should suffice for needs of any one unit, and each form issued therein will have entered upon it the recipients number and name and be signed by the issuing officer in the space provided.

It is stressed that full duty will be charged on the contents of parcels which infringe restrictions in para 2.

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5. FIELD SECURITY PASS.

The Field Security Pass described hereunder was lost in Melbourne on 13 Aug 43.

No.	294
Issued to	Cpl Robertson Norman Leslie.
Date of expiring	1 March 44.
Colour	Pale blue.
Signature of authoris ing officer	Maj. N. Simmonds (Advanced LHQ)

Formations and Units will take steps tp prevent the use of the above pass which, if found, will be forwarded forthwith to,GS(Int) HQ Second Aust Army.

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6. AREA MEDICAL OFFICERS

The following is a list of Area Medical Officers for NSW L of C area. Personnel who become sick whilst on leave will contact their nearest Area Medical Officer.

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AREA	LOCALITY	MED OFFICER	ADDRESS
1A	PADDINGTON	Mac Intosh C.L.S. Lt.Col A/AMO Dr. H.S. Holloway)	495 Oxford Street, PADDINGTON
1B	BONDI	Taylor C.M. Capt. A/AMO Dr. H. Stephen)	77 Old South Head Road, BONDI JUNCTION
1C	RANDWICK	Nelson S.G. Lt.Col	14 Coogee Bay Rd, RANDWICK
1D	KINGSFORD	Curtin A.S. Maj.	695 Anzac Rd, MAROUBRA.
2A	NEWCASTLE	Arnold A.C. Lt.Col.	Commercial Bank Chambers, NEWCASTLE.
2B	LAMBTON	Leah J. Lt.Col (A/AMO Dr M. Raphael	Macquarie Street, MEREWEATHER.
3A	GOULBURN	WOODS R.G. Lt.Col	GOLBURN N.S.W.
3B	BEGA	Marshman E.C. Capt (A/AMO Dr J. McKee)	"Kenwyn" Gipps St, BEGA
3C	WAGGA	Weeden S.A. Maj.	WAGGA N.S.W.
4A	BURWOOD	Donald W.H. Col.	22 Mosley St, STRATHFIELD.
4A	HOMEBUSH	Hobson G.E. Capt	17 Barrow Rd., AUBURN
4B	MERRYLANDS	Champion C.G. Capt	Chertsey St., MERRYLANDS
4C	LIVERPOOL	Pirie J. Dr	LIVERPOOL N.S.W.
13A	WEST MAITLAND	Hollywood J.J. Lt.Col, V.D.	WEST MAITLAND N.S.W.
13B	EAST MAITLAND	Armstrong C.J.B. Maj.	133 Newcastle St, EAST MAITLAND.
13B	KEMPSEY	Marsh H.T. Dr. (A/AMO Dr T.B. Tighe)	Belgrave St., KEMPSEY.
17A	MANLY	Parker/K.S. LT.Col R.C. (A/AMO Dr. CV.C Dun.)	13 East Esplenade, MANLY.
17B	NORTH SYDNEY	Bretherton R.B. Lt.Col. (A/AMO Dr. D. Henry.)	219 Miller St., NORTH SYDNEY
18A	WILLOUGHBY	May Maj	268 Victoria Avenue, CHATSWOOD.
18B	HORNSBY	Holcombe T.E.Y. Maj. (A/AMO Dr. R.K. Rae.)	Junction Rd., HORNSBY
19B	ZETLAND	Curtin A.S. Maj	695 Anzac Pde, MAROUBRA.
20	xPARRAMATTA	Waugh R.A.P. Col. V.D.	19 Marsden St, PARRAMATTA
20B	PENRITH	Barrow I.M. Capt	Penrith N.S.W.
20B	KATOOMBA	Swinburn R. Dr.	Lithgow N.S.W.
30	MILLERS POINT	Robinson C.F. Lt.Col	143 Macquarie St., SYDNEY
30	BALMAIN	Griffiths E.W. Maj	443 Darling St., BALMAIN
33A	TAMWORTH	Douglass T.S. Capt	TAMWORTH N.S.W.
33B	INVERELL	Cookson D.G.H. Capt	Byron St., INVERELL.
33B	MOREE	Hollingsworth H.M. Capt (A/AMO Dr. G.T. Hunter.)	Auburn St., MOREE
33C	ARMIDALE	Brydon A.C. Capt	ARMIDALE N.S.W.
34	WOLLONGONG	Goldie R.D. Dr.	WOLLONGONG. N.S.W.
34A	BULLI	Palmer C.R. Maj.	BULLI N.S.W.
34B	HURSTVILLE	Howell F.J. Dr.	47 Connells Pt. Rd., HURSTVILLE.
35	RYDE	Howe G.L. Capt	1036 Victoris Rd, WEST RYDE.
36	LEICHHARDT	Gentile S.V. Maj.	Great North Rd., FIVE DOCK.
36	HABERFIELD	Kennedy M.M. Maj. (A/AMO Dr. C Gerraid).	114 Ramsay Rd., HABERFIELD.
41	LISMORE	Longworth R.E. Maj. (A/AMO Dr. F.L. Nichols)	LISMORE N.S.W.
45	KOGRAH	Khan A.E. Dr.	71 Gray St., KOGRAH.
45A	ARNCLIFFE	Potts K.F. Capt	30 Forrest Rd. ARNCLIFFE.
53A	MARRICKVILLE	Davidson A.M. Maj. O.B.E.	13 Edgeware Rd., ENMORE.
53B	ASHFIELD	Parker T.E. Lt.Col.	182 Liverpool Rd., ASHFIELD.
54	BATHURST	Cameron S.D. Capt	BATHURST N.S.W.
53	PARKES	Henderson W.A.L. Capt	PARKES N.S.W.
54	ORANGE	Rawle K.C.T. Maj	ORANGE. N.S.W.
54A	ERSKINEVILLE	Farrar J.W. Maj	124 Chrystal St., PETERSHAM.
55B	FORREST LODGE	Hiatt S.C.M. Maj	216 Glebe Rd., GLEBE.
	COOTAMUNDRA	Maxwell D.C. Maj	COOTAMUNDRA. N.S.W.
	PORT KEMBLA	Luscombe	

7. REGIMENTAL TRUST ACCOUNT

Credit balance as at 31/8/43	£15 - 9 - 1
Receipt during month September 43	£ 8 -17 - 7
Credit balance as at 30/9/43	£24 - 6 - 8

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1. The followings appointments and promotions have been approved :-

NX23317	A/Bdr	IRVING	B.M.	to be Bdr	as from 12.10.43
N299688	A/Bdr	GOOLEY	M.J.	to be Bdr	as from 12.10.43
NX120109	Bdr	LANYON	J.H.	to be Sgt	as from 14.10.43
NX173890	Bdr	WHITE	H.P.	to be Sgt	as from 14.10.43
N276111	Bdr	BRUCE	J.S.	to be Sgt	as from 14.10.43
NX85517	L/Sgt	CHAPMAN	R.P.	to be Sgt	as from 14.10.43
NX23317	Bdr	IRVING	B.M.	to be Sgt	as from 14.10.43
N299688	Bdr	GOOLEY	M.J.	to be L/Sgt	as from 14.10.43
N239653	Bdr	KELLETT	S.E.	to be L/Sgt	as from 14.10.43
N85745	L/Bdr	HAWTHORNE	C.C.	to be Bdr	as from 14.10.43
N266378	L/Bdr	SCHUTZ	G.W.	to be Bdr	as from 14.10.43
NX137529	Gnr	JONES	V.R.	to be L/Bdr	as from 14.10.43
NX137530	Gnr	LEWIS	G.S.	to be L/Bdr	as from 14.10.43
NX162267	Gnr	NEWHAM	C.S.	to be L/Bdr	as from 14.10.43

2. FOURTH LIBERTY WAR LOAN - GRO F699

The Fourth Liberty War Loan at £125,000,000 is now open for subscription.

Arrangements have been made for Paymasters to accept application for Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock or Treasury Bonds from members of the Forces serving in Australia or New Guinea who may be desirous of investing their savings in the loan.

Particulars of Loan -

Loan applications may be made for an amount of £10, or higher amount being a multiple of £10.

Stock will be inscribed at par for amounts of £100 or multiples of £10 above £100 as required.

Treasury Bonds are payable to bearer and are issued at par for £10, £50, £100 £500 and £1,000.

Interest is payable at 2½% per annum if invested for 5 years and 3½% if invested for 16 years and will be credited half-yearly to the members saving bank account or current account if desired.

Interest will be subject to Commonwealth taxation but will not be subject to any income tax under the law of a State. During the period of uniform taxation, a rebate of 2/- in the £ on interest will be allowed to cover freedom from State taxation.

Any bank nominated by the member will hold the bonds in safe custody for the member if such is desired.

Procedure for lodging applications -

Application forms will be available from paymasters or may be obtained through unit pay sergeants, and are required to be completed in duplicate. The applicant's signature will be witnessed by an officer of the same unit.

Sufficient credit must be available in the member's paybook to cover the amount it is desired to invest in the loan. The amount subscribed will be debited in the paybook.

Paymasters may accept cash in payment of a loan subscription in which case the amount tendered will be entered in the pay book to establish the necessary credit and an official receipt issued and pasted in the pay book.

The Commonwealth bank will forward to members an interim receipt for the amount subscribed.

General -

Both Treasury Bonds and Inscribed Stock are readily realisable and may be sold at any time. Any bank will arrange this for the member if desired.

Where practicable the substance of this order will be explained to personnel on parade.

3. AVIATION PETORL UNLEADED - GRO Q207

No indents will be placed on RAAF or US Army Air Force for 73 octane aviation gasoline (containing no tetra-ethyl lead) unless specifically required for use in aircraft engines. Any such indents will be endorsed by the officer commanding the indenting Unit "required for aircraft engines".

4. COMPLAINTS BY MEMBERS OF THE FORCES - Sydney Fortress A189

The attention of all ranks will be directed to AMR & O 293 (1) which provides as follows :-

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'Officers and soldiers are forbidden to use any method of obtaining redress of real or supposed grievances other than those prescribed by the A.M.R. or authorised by these orders. Anonymous complaints and complaints through the press are forbidden.

The use of outside influence is forbidden by A.M.R. & O. 307(1) which provides :- "The use of outside influence to support complaints or application s for personal advantages, or in any matter affecting the position of an officer or soldier, is contrary to discipline. The only proper course for an officer or soldier is to apply through his C.O. or to complain in accordance with the A.M.R . and these orders. Any attempt to obtain favourable consideration of requests or grievances by other means is forbidden."

The provisions of Division 1 of Part IV of the A.M.R. & O. will be explained to all formed units on parade at least once in every three months, and to all members in training depots once in every month. The consequences of failing to observe the provisions of that Division will be amde clear.

All complaints or applications of the nature described in para 2 above received at any H.Q. through unauthorised channels will be forwarded to the unit concerned, with a direction that the member will be paraded and informed of the Unit Order on this matter and that any further failure to observe its provisions will be dealt with as an offence.

5. SUMMER DRESS OFFICERS - SYDNEY FORTRESS R.O. A182

Officers will wear either drill uniform complete or shirts and shorts without ties whilst on duty. They will NOT wear slacks and shirts either with or without ties.

Officers on leave will wear drill uniform.

Warrant officers in possession of drill uniforms of authorised pattern may wear them.

6. AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SONG - SECOND AUST ARMY R.O.

The Australian Broadcasting Commiaaion is holding a competition for an Australian National Song.

Prizes totalling £105 will be awarded for the best songs by Australian composers. First prize is £60; second, £30; third £15. There will also be special prizes of £20, £10, and £5 for the lyrics of the winning songs, if written expressly for the competition. The verses, new or old, must be by an Australian author.

Songs should have qualities that will make them truly"National". the merits and appropriateness of lyrics will be be taken into consideration.

The closing date of the competition is 31 Dec 43. If the applications can be completed in time, it is hoped to broadcast a performance of the winning songs on the National Relay in the Australia Day programme on 26 Jan 44.

Entry forms and copies of competition rules may be obtained from the Manager of the ABC in each capital city, to whom entries should be sent direct. The competition is open to :-

(i) Australian-born citizens.
(ii) British subjects and naturalised Australians domiciled in Australia.

7. PUNISHMANTS.

The following punishments have been awarded for the offences shown :-

N107410	Gnr CARTER FV.	W.O.A.S. absents himself without leave from 1830 hrs 10.10.43 to 0730 hrs 11.10.43. Total absence 13 hrs.	Punishment :- Fined £1/-/-
N40617	Gnr BURT G.D.	W.O.A.S. absents himself without leave from 1830 hrs 10.10.43 to 2200 hrs 10.10.43. Total absence 3 hrs 30 mins.	Punishment :- Confined to Barracks for Seven(7) days.
NX133888	Gnr DUKE L.D.	W.O.A.S. absents himself without leave from 0900 9.10.43 to 0730 10.10.43. Total absence 22 hrs 30 mins.	Punishment :- Admonished.

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1. UNLAWFUL DISPOSAL OF EQUIPMENT. GRO A716

Attention has bben directed to the unauthorised disposal of AMF equipment to members of the Allied Forces and civilians and the unauthorised receipt of Allied equipment by barter and otherwise by members of the AMF.

Members are forbidden to part with, dispose of, or exchange by barter or otherwise, any item of AMF equipment or to receive by barter or otherwise any item of Allied equipment without the consent of the commanding officers of their units. Such consent will only be given on the direction of superior authority or when the exigencies of the service render it necessary and reference to superior authority is impractionable.

Disciplinary action will be taken against members unlawfully disposing of AMF equipment or unlawfully inn possession of Allied equipment, charges being laid under AA17, AA 18(4) or AA 40, whichever is appropriate.

2. IDENTITY DISCS.

Identity discs are frequently the only means of identification of the body of a soldier who has died, and it is therefor of the utmost importance that the following paragraph be understood and observed by all members of the AMF.

All ranks will be supplied with 2 identity discs which will be worn as shown below:-

(a) the number 1(Hexagonal)disc will be suspended round the neck beneath the uniform by 32" of cord, and the number 2 (round) disc will hang below the number 1 by the two being joined by 6" of chord.

(b) the following particulars will be stamped clearly and effectively on the discs as under :-

Front side :-
(i) Army number
(ii) Initials and name.
(iii) Index letter(s) of religion.

Reverse side :- Blood group number (as shown inside back cover of paybook)

(c) The index letters of the various religious denominations are -

Church of England	- CE	Congregational	- C
Presbyterian	- P	Roman Catholic	- RC
Methodist	- M	Jewish	- J
Baptist	- B	Salvation Army	- SA
Lutheran	- L	Church of Christ	- CC
Christian Scientist	- CS	Greek Orthodox	- GO

Discs which have been stamped with incorrect details, will be destroyed under supervision and any necessary replacements effected without delay.

All troops will institute a check periodically at intervals of not more than three months to ensure that every service member is in possession of identity discs which are correctly marked.

Neglect to wear identity discs will be treated as a breach of discipline.

3. CENSORSHIP INSTRUCTIONS - REGISTERED ARTICLES - SECOND AUST ARMY R.O. Q320

In order thatnthe Army postal service may be able to issue a receipt for registration all unofficial postal articles handed in for registration, will be accompanied by a slip indicating the name, and unit address of the sender.

4. LOSSES OF EQUIPMENT - SYDNEY FORTRESS R.O. A206

A number of instances have been reported in recent months of the loss of clothing and personnel equipment which circumstances which indicate theft.

There appears to be a beleif on the part of some individuals that "pinching" in the Army, is not as bad as stealing in civilian life.

As men have to live together in camps and cannot protect their equipment while away from lines, it is really a far more serious crime to take things from a fellow soldier.

Personnel should be impressed with the fact that their conditions of living make it essential that as they must be able to place trust in one another, they should, therefore, all assist in preventing theft and aiding in the detection of those who are responsible for breaches of that trust.

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5. USE OF GRENADES, HAND, JAPANESE TYPE 91 - G.R.O.G724

This grenade is in common use by the Japanese and quantities have been captured and used by our troops. Tests indicate that the grenade has certain characteristics which may lead to injury in the hands of inexperienced personnel. These characteristics are :-

(a) The delay fuse, marked 4/5 seconds, has been known to burn in much less time. Some tested fuses burned in 3 seconds.

(b) While delay fuse is burning a considerable quantity of black smoke is emitted through the escape hole at the base of the fuse tube, and small fragments of the delay fuse are sometimes forced out. At night or even at dusk or dawn, a definite glow from this hole can be seen.

The following precautions will be taken if the grenade is used :-

(a) It will be thrown immediately after the head has been struck.

(b) When striking the grenade, the hand will be kept well clear of the escape hole at the side of the fuse tube.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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44 / 43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30 / 10 / 1943. 654 Aust Lt. A.A. (Unit) Bty

W.E. VI / 13J / 2. OFFRS. 4 O.R's. 60 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 2 ATT. BY W.E. L.W.O.P. NIL

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'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
W.E.			VDC AMF	*					
				*					
				Lieut.-Colonels Majors					
1	1		2	Captains					
3			3 3	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
4	1		5 3						

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E (1) & E (2).	DETAIL.		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	V.D.C.	TOTAL.
	A.	"A" 3	"B"								5	8
	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).

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Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30 10 3 / / 194 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
LIEUT	NX115225	SEYMOUR	V.D.	O.C.	Yes		
LIEUT	NX128764	GAUKRODGER	J.A.	Bty Lt.	Yes.		
A/LIEUT	NX151860	HAWKINS	J.P.	Fp Comd	Yes.		
	V.D.C.						
CAPT	NX24112	MILLAR	G.P.				
CAPT	NX24117	COTTRELL	G.F.				
LIEUT	NX24142	HAMILTON	W.S.				
LIEUT	NX90594	GUNNRIE	J.H.S.				
LIEUT	NX51686	ABCOTT	C.A.				

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

30 / 10 / 43
Date of Despatch

2,000 Pads 7/43 B.P.

W Seymour Lieut.
Signature of Commander
O.C. 654 Aust Lt AA Bty

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30/10/1943. 654 Aust Lt. A (Unit) Sty

W.E. VI / 13J 2, OFFRS. 4 O.R's. 60+ OFFRS. - O.R's. 2 ATT. BY W.E. L.W.O.P. NIL

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.E.			VDC AMF	W.Os. Class I.					
			1	W.Os. Class II.					
1			1 1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
12	6		2 6	Sergeants					
13	6		6 7	Corporals					
34	26		56 45	Troopers, Privates, etc.	A.A.C.C.	3	1		
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
60 *	38		66 59*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		3 *	1		*

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).

* * 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.

Detail	"A"	A.I.F. "B"	"A" C.M.F. "B" ~~Under 19 Years~~	~~19 Years and over~~	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.[illegible]	R.A.A.F.	* * V.D.C.	TOTAL.
A	24	9	15	14				[redacted]	[redacted]	66	128
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

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

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

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 30 / 10 /1943 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners			
Armament Artificer Fitter			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			
Armament Artificer Instrument			
Armament Artificer Radio			
Armament Artificer Signals			
Armament Artificer Wireless			
Artificer, Artillery			
Artificer, Engine			
Blacksmiths			
Bricklayers			
Computors			
Cooks, Hospital			
Coppersmiths			
Dispensers			
Draughtsmen			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			
Draughtsman (Mechanical)			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			
Electricians			
Electricians (M.V.)			
Electricians (Signals)			
Fitters			
Fitters (Cycle)			
Fitters (Electrical)			
Fitters (Gun)			
Fitters (Instrument)			
Fitters (M.V.)			
Fitters, Railway Signal			
Fitters, Signals			
Grinder, Precision			
Mechanics, Instrument			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			
Mechanics, Radio			
Mechanics, Typewriter			
Mechanics, Wireless			
Millwrights			
Operators, Excavator			
Pattern Maker			
Pharmacist			
Photographer, Wet Plate			
Photowriter			
Plumber			
Saw Doctors			
Surveyors			
CARRIED FORWARD			

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Surveyors, Engineering			
Surveyors, R.A.A.			
Surveyors, Topographical			
Surveyors, Trigonometrical			
Toolmakers			
Turners			
Watchmakers			
Welders			
GROUP II.			
Armourers			
Axemen			
Bakers			
Bty. Comd's. Asst.			
Boilermakers			
Carpenters			
Carpenters and Joiners			
Cooks			
Dental Mechanics			
Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)			
Driver-Operator			
Drivers			
Electricians			
Electricians (Engineers)			
Fire Control Operators			
Gun Operator			
Hatchman			
Height Taker			
Helio Operator			
Instrument Operator	24	-	NR
Intelligence Duties			
Joiners			
Lineman			
Lineman, Signals			
Lithographers			
Machinists, Metal			
Machinists, Wood			
Masons			
Masseurs			
Mechanics, M.T.			
Miners			
Moulders			
Nurses, Trained			
Observation Post Asstn			
CARRIED FORWARD	24	-	-

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Operating Room Assts.			
Operator, Keyboard			
Operator, Line			
Operator, Signal			
Operator, Switchboard			
Operator, Wireless			
Opticians			
Painters			
Panel Beaters			
Photographer, Dry Plate			
Predictor Numbers			
Printers			
Radiographers			
Riggers			
Sawyers			
Signallers			
Signwriters			
Telescope Identfn. Numbers			
Well Borers			
Wheelers			
Winchman			
Wiremen			
Woodturners			
GROUP III.			
Battery Surveyors			
Butchers			
Clerks	1	1	-
Clerks, Supply			
Clerks, Technical			
Coach Trimmers			
Concretors			
Cooks			
Dental Clerk Orderlies			
Despatch Riders			
Draughtsmen, Signals			
Drivers, H.T.			
Driver Mechanics	1	-	NR
Driver Tptn. Plant			
Engine Hands, I.C.			
Equipment Repairers			
Farriers			
Fitters' Mates			
Gun Layers			
Bgt fwd	24	-	-
CARRIED FORWARD	26	1	-

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
G.P.O. Assistants			
Hammermen			
Leather Stitchers			
Orderlies, Nursing			
Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Plate Layers			
Rangetakers			
Riveters			
Roughriders			
Saddlers			
Saddletreemakers			
Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Stevedores			
Stokers, Stry. Engine			
Storemen, Technical	1	-	NR
Tailors			
Textile Refitters			
Tinsmiths			
Vulcanizers			
Wagon Erectors			
Whitesmiths			
DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
B.Q.M.S.	1	1	-
Sgt det comds	12	6	NR
Bdr gen duty	12	6	NR
Gnr gen duty	8	45	NR
ATTACHED BY W.E.			
A.A.C.C.	2	3	
VDC W.O. II	1	1	
B.Q.M.S.	1	1	
Sgt det comd	14	2	
Bdr gen duty	13	6	
Gnr gen duty	144	56	
Bgt fwd	26	1	
Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	235	128 *	*

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written on one of the blank spaces on this page.

30 / 10 / 43
Date of Despatch

Lieut.
Signature of Commander
OC 654 Aust Lt AA Bty

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CLERKS BDR

W.E.	POSTED	REINF REQ
1	1	Nil

NOTE :- The deficiencies in Part E will be overcome by appointments of NCOs and Specialists from posted strength within the Bty.

A.W.A.S. :- Return in accordance with Second Aust Army R.O. A207 :-

A. Nil
B. Nil

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Unit 654 Aust Lt. A.A. Battery *Date and Time.—From* 2400 31.10.43 *To* 2400 30.11.43.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			From 2400 31.10.43 to 2400 1.11.43	
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	1.11.43		IMPORTANT ORDERS :- Nil	
			DAILY LOCATION :- Battery Headquarters NSW Gun Club House. Map reference Sydney 1" to 1 mile 166066	
			~~Bunnerong T.H.Q. 230032~~	
			L1. 227027	
			L2. 235036	
			L3. 228036	
			Neilson Park T.H.Q. 273182	
			L4. 268178	
			L5. 273182	
			~~L6. 269176~~	
			L7. 190080	
			~~L8. 183083~~	
			L9. 178083	
			L10. 177075	
			L11. 181074	
			L12. 185074	
			~~FIELD ENGINEERING :- Camp improvements as required.~~	
			STRENGTH :- 3 Officers 63 O.R.s	
			~~NX115226 Lieut V.D. Seymour~~	
			NX128764 Lieut J.A. Gaukrodger.	
			NX131860 Lieut J.P. Harkins.	
			CASUALTIES AND SICKNESS :- Nil	
			WEATHER :- Showery during day. Overcast.	
			EQUIPMENT AND ARMAMENT :- 12 40m.m Bofors A.A. Guns.; 3 at Bunnerong, 3 at Neilson Park ; 6 at Mascot.	
			~~TRANSPORT :- 3-3ton vehicles ; 2-1ton vehicles; 1-15cwt ; 1-3tonner to~~ Fortress W/Shops for repair.	
			RATIONS AND QUARTERS:- BHQ attached for rations only to 14 Aust Hy AA Bty. Bunnerong & Neilson Park rations delivered by AASC. Mascot attached to RAAF for rations only. Personnel in tents and huts on gun sites.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			ENGAGEMENTS :- Nil AMMUNITION :- A.Troop holding 669 rds B.Troop holding 3851 rds C.Troop holding 1560 rds Ammn Dump Nil Total in Battery 6080 rds SECURITY :- A.Troop, B.Troop & C.Troop guarding each gun site by personnel in Troop. GENERAL :- VDC training continued on L12. Hygeine Sgt visited A.Troop. Sjt from 18th Bn visited THQ B.Troop in reference to the dismantling of barbed wire defences around area. Normal routine and training continued within the Battery.	JAG
BHQ Kyeemagh	2.11.43		From 2400 1.11.43 to 2400 2.11.43 STRENGTH :- O.C. Bty, Lieut V.D. Seymour, marched out to 54 Aust Hy AA Comp. Regt. ~~WEATHER :- Fine and warm.~~ GENERAL :- Normal routine continued within the Battery.	JAG
~~BHQ Kyeemagh~~	~~3.11.43~~		~~From 2400 2.11.43 to 2400 3.11.43~~ STRENGTH :- VX89053 Capt H.C. O'Connor marched into Battery and took command. WEATHER :- Fine, slightly overcast. GENERAL :- VDC training on L12. Capt Deane and Lieut Robertson of 18th Bn visited B.Troop re surpluss wire fences in locality. Sjt Houston of Visual Training Coy, Second Aust Army visited B.Troop. Troop Comdr B.Troop lectured 9th Bn, VDC. Normal routine and training continued in Battery.	JAG
BHQ Kyeemagh	4.11.43		From 2400 3.11.43 to 2400 4.11.43 WEATHER :- Fine and warm. ~~TRANSPORT :- 10511 out of Fortress W/Shops.~~ GENERAL :- Surplus barbed wiring removed from B.Troop area by Lieut Robertson and party from 18th Bn. Normal routine and training continued.	JAG

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BHQ Kyeemagh	5.11.43		From 2400 4.11.43 to 2400 5.11.43 WEATHER:- Fine with cool breeze. GENERAL :- VDC training on L12. 18th Bn completed removal of barbed wire at B.Troop. Normal routine and training continued in Battery.	Jaly
BHQ Kyeemagh	6.11.43		From 2400 5.11.43 to 2400 6.11.43 STRENGTH :- 1 O/R admitted 113 AGH - X List. 2 O/R marched in Taken on Strength ex "X" List. CASUALTIES AND SICKNESS :- Gnr BURT G.D. fell from 3 ton vehicle injuring his skull.	
		0630	EQUIPMENT AND ARMAMENT:- Guns on L8 and L9 taken out of action at 0630 from C.Troop and left at 0730 to join procession through City in aid of 4th Liberty Loan. Vehicle towing L8 broke free from gun, which overturned and suffered minor damage. GENERAL :- Normal routine and training continued within the Battery.	Jaly
BHQ Kyeemagh	7.11.43		From 2400 6.11.43 to 2400 7.11.43 WEATHER :- Fine but squally. GENERAL :- Training of 9th Bn VDC continued. Col Moore, AADC Sydney AA Group visited B.Troop. O.C. Bty visited B.Troop to inspect VDC training. Sydney Fortress R.C. Chaplain visited A.Troop. O.C. Bty and Lieut Hamilton 9th Bn VDC visited A.Troop. Normal routine and training continued.	Jaly
BHQ Kyeemagh	8.11.43		From 2400 7.11.43 to 2400 8.11.43 IMPORTANT ORDERS :- R.O. No.12 published. WEATHER :- Fine but overcast. TRANSPORT :- 102569 to W/Shops for repairs. GENERAL :- VDC training on L12. Normal routine and training within Bty.	appendices attached. Jaly
BHQ Kyeemagh	9.11.43		From 2400 8.11.43 to 2400 9.11.43 WEATHER :- Fine and warm. GENERAL :- Normal routine and training.	Jaly

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BHQ Kyeemagh	10.11.43		From 2400 9.11.43 to 2400 10.11.43 WEATHER :- Fine with occasional showers. ~~TRANSPORT :- Transport inspection held by Capt Hill Second Aust Army.~~ GENERAL :- Hygeine Sjt visited A.Troop and altered grease trap. Troop Commander C.Troop lectured to 9th Bn VDC. Normal routine and training continued.	Jag
~~BHQ Kyeemagh~~	~~11.11.43~~		~~From 2400 10.11.43 to 2400 11.11.43~~ IMPORTANT ORDERS :-Received signal re lost pass No.17160 belonging to Capt K.M. Hoskins. All Troops notified. WEATHER :- Overcast with occasional showers. GENERAL :- Normal routine and training continued in Battery.	Jag
BHQ Kyeemagh	12.11.43		From 2400 11.11.43 to 2400 12.11.43 WEATHER :- Cloudy but fine. GENERAL :-,Normal routine and training continued within Battery. VDC training on L12.	Jag
BHQ Kyeemagh	13.11.43		From 2400 12.11.43 to 2400 13.11.43 CASUALTIES AND SICKNESS :- 1 O/R admitted 120 Aust Spec Hosp. "X" List. WEATHER :- Fine GENERAL :-.VDC training continued on L12. Normal routine and training continued within the Battery.	Jag
BHQ Kyeemagh	14.11.43		From 13.11.43 to 2400 14.11.43 WEATHER :- Overcast with intermittent showers. GENERAL :- Training of 9th Bn VDC at B.Troop. Weather conditions interfered with normal routine of Battery. VDC training continued at C.Troop of 10th Bn.	Jag
BHQ Kyeemagh	15.11.43		From 2400 14.11.43 to 2400 15.11.43 WEATHER :- Showering all day. TRANSPORT :- 1 1ton van and 1 3ton vehicle to W/Shops for repairs. GENERAL :- VDC training continued on L12. Normal routine and training continued within the Battery.	Jag

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BHQ Kyeemagh	16.11.43		From 2400 15.11.43 to 2400 16.11.43 WEATHER :- Fine and clear. ~~TRANSPORT :- Motor cycle returned from Fortress W/Shops. 102569 returned.~~ GENERAL :- Normal routine continued in the Battery.	Jaly
~~BHQ Kyeemagh~~	~~17.11.43~~		From 2400 16.11.43 to 2400 17.11.43 WEATHER :- Overcast. ~~AMMUNITION :- Practice ammunition 40m.m picked up from Moorebank.~~ GENERAL :- Troop Commander C.Troop lectured to 9th Bn. VDC. Normal routine continued within the Battery.	Jaly
BHQ Kyeemagh	18.11.43		From 2400 17.11.43 to 2400 18.11.43 ~~WEATHER :- Overcast with light showers in evening.~~ TRANSPORT :- 1 3ton vehicle to W/Shops for repair. GENERAL :- A/Sjt RANKIN R.W. tried by DCM at North Head. Normal routine and training continued within the Battery.	Jaly
BHQ Kyeemagh	19.11.43		From 2400 18.11.43 to 2400 19.11.43 STRENGTH :- 1 O.R Marched in taken on strength. WEATHER :- Overcast with intermittent showers. GENERAL :- VDC training continued on L12. ACF personnel visited B.Troop and distributed comforts. Normal routine and training continued within Battery.	Jaly
BHQ Kyeemagh	20.11.43		From 2400 19.11.43 to 2400 20.11.43 ~~WEATHER :- Fine during day.~~ GENERAL :- Normal routine and training continued in Battery.	Jaly
BHQ Kyeemagh	21.11.43		From 2400 20.11.43 to 2400 21.11.43 STRENGTH :- 1 O.R. marched in taken on strength ex "X" list. ~~WEATHER :- Overcast and showery.~~ GENERAL :- Normal routine and training continued within the Battery. ~~9th Bn VDC trained at B.Troop. Capt Horton, Adj 10th Bn VDC visited~~ C.Troop.	Jaly

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BHQ Kyeemagh	22.11.43		From 2400 21.11.43 to 2400 22.11.43 WEATHER :- Overcast and showery GENERAL :- VDC training continued on L12. Normal routine and training continued within the Battery.	Jaly
BHQ Kyeemagh	23.11.43		From 2400 22.11.43 to 2400 23.11.43 WEATHER :- Fine. GENERAL :- Normal routine and training continued.	Jaly
BHQ Kyeemagh	24.11.43		From 2400 23.11.43 to 2400 24.11.43 WEATHER :- Overcast and showery. GENERAL :- VDC training continued on L12. W.O. Wright, Sydney A.A. Group visited B.Troop to inspect kitchen. Visual training unit with Sjt Houston visited B.Troop. Lecture given to 9th Bn VDC.	Jaly
BHQ Kyeemagh	25.11.43		From 2400 24.11.43 to 2400 25.11.43 WEATHER :- Cloudy, rain during afternoon. GENERAL :- Normal routine and training continued.	Jaly
BHQ Kyeemagh	26.11.43		From 2400 25.11.43 to 2400 26.11.43 WEATHER :- Overcast and showery. GENERAL :- Normal routine and training continued within Battery. VDC training continued on L12.	Jaly
BHQ Kyeemagh	27.11.43		From 2400 26.11.43 to 2400 27.11.43 IMPORTANT ORDERS:- Routine order No.13 published. WEATHER :- Fine all day. GENERAL :- Normal routine and training continued in Battery.	Appendices attached. Jaly
BHQ Kyeemagh	28.11.43		From 2400 27.11.43 to 2400 28.11.43 WEATHER :- Fine in morning, overcast in afternoon. GENERAL :- Normal routine and training continued within Battery. VDC training continued on L12.	Jaly
BHQ Kyeemagh	29.11.43		From 2400 28.11.43 to 2400 29.11.43 WEATHER :- Cloudy but fine. GENERAL :- VDC training on L12. Hygeine Sjt visited and inspected A.Troop. Normal routine and training continued within the Battery.	Jaly

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BHQ Kyeemagh	30.11.43		From 2400 29.11.43 to 2400 30.11.43 WEATHER :- Fine and clear GENERAL :-,Normal routine and training continued. Hygeine Sjt visited and inspected B.Troop.	Jag.

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654 AUST LIGHT-ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERY

ROUTINE ORDERS

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by

CAPT H.C. O'CONNOR

OFFICER COMMANDING

654 Aust Lt. A.A. Battery — 8 November 1943

No.12

1. DISCIPLINE : PREVALENCE OF THEFT OF MILITARY STORES AND SUPPLIES. - ORO.734

The offences of stealing and fraudulent misapplication of stores and supplies from military depots, installations, transportation services and even from fellow soldiers, have increased to an extent which renders immediate and effective remedial action necessary.

The use of terms such as "pilfering" etc., to describe such offences tends to obscure their gravity and may cause them to be somewhat lightly regarded. On the contrary, such offences must be viewed very seriously and offenders will render themselves liable to severe punishment.

The impression may exist that an isolated instance of theft of military stores and supplies, though a mean and despicable act, does not involve any appreciable weakening of the war effort. Such an impression, if it exists, is completely erroneous. The cumulative effect of such thefts affects seriously the maintenance of troops in the field, dislocates the supply organisation at all points, involves grave waste of man hours and is in fact, equivalent in result to that of directly treasonable activity.

These considerations impose an obligation of honor upon all members who do their utmost to prevent theft and to assist in every way in bringing to justice of offenders.

As a general rule, no suspension or remittance is to be made in respect to any award or sentence imposed upon a member for any offence mentioned in this order.

2. LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO GOVERNMENT PROPERTY BY FIRE - G

The number of fires occuring particularly in tented camps,has resulted in serious losses of eqhipment And is impeding our war effort. Many of these fires could have been prevented.

Particular attention will be paid to the following:-

(a) in buildings etc, in which smoking is prohibited, notices to that effect will be displayed prominently and the prohibition will be rigidly enforced.

(b) In no circumstances will authority be given for smoking in garages, forage barns or dumps, stables, magazines, in the vicinity of petrol or oil stores or in any other building in which inflammable materials are stored.

(c) Grass will be kept short in barrack areas, hutments and camps.

(d) Special arrangements will always be made for the storage of petrol, oil and grease. Tins of sand will be kept available in such places, in addition to tins for oily waste etc.

(e) Naked lights in tents will be kept carefully shielded; candles will be placed in approved holders.

(f) Great care will be exercised when the tanks of vehicles are being replenished. Engines will be stopped and any petrol spilled will be immediately wiped up or liberally sprinkled with sand.

(g) Naked lights or hurricane lamps will on no account be taken into or used in the vicinity of an inflammable liquid or material store or in power house,nor will the use of such lamp be permitted when filling petrol tanks of vehicles at night or where there are loose inflammable liquids.

(h) a tin of sand will be kept at each tent and gun pit.

(i) the co-operation of all ranks will be obtained to prevent the careless throwing away of cigarette ends, pipe ashes, or glowing matches from moving vehicles or in the vicinity of tents, or in any place where there is any danger of fire.

(j) Fires will not be lit for any purpose whatsoever in the proximity of tents or huts except with the authority of a Commissioned Officer. That officer will ensure that such fires are subsequently extinguished. The possibility of change of wind and windborn sparks will not be overlooked.

(k) Fire orders are to be read to all ranks once a week and that they are understood.

(l) fire fighting equipment is sufficinet and maintained ingood order, fixed

(m) fire picquets are regularly practiced in their duties.

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3. REGIMENTAL TRUST FUND

	£ s d
Credit balance as 30/9/43	24 - 6 - 8
Receipts for month October 1943	8 - 6 - 6
	32 -13 - 2
Expenditure during month :-	
Purchase kitchen sundries B.Troop	4 -10 - 9
Credit balance as at 31/10/43	£ 28 - 2 - 5

Distribution :-

Sydney A.A. Group,	1copy
Notice board	1 copy.
A. B. & C. Troops	1 copy each.
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No.15

1. PREVENTION OF FIRES - Second Aust Army R.O. Q347

Attention is directed to the necessity for increased fire precautions during the summer months.

Troop Commanders will ensure that :-

(a) All grass and undergrowth in the vicinity of camp area is kept cut.
(b) Fire orders are read to all ranks once a week and that they are understood.
(c) Fire fighting equipment is sufficient and is maintained in good order.
(d) Fire picquets are regularly practised in their duties.
(e) Troops are maintained and organised to combat bush fires.in
(f) A copy of Standing Orders for Firex Services Aust, together with amendments is in their possession.

2. REMITTANCES FROM MEMBERS - GRO F.747

The attention of all ranks is drawn to the arrangements which exist for a member to send a remittance of cash or undrawn pay to any person resident in Australia or to another member (wherever serving).

These arrangements provide that remittances may be made through Army channels by members who are serving in localities where money order or banking facilities for remittances are not available with reasonable convenience.

Remittances through Army channels are effected by the member completing a remittance form(WF 131 or WF 131a) and handing it to the pay sergeant or paymaster, together with the cash(in the case of a remittance of cash) or the member's paybook(for entry of the debit in case of a remittance of undrawn pay).

A member sending a remittance should take particular care to see that full details are clearly and legibly set out on the remittance form. This applies especially to the name and address of the person to whom the remittance is to be sent.

The member will ensure that he obtains a receipt from the pay sergeant or paymaster for any cash handed over.

3. RECORD OF SERVICE BOOK AAB 83 - Sydney Fortress A228

It is intended that a Record of Service Book shall be issued to every member of the AMF.

Loss, destruction or defacement of an AAB 83 by a wilful act or by negligence or the unauthorised alteration of any information contained therein is an offence in respect of which a charge will lie under AA 40.

4. PERSONNEL WITH SEAFARING OR MARINE ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE - G.R.O. A.771

Personnel with seafaring or marine engineering experience are urgently needed for the operation and maintenance of small craft.

Troops will submit returns of all personnel(up to and including the rank of Captain) who possess any of the following qualifications :-

(i) certificate of competency as masters, officers or engineers for foreign going, coastal or harbour craft.
(ii) yachtmaster certificate or navigational qualifications equivalent to that standard.
(iii) thorough knowledge of the operation and maintenance of deisel, petrol or steam marine engine on small craft.
(iv) seafaring experience or experience in handling small craft which would qualify them as deckhands or engineroom hands.

The returns containing the following particulars :-

(i) army number, rank, name and unit.
(ii) age and medical classification.
(iii) particulars of the certificate or certificates.held or other qualifications or experience will be forwarded through to reach this H.Q. not later than 15 Dec. 43.

5. COMBAT TYRES AND METAL BEADLOCKS - G.R.O. 0.775.

Maintenance Instructions :-

Maintenanne of combat tyres on vehicles is prescribed as follows :-

(a) Tyre inflation pressures will be kept inflated to correct pressures prescribed in appropriate Mechanisation Circulars.

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(b) After an emergency deflation, a combat tyre will be reinflated to its correct pressure at the earliest possible moment.

(c) Any combat ytre that has been deflated and run for more that -

(i) twenty consecutive miles, or

(ii) seventy-five miles in the aggregate,

will be removed and inspected by skilled AEMEN personnel to see if it is fit for further use. When it is necessary to remove a tyre from the wheel, the rim nuts or cap screws will not be unscrewed unless the tyre is completely deflated; otherwise, an inflated tyre may easily blow the wheel apart, causing injury or death. Rim nuts or cap screws will be painted red to denote danger.

(d) When replacement of a combat tyre becomes necessary, care will be taken to see that the casing and the tube of the replacement tyre are of the correct size and marked COMBAT, as in para 3 above.

(e) A rubber flap of correct size and type will be fitted in combat tyres using the segmental type of beadlock.

6. LEAVE - Second Aust Army R.O. A.364.

Instances have xxxx occurred of leave being granted otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of GRO A.598/43.

No variation from these provisions will be made unless covered by special instructions from HQ Second Aust Army.

Formation and Fortress Commanders will investigate the leave arrangements within their command and will take disciplinary action against any officer who has granted leave otherwise than authorised by the said GRO.

7. VACANCIES FOR DIPLOMATIC STAFF CADETS - DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Applications for temporary appointment as Diplomatic Staff Cadets are invited from British subjects(male or female) who, on 1 Jan 44, will have reached the 17th but not the 25th anniversary of their birth. Applications close with the secretary, Dept. of External Affairs, Canberra on 9 Dec, 43.

Applicants must have matriculated or hold the Leaving or Senior Public Certificate, A university degree in Arts, Commerce, Law or Economics is desirable but not essential.

Applicants will be required to undergo a competitive examination in the following subjects :-

English essay, Precis, Current Australian and International Affairs, and general knowledge on questions of History, Geography, Economics, Social Questions and Politics.

Success at the examination does not confer the right to temporary appointment, selection being made following personal interview of a determined number successful at the examination. In the final selection the preference provisions of the Australian Soldiers Repatriation Act will be Applied.

Successful applicants will be engaged for two(2) years, during which time they will receive remuneration of £274 per annum if an adult or £256 per annum if a minor (subject to cost of living adjustments), plus an allowance towards university costs, and will be required to undertake, at their own expense, an approved course of University study. At the end of the course, applicants will be further examined and, on a satisfactory certificate, will receive a temporary appointment to the Department of External Affairs. The question of permanent appointment to the Commonwealth Public Service will receive consideration at a later date.

8. REGIMENTAL TRUST FUND

	£	s	d
Credit balance as at 31/10/43	28	2	5
Receipts during month November 43	8	14	4
Credit balance as at 29/11/43	36	16	9

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
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(Revised Jan., 1943)

48 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27 / 11 / 1943 654 Aust Lt AA Bdgt)

W.E. VI / 19J / 2. OFFRS. 4 O.R's. 60 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 2 ATT. BY W.E. LWOP - NIL

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'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
			VDC AMF	*					
VE				*					
				Lieut.-Colonels Majors					
1			2 1	Captains					
3	1		3 2	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
4	1		5 3						

	DETAIL.		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	V.D.C.	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E (1) & E (2).	A.	"A" 3	"B"								5	8
	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).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27 / 11 /1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Capt	VX89053	O'CONNOR	H.C.	O.C.	Yes		
Lieut	NX128764	GAUKROGER	J.A.	Sty Lt.	Yes		
A/Lieut	NX131860	HARKINS	J.P.	Tp Comd	Yes		
	V . D . C .						
Capt	N324112	MILLAR	C.P.				
Capt	N324117	COTTERILL	G.F.				
Lieut	N324142	HAMILTON	W.S.				
Lieut	N390594	GUTHRIE	J.H.F.				
Lieut	N251688	ABBOTT	C.A.				

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

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H. B. O'Connor Capt.
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27/11/1943 654 Aust Lt A (Unit) Battery

W.E. VI/131/2. OFFRS. 4 O.R's. 60 + OFFRS. - O.R's 2 ATT. BY W.E.

LWOP - NIL

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.
			KDC AMF	W.Os. Class I.					
W.E.			1	W.Os. Class II.					
1			1 1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
12	11		2 1	Sergeants					
13	3		6 10	Corporals					
34	26	43	44 51	Troopers, Privates, etc.	A.A.C.C.	3	1		
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
* 60	40	43	* 54 63	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		* 3	1		*

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).

** 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.

Detail	A.I.F.		C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	"A"	"B"	"A" Under 10 Years	"B" 10 Years and over.						W.D.C.	
A	22	12	15	17				[redacted]	[redacted]	54	120
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

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

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

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 27 / 11 /1943 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletreemakers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				**GROUP II.**				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	1	-	-
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				**GROUP III.**				**DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.**			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				B.Q.M.S.	1	1	-
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Sgt det comds	12	1	-
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	1	1	-	Pdr Gen duty	12	9	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Gnr gen duty	8	51	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator	24	-	-	Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				**ATTACHED BY W.E.**			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				A.A.C.C.	2	3	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	1	-	-				
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				V.D.C.	527	54	-
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers					467		
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				Bgt Fwd	26	1	-
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	24	-	-	Bgt Fwd	24	-	-	Totals of columns Marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	529	120	-
								CARRIED FORWARD	26	1	-				

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

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N O T E :- The deficiencies in Part E will be overcome by appointments of NCO's and Specialists from Posted Strength within the Battery.

A.W.A.S.:- Return in accordance with Second Aust Army R.O. A207

(A) NIL
(B) NIL

'B' CLASS PERSONNEL :- [redacted]

Establishment - 60.
Posted - 29.

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BHQ Kyeemagh	1.12.43		From 2400 30.12.43 to 2400 31.12.43 IMPORTANT ORDERS :- Nil ~~DAILY LOCATION :- Battery Headquarters, NSW Gun Club House. Map reference~~ Sydney 1" to 1 mile 166066 Bunnerong THQ 230032 L1. 227027 L2. 235036 L3. 228036 Neilson Park THQ 273182 ~~L4. 268178~~ L5. 273182 ~~L6. 269176~~ Mascot L7. 190080 L8. 183083 L9. 178083 L10. 177075 L11. 181074 L12. 185074 ~~THQ. 181079~~ FIELD ENGINEERING :- Camp improvements as required. STRENGTH :- 3 officers 66 O.Rs NX89053 Capt H.C. O'CONNOR. NX128764 Lieut J.A. GAUKRODGER. NX131860 Lieut J.P. HARKINS. CASUALTIES AND SICKNESS :- Nil ~~WEATHER :- Fine but overcast.~~ EQUIPMENT AND ARMAMENT :- 12 40m.m. Bofors AA Guns; 3 at Bunnerong, 3 at Neilson Park ; 6 at Mascot. TRANSPORT :- 3-3ton vehicles ; 2-1 ton vehicles ; 1-15 cwt ; RATIONS & QUARTERS :- BHQ attached for rations only to 14 Aust Hy AA Bty Bunnerong and Neilson Park rations delivered by A.A.S.C. Mascot attached to R.A.A.F. for rations only. Personnel in tents and huts on gun sites.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			ENGAGEMENTS :- Nil AMMUNITION :- A.Troop holding 669 rounds B.Troop holding 3851 rounds C.Troop holding 1560 rds Ammunition dump Nil Total in Battery - 6080 rounds. ~~SECURITY :- A.Troop B.Troop & C.Troop guarding each gun site by personnel~~ in Troop. GENERAL :- V.D.C. training continued on L12. Reallocation of personnel effected between troops in Battery. T.C. C.Troop gave lecture to 9th Bn. VDC at Rose Bay. Normal routine and training as per syllabus continued in Battery.	Jaly
~~B.H.Q. Kyeemagh~~	~~2.12.43~~		~~From 2400 1.12.43 to 2400 2.12.43~~ WEATHER :- Fine GENERAL :- Normal routine and training as per syllabus continued in Battery.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	3.12.43		From 2400 2.12.43 to 2400 3.12.43 WEATHER :- Fine GENERAL :- Removal of sand from Hill on L2 gun area, making position ~~insecure. O.C. Bty and B.L. visited A.Troop and recce new position.~~ Normal routine and training continued in Battery.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	4.12.43		From 2400 3.12.43 too 2400 4.12.43 WEATHER :- Fine with strong south wind. GENERAL :- Normal routine and training continued in Battery.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	5.12.43		From 2400 4.12.43 to 2400 5.12.43 WEATHER :- Fine but overcast. ~~GENERAL :- Training of 9th Bn VDC continued at B.Troop.~~ Normal routine and training continued in Battery.	Jaly
				Jaly

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	6.12.43		From 2400 5.12.43 to 2400 6.12.43 STRENGTH :- 2 O/Rs marched out to 'X' List. ~~WEATHER :- Overcast.~~ TRANSPORT :- 10985, Ford 1-ton to workshops. GENERAL :- V.D.C. training on L12. Normal routine and training continued in Battery.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	7.12.43		From 2400 6.12.43 to 2400 7.12.43 WEATHER :- Fine with occasional showers. ~~GENERAL :- Chaplain Forde(Sydney Fortress) visited B.Troop. Gas NCO~~ attended meeting of all Gas NCOs in Sydney AA Group at AA Operations. Normal routine and training continued in Battery.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	8.12.43		From 2400 7.12.43 to 2400 8.12.43 WEATHER :- Showery. GENERAL :- Capt Passmore(M.O.) medically examined all B.Class personnel ~~of A. and C.Troops at Mascot for reclassification. Troop Commander~~ C.Troop lectured to 9th Bn VDC at Rose Bay on "Fire Control". Normal routine and training continued in Battery.	Jaly
B.H.Q. K yeemagh	9.12.43		From 2400 8.12.43 to 2400 9.12.43 IMPORTANT ORDERS :- R.O. No.14 published. STRENGTH :- Lieut Amiel C.A. marched into Battery and allocated to A.Troop. TRANSPORT :- All tyres on vehicles in Battery branded at W/Shops with D.I.D. WEATHER :- Fine. GENERAL :- O.C. Bty visited C.Troop. Staff Capt, Sydney AA Group visited A.Troop. Normal routine and training continued in Battery.	appendices attached. Jaly
B.H.Q. KYeemagh	10.12.43		From 2400 9.12.43 to 2400 10.12.43 WEATHER :- Overcast with occasional showers. GENERAL :- Normal routine and training continued in Battery.	Jaly.

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	11.12.43		From 2400 10.12.43 to 2400 11.12.43 ~~WEATHER~~ :- ~~Overcast with occasional showers.~~ ~~EQUIPMENT & ARMAMENT~~ :- L7 evacuated to Workshops for modification. ~~GENERAL~~ :- Normal routine and training continued in Battery.	Jaly
B.H.Q. K yeemagh	12.12.43		From 2400 11.12.43 to 2400 12.12.43 ~~STRENGTH~~ : -1 O/R marched out, struck off strength. ~~WEATHER~~ :- Fine ~~GENERAL~~ :- 9th Bn VDC training continued at B.Troop. Normal routine and training continued in Battery.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	13.12.43		From 2400 12.12.43 to 2400 13.12.43. ~~WEATHER~~ :- Fine but overcast. ~~TRANSPORT~~ :- 10985 returned from Workshops. 4316 evacuated to W/Shops. ~~GENERAL~~ :- Training of 10th Bn VDC continued at C.Troop. Troop Comdr C.Troop lectured to Officers on 14 Aust Hy AA Battery gun site at Brighton. Normal routine and training continued in Battery.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	14.12.43		From 2400 13.12.43 to 2400 14.12.43 ~~WEATHER~~ :- ~~Fine and clear~~ ~~GENERAL~~ :- Remaining 'BClass personnel at B.Troop medically examined. Lt-Col Harper, Sydney AA Group, visited C.Troop. Troop Commander C.Troop lectured to Officers at 14 Aust Hy AA Bty. Normal routine and training continued in Battery.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	15.12.43		From 2400 14.12.43 to 2400 15.12.43 ~~STRENGTH~~ :- 1 O.R marched out struck off strength. ~~WEATHER~~ :- Fine but overcast. ~~GENERAL~~ :- ~~Half Battery personnel attended Long Bay Rifle Range for~~ Musketry practice Table A Pt.II, T.C. C.Troop lectured to 9th Bn VDC on Safety Precautions for forthcoming VDC Shoot. Normal routine and training continued in Battery.	Jaly

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
B.G.Q. Kyeemagh	16.12.43		From 2400 15.12.43 to 2400 16.12.43 STRENGTH:- 1 O.R. Marched out, struck off strength. WEATHER :- Fine but cloudy. GENERAL :- Remaining half of Battery personnel fired musketry practice Table 'A' Pt.II at Long Bay Rifle Range. Capt Sommerland of LHQ School of Arty(Lt. AA Wing) visited A.Troop with reference to forthcoming school tactical exercises. Capt.Smith A.A.M.C. Cape Banks, C.D.S. visited A.Troop advising that a new M.O. (Capt Smythe) would be taking over. WO II Osborne of A.A.C.C. Second Aust Army HQ visited B.Troop. Normal routine and training continued in Battery.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	17.12.43		From 2400 16.12.43 to 2400 17.12.43 WEATHER :- Overcast with occasional showers. GENERAL :- WO II Wright of Sydney AA Group HQ visited B.Troop and inspected kitchen area. VDC training continued on L12. Normal routine and training continued in Battery.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	18.12.43		From 2400 17.12.43 to 2400 18.12.43 WEATHER :- Raining most of the day. GENERAL :- VDC shoot held for VDC personnel attached to Bty at North Head. Detachment Commanders were supplied by Bty and remainder of detachment by VDC. Very satisfactory shoot. Weather interferred with normal routine and training of Battery.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	19.12.43		From 2400 18.12.43 to 2400 19.12.43 WEATHER :- Fine GENERAL :- A new draft of VDC personnel arrived at C.Troop and immediately commenced training also VDC training at B.Troop. Normal day.	Jaly.
~~B.H.Q. Kyeemagh~~	~~20.12.43~~			

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			From 2400 19.12.43 to 2400 20.12.43	
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	20.12.43		IMPORTANT ORDERS :- R.O. No.15 published.	Appendices attached
			STRENGTH :- 1 O.R. rejoined unit ex 'X' List.	
			WEATHER :- Fine and clear.	
			TRANSPORT :- 102569 - 15 cwt to w/shops . 120520 to w/shops. 4316 returned from w/shops.	
			GENERAL :- Normal routine and training continued in Battery.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	21.12.43		From 2400 20.12.43 to 2400 21.12.43	
			IMPORTANT ORDERS :- Sleeping picquets allowed at A.Troop.	
			STRENGTH :- 2 O.R.s marched out struck off strength.	
			WEATHER :- Fine.	
			EQUIPMENT & ARMAMENT :- L9 removed to W/Shops for modifications. L7 returned from W/Shops.	
			TRANSPORT :- M/C 83082 evacuated to W/Shops for minor repairs.	
			GENERAL :- Normal routine and training in Battery.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	22.12.43		From 2400 21.12.43 to 2400 22.12.43	
			WEATHER :- Fine	
			GENERAL :- VDC training on L12.continued. WO II De Telliga of VDC Group HQ reported to Neilson Park for instruction in gun. Normal routine and training continued within the Battery.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	23.12.43		From 2400 22.12.43 to 2400 23.12.43	
			WEATHER :- Fine but cloudy.	
			GENERAL :- Normal routine and training continued within the Battery.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	24.12.43		From 2400 23.12.43 to 2400 24.12.43	
			WEATHER :- Fine.	
			GENERAL :- Capt Mitchell 15 AASC visited B.Troop. Normal routine and training continued.	Jaly.

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	25.12.43		From 2400 24.12.43 to 2400 25.12.43 WEATHER :- Fine. RATIONS :- Christmas Day Rations very acceptable and all personnel had sufficient. GENERAL :- Normal routine ~~and~~ continued in Battery	Jaly
~~B.H.Q. Kyeemagh~~	~~26.12.43~~		~~From 2400 25.12.43 to 2400 26.12.43~~ WEATHER :- Fine and warm. GENERAL :- Normal routine and training continued in Battery.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	27.12.43		From 2400 26.12.43 to 2400 27.12.43 STRENGTH :- 2 O.Rs marched out struck off strength. WEATHER :- Humid, unpleasant day, cloudy with thunderstorms. TRANSPORT :- Capt Hill, Second AustArmy visited BHQ to check on vehicles. GENERAL :- Normal routine and training continued in Battery.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	28.12.43		From 2400 27.12.43 to 2400 28.12.43 WEATHER :-Overcast with showers. GENERAL :-Normal routine and training continued within the Battery.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	29.12.43		From 2400 28.12.43 to 2400 29.12.43 STRENGTH :- 1 O.R. marched out struck off strength. WEATHER :- Fine. GENERAL :- Lt-Col. Harper, Sydney AA Group visited BHQ. Normal routine and training continued within the Battery.	Jaly
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	30.12.43		From 2400 29.12.43 to 2400 30.12.43 WEATHER :- Fine GENERAL :- Stocktake of unit commenced prior to equipment going onto ledger charge. Normal routine and training continued within the Battery.	Jaly

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Unit 654 Aust Lt. A.A. Battery *Date and Time.—From* 2400 30.11.43 *To* 2400 12.43.

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
B.H.Q. Kyeemagh	31.12.43		From 2400 30.12.43 to 2400 31.12.43 WEATHER :- Fine. TRANSPORT :- 102569 - 15-cwt vehicle to W/Shops. GENERAL :- Normal routine and training continued in Battery.	Jaly.

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654 Australian Light Anti-Aircraft Battery

ROUTINE ORDERS

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by
Capt. H.C. O'CONNOR
OFFICER COMMANDING

654 Aust Lt. A.A. Battery — 20 December 1943.

No.15

1. GAS TRAINING.

The following lessons in Gas Training will be included in the next syllabus of training submitted by all Troops.

War Gasses I
Personal Gas Equipment.
Description and Care of Respirators.
Respirator Drill.
Carriage of Respirator.
Gas Cape and Light Gas Suit.
Personal Decontamination.
Decontamination of Vehicles and Weapons.
Gas Detectors and Gas Warning Signs.
Gas Alarm System and Gas Duties of Sentries.

When this training is completed, Troop Commanders will inform unit Gas NCO, (Sjt WHITE) who will carry out Ts.O.E.T.

2. WEARING OF PUGAREES.

Pugarees will NOT be worn by any personnel under command Sydney Fortress. Bands hat khaki fur will be worn.

In cases where personnel are in possession pugarees which had been issued to them, subordinate commanders are authorised and directed to replace them with bands hat khaki. All such personnel will immediately apply for a replacement.

Subordinate commanders will ensure that this order is strictly observed.

3. UNIT CENSORSHIP - RE USE OF CENSORED COVERS - Second Aust Army R.O. C.392

Ordinary envelopes, green envelopes or any wrappings showing any censorship markings may only be used again for transmission through the post if the previous censorship markings are not discernable.

4. GREEN ENVELOPES.

All ranks are to be advised that though "Green envelopes" are not liable to unit censorship, they are, nevertheless, to bear Unit Censor Stamp and must not be posted at Civilian Post Office.

All members are to be informed that any breaches thereof will bentreated as offences.

5. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL

A DCM convened by Col. L.B. VAIL was held at HQ NSW L of C Area on 19 November 1943, for the trial of N192414 Gnr HOWLETT R.A.J.P., 654 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty.

The accused was charged with absenting himself without leave from 2359 hours on 9 Oct., 43 until 15 Nov., 43.

The Court sentenced the accused to undergo detention for 90 days.

Distribution :-

Sydney A.A. Group	1 copy
A.B.& C. Troops	1 copy each
Notice Board	1 copy
War Diary	1 copy
File	1 copy.

H.C. Oconnor Capt,
H.C. O'Connor,
O.C. 654 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty.

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War Diary

654 AUST LIGHT ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERY

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No.14

1. LEAVE - CHRISTMAS - Second Aust Army R.O. A384

Subject to operational requirements and such parades as may be deemed necessary for administrative purposes, Christmas Day, 1943, will be observed as an additional rest day.

Sufficient personnel will be retained on duty to enable all Headquarters to function.

Personnel retained for duty on Christmas Day, 1943, may be permitted to take Mon. Dec 27, as a rest day in lieu.

2. CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETING TELEGRAMS LODGEMENT BY MEMBERS OF AMF - SAA R.O. A390

To ensure prompt delivery, Christmas and New Year Greeting telegrams should be lodged as early as practicable by members of the AMF.

The following are the latest dates for lodgement :-

Telegrams for delivery overseas - 6 Dec 43.

Telegrams for delivery within the Commonwealth - 18 Dec 43.

3. TRAIN TRAVELLING - INTOXICATING LIQUOR - C.R.O. A.789

No member of the forces, when in uniform, will carry, or cause to be carried, on to any train on which he is travelling or about to travel, or have in his possession or control or consume whilst travelling in any train, any intoxicating liquor, unless it is consumed by him as part of a meal supplied in a dining car in the train in which he is travelling.

4. BOXES CONTAINING SPARE BARRELS OR LOOSE LINERS - STENCILLING OF REGISTERED NUMBERS-CRO 22x 0.796.

To facilitate identification of spare barrels etc., which are contained in boxes and held in ordnance depots, on charge to units, or in transit, the following procedure will be adopted forthwith :-

(a) Boxes containing spare barrels, loose barrels or loose liners will, in future, have the nature of the ordnance and the registered numbers of the barrels or liners stencilled thereon.

(b) The registered number on a box will be obliterated when a barrel is removed therefrom.

(c) If a barrel is subsequently replaced by another, the new registered number will be stencilled on the box.

(d) Existing boxes held at ordnance depots or on charge to units and containing spare barrels or loose liners will have the nature of the ordnance and the registered numbers ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ of associated barrels or liners stencilled thereon as early as practicable.

5.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

52 / 43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25 / 12 / 194 3 654 Aust Lt AA Bty (Unit)

L.W.O.P. - NIL

W.E. VI / 13J / 2 OFFRS. 4 O.R's. 60 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 2 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'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
			VDC AMF						
				*					
				*					
				Lieut.-Colonels Majors					
1			3 1	Captains					
3			3 3	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
4			6 4						

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will compiete Part E (1) & E (2).	DETAIL.		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	V.D.C.	TOTAL.
	A.	"A" 4	"B"								6	10
	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).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25 / 12 / 1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Capt	VX89053	O'CONNOR	H.C.	O.C.	Yes		
Lieut	NX128764	GAUKRODGER	J.A.	Bty Lieut.	Yes		
Lieut	NX131860	HARKINS	J.P.	Tp Comd	Yes.		
Lieut	SX22718	AMIEL	C.A.	Tp Comd	Yes.		
	V. D. C.						
Capt	N324112	MILLAR	C.A.P.				
Capt	N324117	COTTERILL	G.F.				
Capt	N187839	McGILL	T.				
Lieut	N324142	HAMILTON	W.S.				
Lieut	N390594	GUTHRIE	J.H.F.				
Lieut	N241659	BROWN	L.H.				

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

25 / 12 / 43.
Date of Despatch

H. C. O'Connor Capt.
Signature of Commander

OC 654 Aust Lt A.A. Bty
25 DEC 1943

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

52/25/.....(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/12/194 3 554 Aust Lt AA Btty (Unit) L.W.O.P. - NIL

W.E. VI/13J/2 OFFRS. 4 O.R's. 60 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 2 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.E.			W.E. AAF						
			2	W.Os. Class I.					
			2	W.Os. Class II.					
1			2 1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
12	11		9 1	Sergeants					
13	3		9 10	Corporals					
34	26	37	61 45	Troopers, Privates, etc.	A.A.C.C.	3	1		
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
60	* 40	37	83 57	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		3 *	1		*

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).

** 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.

Detail	'A'	A.I.F.	C.M.F. 'A' Under 19½ Years.	C.M.F. 'B' 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	** W.D.C.	TOTAL.
A	22	9	14	15				[redacted]	[redacted]	83	143
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

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

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

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 25 / 12 /194 3.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predicter Numbers				Saddletreemakers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				**GROUP II.**				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	1	-	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanisers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				**GROUP III.**				**DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.**			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				B.Q.M.S.	1	1	-
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	1	1	-	Sjt det comds	12	1	-
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Bdr gen duty	12	9	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator	24	-	-	Clerks, Technical				Gnr gen duty	8	45	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				**ATTACHED BY W.E.**			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				A.A.C.C.	2	3	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant	1	-	-	V.D.C.	476	83	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				Det fwd	86	1	-
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	24			Det fwd CARRIED FORWARD	24 26	- 1	- -	Totals of columns Marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	538	143	* -

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

25 / 12 / 43.
Date of Despatch

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H. C. Cannon Capt.
Signature of Commander

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NOTE :- The deficiencies in Part E will be overcome by appointments of NCOs and Specialists from posted strength within the Unit.

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A.W.A.S. :- In accordance with Second Aust Army R.O. A207.

(A) NIL
(B) NIL

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'B' CLASS PERSONNEL :- In accordance with Second Aust Army memo A5240 -

Posted strength of 'B' Class personnel - 24

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