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H.Q. ANTI AIRCRAFT GROUP
MILNE BAY

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Unit H.Q. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY Date and Time.—From 1 MAY 43 To 31 MAY 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			COVERING SHEET FOR WAR DIARY	
MILNE BAY	MAY 43		HEREWITH ORIGINAL OF WAR DIARY FOR MAY 43	
			Ian R Larson .....LIEUT	
			I.O. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.	
			15 JUN 1943	
			A. G. Margetts .....LT.COL.	
			A.G. MARGETTS.	
			A.A. GROUP COMMANDER MILNE BAY.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	1 MAY 43		8 A.A. OFFICERS WERE TAKEN UP IN A D.H. 86 TO OBSERVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF A.A. GUN SITES CONCEALMENT. THE OBSERVATION WAS MADE FROM A LOW ALLITUDE FROM WHICH THE HEAVY SITES WERE ~~CONSPICUOUS BUT THE BOFOR SITES WERE MUCH HARDER TO LOCATE.~~ A NEW ROUTE FOR M5 AND G5 LINE WAS COMMENCED.	
	2 MAY 43		LT. COL. ERICKSON WHO IS TO TAKE CONTROL OF A.A. DEFENCES OF GOODENOUGH ISLAND WITH MAJOR EASTON AND CAPTAIN CONNORS U.S.A. CALLED AT H.Q. A.A. GROUP AND DISCUSSED WITH LT. COL MARGETTS AND MAJOR SMITH MATTERS RELATIVE TO THE A.A.DEFENCE ~~OF GOODENOUGH ISLAND, PRIOR TO PROCEEDING THERE.~~	
	3 MAY 43		L. COL. MARGETTS, MAJOR SMITH AND LIEUT PENNINGTON A/FCI ATTENDED A CONFERENCE AT C.R.A'S OFFICE, TO FULLY DISCUSS R.D.F. A.A. IN THIS AREA. 809 POINTS OF RAIN HAVE BEEN REGISTERED THIS MONTH UP TILL 0900K/3/5.	
	4 MAY 43		HEAVY RAIN.	
	5 MAY 43		HEAVY RAIN. 10 SIGS CONTINUE WORK AT NEW G.O.R. SITE	
	8 MAY 43		LT. COL HISCOCK A/CRA VISITED LT. COL MARGETTS.	
	9 MAY 43		THE G.O.C. N.G.F. LT.GEN SIR IVAN MCKAY, THE C.G.S LT.GEN ~~NORTHCOTT AND MAJOR GEN MILFORD INSPECTED M3 GUN SITE WITH~~ LT. COL MARGETTS AND CAPT DAVIDSON.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	9 MAY 43		LT. COL. RHYS-JONES VISITED R.D.F. A.A. SETS G2 AND G3 AND INSPECTED THE EQUIPMENT AND SITES, WITH LIEUT PENNINGTON A/FCI GENERAL DISCUSSION CLEARED UP THE POSITION REGARDING SPARES AND REPLACEMENTS. SOME MODIFICATIONS WERE SUGGESTED FOR THE AREA. LT. COL. RHYS-JONES SAID THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT A DISPLACEMENT UNIT CORRECTION BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR SET G2, AND THAT G2 BE MOVED TO A NEW LOCATION. SEARCHLIGHT S.L.C. EQUIPMENT WAS ALSO DISCUSSED.	
	10 MAY 43		A COURSE ON DRIVING AND MAINTENANCE OF 10 DAYS DURATION WAS BEGUN AT GROUP H.Q. -SEE APPENDIX NO.2-. LT. COL. ERICKSON VISITED GOODENOUGH ISLAND AND WITH LIEUT JONES OF 2/17 AUST LT. A.A. BTY. DISCUSSED POSITIONS FOR 16 BOFORS, 8.-50 CAL. AND 4, 90MM HY. A.A. GUNS, WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN THE AREA IN APPROXIMATELY 3 WEEKS. LIEUT. WATSON, 6 BTY., 2/2 AUST HY.A.A. REGT. MOVED TO THE TRANSIT CAMP PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR THE MAINLAND TO ATTEND SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY, A.A. WING NO.27 COURSE TACTICAL CONTROL HY. A.A.	
		1325	TELEPHONISTS STAND BY - FIGHTER SECTOR ISSUED YELLOW WARNING FOLLOWING RADAR INDICATION OF NUMBER OF UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT FLYING SOUTH FROM POSITION 50 MILES N.W. 37 RADAR BG 340, RANGE 12 MILES. NO FURTHER NEWS.	
		1354	TELEPHONISTS STAND DOWN. ALL CLEAR	
			RAID NO.25 SEE APPENDIX NO.6.	
	11 MAY 43		LT. COL. MARGETTS CALLED A CONFERENCE OF BATTERY COMMANDERS AND THEIR 2 I.C'S.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	11 MAY 43	1645	TELEPHONISTS STAND BY. R.D.F. INDICATION. P40 CAME IN FROM SOUTH.	
		1659	TELEPHONISTS STAND DOWN. ALL CLEAR.	
		1917	TELEPHONISTS STAND BY.	
		1930	TELEPHONISTS STAND DOWN. ALL CLEAR.	
	12 MAY 43		A CALIBRATION SHOOT WAS CARRIED OUT BY M2 AND M3. AFTER THE CALIBRATION SOME ROUNDS FITTED WITH FUZE 207 WERE FIRED. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THIS TYPE OF FUZE HAS BEEN USED IN THE AREA.	
			LT. COL. G. HAMMER, C.O., 2/2 AUST HY. A.A. REGT., ARRIVED FROM MORESBY BY PLANE ON A VISIT. 2/6 AUST HY. A.A. BTY. BEING A BATTERY OF LT. COL HAMMER'S REGT.	
		0520	R.D.F. INDICATION RANGE 83 MILES.	
		0528	YELLOW WARNING, FIGHTER SECTOR.	
		0529	~~TELEPHONISTS STAND BY.~~	
		0553	TELEPHONISTS STAND DOWN. ALL CLEAR.	
		1235	TELEPHONISTS STAND BY. R.D.F. INDICATION BG 284, RANGE 25 MILES	
		1240	GUN SITES TAKE POST. BELIEVED TO BE 'DINAH'.	
		1242	RED WARNING FIGHTER SECTOR.	
		1255	ALL CLEAR. STAND DOWN.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	13 MAY 43		LT. COL. MARGETTS GAVE THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF LECTURES ARRANGED FOR A.A. OFFICERS. THE SUBJECT BEING THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF AN OFFICER. A SYALLABUS OF ABOUT 12 ~~LECTURES HAS BEEN ARRANGED. -SEE APPENDIX NO.9-.~~	
		1127	MISSIMA ISLAND REPORTS ONE ENEMY PLANE FLYING SOUTH.	
		1143	GUN SITES TAKE POSTS.	
		1217	ALL CLEAR. STAND DOWN.	
		2100	DIV REPORTS.FIGHTER SECTOR, SUBMARINE ALERT IN BAY.	
		2108	ALL CLEAR.	
	~~14 MAY 43~~		~~LT. COL. HAMMER LEFT BY PLANE FOR PORT MORESBY.~~	
			CAPT CROOKE, 9 BTY., 2/3 AUST LT. A.A. REGT., AND LIEUT. R SWIFT OF 235 AUST LT. A.A. BTY., MOVED TO TRANSIT CAMP PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE TO ATTEND SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY LT. A.A. WING, CLARENDON N.S.W.	
		~~2016~~	~~TELEPHONISTS STAND BY. R.D.F. INDICATION BG 355, 130 MILES.~~	
		2039	STAND DOWN . ALL CLEAR.	
	15 MAY 43		M2 AGAIN FIRED A CALIBRATION SERIES, USING 207 FUZES. -SEE APPENDIX 16-.	
		1146	GUN SITES TAKE POSTS. ENEMY SIGHTED COMING UP BAY. ~~PROVED FRIENDLY.~~	
		1151	STAND DOWN ALL CLEAR.	

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Unit H.Q. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY Date and Time.—From 16 MAY 43 To 19 MAYM43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	16 MAY 43		RAIN.	
			LIEUT VANDENBURG AND 44 O.RS. OF 111 LT. A.A. REGT. ATTACHED 235 AUST LT. A.A. BTY.T.O.S. 235 AUST LT. A.A. BTY.	
			20 O.RS. OF 111 LT. A.A. REGT. ATTACHED 9 BTY, 2/3 AUST LT. A.A. REGT. T.O.S. 9 BTY., 2/3 AUST LT. A.A. REGT.	
			LIEUT. PENNINGTON AND 1 O.R. ATTACHED H.Q. A.A. GROUP T.O.S. H.Q. A.A. GROUP.	
			LIEUT GREEN, 111 AUST LT. A.A. REGT. ATTACHED 6 BTY., 2/2 AUST HY. A.A. REGT. T.O.S. 235 AUST LT. A.A. BTY.	
	17 MAY 43		13 O.RS. 1 AUST G.L. DETACHMENT TAKEN ON STRENGTH TO 6 BTY., 2/2 AUST HY. A.A. REGT.	
			LIEUT GIPPS 1 AUST G.L. DETACHMENT TRANSFERRED TO A.A. GROUP, NORTH QUEENSLAND ATTACHED A.A. OPERATIONS ROOM MILNE BAY.	
	18 MAY 43		LIEUT GIPPS -ATTACHED G.O.R.- LEFT BY BOAT TO TAKE UP DUTIES WITH A.A. GROUP NORTH QUEENSLAND.	
	19 MAY 43		FLYING OFFICER MEACHAM, R.A.A.F, O.C. 9 MOBILE FIGHTER SECTOR, GAVE A LECTURE TO A.A. OFFICERS, ON THE CO-OPERATION OF A.A. DEFENCES WITH FIGHTER SECTOR. -SEE APPENDIX 9-.	
		1114	GUN SITES TAKE POSTS.	
		1231	STAND DOWN. ALL CLEAR.	
		1240	GUN SITES TAKE POSTS. PROVED TO BE 1 P40.	
		1245	STAND DOWN. ALL CLEAR.	
			RAID 26 SEE APPENDIX 12.	

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Unit H.Q. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY Date and Time.—From 20 MAY 43 To 21 MAY 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	20 MAY 43		'A' TROOP OF 235 AUST LT. A.A. BTY. CONDUCTED A BOFORS PRACTICE SHOOT, FIRING 10 ROUNDS PER GUN.	
		1750	TELEPHONISTS STAND BY. PLANE REPORTED OVERHEAD FLYING HIGH. G.L. COULD NOT GET AN INDICATION.	
		~~1755~~	~~ALL CLEAR. STAND DOWN.~~	
	21 MAY 43		A CALIBRATION SHOOT ARRANGED BY THE HY. A.A. SITES WAS CARRIED OUT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALIBRATING CERTAIN BATCHES OF AMMUNITION FOR FUZE FACTOR. -SEE APPENDIX 16-.	
			A CONFERENCE OF BATTERY COMMANDERS WAS HELD AT GROUP H.Q. TO ~~DISCUSS THE TRAINING AND TESTING OF TRANSPORT OFFICERS, NCO'S~~ AND DRIVERS.	
			AMPLIFIERS WERE INSTALLED IN GUN PITS AT M3, AND IF SATISFACTORY IN ACTION, WILL BE INSTALLED AT OTHER SITES.	
		0018	TELEPHONISTS STAND BY. FIGHTER SECTOR REPORTED TWO WAVES OF BOMBERS OVER CAPE VINALL.	
		0025	FIGHTER SECTOR ISSUED YELLOW WARNING.	
		~~0040~~	~~GUN SITES TAKE POSTS.~~	
		0107	R.D.F. INDICATION BG 126, RANGE 17 MILES PROVED TO BE BEAUFORTS RETURNING FROM A STRIKE.	
		0115	STAND DOWN ALL CLEAR.	
		1404	GUN SITES TAKE POSTS. R.D.F. INDICATION BG 24, 32 MILES.	
		1426	STAND DOWN. ALL CLEAR.	

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Unit H.Q. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY Date and Time.—From 22 MAY 43 To 25 MAY 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	22 MAY 43		HEAVY GUN SITES M4 AND M6 CONDUCTED A PRACTICE COAST DEFENCE SHOOT.	
		1942	~~FIGHTER SECTOR ISSUED RED WARNING. R.D.F. INDICATION BG 185~~ RANGE 27 MILES. PROVED TO BE CATALINA.	
		2015	STAND DOWN. ALL CLEAR.	
	23 MAY 43		FURTHER CALIBRATION SERIES FIRED BY HEAVY A.A. SITES TO DETERMINE FUZE FACTORS OF VARIOUS BATCHES OF AMMUNITTION.	
			~~NO.1 GUN AT M2 FAILED TO RECOIL AFTER FIRING, AND ON~~ EXAMINATION THE BARREL WAS FOUND TO HAVE A BULGE. - SEE ~~APPENDIX 16 AND 17~~-.	
		0937	TELEPHONISTS STAND BY. INDICATION BG 320, RANGE 15 MILES	
		0954	PROVED FRIENDLY. STAND DOWN. ALL CLEAR.	
	24 MAY 43	0218	FIGHTER SECTOR ISSUED YELLOW WARNING.	
		~~0226~~	~~RED WARNING. INDICATION BG 260 21 MILES.~~ INDICATION CAME IN TO BG 340, RANGE 30,000 YARDS THEN WENT OUT. WITH LOW CLOUD IT IS THOUGHT THAT THEY WERE ENEMY BOMBERS UNABLE TO FIND THIS BASE.	
		0247	STAND DOWN. ALL CLEAR.	
	25 MAY 43		BRIG. KLEIN AND BRIG DYKE VISITED G.O.R..	
			~~A WARNING ORDER PLACING C BTY., 104 CA. A.A. BN. ON 12 HOURS~~ NOTICE WAS RECEIVED FROM 5 AUST DIV. -SEE APPENDIX 15-.	
			~~LIEUT O'BRIEN 33 AUST HY. A.A. BTY., RETURNED FROM HOSPITAL~~ AND RESUMED DUTY AS SITE COMMANDER AT M4.	

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Unit H.Q. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY Date and Time.—From 27 MAY 43 To 29 MAY 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	27 MAY 43		9 BTY., 2/3 AUST LT. A.A. REGT. CARRIED OUT A PRACTICE BOFORS SHOOT FIRING 8 ROUNDS PER GUN.	
			MAJOR SMITH, A.A. GROUP LEFT BY PLANE FOR PORT MORESBY TO DISCUSS VARIOUS MATTERS WITH H.Q. COMPOSITE A.A. DEFENCES.	
			M2'S REMAINING 3 GUNS CONDEMMED UNTIL NEW BARRELS ARE FITTED. -SEE APPENDIX 20-.	
	28 MAY 43		ONE STATIC 3.7 A.A. GUN IS BEING INSTALLED AT M2 IN PLACE OF NO.1 GUN WHICH WAS CONDEMMED.	
		0352	TELEPHONISTS STAND BY. INDICATION BG 303, RANGE 42 MILES. BG 300, RANGE 38 MILES, BG 288, RANGE 36 MILES. WENT OUT SOUTH WEST.	
		0426	STAND DOWN. ALL CLEAR.	
	29 MAY 43		M2 CALIBRATED THE THREE GUNS, WHICH HAVE BEEN FITTED WITH NEW BARRELS.	
			LT. COL_ MULANEY, 743 CA. A.A. BN. CALLED AT H.Q. A.A. GROUP TO ENQUIRE ABOUT JAPANESE TACTICS IN THE AREA AND DISCUSSED USE OF HIS GUNS.	
			THE GOVENOR GENERAL HIS EXCELLENCY LORD GOWRIE AND MAJOR GENERAL MILFORD VISITED M6. CAPT DAVIDSON AND LIEUT SMITH, SITE COMMANDER SHOWED THEM OVER THE COMMAND POST AND NO.1 GUN, WHERE THEY CHATTED WITH THE GUNNERS AND ASKED SEVERAL QUESTIONS.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	31 MAY 43		MAJOR GILCHRIST, CHIEF INSTRUCTOR, SCHOOL OF RADIO PHYSICS, A.A. WING SYDNEY ARRIVED BY PLANE FROM PORT MORESBY. C BTY., 104 CA, A.A. BN. WENT OUT OF ACTION PREPARATORY TO MOVING FROM THE AREA, AND A.A. GROUP INSTRUCTION NO.5 WAS CARRIED OUT. -SEE APPENDIX 15-.	

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Appendix 16

SERIAL 16/43.
NOS. 92-97.

A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY
ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

H.Q.
A.A. GROUP
MILNE BAY.

LT.COL. A.G. ARGETTS
COMMANDING A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY

27 APR 43.

92. PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS - Q - 5 AUST DIV H.Q. 608.

1. A NUMBER OF CASES HAVE OCCURRED RECENTLY WHERE PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS DESIGNED FOR USE AGAINST THE ENEMY OR AMONGST THE NATIVES HAVE BEEN DESPATCHED TO PRIVATE ADDRESSES THROUGH THE MAIL.

2. WHILST IT IS APPRECIATED THAT MOST OF THESE LEAFLETS WOULD DO LITTLE HARM IF PUBLISHED, THERE ARE OTHERS WHICH MAY HAVE SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS IF DISSEMINATED AMONGST CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN AND AMERICAN COMMUNITIES.

3. IT IS THEREFORE FORBIDDEN TO ENCLOSE ANY TYPE OF PROPAGANDA LEAFLET IN MAIL, AND FRANKING OFFICERS WILL TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO ENSURE THAT THIS REGULATION IS ENFORCED.

- TO BE REPUBLISHED IN UNIT ROUTINE ORDERS -

93. UNIT CENSOR STAMPS.

REFERENCE 5 AUST DIV H.Q. 609, STAMPS ARE TO REACH THIS H.Q. NOT LATER THAN 29 APRIL 43.

94. FORMATION OF AACC AND PERSONNEL RECORDS. - Q -

REFERENCE 5 AUST DIV H.Q. 610, THESE NOMINAL ROLLS ARE REQUIRED TO REACH THIS H.Q. BY 1100 HRS. 29 APR 43.

95. PISTOLS, POSSESSION AND LOSS OF. - Q - 5 AUST DIV H.Q. - 614.

1. THE FOLLOWING IS REPUBLISHED FROM NEW GUINEA FORCE ORDERS.-

1. PISTOLS OF ANY TYPE OR DESCRIPTION SHALL NOT BE SOLD, PURCHASED OR EXCHANGED.

2. ON OR AFTER 15 APR 43 IT WILL BE AN OFFENCE FOR ANY MEMBER OF THE A.M.F. TO HAVE IN HIS POSSESSION OR CUSTODY ANY PISTOL OTHER THAN ONE ISSUED TO HIM BY ARMY AUTHORITY OR WHERE HE HAS THE PERMISSION REFERRED TO IN PARA 3 HEREOF.

3. PERMISSION MAY BE GRANTED BY A FORMATION COMD TO MEMBERS TO HAVE IN HIS POSSESSION A PISTOL OTHER THAN ONE ISSUED TO HIM, SUCH PERMISSION TO BE IN WRITING, SIGNED PERSONALLY BY FORMATION COMD.

4. ALL BANKS IN POSSESSION OF PISTOLS NOT ISSUED TO THEM OR NOT PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE LAST PARA WILL FORTHWITH SURRENDER THE SAME TO THE Q.M. OR H.Q. ORDERLY ROOM OF THEIR UNIT.

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5. ALL RANKS HAVING PISTOLS IN THEIR POSSESSION ARE HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE THEREFOR AND WILL IMMEDIATELY REPORT THE LOSS OF SUCH PISTOL.

6. THE LOSS OF A PISTOL IS TO BE REGARDED AS AN OFFENCE FOR WHICH THE OFFENDER IS TO BE TRIED BY COURT-MARTIAL, UNLESS THE FORMATION COND OTHERWISE DIRECTS. IN ALL CASES OF LOSS OF PISTOLS, THE OFFENDER WILL BE CHARGED AND A SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE, WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE FORMATION COMD, WILL BE TAKEN.

7. NEW GUINEA FORCE ORDER 55/42 IS CANCELLED.

2. WHEN A MEMBER IS CHARGED WITH LOSING BY NEGLECT ANY EQUIPMENT ON ISSUE TO HIM, THE ONUS LIES UP H HIM OF PROVING THAT HE HAS TAKEN ALL REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS.

3. ALL RANKS WILL EXERCISE THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE STANDARD OF CARE BOTH WHEN THE PISTOL IS CARRIED ON THE PERSON, WHICH SHOULD BE DONE WHEN POSSIBLE, AND AT ALL OTHER TIMES. MEMBERS SHOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PROPER SAFE CUSTODY AND/ OR GUARDING OF PISTOLS WHEN NOT IN USE.

4. THIS ORDER WILL BE PUBLISHED IN ALL FORMATION AND UNIT ROUTINE ORDERS AT LEAST ONCE PER WEEK FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE WEEKS AND THEREAFTER WILL BE REPEATED ONCE PER MONTH IN ALL SUCH ORDERS.

96. [illegible].

REFERENCE 5 AUST DIV R.O. 617 ALL UNITS WILL SUBMIT A RETURN TO REACH THIS H.Q. 29 APR 43 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRO FORMA AS SET OUT IN THE ABOVE ORDER.

97. CONSERVATION OF STATIONARY.

ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO OUR R.O. 71 23 APR 43, WHERE UNITS ARE STILL USING ENVELOPES BY WRITING ADDRESSES ON THE FRONT INSTEAD OF MAKING USE OF STICKERS. STICKERS WILL BE USED WHERE EVER POSSIBLE.

98. APPLICATIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE LEAVE.

THERE HAS BEEN A GREAT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE LEAVE REACHING THIS H.Q. THE GREATER PORTION OF WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED. IT IS POINTED OUT THAT IN NO CASE IS AN APPLICATION FOR COMPASSIONATE LEAVE GRANTED IN THIS AREA BEFORE THE CASE HAS BEEN FULL INVESTIGATED BY THE AUTHORITIES ON THE MAINLAND.

FOR THIS REASON IT IS A WASTE OF TIME AND MANPOWER IF APPLICANTS PUT FORWARD CLAIMS THAT CANNOT BE SUBSTANTIATED.

UNIT COMMANDERS WILL ENSURE THAT ALL RANKS ARE FAMILIAR WITH G.A.O. 559 PARA 5 REGARDING THE ABOVE SUBJECT AND AS FULL AN ENQUIRY AS POSSIBLE WILL BE MADE INTO EACH CASE BEFORE IT IS RECOMMENDED TO THIS H.Q.

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ADJUTANT A.A. ORANGE BAY.

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Appendix 17.

War diary.

SECRET.

MILNE BAY ANTI-AIRCRAFT GROUP INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 22.

PERIOD 1 - 30 APR 43.

Covering the activities of Anti-Aircraft Defences in MILNE BAY area.

1. FORCES AT OUR DISPOSAL.

78 Aust A.A. S/L Coy put into operation two new searchlight positions S7 at map ref 309429 and S8 at map ref 388468 and S4 was made into a two light cluster.

Two 3.7" Static A.A. Guns in addition to the two being installed previously are now installed at M.3 making it a four gun site.

B Troop 2/17 Aust Lt. A.A.Bty with three 40 MM Bofors guns and two 3" Mobile A.A.Guns at Goodenough Island are now placed under control of A.A.D.C. Milne Bay.

One 40 M.M. Bofors was installed on the "George Peat".

2. DISPOSITION OF FORCES.

The Transmitter of the R.D.F. A.A. Set at M.5 was moved to lengthen the transmitter and receiver base and improve reception also to place the predictor midway between them.

The remaining two 3.7" Mobile A.A. Guns at M.5 were moved to M.6 and were ready for action 1800K 22 Apr 43. This makes M.6 a Four gun site.

B6 40 M.M. Bofors gun of 235 Aust Lt. A.A.Bty. was moved to map ref 366451.

3. ALERTS.

Take

2 Apr Gun Sites/Post - 1024-1037.

An R.D.F.Indication at a height of 25,000' over the bay proved to be one of our own planes.

6 Apr Gun Sites Take Post - 1332 - 1345.

Nothing resulted from a heavy R.D.F. indication on bearing 12° North 14 miles.

7 Apr Gun Sites Take Post - 1031 -1110.

An R.D.F. indication at Bg. 255°, Range 52 miles was considered to be a possible Jap A/C. M.5 sighted a P.38 and this may have been the indication.

9 Apr Gun Sites Take Post - 0941 - 1020.

R.D.F. indication Bg. 90°, North, Range 23 miles. G.5 indication Bg. 89°, North, 32,000 yards (slant). M.5 identified a "DINAH" at 25,000' and M.2 M.5 engaged. A P.40 pilot who was in the air at the time saw two "Dinahs".

11 Apr Gun Sites Take Post - 0026 -0047.

Gun Sites took post when M.4, M.5, M.104 reported sound of A/C coming up the bay. The plane was identified as a Beaufort returning earlier than anticipated from a mission.

12 Apr Gun Sites Take Post - 1053 -1124.

R.D.F. indications picked up on Bg. 10° North Range 75 miles were believed to be 3 enemy bombers - 3 fighters. All indications picked up by R.D.F. A.A. were friendly.

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15 Apr Gun Sites Take Post - 0407 - 0434

F/S reported 10 E/A flying South from Ferguson Island. Only a Beaufort came into the area.

14 Apr Gun Sites Take Post - 1100 - 1322 - Raid No. 24.

16 Apr Gun Sites Take Post - 1328-1356 -

Red. Warning. Gun Sites took post when M.4 reported a Jap plane over Gurney Field. Nothing further was seen.

18 Apr Gun Sites Take Post - 0755 - 0824

A Yellow Warning had been issued on an R.D.F. indication at Bg. 980, Range 86 miles. G.4 received an indication on Bg. 310° at 33,000 yds. At 0800 M.2 identified a "Dinah" and at 0804 M.5 engaged.
Gun Sites Take Post
24 Apr Red Warning - 1855-1912.

A Yellow Warning had been issued at 1846 when R.D.F. had an indication on Bg. 190°, North , Range 86 miles. When M.5 reported heavy explosions on Bg. 220° at 1855 a Red Warning was issued. The indications are believed to have been on Catalinas moving out on a strike to the North.

26 Apr Gun Sites Take Post - 0924 -0934

A Red Warning was issued on an R.D.F. indication which was quickly identified as friendly.

Gun Sites Take Post - 1050-1122

A Red Warning was issued on a further R.D.F. plot which was identified as friendly.

4. ACTION.

RAID NO.24.

At 1150K/14 R.D.F. Station 505 reported a large number of Aircraft flying South, range 150 miles. Later these indications appeared to have split into two formations, totalling about 50 Aircraft.
A report followed from KITAVA of U/I A/C flying South.
It would appear at this stage the A/C was again making a wide detour to the East, adopting similar tactics as in Raid 23.
R.D.F. A.A. Sets G3, G4 and G5 were ordered on the air by G.O.R.

At 1214K, R.A.A.F. issued a Red Warning and G.O.R. ordered Gun Sites " TAKE Post".
Fighter Sector advised us at 1217K that P38s from PORT MORESBY were about to enter the area.
Next indication at 1220K was from R.D.F. - 60 miles due East - coming in.

M.2 reported at 1228K that bombers, with fighters as top cover, were coming up the Bay. Similar reports followed this up from M.6 and M.4.
36 E/A were identified as type Sally, 10 Dive Bombers as type Val and 30 fighters as type Zeke.

At 1231K, R.A.A.F. gave "Tally Ho", but later gave permission for A.A. to engage, providing saftely precautions were observed when our fighters were intercepting.

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ACTION Contd.

RAID NO. 24 Contd.

G.4 had indications at 24,000 yards, then M.4 reported 3 - V formations of E/A.
Sallys approached the target area from a South Easterly direction and were engaged by M.6 at 1240K, followed by M.2, M.3, M.4 and M.5 at 1241K, height approximately 25,000ft. They maintained their course and formation despite observed hits from A.A. and interception of our fighters. Dog fights between Zekes,,Vals and P40s developed over a wide area, allowing Light A.A. to engage with occasional bursts. D8 got a burst into a Sally which had previously been hit, and when last seen was losing height, thick smoke trailing it. M.5 later confirmed this. After SAllys had flown over the target area, Vals circled and flew in from a Westerly direction and dive bombed ships in the harbour, scoring hits on three ships, each about 3,000 tons. One of these, berthed at WAGGA, received a direct hit, was badly damaged, and probably heavy casualties.
There are no 3.7" or 40 M.M. A.A. Guns at WAGGA.
An escorting corvette shot down a Val.

An interesting feature of this raid was that the new heavy A.A. Site M.6, (2 x 3.7" guns) situated East of Turnbull Airfield, engaged E/A for the first time. Their initial bursts were very accurate and 1 definite A/C, 1 probable and 1 possible are claimed.

The total claims by A.A. were 3 Sallys and 1 Zeke definites, one probable and one possible. In addition, A1 and A2 at KANA KOPE, have also claimed a Val which was about to attack a small ship "Moamoa", Bofors and .50 calibre engaged at height approximately 250-ft, range 1,000/1200 yards. Plane was diverted from attack on ship, last seen slowly losing height. Later reported by Naval Port War Signal Station to have crashed into the sea off East Cape. We lost 2 P40s and 1 P38.

At 1305K 'B' Troop, 2/17 Aust Lt. A .A .Bty, at GOODENOUGH reported E/A flying in Northerly direction. They engaged on Barrage system even though above cloud level. No bombs were dropped. These A/C were engaged by the two 3" A.A. guns under control of 'B' Troop, 2/17 Aust Lt.A.A .Bty.

Our fighters claimed 4 Sallys, 1 Val and 3 Zekes, probables 3 Sallys and 1 Zeke, and possibles 2 Sallys and 1 Zeke.

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications generally have been satisfactory during this period.

M.6 and G.2 were connected to G.O.R.

Searchlights are a problem, in that the area to be covered by field cable is too extensive. Searchlights S7 and S8 have been connected and apart from occasional faults are working satisfactorily.

A Conference was held to co-ordinate all services in the underground cable scheme.

Preliminary work for the movement of G.O.R. to Fighter Sector is progressing satisfactorily.

6. GENERAL.

A.A.Reinforcements consisting of 2 officers and 51 O.Rs.arrived from the mainland and have considerably relieved thestrain on personnel and making it easier to man the new gun site at M.6.

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6. GENERAL.Contd.

A test shoot was conducted by M.4 in an endeavour to ascertain with what accuracy slant ranges to bursts can be obtained using R.D.F. A.A. which if successful would make it possible to obtain ballistic data by firing rounds on receiption of a red warning. A test series of 5 rounds was fired at 26,000 ; but the bursts were not observed on any set. A further series of 5 rounds at 20,000' was then fired and no results obtained. As bombing is usually done from a height of somewhere between these heights, the tests were not proceeded with below 20,000'.

On 30 Apr 43 all the heavy A.A. sites participated in a practice barrage shoot. The gunsites plotted the course of an imaginary target on information from G.O.R. Three runs were made at a height of 15,000' and one at 12,000'.

Each site fired one barrage on each run. Results were fair. The bearing was generally good, but there were quite a number of bearings being over 5 degrees out. The timing of barrages likewise showed room for improvement. On only one run was the timing correct; the other three runs showed an average of 7 seconds error; although this error was to place barrages too much ahead. Bursts were timed by a watch synchronised with the plots. More practice, with these lessons in view, will be carried out.

It is to be noted that this shoot was the first opportunity the area has had of getting an adequate check on the accuracy of predicted barrages. With improvement in drill, it is felt that barrages accurate to one degree in bearing and two seconds in time can be obtained.

7. WEATHER.

The Weather continued fine except for heavy rain on Tues. 27 Apr when heavy rain fell. The enemy did not take advantage of a good moon to carry out any raids.

8. ACK.

Mearne W.C.1. for
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I.O. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.

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7 & 16 PLUS
ATTACHED -1 AAOC

FIELD RETURNS OF OFFICERS

DATE 1 MAY 43.

H.Q. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY. AUTHORITY -LHQ SM 19413.
XXXXXXX.
.....UNIT.

PART A-STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 RANKS	2 POSTED STRENGTH COUNTING AGAINST AUTHORIZED ESTABLISHMENT -EXCLUDING ATTACHED- A.I.F.	3 SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.	4 REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED. -I.E. DEFICITS ON ESTABLISHMENT-S
L.E. / H.E.			
LIEUT COLONELS			
MAJORS			
CAPTAINS.	1		
LIEUTENANTS	1		
QUARTERMASTERS	3		3
LIEUT 2ND LIEUTENANTS	1		
TOTALS	7	4	3

INSERT DETAIL OF HIGHER RANKS AS NECESSARY.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

RANK	NAME	CORPS	DATE	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK

RANK	NAME	CORPS	DATE	CAUSE

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

RANK	NAME AND INITIALS	CORPS	REMARKS-EG PRESENT WHEREABOUTS IF KNOWN.-

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PART D. NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.
1. OFFICERS POSTED TO UNIT -TOTAL TO AGREE WITH COLUMN 2 OF PART A.

1	2	3	4	5	6
SUBSTANTIVE RANK & HIGHER TEMPORARY RANK, IF HELD	PERSONAL NO.	NAME & INITIALS	CORPS	WHETHER PRESENT WITH UNIT INSERT YES OR NO.	IF NOT PRESENT WITH UNIT STATE HOW EMPLOYED.
MJR -T/LT.COL.	VX 47957	MARGETTS A.G.	C.O.	YES	
CAPT-T/MAJOR	VX 26857	SMITH R.R.	2 I/C	YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT	VX 32155	DAVIDSON F.H.	ADJUTANT	YES	
LIEUT	VX 29323	ROLE W.C.	Q.M.	YES	

OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

SUBSTANTIVE RANK & HIGHER TEMPORARY IF HELD	PERSONAL NO.	NAME & INITIALS	CORPS	DATE OF ATTACHMENT	NATURE OF ATTACHMENT.
LIEUT	VX 22414	PENNINGTON J.C.	111 AUST. LT. A.A. REGT.	14-2-43	A/FCI

H.Q. A.A. GROUP WILNE BAY
1 MAY 43.
UNIT.

Ian R. Carson Lt FOR LT.COL.
SIGNATURE OF COMMANDER.
R.A.A. 5 AUST DIV.

DATE OF DESPATCH.

BDE. DIVN. AREA ETC. WITH WHICH UNIT IS SERVING.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

SERIAL NO. 25 H.Q. A.A. GROUP ..... UNIT ..... 1 MAY 43 DATE.
A.I.F. MILNE BAY
VI/13C/1
ATTD. 168 PLUS 2 AACC.

TO BE FURNISHED BY ALL UNITS AND ALL HEADQUARTER UNITS.
AUTHORITY - LHQ 19413.

PART A. STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
DETAIL L.E. W.E.	POSTED STRENGTH AGAINST AUTHORISED ESTABLISHMENT -EXCLUDING ATTACHED.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.	REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED I.E. DEFICITS ON ESTABLISHMENTS.
W.O.S. CLASS 1 1	A.I.F.		
W.O.S. CLASS II 1			1
SQUADRON OR COMPANY QUARTERMASTER-SGTS.			
STAFF SERGEANTS			
SERGEANTS 3	2		1
CORPORALS 1	1		
TROOPERS PRIVATES &C. 10	11	1	
TOTALS 16	15	1	2

THESE TOTALS SHOULD AGREE WITH THE DETAILS SHOWN IN PART D ON PAGE 2 OF ARMY FORM W3009.

PART B. OTHER RANKS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

DETAIL.	UNIT & CORPS TO WHICH THEY BELONG.	DETAIL.	UNIT & CORPS TO WHICH THEY BELONG.
		A.I.F.	NOT WITHIN W.E.
		1 GNR.	111 AUST LT.A.A.REGT.
		1 W.O.II	ATTD. FROM A.A. EDUCATION SERVICE H.Q.N.G.F.

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

ARMY NO.	RANK	NAME & INITIALS.	CORPS	REMARKS E.G. PRESENT WHEREABOUTS IF KNOWN.

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PART B. DETAIL OF SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED AS SHOWN IN PART A OF ARMY FORM W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS W.E. TRADESMEN ETC.	S/A	R.R. A.	DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS TRADESMEN ETC.	S/A	R.R. A.	DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS A. TRADESMEN ETC ETC. W.E.	S A.	R.R. A.
			F.C.OPERATORS					
ARTIFICERS RARTY.								
BLACKSMITHS						PREDICTOR NOS.		
			GUN LAYERS					
BUTCHERS			G.P.O.ASSISTANTS					
CLERKS 2			HEIGHT TAKERS					
			INST.MECHANICS					
						SHOEMAKERS CPL AADC 1		1
COOKS 1								
			LINESMEN					
						T.I.NOS.		
			MECHANICS M/T.					
			MECHANICS W/T.					
DRIVER MECHANICS								
ELECTRICIANS								
ENGINE HANDS I/C.								
EQUIPT. REPRS.								
W.O.I 1								
W.O.II 1		1	- ARMOURER CLERK					
SGTS. 3		1	- TAILOR -					
BDRS. 1								
GNRS. 7	1							
TOTALS -TO AGREE WITH COLUMNS 3 & 4 O F PART A. 16		2					1	1

NOTES -A- IF RANK OTHER THAN PRIVATE IS INVOLVED GIVE DETAILS ON BACK.

-B- AUTHORISED TRADES OR SPECIALISTS NOT INCLUDED IN LIST ABOVE WILL BE ADDED AS REQUIRED IN SPACES PROVIDED.

H.Q. A.A. GROUP. MILNE BAY.
UNIT.

Ian K Dawson Lt FOR LT.COL.
SIGNATURE OF COMMANDER.
R.A.A. 5 AUST DIV.

1 MAY 43.
DATE OF DESPATCH.

PDE., DIVN., AREA ETC. WITH WHICH UNIT IS SERVING.

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A.I.F.
V1/148/2

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

AUTHORITY A.A.OPS ROOM MILNE BAY L.H.Q. S.M. 1943 UNIT 1 MAY 1943. DATE.

3.B.36

TO BE FURNISHED BY ALL UNITS AND ALL HEADQUARTER UNITS.

PART A. STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1		2	3	4
DETAIL	TYPE OF GUN	POSTED STRENGTH AGAINST AUTHORISED ESTABLISHMENT -EXCLUDING ATTACHED.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.	REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED I.E. DEFICITS ON ESTABLISHMENTS.
S/LIGHTS	OPS ROOM			
W.O.S. CLASS I	S/LIGHTS	Q.O.R.	Q.O.R.	
W.O.S. CLASS II		A.I.F.		
SQUADRON OR COMPANY QUARTERMASTER-SGTS.				SEARCHLIGHT PERSONNEL NOT AT PRESENT REQUIRED
STAFF SERGEANTS				
SERGEANTS 3	1	1		
CORPORALS	3	3		
TROOPERS PRIVATES &C.		33	1	
TOTAL	15 32			
TOTALS	20 36	37	1	

THESE TOTALS SHOULD AGREE WITH THE DETAILS SHOWN IN PART D ON PAGE 2 OF ARMY FORM W3009.

PART B. OTHER RANKS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

DETAIL.	UNIT & CORPS TO WHICH THEY BELONG.	DETAIL.	UNIT & CORPS TO WHICH THEY BELONG.

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

ARMY NO.	RANK	NAME & INITIALS.	CORPS	REMARKS E.G. PRESENT WHEREABOUTS IF KNOWN.
VX 63021	GNR.	CLARKE P.D.	R.A.A.	WAS ON HOME LEAVE. BELIEVED NOW IN BROADMEADOWS HOSPITAL.

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A.A.OPS ROOM MILNE BAY

.....UNIT.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS TRADESMEN ETC.	S.A.	R.R.A.	DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS TRADESMEN ETC.	S.A.	R.R.A.	DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS TRADESMEN ETC ETC.	S.A.	R.R.A.
			F.C.OPERATORS					
ARTIFICERS PARTY.								
BLACKSMITHS						PREDICTOR NOS.		
			GUN LAYERS					
BUTCHERS			G.P.O.ASSISTANTS					
CLERKS			HEIGHT TAKERS					
	2		INST.MECHANICS					
						SHOEMAKERS		
COOKS								
			LINESMEN					
						T.I.NOS.		
			MECHANICS M.T.					
			MECHANICS W/T.					
DRIVER MECHANICS								
ELECTRICIANS								
ENGINE HANDS I/C.								
EQUIPT. FITTERS								
INSTRUMENT OPERATORS HGT COMPUTERS	6					S/LIGHT PERS.		
INSTRUMENT OPERATORS PLOTTERS	6		1 SPECIALIST NOT REQUIRED. WILL BE CLASSIFIED FROM EXISTING STRENGTH.			NOT AT PRRSENT REQUIRED.		
SGT.	1							
BDRS.	3					W.O.11	2	
GNRS.	18					CPLS	3	
	36					SPRS.	15	
							20	
TOTALS -TO AGREE WITH COLUMNS 3 & 4 O F PART A.								

NOTES -A-IF RANK OTHER THAN PRIVATE IS INVOLVED GIVE DETAILS ON BACK.
-B-AUTHORISED TRADES OR SPECIALISTS NOT INCLUDED IN LIST ABOVE WILL BE ADDED AS REQUIRED IN SPACES PROVIDED.

A.A. OPERATIONS ROOM MILNE BAY.

.....
UNIT.

1 MAY 1943

DATE OF DESPATCH.....

Gordon D. Murray. Lieut
.....
SIGNATURE OF COMMANDER.

R.A.A. 5 AUST DIV.

.....
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A.A.OPS ROOM MILNE BAY
AUTHORITY L.H.Q. S.M.19413

UNIT.

PART A-STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1		2		3	4	
RANKS S/LIGHTS	TYPE GUN OPS ROOM	PRESENT STRENGTH COUNTING AGAINST AUTHORIZED ESTABLISHMENT. -EXCLUDING ATTACHED-		SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.	REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED. -I.E. DEFICITS ON ESTABLISHMENT-	
		S/LIGHTS	G.O.R. A.I.F.		S/LIGHTS	G.O.R.
LIEUT COLONELS						
MAJORS						
CAPTAINS					NOT AT PRES.	
LIEUTENANTS	1	3	2		REQUIRED.	1
QUARTERMASTERS						
2ND LIEUTENANTS						
TOTALS	1	3	2		-	1

INSERT DETAIL OF HIGHER RANKS AS NECESSARY.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

RANK	NAME	CORPS	DATE	CAUSE

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK

RANK	NAME	CORPS	DATE	CAUSE

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

RANK	NAME AND INITIALS	CORPS	REMARKS-EG PRESENT WHEREABOUTS IF KNOWN.-

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PART D. NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.
1. OFFICERS POSTED TO UNIT -TOTAL TO AGREE WITH COLUMN 2 OF PART A.

1	2	3	4	5	6
SUBSTANTIVE RANK & HIGHER TEMPORARY RANK, IF HELD	PERSONAL NO.	NAME & INITIALS	CORPS	WHETHER PRESENT WITH UNIT INSERT YES OR NO.	IF NOT PRESENT WITH UNIT STATE HOW EMPLOYED.
LIEUT.	VX 18112	MURRAY G.D.	R.A.A.	YES C.C.O.	
A/LIEUT.	VX 86507	LUCAS A.L.R.	R.A.A.	YES C.C.O.	

11. OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

SUBSTANTIVE RANK & HIGHER TEMPORARY RANK, IF HELD	PERSONAL NO.	NAME & INITIALS	CORPS	DATE OF ATTACHMENT	NATURE OF ATTACHMENT.

A.A. OPERATIONS ROOM MILNE BAY
UNIT.

Gordon D. Murray Lieut
SIGNATURE OF COMMANDER.

1 MAY 1943.
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APPENDIX 2

6 Bty., 2/2 Aust Hy. A.A. Regt.
9 Bty., 2/3 Aust Lt. A.A. Regt.
55 Aust Hy. A.A. Bty.
256 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty.
10 Aust Hy. A.A. Regt. Sig Sec.
78 Aust A.A. S/L Coy.
C.I.
War Diary (2)
File.

H.Q.
A.A. Group
MILNE BAY.

4 May 45.

29/T1.

BRIVING AND MAINTENANCE COURSE No. 2.

1. The above mentioned course will be held at A.A. Group H.Q. from 10 May to 20 May 45.

2. Object : Instruction of drivers and potential drivers in maintenance and practical driving of vehicles.

3. Vacancies : 9 Bty., 2/3 Aust Lt. A.A. Regt. 6
55 Aust Hy. A.A. Bty. 1
256 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty. 1
78 Aust A.A. S/L Coy. 3
H.Q. A.A. Group 2
10 Aust Hy. A.A. Regt. Sig Sec. 2

4. Nominal Rolls : Will reach this H.Q. by 7 May 45.

5. Equipment : Students will be in possession of Note Books, Pencils and Messing Gear and the following Text Books :
Mechanical Vehicle Training Pam 1.

6. Movement : Students will report to the school at 0830 hours daily under unit arrangements. Lunch will be provided by this H.Q.

7. Transport : 2/2 Lt. A.A. Bty. will provide one 3-ton F.S.D., 2 Tractors Artillery 4 x 4 for use at the course. These vehicles will be handed over to C.I. School on 8 May 45.

8. Instructors : The following personnel will be made available to the school to act as instructors :-

Sgt. MacIntosh J. 9 Bty., 2/3 Aust Lt. A.A. Regt.
Bdr. Robertson " " "
L/Cpl. Spencer A. 6 Bty., 2/2 Aust Hy. A.A. Regt.
Gnr. Gallacher " " "

They will report to Lieut Carson, C.I. Officer of the Course at 0830 hours, 8 May 45 for instructions.

Ian R Carson
.....Lieut.
I.R. Carson.
ADJUTANT A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.

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Appendix 3

SERIAL 17/43
NOS 99-100.

A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY
ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

LT. COL. A.G. HARDETTS
COMMANDING A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.

H.Q.
A.A. GROUP,
MILNE BAY.

7 MAY 43.

99. LOSSES SUSPECTED TO BE DUE TO THEFT - A - 5 AUST DIV R.O. 626.

1. MANY LOSSES OF STORES ETC ARE OCCURRING IN CIRCUMSTANCES INDICATING DELIBERATE THEFT ON A LARGE SCALE.

2. UNITS HAVE NOT BEEN CO-OPERATING FULLY IN FREQUENTLY CHECKING CONTROLLED STORES, IN PROMPTLY REPORTING LOSSES, AND IN HOLDING PROPER KIT INSPECTIONS.

3. TO STAMP OUT THE THEFTS THE FULL CO-OPERATION OF ALL OFFICERS, NCO'S AND MEN IS NEEDED.

4. ALL PERSONNEL ARE TO BE SUITABLY ADDRESSED AND INFORMED OF THE SERIOUSNESS NOT ONLY OF THEFT, BUT ALSO OF AIDING AND ABETTING THIEVES BY THEIR FAILURE TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES, AND ASKED TO CO-OPERATE IN THE INTERESTS OF THE GOOD NAME OF THEIR UNIT AND FOR THE PROTECTION OF THEM-SELVES AND THEIR MATES. THEY MUST BE MADE TO REALISE THAT ANY THIEF IS THEIR ENEMY, NOT THEIR FRIEND.

5. ANY MEMBER OF A UNIT DISCOVERING ANY LOSS MUST IMMEDIATELY REPORT IT TO HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER.

6. ANY MEMBER, HAVING ANY KNOWLEDGE OF OR CONCERNING A THEFT BY SOME OTHER PERSON, WHO DOES NOT IMMEDIATELY REPORT THE FULL DETAILS TO HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER WILL BE CHARGED WITH AIDING AND ABETTING THE THEEF AND TRIED BY COURT MARTIAL.

7. EVERY LOSS OF MONEY OR STORES OF ANY KIND MUST BE REPORTED BY TELEPHONE OR SIGNAL - WHICHEVER IS QUICKER - TO DAPM 5 AUST DIV IMMEDIATELY THE SAME IS DISCOVERED.

8. IN THE EVENT OF THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH NOT BEING STRICTLY COMPLIED WITH, THE C.O. WILL BE HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FULL VALUE OF THE MONEY OR STORES SO LOST, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES. ON THIS POINT ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE PROVISIONS OF AIR & O'S 692 - 3 -, 693 AND 694.

9. CHARGES OF THEFT WILL IN FUTURE BE DEALT WITH BY GENERAL COURT MARTIAL WHICH CAN AWARD A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF FIVE -5- YEARS' PENAL SERVITUDE.

10. THOROUGH INSPECTIONS OF KIT AND QUARTERS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AT LEAST ONCE A FORTNIGHT AT IRREGULAR INTERVALS AND WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

11. ANY PERSON FOUND IN UNAUTHORISED POSSESSION OF ANY ARTICLE NO MATTER HOW TRIVIAL WILL BE CHARGED AND THE MATTER ~~MATTER~~ REPORTED IMMEDIATELY TO THE DAPM.

12. COMPLETE CHECK OF PISTOLS, BINOCULARS AND COMPASSES ON CHARGE WILL BE MADE WEEKLY BY AN OFFICER WHO WILL SIGN A CERTIFICATE THAT HE HAS SATISFIED HIMSELF THAT EVERY ITEM IS PROPERLY ACCOUNTED FOR.

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13. THIS ORDER IS TO BE REPUBLISHED IN ALL UNIT ROUTINE ORDERS, AND ADEQUATE STEPS TAKEN TO BRING IT TO THE ATTENTION OF EVERY OFFICER, NCO AND SOLDIER.

100. PISTOLS. POSSESSION AND LOSS OF -o- 5 AUST DIV R.O. 640.

1. THE FOLLOWING IS REPUBLISHED FROM NEW GUINEA FORCE ORDERS -

1. PISTOLS OF ANY TYPE OR DESCRIPTION SHALL NOT BE SOLD, PURCHASED OR EXCHANGED.

2. ON OR AFTER 15 APR 43 IT WILL BE AN OFFENCE FOR ANY MEMBER OF THE AMF TO HAVE IN HIS POSSESSION OR CUSTODY ANY PISTOL OTHER THAN ONE ISSUED TO HIM BY ARMY AUTHORITY OR WHERE HE HAS THE PERMISSION REFERRED TO IN PARA 3 HEREOF.

3. PERMISSION MAY BE GRANTED BY A FORMATION COMD TO ANY MEMBER TO HAVE IN HIS POSSESSION A PISTOL OTHER THAN ONE ISSUED TO HIM; SUCH PERMISSION TO BE IN WRITING, SIGNED PERSONALLY BY FORMATION COMD.

4. ALL RANKS IN POSSESSION OF PISTOLS NOT ISSUED TO THEM OR NOT PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE LAST PARA WILL FORTHWITH SURRENDER THE SAME TO THE Q.M. OR H.Q. ORDERLY ROOM OF THEIR UNIT.

5. ALL RANKS HAVING PISTOLS IN THEIR POSSESSION ARE HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE THEREFOR AND WILL IMMEDIATELY REPORT THE LOSS OF SUCH PISTOL.

6. THE LOSS OF A PISTOL IS TO BE REGARDED AS AN OFFENCE FOR WHICH THE OFFENDER IS TO BE TRIED BY COURT-MARTIAL, UNLESS THE FORMATION COMD OTHERWISE DIRECTS. IN ALL CASES OF LOSS OF PISTOLS, THE OFFENDER WILL BE CHARGED AND A SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE , WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE FORMATION COMD, WILL BE TAKEN.

7. NEW GUINEA FORCE ORDER 55/42 IS CANCELLED.

2. WHEN A MEMBER IS CHARGED WITH LOSING BY NEGLECT ANY EQUIPMENT ON ISSUE TO HIM, THE ONUS LIES UPON HIM OF PROVING THAT HE HAS TAKEN ALL REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS.

3. ALL RANKS WILL EXERCISE THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE STANDARD OF CARE BOTH WHEN THE PISTOL IS CARRIED ON THE PERSON, WHICH SHOULD BE DONE WHEN POSSIBLE, AND AT ALL OTHER TIMES. MEMBERS SHOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PROPER SAFE CUSTODY AND/OR GUARDING OF PISTOLS WHEN NOT IN USE.

4. THIS ORDER WILL BE PUBLISHED IN ALL FORMATION AND UNIT ROUTINE ORDERS AT LEAST ONCE PER WEEK FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE WEEKS AND THEREAFTER WILL BE REPEATED ONCE PER MONTH IN ALL SUCH ORDERS.

Ian R Carson

.....LIEUT.
I.R. CARSON.
ADJUTANT A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.

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Appendix 5

Subject: TIMING OF PREDICTED BARRAGES.

H.Q.
A.A. Group
MILNE BAY.

9 May 43.

9/14.

6 Bty. 2/2 Aust Hy. A.A. Regt. (4)
33 Aust Hy. A.A. Bty. (3)
A.A. Ops Room. (1)
File. (2)
War Diary. (2)

1. In order to check the timing of predicted barrages during practise runs, the following procedure will be adopted.

2. Before each run, each site will start a stop watch on a signal from G.O.R. G.O.R. will give each signal so that 2 seconds after the signal, the Converter Operator giving the run gives the first "Plot", thereby allowing 30 seconds for the readings to start, and 2 seconds representing drill time between BX and Converter Operator.

3. A Recorder in each Command Post will note the time at which the T.C.O. gives FIRE on each barrage. At the end of each run, each site will then subtract 30 seconds from the time at which FIRE was given, and add 6 seconds for drill time between T.C.O. and the firing of the guns, plus the time of flight of the shell for each barrage. The T.C.O. will then plot the position of the target, by counting along the plots from the start, at the time at which the first shell would burst and estimate the difference between such position and the barrage line on which the fired is terms of time.

4. Each site will then forward to G.O.R., before the next run is made:-

(a) The resulting time difference.

(b) The bearing on which each barrage was fired.

(c) The bearing on which the actual course of the target cut each barrage line on which the target was engaged.

R R Smith .....MAJOR.
R.R. SMITH.
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A.A. GROUP
MILNE BAY.

REPORT ON RAID 25.

10 MAY 43.

AT 1826K/10 ON AN R.D.F. INDICATION BG.98° RANGE 58 MILES TELEPHONISTS STAND BY AND G.L. SETS WERE ORDERED ON THE AIR.

STATION 304 HAD PLOTTED AN INDICATION COMING FROM TROBIANDS AND REPORTED FAINT I.F.F. INDICATIONS.

ON AN R.D.F. INDICATION RANGE 25 MILES AT 1836K A RED WARNING WAS ISSUED AND G.O.R. ORDERED GUN SITES TAKE POST.

ALL G.L. SETS HAD INDICATIONS AT 1837K. RANGE 50,000 YDS. AND ALL GUN SITES REPORTED READY FOR ACTION BY 1838K.

THE TARGET CONTINUED IN A SOUTH WESTERLY DIRECTION AND THENXX TURNED AND APPROACHED THEAREA FROM THE SOUTH DROPPING BOMBS ESTIMATED AT FOUR OR SIX VERY NEAR S.1 S/L POSITION AT GIBARA, AND WHILE STILL NOT WITHIN RANGE OF ANY GUN SITE AND THE S/L WAS NOT OPERATING.

HEIGHT

M.2, M.4 AND M.6 ENGAGED AT/26,000 TO 29,000 FT. BY PREDICTED BARRAGES ON INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM G.4, AND M.5 ENGAGED BY HEIGHT CONTROL WITH G.L.. M.3 FINDING G.3 INFORMATION TOO ERRATIC TO ENGAGE BY HEIGHT CONTROL PLOTTED FROM G.4 BUT THE TIME LOST IN THE CHANGE OVER PRECLUDED THEM FROM ENGAGING.

O.C. S/L REPORTED THAT S.6 ILLUMINATED THE TARGET WITHIN ONE MINUTE AND THAT S.2 JOINED THEM IN ILLUMINATING THE TARGET FOR A PERIOD OF TWO MINUTES. NO GUN SITE REPORTED SEEING THE TARGET ILLUMINATED BUT AN OFFICER OF 235 AUST LT. A.A. BTY. REPORTED SEEING A PLANE IN THE S/L BEAM ON TWO OCCASIONS AND BELIEVES THERE WERE TWO PLANES. WITH 5/10THS. CLOUD IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A TARGET WHILE VISIBLE THROUGH GAPS IN THE CLOUDS FROM SOME POSITIONS MAY STILL HAVE BEEN OBSCURED FROM THE GUN POSITIONS.

THE TARGET CONTINUED ON ITS COURSE AND WENT OUT ON A BEARING OF 15° AFTER MAKING ONLY ONE RUN.

ALL CLEAR WAS GIVEN AT 1857K.

THE TYPE OF PLANE WAS UNKNOWN BUT WITH THE DIFFERENCE IN THE G.L. HEIGHTS AND LT. BENNETTS' OBSERVATIONS IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THERE WERE TWO PLANES.

THE NIGHT WAS DARK AND WITH 5/10THS. CLOUD WAS UNSUITABLE FOR ACCURATE BOMBING.

NO NIGHT FIGHTERS TOOK OFF.

Ian R Larsen
.....LIEUT.
I.O. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.

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MILNE BAY.

APPENDIX B

AIR RAID INTELLIGENCE REPORT

PREPARED BY F. WEARNE. W.O.1

1. PLACE MILNE BAY. TIME 1836K DATE 10 MAY 43.
2. CLOUD HEIGHT 1 FT. TENTHS 5 /10 VISIBILITY POOR
3. METHOD OF ENEMY ATTACK.
   A. HIGH LEVEL, LOW LEVEL, DIVE OR ETC. HIGH LEVEL
   B. DIRECTION OF APPROACH SOUTH WITHDRAWAL NORTH
   C. HEIGHT, AND HOW OBTAINED 23,400 TO 29,000 FT. R.D.F. A.A.
   D. SEEN OR UNSEEN S/LS REPORTED ILLUMINATING TARGET BUT NOT OBSERVED BY GUN SITES.
   E. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C ONE OR TWO FORMATION
   F. WAS RAID PRECEDED BY RECCE
   G. DURATION OF RAID - STAND TO - STAND DOWN 19 MINUTES
   H. ANY SPECIAL TACTICS
4. A.A. DEFENCE.
   A. HOW WAS WARNING RECEIVED. AT WHAT TIME. R.D.F. INDICATION 1826K
   B. NO. OF E/A - I. DESTROYED ~~II. PROBABLY DESTROYED~~
      III. DAMAGED
   C. TIME ATTACKERS WERE UNDER OBSERVATION TO
   D. TIME ATTACKERS WERE UNDER FIRE - FIRST ROUND TO LAST 3 MINUTES
   E. SLANT RANGE AT WHICH A/C WERE FIRST PICKED UP - G.L. 52,000 YDS. PREDICTED BARRAGE & HT. CONTROL WITH G.L.
   H. ACTION OF A/C WHEN FIRED ON
   I. EFFECT OF A.A. DEFENCES AS A WHOLE - VAGUE STATEMENTS SUCH AS GOOD ARE OF NO VALUE
5. DAMAGE INFLICTED BY ENEMY.
   A. AREAS BOMBED - MARK ON SKETCH MAP WHERE EXTENSIVE BOMBS DROPPED NEAR S/T.
   B. NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS 4 OR 6 UNKNOWN
   C. DAMAGES AND CASUALTIES FROM BOMBING NONE REPORTED
   D. AREAS MACHINE GUNNED
   E. DAMAGE AND CASUALTIES FROM MACHINE GUNNING
6. ANY SPECIAL POINTS AND DEDUCTIONS TARGET ONLY MADE ONE RUN AND DROPPED BOMBS WHILE STILL BEYOND RANGE TO ANY GUN SITE.

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NUMBER OF ROUNDS FIRED.

GUN POSITION NO.	3.7-IN.	3-IN.	40MM.	.50-IN.	.303-IN.	
No.2.	12					
No.3.	NIL					
No.4.	32					
No.5.	32					
No.6.	29					
TOTALS	105					

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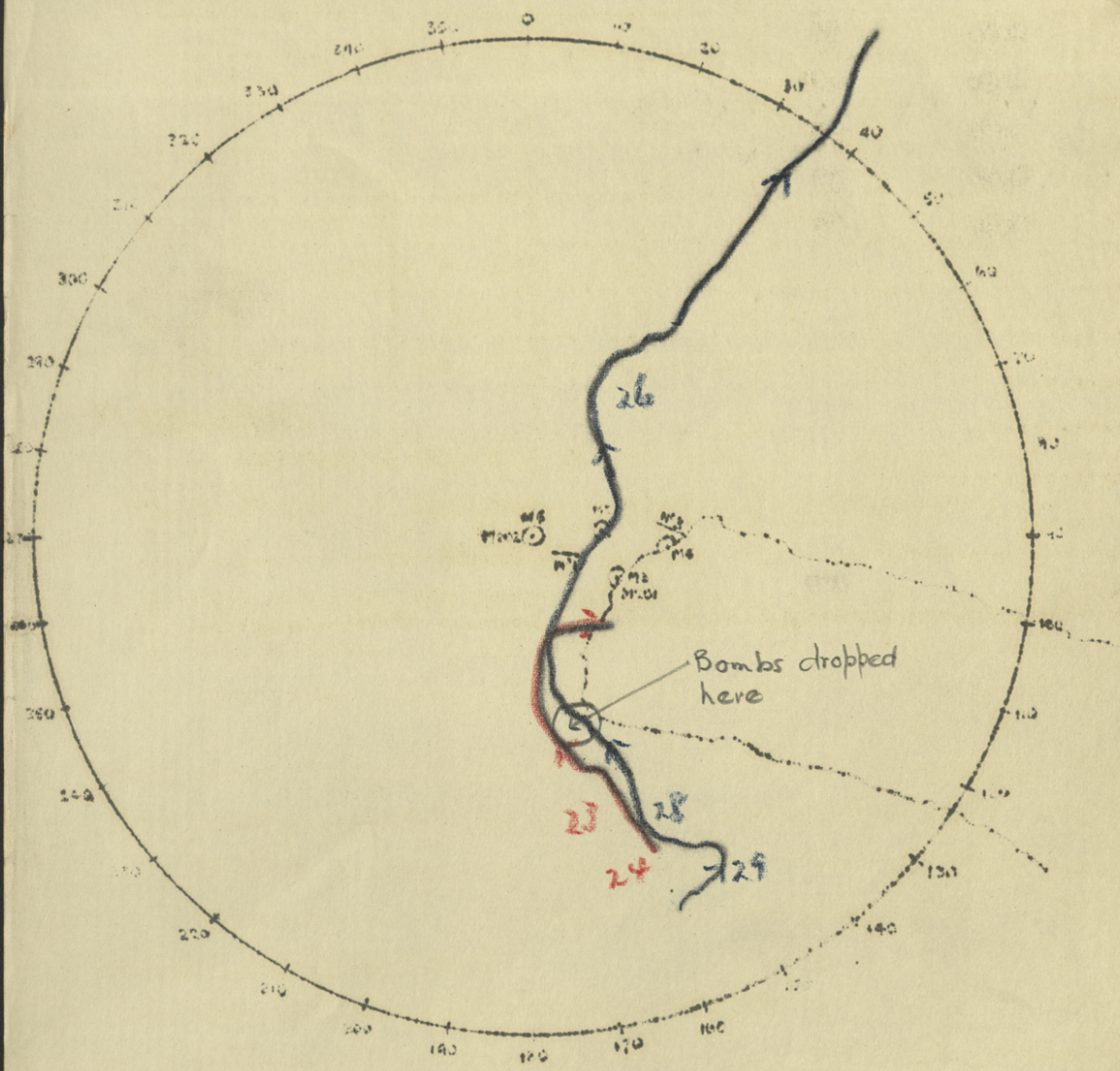
A.A. OPERATIONS ROOM MILNE BAY.

10/5/43



G.C. INDICATIONS

1ST. RUN.....G.C.....

2ND. RUN.....

3RD. RUN.....

RAID NO.....25.....

TIME.....1836.....

SCALE-8000-YDS - 1-IN.

23
28 HEIGHTS IN 1000's.

SECRET.

Subject : Use of Fuze 207.

Appendix 7

H.Q.
A.A. Group
MILNE BAY.

11 May 43.

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6 Sty., R/R Aust Hy. A.A. Regt. (4)
3S Aust Hy. A.A. Bty. (3)
A.A. Operations Room
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1. Fuze 207 will be used above 26,000-ft. and beyond 6,000) yards according as to whether the target is below) 20,000-ft.
8,000)
above)

2. Unseen targets. Barrage lines will be numbered as follows:- 14,0 Cyds.- 1; 12,000yds.- 2;..... 2,000-yds.- 7. The T.C.O. will order the fuse to be fired after the barrage number, thus; Barrage 1 .207; Barrage 5.199.

3. Seen Targets. Above 26,000' HAIFA Barrage only will be used. Below 26,000', the T.C.O. will order barrages for fuse 207 to within 6000) yards according to whether 10,000)
the height is above)
below) 20,000'. As soon as information for the last barrage has been given to G.P.O., the T.C.O., orders Height Control to G.P.O. who then carries on normally after the last barrage is fired. Instruments will get on the target and rates balanced etc, before firing has finished. The T.C.O. continues to plot and orders barrages for 10,000) yards according to whether height is above) 20,000' for the target
12,000) below)
going out. The G.P.O.A. will advise guns of the change from barrage to height control (continued till target is out of range), and vice versa, as soon as practicable, and also keep the guns advised of the fuse to be fired.

4. Procedure at sites where visual plotting information is obtained. If height is 26,000' or less the predictor will cease plotting as soon as GL slant range becomes less than 14,000 yds. No.1. of the predictor, at this point, will call "GL plotting", on which order plots will be given by the GL Receiver. The order will be heard by No.1 of GL and converter operators, the latter repeating the order for general information. The predictor will then follow normally for height control with fuse 199.

5. The system of fire control will not be changed in the middle of a run either of height control or barrage, if a correction for height during such run takes the height from one height "zone" to the other. The ballistic height and not the actual height will be used to determine the type of fire control.

6. Fuze 207 will NOT be fired at single reconnaissance targets.

7. In daylight, the normal T.C.O. will take his place in the Command post. The prediction of barrages will be done by the senior G.P.O.A. on the site.

8. Fuzes 207 set by hand MUST be set in the correct direction, which is the same direction in which the fuse setter sets them, i.e. from SAFE through Fuze 30 to the correct Fuse setting. Under no circumstances will the time ring be turned in the opposite direction.

K R Smith
.....MAJOR.
R.R.SMITH.
2 i/c A.A.GROUP MILNE B.Y.

Appendix 8

Subject: [illegible]

H.Q.
A.A. Group
MILNE BAY.

10 May 43.

6 Bty. 2/2 Aust Fy. A.A. Regt. (4)
55 Aust Mf. A.A. Bty. (3)
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10/T4.

1. The drill set out hereunder will be employed when sea targets are engaged.

2. Ranging is carried out by firing 3 rounds at G.Fs. representing 400 yards intervals above the range of the 1st round. Lateral deflection is estimated and applied directly by the layer for line on the predictor.

3. Fire Control:-

(a) Heightfinder and Predictor lay on the target. Predictor is switched on.

(b) Heightfinder reports ranges to G.P.O. e.g. 7400[x].

(c) G.P.O. having selected this as opening range, orders to guns "Range 7000".

(d) Nos. 1 of guns will work out G.E. for 7000 yds from their charts. Layers for bearing will keep their dials blacked out.

(e) G.P.O. estimates speed of target and orders necessary lateral deflection to No. 1 of Predictor, and the layer for line follows this deflection on horizontal crosswire.

delete.

G.P.O. orders Ranging Gun - 1 round - fire, and repeats until on for line. No. 3 of Predictor estimates and applies correction for lateral deflection.

(f) G.P.O. orders "Ranging gun - 3 rounds - fire" (one gun has been preselected as ranging gun). First round will be fired at G.E. for 7000yds. 24 minutes is added to G.E. for second round and 48 minutes for third round.
(N.B. 12 and 24 minutes are allowed if the range is less than 5000 yds.)

(g) If target is not bracketed in opening shots, G.P.O. will order add or drop 1000 yds and the above procedure will be repeated.

(h) When the target is bracketed, G.P.O. will correct range, and order "(Site Designation) - Rounds - Gun Fire".

N.B. The allowance for lateral deflection is so slight that it cannot accurately be set on the deflection dial of the predictor.
On the Vickers No. 1 Mark 5, the distance between the vertical cross wire and the commencement of the horizontal cross wire is .25 of a degree.

R.R.Smith MAJOR.
R.R.Smith.
2 i/c A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.

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MILNE BAY A.A. GROUP TRAINING INSTRUCTION No. 5.

10 May 45.

107.

1. A course of instruction for Officers and potential Officers of units under command this Group will be held at H.Q. A.A. Group.

2. The object is to improve the knowledge of Officers in general military matters.

3. The following subjects will be dealt with :-

1. The Officer and his responsibilities.

2. Searchlights - Brief description of equipment and its performances.
Method and problems of siting.
Types of engagement. Method of control.

3. G.L. - Brief general principles of its working.
Information and degree of accuracy that can be expected from it. Siting. Problems in operating. Security measures.

4. Fighter Control and Interception - day and night.

5. Organization of an Infantry Division.

6. Organization of an Infantry Battalion - its fire power and control in battle.

7. Ammunition - effects of climatic conditions and special measures to be taken to combat.

8. Field Artillery - Organization of Regt. - Bty. - Troop.
Characteristics of 25 Pounder.
Control of fire.

9. Coast Defence - Set up of control.
Liaison with Navy.
Control of CAEL.
Special Equipment.
Selection of targets.

10. Organization of Ordnance Service -
Method of provisioning and maintenance of supplies of equipment in the field.

4. Officers will assemble in Mess hut at Group H.Q. at 09 0 hours each Wednesday commencing 12 May 45. Duration of each lecture approximately 1 hourx.

5. As far as possible all Aust Officers will attend except for an Officer at each Heavy gun Site. U.S. Officers are invited to attend any lecture they so desire.

.....Lt.Col.
A.A.GROUP COMMANDER MILNE BAY.

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255 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty.
33 Aust Hy. A.A. Bty.
78 Aust A.A. S/L Coy.
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Appendix 10

SERIAL 18/43.
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A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY
ROUTINE ORDERS

H.Q.
A.A. GROUP,
MILNE BAY.

BY

LT. COL. A. G. MARGETTS.
COMMANDING A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.

13 MAY 43.

101. BREAKING DOWN OF SERVICES OR ENEMY AMMUNITION -G-
5 AUST DIV R.O. 641.

1. THE BREAKING-DOWN OF SERVICE OR ENEMY AMMUNITION IN ANY WAY, OTHER THAN THAT AUTHORISED BY TRAINING PUBLICATIONS, HAND BOOKS, REGULATIONS IN EXISTENCE OR INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED FROM L.H.Q. IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN.

2. THE BREAKING-DOWN OF ANY SERVICE OR ENEMY AMMUNITION BY UNAUTHORISED PERSONS IS PROHIBITED.

3. IF INFORMATION IS REQUIRED ON THE INTERNAL CONSTRUCTION OF ANY TYPE OF SERVICE AMMUNITION, REFERENCE CAN BE MADE TO INSPECTING ORDNANCE OFFICERS POSTED TO HQ OF CORPS OR L OF C AREAS.

4. ENEMY AMMUNITION WILL NORMALLY BE BROKEN DOWN OR DEMOLISHED BY RAE UNITS - PREFERABLY BOMB DISPOSAL UNITS - UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM FORMATION ETC. H.QRS.

102. IGNITER SETS-HAND GRENADES NO. 36 M - SUSCEPTIBILITY TO MOISTURE-G-
5 AUST DIV - R.O. 642.

1. THE .22 R.F. CARTRIDGE CAP, AS USED IN THE IGNITER SETS FOR GRENADES NO. 36M, IS HIGHLY SUSCEPTIBLE TO MOISTURE.

2. PERSONNEL HANDLING IGNITER SET CONTAINERS WILL OBSERVE STRICTLY THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE -

-A- IGNITER SETS ARE ALWAYS ISSUED IN SOLDERED CYLINDERS. SHOULD A CYLINDER BE OPENED AND THE WHOLE OF THE CONTENTS NOT EXPENDED, THE CYLINDER WILL BE RESEALED BY EFFECTIVE ADHESIVE TAPE OR SHELLAC BINDING.

-B- DETONATORS WHICH SHOW VISIBLE SIGNS OF CORROSION OR VERDIGRIS ON THE CAPS WILL BE TREATED AS SUSPECT, AS THESE ARE LIABLE TO PRODUCE BLINDS. UNITS WILL REFER SUCH DETONATORS TO AN INSPECTING ORDNANCE OFFICER FOR DETERMINATION OF CONDITION.

3. UNITS WILL KEEP THE NUMBER OF - READY USE - GRENADES TO A MINIMUM, CONSISTENT WITH OPERATIONAL NEEDS, AND IN TROPICAL AREAS THIS NUMBER WILL NOT EXCEED FOUR DAYS REQUIREMENTS IN ADVANCE.

103. INTERFERENCE WITH SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS - G -
5 AUST DIV - R.O. 643.

1. INSTANCES HAVE OCCURRED RECENTLY OF FIELD CABLE AND COPPER WIRE LINES HAVING BEEN DELIBERATELY CUT AND SECTIONS STOLEN.

2. FORMATIONS AND UNITS WILL TAKE ACTION TO ENSURE THAT ALL RANKS ARE INFORMED OF THE DANGER OF VITAL COMMUNICATIONS BEING DISRUPTED BY SUCH VANDALISM.

3. THE USE OF FIELD CABLE FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT FOR WHICH IT IS INTENDED IS A SERIOUS OFFENCE.

4. THE DELIBERATE DAMAGE TO SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND THEFT OF FIELD CABLE IS TO BE REGARDED AS AN OFFENCE FOR WHICH THE OFFENDER IS TO BE TRIED BY COURT MARTIAL, UNLESS THE FORMATION COMMANDER OTHERWISE DIRECTS. IN ALL CASES OF DELIBERATE DAMAGE TO SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND THEFT OF FIELD CABLE THE OFFENDER WILL BE CHARGED AND A SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE, WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE FORMATION COMMANDER, WILL BE TAKEN.

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104. DRESS - A - 5 AUST DIV R.O. 645.

1. IT IS APPARENT THAT THERE ARE STILL A NUMBER OF TROOPSS IN THIS AREA IN POSSESSION OF SHORTS KD CONTRARY TO INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED ON THIS SUBJECT PREVIOUSLY.

2. A KIT INSPECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED BY ALL UNITS IMMEDIATELY, AND ALL SHORTS KD FOUND WILL BE RETURNED TO RSD.

3. ON COMPLETION OF KIT INSPECTION ALL UNIT COMDS WILL RENDER A CERTIFICATE TO THIS HQ THAT ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN AS IN PARA - 2 - ABOVE AND THAT NO PERSONNEL WITHIN THE UNIT ARE IN POSSESSION OF SHORTS KD.

4. CERTIFICATES WILL REACH THIS HQ NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, 16 MAY 43.

105. PILLION SEATS AND PANNIER BAGS - [redacted] - 5 AUST DIV R.O. 649.

UNITS WILL SUBMIT A RETURN OF REQUIREMENTS TO REACH THIS H.Q. BY 1200 HRS. 14 MAY 43.

106. EDUCATION.

1. W.O.11 SMALL A.A. GROUP EDUCATION OFFICER HAS A LARGE AREA TO COVER IN ATTENDING TO THE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF ALL SITES AND SO IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT HE MAINTAIN HIS SCHEDULE. IN THIS REGARD THE IMPORTANCE IS STRESSED OF UNITS MAKING TRANSPORT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME REQUESTED.

2. A VACANCY EXISTS FOR AN EDUCATION SERGEANT TO ASSIST THE EDUCATION OFFICER AND UNITS ARE ASKED TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO THIS H.Q. AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

3. CANDIDATES ARE REQUIRED TO POSSESS A GOOD EDUCATION AND KEEN INTEREST IN CURRENT EVENTS.

Ian R Carson

.....LIEUT.
I.R.CARSON.
ADJUTANT A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Date 15 MAY 1943.

A.A. OPS. ROOM MILNE BAY

AUTHORITY L.H.Q. S.D. 1943 Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1 Ranks and W.E.		2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)	
	TYPE B GUN OPS S/LIGHTS ROOM				
*		C.O.R.			C.O.R.
*		S/LIGHTS A.I.F.			
Lieut.-Colonels				S/LIGHT	
Majors				PERSONNEL NOT	
Captains				AT PRESENT	
Lieutenants	1 3	2		REQUIRED.	1
2nd Lieutenants					
Quartermasters					
Totals	1 3	2			1

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

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H.Q. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY. UNIT..... DATE.

TO BE FURNISHED BY ALL UNITS AND ALL HEADQUARTER UNITS.

PART A. STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 (Est. W.E.)	2	3	4
DETAIL	POSTED STRENGTH AGAINST AUTHORISED ESTABLISHMENT -EXCLUDING ATTACHED. AIF	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.	REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED I.E. DEFICITS ON ESTABLISHMENTS.
W.O.S. CLASS I 1			
W.O.S. CLASS II 1			1
SQUADRON OR COMPANY QUARTERMASTER-SGTS.			
STAFF SERGEANTS			1
SERGEANTS 3	2		
CORPORALS 1	1		
TROOPERS PRIVATES &C. 10	11	1	
TOTALS 16	15	1	2

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PART B. OTHER RANKS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

DETAIL.	UNIT & CORPS TO WHICH THEY BELONG.	DETAIL. AIF	UNIT & CORPS TO WHICH THEY BELONG. NOT WITHIN W.E.
		1 CHR.	111 AUST LT. A.A. REGT.
		1 W.O.II	A.A.A. EDUCATION SERVICE-H.Q. NGF

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

ARMY NO.	RANK	NAME & INITIALS.	CORPS	REMARKS E.G. PRESENT WHEREABOUTS IF KNOWN.

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MOTOR BAY...S.E.8...SQUAD...UNIT...15 MAY 43...DATE.

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.3 & 36. TO BE FURNISHED BY ALL UNITS AND ALL HEADQUARTER UNITS.

PART A. STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
DETAIL — type B Gun A/C Room S/Lights	POSTED STRENGTH AGAINST AUTHORISED ESTABLISHMENT -EXCLUDING ATTACHED.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.	REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED I.E. DEFICITS ON ESTABLISHMENTS.
W.O.S. CLASS 1	E.O.R	E.O.R	
W.O.S. CLASS II	A.I.F		
SQUADRON OR COMPANY QUARTERMASTER-SGTS.			SEARCH LIGHT PERSONNEL NOT AT PRESENT REQUIRED.
STAFF SERGEANTS			
SERGEANTS 3 1			
CORPORALS 2	3		
TROOPERS PRIVATES &C.	33	2	
TOTALS 15 32			
20 36	37	2	

THESE TOTALS SHOULD AGREE WITH THE DETAILS SHOWN IN PART D ON PAGE 2 OF ARMY FORM W3009.

PART B. OTHER RANKS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

DETAIL.	UNIT & CORPS TO WHICH THEY BELONG.	DETAIL.	UNIT & CORPS TO WHICH THEY BELONG.

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

ARMY NO.	RANK	NAME & INITIALS.	CORPS	REMARKS E.G. PRESENT WHEREABOUTS IF KNOWN.
VX63021	GNR	CLARKE P.D	R.A.A.	WAS ON HOME LEAVE — BELIEVED NOW IN BROADMEADOWS HOSPITAL.

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PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1 Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	2 Personal Number	3 Name and Initials	4 Appointment	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed
MJR-T/LT.COL.	VX47937	MARGETTS A.G.	C.O.	YES	
CAPT-T/MJR.	VX 26857	SMITH R.R.	2 I/C.	YES	
LIEUT-T/CAPT.	VX33752	DAVIDSON F.M.	ADJUTANT	YES	
LIEUT	VX29323	RULE W.G.	O.C. "A"	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)
LIEUT.	VX 22414	PENNINGTON J.C.	111 AUST LT. A.A. REGT.	14-2-43	A/FCI	

H.Q. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY
(Unit)

Ian R Lawson for LT.COL.
(Signature of Commander)

15 MAY 43.
(Date of Despatch)

R.A.A. 5 AUST DIV
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

W.E. Reference

A.M.F.

W.E. 7 X 15

Date 15 MAY 43

Attached 1AAOC

Allowed by W.E. X

H.Q. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY

Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1		2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*				
*				
Lieut.-Colonels	1	1		
Majors	1	1		
Captains	1	1		
Lieutenants	3	X		3
2nd Lieutenants				
Quartermasters	1	1		
Totals	7	4		3

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

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.....UNIT.

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PART D. DETAIL OF SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED AS SHOWN IN PART B OF ARMY FORM W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS TRADESMEN ETC. W.Es	S/A	R.R.A.	DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS TRADESMEN ETC.	S.A.	R.R.A.	DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS TRADESMEN ETC.	S/A	R.R.A.
			F.C. OPERATORS					
ARTIFICERS ARTY.								
BLACKSMITHS						PREDICTOR NOS.		
			GUN LAYERS					
BUTCHERS			G.P.O. ASSISTANTS					
CLERKS 2			HEIGHT TAKERS					
			INST. MECHANICS					
						SHOEMAKERS	1	1
COOKS 1						CPL AADC ATT		
			LINESMEN					
						T.I. NOS.		
			MECHANICS M/T.					
			MECHANICS W/T.					
DRIVER MECHANICS								
ELECTRICIANS								
ENGINE HANDS I/C.								
EQUIPT. REPRS.								
W.O.I 1								
W.O.II 1		1	ARMOURER CLERK					
SGTS. 3		1	TAILOR					
CDRS 1								
CNRS 2	1							
TOTALS -TO AGREE WITH COLUMNS 3 & 4 OF PART A. 16	1	2					1	1

NOTES -A- IF RANK OTHER THAN PRIVATE IS INVOLVED GIVE DETAILS ON BACK.
-B- AUTHORISED TRADES OR SPECIALISTS NOT INCLUDED IN LIST ABOVE WILL BE ADDED AS REQUIRED IN SPACES PROVIDED.

H.Q. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY
UNIT.

FOR LT.COL.
SIGNATURE OF COMMANDER.

15 MAY 43
DATE OF DESPATCH.

R.A.A. 5 AUST DIV
BDE., DIVN., AREA ETC. WITH WHICH UNIT IS SERVING.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS TRADESMEN ETC.	S.A.	R.R.A.	DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS TRADESMEN ETC.	S.A.	R.R.A.	DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS TRADESMEN ETC ETC.	S.A.	R.R.A.
			F.C. OPERATORS					
ARTIFICERS RARTY.								
BLACKSMITHS						PREDICTOR NOS.		
			GUN LAYERS					
BUTCHERS			G.P.O. ASSISTANTS					
CLERKS	2		HEIGHT TAKERS					
			INST. MECHANICS					
						SHOEMAKERS		
COOKS	2							
			LINESMEN					
						T.I. NOS.		
			MECHANICS M.T.					
			MECHANICS W/T.					
DRIVER MECHANICS								
ELECTRICIANS								
ENGINE HANDS I/C.								
EQUIPT. REPRS.								
INSTRUMENT OPERATORS			SEARCHLIGHT PERSONNEL					
HEIGHT COMPUTERS	6		NOT AT PRESENT					
INSTRUMENT OPERATORS			REQUIRED.					
PLOTTERS	6	1	W.O. II 2					
SGT	1		CPLS. 3					
BDRS	3		SPRS. 15					
GNRS	18	1	20					
TOTALS -TO AGREE WITH COLUMNS 3 & 4 OF PART A.	36							

HEIGHT TAKER SPECIALIST
PREDICTOR SPECIALIST
GUN LAYER

SPECIALISTS NOT REQUIRED WILL BE CLASSIFIED FROM EXISTING STRENGTH

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A.A. OPS ROOM MILNE BAY
UNIT.

Gordon Murray Lieut
SIGNATURE OF COMMANDER.

DATE OF DESPATCH 15 MAY '43.

R.A.A. 5 AUST. DIV.
BDE., DIVN., AREA ETC. WITH WHICH UNIT IS SERVING.

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PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
LIEUT.	VX18112	MURRAY G.D	G.C.O	YES	
A/LIEUT.	VX86507	LUCAS A.L.R.	G.C.O	YES.	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)

A.A. OPS ROOM MILNE BAY
(Unit)

[signature]
(Signature of Commander)

15 MAY 1943.
(Date of Despatch)

R.AA. 5 AUST DIV.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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War Diary Appendix 12

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A.A. Group,
MILNE BAY.

20 May 43.

REPORT ON RAID 26.

At 2105/19/5 an R.D.F. indication of approximately 10 aircraft just North of TUFI was received. Later range given as 75 miles. Fighter Sector advised that two fighters were going up.

At 2111K G.O.R. ordered " Telephonists Stand By", and at 2118 "Gun Sites Take Post". Fighter Sector issued a Red at 2120 by which time all gun sites had reported "ready for action."

2126 G5 IndicationBearing 20°, range 50,000 yards.

G3 Indication bearing approximately 50°, range 47,000 yards.

2128 M32 reported sound of planes down Bay.

Fighter Sector reported our fighters north of Turnbull Airfield.

G4 plotted the fighters from the time they took the air. G3 and G5 each followed their indications which was obviously the same target. By 2132 this indication had moved to bearing 85° range 32,000 yards from G5.

At this time G4 indication was approximately, bearing 330°, range 20,000 yards.

Fighter Sector were asked for permission to engage G3 and G5 target but stated that fighters were over Turnbull Airfield, and they considered this indication was the fighters. Searchlights were ordered NOT to engage this target.

M2 reported two bombers passed in front of moon, and at 2138 flares were reported dropping and bombs fell in area of 6 Squadrons dispersal bay and Turnbull. Airfield.

Fighter Sector then gave permission for guns to engage on plots from G3 and G5. By this time.the targets were above "angle".

Some sites engaged as the target was going out but it was soon out of range.

The target made only one run approaching from bearing 80° until over its target when it turned and went out on a bearing of 360.

The bombers were seen by M2 silhouetted against the moon but were not identified. Our fighters interceptors later reported having seen three planes, and thought that possibly four planes participated.

Approximately six to ten bombs dropped just east of Turnbull Airfield in the dispersal area of 6th Squadron. No aircraft were damaged, nor were any casualities reported. The extent of the damage was about 50 drums of petrol which soon burnt out.

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M3 and M5 engaged by Height Control with S.L. at height of 25,400 to 26,000 feet, and M4 by Predicted Barrage.

Visibility was good with about 2/10th cloud.

Fighter Sector gave the all clear at 2205K.

This is the first occasion in this area on which flares were dropped from aircraft. As they appeared to be released at the same time as or after the bombs it is difficult to understand their use.

It was reported in H.Q. 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No.127 R.f MILNE BAY Raid No.26 that reports from our troops at WEDAU indicate the possibility of one enemy bomber coming down in the sea at 2220K/19 off CAPE FRERE, and another going down towards GOODENOUGH ISLAND. An R.D.F. launch searched the area but no trace was found.

Ian K Larsen Lieut.
for
I.O. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.

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H.Q.
A.A. Group,
MILNE BAY.

APPENDIX B

AIR RAID INTELLIGENCE REPORT. PREPARED BY F. Wearne W.O.1

1. PLACE. MILNE BAY.....TIME 2120K.....DATE 29 May 43.....

2. CLOUD HEIGHT 4000.....F. TENTHS...../10 VISIBILITY, Very Good.....

3. METHOD OF ENEMY ATTACK.

A. HIGH LEVEL, LOW LEVEL, DIVE OR ETC. High Level.....

B. DIRECTION OF APPROACH. From Bg. 80°...WITHDRAWAL Bg. Zero.....

C. HEIGHT, AND HOW OBTAINED. 25400 to 26000. R.D.F. A.A.....

D. SEEN OR UNSEEN.....

E. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C. Some 4. unknown.....FORMATION.....

F. WAS RAID PRECEDED BY RECCE.....

G. DURATION OF RAID - STAND TO - STAND DOWN...45 min.....

H. ANY SPECIAL TACTICS.....

4. A.A. DEFENCE.

A. HOW WAS WARNING RECEIVED. AT WHAT TIME. R.D.F. Indication 2105K.....

B. NO. OF E/A - I. DESTROYED.....II. PROBABLY DESTROYED.....

III. DAMAGED...../

C. TIME ATTACKERS WERE UNDER OBSERVATION.....TO.....

D. TIME ATTACKERS WERE UNDER FIRE - FIRST ROUND TO LAST One minute.....

E. SLANT RANGE AT WHICH A/C WERE FIRST PICKED UP - G/L 30,000 yards....

F. Type of Fire control used. Predicted Barrage and Height Control G.L.

G. Number of rounds fired by each A.A. Position Over

H. ACTION OF A/C WHEN FIRED ON.....

I. EFFECT OF A.A. DEFENCES AS A WHOLE - VAGUE STATEMENTS SUCH AS GOOD ARE OF NO VA Ineffective. Owing to confusion of bombers with fighters at Fighter Sector. No rounds were fired before bombs were dropped.

5. DAMAGE INFLICTED BY ENEMY.

A. AREAS BOMBED - MARK ON SKETCH MAP WHERE EXTENSIVE 6th Squadron dispersal area Turnbull Airfield.....

B. NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS Approximately 6 to 10.....

C. DAMAGES AND CASUALTIES FROM BOMBING 50 drums petrol destroyed.....

D. AREAS MACHINE GUNNED.....

E. DAMAGE AND CASUALTIES FROM MACHINE GUNNING.....

6. ANY SPECIAL POINTS AND DEDUCTIONS.....

Planes dropped two flares just prior to dropping bombs. This is the first occasion of this happening in this area.....

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NUMBER OF ROUNDS FIRED.

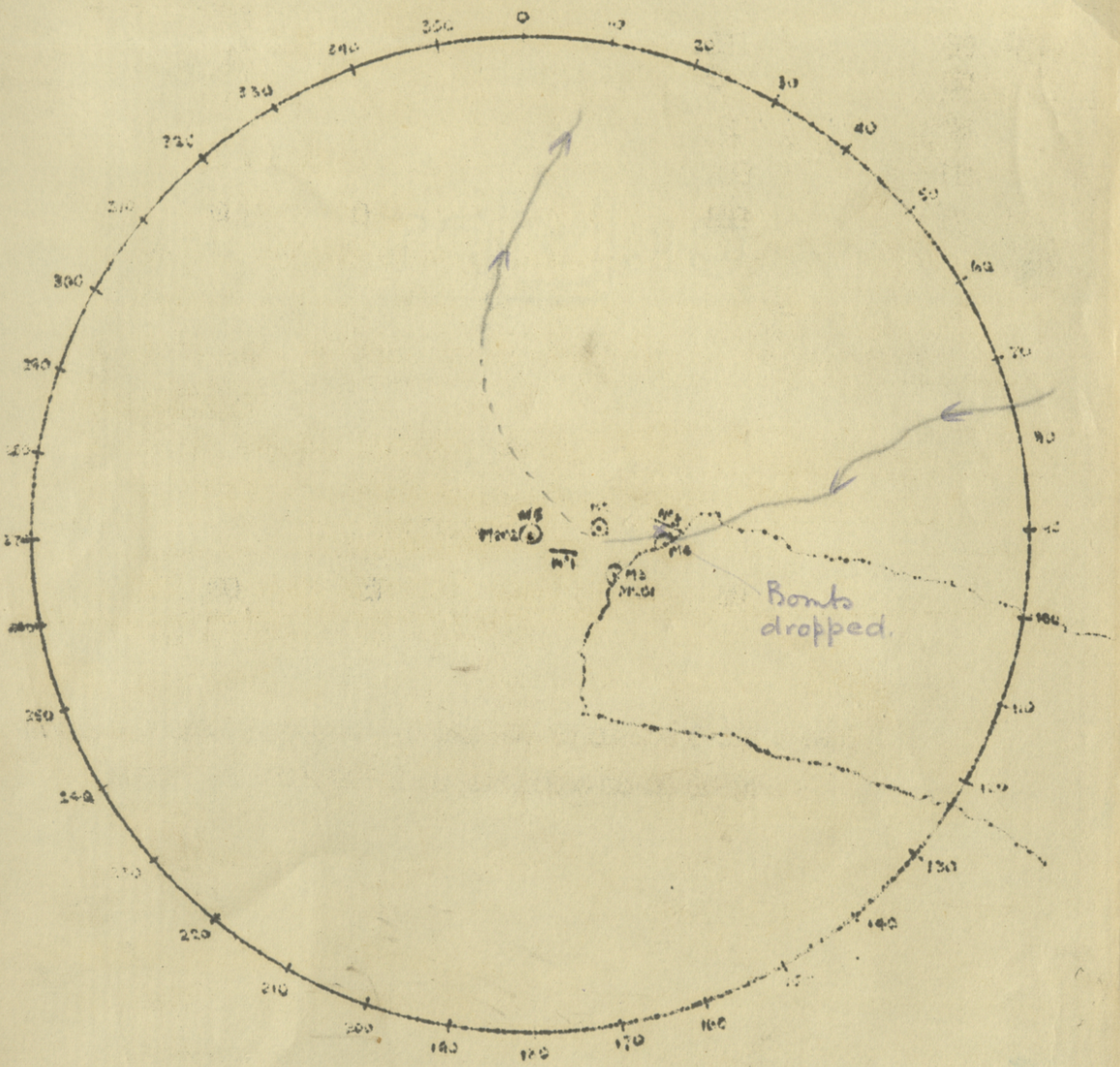
GUN POSITION NO.	3.7-IN.	3-IN.	40MM.	.50-IN.	.303-IN.
M2	Nil				
M3	3				
M4	13				
M5	25				
M6	Nil			5	50
TOTALS	41			5	50

Note : The 5 rounds of .50 and the 50 rounds .303 was fired by M6 in an endeavour to extinguish the flares.

G5.

A.A. OPERATIONS ROOM MILNE BAY.

14/5/43



1ST. RUN..✓.....

2ND. RUN..—.....

3RD. RUN..—.....

RAID NO..26.....

TIME..2120.....

SCALE-8000-YDS - 1-IN.

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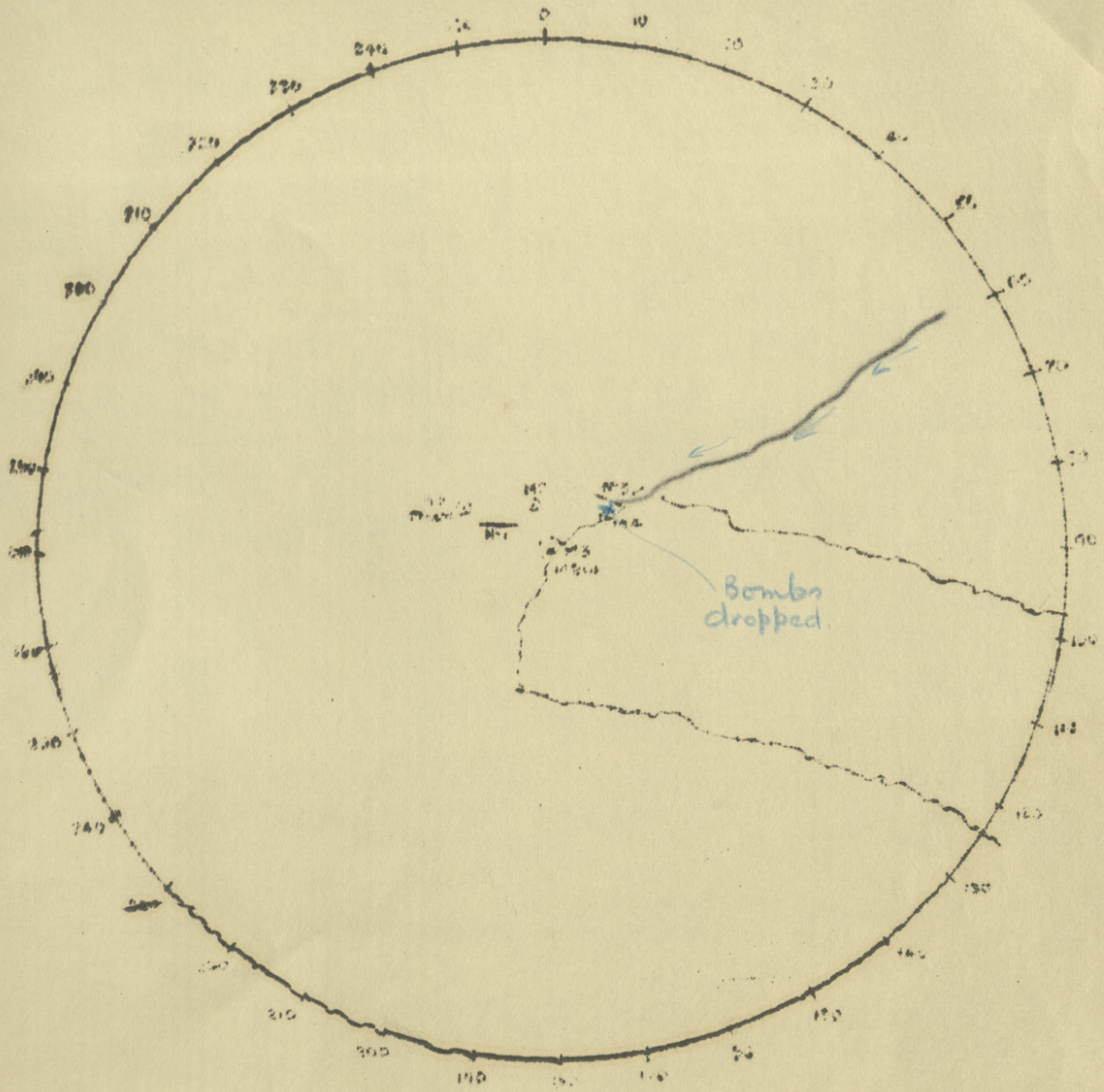
G3

A.A. OPERATIONS ROOM MILNE BAY.

19/5/43.



1ST. RUN. ✓

2ND. RUN. —

3RD. RUN. —

RAID NO. 26

TIME. 2120

Appendix 13 W. Diary.

H.Q. A.A. GROUP
MILNE BAY.

18 MAY 43.

H.Q. A.A. GROUP TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO. 6

1. IN ORDER TO EXERCISE OFFICERS IN A.A. DEFENCE PROBLEMS AND TO MAKE VIEWS OF SUBORDINATE COMDS. KNOWN TO A.A.D.C. ON LOCAL PROBLEMS XX VARIOUS EXERCISES WILL BE SET.

2. O.CS WILL ENSURE THAT JUNIOR OFFICERS TAKE SOME PART IN THE PRODUCTION OF THE SOLUTION.

EXERCISE 1 IS FOR LIGHT A.A.
EXERCISE 2 IS FOR HEAVY A.A.

A.G. Margetts.

.....LT.COL.
A.G. MARGETTS.
A.A. GROUP COMMANDER MILNE BAY.

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EXCERCISE 1 - LIGHT.

THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT C BTY., 104 SEP CA -AA- BN. WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM THIS AREA.

THE AREAS TO BE DEFENDED WILL REMAIN AS AT PRESENT.

PROBLEM -

A. HOW WOULD YOU ALLOT THE GUNS - BOTH BOFORS AND .50 CAL. FURNISH A TRACE SHOWING THE PROPOSED LAYOUT FOR EACH AREA. IN THE SOLUTION GIVE THE LOCATIONS OF TROOP H.QS.

B. IF THE TROOP OF 2/17 AUST LT. A.A. BTY. NOW WITH DRAKEFORCE WERE MADE AVAILABLE HOW WOULD YOU USE THEM.

SOLUTION TO REACH THIS H.Q. BEFORE 0900 HOURS, 31 MAY 43.

ACTUAL RECCE OF POSITIONS WILL BE MADE, BUT NOT NECESSARILY BY THE BTY. COMD.

EACH OF 9 BTY., 2/3 AUST LT. A.A. REGT. AND 235 AUST LT. A.A. BTY. WILL SUPPLY ONE SOLUTION.

A.G. Margetts

LT.COL.
A.G. MARGETTS.
A.A. GROUP COMMANDER MILNE BAY.

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EXCERCISE 2 - HEAVY.

IT IS DESIRED TO ACHIEVE AT LEAST A 4 GUN DENSITY OVER THE WHOLE OF THE AREA BETWEEN THE LBR AND THE LFR. FOR ANY AREAS WHICH THE ENEMY IS LIKELY TO RUN UP AT LEAST AN 8 GUN DENSITY IS REQUIRED.

PROBLEM -

A. HOW MANY GUNS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE THE ABOVE.

B. GIVE THE MAP REFERENCE OF THE CENTRE OF THE AREA IN WHICH THE SITES WILL HAVE TO BE LOCATED.

ACTUAL RECCE IS NOT REQUIRED AT THIS STAGE BUT KNOWLEDGE OF LOCAL TOPOGRAPHY MUST BE CONSIDERED.

EACH GUN SITE WILL FORWARD A SOLUTION TO REACH THIS H.Q. BY 0900 HOURS. 25 MAY 43.

A.G. Margetts

.....LT.COL.
A.G. MARGETTS.
A.A. GROUP COMMANDER MILNE BAY.

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Attached
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Date 22 MAY 1943

A.A. OPS ROOM MILNE BAY
AUTHORITY L.H.Q. SM 1943 Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1		2	3	4	
Ranks and W.E.	TYPE "B" GUN OPS. ROOM. S/LIGHTS	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)	
*		G.O.R			G.O.R
*		S/LIGHTS A.I.F.			
Lieut.-Colonels				S/LIGHT	
Majors				PERSONNEL NOT	
Captains				AT PRESENT	
Lieutenants	1 3	2		REQUIRED.	1
2nd Lieutenants					
Quartermasters					
Totals	1 3	2			1

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

SERIAL NO. 28 H.Q. A.A. GROUP
AIF
V1/13C/1
7 & 16
PLUS ATTACHED - 1 AAOC.

.....MILNE BAY.....UNIT.....22 MAY 43..... DATE.

TO BE FURNISHED BY ALL UNITS AND ALL HEADQUARTER UNITS.

PART A. STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
DETAIL	L.E. W.E. POSTED STRENGTH AGAINS T AUTHORISED ESTABLISHMENT -EXCLUDING ATTACHED. AIF	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.	REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED I.E. DEFICITS ON ESTABLISHMENTS.
W.OS. CLASS 1	1 1		
W.OS. CLASS II			1
SQUADRON OR COMPANY QUARTERMASTER-SGTS.			
STAFF SERGEANTS			
SERGEANTS 3	2		1
CORPORALS 1	1		
TROOPERS PRIVATES &C.	12	2	
TOTALS	16 16	2	2

THESE TOTALSSHOULD AGREE WITH THE DETAILS SHOWN IN PART D ON PAGE 2 OF ARMY FORM W3009.

PART B. OTHER RANKS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

DETAIL.	UNIT & CORPS TO WHICH THEY BELONG.	DETAIL. AIF	UNIT & CORPS TO WHICH THEY BELONG. NOT WITHIN W.E.
		1 W.O. 11	A.A. EDUCATION SERVICE H.Q. NOF.

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

ARMY NO.	RANK	NAME & INITIALS.	CORPS	REMARKS E.G. PRESENT WHEREABOUTS IF KNOWN.

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W.C.			P.C. OPERATORS					
ARTIFICERS ARTY.								
BLACKSMITHS						PREDICTOR NOS.		
			GUN LAYERS					
BUTCHERS			R.P.O. ASSISTANTS					
CLERKS			HEIGHT TAKERS					
2			INST. MECHANICS					
						SHOEMAKERS		
COOKS								
1			LINESMEN			CPL AACC ATT	1	1
						T.I. NOS.		
			MECHANICS M.T.					
			MECHANICS W/T.					
DRIVER MECHANICS								
ELECTRICIANS								
ENGINE HANDS I/C.								
EQUIPT. REPRS.								
W.O.1 1								
W.O.11 1		1	ARMOURER CLERK					
SGTS. 3		1	TAILOR					
DDRS. 1								
GNRS. 7	1							
TOTALS -TO AGREE WITH COLUMNS 3 & 4 O F PART A.	16	1	2				1	1

NOTES -A- IF RANK OF OFFER THAN PRIVATE IS INVOLVED GIVE DETAILS ON BACK.
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Ian R Carson Lt FOR LT. COL.
SIGNATURE OF COMMANDER.

H.Q. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.

DATE OF DESPATCH 22 MAY 43.

BDE., DIVN., AREA ETC. WITH WHICH UNIT IS SERVING. R.A.A. 5 AUST DIV.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Date 22 MAY 43.

H.Q. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY. Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1		2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*				
*				
Lieut.-Colonels . .	1	1		
Majors	1	1		
Captains	1	1		
Lieutenants . . .	3	1		2
2nd Lieutenants .				
Quartermasters . .	1	1		
Totals . . .	7	5		2

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
LIEUT.	PENNINGTON J.C.	R.A.A.	16 MAY 43.	TRANSFERRED FROM 111 AUST LT. A.A. REGT. WAS ATTACHED

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

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PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
MJR-T/LT COL.	VX47987	MARGETTS A.G.	C.O.	YES	
CAPT-T/MJR.	VX26857	SMITH R.R.	2 I/C	YES	
LIEUT-T/CAPT.	VX32155	DAVIDSON F.H.	ADJUTANT	YES	
LIEUT	VX22414	PENNINGTON J.C.	F.C.I.	YES	
LIEUT	VX29323	RULE W.C.	Q.M.	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)

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(Unit)

Ian R Carson Lt-LT. COL.
(Signature of Commander)

22 MAY 43
(Date of Despatch)

R.A.A. 5 AUST DIV.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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AA-OPS ROOM MILNE BAY UNIT.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS TRADESMEN ETC.	S.A.	R.R.A.	DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS TRADESMEN ETC.	S.A.	R.R.A.	DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS TRADESMEN ETC ETC.	S.A.	R.R.A.
			F.C. OPERATORS					
ARTIFICERS PARTY.								
BLACKSMITHS						PREDICTOR NOS.		
	1							
	2		GUN LAYERS					
BUTCHERS			G.P.O. ASSISTANTS					
CLERKS			HEIGHT TAKERS					
			INST. MECHANICS					
						SHOEMAKERS		
COOKS 2								
			LINESMEN					
						T.I. NOS.		
			MECHANICS M.T.					
			MECHANICS W/T.					
DRIVER MECHANICS								
ELECTRICIANS								
ENGINE HANDS I/C.								
EQUIPT. REPRS.								
INSTRUMENT OPERATORS			SEARCHLIGHT PERSONNEL					
HEIGHT COMPUTERS 6			NOT AT PRESENT					
INSTRUMENT OPERATORS			REQUIRED.					
PLOTTERS 6		1	W.O. II 2					
SGT. 1			CPLS. 3					
ADRS 3			SPRS. 15					
GNRS 18	1		20					
TOTALS -TO AGREE WITH COLUMNS 3 & 4 OF PART A. 36.	1							

NOTES -A-IF RANK OTHER THAN PRIVATE IS INVOLVED GIVE DETAILS ON BACK.
-B-AUTHORISED TRADES OR SPECIALISTS NOT INCLUDED IN LIST ABOVE WILL BE ADDED AS REQUIRED IN SPACES PROVIDED.

AA-OPS ROOM MILNE BAY
UNIT.

Gordon J. Kinnay Lieut
SIGNATURE OF COMMANDER.

DATE OF DESPATCH 22 MAY '43.

R.A.A. 5 AUST DIV.
BDE., DIVN., AREA ETC. WITH WHICH UNIT IS SERVING.

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VI/14 B/2
3. & 36.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

A.A. OPS ROOM MILNE BAY
AUTHORITY L.H.Q. S.M. 19 & 13 ....UNIT....22 MAY 43.... DATE.

TO BE FURNISHED BY ALL UNITS AND ALL HEADQUARTER UNITS.

PART A. STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
DETAIL TYPE "B" GUN OPS ROOM. S/LIGHTS	POSTED STRENGTH AGAINS T AUTHORISED ESTABLISHMENT -EXCLUDING ATTACHED.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.	REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED I E. DEFICITS ON ESTABLISHMENTS.
W.O.S. CLASS 1	G.O.R		
W.O.S. CLASS II 2	A.I.F.		
SQUADRON OR COMPANY QUARTERMASTER-SGTS.			SEARCHLIGHT PERSONNEL NOT AT PRESENT REQUIRED
STAFF SERGEANTS			
SERGEANTS 3 1	1		
CORPORALS 3 3	3		
TROOPERS PRIVATES &C.	33	1	
TOTALS 15 32 / 20 36	37	1	

THESE TOTALSSHOULD AGREE WITH THE DETAILS SHOWN IN PART D ON PAGE 2 OF ARMY FORM W3009.

PART B. OTHER RANKS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

DETAIL.	UNIT & CORPS TO WHICH THEY BELONG.	DETAIL.	UNIT & CORPS TO WHICH THEY BELONG.

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

ARMY NO.	RANK	NAME & INITIALS.	CORPS	REMARKS E.G. PRESENT WHEREABOUTS IF KNOWN.
VX 63021	GNR	CLARKE PD	R.A.A.	WAS ON HOME LEAVE BELIEVED NOW IN BROADMEADOWS HOSPITAL.

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1	2	3	4	5	6
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LIEUT	VX 18112	MURRAY G.D	G.C.O	YES	
A/LIEUT	VX 86507	LUCAS A.L.R	G.C.O	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)

A.A. OPS ROOM MILNE BAY
(Unit)

Gordon Murray Lucas
(Signature of Commander)

22 MAY 1943.
(Date of Despatch)

R.A.A. 5 AUST. DIV.
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SECRET
H.Q.
A.A. GROUP
MILNE BAY.

25 MAY 43.

OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 5.

REF MAP NEW GUINEA GILI GILI 1-25,000 ARTY. SERIES. 114.

1. C BTY. 104 C.A. -AA- BN. IS TO MOVE FROM THE AREA AND IS PLACED ON 12 HOURS NOTICE. NO REPLACEMENT FOR C BTY. IS EXPECTED.

2. COMD. C BTY. WILL MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR MOVE DIRECT WITH C.O.S.C. AND ADVISE THIS H.Q. AS SOON AS A DEFINITE TIME AND DATE FOR THE MOVE IS KNOWN. HOWEVER, BEFORE ANY GUNS ARE TAKEN OUT OF ACTION PERMISSION WILL FIRST BE OBTAINED FROM THIS H.Q.

3. ON THE MOVE OF C BTY. THE FOLLOWING RE-ARRANGEMENT OF THE A.A. DEFENCES WILL TAKE PLACE.

9 BTY. WILL MOVE A8 MAP REF 410435 TO C2 437447.
235 BTY. WILL MOVE THE FOLLOWING GUNS FROM GURNEY
TO TURNBULL - B1 MAP REF 377442
B4 358446
B10 368441
B11 361443

AND OCCUPY - C3 423447

EITHER - C7 428454 OR C8 429454

NEW POSITION AT 421455
DO DO DO 417454.

ALL PREPARATION FOR MOVES WILL BE PUT IN HAND BUT NO MOVES WILL BE MADE UNTIL ORDERED BY THIS H.Q.
IT IS EXPECTED THAT AT LEAST 12 HRS. NOTICE WILL BE AVAILABLE.

4. ALL GUN PITS VACATED WILL BE MAINTAINED AS ALTERNATIVE SITES AND TO AID DECEPTION A DUMMY GUN WILL BE PLACED IN EACH AND THE PITS MAINTAINED IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THEY CAN BE RE-OCCUPIED AT SHORT NOTICE. RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MAINTAINING THESE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS -

GURNEY FIELD	235 BTY.
WATERFRONT	9 DO.
TURNBULL FIELD	C1 - 9 BTY.
REMAINDER	235 BTY.

5. COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE ARRANGED BY BTY. COMDS WITH SIGNAL OFFICER.

6. ACK.

A.G.Margetts
.....LT.COL.
A.G.MARGETTS.
AA GROUP COMMANDER MILNE BAY.

DISTRIBUTION -

9 BTY. 2/3 AUST LT.AA. REGT.	1	
235 AUST LT. A.A. BTY.	2	
C BTY. 104 SEP CA-AA-BN.	3	
H.Q. COMP. A.A. DEFENCES, N.G.F.	4	FOR INFORMATION ONLY.
R.A.A. 5 AUST DIV.	5	FOR INFORMATION ONLY.
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H.Q.
A.A. Group
MILNE BAY.

Appendix 16

R.A.A.
5 Aust Div.
D.A.D.O.S. (Ammunition)
5 Aust Div.

May 45.

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1. The following report is submitted on the calibration for fuze factor carried out on 21/22 May 45.

Batch No.		Mean difference in observations from mean observed angle of sight.	Calculated fuze factor.	Fuze factor stamped on ammunition.
696A	Canadian	8'	1.03	.99
719A	"	5'	.99	1.01
711A	"	12'	1.02	.99
822A	"	5'	.97	.99
712A	"	4'	1.07	.99
715A	"	8'	1.06	.98
730A	"	8'	.99	1.00
697A	"	11'	1.06	1.02
86	Australian	19'	.96	.97
94	"	12'	.96	.98
92	"	7'	.95	.98
91	"	5'	.92*	.99
721A	English	7'	1.02	1.03
7224A	"	6'	1.02	1.03
5765A	"	38'	of no value	1.01

* 4 rounds only included in this result. 2 rounds irregular and 1 failed to burst.

2. The calculated fuze factors will be adopted.

3. Batches 91 and 5765A have been withdrawn pending examination by I.O.C. The holdings of these two batches are -

B91 - 530 rounds.
B5765A - 106 rounds.

.....Lt.Col.
A.G. Margetts.
A.A. GROUP COMMANDER MILNE BAY.

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Subject : Fuze Factor. War Diary Appendix 17

H.Q.
A.A. Group
MILNE BAY.

25 May 43.

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6 Bty., 2/2 Aust Hy. A.A. Regt.
33 Aust Hy. A.A. Bty.
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1. The following fuze factor will be adopted for batches of ammunition as shown.

696A	old FF(N)	.99	New FF(N)	1.03.
711A		.99		1.02
712A		.99		1.07
715A		.98		1.07
697A		1.02		1.06
92		.98		.95

2. The following batches will be withdrawn pending examination by I.O.O.

B91
B5765.

R R Smith .....Major.
R.R. Smith.
2 i/c A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.

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Appendix 18

SERIAL 19/43.
NOS. 107-110.

A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY
ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

H.Q.
A.A. GROUP
MILNE BAY.

LT. COL. A.G. MARGETTS.
COMMANDING A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY

26 MAY 43.

107. MOSQUITO REPELLANT -A- 5 AUST DIV R.O. 656.

1. THE NEW MOSQUITO REPELLENT LOTION IS A PERSONAL ISSUE AND UNITS WILL ENSURE THAT EACH MAN IS IN POSSESSION OF A BOTTLE OF SAME. PATROLS, SENTRIES AND TROOPS ON EXERCISES WILL BE INSPECTED PERIODICALLY. PERSONNEL EVACUATED BEYOND RAP WILL TAKE THE CURRENT ISSUE WITH THEM AS MEDICAL UNITS ONLY RECEIVE ENOUGH FOR THEIR OWN PERSONNEL.

2. REPORTS OF MISUSE OF THIS REPELLENT FLUID HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. THIS FLUID HAS ALREADY SHOWN ITS VALUE AS A MOSQUITO AND TICK REPELLENT, BUT ITS SUPPLY IS STILL VERY LIMITED. ITS SUPPLY IS SO LIMITED AND ITS PROTECTIVE VALUE SO GREAT THAT MISUSE BY TROOPS IS SABOTAGE. ACCORDINGLY COMMANDERS WILL TAKE VERY SEVERE DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST OFFENDERS.

TO BE REPEATED IN unit A.Os.

108. LEAVE WITHOUT PAY - 5 AUST DIV R.O. 661.

1. IN ORDER TO REMOVE ANY MISUNDERSTANDING BY MEMBERS CONCERNING THE EFFECT OF A GRANT OF LEAVE WITHOUT PAY, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH SUCH LEAVE IS GRANTED, ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE PROVISIONS OF WAR FINANCIAL - MILITARY FORCES - REGULATIONS, WHICH PROVIDE, IN EFFECT, THAT ALL PAY - INCLUDING ALLOTMENTS - AND PAY ALLOWANCES CEASE IN RESPECT OF ANY PERIOD FOR WHICH A MEMBER IS GRANTED LEAVE WITHOUT PAY.

2. WHEN LEAVE WITHOUT PAY IS GRANTED, THE FOLLOWING WILL NOT BE PAYABLE DURING THE PERIOD OF SUCH LEAVE -

A. PAY - INCLUDING DEFERRED PAY.
B. FIELD ALLOWANCE.
C. COMMAND ALLOWANCE.
D. SPECIAL ALLOWANCE.
E. EXCHANGE ALLOWANCE.
F. DEPENDANTS ALLOWANCE.
G. TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE.
H. SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE.
I. ANY ALLOWANCE PAYABLE UNDER REGULATION 9 OF THE ABOVEMENTIONED REGULATIONS.

3. LEAVE WITHOUT PAY WILL NOT BE IMPOSED ON A MEMBER COMPULSORILY AND, CONSEQUENTLY, WILL ALWAYS BE COVERED BY WRITTEN APPLICATION FROM THE MEMBER, SPECIFYING THAT LEAVE IS DESIRED WITHOUT PAY.

TO BE REPUBLISHED IN UNIT ROUTINE ORDERS.

109. PURCHASES FROM AA AMENITIES - A - - 5 AUST DIV R.O. 662.

1. UNITS WILL NOTE THAT IN FUTURE ALL PURCHASES FROM AA AMENITIES SERVICE WILL BE STRICTLY CASH.

2. CREDIT WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.

3. UNITS WITH AMOUNTS OUTSTANDING TO DATE MUST EFFECT PAYMENT IMMEDIATELY.

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110. ROAD TO TANK A. RANGE.

VEHICLES USING THIS ROAD DURING WET WEATHER WILL USE CHAINS.

Ian R Carson

.....LIEUT.
I.R.CARSON.
ADJUTANT A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.

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ACTIONS contd.

This is the first occasion in this area on which flares were dropped from aircraft. As they appeared to be released at the same time as or after the bombs it is difficult to understand their use.

It was later reported in 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No. 127 Ref MILNE BAY Raid No.26, that reports from our troops at [illegible]TDAU indicate the possibilities of one enemy bomber coming down in the sea at 2220K/19 off CAPE FRERE, and another going down towards GOODENOUGH ISLAND. An R.A.A.F launch searched the area, but no trace was found.

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications for this period have been satisfactory. No.3 searchlight was out of line communications a number of times owing to extensions to road along which the line runs.

Wireless communications however, have been maintained during all such period.

Lines from G.5, M.5 and G.3, M.3 are being built from their Command Posts to the new underground cable. These will be connected and ready for operation as soon as the U.G. cable scheme is completed.

The switchboard pit at the new G.O.P. site has been built, and all lines will be in operation when the change over takes place.

Work on the underground cable is progressing satisfactorily, but various hold ups, such as weather, have made it slower than anticipated.

A system of amplifiers has been installed from the Command Post to the gun pits at M.3, and if proved satisfactory in action they will be installed at the other sites.

6. GENERAL.

On the 16 May the following transfers were effected:

1 Officer and 44 O.Rs. of 111 Aust Lt. A.A. Regt. attached to 235 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty. were transferred to 235 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty.

20 O.Rs. of 111 Regt attached 9 Bty. 2/3 Aust Lt. A.A. Regt., transferred 9 Bty., 2/3 Aust Lt. A.A. Regt.

1 Officer of 111 Regt attached 6 Bty., 2/2 Aust Hy. A.A. Regt. transferred 235 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty.

1 Officer and 1 O.R. of 111 Regt attached H.Q. A.A. Group, transferred H.Q. A.A. Group.

On 17 May 13 O.R's. of 1 Aust G.L. Detachment transferred to 6 Bty,2/2 Aust Hy. A.A. Regt,

May 29 Lt. Col. Mullaney, 743 CA. A.A. Bn. called at A.A. Group to enquire the usual Japanese tactics in the area, and discussed use of his guns.

Lt. Col. Erickson left for Goodenough Island to prepare for the arrival of A and B Btys of 104 CA.A.A. Bn. in that area.

7. WEATHER.

Heavy rain fell during the early part of the month, but the weather since has been cloudy but chiefly fine.

8. Ack.

Ian R Lawson Lieut.
I.O. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.

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ACTIONS contd.

The type of plane was unknown but with the difference in the G.L. heights and Lt. Bennetts' observations it is possible that there were two planes.

The night was dark and with 5/10 cloud was unsuitable for accurate bombing.

No night fighters took off.

RAID NO. 26.

At 2105/19/5 an R.D.F. indication of approximately 10 aircraft just North of TUFI was received. Later range given at 75 miles. Fighter Sector advised that two fighters were going up.

At 2111K G.O.R. ordered "Telephonists Stand By" and at 2118 "Gun Sites Take Post". Fighter Sector issued a Red at 2120 by which time all gun sites had reported "Ready for Action".

2126 G.5 indication bearing 20°, range 50,000 yards.
G.3 indication bearing approximately 50°, range 47,000 yards.

2128 M32 reported sound of planes down Bay.

Fighter Sector reported our fighters north of Turnbull Airfield.

G.4 plotted the fighters from the time they took the air. G.3 and G.5 each followed their indications which was obviously the same target. By 2152 this indication had moved to bearing 85°, range 34,000 yards from G.3.

At this time G.4 indication was approximately bearing 330°, range 20,000 yds.

Fighter Sector were asked for permission to engage G.3 and G.5 target but stated that fighters were over Turnbull Airfield, and they considered this indication was the fighters. Searchlights were ordered NOT to engage this target.

M2 reported two bombers passed in front of the moon, and at 2138 flares were reported dropping and bombs fell in area of 6 Squadrons dispersal bay at Turnbull Airfield.

Fighter Sector then gave permission for guns to engage on plots from G.3 and G.5. By this time the targets were above "angle".

Some sites engaged as the target was going out but it was soon out of range.

The target made only one run approaching from bearing 80° until over its target when it turned and went out on a bearing of 360.

The bombers were seen by M.2 silhouetted against the moon but were not identified. Our fighter interceptors later reported having seen three planes and thought that possibly four planes participated.

Approximately six to ten bombs dropped just east of Turnbull Airfield in the dispersal area of 6th Squadron. No aircraft were damaged, nor were any casualities reported. The extent of the damage was about 50 drums of petrol which soon burnt out.

M.3 and M.5 engaged by Height Control with G.L. at height of 23,400 to 26,000 feet, and M.4 by Predicted Barrge.

Visibility was good with about 2/10th cloud.

Fighter Sector gave the all clear at 2205K.

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Appendix 21

SECRET.

MILNE BAY ANTI-AIRCRAFT GROUP INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 25.

PERIOD 1 - 31 MAY 43.

Covering activities of Anti-Aircraft Defences in MILNE BAY area.

1. FORCES AT OUR DISPOSAL.

C. Bty. 104 Sep.CA. A.A. Bn. are moving out of the area and went out of action at 1000K 31 May.

The R.D.F. A.A. set G2 is temporalily out of action while modifications are being made and component parts are being used in other sets.

Three mobile 3.7" A.A. guns at M2 have had new barrels fitted, but No. 1 gun has been condemned and is being replaced by a static 3.7" which is now being installed.

2. DISPOSITION OF FORCES.

The following re-arrangement of the 40mm guns in the area took place on 31 May on the move of C Bty.

Ref Map GILI GILI 1:25000 Artillery Series

9 Bty. moved A8 map ref 410435 to C2 map ref 437447.

235 Bty. moved the following guns from Gunney to Turnbull Airfield

B12	map	ref	374442	to C7 map ref	428454
B4	"	"	358446	to C3 " "	423447
B10	"	"	36844[illegible]	to C6 " "	421455
B11	"	"	361443	to C[illegible]	417454

D Troop H.Q. moved to map ref 428454.

3. ALERTS.

10 May Gun Sites Take Post - 1836 - 1857 - Raid No. 25.

12 May Gun Sites Take Post - 1240 - 1255.

A Red Warning was issued on an R.D.F. indication on bearing 284, 25 miles coming in was believed to be a Japanese recce plane as we had no aircraft in the area. Nothing was seen.

13 May Gun Sites Take Post - 1143 - 1215.

At 1127 the Missima spotter station reported one enemy aircraft flying south. On the E.T.A. gunsites took post, but no further indications were received.

15 May Gun Sites Take Post - 1146 - 1157.

An aircraft coming up the bay was believed to be enemy, but proved to be friendly.

19 May Gun Sites Take Post - 1114 - 1251.

An R.D.F. indication was again thought to be a possible Japanese recce aircraft; but nothing entered the area.

Gun Sites Take Post 1240 - 1245.

R.D.F. indication coming in from the south could not be accounted for by Fighter Sector, but proved to be one P.40.

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ALERTS contd.

19 May Gun Sites take Post - 2105 Raid No. 26.

20 May Gun Sites Take Post - 0040 - 0109

R.D.F. indication Bearing 126, range 19 miles proved to be Beauforts returning from a strike.

21 May Gun Sites Take Post - 1404 - 1426.

Nothing developed from a R.D.F. indication at Bearing 24° range 56 miles.

22 May Gun Sites Take Post.- 1942 - 2025

When R.D.F. issued a Red Warning on unidentified plots coming in from the south-west. The aircraft was flying low judged by speed was thought to be a Catalina for this reason fire was withheld when aircraft passed over the area. A signal arriving later proved to be the case.

24 May Gun Sites Take Post - 0220 - 0249

A Red Warning was issued at 0226 following a R.D.F. indication on Bearing 260, Range 21 miles. The indication came in to 30000 yards on a bearing of 340° then moved out north-west. The weather was dull and clouds too low for navigation into the area, and it is thought that a flight of enemy aircraft were unable to find their way to the centre of this base.

4. ACTIONS.

RAID NO. 25.

At 1826K/10 on an R.D.F. indication Bg.98° range 58 miles "Telephonists Stand By and G.L. sets ordered on the air.

Station 304 had plotted an indication coming from the trobiands and reported faint I.F.F. indications.

On an R.D.F. indication range 25 miles at 1836K a Red Warning was issued and G.O.R. ordered Gun Sites Take Post.

All G.L. sets had indications at 1837K range 50,000 yards and all gun sites reported ready for action by 1858K.

The target continued in a South westerly direction and then turned and approached the area from the south dropping bombs, estimated at 4 or 6 very near S.1 S/L position at GIBARA, and while still not within range of any gun site, and S/L was not operating.

M.2, M.4 and M.6 engaged at height 26,000 to 29,000 feet by Predicted Firing on information received from G.4, and M.5 engaged by Height Control with G.L. M.3 finding G 3 information too erractic to engage by Height Control plotted from G.4, but the time lost in the change over precluded them from engaging.

O.C. S/L reported S.6 illuminated the target within one minute and that S.2 joined them in illuminating the target for a period of two minutes. No gun site reported seeing the target illuminated, but an officer of 235 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty. reported seeing a plane in the S/L beam on two occasions and believes there were two planes. With 5/10ths clouds it is possible that a target while visible through gaps in the clouds from some positions may still have been obscured from the gun positions.

The target continued on its course and went out on a Bearing of 15° after making only one run.

All clear was given at 1857K.

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APPENDIX "B".

REPORT ON BULGED BARRELS:-

1. No.1 Gun at WZ was damaged during a shoot on 25 May 43 and No. 2 gun at the same site on 27 May 43.

2. Both these guns were doing their first shoot after a complete strip and examination by Workshops.

3. No.1 gun:- Test firing English Batch 576A fuzed 207.
First round was loaded and fired - recoil 31½".
No.1 of gun looked through the bore and it was clear.
Second round was loaded and fired - with abnormal flash, much louder explosion and unusual cloud of smoke.
Recoil was only about 12 inches.

Further examination showed:-

Loose barrel expanded and scratched.
Expansion 9/32" extending from 103" to 106".
The crack extended from 114" U to 116" U.
Jacket expanded 9/32" from 79" to 82".
The adapter expanded and split on muzzle end. The split travelling 2" longitudinally on D position.

No.2 gun:- Test shoot of 207 fuzes carried out from Nos. 2,3 and 4 guns. All rounds fired were Batch 7223. No.2 fired 2 rounds at fuze 7 and fuze 9.6. Both failed to explode. Nothing abnormal was noticed. After 3 and 4 guns had fired several rounds, another round was fired from No.2 gun at QE 50° fuze 14. Sky was cloudy and bursts couldnot be observed. The t/f of shell should have been 19.5 secs. Shell would travel approx 10000 yards before exploding and therefore sound should be heard approx 47 secs after the firing of the gun. After 50 secs from firing no explosion had been heard and round was presumably a blind. However at least 25 secs later, making in all 75 secs, the explosion was heard.

The conclusion from this observation therefore is that the round exploded at least 30 secondsafter expected time of burst.

Another round was then fired from No.2 gun at QE 50° fuze 14. Before firing the gun the No.1 of the gun had glanced up the bore and made sure that it was clear. There was no residue in thechamber or around the breech. Theround was then fired and an abnormal amount of thick smoke and flash issued from the muzzle. It was then discovered that there was a large bulge in the barrel and jacket approx one foot to the rear of the sealing collar and that in the barrel at a corresponding position to the bulge, the rifling appeared to be burnt out. The barrel itself now shows a definite curve. The recoil of the gun was normal at 29.6 in. Before going to Workshops the recoil of this gun was between 31.5 and 32.5 inches. Air pressure had been built up before the shoot to 500 pounds.

The recoil of the previous round fired was 29.5 inches.

At approx 50 yards in front of the gun, small pieces of metal were heard falling. It appeared to be portion of the driving band.

AIME is investigating and further information is expected.

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W.E. Reference

A.M.F.

W.E. 3 X 36

Attached
Allowed by W.E. X

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Date 29 MAY '43.

A.A. OPS ROOM MILNE BAY
AUTHORITY L.H.Q. S.M. 19413 Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1		2	3	4	
Ranks and W.E. TYPE B GUN OPS ROOM S/LIGHTS		Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)	
*		G.O.R.			G.O.R.
*		S/LIGHTS A.I.F.		S/LIGHT	
Lieut.-Colonels . .				PERSONNEL	
Majors				NOT AT	
Captains				PRESENT	
Lieutenants . . .	1 3	2		REQUIRED	1
2nd Lieutenants .					(NOT REQUIRED)
Quartermasters . .					
Totals . . .	1 3	2		—	1

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

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PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
LIEUT	VX18112	MURRAY G.D	G.C.O	YES	
A/LIEUT	VX 86507	LUCAS A.L.R	G.C.O	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)

A.A. OPS ROOM MKNE BAY
(Unit)

Gordon E. Murray Lieut
(Signature of Commander)

29 MAY '43.
(Date of Despatch)

R.A.A. 5 AUST. DIV.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS. (*Adapted*)

A.A. OPS ROOM MILNE BAY
AUSTRALIA L.H.Q. S.W. 1940 (Unit) 29 MAY 19 40 (Date.)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.O's. Class I.	E.A.R		
W.O's. Class II. 2	A.I.F		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			SERGEANT PERMANENT NOT AT PRESENT REQUIRED.
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants 1	1		
Corporals 3 3	3		
Troopers, Privates, &c 1 32	33	1	
TOTALS 36	37	1	*

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
VX 63021	GNR.	CLARKE R.D.	R.A.A.	WAS ON HOME LEAVE — RELIEVED NOW IN BRISBANE DOWNS HOSPITAL.

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R.A. OPS ROOM, MILNE BAY Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED								REMARKS.
	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters			1	2	1													SEARCHLIGHT
Masons																		PERSONNEL NOT AT
Painters and Decorators																		PRESENT REQUIRED.
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers			HEIGHT-FINDER	PREDICTOR NOS	GUN LAYER													W.O. II – 2
Signallers																		BDRS – 3
Storemen, Technical																		GNRS – 15
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Cooks 2																		20
INSTRUMENT OPERATORS																		
HEIGHT COMPUTERS 6																		
INSTRUMENT OPERATORS																		
PLOTTERS 6															1			
SGT 1																		
BDRS. 3																		
GNRS. 18							1											
General Duty Personnel																		
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A) 36									1									

SPECIALIST NOT REQUIRED — WILL BE CLASSIFIED FROM EXISTING STRENGTH.

R.A. OPS ROOM MILNE BAY
Unit.

Gordon D. Lewis
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 29 MAY '43.

R.A.A. 5 AUST. DIV.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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AIF
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PLUS ATTACHED - 1 AADC.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS. (*Adapted*)

H.Q. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY (Unit) 29 MAY 1943 (Date.)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail. L.E / W.E	Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). AIF	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.O's. Class I. 1	1		
W.O's. Class II. 1			1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants 3	2		1
Corporals 1	1		
Troopers, Privates, &c. 10	11	1	
TOTALS 16	15	* 1	* 2

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail. AIF	Unit and Corps to which they belong. NOT WITHIN W.E.
		1 W.O II	A.A EDUCATION SERVICE, H.Q. N.G.F

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

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

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H.Q. R.A. GROUP MILNE BAY Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT										REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED								REMARKS.
	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL		W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL	
WE																			
Bricklayers																			
Butchers																			
Carpenters and Joiners																			
Clerks 2																			
Despatch Riders																			
Draughtsmen (topo)																			
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																			
Electricians																			
Farriers																			
Fitters																			
Masons																			
Painters and Decorators																			
Plumbers and Gasfitters																			
Saddlers and Harness Makers																			
Signallers																			
Storemen, Technical																			
Vickers Machine Gunners																			
Cooks 1																			
1																			
W.O I. 1																			
W.O II. 1												1						1	ARMOURER CLERK
SGTS. 3														1				1	TAILOR
BDR 1																			
GNRS 7							1		1										
CPL. RADC ATTACHED 1															1			1	ATTACHED
General Duty Personnel																			
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A) 16							1		1		1			1	1			3	INCL 1 ATTACHED

H.Q. R.A. GROUP MILNE BAY
Unit.

Ian R Lawson W FOR LT. COL
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 29 MAY 43

R.A.A 5 AUST DIV
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Date 29 MAY 43

Attached
Allowed by W.E. X 1 AAOC

H.Q. R.A.GROUP, MILNE BAY Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1 Ranks and W.E.	L.E / W.E	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*		A.I.F.		
*				
Lieut.-Colonels	1	1		
Majors	1	1		
Captains	1	1		
Lieutenants	3	1		2
2nd Lieutenants				
(LIEUT Quartermasters	1	1		
Totals	7	5		2

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

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PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
MJR/T/LT.COL	VX 47987	MARGETTS A.G.	C.O.	YES	
CAPT - T/MJR	VX 26857	SMITH R.R.	2 i/c	"	
LIEUT - T/CAPT	VX 32155	DAVIDSON F.H.	ADJUTANT	"	
LIEUT.	VX 22414	PENNINGTON J.C	F.C.I.	"	
LIEUT	VX 29323	RULE W.C.	Q.M.	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)

H.Q. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY
(Unit)

Ian R Pearson Lt FOR LT. COL.
(Signature of Commander)

29 MAY '43
(Date of Despatch)

R.A.A. 5 AUST DIV
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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W.E. Reference

A.M.F.....

W.E.....X.....

Attached

Allowed by W.E.....X.....

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

8 MAY 43.

Date.....

.....*Unit*

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1 Ranks and W.E.		2 **Posted** strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*				
*				
Lieut.-Colonels . .	1	1		
Majors	1	1		
Captains	3			
Lieutenants . . .	3			
2nd Lieutenants .				
Quartermasters . .	1	1		
Totals . .	7			

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

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PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)

(Unit)

(Signature of Commander)

(Date of Despatch)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS. *(Adapted)*

.....(Unit) .....19..... (Date.)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.O's. Class I.			
W.O's. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, &c.			
TOTALS			*

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.

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

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

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.....Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED								REMARKS.
	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks																		
COOKS 2																		
1																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen, Technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Cooks																		
4																		
1											1						1	ARMOURER CLERK
1																		
3											1						1	TAILOR
BDRS. 1																		
GNRS. 7							1		1		~~1~~							
CPL. SHOEMAKER																		
AAOC ATT. 1														1			1	
General Duty Personnel																		
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A) 17							1		1		2			1			3	INCL. 1 CPL. ATT.

HQ. AA GROUP MILNEBAY
Unit.

Date of Despatch 8 MAY '43

Ian R Carson Lt FOR LT. CO. L.
Signature of Commander.

RAA. 5 AUST DIV
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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A.I.F. VI/14 B/2

W.E. Reference

A.M.E.

W.E. 3 X 36

Attached
Allowed by W.E. X

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Date 8 MAY 1943.

A.A. OPS. ROOM MILNE BAY
AUTHORITY L.H.Q. SM 19413 Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1		2	3	4	
Ranks and W.E.	TYPE "B" GUN OPS ROOM S/LIGHTS	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)	
*		G.O.R.			G.O.R.
*		S/LIGHTS A.I.F.			
Lieut.-Colonels				S/LIGHT PERSONNEL	
Majors				NOT AT PRESENT	
Captains				REQUIRED.	
Lieutenants	1 3	2			1
2nd Lieutenants					
Quartermasters					
Totals	1 3	2			1

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

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PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
LIEUT	VX 18112	MURRAY G.D	G.C.O	YES.	
A/LIEUT	VX 86507	LUCAS A.L.R	G.C.O	YES.	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)

A.A. OPS ROOM MILNE BAY
(Unit)

Gordon D Murray Lieut
(Signature of Commander)

8 MAY '43.
(Date of Despatch)

RAA 5 AUST. DIV.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(*Adapted*)

A.A. OPS ROOM MILNE BAY
AUTHORITY L.H.Q. SM19413 (Unit) 8 MAY 1943 (Date.)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail. S/LIGHTS TYPE B GUN OPS ROOM.	Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.O's. Class I.	G.O.R.	G.O.R.	
W.O's. Class II. 2	A.I.F.		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			SEARCHLIGHT PERSONNEL NOT AT PRESENT REQUIRED.
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants 3 1	1		
Corporals 3	3		
Troopers, Privates, &c. 15 32	34	2	
TOTALS 20 36	38	* 2	*

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
VX 63021	GNR.	CLARKE P.D.	R.A.A.	WAS ON HOME LEAVE BELIEVED NOW IN BROADMEADOWS HOSPITAL.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED								REMARKS.
	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders				1	2	1												
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen, Technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Cooks 2																		
INSTRUMENT OPERATORS HEIGHT COMPUTERS — 6																		S/LIGHT PERSONNEL NOT AT PRESENT REQUIRED -
INSTRUMENT OPERATORS PLOTTERS 6															1			W.O II 2
SGT. 1										SPECIALIST NOT								CPLS. 3
BDRS. 3										REQUIRED. WILL BE								SPRS. 15
GNRS. 18										CLASSIFIED FROM								20.
										EXISTING STRENGTH.								
General Duty Personnel																		
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A) 36																		

A.A. OPS ROOM MILNE BAY
Unit.

Gordon D. Dunay
Signature of Commander. Lieut

Date of Despatch 8 MAY '43

R.A.A. 5 AUST. DIV.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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Unit H.Q. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY Date and Time.—From 1 JUN 43 To 30 JUN 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			COVERING SHEET FOR WAR DIARY	
MILNE BAY	JUN 43		HEREWITH ORIGINAL OF WAR DIARY FOR JUN 43	
			Ian R Hansen .....: LIEUT	
			I.O. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.	
			A.G. Margetts .....LT.COL.	
			A.G. MARGETTS	
			A.A. GROUP COMMANDER MILNE BAY.	

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Unit H.Q. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY Date and Time.—From 1 JUN 43 To 8 JUN 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Iaformation	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	1 JUN 43		THE C.R.A. BRIG. MORIARTY, LT-COL MARGETTS, MAJOR STAUGHTON AND MAJOR GILCHRIST, CHIEF INSTRUCTOR, SCHOOL OF RADIO PHYSICS SYDNEY, VISITED KANA KOPA.	
	2 JUN 43		MAJOR GILCHRIST GAVE A LECTURE ON R.D.F. A.A. TO GROUP OFFICERS. ~~LT-COL MULANEY, 743 C.A. A.A. BN. CALLED TO DISCUSS MATTERS~~ WITH LT-COL MARGETTS.	Appendix 1%
		2000	GUN SITES TAKE POST. F/S RED WARNING. GUN SITES ORDERED NOT TO ENGAGE AS AIRCRAFT WAS BELIEVED TO BE CATALINA. IT CAME IN FROM ~~BG. 145 AT 5000FT AND CONTINUED NORTH AT SPEED 120 MPH.~~	
		2008	ALL CLEAR. STAND DOWN.	
	3 JUN 43		MAJOR GILCHRIST LEFT BY PLANE FOR PORT MORESBY. LIEUT THORBURN 33 AUST HY. A.A. BTY. RESUMED DUTY ON RETURNING FROM LEAVE ON THE MAINLAND.	
	5 JUN 43		9 BTY., 2/3 AUST LT. A.A. REGT. CARRIED OUT A PRACTICE TANK-ATTACK SHOOT. ~~MAJOR SMITH RETURNED BY PLANE FROM PORT MORESBY.~~	
	~~6 JUN 43~~		~~9 BTY., 2/3 AUST LT. A.A. REGT. CONCLUDED THE PRACTICE TANK-ATTACK SHOOT.~~	
	7 JUN 43		235 AUST LT. A.A. BTY. COMMENCED A PRACTICE TANK-ATTACK SHOOT.	
	8 JUN 43		~~LT. C.C.S. MITCHELL AND LT. H.J.L. CRAWFORD OF 6 BTY., 2/2 AUST HY. A.A. REGT. RETURNED FROM LEAVE ON THE MAINLAND AND RESUMED DUTIES AS SITE COMMANDERS OF M2 AND M6 RESPECTIVELY.~~ 235 AUST LT. A.A. BTY. CONCLUDED THEIR PRACTICE TANK ATTACK SHOOT.	

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Unit H.Q. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY Date and Time.—From 9 JUN 43 To 13 JUN 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	9 JUN 43		A LECTURE WAS GIVEN TO A.A. OFFICERS BY MAJOR JONES, B.M. 4 AUST INF BDE., HIS SUBJECT BEING - THE ORGANIZATION OF A DIVISION, A BRIGADE GROUP AND A BATTALION GROUP. THE PREDICTOR AT M4 WAS FITTED WITH A HEIGHT COMPUTOR MK.1. LT-COL ROBINSON, C.O. S/LS, NEW GUINEA, ARRIVED BY PLANE FROM PORT MORESBY TO DISCUSS S/L MATTERS IN RELATION TO THIS AREA.	
		1018	TELEPHONIST STAND BY. M5 REPORT POSSIBLE DINAH FLYING EAST VERY HIGH.	
		1030	ALL CLEAR. STAND DOWN.	
	11 JUN 43		LT. BATTEN RETURNED BY AIR FROM THE MAINLAND AFTER ATTENDING A SCHOOL ON TACTICAL CONTROL, AND RESUMED DUTY AT A.A. OPS. ROOM. LT-COL ROBINSON RETURNED BY PLANE TO PORT MORESBY.	
		0445	TELEPHONIST STAND BY.- R.D.F. INDICATION BG.39, RANGE 21 MILES COMING IN.	
		0453	GUN SITES TAKE POSTS.- ALTHOUGH 37 RADIO THOUGHT THAT A FAINT I.F.F. INDICATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED. GUNS WERE AGAIN INSTRUCTED NOT TO ENGAGE. PLANE PASSED OVER AREA AND WENT OUT TO THE SOUTH.	
		0510	ALL CLEAR. STAND DOWN.	
		1106	TELEPHONIST STAND BY.- RDF BG.215 RANGE 24 MILES.	
		1113	ALL CLEAR. TELEPHONISTS STAND DOWN.	
	12 JUN 43		CAPT. DAVIDSON LEFT BY PLANE TO TAKE UP HIS NEW DUTIES AS S.O.2 A.A. AT PORT MORESBY.	
	13 JUN 43	0939	TELEPHONISTS STAND BY. RDF INDICATION BG. 280 RANGE 35 MILES.	
		0944	GUN SITE TAKE POST WHEN M5 REPORT DINAH. A.A. ENGAGED WITHOUT RESULTS.	

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Unit H.Q. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY Date and Time.—From 13 JUN 43 0956 To 16 JUN 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	13 JUN 43	0956	ALL CLEAR. STAND DOWN.	
		1025	TELEPHONISTS STAND BY.- M2 REPORTED SOUND OF A/C VERY HIGH.	
		1034	TELEPHONISTS STAND DOWN. IDENTIFIED P.39s.	
		1921	TELEPHONISTS STAND BY.- PLOTS COMING FROM NORTH.	
		2025	TELEPHONISTS STAND DOWN. APPEARED TO BE GOING TO PORT MORESBY.	
		2156	TELEPHONISTS STAND BY.- RDF INDICATION BG.300 RANGE 36 MILES.	
		2156	GUN SITES TAKE POST. RDF BG.334 RANGE 26 MILES.	
		2218	ALL CLEAR. STAND DOWN. POSSIBLY ENEMY A/C RETURNING FROM P.M.	
	14 JUN 43	2300	TELEPHONISTS STAND BY.- RDF INDICATION.	
		2319	GUN SITES TAKE POST.- ON RED WARNING FROM FIGHTER SECTOR 2 FIGHTERS WERE AIRBORNE BUT NOTHING EVENTUATED.	
		2332	ALL CLEAR. STAND DOWN.	
	15 JUN 43		CAPT WHITE ARRIVED FROM 5 BTY., 2/2 AUST HY. A.A. REGT. AND TOOK OVER COMMAND OF 33 AUST HY. A.A. BTY.	
			CONSEQUENT UPON THE RAISING OF 78 A.A. S/L BTY. TO TYPE A STATIS, THE FOLLOWING POSTINGS TOOK EFFECT.	
			O.C. 78 A.A. S/L BTY. MAJOR R.J. THOMPSON AS FROM 15 JUN.	
			S.C.O. 78 A.A. S/L BTY. LIEUT C.J. SHAW AS FROM 15 JUN.	
			TP. COMD. 78 A.A. S/L BTY. LIEUT R.A. VENN AS FROM 20 JUN.	
			TP. COMD. 78 A.A. S/L BTY. LIEUT J.W. BULLOCK AS FROM 20 JUN.	
			LIEUT REID - DET 67 BTY.- TO RETURN TO PORT MORESBY PREPARATORY TO RETURNING TO THE MAINLAND.	
	16 JUN 43		A LECTURE TO A.A. GROUP OFFICERS WAS GIVEN BY MAJOR HANSEN, 2 I/C 14 AUST FD. REGT. ON - THE ORGANIZATION OF A FD. ARTY. REGT. AND ITS TASKS.	

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Unit H.Q. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY Date and Time.—From 17 JUN 43 To 21 JUN 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	17 JUN 43		B TROOP 2/17 AUST LT. A.A. BTY. ARRIVED AT THE TRANSIT CAMP FROM GOODENOUGH ISLAND TO AWAIT FURTHER MOVEMENT.	
		1024	GUN SITES TAKE POSTS - WHEN M2 REPORTED DINAH OVERHEAD. TARGET DID NOT COME WITHIN RANGE.	
		1058	ALL CLEAR. STAND DOWN.	
		2120	GUN SITES TAKE POSTS. FIGHTER SECTOR ISSUED RED WARNING WHEN PLOTS WERE 90 MILES OUT ON BG. 315.	
		2151	ALL CLEAR. STAND DOWN. NOTHING EVENTUATED.	
	18 JUN 43		CAPT YUNCKEN AND 2 O.RS. LEFT BY PLANE TO ATTEND LHQ SCH OF ARTY. AA WING, HY. A.A. GUNNERY COURSE FOR OFFICERS, W.OS. AND N.C.OS. NO. 32 AT RANDWICK, N.S.W.	
		2155	TELEPHONISTS STAND BY.- RDF INDICATION BG.207 RANGE 20 MILES.	
		2158	GUN SITES TAKE POSTS. SITES WERE ORDERED NOT TO ENGAGE AS TARGET COMING IN FROM SOUTH WAS BELIEVED TO BE A CATALINA.	
		2203	ALL CLEAR. STAND DOWN.	
	19 JUN 43		LT-COL MARGETTS LEFT BY PLANE FOR GOODENOUGH ISLAND. LT. HASSETT, N.Z. A.A. S.O. ARRIVED BY PLANE ON A VISIT TO THE AREA.	
	20 JUN 43		LT-COL MARGETTS RETURNED FROM GOODENOUGH ISLAND AFTER DISCUSSING MATTERS WITH LT-COL ERICKSON.	
			LIEUT. R.A. VENN AND LIEUT. BULLOCK TAKEN ON STRENGTH 78 AUST A.A. S/L BTY.	
	21 JUN 43		THE BOFORS ON THE WATERFRONT AND TURNBULL AIRFIELD CARRIED OUT FIRING PRACTICE. EIGHT ROUNDS PER GUN.	

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Unit H.Q. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY Date and Time.—From 21 JUN 43 To 29 JUN 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	~~XXXX~~ 21 JUN 43	0902	TELEPHONISTS STAND BY. RDF INDICATION BG.112 RANGE 36 MILES.	
		0907	ALL CLEAR. STAND DOWN. ~~IDENTIFIED AS A SPITFIRE.~~	
	23 JUN 43		LT. J.H. REID - DET 67 AUST A.A. S/L BTY.- AND LT. HASSETT LEFT BY PLANE FOR PORT MORESBY. LT. PRATLEY ALSO OF 78 AUST A.A. S/L BTY. LEFT FOR PORT MORESBY TO JOIN 73 AUST A.A. S/L BTY.	
	24 JUN 43		CAPT RICHARDS, 743 C.A. A.A. BN. VISITED A.A. OPERATIONS ROOM ~~TO STUDY TACTICAL CONTROL METHODS FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS.~~	
	25 JUN 43		CAPT RICHARDS RETURNED TO HIS UNIT.	
		1030	TELEPHONISTS STAND BY. INDICATION BG.100 RANGE 30 MILES.	
		1033	ALL CLEAR. STAND DOWN. IDENTIFIED AS FRIENDLY.	
	~~26 JUN 43~~		~~THE C.R.A. BRIG. MORIARTY VISITED LT-COL MARGETTS.~~ LIEUT. CARSON LEFT BY PLANE FOR PORT MORESBY.	
		1032	TELEPHONISTS STAND BY. FIGHTER SECTOR ADVISE POSSIBLE DINAH OVERHEAD.	
		1050	ALL CLEAR. STAND DOWN.	
	27 JUN 43		CAPT ROSE ARRIVED BY PLANE FROM 5 BTY., 2/2 AUST HY. A.A. REGT. AND TOOK COMMAND OF 6 BTY., 2/2 AUST HY. A.A. REGT.	
	29 JUN 43		NO.1 GUN AT M2 WHICH HAD BEEN CONDEMNED, IS NOW REPLACED BY A STATIC 3.7-IN WHICH WAS PROOFED TO-DAY AND REPORTED READY FOR ACTION AS FROM 0930K.	
		0934	TELEPHONISTS STAND BY. RDF INDICATION BG.90 RANGE 15 MILES. FIGHTER SECTOR ADVISE OUR FIGHTERS AT 28000FT OVER BASE. NOTHING EVENTUATED.	
		0942	ALL CLEAR. STAND DOWN.	

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Unit H.Q. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY *Date and Time.—From* 30 JUN 43 *To* 30 JUN 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	30 JUN 43		~~A CALIBRATION SHOOT ARRANGED FOR M2, ~~M5~~ AND M6 WAS COMMENCED BUT~~ OWING TO A LOW CEILING DEVELOPING, IT HAD TO BE POSTPONED.	
		2207	GUN SITES TAKE POSTS.- WHEN FIGHTER SECTOR ISSUED RED WARNING. RDF PLOTS ON BG. 50 RANGE 28 MILES NOT SHOWING I.F.F. PLOTS	
		2216	WENT OUT BG.290 THEN SHOWED I.F.F. ALL CLEAR. STAND DOWN.	

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1. A.A. Group Routine Orders Nos. 111-116.
2. Field Returns - week ending 5 June.
3. A.A. Group Routine Orders Nos. 117-121.
4. A.A. Operations Instruction No. 7 - Use of 207 Fuze.
5. A.A. Group Training Instruction No. 7 - Barrage Practice.
6. Field Returns - week ending 12 June.
7. A.A. Group Routine Orders Nos. 122-134.
8. Field Returns - week ending 19 June.
9. A.A. Group Routine Orders Nos. 135-139.

9a. Training.

10. Field Returns - week ending 26 June.
11. Intelligence Summary No. 24.
12. Anti-Aircraft Defences Milne Bay.- Comments and Reccommendations.

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Appendix 1

NOT TO BE PUBLISHED - AMR & O 1588B

SERIAL 20/45.
NOS. 111-116.

A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.
ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

LT. COL. A. G. MANGETTS.
COMMANDING A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.

H.Q.
A.A. GROUP,
MILNE BAY.

3 June 45.

111. NATIVE LABOUR OVERSEERS - 5 AUST DIV R.O. 669.

1. An acute shortage of Native Labour Overseers exists in New Guinea. It is estimated that present staff are 400 short of requirements.

2. Nominations are therefore required for appointment as Native Labour Overseers. Personnel selected must be fit class "A" and of suitable type for work of this nature. They will be detached for duty with ANGAU and placed on the X list of Units. As soon as possible after commencing duty as overseers the men will be taken on strength of ANGAU and promoted to the rank of Acting Corporal with possible future promotion to higher grades dependant on ability. Unsuitable personnel will be returned to Units.

3. As this matter is fast assuming an urgent degree of operational necessity, all commanders will give it their personal attention. Nominal rolls of selected personnel will be forwarded to reach this HQ by 6 Jun 45.

112. UNAUTHORISED POSSESSION AND INTERFERENCE WITH AMMUNITION OR EXPLOSIVES OF ALL KINDS - 5 AUST DIV R.O. 671.

1. All ranks are forbidden to have in their possession any ammunition or explosive of any type other than that which they are issued or are handling in the course of their duty.

2. All ranks finding any ammunition or explosives of any type must forthwith hand same to unit "X" Store for transmission to the appropriate quarters.

3. All ranks are strictly forbidden from attempting to break down, dismantle or in any way interfere with ammunition or explosives of any kind except on the orders of a responsible officer or NCO in the course of normal duty.

4. All ranks are to be warned that the greatest care is to be exercised in the handling of ammunition and explosives and that in the event of any member receiving injuries as a result of his breach of this order, he will not be entitled to any compensation.

5. This order will be republished in Unit Routine Orders.

113. RETURN OF PERSONNEL NOT BLOOD GROUPED - 5 AUST DIV R.O. 674.

1. A return is required of all personnel who have not been blood grouped or whose blood group is not recorded.

2. Returns will be submitted to this HQ by 7 Jun 45.

3. Nil returns are required.

114. VX 88807 Lieut Lucas A.L. has been appointed under C.R.O. 3.502 Part II. Section 1 to enquire into the circumstances and report on the loss of equipment by the under mentioned gunners

NX 97555 Gnr. Wilson H.
NX 114914 Gnr. Parkinson J.E.
NX 106178 Gnr. Beckenber J.

This inquiry will be instituted immediately.

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115. PERSONNEL WITH MARINE EXPERIENCE - 5 AUST DIV R.O. A.218.

1. Personnel with seafaring or Marine experience are urgently required for the operation and maintenance of small craft.

2. Action will be taken by units to obtain particulars of all such personnel.

3. Returns to reach this HQ by 9 Jun 43.

116. TRADESMEN PRINT-LITHO - 5 AUST DIV R.O. A.221.

1. Applications are called for from personnel who have had experience in civil life in the following occupations:-

Printers, down
Litho draftsmen
Plate retouchers
Machine Minders
Litho Offset Printers
Trovers

for employment with Aust Svy Corps as

Helio Operators,
Lith graphers
draftsmen
machine minders
provers.

2. Applications giving full information and experience should be in writing and addressed to A.D. Svy, HQ NEW GUINEA FORCE.

3. To be published in unit Routine Orders in NEW GUINEA.

4. These returns will be submitted to reach this HQ by 9 Jun 43.

Ian R Carson ..... Lieut.
I.R. Carson.
ADJUTANT A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.

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Appendix !!

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MILNE BAY ANTI AIRCRAFT GROUP INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 24.

PERIOD 1 - 30 JUNE '43.

Covering activities of Anti-Aircraft Defences in MILNE BAY area.

1. FORCES AT OUR DISPOSAL.

(a) GOODENOUGH.

"B" Troop 2/17 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty have moved from GOODENOUGH ISLAND.

American A.A. Units under Command Lt. Col. Erickson at GOODENOUGH ISLAND are as follows:-

"A" and "B" Batteries of 104 CA. A.A. Bn, each with 8 / 40 mm Guns and 8/.50 cal M.Gs.

"A" Battery of 743 CA A.A. Bn with 4/90 mm guns and 4/.50 cal M.GS and one platoon of "A" Bty. 236 A.A.A. S/L Bn with 5 / 60" A.A. S/Ls and S.C.R.

(b) MILNE BAY.

The R.D.F. A.A. set G2 was again put into action during this period.

The Predictor at M4 has been fitted with a Height Computor Mk.I.

The Static 3.7" Gun that was being installed in place of the condemned No.1 Gun at M2 is in action.

2. DISPOSITION OF FORCES.

Apart from the movement of "B" Troop, 2/17 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty., and the arrival of the American Forces at GOODENOUGH ISLAND the disposition of forces remains as at 31 May '43.

3. ALERTS.

2 Jun Gun Sites take post 2000 - 2008

When Red Warning issued by Fighter Sector. At 1957 hrs a plane was heard on Bearing 145°. Gun Sites were ordered not to engage for the aircraft was believed to be a Catalina going out on recce. The plane passed across the area at a height of 5000ft. and a speed of 120 miles per hour, and continued on North.

11 Jun Gun Sites Take Post - 0455-0510.

R.D.F. plot on Bearing 39° range 21 miles was unidentified 37 Radio thought that a faint I.F.F. indication had been received. Again guns were instructed not to shoot, and the plane passed over the area and on South.

13 Jun Gun Sites Take Post.- 0944-0956.

A 37 Radio plot on Bearing 280° range 35 miles was identified by M5 as a "Dinah" as it came in. A.A. engaged without result.

Gun Sites Take Post - 2156-2218.

F/S issued a Red Warning when 37 Radio passed an indication on 334° range 26 miles. The target did not come any closer, but continued NE and is

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ALERTS (cont)

believed to have been E/A returning from a raid on Port Moresby.

14 Jun Gun Sites Take Post - 2319-2332.

Red Warning from F/S. Fighters were airborne owing to earlier plots but nothing eventuated until one fighter became lost in cloud and came in from NE.

17 Jun Gun Sites Take Post - 1024-1058.

When M2 reported "Minah" overhead; but the target did not come within range.

Gun sites Take Post - 2120-2151.

F/S issued a Red Warning when plots were 90 miles out on bg.315°. Nothing eventuated.

18 Jun Gun Sites Take Post - 2158-2203.

Sites were ordered not to engage as target coming in from S was believed to be a Catalina. The plane's course remained 15 miles South of the base.

30 Jun Gun Sites Take Post - 2207-2216.

F/S issued a Red Warning when RDF plots on bg. 50° range 28 miles showed no I.F.F. Plots went out on a bg of 290° and showed I.F.F. going out.

4. ACTIONS.

The only raid in the area for the period occurred at GOODENOUGH Is. at 2215K/13/6 when one or two planes approached from the NE at a height of about 17000ft. and dropped 3 HE and 2 or 3 incendiary bombs resulting in two casualties but no damage. A.A. defences did not engage and the All Clear was given at 0010K/14.

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

Signal work for this period has been confined to repair and maintenance of lines, the building of feeders from the various gun and S/L sites to the terminal strips in the UG cable, and the installation of a s'board at M35. The terminal strips for M5 - G5 lines have now been moved from a position 1½ miles from M3 to the vicinity of the site. Feeder lines previously built have now been reclaimed.

With 104 moving out of the area and the changing of Bofors gun positions on TURNBULL DROME, it was found necessary to install a UG 10 line s'board at M35. Several new gun lines also had to be built.

The UG cable scheme is nearing completion and should be in operation shortly. Frames in the switchboard pit at the new GOR have been wired up and only the installation of the boards remains to be done to complete the wiring.

Wireless communication has been maintained between B.O.R. and No. 2 S/L and between F/S and GOR. Experimental tests have been made to contact American A.A. at AHIOMA.

6. GENERAL.

9 Bty., 2/3 Aust Lt. AA. Regt. and 255 Aust Lt. AA Bty carried out a practice Tank Attack shoot during this period. The Bofors on the waterfront

6. GENERAL - cont.

and TURNBULL DROME also carried out firing practice.

A calibration shoot arranged for M2, M5 and M6 was commenced 30 Jun, but owing to a low ceiling developing it had to be postponed.

7. WEATHER.

Although wet and cloudy after full moon no advantage was taken by the enemy of the clear nights prior to the moon becoming full.

8. Ack.

Walter Rule Lieut.
I.O. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.

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VI/130/1 A.I.F.....
W.E. Reference
A.M.F.....
W.E. 7 X 15

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

5 JUN 43

Date.....

H.Q. 1 A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY

Attached 1 AAGC .....*Unit*
Allowed by W.E.....X.....

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1 Ranks and W.E.		2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*				
*				
Lieut.-Colonels	1	1		
Majors	1	1		
Captains	1	1		2
Lieutenants	3	1		
2nd Lieutenants	1	1		
Quartermasters	1			
Totals	7	5		2

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

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PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
MJR T/LTCOL	VX 47987	MARGETTS A.G.	C.O.	YES	
CAPT T/MJR.	VX 26057	SMITH R.R.	2 I/C	YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT.	VX 32155	DAVIDSON F.H.	ADJUTANT	YES	
LIEUT	VX 22414	PENNINGTON J.C.	FCI	YES	
LIEUT	VX 29323	RULE G.C.	Q.M.	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)

H.Q. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.
(Unit)

Ian R Carson Lieut FOR LT.COL.
(Signature of Commander)

5 JUN 43
(Date of Despatch)

R.A.A. 5 AUST DIV
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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PLUS ATTACHED
1 AMOC

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS. (*Adapted*)

H.Q. A.A. GROUP NTLND B/Y. 5 JUN 43
.....(Unit) .....19..... (Date.)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.O's. Class I. 1	1		1
W.O's. Class II. 1			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			1
Serjeants 3	2		
Corporals 1	1		
Troopers, Privates, &c. 10	11	1	
16 TOTALS	15	* 1	* 2

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
		AIF	
		1 [illegible]	[illegible] SERVICE H.Q. NGF

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

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

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	WE	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT: W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL	REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED: W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL	REMARKS.
Bricklayers																			
Butchers																			
Carpenters and Joiners																			
Clerks	2																		
												1							
Despatch Riders																			
Draughtsmen (topo)																			
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																			
Electricians																			
Farriers																			
Fitters																			
Masons																			
Painters and Decorators																			
Plumbers and Gasfitters																			
Saddlers and Harness Makers																			
Signallers																			
Storemen, Technical																			
Vickers Machine Gunners																			
Cooks	1																		
W.O.1	1																		
W.O.II	1											1						1	ARMOURER CLERK
SGTS.	3													1				1	TAILOR
BDRS	1																		
GNRS	7							1		1									
CPL AAOC ATTACHED SHOEMAKER	1														1			1	ATTACHED
General Duty Personnel																			
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)	17							1		1		1		1	1			3	INCL ATTACHED

H.Q. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY
Unit.

Ian R Carson Lieut 1
FOR LT COL
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 5 JUN 43

R.A.A. 5 AUST DIV
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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W.E. Reference

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Date 5 JUNE '43.

Attached
Allowed by W.E. X

A.A. ORS ROOM MINE BAY unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1 Ranks and W.E.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)	
	TYPE B GUN OPS ROOM			
* S/LIGHTS				
*	G.O.R			
*	S/LIGHTS. A.A.F			
Lieut.-Colonels . .			S/LIGHT	
Majors			PERSONNEL	
Captains			NOT AT PRESENT	
Lieutenants . .	1 3 2		REQUIRED.	1
2nd Lieutenants .				(NOT REQUIRED)
Quartermasters . .				
Totals . .	1 3 2		—	1

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

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PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
LIEUT.	VX 18112	MURRAY G.D	G.C.O	YES	
A/LIEUT.	VX 18507	LUCAS A.L.R.	G.C.O	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)

A.A. OPS ROOM MILNE BAY
(Unit)

Gordon Murray Lieut
(Signature of Commander)

5 JUNE '43.
(Date of Despatch)

R.A.A. 5 AUST. DIV.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(*Adapted*)

AA. OPS ROOM MILNE BAY (Unit) 5 JUNE 1943 (Date.)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail. S/LIGHTS TYPE "B" GUN OPS ROOM.	Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.O's. Class I.	FOR	FOR	
W.O's. Class II. 2	A.I.F.		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			SEARCHLIGHT PERSONNEL NOT AT PRESENT REQUIRED
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants 1	1		
Corporals 3 3	3		
Troopers, Privates, &c. 15 32	34	2	
TOTALS 20 36	38	* 2	*

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
VX 63021	GNR.	CLARKE P.D	R.A.A.	WAS ON HOME LEAVE — BELIEVED NOW IN BROADMEADOWS HOSPITAL.

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Appendix 2.

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A.A. OPS ROOM MILNE BAY Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT: W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL	REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED: W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL	REMARKS.
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers			1	2	1													
Fitters																		
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		S/LIGHT PERSONNEL
Storemen, Technical																		NOT AT PRESENT
Vickers Machine Gunners																		REQUIRED.
Cooks 2			HEIGHTTAKER	PREDICTOR NOS.	GUNLAYER													
																		WO II 2
INSTRUMENT OPERATORS																		BDRS. 3
HEIGHT COMPUTERS 6																		GNRS. 15
INSTRUMENT OPERATORS																		20
PLOTTERS 6															1			
SGT 1																		
BDRS 3																		
GNRS 18							2											
General Duty Personnel															SPECIALIST NOT REQUIRED WILL BE CLASSIFIED	FROM EXISTING STRENGTH		
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A) 36									2									

A.A. OPS ROOM MILNE BAY
Unit.

Gordon D'Kennard Lieut
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 5 JUNE '43.

R.A.A. 5 AUST. DIV.
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Appendix 3

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A.A. GROUP,
MILNE BAY.

8 June 43.

A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY
ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

LT. COL. A. G. MARGETTS.
COMMANDING A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.

117. LEAVE NOMINAL ROLLS - UNITS RETURNING TO MAINLAND - 5 AUST DIV R.O. 681.

1. In all future cases where Units, after serving in NEW GUINEA, are being returned to the Mainland from MILNE BAY direct, leave nominal rolls will be prepared in addition to the normal documents required for such movements. These rolls will be subdivided into States in which leave is to be taken and will contain the following particulars -

(a) Army Number
(b) Rank
(c) Name
(d) Unit
(e) Address while on leave
(f) Leave entitlements under provisions of GRO A559/42 para (5)
(g) Last known location of member's kit
(h) Posting of member in his unit.

2. Where units are being returned to Q'ld L of C Area, two copies of such rolls will be forwarded to Headquarters First Aust Army and a similar number to Headquarters Q'ld L of C Area.

3. In cases where units are being returned to the Mainland, and will come under command SECOND AUST ARMY, four copies of such rolls will be forwarded to the Headquarters of that Formation.

4. Nominal Rolls will be forwarded through these H.Q's.

118. PERSONNEL FOR AERATED WATER FACTORY - 5 AUST DIV R.O. 684.

1. Reference NGF Order A.226. Returns will be submitted to reach this H.Q. by 12 June 43.

119. SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE - 5 AUST DIV R.O. 685.

1. Attention is directed to NEW GUINEA Force Orders Nos 261/42, A.158/43 and A 229 of 31 May 43 and Administration Instruction No. 94.

2. Personnel granted leave in terms of the above will be paid subsistence allowance within their unit before marching out to 1 AUST CORPS RECEPTION CAMP.

3. The amount of Subsistence Allowance paid will be governed by the number of days leave granted by NEW GUINEA Force, notice of which will be received by Units before personnel are marched out to 1 AUST CORPS RECEPTION CAMP. If further leave is granted in AUSTRALIA, thus entitling a member to additional Subsistence Allowance, such allowance will be paid to the member on return to his unit in NEW GUINEA.

4. Subsistence Allowance will not be paid in AUSTRALIA to member who are granted leave from NEW GUINEA. If circumstances arise preventing a member from receiving the allowance prior to proceeding on leave, the amount due will not be paid until return to the Unit in NEW GUINEA.

5. Subsistence Allowance will not be paid to 1 AUST CORPS RECEPTION CAMP, except to members of that Unit.

6. To be published in Unit Routine Orders in NEW GUINEA.

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120. OVERLOADING DIV SWITCHBOARD - 5 AUST DIV R.O. 686.

1. It has been noticed that excessive overloading of the Divisional Switchboard is being experienced due to individuals as well as Units ringing Amenities to enquire of the whereabouts of the screening of pictures.

2. Information of this nature should be promulgated by Unit H.Q. and thus eliminate unnecessary calls on the Divisional Board.

3. It is pointed out that the Telephone Communications supplied by Signals are for operational and Administrative requirements of the Divisional H.Q. and the H.Q. of subordinate Units and NOT for the convenience of private individuals.

(To be republished in all Units Routine Orders)

121. EVACUATION OF PATIENTS -(M) 5 AUST DIV R.O. 691.

1. Considerable confusion still exists in the requisitioning of amb tpt for evacuation of patients from airfields and wharves. These irregular calls only lead to delays and misunderstandings and they continue to be made in spite of numerous requests to the personnel concerned.

2. The following system is promulgated:

No 1 Strip - Call ADS HAGITA (via Hagita Bde Switch)
No 3 Strip - Call ADS GILI GILI (via Sig Centre Switch)
GABA GABUNA WHARF - Call ADS HAGITA (via Hagita Bde Switch)
ALL OTHER WHARVES - Call ADS GILI GILI (via Sig Centre Switch).

3. When an ambulance is called other transport should not be used just because the amb ambulance waggon does not appear within a few minutes. In future, such action will be considered as a false call and the responsible person will be reported for disciplinary action.

4. To be repeated in all unit Routine Orders.

I.R. Carson Lieut.
I.R. Carson.
ADJUTANT A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.

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A.A. GROUP
MILNE BAY.

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A.A. OPERATIONS INSTRUCTION NO. 7.

USE OF FUZE 207.

A.A.D.C.
6 BTY., 2/2 AUST HY. A.A. REGT.
33 AUST HY. A.A. BTY.
A.A. OPS. ROOM.
WAR DIARY -2-
FILE -3-

1. THE FOLLOWING METHODS WILL BE USED IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF FUZE 207. ALL PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS ARE CANCELLED.

2. SITES WITH HEIGHT COMPUTOR. A. APPROACHING TARGETS. PREDICTED BARRAGE WILL BE USED FROM TARGET PICK UP TO THE FOLLOWING RANGES CORRESPONDING TO RESPECTIVE HEIGHTS.
FOR ALL HEIGHTS UP TO 17,500-FT. THE LAST PREDICTED BARRAGE WILL BE FIRED AT 12,000-YDS.
FOR HEIGHTS 18,000- TO 24,000-FT. THE LAST PREDICTED BARRAGE WILL BE FIRED AT 10,000-YDS.
FOR HEIGHTS 24,500 TO 28,000-FT. THE LAST PREDICTED BARRAGE WILL BE FIRED AT 8,000-YDS.
FOR HEIGHTS 28,500 TO 30,000-FT. THE LAST PREDICTED BARRAGE WILL BE FIRED AT 6,000-YDS.
FOR HEIGHTS 30,500 TO 32,000-FT. THE LAST PREDICTED BARRAGE WILL BE FIRED AT 4,000-YDS.
ABOVE 32,000-FT. PREDICTED BARRAGE ONLY.

TARGETS AT CLOSER RANGES THAN INDICATED ABOVE WILL BE ENGAGED BY HEIGHT CONTROL, UNLESS, WITH UNSEEN TARGETS, THE GPO CONSIDERS THE INFORMATION HE IS GETTING FROM RDF AA IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY ACCURATE TO JUSTIFY THE USE OF SUCH INFORMATION FOR HEIGHT CONTROL.

B. RECEDING TARGETS. IF HEIGHT CONTROL HAS BEEN USED, IMMEDIATELY NO. 4 OF THE PREDICTOR HAS REPORTED "TARGET OUT OF RANGE", THE TCO, WHO HAS BEEN PLOTTING THE TARGET WHILST HEIGHT CONTROL IS FIRED, WILL ORDER BARRAGES TO BE FIRED. BY A KNOWLEDGE OF THE GROUND RANGE OF THE PREDICTOR AT THE VARIOUS HEIGHTS, THE TCO SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE SELECTED THE BARRAGE LINE BEFORE "TARGET OUT OF RANGE" IS REPORTED.

3. SITES WITHOUT HEIGHT COMPUTOR. A. SEEN TARGETS. AS IN PARA 2. B. UNSEEN TARGETS. PREDICTED BARRAGE THROUGHOUT.

4. 30% ROUNDS PER GUN OF FUZE 199 WILL BE RETAINED IN EACH GUN PIT FOR USE AT GUN CONTROL AND VARIOUS GEOGRAPHIC BARRAGES, IN ADDITION TO THE NORMAL AMOUNT OF SHRAPNEL.

5. PENDING THE ARRIVAL OF FUZE 207 DRUMS, CAMS AND MFS PARTS IN THE AREA, THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE WILL BE ADOPTED FOR HEIGHT CONTROL AND PREDICTED BARRAGE.
A. HEIGHT CONTROL. FUZE CURVES CORRESPONDING TO FUZE 207 WILL BE DRAWN ON THE PRESENT H & F DRUMS. NO. 4 OF THE PREDICTOR WILL BREDICT FUZES FOR ALL SALVOES AS AT PRESENT IS DONE FOR THE FIRST. SUCH PREDICTED FUZES WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE GUNS BY VOICE CONTROL, AND THE REQUIRED FUZES WILL BE HAND SET, LOADED, AND FIRED ON THE ORDER FROM NO. 4. SEE DRILL FOR PREDICTOR NO. 1, HEIGHT CONTROL WITHOUT MFS.

B. PREDICTED BARRAGE. BARRAGE INFORMATION IS PLACED ON THE RESPECTIVE PREDICTOR DIALS IN THE NORMAL MANNER, THE FUZE ORDERED BEING RECORDED ON THE H & F DRUM IN TERMS OF FUZE 199. NO. 4 ON EACH GUN THEN READS THE FUZE FROM THE FUZE RECEIVER DIAL AND THE FUZE IS HAND SET.

6. THE DRILL INTRODUCED FOR OBTAINING VISUAL PLOTTING INFORMATION WILL BE CONTINUED WITH THOSE SITES EMPLOYING FUZE 207 ONLY, AND WITH HEIGHT COMPUTOR ATTACHED.

7. PLOTTING BOARDS WILL BE PREPARED WITH BARRAGE CIRCLES EVERY 2,000-YDS OUT TO 14,000-YDS.

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8. FUZE 207 WILL NOT BE FIRED AT SINGLE RECCE TARGETS EXCEPT BY HEIGHT CONTROL UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS.

9. FUZE 207 WILL NOT BE FIRED FROM GUNS WHERE THE MEAN WEAR AT 1-IN. FROM COMMENCEMENT OF RIFLING IS MORE THAN .135-INS. THEREFORE SITES M5 AND M6 WILL CONTINUE TO USE FUZE 199 UNTIL THEIR BARRELS ARE REPLACED.

R.R. Smith

.....MAJOR.
R.R. SMITH.
2 I/C A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

W.E. Reference

A.M.F.

W.E. 3 X 36

Date 12 JUNE '43.

Attached
Allowed by W.E. X

A.A. OPS. ROOM MILNE BAY Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1		2	3	4	
Ranks and W.E. TYPE "B" GUN OPS. ROOM S/LIGHTS		Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)	
*		G.O.R.			
*		S/LIGHTS A.I.F.			
Lieut.-Colonels				S/LIGHT	
Majors				PERSONNEL	
Captains				NOT AT	
Lieutenants	1 3	3		PRESENT	
2nd Lieutenants				REQUIRED	
Quartermasters					(NOT REQUIRED)
Totals	1 3	3		—	

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
LIEUT.	(VX 32166) BATTEN L.H.	R.A.A.	11 JUNE '43.	RETURNED FROM SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY SYDNEY & 24 DAYS CLEAR HOME LEAVE.

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

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PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
LIEUT	VX 18112	MURRAY G.D	G.C.O	YES	
LIEUT	VX 32166	BATTEN L.H	G.C.O.	YES	
A/LIEUT	VX 86507	LUCAS A.L.R.	G.C.O.	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)

AA OPS. ROOM MILNE BAY
(Unit)

[illegible]
(Signature of Commander)

12 JUNE '43.
(Date of Despatch)

R.AA 5 AUST. DIV.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS. (*Adapted*)

R.A.-OPS Room MILNE BAY (Unit) 12 JUNE 1943 (Date.)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail. TYPE 'B' GUN OPS ROOM SLIGHTS	2 Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.O's. Class I.	NOR	NOR	
W.O's. Class II.	A.I.F		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			SEARCHLIGHT PERSONNEL NOT AT PRESENT REQUIRED.
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants 1	1		
Corporals 3 3	3		
Troopers, Privates, &c. 5 32	34	2	
TOTALS 40 36	38 *	2 *	

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
VX63021	GNR	CLARKE C.D	R.A.A.	WAS ON HOME LEAVE — BELIEVED NOW IN BRISBANE HOSPITAL.

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A.A. OPS ROOM MILNE BAY Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT: W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL	REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED: W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL	REMARKS.
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters				1	2	1												
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		S/LIGHT PERSONNEL
Storemen, Technical																		NOT AT PRESENT
Vickers Machine Gunners																		REQUIRED.
Cooks 2				HEIGHTFINDER	PREDICTOR NOS	GUNLAYER												W.O II - 2
																		BDRS - 3
INSTRUMENT OPERATORS																		GNRS - 15
HEIGHT COMPUTERS 6																		20
INSTRUMENT OPERATORS																		
PLOTTERS 6															1			
SGT 1																		
BDRS 3																		
GNRS 18							2											
General Duty Personnel																		
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A) 36									2									

SPECIALIST NOT REQUIRED WILL BE CLASSIFIED FROM EXISTING STRENGTH.

A.A. OPS ROOM MILNE BAY
Unit.

[signature] Lieut
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 12 JUNE '43.

R.A.A. 5 AUST. DIV.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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W.E. 7 x 16

Attached
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Date 12 JUN. 43

HQ AA GROUP MILNE BAY Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1		2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	L.F. W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached) A.I.F.	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*				
*				
Lieut.-Colonels ..	1	1		
Majors	1	1		
Captains	1			1
Lieutenants . ..	3	2		1
2nd Lieutenants .				
(LIEUT) Quartermasters ..	1	1		
Totals . ..	7	5		2.

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
LIEUT VX 58453	CARSON. I.R	R.A.A.	5 JUN 43	SECONDED FROM 9 BTY. 2/3 AUST LT. AA REGT.

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
LIEUT T/CAPT VX 32155	DAVIDSON. F.H	RAA	5 JUN 43	CEASES TO BE SECONDED POSTED TO 6 BTY. 2/2 AUST HY. AA. REGT.

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

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

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PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1 Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	2 Personal Number	3 Name and Initials	4 Appointment	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed
MAJ - T/LT. COL	VX 47987	MARRETT. AG	C.O.	YES	
CAPT - T/MAJ.	VX 26857	SMITH. R.R	2 i/c	"	
LIEUT.	VX 58453	CARSON. I.R	ADJUTANT	"	
"	VX 22414	YENNINGTON. J.C.	F.C.L	"	
"	VX 29323	RULE W.C	Q.M.	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)

HQ HAGROUP MILNE BAY
(Unit)

Ian R Carson Lt FOR Lt. Col.
(Signature of Commander)

13 JUN 43
(Date of Despatch)

KAA 3 HUSI DIV
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS. (*Adapted*)

HQ. AA GROUP MILNE BAY (Unit) 12 JUN 19 43 (Date.)

7 • 16 PLUS ATTACHED. - 1 AAOC.

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	L.E / W.E.	2 Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.O's. Class I.	1	A.I.F. 1		
W.O's. Class II.	1			1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants				
Staff Serjeants				
Serjeants	3	2		1
Corporals	1	1		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	10	11	1	
TOTALS	16	15	* 1	* 2

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail. A.I.F.	Unit and Corps to which they belong. NOT WITHIN S.W.E.
		1 W.O. II	HQ. EDUCATION SERVICE HQ. N.G.F.

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

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

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HG AA GROUP MILNE BAY Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC. W.E.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED								REMARKS.
	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL	
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks 2																
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen, Technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks 1																
W.O.I 1																
W.O.II 1										1					1	ARMOURER CLERK
SGTS. 3												1			1	TAILOR.
BDRS. 1																
GNRS. 7							1	1								
CPL. AAOC. (SHOEMAKER) 1													1		1	ATTACHED.
General Duty Personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A) 17.							1	1		1		1	1		3	INCL 1. ATTACHED.

HG AA GROUP MILNE BAY.
Unit.

Ian R Pearson Lt FOR LT COL.
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 12 JUN. 43.

R.A.A. 5 AUST DIV
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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SERIAL 22/43.
NO. 122- 134

A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.
ROUTINE ORDERS.

BY

LT. COL. A.G. MARQETTA.
COMMANDING A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.

H.Q.
A.A. GROUP
MILNE BAY.

16 JUN 43.

122. ROAD BABI - AHIOMA - PERMIT TO TRAVEL ON.

1. DIV R.O. NO.555 OF 27 MAR 43 IS CANCELLED.

2. NO AUSTRALIAN TROOPS WILL PROCEED EAST OF GAMA RIVER EXCEPT TROOPS OPERATING CASL AT KB MISSION AND THE CRE OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE. THIS AREA IS STRICTLY OUT OF BOUNDS.

3. THE FORWARD BRIGADE WILL POST A SENTRY ON THE KB MISSION ROAD AT GAMA RIVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING AUSTRALIAN TROOPS FROM PROCEEDING BEYOND THE POINT MENTIONED.

4. VEHICLES MAY NOW PROCEED AS FAR AS THE GAMA RIVER WITHOUT OBTAINING A PASS.

TO BE RE-PUBLISHED IN UNIT ROUTINE ORDERS.

123. EVACUATION OF CASUALTIES - BLANKETS GS.

1. THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE WILL BE ADOPTED BY UNITS WHERE PERSONNEL ARE EVACUATED BEYOND RAPS -

-A- BLANKETS WILL BE WITHDRAWN BY THE UNIT AND RETURNED TO RSD WHERE THEY WILL BE WASHED AND TAKEN INTO STOCK.

-B- ON RETURN FROM HOSPITAL OR CONVALESCENT DEPOT, 2 BLANKETS WILL BE ISSUED TO PERSONNEL BY 5 AUST DIV RECEPTION CAMP BEFORE RETURN TO UNIT.

2. 5 AUST DIV RECEPTION CAMP WILL DRAW 500 BLANKETS FROM ORDNANCE.

TO BE RE-PUBLISHED IN UNIT ROUTINE ORDERS.

124. CLOTHING COUPONS - 5 AUST DIV R.O. 700.

1. REF NGF ORDER Q165 AND GRO F422/43.

2. ALL UNITS WILL APPLY TO FIELD CASH OFFICE FOR NECESSARY STATIONERY AND CLOTHING COUPONS BEFORE 25 JUN 43.

125. SHIPS' PERSONNELL IN UNAUTHORISED AREAS. - 5 AUST DIV R.O. 701.

1. IT IS STILL FREQUENTLY NOTICED THAT SEAMEN, SAILORS AND THE LIKE ARE FOUND WANDERING AROUND IN PROHIBITED AREAS, DESPITE THE FACT THAT A CLOSE WATCH IS BEING CONDUCTED BY PROVOST PERSONNEL AND PROMINENT SIGN BOARDS ERECTED AT ALL VANTAGE POINTS PROHIBITING THESE SEAMEN FROM GAINING ACCESS TO AIRFIELDS, GUN EMPLACEMENTS, SEARCHLIGHT BATTERIES ETC. THE MOVEMENT OF THESE MEN TO AND FROM THE WHARVES IS FACILITATED BY THE PRACTICE OF MTDRIVERS IN ALLOWING THEM TO RIDE ON THEIR VEHICLES.

2. ALL MT DRIVERS ARE PROHIBITED FROM CARRYING SEAMEN FROM THE WHARVES OR WHARF AREAS, AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST OFFENDERS.

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126. COMFORTS FUND FURNITURE - 5 AUST DIV R.O. 702.

1. ALL COMFORTS FUND FURNITURE, SUCH AS CHAIRS, TABLES ETC, IS BRANDED 'ACF'.

2. THIS FURNITURE IS PROVIDED FOR USE IN UNIT AND AREA RECREATION HUTS ONLY AND WILL NOT BE USED FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

3. ANY ACF FURNITURE AT PRESENT BEING USED BY UNITS FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN THE ABOVE WILL BE RETURNED IMMEDIATELY TO UNIT RECREATION HUTS OR ACF STORE ROUTE 4 NEAR DIV H.Q.

4. CO'S WILL RENDER A CERTIFICATE TO REACH THIS H.Q. BY 19 JUN 43 CERTIFYING THAT NO ACF FURNITURE IS IN THEIR UNITS POSSESSION EXCEPT THAT ALLOTTED TO AND INSTALLED IN UNIT RECREATION HUTS BY ACF.

127. RECRUIT MEDICAL EXAMINATION - X-RAY OF CHEST - 5 AUST DIV R.O 703.

1. A NOMINAL ROLL OF ALL PERSONNEL WHO HAVE NO X-RAY RECORD ENTERED IN THEIR PAYBOOKS WILL BE REMITTED TO ADMS H.Q. 5 AUST DIV ON OR BEFORE 20 JUN 43.

2. NIL RETURNS WILL BE SUBMITTED WHERE APPLICABLE.

128. PISTOLS, POSSESSION AND LOSS OF - 5 AUST DIV R.O 705.

1. THE FOLLOWING IS REPUBLISHED FROM NEW GUINEA FORCE ORDERS -

1. PISTOLS OF ANY TYPE OR DESCRIPTION SHALL NOT BE SOLD, PURCHASED OR EXCHANGED.

2. ON OR AFTER 15 APR 43 IT WILL BE AN OFFENCE FOR ANY MEMBER OF THE AMF TO HAVE IN HIS POSSESSION OR CUSTODY ANY PISTOL OTHER THAN ONE ISSUED TO HIM BY ARMY AUTHORITY OR WHERE HE HAS THE PERMISSION REFERRED TO IN PARA 3 HEREOF.

3. PERMISSION MAY BE GRANTED BY A FORMATION COMD TO ANY MEMBER TO HAVE IN HIS POSSESSION A PISTOL OTHER THAN ONE ISSUED TO HIM, SUCH PERMISSION TO BE IN WRITING, SIGNED PERSONALLY BY FORMATION COMD.

4. ALL RANKS IN POSSESSION OF PISTOLS NOT ISSUED TO THEM OR NOT PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE LAST PARA WILL FORTHWITH SURRENDER THE SAME TO THE QM OR H.Q. ORDERLY ROOM OF THEIR UNIT.

5. ALL RANKS HAVING PISTOLS IN THEIR POSSESSEION ARE HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE THEREFOR AND WILL IMMEDIATELY REPORT THE LOSS OF SUCH PISTOL.

6. THE LOSS OF A PISTOL IS TO BE REGARDED AS AN OFFENCE FOR WHICH THE OFFENDER IS TO BE TRIED BY COURT-MARTIAL, UNLESS THE FORMATION COMD OTHERWISE DIRECTS. IN ALL CASES OF LOSS OF PISTOLS, THE OFFENDER WILL BE CHARGED AND A SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE, WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE FORMATION COMD, WILL BE TAKEN.

7. NEW GUINEA FORCE ORDER 55/42 IS CANCELLED.

2. WHEN A MEMBER IS CHARGED WITH LOSING BY NEGLECT ANY EQUIPMENT ON ISSUE TO HIM, THE ONUS LIES UPON HIM OF PROVING THAT HE HAS TAKEN ALL REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS.

3. ALL RANKS WILL EXERCISE THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE STANDARD OF CARE BOTH WHEN THE PISTOL IS CARRIED ON THE PERSON, WHICH SHOULD BE DONE WHEN POSSIBLE, AND AT ALL OTHER TIMES. MEMBERS SHOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PROPER SAFE CUSTODY AND /OR GUARDING OF PISTOLS WHEN NOT IN USE.

4. THIS ORDER WILL BE PUBLISHED IN ALL FORMATION AND UNIT ROUTINE ORDERS AT LEAST ONCE PER WEEK FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE WEEKS AND THEREAFTER WILL BE REPEATED ONCE PER MONTH IN ALL SUCH ORDERS.

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129. 44-GAL DRUMS - 5 AUST DIV R.O. 706.

1. UNITS WILL SUBMIT TO THIS H.Q. THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS A RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF SERVICEABLE 44-GAL DRUMS HELD.

2. RETURNS WILL SHOW THE NUMBER OF HEAVY AND LIGHT DRUMS SEPARATELY AND WILL BE RENDERED BY 1800 HRS 18 JUN 43, SHOWING THE POSITION AS AT 1800 HRS 18 JUN.

130. UNSERVICEABLE FRONT WHEEL DRIVE TRUCKS 3-TON 4X4 W.D. - 5 AUST DIVE R.O. 709.

1. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO NG FORCE ORDER Q245 OF 7 JUN 43.

2. UNITS WILL ENSURE THAT RETURN IS SUBMITTED TO ~~ADOS 5 AUST DIV~~ THIS HQ. BY 21 JUN 43.

131. MOTOR CYCLES W.D. TYPE - AIR CLEANERS - 5 AUST DIV R.O. 710.

1. REF NEW GUINEA FORCE ORDER Q247 OF 7 JUN 43.

2. UNITS WILL ENSURE THAT RETURN IS SUBMITTED TO ~~ADOS 5 AUST DIV~~ THIS HQ. ~~NOT~~ NOT LATER THAN 20 JUN 43.

132. MALARIA CONTROL - SUPPRESSIVE ATEBRIN.

1. AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO 5 AUST DIV ADMINISTRATIVE INSTN. NO. 6 OF 7 JUN 43.

2. DELETE PARA 6 OF THE ABOVE INSTRUCTION AND SUBSTITUTE - "ALL TROOPS EXCEPT THOSE AFFECTED VIDE PARAS 3 AND 4 ABOVE WILL TAKE ONE ATEBRIN TABLET -0.1 GRAM- ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY OF EACH WEEK".

3. THE ABOVE WILL COME INTO EFFECT AS FROM THE RECEIPT OF THIS AMENDMENT.

133. GREEN ENVELOPES - RAA 5 AUST DIV R.O. 74.

FLAGRANT ABUSE OF THE PRIVILEGE OF THE GREEN ENVELOPE HAS BEEN PREVALENT. COMDS OF ALL UNITS WILL ENSURE THAT THEIR TROOPS ARE MADE FULLY AWARE THAT BASE CENSOR PLACES A VERY STRICT INTERPRETATION ON THE CERTIFICATE ON THESE ENVELOPES AND THAT THE SLIGHTEST BREACH THEREOF WILL BE SEVERELY DEALT WITH AND MAY CAUSE THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE PRIVILEGE OF THE GREEN ENVELOPE FROM THE WHOLE UNIT.

134. WEARING OF RESPIRATORS. - RAA 5 AUST DIV R.O. 89.

1. CO'S WILL ENSURE THAT ALL RANKS WEAR THEIR RESPIRATORS BETWEEN 0930 HOURS AND 1030 HOURS EVERY WEDNESDAY COMMENCING 23 JUN 43.

Ian R Carson
.....LIEUT.
I.R. CARSON.
A/ADJUTANT A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.

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Appendix 5

H.Q. A.A. GROUP TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO.7.

H.Q.
A.A. Group,
MILNE BAY.

Jun 45.

BARRAGE PRACTICE.

6 Bty., 2/2 Aust Hy. A.A. Regt. (4)
55 Aust Hy. A.A Bty. (5)
A.A. Operations Room. (1)
War Diary (2)
File (1)

1. Barrage Practice will be carried out by all Heavy Sites on a date and time to be fixed .

2. Two practice runs have been complied which will be given to sites by G.O.R. in the normal method.

3. Each site will only fire one barrage on each run of four runs, and will only fire within the bearing limits shown, as follows:-

	1st and 2nd run		3rd and 4th run.	
M 3.	6000 yds	0° and 10°	8000 yds	320° and 330°
M 3.	10000 "	10° " 20°	10000 "	20° " 30°
M 4.	10000 "	305° " 315°	10000 "	320° " 330°
M 5.	6000 "	20° " 30°	8000 "	30° " 40°
M 6.	8000 "	0° " 10°	8000 "	30° " 40°

15 seconds drill time will be allowed.

4. An observer at G.O.R. will note the time of the opening burst of each series, such observer to be arranged by G.O.R.

5. At completion of practice, all sites will advise the bearings on which they fired each barrage to G.O.R.

R.R. Smith. Major.
2 I/C. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.

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A.A. GROUP
MILNE BAY.

22 JUN 43.

A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.
ROUTINE ORDERS.

BY

LT.COL A.G. MARGETTS.
COMMANDING A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.

135. ENGINEERING CADETSHIPS. 5 AUST DIV R.Q. 715.

1. THE PROVISION OF ENGINEERING CADETSHIPS -BOTH CIVIL ENGINEERING AND ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING- FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF CADETS, WHO MAY BE DRAWN EITHER FROM SERVING PERSONNEL OR FROM CIVILIAN SOURCES, IS UNDER CONSIDERATION.

2. ALTHOUGH THE SCHEME HAS NOT YET BEEN FINALLY SETTLED OR APPROVED APPLICATIONS WILL BE INVITED FORTHWITH FOR CADETSHIPS ON THE FOLLOWING BASIS -

-A- CADETS WILL BE SELECTED ONLY FROM CANDIDATES BETWEEN THE AGES OF 17 YEARS AND 20 YEARS, WHO ARE MEDICALLY CLASS A1, WHO ARE OR BECOME MEMBERS OF THE AIF, AND WHO HAVE REACHED LEAVING CERTIFICATE STANDARD IN ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE OR HAVE EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS. PARENTAL CONSENT TO JOIN THE AIF WILL BE REQUIRED IN RESPECT OF ANY CADET WHO IS NOT ALREADY A MEMBER OF THE AIF.

-B- CADETS SELECTED FROM CIVILIAN SOURCES WILL BE ENLISTED IN THE AIF AND ALL CADETS WILL, DURING THEIR CADETSHIPS, REMAIN SERVING SOLDIERS IN THE RANK OF PRIVATE OR SAPPER, WITH PAY AND ALLOWANCES ACCORDINGLY. TEXT BOOKS WILL BE PROVIDED BY CADETS AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE.

-C- ENGINEERING CADETSHIPS WILL COVER A COURSE OF MILITARY TRAINING, COURSES AT APPROVED EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND A FINAL COURSE AT AN OCTU, OVER A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY 3 YEARS. SUCCESSFUL CADETS WILL RECEIVE COMMISSIONS SUBJECT TO VACANCIES EXISTING. PENDING APPOINTMENT TO COMMISSIONED RANK, SUCH CADETS WILL BE ALLOTTED TO RAE OR AEME UNITS IN THE RANKS.

-D- CADETSHIPS AS SUCH WILL TERMINATE ON THE CESSATION OF THE WAR, BUT IT IS HOPED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE COURSES WHICH HAVE BEEN COMMENCED, AS PART OF A REPATRIATION SCHEME OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

-E- CADETS WHO PROVE UNSATISFACTORY OR BECOME MEDICALLY UNFIT OR WHO ARE UNSUCCESSFUL MAY HAVE THEIR CADETSHIPS TERMINATED AND BE RETURNED TO NORMAL ARMY SERVICE.

3. -I- APPLICATIONS WILL BE MADE BE SERVING PERSONNEL TO THEIR C.OS, WHO WILL FORWARD ALL APPLICATIONS DIRECT TO LHQ -E-ON-C-, TO REACH LHQ NOT LATER THAN 5TH. JULY,43. -THIS IS ESSENTIAL TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR SELECTION IN TIME FOR ASSEMBLY OF SELECTED CADETS FOR THE FIRST COURSE EXPECTED TO COMMENCE ON 1ST SEPTEMBER 43.-

-II- C.OS WILL, WITH EACH APPLICANT, FURNISH A REPORT ON THE CANDIDATE AS TO HIS CHARACTER, ABILITY AND SUITABILITY.

-III- COPIES OF APPLICATIONS AND REPORTS WILL BE SENT BY C.OS THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS TO HQ L OF C AREA IN WHICH THE UNIT IS SERVING.

- TO BE REPUBLISHED IN UNIT ROUTINE ORDERS -

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136. LEAKAGE OF MILITARY INFORMATION IN PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CIVIL COURTS. 5 AUST DIV R.O. 716.

1. WHEN 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 AMF, WITHOUT MENTIONING THE NAME OF HIS UNIT.

2. 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.

3. THE DANGER TO SECURITY IN DISCLOSING THE LOCATION OF UNITS CANNOT BE TOO STRONGLY IMPRESSED ON ALL RANKS.

- TO BE REPUBLISHED IN UNIT ROUTINE ORDERS/ -

137. APPOINTMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN ARMY LEGAL CORPS. 5 AUST DIV R.O. 717.

RETURN TO REACH THIS H.Q. BY 1200 HRS. 24 JUN 43.

138. TYPEWRITERS, ADDING MACHINES, DUPLICATORS. 5 AUST DIV R.O. 719.

RETURN TO REACH THIS H.Q. 25 JUN 43.

139. LIBRARY BOOKS.

LIBRARY BOOKS WILL BE RETURNED TO THIS H.Q. FOR RE-DISTRIBUTION ON THE FOLLOWING DATES-

12 JULY 43.
24 JULY 43.
12 AUG 43.
24 AUG 43.

Ian R Carson
.....LIEUT.
IAN R. CARSON.
ADJUTANT A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.

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W.E. X
Attached 1 AAOC
Allowed by W.E. X

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Date 19 JUN 43.

H.Q. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.
Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1	LE / WE	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.		Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*				
*				
Lieut.-Colonels	1	1		
Majors	1	1		
Captains	1			1
Lieutenants	3	2		1
LT 2nd Lieutenants	1	5		
Quartermasters				
Totals	7	5		2

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
LIEUT NX 59208	SMALL J.S.	EDUCATION SERVICE	16 JUN 43	COMMISSION GAZZETTED AS FROM 3 JAN 43. ATTACHED FROM AA EDUCATION SERVICE NGF -WAS ATTACHED AS W.O.11.

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

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PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
MJR. T/LT.COL	VX47987	MARGETTS A.G.	C.O.	YES	
CAPT T/MJR.	VX26057	SMITH K.K.	2 I/C	YES	
LIEUT	VX50457	CARSON I.K.	A/ADJUTANT	YES	
LIEUT	VX22414	PENNINGTON J.C.	A/FCI	YES	
LIEUT	VX29323	RULE W.C.	Q.M.	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)
LIEUT	WX59208	SMALL J.S.	AA EDUCATION SERVICE NGF	29 APR 43.	EDUCATION OFFICER.	NO

H.Q. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY.
(Unit)

Ian R Carson Lieut
FOR LT.COL
(Signature of Commander)

19 JUN 43
(Date of Despatch)

RAA 5 AUST DIV.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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7 + 16 PLUS ATTACHED - 1AAOC.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS. *(Adapted)*

H.Q. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY (Unit) 19 JUN 19 43 (Date.)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.O's. Class I. 1	A.I.F 1		
W.O's. Class II. 1			1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants 3	2		1
Corporals 1	1		
Troopers, Privates, &c. 10	11	1	
TOTALS 16	15	* 1	* 2

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.

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

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

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC. L-E W-E	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED								REMARKS.
	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks 2																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen, Technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Cooks 1																		
WO I 1																		
WO II 1											1						1	ARMOURER CLERK
SGTS 3													1				1	TAILOR
BDRS 1																		
GNRS 7							1		1									
CPL AAOC (SHOEMAKER) 1														1			1	ATTACHED
General Duty Personnel																		
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A) 17							1		1		1		1	1			3	INCL. 1 ATTACHED

H.Q. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY
Unit.

Ian R Larson Lieut FOR LT.COL
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 19 JUN 43

R.A.A. 5 AUST DIV
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(*Adapted*)

A.A. OPS ROOM MILNE BAY (Unit) 19 JUNE 1943 (Date.)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail. S/LIGHT TYPE B GUN OPS ROOM	Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.O's. Class I.	GOR	GOR	
W.O's. Class II. 2	A.I.F		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			S/LIGHT PERSONNEL NOT AT PRESENT REQUIRED.
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants 1	1		
Corporals 3 3	3		
Troopers, Privates, &c. 15 32	34	2	
TOTALS 20 36	38	* 2	*

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
VX 63021	GNR	CLARKE P.D	R.A.A.	WAS ON HOME LEAVE — BELIEVED NOW IN BROADMEADOWS HOSPITAL

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AA. OPS ROOM MILNE BAY Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED								REMARKS.
	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters			1	2	1													
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		S/LIGHT PERSONNEL
Storemen, Technical																		NOT AT PRESENT
Vickers Machine Gunners																		REQUIRED.
Cooks 2			HEIGHT-TAKER	PREDICTOR NOS.	GUN LAYER													
																		W.O II 2
INSTRUMENT OPERATORS																		BDRS 3
HEIGHT COMPUTERS - 6																		GNRS 15
INSTRUMENT OPERATORS																		20
PLOTTERS 6															1			
SGT 1																		
BDRS. 3																		
GNRS. 18							2											
General Duty Personnel															SPECIALIST NOT REQUIRED — WILL BE CLASSIFIED FROM EXISTING STRENGTH			
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A) 36									2									

A.A. OPS ROOM MILNE BAY
Unit.

Gordon D. Kennedy Lieut.
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 19 JUNE '43.

R.A.A. 5 AUST. DIV.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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W.E. Reference

A.M.F.

W.E. 3 X 36

Attached
Allowed by W.E. X

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Date 19 JUNE '43.

A.A. OPS ROOM MILNE BAY Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1		2	3	4	
Ranks and W.E.	TYPE B GUN OPS S/LIGHTS ROOM.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)	
*		G.O.R.			
*		S/LIGHTS A.I.F.			
Lieut.-Colonels . .				S/LIGHT	
Majors				PERSONNEL NOT	
Captains				AT PRESENT	
Lieutenants . . .	1 3	3		REQUIRED	
2nd Lieutenants .					
Quartermasters . .					
Totals . . .	1 3	3		—	

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

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PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
LIEUT	VX 18112	MURRAY G.D	G.C.O	YES	
LIEUT	VX 32166	BOTTEN L.R	G.C.O	YES	
A/CAPT	VX 66507	LUCAS A.L.R	G.S.O	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)

A.A. ORS ROOM MILNE BAY
(Unit)

(Signature of Commander)

19 JUNE '43.
(Date of Despatch)

R.A.A. 5 AUST. DIV
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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Subject : TRAINING. Appendix 9A.

H.Q.
A.A. Group
MILNE BAY.

A.A.
5 Aust Div.

23 Jun 45.

10/To.

1. Ref your G.154 of 18 Apr 45, the following return is submitted for the month of July :-

2. TACTICAL SHOOTING.

A. 40mm (a) 20 rounds per gun. A.A. shoot at 3" star shell. Date and place to be arranged.

(b) 20 rounds per gun. Tk/A practice. On Tk/A range, as can be arranged.

B. 3.7" (a) 20 rounds per gun. Barrage practice. Date to be arranged.

(b) 7 rounds per gun. Registration of beach area at TAUPOTA. Date to be arranged.

(c) 7 rounds per gun. Coast Defence shoot. Target to be at least 8,000" range, if can be arranged. From M4 and M6 only.

3. OTHER TRAINING.

A. S.A.A. Commencement of advanced rifle practices, to be carried out over quarter JULY - SEPTEMBER to be carried out under arrangements of Unit Commanders.

B. L.M.G. (a) 60 rounds per gun. A.A. practice. To take place concurrently with shoot as in 2A(a).

(b) As for S.A.A. for rifles.

C. Searchlights. Searchlight co-operation with R.A.A.F. as arranged direct.

4. The following subjects are on the Syllabus of all Units:-

A. Gas Instruction under Unit Gas Officers.

B. Musketry. Instruction under Unit Commanders.

C. Jungle Tactics. Instruction under Unit arrangements.

D. Instruction of reinforcements in their respective allotted duties.

E. Daily Gun and Instrument Drill.

F. Lectures to Junior Officers and Potential Officers on General Military subjects.

G. T.E.W.Ts. Two monthly dealing with A.A. exercises.

.....Lt.Col.
A.C. Margetts.
A.A. GROUP COMMANDER MILNE BAY.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(*Adapted*)

A.A. OPS ROOM MILNE BAY (Unit) 26 JUNE 1943 (Date.)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail. S/LIGHTS TYPE "B" GUN OPS ROOM.	Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.O's. Class I.	FOR	FOR	
W.O's. Class II. 2	A.I.F		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			SEARCHLIGHT PERSONNEL NOT AT PRESENT REQUIRED.
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants 1	1		
Corporals 3 3	3		
Troopers, Privates, &c. 15 32	34	2	
TOTALS 20 36	38	* 2	*

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
VX 63021	GNR	CLARKE P.D	R.A.A	WAS ON HOME LEAVE — BELIEVED NOW IN BROADMEADOWS HOSPITAL.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT: W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL	REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED: W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL	REMARKS.
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters				1	2	1												
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		S/LIGHT PERSONNEL
Storemen, Technical																		NOT AT PRESENT
Vickers Machine Gunners																		REQUIRED.
Cooks 2				HEIGHT-TAKER –	PREDICTOR NOS –	GUN LAYER –												
																		W.O II - 2
INSTRUMENT OPERATORS																		BDRS. 3
HEIGHT COMPUTERS 6																		GNRS. 15
INSTRUMENT OPERATORS																		20
PLOTTERS 6															1			
SGT 1																		
BDRS 3																		
GNRS 18							2											
General Duty Personnel																		
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A) 36									2									

SPECIALISTS NOT REQUIRED - WILL BE CLASSIFIED FROM EXISTING STRENGTH.

A.A. OPS ROOM MILNE BAY
Unit.

Date of Despatch 26 JUNE '43.

[signature]
Signature of Commander.

R.A.A. 5 AUST. DIV.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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W.E. Reference

A.M.F.

W.E. 3 X 36

Date 26 JUNE 43

Attached
Allowed by W.E. X

AA. OPS ROOM MILNE BAY Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1		2	3	4
Ranks and W.E. TYPE "B" S/LIGHTS GUN OPS ROOM		Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*		G.O.R.		
*		S/LIGHTS A.I.F.		
Lieut.-Colonels				S/LIGHT
Majors				PERSONNEL NOT
Captains				AT PRESENT
Lieutenants	1 3	3		REQUIRED
2nd Lieutenants				
Quartermasters				
Totals	1 3	3		—

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

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PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
LIEUT.	VX18112	MURRAY G.D	G.CO	YES	
LIEUT.	VX32166	BATTEN L.H	G.CO	YES	
A/LIEUT.	VX86507	LUCAS A.L.R.	G.CO.	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)

A.A. OPS ROOM MILNE BAY
(Unit)

[signature]
(Signature of Commander)

26 JUNE '43.
(Date of Despatch)

RAA 5 AUST DIV.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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TABLE F. SECONDED OFFICERS.

NIL.

TABLE G OFFICERS IN TRANSIT.

NIL.

TABLE H OFFICERS EVACUATED TO HOSPITAL

NIL.

TABLE I VISITING & INSPECTING OFFICERS

NIL.

TABLE J OFFICERS NOT ON POSTED STRENGTH.

NIL.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

33 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26 / 6 / 1943 . H.Q. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY (Unit)

W.E. V1 / 130 / 1 . OFFRS. 7 O.R's. 16 + 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.
				*					
				*					
			1	Lieut.-Colonels					
			1	Majors					
	1			Captains					
	1								
			2	Lieutenants					
			1	Quarter-masters (LIEUT)					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	2		5						

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.		5									5
	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.
MJR. T/LT.COL	VX47987	MARGETTS	A.G.	C.O.	YES		
CAPT. T/MJR	VX26857	SMITH	K.R.	2 I/C	"		
LIEUT	VX59453	CARSON	E.R.	ADJUTANT	"		
"	VX22414	PENNINGTON	J.C.	A/ADJT.	"		
"	VX29323	RULE	W.C.	R.M.	"		
		THE FOLLOWING OFFICER WAS 'X' LISTED WHEN HE MARCHED OUT TO ATTEND L.H.Q. SCHOOL OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, SOUTHPORT Q'LD. COURSE NO. 9. DURATION OF COURSE - 3 MAY/ 14 JUN '43. HE IS NOW ON LEAVE HAVING BEEN GRANTED 24 DAYS CLEAR HOME LEAVE ON COMPLETION OF COURSE.					
A/LIEUT	VX18120	RUXTON	E.G.	I.O. NO		AS ABOVE	23-4-43

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.
LIEUT	NX59209	SMALL J.S	A.A. EDUCATION SERVICE N.G.F	29 APR '43	EDUCATION OFFICER

26 JUN '43
Date of Despatch

FOR LT. COL
Signature of Commander

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TABLE F SECONDED OFFICERS

NIL RETURN.

TABLE G. OFFICERS IN TRANSIT

NIL RETURN.

TABLE H. OFFICERS EVACUATED TO HOSPITAL.

NIL RETURN

TABLE I. VISITING AND INSPECTING OFFICERS

NIL RETURN.

TABLE J. OFFICERS NOT ON POSTED STRENGTH.

NIL RETURN.

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A.I.F. VI/13C/1
W.E 7 + 16 + 1 AAOC ATTACHED

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS. (*Adapted*)

HQ. HAGROUP MILNE BAY (Unit) 26 JUN 1943 (Date.)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail. L.E. W.E	2 Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.O's. Class I. 1	A.I.F. 1		
W.O's. Class II. 1			1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants 3	2		1
Corporals 1			1 (NOT REQUIRED)
Troopers, Privates, &c. 10	11	1	
TOTALS 16	14	* 1	* 3

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.

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

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

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC. L.E. W.E.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED								REMARKS.
	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks 2																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen, Technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Cooks 1																		
WO I 1																		
WO II 1											1						1	ARMOURER CLERK
SGTS 3													1				1	TAILOR
BDRS 1														1			1	CLERK (NOT REQUIRED)
GNRS 7							1		1									
CPL AAOC (SHOEMAKER) 1														1			1	ATTACHED
General Duty Personnel																		
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A) 17							1		1		1		1	2			4	INCL 1 ATTACHED

H.Q. A.A. GROUP MILNE BAY
Unit.

FOR LT. COL
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 26 JUN '43

R.A.A. 5 AUST DIV
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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H.Q.
MILNE BAY
A.A. DEFENCES.

ANTI AIRCRAFT DEFENCES MILNE BAY.

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. AREAS REQUIRING PROTECTION:-

(a) KAHA KOPE

(i) 155 mm Coast Bty.
(ii) U.S. Navy Docks, stores and shore installations.

(b) DOWA DOWA

(i) 155 mm Coast Bty.
(ii) Proposed oil storage plant.

(c) WAGGA WAGGA

Docks, stores and shore installations.

(d) GILI GILI

(i) Gurney Airfield.
(ii) Turnbull Airfield.
(iii) Docks.
(iv) Anchorage (main anchorage for Bay)
(v) Seaplane base and anchorage - GABA GABUNA BAY.
(vi) Oil storage LADAVA.
(vii) General stores and base installations.

(e) K.B.

6th U.S. Army H.Q.

(f) ABIOMA

Docks and shore installations.

2. FORCES AT OUR DISPOSAL:-

(a) AUSTRALIAN:-

(i) 3.7" guns - 2 8-gun Btys. with an additional 4 guns installed and manned by personnel drawn from existing Btys. i.e. Total 20 guns.

(ii) 40mm guns - 2 12-gun Btys. Total 24 guns.

(iii) S/Ls - 1 S/L Bty. equivalent of 8 60" stns. Total 8 lights

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(b) U.S.:-

(i) 5" guns - 2 4-gun Btys.

(ii) 40mm guns - 1 8-gun Bty.

(iii).50 cal guns - 1 12-gun Bty.

(iv) S/Ls - 1 S/L Bty. with 10 lights.

(c) Fluctuating amount as part of 6 U.S. Army which may be in action at times but cannot be considered as part of the permanent defence.

3. USE OF EXISTING RESOURCES:-

With the exception of 2 40mm guns at KANA KOPE and 1 40mm gun at DOWA DOWA for the protection of the 155mm Coast Btys. against low flying attack all the AUSTRALIAN A.A. resources are deployed with the primary object of providing both high level and low level protection for GURNEY and TURNBULL Airfields and GILI GILI Docks.

U.S. forces are to be disposed with 4 40mm and 4 .50 cal guns at WADGA WADGA for low flying protection of docks and 8 5" guns, 4 40mm and 8 .50 cal guns at AHIGNA for both high and low level protection of docks and some of the shore installations. The U.S. S/Ls are to be disposed on both the North and South bank of Bay extending Eastwards from existing AUST lights to KILLERTON Is. on North side and a point 4,000 to 6,000 East of DOWA DOWA on South bank.

4. COMMENTS ON DEFENCES:-

(a) KANA KOPE

The present defences give no protection against high level attack and only limited protection for the Coast Bty. against low level attack while the Docks and U.S. Navy installations receive none at all. This area looks like increasing in importance and is open to both high and low level attack. It is understood that U.S. Navy may make a 90mm Bty. available to this area. As the area is small this should be enough for high level protection. It is considered that at least an additional 6 40mm guns are necessary to cover Docks and shore installations.

(b) DOWA DOWA

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(b) DOWA DOWA

The installations are not expected to be extensive. The area is such that it does not present a favourable target from high level, so at this stage no Hy. A.A. guns are considered necessary. The present defences against low level attack consisting of one 40mm gun area more in the nature of a morale booster than a protection. If it is considered that this area is liable to attack the number of 40mm guns should be increased to three.

(c) WAGGA WAGGA

It is not known what the ultimate development of this base is to be. On what can be ascertained at present the existing defences against low flying attack should be adequate. The area receives no protection against high level attack and as a ship sunk at the docks would be serious it is considered that at least one 4-gun site should be provided for this area. A gun site here would also be of great assistance in the protection of the GILI GILI Anchorage.

(d) GILI GILI

The following are the principal weaknesses of the existing Hy. A.A. Defences:-

(i) GURNEY Airfield has only a 4-gun density over the critical zone to the West and South West .

(ii) The Anchorage has no protection and the Docks very limited protection to an attack from the East. This is the most likely direction of attack.

(iii) TUMBUL Airfield when being attacked from the East should receive its protection earlier.

(iv) The proposed oil storage and seaplane base will be open to attack from the South West.

These weaknesses can be remedied by the provision of two additional 4-gun sites and at the same time re-siting two of the existing sites.
Areas for new sites:-

(i) 5,000[X] South to South West of M5.
(ii) MINOLA Is. or METULA Is.

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Sites to be moved:-

(i) M6 to East shore of CAPE GARUMA Bay.
(ii) M6 to approx 1,000 yds North of K.B.

This plan together with a gun site at WAGGA WAGGA would give good cover to the Anchorage. The main base installations are well within the proposed defences. The existing defences against low flying attack are considered adequate for the two Airfields and the Docks. Until some progress has been made with the proposed installation of the oil storage and the seaplane base it is difficult to give an accurate estimate of the requirements. From discussion and bearing in mind the area to be covered it is considered that 12 additional 40mm guns would be required. This figure must be reviewed as developments take place.

(e) K.B.

The move of gun site M6 will afford this area some protection against high flying attack. As it is expected that the extent of the occupied area is likely to be fluctuating and to consist mainly of an H.Q. area it is considered that full use should be made of passive measures of defences. 6th U.S. Army is expected to have various A.A. resources available from time to time and it is recommended that these be utilised when available. These should be able to provide adequate cover for defence against low flying aircraft.

(f) AHIOMA.

The two 4-gun sites being set up should give sufficient cover against high level attack particularly when the proposal to replace the present 3" guns with 90mm is carried out. The present resources will allow only limited protection to be given to the area against low flying aircraft. Most of these guns will have to be sited in close proximity to the docks. It is not known at this stage what development of the area is to take place and so this problem must be constantly reviewed. The searchlights available appear at this stage to be adequate.

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5. ADDITIONAL A.A. GUNS REQUIRED.

The foregoing remarks summed up will show the following additional requirements:-

		90mm or 3.7"	40mm
(a)	KANA KOPE	4	6
(b)	DONA DONA	-	2
(c)	WAGGA WAGGA	4	-
(d)	GILI GILI	8	12

Total additional weapons 16 Hy. guns and 20 40mm guns.
Note : In all comments it has been assumed that each 40mm gun will have with it a .50 cal gun.

6. All of the above comments and suggestions are based on what are considered minimum requirements and being guided by past experience what it is considered possible to supply.

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