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Unit Kembla AA Ops Room

Date and Time.—From 1 Mar 43 To 31 Mar 43

81 7455

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Unanderra	1 Mar	1730	Received message from Major Mooy ex 9 Inf Bde submarine reported	
			off coast. H1 & H3 warned to keep a look out for same.	Mr.
	2	1035	1 Wirraway entered area for air co-operation from Richmond	
		1123	Wirraway left area.	
		2018	1 Wirraway from Richmond entered area for air co-operation.	
	3	2045	Wirraway left area.	Mr.
		0855	G1 & G3 "Stand To" to try and locate plane flying north out to sea.	
		0913	G1 & G3 "Stand Down". Plane not located. A/c movement from Z1 late.	
		1045	G1 "Stand To" and search for air co-operation plane.	
		1107	G1 "Stand Down" as plane not available.	Mr.
	4	1105	2 Wirraways from Richmond entered area for air co-operation.	
		1152	Wirraways left area.	
		1019	G1 and G3 ordered to Stand To. Received VAOC report from Z1 of	
			plane over area course North. Target picked up 40000 ^x , lost 50000 ^x	Mr.

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Unanderra	4 Mar		Bearing 10°. Notified G.C.O. Z1. Later identified as Lockheed Hudson.	
		2033	Received a/c movement of air co-op plane. Before entering area	
			plane turned back to Bankstown owing to weather conditions.	h.
	5	1650	G1 & G3 ordered to search. Report from S.O.R. of unidentified	
			plane in area.	
		1655	Plane identified as Beaufort. G.I's ordered to Stand Down	h.
	6	1100	4 Q/rs M/I from 158 Lt AA Bty for telephonist instruction.	
		1500	Capt. Webb, OC 158 Lt AA Bty visited Ops room re training	
			etc. of Lt AA personnel.	h.
	7	0030	G1 & G3 ordered to Stand To. Received information from Z1 of an	
			unidentified target flying from North towards Area.	
		0050	Gun Sites ordered to Stand To.	
		0112	Gunsites ordered to Stand Down. Target changed course.	
		0143	GL's ordered to stand Down on information received from GCO Z1.	h.

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Unanderra	7 Mar	0740	G1 & G3 ordered to search. Report of unidentified target in area.	
		0812	GL's ordered to stand down. No indication.	to.
	8	1200	Major Mooy and Major Vose visited Ops Room.	
		1955	RDF Saddleback reported target bearing 090° range 53,700 ^x flying north	
			No A/C movement. GL's ordered to Stand To and search. Indication	
			lost by Robert between bearing 050° and 060° range 35,000 ^x to 37,000 ^x	
		2015	GL's failed to locate target and ordered to Stand Down	
		2135	1 Wirraway from Bankstown entered area for air co-operation.	
		2244	Plane left area.	
		2252	Report from GCO Z1 Unidentified plot coming in from sea. Sydney	
			Standing To. RL's ordered to Stand To and search. Gunsites	
			warned to keep extra vigilance.	
		2350	GCO Z1 reported above as a Catilina 60 to 80 miles off course.	
			GL's ordered to Stand Down.	to.

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Unanderra	9 Mar	1027	1 Wirraway from Richmond entered area for air co-operation.	
		1134	Wirraway left area.	hr.
	10	1047	2 Wirraways from Richmond entered area for air co-operation.	
		1155	Wirraways left area.	
		1530	Major Larsson, CO Kembla AASL Bn visited Ops Room.	
		2025	1 Wirraway from Bankstown entered area for air co-operation	
	11	2200	Wirraway left area.	hr.
		1038	2 Wirraways from Richmond entered area for air co-operation.	
		1144	Wirraways left area.	hr.
		0930	Major Mooy inspected Ops Room.	
	12	1500	Capt. Webb OC 158 Lt AA Bty visited personnel doing telephonist training.	
		2027	1 Wirraway reported left Bankstown for air co-operation.	
		2045	G1 reported indications on plane 20,000 ^x & 22,000 ^x target receding.	hr.

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Unanderra		2143	GCO Z1 reported plane returned to 'Grome. Reason not given.	Hr.
	13 Mar	2132	R ^{pt} received from GCO Z1 of plane unidentified coming South towards Kembla.	
			GL's ordered Stand To and search.	
		2200	GL's Stand Down. Identified as a ship.	Hr.
	14	2150	Message from Liason Officer, Fighter Sector 1 of RDF unidentified plots near Kembla. Identified as echoes while liason officer was speaking.	Hr.
	15	1022	Notification from Z1 of 9.2" coast proof shoot commencing 1100 hrs Drummond Battery. Y3, GL's and Gunsites notified.	Hr.
	16	1015	Major Mooy arrived for air co-operation.	
		1035	1 Wirraway from Richmond entered area for air co-operation	
		1115	Wirraway left area.	
		2040	Wirraway from Bankstown in area for air co-operation.	Hr.

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Unanderra		2145	Wirraway left area.	h.c.
	17 Mar	1150	1 Wirraway from Richmond in area for co-operation	
		1155	Wirraway reported passed through area.	
		2145	Message from GCO Z1 that a Beaufort en route to Mascot apparently lost. If heard to expose S/L as a pointer. Course South West	
			Nort of Kembla area.	
		2206	G1 ordered to stand to and search to locate plane.	
		2229	G1 ordered to stand down. Plane returned to Wagga.	h.c.
	18		Air co-operation cancelled. Unfavourable weather.	h.c.
	20	1600	Capt. Webb and Lieut. Murphy, 158 Lt AA Bty visited Ops Room	
			re training of their personnel.	h.c.
	22	0900	Sgt Hutchinson, Signals, gave telephonists instruction and	
			correct telephone procedure on switchboard operation.	h.c.
	22	2009	1 Wirraway from Bankstown for co-op entered area.	h.c.

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Unanderra		2120	Wirraway left area.	<i>Dr.</i>
	23 Mar	1058	1 Wirraway from Richmond in area for co-operation	
		1145	Wirraway left area.	
		1445	4 O/rs 158 Lt AA Bty m/o to their unit. Telephonist instruction finished	
		1445	3 O/Rs 158 Lt AA Bty m/i for instruction.	<i>Dr.</i>
	24	1000	Works section commenced laying of water pipes and transfer of showers from gate to Ops Room.	
		1032	1 Wirraway from Richmond in area for co-operation.	
		1155	Wirraway left area.	
		1520	Major Mooy visited Ops Room.	
		1520	Lt. Murphy 158 Lt AA Bty arrived with 1 O/R for telephonist instruction.	<i>Dr.</i>
	25	1105	1 Wirraway from Richmond in area for co-operation.	
		1141	Wirraway left area.	
		1145	WO Northy to inspect laying of water pipes & erection of showers.	<i>Dr.</i>

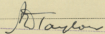
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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Unanderra		1150	Major Mooy visited Ops Room.	
	26 Mar	2015	1 Wirraway from Bankstown in area for co-operation	
		2120	Wirraway left area.	ht.
	30		Air Co-operation cancelled owing to unfavourable weather conditions	ht.
	31		Air Co-operation cancelled owing to unfavourable weather conditions.	ht.
			Appendices included in War Diary Kembla	A.A. Group.
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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Unanderra	1 Apr		Air co-op cancelled as weather unfavourable.	<i>WAB</i>
	2	1100	Sig Section connected direct lines to 8 Aust Hy AA W/shops, 158 Aust Lt AA Bty and VDC Wollongong.	
			Air co-op cancelled as weather unfavourable.	
		1938	G3 ordered "Stand To" and search for target reported by Robert S.D. N.E. of area, range 7 miles.	
		2007	G3 ordered "Stand Down" Believed to be a ship.	<i>WAB</i>
	4	2005	G1 & G3 ordered to "Stand To" on advice from Liason Officer FS1 of an unidentified target approaching area.	
		2045	GL's ordered to "Stand down". Plots ceased. Liason Officer could give no reason. Advised S/L to keep utmost vigilance.	<i>WAB</i>
	5	1500	Capt. Harper, MO, visited site.	
			Weather unfavourable for air co-operation	<i>WAB</i>
	6	0945	Capt. Taylor inspected site.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Unanderra		1107	Wirraway from Richmond in area for co-operation	
		1134	Wirraway left area	WAB
	7 Apr	1015	Sgt Hutchison, Sig Sec, instructed 158 Aust Lt AA Bty personnel on correct switchboard procedure.	WAB
	8	1100	Wirraway for air co-op in area	
		1145	Wirraway left area	
		1600	4 O/rs 158 Aust Lt AA Bty m/o to unit on completion telephonist instruction	
		1815	G3 ordered to "Stand To" and search for unidentified target reported from Robert SM D approaching area from S.E.	
		1900	G3 ordered to "Stand Down". Target was lost plane which recovered course.	
		1715	Major Larsson and Lieut Ellis Visited S.O.R.	WAB
	11	1030	Direct line to Z1 routed through 9 Inf Bde and Boronia to Z1	WAB
	12	1100	Major Mooy inspected site.	
		1500	Majors Larsson, Mooy and Vose visited Ops Room to arrange a night	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Unanderra			barrage shoot the following night.	
		2000	Gunsites ordered to Stand To for practice runs for night barrage shoot	WAB
	13 Apr	1500	Lt-Col Shrimpton & Capt. Taylor visited Ops Room re night barrage shoot	
		1700	Major Vose & Capt. Gosling visited Ops Room re night barrage shoot	
		1930	Capt. Patterson & Lieut Keith to observe night barrage shoot	
		2000	Commenced Sector Barrage Shoot from H1, 2 & 3	
		2010	Commenced Spider Web Shoot from H1, 2 & 3	
		2025	Cease firing to gun sites.	WAB
	14	1000	Wirraway from Richmond for air co-op entered area	
		1145	Wirraway left area	
		1140	Majors Mooy and Larsson to inspect re improvements to site	
		1500	Lt-Col Shrimpton & Lt-Col Barnard visited Ops Room	WAB
	15	1041	Wirraway from Richmond in area for air co-op	
		1124	Wirraway left area	WAB

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Unanderra	16 Apr	1210	Major Gunning visited site with Major Mooy to inspect hygiene & sanitation	<i>MB</i>
	18	1000	Capt. Patterson visited S.O.R.	<i>MB</i>
	19	1000	G1 & G3 ordered "Stand To" for practice on plane used for 158	
			Aust Lt AA Bty shoot.	
		1205	G1 & G3 Stand Down. Hudson left area	
		1504	G2 "Stand To" practice on Hudson towing drogue	
		1624	G1 Stand Down	
		1930	Major Larsson & Lieut Colledge visited site for air co-op	
		1946	Wirraway from Bankstown entered area for air co-op	
		2059	Wirraway left area	
		2220	Lieut Gazzard, S.C.O. m/i ex hospital	<i>MB</i>
	20	0930	Lieut Dewhurst, Sig Sec, set up R/Toc for communication with	
			air co-op Hudson	
		1010	Hudson from Mascot in area for co-op	

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Date and Time.—From 1 APR 43 To 30 APR 43

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Unanderra		1146	Hudson left area	
	20 Apr	1640	Message from Liaison Officer F.S.I., VAOC report of nine aircraft 6 miles south of Kembla restricted area. Unidentified.	
		1641	GLs ordered Stand To and search. G/sites warned to observe extreme vigilance.	
		1655	GLs Stand Down. No indication or aircraft seen.	WLB.
	21	0945	Capt. Taylor visited site.	WLB
	22	1000	Sig Section set up R/Toc communication with Hudson towing drogue for 8 Aust Hy AA Bty practice shoot.	WLB.
	24	0800	Lieut Gazzard m/o to S. Ops Room Course.	WLB
	25	0900	Sgt Langford m/o to AA Ops Room Course.	WLB
	26	1915	Majors Larsson and Mooy inspected improvements on site	
		1920	Major Larsson visited site for air co-operation	
		1955	Wirraway from Bankstown for air co-op in area	WLB

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Unanderra	26 Apr	2057	Wirraway left area	
	27	1430	Major Gunning to inspect hygiene and sanitation.	MB
	28	0945	Major Mooy and Capt Taylor visited site to see new equipment.	MB
	29	1000	Cpl Price, Sig Sec, took over gun ops board to correct wrong telephonist drill on all lines	
		1044	Wirraway in area for air co-op	
		1150	Wirraway left area.	MB.
			MBarrack shut.	
For Appendices see Memoirs A. H. Brown Diary				
			Taylor	Capt.

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Unit Kembla AA Ops Room

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Unanderra	1 May	1747	GLs stand to and search. Unidentified target heard by RS/L 7 east of Kembla.	
		1809	GLs stand down. No indication.	
		2205	Liason Officer Fighter Sector 1. Unidentified plots TK 2542 - 1742 - 1542 Course W	
		2206	L.O. F.S. 1 Plots TK 1239 Course W. TK 1739 Course E. Advise gun sites "Extreme Vigilance"	
		2217	L.O. F.S. 1 above plots identified as shipping.	
	3	1613	G.D.O. Z1 Unidentified plot TE 76 all Sydney gun sites standing to.	
		1631	G.D.O. Z1 Sydney gun sites standing down. Plans identified as arson.	
	4	1000	Major Mooy and Major Larsson to inspect camp.	
		1421	Battery Observation Post reported 4 planes and 1 destroyer Bearing 070°. Range 3,500 yds. RAAF on Bombing Practice and Naval Co-operation.	

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Unit Kembla A4 Ops Room

Date and Time. From 1 May 43

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Unanderra		1449	Battery observation Post reported 7 aircraft on Bearing 030° range 18,000 yds.	
		1450	G.D.O. Z1 report above planes to be Beauforts on Bombing practice and off course. Not reported by Liaison Officer at Fighter Sector 1 as they were supposed to be off Nowra and Jarvis Bay.	
		1500	Signal Section arrived to connect Telephone from QRTS to Z6	
	5 May	1030	Major Mooy arrived to follow Air Co-operation	
		1039	1 Wirraway in area for Air Co-operation	
		1138	Air Co-operation plane left area	
		1050	Sgt Oram, Hygiene, visited G.O.R.	
		1430	Lt Colledge to compare GL readings with Z6 plots	
		1900	1 Wirraway in area for air co-operation	
		1953	Air co-operation plane left area.	
		1940	Lt Colledge & Lt Dewhurst arrived for air co-operation	
	6	0930	Sig Section for adjustment of communications.	

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Date and Time. From 1 May 43 To 31 May 43

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Unanderra		0930	Works Section to do ventilation of G.O.R.	
		1030	1 Wirraway in area for air co-operation	
		1133	Air Co-operation plane left area	
		1135	Major Mooy visited site	
		1445	Capt Taylor visited site	
		1502	CKFD to Z6 "Coast Artillery practice will be carried out on each Friday from 14/5/43 to 25/6/43 inclusive, weather and other conditions permitting."	
	7 May	1812	From Liason Officer FS 1 Series of plots on unidentified target TK 1807 & TK 1811	
		1814	From Liason Officer FS 1 above plots in error, plotted in wrong grid square.	
		1907	1 Wirraway in area for air co-operation	
		1935	Major Larsson and Lt Skoglund and Lt Weekes for air co-operation.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Unanderra	8 May	2005	Air co-operation plane left area	<i>MB</i>
		2110	HC 3 & plotting table in action	<i>MB</i>
		10 0900	Commenced training of new personnel	
		1130	Major Mooy, Major Larsson and PO Lewis visited GOR re air co-operation	
		1940	Major Larsson & Lt Colledge for air co-operation	
		1958	1 Wirraway in area for air co-operation	
	11	2054	Air co-operation plane left area	<i>MB</i>
		1052	1 Wirraway in area for air co-operation	
		1143	Air co-operation plane left area	
		1145	Major Mooy visited site	<i>MB</i>
	12	1021	1 Wirraway in area for air co-operation	
		1102	Air co-operation plane left area	
		1030	Major Mooy for air co-operation	
		1855	1 Wirraway in area for air co-operation	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Unanderra		1900	Major Larsson & Lt Colledge arrived for air co-operation	
		1930	Lt Marsh and 3 Sig Lts arrived and set up R/Toc communication with co-operation plane	
	12 May	2018	Air co-operation plane left area	1110
	13	1024	1 Wirraway in area for air co-operation	
		1130	Air co-operation plane left area	1110
	14	1445	Major Mooy and Major Larsson visited site	
		1830	Signal Section arrived to change batteries	1110
	15	1600	Major Mooy, Major Vose, Major Larsson arrived to plot course for barrage practice shoot on Monday 17 May 43	
			Driving rain fell throughout day and night	1110
	16		All tents were blown down & considerable ^{EQUIPMENT} property & clothing were lost.	
		0900	Owing to flood conditions portion of personnel were evacuated	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Unanderra			to 8 AA Bty	
		0900	Major Vose reported H1 and H2 plotting rooms & command posts out of action owing to rain.	
		1706	Major Mooy and Major Larsson visited site.	
		1630	KAAG reported shoot arranged for 17/5/43 has been cancelled	<i>MOB</i>
	17 May	0900	Owing to flood conditions necessitating evacuation of site, training of new personnel held up.	<i>MOB</i>
	18	1400	Major Mooy visited site	<i>MOB</i>
	19	1030	H1, H2, CKFD, VDC lines of communication out of action.	
		1500	Capt Sawyer and 2 Signal Officers visited site.	
		1900	PMG checking communications	<i>MOB</i>
	20	1200	Major Mooy and Major Larsson visited site.	<i>MOB</i>
	21	1000	Lieut Tulip visited site	
		1315	Information received from Z1, target in area, off course, advise	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<u>Unanderra</u>			if any information re same.	
		1316	G1 stand to and search	
		1325	G1 stand down - no indication	<i>MB</i>
	24 May	1200	H1 command post will be manned only between hrs of 0800 and 1800	
			Any further information to be passed through Y3 to H1 Orderly Room.	
		1600	Major Larsson visited site	<i>MB</i>
	26	1630	Lieut Ellis visited S.O.R.	<i>MB</i>
	28	1030	Lt Ferguson and Lt Pabier visited S.O.R.	
		1130	Major Mooy, Major Gunning and Capt <i>Harbison</i> visited site re Hygiene	
			and accommodation.	<i>MB</i>
	29	0900	Continued training of new personnel.	<i>MB</i>
	31	1600	Training of new personnel completed.	<i>MB</i>

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*Searchlight Company, 5th Force
Bn. (M.A.)*

Date and Time. From

1500 hrs 29/6/42 To 0016 30/7/42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>Unmanned</i>	<i>29.6.42</i>	<i>1500hrs</i>	<i>Lieut. Matheson arrived to take up duties of S.C.O. & organize S.L. Room. Strengths 10ff. 20R attack of an B.A. 100 ft from 57 ASDS Lt. Col.</i>	
		<i>1816</i>	<i>S.L. Strs ordered to "box" on unidentified target. This proved to be AC 3 as in previous Feb 7.</i>	
"	<i>30.6.42</i>	<i>0035</i>	<i>RDF Str, 41160, reported Ht. 20° 150 yds S.W. picked up at 0028, approx Ht. J 9339. Reported to S.C.O. 1st time. He informed of no knowledge of any Ht. in area. Checked with S.L. Strs without result.</i>	
		<i>0045</i>	<i>S.L. Str H. reported unidentified Ht. 2 miles W. of Bangkok. turned off W. then N. 5000', 120 mph. carrying navigational lights</i>	
		<i>0016</i>	<i>S.C.O. ordered H. to "box" on target of identification</i>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Unanderra	1 Jul	0845	Message from Major Mooy. Air co-op cancelled	
		1450	Lt-Gen Sir Ivan Mackay, Lt-Cols Knox & Shrimpton, Major Larsson	
			and Captains <i>Robertson</i> + visited Ops Room.	<i>RUB.</i>
	6	1020	Major Mooy visited site for Air Co-op	
		1045	Oxford from Richmond in area for air co-operation	
		1141	Oxford left area	<i>RUB.</i>
	7	1030	Major Mooy for air co-operation	
		1028	Oxford from Richmond in area for co-operation	
		1115	Oxford left area	
		1630	Major Larsson advised Ops Room night air co-op cancelled	<i>RUB.</i>
	8	1000	Sig Sec set up Radio Tac for communication between G.O.R. and	
			air co-op planes.	
		1031	Three Kittyhawks in area from Bankstown for air co-op	
		1145	Kittyhawks left area	<i>RUB.</i>

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Date and Time.—From 1 Jul 43 To 31 Jul 43

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Unanderra	19 Jul	1445	Brig St. Clair, Lt-Col Shrimpton and Majors Larsson & Sutherland and Vose inspected Ops Room.	WVB.
	11	1630	Capt. Mutton, Chaplain visited site re church service, Sundays	WVB.
	13	1000	Wirraway from Richmond in area for air co-operation	
		1028	Wirraway left area	
	12	1015	Major Mooy visited site for air co-op.	WVB.
	14	1035	Message from Major Mooy - Air co-op cancelled.	
		1500	Brig Frisk, Lt-Cols Shrimpton and Bennett, Majors Larsson & Harden and Lieut Booth inspected Ops Room.	
		1640	Major Mooy sent message - Air co-op cancelled on 15/7/43	WVB.
	19	1030	Lt-Col Shrimpton visited site.	WVB.
	21	0956	Wirraway from Richmond in area for air co-operation	
		1047	Wirraway left area	WVB.
	23	1115	Sgt Pall promoted to Lieutenant	WVB.

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Date and Time.—From 1 Jul 43 To 31 Jul 43

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Unanderra	25 Jul	1500	Majors Mooy and Sutherland inspected site	<i>WLB</i>
	27	1000	Sig Sec tested Radio Tac remote control hook up from G1 to GOR to H2	<i>WLB</i>
	28	1037	Wirraway from Richmond in area for co-operation	
		1140	Wirraway left area	<i>WLB</i>
	29	1000	Major Mooy and Lieut Weeks for air co-operation	
		1010	Sig Sec with radio van for communication between GOR and air co-op planes	
		1037	Two kittyhawks from Banksiwon in area for air co-op	
		1122	Kittyhawks left area	<i>WLB</i>
	30	1400	Sig Sec tested remote control hook up from G1 to GOR to H2 and C1 to BOR	<i>WLB</i>
	31	1030	Lieuts Gazzard and Pell attended lecture at Group Hqs on Lt AA role.	<i>WLB</i>

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Date and Time. From 1 AUG 43 To 31 AUG 43

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Unanderra	2 Aug	0900	First monthly DP1 inspection	<i>AWB</i>
	3	1018	Oxford from Richmond in area for co-operation	
		1133	Oxford left area	
		1650	Lieut Taylor and Lieut Collidge visited site to see plotted course of air co-op target	<i>AWB</i>
	4	1048	Air co-op cancelled. Plane not available	<i>AWB</i>
	5	1032	Two Airocobras from Bankstown in area for co-operation	
		1128	Two Airocobras left area	<i>AWB</i>
	7	1030	Lieut Gazzard attended lecture on GL at Group HQs	<i>AWB</i>
	9	1650	Lt-Col Mooy and Major Larsson visited site	<i>AWB</i>
	10	0930	Air co-op cancelled unfavourable weather	
		1900	9 Bdr HQs provided for showing visual training films "Shoot to Kill" "Mosquitoes and Malaria" and "Aircraft Recognition"	<i>AWB</i>
	11	0930	Lieut Shipway and 7 O/rs M/I	

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Date and Time. — From 1 Aug 43 To 31 Aug 43

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Unanderra	Aug 11	0900	Air co-op cancelled. Unfavourable weather	
		1615	Lieuts Marsh and Colledge brought party from G3 to inspect site	<i>RM</i>
	12	0900	Air co-op cancelled. Unfavourable weather	<i>RM</i>
		13	Lieut Gazzard, WO11 Crutchett and 7 O/rs M/O	<i>RM</i>
	14	1347	Commenced practice barrage shoot from H4 (VDC)	
		1355	Practice concluded	
		1834	Commenced night practice barrage shoot from H1 (VDC)	
	16	1852	Practice concluded.	<i>RM</i>
		1400	Received Salvation Army recreation marquee and furniture	
		1430	Party of 8 Bty PRD personnel visited Ops Room	
		1530	GDO Z1 advised us unidentified target in area. Plot TJ9264	
			G1 & G3 ordered to "Stand To" and search	
		1549	GDO Z1 reported that target was Lockheed Hudson on patrol	
		1550	G1 and G3 ordered "Stand Down"	<i>RM</i>

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Date and Time. From 1 Aug 43 To 31 Aug 43

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Unanderra	Aug 17	0900	Air co-op cancelled. Unfavourable weather	
		1415	Party of PRD personnel from 8 Bty visited Ops Room	
		1500	Mr McInnes, Salvation Army Commissioner and Mr McComb, rep. visited site to instal marquee.	
	18	0900	Air co-op cancelled. Unfavourable weather.	
	19	0900	Air co-op cancelled. Unfavourable weather.	
	24	0900	Air co-op cancelled. Unfavourable weather.	
	25	0900	Air co-op cancelled. Unfavourable weather.	
	26	0900	Air co-op cancelled. Unfavourable weather.	
	27	0900	Capt. Basser AAMC inspected site.	
	28	1356	Commenced barrage practice shoot from H1 (VDC)	
		1405	Practice concluded	
		1844	Commenced night barrage practice shoot from H1 (VDC)	
		1851	Practice concluded.	

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Date and Time. From 1 Sep 43 To 7 Sep 43

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Unanderra	Sep 1	0900	Monthly D.P.1. inspection	
		1030 -	Air co-op	
		1130		
		1430	Maj-Gen Whitelaw, Brig St Clair, Lt-Cols Knox, Mooy, Williams	
			Ord and Capt. Gosling inspected site.	AUB.
	2	1037	Air co-op cancelled	AUB.
	3	0955	Radio Toc set up for co-operation with Kittyhawks	
		1900	Chaplain, Capt. Mutton conducted "Day of Prayer" Service.	AUB.
	6	1545	Major Benporath & Lieut Ireland visited site in interview S/L personnel.	AUB.
	7	0900	Lieut Fell m/o to Newcastle AA Ops Room.	AUB.
	8	1200	Lt-Col Mooy visited site.	
		1200	Lieut Bentley m/i from Newcastle Ops Room.	AUB.
	9	0900	Air co-op cancelled. Unfavourable weather.	AUB.
	10	0940 - 1111- 1005; 1144;	Four Kittyhawks from Camden in Area for co-op	AUB.
	13	0933-1018	Eight Kittyhawks in area from Camden for co-op.	

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Date and Time. From 1 Sep 43 To 30 Sep 43

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Unanderra	Sep 13	2100	Lieut Jackson & Lieut Lewis re barrage practice shoots Monday 21/9/43.	NWB.
	14	1008-1108	Wirraway from Richmond in area for co-op	NWB
	16	1357-1458	" " " " " " "	NWB
	19	1041-1100	Six Kittyhawks from Camden " " "	NWB
	20	0903-0918	H1 Section Conducted day barrage shoot	
		0959-1013	H3 " " " " "	
		1215-1230	H2 " " " " "	
		1928-1939	Night barrage shoot from all sites	NWB.
	22	1056-1132	Wirraway from Richmond in area for co-op	NWB.
	23	1000	Lt-Col Mooy visited site	
		1058-1144	Wirraway from Richmond in area for co-op	NWB
	24	0930-1011	Four Kittyhawks from Camden in area for co-op	
		1058-1109	Three " " " " " " "	
		1000	Lt-Col Mooy visited site for co-op	NWB.

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Unit **G.O.R. (Kembla)**
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Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 43 To 30 Nov 43

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Unanderra	Nov 2 43	1650 hrs	Lieut-Col Mooy visited site	BND
	5 43	1445 "	Lt-Col West (CO AA Sig) to inspect communications	BND
	9 "	1000 hrs	1 Winnaway Army Air- Co-operation	BND
	10 "	1400 hrs	Col Henry and Lt-Col Mooy to inspect GOR and S/L CR	BND
	11 "	1010 -	Air Co-operation target flew at about 637000 ft	BND
	17 "	1400 hrs	Lt-Col Mooy visited site to arrange Ligt AA Shoot	BND
			working in conjunction with searchlights.	First shoot of this type in Kembla Area
	20 "	1055 hrs	Capt Thomas (OC 658 Aust Lt AA) visited site to arrange shoot.	BND
	22 "	1130 hrs	Lieut Shipway M/O for SLOR Darwin	BND
	23 "	1640 hrs	Lt-Col Mooy and Capt Moodie visited site to finalise S/L-	BND
			Co-operation Bofors night shoot.	
	24 "		Air co-operation plane left Richmond but returned to base on account of bad weather.	BND
	25 "		Shoot postponed on account of bad weather.	BND

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 12 / 1943

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3A.A. OPERATIONS ROOM

W.E. VI 14B 2 OFFRS. 4 O.R's. 54 OFFRS. HIL O.R's. 2 ATT. BY W.F.

Leave w/out pay HIL (a)

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10						
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.										
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.						
2	2		2	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	Ref Second Army RO 369 + see back										
2	2	-	2												
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by A.I.L. units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for completion 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.	E.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	* *	TOTAL
					A.	2 (Med Class A1)									
					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 A.A. OPERATIONS ROOM

PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 4 / 12 / 1943

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
MX79931	Lieut	Bentley R.P.	Lady Wakehurst Con Depot (Previously attached from Gen reinforcements AA Arty)

At 0800 Hrs. Saturday _____/_____/194_____ (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.

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

4.12.43.

Date of Despatch

2,060 Pnds 7/43 H.P.

Signature of Commander

Adjt Kembla AA Group

Capt

+ Ref Second Aust Army RO 369.

It is advised that no AMF Officers on strength
who have had actual service experience prior to Sept 39.

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A.A. OPERATIONS ROOM

OFFRS. NIL O.R's. 2 ATT. BY W.E.
Leave w/out pay (a) NIL
Reinforcements Required. (b) NIL

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units referred to para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).										TOTAL
Detail	A.L.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *		
A	19	12								31
B(1)	All personnel Class A1 except 2 class B CMF									
B(2)	personnel									

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 4 / 12 / 194 3

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorized trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in space provided.

(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back

(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reins. Required."

(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

4.12.43

Date of Despatch

2,100 Pads 7/48 H.P.

Signature of Commander

DEFICIENCIES

- 1 S/L Control Officer to be promoted within the Unit.
2 Bdrs i/c Reliefs " " " " " "

SURPLUS

1 Sgt NX92464 A/Sgt Wilson W. NCO surplus at present pending promotion to SCO WO 11, this soldier is at present being trained in the duties of SCO.

Reference Second Aust Army R/O 207 and GRO 443/43 (cooks on strength have been transferred to AACC).

It is advised that there are no AWAS personnel on strength GOR.

Allowance for AWAS personnel on W/E.

(a)	Instrument Operators	21
	Bdrs i/c Reliefs	6
	G/Duties	2
	Recorders	9
	Orderly	1
	Telephonists	10
	Total	49

It is presumed that allowance for AACC personnel attached will be for AWAS personnel if so allowance for GOR in accordance with LMQ 2nd Echelon memo 025179 will be for 3 AWAS.

- (b) Dates which male personnel will be available for release not yet known.
- (c) Ref Second Aust Army memo A5240. It is advised that WE VI/14B/2 does not state number of Class "B" personnel allowed, it is presumed allowance will be for all male personnel to be Class "B".

Number of "B" class personnel at present on strength---- 2.