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Unit 24A Bty 7 Mtd B.A.D. Date and Time.—From 1 Jan 42 To 31 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN. (Berrimah)	1 Jan 42		Usual Routine; 1 Off. 85 ORs. Marched out from 14 AA Bty to Batchelor; 130 ORs. marched out to 14 A.A. Bty, Oval.	
	2 Jan 42		Usual Routine. Alarm 0001 unidentified plane sighted off coast. All clear 0250.	
	3 Jan 42		Usual Routine. Alarm Berrimah 0932. All clear 1215. Part of No. 1 Ammunition transferred to Section position Batchelor	
	4 Jan 42		Usual Routine. Transfer of ammunition Batchelor complete	
	5 Jan 42		Usual Routine. Alarm Berrimah 1320 hrs. All clear 13.40.	

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Unit 2 A.A Bty Date and Time.—From 1 Jan 42 To 31 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRIMA DARWIN	6 Jan 42		Usual Routine. Alarm 0952 all clear 1015 Berrima	
	7 Jan 42		H.Q. took up quarters at Berrima - Usual Routine	
	8 Jan 42		Usual Routine - Reinforcements commenced at Berrima. Sandbags & Cement supplied to Batchelor - 1 Off & 10 ORs marched out of Batchelor to A.A. H.Q	
	9 Jan 42		Nothing Usual Routine	
	10 Jan 42 11 Jan 42		Usual Routine	
	12 Jan 42		Usual Routine - 2 Bombs of H.E. to Gun Site Batchelor	
	13 Jan 42		Usual Routine	

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Unit 2 A. A. Bly Date and Time.—From 1 Jan 42 To 31 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRIMA DARWIN	14 Jan 42		Usual Routine - 30 Rs. ex B.H.Q to Bachelor - 40 Rs ex Bachelor to B.H.Q for instruction as drivers. Work on revetments at Command Post Batchelor commenced	
	15/17 Jan 42		Usual Routine of Camp Construction	
	18 Jan 42		Usual Routine. R.A.A.F. air co-operation at Bachelor - 40 Rs marched in from B.H.Q & 40 Rs marched in from Bachelor to B.H.Q	
	19/20 Jan 42		Usual Routine of Camp Construction	
	21 Jan 42		Usual Routine of Camp Construction - R.A.A.F. & 2/14th co-operated in Mock Air Raid Batchelor - 20 Rs marched out to B.H.Q from Batchelor	

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Unit 2 A.A. Bty Date and Time.—From 1 Jan 42 To 31 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRIMA. DARWIN	22 Jan 42.		Usual Routine of Camp. Construction. Alarm 11.22 hours all Clear 11.30 Berrima	
	23 Jan 42		Usual Routine of Camp Construction	
	24 Jan 42		Usual Routine - Revetment completed No 2 Gun Berrima Alarms Berrima 0920-0930, 1140-1150 & 1345 to 1353 due to unidentified planes passing over station	
	25 Jan 42		Usual Routine - Accommodation for 30 additional men at Gun Site Batchelor Alarms 0920. 0930 & 2150-2154 Berrima due to unidentified planes	
	26 Jan 42		Usual Routine of Camp Construction	
	27 Jan 42		Usual Routine - Revetting of A.A. LMG post Batchelor commenced	

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Unit 2 A. A. Bty Date and Time.—From 1 Jan 42 To 31 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	28 Jan 42		Usual Routine. Fuzed ammunition moved to	
BERRIMA.			recesses on Gun at Batchelor	
	29/30 Jan 42		Usual Routine of Camp Improvement	
	31 Jan 42		Revetments completed except for recesses at Berrima	
			Carting of dirt for piling against revetments commenced	
			Carouting inside of Command Post commenced	

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Unit Section 2 a.a. Bty. Date and Time.—From 0001 1 Jan 42 To 2400 8 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Batchelor	1 JAN. 42	0001-2400	1 Off. 85 OR's marched out of 14th AA Battery Station Oval. Arrived Batchelor. 1145 hrs. 53 ORs marched out to 14th AA Bty. Oval. Camp Construction. Weather. Light rain.	DAL
"	2 JAN. 42	0001-2400.	Camp Construction. Weather Steady rain. Wind NW	DAL
"	3 JAN. 42	0001-2400.	Camp. Construction. Weather Fine, cool. Ammunition transferred from RAAF magazines into tents at Camp area.	DAL.
"	4 JAN 42	0001-2400	Completed transfer from R.A.A.F magazines to tents at Camp Area	DAL
	5-7 JAN 42	0001-2400	Camp Construction and Training	DAL
	8 JAN 42	0001-2400	1 Off + 4 O.Rs marched out of Batchelor to B.H.Q. 20000 Sand bags and 50 Bags cement to hand. Camp Construction and Training	DAL.

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Unit 1 SECTION 2 A.A. Bty. Date and Time.—From 0001 9 JAN 42 To 2400 12 JAN 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BATCHELOR	9 JAN 42	0001-2400	Additional Tent erected at Gun site to increase supply of Ammunition at guns. Commenced filling of Sand bags for Revetting guns. Training included 30 mins work in Respirators. Weather Fine, but heavy rain towards dusk.	Nil.
"	10 JAN 42	0001-2400	Complete examination of equipment. Commencement of further two 'Browning' posts by 2/4 Pioneers, west of gun site. Weather fine.	Nil.
	11 JAN 42	0001-2400	Camp construction. Commenced erection of Oil store. Weather fine. 1 Off & 10 O.R. marched in ex B.H.Q.	Nil.
	12 JAN 42	0001-2400	Transferred further 252 boxes of H.E. to gun site. Continued filling of Sand bags, and commenced ammunition recesses. Routine training. Weather fine (Heavy Storm at Dusk)	Nil.

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Unit 1 SECTION 2 A.A. BTY Date and Time.—From 0001 13 JAN 42 To 2400 14 JAN 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BATCHELOR	13 JAN 42	0001-2400	Continued construction of Ammunition Recesses, and general camp construction. Weather fine.	
	14 JAN 42	0001-2400	3 O.Rs marked in ex B.H.Q. @ 0745 4 O.Rs marched out to B H Q for instructions as Drivers @ 1030 Commenced revetting of Command Post, and continued construction of Ammo Recesses, and camp General trial alarm throughout district @ 0930 - result, Siren not loud enough to warn personnel. Water shortage at R.A.A.F. Therefore investigated creeks about 6 miles away, to obtain supplies. — water proved to be quite satisfactory Weather hot and muggy.	

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Unit 1 SECTION 2 A.A. Bty Date and Time.—From 0001 15 JAN 42 To 2400 18 JAN 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BATCHELOR	15 JAN 42	0001-2400	Section training all morning in co-operation with RAAF who provided a Wirraway for High level bombing and Strafing of Aerodrome, and Dive bombing of Gun position. Continued Revetting guns and L.P. Weather fine. Heavy rain at dusk	Ops.
"	16 JAN 42	0001-2400	Continued Revetting of guns and L.P., and Training. Weather fine. Heavy rain at dusk & during night	Ops.
"	17 JAN 42	0001-2400	Complete examination of equipment Weather fine. hot.	Ops.
"	18 JAN 42	0001-2400	Section training in co-operation with R.A.A.F. Provided 3 Wirraways throughout the day bombing & strafing drome. Weather fine & wet. 1100 hrs 4 ORs marched in and 4 ORs marched out to B.H.Q.	Ops.

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Unit 1 SECTION 2 A.A. BTY. Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 19 JAN 42 To 2400 hrs 22 JAN 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BATCHELOR	19 JAN 42	0001-2400	Continued revetting of guns, and training Weather fine, heavy rain during night. DW.	
	20 JAN 42	0001-2400	Ordnance installed Additional Junction Box for Predictor. Revetting of guns. Training Weather fine, light rain during night. DW.	
	21 JAN 42	0001-2400	2 O.Rs marched out to B.H.Q. @ 0930 hrs Revetting of guns. Weather cool, rain in afternoon. Co-operation with R.A.A.F and 2/4 Pioneers in mock air raid. R.A.A.F. provided 5 Wirraways in two flights. Section training carried out wearing Respirators DW.	
	22 JAN 42	0001-2400	Revetting of guns. Training. Weather cool, overcast. Very heavy rain at night. U.S. Army commenced dumping petrol drums in quarries in vicinity of camp area. DW.	

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Unit 1 SECTION 2 A.A. BTY. Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 23 JAN 42 To 2400 hrs 27 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BATCHELOR	23 JAN 42	0001-2400	Sand bagging gun site. Training Weather cool, light rain in evening. DKS.	
	24 JAN 42	0001-2400	Complete examination of equipment. Reported Height finder out of action. Weather cool DKS.	
	25 JAN 42	0001-2400	Height finder examined by Ordnance, and reported ready for action. Erected Pentage for additional 30 personnel on Gun site. Weather hot, light rain in late afternoon DKS.	
	26 JAN 42	0001-2400	Revetting of guns and command post. Training Weather fine, hot. DKS	
	27 JAN 42	0001-2400	Commenced revetting A.A.L.M.G. Post. Continued revetting of guns and C.P. Training. Weather fine, hot, heavy rain late at night. DKS	

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Unit 1 SECTION 2 A.A. BTY. Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 28 JAN 42 To .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BATCHELOR	28 JAN 42	0001-2400	Continued revetting of gun site. Routine training. Transferred fuzed ammunition from tent to completed ammunition recesses No 4 gun. Weather fine, hot.	
"	29 JAN 42	0001-2400	Continued training and revetting of gun site. Weather generally fine, but storm and heavy rain in afternoon.	
"	30 JAN 42	0001-2400	Revetting of gun site. Training. Weather fine	
"	31 JAN 42	0001-2400	Revetting of gun site. Training. Complete examination of equipment 1 & 2 guns and instruments. Weather fine, rain in afternoon. 1 O.R. marched out to hospital 0800.	

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Unit 2 A.A. Battery Date and Time.—From 1 Jan 42 To 2 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN (BERRIMA)	1 Jan 42		Manning - Stand to at dusk - No Stand to at Dawn as it was raining heavily - all clocks were advanced one hour at 0100 hours Tents erected for B.H.Q. - Camp duties were interrupted by heavy rain	
	2 JAN 42		Alarm 0001 hrs. on report of unidentified plane being sighted off coast. - All clear 0150 hrs - very heavy rain from midnight onward - Manning Stand to at dusk Tents pitched for H.Q personnel and administrative quarters 2 A.A. Bty	

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Unit 2 A.A. Bty Date and Time.—From 3 Jan 42 To 5 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN (BERRIMA)	3 Jan 42		Manning "Stand to" dawn & dusk - weather improved & early fine after 0800 hrs. Work recommenced on road - Received materials for construction of revetments	
	4 Jan 42		Manning "Stand to" Dawn & Dusk - Sunday Camp duties - Church Services Weather fine	
	5 Jan 42		Manning "Stand to" Dawn & dusk Alarm 13.20 hrs. - Six planes reported seen heading East. All Clear 13.40.	

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Unit ~~6 Sta~~ 2 A.A Bty / Section Date and Time.—From 6 Jan 42 To 8 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRIMA DARWIN	6 Jan 42		Dawn + dusk stand to - Manning - Carting Sand + Stone for Revetments - Alarm 0952 hrs. unidentified plane seen travelling South - All clear 1015 hrs - Weather hot + sullry	
	7 Jan 42		Manning. Dawn + dusk "stand to". Carting sand + stone for revetments. Commenced to Sand bag Command Post - Battery Commander arrived at Berrima - Hot + sullry with very heavy rain at night	
	8 Jan 42		Manning. "Stand to" Dawn + dusk. Carting sand + stone for revetments. commenced work on revetments. further slit trenches dug. - Hot + Sullry with heavy rain in afternoon	

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Unit 2 A.A. Bty. Berrima Section Date and Time.—From 9 Jan 42 To 11 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN BERRIMA	9 Jan 42		Manning. Stands. Dawn & Dusk. work on revetments. carting sand & stone. work on sandbagging command post. warm & sultry. heavy rain night	
	10 Jan 42		Manning. Stands. Dawn & dusk. work on revetments. carting sand & stone stopped by state of entrance road. Sandbagging command post. Warm & sultry. rain in evening	
	11 Jan 42		Manning. Stands. Dawn & Dusk. Sandbagging of command post proceeded with. ammunition recesses 1 of guns completed. Hot & sultry. Heavy shower in afternoon	

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Unit 2 A.A. Bty BERRIMA Section Date and Time.—From 12 Jan 42 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN BERRIMA	12 Jan 42		Manning "Stand to" Dawn & Dusk - work on revetments & sandbagging command post - ~~work~~ Weather sultry - a few isolated showers	
	~~13 Jan 42~~			
	13 Jan 42		Manning "Stand to" Dawn & Dusk" - work on revetments & sandbagging of command post proceeded with - Heavy rain in afternoon	
	14 Jan 42		Manning. Dawn & Dusk "Stand to". work on revetments & sandbagging of command post. - Very sultry. a few isolated showers	
	15 Jan 42		Manning Dawn & dusk "stand to". work on revetments & sandbagging command post - filling slit trenches. Weather hot	

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Unit 2 A.A. Bty - BERRIMA Section Date and Time.—From 16 Jan 42 To 19 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN (BERRIMA)	16 Jan 42		Manning. Dusk & Dawn "Standto" - Work on revetments continued - Sandbagging of Command Post. - Road Repairs. Weather fine & Sultry	
	17 Jan 42		Manning. Dusk & Dawn "Standto". - Work on revetments continued. Sandbagging Command Post Road Repairs. Hot & Sultry. Rain in afternoon	
	18 Jan 42		Manning. Dusk & Dawn "Standto" Work on revetments Not Guns complete. Sandbagging Command Post. Road Repairs. Hot & Sultry - Heavy rain at 1600 Church Parade Capt. 1000 hrs.	

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Unit 2 AA Bty - BERRIMA Section Date and Time.—From 20 Jan 42 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRIMA (DARWIN)	19 Jan 42		Manning "Standto" - Dawn & Dusk - Work on revetments - Command post - roadway - camouflaging huts - hot & sultry no rain	
	20 Jan 42		Manning "Standto" - Dawn & Dusk - Work same as 19 Jan - Hot and Sultry rain in evening	
	21 Jan 42		Manning "Standto" Dawn & Dusk - Work as on 20 Jan - Alarm at 11.22 hrs - All clear 11.30 hrs - Heavy rain in afternoon & evening	
	22 Jan 42		Manning "Standto" Dawn & Dusk - Work as on 21 Jan - Rain in evening	

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Unit 2. A. A. Bty BERRIMA Date and Time.—From 23 Jan 42 To 25 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN BERRIMA	23 Jan 42		Manning. Stand to "Dawn & Dusk". Work as on the ~~22nd~~ 22. Hot & sultry. little rain	
	24 Jan 42		Manning. Stand to Dawn & Dusk. Work as on 23rd. Revetment on No 2 Gun completed. No 3 Gun commenced. Hot & sultry little rain. Alarms 09.20 - 0930 - 1140. 1150 - 1345 - 1353. due to unidentified planes passing over station	
	25 Jan 42		Manning. Stand to: Dawn & Dusk. Work as on 24. Alarms. 0900. to 0920 and 2150 - 2154. - Unidentified planes flying over station - Weather hot in morning. Steady rain in afternoon - fine in evening	

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Unit 2A.A. Bly BERRIMA Date and Time.—From 26 Jan 42 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRIMA DARWIN	26 Jan 42		Manning. Stand to Dawn & Dusk. Work as previously - Manning detail to train each morning - Weather hot. Steady rain in afternoon	
	27 Jan 42		Manning Stand to Dawn & Dusk. Work as before. Weather hot. - heavy rain at night	
	28 Jan 42		Manning Stand to Dawn & Dusk. Work as before. Weather hot. heavy rain early morning	
	29 Jan 42		Manning. Stand to "Dawn & Dusk. Work as before - Weather hot & sultry	

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Unit ..... Date and Time.—From 30 Jan 42 To 31 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRIMA DARWIN	30 Jan 42		Manning - Dawn + Dusk. Stand to - Banking of spoil against revetments commenced Work as before otherwise - Weather hot + Sultry - rain in afternoon	
	31 Jan 42		Manning - Stand to Dawn + Dusk - Revetments completed - other work continued - more earth for embankments - work commenced on concreting inside of command post. Weather hot + sultry. Heavy rain in afternoon + again in evening	

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Unit BHQ 2AABN BERRIMA Date and Time.—From 1 Feb 42 To 28 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
B.H.Q. BERRIMA	1 Feb. 42.		Manning "Stand To's" - Dawn & Dusk. - Camp Constructional Work. Weather Overcast. Sultry	
	2 Feb 42		Cyclonic disturbance accompained by torrential rain and heavy winds. Most Construction work suspended. Dawn & Dusk Manning "Stand To's". Manning personnel sleping on Gun Park.	
	3 Feb 42		Cyclonic disturbance continues. Wind blowing gale force. Conditions unpleasant and Camp Area almost inundated. Very little constructional work being done due to inclement weather.	

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Unit BHQ 2AABTY, BERRIMA Date and Time.—From 1 Feb. Hrs To 28. Feb. Hrs

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BHQ BERRIMA.	4 Feb Hrs		Weather stee unsettled. Barrack. Camp area very Boggy. Sections stee "standing 2o" at Dawn and Dusk: slit Trenches. commenced in Camp area.	
	5 Feb Hrs		Manning. Dawn. Dusk "Stand 2o's". Weather cleaning. Constructional work resumed.	
	6 Feb. Hrs		Loading unusual. Construction work. manning stee being carried out.	
	7 Feb Hrs		Usual Camp. Section Routine. Earthing of Revetment walls. Construction of Lewis Gun posts.	

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Unit BHQ 2AA BTY BERRIMA Date and Time.—From 1 Feb 42 To 28 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BHQ-BERRIMA	8 Feb 42		Manning Dawn + Dusk "Stand To's". "Alarm" sounded 1630 hrs. Flights of enemy planes seen passing over Timor Island, heading in the direction of Darwin. Sections "Standing To". "All Clear" 1810 hrs. No hostile Aircraft sighted.	
	9 Feb 42		Usual Manning carried out. Weather hot with heavy showers in the afternoon.	
	10 Feb 42		"Alarm" sounded 1510 hrs. Unidentified Plane seen flying high over Fanny Bay, dodging in + out of clouds. Plane not sighted by Berrima section "All Clear" 1623 hrs.	

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Unit BHQ 2AA BTY BERRIMA Date and Time.—From 1 Feb 41 To 28 Feb 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BHQ BERRIMA	11 Feb 41		Manning. Dawn & Dusk "stand to's". Camp construction as before. Weather hot & sultry	
	12 Feb 41		Personnel of 2AA Bty re-allotted to following sections, BHQ. AA LMG. BERRIMA & QUARANTINE all four Guns being manned. Section training & Dawn & Dusk "stand-to's" Constructional work. Felling of certain trees around Camp Area to obtain greater field of view.	

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Unit BHQ 2AABTy BERRIMA Date and Time.—From 1 Feb '42 To 28 Feb '42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BHQ BERRIMA	13 Feb '42		Manning "stand-to" Dawn + Dusk. Construction work.	
	14 Feb '42		Berrima section took over full manning as from 1800 hrs. Personnel for all guns + equipment; and instruments sleeping on Gun Park. "Alarm" 1350 hrs. Junkers 89 reported to be attacking transport "Pierre" 25 miles from Darwin. "all clear" 1442 hrs Manning "stand to" Dusk + Dawn.	

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Unit BHQ 2AABty. BERRIMA Date and Time.—From 1 Feb 42 To 28 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BHQ. BERRIMA	15 Feb 42		Manning "Stand-to" Dawn + Dusk: Section Training + Construction work.	
	16 Feb'42.		Manning "Stand-to" Dusk to Dawn. Individual Training in morning. Cleaning Ammunition in afternoon. "Alarm" 1255 hrs: R.A.A.F report aircraft N.W. of Aerodrome at 15000 feet dogging in and out of clouds. heading seawards. Plane not sighted by Berrima Section. "All Clear" 1420 hrs. "Alarm" again 2100 hrs. Unidentified Plane flying West to East; bearing 180°. Height 5000 ft. "All Clear 2126 hrs. Plane not	sighted at Berrima

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
B.H.Q. BERRIMA	17 Feb'42		Manning "Stand-to" Dawn & Dusk. Construction work & Section training.	
	18 Feb'42		Manning "Stand to" Dawn & Dusk. Section training "Alarm" 1455 hrs. 2 Multi-Engined Aircraft sighted approaching Darwin from North West at a great height. "All Clear 1552 hrs. Planes not sighted by Berrima Section.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BHQ. BERRIMA	19. Feb.		General Alarm at Berrima Station sounded at approximately 0950 hrs; when approximately five flights of Hostile Japanese Aircraft, each of nine planes, were sighted at about 12000 feet approaching from the South East of Berrima Section. Berrima immediately engaged the enemy for a short period while in Range. Reports, as yet unconfirmed, state that one heavy Bomber was shot down during this engagement, the tail being blown completely off the aircraft. General Alarm from H.Q.A.A.D. given at approximately 0955 hrs. Two flying fighters then flew over Berrima Station machine gunning it. They were immediately engaged	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BH.Q. BERRIMA	19. Feb.		by. Lewis' Machine Gun fire. It is estimated that two enemy planes were brought down during this engagement by Berrima Section. One burst into flames, and appeared to crash to the North of Berrima at approximately 1½ miles ground range; probably in the vicinity of McMullans.; the other disappearing South of the Section. Another Planes course was abruptly altered by 3.7" gunfire at "Gun Control". This machine was probably strained and damaged, and unlikely to reach its Base.	
			Two Casualties were caused to Personnel of Berrima Section. N279.892 Gnr M.E. Sullivan	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BHQ BERRIMA	19 Feb. 42		receiving a Bullet wound in the leg and N279808. Gnr R.T. Coun. Bullet wound in the arm The Vickers. Predictor was hit three three times by Machine Gun fire, but no damage was caused. A lucky hit was scored on the Junction Box. throwing all four guns "Out of Action" to all Systems of "the Control" except "Gun Control". The O.M.E. staff were informed immediately, and on arriving, placed 2 and 3 Guns back in Action. "All Clear" was sounded at 1048 hrs. Sixty (60) Rounds of 3.7" Ammunition were expended during this engagement, together with approximately 1800 Rounds of S.A.A. Alarm again sounded at 1150 hrs	

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Unit BHQ 2AA BTY BERRIMA Date and Time.—From 17 Feb Hrs To 28 Feb Hrs

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BHQ BERRIMA	19 Febry		At. 1210 hrs. 67. Planes. of Japanese Army. type. were sighted over Darwin at height of 26000 feet. Planes were out of. Range of. Berrima Guns. At 1255 hrs. Berrima Section engaged. Bombers. at 19000 feet to the East. of the Section. 2 Rounds. were fired only at fuze 30; then targets were out of Range These Planes. consisted of two formations one of 45 planes and one of 22 planes. It was observed, that the tactics of the. Enemy were, that during the first attack. Steep Dive Bombing attacks were Carried out over the Harbour. RAAF Station supported by. Power Diving fighters. Machine	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
B.H.Q BERRIMA	19 Feb 42		Gunning. Gun Stations, or wherever a Target presented itself. It appears that the object of these attacks by the enemy were to have a demoralising effect on the Defences. The second attack was again probably directed against shipping in the Harbour and the R.A.A.F Station, and was a high Level type of attack at heights ranging from 19 to 26000 feet.	
			It was during this engagement that Telephone Communications of 2AA Bty, Berrima were damaged due to Bombs in the vicinity of the RAAF 'Drome. The connection with AA.G.H.Q.S. Switch was cut off, and the	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BHQ BERRIMA	19 Feb 42		line was out of commission approximately 8 hours.	
			"All Clear" sounded at 1340 hrs.	
			The sounding of the alarm by the Town Air Raid Siren at 1135 hrs. was followed by the "All Clear" at 1550 hrs. No enemy Planes were sighted. A further alarm was sounded at 1911 hrs; with the "All Clear" at 1935 hrs. Again no enemy Planes were sighted. Section "Standing To" all day.	
			O.M.E. Staff returned to Berrima during the afternoon and replaced parts damaged in Junction Box. No's 1 & 4 Guns were then again in Action.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BHQ. BERRIMA	19 Febry		Personnel of the section displayed remarkable coolness, considering it was their first time under enemy fire. Fire by 3.7" section was well controlled, and very little waste was observed. Fire was "held" by AA LMG. Troop and was well controlled.	
			It was apparent that the Enemy disliked small arms fire from the ground, and the majority took immediate avoiding Action as soon as engaged. This tendency undoubtedly saved the equipment and Personnel from greater damage.	
			Lessons learnt from Engagements. (1). When large	

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Unit BHQ 2AA BTY. BERRIMA Date and Time.—From 1 Feb. 42 To 28 Feb. 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BHQ. BERRIMA	19. Feb 42		Scale attacks are in progress, two officers must be in the Command Post, one as G.P.O. and the other to select the next target for engagement and indicate it to G.P.O. (2) "Gun Control - distribute" is not an efficient system of fire control against ground strafing aircraft. Greater scope must be given to Nos. 1 of Guns. to use their initative and attempt to lay the Gun roughly on approaching aircraft flying low in their particular Arc of fire (3) Unarmed spare personnel must keep under cover, and remain there. Slit Trenches well clear of the Gun Park Area are invaluable	

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Unit BHQ. 2AABTY. BERRIMA. Date and Time.—From 1 Feb 41 To 28 Feb 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BHQ. BERRIMA	19 Feb 41		(4) Rifle fire from slit Trenches must be controlled to be effective. When distributing Rifles to spare personnel, their ability to handle a rifle intelligently must be considered. It is therefore necessary to have a prearranged allotment of Arms, Ammunition and fire Trenches. (5). Because of the tendency of the enemy to take avoiding action when engaged by AA L.M.G fire, personnel manning AA L.M.G's must hold their fire until the Aircraft is near its minimum range. (6) It is important that an intelligent and reliable man be placed on the Telephone	

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Unit BHQ. 2AABTY. BERRIMA Date and Time.—From 1 Feb 41 To 28 Feb 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BHQ. BERRIMA	19. Feb'41		on the Command Post, to relay to the G.P.O. any revelant information received This information must be passed rapidly and concisely.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BHQ. BERRIMA	20 Feb '42		"Alert" sounded 0930 hrs. Ironstone reported Low Wing Monoplane fixed undercarriage. flying at great speed. Bearing 280°. "Alarm" 1005 hrs. "All Clear" 1010. No plane sighted by Berrima. "Alert" 1242 hrs. "Alarm" 1250 hrs. McMillans Searchlights reports unidentified Aircraft height approximately the same as the Bombers on the 19.2.42. Flying South - sighted at 1240 hrs. No hostile aircraft sighted by Berrima Section. "All Clear" 1413 hrs. Thorough Examination of equipment by Section. Electrical Transmission failed at 1945 hrs Fault corrected at 2030 hrs by O.M.E. staff.	

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Unit BHQ 2AABTY. BERRIMA Date and Time.—From 1 Feb. '42 To 28 Feb. '42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BHQ. BERRIMA	21 Feb'42		Manning "Stand. to" Dawn & Dusk. "Alarm" sounded 1801 hrs. Empire Flying Boat came in without notification and out of "Lane" Elliott Point fired one Round Fuze 5. "All Clear" 1806 hrs. Section personnel engaged in examination of equipment and ammunition Sandbagging of ammunition recesses. OME staff examined Electrical Transmission & left new Converter in place of old one.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BHQ BERRIMA	22 Feb 42		"Alert" sounded 1215 hrs. "Alarm" 1257 hrs. Aircraft heard flying high over Point Charles. No hostile aircraft sighted. "All Clear" 1330 hrs. Gun Park personnel engaged on further sand bagging of Guns and camouflaging with Bitumen. Air Sentries on Guns at all times. Keen lookouts posted.	
	23 Feb 42		Manning "stand-to" Dawn - Dusk. Slit Trenches constructed - camouflaged. Keen watch kept for Aircraft. No "Alerts" or "Alarms"	

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Unit BHQ 2AA BTY. BERRIMA Date and Time.—From 17 Feb 42 To 28 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BHQ. BERRIMA	24 Feb 42		"Alert" sounded approximately 1234 hrs. Aircraft sighted 25000 ft over Harbour. No plane sighted by Berrima section. "All clear" 1255 hrs. Manning "Stand-to" Dawn to Dusk	
	25 Feb 42		Manning "stand-to's" Dawn and Dusk. Personnel still constructing sand bag protection around Guns and Command Post. Weather hot - sultry with few clouds. Keen look-outs posted for aircraft. No "alerts" or "alarms".	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BHQ. BERRIMA.	26 Feb'42		"Alarm" sounded by Berrima 1130 hrs. 2 low-wing, single engined monoplanes flying East at approximately 27000 ft. Too high for identification. Elliott Pt. identified planes as hostile at 1136 hrs. and engaged aircraft at approximately 20,000 ft. Fanny Bay reports 2 Japanese planes at 20.000 ft. flying South East. Oval, engaged planes at 22000 ft at 1150 hrs. "All Clear" 1207 hrs.	
			"Alert" 1209 hrs. Planes still flying very high in the clouds over Darwin. Aircraft not sighted. "All Clear" 1224 hrs.	
			"Alert" 1252 hrs. "Alarm" 1310 hrs. Message from Elliott Point states that more than one	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
B.H.Q. BERRIMA.	26 Feb '42		plane heard high over Eelish Point. "All Clear" 1330 hrs.	
			"Alarm" 1449 hrs. Probably 5 Bombers. to North West of Darwin. Wirraway at 13500 ft flying over Darwin. Fanny Bay reports, what appears to be a Balloon. high over station, also reported by Berrima Command Post at 1451 hrs. Berrima reports later that object is not Balloon but Planet. A Cut taken on object with Height finder. resulted in an Infinity reading. "All Clear" 1506 hrs No planes sighted except Wirraway.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BHQ. BERRIMA	27. Feb. 42		Manning "Stand-to's" Dawn & Dusk. Earthing of revetment walls & A A L M G. posts: Construction commenced of Ammunition & Explosive Store No. "Alarms" Weather hot and sultry.	
	28 Feb '42		Usual Manning "Stand-to's" Dawn - Dusk. Measures taken to combat any attempted Paratroop landing. Plans drawn up to ensure that Perimeter of Gun Park Area adequately protected by small arms fire. Arc's of fire allotted to "Lewis Gun Posts". & fire Trenches manned by Rifles. Protective measures taken to ensure that all avenues	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BHQ. BERRIMA	28th.		of attack are at all times under Rifle & Machine Gun Fire. Plans for Construction of Barb Wire entanglements around area has been drawn up. (~~see Appendix A for this & Arcs of Fire~~.)	× See Appendix A.

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Appendix A

MOST SECRET.

REPORT ON GROUND DEFENCE AGAINST A.F.Vs , PARATROOPS etc.

Berrima A.A.Station. By Lt. R.v.Tiedemann & Lt.D.B.Willick
2 A.A.Bty.

(1). TOPOGRAPHICAL.

The area to be defended is to a great extent flat, with a slight fall in a Southerly direction. Gullies affording protection for possible paratroops are situated some ½ mile South of Camp area. The gun position and surrounding area is cleared of high trees for an area some 400 yards in diameter. The remaining areas are heavily timbered. The whole of the area outside the immediate camp site is thickly grassed with grass some 4 ft high. This grass will grow taller as the wet season progresses. The inner or camp area is cleared and no natural cover is available. However, huts, tents etc. provide many "blind spots" Natural cover capable of being used as defensive positions for riflemen is nil. A point to be born in mind by the defenders is that when the grass dries Fire could form a danger not to be lightly overlooked.

(2). WEAPONS AVAILABLE.

Anti A.F.V. & Anti Personnel	4	3·7" Q.F. Ordinance on Fixed Mounts.
	4	L.M.G. A.A.Mounting.
	2	Thompson ·45 Sub Machine Guns.
	90	·303 S.M.L.E. Rifles.
	50	Bayonets.

(3). APPRECIATION.

(i). A.F.V.

These could attack from any direction but would have to negotiate the trees . These trees are not close enough to prevent A.F.V. penetration. It is considered more likely, however, that the A.F.Vs would use the Darwin-Adelaide River Road as the 'jumping' off point for attack.

(11) PERSONNEL.

(a). INFILTRATION

These enemy troops could do considerable damage to this station by surprise attack if Their presence was unknown in the district. It must be remembered that the Anti-Aircraft role is of prime importance, and the troops available for defence from ground attack are untrained in Infantry Tactics and would not normally be in a position to counter ground attack without prior warning.

(b). PARATROOPS

The presence of Paratroops unless landed by night a considerable distance from the station would be known. It must be assumed that the presence of Air born troop carrying aircraft would be known. It is thought that owing to the high timber, paratroops detailed to deal with this Station would be landed at any of the following points :-

1. on road.
2. on clearing at "Coonawarra" Wireless station.
3. on Gun position itself
4. on area some ½ mile south of camp area.
5. on cleared ground at Winnellie.
6. on or near Berrima Hospital.

Dropping parchutists would be observed by air-sentries and Tactical Officer at Command Post and information must then be passed to ground defences, who should themselves have observed any falling paratroops in their own sectors.

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(4). SCHEME OF DEFENCE.

A plan of defences is submitted herewith (see appendix A) This may be summarized as under.

A.F.V.

3·7" A.A.Guns using H.E. time fuzes set to "safe" under control of G.P.O. where possible, otherwise under individual control of No 1 , each gun operating in sector alloted it for "Gun Control - Distribute".

All Small Arms, L.M.G. etc to be used, in order to force A.F.V.s to drop visors. Troops to be instructed to fire at loop-holes.

The layout of rifles, L.M.G.s provides all round fire for this purpose.

(5). PERSONNEL.

(a). INFILTRATION.

The siting of the L.M.G. posts and Thompson Sub Machine Guns provides excellant fire power on all sides except for one small sector S.E. of camp site. This is covered by fire from 16 rifles situated in 5 fire trenches built on slit trench plan. These trenches are manned by the more expert riflemen available. Remaining riflemen are dispersed around perimeter defences in 9 fire trenches situated so that areas covered by L.M.G. fire are also covered by Rifle Fire. It is proposed to construct a barbed wire fence as shown on Appendix A in such a manner that fire trenches will provide enfilade fire along the longitutinal stretches. This will necessitate the clearing of grass in the immediate vicinity of the wire -- say 3 yards either side of fence. This proposed fence to be single post, 5 yds apart , 4 strand wire, 4ft. high. Donnet's concertina wire to be used, if obtainable, for construction of additional traps inside defended area.

Arcs of fire have been alloted to respective fire trenches giving maximum fire power without endangering other defence positions.

One L.M.G. (no 6 post). has been alloted to deal with any enemy troops breaking through the outer defences. The small arms available in the gun park are to serve a similar role.

(b). PARATROOPS.

The defence system against infiltration applies equally as well against paratroops once on ground. Whilst in air these are vulnerable to fire from 3·7" guns if dropped 1000 yds or further) away. Little effect can be gained by small arms fire against paratroops parachuting to earth at a range of over 600 yds from nearest defended position. It is therefore thought advisable that rifles only be used against paratroops while in air at ranges up to 1000yds. Any paratroops within 600 yds should be and must be engaged by all forms of defence available, until hidden from view. Defenders must then hold their fire (i.e keep their precise position undisclosed). until a suitable target presents itself. Troops must develop the offensive spirit to the utmost and always bear in mind that paratroops do not take prisoners. However needless waste of ammunition may only cause the parachutists to seek some less well defended area.

The L.M.G.s available could be sited to improve the ground defence from the south east, but this would weaken the air defence plan which is of prime importance. It is considered that the rifle protection provided in this area is adequate. One Thompson Sub-Machine gun and Lewis Gun Post No. 1 can deal effectively with any troops breaking through the rifle defences in this area.

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APPENDIX A

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SKETCH PLAN OF DEFENCE
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Unit A.A.L.M.G. Troop 2.A.A.Bty Date and Time.—From 12 Feb To 28 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRIMA DARWIN	12 Feb		An A.A.L.M.G. Troop, consisting one officer, Sgt A.A Levy and 31 ORs was established for 2.A.A.Bty by Routine Instruction of No 8 of 12 Feb 42 issued by Capt. Sutherland Acting OC. Four additional Lewis Guns together with ammunition were received by A.A.L.M.G Section making eight guns in all Ammunition (ball) inspected thereof was received but no tracer. Three posts which were being constructed on the Gun Park perimeter at Berrima were permanently manned as from this date and participated in dusk and dawn stand to	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRIMA DARWIN	13 Feb 42		Work was continued on L.G. posts on the N. and E of Gun Park - Tents were pitched in bush at ~~AH~~ E of Barracks for L.G. personnel and forthwith camplonged. - Dawn & Dusk stands Manning personnel were in tents near their posts Manning Dawn & Dusk	
	14 Feb 42		Three posts abovementioned completed - Three new posts commenced on West & S.W. of Gun Park. - Alarm 13.50 - Junkers 89 attacking transport Pierre 25 miles from Darwin. All clear 14.42. Dawn & Dusk Manning	
	15 Feb 42		Training commenced with instruction on Lewis Gun - How to strip clean & assemble & action	

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Unit A.A. & M.G. Troops. Date and Time.—From 12 Feb 42 To 28 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Berrima DARWIN	15 Feb 42 (contd)		of Gun - Half troop excluding manning personnel working on H/L.G. posts while other half trained - Dawn & Dusk Manning	
	16 Feb 42		Work on new L.G. posts continued together with further instruction of personnel - Berrima Section Lewis Gunners attached for training - Alarm 1255 - R.A.A.F reporting unidentified aircraft at 15000 N.W of 'drome, All clear 1420 - 4 fourth L.G. with field mount was manned at Commandpost - 2100 hrs alarm - unidentified plane flying W to E bearing 180 height 5000 - All clear 2126. Dawn & Dusk manning	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRIMA DARWIN	17 Feb 42		Training of personnel and construction of L.G. posts continued as previously - Dawn + Dusk Manning	
	18 Feb 42		Training of personnel and construction of L.G. posts continued as previously - Alarm 1455 hours - 2 Multi-engined aircraft unidentified approaching Darwin from N.W at great height. All clear 1552 - for this alarm No 6 post was manned and is now ready for action at all times though manning crew not sleeping at post - No 6 post also No 5 post completed in evening Dawn + Dusk Manning	

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Unit A.A.L.M.G. Troop 2 A.A. Bdy Date and Time.—From 12 Feb To 28 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRIMA DARWIN	19 Feb 42		Dawn and Dusk stand to - Construction of new posts and training was proceeding at 0950 when the Look out man at the Command Post sighted a large formation of planes at about 12000 feet passing from E to W ~~[illegible]~~ The alarm was sounded ~~[illegible]~~ they forthwith. The 3.7 guns engaged these planes while in range. After a short lapse of from 5 to ten minutes fighter planes appeared. flying low one came in from the W and was engaged by No 3 L.G. post as it swung sharply away. For some two ~~[illegible]~~ or three minutes several low flying planes flew over the station & were engaged by our posts & after a lapse of some five to ten minutes	

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Unit A.A.L.M.G. Troop 2 A.A. Bde Date and Time.—From 12 Feb 42 To 28 Feb 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN BEARIMA	19 Feb 42		low flying planes again appeared & about four flew over our station very low & were engaged by our L.G. posts - one swung sharply away & appeared to have been severely hit but it was impossible to say whether the damage was in fact serious - After another short lapse we received the word shortly after the morning fully eight planes flew very low over the station spraying bullets and deliberately attacked our L.G. posts - In most cases the bullets went wide but ~~one~~ two planes respectively sprayed our Nos 1 & 2 posts (Easterly side) with bullets. There were a	

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Unit A.A.L.M.G. Troop. 2 A.A. Bty Date and Time.—From 12 Feb 42 To 28 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRIMA DARWIN	19 ~~Jan~~ Feb 42		numerous bullet holes in Nos 1 & 2 L.G posts and several bullets came into the posts. There were however no casualties in the Troop It was apparent that most low flying planes swung away when engaged at close range by Lewis Guns. and in only the two cases did the enemy planes press home their attack on the L.G. posts The all clear was sounded at 10.58. One plane was observed flying low from the direction of Hmellie it burst into flame when nearing our station and crashed some distance to the North of our station A second plane passed from S W to N E over	

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Unit R.A.A.L.M.G. 2 A.A. Bty Date and Time.—From 12 Feb 42 To 28 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	19 Feb 42		our station and appeared to go down in the	
BERRIMA	contd		bush to the N. but it could not be definitely	
			All clear 1048 determined that it crashed - The alarm	
			was again rung at 1151 owing to ~~[illegible]~~	
			planes identified as Japanese having been	
			seen flying over Fanny Bay at 28000 ft.	
			Shortly after midday large formations	
			of planes were seen flying at a great	
			height over the station from S.W to N.E. ~~The~~	
			None of these planes came within range of	
			All clear 1340. ~~Alarm sounded~~ All clear 1550 - ~~Alarm sounded~~	
			1941 - All clear 1955	
			S.A.A. fire an Alert was sounded at	
			1911	
			~~1930~~. but no enemy planes were	
			sighted - All clear ~~1941~~ 1935	
			(over)	

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Unit A.A.L.M.G. Troop 2AA Bty Date and Time.—From 12 Feb To 28 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRIMA DARWIN	19 Feb 42 Contd		The personnel of the section conducted themselves in a very creditable manner Continuing to fire on low-flying aircraft even when bullets actually were entering the post + there was no instance of a gun not being manned + the low fliers engaged Mention should be made on the Courage of N. 108358 Gnr Hudson W.T. This youngster of 20 weighing about 7 stone was manning a LG on a pedestal mount from the blast wall revetment of the Command Post. Finding he could not operate the gun freely enough there he left his the cover of the blast wall + went to a 44 gallon petrol drum in the open some yards from the Command Post and from this exposed position kept up his fire in defiance during the whole attack	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRIMA DARWIN	20 Feb 41		Dawn + Dusk Manning -- Day was spent camouflaging L.G. posts + slit trenches heightening the walls where deemed necessary + otherwise improving the posts - Alarm 0930. on report of Low winged monoplane flying bearing 280 at great speed - All clear ~~1010~~ 1120. - Alert sounded 1242 - ~~Airplan~~ Plane unidentified sighted by McMillan's flying South - plane turned over Bagot flying N.W - All clear 1314 No enemy planes were sighted during these alarms	
	21 Feb 41		Dawn + Dusk manning - The morning was spent on timbering ~~guns~~ + improving posts + the afternoon was spent in training Alarm sounded 1804. Empire Flying Boat came in no message. not in law Elliott Pt alarmed All clear 1806.	

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Unit A.A.L.M.G. Troop 2A.A.Bly Date and Time.—From 12 Feb 42 To 28 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRIMA DARWIN	22 Feb 42		Dawn + Dusk Manning - Section personnel were working on their respective Gun posts - There are now six posts Nos 1 + 2. E + N.E. reply Nos 3 + 4 N. + N.W. reply Nos 5 + 6. S.W + S reply. - All our L.Gs are now ready for action as. It were withdrawn + transferred to the ~~Dual on~~ ~~1st~~ A.A.Bly on 20 mat. and two more were withdrawn on the 21st mat. and transferred to 1st. A.A.Bly leaving the Troop with two L.G.s and the L.Gs belonging to Berrima + Quarantine Sections ~~Posts 5 + 6~~ - Posts 3 + 6 are not manned in the hours of darkness but are manned with L.Gs from the D.F. + Knuckeys Lagoon Searchlight stations by day. These guns are picked up at 0715 hrs. + returned to S.L. Stations at 2045 hrs	

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Unit A.A.H.M.G. Troop 2A.A.Bty Date and Time.—From 12 Feb 42 To 28 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRIMA DARWIN	27 Feb 42 Contd		and returned at 2045 hrs. - Section training in stoppages from 1100 to 1230 hrs	
	28 Feb 42		Dawn + Dusk manning - ~~Gun Personnel~~ attached to Nos 1 + 2 H.G posts shifted to alt positions a few yards from their respective posts + ~~permanent manning of these posts instituted~~ Work on strengthening posts by erecting posts set in concrete inside the posts + wire hessian camouflage undertaken where possible 4 further 30 magazines were made available to the troops and as 2lb only were serviceable 4 were issued to each post	

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Unit 1 A.L.M.G. Troop 2 A.A. Bty Date and Time.—From 12 Feb 42 To 28 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRIMA DARWIN	24 Feb 42		Dawn & dusk Manning - Work was done during the day in strengthening L.G. Posts with stakes set in concrete. in preparing more elaborate & skilful camouflage. and the crew of Post 6 obtained a certain amount of earth to revet the sandbagging - The alert approx 1234 aircraft sighted 25000 feet over Harbour. no plane sighted By Berrima. All clear 1355	
	25 Feb 42		Dawn & dusk manning - During the manning tents were pitched beside No 4 & No 5 Post nearly on the Western side of the Camp. area and the Gun Crews were to the tents near their Posts in order to be at hand at all times. permanent manning was instituted at these posts. The camouflage was improved & further work done	

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Unit A.A.L.M.G. Troop 2.A.A.Bty Date and Time.—From 12 Feb 42 To 28 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRIMA (DARWIN)	25 Feb 42 contd		on the posts work cannot progress as quickly as desired as tools + materials are not always available. All ammunition drums + ammunition therein are cleaned + loaded each day as it is found grit and dust gets in very readily	
	26 Feb 42		Dawn + Dusk Manning - 3 Camouflage nets were received by the section and will be allotted to Nos 2, 5 + 6 posts which it is considered need the most. They will not be erected immediately as it is desired to pad and round off all posts etc which may tear the net. Also it is not desirable to erect them permanently while work is going on round the	

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Unit 9 A.L.M.G. Troop 2 A.A. Bty Date and Time.—From 12 Feb 42 To 28 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			posts. I detached Six men from their posts to	
BERRIMA	26 Feb 42		assist with the construction of an ammunition	
DARWIN	Cont'd		dump. + a further two to assist at A.A.G.H.Q	
			There was an alert 11.29. Alarm 11.31. and two	
			planes (enemy) were sighted at about 28000	
			they did not come within range of the 3.7 guns	
			the all clear was finally sounded at	
			1224. - An alert was sounded at 1254 Alarm	
			1310 + All clear 1330 - Another alert 1440	
			Alarm 1443 + all clear 1506 but on neither	
			of these occasions were enemy planes	
			sighted - Work however was seriously	
			held up by these alarms	

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Unit A.A.L.M.G. Troop 2 A.A.Bty Date and Time.—From 12 Feb. 42 To 28 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRIMA DARWIN	27 Feb 42		Dawn + Dusk Manning - There were no alarms or alerts - as loads of dirt are available they are being placed round the L.G. posts which apart from this work are now practically complete. They are strengthened with stakes roofed in as far as is possible + camouflaged. - The first two alternative posts were proceeded with and are about half finished - The men also received instruction on their role in the ground defence of the camp. and areas were allotted to each post except Post No 6 to cover. Post No 6 was allotted the role of dealing with enemy getting inside the first lines of defence	

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Unit A.A.L.M.G. Troop 2 A.A. Bty Date and Time.—From 12 Feb 42 To 28 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRIMA DARWIN	28 Feb 42		Dawn & Dusk manning - Work was continued on alternative posts 1 & 2 - There were no alarms.- By virtue of Routine Instruction of this date Gunner Griffiths A.D. W40459 and Gunner Daniels H.H. W25782 were appointed Lance Bombadiers - Usual duties of limbering & cleaning & reloading ammunition were carried out on posts and as earth was available it was used to pile against sandbags. Work was also performed on posts e.g. further strengthening & camouflaging By the abovementioned Routine ~~Order~~ Instructions Gun Griffiths A.D (New L/Bdr) who was formerly only attached to Section was transferred from Berrima Section to this Section	a. A sketch plan is appended to this diary showing the position of the posts for L.G.s. b. No comment is made on weather as we are stationed at Berrima A.A. Station & reports on weather here are furnished by Berrima Section

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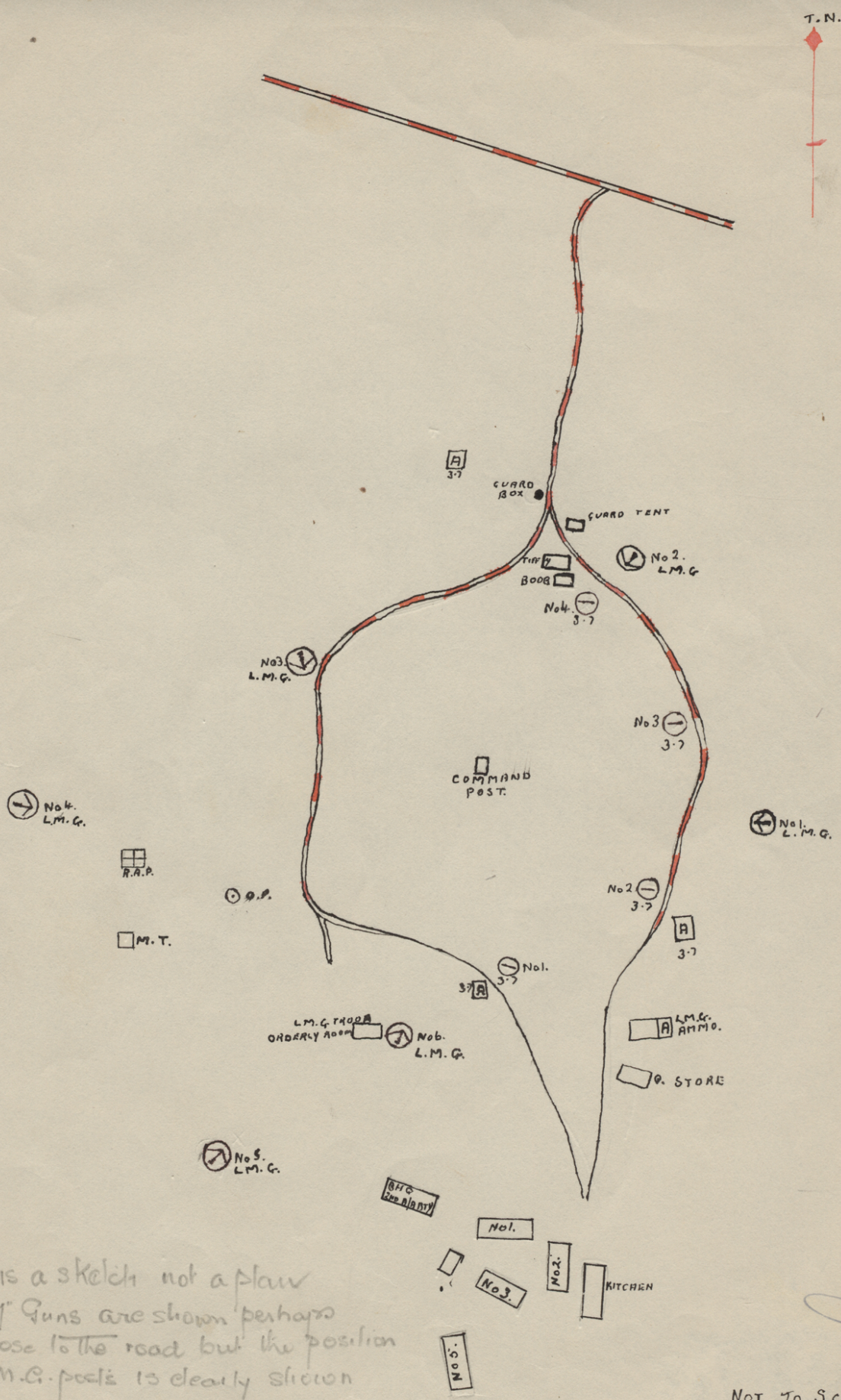

N.B. This is a sketch not a plan
The 3·7" Guns are shown perhaps
a little close to the road but the position
of the L.M.G. posts is clearly shown

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Unit 1 Section 2 A.A. Bty Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 Feb 42 To 2400 hrs 4 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Batchelor	1 Feb 42	0001-2400	General maintenance 3.4 Guns and Instruments	
			Reported Predictor bearing transmission out of order	
			Predictor repaired by Ordnance & reported ready for action	
			Weather cool, rain in afternoon	
	2 Feb 42	0001-2400	Revetting of gun site. Work and Training	
			hampered by almost continuous heavy rain	
			throughout day and night	
	3 Feb 42	0001-2400	Continuous heavy rain and high winds	
			throughout day and night.	
			2/4 Pioneers moved out. Camp taken over by 43rd Inf.	
	4 Feb 42	0001-2400	Revetting of gun site	
			Weather - rain eased in morning, but started	
			again in afternoon.	
			B.H.Q. reported road communications with Darwin severed	

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Unit 1 Section 2 a.a. Bty Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 5 Feb 42 To 2400 hrs 8 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Batchelor	5 Feb 42	0001-2400	Revetting of gun site. Training	
			Road to Adelaide River passable, though very sloppy in places	
			Weather - Cool, overcast + windy. Rain in afternoon	DW.
	6 Feb 42	0001-2400	Ammunition recesses No 2 gun completed. Training	
			Weather, cool, overcast squally rain	
			Reported road to Darwin passable by truck	DW.
	7 Feb 42	0001-2400	Complete maintenance 1 + 2 guns and Instruments.	
			Sand bag revetting A.A.L.M.G. Post completed	
			Commenced revetting No 2 gun	
			Weather cool, overcast, squally rain	DW.
	8 Feb 42	0001-2400	Complete maintenance 3 + 4 guns and Instruments	
			Weather continued cool, rain and high winds	
			during night.	
			1 O.R. marched in ex BHQ 0130 hrs + 1 OR marched out to BHQ 1640 hrs	
			unidentified planes passed over area at 0645 hrs. alarm sounded.	DW.
			RAAF advised planes apparently friendly 0820 hrs.	
			RAAF advised alert in Darwin 1710 hrs. Received advise all clear at 1855 hrs	

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Unit 1 Section 2 A.A. Bty Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 9 Feb 42 To 2400 hrs 11 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Batchelor	9 Feb 42	0001-2400	Continued revetting of gun site, and camp construction	
			Training. Weather cool and showery	
			Roads in vicinity cutting up badly due to recent heavy rains	
	10 Feb 42	0001-2400	Revetting of gun site and camp construction	
			Training. Weather cool and showery	
			Unidentified plane passed over area @ 2345 hrs. Alarm sounded.	
	11 Feb 42	0001-2400	RAAF advised that plane apparently an LB 30 which was an hour overdue in Darwin. 0020 hrs	
			Revetting of gun site. Training	
			Weather fine, cool	
			1 Officer and 20 ORs marched in ex BHQ @ 1130 hrs	
			1 Officer and 1 OR marched out to BHQ @ 1500 hrs	

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Unit 1 Section 2 A.A. Bty Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 12 Feb 42 To 2400 hrs 16 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Batchelor	12 Feb 42	0001-2400	Training Revetting gun site	
			Weather fine, warm	
	13 Feb 42	0001-2400	Completed sand bag revetting No 2 gun. Commenced revetting No 1 gun. Training	
			Weather fine, warm	
	14 Feb 42	0001-2400	Completed Ammunition recesses No 1 gun	
			Complete maintenance 3 & 4 guns and Instruments	
			Weather overcast, sultry	
	15 Feb 42	0001-2400	Complete maintenance 1 & 2 guns and Instruments	
			Camouflaging of tents on gun site	
			Weather overcast, warm, light showers	
			1 OR marched in to BHQ 1130 hrs. 1 OR marched out to Hospital 1415 hrs	
	16 Feb 42	0001-2400	Revetting gun site Training	
			Weather warm, overcast, light showers	

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Unit 1 Section 2 A.A. Bty Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 17 Feb 42 To 2400 hrs 19 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Batchelor	17 Feb 42	0001-2400	Revetting gun site Training	
			Weather fine, warm, heavy shower at mid-day [illegible]	
	18 Feb 42	0001-2400	Revetting gun site Training	
			Completed sandbag revetting No 1 gun	
			Weather fine, warm [illegible]	
	19 Feb 42	0001-2400	Revetting gun site	
			Advised at 1010 hrs that Darwin bombed. Alarm sounded	
			RAAF advised Darwin had been bombed by 72 planes	
			at great height. Presumed all clear at 1120 hrs.	
			Alert 1200 hrs All clear 1240 hrs Darwin bombed	
			Alert 1640 hrs All clear 1745 hrs Darwin bombed	
			Alert 2030 hrs All clear 2210 hrs ?	
			Weather fine, warm.	
			Telephonic communication with Darwin severed. [illegible]	

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Unit 1 Section 2 A.A. Bty Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 20 Feb 42 To 2400 hrs 24 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Batchelor	20 Feb 42	0001 - 2400	Revetting gun site Training	
			Weather fine, hot	
			Alert 2018 hrs All clear 2200 hrs	
	21 Feb 42	0001 - 2400	Complete maintenance 1 x 2 guns, and instruments	
			Weather fine, hot	
			Alert 1620 hrs All clear 1900 hrs	
	22 Feb 42	0001 - 2400	Complete maintenance 3 x 4 guns and instruments	
			Alert 1240 hrs All clear 1350 hrs	
			Weather fine, hot, light shower at night	
	23 Feb 42	0001 - 2400	Revetting gun site Training	
			Weather fine, very hot, light shower at night	
	24 Feb 42	0001 - 2400	Revetting gun site Training	
			Alert 1245 hrs All clear 1310 hrs	
			Weather fine, hot	

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Unit 1 Section 2 A.A. Bty Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 25 Feb 42 To 2400 hrs 28 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Batchelor	25 Feb 42	0001-2400	Construction of bomb blasts at entrance to gun emplacements. Revetting guns. Training	
			Weather continued fine and hot	
	26 Feb 42	0001-2400	Completed bomb blasts at gun entrances	
			Continued banking earth round Revetments	
			Alert 1142 hrs All clear 1215 hrs	
			Alert 1218 hrs All clear 1245 hrs	
			Commenced construction alternative AALMG Post	
			Weather fine, hot	
	27 Feb 42	0001-2400	Continued Revetting gun site Training	
			Weather fine hot	
	28 Feb 42	0001-2400	Complete maintenance 3.4 Guns and Instruments	
			Revetting gun site Training	
			Weather fine, hot	

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Unit 2. A. A. Bty Date and Time.—From 1 Feb 42 To 28 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRIMA DARWIN	1 Feb 42		Manning "Stand to" - Dawn + Dusk. - Carting soil + piling against revetments. Weather overcast + sultry	
	2 Feb 42		Cyclonic disturbance - Torential rains - general camp duties only and emergency work due to storm	
	3 Feb 42		Cyclonic disturbance continues with heavy rain + wind. Camp construction proceeding so far as weather permits. -	
	4 Feb 42		Cyclonic Winds gale force. Heavy rain 1700 to 1800 hrs. Camp Construction proceeding so far as weather permits - Slit trenches in barrack area commenced	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN BERRIMA	5 Feb 42		Manning. Dawn & Dusk Stand to - Camp construction as before. - Machine Gun Posts commenced - Weather overcast windy - heavy rain about 0700	
	6 Feb 42		Manning. Dawn & Dusk "stand to" - Camp construction as before. Weather windy & dull	
	7 Feb 42		Manning. Dawn & Dusk "Stand to". Camp construction as before. Weather windy & dull	
	8 Feb 42		Manning. Dawn & Dusk Stand to - Camp construction as morning - Alarm 1630 hrs to 1840 hrs - Planes seen passing over Darwin - Second Lewis Gun Post permanently manned	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN (BERRIMA)	9 Feb 42		Manning. Dawn + Dusk "stand to" - Camp Construction as before - Weather hot with heavy showers in afternoon	
	10 Feb 42		Manning. Dawn + Dusk "Stand to". Camp Construction as before. Alarm ~~1510~~ 1510 hours due to unidentified plane flying high over Fanny Bay - All clear at 1625 Weather very hot + sultry - Heavy shower midday	
	11 Feb 42		Manning. Dawn + Dusk "stand to" - Camp Construction as before. Weather hot + sultry	

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Unit Berrima Section 2 A.A. Bty Date and Time.—From 12.2.42 To 13.2.42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
"Berrima" Darwin	12.2.42		Personnel of 2 A.A. Bty re-allotted to H.Q., Berrima Section, Quarantine Section & A.A.-L.M.G. Troop. Strength of Berrima Section 1 off. 75 OR's. Two Gun crews supplied by Berrima Section for Manning Stand to Dusk & Dawn. Construction work in camp area as follows:	
			1. Earthing of revetment walls	
			2. Concreting of Command Post "	
			3. Felling of trees.	
			4. General camp camouflage.	[illegible]
	13.2.42		Manning stand to Dusk & Dawn. Construction same as 12.2.42	[illegible]

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Unit Berrima Section 2 AA Bty Date and Time.—From 14-2-42 To 15-2-42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Berrima Darwin	14/2/42.		Berrima Section took over manning from Anaranking Section as from 1800 hours. Personnel for 4 guns + Command Post sleeping in huts on Gun Park. Alarm 1350 Hours. Junkers 88 reported to be attacking transport "Kirra" 25 miles from Darwin. All clear 1442. Construction work same as 12-2-42	
	15/2/42.		Sunday. Manning stand to Dusk + Dawn. Gun emplacement construction of concrete walls, remainder of gun park personnel training Afternoon rest	

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Unit Burrima Section 2 HAA Bty Date and Time.—From 16/2/42 To 17/2/42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
"Burrima" Darwin.	16/2/42		Manning stand to Dusk & Dawn. One gun crew concerning remainder of personnel individual training during morning. Gun crews cleaning ammunition in afternoon. Command Post personnel general gun park work. Alarm 1255 — All clear 1420. Alarm 2100 — All clear 2126. Unidentified aircraft reported to be flying west to East. No planes sighted.	
	17/2/42		Manning stand to Dusk & Dawn. Work of manning personnel same as 16/2/42.	

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Unit Berrima Section 2 A A Bty Date and Time.—From 18/2/42 To 19/2/42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Berrima Darwin.	18/2/42		Manning Stand to Dusk & Dawn. Individual training till 1030. From 1100 till 1300 section training. Afternoon same as 16/2/42. Alarm 1452 – All clear 1552. Reason for alarm was that 2 multi-engined aircraft were sighted by another station approaching Darwin from South West at great height. Weather fine & cool.	
	19/2/42.		Alarm sounded 0950. Enemy aircraft sighted by this station at approx 12000 ft approaching from the South East number of aircraft not	

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Unit Berrima Section 2 A.A. Bty Date and Time.—From 19/2/42 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Berrima Darwin	19/2/42 (Cont).		Know exactly but in one group there appeared to be 5 flights of nine. Aircraft engaged with Height Control with fuze 26 and 8 rounds were fired & target was then out of range. Berrima Section were the first to open fire on the aircraft. Section engaged various ~~out~~ other flights but only for short periods as they were nearly all out of range for this section. Nine bombers then attacked section position, flying low & machine gunning same. Section engaged aircraft with	

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Burma Section

Unit 2 H.A.A. Bty Date and Time.—From 19/2/42 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Burma Darwin	19/2/42 (Cont.)		machine gun during this attack 2 members of No 2 Gun were wounded: Gnr Sullivan M.E. — shot in right leg. " Caron — " " " " arm. The only damage to equipment was one direct hit on the junction box which put all guns out of action. This was immediately repaired by the A.M.E. staff who put 2 guns back into action & later the other two. The practice had 1 direct hit but no damage was caused. The all clear was sounded at 1040	Excellent work was carried out by the A.M.E. staff, namely W.O. Britain & Sgt. Shackell in the repairing of Junction Box. The damage was no sooner reported than they were out at the section position & working at great speed almost immediately but

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Berrima Darwin	19/2/42 (Cont.)		Alarm again sounded at 1150. Flights of Heavy bombers flew over at approx 28000 ft but only 2 rounds were fired by this station, at all other times the aircraft were out of range. All clear 1340. During the engagement 62 rounds were fired & it is estimated that together with the L.G's of this station that 3 aircraft were shot down. Alarm 1345, All clear 1350 – no planes sighted. Alarm 1911, All clear 1935 – no planes sighted. During intervals between alarms personnel were employed in examining equipment and	2 guns back into action. This work was carried out between the 2 raids & was only just completed when the Heavy bombers came over.

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Unit Burrina Section 2AABty. Date and Time.—From 19-2-42 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			sand bagging. Weather fine but cloudy	[illegible]
Burrina	19/2/42			
Darwin	20/2/42		Alarm 0930. Alert 1005. All clear 1120. Only plane sighted by this station being P40E. Alert 1242 — Alarm 1250 — All clear 1314. No planes sighted. Morning detail employed on sand bagging & carrying out full examination of equipment. Electrical transmission failed at 1945. Fault corrected at 2030 by O.M.E. Weather fine but cloudy.	[illegible]
	21/2/42		Alarm 1804 — All clear 1806. E.F.B arrived without message & came in out of the lane laid down. Elliott	

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Unit Berrima Section 2 A.A. Bty Date and Time.—From 21-2-42 To 22-2-42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Berrima Darwin			Point sounded the alarm & fired one out at fuze 5 before being able to identify the aircraft as friendly. Ammunition examined & blast walls in front of ammunition recesses erected with sand ~~bags~~. bags O.M.E. fully examined electrical transmission & left a new converter in place of the old one. Weather fine & hot.	
	22/2/42		Alert 1245, alarm 1257. Aircraft heard by another station over Charles Point. No planes sighted— All clear 1330. Camouflaging of gun	

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Unit Burrima Section 2AABty Date and Time.—From 22-2-42 To 24-2-42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Burrima Darwin	22/2/42 (Cont.)		emplacements with bitumen commenced. Sand bagging continued. Weather fine but hot.	
	23/2/42.		No alarms. Sand bagging and camouflaging continued. Ammunition bulk store commenced. Weather fine & hot for earlier part of day, storm at 2200 hours.	
	24/2/42		Alert 1237. Alarm 1252. All clear 1311. Plane heard by another station at approx 25000 ft. over harbour & then again over McMillans. No planes sighted by this station of an unfriendly nature. Sand bagging,	

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Unit Berrina Section 2 AA Bty Date and Time.—From 24-2-42 To 26-2-42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Berrina Darwin	24-2-42 (cont.)		Camouflaging & building of bulk store continued. Weather fine early, storm during the evening.	[signature]
	25-2-42.		No alarms. Sand bagging, camouflaging & building of bulk store continued. Weather hot, stormy during evening.	[signature]
	26/2/42.		Alert 1229 – Alarm 1131 – All clear 1207 aircraft heard over various points. Owing to visibility sighting of aircraft very difficult. Aircraft flying at great height & when once picked up it was very hard to follow them in flight as they were	

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Unit Berrima Section 2AA Bty. Date and Time.—From 26/2/42 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Berrima Darwin	26/2/42 (Cont.)		constantly changing course. Planes were sighted ~~twice~~ & section on target twice, Height first time 23000 ft, 2nd time 28000 ft, both times of of range. Oval. Fanny Bay & Elliott Pt all opened fire at various times but without success. There appeared to be two planes, both single engined monoplanes. Alert 1208, Alarm 1210. Same planes sighted & Oval opened fire, no success. All clear 1224. Alert 1254 — Alarm 1310. Planes heard various points, none sighted. All clear 1336.	

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Unit Burrima Section 2 A.A. Bty

Date and Time.—From 26/2/42 To 27/2/42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Burrima Darwin	26/2/42 (cont).		Alert 1440 – Alarm 1443. Aircraft heard but later believed to be Wirraway. Several stations reported that they sighted a balloon in the sky but it was identified by this station as a planet by appearance & confirmed by taking cuts on the Height & Range Finder & finding it to cut infinity. Parachute troops were reported to be landing but report false. Camouflaging, sand bagging & work on bulk store continued. Weather fine but cloudy.	
	27/2/42		Camouflaging, sand bagging & work on	

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Unit Berrima Section 2 A.A. Bty Date and Time.—From 27/2/42 To 28/2/42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Berrima	27/2/42	(Cont)	Bulk store continued. Weather fine & hot	[illegible]
Darwin.	28/2/42.		Camouflaging, sand bagging & work on Bulk store continued. Building of ~~to~~ Look out tower commenced. Weather fine & hot.	[illegible]

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Unit Quarantine Section Date and Time.—From 19 Feb 42 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Bernina	19 Feb 42		General Camp duties as Section attached to Bernina Station. Personnel on detail as poses for manning 3.7 equipment and A.A. L.M.G. posts. General alarm sounded 0950 hrs. Personnel mentioned to positions remainder to slit trenches and fire trenches. All clear sounded 1048. No casualties from Quarantine Section. Alarm sounded 1151. All clear 1340. Alarm sounded 1455 All Clear 1550 Alert sounded 1911 all Clear 1935 During these periods personnel of this section took up positions on manning. No casualties Store rifle and ammunition issued to store personnel.	

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Unit Quarantine Section Date and Time.—From 20 Feb 42 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Bessima	20 Feb 42		General Camp duties. Personnel on detail as stores for manning 3.7 equipment and AA & MG posts. Parties provided for sand carting and filling sandbags on gun posts and AA & MG posts, also assisting raising protection sandbags on gun emplacement walls. Alarm 0930. All clear 1170 No action. Alert 1242 all Clear 1314 No action. Work continued by parties until dark. ~~Alarm 1804. All Clear 1806. No action.~~ Stores with rifles allotted to trenches for alarms.	

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Unit Ammunition Section Date and Time.—From 21 Feb 42 To 23 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Bessima	21 Feb 42		General Camp duties. Personnel to gun posts morning to replace Bessima personnel. Three N.C.O's only on detail A.A. & M.G. posts. Three on detail for 3.7 guns. Parties carting sand. Worked until dark. Alarm 1804. All Clear 1806. No action	
	22 Feb 42		General Camp duties and details for 3.7 morning and A.A. & M.G. posts. Parties carting sand, gravel, sand bags. Work continued until dark.	
	23 Feb 42		General Camp duties and details for 3.7 morning and A.A. & M.G. posts. Carting sand and gravel. Work continued until dark. Rifles issued to the section as personal issue (39).	

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Unit Quarantine Section Date and Time.—From 24 Feb 42 To 26 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Bowmia	24 Feb 42		General Camp duties. Parties carting sand, gravel, and earth. Spare rifles re-distributed and ammunition issued. Detail slit and fox trenches re-arranged. Details for 3.7 manning and AA & LMG posts.	
			Alert sounded 1237. all Clear 1302. No action	
			Plane reported over harbour 2500'. Not seen by section.	
	25 Feb 42		General Camp duties. Parties carting sand and gravel. Detail on building cement. Ammunition shelter. Details for	
			3.7 manning and AA & M G. posts	
	26 Feb 42		General Camp duties. Parties carting sand, earth and gravel. Party to H.Q. sandbagging. Details for 3.7 manning	
			and Two W.C.O's AA LMG posts (4 & 6)	
			Alert sounded 1129. Alarm 1131. Two planes sighted out-	
			of range 27000 feet. Identified as enemy planes.	

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Unit Quarantine Section Date and Time.—From 24 Feb 42 To 26 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Berrima	25 Feb 42		All Clear sounded 1207. Alert sounded 1208, Alarm sounded 1210. All Clear 1224. No action.	
			Alert sounded 1254. Alarm sounded 1310. All Clear 1330. No action	
			Alert sounded 1440. Alarm Sounded 1443. One Wirraway flying at 12-13000 feet sighted and reported as identified. Report received of Five Bombers sighted. Not seen by Battery. All Clear 1506.	

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Unit Quarantine Section Date and Time.—From 27 Feb 42 To 28 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Bernina	27 Feb 42		General Camp duties. Parties carting sand and gravel for sandbags, cement-work, machine gun posts. Personnel detailed for 3·7 manning and A.A. L.M.G posts. Guards and Orderly duties provided.	
	28 Feb 42		General Camp duties. Parties carting sand and gravel for gun posts, cement-work, and machine gun posts. Personnel detailed for 3·7 manning and A.A. L.M.G. posts. Guard and Orderly duties provided.	

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