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NOVEMBER TO
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AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL
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'X' HEAVY ANTI AIRCRAFT
BATTERY

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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From 26 Nov. 42

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(adapted)Unit X Aust. Hvy. A.A. Bty.Date and Time—From 26/11/42 To 6/12/42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Perth	26 Nov. '42.		Lieut. E.A. Burnett appointed temporary O.C. "X" Aust. Hvy. A.A. Bty.	
	27 " "		Advance party selected.	
	28th-29th.		Arrangements made with D.R.O. D.F.O. A.D.O.S. ETC.	
	30th.		U.S.S. Trinity commenced loading.	
Perth	3 Dec. '42.		Loading completed. Advance party embarked. Brig. Klein, Col. Lawrence, Lt.Col. Young, Capt. Whittaker and Lt. Burnett. left by 'plane.	
Exmouth Gulf	4 Dec. '42		Reconnaissance of Gun and S/L positions, wells and Exmouth Stn.	
	5 " "		Brig. Kleins party returned to Perth. Lt. Burnett. remained.	
			No.1 Site good layout and camouflage. No.2 poor for layout and camouflage.	
	6 " "		Pontoon jetty blown away by heavy winds and tide. Not available for unloading. Transport run to standstill and not	

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Date and Time.—From

6/12/42

To

11/12/42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Exmouth Gulf	6 Dec '42.		available for unloading. Tractor cracked cylinder head and not available.	
	7 " "		U.S.S. Trinity arrived 1000 hrs. Commenced unloading.	
			Sleeping on beach.	
	8 " "		Unloading ammunition. Water very scarce. No tanks or containers,	
	9 " "		Unloading facilities nil. Unloaded from Trinity into barge	
			or naval cutter about 5 miles off shore. Tides kept these out	
			100 yds. from shore. Everything carried from here through	
			water and dumped on shore. No transport available.	
	10 " "		Commenced digging road through sand hill with spades, and	
			laid wire mesh.	
	11 " "		Slight friction between our men and Americans. Laid wire mesh	
			further. 1 truck now available. Kept our men separate.	
			Drawing own rations. Carted some of our gear to camp site No.1.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Exmouth Gulf	11 Dec '42.		Commenced erection of tents.	
	12 " "		Still unloading Trinity.	
	13 " "		Lt. Barnes and well boring party arrived. Commenced digging in tents on No. 1.	
	14 " "		Lines to G.O.R. etc. completed. Trinity unloaded and departed.	
			Work, heat, and little water telling on men. Mild dysentery	
			and billiciousness. 1 truck made available to us. Carting our gear and ammunition away from beach. Lt. Olney and party	
			returned to Perth.	
	15th-17th.		Carting ammunition to both stations. Digging in on No.1.	
			Trucks constantly bogged in sandhills, beach too soft. Erected some tents on No. 2.	
	18 Dec '42.		Finished carting ammunition and stores from base jetty.	
	19th-20th.		2 days off, for men worked to stand still day and night.	

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Exmouth Gulf	19th-20th.		Lt's . Hannaby and Mattiske arrived en visit and departed.	
			Lessons learnt:- Transport, kitchen, water tanks, bathing	
			and messing should be first consideration when loading.	
			Ammunition should be left for main body.	
	21 Dec '42.		Commenced digging No 1. magazing. Digging in tents and	
			camouflaging. Pegged new site for No.2. Consider better	
			than old site on ridge.	
	22 " "		Put in line to U.S.N. B.H.Q. camp and G.O.R. should be	
			moved into sand hills near beach for sanitary, hygienic, and	
			tactical reasons.	
	24 " "		Commenced No. 2 Magazine. No 1 bore completed and pumping	
			water 1200 gals. per hour. 1x5000 gal. reserve tank required.	
			Major Shapcott arrived.	
	26 " "		Maj. Shapcott departed. Decided and commenced moving BHQ. into sandhills.	