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Unit HOBART FORTRESS Date and Time.—From 1-1-41 To 31-1-41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	1/1/41		LT COL A.N LEWIS MC. forwarded special security message to C.C.D. re aircraft identities ⊙	
	2/1/41		LT.COL.A.N.LEWIS MC. & LT. C.W.CONNERY ⊙ COL LEWIS discussed aircraft recognition with R.A.A.F.⊙	
	3/1/41		LT.COL A.N.LEWIS M.C. & LT C.W.CONNERY ⊙ DIST. COMMONDANT, D.D.M.S. CAPT GULLAND) & MAJ KNIGHT visited DIRECTION ⊙ Medical & Security subjects⊙ Issued special security instructions ⊙ LT.CONNERY contacted NAVY ⊙	
	4/1/41		LT COL. A.N.LEWIS. M.C LT C.W.CONNERY & LT. BAKER discussed various aspects of position to date ⊙ Port closed ⊙ Special precautions for Security DIRECTION & PIERSONS ⊙	
	5/1/41		LT. C.W.CONNERY Barracks in morning ⊙ LT.LEGGATT arrived from MELBOURNE to inspect D.E.L.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	6/1/41	0900	LT. COL. A.N. LEWIS M.C. & LT C.W. CONNERY ⊙ Visit from LT. V. LEGGATT M.G.O. inspection of AA & DEL. Defences ⊙ Inspected PIERSON with MAJ. LARSON ⊙ LT COL LEWIS & LT CONNERY carried out recce. of SHIPWRIGHTS PT – HUONVILLE – LONGLEY R.D with a view of employment 40TH BN details on mobilization ⊙	
		1400/2000		
	7/1/41	0900.	LT. COL A.N. LEWIS M.C. & LT C.W. CONNERY ⊙ MAJ LARSEN & LT. V. LEGGATT visited DIRECTION – inspection of DEL. AA Defences ⊙ LT COL LEWIS preparing plans for HUON protection on mobilization ⊙ 2000hrs LT COL LEWIS addressed members of 40TH BN (Officers) on their role in the event of defence of HUON	
	8/1/41		LT. COL A.N. LEWIS M.C. & LT C.W. CONNERY visited DIRECTION – (CONTD.)	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	8/1/41 (contd)		Detailed inspection of posts and investigation of duties ⊙. Night inspection of posts and D.E.L.s in operation.	
	9/1/41		LT. COL. AN LEWIS M.C. & LT. C.W. CONNERY continued inspection DIRECTION ⊙ Visited all Roving Battalion posts with CAPT GOULD. ⊙ COL LEWIS Conference with COMMANDANT, G, DA QM G, re General policy H.F ⊙	
	10/1/41.		LT. COL. AN LEWIS. M.C & LT. C.W. CONNERY. ⊙ ~~CAPT.~~ CAPT. McGEE arrived from GHQ Sigs. visited PERSONS with MAJ. H. BAMFORD & LT. CLARK ⊙ Discussed formations of H.F. Bound with S.M. FERGUSON – 40th BN ⊙ General routine work.	
	11/1/41		LT. COL AN LEWIS. M.C & LT C.W. CONNERY ⊙ MAJ. PERKINS A.M.G called & discussed routine matters ⊙ CAPT. McGEE, MAJ BAMFORD & LT CLARK visited DIRECTION ⊙	

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HOBART		13/1/41	LT COL. A.N. LEWIS M.C. & LT. C.W. CONNERY ⊙ Conference with MAJ. BAMFORD MC, LT McGEE (G.H.Q Sigs) & LT. M. CLARK 2a HOB. FTRS Communications ⊙ Discussed with 6 GRN BN Locn of LMG & MMG weapons at DIRECTION ⊙	
		14/1/41	LT COL. A.N. LEWIS M.C & LT. C.W. CONNERY. ⊙ MAJ. PERKINS called & discussed routine matters ⊙ HOB FTRS preparing general plans ⊙ PIERSONS reported aeroplanes passed over 1700 hrs - no recognition signals - presumed friendly and reported to I Bde for identification and better system of advance information from Aerfield.	
		15/1/41	LT. COL A.N. LEWIS. MC. & LT. C.W. CONNERY. ⊙ Col LEWIS visited DIRECTION with COMMANDANT, MAJ KNIGHT & CAPT. WHITESIDES ⊙ Later Col. LEWIS with MAJ HARCOURT & LT CONNERY inspected all positions & posts ⊙ Decided upon future course of action and various defence lines of Fortress.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	16-1-41		LT. COL. LEWIS M.C. & LT CONNERY. Day in office ⊙ COL SA HALL & COL. D. CAMERON discussed various matters concerning leave, security & equipment ⊙	
	17-1-41		LT COL. AN LEWIS M.C & LT. C.W. CONNERY. Visited SANDFORD peninsular with LT. D. GATEHOUSE 'A' Co. 40' BN made a general recce. and discussed the task of one platoon in the event of mobilization ⊙ Discussed 'leave' arrangements with MAJ. PERKINS	
	18/19-1-41		LT. COL. AN LEWIS M.C. & LT C.W. CONNERY. & LT. H. BAKER spent the weekend in HUONVILLE-CYGNET-LONGLEY-CHANNEL area with LT. R. HOWARD & LT. T. FRANCOMB of 'B' Co 40' BN ⊙ General recce and allocation of tasks for their respective platoons in the event of mobilization ⊙ Retd Hobart 1800 hrs ⊙	
	20/1/41		LT. COL. A.N. LEWIS M.C. & LT. C.W. CONNERY. General office routine	

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Unit HOBART FRT Date and Time.—From 21-1-41 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	21-1-41		LT. COL. A.N. LEWIS M.C. : LT. C.W. CONNERY General Office routine ⊙ Completion MOBN plans pr "B" Co 40th BN as allotted Hobart Frt D1.	
	22-1-41		LT. COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. LT. C.W. CONNERY. & LT. M. CLARK (Signals) visited DIRECTION for Conference with Navy Officers re Communications ⊙ Present also F.C. B.C's DIRECTION & PIERSONS	
	23-1-41.		LT. COL. A.N. LEWIS M.C. LT. C.W. CONNERY, Preparation routine orders maps re General routine matters ⊙ LT. CONNERY contacted Sec. Comforts Fund re DIRECTION recreational facilities	
	24-1-41		LT. COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. LT. C.W. CONNERY. Preparation of routine orders - Correspondence etc.	
	25-1-41		LT. COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. LT. C.W. CONNERY. do.	

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Unit ~~27 F A~~ HOBART FRT. Date and Time.—From 27-1-41 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	27-1-41		LT. COL. AN LEWIS MC, LT. CN CONNERY Preparation of Routine orders and Administrative instructions ⊙ Discussion with MAJ. McMINN re position at DIRECTION ⊙	
	28-1-41		LT. COL. AN LEWIS M.C. LT. C.W. CONNERY ⊙. Correspondence - General routine - preparation routine & administrative instructions MAJ. McMINN called - contacted 6 BRN BN re ammunition.	
	29-1-41		LT. COL. AN LEWIS MC, LT. C.W. CONNERY. Issue of Routine & Administrative orders & instructions ⊙ Correspondence General routine matters ⊙ MAJ. PERKINS called re routine FORTS matters.	
	30-1-41		LT. COL AN LEWIS MC, LT. CN CONNERY. ⊙ Preparation and issue of Routine and administrative orders ⊙ Transport conference 10.00 hrs ⊙ Co-ordination Committee met at 1200 hrs. Commandant - Fort Commander - Naval & Air Force represented ⊙	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	31-1-41	0745	LT. COL. A.N. LEWIS, LT. C.W. CONNERY ⊙ Visited FT. DIRECTION Held a formal inspection of whole barracks and area ⊙ Prepared fire plans - inspected infantry posts ⊙	

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HOBART FORTRESS

ROUTINE ORDER NO 1, 1941

by

Anglesea Barracks,
HOBART.

Lt.-Col A.N.Lewis, M.C., E.D.
Administering Command.

28 Jan 41.

PART I.

1. HOBART FORTRESS

(a) The functions of Fortress Command are set out in Manual of Coast Defence 1939 - Definitions P.9 and Ch IX.

(b) The establishment of Hobart Fortress Area and the troops allotted to this Command are set out in 6 M D Operation Instruction No 1 of 4 Oct 40.

(c) H Q Hobart Fortress is established at ANGLESEA BARRACKS, HOBART.

(d) Lieut.-Col A.N.LEWIS, M C, E D, has been appointed Officer Administering the Command Hobart Fortress. Lieut C W Connery has been appointed Staff Officer, Hobart Fortress.

(e) The Hobart Fortress Area is -

SANDFORD PENINSULA and SOUTH ARM inclusive of RALPHS BAY CANAL and ROKEBY. Country between RALPHS BAY CANAL and ROKEBY. COUNTRY SOUTH of a line drawn inclusive ROKEBY. Westward exclusive SANDY BAY and inclusive MR WELLINGTON.

(f) Hobart Fortress Garrison is such units and details as are allotted by 6 M D for this purpose and such other units and details as are allotted by 6 M D to duties within the Fortress Area.

2. ORGANISATION.

(a) Hobart Fortress Garrison is divided into units as follows:-

(i) Hobart Fortress Headquarters.
(ii) Coast Defences.
(iii) Covering Troops.
(iv) 6 Garrison Battalion.
(v) Other units as may be allotted.

(b) Prior to Mobilization the Garrison consists of :-

(i) Hobart Fortress Headquarters
Commander and Staff
Hobart Fortress Signal Section
(ii) Coast Defences -
Fire Commander and Staff
Direction Battery R A A
Pierson Battery R A A
Hobart Fortress Company R A E
Direction Company, 6 Garrison Battalion
Pierson Detachment, 6 Garrison Battalion
Details temporarily attached for duty to Coast Defences.

(c) The Commanding Officer of Coast Defences is the Fire Commander who is vested with the powers and authority of a C O.

(d) (i) In addition to exercising the powers and authority of C O over personnel allotted to Coast Defences, the Fire Commander has been vested with the responsibility for the administration of Ft Direction Area and Ft Pierson Area and command of all personnel employed in these Areas (6 M D Routine Order Pt 1 No 1 of 13 Jan 41).

(ii) Ft Direction Area is that part of SOUTH ARM PENINSULA which lies South of SOUTH ARM JETTY (inclusive the Jetty) and South West of road leading from SOUTH ARM township to

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Western end of ROARING BEACH (inclusive the road). (6 MD Routine Order Pt 1 No 1 of 13 Jan 41).

Ft Pierson Area is the country between TINDERBOX JETTY - top of MT LOUIS - PIERSON'S POINT. (6 M D Routine Order Pt 1 No 1 of 13 Jan 41).

The terms Fort Direction and Fort Pierson will mean all the land vested in the Commonwealth of Australia within the Ft Direction Area and Ft Pierson Area respectively. The permanent hutments and quarters will be known as the Direction Barracks and Pierson Barracks respectively.

(e) Major C.H. Perkins, R A A (M), has been appointed Fire Commander.

(f) (i) The designations

7 Heavy Battery
117 Heavy Battery
6 Fortress Company
36 Fortress Company

may be retained for purposes of accounting, records and internal administration at the discretion of F C.

(ii) For all purposes of tactical command and administration by Hobart Fortress the designations set out in para 2 (b) (ii) will be employed. An officer will be appointed as Officer Commanding each of the sub-units there mentioned and will have the powers and authority of an O C by virtue of such appointment. The appointments of OCs of sub-units other than detachments of 6 Garr Bn will be made by the Fire Commander. F C has authority to allot all R A A, R A A (M), R A E and R A E (M) personnel to sub-units of the Coast Defences as he thinks fit and will utilize available officers, N C Os and Specialists to the best advantage irrespective of previous allotments, designations or stations. Personnel of 6 Garrison Battalion, under the command of Fire Commander, will be allotted to this duty by H Q, 6 Garrison Battalion, under orders from 6 M D and individuals so allotted may be changed at the discretion of 6 Garrison Battalion. While so allotted to this duty, 6 Garrison Battalion personnel will come under the Fire Commander for tactical control, rations and discipline, and will be considered as sub-units of the Coast Defences.

(c) All units and details allotted to duties in parts of the Hobart Fortress Area other than the Fort Direction and Fort Pierson Areas will come under the direct command of H Q Hobart Fortress while in the Area so far as is necessary for the proper performance of the allotted duties.

3. TACTICAL COMMAND.

(a) Subject to any Specific Operation Order issued by H Q Hobart Fortress, Fire Commander will allot roles in accordance with Manual of Coast Defence 1939 for defence against all forms of sea attack to Direction Battery, Pierson Battery and Hobart Fortress Company, R A E. He will also allot roles for performance of the service of an Examination Battery in accordance with Manual of Coast Defence 1939, Ch VII, and may devolve such responsibility for Examination Battery duties on the Battery Commander, Pierson Battery, as he thinks fit. Fire Commander will issue and keep up to date the Fire Commander's Standing Orders and fighting book as specified in Coast Artillery Training, Vol III, Pamphlet No 2, and will insure that fort record books are maintained in accordance with Sec 24 of the same pamphlet and that appropriate fighting books are in the possession of all officers.

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(b) Fire Commander is vested with all the powers and authority of C R A and F C as specified in Manual of Coast Defence 1939 and Coast Artillery Training 1938 and, subject to special requirements of the station and special provisions in any Operation Order issued by Hobart Fortress, will carry out the duties and exercise the tactical command specified for Fire Commander in the said publications by virtue of this Order without further instructions.

(c) Fire Commander is responsible for the close defence of guns and defence electric lights within the capabilities of the troops allotted to Ft Direction Area and Ft Pierson Area.

(d) Fire Commander is hereby empowered to devolve on Battery Commander, Ft Pierson, such of the tactical duties of Fire Commander as he considers should be so devolved in view of the geographical situation. Fire Commander will appoint an Assistant Fire Commander. The Fire Commander and Assistant Fire Commander will be stationed at Fort Direction.

(e) Tactical command of all defence electric lights allotted to the Coast Defences is vested in the Fire Commander (see Instructions for the manning of Coast Defence Searchlights & Engine Rooms 1939, Chap 1, Sec 1 & 2), who is empowered to devolve such control as he thinks fit to O C Hobart Fortress Company, R A E. O C Hobart Fortress Company will be stationed at Fort Direction but may devolve such powers of tactical control as he thinks fit on an officer stationed at Fort Pierson.

4. COMMUNICATIONS.

(a) Communications between H Q Hobart Fortress and

Fire Commander
Direction Battery
Pierson Battery

is the responsibility of Hobart Fortress Signal Section.

(b) Communications from fighting and administrative switchboards established at F C Command Post, Direction Barracks and Pierson Barracks to sub-units and internal communications within the Forts are the responsibility of the Fire Commander.

(c) O C Hobart Fortress Signal Section will render such assistance as the Fire Commander requests and is within the capabilities of the Hobart Fortress Signal Section in reference to the installation and maintenance of internal communications and training of R A A, R A E and Infantry personnel allotted to internal communications. O C Hobart Fortress Signal Section will supervise and advise Fire Commander on all questions of a technical or procedural nature in reference to communications. All equipment on issue to the Hobart Fortress Signal Section will be under the control of the O C of that Section and will not be used in any way without his approval.

(d) Normal channels of communication will be H Q Fortress to Fire Commander, Fire Commander to sub-units and vice versa but in case of emergency H Q Hobart Fortress or H Q 6 M D will communicate direct with Battery commanders as well as with Fire Commander and Battery Commanders will act on such orders in every case. Similarly, urgent intelligence may be transmitted direct from Battery Commanders to H Q Hobart Fortress or H Q 6 M D and repeated to Fire Commander.

(e) The Fire Commander is empowered to issue orders governing the use for private messages of departmental communications and P M G equipment installed at Fort Direction and Fort Pierson. O C Hobart Fortress Signal Section is entitled to investigate and report on such use.

5. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) The Fire Commander has the ordinary powers of a C O over the administration of all sub-units, personnel and quarters allotted to the Coast Defences and is responsible for administration.

(b) The Fire Commander may allot to officers under his command such administrative duties as may be better performed locally.

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(c) The Fire Commander will issue and maintain Administrative Standing Orders to regulate and control the Barracks and personnel within his command. Sub-unit Standing Orders as may be required will be issued by O.Cs with the approval of the F C. Action in case of Fire, Air Attack, Gas Attack and Alarm will be specified in separate sections of these Standing Orders or in Special Standing Orders issued for the purpose.

(d) Subject to such instructions as have been or may be issued by an authority higher than H Q Hobart Fortress and subject to variations rendered necessary by technical duties, all personnel allotted to the Coast Defences will be subject to identical administrative orders.

6. SECURITY.

(a) The Fire Commander is responsible for all security duties, and is empowered to order such action as may be within the capability of the personnel under his command in order to provide for Security.

(b) No person other than

(i) A person on the establishment of a Military unit under orders of 6 M D when on duty,

(ii) A person holding a Pass issued by H Q 6 M D and entitling him to enter the place in question,

(iii) Such civilian workmen on duty and under supervision as are approved by the F C and hold a pass issued by H Q 6 M D for the purpose of the work in question

will be permitted to enter a prohibited place within the Area under the control of the Fire Commander. The Fire Commander may for any proper reason withdraw any pass issued by H Q 6 MD and decline to permit any holder of a withdrawn pass to enter or remain in the vicinity of any of the installations of the fixed defences until the matter has been decided by H Q 6 M D. The Fire Commander may give special permission to persons on business (including entertainment parties, relatives of personnel and official visitors) to enter by road and visit Direction Barracks or Pierson Barracks under supervision. The Fire Commander will strictly administer National Security Regulations dealing with prohibited places and these Regulations may only be varied with the approval of H Q 6 M D.

(c) Orders relating to Security as far as entry by unauthorised persons will be dealt with in Administrative Stan ing Orders. All other Security measures will e dealt with in Fire Commanders Standing Orders, Fighting Books and Fort Records Books, or by Special Operation Order.

7. MEDICAL

Until a Staff Officer, Medical Services, is appointed to H Q Hobart Fortress, Medical Officers allotted to Hobart Fortress Garrison will conform to Standing Orders A A M C and directions of D D M S. Subject to the foregoing, Medical Officers allotted to permanent duties with units of the Coast Defences will be under the orders of the Fire Commander.

8. TRANSPORT.

(a) Transport and personnel allotted thereto will be -

(i) Unit transport

(ii) Transport allotted to Hobart Fortress by 6 M D and retained under control of H Q Hobart Fortress.

(iii) Transport remaining under the control of A D S & T, 6 M D, but performing duties in the Hobart Fortress Area.

(b) Unit transport will be under the control of Unit C Os subject to such orders and instructions regarding its use as are applicable. Unit C Os will be responsible for proper use of such transport and observance of all instructions regarding the same.

(c) The employment of all transport not allotted to a unit will be subject to the orders of H Q Hobart Fortress and orders

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which conflict with orders or instructions given by H Q Hobart Fortress to the driver or any other person will not be issued in respect of such transport, except in case of emergency.

9. ACCOUNTING UNITS.

(a) H Q Hobart Fortress is not an Accounting Unit.
(b) Ledger accounts, responsibility for stores and equipment, issues, pay and financial responsibility and the like will remain as heretofor and be the responsibility of units and sub-units.
(c) Officers and other ranks allotted to H Q Hobart Fortress and not carried on the strength of any other unit will be under the jurisdiction for all accountancy purposes of Officer in Charge, Anglesea Barracks.

10. LEAVE.

(a) Personnel allotted to Coast Defences being on battle stations are only entitled to such leave as may be possible without impairing the efficiency of the unit.
(b) Normal leave will be

(i) Annual Recreational leave - 3 (18 days ex. Sundays) weeks after each 12 months' service.

(ii) Weekly leave - 1½ days per week which may be accumulated for 4 weeks.

(c) The Fire Commander has authority to cancel all leave, or leave for any individual and to recall personnel from leave and to grant special leave in particular cases.
(d) Normal leave will be granted when the manning position permits.
(e) Subject to such concessional arrangements as are made by 6 M D to meet the peculiar circumstances of the stations, personnel proceeding on leave will pay the cost of travelling to and from their stations.

A N Lee
Lt-Col,
O/Adm. Cmd. Hobart Frt.

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HOBART	1-2-41	0830	LT. COL AN LEWIS M.C. & LT C.W. CONNERY ⊙ Visited Ft. PIERSON & held a formal inspection of all barracks & area ⊙ Discussed new posts and wiring ⊙	
	3-2-41	0845	LT COL. AN LEWIS M.C. & LT. C.W CONNERY ⊙ General routine matters ⊙ Correspondence ⊙ Preparation of fire plan for Ft. DIRECTION ⊙ Discussion with MAJ. REX. re A/A Bty.	
	4-2-41	0850	LT. COL. AN LEWIS M.C. & LT. C.W. CONNERY ⊙ General routine matters ⊙ Hobart Frt H.Q moved from room 45 to room 17 ⊙ Preparation of maps, plans ⊙	
	5-2-41	0900	LT. COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. & LT. C.W. CONNERY. ⊙ General routine matters ⊙ Preparation of fighting maps, plans etc.	
	6.2.41.	0830.	LT. COL AN. LEWIS. M.C. & LT. C.W. CONNERY. ⊙ General routine matters ⊙ Inspection by GOC Gen Lenard. D.S.O. S. Cmd. Preparation of special maps. ⊙	

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HOBART.	7.2.41 ~~0845~~	0845	LT. COL A.N. LEWIS. MC. & LT. C.W. CONNERY ⊙ Inspection of FTS PIERSON & DIRECTION by Gen. SMART D.S.O. (G.O.C. S. Cmd) ⊙	
	8.2.41.	0845.	LT. C.W. CONNERY ⊙ General routine - preparation of maps ⊙ Lecture by MAJ. HARCOURT. D.S.O. M.C.	
	10.2.41.	0900.	LT. COL. A.N. LEWIS M.C. LT. C.W. CONNERY. General routine ⊙ F.O. WISCHER reported as liaison R.A.A.F. ⊙ Studied Fortress positions etc. inwed whole area from Wellington ⊙ F.O. WISCHER established in Fortress H.Q.	
	11.2.41.	0845.	LT. COL. A.N. LEWIS MC. LT. C.W. CONNERY. Visited FT. PIERSON with F.O. WISCHER & explained to him the whole objective procedure.	
	12.2.41.	0815.	LT. COL. A.N. LEWIS MC. LT. C.W. CONNERY. Preparation Col. LEWIS visit to Melbourne ⊙ LT. CONNERY visited	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information (contd)	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART.	12 Feb 41		DIRECTION with representatives of Comfort Fund to obtain their assistance in providing additional recreational facilities. ⊙	
	13-Feb-41	0900	LT. COL A.N. LEWIS M.C. left for MELBOURNE & LT. C.W. CONNERY general routine ⊙ Preparation of maps. plans ⊙ Interview with Secretary Comforts Fund re DIRECTION ⊙	
	14 Feb 41	0830	LT. C.W. CONNERY. General routine ⊙ Visited PIERSON ⊙ Sited new defence positions + commenced working on them ⊙ Appreciation of MT. LOUIS proposed defences morning ⊙ Discussed with COL CAMERON. Attended lecture by LT. COL CROWTHER.	
	15 Feb 41	0830	LT. C.W. CONNERY. General routine ⊙ Lecture by MAJ. HARCOURT. Discussion with Gr CAMERON re PIERSON defences ⊙ Visited PIERSON with BRIG. MANCHESTER & MAJ. HARCOURT	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART.	15 Feb 41	Ret. 1900.	(Contd) Did Recce. to top of MT LOUIS ⊙ LT. BAKER in office.	
	16 Feb 41	2100	LT. C.W CONNERY. ⊙ Urgent message from S. CMD.	
			Received instructions from COMMANDANT. re new C.D. units.	
	17 Feb 41	0800	LT. C.W CONNERY ⊙ Prepared figures for new Coastal	
			Defence Volunteers + submitted to Melbourne. S.C. ⊙	
			Prepared reports on defences at PIERSONS - especially	
			MT. LOUIS side ⊙	
	18. Feb 41	0845.	LT. C.W. CONNERY. ⊙ Conference of Coordination Committee -	
			Lt. CONNERY represented COL LEWIS. MC. made a recce	
			of FT DIRECTION & S. ARM area with Sq. Ldr BUSCOMBE	
			& F.O. WISCHER. RAAF.	
	19. Feb 41.	0900	LT. C.W. CONNERY ⊙ Preparation defence scheme DIRECTION ⊙	
			Visited ZINC WORKS & CAMBRIDGE AERODROME with	
			F.O. WISCHER for recce from RAAF standpoint.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	20 Feb 41	0845	LT. C.W. CONNERY ⊙. General routine ⊙ Preparation Opn Orders + Defence scheme FORT DIRECTION ⊙	
			CAPT. NETTLEFOLD. LT SKINNER + LT BURNABY discussed	
			40' BH roles on mobilization ⊙ LT COL ANLENIS MC returned from Melbourne.	
	21 Feb 41	0830	LT COL ANLENIS MC. + LT C.W. CONNERY. Preparation +	
			selection of draft for PACIFIC duty ⊙ MAJ J.R.P. CLARK	
			appts B.C ⊙ MAJ. PERKINS + MAJ. CLARK discussed	
		2230	replacements ⊙ General routine.	
	22 Feb 41	0800	LT. COL. ANLENIS MC + LT C.W. CONNERY ⊙ Medical Exam	
			for PACIFIC draft ⊙ Selected personnel sent to BRIGHTON.	
			Replacements being recruited ⊙ Issued OP. ORDER NOS.	
	23 Feb 41	0930	LT COL ANLENIS MC + LT CW CONNERY ⊙ Preparation Coast	
			Watching scheme ⊙ Works programme + General	
			routine ⊙.	

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Unit HOBART FRT Date and Time.—From 24 Feb 41 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	24-Feb41	0100	LT. COL AN LEWIS MC on duty - Alarm from P.W.S.S. ⊙	
		0700.	LT. CW CONNERY took over ⊙ Preparation draft for RAA	
			PACIFIC DEFENCE ⊙ RAE personnel for PACIFIC DEFENCE	
			medically boarded & sent to BRIGHTON. ⊙	
			BRIG'S MANCHESTER & BLAKE inspected DIRECTION.	
	25 Feb41	0845	LT COL AN LEWIS MC & LT C.W. CONNERY. ⊙ General routine.	
			Final details re PACIFIC DRAFTS ⊙ BRIG. MANCHESTER	
			COL LEWIS MC & COL CAMERON MC discussed situation	
			at Forts subsequent commandants visit ⊙ Open order	
			rec. from G.	
	26. Feb. 41	0900.	LT. COL AN LEWIS M.C. LT C.W. CONNERY. General routine ⊙	
			PACIFIC DRAFT left TASMANIA ⊙ Inspection of Ft. PIERSON.	
			CAPT. COX took over B.C.	

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Unit HOBART FRT Date and Time.—From 27 - Feb 41 To 28 Feb 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	27 Feb 41	0900	LT COL AN LEWIS MC & LT CONNERY. General routine ⊙ Preparation Establishments ⊙ Less allotments for RAE. Pacific Draft ⊙ Mobile force arranged with 6 MD.	
	28 Feb 41	0845.	LT COL AN LEWIS MC & LT. CW CONNERY. General routine. Preparation War Establishments with CAPT. M PRITCHARD. Discussion MAJ BAMFORD - CAPT LECKIE - MAJ PERKINS re Signal personnel for PACIFIC DRAFT ⊙ Lecture U.S.I.	

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HOBART FRT.

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22 Feb 41.

Ref MAP ATTACHED.

1. INFORMATION. No definite information of enemy intention but it is anticipated that FORT DIRECTION may be attacked from

   A. Beach landings on W. Y. or V. beaches.

   B. Beach landing and attack from GOAT BLUFF.

   C. Beach landing EAST of GOAT BLUFF and an attack along the SOUTH ARM ROAD from an EASTERLY direction.

2. Our troops will be those comprising the Garrison at FORT DIRECTION.

3. INTENTION. To defend FORT DIRECTION.

4. METHOD. In view of the limited number of troops available it is the intention in this order to define areas in order of importance arising from likely contingencies and leave the actual employment of troops and the choice of positions to be occupied, to the Infantry Commander (O C "B" Coy, 6 GEN BN).

5. "B" Coy, 6 GEN BN, will occupy the general system of prepared defence posts, M G and L M G positions and fire trenches as constructed - see plan.

6. General security on alarm; This includes the position which would arise from Para 1A. Posts will be manned in the area marked E.F.G.H.E. which is termed the CLOSE DEFENDED AREA.

7. Attack from the EAST. This includes PARA 1, B and C. The FORWARD DEFENDED AREA will be along the line A.B. There will be no necessity for outposts as enemy movements can be observed from this line.

8. The SUPPORT LINE will be along the line C.D. and will be manned to support F.D.A.

9. The CLOSE DEFENDED AREA (presuming the attack is only coming from the EAST with NO danger from landings on W. Y. and V. beaches) will be the line E.F.- F.G.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. As laid down by FIRE COMMANDER.

11. INTERCOMMUNICATION. As already prepared at various posts. Communication to be established between SUPPORT LINE and F.D.A. as Support Line will act as additional O.P's for F.D.A.

12. ACKNOWLEDGE by code word RACING.

A. N. Lewis
Lt-Col,
O/Adm Comd Hobart Frt.

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HOBART FRT.

OPERATION ORDER NO 5

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9. The CLOSE DEFENDED AREA (presuming the attack is only coming from the EAST with NO danger from landings on W. Y. and V. beaches) will be the line E.F.- F.G.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE ATTACHMENTS. As laid down by FIRE COMMANDER.

11. INTERCOMMUNICATION. As already prepared at various posts. Communication to be established between SUPPORT LINE and F.D.A. as Support Line will act as additional O.P's for F.D.A.

12. ACKNOWLEDGE by code word RACING.

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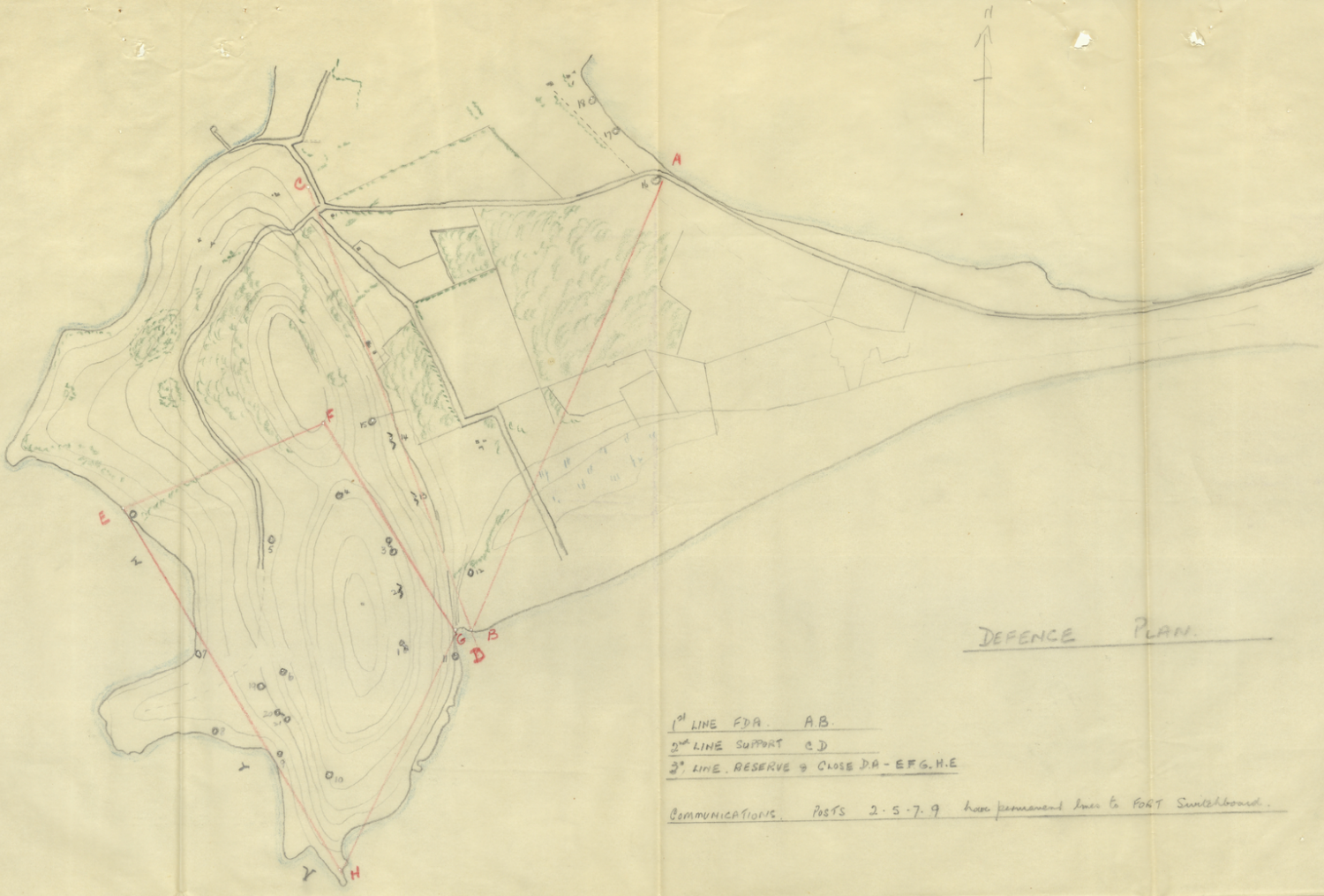

DEFENCE PLAN.

1st LINE F.D.A. A.B.

2nd LINE SUPPORT C.D

3rd LINE. RESERVE & CLOSE D.A - E.F.G.H.E

COMMUNICATIONS. POSTS 2.5.7.9 have permanent lines to PORT Switchboard.

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OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 3.

FIXED DEFENCES - HOBART FORTRESS

1. Fixed defences are to be considered as being in the War stage (vide Manual of Coast Defence Ch X) in all respects from 1200 hrs 26 Feb 41.

2. R A A and R A E personnel will be brought up to War Establishments plus 1st reinforcement forthwith for an initial period of 90 days. A return of personnel still required to complete to War Establishment will be submitted not later than 1 Mar 41.

3. Recommendations for promotion to Commissioned rank to complete to War Establishments will be submitted by the following dates :-

(a) Names by 28 Feb 41.

(b) A 22 or A 33 by 3 Mar 41.

4. Personnel recommended for Commissioned rank to complete to War Establishment will commence forthwith to carry out as supernumeraries the duties for which recommendations are submitted.

5. The state of preparedness required is :-

(a) Pierson Bty to be fully manned continuously as at present.

(b) Frt Direction -

(i) A look out in B O P is to be maintained continuously.

(ii) One gun detachment of an N C O and 6 men is to be maintained at one gun continuously.

(iii) The bty is to be ready for action in 20 mins by day and 10 mins by night or in thick weather.

(iv) One Officer is to be on duty at the F C C P or B C P or in vicinity of gun position Frt Direction continuously.

6. (a) B Coy 6 Grn Bn is to be maintained at full strength. Training of M M Gunners will be intensified.

(b) Pl 6 Grn Bn at Frt Pierson is to be provided with one of the L M Gs allotted 6 Grn Bn together with associate stores and 2000 rounds S A A for ground and A A defence.

7. The A A L N O post at present established at the Guard House, Frt Direction, is to be moved forthwith to a position between P W S H and F C C P.

8. One utility truck and one 30 cwt lorry will be maintained at Frt Direction as tactical vehicles. They will be attached for rations and accommodation to 7 Hy Bty.

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9. Ammunition S A A Tracer will be drawn up on the following scale :

For each A A L M G - 1000 rounds.

For each M M G - 500 rounds.

10. Bicycles. 6 Grn Bn will draw from Ordnance 10 bicycles and allot to Coy at Direction for reconnaissance duty.

11. Ack.

A. N. Lewis

Lt-Col,
O/Adm Comd Hobart Frt.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	1 Mar 41	0645	LT. COL. AN LEWIS MC & LT CW CONNERY. Went over track from NEW NORFOLK to HUONVILLE & prepared maps of route.	
	3 Mar 41	0845	LT COL AN LEWIS M.C. & LT. C.W. CONNERY ⊙ General routine. Preparation of maps and report on NEW NORFOLK - HUONVILLE Road & track ⊙	
	4 Mar 41	0845	LT. COL AN LEWIS M.C. & LT. C.W. CONNERY. General routine ⊙ Preparation of WE for RAA RAE & FRT SIGNALS ⊙ Preparation Report for 6 MD accompanying 13 A 22's.	
	5 Mar 41	0850	LT. COL AN LEWIS MC & LT C.W. CONNERY accompanied MAJ. BEAFORTH - GSO II Training South Comd. to BRIGHTON CAMP - ITD - DIRECTION via CAMBRIDGE ⊙ MAJ BEAFORTH gave talks on training to Officers & NCOs ITD & FT. DIRECTION.	

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Unit HOBART FRT Date and Time.—From 6 March 41 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	6 March 41	0600	LT. COL. AN LEWIS MC. & LT CW CONNERY General routine ⊙	
			FRT. STAFF accompanied MAJ BEAFORTH & MAJ PRINGLE &	
			to PIERSON - CHANNEL - HUON - areas - Discussed Defence Schemes.	
	7 Mar	0845	LT COL AN LEWIS M.C. & LT CW CONNERY ⊙ General	
			routine ⊙ Preparation defence plans ⊙ SGT. R. I	
			FEATHERSTONE appointed O.A.S to HOBART FRT - F.T.D.	
	8 Mar.	0600	LT. COL. AN LEWIS M.C. LT. CW. CONNERY ⊙ General	
			routine - Preparation Camouflage plans. FRT DIRECTION	
	9 Mar	0100	LT. COL. A.N. LEWIS M.C. LT. CW CONNERY. ⊙ LT COL AN LEWIS	
			Conference with COMMANDANT ⊙ Accompanied LT. Col. CROWTHER	
			(ADH) inspection FRT. DIRECTION. Discussed	
			Camouflage with L. SGT. H KELLY.	
	10 Mar	0845	LT. COL. AN LEWIS MC. LT. C.W. CONNERY ⊙ General	
			Routine ⊙ Search Cond Exercise ⊙ Information from	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
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HOBART	10 Mar 41		I Bch re Enemy Ship movement N. Zealand waters ⊙ Warned	
			FORTS ⊙	
	11 Mar 41	0845	LT. COL A.N. LEWIS M.C. LT. C.W. CONNERY. SGT R. FEATHERSTONE	
			commenced F.T. duty Hobart Fort. H.Q. General routine ⊙	
			Selection of personnel for AA school	
	12 Mar 41	0840	LT. COL. A.N. LEWIS M.C. LT. C.W. CONNERY. General routine.	
			CAPT. M PRITCHARD called and discussed general	
			position at FRT. DIRECTION ⊙ Sent down Secretaries	
			to be performed by Officers at Frt DIRECTION.	
	13 Mar 41	0815.	LT COL A.N. LEWIS M.C. LT C.W. CONNERY visited DIRECTION ⊙	
			CAPT. H. IKIN inspected Canteen with a view to taking over by	
			Canteens Board ⊙ W.O ROBINSON discussed and inspected	
			various works ⊙ HOBART FRT. inspected RAA in training ⊙	
			LT COL LEWIS gave lecture to Officers & Senior NCOs. Discussed	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			(Continued.)	
HOBART	13 Mar 41		yesterdays training Exercise ⊙ Stopped night at DIRECTION	
	14 Mar 41	0630	LT. COL A.N LEWIS MC & LT. C.W CONNERY ⊙ Discussion on the	
			ground re appreciations ⊙ Inspection of DIRECTION	
			COY 6th GRN BN at Training ⊙ Talk with MAJ. MCMINN	
			re dividing COY into 4 troops ⊙ System adopted.	
			Return Hobart 1400 ⊙ General routine ⊙.	
	15 Mar 41	0900	LT. COL A.N LEWIS MC. & LT C.W CONNERY ⊙ General	
			routine ⊙ Preparation of training syllabus ⊙	
			Advised that LT. C. HARBOTTLE attached to HF. for duty.	
	17 Mar 41	0845	LT COL A.N LEWIS. MC. & LT. C.W. CONNERY. General routine ⊙	
			Preparation training lectures and exercises ⊙ LT. C HARBOTTLE	
			interview with LT COL. LEWIS & then reported to FT. DIRECTION ⊙	
			LT. COL J. TURNER & CAPT. H. IKIN discussed canteen at	
			FRT DIRECTION.	

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Unit HOBART FR.T Date and Time.—From 18 mar 41 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	18 mar 41 0845	→	LT.COL A.N.LEWIS MC & LT.C.W.CONNERY ⊙ General Routine ⊙	
			Preparation of Defence Plans ⊙ MAJ. PERKINS interview	
			with COMMANDANT ⊙ LT.COL LEWIS attended Man Power	
			Conference.	
	19 mar 41	0815	LT. COL. A.N.LEWIS MC & LT.C.W.CONNERY. General Routine ⊙	
			Preparation Defence Plans ⊙ Training Syllabus ⊙ Lt Col	
			LEWIS & LT CONNERY visited PIERSONS - lecture 1950 appreciation	
			& General talk on tasks ⊙	
	20 mar 41	0900	LT. COL. A.N. LEWIS MC & LT. C.W. CONNERY ⊙ General routine ⊙	
			Preparation Defence Plans ⊙ LT CONNERY visited DIRECTION	
			Lecture in Evening Organization & Administration.	
	21 mar 41	0845	LT. COL. AN LEWIS M.C & LT. C.W. CONNERY ⊙ General routine ⊙	
			LT. CONNERY at DIRECTION until 1500 Training & General supervision ⊙	
			Preparation of Defence Scheme ⊙	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	22 Mar 41	0850	LT. COL. AN LEWIS M.C. & LT. C.W CONNERY ⊙ General routine ⊙ completion of Defence Plan & handed to G.M.D ⊙ Discussion with MAJ. McPHEE re Supply & T. LT. PEACHEY attached to PIERSON.	
	23 Mar 41	0930	LT. COL. AN LEWIS M.C. & LT. C.W CONNERY. Meeting of Co-ordination Committee 1000 hrs ⊙ LT. CONNERY visits PIERSON with PILOT OFF. J. BEVERIDGE RAAF.	
	24 Mar 41	0845	LT. COL. AN LEWIS M.C. & LT. C.W CONNERY ⊙ General routine ⊙ Reparation Exercises ⊙ LT. COL LEWIS & LT CONNERY visited BELLERIVE & talked to members of CLARENCE V.D.C	
	25 Mar 41	0850	LT. COL. AN LEWIS M.C & LT. C.W CONNERY ⊙ General routine. Preparation Training lectures & exercises ⊙ A.A. guns arrived at BARRACKS.	

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Unit HOBART FRT. Date and Time.—From 26 Mar 41 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	26 Mar 41	0900.	LT COL AN LEWIS MC. LT. C.W. CONNERY ⊙ General routine. Preparation of training lectures & exercises ⊙ LT. CONNERY lectured at PIERSONS. Return 2230.	
	27 Mar 41	0830	LT. COL AN LEWIS MC. LT. CW. CONNERY ⊙ General routine. Prepared training exercises ⊙ LT COL LEWIS & LT CONNERY visited DIRECTION ⊙ Inspected CAMOUFLAGE work in progress ⊙ Interview with MAJ. BEAN re training US. personnel. Lecture by LT. COL LEWIS. Return 2300.	
	28 Mar 41	0845	LT. COL AN LEWIS MC LT CW CONNERY ⊙ Draft of 16 AAMC US personnel sent to DIRECTION ⊙ Arrangements for training ⊙ LT CONNERY visited PIERSON with CAPT. HARVEY inspected top of LOUIS re cutting trees ⊙	
	29 Mar 41	0855	LT COL AN. LEWIS. LT. CW. CONNERY ⊙ General routine ⊙ (contd)	

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Unit HOBART FRT Date and Time.—From 29 Mar 41 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
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HOBART	29 Mar 41		LT COL LEWIS, LT COL CAMERON & LT CONNERY visited areas around HOBART siting AA Gun positions ⊙	
			Ref. 1900.	
	30 Mar 41	2350	Unidentified ship located off MIDDLETON JETTY	
			LT. COL CAMERON investigated - Subsequently found to be SS. ERA ⊙ Hobart Dist informed ⊙	

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Unit HOBART FRT. Date and Time.—From 1010 1 Apl 41 To 3 Apl 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	1/4/41	0900	LT. COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. LT. C.W. CONNERY. Reports on A.A. and Aerodrome Positions ⊙ General Routine ⊙ LT. HARBOTTLE changed over ⊙ Preparation of training exercises	
	2/4/41	0900	LT. COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. LT. C.W. CONNERY ⊙ General Routine ⊙ LT. COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. at special meeting ⊙ Preparation of lectures ⊙ LT. SOWTER and LT. PEACHEY commissioned ⊙ LT. C.W. CONNERY at FRT. PIERSON ⊙ Preparation of exercises	
	3/4/41	0900	LT. COL. A.N. LEWIS M.C. LT. C.W. CONNERY ⊙ General Routine ⊙ LT. COL A.N. LEWIS M.C visited A.A. Lots with Commandant ⊙ Preparation of exercises ⊙ Discussed pay rolls with D.E.O ⊙ LT. COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. LT. C.W. CONNERY visited SNUG where LT. COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. addressed members of V.D.C on their likely role ⊙	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	4/4/41	0900	LT COL A N LEWIS M C. LT C W CONNERY ⊙ General Routine ⊙ Preparation of Maps & Exercises for Forts ⊙ Visited FRT DIRECTION ⊙ LT COL A N LEWIS M C lectured ⊙ Returned 2330.	
	5/4/41	0900	LT COL A N LEWIS M C. LT C W CONNERY ⊙ General Routine ⊙ Preparation of Maps & Exercises ⊙ P O T BEVERIDGE discussion in reference to A A Battery. Visited FRT ALEXANDRA ⊙	
	6/4/41	1000	LT COL A N LEWIS M C. SGT R I FEATHERSTONE Had field day with V D C CLARENCE, on SANDFORD PENNINSULA ⊙ LT C W CONNERY accompanied COMMANDANT - MAJOR McPHEE - P O BEVERIDGE - visited BOTHWELL - OUSE - HAMILTON - NEW NORFOLK and inspected sites for proposed aerodrome.	

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Unit HOBART- FRT Date and Time.—From 0900 - 7 Apl 41 To 8 Apl 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	7/4/41	0900	LT. COL. A.N. LEWIS M.C. LT. C.W. CONNERY. General Routine. Despatch of maps etc. to R.A.A.F reference BOTHWELL Aerodrome. Discussion of A.A Battery. LT-COL. LEWIS visited FRT. PIERSON. LT. SOWTER reported for duty and attached to PIERSON BATTERY.	
	8/4/41.	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. LT. COL. C.W. CONNERY. General Routine. Preparation of formation of 13. A.A. BATTERY LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. conference with COL. HALL. NAVY reported aeroplane sited WEDGE BAY. LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. informed. Discussion with MR. CONRY in reference to wireless interference.	

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Unit HOBART. FRT. Date and Time.—From 0900 - 9 Apl 41 To 14 Apl. 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	9/4/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. LT. C.W. CONNERY. General Routine. Two meetings of Co-ordination Committee. Traffic records to be kept at PIERSONS. Sent warning to both Forts of arrival of plane at CAMBRIDGE at 1130hrs.	
	10/4/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS M.C. - LT-C.W. CONNERY. General Routine. LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. visited BRIGHTON and interviewed personnel for. A.A. BTY.	
	11/4/41	0900	LT-COL A.N. LEWIS. M.C on duty.	
	12/4/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. LT. C.W. CONNERY. Visited FRT. PIERSON.	
	13/4/41	0945	LT. COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. On duty	
	14/4/41	1000	LT. COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C On duty.	

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Unit HOBART. FRT. Date and Time.—From 0900 - 15 apl 41 To 16 apl 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	15/4/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C - LT. C.W. CONNERY. General Routine ⊙ LT. L. REID, reported as acting B.C. 13. A.A BTY - interviewed respective officers & N.C.Os, nominal roll submitted to G.M.D for course ⊙ LT-COL A.N. LEWIS M.C. accompanied COMMANDANT in inspection of A.A. positions & MONTAGU-PT. ⊙ G.M.D on operational Exercise ⊙ LT. C.W. CONNERY attended C.O.s conference at BRIGHTON at 2300 hrs.	
	16/4/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C - LT. C.W. CONNERY.- General Routine ⊙ G.M.D. Exercise all day. Visited FRT. ALEXANDRA positions 2200 hrs. ⊙ LT. L. REID working on 13 A.A. BTY ⊙ Conference at Barracks at 1100 hrs.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	17/4/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C - LT C.W. CONNERY- General Routine. Continuation of 6 M.D. Exercise all day. LT-BAKER acting as Liaison Officer 12 MXD-BDE. Visited posts at 1500 hrs. LT. L.REID carrying on with 13-A.A. BTY personnel.	
	18/4/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. - LT. C.W. CONNERY.- General Routine. Continuation of 6 M.D. exercise. LT. BAKER acting as liaison officer with 12 MXD. BDE. LT-REID left with A.A. BTY personnel for course in MELBOURNE. MR. LAUNDER-CRIDGE of CLARENCE V.D.C discussed organization with LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C.	
	19/4/41	0900	LT-COL A.N. LEWIS. M.C. - LT. C.W. CONNERY.- General Routine. Attended exercise conference at BRIGHTON with LT-COL SCANLON	

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Unit HOBART. FRT. Date and Time.—From 0900 - 19/4/41 To 22 Apl 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	19/4/41	0900	and LT. BAKER - in afternoon did a reconnaissance of GRANTON - CLAREMONT Area.	
	20/4/41	0915	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. - LT. C.W. CONNERY. Reconnaissance of KNOCKLOFTY and surrounding district.	
	21/4/41	0900.	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. - LT. C.W. CONNERY. General Routine. LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C - reconnaissance of A.A. positions with SQ.LDR. BUSCOMBE and P.O. BAILEY. LT-COL LEWIS M.C. visited CLARENCE V.D.C. Discussed siting at FRT. DIRECTION with CAPT. HARVEY.	
	22/4/41	0900	LT-COL A.N. LEWIS M.C - LT.C.W. CONNERY. General Routine. A.A. Defences. LT-COL A.N. LEWIS and LT. C.W. CONNERY took SQ.LDR BUSCOMBE and P.O. BAILEY, inspecting vantage points round HOBART in connection with A.A. Defence. Visited FRT PIERSON and arranged new site for D.E.L.	

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Unit HOBART · FRT. Date and Time.—From 0900 23 Apl 41 To 26 Apl 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	23/4/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. - LT. C.W. CONNERY. General Routine ⊙ Preparation of special defence exercises ⊙ A. PEARSALL called re enlistment A.A. BTY ⊙	
	24/4/41	0900.	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C - LT. C.W. CONNERY - General Routine ⊙ Talk with LT-COL. HANCOX re. V.D.C. Organization ⊙ CAPT HARVEY prepared wiring plan for. FRT. DIRECTION ⊙ Conference with CAPT. Purvis in reference personnel for cutting trees on MT. LOUIS ⊙	
	25/4/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C - LT. C.W. CONNERY - General Routine ⊙ Arrangements made re conservation of water at FRT. DIRECTION ⊙ Preparation of Special Defence Notes + Exercises for FRT. DIRECTION ⊙	
	26/4/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS M.C. - LT. C.W. CONNERY. - General Routine ⊙ Arrangements made for V.D.C Exercise on 27 Apl 41 ⊙ Water cart off FRT. DIRECTION now - change over made by evening ⊙.	

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Unit HOBART- FRT Date and Time.—From 0900 27 Apl 41 To 30 Apl 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	27/4/41	1000	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C.- LT.C.W. CONNERY.- MAJ. McMINN	
			LT-COL. HANCOX attended V.D.C. CLARENCE GROUP on Field Day at SANDFORD. Peninsula. Attendance of 44. Training in M.M.G. & Bomb throwing and a simple tactical Exercise.	
	28/4/41	0900	LT-COL. AN. LEWIS. M.C. - LT. C.W. CONNERY.- General Routine. LT-COL A.N. LEWIS M.C. visited FRT. DIRECTION and stayed for the night. Discussion with LT-COL. D. CAMERON re M.G. mountings for Pillboxes, RALPHS-BAY-NECK- Production arranged immediately.	
	29/4/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N LEWIS M.C.- LT. C.W. CONNERY- General Routine. LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. at FRTS. DIRECTION & PIERSON. Preparation Training Syllabus for V.D.C.	
	30/4/41.	0900	LT-COL. AN. LEWIS. M.C. - LT.C.W. CONNERY.- General Routine. LT-COL. AN. LEWIS. M.C. at FRT. PIERSON with G.O.C. and COMMANDANT. LT-COL. LANE discussed organization of V.D.C. with LT.C.W. CONNERY & CAPT. DAVIES.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	1/5/41	0900	LT-COL A.N. LEWIS. M.C. - LT.C.W. CONNERY - General Routine. LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C visited A.A. Sites and BRIGHTON with G.O.C. and COMMANDANT. A. PEARSALL advised he was not released from R.A.A.F.	
	2/5/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N LEWIS. M.C - LT.C.W. CONNERY. General Routine. Discussion with MAJ. C.W. PERKINS in reference to CAPT. PRITCHARD acting as Staff Officer in place of LT.C.W. CONNERY, whilst he attends school. LT. C.W. CONNERY left for Bde Majors School.	
	3/5/41	0900	LT-COL A.N. LEWIS. M.C. - General Routine. Conference on D.E.L. Emplacements, LT-COL. D. CAMERON - MAJOR A. KNIGHT - CAPT. HARVEY attended.	

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Unit HOBART- FORTRESS Date and Time.—From 0900 - 4 May 41 To 6 May 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	4/5/41	1000	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. ⊙ General Routine ⊙ Preparation of Provisional Establishments and Syllabus for V.D.C ⊙ Conference with LT-COL- W.L CROWTHER. D.S.O. A.A.M.C. on medical plans for HOBART. FORTRESS ⊙ Reconnaissance of LONGLEY District made ⊙	
	5/5/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS ; M.C. - CAPT. M.S. PRITCHARD. General Routine ⊙ CAPT. M.S. PRITCHARD reported as Acting Staff Officer Attended with LT-COL. L.M. MULLEN. D.S.O. Comdt. V.D.C, at HUONVILLE and CYGNET parades V.D.C. ⊙	
	6/5/41	0900	LT-COL A.N. LEWIS. M.C. - CAPT. M.S PRITCHARD. General Routine ⊙ Routine Orders No. 3 reorganizing Infantry Coy issued ⊙ LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS M.C. visited FRT. PIERSON inspected new plans for wiring and D.E.L with MAJ. PERKINS and MAJ. LARSSON ⊙ Inspection of Medical Stores by A.D.M.S (P) ⊙	

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Unit HOBART- FORTRESS Date and Time.—From 7 May 41 - 0900 To 9 May 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	7/5/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C - CAPT. M.S. PRITCHARD - General Routine ⊙	
			Conference on new D.E.L Position with COMMANDANT ⊙	
			Conference on V.D.C. with LT-COL. LANE ⊙ Conference with	
			MAJ. McMINN on reorganization of Routine Matters ⊙ Lecture at	
			night to Hobart Coy. V.D.C and discussion with Coy. Officers	
			LT-COL. MULLEN and LT-COL. LANE ⊙	
	8/5/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS M.C. - CAPT. M.S. PRITCHARD - General Routine ⊙	
			Conference with COMMANDANT re. A.A and Sewerage ⊙	
			LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. at BRIGHTON and FRT. DIRECTION with	
			LT-COL THOMPSON and MAJOR HARCOURT of 12 Infantry Bde Group and	
			Conference at RALPHS-BAY-NECK on boundaries etc ⊙ Lecture at	
			night on Security by G.S.O. 1B. to all officers ⊙	
	9/5/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. - CAPT. M.S. PRITCHARD - General Routine ⊙	
			CAPT. M.S. PRITCHARD at FRT. DIRECTION ⊙	

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Unit HOBART- FORTRESS Date and Time.—From 0900 - 10 May 41 To 12 May 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	10/5/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS M.C.- General Routine. Discussion with MAJOR KNIGHT on D.E.L & A.A. Positions. LT-COL A.N. LEWIS MC, MAJOR-KNIGHT, CAPT.-TUDOR and LT. ASCHMAN reconnaissance at MONTAGUE POINT.	
	11/5/41	1000	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS M.C. preparation of draft Battalion Order for V.D.C	
	12/5/41	0900	LT-COL A.N. LEWIS M.C- CAPT. M.S. PRITCHARD.- General Routine LT-COL A.N. LEWIS, M.C.- and LT-COL LANE Confer on V.D.C. LT-COL A.N. LEWIS. M.C., MAJOR LARSSON, CAPT. COX and W.O. ROBINSON at FRT. PIERSON to beg new D.E.L Positions, discuss plans and examine present position. Conference at evening with officers of W.E.A in reference to education facilities.	

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Unit HOBART-FORTRESS Date and Time.—From 0900- 13 May 41 To 16 May 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART.	13/5/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C - CAPT. M.S. PRITCHARD. General Routine.	
			LT-COL A.N. LEWIS. M.C., D.S.M and SGT. FEATHERSTONE at FRT. DIRECTION. Lecture in evenings on lines of fire.	
			Nickes and 6". MAJOR ATKINS at FRT. DIRECTION.	
	14/5/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS M.C. - CAPT. PRITCHARD. General Routine.	
			LT-COL A.N. LEWIS. M.C. two hours conference with COMMANDANT.	
			LT-COL A.N. LEWIS, M.C. - CAPT. M.S. PRITCHARD Lecture at FRT. PIERSON.	
			MAJOR. ATKINS at FRT PIERSON.	
	15/5/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS M.C - General Routine. Reports on Officers.	
			Arrangements for three potential officers to proceed to AA School at Sydney.	
	16/4/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N LEWIS. M.C. - General Routine. Reports on Officers.	
			Drafted Operation Instructions etc., for V.D.C. Routine Order No 1. for 13. A.A. BATTERY.	

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Unit HOBART FORTRESS Date and Time.—From 0900 17 May 41 To 20 May 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART.	17/5/41	0600	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. - General Routine. Meeting of L.D.C.C. Visit FRT. DIRECTION and CAMBRIDGE and MONTAGUE. POINT with COMMANDANT and SQR. LDR. HAYWOOD.	
	18/5/41	0900	LT-COL. LEWIS. M.C. visit to summit of MT. WELLINGTON with SQR-LDR- HAYWOOD and PILOT. OFFICER BEVERIDGE to inspect sites for A.A. BATTERY.	
	19/5/41	0900	LT-COL. LEWIS. M.C. - General Routine. Conference with MAJOR C.H. PERKINS. E.D. and later in COMMANDANTS Orderly room, considering adverse report, when MAJ-C.H. PERKINS. E.D. asked to apply to go on R. of O. Conference re march through City. Conference with COMMANDANT and BISHOP in reference to CHAPLAIN CLOUDSDALE.	
	20/5/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. - General Routine. Verbal instructions to CAPT. M.S. PRITCHARD to take over FIRE COMMAND. Completing draft	

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Unit HOBART FORTRESS Date and Time.—From 0900 20 May 41 To 24 May 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	20/5/41	0900	Instruction for No 1 BN. V.D.C. ⊙ Conference with MR. KELLY on Camouflage ⊙ Conference with D.A.D.M.S. on Medical Services ⊙	
	21/5/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C.- General Routine ⊙ Conference with G.S.O, A.D HIRINGS and C.R.E re 13. A.A. BTY positions. ⊙	
	22/5/41	0900	LT-COL A.N. LEWIS. M.C.- General Routine ⊙ Reconnaissance NATONE HILL and Survey of recommended A.A GUN and CAMP SITE, MONTAGUE PT. with MAJOR MURRAY ⊙ Plan in detail submitted to G.S.O. ⊙	
	23/5/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS M.C.- General Routine ⊙ Conference with A.D.M.S and LT-COL. LANE ⊙	
	24/5/41	0900	LT-COL A.N. LEWIS. M.C - General Routine ⊙ Pegging A.A. BTY. position, MONTAGUE POINT with CAPT. RITCHIE, W.O. ROBINSON and party ⊙ CAPT. M.S. PRITCHARD took over from MAJOR C.H. PERKINS at 1430 hrs	

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Unit HOBART - FORTRESS Date and Time.—From 0900 26 May 41 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART.	26/5/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS M.C. o Visited FRT. DIRECTION all day o Conference with CAPT. PRITCHARD and general inspection - informed W.O. HUNTER of report - discussed report with CAPT. BEAN - lecture in evening o	
	27/5/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C.- General Routine o	
	28/5/41	0900	LT-COL A.N. LEWIS M.C.- General Routine o Inspection of new D.E.L Position at FRT PIERSON in afternoon and lecture at night o	
	29/5/41	0900	LT-COL A.N. LEWIS M.C. - General Routine o	
	30/5/41	0900	LT-COL A.N. LEWIS. M.C. - General Routine o	
	31/5/41	0900	LT-COL A.N. LEWIS. M.C - General Routine o Working on report of establishments o.	

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HOBART FORTRESS

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1.

by

Lt-Col. A.N. Lewis, M.C., E.D.
Administering Command.

Anglesea Barracks,
HOBART. 5 May 41.

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12 AMENDMENT

Hobart Frt. Routine Order No 2.1941 of 15 Mar 41 is amended by deleting the numbers to paragraphs thereof and inserting the figure "12" before "Organization" in the first line and numbering the subsequent paras. (a) to (g).

13 ORGANIZATION.

B Coy. 6 Grn Bn.

(a) Routine Order No.1. of 1941 para 2 (b) (11). is amended by deleting "Direction Company, 6 Grn Bn." and "Pierson Detachment, 6 Grn Bn." and by substituting therefore "Hobart Fortress Company 6 Grn. Bn.

(b) Routine Order No. 2. of 1941 para 1. is amended by deleting the figure "4" before "Reliefs" and substituting the figure "5" therefore.

(c) The senior officer of 6 Grn Bn allotted to the Fixed Defences will be O.C. Hobart Fortress Company, 6 Grn Bn.

(d) Hobart Fortress Company will include all personnel of 6 Grn Bn. allotted to close defence of FRT DIRECTION and FRT PIERSON.

(e) All personnel of Hobart Frt. Coy, 6 Grn Bn. will be given equal facilities for training, leave and other privileges and equal tours of duty at FRT PIERSON.

(f) O.C. Hobart Frt. Coy, 6 Grn Bn will be responsible for administration and tactical command as Company Commander of all infantry allotted to the protection of the Fixed Defences.

14 ORGANIZATION. Fortress Engineers.

(a) The designations and establishments for 6 Frt Coy. R.A.E. and 36 Frt Coy R.A.E.(M) will be discontinued forthwith.

(b) The only establishments for Hobart Frt. Engineers, is V.I./1940/15A/1 Plus 20% (vide A.H.Q. Operation Instruction No.12). The 20% for Hobart Frt. Engineers, is to be taken as. 1 Lieut. 2 Sergts. 2 Cpls and 20 Sappers. Personnel will be either permanent forces or militia f.t.d. personnel.

(c) War promotions are temporary. Permanent forces and militia f.t.d. personnel will be on the same basis.

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6. G.S.O.
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FRT DIRECTION.

HOBART FORTRESS - ROUTINE ORDERS, PART I
NO 13 of 5 MAY 41.

1 Para 13 (a) is an amendment of Hobart Frt. Routine Order No.1. and only applies to the designations mentioned therein.

2. The Coy. will continue to be "B" Coy. 6 Grn Bn. for 6 Grn Bn records until changed by 6 Grn Bn.

3. 6 Grn Bn is entitled to allot any company to the role of close protection of Fixed Defences.

4. On allotment the Coy. so allotted will, for purposes of Hobart Fortress Operations, be known as Hobart Frt. Coy. 6 Grn Bn.

4. Inall matters of internal administration, the designation directed by 6 Grn Bn. will be used. In communications to Hobart Frt. either designations may be used. In Hobart Frt. Operation & Routine Orders and Instructions, the designation, Hobart Frt. Coy. 6 Grn Bn. will be used and will mean the Coy. of 6 Grn Bn. actually performing close protection roles.

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HOBART FORTRESS

OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 4.

S E C R E T.

Anglesea Barracks.
HOBART. 6 May 41

PARACHUTE MINES.

1. Advice has been received from War Office, that Parachute Mines, may be engaged by Heavy A.A., Light A.A. and S.A.A. down to 300 feet.

2. All personnel will be instructed to engage Parachute Mines within range, with A.A., L.M.G. or Rifle fire without further orders, subject to performance of manning duties.

3. Ack.

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O/Adm. Comd. Hobart Fortress.

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H.Q. HOBART FORTRESS.

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Staff Officer.	Lt. C.W.Connery.
Clerk	One Sergt.

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Co-ordinated existing defence plans and issued Opn Order for Frt Command. Fixed defences at war stage and manned continuously.

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HOBART FORTRESS.

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Operation Instruction No. 4 (Provisional)
Volunteer Defence Corps.

Anglesea Barracks.
HOBART
5 May 41.

1. **Allotment.**

No. 1 Group V.D.C. is under the orders of Hobart Fortress for tactical employment. Plans will contemplate the attachment of Glenorchy Company No.2. Group to No. 1. Group for tactical employment.

2. **Role of No.1. Group.**

No. 1. Group V.D.C. is allotted roles as follows:-

(a) Primary role: Static defence of tactically important localities in Hobart Fortress Area.

(b) Secondary Role: Reinforcements by specified companies of active defence role of 6 Grn Bn.

3. **Method.**

Company.	Battle Station Area.	Role.	
A	HOBART-DOMAIN WHARVES-BATTERY POINT.	Primary.	Defence of HOBART WHARVES.
		Secondary.	Opposition to enemy landing between TAROONA and SANDY BAY.
		Others.	Maintenance of O.P. MT NELSON and (when ordered) MT. WELLINGTON.
			Maintenance of communication between KINGSTON-LONGLEY-HOBART.
			Reinforcement of defence line FERN TREE-KINGSTON
B	LONGLEY	Primary.	Prevention of enemy penetration across D'E BAY RIVER- Defence of LONGLEY.
		Secondary.	Cover of HUONVILLE BRIDGE
			Opposition to enemy landing at PORT HUON and CYGNET.
		Others.	Prevention of penetration by PELVERATA -- SANDFLY Road.
			Observation of Coast GARDEN IS. CREEK-WATTLE GROVE

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Company.	Battle Station Area.	Role.	
C	MARGATE	Primary.	Prevention of enemy penetration across N-W BAY River-Defence of MARGATE.
		Secondary.	Opposition to enemy landing BROWNS RIVER -- BLACKMANS BAY.
		Others.	Support of evacuation of MT PIERSON.
			Observation of Coast GORDON to OYSTER COVE.
D	SANDFORD	Primary.	Prevention of enemy penetration Southward from RALPHS BAY NECK.
		Secondary.	Opposition to enemy landings on SANDFORD PENINSULA.
		Others.	Support of evacuation of MT DIRECTION.
			Guarding RALPHS BAY CANAL LINE.
			Maintenance of communication from BELLERIVE to SOUTH ARM.
			Maintenance of an O.P. on MT KUNEY.
			Observation of Coast from CAPE CONTRARIETY to SINGLE HILL .
E	GLENORCHY	Primary.	Group Reserve.
		Secondary.	Guard GRANTON Bridgehead.

4. Establishments.

(a) Provisional establishments based on roles are attached.

(b) Establishemnts are designed to provide an administrative and operational nucleus prior to mobilization.

(c) All personnel will be available in an emergency to man defensive positions as ordered by Coy Lds and personnel allotted to employment PIs are to be regarded as having the secondary role of fighting as required.

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5. Information.

Reconnaisance parties will watch possible lines of enemy approach and keep Company Information Officer informed of all enemy activity.

Company Information Officers are responsible for passing all intelligence to Group H.Q., Flank Companies V.D.C. and other military units in vicinity.

Company Information Officers will protect and, if necessary, maintain P.M.G. telephone installations, and will co-operate with P.M.G. personnel. Communications will be by P.M.G. telephone or despatch rider.

Group Information Officer will be responsible for co-ordination communications according to facilities provided.

6. Supplies.

Supplies will be issued in accordance with Hobart Fortress Operation Orders.

Group Supply and Transport Officer will co-ordinate distribution of supplies from 6 M.D. Supply and Transport Organization to Company supply meeting points. Company Supply and Transport Officer will be responsible for distribution in advance of Company supply meeting points, including cooking.

All supply plans will contemplate the necessity of supplying adequate drinking water.

7. Transport.

All transport allotted or available to V.D.C. units will be under the control of Group Supply and Transport Officer, who will co-ordinate distribution and allotment, as may be necessary. Transport will not be permanently allotted to companies until there is sufficient to make the whole Group mobile. Company Transport Sections will only operate transport allotted to the company by Group H.Q..

Transport allotted for a specific purpose will be held available for Group Supply and Transport Officer when that purpose has been completed.

8. Demolitions.

Roads will only be blocked or bridges and private property demolished on the near approach of an enemy force or on specific orders from Hobart Fortress.

9. Medical.

Until otherwise provided, V.D.C. units will make use of medical services of C.D.L.

10. Civilians.

Passive defence of civilian population is the role of C.D.L. and V.D.C. will not be concerned with any role allotted to C.D.L. V.D.C. Coy. Ldrs. will familiarize themselves with local C.D.L. plans, and will have due regard to these when preparing their own plans.

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11. Abbreviations.

The following abbreviations will be used in all orders and messages:-

Group	Grp
Leader	Ldr
Deputy	D.
Assistant	A.
Information	I
Supply and Transport	S & T
Officer	Off.
Driver	Dr.
Orderly	Ord.
Despatch Rider	D.R.
Motor Transport	M.T.
Horse Transport	H.T.
Reconnaissance	Rec.
Party	Pty
Company	Coy.
Platoon	Pl
Section	sec.
Employment	Emp.
Communication.	Comm.
Telephone / ist	Tel.
Hobart Fortress H.Q.	Hobart Frt.
Garrison Battalion	Grn Bn.
Headquarters of Military Forces in Tasmania	H.Q. 6 M.D.

12. Programme.

Before:-

12 May 41 Grp H.Q. will be formed and Grp Ldr will appoint Coy Ldrs and notify Hobart Frt of names and addresses.

19 May 41 Coy H.Q. Off will be appointed and names and addresses notified to Grp H.Q. Pl Ldrs will be appointed.

26 May 41 Whole Grp will be brought up to establishments.
Coy Ldrs will submit to Grp H.Q. any recommendations for varying establishments.
Personnel will be allotted to roles.
Grp H.Q. will issue its Operation Instructions to companies.
Coy Ldrs will reconnoitre ground and issue orders to all Pl Ldrs.

2 June 41 All personnel will be exercised at least once by day and once by night in their allotted roles on the ground.

13. Grp & Coy Operation Insts will make provision for passage of instructions for assembly to individuals. Places of assembly and means of transport thereto.
Transport to battle stations.

Rations for first 24 hrs and personal kit to be taken to battle stations.

Appointment of small party of easily assembled personnel to cover assembly and movement to battle stations in an emergency.

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14. In view of the role of V.D.C., it becomes the responsibility of H.Q. Hobart Frt to settle the vital areas and roles of companies.

Grp H.Q. will encourage Coy Ldrs to make suggestions based on more detailed local reconnaisance.

Grp H.Q. will inspect all positions on the ground and discuss all plans with Coy Ldrs and will make such recommendations as are considered necessary to Hobart Frt. These will be submitted before 2 June 41. Roles and localities specified in this order are selected as a basis upon which reconnaisance can be commenced. An Operation Order will be issued when the Grp Organization has been completed and reconnaisance of all party roles and localities has been effected.

15. Ack.

Signed at
Issued by hand.

/s/ [illegible] Capt

A/S.O.
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VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

ESTABLISHMENTS (Provisional)

S E C R E T

5 May 41.

NO. 1. GROUP, V.D.C., 6 M.D.

Group H.Q.

	H.Q. Officers	5
	H.Q. Employment Platoon	45
	Total Group H.Q.(supplied by A Coy.	50
A Coy.	(HOBART - SANDY BAY) (Total 200 less attached Group H.Q. 50)	150
B Coy.	(HUON - CYGNET)	100
C Coy.	(KINGBOROUGH - CHANNEL)	100
D Coy.	(CLARENCE)	100
E Coy.	(Attached from No.2 Group and to be E Coy No.1. Group while attached (GLENORCHY)	100
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GROUP H.Q.

Group H.Q. Officers.

Group Leader (equivalent to Battalion Commander)	1
Deputy Group Leader (2nd in command)	1
Assistant Group Leader (equivalent to Adjutant)	1
Information Officer	1
Supply and Transport Officer	1
Total H.Q. Officers.	5

Group H.Q. Employment Platoon

Administrative section.

Group Administrative Officer (equivalent to Regimental Sergeant Major and H.Q. employment Platoon Leader).	1
Group Administrative Clerk	1
Group Assistant Supply and Transport Officer	1
M.T. Drivers for H.Q. Officers	2
H.Q. Orderlies and telephonists	4
Total Administrative Section	9

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Information Section.

Assistant Information Officer (Information Section Leader)	1
Reconnaisance Party Leader.	1
Reconnaisance Party	6
Information Despatch Riders and Telephonists	6
Total Information Section	14

Supply Section.

Deputy Assistant Supply Officer (Supply Section Leader)	1
Supply Party	6
Despatch Riders	2
Total Supply Section	9

Transport Section.

Deputy Assistant Transport Officer (Transport Section Leader).	1
M.T. Drivers	12
Total Transport Section	13
Total H.Q. Employment Platoon	45
Total Group H.Q.	50

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A Company (HOBART - SANDY BAY).

A Coy Supplies Group H.Q.

Company H.Q..

H.Q. Officers

Company Leader	1
Deputy Company Leader (2nd in Command)	1
Company Information Officer	1
Company Supply and Transport Officer	1
Total Coy. H.Q. Officers	4

Company H.Q. Employment Platoon.

Company Administrative Section.

Company Administrative Officer (Coy H.Q. Employment Platoon Leader).	1
Clerk	1
Cooks	6
M.T. Drivers	2
Medical Orderlies	2
Total Administrative Section	12

Information Section.	
Assistant Information Officer (Information Section Leader.)	1
Liaison Party	4
Communication Party	
Telephonists	4
Linesmen	4
Despatch Riders	4
Reconnaisance Party	8
Total Information Section	25
Supply Section	
Assistant Supply Officer (Supply Section Leader)	1
Supply Party	2
Total Supply Section	3
Transport Section	
Assistant Transport Officer (Transport Section Leader).	1
M.T. Drivers	5
Total Transport Section	6
Total A Coy Employment Platoon	46
Total A Coy. H.Q.	50

4 Platoons

1 Platoon)
2 ")
3 ") EACH
4 ")

Platoon Leader	1
Other Ranks	24
Total Platoon	25

Each Platoon

3 Sections

A)
B) EACH
C)

Section Leader	1
Other Ranks	7
Total Section	8
Total A Coy.	150

B Company (HUON - CYGNET).

Company H.Q.

H.Q. Officers

Company Leader	1
Deputy Company Leaders one at HUON one at CYGNET	2
Information Officer	1
Supply and Transport Officer	1
Total Coy. H.Q. Officers	5

Company H.Q. Employment Platoon.

Company Administrative Section.

Company Administrative Officer (Coy H.Q. Platoon Leader).	1
Clerk	1
Cooks	4
M.T. Drivers	4
Medical Orderlies	2
Total Administrative Section	12

Information Section

Assistant Information Officers (One at HUON, One at CYGNET.)	2
Liaison Party	2
Communication Party	
Telephonists	4
Linesmen	2
Despatch Riders	4
Reconnaisance Party	8
Total Information Section	22

Supply Section

Assistant Supply Officers (One at HUON, One at CYGNET.)	2
Supply Party	2
Total Supply Section	4

Transport Section.

Assistant Transport Officer	1
M.T. Drivers	6
Total Transport Section	7
Total B Coy Employment Platoon	45
Total B Coy H.Q.	50

2 Platoons

5 Platoon CYGNET)
) EACH
6 Platoon HUON)

Platoon Leader	1
Other Ranks	24
Total Platoon	25

Each Platoon

3 Sections

A)
B) EACH
C)

Section Leader	1
Other Ranks	7
Total Section	8
Total B Coy	100

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C Company (KINGBOROUGH)

Company H.Q.

H.Q. Officers.

Company Leader	1
Deputy Company Leader	1
Information Officer	1
Supply and Transport Officer	1
Total Coy H.Q. Officers	4

Company H.Q. Employment Platoon

Company Administrative Section.

Company Administrative Officer (Coy H.Q. Platoon Leader).	1
Clerk	4
Cooks	2
M.T. Drivers	2
Medical Orderlies	2
Total Administrative Section	8

Information Section	
Assistant Information Officer	1
Liaison Party	2
Communication Party	
Telephonists	3
Linesmen	2
Despatch Riders	2
Reconnaissance Party	4
Total Information Section	14
Supply Section	
Assistant Supply Officer	1
Supply Party	2
Total Supply Section	3
Transport Section	
Assistant Transport Officer	1
M.T. Drivers	4
Total Transport Section	5
Total C Coy H.Q. employment Platoon	30
Total C Coy H.Q.	34

3 Platoons

7 Platoon (LOWER CHANNEL)
8 Platoon (SNUG - KARGLTA) EACH
9 Platoon (Kingston)

Platoon Leader	1
Other Ranks	21
Total Platoon	22

Each Platoon

3 Sections

A
B EACH
C

Section Leader	1
Other Ranks	6
Total Section	7

Total C Coy	100

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D Company. (CLARENCE)

Company H.Q.

H.Q. Officers

Company Leader	1
Deputy Company Leader	1
Information Officer	1
Supply and Transport Officer	1
Total Company H.Q. Officers	4

Company H.Q. Employment Platoon

Company Administrative Section.

Company Administrative Officer (Coy H.Q. Platoon Leader).	1
Clerk	1
Cooks	2
M.T. Drivers	2
Medical Orderlies	2
Total Administrative Section	8

Information Section.	
Assistant Information Officer	1
Liaison Party	3
Communication Party	
Telephonists	4
Linesmen	3
Despatch Riders	4
Reconnaissance Party	8
Total Information Section.	23
Supply Section	
Assistant Supply Officer	1
Supply Party	2
Total Supply Section	3
Transport Section	
Assistant Transport Officer	1
M.T. Drivers	4
Total Transport Section	5
Total H.Q. Employment Platoon	39
Total Coy H.Q.	43

3 Platoons

10 Platoon)
11 Platoon) EACH
12 Platoon)

Platoon Leader	1
Other Ranks	18
Total Platoon	19

Each Platoon

3 Sections

A)
B) EACH
C)

Section Leader	1
Other Ranks	5
Total Section	6

Total D Coy. 100

E Company (GLENORCHY)

Company H.Q.

H.Q. Officers.

Company Leader	1
Deputy Company Leader	1
Information Officer	1
Supply and Transport Officer	1
Total Coy H.Q. Officers	4

Company H.Q. Employment Platoon

Company Administrative Section.

Company Administrative Officer (Coy H.Q. Platoon Leader)	1
Clerk	1
Cooks	2
M.T. Drivers	2
Medical Orderlies	2
Total Administrative Section	8

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Supply Section

Assistant Supply Officer	1
Supply Party	2
Total Supply Section	3

Transport Section

Assistant Transport Officer	1
Total H.Q. Employment Platoon	12
Total Coy. H.Q.	16

One Platoon

13 Platoon

Platoon Leader	1
Other Ranks	24
Total Platoon	25

3 Sections

A)
B) EACH
C)

Section Leader	1
Other Ranks	7
Total Section	8

Group Reserve Employment Platoon.

14 Platoon.

Reserve Platoon Leader	1
Reserve Reconnaisance Section	
Section Leader	1
Other Ranks	9
Reserve Despatch Riders	10
Reserve Supply Personnel	5
Reserve Motor Transport	14
Reserve Bridging and Demolition Section	6
Reserve Telephonists and Linesmen	6
Reserve Guard Section	
Section Leader	1
Other ranks	6
Total Reserve Platoon	59
Total E Coy.	100

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART.	1/6/41	0900	LT-COL A.N. LEWIS. M.C. - General Routine ⊙ Working on report for establishments ⊙	
	2/6/41	0900	LT-COL A.N. LEWIS. M.C. - General Routine ⊙ Routine Order No 15. issued ⊙	
	3/6/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS M.C. - Reconnaisance of A.A Sites - MT. WELLINGTON DOMAIN - ELWICK - RISDON - LINDISFARNE - BELLERIVE, with BRIG. WHITELAW - DRS. MARTYN and PIDDINGTON and COMMANDANT ⊙ Sites selected	
	4/6/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. - Visit to E.Z. WORKS and environs with BRIG. WHITELAW - DR MARTYN and DR. PIDDINGTON and also with COMMANDANT visited FRT. DIRECTION ⊙	
	5/6/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS MC - General Routine ⊙ Visit LINDISFARNE SITE - A.A. BTY with A.D. HIRINGS ⊙	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	6/6/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. - General Routine ⊙ Reconnaissance COLLINSVALE area and roads with COMMANDANT ⊙ Conference with Home Guard Battalion Officers ⊙	
	7/6/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C - LT-COL. LANE and LT. H.S. BAKER inspected B. COY. V.D.C ⊙ Visited FRT. PIERSON in afternoon and general routine duties at night ⊙	
	8/6/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C inspected D. COY. V.D.C exercise at CLIFTON BEACH ⊙ At FRT. DIRECTION in afternoon and report of aeroplane at 1607 hrs ⊙	
	9/6/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. - General Routine ⊙ MAJOR G.W. LARSSON reported for duty as Acting Staff Officer. Lengthy conference with COMMANDANT and MAJ. C.H. PERKINS. E.D.	
	10/6/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C - MAJOR G.W. LARSSON - General Routine ⊙ Visited DOWSINGS. PT - A.A. BTY. SITE with A.D. HIRINGS and W.O. ROBINSON ⊙	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	11/6/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N LEWIS. MC - MAJ. G.W. LARSSON - General Routine.	
	12/6/41	0900.	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C - MAJOR G.W. LARSSON - General Routine ⊙	
			LT-COL A.N. LEWIS. MC. - MAJ. G.W. LARSSON and LT. E.W. CLARK visited	
			FRT PIERSON and inspected new D.E.L. Emplacement.	
	13/6/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N LEWIS. MC. inspected FRT PIERSON with COMMANDANT.	
			MAJOR G.W. LARSSON at FRT. DIRECTION.	
	14/6/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS MC. - MAJOR. G.W. LARSSON: General Routine ⊙	
			LT-COL A.N. LEWIS. MC - O.M.E. - C.R.E. - Garrison Engineer visited	
			LINDISFARNE A.A site and prepared plans for gun layout and camp.	
	15/6/41	0900.	LT-COL A.N. LEWIS MC. - MAJOR G.W. LARSSON - General Routine ⊙	
	16/6/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N LEWIS. MC - MAJOR G.W LARSSON - General Routine ⊙	
	17/6/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS MC - MAJOR. G.W. LARSSON - General Routine ⊙	
			LT-COL A.N. LEWIS. MC. visited FRT. DIRECTION with BRIG. MILLS -	
			LT-COL SHANNON and CAPT. FRASER ex H.M.T. Q.MARY ⊙	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	18/6/41 ~~0900~~	0900	LT-COL A.N. LEWIS. M.C - MAJOR G.W. LARSSON - General Routine	
			LT. COL A.N. LEWIS. M.C. and MAJOR G.W. LARSSON visited	
			DOWSINGS. PT. A.A. SITE and BRIGHTON in afternoon.	
	19/6/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS, M.C. - MAJOR G.W. LARSSON - General Routine.	
			In afternoon LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS M.C - MAJOR. BAMFORD and LT. E.W. CLARK	
			visited FRT. DIRECTION to inspect communications and sig. duties.	
			Lecture in evening by MAJOR BAMFORD.	
	20/6/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. - MAJOR. G.W. LARSSON - General Routine. G.M.D	
			O.I. issued. Conference ~~with~~ re 59 A.A. Coy.	
	21/6/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS, M.C - MAJOR. G.W LARSSON. General Routine. Sergt.	
			FEATHERSTONE on one weeks special leave. LT-COL A.N. LEWIS M.C - MAJOR	
			G.W. LARSSON visited KINGSTON. MARGATE area and conferred with V.D.C	
			personnel in afternoon.	
	23/6/41	0900	LT-COL A.N. LEWIS. M.C. - MAJOR G.W. LARSSON - General Routine.	

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Unit H.Q. HOBART. FRT. Date and Time.—From 0900 - 24 JUN 41 To 30/6/41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	24/6/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N LEWIS.M.C - MAJOR G.W. LARSSON - General Routine & Funeral of Sign. ALLEN - LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. attended & In afternoon LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. - MAJOR. G.W. LARSSON - CAPT. REID (Dist. Sigs) and LT. F.W. CLARK at FRT. DIRECTION &	
	25/6/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. General Routine & MAJOR. G.W. LARSSON at FRT. PIERSON &	
	26/6/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. - MAJOR G.W. LARSSON - General Routine &	
	27/6/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C - MAJOR G.W. LARSSON - General Routine &	
	28/6/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C - MAJOR. G.W. LARSSON - General Routine & LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. visited FRT. DIRECTION during afternoon &	
	29/6/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. - MAJOR. G.W. LARSSON inspected V.D.C operations at MARGATE and LONGLEY Areas &	
	30/6/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N LEWIS M.C - MAJOR G.W. LARSSON - General Routine & LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. left by train for LAUNCESTON at 1705 hrs. &	

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HOBART FORTRESS

EXERCISE
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EXERCISE ONLY - OPERATION ORDER JUL/1.

WARNING ORDER

Anglesea Barracks.
HOBART.
30 Jun 41.

1. Hobart Fortress will carry out an exercise between 1900 hrs and 2100 hrs on Friday 4 Jul 41.

2. Objects of exercise:- To test fire control, co-operation and communications between Frts, and between C.F.D. & P.W.S.S. - communications, Frts with H.Q. - Btys in engagement of targets by night - Hobart Frt. Coy. in employment of fighting lights, - Direction Coy. 6 Grn Bn. in close defence role - Hobart Frt. Sig. Sec. in war role.

3. Troops Direction Bty, Pierson Bty, Hobart Frt. Coy. Direction Coy, 6 Grn Bn, Hobart Frt. Sig. Sec. and by arrangement with 12 Inf. Bde Gp detachment of 6 Fd. Regt.

No variations whatever in normal administrative routine of Hobart Frt. Tps is to be made. Normal routine is to be followed until first situation instruction is handed to C.F.D. This warning is only to be communicated to officers who are required to act hereon.

4. General Direction. Frt. Comdr. at Hobart Frt. Op. room.

Fire & situation direction, and umpire. Major J. Pringle. M.C.

5. The exercise will be initiated by Major Pringle, handing the first situation intelligence report to C.F.D. at FRT DIRECTION and will thereafter proceed according to situation information verbally communicated by Major Pringle to C.F.D.

6. Hobart Frt Sig Sec will have two mobile W/T units ready for operation on east of DERWENT and one at ANGLESEA BARRACKS from 1730 hrs on 4 Jul 41. Orders for employment will be given as part of exercise. Hobart Frt. Sig. Sec. will also attach two D.R.s to FRT DIRECTION for night of 4 Jul 41.

7. The direct line FRT DIRECTION - BARRACKS and the administrative telephone line from Hobart Frt. Sig. Office will be plugged through to Hobart Frt. Op. room throughout the exercise.

8. O.C. 17 Fd. Bty will report his whereabouts to H.Q. Hobart Frt, by telephone at 1600 hrs 4 Jul 41 and a preliminary instruction will then be given.

9. 6 Grn Bn and No.1. Bn. V.D.C. will be represented by C.O., 2 I.C., Adj, and two or three officers selected by C.O., who are invited to report to H.Q. Hobart Frt. at 1845 Hrs 4 Jul 41. and to act as Bn H.Q.s from H.Q. Hobart Frt.

10. On conclusion of exercise, detachment 6 Fd. Regt. will bivouac at FRT DIRECTION.

11. O.C. Hobart Frt. Coy. R.A.E. will be prepared to use six beach searchlights as may be ordered during the exercise.

12. Tactical vehicles may be used by Hobart Frt. troops for purpose of exercise and will be under command O.C. Direction Coy. 6 Grn Bn. during exercise. They will not proceed more than one mile North or East of GOAT BLUFF, without reference to H.Q. Hobart Frt. and every economy in running will be practiced.

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13. All orders and messages will be prefixed with the words "EXERCISE ONLY". The following serial numbers are allotted for orders and messages.

All operation orders from Jul/1.

Messages originated by	Hobart Frt.	from H 4001
" "	" FRT DIRECTION	" D 5001
" "	" FRT PIERSON	" P 6001
" "	" 6 FD. REGT.	" F 7001
" "	" SIG SEC.	" S 8001
" "	" GRN BN.	" G 9001
" "	" V.D.C.	" V 10,001

Messages may be sent in clear.

14. C.F.D. is authorized to cancel exercise without notice, if defence measures appear to render this advisable.

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	6	Direction Coy. 6 Grn Bn.
	7	B.C. FRT PIERSON.
	8	6 Grn Bn.
	9	No.1. Bn. V.D.C.
	10	12 Inf Bde.
	11	6 FD. BDE.
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ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I.

by

Lt-Col. A.N. Lewis M.C. E.D.

Administering Command

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HOBART
2 Jun. 41.

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15. Captain M.S. Pritchard B.C. Direction Battery, is appointed acting Commander Fixed Defences with the responsibilities and powers specified for Fire Commander in Hobart Fortress Routine Order Pt.I. Nos 1-10 excepting the administration of PORT PIRSON AREA, which will be the responsibility of B.C. Pierson Battery.

A.N. Lewis.

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8. Hobart Frt. Coy. 6 Grn Bn.
9. D.A.A.G.
10. 6 Frt. Coy. A.A.M.C.
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16. Major G.W. Larsson R.A.E. (M) is appointed acting Staff Officer, Hobart Fortress H.Q.

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OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 5.

VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS (HOME GUARD).

1. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ARMY & V.D.C. ORGANIZATION. 6 M.D. TASMANIA.

Role.

See 6 M.D. V.D.C. Operation Circular No. 1. of 11 Jun 41, issued to V.D.C. on basis of 2 per Coy. Comdr.

2. Hobart Fortress Operation Instruction No.4 (Provisional). Volunteer Defence Corps is confirmed subject to the variations stated in this instruction. viz.

(a) Throughout: For "Group" read "Battalion"

(b) Add F Coy, Hobart Post Office Company and see para 3 for role of that Coy.

(c) For total establishments see 6 M.D. V.D.C. O.C. No.1. App III (a). Establishments (Provisional) as issued by Hobart Fortress on 5 May 41, will be amended to conform. C.O. No.1. Bn will submit recommendations for variations in establishments as experience shows to be desirable. 6 M.D. V.D.C. O.C. No.1. App . II(a) will be noted.

(d) It is indicated that when Coys are ready to operate in their primary roles in accordance with Hobart Frt O.I. No. 4. additional forward and beach defence roles will be allotted.

3. The role of F. Coy. (Hobart Post Office Company) will be security of P.M.G. installations in the Hobart Fortress Areas. Details will be specified by C.O. No. 1. Bn.

4. The programme laid down in Hobart Fortress Operation Instruction No. 4. of 5 May 41 has not been adhered to. It is urgently necessary that Bn & Coy. officers reconnoitre war stations and that all personnel are exercised in the primary role on their war stations forthwith. This is to be done at least once before 30 Jun 41 and is to take absolute priority to all other tasks. Deficiency in numbers is not to be regarded as an excuse. Companies must complete their essential organization as already detailed forthwith.

5. Bn. Comdr. will arrange as soon as possible.

(a) General reconnaisance of each Coy. war station with Frt. Comdr.

(b) Conference of selected officers of Bn. H.Q. and all Coy. Comdrs (If necessary at HOBART and HUONVILLE).

(d) Date on which Frt. Comdr. can inspect each Coy. at war station.

6. Bn. Comdr. will forward a report on last day of each month to H.Q. Hobart Frt. outlining progress in training and practice in war roles.

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Copies of Bn & Coy. plans for assemblying, movement to and occupation of war stations, will be forwarded to Hobart Frt. as soon as compiled. These should be completed without unnecessary delay. Provisional plans should be prepared before 30 Jun 41. These can be completed later, in the light of experience.

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NOTES ON TRAINING.

for

VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS (HOME GUARD).

SECURITY

Anglesea Barracks
HOBART

No 1.

This instruction is not to be communicated to anyone not a member of the V.D.C. and is to be kept locked up when not in use.

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1. VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

(a) The Volunteer Defence Corps is allotted a definite role in the defence plan of its area. This role is considered to be within the capacity of the V.D.C. without special training. Training of members in their allotted roles will increase the efficiency of the defensive organization of our country and in case of action, minimize casualties. Time is limited and the need is urgent. Every hour spent in training, otherwise than for the performance of allotted roles is absolutely wasted.

(b) The ultimate object of training is victory. Victory is gained by success in battle; it is gained by men determined to kill or capture their enemy and trained to do so with the minimum loss to themselves. Success in battle depends on action in accordance with a preconceived plan. This plan has been promulgated after careful considerations. The role allotted to V.D.C. units is an integral portion of this plan. If any unit wilfully deviates from its allotted role or by neglect to train to perform this, fails in the moment of need, the whole defensive plan will be disrupted.

(c) We are preparing now to defeat a determined enemy and ther can be no half measures and no compromise with inefficiency and lack of zeal. Although the tasks set and, therefore, the degree of training required are not of the same adruous nature as those for the army, The V.D.C. within its proper sphere, has a task of vital importance. No deviation whatever from its duty to train for and, if the need arises, to perform its task can be permitted.

2. RESPONSIBILITY.

(a) It is the responsibility of the Battalion Commander to insure that his subordinate leaders appreciate the tasks allotted to them and are in a position to instruct their units in every phase of the work.

(b) It is the responsibility of campany, platoon and section leaders to study their allotted tasks on the ground and to train their units in the performance of these tasks.

(c) It is the duty of every member of the V.D.C. to study his allotted role and to study the country of his area with a view to any possibility.

(d) There will inevitably be obstacles to training, but these must be treated as difficulties to be overcome, not as excuses for failure. The V.D.C. is responsible for its own training. Army units will co-operate as is possible, but these have their own tasks and difficulties.

(e) Each leader is responsible for his own training. He must take stock of himself and ensure that he is able to carry out his allotted role. To lead efficiently, a commander must have confidence in himself.

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This can only be based on study of his task. In battle V.D.C. leaders will have to stand on their own resources. This must be practiced before the call for action comes. This responsibility is a life and death matter. There will be little opportunity to refer to a superior in battle. The "Council of War" method of command leads to disaster in an emergency.

(f) The first step towards efficiency as a component part of the defence forces is obedience to orders as communicated. This involves not only the will to carry out the prescribed role and detailed instruction, but the physical and technical skill to do so. This requires knowledge of the task, and of all factors affecting its performance and training in actual war conditions at the allotted war station.

3. SYSTEM OF TRAINING.

Attention is directed to 6 M.D. V.D.C. Operation Circular No. 1 para 9 - 10.

(a) Don't be too ambitious - take one step at a time - don't go on too long - study each step and the lessons to be learnt - don't think that experience in GALLIPOLI, FRANCE or PALESTINE, 1914 - 1918 supplies you with all you require to know - study modern methods - remember this is 1941.

(b) Prepare a syllabus covering a comprehensive course of training leading up to fulfilling the allotted role.

(c) The principle of training is to enable each man to perform his allotted task. Everything which does not have a direct bearing on this is a waste of time and therefore detracts from the possible standard of efficiency. The V.D.C. will not be required to do ceremonial parades, therefore cut out ceremonial, close order drill and the like. It will not be called upon to march long distances therefore don't waste time on route marches. No one will worry about the way it handles a rifle, therefore eliminate rifle exercise. Don't bother about company parades.

(d) All ranks must be practiced in acting alone and using common sense in carrying out a general operation order. Ability to take cover from aircraft is more useful than learning to keep step. Every parade must be practiced from start to finish.

(e) Roles have been allotted. Learn these first. Don't teach the handling of machine guns till these are issued. Don't waste time in teaching visual signalling to men detailed to use ordinary telephones. Above all, don't spend the whole of a parade period in a hall. You will have to fight in the open. Therefore train in the open.

(f) A great part of the role of the V.D.C. can be performed without rifles. Therefore don't wait till rifles are issued.

(g) Make your motto, KNOW YOUR JOB & GET ON WITH IT. If you don't know, ask. When you know, study it, discuss it with others of your section and then practice it - PRACTICE IT. and keep on practicing it. When perfect, extend your thoughts to other possible tasks in your area and practice them.

4. TEXT BOOKS.

(a) Books recommended are (1) Infantry Section Leading.
(11) Home Guard for Victory

(b) These books are to be taken as a basis for training and are to be studied until thoroughly mastered. The principles laid down in Infantry Section Leading are to be strictly adhered to.

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5. TACTICAL TRAINING.

(a) Tactical doctrine is rapidly changing and consequently all must be on the alert for new ideas and methods. We must shake off the shackles that tend to bind us to old ideas and approach our allotted task with an open mind. In particular, doctrines imposed by trench warfare are wholly inapplicable.

(b) The V.D.C. must above all be practical. Allotted roles must be tackled with a clear perception of what the available men and equipment can accomplish.

(c) Sub-unit commanders should be given a task and told to carry it out unaided. When the sub-unit returns, it must be with added fighting efficiency. Every step must be taken to exercise the initiative and ingenuity of junior commanders and men.

(d) Every effort will be made to introduce realism into training. The enemy will always be represented as possessing air superiority, armoured fighting vehicles and likely to use gas. The dive bomber will always be represented as likely to attack. All movements will be made in air defence formation, from cover to cover. Suitable battle formations will be adopted at all times and every movement must be on a definite tactical plan. Continuous reconnaisance accompanied by running appreciations will be constantly practiced.

6. FIELDCRAFT

(a) In war the fighting man needs many of the instincts of the primative hunter. The strength of the V.D.C. is in the number of its personnel who possess this to a high degree and particularly in their knowledge of the area over which they will operate. The weakness of the V.D.C. is in drill and weapon training. This weakness cannot be materially overcome in time available. It is therefore imperative to concentrate on the strong points and leaders must plan to develop these. In war the soldier has to outwit his enemy The V.D.C. starts with many initial advantages in this and all such must be used to the full. Training must proceed on the lines of organizing existing resources to outwit the enemy in his objective of penetrating the area.

(b) The earliest training should match men against men and providing opportunity for both to learn by each others mistakes.

(c) The first essential in field craft is to teach the soldier to be alert, inquisitive and observant and to react quickly and calmly to the unexpected. Sudden questions to test a mans alertness and powers of observation should be introduced.

(d) Fieldcraft besided being the basis of V.D.C. training is to be used to make training interesting and useful. It requires no weapons. The basis of every exercise should be a battle of wits.

(e) Exercises in observation, stalking, taking messages, field reports, tank hunting are important branches of fieldcraft. Many lessons are to be found in Infantry Section Leading.

(f) The idea that V.D.C. are to be a collection of passive sentries is to be eradicated. The role of the V.D.C. can only be performed by positive action. All V.D.C. work will be based on patrol work. When the company can carry out all types of patrol by day and night, with absolute confidence, it will be able to deal with any situation likely to be met. Training in patrol work teaches leadership, self-reliance, team work, value of preparation and planning, importance of outwitting the enemy, necessity for protection and observation and in a small way all the principles underlying most of the major operations of war. This training can be carried out by day or by night, in any type of country. Patrols, as soon as work permits, should work against each other.

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There must always be an object to be accomplished.

(g) It must be stressed that most military operations will be carried out at night. Night training in the field is therefore essential.

APPENDIX

Some suggestions for training schemes.

Start off with fieldcraft - not squad drill and rifle exercises. Study the role assigned to your company and base simple exercises on that. It is not necessary to train right on your war stations - anywhere will do.
All exercises must be carefully planned.

1. Divide the parade into halves - ½ of each sub-unit. Choose a natural feature such as a road, street, creek or ridge. Send ½ under a leader to that feature. The leader will detail positions for posts. so that the front is covered by observation and will detail sub-leaders and parties. Sub-leaders will post observers in his allotted area . The other ½ will be sent to a spot about ½ mile away and endeavour to penetrate the line unseen and attain a given spot. The parties will then be reversed. The frontage should give a chance for some to penetrate unseen. As a more difficult variations, observing parties may be grouped and the moving detachment may be directed to attempt to penetrate in groups moving under command.

2. A locality such as a bridge is chosen for defence. ½ of the parade is detailed to move out quickly and occupy positions to defend it. The other ½ will occupy positions for attack and endeavour to approach unseen to positions from which effective fire can be brought on the defenders. The roles can then be reversed.

3. The parade is divided into halves and moved about a mile distant. Each half is instructed to advance towards each other and endeavour to get into a position to fire without being seen.

4. In a town or village - parade in drill hall, order given without warning to defend a given building and approaches.

5. Practice in withdrawing from one locality to another, without being observed and occupying a position.

6. Post piquets on certain roads and send other parties to find where they are without being seen.

7. Practice schemes for defending beaches or wharves. After defenders in position arrange for a landing by a small party from a boat - each man of landing party to represent 10 men. Landing party to penetrate for a few hundred yards inland (arranged by umpire). Defenders to reorganize accordingly.

8. Choose a quiet bush track in relatively open bush country. Occupy a defensive position on orders that light tanks may be expected. Arrange for a few cars or farm trucks to represent tanks and to attempt to pass along the track.

9. Choose a stretch of about 3 miles of ordinary road. Discuss in detail action to be taken on order to block. (Note, quick reconnaisance by Coy. Leader and appreciation of tasks, allot tasks to appropriate parties, party leaders to allot tasks to individuals, general consideration of exact attitude by individuals.

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16. Give a simple tactical situation. Send out unit in parties of from 2 to 4 to make a reconnaisance based on some definite enemy action and a definite plan of our own to counter this, each party to submit written report with sketch. As a variation, get verbal messages back from scouts to a leader who writes the report. As another variation, get a party to do something and send out scouting parties to observe and report action from time to time. Further practice is co-ordinating reports and passing messages.

Other schemes are suggested in Infantry Section Leading - (particularly as action by a fighting patrol advancing) and Home Guard for Victory)particularly as to defence of important localities).

Every exercise must conclude with a mutual discussion and final instructive commends by company leader. This may be done at the next parade. The exercise should be repeated later in the light of lessons learnt.

Company Leaders must avoid undue initial instruction and personal interference during the exercise. The proper function of the company leader is to plan the exercise, state the object and lessons to be learnt, and to criticise helpfully after the exercise has concluded. V.D.C. training will be best advanced by setting the task and leaving sub-leaders or individuals to think out their own way of carrying it out. Mutual discussion should be encouraged after the exercise. This should be done before the company leader sums up. No comment on his remarks are to be permitted.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	1/7/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. - at LAUNCESTON ⊙ MAJOR G.W. LARSSON	
			General Routine ⊙ Routine Orders 17-20 issued	
	2/7/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C at LAUNCESTON ⊙ MAJOR G.W LARSSON -	
			General Routine.	
	3/7/41	0900	LT-COL A.N LEWIS. MC - MAJOR G.W. LARSSON - General Routine ⊙	
			Moved to new offices.	
	4/7/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. - MAJOR G.W. LARSSON - General Routine ⊙	
			CAPT. L.B. REID - 13. A.A. BTY reported for duty ⊙ Fortress exercise	
			in evening - V.D.C. - NAVY - 6 GRN. BN. representatives present ⊙	
	5/7/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. MC - CAPT. REID - LT. PEACHEY, reconnaissance of	
			DOWSINGS PT. - LINDISFARNE - FRT DIRECTION - to arrange AA. Camp ⊙	
			MAJOR G.W. LARSSON - General Routine ⊙ Training Instruction issued.	
	6/7/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C - CAPT. REID discussion on AA. organization ⊙	
			MAJ. LARSSON proceeding 59 AA Coy for school in MELBOURNE ⊙	

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Unit HQ HOBART-FRT. Date and Time.—From 0900 7 JULY 41 To 14 JUL. 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART.	7/7/41	0900	LT-COL A.N. LEWIS. M.C - CAPT. REID - LT. PEACHEY - Routine Duties.	
			13 AA BTY personnel reported under LT. SOUTER. MAJ. C.W. LARSSON left for MELBOURNE. Routine Orders. 21. issued.	
	8/7/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. - CAPT. REID. - Routine Duties. Defence Plan submitted to HQ. 6M.D.	
	9/7/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. - CAPT. REID Routine Duties. LT-COL. SCANLON taking over, administering of. Fortress Command.	
	10/7/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. - CAPT. REID. Routine Duties. 13. AA BTY personell sent to FRT-DIRECTION for training, including U.S.P.	
	11/7/41	0900	LT-COL A.N. LEWIS M.C left for School - Woolamanata (VIC). Capt L.B. REID - Routine Duties.	
	12/7/41	0900	CAPT. L.B. REID - Routine Duties. Stand-by warning issued.	
	13/7/41	0900	CAPT. L.B. REID - Routine Duties.	
	14/7/41	0900	CAPT. L.B. REID. General Routine. Organization of 13. AA BTY.	

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Unit HOBART FORTRESS H.Q. Date and Time.—From 0900 15 JUL. 41 To 23 JUL. 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	15/7/41	0900	CAPT. L.B. REID - General Routine.	
	16/7/41	0900	CAPT. L.B. REID - Routine Duties.	
	17/7/41	0900	CAPT. L.B. REID - General Routine.	
	18/7/41	0900	LT. C.W. CONNERY returned from 3.M.D. (School) and reported for duty to "G" o CAPT. L.B. REID - General Routine.	
	19/7/41	0900	CAPT. L.B. REID. - Routine Duties o Discussion of plans for raising 13.A.A. BTY personnel with LT. PEACHEY & LT. SOWTER o	
	20/7/41	0900	CAPT. L.B. REID - Routine Duties.	
	21/7/41	0900	CAPT. L.B. REID - General Routine.	
	22/7/41	0900	CAPT. L.B. REID - Routine Duties o Studying plans of AA sites at LINDISFARNE and DOWSINGS. PT.	
	23/7/41	0900	CAPT. REID - Routine Duties o Discussion with LT. ROSENTHAL in reference to lay-out of 13 AA. BTY Sites o	

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Unit HQ HOBART - FRT. Date and Time.—From 0900 24 JUL 41 To 31 JUL 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	24/7/41	0900	CAPT. L.B. REID. - Routine Duties. Visited FRT. DIRECTION. Conference with LT-COL. CAMERON with reference to transferring one gun to FRT. DIRECTION for training.	
	25/7/41	0900	CAPT. L.B. REID - General Routine. Discussion with LT. ASCHMAN in mounting AA Guns at Barracks for training of V.S.P. Advertisement prepared, calling for FTD. personnel for AA Defences.	
	26/7/41	0900	CAPT. L.B. REID - General Routine.	
	27/7/41	0900	CAPT. L.B. REID - General Routine.	
	28/7/41	0900	CAPT. L.B. REID - General Routine. Discussion with LT. PEACHEY on siting AA Guns.	
	29/7/41	0900	CAPT. L.B. REID. General Routine. Discussion ref. levelling of guns, with LT. ROSENTHAL.	
	30/7/41	0900	CAPT. L.B. REID - General Routine. Visited LINDISFARNE Site with LT. SOWTER, LT. PEACHEY & LT. ROSENTHAL and level of guns fixed.	
	31/7/41	0900	CAPT. L.B. REID - Routine Duties. Arrangements made for quartering AA personnel from FRT. DIRECTION with 6 GRN BN.	

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Anglesea Barracks,
HOBART
7 Jul 41.

Lt-Col. A.N.Lewis M.C., E.D.

Administering Command.

No 21.

21. Anti-aircraft Defences.

(a) Hobart Frt R.O. Pt II, No 1 of 28 Jan 41 para 2 (a) is amended by adding,

(V) Hobart Anti-aircraft Defence Units.

(VI) No.1. Bn. V.D.C.

(b) Para 2 (b) is amended by adding,

(III) Anti-aircraft Defences,
Head-quarters Hobart Anti-aircraft Defences
13 A.A. Bty R.A.A.,
59 A.A. Coy R.A.E.

Until otherwise notified, B.C. 13 A.A. Bty will act as Commander Hobart Anti-aircraft Defences.

(c) (Ref 6 M.D. R.O. 133 of 19 May 41 and Hobart Frt R.O.)

(i) Capt. L.B. Reid is appointed acting B.C., 13 A.A. Bty, R.A.A. pending gazetting of an appointment.

(ii) Major G.W. Larsson is appointed acting O.C. 59 A.A. Coy. R.A.E. pending gazetting of an appointment.

(iii) During the absence of Major G.W. Larrson on attachment to Melbourne A.A. Defences, Capt L.B. Reid will administer personnel allotted to 59 A.A. Coy, who are stationed in 6 M.D.

22.

(a) Pending establishment of A.A. gun and searchlight war stations, all personnel allotted to 13 A.A. Bty and 59 A.A. Coy will be accommodated at FRT DIRECTION for training.

(b) While encamped at FRT DIRECTION, A.A. personnel will be a unit of Hobart Fixed Defences for administration and discipline and will be under the command of Commander Fixed Defences for all purposes. At least one commissioned officer of 13 A.A. Bty will be at all times at FRT DIRECTION. Officers and N.C.O.s at FRT DIRECTION will be available for administrative and manning duties as ordered by C.F.D.

(c) Hobart Frt Coy. R.A.E. and Direction Coy 6 Grn Bn will co-operate in instructing A.A. personnel by supplying instructors and equipment and by instructing A.A. personnel in routine manning and administrative duties as may be requested by C.A.A.D.

(d) C.A.A.D. may delegate any powers (except powers of punishment) to officer in charge A.A. personnel at FRT DIRECTION. C.A.A.D. and C.F.D. may communicate directly with each other as required during the period when A.A. personnel are at FRT DIRECTION.

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(e) A.A. personnel being trained at FRT DIRECTION will be fully employed on useful training, according to a training programme and will not be employed on duties which have no instruction value except on a fair proportion of unit administrative duties. C.F.D. will use every endeavour to ensure that duties allotted will provide the maximum amount of training and administrative experience which will be useful to the A.A. Defences when war stations are established.

23. In addition to other duties Capt. L.B. Reid will act as Staff Officer, Hobart Fortress H.Q. pending promulgation of W.E. This order supercedes Hobart Frt. R.O. 16 of 9 Jun 41.

Lt-Col.
O/Adm. Comd. Hobart Fortress.

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2. 13 A.A. Bty
3. 59 A.A. Coy.
4. C.F.D.
5. DIRECTION BTY.
6. Hobart Frt. Coy R.A.E.
7. Direction Coy, 6 Grn Bn.
8. H.Q. 6 M.D.
9. C.S.O.
10. A - Q
11. D.A.A.G.
12. D.A.Q.M.G.
13. D.A.D.O.S.
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HOBART FORTRESS

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by

Lt-Col. A.N. Lewis M.C. E.D.

Administering Command.

Anglesea Barracks,
HOBART.
1 Jul 41.

NOS 17 - 20.

17. Exercise orders and messages.

(a) Every Operation Order, instruction, message etc., issued or used in connection with an exercise is to bear the word "EXERCISE ONLY", after the heading Operation Order or as the first words of every message or as an appropriate part of the heading of any other written or verbal document or order. The word "EXERCISE" is to appear before the word "SECRET" in all orders. Code or cypher messages used for exercise purposes will commence with the word "EXERCISE" in clear as the first word.

(b) For the purpose of identification, the following letters are allotted and will be used after the word exercise, in all the cases mentioned in sub-para (a). Each exercise will be given a consecutive number which will appear after the letter. The letter used will be the appropriate one for the formation or unit originating the exercise.

Hobart Frt. H.Q.	H
Fixed Defences R.A.A. or R.A.E.	F
Garrison Battalion	G
Anti-aircraft Defences	A.A.
Volunteer Defence Corps.	V.

Example.

Exercise carried out by Volunteer Defence Corps will be headed:-

OPERATION ORDER.

(EXERCISE VI ONLY)

NO. 6 Exercise Secret

(c) Under no circumstances whatever will any order, message or document dealing with an exercise or practice be issued without the foregoing prefixes. All orders not so prefixed will be taken to refer to defence plans against the actual enemy and will be acted on, accordingly.

(d) No exercise will be carried out or an operation order etc., be issued which is based on actual defence plans, unless the previous approval of H.Q. Hobart Frt is obtained. The originating order will be submitted with the application for approval. This sub-para does not apply to units called up for full time duty, in cases of practice at war stations and under circumstances insuring secrecy.

(e) W/T and R/T is not to be used in the Hobart Frt Area for transmission of exercise operation orders and messages, except with the approval of H.Q. Hobart Frt. Steps will be taken to ensure that such use cannot cause confusion with messages bearing on actual defence operation. O.C. Hobart Sig. Sec. is hereby authorized to take any necessary steps to ensure that this order is carried out immediately on becoming aware that any confusion is possible and to order that exercise wireless

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be discontinued forthwith. This is authorized notwithstanding that H.Q. Hobart Frt. has previously given general authority to conduct the exercise and to use wireless.

18 Orders to Volunteer Defence Corps.

As V.D.C. Bn, is not organized exactly as an ordinary combatant infantry Bn and operates by relatively independant companies it is necessary for H.Q. Hobart Frt. to know that orders have reached companies. Every order emanating from Hobart Frt., which involves transmission to V.D.C. Companies, will be issued to No.1. Bn. H.Q. Bn. H.Q. will acknowledge receipt of this order in the normal routine. In addition Bn. H.Q. will notify H.Q. Hobart Frt. as soon as all companies have acknowledged receipt of Bn. order to Bn. H.Q.. If it appears advisable, through the urgency of the order, Bn. H.Q. will advise H.Q. Hobart Frt. as each Company acknowledges receipt, without waiting for acknowledgments then outstanding.

19. Submission of Returns.

When a return is asked for by a certain date, the return must reach H.Q. Hobart Frt by that date. If the order for the return emanates from H.Q. 6 M.D. and states the date when the return is to reach 6 M.D., it must be forwarded to reach H.Q. Hobart Frt not later than 1630 hrs on the previous day. If for any reason (including difficulties in transmission) it is not possible to render the return in time, H.Q. Hobart Frt must be advised, with the reason, not later than 1000 hrs on the day when the return is due or forthwith on the difficulty in rendering it in time becomes apparent. O.C.s will be personally responsible to Fortress Commander that either returns reach H.Q. office to time or the earliest possible advice of delay is transmitted. It is to be understood that many opportunities for assistance to units are available to H.Q. Hobart Frt if early intimations of difficulties is forwarded. It is essential that H.Q. Hobart Frt. shall be able at all times to anticipate arrival of returns on the due date unless previous intimation of difficulties has been notified.

20. Fortress A.A.M.C.

It is notified that the correct designation of the Fortress A.A.M.C. is 6 Fortress Company A.A.M.C.

Lt-Col.
O/Adm. Comd. Hobart Fortress.

DISTRIBUTION.

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2.	C.F.D.	13.	G.S.O. +
3.	B.C. FRT PIERSON.	14.	I.B. 6 M.D. +
4.	O.C. Hobart Frt. Coy. R.A.E.	15.	War Diary
5.	O.C. Direction Coy. 6 Grn Bn.	16.	File.
6.	O.C. Hobart Frt. Coy. A.A.M.C.		
7.	Comdr. A.A. Defences		
8.	No. 1 Bn. V.D.C.		
9.	Director V.D.C.		
10.	12 Inf Bde +		
11.	H.Q. 6 M.D. +		

+ For information.

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HOBART FORTRESS

HOBART
5 Jul 41.

TRAINING INSTRUCTION

1. It is considered that a stage has been reached when frt tps should be exercised in war roles. This applies more particularly to officers and signal personnel.

2. From week commencing 9 Jul 41, one exercise a week will be arranged for all personnel on duty with Fixed Defences. The first four exercises will be directed by C.F.D. who will make all arrangements. Subsequent exercises will include all troops under command of Hobart Frt.

3. Each exercise will be arranged to bring out one lesson and will occupy from one to three hours, 50% by daylight, 50% after dark. One or more sections of Coast Artillery Training should be selected as a basis for each exercise.

4. Exercises will be particularly directed to practice of co-operation between all arms, command communications and defence against seaborne and parachute landing parties in the vicinity. Passive air defence measures will be practiced.

5. At least one exercise will be directed by B.C. FRT PIERSON, operating from FRT PIERSON.

6. At some suitable time after each exercise, a general criticism will be made by the directing officer and every opportunity will be taken to advance efficiency by pointing out shortcomings revealed by the exercise.

7. C.F.D. will arrange necessary communications with O.C. Hobart Frt Sig. Sec., who will co-operate to the limit of his equipment and personnel not required for normal manning.

8. Attention is directed to Hobart Frt. R.O. 17 of 1Jul 41.

A. N. Lewis

Lt-Col.
O/Adm. Comd. Hobart Frt.

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4. Hobart Frt. Coy. R.A.E.
5. Direction Coy. 6 Grn Bn.
6. 6 Frt Coy. A.A.M.C.
7. Hobart Frt. Sig. Sec.
8. G.S.O.
9. War Diary
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Unit HQ HOBART. FRT Date and Time.—From 0900- 1 Aug 41 To 8 Aug 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	1/8/41	0900	CAPT. L.B. REID - Routine Duties o Visited DOWSINGS. PT.	
	2/8/41	0900	CAPT. L.B. REID - General Routine o Finalized arrangements for mounting of gun at ANGLESEA. BARRACKS.	
	3/8/41	0900	CAPT. L.B REID - Routine duties.	
	4/8/41	0900	CAPT. L.B. REID - Routine duties o Discussion with CAPT. HANTON in reference to cooks	
	5/8/41	0900	CAPT. L.B. REID. Routine Duties - Letter from LT-COL A.N. LEWIS M.C. in reference to LINDISFARNE Gun Station o Interviewed LT-COL CAMERON on same.	
	6/8/41	0900	CAPT. L.B. REID - Routine duties o Notified LT-COL A.N. LEWIS M.C that his instructions had been carried out.	
	7/8/41	0900	CAPT. REID - Visited FRT. DIRECTION o Inspected training of personnel	
	8/8/41	0900	CAPT. REID.- Routine duties o Visited LINDISFARNE with WO II ROBINSON	

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Unit H.Q. HOBART. FRT Date and Time.—From 0900 9 Aug 41 To 15 Aug 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	9/8/41	0900	CAPT. L.B. REID - Routine duties. Emplacement of gun completed at BARRACKS.	
	10/8/41	0900	CAPT. L.B. REID - Routine duties.	
	11/8/41	0900	CAPT. L.B. REID - General Routine. Conference with LT. NETTLEFOLD regarding DOWSINGS. PT.	
	12/8/41	0900	CAPT. L.B. REID - Visited DOWSINGS. PT. with CRE. & W.O. ROBINSON. Mine points cleared up.	
	13/8/41	0900	CAPT. L.B. REID - Conference with MR. HODGSON of P.W.D in reference to gun emplacements. Work commenced at this site.	
	14/8/41	0900	CAPT. L.B. REID - General routine. LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C returned from 3.M.D school and reported to COMMANDANT & COL. CAMERON.	
	15 Aug 41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. MC - CAPT. L.B REID - Routine Duties. LT-COL A.N. LEWIS. MC conference at 6. Gn. Bn. O MAJOR. M.S. PRITCHARD interviewed by LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. MC.	

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Unit HOBART. FRT. Date and Time.—From 16 Aug 41-09 00 To 21 Aug 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	16 Aug 41	0900	LT-COL A.N. LEWIS. M.C - CAPT. L.B. REID. - Routine Duties. LT-COL McCONKEY arrived from S.M.D to advise on AA problems.	
	17/8/41	0900	LT-COL A.N. LEWIS. M.C. - LT-COL McCONKEY - CAPT. L.B. REID - LT. C.W. CONNERY reconnaissance of DOWSINGS PT., SELES. PT - LINDISFARNE - AA Sites.	
	18/8/41	0900	LT-COL A.N. LEWIS. M.C - LT-COL McCONKEY - CAPT. REID - discussion on sites & layout of A.A. emplacements - afternoon COMMANDANT, LT-COL A.N. LEWIS. M.C - LT-COL McCONKEY reconnaissance of PIERSONS PT AREA. CAPT. L.B. REID at DOWSINGS. PT.	
	19/8/41	0900	LT-COL A.N. LEWIS. M.C - Routine Duties. LT-COL McCONKEY. CAPT. L.B REID reconnaissance of LINDISFARNE. SITE.	
	20/8/41	0900	LT-COL A.N. LEWIS M.C - LT-COL McCONKEY. CAPT. REID left HOBART on AA reconnaissance arrived TARRALEAH. MAJOR M.S. PRITCHARD - Staff duties.	
	21/8/41	0900	LT-COL A.N. LEWIS. M.C. - LT-COL McCONKEY - CAPT. L.B. REID continued reconnaissance Arrived QUEENSTOWN - interviewed manager MT. LYELL M. & R Co. MAJOR. M.S. PRITCHARD Staff duties.	

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Unit HQ HOBART. FRT Date and Time.—From 0900 22 Aug 41 To 31 Aug 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOBART	22/8/41	0900	LT-COL AN. LEWIS M.C.-LT-COL. McCONKEY - CAPT. L.B REID - Continuance reconnaissance at MIENA DAM & WADDAMANA POWER STATION AREA & MAJOR M.S PRITCHARD - General Routine - discussion with PADRE CLOUDSDALE &	
	23/8/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C returned HOBART - LT-COL. McCONKEY to MELBOURNE & MAJOR. M.S. PRITCHARD. Routine Duties &	
	24/8/41	0900	LT-COL A.N. LEWIS. M.C - MAJOR M.S. PRITCHARD - General Routine	
	25/8/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C - MAJOR M.S. PRITCHARD - General Duties.	
	26/8/41	0900	LT- COL. A.N. LEWIS M.C. - CAPT. L.B. REID - General Duties & MAJOR M.S. PRITCHARD returned to FRT. DIRECTION & CAPT. L.B. REID visited DOWSINGS PT.	
	27/8/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C - CAPT. REID - ROUTINE DUTIES & CAPT. L.B. REID & LT. SOWTER at DOWSINGS PT.	
	28/8/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS. M.C. & CAPT. REID - Routine duties.	
	29/8/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS M.C. CAPT L.B REID. - Routine duties & LT-COL LEWIS INTERVIEWED BY PADRE CLOUDSDALE.	
	30/8/41	0900	LT-COL A.N. LEWIS. M.C - CAPT. L.B. REID - Routine duties.	
	31/8/41	0900	LT-COL. A.N. LEWIS M.C. working on programme for School.	

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - 6 M.D.

HOBART FORTRESS.

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ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I.

Anglesea Barracks
HOBART.
26 Aug 41.

by

Lt-Col. A.N. Lewis, M.C., E.D.

Administering Command.

No. 22

22. CHANGE OF DESIGNATION.

(a) "Hobart Fortress" will in future be designated "Hobart Covering Force". (Vide 6 M.D. R.O. No. 251 of 25 Aug 41).

(b) Amendments accordingly will be made to Operation, Standing and Routine Orders.

(c) This order will not be read as effecting any change whatsoever in existing orders, operation or administration practices, other than the change of name. The officer administering command of Hobart Covering Force will be Fortress Commander for all purposes referred to in Manual of Coast Defence.

(d) The designation of headquarters of Hobart Covering Force will be "H.Q. Hobart Covering Force". The term "Hobart Covering Force" is not to be used alone to designate H.Q. office.

(e) The change of name does not involve any change in the designation of:-

Hobart Fortress Signal Section.
Hobart Fortress Coy R.A.E.
6 Fortress Coy. A.A.M.C.

A.N. Lewis

Lt-Col.
Adm. Comd. Hobart Covering Force.

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15 13 A.A. Bty
16 59 A.A. Coy.
17 D.N.O.
18 12 Inf. Bde
19 - 26 No. 1. Bn. V.D.C.
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