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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PERTH	1 Mar	(i)	Lt-Col Earl C STEWART, US Military attache, lunched with CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) prior to returning to MELBOURNE at the conclusion of his visit to WA. - Details of which were given in the February Diary. BK	
		(ii)	Comd 116 Aust Lt AA Regt (Lt-Col P W STOKES) interviewed CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) in reference to the removal of the dummy 6" gun at ARTHURS HEAD and its substitution by a 40 mm Bofors. Although the removal of this gun was requested on 11 Feb the gun itself was NOT removed until 25 Feb and super-structure has not yet been removed. It is felt that this again evidences the necessity for a direct channel of communication from Corps (CCRA) to CFD and NOT through Corps, L of C and then CFD. BK	
		(iii)	HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps Op Instn No 17 issued covering the movement of portion Detachment 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt from ONSLOW to EXMOUTH GULF. BK	Appendix 1
	2 Mar	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) attended GOC's Weekly Staff Conference - matters discussed included:- (a) The present serious position and danger of possible invasion. Branches and Services advised to be ready and as a result CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) arranged for complete schedules to be prepared relating to Arty requirements and deficiencies in Personnel, MT, Equipment and Ammunition. BK	

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PERTH	2 Mar		(b) CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) submitted proposal for the movement of WA L of C to a rear area - pointing out that in his opinion L of C is wrongly placed and that they should move and function from their proper place prior to hostilities, NOT during or after.	
			(c) Delays due to chain of communication through L of C in particular movement of gun referred to above and the burying of cables along mole. "G" Branch will investigate.	
		(ii)	CCRA's Office and Staff Directive No 1 issued.	Appendix 2
	3 Mar	(i)	G2 (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) returned via air from Leave and Duty in Eastern States. Prior to leaving MELBOURNE he visited MGRA's office and obtained information relating to the disposal of Arty 4 Aust Div. This information was embraced in a report submitted to 3 Aust Corps by CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN)	Appendix 3
	4 Mar	(i)	Conference convened by CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) was held with object of arranging itinerary for MGRA's visit. Present: CRA 2 Aust Div - Brig L G H DYKE. CRA 4 Aust Div - Brig D O L KITTO. CO 16 Aust Fd Regt - Lt-Col BALE. CFD - Col SMITH. Rep. CAAD - Lieut McMURRAY CO 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt Lt-Col RHODEN. CO 109 " " " " - Lt-Col KELSO. CO 116 " " " " - Lt-Col STOKES G2 Arty - Lt-Col McALISTER.	

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PERTH	4 Mar		A very satisfactory, though strenuous itinerary resulted. HL	
	5 Mar	(i)	Conference held by CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) with AOC Western Area (Air Commodore BROWNELL) and SASO Western Area (W/C FORSYTH) in company with G2 Arty (Lt-Col F B Mc ALISTER) relating to the manning of Bofors guns at PEARCE and GERALDTON Aerodromes by RAAF personnel with a nucleus of Army personnel. AOC stated that approximately half the establishments at PEARCE and GERALDTON Aerodromes were now female personnel employed administrative, mess duties etc and it would be this type of personnel who would normally be available for such duty. He therefore felt it difficult to provide the manpower without affecting Ground Staffs that must be kept available for servicing and maintenance etc of aircraft. HL	
	6 Mar	(i)	G2 (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) advised RAA 2 Aust Div of position re provision of 101 Wireless Sets. The divisional Artillery should now be only one set deficient. HL	
	8 Mar	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) attended, in company with CFD (Col R R SMITH), the proofing of 155 mm guns at CAPE PERON. The proofing was carried out and all tests were satisfactory, with the result that another Coast Defence Bty is in action. There were some disturbing factors at the shoot, however - Appendix 4 Firstly - One man received "Blast Shock". This caused certain panic and confusion - all work stopped on the guns and no medical officer could be found. HL	

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~~PERTH~~	8 Mar		Secondly - Gun Detachments were very gun shy. There were many instances of men placing their fingers in their ears and flinching before the guns fired.	
			Thirdly - There was no SALUTING - even when the CCRA and CFD arrived. Officers were slack and gave a most unsoldierlike appearance.	
		(ii)	~~Capt A E BUTCHER (ex NEWCASTLE AA Gp) reported on his~~ arrival in PERTH to take up duties of Adjt, AA Gp FREMANTLE. Capt BUTCHER has had many years staff experience and should be an asset to the AA Gp here.	
		(iii)	~~Lt-Col PAXTON (Comforts Fund WA) called and interviewed~~ CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) regarding EXMOUTH GULF and the supply ~~of comforts to Australian troops there.~~ CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) advised Lt-Col PAXTON regarding the requirements and suggested that before he arranged for the erection of huts etc, that he should fly up there and inspect the area. ~~It is felt that with the interest taken by Lt-Col PAXTON~~ (who is considered to be most capable) the lot of Australian troops in this area will increase materially.	
		(iv)	G2 (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) attended 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty exercise ROCKINGHAM. Generally - too slow, orders NOT well given and men NOT smart enough and soldierlike.	
		(v)	RAA 3 Aust Corps Trg Instn No 13, giving details of 2 Aust Div COMBINED ARTY EXERCISE, GERALDTON Area, issued.	Appendix 5

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PERTH	9 Mar	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) attended GOC's Weekly Staff Conference held for heads of Services. Very little matter relating to Arty was brought up. The following decisions, however, were announced by Corps Comd (Lt-Gen H Gordon BENNETT) (a) 2 Aust Med Regt and 12 Aust A Fd Regt would enter MELVILLE Camp on arrival in WA. This will provide the CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) with an opportunity to supervise them closely for some time before the move to operational stations. (b) That Army personnel would continue to man Lt AA guns in defence of PEARCE and GERALDTON Aerodromes until such time as CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) is satisfied that RAAF personnel are available and trained to take over. This allayed certain fears held re the manning of Lt AA guns on aerodromes by RAAF, in as much that CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) is responsible for the AA Defence of all aerodromes and there appeared the danger of RAAF personnel manning the guns without adequate training.	
		(ii)	CAAD FREMANTLE (Lt-Col J S YOUNG) reported on his return from EXMOUTH GULF where he carried out an inspection of 4 Aust Hy AA Bty as directed by CCRA. Lt-Col YOUNG states that Maj JONES (BC 4 Aust Hy AA Bty) had been relieved by him as unfit for tropical service and that in other respects there was a noticeable improvement. A report was submitted by CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) to 3 Aust Corps. CAAD (Lt-Col J S YOUNG) also discussed the project of resiting the Hy AA Gun Stations for COCKBURN SOUND, based on only 4 stations now available and based on the fact that RAN have notified the VA as the Northern portion of the sound.	Appendix 6

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PERTH	9 Mar		"SOUTH" station will be moved further SOUTH and the WOODMANS PT and JAMES PT proposed sites will be moved further EAST.	
		(iii)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) attended reception to Admiral CHRISTIE USN, who has taken over Comd Task Force 51 from Admiral LOCKWOOD. Task Force 51 has now been redesignated Task Force 71.	
	10 Mar	(i)	CRA 4 Aust Div (Brig D O L KITTO) interviewed CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) re the proposed transfer of Maj FORDHAM (2 i/c 3 Aust Fd Regt). It was decided to transfer him to 10 Aust Fd Regt.	
		(ii)	Lt-Col R RIGG (Ex Comd 15 Aust Fd Regt) called on vacating Comd of 15 Aust Fd Regt in favour of Lt-Col RICHARDSON (ex 1 Aust Hy Regt). Lt-Col RIGG has done excellent work as Comd 15 Aust Fd Regt and it is regretted that he is returning to civil life. He is over the age limit, but like many other older officers he filled a very useful gap while the AIF was out of Australia, and has now given way to a younger officer who has had active service experience.	
		(iii)	CAAD (Lt-Col J S YOUNG) called and submitted problems to CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) re communications EXMOUTH GULF - these are being taken up with CSO (Col MacKinley)	
		.(iv)	The attached letter was received from Lt-Col STEWART, US attache, in appreciation of his visit to WA.	Appendix 7

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PERTH	10 Mar	(v)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN), BGS (Brig W M ANDERSON) visited Commodore WAKEFIELD, USN, Captain of USS "PELIAS" who is at present suffering from food poisoning.	
	11 Mar	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) and G2 (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) attended combined operational Training Centre, PT WALTER, where 10 Aust Fd Regt and 171 Aust Lt AA Bty are undergoing amphibious training. It was considered that certain alterations to the course were necessary and these were later submitted to GOC and BGS who agreed to proposals.	
	12 Mar	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) interviewed Maj WILLIS (OC 227 Aust Lt AA Bty) prior to his movement to PUCKAPUNYAL, VICTORIA, where he will attend a Lt AA Course. Arrangements have been made for Maj A L YOUNG, 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt to command this Bty during Maj WILLIS' absence.	
		(ii)	Maj SCOTT, (2 i/c 2 Aust Med Regt) reported on arrival WA with advance party of his regt. He is being accommodated with 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty pending arrival of his regt and 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty have been instructed to "foster" 2 Aust Med Regt in to MELVILLE Camp.	
		(iii)	G2 (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) attended 2/3 Aust F Sp Exercise in company with Svy SO (Lt-Col T W SHORT). Exercise was much better than previously, but still careless about the matter of concealment.	

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PERTH	13 Mar	(i)	CFD, FREMANTLE Fixed Defences (Col R R SMITH) called on CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) on the occasion of Fixed Defences coming under command 3 Aust Corps. Col SMITH is delighted at the changeover.	
		(ii)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) conferred with CAAD (Lt-Col J S YOUNG) re appointment of BC 4 Aust Hy AA Bty EXMOUTH GULF vice Maj Jones, evacuated on medical grounds. It was decided to recommend Maj MOSELY. This recommendation was later concurred in by MGRA. (Maj-Gen J S WHITELAW)	
		(iii)	COUNTER BTY in TOBRUK: A communication was received by CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) from Chester WILMOTT, ABC, ADELAIDE, asking details re Arty set up and CB TOBRUK Fortress. Three complete copies of a report on the above were submitted by CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) overseas, but unfortunately these three copies have apparently been mislaid and only copy available was file retained by CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) which did not contain appendices.	
	14 Mar	(i)	RAA 3 Aust Corps Technical Instn No 17 relating to Equipment Supply issued.	Appendix 8
	15 Mar	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) conferred with CSO (Col McKinley) re communications for GARDEN ISLAND and for AA at EXMOUTH GULF. The plan submitted was acceptable to the CSO (Col J L McKINLEY) who will put matters in hand forthwith.	

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PERTH	15 Mar	(ii)	RAA 3 Aust Corps Op Instn No 18 issued covering the change in allocation of Lt AA Btys ROTTNEST and CRAWLEY.	Appendix 9
		(iii)	Comd 116 Aust Lt AA Regt (Lt-Col P W STOKES) saw CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) - complained that certain of his best workshop personnel were being claimed by AEME 3 Aust Corps (Lt-Col SIMONSEN). The matter was thoroughly investigated in conjunction with Lt-Cols STOKES and SIMONSEN and a satisfactory conclusion reached.	
		(iv)	RAA 3 Aust Corps Technical Instn No 18 on RDF Calibration was issued.	Appendix 10
		(v)	G2 (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) discussed inspection of 109 Aust Lt AA Regt by MGRA with Lt-Col KELSO (CO 109 Aust Lt AA Regt)	
	16 Mar	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) accompanied by G2 (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) visited COTC, POINT WALTER, and witnessed an arty exercise in landing operations carried out by 10 Aust Fd Regt. A troop landing was effected at BLACKWALL REACH. It was satisfactory though rather slow and hesitant.	
		(ii)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) discussed with CAAD (Lt-Col J S YOUNG) and later confirmed with BGS (Brig W M ANDERSON) the question of AA guns from BUCKLAND HILL Gun Sta firing over main road during the forthcoming exercise. It was decided that it would NOT be necessary to completely close the main road and that a road block at each end of the road to warn motorists etc of the danger would suffice. BGS concurred.	

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PERTH	16 Mar	(lll)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) conferred with SO Svy (Lt-Col T W SHORT) re the vexed question of 4 or 5 men survey parties within Svy Btys. At present both 2 and 4 Aust Svy Btys are using 5 men Svy parties which they claim are quicker and more efficient. This of course reduces the parties in a Bty from six to five. Svy Paper No 4 directs the use of 4 men parties. After discussion it was decided to issue a directive to the effect that 4 men parties would be instituted and in addition it is proposed to refer the matter to the MGRA for a final ruling. BK	
		(iv)	A report was received that a "Bring to round" was fired from SWANBOURNE Bty. Complete details are contained in the attached report to 3 Aust Corps. BK	Appendix 11
		(v)	IORA (Capt R L RANKINE) lectured to officers WA L of C on ARTY - ROLE AND EMPLOYMENT. BK	
	17 Mar	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) accompanied by CE (Brig C LAWRENCE) attended Hy AA practice, BUCKLAND HILL. Unfortunately due to plane mishaps firing practice did NOT take place. Details were submitted to 3 Aust Corps and are attached. BK	Appendix 12
		(ii)	Following advice that the HQ Corps Arty Sig Section would be raised, CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) interviewed in the presence of CSO (Col McKINLAY) officers selected to command the section. BK	

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PERTH	17 Mar	(iii)	RAAF notified that in connection with the MGRA's visit to EXMOUTH GULF that they could fly MGRA and CCRA to ONSLOW in a FAIREY BATTLE. Due to the very poor record these planes have as far as serviceability is concerned, representations were made to Corps for a more suitable machine.	
		(iv)	G2 (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) and SC (Capt R BUCHANAN) visited CFD and CAAD and discussed :- i. Cable layout GARDEN ISLAND. ii. Difficulties connected with the Comd of Fixed Defences.	
		(v)	G2 (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) visited 3 Aust Corps School of Arty and 12 Aust Arty Trg Bty. Discussed details of MGRA's visit.	
	18 Mar	(i)	MGRA (Maj-Gen J S WHITELAW) accompanied by G1(Fd) MGRA's Branch LHQ (Lt-Col A E ARTHUR) Lt-Col D SMITH (SO in C's Branch LHQ) and Capt J L MAIR (E in C's Branch LHQ) arrived by air at MAYLANDS airfield and were met by CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) BGS (Brig W M ANDERSON), CAAD (Lt-Col J S YOUNG) and other staff officers. Maj-Gen WHITELAW and his staff are being accommodated at the ADELPHI Hotel.	
		(ii)	Advice was received that VX 95 Maj A F YOUNG, 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt has been appointed to comd 121 Aust Lt AA Regt, 1 Aust Armd Div, in the rank of Lt-Col to date 10 Mar 43.	
	19 Mar	(i)	MGRA (Maj-Gen J S WHITELAW) visited HQ RAA, ~~later~~ called on Comd, Task Force 71 (Admiral CHRISTIE)	

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~~PERTH~~	19 Mar	(ii)	2 i/c 12 A Fd Regt (Maj B INGAMELLS) called and saw G2 (Lt-Col F B McALISTER). Discussed equipment problems.	
		(iii)	~~G2 (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) discussed future CB courses with~~ A/CI, 3 Aust Corps School of Arty (Maj R W HORSBURGH)	
		(iv)	MGRA (Maj-Gen J S WHITELAW) accompanied by CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN), G1(Fd) MGRA's Branch LHQ (Lt-Col A E ARTHUR-) and G2 (Arty) (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) carried out inspections in accordance with attached itinerary.	Appendix 13
	20 Mar	(i)	Inspection by MGRA (Maj-Gen J S WHITELAW), CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) and party in accordance with the attached itinerary.	Appendix 13
	21 Mar	(i)	Inspection by ~~MGRA (Maj-Gen J S WHITELAW), CCRA (Brig B E~~ KLEIN) and party in accordance with the attached itinerary.	Appendix 13
		(ii)	A very successful dinner was given by officers HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps to the MGRA (Maj-Gen J S WHITELAW) at the Officers' Club, PERTH.	
	22 Mar	(i)	Comd 12 Aust A Fd Regt (Lt-Col B MINTER), Comd 2 Aust Med Regt (AIF) (Lt-Col M KIRSNER) arrived by air from Eastern States. Advance parties of both regts are at present at MELVILLE Camp awaiting arrivals of the main bodies. Pending ~~arrival of the regts the two comds were accommodated at~~ the Officers' Club, PERTH.	

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PERTH	22 Mar	(ii)	MGRA (Maj-Gen J S WHITELAW), CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) accompanied by CAAD (Lt-Col J S YOUNG), G2 (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) Lt-Col A E ARTHUR and Lt-Col D SMITH proceeded to EXMOUTH GULF by Catalina Flying boat.	
	23 Mar	(i)	Inspection by MGRA (Maj-Gen J S WHITELAW), CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) and party in accordance with the attached itinerary.	Appendix 13
	24 Mar	(i)	First two trains 2 Aust Med Regt arrived FREMANTLE and main body commenced to move into MELVILLE Camp. The movement is being effected by 6 trains and it is anticipated that the movement will be completed by 31 Mar 43, after which date the 12 Aust A Fd Regt is expected to commence arriving.	
		(ii)	Advice was received that the repairs to the 4" USN guns at GERALDTON had been completed. Damage was caused to the breeches through their handling during drill instruction. Two new breeches were fitted, the originals being returned for repairs at base.	
		(iii)	Inspection by MGRA (Maj-Gen J S WHITELAW), CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) and party in accordance with the attached itinerary.	Appendix 13
	25 Mar	(i)	Inspection by MGRA (Maj-Gen J S WHITELAW), CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) and party in accordance with the attached itinerary.	Appendix 13

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PERTH	26 Mar	(i)	MGRA (Maj-Gen J S WHITELAW) departed by air at 0600 hrs for MELBOURNE.	
		(ii)	RAA 3 Aust Corps Technical Instruction No 19 was issued giving details relating to new procedure in PROGRAMME shooting and the ROLLING BARRAGE.	Appendix 14
		(iii)	NX 102355 Capt G D SOLOMON reported for duty at conclusion of three months course at the Junior Staff School, CANBERRA. It is proposed to post Capt SOLOMON as SC RAA vice Capt A N WHITAKER, who is attending the current course at the Junior Staff School.	
		(iv)	Advice was received relating to the final disposal of units 4 Aust Div. HQ RAA 4 Aust Div will become HQ RAA 1 Aust Armd Div. Two remaining Btys 109 Aust Tk A Regt (33 & 34 Btys) will be disbanded . 4 Aust Svy Bty to be attached to 3 Aust Corps. 15 Aust Fd Regt has NOT as yet been disposed of.	
		(v)	G2 (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) interviewed Comd 12 Aust Army Fd Regt (Lt-Col B MINTER) and Comd 2 Aust Med Regt (Lt-Col M KIRSNER)	
	27 Mar	(i)	Notes and Observations made by MGRA (Maj-Gen J S WHITELAW) and CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) during MGRA's visit 18/26 Mar, was issued.	Appendix 15
		(ii)	G2(L) (Capt G M NIALL) arranged with USN for 40 rounds of 4" ammunition for practice at GERALDTON.	

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PERTH Z	27 Mar	(iii)	G2 (L) Capt G M NIALL arranged for construction of dummy rounds and dummy loaders for 4" guns.	
	28 Mar	(i)	A/CI 3 Aust Corps School of Artillery (Maj R W HORSBURGH) called and saw G2 (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) - discussed NCOs gunnery, ~~Tank Attack and CB courses - Problems raised were referred to 3~~ Aust Corps.	
	29 Mar	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) conferred with Comd 116 Aust Lt AA Regt (Lt-Col P W STOKES) and Comd 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt (Lt-Col J W RHODEN) ~~re postings of officers consequent on the appointment of Maj A F YOUNG (ex 2/3 Lt AA Regt) to Comd 121 Lt AA Regt in the rank of Lt-Col.~~	
		(ii)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) conferred with BGS (Brig W M ANDERSON) re proposal to place 116 Aust Lt AA Regt under comd AA Gp FREMANTLE whilst regt is performing a static role in the PERTH ~~+~~ FREMANTLE Area.	
		(iii)	~~RAA 3 Aust Corps Technical Instruction No 20 - Decisions advised~~ advised by MGRA - Fd, Med, Tk A and Svy was issued.	Appendix 16
		(iv)	RAA 3 Aust Corps Technical Instruction No 21 - Decisions advised by MGRA - Coast and AA was issued.	Appendix 17
	30 Mar	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) attended GOC 3 Aust Corps weekly Staff Conference at 0900 hrs.	
		(ii)	~~CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) accompanied by Comd 12 Aust Army Fd Regt~~ (Lt-Col B MINTER) and Comd 2 Aust Med Regt (Lt-Col M KIRSNER) attended the Range Practice at NORTHAM of the Officer's Refresher Course, 3 Aust Corps School of Artillery. The standard of shooting was high. OPO's worked with a precision and exactitude ~~that was most satisfactory.~~	
		(iii)	Comd 121 Lt AA Regt (Lt-Col A F YOUNG) called and saw G2 (Lt-COL ~~F B McALISTER) - discussed the raising of RHQ 121 Lt AA Regt.~~	

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CCRA 3 Aust Corps.

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted)

Unit HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS (AIF) *Date and Time—From* 1 MAR 43 *To* 31 MAR 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PERTH	30 Mar	(iii)contd.	Suggestions were submitted for CCRA.	
	31 Mar	(i)	CCRA (Brig BE KLEIN) accompanied by G2 (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) attended Combined Operations Training Centre, POINT WALTER, where 15 Aust Fd Regt and 150 Lt AA Bty are being instructed. CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) lectured on Naval Support in Coastal Operations The lecture was of four hours duration and was substituted for a lecture usually given by a naval officer of one hours duration which failed to cover the subject completely.	
		(ii)	Comd 121 Lt AA Regt (Lt-Col A F YOUNG) called and saw CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) - discussed the formation of RHQ 121 Lt AA Regt. Suggestions were agreed to and LHQ has been requested to effect the necessary transfers.	
		(iii)	AILO (Capt K D J COVENTRY) called and saw CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) He reported the reposting of RAAF pilots thus diminishing the supply of pilots for Army Cooperation. He also reported on anoglyphic photo prints. A detailed report will be submitted later.	
		(iv)	The following reports and returns are appended.	
			(i) Field returns prepared during Mar 43 -	Appendix 18
			(ii) Monthly report by Comd on activities -	Appendix 19

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SECRET

HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (ATP)
1 Mar 43

HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS OP INSTN No 17.

1. INFORMATION

A detachment consisting of Battery Headquarters and one troop (3 guns) of 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt will move by sea from ~~JARRAH~~ ONSLOW to ~~POTSHOT~~ EXMOUTH GULF Part.

2. ROLE

(i) To provide Lt AA protection of the USN strip aerodrome at POTSHOT until RAAF strip aerodrome is in use.
(ii) To provide Lt AA protection of the RAAF strip aerodrome at POTSHOT as soon as in operation.

3. MOVEMENT.

The detachment and equipment will move by sea under instructions to be issued later.

4. COMMAND

The detachment will come under command of Camp Commandant, POTSHOT Area.

5. AMMUNITION

800 rounds per gun will be carried.

6. ADMINISTRATION

Party will move with full War Equipment.

7. RATIONS

(i) For move from JARRAH to POTSHOT as arranged by Movement Control
(ii) After arrival at POTSHOT, rations will be drawn from DID, POTSHOT.

8. INTERCOMMUNICATION

HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps is to be advised by signal as soon as guns are in action covering the USN strip aerodrome.

9. ACK.

Capt.
A/GSO II RAA 3 Aust Corps.

Distribution:
2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt.
Capt FITZHARDINGE - "JARRAH"
CCRA
G2 (Arty)
SC
3 Aust Corps (2)
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4 Aust Movement Control Group
Comd Task Force 51
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RAA 3 AUST CORPS (AIF)

2nd March, 1943.

CCRAs OFFICE AND STAFF DIRECTIVE NO I.

1. Hours of Work. It appears to me that, of late, personnel of this HQ. have been inclined to work on fixed office hours by day, more or less on the 9 to 5 principle, leaving undone or untyped in the evening, work that could have been done in the night. This practice is to cease forthwith, and all personnel are to be informed that a day consists of 24 hours and that no one, officer or clerk, will retire for the evening, leaving undone work that could be done during the night.

2. "In" Correspondence. There is far too much delay in the transit and receipt of IN Correspondence, particularly from Corps HQ to RAA 3 Aust Corps. In one particular case a document took 3 days to arrive from the BGS to the CCRA. This also must cease.

In addition Staff Officers and clerks are too inclined to place correspondence in the CCRAs tray uninitialled and without any action having been taken or suggested.

In future the following will pertain : -

All IN Correspondence will be immediately taken to the G, AQ, or I Staff Officer in this HQ concerned, who will initial the document and date and time of initialling noted. He will prepare either the draft reply to the document (typed) or suggested action that might be taken. It will then be submitted to CCRA.

In future no document will be placed in the CCRAs box without this action having been taken by Staff Officers concerned.

3. In Telephone Calls. Many IN telephone calls of an official nature, for information, or for action, have recently been received in this office from Corps and other HQ. Some of these messages have not been delivered to the CCRA, and on the other hand some have been delivered to the CCRA verbally and inaccurately, rather tending to mislead the real purport of the message concerned. In future all IN telephone calls of an official nature will be taken down in writing by the recipient, on the telephone message pad, and handed to the Staff Officer concerned who will treat it in the same way as "IN" correspondence.

4. Leave. It has come to my notice that several ORs on this HQ go out every night. This also will cease. The approved leave is 12 hours per week, and only this leave will be taken except in special circumstances. Night leave to 2030 hrs can be granted by the RSM when personnel concerned definitely have no further work to be done.

5. Weapon Training. All Officers and all O/Rs of HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps will fire, and will be proficient in the firing and knowledge of the following equipments, prior to the end of March 1943 : -

a. Rifle
b. Tommy gun
c. Anti tank Rifle
d. Pistol.

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CCRA 3 Aust Corps.

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18B/6319. RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)

3 March, 1943.

RE-ARMAMENT 1 AUST ARMD DIV A.M.F.

READJUSTMENT OF ARTILLERY WITHIN 3 AUST CORPS.

1. The following is the position of an O of B submitted by BGRA's branch to CGS. It is NOT yet officially approved, but is regarded as being fairly firm according to report received per Lt. Col. P.B.McAlister of this HQ.

2. FD REGTS and MED REGT.

2 Aust Div	7 Fd Regt. 10 Fd Regt. (from RAA 4 Aust Div) 18 Fd Regt.
1 Aust Armd Div	3 Fd Regt. (from RAA 4 Aust Div) 16 Fd Regt.
3 Aust Corps Arty	12 Army Fd. Regt (ETD 13 Mar) 15 Fd Regt. (from RAA 4 Aust Div) 2 Aust Med Regt. (ETD 17 Mar)

3. ATK REGTS.

2 Aust Div	104 Aust ATk Regt. (existing unit)
1 Aust Armd Div	RHQ and one Bty 109 Aust ATk plus two Btys now in 1 Aust Armd Div, will be combined to form 112 Aust ATk Regt., and will remain under command 1 Aust Armd Div (Bty to be transferred is 35 ATk Bty) Remainder of 109 Aust ATk Regt (two Btys) will be disbanded and held for absorption into AA units - NOT for other arty units - see 4 ii and iii below.

4. AA REGTS.

(i) 2/3 AUST LT AA REGT	HQ will be transferred to 1 Aust Armd Div and will function as HQ of a Regt of two 18 gun Lt AA Btys at present with 1 Aust Armd Div, ie. 121 Lt AA Regt. Remainder of 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt will be sent to Eastern States for absorption in other Regts.
(ii) 109 AUST LT AA REGT	will probably be formed into a composite mobile regt of 2 Hy Btys (8 guns) and two Lt btys (16 guns), the additional personnel being obtained following disbandment of two btys of 109 Aust ATk Regt. If manpower situation will NOT permit the above, Lt AA btys will only be 12 gun btys. This regt will be under command HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps, and its primary role will be aerodrome defence.
(iii) 116 AUST LT AA REGT	will be built up to full WE from 109 ATk Regt and will come under command 2 Aust Div.

5. HQ RAA 4 AUST DIV. apparently to be disbanded, with Staff Captain (Capt PONTHY) allocated to HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps, and Lt. MacIntosh allotted as Staff Capt Arty 1 Armd Div.
No advice as to posting or disposal of CRA (Brig. Kitto).

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6. 4 AUST SVY BTY. No advice, but it has been represented that this Unit should be allotted to Corps Arty, to assist in mapping and other survey on account of the vast distances involved in this state.

7. Recommendation. It is recommended, in view of the allotment of 3 Aust Fd Regt to 1 Armd Div, that Corps HQ instr. allocating 12 Aust A Fd Regt to that formation, be cancelled forthwith.

8. Problem Arising.

a. The immediate problem arising is the supply of Lt AA coverage for

i. Port of Fremantle - one Bty (12 guns) at present in position.

ii. Cockburn Sound - one Bty (12 guns) earmarked.

iii. Rottnest Island and Crawley Bay Catalina Base. - one Bty (12 guns) at present in position.

b. Presumably 109 Lt AA Regt will be required to take over the Aerodrome Defences of PEARCE - GERALDTON - POTSHOT and ONSLOW, and with 116 Lt AA Regt being allocated to 2 Aust Div, no unit is available for the Lt AA coverage of the VAs vide (a) above.

c. Pending further consideration and clarification of the position, it is therefore recommended that 116 Lt AA Regt be maintained in its present role of providing Lt. AA coverage in the FREMANTLE - ROTTNEST - COCKBURN SOUND Area.

Brig.
DGMA 3 Aust Corps.

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PEROM BATTERY - PROOFING OF EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATIONS.

1. The above Battery (2-155 MM US guns) was proofed on 8 MAR 43 - the proofing was satisfactory, six (6) rounds per gun (3 normal and 3 supercharge) being fired at various elevations and bearings, thoroughly testing the installation and mounting.

2. This battery therefore can now be considered as "in action".

3. Arrangements for the proofing were satisfactory, but the following additional matters were noticed :-

(a) Detachments wore respirators - this is unnecessary provided same can be kept handy in gun pits.

(b) Many personnel of detachments (and some officers too) were obviously gun shy. Some gun numbers even placed their fingers in their ears. Under such considerations the prospective operational efficiency of this bty is NOT inspiring (the blast of these guns is by no means abnormal at all).

(c) Confusion arose due to one man becoming a casualty due to "blast shock" - proofing temporarily ceased, there was a babel of talking and the Medical officer could not be readily found!

(d) There were many officers present - their general bearing and soldierlike appearance in the presence of the CCRA did not inspire or impress - saluting was practically non existent.

4. The ammunition fired was HE - I could NOT be informed of the percentage of AP ammunition held, nor if any DA fuze is available for HE. This should be ascertained in view of the role of these guns.

5. As the most recently installed battery, this battery should certainly take part in the Coast Defence Battle Practice scheduled for 21 MAR 43 - at present I understand CPD does NOT intend to employ this Battery.

Brig:
CCRA 3 Aust Corps.

COC.
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8 Mar 43

HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS TRG INSTN No 13.

COMBINED ARTY EXERCISE - GERALDTON AREA.

24 Mar 43.

1. A Combined arty exercise is being conducted by 2 Aust Div on 24 Mar 43 and will be inspected by MGRA. The following instns are issued to pers, other than units of 2 Aust Div, participating.

2. UNITS AND PERS PARTICIPATING (in addition to units of 2 Aust Div)

(i) Four (4) offrs or pers capable of manning OPs from RAA 4 Aust Div.
(ii) 171 Aust Lt AA Bty.
(iii) 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty: One Fd Sec plus sufficient pers to provide comns between OPs and CB office.
(iv) CB Staff, RAA 3 Aust Corps.
(v) Sig pers (6 ORs) from HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps.
(vi) Det 4 Mob Met Flt.

3. ROLE

This will be in accordance with instns previously issued and based on results of recces carried out by comds of units concerned in conjunction with RAA 2 Aust Div.

4. AIR CO-OPERATION

(i) Arrangements will be made through AILO, after discussion with CBO for 3 sorties on 24 Mar as follows and in the following order:-

(a) Arty R
(b) Photo R
(c) Arty R

(ii) AILO will arrange for AC for these sorties to be on call on GERALDTON Aerodrome as required by CBO. AILO will generally carry out liaison duties with RAAF and CBO.

(iii) Role of Sorties - Location of hostile guns.

(iv) Dropping Ground: CBO will establish and mark, in an area adjacent to CB office, a message dropping ground. He will notify AILO of its location and method of marking.

(v) Message Dropping: AILO will arrange with RAAF for reports of Arty R sorties to be dropped on dropping ground at completion of sortie and for results of Photo R to be dropped as soon as available.

5. FLASH SPOTTING AND PROVISION OF OPs

(i) One Sec of 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty will establish base in accordance with results of previous recce.

(ii) As arranged between CRA 2 Aust Div and CRA 4 Aust Div, RAA 4 Aust Div will provide pers to man four (4) OPs. Pers should have attended CB Course. Sites of OPs will be selected by OC 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty in conjunction with CBO. OPOs will fwd HSRs to CB office and will receive detailed instns from CBO in exercise area.

(iii) Comns between OPs and CB Office: 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty will move to exercise area sufficient pers and eqpt to establish and man comns from above OPs to CB office. Six (6) Sig ORs from HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (see para 7(ii)) will be made available to assist in this task.

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6. MOVEMENT OF 171 AUST LT AA BTY.

(i) 171 Aust Lt AA Bty will move in accordance with the following schedule under orders from 116 Aust Lt AA Regt.

(a) 4-17 Mar - at COTS - PT WALTER.
(b) 18 Mar - move to ROCKINGHAM area
(c) 20 Mar - 0900-1100 hrs. Bty exercise for HQRA.
(d) 20-23 Mar - move to GERALDTON exercise area - to arrive 1100 hrs 23 Mar.
(e) 24 Mar - Combined Arty exercise - GERALDTON area.
(f) 24-26 Mar - move GERALDTON to PERTH - Relieve 173 Bty in Lt AA defence of ROTTNEST and CRAWLEY BAY (instns issued separately)

7. MOVEMENT

(i) Pers detailed in para 2 will move under own arrangements to arrive in exercise area by 1100 hrs 23 Mar.

(ii) CBO will arrange with Sig Trg Unit, NORTHAM, to detach 6 sigs from HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps for period of exercise. He will also arrange for their movement to and from GERALDTON exercise area. While in that area they will be under comd 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty (see para 5(iii)).

(iii) Above pers (less 171 Aust Lt AA Bty) will depart exercise area at approx 1400 hrs 24 Mar.

8. REPORTING

Sub unit comds of parties as detailed in para 2 will report personally to CRA 2 Aust Div or his rep at 1000 hrs 23 Mar at 954063 (Ref 1/25,000 Arty Range Map, STRAWBERRY-WALKAWAY area). Senior offr from RAA 4 Aust Div OP party will also report to CBO.

9. RATIONS

(i) All units (less 171 Aust Lt AA Bty) participating will carry sufficient rations to cover period of absence from PERTH area.

(ii) 116 Aust Lt AA Regt will arrange for rations for move of 171 Aust Lt AA Bty to and from GERALDTON area.

10. WATER

Units will arrange direct with HQ RAA 2 Aust Div for provision.

11. POL

Will be drawn from DIDs at MOORA and MINGENEW.

12. ACK.

[signature] Lt-Col.
GSO II RAA 3 Aust Corps.

DISTRIBUTION

RAA 4 Aust Div
116 Aust Lt AA Regt (2)
2/3 Aust F Sp Bty
4 Mob Met Flt
CBO RAA 3 Aust Corps
CCRA 3 Aust Corps
G2 RAA 3 Aust Corps
SC RAA 3 Aust Corps
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5. Transport as recommended by CAAD vide 2 (i) above would materially assist in the control and administration.

6. I recommend that FIGHTER SECTOR be sited near NABILGEE WELL vide 2 (j) above.

7. Transport to 'POTSHOT'. In the past, difficulty has been experienced in obtaining transport to 'POTSHOT'. Arrangements had been made for a member of AA Gp HQ staff to visit weekly, but on most occasions there has not been room on the plane. It would be appreciated if arrangements could be made for two seats, (or at least one) to be available, if not weekly, fortnightly, for personnel of AA Gp HQ to visit 'POTSHOT'.

B S Klein Brig.
CCRA 3 Aust Corps.

GOC.
BGS.
DA & QMG.

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9 Mar 43

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REPORT ON CAAD's INSPECTION OF 4 HY AA BTY AND ASSOCIATED UNITS 'POTSHOT'

1. As a result of my visit to 'POTSHOT' on 19 Feb 43, CAAD was instructed to visit and inspect these units, and remedy faults as noted by me.

2. CAAD's report is as follows:-

(a) An improvement in discipline since visit of CCRA was evident - personnel were shaven and turnout was improved. Paying of compliments and general smartness was good.

(b) Personnel looked to be in good condition and general health was good.

(c) Rations. The BC was happier with rations since Australian rations have been issued.

(d) Razor Blades. These have not been issued. I was informed that 3 consignments of razor blades were forwarded by "plane", but none have reached DID.

(e) OC Workshops was in PERTH during my visit.

(f) After consultation with MO, I evacuated the Bty Comd (Major JONES) to PERTH for medical treatment. The ultimate disposal of this officer will be the subject of separate correspondence following medical advice. Capt G K RICHARDS has been appointed Acting Bty Comd.

(g) Refrigeration. No refrigeration had arrived up to the time of my visit.

(h) 50,000 sandbags arrived at 'POTSHOT' whilst I was there - these will enable the various gun positions etc to be completed.

(i) Transport. It is considered that 2 Jeeps would greatly assist the control of the Bty and attached troops. Should these be provided, suggested allotment is as follows:-

1 for HQ 4 Aust AA Bty.
1 for MO.

(j) Fighter Sector. Whilst at 'POTSHOT' Group Capt SAMPSON, RAAF was contacted and location of Fighter Sector discussed with him. Results of discussion are:-

(i) Fighter Sector, proposed location at NABILGEE WELL. This site is approximately 4 miles from proposed aerodrome, and is therefore safe from attacks on aerodrome. This location is subject to confirmation by HQ Western Area.

(ii) GOR could be incorporated with Fighter Sector. Should the third gun station be installed; this location is central. This course is recommended.

3. It will be noted that CAAD reports that no razor blades have reached DID 'POTSHOT', nor is any refrigeration yet provided.

4. I concur in Capt G K RICHARDS, temporarily, administering command of 4 Hy AA Bty. The question of the appointment of a Battery Commander is under consideration. The question of the disposal of Major A J JONES forms the subject of a separate memo.
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OFFICE OF MILITARY ATTACHE.

Melbourne - Australia.

375 Collins St.
March 8, 1943.

Brigadier Bruce E. Klein,
C.C., RA, R.A.A.,
III Aust Corps,
PERTH. Western Australia.

Dear Brigadier Klein:

I have written to General Bennett formally thanking him for his courtesy and for your excellent offices in arranging my recent tour in Western Australia. Your personal interest and the attentiveness of your staff, particularly Captains Whittaker, Lowrie, Rankin and Coventry, conspired to make that visit the most pleasant and constructive one I have had in Australia. Please accept my warmest personal thanks.

Colonel Baldwin was not in the least surprised to learn of the fine treatment accorded me by yourself, and he asks me to extend his thanks and a hearty greeting.

Respectfully yours,

(Sgd.) EARL C STEWART.
Lt. Colonel, Infantry,
Ass't Military Attache.

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HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
14 Mar 43

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RAA 3 AUST CORPS - TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION No. 17.

The following extracts are taken from MGO Supply Bulletin No.9 (February 1943).

J) CLOTHING AND GENERAL STORES.

1. Anklets, Web.

Gaiters, SD are still being issued in lieu Anklets Web. Deliveries of Gaiters, SD have decreased during the last four weeks, the weekly rate being 21,700. The position regarding Anklets Web has slightly improved, deliveries over the last four weeks averaging 2,300 pairs per week as compared with a weekly average of 1,000 pairs the previous four weeks.

2. Suits, Combination, Blue Jean.

1,000 suits have been delivered. All contracts have been let and substantial deliveries may be expected in the near future.

3. Web Equipment.

Local production showed a decrease over the last four weeks. This was due to the closing down of some factories for a short period to allow for overhaul and repair of machinery. No overseas shipment were received during the month.

4. Tents, Oblong.

In order to meet pressing demands, arrangements were made with Contracts Board, whereby delivery of 10,000 Tents Oblong is promised by 7 Mar 43, and also further deliveries of 10,000 per month until Contract Demand was completed, were promised.

5. Paint, Camouflage.

Specification for "Tent, drab, green" is now available and Authority Requisitions are being let to complete Contract Demands.

6. Carts, Hand Water.

Satisfactory deliveries of this item are being made.

7. Camouflage.

All camouflage items have been completely reviewed according to the new scale. Good deliveries of garnishing are now coming forward.

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(b) AMMUNITION.

8. Smoke.

A fair stock is held. Comparatively large releases from overseas have not yet arrived. The position is reasonably satisfactory.

9. Cartridges QF 3.7" AA.

The position regarding HE ammunition is most satisfactory. The position regarding Shrapnel for 3.7"Guns is likely to improve in the near future. It is also hoped that additional supplies of SAP Ammunition will soon be available from overseas.

10. Cartridges QF 40 mm AA.

Satisfactory stocks of HE ammunition are held and additional supplies are likely to arrive from overseas in the near future. Owing to unexpected difficulties, production from local resources has not yet commenced. Only small quantities of AP ammunition for Tank attack are held but it is hoped that this position will improve within the next three months.

11. Cartridges QF 2 pr HE.

Local production of Cartridges QF 2 pr Mks IX & X Guns HE Shell, Fuze No. 243 commenced early in February, and supply has been continued in satisfactory quantities. This is being distributed to selected areas.

12. Cartridges QF 3.7" AA (Gun) Drill.

A supply of some 400 Drill Cartridges has recently come to hand from local production and is being distributed to Units concerned.

13. Cartridges QF 40 mm Drill.

It is regretted that the production of these Cartridges has been unexpectedly delayed. Every effort is being made to expedite production and it is hoped that the first deliveries from Contractors will commence about the first week in March 1943.

(c) ARMAMENT ITEMS.

14. 40 mm Equipments.

Spare Parts are not in plentiful supply. Shipments are being received from United Kingdom. Ministry of Munitions has been requested to expedite delivery of spare parts from local production. The position should be satisfactory very soon.

(d) FIRE CONTROL INSTRUMENTS.

15. (i) Parallelloscopes. These are still in short supply and issues are restricted to formations in operational areas. The position is slowly improving.

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(ii) Eye Shields Anti-Glare. The supply position is improving rapidly as deliveries are made from local production.

(iii) Binoculars. Stocks are adequate for the equipment of formations in operational areas. The intake from local sources (impressment) and from overseas continues steadily.

(iv) Rules Slide. These items are still in short supply. Certain difficulties have been encountered in Australian Production. Further information regarding deliveries to the Army is expected to be available for inclusion in the next Bulletin.

(v) Periscopes Pocket No.1 Aust. 200 have been delivered and distributed. Production promises 200 per week commencing middle of February.

(vi) Predictors 3.7" AA No. 1 - Drums TE No.5: Drums Ht & Fuze Scale No.5. Stocks on hand are being distributed by OS3 to Northern operational areas and supplies from local production are now coming forward. These parts will be packed in Boxes, Stores Predictors No. 1 Mk 1 and will be required by AA Units that have been issued with Fuzes 207 or 208.

(vii) Telescopes Sighting A Tk: Rayshades: Moderating Glasses. A new A Tk telescope and sight bracket is being placed in production, incorporating all requirements of this nature and will be standard for 6 pr, 17 pr and 25 pr guns. No production is therefore taking place on attachments for present equipments.

(e) MECHANICAL VEHICLES.

16. Jeeps (Trucks ¼ ton 4 x 4).

A considerable shipment of these vehicles has been made and additional vehicles should commence to become available to units early in March. Including this shipment Jeeps will be available to cover an average of 50% of entitlements.

17. Trucks, 15 cwt Office Unit.

Deliveries of these vehicles on Canadian WD Chassis are expected to commence in March and continue at a good rate.

18. Trucks, 15 cwt Wireless Signals.

Delivery of this vehicle which commenced late in January is proceeding at a good rate.

(f) MISCELLANEOUS MT ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT.

19. VAOS Sections MT 1 - 15 inc.

The position is fairly satisfactory. Investigations are being made regarding the supply of Chains, Nonskid from America. This item was previously obtained through local manufacture. The supply of covers, canvas, waterproof, is still difficult and every effort is being put forward to improve this position. The following items are still in short supply:-

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Cans, 2 gall Galvanised, Water.
Specialised tools for Fd vehicles.
" " " Cvt " .
" " " Dodge Fargo Vehicles.
" " " Int Vehicles.
Ropes, Steel for winches.
Covers, canvas, canopy.
Heavy Service garage tools.
7/8 mm Spark plugs.

The following sizes tyres and tubes are also in short supply.

6.00 x 16.
7.00 x 16.
6.50 x 16.
8.25 x 20 (Commercial tread).
10.50 x 20.(" ").

(g) SIGNAL STORES.

20. Charging Sets 6 and 12 Volts (BTS).

Further deliveries of spare parts have been received. No deliveries of certain parts have yet been received. The position regarding these spare parts is improving steadily and should be satisfactory within a short period.

21. Line Equipment.

Large quantities of these stores for the initial equipment of Line Sections and Line maintenance Sections are still outstanding against orders placed with Ministry of Munitions. Every effort is being made to expedite deliveries.

22. Apparatus Cable Laying No. 3.
Mechanical Cable Layers Nos. 1 and 2.
Telephone Sets D and F.
Heliographs 5 inch.

Spare parts for these equipments have been in short supply. Deliveries have now been received and the position should improve steadily.

23. Wireless Sets No. 19 Mk II.

Spare parts for these sets are in very short supply. Available stocks at 1 Base Ord Depot are being issued against Special Demands from Adv Ord Depots.
Advice has been received from United Kingdom that a large shipment of these spares will be made shortly.

24. HDF Equipment. (CL Mk II).

Spare parts for these equipments are in short supply. The position is expected to improve shortly as shipments are received from United Kingdom.

25. Wireless Set No. 11 (Aust).

Deliveries of this apparatus from the manufacturer are scheduled to resume during March, 1943.

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26. Lamp Electric No. 2.

Tooling for this store has been completed. Deliveries are anticipated during March, 1943.

27. Apparatus Loudspeaking No.2 (Aust). (Training).

New production has been delayed by intervention of other production of higher priority. Delivery now scheduled for March 1943.

(h) ENGINEER STORES.

28. Carbons for AA and Fortress Searchlights.

Local manufacture has been very disappointing but there are now signs of an improvement in production. It is hoped to maintain a steady delivery rate.

29. Generating Sets 5 k.v.a 3 phase.

Production is now satisfactory. A new manufacturer will soon commence delivery and this will further increase the production rate.

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HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS - OP INSTN No 18.

CHANGE IN ALLOCATION LT AA EQPT

1. ALLOCATION

171 Aust Lt AA Bty (116 Aust Lt AA Regt) will relieve 173 Aust Lt AA Bty in the Lt AA Defence of:-

(i) ROTTNEST ISLAND
(ii) USN Seaplane Base, CRAWLEY BAY.

2. RELIEF

Relief will be completed by 1700 hrs 1 Apr 43.

3 ROLES

After relief the sub-units concerned will carry out roles as follows:-

171 Aust Lt AA Bty

(i) ROTTNEST ISLAND

(a) PRIMARY)
(b) SECONDARY) As in para 3 HQ RAA Op Instn No 7

(ii) USN Seaplane Base

Lt AA defence (four guns at CRAWLEY and two at APPLECROSS)

173 Aust Lt AA Bty

Mobile trg in employment of Lt AA in AA defence of fd formations, for a period of approx two months under direction of Comd 116 Aust Lt AA Regt

4. COMD

OC 171 Aust Lt AA Bty is appointed local AA defence comd ROTTNEST IS and AA adviser to FC ROTTNEST IS.

5. SITING

171 Aust Lt AA Bty will take over all sites vacated by 173 Aust Lt AA Bty.

6. EQPT.

(i) No eqpt will be moved from ROTTNEST, pers and personal eqpt only being concerned in the relief.

(ii) As arranged by 116 Aust Lt AA Regt, sufficient tpt will be made available to enable 173 Bty to carry out mobile trg as above.

7. MOVEMENT

Movement of pers to and from ROTTNEST will be arranged between 116 Aust Lt AA Regt and 4 Aust Movt Control Gp.

8. ACK.

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HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS - TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION No 18.

R.D.F. CALIBRATION

1. The following notes are extracted from Western Area, RAAF, memo 6465 dated 25 Feb 43.

"(i) A MOTH aircraft has been made available for R.D.F. Calibration in addition to the Anson aircraft at present engaged in calibration flights for RAAF R.D.F. Stations.

(ii) Most calibration requirements can be satisfied by the use of this Tiger Moth and for this purpose 360 hours have been allotted to the Army and 100 hours to the Navy. Nevertheless it is desirable where possible for flights to be made conjointly."

2. All requirements for R.D.F. calibration will be forwarded through this HQ to HQ 3 Aust Corps.

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"BRING TO"ROUND FIRED AT 1800 HOURS 16 MAR 43.

1. The following report has been received from CFD relative to the above :-

(a) At 1740 hours on the 16 Mar 43 the Section Lookout at Command Post, Swanbourne Battery reported that a merchant vessel, "Winslow Homer" had rounded Bathurst Point very sharply and was proceeding South; the examination vessel "King Bay" was in pursuit, it appeared to have no possible chance of contacting the vessel. The course on which the"Winslow Homer" was proceeding was approx. 6000 yds West of the usual channel course round Fairway Buoy into Gage Roads, and Fremantle, speed was approx. 8 knots.

(b) At 1750 hours the examination vessel signalled to Swanbourne Battery "Ship suspicious, won't stop". The bearing and range at this time was 260 12,250 yds.

(c) At 1800 hours the ship crossed the "Bring-toLine" at a bearing of 2480. A "Bring-to" round was fired from A.1. gun at a range of 12,900 yds; the shot falling approx, 300 yds ahead. The vessel immediately stopped.

(d) Fire Command, CDFC and neighbouring Batteries were immediately informed of the situation and a close watch kept on the vessel until 1820 hours when a signal was received from the examination vessel which had made contact, "Ship O.K.". Fire Command and Batteries then reverted to normal routine.

(e) A.O.R., Local Navy, F.C.F.S. were kept informed until the incident was closed."

2. It would appear that the Coast Defences acted promptly and within jurisdiction.

3. It would also appear that the Examination vessel is far too slow, if she could not catch a steamer only steaming at 8 knots.

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AIR CO-OPERATION - HY AA SHOOT, 17 MARCH, 1943.

1. I am forced to report the very unsatisfactory nature of the Air Co-operation in connection with the Hy AA Practices scheduled for 17 March, 1943 : -

The towing Aircraft was required on Course and at height at 1400 hours - it was NEVER on course, and no shooting took place.

2. The following schedules the aircraft etc. activities -

a. 1320 hrs. - AAOR ascertained if aircraft OK, and reported would take off at 1330 hrs.

b. 1400 hrs - no aircraft seen, and CCRA instructed CAAD, to ascertain delay. Report received that aircraft was unserviceable but would be ready in approx 45 mins. time! (It should be noted that this report was obtained only by enquiring for it. RAAF apparently were not going to advise of the delay)

c. 1428 hrs - no aircraft, and CCRA instituted further enquiries - report was received that aircraft would take off at 1430 hrs.

d. 1440 hrs - no aircraft - CCRA again instituted enquiries - report received that ANOTHER machine was being obtained, and would take off immediately - later reported as taking off at 1443 hrs.

e. 1510 hrs - no aircraft, but machine seen off course.

f. 1625 hrs - report received that aircraft had landed with drogue trouble, and RAAF desired to know if the shoot was still required. They were notified "Yes".

g. 1645 hrs - Report received, that aircraft had been damaged on landing and couldn't take off.

3. Therefore NO PRACTICES were held; the aircraft was NEVER on course, and several hundreds of personnel wasted an afternoon's training.

4. I can see no reason why an AA shoot, like any other shoot should not take place to time if properly organised, and lack of efficient co-operation such as the above, not only mitigates against efficient training, but also is a very bad advertisement for the RAAF in the eyes of the AA personnel concerned.

5. It would be appreciated if this matter could be brought to the personal notice of the AOC Western Area, as better and more efficient co-operation simply MUST appertain in the future.

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ITINERARY - MGRAs VISIT 18/26 March 43.

Date 1943	Time	Itinerary	Remarks.
18 March	approx. 1830 hrs.	Arrive MAYLANDS Airport	Accommodated Adelphi Hotel
19 March	0900 hrs	Call on Corps Comd 3 Aust Corps.	
	1030 hrs --	Call on Comd Task Force 51 USN Confer CCRA	MGRAs Staff confer with RAA Staff.
	1300 hrs	Lunch 'A' Mess	
	1400 hrs	Depart 'A' Mess for ROCKINGHAM.	
	1500 hrs) 1600 hrs)	109 Atk Regt. shooting ROCKINGHAM Area	G2 to arrange RV
	1630 hrs) 1730 hrs)	2/3 F Sp Bty - Short Base- Double Post Exercise ROCKINGHAM Area.	G2 to arrange RV
	1900 hrs	Dinner RAA 4 Aust Div.	
20 March	0800 hrs	Depart for ROCKINGHAM	
	0900 hrs) 1100 hrs)	116 Lt AA Regt - Bty exercise ROCKINGHAM Area.	G2 to arrange RV
	1140 hrs	Inspect 109 Lt AA Regt NAVAL BASE CAMP.	
	1230 hrs	Lunch 109 Lt AA Regt.	
	1330 hrs) 1730 hrs)	Visit AA Gp HQ - Fighter Sector AA Gun Stas and proposed stas etc.	CAAD to arrange sub itinerary and RV.
	1800 hrs	Dinner AA Gp HQ.	
	2100 hrs	Hy AA Practice (Unseen Tgt)	Relax 2100 hrs 20 to 0100 hrs 21 March.
21 March	0100 hrs	CD Battle Practice - Swanbourne & Leighton Btys.	CFD to arrange sub - itinerary.
	0200 hrs	CD Battle Practice - Bickley Bty	
	0700 hrs	CD Battle Practice - Olivers Bty	
	0900 hrs	CD Battle Practice- Swanbourne Bty.	
	0915) 0930)	CD Battle Practice - Olivers - Bickley & Leighton Btys. Remainder of morning discussion etc. CFD.	
	1300 hrs	Lunch - Fixed Defences	
	1400 hrs	Visit Peron Bty, and as arranged by CFD.	CFD to arrange Sub-itinerary.
	1700 hrs	Return to Perth	
	1800 hrs	Dinner Staff HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps.	

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Date 1943	Time	Itinerary	Remarks.
22 March	approx. 0700 hrs	Depart by USN PBY for POTSHOT	Recce over Cape Peron - Garden Is. Rottnest Is. NW Cape & Potshot en route (G2 and CAAD to accompany MGRA & CCRA.)
	1500 hrs	Inspect 4 Hy AA Bty "POTSHOT"	
	1600 hrs	Hy and Lt AA Practice "POTSHOT"	
			Accommodated by USN.
23 March	approx 0800 hrs	Depart by USN J2F (with CCRA only) for ONSLOW	Recce over YARREY & MINDEROO en route
	approx 0930 hrs	Inspect Det 2/3 Lt AA Regt. Onslow Aerodrome	(While MGRA & CCRA are away, CAAD and Staff Offrs visit Fighter Sector & NW Cape as arranged by G2.)
	1100 hrs	Depart for Potshot	
	1200 hrs	Arrive Potshot	
	1300 hrs	Lunch USN	
	1400 hrs	Depart for Geraldton by USN PBY.	
	1700 hrs (approx)	Arrive Geraldton.	
	1830 hrs	Dinner HQ 2 Aust Div.	Accommodated HQ 2 Div
24 March	0830 hrs	RAA Corps and RAA 2 Div Combined exercise	CRA 2 Aust Div to direct & arrange sub-itenerary.
	1230 hrs	Lunch A/Tk Range	
	1330 hrs	Depart for Geraldton.	
	1430 hrs) 1530 hrs)	2/3 Lt AA Regt Practice Geraldton aerodrome	
	1600 hrs 1700 hrs	4" (USN) CD Practice Geraldton.	
	1730 hrs	Depart by air (RAAF) for Perth (MGRA and CCRA only).	Staff return by road
	1930 hrs (approx)	Arrive Perth.	
			Evening Free.
25 March	0900 hrs	Depart Perth for Northam	CI 3 Aust Corps S of A to arrange sub-itinerary.
	1000 hrs 1200 hrs	Inspect 12 Aust Trg Bty and 3 Aust Corps S of A Northam	
	1230 hrs	Lunch 3 Aust Corps S of A.	
	1330 hrs	Depart for Arty Range NORTHAM.	
	1400 hrs) 1600 hrs)	Fd Regt Practice (RAA 4 Aust Div)	
	1600 hrs	Depart for PERTH.	
	1800 hrs	CCRAs dinner - ESPLANADE HOTEL.	
26 March	0630 hrs	Depart by air for MELBOURNE.	

NOTE : The MGRA will be accompanied by two LHQ Staff Officers.

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HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS TECHNICAL INSTN No 19.

PREDICTED SHOOTING

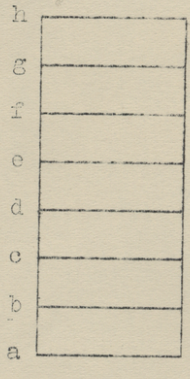
1. Below is set out Staff Training Instruction 48/43 from L/J School of Artillery, dated 11 Mar 43.

"PROGRAMME SHOOTING.

(i) The present teaching with reference to the preparation of gun programmes is that the programmes are to be prepared in Troop Command Posts.

(ii) In view of the issue of AT Vol III, Pam 7, the teaching will be that gun programmes complete will be prepared in the BATTERY COMMAND POST.
The CPO may call GPOs or GPOAs in to the Command Post to assist in their preparation.
GPO and GPOAs will be called in in the following circumstances:
(a) To expedite the issue of programmes.
(b) When position correction and concentration information is NOT available at the Battery Command Post.
(c) When the GPOs or GPOAs are NOT greatly occupied with other work.
(d) When the Battery Command Post staff is depleted.

(iii) The ROLLING BARRAGE will be taught as a method of application of supporting fire. Omitting normal orders which would appear on a tracing, a tracing for this type of task may take the following form:-



2 & 4 Fd Regts	3 & 5 Fd Regts
a	b
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c	d
e	d
e	f
g	f
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(iv) These variations will be taken into use forthwith, and courses at present near conclusion will be told of these new procedures.

(Sgd) L.C. Wade Lt-Col
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School of Artillery
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NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS MADE BY MGRA AND CCRA DURING MGRA's VISIT - 18/26 MAR 43.

The following report is submitted briefly covering the various aspects of training etc seen :-

1. FIELD AND ANTI TANK ARTILLERY.

(i) RAA 2 Aust Div.

a. Field (24 Mar)

The exercise took the form of a demonstration covering quick deployment, followed by a barrage and concentration in support of an attack in co-operation with the Infantry. It was followed by observed fire practices demonstrating recent modern teachings in Field Artillery. The practice was well organised and efficiently carried out. The standard of shooting attained and fire discipline were excellent.

b. Anti Tank (24 Mar)

The practice was carried out using two 25 prs one from each of the field Regiments and two 2-prs, one from 104 Aust A Tk Regt and one from the Infantry. The four guns were sited in line and tactical positions were not occupied. The practice was not well organised and standard of shooting was poor. Further attention should be paid to Anti Tank shooting in both Field and Anti Tank Regiments.

(ii) RAA 4 Aust Div.

a. Field (25 Mar)

10 Aust Fd Regt carried out a practice at NORTHAM. Troop and Battery shoots and a quick barrage were seen. The shooting generally was not efffective and the practice was too slow. The quick barrage was worked out in 35 minutes, but when fired there were gaps in the barrage. In Battery shoots the "Link" did not work effectively. Troop positions were well dispersed and well camouflaged. Generally the standard was below that shown by RAA 2 Aust Div.

b. Anti-Tank (19 Mar)

109 Aust ATk Regt carried out an exercise at ROCKINGHAM to demonstrate quick action in the emergency position (guns towed and brought into action on wheels).

Guns subsequently were brought into concealed positions, but reconnaisance by Troop Commander was incomplete and the necessary man-handling of the guns was slow. One gun was not in action after 13 minutes. The standard of shooting and the arrangements for towing targets were satisfactory. It was noticed that care of small arms was bad.

2. COAST DEFENCE ARTILLERY.

(i) PERON BATTERY (20 Mar)

The practice was designed for 155 mm guns to shoot at a Splash Target. Shooting did not take place and a considerable delay ensued before it was finally cancelled, due primarily to the lack of adequate communication between the battery and the target towing vessel.

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(ii) Battle Practice SWANBOURNE and LEIGHTON BTYS (21 Mar)

This was to be carried out in conjunction with the "DHUFISH" Exercise. The Batteries failed to fire, primarily due to weather conditions preventing release of the target. A long delay occurred before the practice was cancelled. due to lack of adequate communication between the Btys concerned and the towing launch. The passage of orders, in connection with the delay, prior to the practice, was poor. Signal drill was not adhered to and all acknowledgements of orders were not given to enable the Battery Commander concerned to know exactly what orders had been passed.

(iii) Battle Practice OLIVERS and BICKLEY BTYS, ROTTNEST (21 Mar)

The shooting of OLIVERS BTY cannot be considered to have been effective due to delays in plotting room procedure, and to the Battery Commander not adhering to one method of observation of fire during the series. The combined practice of OLIVERS and BICKLEY BTYS was again not effective due to a Battery Commander observing the rounds of BICKLEY and correcting them to OLIVERS. This of course resulted in incorrect corrections being ordered.

(iv) LEIGHTON

Gun positions were inspected and the constructional work at this Bty had been well carried out.

(v) Generally an improvement in smartness and turnout of the Fixed Defences Personnel was noticed; the standard, however, is still not satisfactory.

(vi) 4 Inch US Naval Guns GERALDTON (24 Mar)

The practice was well organised by CRA 2 Aust Div. One gun was manned by VDC personnel, the other by 19 Grn Bn personnel the latter firing for the first time. The Battery Commander engaged the target by gun fire and it is considered that for the role of these guns it would be better to engage by "controlled groups of gun fire." The shooting was effective.

3. ANTI AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY.

(i) Hy AA

a. From BUCKLAND Gun Station (20 Mar)

A drogue target was engaged. AWAS were manning the Fire Control Instruments for the first time in action, and were very steady and created a good impression. The gun control and work generally at the guns were good. The standard of shooting was fair. The aircraft arrived late and proceeded off course laid down before the practice was completed.

b. An unseen target was engaged at night on the 20 Mar in the form of a barrage fired from BUCKLAND, PARK and SCOTSMANS Gun Stations. It was well conducted and effective. The whole barrage could not be fired owing to the range not having been effectively cleared by the Navy. This resulted in certain shipping being grouped off FREMANTLE, necessitating a gap in the barrage for safety reasons.

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c. 4 Aust Hy AA Bty POTSHOT. (22 Mar)

The shooting was well controlled and effective results were obtained from both Gun Stas. The shooting from the one Bofors on each Gun Station was not effective, chiefly owing to inexperience of the gun detachments, this being their first shoot. The towing aircraft produced satisfactory results.

A remarkable improvement was seen in the general conduct, bearing, smartness of turnout of all ranks of this unit, and a very favourable impression was gained.
The camouflage and concealment of this unit has been improved immeasurably, and the congestion of HQ, Workshops and other installations previously noted, has been rectified.

(ii) Lt AA

a. 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt GERALDTON (24 Mar)

The practice was well conducted and the RAAF co-operation was satisfactory. The shooting however was not effective, engagements by forward area sites being weak technically. The predictor work was better, but was marred by mis-fires.

b. 109 Aust Lt AA Regt (20 Mar)

The Regiment was inspected and marched past. The dress and turnout were very good, and the steadiness on parade remarkable. Marching was fair and the rifle drill was good.

c. 116 Aust Lt AA Regt (20 Mar)

An exercise was conducted which demonstrated the employment of a Lt AA Bty providing Lt AA protection for a Fd Bty with guns deployed in a regimental area. AA guns were seen coming into action and orders for deployment and siting were good. A smart demonstration of gun drill was given and the exercise generally was well carried out. The necessity for digging slit trenches and gun pits as soon as possible after guns come into action was stressed.

d. 116 Aust Lt AA Regt Practice shoot at FREMANTLE (20 Mar)

This practice could not be effectively carried out because the towing aircraft did not fly on the correct course. RAAF co-operation for this shoot and for the shoot of Hy AA on 20 Mar were NOT satisfactory.

e. 116 Aust Lt AA Regt (24 Mar)

A practice shoot in co-operation with RAA 2 Aust Div Exercise was to have been conducted, it, however, did not take place. Towing aircraft carried out a reconnaissance over the target at 0800 hours, and reported to the aerodrome that the ceiling was too low for an AA shoot. At 1000 hrs, however, the ceiling was at least 6000', but the aircraft did NOT return.

4. UNITS OF CORPS ARTILLERY.

(i) 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty, ROCKINGHAM (20 Mar)

The exercise consisted of a Short Base Double Post Deployment. It was well conducted and the section was in action on time. This unit needs more training in tactical appreciation of the task in hand; Flash Spotting posts should be regarded in the same manner as Artillery Observation Posts and occupied with due regard for concealment and protection. Panoramas should be drawn. Improvement is needed in the soldierly bearing and smartness of personnel.

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(ii) 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty and Counter Bty Staff RAA 3 Aust Corps, carried out an exercise in conjunction with the exercises conducted by RAA 2 Aust Div on 24 Mar. Two Counter Battery Offices were established and staffed by personnel from RAA 3 Aust Corps and from RAA 2 Aust Div. Both offices worked efficiently.
Difficulty was experienced in locating hostile batteries, mainly due to the fact that only a few rounds were fired at the one time from each gun. However at the completion of the exercise 11 out of the 12 troop positions were located, mainly as a result of Artillery reconnaissance and Air photos.

(iii) 12 Aust Arty Trg Bty, NORTHAM (25 Mar)

Various aspects of training were seen, including an excellent exercise over an obstacle course, preceded by a river crossing. The training was very smart, well organised, and effective. The new Commander of this Battery is doing exceptionally well.

(iv) 3 Aust Corps School of Arty, NORTHAM. (25 Mar)

The work seen was impressive, the instruction was good and well handled by excellent instructors.

(v) Photographic Section RAAF, GERALDTON.

At the present time the AILO RAA 3 Aust Corps is attached to this Section. The section co-operated efficiently in the RAA 2 Aust Div exercises and spot prints were delivered to the Counter Battery Office one hour after they had been taken. This Section is performing commendable work in connection with anaglyphic prints for air photos.

5. POTSHOT (22 - 23 Mar)

(i) General

Improvement in organisation and control of personnel of POTSHOT has been made since the last visit. The effect of the work done by the Camp Commandant has been noticeable. Staff for the Camp Commandant and also a Port Detachment arrived on the 22 Mar.

(ii) Pay

It is seven weeks since the Army personnel at POTSHOT have received pay. Although a requisition for pay was submitted some five weeks ago. It is considered that the system could be improved by giving to the Camp Commandant an "imprest authority" which would thus save the necessity of sending money backwards and forwards to POTSHOT with the consequent delay.

(iii) Refrigeration.

No refrigeration has yet arrived for 4 Aust Hy AA Bty.

(iv) Accommodation 4 Aust Hy AA Bty.

This Battery has not yet received the three huts that were previously allotted to it. Three huts were sent by sea, and owing to damage only two huts could be erected from the materials sent up. Neither of these huts went to 4 Hy AA Bty as was originally intended. It is recommended that representations be made for three huts to be sent to POTSHOT to this Bty.

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(v) Beer.

The beer that is being sent to POTSHOT is known as "Redcastle" Beer. This is not acceptable to the troops, and it is recommended that "Emu" Beer be sent in lieu.

(vi) Razor Blades

Supplies of razor blades have been received for POTSHOT personnel.

(vii) Camouflage

a. Fighter Sector.

Whilst awaiting confirmation of its permanent location personnel of Fighter Sector have been accommodated to the North of POTSHOT in two regular rows of tents, nine in a row. Camouflage and concealment is bad.

b. No camouflage paint or nets are available at POTSHOT, requisitions for these are outstanding.

c. Tents of the Chinese Labour Company were not camouflaged, and stood out very plainly from the air. This was referred to the Camp Commandant.

d. It is recommended that a Camouflage Officer be sent to POTSHOT to co-ordinate the camouflage of all units in the area.

(viii) Hy AA Workshop

a. Portable shelters are required for Hy AA Workshop to enable effective operation under conditions pertaining at POTSHOT.

b. The following equipment is urgently required for the workshop:-

8 inch lathe
Emery wheels
Polishing Machine
Machine Tools.

(ix) Outstanding requisitions.

Attached is a list of outstanding requisitions for 4 Aust Hy AA Bty. Could fulfilment be expedited please.

(x) NORTHWEST CAPE

a. Two 18 prs Mark II plus 2 Sgts to act as Nos 1, arrived at POTSHOT on 22 Mar. Guns have arrived and arrangements are in hand for placing them in position and for training RAAF personnel.

b. The RAAF RADAR Station have four Vickers Machine guns for security. Ammunition is not available and is required.

c. Capt MARSHALL, Aerodrome Defence Officer Western Area, arrived on 22 Mar to advise RAAF personnel at NORTHWEST CAPE on measures for protection and local security.

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6. JARRAH

(i) The detachment of the 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt was inspected. It was well turned out, smart, efficient and all ranks had a soldierly bearing. An Air Raid exercise was successfully conducted in conjunction with the RAAF.

(ii) Personnel at ONSLOW are short of rations, primarily bread and jam. This is due to the system in vogue, namely that these personnel draw their rations from YANREY. This seems absurd when the rations are actually unloaded by ship at ONSLOW and then transported to YANREY, and it is recommended that these personnel draw their rations direct from the Garrison Battalion at ONSLOW in future.

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4 Aust Hy AA Bty
"POTSHOT"

OUTSTANDING REQUISITION FOR HQ G/S 452, 453
AS AT 22 MAR 43.

Date Submitted	Stores		Quantity Auth	Req'd to Complete
4 /1/43	Fly traps	HQ	3	3
"	" "	453	1	1
"	Condensers, Mollinite	"	1	1
"	" "	452	1	1
19/1/43	Pumps, petrol	HQ	1	1
"	Taps	"	6	6
"	Washers for fuel pipe tap	"	12	12
4/1/43	Rega Spray	"	1	1
19/2/43	Ovens, Aldershot	452	1	1
"	"	453	1	1
13/2/43	Covers, pneumatic 14 x 20	HQ	2	2
19/1/43	Brushes, scrub, hand	"	20	20
"	Cans, 3 gal, OP	"	2	2
"	Dishes, heat, tin	"	3	3
"	Rakes, garden, heads	"	3	3
"	" " handles	"	3	3
"	Scoops, hand flour, lpt	"	2	2
"	Stretchers, ambulances	"	2	2
"	Pumps, kerosene	"	2	2
"	Brushes, scrub, hand	452	20	20
"	Cans, 3 gal, OP	"	2	2
"	Dishes, heat, tin	"	3	3
"	Rakes, garden, heads	"	3	3
"	" " handles	"	3	3
"	Scoops, hand, flour lpt	"	2	2
"	Stretchers, ambulance	"	2	2
"	Pumps, kerosene	"	2	2
"	Brushes, scrub, hand	453	20	20
"	Cans, 3 gal OP.	"	2	2
"	Dishes, heat, tin	"	3	3
"	Rakes, garden, heads	"	3	3
"	" " handles	"	3	3
"	Scopps, hand, flour lpt	"	2	2
"	Stretchers, ambulance	"	2	2
"	Pumps, kerosene	"	2	2
"	Covers, waterproof, Black G.S. 20 x 15	452	6	6
"	" " "	453	6	6
12/2/42	Clocks, alarm	HQ	2	2

Sgd
Adm Comd 4 Aust Hy AA Bty

Capt

22 Mar 43.

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HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
29 Mar 43

HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION No 20.

DECISIONS ADVISED BY MGRA

FD, MED, TK A & SVY.

Various matters were discussed with MGRA during his recent visit and the decisions given and action being taken are advised.

1. MGRA's MONTHLY LETTER.

Extra copies of MGRA's monthly letter to the CCRA will be made available to allow sub-distribution to 3 Aust Corps School of Arty, 12 Aust Arty Trg Bty, and Fd and Med Regts of the Corps Arty.

2. OCTU (For Arty Pers)

Candidates who qualify at an OCTU will be commissioned at the OCTU. They will be posted or returned to their own Regts only if vacancies exist in those Regts for their absorption. If vacancies do not exist they will be pooled and otherwise posted by LHQ, or sent to ARD for subsequent absorption.
Personnel who have already qualified at a Potential Offrs Course at LHQ School of Arty are eligible for immediate appointment to commissioned rank. Therefore it is not essential for them to be sent to an OCTU, unless however, it is considered that they would benefit by so doing. No objection will be raised to such personnel attending the OCTU.

3. WE FD REGTS (Reinft Offrs)

Fd Regts can fill up to WE plus first reinfts, (in respect of offrs only) by commissioning offrs and posting them to the ARD on paper. They will, therefore, then be available in the Regt for trg, and will be absorbed into Regts from time to time under CRA's arrangements. Pers who have qualified at a Potential Offrs Course LHQ School of Arty and are not yet commissioned in Regts should receive first priority in being commissioned as reinft Offrs by the above method.

4. WE HQ DIV ARTY

An alteration to the monenclature of the clerk (WO I) to DASM (Div Arty Sergeant Major) will be effected by the MGRA. This in no way affects the WE wither in pers or in ranks.

5. TPT OFFR FD REGTS

The question of the proposed appointment of a Tpt Offr (Fd Regt) was not known to the MGRA, and apparently it has arisen entirely through "A" Branch. The MGRA agreed with CCRA that the appointment is not required in Fd Regts as each Tp Comd should be responsible for the vehs of his own tp etc, and in the Bty the WLO is the Bty Tpt Offr. In addition, for technical advice, the Regt Comd has the OC LAD. Therefore in view of the shortage of manpower, the appointment does not seem justified and the MGRA is investigating this matter.

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6. 6 Pr EQPT

6 Pr Eqpt for Tk A Regts is gradually being made available. 16 are being released to 104 Aust Tk A Regt forthwith on release voucher OS3/D/76, and a further 16 are being released to 112 Aust Tk A Regt on receipt voucher OS3/D/78. In regard to 6 pr amn, approx 15,000 rds are already held in WA and a further 60,000 are on the way.

7. 25 Pr AMN

A considerable quantity of 25 pr amn, approx 200,000 rds, is being shipped to WA as shipping becomes available. On receipt of the amn conversion of Fd Regts to 25 pr Regts will take place and it can be anticipated that 10 Fd Regt will be converted to 25 pr at an early date.

8. 25 Pr SANDFILLED

The question of sandfilled shell being received here with iron plugs instead of steel plugs was raised, and the position is that no more sandfilled amn is to be made. As from Jul 43 it may be anticipated that authority will be obtained for the issue of AP Amn for tank attack practices.

9. SVY SO HQ CORPS ARTY

No further action has been taken regarding the suggestion that the duties of Svy Offr and CBO on HQ Corps Arty should be combined, thus effecting a saving in manpower. It is anticipated however that eventually this will be so, and the appointment of a Svy SO and Assistant SO on HQ Corps Arty will lapse.

10. SVY PARTIES OF SVY BTYS

Svy Parties of Svy Btys should be organised in accordance with Svy Paper No 4, ie on the basis of a four man party. This is essential to ensure firstly that normal working is standardised and secondly that six parties are available within a Svy Bty. For specific duties however there is not objection, of course, to the Svy Bty Comd organising his parties on the five man principle to effect a saving of time, or to avoid fatigue, but it must be realised that the normal organ within the bty must be the four man party.

11. PUBLICATIONS

(i) ARTY CODE

Amendments to the Arty Code required to bring the code into line with RATM Nos 2 and 6 have been submitted to the MGRA and will be incorporated as amendments.

(ii) RANGE TABLES - 25 PR PART I

Extra copies of the above are being printed and when available will be despatched to this formation. The Aust reprint Range Table does not combine Smoke, AP or HE, (as did the ME Range Table) and is not intended to combine them all in one range table for the reason that it is considered that there are at present too many amendments likely in connection with CW and Smoke to make this a practical proposition.

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No great difficulty should be experienced in combining these separate Range Tables in the Range Table Folder, extra copies of which are being obtained.

(iii) RANGE TABLES PART II

These are in short supply, but are being reprinted. When available supplies will be despatched to WA.

B.E. Klein
Brig.
CCRA 3 Aust Corps.

DISTRIBUTION :-

12 Aust A Fd Regt	-	1	
2 Aust Med Regt	-	1	
2/3 Aust FSp Bty	-	1	
12 Aust Arty Trg Bty	-	1	
3 Aust Corps S of A	-	1	
CCRA	-	1	
G2	-	1	
RA 1 Aust Armd Div	-	4	
RA 2 Aust Div	-	5	
RA 4 Aust Div	-	3	
3 Aust Corps	-	5	(For Infm)
War Diary	-	2	
File	-	1	

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HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS (AIF)
29 Mar 43.

HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS TECHNICAL INSTN No 21

DECISIONS ADVISED BY MGRA

COAST AND AA.

Various matters were discussed with MGRA during his recent visit and the decisions given and action being taken are advised.

1. MGRA's MONTHLY LETTER

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4. AA GP HQ FREMANTLE

(i) The question of AA Gp HQ being raised to Higher Establishment will be considered when the extra 4 Stas are installed in COCKBURN SOUND.
CAAD will submit to RAA 3 Aust Corps his recommendation to operate on Higher Establishment when the COCKBURN SOUND Stas are installed

(ii) MGRA is endeavouring to make arrangements for the selection of a suitable offr of the rank of Maj for 2 i/c AA Gp FREMANTLE. MGRA agreed that the duties of 2 i/c of AA Gp should be tactical in addition to administrative.

5. HY AA STAS - COCKBURN SOUND

(i) MGRA has agreed to the moving of No 2 and No 4 Stas further EAST towards the LBR and approved of the sites shown on the ground.

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Work in connection with the establishment of these stas should commence as soon as possible. It is realised that by moving these stas further EAST their coast role cannot be effected, this however is counterbalanced by the fact that the ships in COCKBURN SOUND will be available to effect that role.

(ii) It is not proposed to move SOUTH STA further SOUTH as advised, but it is suggested that an extra sta (a fifth) might be established in the COOGEE area by mounting the reserve 3.7 guns there. The suggestion of leap-frogging SCOTSMAN'S STA, Southward, and beyond "SOUTH" Sta therefore would not arise.

6. MAOR POTSHOT

It is not considered necessary to raise this organ (Class C), but as discussed with the MGRA and CAAD, it is considered that the matter can be overcome by having liaison pers at Fighter Sector as arranged.

7. COMD LT AA BTYS IN AA GP

The Lt AA Btys in static role within the area of the responsibility of AA Gp will be placed under Comd AA Gp HQ. The question of responsibility in connection with the supervision of the trg and administration of the Lt AA Btys so affected will be a domestic matter as arranged between the CAAD and the Lt AA Regt Comd or Comds concerned.

8. US PATTERN 40 mm Lt AA GUNS

The US 40 mm gun with retractable wheels is not likely to be issued to this formation.

9. TIME LFR AND LBR

ATM 17 para 21 laid down that this time is 45 secs, as against the normal working time of 30 secs, It is advised that 30 secs will continue to be used. It may be anticipated that ATM 17 para 21 will be amended in due course.

10. USE OF HE AGAINST TOWED SEA TARGETS

As the regulations at present for practice seawards do not allow targets to be towed when firing HE, this matter can be overcome and practices carried out by "delousing" the fuses This affects primarily 155 mm and 4 inch eqpts.

Brig.
CCRA 3 Aust Corps.

DISTRIBUTION

CFD	1	G2	1	
CAAD	1	3 Aust Corps	3	(for infm)
2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt	1	WA L of C Area	1	(" ")
109 Aust Lt AA Regt	1	War Diary	2	
116 Aust Lt AA Regt	1	File	1	
CCRA	1			

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ 5th Aust Corps (AIF) (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
*			
*			
Brigadiers	1		
Lieut.-Colonels	2		
Majors	1		
Captains	5		
Lieutenants	1		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	10		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
T/Brig	NX 4	B E KLEIN	3 Aust	Yes	
T/Lt-Col	NX12323	P B McALISTER	do	"	
do	VX15703	T W SHORT	do	"	
T/Maj	VX45523	R W HORSBURGH	do	No	Det 3 Aust Corps
T/Capt	VX15732	A N WHITAKER	do	Yes	School of Arty
do	VX111040	K D J COVENTRY	do	"	
do	NX12462	R L RANKINE	do	"	
do	WX921	L LUCAS	do	No	do
do	NX27066	F J I LOWRIE	do	Yes	
Lieut	NX70557	C R WILSHIRE	do	No	Arty School HOLDSWORTHY.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
T/Capt	VX14469	G M HIALL	RAA 4 Div	5 Nov 42	G2 (L)
do	W2825	R BUCHANAN	do	4 Dec 42	SO (L)

HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
(Unit)

6 Mar 43
(Date of Despatch)

Buchanan
(Signature of Commander)

Staff Capt, R A A 3 Aust Corps,
HQ 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF) (Unit) 6 MAR 43 19 (Date).

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Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	1		
Corporals Bdrs	4		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	30		
TOTALS	37	*	*

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Clerk. Gnr RICHEY J E	116 Aust Lt AA Regt		
Batmen. Gnr HINE A H			
MORGAN C R	RAA 4 Aust Div		

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

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

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HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
Unit.

Date of Despatch 6 Mar 43

for Buchanan
Signature of Commander.
Staff Capt, RAA 3 Aust Corps,
HQ 3 Aust Corps.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ RAA 3 Aust L+AA Regt (AIF)
(Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
*			
Brigadier *	1		
Lieut.-Colonels	2		
Majors	1		
Captains	3		
Lieutenants	1		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	10		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
T/Brig	NX 4	BE KLEIN	3 Aust	Yes	
T/Lt-Col	NX 12329	FB MCALISTER	do	do	
do	VX 15703	TW SHORT	do	do	
T/Maj	VX 45523	RW HORSBURGH	do	No	Det School of Arty
T/Capt	VX 15132	AN WHITAKER	do	do	" Light
do	VX 11070	ROJ COVENTON	do	do	" School HARVEY
do	NX 12262	RL RANKINE	do	Yes	
do	NX 921	L LUCAS	do	No	Det School of Arty
do	NX 27066	FJ I LOWRIE	do	do	do
Lieut	NX 70557	CR WILSHIRE	do	do	do

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
T/Capt	VX 14446	GM NIALL	RAA HQ	5/11/42	GS (L)
do	VX 2323	F BUCHANAN	do	4/11/42	SC (L)

HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF) — (Unit)

F Buchanan — (Signature of Commander)

14 Mar 43. — (Date of Despatch)

HQ 3 Aust Corps — (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF) (Unit) 14 Mar 19 43 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	2		
Corporals Bdrs	3		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	30		
TOTALS	37	*	*

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Clerk			
Gnr HIGHET TK	11 Aust Lt AA Regt		
Batman			
Gnr HING AH	RAA 11 AUST		
MORGAN GR	DIV		

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

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

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HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS (AIF) Unit.

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
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Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS (AIF)
Unit.

[signature] Capt.
Signature of Commander.
Staff Capt. R.A.A. 3 Aust Corps.

Date of Despatch 14 MAR 43

HQ 3 AUST CORPS (AIF)
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS (AIF) *(Unit)*

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
*			
Brigadier *	1		
Lieut.-Colonels	2		
Majors	1		
Captains	5		
Lieutenants	1		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	10		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
T/Brig	NX4	R E KLEIN	3 Aust	Yes	
T/Lt-Col	NX12323	F B McALISTER	do	do	
do	VX15703	T W SHORT	do	No	ARL MELBOURNE
T/Maj	VX45523	R W HORSBURGH	do	do	School NORTHAM
T/Capt	VX15732	A N WHITAKER	do	do	do ARL MELBOURNE
do	VX110040	K D J COVENTRY	do	do	Duty GERALDTON
do	NX12462	P L RANKINE	do	Yes	
do	WX924	L LUCAS	do	No	School NORTHAM
do	NX27066	P J I LOURIE	do	do	do
Lieut	NX70557	C R WILSHIRE	do	do	do

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
T/Capt	VX14469	G M NIALL	3 Aust	5 Nov 42	G2 (L)
do	W2825	R BUCHANAN	do	4 Dec 42	SC (L)

HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS (AIF)
(Unit)

20 Mar 43
(Date of Despatch)

R Buchanan Capt.
(Signature of Commander)
Staff Capt, H A A 3 Aust. Corps,

HQ 3 AUST CORPS (AIF)
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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS (AIF) (Unit) 20 Mar 43 19 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	2		
Corporals	3		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	25		
TOTALS	32	* -	* Nil

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
BATMEN			
Gnr HING A H MORGAN G R	RAA 4 Aust Div.		

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

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

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS (AIF)
Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Capt.
Staff Capt. R.A.A. 3 Aust. Corps

HQ 3 AUST CORPS (AIF)
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF) (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
*			
Brigadier *	1		
Lieut.-Colonels	2		
Majors	1		
Captains	5		
Lieutenants	1		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	10	-	-

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
~~Flt Lt~~ T/Capt	G D SOLOMON	RAA 4 Div	27 Mar 45	

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
T/Brig	NX 4	B.E. KLEIN	3 Aust	Yes	
T Lt-Col	NX 12323	F B McALISTER	do	do	
do	VX 15703	T W SHORT	do	No	ARL Melbourne
T Maj	VX 45523	R W HORSBURGH	do	do	School Northam
T Capt	VX 13732	A N WHITAKER	do	do	ARL Melbourne
do	VX 111040	R D J COVENTRY	do	do	Duty Geraldton
do	NX 12462	R L RANKINE	do	Yes	
do	WX 921	L LUCAS	do	No	School Northam
do	NX 27016	F J I LOWRIE	do	No	do
Lieut	NX 70557	C R WILSHIRE	do	No	do

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
T/Capt	VX 14469	G M NIALL	RAA 4 Aust Div ~~3 Aust~~	5 Nov 42	G2 (L)
do	WX 37669	R BUCHANAN	do	4 Dec 42	SC (L)
do	NX 102355	G D SOLOMON	do	27 Mar 43	A/SC

HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (A.I.F.)
(Unit)

[signature]
(Signature of Commander)

27 Mar 43
(Date of Despatch)

HQ 3 Aust Corps (A.I.F.)
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF) (Unit) 27 Mar 1943 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	2		
Corporals	3		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	24		1
TOTALS	31	*	* 1

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Batmen			
Gnr Hing AH Morgan GR	RAA 4 Aust Div		

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

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

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HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF) Unit.

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Batman		1						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		1						

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
Unit.

Date of Despatch 27 Mar 43

Capt.
Staff Capt. RAA 3 Aust Corps
Signature of Commander.

HQ 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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WAR DIARY - HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS

REPORT ON MAIN ACTIVITIES DURING MARCH 43.

1. LOCATION.

1 - 31 Mar 23 Lawley Crescent, MT LAWLEY, PERTH.

2. STRENGTH AND STAFF.

(i) As at 31 Mar 43 the strength of this HQ was as follows:-

	Strength.		WE.	
	Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs.
HQ and Office Staff	5	18	5	19
CB Staff	3	9	3	9
Survey Staff	2	3	2	3
Signallers		6		6
	10	36	10	37
Attached	3	3		

(ii) The signal personnel having completed useful training at 3 Aust Corps Sig Trg Unit were detached to Sigs 3 Aust Corps for further training so that they will be able to man wireless communications required by this HQ, when equipment becomes available.

3. STORES, EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES.

No change during Mar.

4. CB STAFF.

Intensive training was carried out at NORTHAM, where CB staff are located during attachment of Maj R W HORSBURGH to 3 Aust Corps School of Arty. CB Staff in conjunction with 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty cooperated in an exercise, employing two fd regts, conducted by RAA 2 Aust Div in GERALDTON Area on 23/24 Mar. (see Appx 5). With the addition of CB staff from HQ RAA 2 Aust Div, two CB offices were manned. Arty/R sorties and Photo/R sorties were also employed. The results were satisfactory and valuable lessons were learnt.

5. NO. 4 MOB MET FLT.

This unit is still located at HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps and is producing daily forecasts and six hourly flat meteors. This unit is working very satisfactorily.

6. 3 AUST CORPS SCHOOL OF ARTY.

The following courses were held during Mar 43:-

(i) No. 3 Junior Officers Refresher Course. A high standard was attained by students and the shooting practice witnessed by CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) showed that OPOs worked with a commendable precision and exactitude.

(ii) No. 1 Regimental Survey Officers Course. The results obtained were satisfactory and as a result of the course uniform survey methods should be established within 3 Aust Corps.

(iii) Maj R W HORSBURGH (CBO) continued to perform efficiently the duties of CI.

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7. FD AND MED ARTY - 3 AUST CORPS

(i) 2 Aust Med Regt has now arrived in WA. Advance party arrived on 12 Mar and the Regt is now almost complete. The CO (Lt-Col M KIRSNER) arrived on 22 Mar. This unit was'fostered' by 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty and is located temporarily in MELVILLE CAMP. The unit appears to be efficient and will be tested during Apr.

(ii) Advance party, of 12 Aust A Fd Regt arrived on 19 Mar and the CO (Lt-Col B MINTER) on 22 Mar. The bulk of the Regt will NOT arrive until early Apr. This unit also will be quartered in MELVILLE CAMP.

(iii) Advise has been received from LHQ that 15 Aust Fd Regt and 4 Aust Svy Bty were also to be allotted under comd RAA 3 Aust Corps on 4 Apr.

8. AA UNITS

(i) Shooting practices were carried out by 2/3, 116 Aust Lt AA Regts during the month - Failure of towing aircraft to some extent mitigated against success of these practices. 116 Aust Lt AA Regt also carried out a successful anti-tank shoot and a shoot against a splash target.

(ii) Hy AA shooting practice was carried out at a drogue and also an unseen target practice was conducted at night. The results were satisfactory. 4 Aust Hy AA Bty at EXMOUTH GULF also carried out a successful shoot.

(iii) 173 Lt AA Bty of 116 Aust Lt AA Regt responsible for Lt AA defence of ROTTNEST and USN Seaplane Base at CRAWLEY BAY will be relieved by 171 Aust Lt AA Bty on 1 Apr. (see appx 9). This Bty will then undergo mobile training - when completed all three btys of this unit will have done approx two months mobile training and four months in a static operational role. Shortage of M/T mitigates against the employment of the unit as a whole in a mobile operational role.

(iv) Instructions have been issued by 3 Aust Corps placing 116 Aust Lt AA Regt (less Bty on mobile training) under comd of CAAD for operations, training and local administration as from 1 Apr 43.

9. VISIT OF MGRA (LHQ)

MGRA (LHQ) (Maj Gen J S WHITELAW) accompanied by Lt-Col ARTHUR A E (GI(Fd) MGRA's Branch) Lt-Col D SMITH (Sig officer in Chiefs' Branch LHQ) and Capt J L MAIR (Engr in Chief's Branch LHQ) arrived in PERTH on 18 Mar 43. An itinerary , copy of which is attached (appx 13) was followed during the visit of the MGRA.

The MGRA expressed satisfaction with what he had seen and with arrangements made for him during his visit. The details of observations made by MGRA and CCRA during the visit and the various decisions advised by MGRA are attached as appxs 15,16 & 17.

10. EXMOUTH GULF

Following an inspection carried out by CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) during Feb, CAAD (Lt-Col J S YOUNG) visited the area, his report is attached as appx 6. When CCRA again visited EXMOUTH GULF on 22/23 Mar, an improvement in all aspects was noticed especially in regard to 4 Aust Hy AA Bty, - Details are given in appx 15.

B E Klein Brig.
CCRA 3 Aust Corps.

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Unit HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS (AIF) *Date and Time.—From* 1 APR 43 *To* 30 APR 43

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PERTH	1 Apr	(i)	CRA, 1 Aust Armd Div (Brig D O L KITTO) called and interviewed CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) prior to taking up new appointment.	Ref.
		(ii)	CAAD (Lt-Col J S YOUNG) conferred with CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) re siting of 3.7" AA gun stations on GARDEN ISLAND.	Ref
		(iii)	Comd 2 Aust Med Regt (AIF) (Lt-Col M KIRSNER) called and interviewed G2 (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) and discussed training matters.	Ref
		(iv)	G2(L) (Capt G M NIALL) interviewed G3(Air) (Capt M GRACE) re consolidation of demands for drogue - towing aircraft.	Ref
		(v)	IORA (Capt R L RANKINE) left by air for ARL. During his absence ACBO (Capt F J I LOWRIE) will perform duties of IORA.	Ref
		(vi)	ACBO (Capt F J I LOWRIE) represented CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) at the funeral of SQN/L K W TRUSCOTT, late OC 76 Sqn RAAF.	Ref
		(vii)	HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps Trg Instn No 14 - Tk A Trg in Fd and Tk A Regt - was issued.	Ref Appx 1
	2 Apr	(i)	Comd BUCHANAN (RAN) and CE (Brig C LAWRENCE) called and discussed the COCKBURN SOUND project with CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN). Comd BUCHANAN was assured that all CD and Hy AA guns except for 9.2" bty, would be installed prior to completion of naval projects by Jun 43.	Ref

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Lt-Col for Brig
CCRA 3 Aust Corps AOD

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PERTH	2 Apr	(ii)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) and BGS (Brig W M ANDERSON) saw GOC (Lieut-Gen H Gordon BENNETT) and ADC (Capt E F BYERS) off at MAYLANDS Airport for MELBOURNE.	
	3 Apr	(i)	G2 (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) represented CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) at demonstration at Gloucester Park.	
	4 Apr	(i)	G2(L) (Capt G M NIALL) and SC (Capt G D SOLOMON) visited 15 Aust Fd Regt and 4 Aust Svy Bty, both of which came under comd CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) at 2400 hrs 3 Apr 43.	
	5 Apr	(i)	OC, 4 Aust Svy Bty (Maj F R TAIT) called and interviewed CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) on coming under his command. Training matters were discussed. A plan for the allotment of 4 Aust Svy Bty to the mapping of JARRAHDALE area has been submitted to 3 Aust Corps.	
		(ii)	G2 (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) accompanied by CO 12 Aust A Fd Regt (Lt-Col B MINTER), CO 15 Aust Fd Regt (Lt-Col F RICHARDSON), CO 2 Aust Med Regt (Lt-Col M KIRSNER) and Lieut BARNES (CE's branch) inspected possible camp sites for these units and 4 Aust Svy Bty in ROCKINGHAM-PINJARRA area.	
		(iii)	HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps Technical Instruction No 22 - Staff Liaison Visits - was issued.	Appx 2.

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PERTH	5 Apr	(iv)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) submitted a plan to "A" Branch, 3 Aust Corps for the disposal of surplus personnel of 33 and 34 Tk A Btys which are now surplus owing to disbandment of 4 Aust Div. MGRA (Maj-Gen J S WHITELAW) concurs in the priority of absorption of these personnel to 112 Aust Tk A Regt, 104 Aust Tk A Regt, 109 Aust Tk A Regt and then Fd Regts as required.	
		(v)	AILO (Capt K D J COVENTRY) returned to this HQ from 4 SFTS GERALDTON.	
	6 Apr	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) accompanied by G2 (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) and SC (Capt G D SOLOMON) inspected 2 Aust Med Regt (CO - Lt-Col M KIRSNER) on a ceremonial parade at MELVILLE CAMP. After the parade, CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) addressed the unit, then lunched with the officers. The turnout, steadiness and general efficiency of this unit was most impressive.	
		(ii)	Sen Chaplain DAWES (ex 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt) called and interviewed CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) re unrest and low morale amongst RHQ personnel of 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt due mainly to lack of war excitement. The matter is being investigated. A move of the HQ location to a new area might help to improve matters.	
	7 Apr	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) visited HQ 116 Aust Lt AA Regt (CO Lt-Col P W STOKES) and inspected hygiene arrangements and bush comforts.	

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PERTH	7 Apr	(ii)	Comd 12 Aust Army Fd Regt (Lt-Col B MINTER) called and interviewed CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) re reposting of T/Maj J W H FORSYTH of his Regt.	
		(iii)	G2 (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) called on G1(Liaison) (Lt-Col ~~PALMER) and discussed with him and G3(Air) (Capt M GRACE)~~ the procedure for demands of drogue-towing A/C for AA shoots.	
		(iv)	G2 (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) discussed with G3(Camflg) (Maj BENNETT) a camouflage course for Corps Arty officers which is to be essentially practical.	
	8 Apr	(i)	Sen Chaplain DAWES (ex 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt) called and interviewed CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) re itinerary of Chaplain General (Maj-Gen T C RENTOUL) over AA and CD installations.	
		(ii)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) submitted a report to GOC (Lt-Gen H Gordon BENNETT) re concentrating the Corps Arty in the ~~ROCKINGHAM-MUNDIJONG-HOPE VALLEY-JARRAHDALE area. Here all~~ units will be well concentrated, handy to the ROCKINGHAM Range and Manoeuvre Area and can be effectively controlled and supervised by RAA 3 Aust Corps.	Appx 3.
		(iii)	G2(Lt-Col F B McALISTER) conferred with CE (Brig C E LAWRENCE), CFD (Col R R SMITH), A/CAAD (Lt-Col P W STOKES) ~~and representatives of Corps and WA L of C Engineer's Branch~~ re GARDEN ISLAND. Roads, water supply and camp sites were discussed.	

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PERTH	8 Apr	(iv)	G2(L) (Capt G M NIALL) and SC (Capt G D SOLOMON) visited CFD, CAAD, 12 Aust A Fd Regt and 109 Aust Lt AA Regt.	
		(v)	Distribution Lists - HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps, were issued cancelling lists of 12 Feb 43	Appx 4
	9 Apr	(i)	CO 2 Aust Med Regt (Lt-Col M KIRSNER) called and saw CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) re transfer of Lieut E R F MOONEY and ammunition question.	
		(ii)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) addressed all officers at RAA 3 Aust Corps Intelligence Conference on the present position in Australia and the probable points of Japanese attacks.	
		(iii)	G2 (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) visited Combined Operations Training Centre. Discussed with CO 15 Aust Fd Regt (Lt-Col F RICHARDSON) and Maj DUMBRELL arrangements for demonstration to take place on 16 Apr 43 for the Minister for the Army (Hon P M FORDE) and his party.	DUMBRELL
	10 Apr	(i)	Chaplain General (Maj-Gen T C RENTOUL (Meth)) called on CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) on his arrival in this State. An itinerary was arranged for him to see CD and AA installations in the PERTH-FREMANTLE area.	
		(ii)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) accompanied by G2 (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) visited Combined Operations Training Centre, POINT WALTER, and discussed with CO 15 Aust Fd Regt (Lt-Col F RICHARDSON) the demonstration to take place on 16 Apr 43 for the Minister for the Army (Hon P M FORDE) and his party.	

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PERTH	10 Apr	(iii)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) discussed with BGS (Brig W M ANDERSON) arrangements for relief during CCRA's and G2's (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) absence at CRA's course in NSW and Queensland. Decisions reached were that CO 15 Aust Fd Regt (Lt-Col F RICHARDSON) will act as Comd Corps Arty and BGS (Brig W M ANDERSON) will act as CCRA affecting Div Artys, CD and AA installations. G2(L) (Capt G M NIALL) is to act as G2 Arty with a Staff Officer Fixed Defences for FD staff work. Rpt	
	11 Apr	(i)	Maj W H J O HAWKINS reported to CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) to take up appointment as CI, 3 Aust Corps School of Arty. Rpt.	
		(ii)	G2 (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) accompanied CI, 3 Aust Corps School of Arty (Maj W H J O HAWKINS) to NORTHAM to take over his new appointment. Discussion of various courses and arrangements for handing over took place with A/CI, 3 Aust Corps School of Arty. (Maj R W HORSBURGH) Rpt.	
	12 Apr	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) finalised arrangements with GOC (Lt-Gen H Gordon BENNETT) for Artillery Demonstration to be given on 16 Apr 43 at COTC, POINT WALTER for the Minister for the Army (Hon F M FORDE) and his party. Rpt	
		(ii)	CO 12 Aust Army Fd Regt (Lt-Col B MINTER) paraded Maj FORSYTH to CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) re reposting of this officer. Rpt	
		(iii)	Details of Aircraft Recognition Courses were issued. Rpt Appx 5.	

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PERTH	13 Apr	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) attended the GOC's (Lt-Gen H Gordon BENNETT) weekly staff conference.	
		(ii)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) conferred with CFD (Col R R SMITH) and A/CAAD (Lt-Col P W STOKES) re itinerary of the Minister for the Army (Hon F M FORDE) visit to BUCKLAND AA Station and ROTTNEST ISLAND on 19 Apr 43.	
		(iii)	G2 (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) inspected the excellent field hygiene arrangements at RHQ 116 Aust Lt AA Regt (CO - Lt-Col P W STOKES).	
		(iv)	G2 (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) visited 12 Aust Army Fd Regt (CO - Lt-Col B MINTER) and discussed the ceremonial parade to take place on 20 Apr 43.	
		(v)	HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps Op Instn No 19 - Mapping of JARRAHDALE Area - was issued.	Appx 6.
		(vi)	HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps Op Instn No 20 - Change of Location, RAA 3 Aust Corps - was issued.	Appx 7.
	14 Apr	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) accompanied G2(L) (Capt G M NIALL) attended the Tk A Shooting practice of 12 Aust Arty Trg Bty (OC - Capt A L GULLEY). The shooting scheme was too ambitious and Capt L GULLEY was notified to recommence training of Tk A layers as previously directed by this HQ.	

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PERTH	14 Apr	(ii)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) submitted to HQ 3 Aust Corps observations on naming of unnamed localities on GARDEN ISLAND. GOC (Lt-Gen H Gordon BENNETT) directed that no names of living persons be used.	
		(iii)	~~G2 (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) accompanied by SO(L) (Capt R~~ BUCHANAN) visited 4 Aust Svy Bty (OC - Maj F R TAIT) and discussed administrative problems in conjunction with their projected move.	
		(iv)	G2 (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) accompanied by ACEO (Capt F J I LOWRIE) visited 2 Aust Med Regt (AIF) (CO Lt-Col M KIRSNER) ~~and lectured the officers of 2 Aust Med Regt (AIF) and 12 Aust~~ A Fd Regt (AIF) on organisation of Corps HQ and 3 Aust Corps Arty.	
	15 Apr	(i)	Maj MOSELY reported to CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) on his arrival in WA to take up appointment of OC 4 Aust Hy AA Bty ~~at EXMOUTH GULF. He was instructed to remain at AA Gp HQ~~ until CAAD (Lt-Col J S YOUNG) returned from leave.	
		(ii)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) called on Surveyor-General (Mr FYFE) and discussed naming of unnamed places on GARDEN ISLAND. Mr FYFE intimated that he would call on GOC (Lt-Gen H Gordon BENNETT) to discuss the use of names of living persons for this purpose.	

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PERTH	15 Apr	(iii)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) attended MAYLANDS Aerodrome with GOC (Lt-Gen H Gordon BENNETT) ~~to H Gordon BENNETT~~ to meet the Minister for the Army (Hon F M FORDE) and his party. Rpt.	
		(iv)	G2 (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) arranged with CE (Brig C LAWRENCE) for water recce of JARRAHDALE area. Rpt.	
		(v)	HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps Staff Directive No 2 re first anniversary of the formation of HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps - was issued Rpt.	Appx 8.
	16 Apr	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) accompanied by SO Arty (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) ~~and CO 15 Aust Fd Regt (Lt-Col F RICHARDSON)~~ conducted the Minister for the Army (Hon F M FORDE), his Secretary (Mr SINCLAIR) and Press Relations Officer (Mr HARDY) over Combined Operations Training Centre, POINT WALTER Camp. Mr FORDE congratulated CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) and CO 15 Aust Fd Regt (Lt-Col F RICHARDSON) on excellence of the training he had seen. Rpt.	
	17 Apr	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) witnessed 109 Aust Lt AA Regt (CO Lt-Col P W A KELSO) practice at WOODMANS POINT. The shooting was only fair. Control of guns by Nos 10 was weak and many layers needed more training. One predictor shoot was quite good. Rpt.	
		(ii)	~~CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) called on CFD (Col R R SMITH) and~~ A/CAAD (Lt-Col P W STOKES) and made final arrangements re the itinerary for the Minister for the Army (Hon F M FORDE) on 19th April. Rpt.	

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PERTH	18 Apr	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) accompanied by SO Arty (Lt-Col F B McALISTER), CBO (Maj R W HORSBURGH) and CI 3 Aust Corps School of Arty (Maj W H J O HAWKINS) witnessed the first shooting practice in Western Australia of 2 Aust Med Regt (AIF) (CO - Lt-Col M KIRSNER). The shooting was on sound lines, but CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) pointed out many weaknesses to the officers at the end of the shoot.	
		(ii)	SO Arty (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) discussed syllabus for BC's course with CI 3 Aust Corps School of Arty (Maj W H J O HAWKINS) and CBO (Maj R W HORSBURGH)	
	19 Apr	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) conducted Minister for the Army (Hon F M FORDE), GOC (Lt-Gen H Gordon BENNETT) and ministerial party on an inspection of BUCKLAND Hy AA Gun Station and ARTHUR'S HEAD Lt AA Gun detachment. The latter detachment shot extremely well. The party also visited ROTTNEST ISLAND per TTV "WADGEMUP" and inspected Coast, Lt AA and Garrison Bn defences. The Minister for the Army (Hon F M FORDE) was very pleased with the demonstration.	
	20 Apr	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) accompanied by SO Arty (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) and SC Arty(L) (Capt R. BUCHANNAN) visited 12 Aust A Fd Regt (CO Lt-Col B MINTER) and inspected the unit on parade. WA L of C band provided marching music. The steadiness of the men was quite good and the marching very fair, All ranks, however, were dirty and badly turned out and the CO (Lt-Col B MINTER was duly informed of the improvement required.	

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PERTH	21 Apr	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) accompanied by SO Arty (Lt-Col F B McALISTER attended 15 Aust Fd Regt shooting practice at ROCKINGHAM and afterwards inspected the new camp site at MUNDIJONG. Shooting was disappointing.	
		(ii)	~~Instructions re administration of command RAA 3 Aust Corps~~ during absence of CCRA and SO Arty were issued.	Appx 9.
	22 Apr	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) and SO Arty (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) attended 12 Aust A Fd Regt shooting practice at ROCKINGHAM and afterwards inspected 4 Aust Svy Bty camp at JARRAHDALE. ~~Shooting was poor.~~	
	23 Apr	(i)	HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps Training Instruction No 15 - Training Policy up to 30 Jun 43 was issued.	Appx 10.
	~~25 Apr~~	~~(i)~~	~~SO Arty (Lt Col F B McALISTER) and Asst SO Svy (Lieut C R WILSHIRE)~~ marched with GOC (Lt-Gen H Gordon BENNETT) in Anzac Day parade through PERTH.	
	26 APRIL	(i)	CCRA (BRIG B E KLEIN) INSPECTED 15 AUST FD REGT MUNDIJONG. TURNOUT AND MARCHING WAS EXCELLENT.	
	27 Apr	(i)	CO 15 Aust Fd Regt (Lt-Col F RICHARDSON) called on CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) and discussed the duties to be carried out as Comd Corps Arty units during the absence of CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) and SO Arty (Lt-Col F B McALISTER)	

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PERTH	27 Apr	(ii)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) attended Corps Comd's Weekly Staff Conference. Arty matters discussed included:-	
			(a) VDC - ARTY LIAISON APPOINTMENT - CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) stated that an officer had been appointed and that application for amendment of VDC establishment had already been forwarded by L of C to LHQ. CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) suggested that terms of reference, duties etc be defined. DECISION - Liaison between CCRA and VDC Arty LO to be effected and role laid down by CCRA.	
			(b) DUMMY 9.2" GUNS - ROTTNEST AND GARDEN IS. - CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) brought forward suggestion that dummy 9.2" guns be installed forthwith on GARDEN ISLAND. DECISION - Positions of dummy guns to be sited forthwith but no dummy guns to be constructed until actual 9.2" guns are about to be installed. CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) stated that location of dummy guns on ROTTNEST was tactically unsound and that they should be at least 1000 yds from actual guns. DECISION - Instructions for move of dummy guns to be issued forthwith.	
			(c) CAMOUFLAGE AND CAMOUFLEURS - CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) pointed out possible confusion arising from activities of three different camouflage units - Corps, L of C and the civilian Camouflage Committee. CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) mentioned their visits to GARDEN ISLAND, also that their projected visits to EXMOUTH GULF might not be acceptable to USN.	

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PERTH	27 Apr		G1(Liaison)(Lt-Col PALMER) stated that it was the responsibility of G3(Cam) 3 Aust Corps (Maj BENNETT) to prevent any overlapping. DECISION - That G3(Cam) 3 Aust Corps shall be in charge of and shall be the coordinating officer for all Army camouflage in this State. The coordination of EXMOUTH GULF camouflage to be submitted to next meeting of Combined Planning Committee.	
			(d) ARTY RANGE - ROCKINGHAM - CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) requested coordination re Arty Range - ROCKINGHAM and cited case where 2 Aust Div Arty wanted to take over range, also case of infantry manoeuvres in the area. DECISION - GOC (Lt-Gen H Gordon BENNETT) stated that formations etc wishing to train outside own area, must obtain prior approval from 3 Aust Corps "G" Branch who will circulate necessary instructions.	
			(e) EXMOUTH GULF - ARTY COMD - CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) reported on arrival of new Comd - Maj MOSELEY. He discussed question of authority to open fire and to cease fire on hostile sea and air craft. DECISION - matter of opening fire and ceasing fire on unseen targets is to be submitted to next meeting of Combined Planning Committee. Authority to open and cease fire on all seen targets is vestedin the Camp Commandant - Major STOKES HUGHES.	

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PERTH	27 Apr		(f) EXMOUTH GULF - DEMOLITION AND DENIAL OF RESOURCES TO ENEMY CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) enquired regarding destruction of guns, stores etc in the event of a withdrawal from EXMOUTH GULF should protection be no longer required. GOC (Lt-Gen H Gordon BENNETT) stated that it was responsibility of Commandant subject to release by Senior Officer USN.	
	28 Apr	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) proceeded by air to Eastern States where he will attend Senior Officers' Course, IHQ School of Arty HOLSWORTHY. During CCRA's absence CO 15 Aust Fd Regt (Lt-Col F RICHARDSON) will carry out duties of CCRA in relation to Corps Arty units while BGS 3 Aust Corps (Brig W M ANDERSON) will exercise duties in relation to RAA 1 Aust Armd Div and 2 Aust Div.	
		(ii)	SO Arty (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) visited COTC, POINT WALTER and lectured on "NAVAL BOMBARDMENT"	
	29 Apr	(i)	A SO Svy (Lieut C R WILSHIRE) visited 4 Aust Svy Pty JARRAHDALE inspected work of unit, who are at present carrying out mapping in this area.	
	30 Apr		The following appendices are attached:- (i) Comds report of activities during month. Appx 11 (ii) Field returns issued during month. Appx 12	

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APPENDIX 1

HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
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HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS TRG INSTN No 14

TANK ATTACK TRG IN FD AND TK A REGTS

1. During the MGRA's recent visit it was noticed that the high standard attained in other branches of Arty - particularly Fd Arty has not been reached in the case of Tk A trg. This failing applies to Fd Regts in their Tk A role as well as to Tk A Regts.

2. It is felt that this may be attributable in part to methods of teaching, and the following notes on principles of trg are fwded.

3. OPENING FIRE.

Fire should be withheld until tanks are so close that they cannot withdraw. To enable this to be done, effective camouflage or concealment of guns is essential.

4. SITING.

(i) When possible guns should be defiladed from the front to prevent their being knocked out prior to an attack. Reverse slopes, therefore, provide satisfactory positions.

(ii) The sites chosen should be well forward to aid inf morale and to prevent the infliction of casualties on the inf before the tanks can be effectively engaged.

(iii) Sites should be chosen in depth, so that any tanks which pass the foremost guns can be dealt with further back before they can do serious damage.

(iv) Offrs should be intensively trained in intelligent recce of ground with a view to siting Tk A guns, bearing in mind the above requisites, and the need for a coordinated plan and mutual support.

5. JUDGEMENT OF DISTANCES AND SPEED

The ability accurately to judge both distance and speed is essential in a successful Tk A offr and NCO, and intensive trg in this aspect should be carried out.

6. ENGAGEMENT OF TARGETS

(i) Too often the No 1 is seen standing where he cannot accurately observe the result of the shot. He should station himself where dust etc does not blind his vision, yet not so far to a flank as to distort his estimate of correction.

(ii) Corrections to line and range must be QUICK and BOLD.

(iii) The No 1 must ensure, by insisting on correct drill, that all his orders are heard and ACTED ON.

(iv) The gun number on the trail must ensure that the gun is kept IN FRONT of the target. Too often is "Target LEFT (RIGHT)" heard.

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(v) Layers should be trained to keep their eye at the telescope, and the sights on the target, when firing the gun. Foot-firing devices on fd cpts enable this to be carried out. Hands should be on the elevating and traversing gears when the gun is fired.

(vi) Although speed is vital, one hit is better than two misses.

7. PRACTICE SHOOTS

It is suggested that these should be carried out in the following consecutive stages:-

(i) At hull-down targets of various sizes to ensure accuracy of aim. The standard should be attained when a hit is obtained with the first or the second round. This teaches at the outset the necessity to HIT.

(ii) At stationary targets which are visible for only short intervals. i.e. "Jumpers". This teaches to HIT and HIT QUICKLY, and impresses the necessity for both quick and accurate laying.

(iii) At moving targets, progressively more difficult as regards size, speed, and direction of movement. This teaches the application of lead combined with the essentials of quick and accurate laying, and the necessity of obtaining a HIT, at least with the second round.

8. It is pointed out that success in any duel with AFVs depends on team work more than individual effort.

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APPENDIX 2.

HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
5 Apr 43

HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION No 22

STAFF LIAISON VISITS.

Commencing 5 Apr 43 the following Artillery Staff Liaison will appertain:-

(a)

i. Both a "G" and "AQ" Staff Officer from this Headquarters will visit CFD, CAAD, 12 Aust A Fd Regt, 15 Aust Fd Regt, 2 Aust Med Regt, 109 Aust Lt AA Regt, 116 Aust Lt AA Regt, 4 Aust Svy Bty and 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty ONCE per week.

ii. The primary duties of these offrs are to help and advise units, etc in both the technical aspects of trg and administration.

iii. Reports of such visits, observations made, and any recommendations etc, will be rendered direct to CCRA.

(b)

A (one) Staff offr, RAA 3 Aust Corps, will visit RAA 1 Aust Armd Div and RAA 2 Aust Div ONCE per MONTH vide (a) ii and iii above.

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DISTRIBUTION.

RAA 1 Aust Armd Div.	1
RAA 2 Aust Div.	1
CFD.	1
CAAD.	1
12 Aust A Fd Regt.	1
15 Aust Fd Regt.	1
2 Aust Med Regt.	1
109 Aust Lt AA Regt.	1
116 Aust Lt AA Regt.	1
4 Aust Svy Bty.	1
2/3 Aust F Sp Bty.	1
CCRA.	1
G2 (Arty).	1
3 Aust Corps.	1
War Diary.	2
File	1.

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APPENDIX 3.

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HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
8 Apr 43

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3 Aust Corps (AIF) (4)

LOCATION OF 3 AUST CORPS ARTILLERY UNITS.

1. It is recommended that the units of Corps Artillery be located in areas as follows and that movement be arranged on the dates as shown:

(i) 15 AUST FD REGT - (Approx 700 all ranks)

LOCATION. - MUNDIJONG (Ref Map ROCKINGHAM 1" = 1 mile 9006 - 9007 - 9907)

Required to be occupied on 19 Apr (at present located at COTC, POINT WALTER)

(ii) CB GROUP - 2 Aust Med Regt) 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty) Approx 900 CB Staff, HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps) all ranks. Corps Arty Sig Sec (when formed))

LOCATION. - HOPE VALLEY Area (Ref Map FREMANTLE 1" = 1 mile 8113 Northward to 8117)

Required to be occupied on or about 20 May.
(It is intended that 2 Aust Med Regt should move from MELVILLE to COTC, POINTWALTER, on approx 25 Apr and remain there until 20 May. 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty will remain at MELVILLE until 20 May and move to HOPE VALLEY with 2 Aust Med Regt.)

(iii) 12 AUST A FD REGT. - (Approx 700 all ranks)

LOCATION. - KWINANA (Ref Map ROCKINGHAM 1" = 1 mile 7511)

Required to be occupied on about 17 Jun.
(It is intended that the unit should move from MELVILLE to COTC, POINT WALTER, on approx 25 May and remain there until 17 Jun)

(iv) 4 AUST SVY BTY. - (Approx 70 all ranks)

LOCATION. - JARRAHDALE (Ref Map PINJARRA 4" = 1 mile 407002)

Required to be occupied 17 Apr.
(This unit is required to undertake mapping work in JARRAHDALE Area - see this HQ 18A/7276 of 3 Apr 43.)

2. It is recommended that recces of the MUNDIJONG and JARRAHDALE areas be carried out immediately by representatives of the units concerned.

3. In the detailed selection of sites, it is requested that advice be given on the following problems:-

(i) Question of hirings and property owner question and occupancy of area from point of view of stock.

(ii) Availability of water in area selected. When detailed recce has been made the exact location of bivouac site can be advised, in order to enable arrangements to be made for provision of water.

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(iii) Possibility of arranging Signal communication through PMG lines.

4. It is recommended that similar detailed recces be carried out of HOPE VALLEY and KWINANA areas by 25 Apr.

5. It is intended that the areas be occupied for two to three months at least and it is recommended that camp amenities be provided on Stage 1 plus additional amenities shown in ASO 18/4.

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DA & QMG
CE
CSO
12 Aust A Fd Regt (AIF)
15 Aust Fd Regt
2 Aust Med Regt (AIF)
2/3 Aust F Sp Bty
4 Aust Svy Bty
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APPENDIX 4.

HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
8 Apr 43.

HQ RAA 1 Aust Armd Div. (AIF)
HQ RAA 2 Aust Div. (AIF)
Fixed Defences, Fremantle.
AA Gp, Fremantle.
12 Aust Army Fd Regt. (AIF)
15 Aust Fd Regt.
2 Aust Med Regt. (AIF)
2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt.
109 Aust Lt AA Regt.
116 Aust Lt AA Regt (AIF)
4 Aust Svy Bty.
2/3 Aust F Sp Bty.
12 Aust Arty Trg Bty.
3 Aust Corps School of Arty.
No 4 Mob Met Flt.

DISTRIBUTION LISTS - HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS.

1. HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps distribution lists of 12 FEB 43 are cancelled. With effect from 7 APR 43, the following distribution lists will be used.

2. LIST "A" (For Sitreps, CROs, Int Summaries, 3 Aust Corps Trg Instns etc)

HQ UNIT.	No of Copies.
12 Aust A Fd Regt. (AIF)	1.
15 Aust Fd Regt	1
2 Aust Med Regt (AIF)	1
2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt	1
109 Aust Lt AA Regt	1
116 Aust Lt AA Regt (AIF)	1
4 Aust Svy Bty	1
2/3 Aust F Sp Bty	1
12 Aust Arty Trg Bty	1
3 Aust Corps School of Arty.	1
No 4 Mob Met Flt	1
HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF) - File.	1
TOTAL	12.

3. LIST "B" (For Technical Instns and matters affecting AA Units only)

HQ. UNIT etc.	NO OF COPIES	
	B (1)	B (11) For distribution down to Btys.
2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt	1	3
109 Aust Lt AA Regt	1	4
116 Aust Lt AA Regt (AIF)	1	4
CCRA	1	1
G2 (Arty)	1	1
HQ RAA 1 Aust Armd Div (AIF)	2	4
Fixed Defences, FREMANTLE	1	1
AA Gp, FREMANTLE	1	4
3 Aust Corps (AIF)	1	1
HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF) File	1	1
War Diary	2	2
TOTALS.	13	26

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4. LIST "C" (For Technical Instns and matters affecting Fd and Tk A Arty - distribution down to units)

HQ, UNIT etc.	No of Copies.
12 Aust A Fd Regt (AIF)	1
15 Aust Fd Regt	1
2 Aust Med Regt (AIF)	1
12 Aust Arty Trg Bty	1
3 Aust Corps School of Arty	2
CCRA	1
G2 (Arty)	1
HQ RAA 1 Aust Armd Div (AIF)	4
HQ RAA 2 Aust Div (AIF)	5
3 Aust Corps (AIF)	1
HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)	1
War Diary	2
TOTAL.	21

5. LIST "D" (For Technical Instns and trg instns on general subjects affecting all branches of arty. Distribution down to units)

HQ, UNIT etc.	No of Copies.
12 Aust A Fd Regt (AIF)	1
15 Aust Fd Regt	1
2 Aust Med Regt (AIF)	1
2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt	1
109 Aust Lt AA Regt	1
116 Aust Lt AA Regt (AIF)	1
4 Aust Svy Bty	1
2/3 Aust F Sp Bty.	1
3 Aust Corps School of Arty	2
12 Aust Arty Trg Bty.	1
No 4 Mob Met Flt.	1
CCRA	1
G2 (Arty)	1
HQ RAA 1 Aust Armd Div (AIF)	5
HQ RAA 2 Aust Div (AIF)	6
Fixed Defences, FREMANTLE	4
AA Gp, FREMANTLE	4
3 Aust Corps (AIF)	1
HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF) File	1
War Diary	2
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GSO II RAA 3 Aust Corps.

Copies to :

3 Aust Corps (AIF) (3)
CCRA, HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
G2 (Arty) HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
SC, RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
IORA, HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)

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APPENDIX 5

HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
12 Apr 43

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12 Aust A Fd Regt (AIF)
15 Aust Fd Regt
2 Aust Med Regt (AIF)
2/3 Aust F Sp Bty
4 Aust Svy Bty

AIRCRAFT RECOGNITION COURSES

CORPS ARTY.

1. Courses will be conducted by AILO HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps within unit lines on the following schedule :-

	Unit	Date	Location
Ser 1.	12 Aust A Fd Regt (AIF)	21 - 23 Apr	Melville
Ser 2.	15 Aust Fd Regt) 4 Aust Svy Bty)	28 - 30 Apr	MUNDIJONG
Ser 3.	2 Aust Med Regt (AIF)) 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty)	26 - 28 May (approx)	In CB Group Bivouac Area.

2. OBJECT

To provide pers of Corps Arty units with the opportunity of learning AC recognition on recognised lines and of receiving instn in the methods of teaching.

3. VACANCIES

		Offrs.	ORs.	
Ser 1.	12 Aust A Fd Regt(AIF)	10	10	On basis of one offr and one NCO per RHQ, Bty HQ and Tp. (NCOs i/c AALMG dets should be included)
Ser 2.	15 Aust Fd Regt	10	10	See note after Ser 1.
	4 Aust Svy Bty	1	1	
		11	11	
Ser 3.	2 Aust Med Regt (AIF)	7	7	See note after Ser 1.
	2/3 Aust F Sp Bty	1	2	
		8	9	

4. ACCOMMODATION AND MESSING

Fd or Med Regt detailed will provide :-

(i) Suitable lecture room accommodation, either a hut, marquee or store tent with seating accommodation for all students, blackboard etc.

(ii) Accommodation and messing for AILO and Dr and for students attending from other units.

5. NOMINAL ROLLS AND REPORTING

(i) Nominal rolls of pers attending will be fwded to this HQ four (4) days before commencement of each course.

(ii) Students from 4 Aust Svy Bty and 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty will report to Fd or Med Regt concerned at 1700 hrs on day preceding course.

6. After completion of course units will arrange for students to conduct courses within their own sub-units on AC recognition. Frequent practice will be given in this subject.

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GSO II RAA 3 Aust Corps.

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APPENDIX 6.

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13 Apr 43

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HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS - OP INSTN No 19

Mapping of JARRAHDALE Area

1. ROLE 4 Aust Svy Bty will obtain and collate Svy Infm in connection with the preparation of NW Sheet (4" = 1 mile) of proposed JARRAHDALE MS Map No 411 1:63360. Work will be commenced on arrival in JARRAHDALE Area.

2. MOVEMENT 4 Aust Svy Bty will move from GREENMOUNT to JARRAHDALE on 19 Apr 43 in accordance with this HQ Op Instn No 20.

3. INFORMATION
The following have been fwded separately -

(i) 2 copies Ebonax Prints, Compilation Sheets, 4" = 1 mile
(1 copy with BM values indicated thereon)

(ii) 2 copies Lands Dept Lithos of area 1" = 20 chains.

4. TRAVERSES
(i) Type A network of closed heighted traverses will be run dividing the area into sections of approx 2 miles by 3 miles as a maximum. Where possible traverses are to follow rds, tracks, creeks and lines of easy access. Infm will be supplied showing where features such as fences, tracks, rds, rys, ridge tops, valleys, saddles, water courses, etc ., are intersected by the traverses. Fixation of other topo inf is NOT required.

(ii) Datum. (a) Horizontal. Existing cadastral svy as per Ebonax Print 4" = 1 mile. Traverses will commence and finish on existin Cadastral Svy and are to be connected to Cadastral Points at frequent intervals. In addition traverses are to be connected to existing blazed Forestry trees near lines of traverse, and BMs established adjacent to them.

(b) Vertical. MSL. Existing BMs established by Main Roads Board on PERTH-BUNBURY RD will be indicated on Ebonax Print for purpose of control.

(iii) BMs to be Established

(a) As per para(2i) above.

(b) At intervals of NOT more than 600 yds (appr throughout length of traverses. These BMs should be established at permanent easily recognisable points such as Forestry Trees, Fence Corners, Svy Posts, or Blazed Trees.

(iv) Accuracy

(a) Horizontal Measurements to within 2 ft per mile. Azimuth to be held to 30" per mile. Frequent astronomical observationsare required.
Short lengths of traverses will be acceptab if measurements are taken by Tacheometer.

(b) Vertical All heighted traverses will be closed one against the other, and accumulated closing error NOT to exceed 0.3' per mile.

5. FIELD NOTES Full Field Notes will be kept in books supplied, and signed by personnel responsible for observations and entries,
Bearings shown will be Grid Bearings adjusted to agree with observed azimuths.

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6. DRAFTING. All traverse lines, showing forestry trees, and other fixed stations and intersected features, will be accurately plotted in black ink on Ebonax Print. Heights of fixed BMs will be indicated in red ink. Grid Bearings will be used.

7. LIAISON.

(i) Svy SO HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps will be responsible for technical supervision of the above work.

(ii) Svy SO will carry out liaison with DAD Svy WA L of C.

8. REPORTS - RESULTS OF WORK

(i) Progress reports will be submitted weekly on Mondays to this HQ.

(ii) On completion of work, the following will be submitted to this HQ and will be signed by OC 4 Aust Svy Bty.:-

(a) All field Notes.

(b) Computations

(c) Plans showing work completed.

(iii) Work will be made use of by Aust Svy Corps, to provide horizontal and vertical control, using aerial photographs of the area.

9. ACK.

Lt-Col.
GSO II RAA 3 Aust Corps.

Distribution.	Copy No
4 Aust Svy Bty	1
CCRA	2
42 Arty	3
Svy SO	4
3 Aust Corps	5
WA L of C (one copy for DAD Svy)	6-7
War Diary	8-9
File	10

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APPENDIX 7

HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
13 Apr 43

SECRET.

Copy No. 17

HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS OP INSTN NO. 20.

CHANGE OF LOCATION - RAA 3 AUST CORPS.

1. INTENTION.

Units of RAA 3 Aust Corps will move from present locations to new areas in accordance with instns set out below:-

2. ALLOCATION OF AREAS AND DATES OF MOVEMENT.

Ser	Unit	Present Location	New Location	Approx date of move	Remarks
1	15 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec 218 LAD	COTC POINT WALTER	MUNDIJONG Area	19 Apr 43	
2	2 Aust Med Regt Sig Sec 234 LAD 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty CB Staff, HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps. Corps Arty Sig Sec.	MELVILLE NORTHAM Not yet raised.	HOPE VALLEY Area.	20 May 43	2 Aust Med Regt will move to COTC on 25 Apr 43.
3	12 Aust A Fd Regt Sig Sec 257 LAD	MELVILLE	KWINANA Area	17 Jun 43	
4	4 Aust Svy Bty	GREENMOUNT	JARRAHDALE Area.	19 Apr 43	

3. CB GROUP.

All units in Ser 2 will be designated CB Group and will come under Comd 2 Aust Med Regt for local adm.

4. ROLE.

(i) Sers 1, 2 and 3 - Semi operational role and intensive trg in accordance with instns issued separately by this HQ.

(ii) Ser 4. Mapping of JARRAHDALE Area in accordance with HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps Op Instn No. 19.

5. MOVEMENT.

Will be under unit arrangements in accordance with 3 Aust Corps Circular AQ 10.

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6. RECCES.

Instns in regard to recce of HOPE VALLEY and KWINANA areas will be issued later.

7. ADM FOR MUNDIJONG AND JARRAHDALE AREAS.

(i) Adm arrangements will be in accordance with 3 Aust Corps Instn AQ 22 of 13 Apr, a copy of which is issued separately to 2 Aust Med Regt and 4 Aust Svy Bty.

(ii) Water.

(a) Application has been made to 3 Aust Corps for provision of one pump and one 1,500 gall overhead storage tank for each of the two water points in MUNDIJONG area.

(b) Water will be drawn from local supply in JARRAHDALE Area.

(iii) Med.
15 Aust Fd Regt will make available the service of an RMO to 4 Aust Svy Bty as required.

8. INTERCOMM.

(i) DRLS. As arranged with CSO 3 Aust Corps, a DRLS once daily will be established to MUNDIJONG and JARRAHDALE.

(ii) Line Comm. As arranged with CSO, Sigs 3 Aust Corps will provide comm to camp sites at MUNDIJONG and JARRAHDALE and will lay lines to connect with PMG system.

(iii) Similar arrangements for comms to other camp sites will be made by this HQ and instns issued later.

9. NOTIFICATION OF MOVEMENT.

This HQ will be notified of date of completion of move and of map reference of unit HQ.

10. ACK.

Lt-Col.
GSO II RAA 3 Aust Corps.

DISTRIBUTION.

	COPY NO.
12 Aust Army Fd Regt (AIF)	1
15 Aust Fd Regt	2
2 Aust Med Regt (AIF)	3
2/3 Aust F Sp Bty	4
4 Aust Svy Bty	5
CCRA	6
12 (Arty)	7
SC	8
CBO	9
3 Aust Corps	10 - 14 (copies for BGS, DA&QMG, CE, CSO).
WA L of C Area	15
4 Aust Movement Control Cp	16
War Diary	17 - 18
File	19.

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APPENDIX 8

HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
15 Apr 43.

RAA 3 Aust Corps.

STAFF DIRECTIVE NO 2.

1. Friday 16 Apr 1943 is the first anniversary of the formation of HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps.

2. On this occasion of the first birthday of the headquarters, I want most earnestly and sincerely to thank all members of the staff for the hard work and loyal cooperation they have given.

3. It was not an easy baby to deliver, but I am sure it is now a pretty healthy child.

4. In the years life of HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps, the organisation has expanded to the present house and accomodation, first from half a romm in YORKSHIRE HOUSE, the a room in YORKSHIRE HOUSE, and then from 3 or 4 rooms sub-divided at Corps HQ.

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CCRA 3 Aust Corps.

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Mob Met Flt.
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APPENDIX 9

HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
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3 Aust Corps (AIF)

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMAND

HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS

1. During the absence of the CCRA and G2 (Arty) from incl 28 Apr for approximately three weeks, the duties of these officers will be effected as follows:-

(i) Duties of CCRA - as affecting the command of 3 Aust Corps Artillery.

By Lt-Col F RICHARDSON (Comd 15 Aust Fd Regt)

(a) These duties will be limited to command of Field and Medium Regiments, Lt AA Regiments, 4 Aust Svy Bty, 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty, 12 Aust Arty Trg Bty, 3 Aust Corps School of Arty and No 4 Mob Met Flt.

(b) Lt-Col RICHARDSON will NOT initiate any new policy in regard to these units, but will ensure that the existing policy is maintained and supervised.

(c) Lt-Col F RICHARDSON is NOT required to live at RAA 3 Aust Corps; his duties, however, could be effected in accordance with a regular office timetable drawn up to allow of his attendance at this HQ at a specified time each day and on specific nights weekly.

(ii) Duties of CCRA - as affecting Artillery of 1 Aust Armd Div and 2 Aust Div and Coast and AA Artillery of Fixed Defences.

By BGS, 3 Aust Corps (as already arranged) through HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps and A/G2 (Arty) and SO Fixed Defences as applicable.

(iii) Duties of G2 (Arty) - By Capt G M NIALL

(a) Capt NIALL will refer various matters that arise to BGS or Lt-Col RICHARDSON as applicable.

(b) Capt NIALL will represent CCRA at GOC's weekly conferences.

2. During the absence of CCRA, NO changes affecting promotions or postings of officers will be made in units under command HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps.

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CCRA 3 Aust Corps.

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List "D" - one copy only to each addressee,
plus copy to Lt-Col RICHARDSON.

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HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS TRG INSTN NO. 15

TRAINING POLICY UP TO 30 JUN 43.

1. GENERAL POLICY.

General, tactical and technical training of units of Corps Arty up to 30 Jun 43 will be directed by Regimental Comds and, in addition to routine subjects normally covered, the following aspects will be stressed. As stated in this HQ 33B/1737 copies of training policy as laid down by Regimental Comds will be fwded to this HQ. Sufficient copies of this instn are issued for distribution to btys.

2. GUN DRILL AND LAYING - FD and MED REGTS.

(i) SIGHT TESTING will be practised regularly. This may well be covered by including a period on examination of eqpt at the commencement of each day's trg. The proceedure laid down in RATM (War) No 6 Sec 8 will be studied and practised.

(ii) MECHANISMS - INCLUDING STRIPPING AND ASSEMBLING OF EQPT.

This is necessary for combined ops trg, and even though covered at COTC, further and constant practice is required.

(iii) GUN DRILL TESTS.

The proceedure laid down in RATM (War) No 5 Sec 9 will be followed on all gun drill parades. Series should be designed to teach lessons in fire discipline. It is stressed that gun drill is to be regarded as a "drill", correct posns in action and smartness should be demanded.

(iv) LAYERS.

In each unit sufficient layers will be trained to qualification standard up to full WE plus 100% reserves. Layers already qualified will be tested once per month. Layers responsible for errors in laying at practice shoots will automatically lose their specialist pay unless good reasons exist to the contrary.

(v) AIMING POSTS.

These will be planted, as a matter of drill, every time guns are brought into action.

(vi) TRG OF NOS 1.

The general trg of Nos 1 in Bty Staff duties, particularly as applied to lines of fire and duties at Tp Comd post will be given consideration. The No. 1 is a senior NCO and his knowledge should NOT be restricted entirely to subjects affecting his limited employment as a No 1. Particularly is this applicable in the case of the potential offr type.

(vii) MISFIRE DRILL.

The misfire drill for all eqpts as laid down in Gun Drill books will be studied and constantly practiced on ALL gun drill parades.

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3. BTY STAFF AND SVY - FD AND MED REGTS.

(i) GENERAL TRG.

Specialists in this category should NOT be regarded purely as OPAs, GPOAs etc, but should also be given trg in gun drill, laying and mechanisms. All should be given work on the miniature range.

(ii) CONCENTRATION AND POSN CORRECTIONS.

These will ALWAYS be worked out, as a matter of drill, as soon as guns come into action, (unless the posn is known only to be occupied for a short time - approx 1 hour).

(iii) PARALLELISM.

More care will be given by GPOs to ensure that guns are always parallel on the zero line. The drill for checking zero line will be practiced. GPOs held responsible for errors in parallelism at shooting practices will be subject to reposting.

(iv) DUTIES OF OPAs.

The standard of OPAs is NOT good in some cases, and attention will be given to the trg of these pers in performing the following duties at the OP.

(a) He assists the OPO in silent registration and registration of the zone by shooting.

(b) He draws the panorama and records thereon, the results of registration and subsequent shooting.

(c) He checks any obvious errors in fire discipline or verbal slips made by OPO. He will ensure that orders as given by OPO are passed correctly to the gun posn and that "Through Sir" is reported.

(d) He is responsible for watching the zone or assisting OPO as directed. He should be familiar with all targets being engaged by OPO.

(e) He mans the OP if the OPO becomes a casualty and acts generally as relief for OPO.

4. ENGAGEMENT OF TARGETS, OBSERVATION OF FIRE, AND SHOOTING GENERALLY.

Based on recent manuals and on errors resulting from recent practices, the following aspects of this subject will be studied and practised.

(i) LINKING PROCEDURE as laid down in RATM (War) No 5 Sec 14. Accurate work at the gun posn will be insisted upon to ensure that linking is accurate at ALL times.

(ii) REGIMENTAL AND DIVISIONAL CONCENTRATIONS.

The procedure as laid down in RATM (War) No 6 Sec 2 will be adhered to.

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(iii) FIRE PLAN ORDERS as laid down in RATM (War) No 6 Sec 4 should be thoroughly understood and the procedure will be constantly practised as a matter of fire discipline.

(iv) QUICK BARRAGE.

The procedures laid down in RATM (War) No 4 Sec 1 and RATM (War) No 6 Sec 14 will be studied. To be effective, a quick barrage should be fired within one hour from the time of issue of orders.

(v) INDICATION AND RECOGNITION OF TARGETS.

(a) This is generally bad in all Regiments. The procedure outlined in 3 Aust Corps GS Instn No 36 will be rigidly followed. Switches and Clock hours will be accurately measured, and a guide point will always be given. This aspect will be practiced constantly until a high standard of precision is attained.

(b) The procedure outlined in RATM (War) No 6 Sec 3 for indication of targets in cooperation with inf will also be studied and practised thoroughly.

(vi) PRECISION.

It is stressed that the application of artillery fire is a PRECISE process. The gun and instruments used in shooting are capable of producing a precise result, and guesses and approximations will NOT be permitted. Particularly should this be stressed in connection with the following aspects:-

(a) PRECISION IN GUN DRILL. Smart, snappy and good rds of gun fire or Tp fire should be produced. Gun fire is too "ragged" at present.

(b) PRECISION IN LAYING. Fire on the ground should be accurate and errors in line or elevation must be eliminated.

(c) PRECISION IN LINE OF FIRE. Accuracy in parallelism and posn corrections is necessary.

(d) PRECISION IN SHOOTING. Opening line and range should never be more than 1° or 2° or 200 yds from the target, after the zone has been registered. Apex angles should be accurately measured, line factors should be accurately determined, and applied to switches. Gunnery knowledge generally should be accurately applied.

(e) PRECISION IN SYNCHRONISATION. The drill must be accurately followed and time checked back. In engaging tasks, ALL guns must fire together.

(vii) LINE.

(a) OPOs must ensure that the line to a target is correct before engaging at fire for effect. Small errors in range may be covered by the 100% length zone of the gun but the breadth zone is small and accordingly line must be exact.

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(b) Unless in the line BT, an OT round indicates that the line is incorrect. It therefore, must be corrected before effective fire can be brought on to the target.

(c) Correct procedure must be followed for bracketing for line when to a flank or for applying line factors to switches when in the line BT. OPOs must learn to visualise the line on the ground and practice in this will be obtained on the miniature range.

(viii) ENGAGEMENT OF TARGETS.

(a) ZONE REGISTRATION.

Where features exist in the zone, the FALL OF SHOT method of registration will NOT be employed, but tactical features will be selected and registered. A fall of shot registration, NOT on a tactical feature, is rarely of any subsequent use. The zone should be registered from front to rear (ie minimum safe range to maximum range) and from right to left. The time factor in zone registration should be considered.

(b) IMMEDIATE NEUTRALISATION TARGETS.

Section ranging with single elevations will always be used. The "round in the area" is a very dangerous and doubtful justification for going to fire for effect, and if ANY doubt exists the area must always be bracketed for line and elevation.

(c) TIME FACTOR.

OPOs require too much time for engagement of targets. Greater speed of thought and action is essential, as guns engaged on one target are obviously NOT available for other targets which may also require engagement. Attention is drawn to the standard times laid down in RATM (War) No 6 Sec 18.

(ix) FIRE DISCIPLINE.

(a) There is NO excuse for the many errors in fire discipline which occur at the OP. OPOs at this stage of trg must NOT make errors in sequence of orders or verbal slips (ie ordering "more" instead of "less"). "STOP" is used far too frequently and often when NOT necessary.

(b) OPAs must be alert and are responsible for checking any obvious errors in fire discipline or verbal slips on the part of the OPO (See also para 3 (iv)).

(x) APPRECIATION BY OPO.

Before engaging a target the OPO must obtain the following tactical infm from the Inf Comd.

(a) Accurate location of target or area - must be certain of this.

(b) Nature of target and accuracy of infm in respect of it, its tactical importance, and why it is to be engaged.

(c) Location of own fwd troops.

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(d) When and for how long fire required.

(e) Density of fire required.

(f) Inf plan.

The OPO can then decide whether the target can be effectively engaged and as a consequence considers the following technical factors:-

(a) Can guns engage the target considering the aspects of angle of descent, safety of own troops, if target is within zone, etc?

(b) Is amn available ?

(c) Are guns required for other tasks, or can they be allotted for the task required, and for the time required ?

(d) Is sufficient time available for registration or ranging, or other work required at the guns before opening fire?

If after consideration of the above, the task cannot be engaged, the OPO should if feasable and possible suggest an alternative plan.

Before opening fire the OPO MUST work out and know the following:-

(a) OT/BT factor or Apex Angle.

(b) Frontage of target in yards, and frontage of tp in yards. Thus he will decide whether it is a single gun, a sec, tp, or bty target.

(c) Posn of own tps on ground.

(d) Zero line on ground, and accurate estimation of line and range to target.

(e) 100% zone at range to target.

(f) Time of flight.

(g) Value of 100 yds, and 1^{0} at range to target.

(h) Ranging point and ranging plan.

(xi) CONDUCT OF TRG PRACTICE SHOOTS.

The following procedure will be followed in all practice shoots:-

(a) IG. The CO or 2 i/c will act as IG. He will indicate targets and generally supervise the conduct of shoots and give criticisms.

(b) The IG will indicate targets giving a sound tactical description to all offrs at the OP. He will then select a particular offr to give a guide point and nominate this offr to conduct the shoot.

(c) The OPO nominated will be given sufficient time to make an appreciation of the target. He will then give his tactical and technical appreciation on the lines indicated above. The IG will criticise the appreciation.

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(d) During the shoot, the OPO will give out observations and deductions before issuing subsequent orders.

(e) On completion of a shoot the IG only will criticise and draw lessons from shoot.

5. DEPLOYMENT - FD AND MED ARTY.

(i) Tp and Bty deployment only will be practiced during this period At least one Tp exercise and one Bty exercise of at least 24 hrs duration will be conducted per week.

(ii) STANDARD TIMES. All units should carry out tasks within the standard times laid down in RATM (War) No 4 Sec 18. In quick actions, the time taken to indicate the target should NOT be included. The Tp Comd or BC should be timed from the moment he commences to give his orders until one effective rd at "fire for effect", falls in the target area. The Tp or Bty WILL be on the move when orders are issued.

(iii) RELIEFS. During exercises, continuous manning will be followed. This necessitates consideration in the matter of reliefs in order to provide organised rest for all pers at OPs, Tp and Bty posns and WLs. For example, at an OP, the OPA should act as relief for OPO, and at a Tp Comd post the Tp leader or TSM, should act as relief for GPO. These details should be worked in all units. The hour at which reliefs commence depends on the tactical situation, and at times all pers should be on duty, provided that NO more than necessary are on duty at the same time.

6. OP LOGS.

(i) Arty OPs provide a valuable source of infm NOT only in respect of matters of purely arty interest but also of interest and assistance to other arms.

(ii) The OP log should contain a record of all observations made by the OPO. Items of immediate importance should, in addition, be reported to Bty CP and RHQ by the quickest available means.

(iii) OPs logs will be kept on the following pro forma.

OP LOG (PRO FORMA)

Map Reference ..... Visibility .....

OPO ..... Weather Conditions.....

Time manned .....

Date and Time.	Incident.	Comments and Deductions.	Action Taken.	Amn.

(iv) Two copies of OP log will be fwded to Bty CP daily, if the tactical situation permits. One will be retained by Bty CP and the other fwded to RHQ with the consolidated Bty log. A file copy should be retained at OP for infm of relieving OPO.

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(v) The following infm, will be recorded on the log:-

(a) Enemy movements.

(b) Progress of own tps.

(c) Localities from which enemy is offering resistance.

(d) Heavy or unusual hostile shelling.

(e) Hostile shelling reports.

(f) Exceptional air activity.
(g) Record of targets engaged, results and amn expended.
(h) Details of work on enemy defences

(vi) Practice in keeping OP logs, fwding them through Bty CP and collating infm at Bty CP and RHQ will be practised in all exercises.

7. TK A SHOOTING - FS REGTS ONLY.

The procedure outlined in RATM (War) 6 Sec 15 and Appx V will be studied and practised.

8. GENERAL TRG.

Particular attention will be paid to the following aspects:-

(i) PT and Unarmed Combat.

(ii) Assault Course. The course should be systematically designed to develop all muscles. The course at COTC is a good example of the type required.

(iii) Local Protection. Attention will be paid to provision of "prowler" guards, both in bivouacs and on exercises, as a protection against surprise raids or sabotage. This is essential at night.

(iv) Weapon Trg. All ranks must be trained to the standard of TOETS for the personal weapon with which they are armed. Arrangements should be made for Small Arms Range Practices for all pers so trained to be held under unit arrangements prior to 30 Jun 43, depending on SAA allotment unexpended within units.

(v) Care of Small Arms. Attention will be paid to the direction given in MGRA's Monthly Letter No 4 para 2 on this matter.

(vi) Use of Wireless.

(a) In all practices, a greater proportion of shoots from each tp will be conducted with wireless comm. Constant practice will be given in the use of wireless on the move and to effect orders for quick deployment.

(b) In particular, trg in netting and maintenance of wireless eqpt will be given.

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(vii) Concealment and Camflg. In the initial stage of the occupation of OPs, gun posns and WLs camflg is generally effective, but after posns have been occupied for a short time, considerations of camflg are frequently disregarded. Nets are allowed to lie on the ground, garnishing is knocked off and clothing and map boards etc, are allowed to lie in the open. In this connection it is advocated that cover be provided for all map boards. Camflg must ALWAYS be effective and precautions taken continually.

(viii) Smartness and Cleanliness.

(a) Particular attention will be paid to the general smartness and turnout of all ranks whether on leave or on duty. A soldierly bearing should be maintained at all times. Particular attention is drawn to 3 Aust Corps A59/2/1 of 19 Feb 43 on "Saluting".

(b) Personal Cleanliness and Hygiene needs further attention. The clothing of many men is dirty and torn and NOT washed regularly. Finger nails are dirty and in many cases it would appear that personal hygiene is being neglected.

(c) Behaviour on the Move. Pers being transported in vehs, whether in trg or not, through the Metropolitan area, should always be correctly dressed and well behaved. They should NOT be permitted to lounge all over the veh or call out to passers by. The Offrs or NCO in charge of each veh is responsible for the behaviour of pers in his veh, and reported acts in contravention of the above will be treated seriously.

9. TRG OF FD AND MED REGTS IN COOPERATION WITH LT AA ARTY.

(i) Fd and Med Regts will receive instn in cooperation with Lt AA Arty as outlined below in sequence shown:-

(ii) Lectures. Lectures on the following subject will be given to all offrs in Fd and Med Regt by Lt-Col KELSO or Maj DYER of 109 Aust Lt AA Regt.

(a) Organisation of Lt AA Regt, and characteristics of weapons generally.

(b) Procedure in mobile ops for :-

(i) Lt AA Defence of Gun and WL Areas.

(ii) Lt AA Defence of defiles and on the move.

(iii) Lt AA order of march.

(iii) TEWTS on the following lines will be attended by all Fd and Med Arty Offrs and by all Lt AA Arty Tp Comds and Det Comds from sub-units taking part:-

(a) The protection of Fd and Med Bty by a Lt AA Tp. One TEWT per week per Fd or Med Bty will be conducted.

(b) The protection of RHQ and Btys (whole Regt) by a Lt AA Bty. One TEWT per month for each Fd or Med Regt will be conducted.

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(iv) Combined Exercises. After above TEWTS have been completed, combined exercises will be conducted on the same basis as TEWTS. The following aspects will covered:-

(a) The protection of a Fd or Med Bty by a Lt AA tp.

(b) The protection of a Fd or Med Regt by a Lt AA Bty.

(v) Allocation of Lt AA Trg. The details of the above trg will be arranged direct between Comds of Fd and Med Regts and Comd 109 Aust Lt AA Regt. While undergoing trg in COTC, cooperation with Lt AA on the above lines will be suspended. Units will advise this HQ of details of lectures, TEWTS and exercises arranged.

10. TRG OF LT AA REGTS.

(i) Such aspects of general trg mentioned in this instn as are applicable to Lt AA Regts will be included in the trg conducted.

In addition, various aspects enumerated below will be covered.

(ii) Intensive specialist courses of trg will be conducted for:-

(a) Nos. 10.

(b) Nos. 7 and 8.

(c) Predictor Numbers.

(iii) Mobile Trg in cooperation with Fd and Med Regts for 109 Lt AA Regt only as set out in para 9 above.

(iv) Gun drill trg will be coordinated after courses in (ii) above to inculcate smartness in drill, knowledge of mechanism and equipment, (including misfire drill) and sound and quick appreciation of lead and clock hours in engagement of targets.

(v) Tk A laying practice, experiment and shooting.

11. 4 AUST SVY BTY.

(i) This unit will be engaged on the task of mapping in the JARRAHDALE area. Attention will be paid to those aspects of general trg mentioned in this instn which are applicable.

(ii) One hr per day will be devoted to this general trg.

2/3 AUST F SP BTY.

(i) Attention will be paid to those aspects of general trg which are applicable.

(ii) The procedure for Short Base Registration will be practised as laid down in R.TM (War) No 6 Para 17.

(iii) Normal deployment exercises and short base exercises will be carried out.

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13. 3 AUST CORPS MOBILE MT INSTRUCTIONAL UNIT.

Arrangements have been made for this unit to visit all units of Corps Arty During May, to inspect vehs and give lectures to offrs, NCOs and Drs. A detailed ininerary will be advised separately.

14. 3 AUST CORPS MOBILE CW TRG UNIT.

Arrangements have been made for this unit to visit all units of Corps Arty during May to assist in CW Trg, supervise instn given, and to inspect CW eqpt. A detailed itinerary will be advised separately.

15. CAMFLG COURSE.

Details of Camflg Course to be conducted shortly will be advised separately.

16. INT WORK.

IORA HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps will visit all units of Corps Arty during May and Jun to standardise Int procedure in all units. He will arrange the details of his visits direct with units.

D.A. Callister. Lt-Col.
GO Arty RAA 3 Aust Corps.

DISTRIBUTION.

List "D" on basis of one per Bty.
Less HQ RAA 1 Aust Armd Div.
HQ RAA 2 Aust Div.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Quote in reply

Headquarters RAA
3rd. Australian Corps (AIF)
4 May 43

WAR DIARY - HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS.

REPORT ON MAIN ACTIVITIES DURING APRIL 43.

1. LOCATION. 23 LAWLEY CRESCENT, MT LAWLEY, PERTH.

2. STRENGTHS AND STAFF.

As at 30 Apr 43 the strength of this HQ was as follows:-

	Strength.		War Establishment.	
HQ and office staff	5	18	5	19
CB Staff	3	9	3	9
Svy Staff	2	3	2	3
Signallers		6		6
	10	36	10	37
Attached	4	3.		

Being an increase of 1 officer on attached strength.

3. STAFF MOVEMENTS AND CHANGES.

(a) CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) and SO Arty [illegible] (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) proceeded to HOLDSWORTHY NSW where they will attend No. 2 Special Course for Senior Officers of RAA. This course will conclude at TOORBUL PT QUEENSLAND on 15 May 43, after which approval has been requested for CCRA to visit NEW GUINEA for about a fortnight.

(b) IORA (Capt R L RANKINE) was granted and took 14 days ARL in Eastern States during the month.

(c) May B W HARDIE (Fixed Defences / FREMANTLE) was attached as SO (Coast and AA).

4. CB STAFF.

Training was carried out at NORTHAM. No. 3 CB Clerks course was conducted at 3 Aust Corps School of Arty NORTHAM by the CB Staff.

5. SIGNALLERS.

Remained attached to Sigs 3 Aust Corps where they are carrying out useful training.

6. No. 4 MOB MET FLIGHT.

This unit is still located at HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps and is doing very satisfactory work in the production of Meteors and daily forecasts.

7. COMMAND CORPS ARTY.

(a) During absence of CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) Comd 15 Aust Fd Regt (Lt-Col F RICHARDSON) is administering Command in respect of Corps Arty units and BGS 3 Aust Corps (Brig W M ANDERSON) is administering command in respect to RAA 1 Aust Armd Div and RAA 2 Aust Div. Fuller details are contained in the diary.

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(b) 15 Aust Fd Regt and 4 Aust Svy Bty (ex 4 Aust Div) came under comd at 2400 hrs 3 Apr 43.

8. HQ CORPS ARTY SIG SEC.

Authority for the raising of this unit was received during March - due to a general shortage of sig reinforcements raising is proceeding slowly, and present strength is 16 against WE of 2 Offrs and 79 ORs.

9. TRAINING - CORPS UNITS.

(a) Fd and Med Regts.

Shooting was carried out during the month by

12 Aust A Fd Regt. (AIF)
15 Aust Fd Regt.
2 Aust Med Regt (AIF)

Shooting was generally not of a high standard and CBO RAA 3 Aust Corps (Maj R W HORSBURGH) was attached to 12 Aust A Fd Regt where he is carrying out a weeks intensive training in miniature ranging. Details of instructions issued are included in the diary.

(b) Lt AA Regts.

(i) Shooting was carried out by 109 Aust Lt AA Regt at WOODMANS POINT. Shooting was only fair - one excellent predictor shoot was seen. Practices were also conducted by 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt and 116 Aust Lt AA Regt (AIF).

(ii) RAA 3 Aust Corps Training Instruction No. 15 giving details of Training Policy up to 30 Jun 43 was issued.

10. CONCENTRATION CORPS ARTY.

Details of the movement in order to effect concentrations of Corps Arty and the reasons for this concentration are contained in Appx 3 and 7.

11. 3 AUST CORPS SCHOOL OF ARTY.

(a) The new CI (Maj W H J O HAWKINS) reported for duty on 11 Apr and took over duties from CBO 3 Aust Corps (Maj R W HORSBURGH) who has been acting CI pending the appointment and arrival of Maj HAWKINS.

(b) The following courses were held during Apr 43:-

(i) No. 2 Senior NCO's Gunnery Course.

(ii) No. 2 Tk A NCO's Course.

(iii) No. 3 Counter Battery Clerks Course.

12. INSPECTIONS.

During the month CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) inspected units of RAA 3 Aust Corps as under:-

(a) 2 Aust Med Regt (AIF) (CO Lt-Col M KIRSNER) was inspected on a ceremonial parade on 6 Apr 43. The CCRA was accompanied by SO Arty RAA (Lt-Col) F B McALISTER and the A/SCRA (Capt G D SOLOMON), and addressed the unit after the parade on which the steadiness turnout and general efficiency was most impressive.

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(b) 12 Aust A Fd Regt (AIF) (CO Lt-Col [illegible] B MINTER) was inspected on 20 Apr 43. The steadiness and marching were fair, but all ranks were dirty and NOT well turned out. CCRA was accompanied by SO Arty RAA (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) and SC(L) (Capt R BUCHANAN) on this inspection.

(c) 15 Aust Fd Regt (CO - Lt-Col F RICHARDSON) was inspected on 26 Apr 43 on MUNDIJONG OVAL. The ceremonial parade included a march past along the main street of MUNDIJONG, both turnout and marching being excellent. CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) addressed the regiment before the march past and complemented all ranks on turnout and general steadiness on parade. The CCRA was accompanied by SO Arty (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) and SC(L) (Capt R BUCHANAN) on this inspection.

F Richardson.
Lt-Col for Brig.
CCRA 3 Aust Corps. AOD

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APPENDIX 12

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (Unit)
(AIF)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
Brigadier *	1		
Lieut.-Colonels	2		
Majors	1		
Captains	5		
Lieutenants	1		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	10	—	—

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
T Brig	Nx 4	B E KLEIN	3 Aust	Yes	
T Lt-Col	NX 12323	F B McALISTER	do	yes	
do	VX 15703	T W SHORT	do	No	ARL
T Maj	VX 45523	R W HORSBURGH	do	No	School Northam
T Capt	VX 15732	A N WHITAKER	do	No	School Melbourne
do	VX 11040	K D J COVENTRY	do	No	Duty
do	NX 12462	R L RANKINE	do	No	ARL
do	Wx 921	L LUCAS	do	No	Duty
do	NX 27066	F J I LOWRIE	do	yes	
Lieut	NX 70557	C R WILSHIRE	do	yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
T Capt	VX 14469	G M NIALL	HQ 4 Aust Div	5/11/42	G2 (L)
do	WX 37669	R BUCHANAN	do	4/12/42	SC (L)
do	NX 102355	G D SOLOMON	do	4/2/43	A/SC

HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
(Unit.)

for [signature]
(Signature of Commander.)

Staff Capt. RAA 3 Aust Corps

3 Apr 43
(Date of Despatch.)

HQ 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (Unit) 3 Apr 1943 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	2		
Corporals	3		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	28		2
TOTALS	35	* —	* 2

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Clerk			
Gnr Dorney M	Clerk		
" Hung AH	Batman		
Morgan GR	do		

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

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

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Batman		1						
Motor Cyclist Orderlies		1						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		2						

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
Unit.

for [signature]
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 3 Apr

HQ 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

...../.....(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10/4/1943. HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (Unit)

W.E. 111/22/1. OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 37 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
			1	* Brigadier *	3 Aust Corps	1			
			2	Lieut.-Colonels					
			1	Majors					
			5	Captains					
			1	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
—	—	—	10			1			

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A.		10									10
E.(1)											
E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO ..... (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. ...../...../194.....

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

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HQ. RAA 3 Aust Corps (A/F) Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10 / 4 /1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T/Brig	NX 4	KLEIN	B E	CCRA	Yes		
T/Lt-Col	NX 12323	McALISTER	F B	G2	Yes		
do	VX 15703	SHORT	T W	Svy SO	No	ARL	
T/Maj	VX 45523	HORSBURGH	R W	CBO	No	School of Arty NORTHAM	
T/Capt	VX 15732	WHITAKER	A N	SC	No	School - Nor Staff	
"	VX 111040	COVENTRY	K D J	AILO	Yes		
"	NX 12462	RANKINE	R L	ID	No	ARL	
"	WX 921	LUCAS	L	A/CBO	No	School of Arty NORTHAM	
"	NX 27066	LOWRIE	F J I	"	~~No~~ Yes		
Lieut	NX 70557	WILSHIRE	C R	A Svy SO	yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
T Capt	VX 14469	G M NIALL	HQ RAA 4 Div	5/11/42	G2 (L)
do	WX 37669	R BUCHANAN	do	4/12/42	SC (L)
do	NX 102358	G D SOLOMON	do	27/3/43	A/SC

10 Apr 43
Date of Despatch

for Buchanan .....Capt.
Staff Capt, [illegible] Ops,
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

...../..... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10/4/1943. HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (Unit)

W.E. 111/22/1. OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 37 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.					
				W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
			1	Staff Sergeants					
			2	Sergeants					
			3	Corporals					
	7		23	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
2 *	7		30 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		30 *			*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		29		1				[redacted]	[redacted]		30
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To ..... (Unit) is Particularly Requested. ...../...../194....

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

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HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF) ..... Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 10/4/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				M/C Orderly	1	-	1
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks				Batman	10	9	1
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		*	*2

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

10 Apr 43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander ..... Capt.
Staff Capt, R A A 3 Aust Corps.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17 / 4 /194 5 HQ RAA 3 AUST C (Unit) (AIF)

W.E. 111 / 22/1 . OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 37 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
			1	* Brigadier *					
			2	Lieut.-Colonels					
			1	Majors					
			5	Captains					
			1	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
			10						

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
	A.		10									
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO ..... (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. ...../...../194.....

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

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H[illegible]AA 3 AUST CORPS (AIF) Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17/4/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T/Brig	NX4	KLEIN	B E	OCRA	Yes		
T/Lt-Col	NX12323	McALISTER	F B	G 2	Yes		
T/Lt-Col	VX15703	SHORT	T W	Svy SO	Yes		
T/Maj	VX45523	HORSBURGH	R W	OBO	No	Duty School Arty NORTHAM	
T/Capt	VX15732	WHITAKER	A N	SO	No	No 4 Staff School	
do	VX111040	COVENTRY	K D J	AILO	Yes		
do	NX12462	RANKINE	R L	IO	No	ARL	
do	WX921	LUCAS	L	A/OBO	No	Duty School Arty NORTHAM	
do	NX27066	LOWRIE	F J I	do	Yes		
Lieut	NX70557	WILSHIRE	C R	A/Svy SO	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
T/Capt	VX14469	G M NIALL	HQ RAA 4 AUST ARMD Div	5/11/42	
do	WX37869	R BUCHANAN	do	4/12/42	
do	NX102355	G D SOLOMON	do	27/3/43	

17 Apr 43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Capt.
Staff Capt, R A A 3 Aust. Corps,

a.w. 3m pads 2/43

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

...../..... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17/4/1943 HQ RAA 3 AUST (Unit) CPS (AIF)

W.E. 111/22/1. OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 37 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.					
				W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
			1	Staff Sergeants					
			2	Sergeants					
			3	Corporals					
	4		26	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
— *	4		33 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		32		1				[redacted]	[redacted]		33
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To ..... (Unit) is Particularly Requested. ...../...../194....

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

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HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS (AIF) ..... Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 17 / 4 /1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen	3	3	—	Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Batmen	10	9	1
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				M/c order lies	2	1	1
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks				Clerks	7	7	—
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Sigs	6	6	—
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Drivers	9	7	2
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	3		CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	37	*33	* 4

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

17 Apr 43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
Capt.
Staff Capt. R A A 3 Aust. Corps.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

...../.....(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24 4 3 /...../194 HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 111 22 1 /...../..... OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 37 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
			1	Brigadier*					
			2	*					
			1	Lieut.-Colonels					
			5	Majors					
			1	Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
			10						

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A.		10									10
E.(1)											
E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO .....(Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. ...../...../194.....

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

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HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS (AIF) *Unit*

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24 / 4 /43. **(Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)**

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number.	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
T/Brig	NX 4	KLEIN	B E	CCRA	Yes		
T/Lt-Col	NX12323	McALISTER	F B	G2	Yes		
do	VX15703	SHORT	T W	Svy SO	Yes		
T/Maj	VX45523	HORSBURGH	R W	CBO	No	Duty School of Arty	
T/Capt	VX111040	COVENTRY	K D J	AILO	Yes		
do	NX12462	RANKINE	R L	R I	No	ARL	
do	WX921	LUCAS	L	A/CBO	No	Duty School of Arty	
do	NX27066	LOWRIE	F J I	do	Yes		
Lieut	NX70557	WILSHIRE	C R	A/Svy SO	Yes		
~~Lieut~~Capt	VX15732	WHITAKER	E R	SO	No	School No. 4 Staff.	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
T/Capt	VX14469	G M NIALL	HQ RAA 1 Armd Div	5/11/42	
do	WX37669	R BUCHANAN	do	4/12/42	
do	NX402355	G D SOLOMON	do	27/3/43	

24 Apr 43
Date of Despatch

G. D. Solomon
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24/4/1943 HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 111/22/2. OFFRS. 10 O.R's. 37 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.					
				W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
			1	Staff Sergeants					
			2	Sergeants					
			3	Corporals					
				Troopers, Privates, etc.					
	3		27	Civilians counting as O.R.					
- *	3		34 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		33		1				[redacted]	[redacted]		34
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To ..... (Unit) is Particularly Requested. ...../...../194....

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

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HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS (A.I.F.) *Unit*

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 24/4/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen	3	3		Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Batmen	10	9	1
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				W/O Orderly	2	1	1
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks				Clerks	7	7	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Sigs	6	6	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Drivers	9	8	1
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	3		CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	37	34 *	3 *

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

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C.R. Solomons
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BBC NEWS 0645 H 6 MAY

TUNISIA - French and American troops in the North have pushed along the coast to within 10 miles of BIZERTA. American troops pushing forward from MATEUR are within 15 miles of the Port. Allied patrols are operating 6 miles North of TEBURBA. First Army still pressing forward towards TEBURBA destroying 17 tanks yesterday. In t he South the French have narrowed the ring around PONT DU FAHS and have cut the road to ENFIDAVILLE. The French are 3 miles E and SE, and 2 miles South of PONT DU FAHS. They have also made progress of several miles towards ~~towards~~ the highest mountain in TUNISIA (a peak in the ZAGHOUAN range). In the South the 8th Army's artillery has heavily bombarded enemy positions.

AIR - Last night DORTMUND was raided by the largest number of 4 engined planes to take part in a single attack. Nearly 1500 tons of bombs were dropped, four times weight of bombs dropped on COVENTRY. 40 of our planes lost. DORTMUND is the RUHR'S biggest centre after ESSEN. Typhoons and Spitfires attacked shipping and Locomotives.

MOSQUITOES- Details of De Havilland Mosquitoe released. Faster than a Spitfire more manoeuvrable than a Focke Wulfe 190. Can be used as a Bomber, Fighter, Intruder or Recce plane. As a fighter carries 4 Cannon, 4 MGs and all Germany is within ~~x~~ its range.

RUSSIAN - Activity centres in KUBAN where Russians increasing their pressure on NOVOROSSICK. Russians after heavy bombardment reported to be closing in from NE. Elsewhere Russians are massing Aircraft including thousands of British and American bombers. Flying Fortresses have made their appearance in Russia.

CHINA - Liberators attacked SALA on the Island of TAIWAN. IN addition Mitchells raided an airfield between HAIPHONG and ANNOI in INDO-CHINA.

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Lieut-General H. Gordon Bennett

General Officer Commanding 3 Australian Corps

GENERAL STAFF

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ADMINISTRATION

879. TRANSFER OF 11 AUST DETENTION BARRACK FROM FREMANTLE GAOL TO PARKESTON.

(a) The 11 Aust Detention Barrack will move from FREMANTLE GAOL to the Internment Camp, PARKESTON, at a date to be arranged. (Provisionally 10 May 43).

(b) From the 10 May 43 and until further directed the INTERNMENT CAMP, PARKESTON, will be known as the 11 AUST DETENTION BARRACK, PARKESTON.

(c) On and from Saturday, 8 May 43, a wing of the Fremantle Gaol with entrance from Hill Street will be taken over by the 5 Aust L of C Provost Coy under arrangements made by DAPM. These premises will, in future, be known as the PROVOST GUARD ROOM FREMANTLE.

(d) On and from 8 May 43, the following will be received by 5 Aust Pro Coy and accommodated in the Provost Guard Room, Fremantle :-

(i) Soldiers arrested in the Metropolitan Area and on remand to units.

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(ii) Soldiers on remand for trial by Courts Martial.

(iii) Soldiers awaiting promulgation of sentence of Courts Martial.

(iv) Soldiers under Sentence for transfer to 11 Aust Detention Barrack PARKESTON.

(v) Personnel of other Services and Allied Forces awaiting trial or under sentence for transfer to 11 Aust Detention Barrack, PARKESTON.

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(vi) Personnel arrested by Naval Authorities under provision of National Security Aliens Control Regulation 14A.

(vii) Such other personnel as may be determined from time to time.

(e) Soldiers under sentences of less than 21 day's detention will NOT be sent to the Provost Guard Room FREMANTLE for transfer to 11 Aust Detention Barrack, PARKESTON.

(f) Soldiers under sentence of 21 days or more detention will be escorted to the Provost Guard Room, FREMANTLE, under unit arrangements as heretofore.

(g) 5 Aust L of C Pro Coy will provide escorts for SUS received at Provost Guard Room, FREMANTLE, for transfer to 11 Aust Detention Barrack, PARKESTON. Transfers from Provost Guard Room, FREMANTLE, to 11 Aust Detention Barrack, PARKESTON, will be carried out by 5 Aust L of C Pro Coy bi-weekly.

(h) AMF personnel on discharge from 11 Aust Detention Barrack, PARKESTON, will be sent to Staging Camp, PARKESTON, for onward movement under draft conducting NCO to GDD CLAREMONT.

(i) OC 11 Aust Detention Barrack, PARKESTON, will notify the following regarding personnel for discharge from 11 Aust Detention Barrack :-

(i) Camp Staff Officer, Staging Camp, PARKESTON (in respect of AMF personnel).

(ii) NCO I/C Provost, KALGOORLIE (in respect of AMF personnel).

The fostering of AMF personnel discharged from 11 Aust Detention Barrack, PARKESTON, during the period of accommodation at Staging Camp, PARKESTON, from time of discharge until taken over by draft conducting NCO will be the responsibility of 5 L of C Pro Coy, under arrangements made by DAPM, W Aust L of C Area.

W G Cavan Duffy Maj Brig
for DA & QMG