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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	1 Jul 43		CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) accompanied by SO Arty (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) visited 12 Aust A Fd Regt, HOPE VALLEY, and inspected training. The training, smartness and general turnout was most impressive.	
			Having inspected the training of the two field regiments and the medium regiment of the Corps, it is considered that, on the work seen to date, the most advanced regt would be 12 Aust A Fd Regt, with 2 Aust Med Regt second, and 15 Aust Fd Regt third.	AUG 7 0 1943
	2 Jul 43.	(a)	RE-ALLOTMENT OF LT AA. - consequent on the movement of 8 Aust Lt AA Bty, HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps Op Instruction No 24 was issued covering the re-allocation of Lt AA. 2 Troops of 152 Aust Lt AA Bty, 109 Aust Lt AA Regt, to move to GERALDTON AIRFIELD on 5 JUL 43 and relieve 8 Aust Lt AA Bty on 7 JUL 43.	Appendix 1
		(b)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) conferred with Command 12 Aust A Fd Regt,	

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	2 Jul 43 (Con't)		(Lt-Col B MINTER), Command 15 Aust Fd Regt (Lt-Col F RICHARDSON) re the replacement of Maj CAMPBELL, 15 Aust Fd Regt, who has broken his leg and will be incapacitated for some time. It was agreed to post Capt A L GULLEY, 12 Aust A Fd Regt, who is at present seconded as OC 12 Aust Arty Trg Bty to 15 Aust Fd Regt as BC 23 Fd Bty in place of Maj CAMPBELL, and to replace Capt A L GULLEY at 12 Aust Arty Trg Bty by Capt J C KING of 12 Aust A Fd Regt.	
	3 Jul 43.		(a) RE-ALLOCATION OF LT AA - RAA 3 Aust Corps Administrion Instruction No 10 (issued in conjunction with operation Instruction No 24 of 2 Jul) was issued in respect of relief of 8 Aust Lt AA Bty, PEARCE AIRFIELD by 2 Troops, 109 Aust Lt AA Regt.	Appendix 2
			(b) CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) interviewed CAAD Fremantle (Lt-Col J S YOUNG) re the promotion of Capt K G NICHOLSON (AA Gp, Fremantle) to Major, in the posting of 2 i/c HQ AA Gp, Fremantle and to discuss the objections raised by Capt H J A FORD, in reference to his supersession. It was arranged that CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) interview Capt FORD at a later date. (Capt FORD was subsequently interviewed on the 4th Jul - his objections being overruled).	
	4 Jul 43.		(a) A conference was held of representatives from Corps Artillery Units to discuss the question of the proposal to hold 'A Corps Artillery Officers Ball' It was decided that a ball would be held, the date to be as near as possible to Artillery Sunday (Aug 8). A committee was formed and arrangements are proceeding.	
			(b) The initial conference of umpires for the forthcoming Corps Artillery Regimental Exercises, was held. Details, duties etc were promulgated and arrangements made for a reconnaisance to	Appendix 3

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	4 Jul 43 (Cont'd)		be carried out on the ground on 5 JUL.	
	5 Jul 43.		(a) CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) and staff HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps, carried out a recconaisance of the area for the Regimental Exercise, QUINDANNING-WILLIAMS locality, in order to ensure that all umpires were thoroughly in the picture and to test, over the actual course, all details of the exercise. The 'preview', in spite of rain, was quite satisfactory. The amendments made on the ground, and the instruction given to umpires, should ensurea successful exercise.	
	6 Jul 43.		(a) MOVEMENT OF 4 AUST SURVEY BTY. RAA 3 Aust Corps Operation Instruction No 25 was issued, covering the movement of the 4 Aust Survey Bty from JARRAHDALE Area to NORTHAM Camp on 8 Jul 43. On arrival 4 Aust Svy Bty will carry out mapping tasks in the NORTHAM Area as directed by DAD (Svy)(Maj A EWING).	Appendix 4
			(b) CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) attended GOC's weekly Staff Conference The proposed movement of an AA Searchlight Bty to EXMOUTH GULF was discussed, and arrangements were finalised for its movement to EXMOUTH GULF in two flights. The FIRST FLIGHT to be an operational flight of minimum personnel and equipment, to be moved forthwith. The SECOND FLIGHT, consisting of remaining personnel and equipment to be moved at a later date, dependent upon the availability of transport.	
			(c) The siting of the DOME AA TRAINER on University endowed land at BUCKLAND HILL was raised, and Comd WA L of C is clarifying the matter.	
			(d) Capt D G RICHARDSON, 15 Aust Fd Regt, for whom application had been submitted for Court Martial, was dealt with summarily by CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN), this being necessary, as relevent witnesses were NO longer available.	

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	7 Jul 43	(a)	SO (Arty) (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) carried out reconnaissance in the WELLINGTON DAM Area where it is hoped to establish a Jungle Artillery Range to be used in the training of Artillery Units in Jungle Warfare. BENGER swamp area was thoroughly inspected and was NOT considered entirely suitable. Arrangements were made for a further reconnaissance to be made in the area SOUTH SE of COLLIE.	
		(b)	CBO (Maj R W HORSBURGH) and SO Arty (L) Capt G M NIALL attended Lt AA Shoot carried out by 109 Aust Lt AA Regt NAVAL BASE Area.	
	8 Jul 43	(a)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) conferred with CRA 2 Aust Div (L G DYKE) and DMRA 2 Aust Div (Maj A McPHERSON) relative to Arty problems arising in 2 Aust Div. Action was taken to assist in the various technical matters arising.	
		(b)	Following a request from MGRAs Branch LHQ a return was submitted showing position of prospective 2 i/c's Lt AA and the CCRA's desires re 2 i/c's 109 - 116 - 121 Aust Lt AA Regts. which were (i) Maj DYER to remain 2 i/c 109/102 Regt. (ii) Maj DAVIS to be 2 i/c 116 Aust Lt AA Regt. (iii) Maj WILLIS to be 2 i/c 121 Aust Lt AA Regt (subject to concurrance GOC 1 Aust Armd Div).	
		(c)	G2 (I) 3 Aust Corps (Maj SELLARS) called and discussed with CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) Intelligence Section Personnel.	
		(d)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) proceeded to 3 Aust Corps School of Arty NORTHAM late in the afternoon and remained night preparatory to attending the Range Practice to be held 9 July.	

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	9 Jul 43	(a)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) attended Shooting at conclusion of the current CPOs and GPOs course. A demonstration of "Short Base Registration" and the firing of smoke were given in conjunction with the practice.	
		(b)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) contacted Brig-Gen A J BESSELL-BROWNE and offered any assistance which could be given in Brig B E KLEINs' capacity as CCRA in relation to "ARTILLERY SUNDAY". A ceremonial Service usually held at GUILDFORD to commemorate Artillery Comrades of the past.	
	10 Jul 43.		CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) inspected 8 Aust Lt AA Bty 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt MELVILLE Camp. CCRA was accompanied by AILO (Capt K D J COVENTRY) while comd 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt(Lt-Col RHODEN) and Lt-Col STOKES (who commanded 8 Aust Lt AA Bty in TOBRUK) were also present. CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) congratulated the Bty on its record, turnout and work done while under command HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps and hoped that in the Btys new role as an airborne AA Bty they would further add to their very excellent record.	
	11. Jul 43		1st Regimental Exercise commended - Unit being 15 Aust Fd Regt with Lt AA Bty under command. CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) proceeded WILLIAMS Area and established HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps Tactical HQ for the conduct of the exercise. 15 Aust Fd Regt March Discipline and Bivouac arrangements for the first day of the exercise were inspected. March Discipline was NOT good - lookouts were bad - intervals and speeds were NOT maintained. Lt AA handling was weak and the Lt AA Arty never came into action during halts. The bivouac organization was fair - 23 Aust Fd Bty overshot its dispersal point and caused a column hold up.	

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	11 Jul 43		NO Lt AA protection was provided for the dispersal point. An umpires conference was held in the evening following which a brief criticism was delivered to Sub-unit commanders by CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN).	
	12 Jul 43	(a)	EXERCISE - 15 Aust Fd Regt moved out at 0600 hrs commencing ~~with quick troop deployment followed by Bty deployment~~ and on 13 July culminating in Regt deployment and the Regt in continuous support.	
		(b)	Advice was received the 2/8 Aust Lt AA Bty (Airborne) would ~~move to EASTERN STATES on 24 and 31 Jul. 106 personnel on 24th.~~ Balance of Bty plus surplus personnel from 2/7 Aust Lt AA Bty on 31 Jul.	
	13 Jul 43	(a)	Regt exercise culminated in shooting at ROCKINGHAM where 15 Aust Fd Regt carried out some very good Bty and Regt shooting. The shooting was unfortunately slightly marred by a ~~number of "loose" rounds due to back laying and incorrect~~ lines of fire. One aspect of Regt shooting found was the difficulty of obtaining accurate synchronization of watches in order to avoid a "ripple". In this respect a great improvement was noticed by the end of the days shooting.	
		(b)	~~At the conclusion of the exercise a brief resume of the weak~~nesses found was given to all officers by CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) These weaknesses were summarized under four headings:- (i) Lack of Battle-sense ie The need for dispersal, track discipline and plans, camouflage and concealment. (ii) Lack of keenness and interest of ORs when not kept in the picture of what was happening.	

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	13 Jul 43		(iii) Lack of commonsense eg. Laying of cables all together thus getting induction - Not taking advantage of cover 100 yds away - driving into obvious boggy areas etc.	
			(iv) Lack of organization, command and forward thinking on the part of Junior Officers due presumably to lack of experience.	
	14 Jul 43		Following the consolidation of umpires reports on the exercise a paper was produced for issue to the Regt Commander setting out in detail the faults and weaknesses shown. This paper will form the basis of the Regts training during the forthcoming month with the object of overcoming such errors and mistakes as did occur.	
	16 Jul 43	(a)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) interviewed Senior Chaplain DAWS (ex 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt) who is now being posted to 102 Aust Composite Regt. Later Comd 109 Aust Lt AA Regt (Lt-Col P W KELSO) was interviewed on the result of his inspection of EXMOUTH GULF AA Defences and acting on his advice it was recommended to 3 Aust Corps that an AADC be appointed for EXMOUTH GULF.	
		(b)	Comd 15 Aust Fd Regt (Lt-Col F RICHARDSON) called and discussed the exercise in general with CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN).	
	17 Jul 43	(a)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) interviewed Lt-Col RHODEN (ex Comd 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt) who is at present attached to HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps pending the formation of 102 Aust Composite Regt which presumably he will command.	
		(b)	Comd 19 Aust Grn Bn GERALDTON (Lt-Col L LEFROY) called on CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) and discussed the 4" USN Naval Guns at GERALDTON.	

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	18 Jul 43		The second regimental exercise commenced - 12 Aust A Fd Regt 173 Aust Lt AA Bty taking part. On this exercise there was also a detachment from Wkshops AEME 3 Aust Corps representing an Independent Bde Gp workshops while AASC 3 Aust Corps arranged to deliver soft rations into the exercise area; this allowed units to supply men with hot cooked meals for practically every meal and was greatly appreciated by those taking part. During the first day units moved from bivouac sites in the HOPE VALLEY and BIBRA LAKE area approximately 100 miles to bivouac approximately 14 miles NORTH of WILLIAMS. Ground Straffing was carried out by the airforce during this move. Weather throughout the exercise was fine, in contrast to the previous regt exercise when it rained practically continuously. Nights however were very cold. This first days work went very well indeed.	
	19 Jul 43		On the second day of the exercise units deployed and "fought" an enemy along the WILLIAMS QUINDANNING road. The day started of extremely well, however, Regt control did NOT work satisfactorily and during the afternoon the situation got out of control when guaranteed fire was late and the infantry were forced to attack without arty support. Air cooperation was again excellent -planes coming over during both morning and afternoon and carrying out dive bombing and ground straffing attacks against gun positions, MT and Bofors AA Guns.	
	20 Jul 43		Second Regt exercise continued the Regt fighting on to QUINDANNING and then moving on to ROCKINGHAM Range, where positions were occupied at night prior to shooting on the following morning.	

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PERTH	21 Jul	(i)	Shooting was carried out at ROCKINGHAM Range by 12 Aust A Fd Regt - the standard of shooting was remarkably good and was witnessed by the GOC 3 Aust Corps (Lt-Gen H G BENNETT), BGS 3 Aust Corps (Brig R H NIMMO) and other staff officers. At the conclusion of the exercise CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) addressed all officers at the ROCKINGHAM Hotel and pointed out errors etc which occurred during the exercise together with details of lessons to be learned.	
	23 Jul	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) interviewed Comd 12 Aust A Fd Regt (Lt-Col B MINTER) and discussed with him certain unsatisfactory aspects of the handling of his regiment during the recent exercise.	
		(ii)	Brig-General BESSELL-BROWN (Retired) called and discussed "ARTILLERY SUNDAY" - Aug 8 - with CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) who offered to assist him in any direction required. Consequent on this discussion arrangements were made for a detachment consisting of representatives from all Corps Arty units under the command of CBO RAA 3 Aust Corps (Maj R W HORSBURGH) to take part in a Parade to be held at St Matthews Church, GUILDFORD.	
		(iii)	CAAD (FREMANTLE) (Lt-Col J S YOUNG) and Comd 109 Aust Lt AA Regt (Lt-Col P W KELSO) were interviewed by CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) relative to the postings of AA officers and the advisability of retaining certain officers in certain appointments.	

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PERTH	23 Jul	(iv)	Comd 15 Aust Fd Regt (Lt-Col F RICHARDSON) was consulted re Lieut REILLY, 15 Aust Fd Regt, whose work and showing on the recent exercise was unsatisfactory. This officer was subsequently acquainted with the various reports submitted upon him by umpires and was asked to show cause why his ~~commission should NOT be cancelled~~.	
		(v)	It is noted that 22 Jul marks the anniversary of the formation of AA Gp FREMANTLE. During this period the AA Defences in this area have grown from four gun stations to twelve stations - this figure including the GARDEN ISLAND-COCKBURN SOUND Project and EXMOUTH GULF.	
	24 Jul	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) conferred with BGS 3 Aust Corps (Brig R H NIMMO) relative to the fact that Coast Artillery commitments were being referred to HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps for implementation. It was suggested by CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) that Coast Artillery is under command 3 Aust Corps NOT HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps and that the CCRA functions as the technical adviser to GOC. It was accordingly recommended that on advice or recommendations being accepted by GOC 3 Aust Corps (Lt-Gen HG BENNETT) that "G" Staff 3 Aust Corps should implement.	

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PERTH	24 Jul	(ii)	Svy SO (Lt-Col T W SHORT) returned ex duty at LHQ where he has been demonstrating the operation of the "Ewing Sun Compass". This instrument is an astronomical attachment which when fitted to the Artillery Director enables azimuth to be obtained quickly and accurately. The attachment has been accepted by LHQ and will be manufactured.	
	25 Jul	(i)	The third regimental exercise, with 2 Aust Med Regt (AIF) 22 Aust Fd Bty (15 Aust Fd Regt), 150 Aust Lt AA Bty (116 Aust Lt AA Regt), 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty taking part, commenced. The first day covered a road movement to the WILLIAMS Area (approx 100 miles) and the establishment of a tactical Bivouac. The convoy was most disappointing, the standard was very poor and at midday it was necessary for the CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) to direct the Regimental Commander to stop the convoy and regain control. At that stage the convoy was spread over 40 miles (instead of 16) and 6" Hows were being driven at excessive speeds, There appeared to be no lookouts or traffic control. Dispersion and concealment at halts was bad and there were many excessive gaps within Btys with a gap of 18 miles between 5 and 6 Btys The occupation of the bivouac was not well done and resulted in overcrowding and lack of dispersion between vehicles. The weather on the first day was fine and sunny in the morning, deteriorating to rain in the afternoon.	

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PERTH	26 Jul	(i)	The regimental exercise incorporating Bty and then Regtl deployment continued. Heavy rain fell during the night 25/26 and at intervals during the day, resulting in extra difficulties being encountered, i e bogging of guns and vehicles.	
		(ii)	Lt-Col J W RHODEN (att HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps) and AILO (Capt K D J COVENTRY) attended an AIR SUPPORT CONTROL Demonstration at ROCKINGHAM - The demonstration which included bombing by Beauforts and dive bombing and straffing by Wirraways and Vultee Vengeances, was marred to a certain extent by inclement weather.	
	28 Jul	(i)	Following movement to ROCKINGHAM Range, 2 Aust Med Regt carried out shooting practice incorporating Bty and Regtl barrages and concentrations and Bty and Tp shoots. Generally the technical efficiency was good although offrs were inexperienced.	
	29 Jul	(i)	The regimental exercise concluded on 28 Jul. It was disappointing. The regiment lacks battle sense and the need of applying technical arty efficiency to tactical requirements. Tactically the exercise failed, although technically there were many pleasing aspects. The officers generally are weak - orders were poor, indecisive and not complete. Prior to the close of the exercise the CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) spoke to all officers of the regiment and told them of their weaknesses and errors.	

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PERTH	30 Jul	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) interviewed Comd 2 Aust Med Regt (Lt-Col M KIRSNER) and explained mistakes and errors made during the recent exercise of the regiment. Lt-Col KIRSNER was given a written review of his weaknesses and instructed to take steps to improve his general handling and control of the regiment. Written details of the main weaknesses in the regiment and errors made during the recent exercise were also supplied to Lt-Col KIRSNER and he was directed to base the ensuing month's training on them.	Rpt. Rpt.
		(ii)	As a result of the three regimental exercises which have been held it is apparent that the tactical background possessed by officers especially as regards infantry tactics and dispositions is very poor, accordingly arrangements have been made for all Senior Corps Arty officers to attend an infantry course at 3 Aust Corps School, HARVEY, with the object of improving their tactical knowledge.	Rpt.
		(iii)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) addressed the PERTH ROTARY CLUB and spoke on "Our Enemies the JAPANESE"	Rpt.
	31 Jul	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) discussed with CSO (Col McKINLEY) (a) the necessity for an extra telephone at HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps. At present only three extensions are provided and it is considered that a fourth is necessary under the present conditions.	Rpt.
			(b) The replacing of the Sig Officer 2 Aust Med Regt (Capt SAVAGE) as a result of the recent regimental exercise.	Rpt.

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PERTH	31 Jul		(c) The request of CCA FREMANTLE (Col R R SMITH) for the laying of a line from Local Defence HQ to Gun operations room. This request is in contradiction to the recent order to CCA that the site selected by him as LDHQ was not to be used and CSO was advised accordingly.	
		(iii)	A comparison between the locations as shown by 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty and the actual locations of the guns of 2 Aust Med Regt at ROCKINGHAM on 28 Jul was made. The results of the 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty were shown to be very unsatisfactory. The Svy SO (Lt-Col T W SHORT) was accordingly instructed to arrange for intensive long base F Sp exercises to be carried out by 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty forthwith. The exercises to cover both day and night operations.	
		(iv)	The following are attached:-	
			~~1. CCRA's Monthly Letter to MGRA~~	~~Appendix 5~~
			2. Monthly revision of activities by Comd.	Appendix 6
			3. Field Returns issued on first Saturday of month.	Appendix 7

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APPENDIX I

S E C R E T.

HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
2 Jul 43

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HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS OP INSTN NO. 24.

RE-ALLOCATION OF LT AA.

1. MOVEMENT OF 8 AUST LT AA BTY.

In accordance with instns issued by this HQ Adm Instn No. 10, 8 Aust Lt AA Bty will be relieved of Lt AA defence of PEARCE airfield and will concentrate in MELVILLE camp.

2. ALLOCATION AND ROLE.

Consequent on movement of 8 Aust Lt AA Bty, 109 Aust Lt AA Regt will be responsible for Lt AA defence of PEARCE airfield. Accordingly two (2) tps 152 Aust Lt AA Bty will move to PEARCE airfield on 5 Jul and will relieve 8 Aust Lt AA Bty on 7 Jul 43.

3. COMD.

Senior Lt AA offr will act as Comd Lt AA defences PEARCE airfield.

4. GUN DENSITY CHARTS.

Amended gun density charts will be fwded to this HQ by 11 Jul 43.

5. ACK

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HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
3 Jul 43

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HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS ADM INSTN NO. 10.

RE-ALLOCATION OF LT AA.

(Issued in conjunction with RAA 3 Aust Corps Op Instn No. 24 and 3 Aust Corps A184/21/2 and A184/21/3 of 1 Jul 43).

MOVEMENT.

(i) Two tps 152 Bty 109 Aust Lt AA Regt will move from NAVAL BASE to PEARCE on 5 Jul 43.

(ii) 8 Bty 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt will move from PEARCE to MELVILLE Camp on 7 Jul 43.

(iii) RHQ 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt less CO will move from BERKSHIRE VALLEY on 12 Jul under instns from 3 Aust Corps.

(iv) Detailed instns for above moves will be issued later.

2. RE-ALLOCATION OF PERS.

(i) HQ 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt (less CO) will be transferred to HQ 121 Aust Lt AA Regt.

(ii) CO 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt will be temporarily attached to HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps.

(iii) 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt will select in accordance with WEIII/27C/2 7 offrs and 137 ORs to be known as 2/8 Aust Lt AA Bty (Airborne).

(iv) "C" Troop 8 Aust Lt AA Bty (less offrs) will be transferred to 109 Aust Lt AA Regt.

(v) Remainder of 8 Aust Lt AA Bty on completion of (iii) and (iv), above will be transferred to 109 Aust Lt AA Regt.

(vi) Above transfers to be completed by 9 Jul 43.

(vii) Personnel transferred to 109 Aust Lt AA Regt will be carried supernumerary to WE if necessary.

(viii) Nominal roll of these supernumerary personnel will be forwarded by 109 Aust Lt AA Regt to HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps by 12 Jul 43.

(ix) Particulars of officers transferred or reposted in accordance this instruction will be forwarded to HQ RAA as soon as possible.

(x) 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt Sig Sec will be attached temporarily to 109 Aust Lt AA Regt from 12 Jul. Movement Instns will be issued later.

EQPT.

(i) Personal arms and eqpt will be carried.

(ii) Unit eqpt of HQ 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt will be transferred to HQ 121 Aust Lt AA Regt in accordance with GRO 011/43.

(iii) Unit eqpt of 8 Aust Lt AA Bty will be disposed under arrangements DADOS Corps Troops.

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4. STATIONERY SUPPLIES AND PUBLICATIONS.

All office requisites typewriters and unused stationery will be transferred by HQ 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt to HQ 121 Aust Lt AA Regt.

CORRESPONDENCE AND RECORDS.

Immediate action will be taken to finalize all outstanding correspondence. Files will be dealt with in accordance with GRO 2216/43 and FSR Vol 1 Sec 171 (3).

6. ACCOUNTS.

Unit accounts will be closed and all outstanding paid.

7. REGIMENTAL FUNDS.

Balance to the credit of regimental funds will be divided on a per capita basis between:-

HQ 121 Aust Lt AA Regt.
2/8 Aust Lt AA Bty (Airborne).
7 Aust Lt AA Bty.
109 Aust Lt AA Regt (personnel in 2 (iv and v).

8. FINALIZATION.

(i) CO 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt will be responsible for the completion of unit records to the satisfaction of WA L of C Area Records and accounts offices.

(ii) Action complete will be advised to this HQ at the earliest date but NOT later than 14 Jul 43.

9. RATIONS.

(i) Two troops 152 Bty will draw rations and POL from DID MIDLAND JUNCTION.

(ii) 8 Bty 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt will draw rations and POL from DID MELVILLE.

10. MEDICAL.

(i) Two troops 152 Bty - RAAF PEARCE.

(ii) 8 Aust Lt AA Bty - 37 Camp Hospital MELVILLE thence to 110 AGH HOLLYWOOD.

11. ACK.

K Buchanan Capt.
SC Arty RAA 3 Aust Corps.

DISTRIBUTION.	COPY NO.
2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt	1 - 2.
109 Aust Lt AA Regt (AIF)	3 - 4.
GCRA	5.
SC Arty	6.
SC Arty	7.
3 Aust Corps (copies for BGS, DA&QMG)	8 - 10.
WA L of C Area	11.
4 Aust Movt Control Gp	12.
War Diary	13 - 14.
File	15.

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APPENDIX 3

War Diary

HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
3 Jul 43

RAA 3 AUST CORPS EXERCISE.

PAPER NO. 1 - GENERAL AND ADM INSTN.

Ref Maps PINJARRA 4 miles = 1".
COLLIE 4 miles = 1".

OBJECT.

To exercise Fd and Med Regts, and Lt AA Btys of RAA 3 Aust Corps in the following:-

(i) Tactical movement by rd, and establishment of tactical bivouac.

(ii) Fd Arty in the approach march.

(iii) Quick deployment of tp and bty in sp of attack.

(iv) Deployment of regt in sp of attack.

(v) Provision of continuous fire sp.

(vi) Preparation of fire plans in defence and in sp of an attack.

(vii) Employment of Lt AA in mobile role.

2. DIRECTION.

(i) The exercise will be directed by HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps. The Directing Staff will establish an office in the fd to represent an Inf Bde HQ, with which fd or med regts are cooperating.

(ii) The following is the detail of Directing Staff and Umpires:-

Director	Brig B H KLEIN		
Directing Staff	Lt-Col F B McALISTER.		
	Maj R W MORSBURGH.		
	Capt R L RANKINE.		
Umpires	Maj W H J O HAWKINS.		
	Capt L LUCAS.		
	Capt G M NIALL		
	Capt K D J COVENTRY.		OPs and Gun posns as detailed separately.
	Capt A L GULLEY		
	Capt F J I LOWRIE		
	..		
	Capt R BUCHANAN		A & Q work in regts.
	Capt J R LENEHAN		
	Lieut C R WILSHIRE		Regtl Svy.
	Maj L DAVIS		Lt AA.

Offr to be detailed by CSO : Regtl Sig Offr.

" " " " " DDME : LAD

" " " " " DDMS : Medical

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3. UNITS ENGAGED.

(i) Fd and Med Regts and Lt AA Btys of RAA 3 Aust Corps will carry out the exercise in accordance with the following tentative dates:-

	15 Aust Fd Regt.	12 Aust A Fd Regt.	2 Aust Med Regt.
	150 Aust Lt AA Bty.	173 Aust Lt AA Bty.	173 Aust Lt AA Bty.
Exercise incl shooting practice.	11 - 14 Jul.	18 - 21 Jul.	25 - 28 Jul.

(ii) At completion of exercise, units will move to ROCKINGHAM arty range for shooting practice, instns for which will be issued separately.

4. ADM.

(i) Units participating will draw hard rations for three days for consumption during the exercise. Regts will also be responsible for rationing directing staff and umpires.

(ii) POL: Units will carry sufficient POL for 350 miles for all vehs.

(iii) Rec: Actual veh casualties will be recovered independant of the exercise to 1st Echelon - Unit Responsibility.
2nd Echelon - 120 Independant Bde Gp Wkshop, BELLEVUE.

(iv) Medical: Actual casualties will be evacuated from unit RAPs direct to CCS BLACKBOY.

(v) Speed Limits:

(a) Speed limits as laid down in 3 Aust Corps AQ 30 of 28 Jun 43 will be observed during exercise, and unit instns will be issued accordingly.

(b) Where bridges with a classification less than that of the veh are encountered, speeds over the bridge will NOT exceed 5 mph. Only one such veh will cross these bridges at a time.

(vi) Carriers: These vehs will NOT be taken on the exercise.

(vii) Amn: WE and practice amn, will be carried only in trailers, remainder will be dumped in unit lines.

(viii) Maps: Units will draw from IORA prior to D1, the following maps on a scale of 1 per offr plus 10 spares per regt.

PINJARRA 4 miles = 1".
COLLIE 4 miles = 1".

(ix) Use of Private Property.

(a) Permission to use private property has been obtained from owners who will be contacted by umpires before tps move into area.

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(b) Unit claimsoffrs will visit and obtain clearance prior to departure from the area.

(c) Gates will be used wherever possible and will be closed after entry or exit. Fences, if cut, will be picqueted and repaired before leaving the area.

(d) Gun pits and slit trenches will NOT be dug.

(e) Stock (ewes and lambs) will be disturbed as little as possible.

5. INTERCOMN.

(i) Wireless and line comn is being established by 3 Aust Corps Sigs for comn between DS (Bde) HQ and RHQ.

(ii) All messages in connection with the exercise will be prefaced by the word "Exercise".

(iii) During the exercise actual dates will NOT be used, days being referred to as D1, D2 etc. The exercise will commence on D4.

Lt-Col.
SO Arty RAA 3 Aust Corps.

DISTRIBUTION.

12 Aust A Fd Regt (AIF)	5	
15 Aust Fd Regt (AIF)	5	
2 Aust Med Regt (AIF)	4	
109 Aust Lt AA Regt (AIF)	2	(one for 150 Bty).
116 Aust Lt AA Regt (AIF)	2	(one for 173 Bty).
Directing Staff	6	
Umpires	12	
3 Aust Corps	3	
File (HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps)	1	
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Mar Diary

RAA 3 AUST CORPS EXERCISE

PAPER NO 2

OPENING SITUATION AND [illegible] OF B.

1. OPENING SITUATION

Infm in regard to the opening situation is shown in the following sitreps :-

(i) SITREP No 1

To .....Regt .....Lt AA Regt All units under comd.
From 51 INF BDE IX1 D1

"EXERCISE (.) WESTERN ZONE (.) D1 (.) AIR FORCE PATROLS REPORT JAP CONVOY WITH NAVAL ESCORT STEAMING SE 300 MILES WEST OF GERALDTON AT 1000/H (.) CONVOY ESTIMATED TO CARRY ONE DIVISION (.) MET VESSEL SIGHTED 100 MILES WEST OF BUNBURY 0900/H (.) ALL INFORMED"

R Rose Capt IMPORTANT TOO 1200/H

(ii) SITREP No 2

To .....Regt .....Lt AA Regt All units under comd.
From 51 INF BDE IX2 D2

"EXERCISE (.)WESTERN ZONE (.) D2 (.) AIR FORCE REPORTED JAP CONVOY (REFER SITREP No 1) 200 MILES WEST OF JURIEN BAY AT 0700/H STEAMING SOUTH (.) ALL INFORMED"

R Rose Capt IMPORTANT TOO 0900/H

(iii) SITREP No 3

To .....Regt .....Lt AA Regt All units under comd
From 51 INF BDE IX3 D3

"EXERCISE (.) WESTERN AREA (.) D3 (.) AIR FORCE REPORTED JAP CONVOY (REFER SITREP No 1) 180 MILES WEST OF BUNBURY STEAMING EAST AT 0600/H (.) CONVOY WAS ESCORTED BY A STRONG NAVAL TASK FORCE WITH THREE AIRCRAFT CARRIERS (.) INT REPORTS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES INDICATED THAT LANDINGS WERE LIKELY IN THE AREA MANDURAH-CAPE NATURALISTE (.) PERTH-FREMANTLE AREA BOMBED AT 2100/H D2 AND 0100/H D3.

R Rose Capt IMPORTANT TOO 0800/H

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2. OWN FORCES

As a result of infm given in the above sitreps, the following letter was issued to arty units participating at 0900 hrs D3.

51 Inf Bde
D3

SECRET

.....Regt

.....Lt AA Bty

All units under Comd.

COMPOSITION 51 INF BDE GP

1. WESTFORCE, allotted to the defence of WA, has been disposed. 51 Inf Bde Gp has been retained as Force mobile res and concentrated in the MUNDIJONG - HOPE VALLEY - ARMADALE area.

2. .....Regt plus.....Lt AA Bty has been allotted from WESTFORCE in sp of 51 Inf Bde.

3. The composition of 51 Inf Bde Gp is as follows:-

Comd: Brig J BOX
HQ 51 Inf Bde
Plus att
Sig Sec
Bde AASC Coy
2nd Ech Wkshop
"A" Sqn 71 Armd C Regt.
.....Regt.
.....Lt AA Bty.
51 Fd Coy RAE

81 Inf Bn	Comd	Lt-Col	JONES
82 Inf Bn	"	Lt-Col	SMITH
83 Inf Bn	"	Lt-Col	ROBINSON

One Pl general Tpt Coln AASC

51 Fd Amb

Aglwhite
.....Maj.
(A G WHITE)
BM 51 Inf Bde.

Copy to -
HQ RAA WESTFORCE.

Distribution

To units participating: As sitreps and messages at times stated.

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Umpires	14
3 Aust Corps	3
File (HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps)	1
War Diary do	2

Lt-Col.
SO Arty RAA 3 Aust Corps.

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RAA 3 AUST CORPS EXERCISE.

PAPER No 3.

DIRECTING STAFF NOTES - OPENING NARRATIVES - OUTLINE OF EXERCISE.

Narratives will be issued in the form of sitreps and sigs as shown, or issued verbally by directing staff, representing Inf Comds on the ground. These notes are issued for the guidance of directing staff and umpires.

NARRATIVE 1. (Sig from HQ RAA West Force)

"TO..... Fd Regt / Med Regt .....Lt AA Regt rptd 51 Inf Bde.

FROM HQ RAA West Force RAX 1 D3

EXERCISE (.).....Lt AA Bty is placed under comd .....Regt wef 1100 hrs D3 (.) Ack (.) all informed"

W A Thompson .....Lt-Col

T O O
0900/H

NARRATIVE 2.

(i) At 1000 hrs D3, Westforce issued a warning order to 51 Inf Bde Gp as follows :-

"51 Inf Bde Gp will be prepared to move to concentration area vicinity WILLIAMS. NO move before 0600 hours D4."

(ii) The following sig was sent from 51 Inf Bde by BM :-

TO..... ....Regt.....all units under comd

FROM 51 Inf Bde BX 1 D3

EXERCISE (.) Warning Order (.) 51 Inf Bde Gp will be prepared move WILLIAMS area (.) NO move before 0600 hrs D4 (.) Ack (.) all informed

A J Whit .....Maj

T O O
1030/H

NARRATIVE 3

Following on instns issued by WESTFORCE, 51 Inf Bde issued following order at 1500 hours D3 :-

TO .....Regt

FROM 51 Inf Bde BX 2 D3

EXERCISE	(.)	Ref	BX 1	(.)
.....	Regt	Gp	will	move
to	WILLIAMS	Area	on	D4
(.)	SP	cross	rds	ARILD/LE
401023	(.)	time	to	pass
SP	0800	hrs	(.)	route
rd	PERTH	ALBANY	(.)	unit
reps	to	meet	SC	at
rd	and	track	junct	468936
at	1330	hrs	D4	

.....H.J.

T O O

1500/H

PHASE 1 MOVEMENT TO CONCENTRATION AREA

REQUIREMENT BY FD REGT GP

(i) Movement of Fd Regt Gp and organisation of road movement.

(ii) Arrangements for Lt AA Protection during the move to WILLIAMS area.

ASPECTS TO BE CONSIDERED

(i) Organisation of Fd Regt Gp for march discipline.

(ii) Arrangements for checking Pt, to check timings before SP.

(iii) Organisation of AA protection on the march (dispositions Lt AA Bty)

(iv) Arrangements for sig comm on march.

(v) Rec of veh casualties)
) as a result of air
(vi) Evacuation of pers casualties) Bombing.

(vii) Composition of and instns to recce party.

(viii) Issue of orders for movement, and preparation of march table.

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NARRATIVE 4

Sitrep No 4

TO..... Regt All units under Comd.

FROM 51 INF BDE IX4 D3

"EXERCISE (.) WESTERN AREA (.) OUR
AIR FORCE ATTACKED CONVOYS (.) TWO
NEAR MISSES (.) SLIGHT DAMAGE TO
TWO VESSELS (.) OUR AIRCRAFT CASUAL-
TIES HIGH (.) ENEMY AIRCRAFT BOMBED
PERTH AREA 1500/H (.) AIRFIELDS BOMBED
DAMAGING AIRCRAFT ON GROUND (.) EIGHTEEN
OWN AIRCRAFT DESTROYED (.) ENEMY LOSSES
SLIGHT (.) TP CONCENTRATIONS HARVEY-
MANDURAH AREA BOMBED (.) ENEMY HAS
ACHIEVED LOCAL AIR SUPERIORITY (.)
ENEMY RECCES AND SPASMODIC GROUND STRAFFING
OF ROAD MOVEMENTS REPORTED SOUTH OF
GENERAL LINE MANDURAH-BROOKTON (.) AIR
RECCE REPORTS 1600/H ENEMY CONVOY DISPERSED
IN FOUR GPS 80 MILES WEST
OF COAST FROM CAPE PERON TO
CAPE NATURALISTE"

R Rose Capt.

IMPORTANT TOO 1800/H

(ii) Sitrep No 5

TO ..... Regt All units under Comd.

FROM 51 INF BDE IX5 D4

"EXERCISE (.) WESTERN AREA (.) AT
0400/H FOUR ENEMY LANDINGS MADE AT
MANDURAH (.)BEACH ONE MILE SOUTH OF
LAKE PRESTON (3690)(.) BUNBURY AND WANNEROO
(.) LANDINGS BEING ACTIVELY OPPOSED"

R Rose Capt.

IMMEDIATE TOO 0500/H

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(iii) Sitrep No 6

TO.....Regt All units under Comd

FROM 51 INF BDE IX6 D4

"EXERCISE	(.)	WESTERN	AREA	(.)	BY
1200/H	D4	ENEMY	HAD	ADVANCED	GENER-
ALLY	ABOUT	10	MILES	FROM	COAST
ON	ALL	FRONTS	BUT	NOW	HELD
UP	ON	THAT	LINE	EXCEPT	IN
HARVEY	AREA	WHERE	OUR	FORCES	HAD
SUFFERED	HEAVY	CASUALTIES	AND	WERE	HOLDING
WITH	DIFFICULTY	THE	HIGH	GROUND	EAST
OF	MAIN	ROAD	AT	HARVEY"	

IMPORTANT

TOO
1400/H

Capt.

PHASE 2 ORGAN OF BIVOUAC

NARRATIVE 2

At 1330/H D4, SC 5L Inf Bde met unit reps at 468936. Check made of unit reps. Sketch of bivouac area as att, was issued to reps and party moved to 472933 where areas were pointed out on ground.

Water pts and Pet Pt indicated and times laid down for attendance of units at these pts.

REQUIREMENT

Organ of tactical bivouac.

ASPECTS

(i) Security

(ii) Protection against air attack, disposition of Lt AA Bty, dispersion and camflg.

(iii) General layout of bivouac.

(iv) Comns in bivouac area

(v) Adm arrangements in bivouac.

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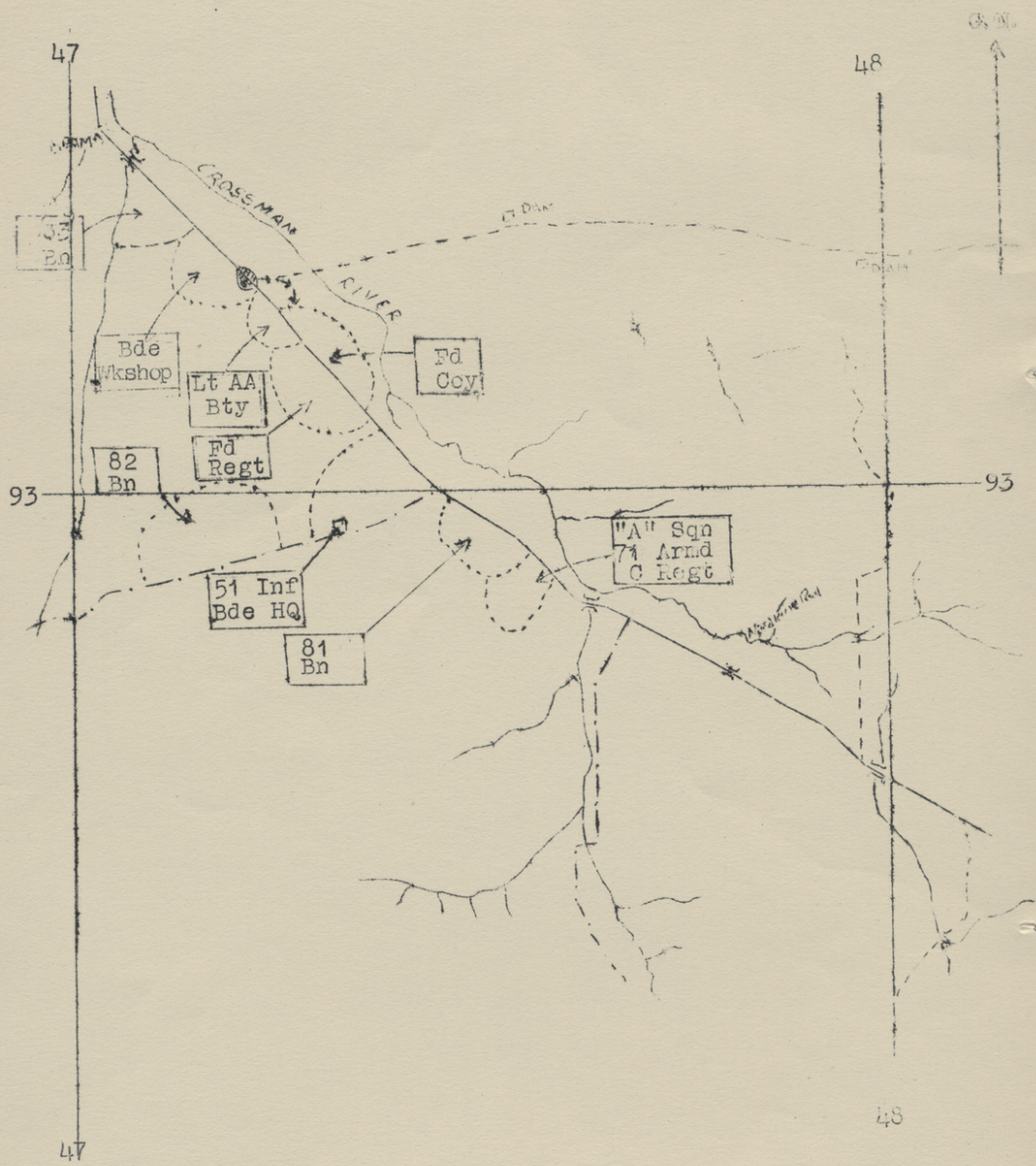
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CROSSMAN
RIVER
Bde Wkshop
Lt AA Bty
Fd Regt
Fd Coy
82 Bn
51 Inf Bde HQ
81 Bn
"A" Sqn 7 Armd C Regt
47
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PHASE 3

NARRATIVE 6

(i) Sitrep No 7

TO.....Regt

FROM 51 INF BDE IX7 D4

"EXERCISE	(.)	WESTERN	AREA	(.)	OUR
FORCES	HARVEY	AREA	SUFFERED	HEAVY	CASUAL-
TIES	DRIVEN	BACK	TO	AREA	TALLAN-
ALLA	(4190)	(.)	ENEMY	FORCE	ESTIMATED
AT	APPROX	ONE	REGT	AND	ATT
TPS	ATTACKING	VIGOROUSLY	(.)	ENEMY	HAD
LANDED	LIGHT	AND	HEAVY	LORRIES	SOME
ARTY	BUT	NO	AFVs	(.)	OUR
FORCES	SUBJECTED	TO	HEAVY	BOMBING	AND
GROUND	STRAFING	ATTACKS"			

R. Ross Capt.

IMPORTANT

TOO

1600/H

(ii) Following on orders issued by Westforce to 51 Inf Bde, Comd 51 Inf Bde calls conference at Bde HQ at school 4745 9301 at 1830 hrs D4.

Notes re Conference:-

Warning order has been received for 51 Inf Bde Gp to be prepared to move West from WILLIAMS through QUINDANNING to TAILANALLA, to reinforce our tps in that area. No move before 0600 hrs D5. Advance party to be on 15 mins notice.

Orders for movement of Bde Gp:-

ORDER OF MARCH:

Adv Gd. - Comd Maj BLOGGS 81 Bn

"A" Sqn 71 Armd C Regt (less one Tp)

D Coy 81 Bn (lorried)

One tp .....Regt

Sec 51 Fd Coy

Main Body

HQ 51 Inf Bde

Recce party .....Regt

Recce party 51 Fd Coy

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1 Tp Armd Cs

81 Inf Bn (lorried (less D Coy))

.....Regt Gp (less one tp)

51 Fd Coy (less one sec)

82 Inf Bn

83 Inf Bn

B echelon under unit arrangements

ADS 51 Fd Amb.

Route: WILLIAMS-QUINDANNING-TALLANALLA

SP : Rd Junc 47489300

Pace : 15 mih

Interval : 10 vtm

(iii) Sitrep No 8

TO .....Regt All units under Comd

FROM 51 INF BDE IX8 D5

"EXERCISE	(.)	WESTERN	AREA	(.)	DURING
CONFUSED	FIGHTING	TALLANALLA	AREA	AT	0100/H
OWN	FORCES	ENCIRCLED	AND	PORTION	OF
JAP	FORCE	MOVING	NE	ALONG	RD
AT	424918"				

IMMEDIATE TOO 0400/H

K. Rose Capt.

(iv) DR from TALLANALLA area reported to 51 Inf Bde HQ at 0500/H that own forces in TALLANALLA area have been overcome. Jap force moving Eastward along rd to QUINDANNING. Fwd elements were being harassed by local VDC in QUINDANNING at 0500 hrs D5.

(v) Following on orders received from WESTFORCE, 51 Inf Bde issued orders as follows at 0515 hrs D5.

"51 Inf Bde will move via WILLIAMS towards QUINDANNING. Adv Gd will pass SP at 0615 hrs. No move of main body

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WEST of WILLIAMS, until ridge at 482912 reported clear of enemy. Bde HQ closes present location 0630 hrs, thence at head of main body reopening at WILLIAMS police sta.

Role: 51 Inf Bde will contact and destroy enemy.

REQUIREMENT

(i) Tactical movement of Fd Regt in sp of Inf Bde.

(ii) Lt AA protection on move.

ASPECTS

(i) Dissemination of infm issued as sitreps.

(ii) Issue of orders for move.

(iii) Organisation of Fd Regt Gp for move.

(iv) Comms on the move.

(v) Disposition of Lt AA and defence against air attack.

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PHASE 4

NARRATIVE 7 D5

After passing WILLIAMS, advance Gd Comd moves along rd with Armd Cs as screen, followed by inf and Tp Fd Arty (Umpire NOT to allow Tp guns to pass cross rds 489917 until deployment orders received from Tp Comd - when Tp will be permitted to move). Armd Cs are moving on the left near ry line.

At 0700 hrs, Armd Cs come under fire from Tk A guns and HMGs from knoll on left, and inf are forced to debus. Inf on rd 200 yards ahead of cross rds at 48819160 are held up by LMG fire from ridge on right of rd. Coy Comd, D Coy, meets Tp Comd 100 yards EAST of cross rds and asks for immediate fire sp for Coy attack.

Three targets to be indicated by umpire.

REQUIREMENT

Quick deployment of tp to bring down effective fire sp for Coy attack.

ASPECT

(i) Efficiency of wireless comm between tp Comd and GPO.

(ii) Time taken for deployment of tp.

(iii) Ability of OPO to estimate quickly and accurately, line and range to target and whether guns are laid on target.

(iv) Passage of int from OPO to GPO

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NARRATIVE 8

Arty sp enables Armd Cs and inf to push fwd at 0800 hrs. Inf continue along rd with armd Cs on left flank.

PHASE 5

NARRATIVE 9

On coming out of the timber at 48489131, at 0815 hrs, LMG fire from ridge on right of rd prevents further movement fwd. Inf debus leaving lorries under cover.

Armd Cs, report NMS on rd leading SOUTH to JOSBURY.

Coy Comd (D Coy) decides to attack along ridge on right of rd, and asks tp Comd for arty sp for attack.

Targets on ridge to be indicated by umpire.

REQUIREMENT

Arty sp for attack by D Coy.

ASPECTS

(i) Ability of tp to give immediate fire sp.

(ii) Whether tp left in action or moving on rd (?)

(iii) Efficiency of tp comms.

NARRATIVE 10

Attack by D Coy unsuccessful.

Comd 81 Bn comes fwd on order from Bde Comd. He reviews situation, and at 0845 hrs asks Bde HQ for additional fire sp of extra Bty. Rep DS at Bde HQ acting as Bde Comd, requests Comd arty regt to deploy one extra Bty immediately to sp D Coy.

Plan of Comd D Coy for attack :

Inf to move up creek on right of rd and to attack Westward along ridge. 2 pls on ridge, 1 in res and one moving along rd as soon as ridge cleared.

Arty concentrations required along ridge as pointed out by umpires.

REQUIREMENT

Quick deployment of Bty in sp of attack.

ASPECTS

(i) Time taken for quick deployment of Bty.

(ii) Efficiency of Bty comms.

(iii) Efficiency of BC and CPOs to bring down fire quickly and accurately in sp of attack.

(iv) Comd and control of three tps deployed (?)

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PHASE 6

NARRATIVE 11

Attack was partly successful.

Inf reached Western edge of ridge, but held up by heavy fire. Pl on rd reached line of timber along JOSBURY rd, and came under fire from hill feature ahead.

At 1000 hrs - no further progress could be made.

At 1000 hrs, Bde Comd comes fwd to cross rds 48459129 with Comd Fd Regt, and meets Comd 81 Bn.

Enemy posns held on rocky knoll and green ridge on right of rd, and rocky ridge and ridge beyond on left of rd.

Centres of enemy resistance pointed out by DS.

Bde Comd decides to attack with 81 Bn with Fd Regt in sp.

Outline Plan of Attack:

A Coy on right moving through D Coy

B Coy on Left

C Coy in res on rd ready to move fwd

Inter Coy boundary - rd incl B Coy.

SL:line of JOSBURY rd

Bg of advance 245°

Rate:100 yards in 3 mins

Start time:1200 hrs

1st objective on right - rocky knoll

on left - rocky ridge

2nd objective on right - top of green ridge

on left - green one tree ridge.

Fire Plan (indicated to Bn Comd by member of DS)

(i) Light barrage (Two Btys) 300 yards frontage - Pt W, White Scar - lifts 100 yds per min - Time Z to Z + 8 - Rate Normal.

(ii) Two tp concentrations on disturbed earth patches near rd (section posts) - Z to Z + 5 and Z + 13 to Z + 18 - Rate Normal.

(iii) Bty concentrations on block house and triangular patch - Z + 10 to Z + 17 - Rate Normal.

(iv) Bty concentrations on rocky ridge on left of rd - Z + 10 to Z + 17 - Rate Normal.

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(v) Regt concentration on clump of timber in green field Z + 22 to Z + 28. - Rate Normal.

(vi) Thereafter observed shooting as reqd by fwd inf - One FOO with A Coy - 2 FOOs with B Coy.

REQUIREMENT

(i) Quick deployment of remainder of Regt.

(ii) Provision of Arty sp for Bn attack.

ASPECTS

(i) Movement of guns already deployed (?)

(ii) Registration and arrangements for fire plan.

(iii) Preparation of task tables etc.

(iv) Efficiency of Regt comms.

(v) Efficiency of Regt Svy Party.

(vi) Arrangements for provision of continuous sp during attack.

Note - Umpires will bring OPO fwd at Z + 32 and will indicate targets during move to second objective.

NARRATIVE 12

Attack successful and enemy made a clean break. 81 Bn reached final objective and consolidated at 1400 hrs. Bde Comd ordered 82 Bn (lorried), with 1 Tp Armd Cs in sp, to move fwd by bounds at 1500 hrs. Rate of advance NOT to exceed 10 mih. Report when each bound clear of enemy.

FOO from Fd Regt will accompany 82 Bn. 81 Bn to remain in present posn until next bound ahead reported clear of enemy.

One Bty to be in action at all times to cover movement of 82 Bn.

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PHASE 7

NARRATIVE 13

Lorried Inf come under shell fire in vicinity of rd bend at 47859105 at 1515 hrs. Armd Cs are fired on by Tk A guns on reaching ridge at 47659019. "A" Coy leading, debusses, and deploys on South of rd, and is forced to ground along ridge by hy fire from ridge North of rd, and timber South of rd.

Bn Comd calls for fire to assist fwd move of inf.

REQUIREMENT

(i) Immediate fire sp from bty in sp of "A" Coy.

(ii) Lt AA protection during movement of btys.

ASPECTS

(i) Leapfrogging of Btys to sp advance of armd Cs and lorried inf.

(ii) Efficiency of comms from Regt FOO.

(iii) Ability of Regt FOO to estimate quickly and accurately line and range to target.

(iv) Organ in Fd Regt for FOO to have authority to call for fire from any btys.

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PHASE 8

NARRATIVE 14

Bde Comd comes fwd at 1540 hrs, and appreciates that the enemy posn strongly held. He decides to hold present posn, and launch a Bde attack at dawn on D6, with the object of destroying the enemy. At 1550 hrs he issues orders, to Comds Fd regts and Bns, the gist of which is as under:-

(i) 82 Bn will establish a firm base on its present location.

(ii) Attack on D6

INTENTION: To attack and destroy enemy on present posn.

METHOD

Two Bns up - 81 Bn on right
83 Bn on left
82 Bn in res, on present posn, to hold a firm base. Subsequently to be used for exploitation.

Inter Bn bdy - Rd incl 81 Bn

SL - Line on rear slope of ridge from line of timber North of rd to white tree South of rd and continuation of this line.

Start time - 0700 hrs on D6.

Direction of attack - 270°

Phase 1: 1st objective - Knoll 476911 to timbered knoll.
2nd objective - MERIDIAN HILL to knoll 473908.

Phase 2: Exploitation to MT TAURUS features after 2nd objective gained. 82 Bn (lorried) and Sqn Armd Cs to be used for exploitation. Further exploitation as ordered by Bde HQ.

Rate of Advance: 100 yds in 3 mins with pause 15 mins on 1st objective and of 20 mins on 2nd objective.

Fire Plan

(i) Bty barrage on ridge North of rd, frontage 200 yds. Opening line along creek - 300 yd lifts. Pause on opening line, Z to Z + 6. Rate slow. (Length barrage regt province?)

(ii) Bty concentration: Z to Z + 9, on BLACK patch (Mortars) to top of ridge. Rate slow.

(iii) Bty concentration Z + 14 to Z + 25, on ROCKY COPSE (Hy MG fire, strongly defended). Rate slow.

(iv) Tp concentration: Z + 23 to Z + 26, on small copse (Tk ... guns). Rate normal.

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(v) Regt concentration: Z +32 to Z + 47, during pause on 1st objective. Centre of timbered area near MERIDIAN HILL - extent 400 yds Sq (possible enemy forming up area and possible gun area). Gun flashes and considerable movement seen in area. Rate normal.

(vi) Tp concentration: Z + 3 to Z + 15. On small copse South of rd. Rate slow.

(vii) Bty concentration: Z + 15 to Z + 20, on scars on fwd slopes of green ridge (trench system). Rate normal.

(viii) Thereafter observed shooting as required by Fwd inf. Two FOOs with each fwd Bn.

Defensive Fire Tasks (indicated by rep of DS as Bn Comd)

Task A. Small tree in creek to top of ridge - Rate normal.

Task B. Small copse in creek South of rd and extending 400 yds. Rate normal.

Task C. One bty either side of rd along line of creek, with one bty superimposed on rd. Rate normal.

Sigs for DF Fire as arranged.

REQUIREMENT

Move and deployment of regt and preparation of fire plans to sp the attack.

ASPECTS

(i) Registration and arrangements for fire plan, organ of RHQ and Bty CP.

(ii) Organ of DF tasks in sp 82 Bn for night of D5/D6.

(iii) Preparation of task tables, gun programmes etc.

(iv) Regtl survey.

(v) Efficiency of regt comms.

(vi) Amn expenditure and arrangements for replenishment.

(vii) Provision of continuous fire sp during exploitation.

(viii) Dissemination of infm by OPOs.

NOTE: Umpires will bring FOOs fwd at Z + 40 and will indicate targets during exploitation, one of which will be a CF target of great importance.

Lt-Col.
SO Arty RHQ 3 Aust Corps.

DISTRIBUTION
Directing Staff 6.
Umpires 14.
3 Aust Corps 3.
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RAA 3 AUST CORPS EXERCISE

PAPER NO. 5

INSTNS TO UMPIRES.

1. DUTIES. (In addition to those shown in Paper No.4).

(i) Umpires will receive copies of all narratives prior to exercise and such other narratives as are issued during exercise.

(ii) Umpires will paint a tactical picture in accordance with the narratives. Infm will be passed to OPOs to provide a basis for OP logs and int reports.

(iii) Fresh situations will NOT be created by umpires without reference to directing staff.

2. REPORTS.

(i) Umpires will keep an activity log in accordance with att pro forma, copies of which will be available from DS.

(ii) As detailed, umpires conferences will be called during the exercise.

(iii) Umpires will make observations in relation to the aspects specified for each phase and on the following aspects generally. A report will be submitted to this HQ at the completion of each exercise. The headings refer mainly to technical arty matters. Other umpires will render reports under appropriate headings.

(a) Issue of orders by BC, Tp Comds & GPOs. Method of issue and drill, incl markings of maps.

(b) Control and movement of Gps and parties.

(c) Time taken to get into action.

(d) Traffic control, rd and track discipline.

(e) Concealment and camflg.

(f) Tactical occupation of OPs, Gun Posns, WLs and siting of cable routes, CPs etc.

(g) Liaison - Regtl Comd with Bde Comd, BC with Bn Comd, liaison between RHQ and Btys.

(h) Work at OP: registration, records, control exercised by OPO, ability to observe over zone and whether fire would have been effective.

(i) General work at gun posn: Occupation, siting of guns to cover zone and for Tk A defence, method of laying out line and time taken for occupation and laying out line.

(j) Work on guns: Laying, fire discipline, gun drill, control exercised by Nos 1, parallelism.

(k) Work at CP (Tp and Bty): Records, control by GPO or GPO, Memos of exam, amn expenditure, director and board work. Preparation of fire plans and gun programmes, organ of and procedure at Bty and Tp comd posts.

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(l) Sig Work: Procedure for recce and laying lines, standard of maintenance of eqpt, efficiency of sigs on L/T, W/T and R/T, passage of messages, tactical employment of sigs.

(m) Regtl Svy Party general efficiency and liaison with Btys.

(n) Adm: Efficiency of Bty Capt and WLO, supervision of sup of rations, amn and POL, cooking and feeding arrangements.

(o) Maintenance of Vchs and control of WLs, arrangement for evacuation of veh casualties.

(p) Map Reading - general standard within Regt.

(q) General bearing of Tps, cleanliness and turnout.

(r) Are all ranks kept in the tactical picture?

(s) AA: Two aspects

Handling of AA by Regtl Comd and Bty Comds, incl allotment of priorities and issue of orders.

Tactical and technical efficiency of Lt AA Bty, incl liaison with Regtl Comd and CPO, movement of recce parties and guns, deployment procedure, selection of gun sites and general gun drill.

Lt-Col.
SO Arty RAA 3 Aust Corps.

DISTRIBUTION.

Directing Staff	6
All Umpires	14
3 Aust Corps	3
File	1
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RAA 3 AUST CORPS EXERCISE

PAPER No 6

INSTNS FOR SHOOTING PRACTICE

Ref maps - (ROCKINGHAM 1" = 1 mile
(COLLIE 1" = 4 miles
(PINJARRA 1" = 4 miles

1. At completion of exercise in WILLIAMS - QUINDANNING area, units participating will move under unit arrangements to ROCKINGHAM arty range area.

2. The shooting pratice will be based on a tactical scheme which will be distributed to Regtl Comd at rd and track junct 746030 (Ref map ROCKINGHAM 1" = 1 mile) by rep of DS at 1600 hrs D6.

3. OUTLINE OF PRACTICE:

The practice will designed to cover the following aspects :-

(i) Night occupation of posn following daylight recce.

(ii) Silent registration and svy of targets for engagement by predicted shooting at dawn on the following day.

(iii) Organ of Bty and Tp Comd posts for production of fire plan based on (ii).

(iv) Application of meteor issued by Mob Met Flt.

(v) Engagement of Tp and Bty targets.

(vi) Production of quick barrages and quick fire plans in sp of attack.

4. SURVEY

Svy umpire (Lieut WILSHIRE) will make available basic svy infm in area to Regtl Svy Offr at 1630 hrs D6 at 746030.

5. METEOR

Det No 4 Mob Met Flt will report to rep of arty regt at rd junct at 782032 at 1700 hrs D6 and will be available to produce meteor as follows :-

2100 hrs D6

0500 hrs D7

1000 hrs D7

1400 hrs D7

6. UMPIRES

(i) Umpires will move from QUINDANNING area with sub-units to which they have been allotted. Arty umpires with OPOs will be reallotted to senior tps in each bty and those with Comd posts will be allotted to junior tps, of Btys to which they were previously allotted. They will be responsible for umpiring Bty and Tp Comd posts and work at gun posns.

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(ii) In addition these officers will perform the duties of Troop Safety Offrs.

(iii) Separate instns to safety offrs will be promulgated by DS on the site.

7. AMN.

(i) ALLOTMENT.

15 Aust Fd Regt	-	200 rds 25 Pr HE. 100 rds 4.5 HE.
12 Aust A Fd Regt	-	300 rds 25 pr HE.
2 Aust Med Regt	-	200 rds 6" How HE. (100 lbs).

(ii) Units will make own arrangements for indenting for practice amn and for delivery of amn to gun posns at completion of exercise in QUINDANNING Area.

[signature]
for Lt-Col.
SO Arty RAA 3 Aust Corps.

DISTRIBUTION.

12 Aust A Fd Regt	(AIP)
15 Aust Fd Regt.	(AIP)
2 Aust Med Regt	(AIP)
No 4 Mob Met Flt.	
Directing Staff	(3)
Umpires	(6)
War Diary	(2)
File	

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War Diary

HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
22 Jul 43

RAA 3 AUST CORPS EXERCISE.

Ref Paper No 4 - Adm Instn (Umpires), Para 1, amend detail as follows:-

DUTY		UMPIRE	SUB-UNIT
Bty Comds, OPOs and POOs.	Maj	W H J O HAWKINS	Senior Dty
	"	R M DAVIS	Next Senior Dty
	"	H J MEEKS	Field Dty
Dty and Tp Comd Posts, Gun posns generally	Capt	A L GULLEY	Senior Dty
	"	F J I LOWRIE	Next Senior Dty
	"	B A YOTT	Junior Dty
A and Q work in Regts	Capt	R BUCHANAN	RHQ
	"	J L HENEHAN	RHQ
Regtl Svy	Lieut	J J CALLINAN	RHQ
Lt AA	Maj	L DAVIS	RHQ
	Lieut	J HELLWORTH	Lt AA Dty.
Regt Comns	Capt	L SAVAGE	RHQ
LAD	Capt	P MALONEY	RHQ
Medical	Maj	J L LINTON	RHQ
F Sp Bty	Lieut	C R WILSHIRE	F Sp Bty.

R W Hasluck Maj
for Lt-Col
SO Arty RAA 3 Aust Corps

Distribution

12 Aust A Fd Regt (AIF)	5
15 Aust Fd Regt (AIF)	5
2 Aust Med Regt (AIF)	4
109 Aust Lt AA Regt (AIF)	2
2/5 Aust F Sp Bty	1
Directing Staff	6
Umpires	14
3 Aust Corps	3
File (HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps)	1
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HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
22 Jul 43

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	"	J L LENEHAN	RHQ
Regtl Svy	Lieut	J J CALLINAN	RHQ
Lt AA	Maj	L DAVIS	RHQ
	Lieut	J HELLWORTH	Lt AA Dty.
Regt Comns	Capt	L SAVAGE	RHQ
LAD	Capt	P MALONEY	RHQ
Medical	Maj	J L LINTON	RHQ
F Sp Dty	Lieut	C R WILSMIRE	F Sp Dty.

R W Horsburgh Maj
for Lt-Col
SO Arty RAA 3 Aust Corps

Distribution

12 Aust A Fd Regt (AIF)	5
15 Aust Fd Regt (AIF)	5
2 Aust Med Regt (AIF)	4
109 Aust Lt AA Regt (AIF)	2
2/3 Aust F Sp Bty	1
Directing Staff	6
Umpires	14
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APPENDIX 4

War Diary

SECRET.

HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
6 Jul 43

Copy No 12

HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS OP IN[illegible] NO. 25.

INTENTION.

1. 4 Aust Svy Bty RAA will move from present location to NORTHAM Camp on 8 Jul 43.

METHOD.

2. Movement. In accordance with AQ 30. Three (3) additional 3 ton vehicles will be supplied by S & T 3 Aust Corps to facilitate movement. These vehicles will report to 4 Aust Svy Bty at JARRAHDALE on 7 Jul 43 and will be returned immediately move is completed. WA L of C Provost will guide convoy from rd junction ref PINJARRA Strat Map 394039 to destination. Unit to confirm time arrival and number of personnel and MT completed move Code name of convoy "RUPERT".

3. Route. JARRAHDALE - BUNBURY RD - FORRESTFIELD by pass - BELLEVUE Circuit - BELLEVUE rly crossing - Route E - NORTHAM.

4. Block Timings. Depart JARRAHDALE 1000 - 1006 Rd junction PINJARRA strat ref 394039. 1132 - 1138 hrs BELLEVUE rly crossing. 1216 - 1222 hrs arrive NORTHAM 1530 - 1536 hrs.

5. Accommodation.

(i) Unit will be accommodated at NORTHAM Camp.

(ii) Unit will arrange details with Camp Comdt NORTHAM.

(iii) Tentage and accommodation stores WS scale A will accompany unit.

ADM.

6. Sups.
7. Medical.
8. Ammn.
9. Ord Stores.
10. Rec.

As per 3 Aust Corps Adm Instn AQ 23 of 19 Apr 43.

11. Hirings. Marching out certificate in respect to JARRAHDALE Camp, as prepared by DAD Hirings 3 Aust Corps, will be checked and signed by OC 4 Aust Svy Bty.

INTERCOMN.

12. D.L.S - daily under arrangements Camp Comdt NORTHAM.

13. Unit will notify this HQ when new location is occupied giving camp block ref of unit HQ.

14. On allocation telephone extention number for new location will be advised this HQ.

15. ACK.

[signature] Capt for Lt.-Col.
SO Arty RAA 3 Aust Corps.

DISTRIBUTION.

	COPY NO.
4 Aust Svy Bty	1
CCRA	2
HQ Arty	3
SO Arty	4
3 Aust Corps	5 - 9
WA L of C	10
4 Aust Movt Control Gp	11
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File	14

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APPENDIX 6

HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS (AIF)

REPORT ON MAIN ACTIVITIES DURING JUL 43

1. LOCATION

23 Lawley Crescent, MOUNT LAWLEY, WA.

2. STRENGTHS AND STAFF

(i) Staff as at the 31 Jul 43 was as follows:-

		Offrs	ORs
(a) HQ and Office Staff	WE	5	21
	Posted Strength	5	18
	Deficiency	-	3
(b) CB Staff	WE	2	8
	Posted Strength	3	9
	Surplus	1	1

Capt F J I LOWRIE being supernumerary to strength due to adoption of WE III/22/2

(c) Svy Staff	WE	1	1
	Posted Strength	2	2
	Surplus	1	1

Lt-Col T W SHORT being carried supernumerary to strength due to adoption of WE III/22/2

(d) Signallers	WE	6
	Posted Strength	6

CONSOLIDATED (excluding attached)

WE		STRENGTH	
8 Offrs	36 ORs	13 Offrs	39 ORs
Surplus	2 Offrs 1 OR		
Attached	3 Offrs 2 ORs		

3. STAFF MOVEMENTS AND CHANGES

(i) ACBO (Capt L LUCAS) and AILO (Capt K D J COVENTRY) marched out to LHQ School of Military Intelligence Air Photo Interpretation Wing.

(ii) Svy SO (Lt-Col T W SHORT) returned from MELBOURNE where he had been demonstrating the Director attachment astronomical, previously known as the EWING Sun Compass. Reference is made to this in body of diary.

4. TRAINING - CORPS ARTY UNITS.

(i) Fd and Med Regts.

The main feature of training during the month was the regimental exercises conducted in the WILLIAMS area, culminating in Artillery practice at ROCKINGHAM Range on the final day. Details of exercises are shown in the body of the diary.

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(ii) Lt AA Regts

150 Bty, 109 Aust Lt AA Regt and 173 Bty, 116 Aust Lt AA Regt took part in the regimental exercise. 150 Bty were NOT impressive on the first exercise, and it was decided that the Bty would be used again on the third exercise. This was done and the Bty showed vast improvement. Many lessons re handling of Lt AA Artillery, were learned during the various exercises.

(iii) Svy Bty

4 Aust Svy Bty were engaged on mapping priorities in GOOMALLING area

(iv) F Sp Bty

Short base registrations and deployments were concentrated on during the month. The Bty took part in one of the regimental exercises, being placed under command 2 Aust Med Regt. Work during the exercise was very disappointing, as were results of locations obtained of 2 Aust Med Regt during the shoot held on 28 Jul.

5. CHANGES IN LT AA DISPOSITIONS.

During Jul 2/7 Aust Lt AA Bty and 2/8 Aust Lt AA Bty commenced movement to First Army Area. Consequent on these moves, dispositions of Lt AA were altered. Reference is made in body of diary.

6. 3 AUST CORPS SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY.

Courses held or commenced:-

No 2 CPOs and GPOs Course.
No 4 Junior Officers Refresher Course.
No 1 Tank Attack Troop Commanders and Platoon Commanders

B E Klein Brig.
CCRA 3 Aust Corps.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

_____/_____(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3/7/1943. 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	Lieut.-Colonels					
			1	Majors					
			4	Captains					
			1	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	1		9						

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.		9									9
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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RAA 3 AUST CORPS (AIF) *Unit*

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3/7/1943 (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	NX4	KLEIN	B E	GCRA	Yes		
T/Lt-Col	NX12323	McALISTER	F B	SO Arty	Yes		
do	VX15703	SHORT	T W	SO Svy	No	Duty LHQ	25/6/43
T/Maj	VX45523	HORSBURGH	R W	CBO	No	Duty School Arty	
T/Capt	VX111040	COVENTRY	K D J	AILO	Yes		
do	NX12462	RANKINE	R L	IO	Yes		
do	NX27066	LOWRIE	F J I	A/CBO	No	do	
do	WX921	LUCAS	L	do	No	do	
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	RAA 1 Armd Div	5/11/42	SO Arty (L)
do	WX37669	R BUCHANAN	do	4/12/42	SC Arty (L)

3 JUL 1943
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
Capt.
SC. Arty R.A.A. 3 Aust Corps

D.H.Q.—200 pads 6/43

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APPENDIX 7

Army Form W.3009 (*Adapted*)
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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3 7 /194 3 (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 11/22/1. 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					
			30	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*			37*	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		36		1				[redacted]	[redacted]		37
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
2	1 Aust Armd Div		
1	2/3 Aust F Sp Bty		

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 3 / 7 /194 3 .

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	6	6	-	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)											
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Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				MC Ord	2	2	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks				Clerks	7	7	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Drivers	9	9	
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							
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..... Capt *Signature of Commander*
SC Army R.A.A. 3 Aust Corps

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PERTH	1 Aug	(i)	SO Arty (Lt-Col F B Mc ALISTER) reported to CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) on his visit to 12 Aust Arty Trg Bty, 3 Aust Corps School of Arty and 4 Aust Svy Bty, NORTHAM, on 31 Jul 43. The new OC 12 Aust Arty Trg Bty (Capt J C KING) is doing well and certain matters relating to training policy and equipments necessary were discussed.	
		(ii)	Brig MANCHESTER and Col DEAN of National Emergency Services were contacted and it was arranged that CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) would be an observer in the PERTH-FREMANTLE area during the ARP exercise to be held on 3 Aug.	
		(iii)	AA Station No 420 (Scotsmans) has been placed as reserve station in the FREMANTLE AA Layout to comply with the requests from Fremantle Hospital Board that due to its closeness to the hospital it should be removed. It is not proposed to remove the station, however practice firing will NOT take place from it. It will only engage operationally when the immediate vicinity is threatened.	
		(iv)	CI 3 Aust Corps School of Arty (Maj J HAWKINS) called and saw SO Arty (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) in reference to the relief of Lieut BRISCOE (Tk A) instructor at the School who has been evacuated to hospital. SO Arty (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) arranged for his relief with CRA 2 Aust Div (Brig L G H DYKE).	
		(v)	The episode of an unauthorised person or persons shooting at the Master GL Set at HILTON PARK on 30 Jul was investigated. It would appear that a definite attempt was made to injure the sentry - a shot was fired and lodged in the GL Set. It was recommended that plain clothes security personnel live in the area for some time and carry out investigations.	

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PERTH	1 Aug	(vi)	HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps Technical Instruction No 24 - "Notes on the Tactical Use of an LAD" was issued to units.	Appendix 1
		(vii)	HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps Training Instruction No 16 - "Sound Ranging Cadre - Training Policy" was issued.	Appendix 2
	2 Aug	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) and BGS 3 Aust Corps (Brig NIMMO) conferred with Scientific Liaison Bureau officials relative to liaison with 3 Aust Corps.	
		(ii)	RAA 3 Aust Corps Training Instruction No 17 - "Training of 4 Aust Svy Bty for Months of Aug-Sep" was issued.	Appendix 3
	3 Aug	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) accompanied Col DEAN (RTC) who is NES Director MELBOURNE on an inspection of ARP work in the PERTH-FREMANTLE area at 0500 hrs. CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) was accompanied by CBO (Maj R W HORSBURGH) and SCs (Capts R BUCHANAN and J L LENEHAN). The exercise unfortunately failed due to the inability of the RAAF to cooperate. Heavy fog prevented the planes effecting the necessary raid or incidents. The NES control centre was later visited. The organisation here was impressive. Later the CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) submitted a report on the exercise to 3 Aust Corps together with comments relating to the operation of LDH (Local Defence Headquarters)	
		(ii)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) attended GOC's Weekly Staff Conference. A large number of artillery matters were raised and discussed at the conference - all queries being satisfactorily adjusted.	

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PERTH	3 Aug	(iii)	The 3 Aust Corps Weapons Competition final was held at SWANBOURNE Rifle Range on 1, 2 and 3 Aug. 109 Aust Lt AA Regt Platoon Team competed representing RAA 3 Aust Corps and coming approximately 10th. HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps assisted in the conduct of the final providing in all 1 officer and 86 ORs for range duties.	
	4 Aug	(i)	CE (Brig LAWRENCE) called on CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) and was given particulars of roads and bridges in the WILLIAMS area which had been damaged as a result of the recent Corps Artillery Regimental Exercises. Brig LAWRENCE will arrange liaison with the local Roads Board and arrange any necessary repairs.	
		(ii)	VDC Liaison Officer (Capt JONES) called and reported to CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) on VDC progress.	
		(iii)	SO Arty (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) was evacuated to HOLLYWOOD Hospital suffering with tonsillitis.	
		(iv)	Following consultation with Svy SO (Lt-Col T W SHORT) re training of Svy Bty, F Sp Bty and Sound Ranging Cadre, CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) arranged for directives to be drawn up and issued. 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty will undertake a four day exercise commencing on 10 Aug 43.	

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PERTH	5 Aug	(i)	Dr G L SUTTON, Liaison Officer WA for the Scientific Research Bureau called and consulted CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) in respect to a directive to be issued setting out the aims of the bureau. CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) also discussed with Dr SUTTON a proposed itinerary for Artillery Units.	
		(ii)	Following advice from MGRA LHQ that a civilian Radio Physicist (Mr THORNTON) would be attached to CCRA's staff as a technical RDF adviser to CCA and CAAD and also if required to RAAF, it was arranged that office accomodation would be provided for him at HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps and that he would live at one of the Corps HQ Messes on his arrival.	
		(iii)	CBO (Maj R W HORSBURGH) and SC (Capt R BUCHANAN) visited HQ AA Gp FREMANTLE, 109 Aust Lt AA Regt and 116 Aust Lt AA Regt and discussed with commanders the arrangements for re-organisation of AA.	
		(iv)	Mr THORNTON reported and arrangements as above were made for his accomodation, messing etc.	
	6 Aug	(i)	A conference was held at HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps relative to the formation of the 102 Aust Composite AA Regt (HE) and the transfer of 150 Lt AA Bty to AA Gp FREMANTLE. CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) presided.	

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PERTH	6 Aug		Present: Comd AA Gp FREMANTLE - Lt-Col J S YOUNG ~~Comd 109 Aust Lt AA Regt (AIF) - Lt-Col P W KELSO~~ Comd 116 Aust Lt AA Regt (AIF) - Lt-Col P STOKES Maj R W HORSBURGH) ~~Staff HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps~~ Capt R BUCHANAN) The formation of 660 and 661 Lt AA Btys (LE) and the relief of 116 Aust Lt AA Regt personnel now performing Static AA Duties in the PERTH-FREMANTLE area was also discussed. Rpd.	
	~~7 Aug~~	(i)	~~CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) and DA & QMG 3 Aust Corps (Brig PASCOE)~~ visited HQ AA Gp FREMANTLE. Brig PASCOE was introduced to officers and later visited COOGEE Gun Station. Rpd.	
		(ii)	Advice was received from LHQ asking that Capt LENEHAN (attached HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps) be ~~transferred~~ to HQ NT Force. As no promotion is involved and as Capt LENEHAN is primarily ~~an artillery officer it was requested that the transfer be~~ NOT effected. Rpd.	
		(iii)	RAA 3 Aust Corps Operation Instruction No 26 - "Reallocation of Lt AA" - and covering the allocation of 150 Aust Lt AA Bty to ~~AA~~ Gp FREMANTLE and the relief of 172 Aust Lt AA Bty and 2 troops 173 Aust Lt AA Bty was issued Rpd.	Appendix 4
		(iv)	Mr J A THORNTON contacted AA Gp FREMANTLE and carried out a preliminary inspection of GL sites and equipment. Rpd.	

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PERTH	8 Aug	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) accompanied by CBO (Maj R W HORSBURGH) and SO Arty (L) (Capt G M NIALL) visited SOUTH MOLE, FREMANTLE and witnessed the proofing of 6-pr Twin equipments recently installed. The proofing of the emplacements was satisfactory.	
		(ii)	~~In the afternoon CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) attended the~~ Artillery Sunday Memorial Service at St Matthews Church, GUILDFORD. His Excellency the Lieut Governor was present and took the salute at a march past which included a detachment composed of representatives from each of the Corps Arty regiments and commanded by CBO 3 Aust Corps (Maj R W HORSBURGH)	
	9 Aug	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) and BGS 3 Aust Corps (Brig NIMMO) called on Admiral Commanding Royal Netherlands Navy (Admiral KONRAD) and Consul-General for the Netherlands (Col WRIGHT). Arrangements were made for them to visit ROTTNEST ISLAND on 9 Aug and to witness Tk A shooting at TOODYAY on 13 Aug.	
		(ii)	~~Comd designate 102 Aust Composite AA Regt (Lt-Col RHODEN)~~ and Comd 109 Aust Lt AA Regt (AIF) were interviewed by CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) relative to the assumption of command by Lt-Col RHODEN and movement of Lt-Col KELSO to Comd 54 Aust AA Regt. ~~Lt- Col KELSO was instructed to complete the reorganisation of 102 Aust Composite AA Regt (HE) which is absorbing 109 Aust Lt AA Regt (AIF) and to conduct Lt-Col RHODEN around the~~ operational stations of the regiment prior to his (Lt-Col KELSO) departure from WA.	

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PERTH	9 Aug	(iii)	CAAD FREMANTLE (Lt-Col J S YOUNG) was interviewed relative to the formation of 109 Aust AA Trg Bty and the delay that has ensued. On formation this Bty will be located at INGLEWOOD Oval.	
		(iv)	~~RAA 3 Aust Corps Artillery Officers Ball was held on the~~ night of Aug 9. CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) was official host. The Lieut-Governor (Sir James MITCHELL and Lady MITCHELL) were present together with Comd 2 Aust Div (Maj Gen LLOYD) CTF 51 (Admiral CRISTIE) NOIC FREMANTLE (Comd POPE) and other senior officers. ~~The GOC 3 Aust Corps (Lt-Gen H G BENNETT) was~~ unfortunately absent from the State. The Ball was a great ~~success. Approximately 700 attending and everyone enjoyed the~~ evening.	
	10 Aug	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) attended the weekly Staff Conference ~~which was held in the GOC's absence. Dr SUTTON of the~~ Scientific Liaison Bureau was present and outlined to those present the object of the Bureau. CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) requested that Dr SUTTON's services be made available to him for 10 days so that Dr SUTTON could be made acquainted with the Corps Artillery detail and personnel.	
		(ii)	The Private Secretary to the Governor (Col MANNING) contacted CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) and congratulated CCRA and Committee on the success of the Artillery Ball.	

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PERTH	11 Aug	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) accompanied by CBO (Maj R W HORSBURGH) attended Tk A Shooting conducted by students by students 3 Aust Corps School of Arty at TOODYAY. Admiral KONRAD (Commanding Royal Netherlands Navy) and Col WRIGHT (Consul-General to the Netherlands) were also present. ~~At the commencement the shooting was too "fixed" and standard~~ was poor. CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) instructed that the runs were to be altered and that each run was to be different. Once the detachments had varied types of targets confronting them and had to think for themselves the shooting improved and was really satisfactory.	
		(ii)	~~After lunching with Comd Western Training Centre (Col ALLEN)~~ a 3" Mortar shoot at NORTHAM range was witnessed.	
		(iii)	Mr J A THORNTON visited ROTTNEST ISLAND and inspected CD No 1 Set and CA Stations.	
	12 Aug	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) accompanied by CBO (Maj R W HORSBURGH) witnessed Fd Shooting carried out at YORK Range by students at 3 Aust Corps School of Arty. The shooting was far below the required standard. The CI (Maj J O HAWKINS) was informed accordingly. ~~As on previous courses it was again apparent that the~~ seemingly keenest and best students were from Corps Arty units (12 Aust A Fd Regt and 2 Aust Med Regt) while apparent weakest students were from 1 Aust Armd Div (3 Aust Fd Regt and 16 Aust Fd Regt)	

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PERTH	12 Aug	(ii)	On the return journey CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) met the Corps Comd Lt-Gen H G BENNETT), BGS (Brig NIMMO) and CE (Brig LAWRENCE) at 64 Aust Corps Fd Park Coy BAKERS HILL and inspected a "Mock up" DC 3 transport aeroplane which will be used in training for air moves.	
		(iii)	Capt BERESFORD SMITH and Lieut BARTLETT, MGOs Branch LHQ arrived in WA. Capt SMITH will visit FD and Tk A units in 3 Aust Corps with the object of obtaining USER reports on Australian equipment. Lieut BARTLETT who is an authority on Fire Control instruments will inspect and report on Fire Control instruments in the various Coast Artillery installations in WA. A conference was held at HQ RAA attended by the aforementioned officers, Capt MALONEY, AEME, Mr THORNTON, Radio Physicist; and SC Arty (Capt R BUCHANAN) when details affecting itinerary etc were discussed.	
		(iv)	Following the allocation of Dr SUTTON to CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) for a period of 10 days, details of his itinerary and the object of his visit were promulgated to units.	Appendix 5
	13 Aug	(i)	RAA 3 Aust Corps Operation Instruction No 26, covering the move of 4 Aust Svy Bty from NORTHAM to HOPE VALLEY area on 17 Aug was issued.	Appendix 6

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PERTH	13 Aug	(ii)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) accompanied by CBO (Maj R W HORSBURGH) witnessed a long base deployment exercise carried out by 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty in the WILLIAMS area. The technical side of the exercise appeared satisfactory but there were tactical weaknesses in not establishing HQs and report centres. More marked still was the undisciplined appearance and behaviour of the men and their general dirtiness and untidiness. All officers were addressed by CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) in connection with this.	
		(iii)	On the return journey 173 Aust Lt AA Bty was visited. Personnel were clean, tidy and regimental. A convoy exercise of this bty was seen on the road and the standard was very good.	
	14 Aug	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) interviewed Dr. G L S SUTTON, WA representative of the Scientific Liaison Bureau. Details re Dr Sutton's itinerary covering his visit to Corps Artillery units and stations were discussed.	
		(ii)	CSO 3 Aust Corps (Lt-Col McKINLEY) interviewed CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) re the reduction of Signal personnel at ALBANY consequent on the transfer of COAST ARTILLERY, ALBANY, from a full time basis to VDC manning.	
		(iii)	RAA 3 Aust Corps F Sp exercise carried out under the direction of Svy SO HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (Lt-Col T W SHORT) and Asst Svy SO (Lieut C R WILSHIRE) concluded. Attached are papers issued in conjunction with the exercise.	Appendix 7

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PERTH	16 Aug	(i)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) conferred with BGS 3 Aust Corps (Brig NIMMO) re proposed 10 Aust LH Regt exercise. It was decided to place an artillery group (Fd, Tk A and Lt AA) under command 10 Aust LH Regt for the duration of the exercise.	
		(ii)	~~CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) attended a farewell to Lt-Col P W~~ KELSO (ex Comd 109 Au st Lt AA Regt) who has been appointed to command 54 Aust AA Regt. Lt-Col KELSO will leave WA on 17 Aug to take up his new appointment.	
	17 Aug	(i)	Reorganisation of Hy AA Defences FREMANTLE Following representation by CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) 3 Aust Corps Op Instruction No 60 was issued giving effect to the reorganisation of AA Troops into three batteries as follows:- 22 Aust Hy AA Bty (Static) (M)(LE) 456 Aust Hy AA Tp (Static) (M) (LE) 457 " " " " " " " 458 " " " " (HE) 25 Aust Hy AA Bty (Static) (M) (LE) 454 Aust Hy AA Tp (Static) (M) (LE) 455 " " " " " " " 29 Aust Hy AA Bty (Static) (M) (LE) 418 Aust Hy AA Tp (Static) (M) (LE) 419 " " " " " " " 420 " " " " " " " 450 " " " " " " " 451 " " " " " " "	

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PERTH	17 Aug	(ii)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN), DA & QMG 3 Aust Corps (Brig PASCOE) accompanied by Comd 102 Aust AA Regt (Lt-Col J W RHODEN) carried out reconnaissance for the HQ of regiment. It was decided to locate HQ 102 Aust AA Regt in Camp 22 SOUTH GUILDFORD area.	
		(iii)	CCRA (Brig B E KELIN) conferred with CCA (Col R R SMITH) re plans for 9.2" plotting room SCRIVEN BTY which have been received from LHQ. Siting was NOT considered best and details were referred to MGRA, LHQ.	
	~~18 Aug~~	~~(i)~~	~~CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) conferred with CAAD (Lt-Col J S YOUNG)~~ re searchlight grouping and reorganisation consequent on instructions received from LHQ and the new organisation by which a troop now mans 3 150 cm lights instead of 2 and the introduction of the mobile troops equipped with 90 cm lights.	
		(ii)	Comd 102 Aust AA Regt (Lt-Col J W RHODEN) was interviewed ~~re disposal of surplus officers and NCOs 109 Aust Lt AA Regt~~ (which is being disbanded to form 102 Aust AA Regt)	
		(iii)	Advice was received that Capt LENEHAN, at present attached HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps, would report for duty at MS Branch LHQ MELBOURNE. Arrangements were accordingly made for his movement by train on approximately 25 Aug.	

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PERTH	18 Aug	(iii)	CBO (Maj R W HORSBURGH) accompanied by SC (Capt R BUCHANAN) carried out a reconnaissance of Artillery range area, NARROGIN. The Target area was found to be suitable, but difficulty in the selection of OPs was encountered. All property owners were contacted and have no objection to the use of the area for shooting.	
	19 Aug	(i)	Advice was received that the CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) was posted to 3 Aust Div (NEW GUINEA) as CRA 3 Aust Div. Brig L E S BARKER (at present BRA 1 Aust Army) would replace Brig B E KLEIN as CCRA 3 Aust Corps.	
		(ii)	SO Arty (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) visited 2 Aust Med Regt shoot at ROCKINGHAM Artillery Range. DF Tasks etc were given to the regiment and during the evening Verey signals were put up calling for fire. No live shooting was however carried out.	
		(iii)	RAA 3 Aust Corps Op Instn No 25 - Standard Arty Concentrations	Appendix 8
	20 Aug	(i)	Aircraft for AA exercises: The present allocation of aircraft for AA Exercises in NOT considered satisfactory. Representations were made to 3 Aust Corps requesting that the allotment be increased both in respect to sorties for AA practices and also for the training of AA instrument operators.	
		(ii)	~~SO Arty (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) conducted shooting practice~~ 2 Aust Med Regt ROCKINGHAM Range. Standard of shooting was much improved but fire discipline was NOT good.	

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PERTH	20 Aug	(iii)	Dr. G L SUTTON (Scientific Bureau Liaison Officer WA) accompanied by SC (Capt R BUCHANAN) visited 3 Aust Corps School of Arty and 12 Aust Arty Trg Bty, NORTHAM. Dr. G L SUTTON addressed personnel of both units on the relationship between army and Scientific Liaison Bureau.	
		(iv)	Final handing over of Most Secret documents, matters pending etc were carried out by CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) prior to his departure by air on 22 Aug.	Appendix 9
		(v)	A farewell dinner was given by officers of RAA 3 Aust Corps to CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) at the Adelphi Hotel.	
	21 Aug	(i)	Scientific Bureau Liaison Officer WA (Dr. G L SUTTON) accompanied by A/SC(L) (Capt J L LENEHAN) visited 2/3 Aust F SP Bty, 2 Aust Med Regt, and 12 Aust A Fd Regt, addressing each unit in turn on the relationship between the army and the bureau and the function and resources of the Scientific Liaison Bureau.	
		(ii)	SO (Arty) (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) discussed with G3 Air, 3 Aust Corps (Capt GRACE) allocation of sorties for AA practices. Discussed in outline with BGS 3 Aust Corps (Brig NIMMO) AA tasks in NW area. A recce is required at ONSLOW in respect to AA protection of USN oil storage tanks which are being installed there. It was arranged that this reconnaissance would be carried out by 102 Aust AA Regt.	

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PERTH	21 Aug	(iii)	A/CBO (Capt L LUCAS) returned from No 4 Interpretation of Air Photos Course held at LHQ Int School SOUTHPORT, QUEENSLAND.	
	22 Aug	(i)	SO Arty (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) saw BGS 3 Aust Corps (Brig NIMMO) and discussed with him details re:-	
			(i) Exercise to be carried out in conjunction with IO Aust LH Regt.	
			(ii) AA protection of Operational aerodromes in NW area and ~~USN oil storage tanks at ONSLOW. Final decision~~ depended on firm notification of policy from RAAF, It was arranged that contact would be made with USN and detailed sites of oil storage tanks obtained, following which a reconnaissance would be carried out.	
		(ii)	CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) proceeded by air to NEW GUINEA where ~~he will take up appointment as CRA 3 Aust Div.~~	
	23 Aug	(i)	Following further discussion with BGS 3 Aust Corps (Brig NIMMO) it was arranged that SO Arty (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) would visit RAAF and obtain particulars of installations proposed in NW area. Details were later discussed with CAAD ~~FREMANTLE (Lt-Col J S YOUNG).~~	
		(ii)	SO Arty (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) visited USN and obtained full details re USN tanks at ONSLOW. 4 tanks will be erected, 3 to be completed by 23 Oct 43. Instructions were issued to 102 Aust AA Regt for the reconnaissance to be carried out - to be done by 151 Aust Lt AA Bty at EXMOUTH GULF.	

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PERTH	23 Aug	(iii)	Scientific Bureau Liaison Officer (Dr G L SUTTON) accompanied by SC (Capt R BUCHANAN) visited 102 Aust AA Regt and 116 Aust Lt AA Regt. Dr SUTTON addressed officers re relationship between Bureau and army.	
	24 Aug	(i)	Capt J L LENEHAN, who has been attached to HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps as SC(L) proceeded to Eastern States by train where he will report for duty at MS Branch LHQ.	
		(ii)	RAA 3 Aust Corps Training Instruction No 18 covering the training of 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty was issued. 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty ~~will move to NAVAL BASE Camp where they spend a week undergoing~~ intensive training in squad drill and rifle drill with the object of improving the standard of discipline, smartness, turnout and bearing of all personnel in the unit.	Appendix 10
		(iii)	SO Arty (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) attended GOC's Weekly Staff Conference. Later contacted SASO Western Area (W/C MITCHELL) ~~re RAAF plans for future operation in NW Area. Outline~~ proposals were obtained in order to permit anticipation of Lt AA demands to be made. An appreciation was prepared for submission to 3 Aust Corps and MGRA LHQ.	
		(iv)	Permission was obtained from 3 Aust Corps for 40 mm ammunition fuzed 251 to be used for Lt AA practice. All ammunition fuzed ~~250 will be returned to Ordnance and held for Tk A practices~~ and practices against sea targets.	

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PERTH	24 Aug	(v)	Scientific Bureau Liaison Officer (Dr G L SUTTON) accompanied by Lieut Svy (Lieut C R WILSHIRE) visited Btys of Coast Artillery located on mainland.	
	25 Aug	(i)	CRA 1 Aust Armd Div (Brig D O L KITTO) called on his return ~~from AFV Tactical Course. Discussed with SO Arty (Lt-Col F B McALISTER)~~ appointment of BMRA 1 Aust Armd Div - Capt R BUCHANAN is NOT acceptable. The movement of 121 Aust Lt AA Regt was also discussed. Brig KITTO stressed the reason for them being there, namely, training against planes arriving at and departing from GERALDTON airfield, and it was agreed to represent to 3 Aust Corps the case for additional Lt AA ~~practices at GERALDTON if Aircraft could be made available.~~	
		(ii)	In conjunction with 2 i/c 10 Aust LH Regt (Maj DONCON) outline arrangements were drawn up with regard to the forthcoming exercise. The exercise to take the form of 5 days lectures, discussions and TEWTs followed by Tactical exercise and Field Firing. Proposals as above were submitted to 3 Aust Corps.	
	26 Aug	(i)	Capt A N WHITAKER marched in ex Staff School Aust. Notification was received of his posting to HQ NG Force as SC Q. The matter was referred to MGRA stating desirability of retaining him in an artillery appointment and posting as SC HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps.	
		(ii)	Proposed plan for the protection of RAAF airfields in NW area submitted to 3 Aust Corps.	Appendix 11

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PERTH	26 Aug	(iii)	Scientific Bureau Liaison Officer WA (Dr. G L SUTTON) accompanied by CCA Fremantle (Col R R SMITH) and Lieut Svy (Lieut C R WILSHIRE) visited Fixed Defence installations GARDEN ISLAND and addressed officers on relationship between Bureau and army.	
		(iv)	No 4 Mob Met Flt moved to GERALDTON area for the period of RAA 2 Aust Div Divisioanl Artillery Exercise. In order to provide weather forecasts for 3 Aust Corps and normal meteors a detachment remained at MT LAWLEY. This detachment produced meteors while forecasts were prepared by F/O BELL at GERALDTON and passed by W/T to HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps from where they were promulgated.	
	27 Aug	(i)	SO Arty (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) proceeded to GERALDTON where Divisional Artillery exercises RAA 2 Aust Div will be witnessed	
	28 Aug	(i)	CBO (Maj R W HORSBURGH) proceeded to MELBOURNE by air where he will attend Naval Bombardment Course at FLINDERS NAVAL BASE.	
	29 Aug	(i)	SO Arty (Lt-COL F B McALISTER) returned from GERALDTON. 2 Aust Div Arty exercise took the form of demonstration showing methods of Arty support. Regimental and Divisional concentrations were fired and were most successful. The standard of shooting was excellent.	

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PERTH	29 Aug	(ii)	Capt A N WHITAKER departed by air for MELBOURNE en route NG Force where he will take up appointment of SC (Q) Maintenance. Movement of Capt WHITAKER was earlier referred to MGRA who ~~advised that he would subsequently be given a Grade II Arty~~ appointment.	
	30 Aug	(i)	Conference was held to discuss Ordnance administration of ~~AA units. Those attending being:-~~ DDOS 3 Aust Corps Comd 102 Aust AA Regt (Lt-Col J W RHODEN) Comd 116 Aust Lt AA Regt (Lt-Col P W STOKES) SO Arty 3 Aust Corps (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) ~~It was decided that in view of future role of these units that~~ ordnance administration should be through DADOS Corps Troops and NOT DADOS L of C.	
		(ii)	Maj HUGGET (ex 2/7 Aust Fd Regt) reported. He will be posted as 2 i/c 12 Aust A Fd Regt. At the moment will assist with conduct of 10 Aust LH Regtl Exercise.	
		(iii)	Scientific Bureau Liaison Officer WA (Dr G L SUTTON) visited ROTTNEST ISLAND in accordance with syllabus prepared by this HQ.	

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PERTH	31 Aug	(i)	SO Arty (Lt-Col F B McALISTER) attended GOC's Weekly Staff Conference. The following matters affecting Artillery were discussed :-	
			(a) GARDEN ISLAND Project ~~GOC (Lt-Gen H G BENNETT) required a decision re 155 mm~~ guns at CHALLENGER Bty, concerning permancy of emplacement.	
			(b) Move of AA Units to NW Area. Plans for movement of 40 mm Bofors required to be produced.	
			(c) ~~ALBANY Coast Arty~~ GOC directed FTD personnel to be moved from ALBANY.	
		(ii)	Move of FTD personnel from ALBANY was discussed with BGS (Brig NIMMO) and DA & QMG (Brig PASCOE). LHQ approval required pending a report from VDC.	
		(iii)	~~BGS (Brig NIMMO) accompanied by SO Arty (Lt-Col F B McALISTER)~~ were conducted on visit to AASL Stations by CAAD (Lt-Col J S YOUNG). The matter of arming AWAS sentries was reviewed and appears necessary. BGS (Brig NIMMO) is preparing memo for GOC 3 Aust Corps (Lt-Gen H G BENNETT)	
		(iv)	The following are appended:-	
			(i) Field Returns prepared 7 Aug. (ii) Monthly report on activities.	Appendix 12 Appendix 13

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HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
30 Jul 43.

HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION NO 24.

NOTES ON TACTICAL USE OF AN LAD.

1. It is a common mistake made by Unit Commanders that they do not make full use of the L.A.D. in action and the following notes are prepared for their guidance and also for the information of those L.A.D commanders who have not had active service experience.

2. The Light Aid Detachment is under the command of the Regimental Commander and is attached for the following purposes.
(a) To supervise the preventative mechanical maintenance of unit equipment.
(b) To carry out first line repairs and evacuate to 1st echelon recovery post vehicles and equipment damaged beyond the scope of first line repairs.

In short, it is a mechanical R.A.P. and the L.A.D. commander occupies a position in the regiment parallel to that of the RMO.

3. The March. On the long march from training area to assembly point, the LAD has the responsibility of ensuring that the unit arrives complete and if possible under its own power and incidentally does not incur damage to itself from enemy aircraft action during the trip. Therefore the following organisation is recommended.

At the rear of "A" Echelon - 1 15cwt) Under charge WOII with
1 3 Ton) 2 fitters, tools and few spares.

At the rear of "B" Echelon - 1 Truck Garage
1 Stores
1 Breakdown
1 15 cwt with LAD Comd Motorcyclist.

4. The Garage and Stores trucks keep up with the convoy and do not stop unless required to do so by OC LAD who will normally ensure that his vehicle carries a few necessary spares.

5. When a vehicle drops out, the two LAD vehicles servicing the echelon stop, and if only minor, one vehicle proceeds and takes the next casualty, maintaining a leap frog system. As a result, the two vehicles with "A" Echelon will eventually find themselves towards the rear of the convoy but will recover their position when opportunity offers at a halt.

6. At no time will the recovery vehicle be used for towing purposesother than suspended tows, all straight towing being done by unit vehicles

7. In this way valuable time is saved and the original formation of the convoy reasonably preserved.

8. Action. On reaching the assembly point, the OC LAD will go forward with recovery lorry and his motorcyclist and personally see the "A" Echelon go into action, in the case of artillery will go forward to the gun position and return his vehicles to the tractor lines.

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The organisation will then be :-

At the gun position : LAD Commander.
Armament Artificer and Fitters Gun.

At the Tractor Lines : Fitters M V.
Recovery Vehicle.
Motorcyclist.

9. "B" echelon WO and remainder of LAD vehicles and personnel to carry out service to "B" echelon vehicles.

10. An LAD is responsible for its own protection and will take action for AA protection at halts.

11. An LAD in action has NO fixed working hours and is open for business as soon as the wheels stop turning and often remains open until the unit has gone.

12. It must be organised so that it can divide and yet still function efficiently. Some LADs in the Middle East serviced wide areas of up to 3 points along 250 miles.

13. An LAD Commander will keep himself in touch with all orders during an operation and when the unit divides will move from section to section and keep himself informed as to their welfare.

14. It is essential that LAD Commanders keep themselves informed as to position of unit and 1st Echelon recovery points and keep in close liaison with 2nd Echelon workshops.

15. The responsibility of locating recovery posts rests with :-

Unit Recce Post (LAD Commander
(C O Unit.

1st echelon arranged between SC Bde and 2nd Echelon Workshops.

2nd Echelon Senior EME Formation.

RBuchanan Capt.
SC Arty RAA 3 Aust Corps.

DISTRIBUTION.

2 Aust Med Regt
12 Aust A Fd Regt
15 Aust Fd Regt
109 Aust Lt AA Regt
116 Aust Lt AA Regt
2/3 Aust F Sp Bty
12 Aust Arty Trg Bty
3 Aust Corps School of Arty
SO Arty (2)
SC Arty (2)
War Diary (2)
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HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
1 Aug 43

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HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS TRG INSTN NO 16

SOUND RANGING CADRE - TRG POLICY

1. ORGAN

(i) The Sound Ranging Cadre att to 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty will continue to be known as the Sound Ranging Cadre.

(ii) The Sound Ranging Cadre will form a separate sub-unit within the 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty.

2. TRG - GENERAL

(i) The ultimate aim of the trg of the above cadre will be to ensure that 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty are able to establish a F Sp long base, simultaneously with the employment of a S Rg Base, or if necessary that 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty can operate entirely as a S Rg unit.

(ii) On arrival, all S Rg stores will be checked and maintenance carried out. Immediately this is complete, HQ Sec plus one Fd Sec of 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty will commence trg on S Rg methods. On completion of trg of one fd sec, trg will be repeated for the other fd sec.

3. DETAILED INSTNS FOR TRG

Trg will be directed along the following lines and will be supervised by SO Svy RAA 3 Aust Corps who will render a monthly report to CCRA on trg done and standard reached.

(i) Lines: Instn in siting and connecting up of microphones and also in balancing the different circuits.

(ii) Fwd Observers: Selected pers from F Sp posts will be trained as fwd observers.

(iii) Instrument operators: Suitable pers only will be trained in this aspect of S Rg.

(iv) Plotting Centre: Pers from F Sp plotting centre will receive Instn in Film Reading, Recording and Computing.

(v) Deployments: On completion of the above trg deployment drill will be practiced.

4. METEOR

Arrangements will be made through this HQ for meteors required for this trg to be obtained from No 4 Mob Met Flt.

Lt-Col
SO Arty RAA 3 Aust Corps

Distribution

2/3 Aust F Sp Bty	(2)	(1 for S Rg Cadre)	RAA 2 Aust Div (for infm)	1
			12 Aust A Fd Regt " "	1
No 4 Mob Met Flt	1		15 Aust Fd Regt " "	1
CCRA	1		2 Aust Med Regt " "	1
SO Arty	1		3 Aust Corps S of A "	1
SO Svy	1		3 Aust Corps " "	1
GS Staff	1		War Diary	2
A 1 Aust Armd Div	1	(for infm)	File	1

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HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
2 Aug 43

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RAA 3 AUST CORPS TRG INSTN NO 17

TRG OF 4 AUST SVY BTY FOR MONTHS OF AUG-SEP 43.

1. GENERAL POLICY

On completion of present task of mapping in the GOOMALLING area, 4 Aust Svy Bty will carry out trg on the lines laid down below. The trg will be designed generally to refresh the unit in its operational role of provision of svy infm for arty regts of a corps or div arty.

2. DIRECTION.

The trg will be supervised by SO Svy RAA 3 Aust Corps who will render a report to CCRA on 31 Aug in regard to the trg completed and standard attained.

3. TECHNICAL SVY WORK

(i) Traversing by day against time will be practised. It should be kept in mind that svy infm which is produced late is often useless. A rate of 2000 yds per hour in average country should be the aim.

(ii) Night traversing will be extensively practised, until all parties are proficient. A rate of 800-1000 yds per hour in average country should be the aim.

(iii) A tactical background should be provided for the above trg. Work should be done against time. Attention will be paid to:-

(a) Concealment, dispersion and camflg.

(b) Use of ground.

(c) Prevention of pers exposing themselves on the skyline.

(d) Prohibition of showing lights towards the enemy in night work.

4. TACTICAL TRG.

(i) 4 Aust Svy Bty will be organised in accordance with WE II/8A/2.

(ii) The tactical markings of vehs which will be adopted forthwith are shown in Appx "A".

(iii) Three exercises each of one to two days duration and incl one night out will be conducted under direction of OC 4 Aust Svy Bty. These exercises will be based on a Svy Bty working in conjunction with two fd regts and a med regt in sp of a div of two Inf Bdes.

(iv) During the last week of Aug or early Sep a Bty exercise will be set and directed by this HQ.

5. MT TRG.

This aspect will be covered by separate instns, and particular attention will be paid to improvement in the standard of MT maintenance.

6. MOVEMENT

Adm instns for movement from NORTHAM area will be issued later.

Distribution

4 Aust Svy Bty	1	3 Aust Corps	1
CCRA	1	File	1
SO Arty	1	War Diary	2
SO Svy	1		

R. W. Horsburgh Maj
for Lt-Col.
SO, Arty RAA 3 Aust Corps

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APPX "A"

HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS TRG INSTN NO 17

TACTICAL MARKINGS OF VEHS OF A SVY BTY - (WEII/8A/2)

Sec	Allotment	Type	Tactical Marking		
Bty HQ	BC	15 cwt GS			X
	Office	15 cwt office			H
	Stores veh	3 ton GS			Q
	BSM	MC			MC 4
			No 1 Fd Sec	No 2 Fd Sec	No 3 Fd Sec
Fd Secs	Sec Comd	15 cwt GS	R1	R2	R3
	Sec Sjt	15 cwt GS	Y1	Y2	Y3
	Sec AQ Veh	15 cwt GS	L1	L2	L3
	Svy party vehs	15 cwt GS	YA	YC	YE
		15 cwt GS	YB	YD	YF
	Sec Orderly	MC	MC 1	MC 2	MC 3

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HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
7 Aug 43

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HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS OP INSTN NO 26

RE-ALLOCATION OF LT AA

1. ALLOCATION

In accordance with LHQ Memo SM 18801 of 28 Jul 43, 150 Aust Lt AA Bty (102 Aust Comp AA Regt) is allocated to AA Gp FREMANTLE.

2. RELIEF

(i) 150 Aust Lt AA Bty will move to AA Gp and will relieve 172 Aust Lt AA Bty (116 Aust Lt AA Regt) at FREMANTLE and 2 tps of 171 Aust Lt AA Bty (116 Aust Lt AA Regt) at CRAWLEY.

(ii) 172 Aust Lt AA Bty will be given priority in this relief.

(iii) Relief will be effected by tps of 3 guns as arranged mutually between Comd AA Gp FREMANTLE, 102 Aust Comp AA Regt, and 116 Aust Lt AA Regt.

(iv) On relief, 172 Aust Lt AA Bty and 2 tps of 173 Aust Lt AA Bty will move to BIBRA LAKE area.

(v) This HQ will be notified on completion of relief.

3. CRAWLEY

Comd AA Gp FREMANTLE will render plan for manning of CRAWLEY to this HQ.

4. ACK

R. H. Hasburgh Maj
for Lt-Col.
SO Arty RAA 3 Aust Corps.

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102 Aust Comp AA Regt	1-2
116 Aust Lt AA Regt (AIF)	3-4
AA Gp HQ	5-6
CCRA	7
SO Arty	8
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HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps(AIF)

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12 Aust A Fd Regt(AIF)
15 Aust Fd Regt(AIF)
2 Aust Med Regt(AIF)
116 Aust Lt AA Regt(AIF)
102 Aust Comp AA Regt(AIF)
4 Aust Svy Bty
2/3 Aust F Sp Bty
3 Aust Corps School of Arty
2 Aust Arty Trg Bty
Coast Arty FREMANTLE
AA Gp HQ FREMANTLE

SCIENTIFIC LIAISON BUREAU.

1. Further to this office memo of 10 Aug 43 you are advised that Dr G.L. SUTTON will undertake a familiarisation tour of Corps Arty units and installations in accordance with the att itinerary Appx A.

2. The main purpose of Dr SUTTON'S tour will be to meet all officers and familiarise himself with the type of and conditions appertaining to each unit concerned, i.e. Mobile or Static, Field or Medium or Svy , Coast or Anti Aircraft etc.,etc., and it is requested therefore at such visits that commanding officers take the necessary steps, to allow of Dr SUTTON to give a short explanatory talk to all officers, station commanders and their staffs, or detachment commanders and senior NCOs as applicable.

3. In cases of subsequent communication with Dr SUTTON, addressers will forward a copy of such communication to this office.

B E Klein Brig.
CCRA 3 Aust Corps.

Copies to - Dr G.L. SUTTON.
3 Aust Corps.

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APPENDIX A

RAA 3 AUST CORPS

OUTLINE ITINERARY

SCIENTIFIC BUREAU FAMILIARISATION TOUR

DR. G L SUTTON

DATE & TIME	DETAIL	ACTION
20 Aug 1000 hrs	Arrive School of Arty NORTHAM Visit School of Arty, Arty Trg Bty	CI School of Arty to Arrange
1245 hrs	Lunch School of Arty	
21 Aug 1000 hrs	Arrive 15 Aust Fd Regt, MUNDIJONG Lunch 15 Aust Fd Regt	CO 15 Aust Fd Regt to arrange
23 Aug 0945 hrs	Arrive 102 Aust AA Regt	CO 102 Aust AA Regt to arrange
1130 hrs	Arrive 116 Aust Lt AA Regt Lunch 116 Aust Lt AA Regt	CO 116 Aust Lt AA Regt to arrange
24 Aug 0900 hrs	HQ CCA FREMANTLE Visit HARBOUR BTY LEIGHTON BTY SWANBOURNE BTY PERON BTY	CCA to arrange
26 Aug 0900 hrs	Visit GARDEN ISLAND Gun Stas 454, 455, SCRIVEN and CHALLENGER Btys.	CCA and CAAD to arrange mutually
30 Aug	ROTTNEST ISLAND BICKLEY BTY and OLIVERS BTY	CCA and CAAD to arrange mutually
31 Aug 0900 hrs	Visit HQ AA Gp, FREMANTLE Visit Gun Stas 419,451, 450, 418. Lunch HQ AA Gp.	CAAD to arrange
2 Sep 0930 hrs	AAOR Visit Gun Stas 420, 423, 457, 456 and AASLs Stas.	CAAD to arrange
3 Sep 0930 hrs	2/3 Aust F Sp Bty	OC 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty to arrange
1030 hrs	2 Aust Med Regt	CO 2 Aust Med Regt to arrange
1200 hrs	12 Aust A Fd Regt Lunch 12 Aust A Fd Regt	CO 12 Aust A Fd Regt to arrange

DR. G L SUTTON will be accompanied by either Capt BUCHANAN or Capt LEMBHAN, HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps.

DR. SUTTON B3439
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HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS OP INSTN NO 26

Ref map : FREMANTLE 1/63360.

INTENTION

1. 4 Aust Svy Bty will move from present location to HOPE VALLEY Area (777780 Eastings 142150 Northings) on 17 Aug 43.

ROLE

2. In accordance with RAA 3 Aust Corps Trg Instn No 17.

METHOD

3. Movement. Under unit arrangements in accordance with AQ 30

4. Route. E Route S 1 to junc FORREST and CARRINGTON Sts - NEW ROCKINGHAM Rd to HOPE VALLEY.

5. Block Timings. Depart NORTHAM 0800 - 0809 hrs
ETA HOPE VALLEY 1209 - 1218 hrs.

6. PRO PRO pers will report to OC convoy at 0730 hrs 17 Aug at NORTHAM CAMP.

7. Accommodation.

(i) Camp Site may be constructed to Stage 1 with additional improvements as shown in ASO 18/2 para 4.

(ii) Down draught incinerators on the scale of one per kitchen are approved in addition to the above and will be constructed. ASO 18/2 para 3 does NOT apply.

(iii) Tentage and accommodation stores FS scale A will accompany unit.

ADM

8. Sups. Rations and POL will be drawn from DID MELVILLE.

9. Medical Evacuation of casualties will be through RAP 12 Aust A Fd Regt to 37 Camp Hospital MELVILLE thence to 110 AGH HOLLYWOOD.

10. Rec. 1st ECHELON unit arrangements. 2nd ECHELON 29 Hy Wkshops FREMANTLE.

11. Ord Stores. Will be drawn from 7 AOD MIDLAND JUCTION.

12. Hygiene. Careful attention will be paid to hygiene in camp site with particular attention to :-
(i) Fly proofing of latrines.
(ii) Disposal of refuse.
(iii) Disposal of sullage water.

13. Water. WP 12 Aust A Fd Regt.

INTERCOMN.

14. DRLS service will operate daily to and from HOPE VALLEY.

15. Unit will notify this HQ when new location is occupied giving map ref of unit.

16. Telephone number for new location will be notified later.

17. Nil.

Signed at 2100 hrs.

P Buchanan Capt.
SC Arty RAA 3 Aust Corps.

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CCRA.

RAA 3 Aust Corps F Sp Exercise 10 - 13 Aug 43.

1. (i) The exercise was based on a Japanese force landing at ALBANY and advancing Northwards on two main routes. The F Sp Bty was att to RAA WESTFORCE which met the enemy at WILLIAMS and pushed them back.
(ii) Sitreps were issued at intervals showing the progress of the enemy until WILLIAMS was reached and then his retirement.

2. MOVE TO WILLIAMS.
(i) On 9 Aug a warning order followed by a movement order was issued to the F Sp Bty ordering their move to the WILLIAMS area on 10 Aug 43.
(ii) The following points were noted and discussed at a conference of F Sp offrs on the night of 10 Aug 43.
(a) Intervals between vehs were too great, nearly always 300 yds instead of 180 yds.
(b) Traffic and air lookouts were NOT sufficiently alert. Traffic lookouts did NOT signal driver on approach of other vehs.
(c) Starting after a halt was poor, too long drawn out.
(d) Dispersal of vehs at halts was poor. Drivers are NOT inclined to leave the road.
(e) Speed of convoy was too fast over the rough road at first but improved later on the highway.
(f) Maintenance of vehs at halts was carried out in approx 60% of cases.
(g) Control of convoy was by two senior NCOs on MCs who patrolled the column while on the move.
(iii) Generally the move was an improvement on the previous move but more experience in convoy movement is required.

3. BIVOUAC.
(i) A/BC went forward to bivouac site and prepared track plan and layout.
(ii) On arrival all vehs went to their allotted areas without a hitch.
(iii) Dispersal and camouflage of vehs was good.
(iv) Each sec provided its own roving patrols and sentry was mounted at main entrance.
(v) Latrines were dug under sec arrangements.
(vi) BHQ was set up and runner provided for internal comn.

4. DEPLOYMENT No 1 ON 11 AUG.
(i) This deployment was a daylight one commencing early. Sitrep was issued at 0600 hrs and BC ordered to RV at 0630 hrs North of WILLIAMS where area for deployment, zone, FDLs were pointed out on the ground and F Sp observations asked for by 1300 hrs.
(ii) BC decided on 4 posts with one sub post base and base was completely installed and ready to observe by 1310 hrs - 10 mins late.
(iii) The posts visited were satisfactorily located and camouflage and protection was good.
(iv) Sec WLs were as satisfactory as conditions of ground would allow.
(v) The first four series of flashes were NOT visible from the posts. Good locations were obtained in series 5,6 and 7 although a comparison showed that the Bty underestimated the accuracy of their results
(vi) The base was closed down at 1700 hrs on 11 Aug.

5. DEPLOYMENT No 2 ON 11/12 AUG.
(i) This deployment was a night one where just over an hour daylight was available to the BC to make his recce. Sec offrs received their orders with less than half an hour of daylight left.
(ii) Sitrep was issued at 1700 hrs 11 Aug and BC went fwd approx 6 miles and was asked for F Sp obs by 1700 hrs 12 Aug. Area, zone and FDLs were pointed out on the ground.
(iii) Five posts were deployed and base was in action by 0230 hrs.
(iv) NO attempt was made to check parallelism of all posts by means of ars.

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(v) Sec offrs did NOT visit their posts at first light in order to check their location and zone of observation. Two posts were unsatisfactorily located from the point of view of observation and one was being moved to a new location when base was closed down.
(vi) One Sec HQ was moved to a forward posn in order to assist in location of flashes.
(vii) Tactical location of posts was satisfactory but in a few cases men approached the posts along the skyline in view of the enemy.
(viii) Locations were obtained in 8 of the 9 series that werefired. Locations obtained are regarded as satisfactory. They were NOT as close as those in deployment No 1 although the accuracy was inclined to be over estimated.
(ix) The base was closed down at 1100 hrs.

6. DEPLOYMENT No 3 ON 12 AUG.
(i) This was a daylight one commencing at noon with observations carried out at night.
(ii) Sitrep issued at 1100 hrs. BC went fwd South of TARWONGUP and shown deployment area, zone and FDLs and asked for F Sp obs by 1900 hrs.
(iii) Six posts including two sub posts were deployed making four effective posts. Base was ready with 3 posts and 2 sub posts at 1850 hrs, the last post being completed on the plotting board at 1910 hrs.
(iv) Location, concealment and camouflage of posts was satisfactory.
(v) A series of flashes fired at 1845 hrs before the base was ready resulted in a satisfactory area location being obtained.
(vi) Locations were obtained in 8 of the 12 series that were fired.
b. In series 2 and 3 the flashes were observed but the readings obtained would NOT concentrate, No reason was discovered for this.
c. Series No 8 was fired as an experiment well below the skyline and only a faint glow could be seen from the posts.
d. The classification of locations obtained was usually over estimated. These series with the exception of series 1, were fired at a distance of approx 12000 yds from the posts. Tp posns were close and frequently firing simaltaneously. This apparently caused a certain amount of trouble as posts were observing different flashes and thus obtaining an intersection closer than they actually were.
(vii) The base was closed down at 2110 hrs.

7. DEPLOYMENT No 4 ON 12/13 AUG.
(i) This was a complete night deployment with observations commencing at 0730 hrs.
(ii) Sitrep was issued at 2115 hrs and BC instructed to go fwd to ARTHUR RIVER at 2145 hrs. Owing to the BC being on the road when the message was received he did NOT report till 2155 hrs. Area, zone and FDLs were again pointed out and obs asked for by 0730 hrs.
(iii) Four posts were ordered but detailed recce at night could only find suitable sites for 3. An area among timber was selected for the fourth and lines and svy run into the area. The actual site was selected at first light and this post was installed and ready at 0745 hrs. The first 3 posts were ready at 0705 hrs.
(iv) Sec offrs visited all posts at first light but the BC apart from his oroginal recce to select sec areas did NOT visit the posts until 0630 hrs.
(v) Locations were obtained in 7 of the 23 series that were fired. In most cases the classification of locations was better than reported. The locations obtained in this deployment were very satisfactory.
(vi) The base was closed down at 1415 hrs.

8. Owing to the visibility becoming very poor, deployment of No 5 was cancelled and extra flashes were fired up till 1330 hrs after which the exercise was terminated. Offrs were assembled and spoken to by the CCRA and a general discussion with SO Arty. Svy

9. GENERAL.
Generally the exercise was successful and the bty did all that was asked of it.

i. SURVEY. The only maps used by the F Sp Bty were the 4mls to 1 in Strat maps. Coords of pegs which represented points fixed by a regtl svy party, were given to the BC with his initial orders. These

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coords were obtained from Lands Dept maps in order that the svy of the base and locations of flashes would be in sympathy. Azimuth was obtained astronomically in every case. The svy parties worked efficiently and results when handed to PC were accurate.

ii. LINES. Line parties worked efficiently and quickly with the exception that cables were just on the edge of the road instead of being laid away from the cable drains where they would possibly be damaged by AFVs. Establishing bases and reeling in cavles was carried out quickly in all cases.

iii. POSTS. Post parties visited were alert and had established their post sites satisfactorily. Telephone drill was good. Very few flashes that were visible were missed.

iv. PC Work carried out by PC was very satisfactory.

v. MT Generally the MT was satisfactory . Nets were continually used when stationary though in several instances they were draped over the veh instead of being pegged out

vi. RECOVERY. No major accidents or faults to MT occured but owing to the soft nature of the country, when off the actual road formation, many vehs were bogged and the det of the 6 Aust Inf Tps Wkshps rendered useful assistance and proved to be very useful and anxious to help.

vii. The BC was absent on leave during the move and the first two deployments which were carried outby the Bty Capt. The BC returned at 2100 hrs on 11 Augwhile the deployment was in progress and carried out the third and fourth deployments.

viii. Att are traces showing the comparison of locations and points at which flashes were fired, and also complete tables showing details of flashes and locations obtained.

G.W. Short

Lt-Col.
SO Svy RAA 3 Aust Corps.

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6 Aug 43

RAA 3 AUST CORPS F SP EXERCISE

PAPER NO. 1 - GEN AND ADM INSTN.

Ref Maps PINJARRA 4 miles = 1"
COLLIE 4 " = 1"
DUMBLEYUNG 4 " = 1"

1. OBJECT.

To exercise the 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty in the following:-

(i) Tactical movement by road and establishment of a tactical bivouac.

(ii) Deployment of bty in long bases by day and by night.

2. DIRECTION.

The exercise will be directed by HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps. Details of directing staff are as follows:-

Lt-Col T W SHORT
Lieut C R WILSHIRE.

3. DURATION.

The duration of the exercise will be 10 - 14 Aug.

4. ADM.

(i) A det of 6 Aust Inf Tps wkshops will report to OC F Sp Bty at 1700 hrs 9 Aug.

(ii) The 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty will draw hard rations for 4 days consumption during the exercise. Rations will also be drawn for the det of 6 Aust Inf Tps Wkshops.

(iii) POL. The 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty will carry sufficient POL for 400 miles for all vehs excluding those of the wkshop det.

(iv) Rec. Actual veh casualties will be recovered by the det of 6 Aust Inf Tps Wkshop.

(v) Medical. Actual casualties will be returned by unit tpt to present location and dealt with in the normal manner.

(vi) Speed Limits.

(a) Speed limits as laid down in 3 Aust Corps AQ 30 of 28 Jun 43 will be observed during the exercise and unit instns will be issued accordingly.

(b) Where bridges with a classification less than that of the veh are encountered, speeds over the bridge will not exceed 5 mph. Only one such veh will cross these bridges at a time.

(vii) Maps. Maps required for the exercise are:-

PINJARRA 4 miles = 1"
COLLIE 4 " = 1"
DUMBLEYUNG 4 " = 1"

(viii) Use of Private Property.

(a) Permission to use private property will be obtained beforehand.

(b) Unit claims officer will visit and obtain clearance prior to departure from the area.

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(c) Gates will be used wherever possible and will be closed after entry or exit. Fences will not be cut except in case of emergency and if they are cut will be repaired immediately.

(d) Slit trenches will not be dug.

(e) Stock (ewes and lambs) will be disturbed as little as possible.

5. INTERCOMM.

All messages in connection with the exercise will be prefaced by the world "Exercise".

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SO Svy RAA 3 Aust Corps.

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TO 2/3 AUST P SP BTY.

FROM HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS.

For the purpose of the exercise, the 2/3 Aust P Sp Bty is attached to HQ RAA Westforce.

RAA Westforce is comprised as follows :-

HQ RAA.
101 Aust A Pd Regt.
102 Aust A Pd Regt.
201 Aust Med Regt.
51 Aust Lt AA Regt.

RAA Westforce is under command of 61 Aust Division.

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1. OPENING SITUATION. Infm in regard to the opening situation is shown in the following sitreps.

i. SITREP No. 1

TO 2/3 AUST F SP BTY

FROM 61 AUST DIV DX 1 8

EXERCISE (.) JAP FORCES HAVE LANDED AT ALBANY AND ARE MOVING NORTH (.) FORWARD PATROLS HAVE BEEN SIGHTED IN VICINITY OF RAILWAY AT KOJONUP AND KATANNING (.) ENEMY HAS ACHIEVED LOCAL AIR SUPERIORITY (.) AIRFIELD AT WAGIN HEAVILY BOMBED AND RENDERED UNFIT FOR USE.

D. Black Cpl IMPORTANT. TOO 0800/H

ii. SITREP No. 2.

TO: 2/3 AUST F SP BTY

FROM: 61 AUST DIV DX2 9

EXERCISE (.) ENEMY PATROLS HAVE NOW BEEN SIGHTED ALONG RAILWAY AT EAST ARTHUR AND WAGIN (.) OUR AIR RECCE PATROLS REPORT MAIN BODY APPROX 1 BDE GP WITH 1 REGT OF FD AND 1 REGT OF MED ARTY IN AREA SOUTH OF ROAD MARTUP HILLS - WOODANILLING (.) OUR FORCES SUFFERING HEAVY CASUALTIES AND ARE FALLING BACK.

D Black Cpl IMPORTANT. TOO 0800/H

2 As a result of the infm given above, HQRAA WESTFORCE issued warning order as follows.

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TO 2/3 AUST P SP BTY.

FROM HQ RAA WESTFORCE RAX 1. 9

EXERCISE (.) WARNING ORDER (.) 2/3

AUST P SP BTY WILL BE PREPARED

MOVE WILLIAMS AREA (.) NO MOVE

BEFORE 0700 HRS 10 (.) ACK

W. Whitb Maj

T O O .

1000/H.

THE ABOVE WARNING ORDER WAS FOLLOWED BY THE FOLLOWING MOVEMENT ORDER.

TO 2/3 AUST P SP BTY.

FROM HQ RAA WESTFORCE. RAX 2 9

EXERCISE (.) REF RAX 1 (.) 2/3

AUST P SP BTY WILL MOVE TO

WILLIAMS AREA ON 10 (.) S P

CROSS RDS AT 39180180 (.) TIME

TO PASS S P 1000 HRS (.)

ROUTE ARMADALE THEN ALBANY HIGHWAY (.)

BIV AREA VICINITY OF SCHOOL 47459300

(.) HQ RAA WESTFORCE AT HOUSE

47439305 FROM 1600 HRS 10

T O O .

W. Whitb Maj

1500/H.

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SITREP No. 3.

TO: 2/3 AUST F SP BTY

FROM: 61 AUST DIV DX3 10

EXERCISE (.) ENEMY ADVANCE CONTINURING (.) HEAVY FIGHTING ALONG GENERAL LINE CULBIN - PLESSEVILLE (.) OUR AIRFIELD AT NARROGIN HEAVILY BOMBED DAMAGING 15 AIRCRAFT ON GROUND (.) 12 OUR AIRCRAFT DESTROYED (.) ENEMY LOSSES SLIGHT

D Black Capt. IMPORTANT.

TOO
0800/H

SITREP 3 was received during the move to WILLIAMS.

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SITREP No. 4

TO: 2/3 AUST F SP BTY

FROM: 61 AUST DIV DX4 10

EXERCISE (.) OUR RESISTANCE INCREASING (.) ENEMY PATROLS HELD ALONG THE RAILWAY CULBIN - NARROGIN (.) MAIN BODY ABOUT 10 MILES SOUTH

D. Black Capt IMPORTANT. TOO 1800/H

Sitrep 4 was received at the bivouac at WILLIAMS.

3.i. SITREP NO. 5

TO 2/3 AUST F SP BTY

FROM 61 AUST DIV. DX5 11

EXERCISE (.) MAIN ENEMY FORCE HELD UP ALONG GENERAL LINE OF RAILWAY CULBIN - NARROGIN (.) AIR RECCE ESTIMATES FD - MED ARTY APPROX 3 MILES S OF RLY ON BOTH SIDES OF ALBANY HIGHWAY.

D. Black Capt IMPORTANT. TOO 0600/H

ii. CRA WESTFORCE met BC F.Sp bty and instructed him to provide F.Sp observation from the high ground NORTH of WILLIAMS by 1300 hrs.

4.i. SITREP NO.6

TO 2/3 AUST F SP BTY

FROM 61 AUST DIV DX 5 11

EXERCISE (.) OUR ATTACK SUCCESSFUL (.) ENEMY PUSHED BACK TO GENERAL LINE DARDADINE - TARWONGUP - HIGHBURY (.) HEAVY CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON ENEMY (.) OUR LOSSES SLIGHT.

D. Black Capt IMPORTANT TOO 1700/H

ii. F.Sp base ordered to close down. BC FSp bty was asked for F.Sp deployment along high ground approx N. grid line 91 by 0700 hrs.

5.i. SITREP No.7.

TO 2/3 AUST F SP BTY

FROM 61 AUST DIV DX7 12

EXERCISE (.) OUR ADVANCE CONTINUING (.) ENEMY AGAIN PUSHED BACK TO GENERAL LINE HILLMAN - PIESSEVILLE (.) OUR FORCES ~~HEAVILY~~ HEAVILY ATTACKING ALONG RAILWAY BOWELLING - HILLMAN

D. Black Capt IMPORTANT. TOO 1200/H

ii. F Sp base closed down. F Sp obs again asked for from high ground in vicinity of bridge 50088950 SOUTHof TARWONGUP by 1900 hrs.

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SITREP NO 8.

TO 2/3 AUST F SP BTY.

FROM 61 AUST DIV. DX 8 12.

EXERCISE (.) ALL ATTACKS SUCCESSFUL (.) OUR FORCES NOW HOLD ALBANY HIGHWAY TO MARTUP HILLS (.) AIR RECCE REPORTS ENEMY FORCE CONCENTRATING IN VICINITY OF WIRELESS STATION ON BUNBURY COLLIE WAGIN ROAD.

D Black Capt IMPORTANT T O O. 2100/H.

ii. F.Sp to move base forward to high ground EAST of Highway at ARTHUR RIVER facing EAST. Obs reqd by 0700 hrs.

7.i.
SITREP NO 9.
7.i.

TO 2/3 AUST F SP BTY.

FROM 61 AUST DIV. DX 9 13.

EXERCISE (.) OUR FORCES HAVE MADE SLIGHT ADVANCE. AND ARE OCCUPYING HIGH GROUND IMMEDIATELY EAST OF WIRELESS STATION.

D. Black Capt. IMPORTANT. T O O . 1000/H.

ii. BC FSp bty instructed to advance bse forward to high ground EAST of wireless station. Obs reqd by 1600 hrs.

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19 Aug 43

HQ RAA 3 AUST CORPS TECHNICAL INSTN NO 25.

STANDARD ARTILLERY CONCENTRATIONS

(Ref MGRA's Arty Trg Directive of 8 Jun 43)

1. The following points relative to the above directive were recently submitted to MGRA:-

(i) Application of Position Correction

RATM No 6 states in section 7 page 12 "The GPO will always apply position corrections except in the case of a GF target". The directive in paragraph 8, in regard to method A concentrations states, "Position corrections NOT applied". Does the ruling given in the Directive supersede RATM No 6 in regard to method A concentrations?

(ii) Fire Plan Orders

The example of orders given in paragraph 7 of the directive differs from that given in RATM No 6 section 4, in that in the latter case, time of engagement, rates and synchronisation are given direct to the GPO. Is it intended that the standard concentrations be treated as fire plans in accordance with RATM No 6 and the details given direct to the GPO.

2. Rulings given by MGRA are as follows:-

(i) Application of Position Correction

In order to obtain sufficient dispersion around the target it was decided not to apply position corrections when using method A. Insofar as any differences between this directive and other publications are concerned the directive will be taken as being correct.

(ii) Fire Plan Orders

It is intended that the standard concentrations be treated as fire plans and orders passed direct to the GPO.

3. Units should appreciate that the procedure is one that has been used and found satisfactory in the Middle East, although little experience in its use has been gained in Australia. Any recommendations units may have for improvement of the procedure after trial would therefore be welcomed.

4. It would be appreciated if recommendations vide 3 above could be received by 27 Aug 43 for collation and inclusion in CCRA's monthly letter for Aug 43.

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CCRA 3 Aust Corps.

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The following secret files are handed over to Lt-Col F B McALISTER for safe keeping :-

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HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIF)
24 Aug 43

RAA 3 AUST CORPS TRG INSTN NO. 18.

TRG OF 2/3 AUST F SP BTY.

1. MOVEMENT.

The 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty will move to NAVAL BASE Camp on 29 Aug for one week to undergo trg in squad drill and rifle drill. Adm Instns will be issued later.

2. OBJECT.

The object of this trg is to improve the present standard of discipline, smartness, turnout and bearing of all pers of the unit.

3. INSTRS.

(i) Instrs are being made available as under:-

15 Aust Fd Regt (AIF)	1
109 Aust Lt AA Regt (AIF)	1
116 Aust Lt AA Regt (AIF)	1
12 Aust Arty Trg Bty	1

(ii) Instrs from 15 Aust Fd Regt, 109 and 116 Aust Lt AA Regts (AIF) will report to this HQ on 26 Aug 43 at 1000 hrs for further instns in regard to the syllabus.

(iii) The above instrs will report to OC 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty at NAVAL BASE Camp at 1500 hrs 29 Aug 43.

4. DIRECTION.

(i) OC 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty will be responsible that syllabus as drawn up by this HQ is rigidly adhered to and that all pers attend the course. A report will be rendered to this HQ on 7 Sep 43 in regard to the trg completed.

(ii) WO WHITE (15 Aust Fd Regt) will be responsible for the detailed supervision of trg and allotment of the instrs to periods.

5. TRG.

During the week commencing 29 Aug, trg will consist of various phases of squad drill, paying particular attention to the following aspects:-

(i) Squad drill without arms.

(ii) Squad drill with arms.

(iii) Guards and Sentries.

(iv) Paying of compliments.

(v) Practice in word of command for all offrs and NCOs.

(vi) Rifle Exercises.

(vii) Bayonet Trg.

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27 Aug 43

APPRECIATION OF THE SITUATION RELATIVE TO THE PROVISION OF AA PROTECTION OF PROJECTED RAAF OPERATIONAL AIRFIELDS IN THE NW AREA.

1. OBJECT.

To consider the provision of adequate AA defence of the proposed RAAF operational airfields in the NW area and installations connected thereto.

2. PROJECTED RAAF PLANS.

(i) The details of these have been obtained as a result of discussion with the Senior Air Staff Officer, Western Area, (W Comd J MITCHELL), on 24 Aug 43. The plans are as yet tentative and are subject to confirmation from RAAF Command.

(ii) The General Proposal is to utilise the airfields now established at CORUNNA DOWNS and NOONKANBAH as advanced operational bases from which bombers would operate against targets in NEI area. It is intended that one squadron of bombers approximately 16 aircraft move to these airfields for operations as follows:-

(a) For one special operation:-

Remain advanced airfield for four days.

(b) For three operations:-

Remain advanced airfield for 10 - 14 days during the three operations.

(c) Base bombers permanently at CORUNNA DOWNS or NOONKANBAH. This is a long range project.

(iii) The installations projected or already established at CORUNNA DOWNS and NOONKANBAH are as follows:-

(a) Extensive ground installations are NOT envisaged. Some maintenance and administrative personnel will remain at the airfields and the remainder will move with Bomber Squadrons.

(b) Petrol, bombs and supplies equivalent to 7 days requirements for one squadron, are reported to be already established. This involves 190,000 gallons of petrol and has been dispersed in the area.

(b) A High Frequency Direction Finding Set is being established at each airfield.

(d) At CORUNNA DOWNS, a Key Communication Centre is being established. This installation will provide a communication link between Western Area and North Western Area (DARWIN). It is being sited in a semi underground position.

(iv) Fighter Protection: In order to provide fighter protection for the above bomber airfields, it is intended to establish fighter airfields on the following plan.

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(a) For NOONKANBAH: Either at DERBY or BROOME. DERBY is favoured, as able to provide better protection against attacks from KOEPANG and also being nearer to the port most likely to be used for supplies. ie DERBY.

(b) For CORUNNA DOWNS: At PORT HEDLAND.

(c) It is intended that one fighter squadron will be located at either DERBY or BROOME and at HEDLAND. There may, however, only be a Flight at each.

(d) NO major installations are projected at either airfield. A maintenance staff, however, will be provided. 108,000 gallons of petrol have, or are being established at each airfield.

(v) RDF: RDF (Early Warning Sets) are projected on the coast, two for NOONKANBAH and two for CORUNNA DOWNS.

(vi) Air Warnings: A Zone Filter Centre is being provided in existing houses in the town of BROOME. This is being connected to RDF sets to supply details of identification and movement of aircraft.

(vii) Probable Date of Occupation: NO definite date can be given when the above project may be put into effect. One mission, however, has already been made from NOONKANBAH.

(viii) Port Installations: In order to maintain supplies to the above airfields, the ports at DERBY or BROOME, probably DERBY, for NOONKANBAH, and PORT HEDLAND for CORUNNA DOWNS, assume importance. Supply by sea is essential for NOONKANBAH, but CORUNNA DOWNS may be supplied as an alternative, by means of road from MEEKATHARRA through MARBLE BAR. This road is very rough and impassable in wet weather.

3. FACTORS.

(i) EVACUATION OF EXMOUTH GULF BY USN.

(a) It is understood that USN are contemplating evacuation of EXMOUTH GULF as a submarine base. In this connection, four oil tanks are being established at ONSLOW thus releasing the tanker at present at EXMOUTH GULF for other duties.

(b) These tanks will be completed on about the end of October and subject to completion of pipe lines will be filled and used at that date.

(c) USN report that they contemplate retaining approximately 3 officers and 60 ratings at EXMOUTH GULF to cater for the requirements of the seaplane base and for occasional submarines.

(d) Consequent on the evacuation of EXMOUTH GULF, it is not likely that AA units will be required in that area.

(e) USN have, however, asked for AA protection for oil tanks at ONSLOW. A reconnaissance is being carried out, but it appears that one section (three (3) 40 mm Bofors) should provide adequate AA defence.

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(ii) VULNERABLE AREAS.

NOONKANBAH - Bomber Airfield.

(a) NO large installations or workshops projected.

(b) Petrol, bombs and supplies are capable of being dispersed and given blast protection.

(c) Aircraft will probably NOT be located on airfield permanently, but only for particular operations.

(d) Owing to boggy nature of terrain, it may NOT be practicable to move aircraft far from the strip for dispersal.

(e) Means of communication:-

To DERBY by road - 147 miles
To BROOME by road - 222 miles

Roads are impassable in wet weather. Therefore replenishment of bombs, petrol and supplies would be difficult in wet weather. If destroyed may be difficult to replace readily.

(f) Replenishment of supplies etc would have to be made by sea either through DERBY or BROOME.

CORUNNA DOWNS - Bomber Airfield.

(a) (b) (c) As for NOONKANBAH.

(d) Aircraft may be dispersed from strips.

(e) Means of communication:-

Third class road to PORT HEDLAND - 160 miles
Third class road to MARBLE BAR - 25 miles
and rail MARBLE BAR to PORT HEDLAND
Third class road to PERTH via MARBLE BAR and MEEKATHARRA.

Therefore transport of supplies etc may be difficult in wet weather.

(f) Means of replenishment by sea through PORT HEDLAND or, in good weather only, by bad road via MEEKATHARRA.

DERBY - Fighter Airfield.

(a) (b) (c) As for NOONKANBAH.

(d) Means of communication:-

Road to DERBY - 7 miles passable in all weathers.

(e) Means of replenishment of supplies, by sea with DERBY as port.

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BROOME - Fighter airfield.

(a) (b) (c) As for NOONKANBAH

(d) Airfield abuts on township.

(e) Means of replenishment of supplies etc by sea from port of BROOME.

NOTE. Either DERBY and/or BROOME may be used. The use of DERBY however is more likely.

PORT HEDLAND. - Fighter airfield.

(a) (b) (c) As for NOONKANBAH.

(d) Communications - By road or railway to PORT HEDLAND - 7 miles.

(e) Means of replenishment of supplies - by sea through PORT HEDLAND or rail and road via MARBLE BAR and MEEKATHARRA.

PORT INSTALLATIONS.

DERBY or BROOME
PORT HEDLAND.

(a) The extent of wharves and unloading facilities and the nature of the terrain are NOT known. Therefore a reconnaissance is necessary to decide whether and to what extent AA protection is required.

(b) These ports are vital for replenishment of supplies, bombs and petrol for all of the above airfields and thus for the operation of these airfields. If damaged, wharves would probably take some time to repair.

(c) Fighters from adjacent airfields may be able to provide protection against air attack.

USN OIL TANKS - ONSLOW.

Installation of oil tanks is vital for supply of submarines. Area covered by tanks is small and therefore more vulnerable to low level or dive bombing attack and ground strafing rather than to high level bombing.

Therefore Light AA protection would appear best form of defence. Results of reconnaissance (See para 3 (i) (e)) are awaited.

(iii) AIRFIELDS AT PRESENT PROTECTED.

(a) If airfields in NW area are occupied by operational aircraft, they should be considered as a higher priority for AA protection than GERALDTON and PEARCE.

(b) Depending on the availability of AA, the withdrawal of AA protection from PEARCE and GERALDTON may be necessary. These airfields, however, are important installations and are NOT immune from carrier-borne attack.

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(iv) AVAILABILITY OF AA EQUIPMENT.

The availability and dispositions of AA units of RAA 3 Aust Corps are as follows:-

(a) 102 Aust AA Regt. Role: AA defence of forward bases and airfields.

When authority is given to raise this unit it will consist of:-

Two Hy AA Btys (Mobile) each of 8 x 3.7" Hy AA Guns. (One in WA and one to be sent from Eastern States).

Two Lt AA Btys each, initially of 12 x 40 mm Bofors (now in WA) and ultimately, of 18 x 40 mm Bofors.

The sub units in WA, which will eventually be allotted to this unit, are at present disposed as follows:-

Sub Unit	Role and Location		Number of guns	Remarks.
4 Hy AA Bty to be 140 Hy AA Bty	AA Defence USN base EXMOUTH GULF	ø	Two troops 3.7" Hy AA guns (8 guns).	To be released when USN evacuate EXMOUTH GULF.
151 Lt AA Bty One troop	Lt AA Defence RAAF fighter strip EXMOUTH GULF	ø	Six (6) 40 mm Bofors	do.
One troop	PERTH Area - Training.	M	Six (6) 40 mm Bofors.	Immediately available for employment.
152 Lt AA Bty One troop	Lt AA Defence GERALDTON AIRFIELD.	ø	do.	At present committed but see para 3(iii).
One troop	Lt AA Defence PEARCE AIRFIELD.	ø	do.	

(b) 116 Aust Lt AA Regt. Role: Lt AA Defence of field formations, and earmarked for allocation to 2 Aust Div.

This unit is at present in WA and disposed as follows:-

171 Lt AA Bty One troop	Lt AA Defence USN seaplane base CRAWLEY	ø	Six (6) 40 mm Bofors	Arrangements in hand for relief by 660 Lt AA Bty
One troop, 172 Lt AA Bty, 173 Lt AA Bty	Training in mobile operations PERTH WILLIAMS area.	M	Thirty (30) 40 mm Bofors	Immediately available for employment.

(c) The total availability is as follows:-

M Immediately available.

Two Lt AA Btys plus two troops — 36 x 40 mm Bofors.

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ϕ At present committed but may possibly be made available for NW area

One Hy AA Bty	8 x 3.7" Hy AA guns
One Lt AA Bty plus two troops	24 x 40 mm Bofors.

Ultimately to be made available for 102 Aust AA Regt.

One Hy AA Bty	8 x 3.7" Hy AA guns.
Two Lt AA troops	12 x 40 mm Bofors.

(d) Roles: In view of the future roles of 102 Aust AA Regt and 116 Aust Lt AA Regt, it is considered that the former should be committed to defence of aerodromes in NW area in preference to the latter. It has now reached sufficient stage of training to permit such employment.

It is considered that 116 Aust Lt AA Regt should be retained within PERTH-GERALDTON area if possible. If Lt AA defence of PEARCE and GERALDTON airfields is still required, 102 Aust AA Regt should be relieved by 116 Aust Lt AA Regt.

(v) MOVEMENT OF AA UNITS TO NW AREA.

(a) Movement by Sea is subject to delays and is slow, therefore early planning for allocation of AA equipment to airfields is necessary.

(b) Movement from Ports to airfields.

NOONKANBAH - Wholly by roads impassable in wet weather.

CORUNNA DOWNS - Partly by rail and partly by roads - difficult in wet weather.

DERBY) - By road passable in all weathers.
BROOME)

PORT HEDLAND - By rail and road, passable in all weathers.

The weather therefore must be considered in movement by road of AA equipments to NOONKANBAH and CORUNNA DOWNS.

(c) Mobility.

Whatever equipment is to be employed at NOONKANBAH and CORUNNA DOWNS must be mobile and tractor drawn. 4 Hy AA Bty has available only one tractor (Matador) and there are NO other suitable tractors available in WA. These guns must therefore be considered as semi-portable only. Their movement to NOONKANBAH particularly would be difficult.

Guns in airfields should be mobile, so that movement to new gun positions can be effected if necessary, following hostile raids.

(d) By air.

If DC3 transport aircraft available, Lt AA (Jeep drawn), could be moved by air.

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(vi) ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Supplies.

Before movement of AA units to airfields can be effected adequate supplies of rations, ammunition and petrol must be made available.

(b) Water.

The matter of water supply at airfields should be considered before AA units are moved.

(vii) PROBABLE DATE AA REQUIRED.

This is NOT yet certain and depends on RAAF plans. However, since NOONKANBAH has already been used, requests for AA protection may be made immediately RAAF plans are firm. Therefore early planning for allotment of AA is necessary.

(viii) GROUND DEFENCE.

It would appear that some form of increased ground defence against raids on airfields, installations and AA equipments in NW area should be considered.

(ix) PREVIOUS RECONNAISSANCE OF AIRFIELDS.

(a) A reconnaissance was carried out by Lt-Cols J S YOUNG and P W A KELSO of the following airfields (ref HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps 6S/5680 of 5 Feb 43):-

NOONKANBAH
CORUNNA DOWNS
DERBY
BROOME
PORT HEDLAND

(b) It was considered that Lt AA protection only was required and that six (6) 40 mm Bofors (one troop on the present WE) would be adequate for each of the airfields concerned.

(c) RAAF report that NO appreciable alteration to layout of these airfields has been made since that date.

4. TYPES OF ATTACK LIKELY.

The type of attack to be expected on the vulnerable areas mentioned may be one of the following or a combination. Attacks may be made from any direction or two or more directions simultaneously.

(i) High level bombing by land based heavy bombers.

(ii) Low level bombing by land based heavy bombers.

(iii) Low level bombing, ground straffing and dive bombing by land based fighter aircraft or dive bombers.

NOTE: Owing to the range this is NOT possible on:-

NOONKANBAH
CORUNNA DOWNS
ONSLOW.

(iv) Low level bombing, ground straffing and dive bombing by carrier based aircraft.

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5. PROTECTION AGAINST AIR ATTACK.

The means of protection against, and considerations affecting these forms of attack are as follows:-

(i) High Level Bombing.

(a) Dispersion, concealment, camouflage and provision of blast walls is best protection for petrol, bomb and supply dumps and aircraft in dispersal areas.

(b) Against runways - owing to inaccuracy of heavy bombing damage to runways is NOT likely to be extensive.

(c) Heavy AA will reduce accuracy of high level bombing.

(d) Fighters are to be provided, which working on RDF early warning sets should be capable of interception and so reduce accuracy of high level attacks on all Vulnerable areas except ONSLOW.

(e) In view of the fact that large installations are NOT proposed on any of the airfields, Heavy AA protection is NOT considered necessary.

(f) The wharves, shipping and port installations are NOT capable of dispersion or camouflage. Fighters will provide some protection. Heavy AA may be best means of providing protection, subject to reconnaissance disclosing that suitable siting is possible.

(ii) Low Level Bombing, Dive Bombing and Ground Strafing.

(a) Dispersion, concealment, camouflage and provision of blast walls will provide protection for dumps and aircraft in dispersal areas.

(b) Best protection against this form of attack can be provided by Lt AA.

(c) If Heavy AA is to be provided, Lt AA will also be necessary for close protection of these equipments.

6. COURSES OPEN TO THE ENEMY.

Any form of attack shown in para 4.

7. COURSES OPEN TO OWN FORCES.

(i) Remove AA units from EXMOUTH GULF. This is dependent on policy of USN.

(ii) Make arrangements to provide Lt AA protection for airfields required by RAAF in accordance with previous reconnaissance - see para 3(ix). This will require one troop (six 40 mm Bofors) each for:-

MOONKANBAH
CORUNNA DOWNS
DERBY or BROOME
PORT HEDLAND

This will amount to four Lt AA troops (24 x 40 mm Bofors) and will give protection against low flying attacks.

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(iii) Make arrangements for Heavy AA protection for:-

NOONKANBAH
CORUNNA DOWNS

One troop of four (4) 3.7" AA guns will be available for each from EXMOUTH GULF. Heavy AA does NOT seem vital for defence against high level attack, since adequate protection for RAAF installation should be provided by dispersion etc. Difficulty of movement to NOONKANBAH and CORUNNA DOWNS militates against employment of Heavy AA.

Unless required as a result of further reconnaissance, provision of Heavy AA is not recommended.

(iv) Carry out reconnaissance of port installations at DERBY, BROOME and PORT HEDLAND, in regard to provision of Heavy and/or Light AA protection. There areas present a suitable location for employment of Heavy AA.

(v) Provide Light AA protection of USN oil tanks at ONSLOW. The Light AA equipment required will depend on result of reconnaissance now being conducted.

(vi) Consider the removal of Light AA protection from PEARCE and GERALDTON airfields, provided RAAF agree. This will release two troops of Lt AA for employment in NW area. If Light AA is still required one Bty of 116 Aust Lt AA Regt should relieve 151 Aust Lt AA Bty and so make it available for airfield defence in NW Area.

8. SUGGESTED PLAN.

(i) Await definite decision from RAAF in regard to the extent of employment of operational airfields before making any definite arrangements for movement of AA units. A final decision in regard to the evacuation of EXMOUTH GULF is also required.

(ii) Based on para 7 above, carry out a reconnaissance of the ports of DERBY, BROOME and PORT HEDLAND.

(iii) Prepare plans for movement of equipment and personnel and for administrative arrangements on airfields in NW Area.

(iv) The following is suggested as a possible re-allocation of AA equipment assuming all vulnerable areas are to be occupied to an extent to warrant AA protection.

NOONKANBAH	- 102 Aust AA Regt	One Lt AA Tp	- 6 x 40 mm Bofors
CORUNNA DOWNS	- do.	do.	- 6 x 40 mm Bofors
DERBY or BROOME Airfield	- do	do.	- 6 x 40 mm Bofors
PORT HEDLAND Airfield	- 116 Aust Lt AA Regt	do.	- 6 x 40 mm Bofors
DERBY or BROOME Wharf Area.	- 102 Aust AA Regt	One Hy AA Tp One Lt AA Sec	- 4 x 3.7" Hy AA Guns. - 3 x 40 mm Bofors
PORT HEDLAND Wharf Area.	do	do.	- 4 x 3.7" Hy AA guns. 3 x 40 mm Bofors

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✠	ONSLOW Oil tanks	116 Aust Lt AA Regt	One Lt AA Sec - 3 x 40 mm Bofors
ø	PEARCE	do.	One Lt AA Tp - 6 x 40 mm Bofors
ø	GERALDTON	do.	One Lt AA Tp - 6 x 40 mm Bofors

✠ Subject to results of reconnaissance.

ø Subject to RAAF still requiring Lt AA protection.

(v) There would then be available one Lt AA Bty plus one section of 116 Aust Lt AA Regt NOT committed. One troop plus one section of 116 Aust Lt AA Regt committed in NW Area could be relieved by the additional two troops of 102 Aust AA Regt ultimately to be raised.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/8/1943. HQ RAA Aust Corps (Unit)

W.E. 111/22/2. OFFRS. 8 O.R's. 36 + 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 *					
			1	Lieut.-Colonels					
			1	Majors					
		2	6	Captains					
			1	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
		2	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.
T Capt	VX13469	G.M.NIALL	118 AGH	5/8/43	

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX12323	Lt-Col	F B McALISTER	110 AGH	3/8/43	

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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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7/8/1943 (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	VX 15703	SHORT	T W	Svy So	do		
T/Maj	VX 45523	HORSBURGH	R W	CBO	do		
Capt	NX 70197	LENEHAN	J L	ACBO	do	Held supernumerary to Est.	
T/Capt	VX 111040	COVENTRY	K D J	AILO	No	No 10 School Mil Int	28/7/43
do	NX 921	LUCAS X	L	ACBO	No	do	do
do	NX 12462	RANKINE	R L	IORA	Yes		
do	NX 27066	LOWRIE	F J I	ACBO	No	Duty CB Staff	
do	VX 14469	NIALL	G M	SCAdy	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.
Lt-Col	VX 13726	J W RHODEN		11/7/43	Held pending posting
T/Capt	NX 37767	R BUCHANAN	Hunt Div	4/15/43	SC(L).

7/8/43
Date of Despatch

SC Arty R.A.A. 3 Aust. Corps Capt.
Signature of Commander

D.Ltd.—200 pads 6/43

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7/8/1943. HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps (AIR) (Unit)

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W.E. 111/22/2. OFFRS. 8 O.R's. 36+ 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	1	Staff Sergeants					
	1		2	Sergeants					
			3	Corporals					
			29	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
— *	1	1	36 *	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		35		1				[redacted]	[redacted]		36
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
1	1 Armd Div		
2	109 Aust LAA Regt.		

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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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 7/8/1943.

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	6	5	-	Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen	2	2	-	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							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				MC Ord	2	2	-
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks				Batmen	8	9	+1
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Drivers	9	10	+1
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Dr Mech	1	-	1
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				Draughtsman	-	1	+1
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Clerks	8	7	1
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							
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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.
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(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
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7/8/43
Date of Despatch

[illegible] Capt.
SC. Arty. R.A.A. 3 Aust Corps
Signature of Commander

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Quote in reply

Headquarters RAA
3rd. Australian Corps (AIF)

2 Sep 43

REPORT ON MAIN ACTIVITIES DURING AUG 43

1. LOCATION

23 Lawley Crescent, MT LAWLEY, WA.

2. COMMAND

On 19 Aug advice was received that CCRA (Brig B E KLEIN) had been appointed CRA 3 Aust Div and would proceed to NEW GUINEA. He would be replaced in appointment of CCRA 3 Aust Corps by Brig L E S BARKER ex BRA 1 Aust Army. Brig KLEIN proceeded by air to take up his appointment on 22 Aug. Subsequently on 30 Aug advice was received that the above postings were cancelled and that Brig B E KLEIN would return to WA and resume duties of CCRA 3 Aust Corps.

3. STAFF

(i) Capt G M NIALL who was posted as SC RAA 3 Aust Corps and who has been carrying out duties of SO Arty (Learner) during the last three months proceeded to No 5 Course Staff School Aust on 11 Aug 43.

(ii) Capt A N WHITAKER marched in on 26 Aug from No 4 Course Staff School Aust to take up appointment of SC RAA 3 Aust Corps. Advice was received, however, on the same day that he had been posted to SC "Q" Maintenance NG Force and would proceed by quickest means. The matter was referred to MGRA who advised that Capt WHITAKER would subsequently be appointed to a Grade II Artillery appointment. Capt WHITAKER proceeded by air on 29 Aug 43.

(iii) Capt J L LENEHAN who has been attached to HQ RAA supernumerary to establishment in appointment of SC RAA (Learner) during the period that SC RAA (Learner) (Capt R BUCHANAN) has been carrying out duties of SC, proceeded to MS Branch LHQ MELBOURNE on 25 Aug 43 in accordance with with instructions received.

(iv) ACBO (Capt L LUCAS) marched in ex LHQ School of Military Intelligence Air Photo Interpretation Wing on 22 Aug 43.

(v) Consequent upon the above, staff of HQ RAA 3 Aust Corps as at 31 Aug 43 was as follows:-

Comd	-	Brig B E KLEIN
SO Arty	-	Lt-Col F B McALISTER
SC	-	
Lieut Svy	-	Lieut C R WILSHIRE
AILO	-	Capt K D J COVENTRY
IORA	-	Capt R L RANKINE
CB Staff	-	Maj R W HORSBURGH
		Capt L LUCAS
Svy SO (Surplus to Establishment)		- Lt-Col T W SHORT
A/CBO " " "		- Capt F J I LOWRIE
Attached	-	Capt R BUCHANAN

Other Ranks	-	WE 36
		Strength 36
		Attached 1

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4. TRAINING - CORPS ARTILLERY UNITS

(i) Fd and Med Regts.

Main training during the month covered battery and regimental deployment with special attention being paid to the cultivation of "battle sense".

Shooting practices were conducted by 15 Aust Fd Regt and 2 Aust Med Regt during the month.

(ii) Lt AA Regts

173 Bty, 116 Aust Lt AA Regt carried out mobile training in the WILLIAMS-QUINDANNING area during the month. Lt AA in static roles concentrated on continuous laying on moving targets with special attention to dive bomber and straffing attacks.

Shooting was carried out by 109 Aust Lt AA Regt.

(iii) Svy Bty

4 Aust Svy Bty was released from mapping work and is undergoing training in its normal role of provision of Svy data for a divisional or corps artillery.

(iv) 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty.

During the month a four day mobile exercise was conducted using long base procedure, as opposed to short base work, on which this unit has recently concentrated.

A report on the exercise is appended to the body of the diary.

(v) Sound Ranging Cadre.

This cadre arrived during the month and has been attached to 2/3 Aust F Sp Bty. Training is being carried out with the ultimate aim that the F Sp Bty will be able to establish a F Sp long base simultaneously with the employment of a S Rg Base.

(vi) Infantry Tactical Course.

In an attempt to overcome the lack of general tactical training and lack of knowledge of other arms in Corps Artillery Units, courses of 14 days duration are being conducted at 3 Aust Corps School. COs, 2 i/cs and BCs are attending.

5. REORGANISATION OF AA and CHANGES IN LT AA DISPOSITIONS.

(i) During the month 150 Aust Lt AA Bty was transferred to AA Gp FREMANTLE. This bty will be disbanded to form 660 and 661 Aust Lt AA Btys (Static) LE, and will relieve detachments of 116 Aust Lt AA Regt at present under operational command FREMANTLE AA Gp. To date one bty of 116 Aust Lt AA Regt has been relieved, one troop disposed operationally at APPLECROSS and CRAWLEY will be relieved during Sep.

(ii) Advance amendments to OOB covering formation of 102 Aust AA Regt have been received. However, instructions from "A" Branch for its raising are still awaited. Eventually it will absorb 109 Aust Lt AA Regt (less 150 Bty), 4 Aust AA Bty EXMOUTH GULF, and will receive an additional Hy AA Bty from Eastern States.

6. EMPLOYMENT OF OPERATIONAL AIRFIELDS IN NW AREA OF WA.

Consequent upon advice from RAAF that it was proposed to utilise airfields in NW area for offensive operations an appreciation was prepared and is appended to the body of the diary.

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7. EXMOUTH GULF.

USN intimated that they contemplated evacuating EXMOUTH GULF. They are establishing four oil tanks at ONSLOW, three to be completed by end of Oct, following a request from USN for AA protection of these oil tanks arrangements were made for a reconnaissance to be carried out.

8. COURSES - 3 AUST CORPS SCHOOL OF ARTY.

The following courses commenced during Aug 43:-

(a) No 3 Senior NCOs Gunnery Course.

(b) No 3 Tank Attack NCOs Course.

for Brig.
C.C.R.A. R.A.A. 3. Aust. Corps