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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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N.G.F. Air Transport Supply Platoon.

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Unit 1717 S.C. A.F.

Date and Time.—From 10.12.42 To 31.12.42.

H. 100M 2142

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby New Guinea	10.12.42	0850H	Lieut Wright ex 2/106 Aust. Gen. Tpt Coy A.S.C. A.I.F. under instructions of C-in-C New Guinea Forces, proceeded to establish and function as O.C. Air Transport Supply Platoon A.S.C. A.I.F. for purpose of Dropping and Landing, Rations, Equipment, Weapons to Front Line Areas where no other means of Supply were possible. W.E. Ref 111/71. H/L H.Q. being established at Murray Barracks, Port Moresby.	
	11.12.42	1	Sgt. and 6 P.R.s taken on strength from 11 th Coy A.S.C. and detached to 7 mile Air Transport Depot. 1 Sgt. and 6 P.R.s also taken on strength from 15 th Personnel Supply Coy and 1 Sgt. and 2 P.R.s taken on strength from 2/106 Aust Gen Tpt Coy also 5 P.R.s taken on strength from 9 th Coy A.S.C. Commencement strength of 1 officer 3 Sgts 19 P.R.s.	
	12.12.42		Proceeded to receive Ordnance stores and equipment as per W.E.	
	13.12.42		Air Transport deliveries carried out successfully according to plan	
	14.12.42		Weather Conditions Hot and Humid storm gathered by evening increased	

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Port Moresby.

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N. G. F. Air Transport Supply Platoon
Unit R. A. S. C. A. I. F.

Date and Time. - From 10. 12. 42. To 31. 12. 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby.	14. 12. 42		Deliveries and variety of Stores prepared for forwarding to Drome.	
New Guinea.	15. 12. 42	1 1/2	Taken on Strength from H. Q. N. G. F. also usual Transportation of Stores etc.	
	16. 12. 42		Early Morning Conditions over landing Grounds bad Visibility. First Flights returned to base without Dropping Rations.	
	17. 12. 42	3 1/2	Taken on Strength from 1 st Aust Corps Reception Camp - usual Transportation completed.	
	18. 12. 42		Weather Conditions moderate all Flights successfully carried out.	
	19. 12. 42		Authorisation Received for Official Handing over of Buildings, Stores and Location at 3 mile D.I.D. from Lieut Langdon of 9 th Coy R.A.S.C. to O.C. Air Tpt. Sup. Pl. for operation and functions of unit. (Instr. completed).	
	20. 12. 42	1.	Flight Cancelled owing to Bad weather Conditions in Late Afternoon.	
	21. 12. 42	5 1/2	Taken on Strength from 53 rd Battalion and Detached to 7-mile Depot. 17 th Platoon and Workshops Detachment of 4 th Coy Aust. Gen. Tpt. Coy.	

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N.A.F. Air Transport Supply Platoon.

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H. 100M 2/52

Unit RAASC. A.I.F.Date and Time.—From 10.12.42 To 31.12.42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Port Moresby. New Guinea.	21.12.42		(Lilliput Movement) attached to Air Transport Supply Platoon for Duties and Rations pending their Movement Instructions	
	22.12.42	10 P.M.	Taken on Strength as Attachments from 30 th Inf Bde for Duties and Rationing.	
	23.12.42		Earlier starting of first Flights to avoid Late afternoon Weather Conditions.	
	24.12.42		All Flights Completed according to Schedule - earlier Starting Successful: - many wounded returned by back loading from Landing Areas.	
	25.12.42		Special Messing arrangements for this unit to Supplement Xmas Day Fare - proved wholly appreciated and enjoyed by all. Duties lightened during afternoon.	
	26.12.42		Supplies of P.O.L. and Ammunition now included in Loadings.	
	27.12.42		One Rear Gunner Returned wounded by Enemy Action - Pursuers observed. Balance of Remaining Transports suspended for the day owing to Air Alarm.	

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N.G.F. Air Thc. Sup Pl.

Unit A.A.S.C. A.I.F.

Date and Time.—From 10. 12. 42 To 31. 12. 42

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