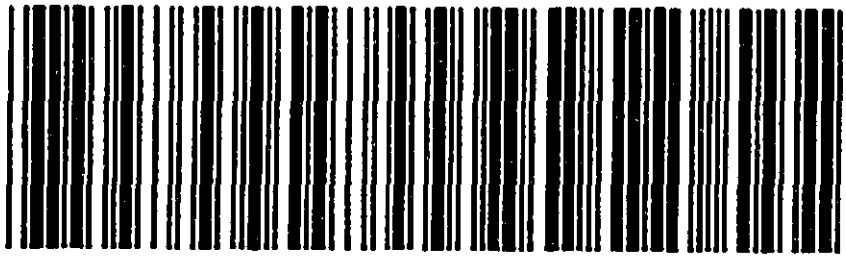
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November 1944 - May 1945



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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 2118. (adapted.)

Unit 6 Aust Comd A L Sec AIF ..... *Date and Time.—From* ..... *To* ..... 31 Dec 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Torokina BOUGAINVILLE	8 Nov 44		Advance party (Major P.J.B.OSBORNE) arrived at Torokina, BOUGAINVILLE	
	15 Dec 44		Balance of section (Sjt J.W.Chinner & Pte V.S. Cumberland arrived at Torokina, BOUGAINVILLE	
	15 Dec 44		Personnel of Sqn A L Secs under Command together with equipment arrived Torokina BOUGAINVILLE	
	8 Nov 44 to 31 Dec 44		General liaison duties carried out.	
			Major O.C. 6 Aust Comd A L Sec AIF	

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November December. 1944. January, February 1945.

A stock-take of war diaries commenced in 1956 revealed that an ORIGINAL diary covering the above period was missing. This diary, previously registered as a DUPLICATE, has therefore been re-registered as an ORIGINAL.

An entry to this effect has been made in the War Diary Register.

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6 AUST COMD A L SECTION A.I.F.

WAR DIARY

For month ending 28 Feb 45.

PERSONNEL. Strength remains unaltered.

During the month Maj. Osborne made visits to 15 Aust Sqn A L Sec GREEN and 52 Aust Sqn A L Sec EMIRAU, on operational & administration matters.

Sjts Riordan, Banks & Cunningham from Jungle Survival Unit New Guinea arrived. Arrangements made for them to give series of lectures at PIVA.

GENERAL. During the month an experiment was carried out by the C.O. No.20 Sqn RNZAF on close air support forward along tracks. This was carried out in conjunction with 9 Aust Inf Bn the results of which were very satisfactory. A detailed report was sent to 2 Aust Corps, 3 Aust Div, 7 Aust Inf Bde, and 46 Aust A L Sec (Tac/R)

Usual liaison duties.

.....Major

O.C. 6 Aust Comd A L Sec AIF.

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APPX A

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6 AUST. COMD. A. L. SEC. A.I.F

WAR DIARY — Month ending 31 Mar 4

PERSONNEL. Remain unaltered.

19 Mar. Major Osborne temporarily attached 2 Aust Corps acting as G (Air). Relinquished post 28 Mar.

5 Mar. Pte Cumberland V.S. departed on 24 days ARL.

GENERAL.

15 Mar. Section visited by Col. CAPE.

2 Mar. Major Osborne visited 15 Aust Sqn Sec GREEN Is. and 52 Aust Sqn A L Sec EMIRAU Is. on operational & administrationaduties.

21 Mar. Capt McTaggart, LHQ Vehicle inspector visited section & carried out inspection of vehicles.

General liaison duties carried on throughout month.

.....Major.

C.C. 6 Aust Comd A L Sec AIF.

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AL I5/79
I6 March 45

SUBJECT: War Diary.

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6 Aust.Comd A.L.Sec.

9 March 45. Lieut Freeman arrived Green ex Piva with target info. Departed for Piva at I430L.

II March 45. Arranged for one Mitchell to drop stores and dispatches to AIB station Lihir Is. Advised I00% recovery.

I2 March 45. Capt Galwey to PIVA and return by Mitchell.

I4 March 45. Capt Galwey lecture to NZ 3 Bomb Sqn newly arrived to relcive NZ 2 Sqn .Subject .Escape and ground situation.
FELO request phamplet drop New Ireland.

I5 March 45. Capt Galwey lecture to U.S. Service Command. Subject, Bougainville operations.
Capt Galwey lecture NZ 3 Sqn same as for I4 Mar.

I6 March 45. Briefed crew for phamplet drop .Took off 0930L.

Galwey ....Capt
O.C. I5 Aust Sqn A.L.Sec.

APR 1945

AL.I5/9I
23 March 45

SUBJECT: War Diary.

O.C.
6 Aust Sqn A.L.Sec.

I7 March 45. Capt Galwey to PIVA and return.

I8 March 45. Briefed "B" Flt. NZ3 BR Sqn. on ground situation and escape .

22 March 45. Capt Galwey lecture to SERVICE COMMAND .Subject. Review of Australias Part in the war.
Briefed VMB 423 and NZ 3 Sqn for strike MUGUAI No.2 and strafing run along road RUNAI- MONOITU, and interrogated after strike.
At 2200L AIB advised that a possible Sub was reported off shore at LIHIR Is. and asked for air cover over LIHIR I party. This could not be provided because of adverse weather.

23 March 45. One enemy JILL sighted over LIHIR Is. at II00L by transient PBJ. enroute EMIRAU to Green.
RABAUL patrol sighted S.E enemy A/c Possible ZEKE or OSCAR over Rapopo Strip. A/c escaped in cloud.

J.Galwey ..... Capt
O.C. I5 Aust.Sqn.A.L.Sec

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APPX B

6 AUST. COMD. A. L. SEC.

WAR DIARY

For month ending 31 May 45.

PERSONNEL. Major P.J.B.Osborne departed TOROKINA on the 11 May on 28 days A.R.L.

Pte Cumberland W.S. returned from ARL on 21 May.

GENERAL. Received warning notice advising the transfer of 15 Aust Sqn A.L.Sec from GREEN IS. to JACQUINOT BAY. Move has not yet been effected.

16 Aust Sqn A L Sec (att 46 Aust A L Sec Tac/R) has moved to OXLEY Field to carry out liaison duties with 3 Aust Div.

Usual general liaison duties carried on throughout the month.

...[signature] Major.

O.C. 6 Aust Comd A L Sec AIF.

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6 AUST COMD A L SEC

WAR DIARY

For month ending 30 Apr 45.

PERSONNEL. Remain unaltered.

GENERAL. Major Osborne temporarily attached 2 Aust Corps for first two weeks of month. Acting as GSO (Air)

16 Apr Major Osborne visited HQ ~~7 Inf Bde~~ 3 Aust Div at TOKO

During the month Maj Osborne visited 15 Aust A L Sec GREEN Is on operational duties.

General ~~liaison~~ liaison duties carried on throughout month.

.....Major.

O.C. 6 Aust Comd A L Sec AIF.

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APPENDIX E MAR 1945

6 AUST COMD A . L . SEC

WAR DIARY

For month ending 31 Jan 45.

1 - 31. Personnel unchanged.

Usual liaison duties. C.O. 2 Aust A. L. Group paid two visits, inspecting GREEN & EMIRAU establishments.

.....Major.

O.C. 6 Aust Comd A L Sec AIF