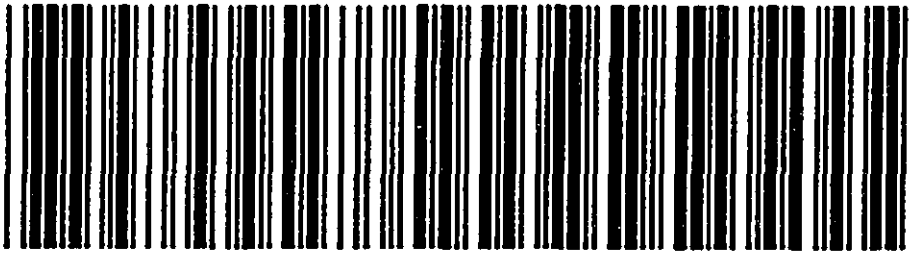
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Unit 50 ~~31~~ Aust.Air Liaison Sect. A.I.F. Date and Time.—From 1 July 1943 To 31 July 1943

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LOWOOD	1 Jul.		W.T.S.Redbank lecture and demonstration new weapons.	
JONDARYAN	2Jul.		Co-operation with 1 Aust.Army"Gas School".	
LOWOOD	3 Jul.		Visit by Students Junior Staff School.	
SANFORD	4 Jul.		Co-oper tion W.T.S. Carrier-Wing.	
GYMPIE	5 Jul.		Co-operation 122 Lt. A.A. Regt. R.A.A.	
LOWOOD	678 Jul.		General Routine Duties.	
ASHGROVE	9 JUL		Lecture Junior Staff School.	
1 Aust.Army.	10 Jul.		Wkly. visit Battle Room for review present situation.	
LOWOOD	11) 12) Jul.		General routine duties.	
HUMUNDI	13.14. 15 Jul.		Co-operation With 113 Lt. A.A. Regt. R.A.	
JONDARYAN	16 Jul.		Co-operation with 1 Aust. Army School of C.W.	
1 Aust. Army.	17 Jul.		Wkly. visit discussion in Battle Room,re-situation.	
LOWOOD	18 19 Jul.		General Routine Duties.	
LOWOOD	20 Jul.		Return Census Warlike Stores.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LOWOOD	21-26 Jul.		General Routine Duties.	
SEMPORD Area.	27 Jul.		Co-operation W.T.S. Carrier Wing.	
LOWOOD	28 Jul.		General Routine Duties.	
SOUTHPORT	29-30 Jul.		Lecture at School of M.L.Aerial Photography and Direct Air Sp	
			Support Exercises.	
1 Aust. Army.	31 Jul.		Wkly. Visit Battle Room for Discussion on Present Situatio.	

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Unit 50 Aust. A.L. Sect. A.H.Q. *Date and Time.—From* 1 August '43. *To* 31 August '43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LOWOOD	1 Aug		General Routine Duties.	
KINGAROY	2 Aug.		Co-Operation with 3 Aust. Army Div.	
1 Aust. Army	3 Aug.		Wkly. visit Battle-H.Q. for discussion.	
			Conference with Maj. London at L.H.C.	
TORBUL POINT	4 Aug.		Visit to A.T.C. re-arrangements for exercises at Torbul Pt..	
TAMBOURINE	5 Aug.		Co-Operation School of M.I.	
JONDARYAN	6 Aug.		Co-Operation with 1 Aust Army School of C.W..	
TAMBOURINE	7 Aug.		Co-Operation School of M.I. also Wkly Returns.	
LOWOOD	8 Aug. 9&10		General Routine Duties.	
SPRINGBROOK	11 Aug.		Co-Operation with School of M.I.	
SOUTHPORT	12 Aug		Visit to School of M.I. to give lectures.	
1 Aust Army	13 Aug.		Visit 1 Aust. Army. C.E. ref. Bomb--Disposal.	
LOWOOD	14&15 Aug.		Wkly. Returns and General Routine Duties.	
LOWOOD	16 Aug.		Visit by 5 officers from 3 Aust. Army Div.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LOWOOD	17 Aug.		Co-Operation with 3 Aust. Armd.Div. in direct Air Support exercises	
ASHGROVE	6 Aug.		Lectures Junior Staff School.	
LOWOOD	19 Aug.		General Routine Duties.	
ASHGROVE	20th. Ag.		Lectures Junior Staff School also visit L.H.Q.	
			Ret. Census Warlike Stores.	
LOWOOD	21 Aug.		Weekly Returns General Routine Duties.	
LOWOOD	22 Aug.		Dive Bombing Practice at LOWOOD.	
TOORBUL POINT	23 Aug.		Photo Recce. TOORBUL POINT.	
SOUTHPORT	24 Aug.		Tactical Recce. SOUTHPORT.	
LOWOOD	25 Aug.		General Routine Duties.	
TOORBUL POINT	26 Aug.		Dive Bombing Sub Target. TOORBUL POINT.	
1 Aust. Army	27 Aug.		Visit A.S.C. School 1 Aust Army re arrangements for Exercises CABARLAH.	
LOWOOD	28 Aug.		Visit by Capt. CLARKSON fron 3 Aust Armd. Div.	
LOWOOD	29 Aug.		General Routine Duties.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SOUTHPORT	30 Aug.		Lecture School of M.I. on Photographic Demands.	
SOUTHPORT	31 Aug.		LECTURE School of M.I. and arrangements regards Exercise Air close support with School of M.I.	

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Unit 50 Aust A.L.Sect. A.L.F. *Date and Time.—From* 1 Sept.'43 *To* 30 Sept.'43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LOWOOD	1 Sept		Visit by representa tive from 1 Aust A rmy School of C.W.	Arrangments for gas
LOWOOD	2 Sept.		General Routine Duties	spraying exerices.
SOUTHPORT	3 Sept.		Lecture School of M.I. Southport.	
SOUTHPORT;LOWOOD.	4 Sept.		Lecture School of M.I. also Wkly. returns.	
LOWOOD	5,6 Sept.		General Routine Duties.	
JONDARYAN	7 Sept.		Co-Operation School of C.W. in gas spraying exercise,as arranged.	
COOMINYA	8 Sept.		Rendevouz with I.O. 3 Aust Armd. Div.	Arrangment co-operation
1 Aust Army.	9 Sept		Visit Wa r Room for review situa tion.	exercise.
MANIMBAH	10 Sept.		Communication exercise Air to Ground exercise by R/T.with 3 Aust Armd Div.	
LOWOOD	11 Sept.		Weekly returns and general routine duties.	
CABARLAH	12 Sept.		Visit to 1 Aust Army AASC School.	Arrangements for exercise.
GA TTON	13 Sept.		Night manouvres	
LOWOOD	14 Sept.		Supply dropping trial on Aerodrome.	
CA:BARLAH	15 Sept.		Co-Operation A.A.S.C.School in Supply dropping and D.B.exercise.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SOUTHPORT	16 Sept		Co-operation School of M.I. in illuminating ground by A /C for beach landing force.	
BUNDABERG	17 Sept.		Ta c/R exercise Bundberg Area	
LOWOOD	18 Sept.19.		General Routine Dr Duties.	
TOORBUL PT.	20 Sept.		Visit to Toorbul Pt. and L.H.Q. arrangments future exercises.	
UPPER COOMERA	21 Sept.		Co-operation School of M.I. in D.B. and Straffing Exercises with Fighter cover by Boomerangs from 83 Sqn.	
LOWOOD	22 Sept.		General Routine Duties.	
SOUTHPORT?TOOR BUL PT.	23 Sept.		Lecture School of M.I. also visit to Toorbul for exercise on 24 Sept.	
TOORBUL PT.	24 Sept.		Co-operation with 1 U.S. Caverly Div. in close support amphibious exercises	
LOWOOD	25, 26 Sept.		Wkly returns General Routine Duties	
TAMBOURINE	27 Sept.		CO-Operation School of M.I. D.B, enemy ground force given ref. pt.	Also drop parachutes
JONDA HEADS	28 Sept		Co-Operation AA SC SChool as escort to 71 Sqn in supply dropping, a lso D.B.	and Straff same area
BURLEIGH HEADS	29 Sept.		Co-Opera tion School of M.I. in D.B. exercise Burleigh Heads area.	
LOWOOD	30 Sept.		VISIT of Students from Junior Staff School, Ashgrove.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TRIBIE ISLAND	1 Oct		Co-operation A.T.C. in support of beach landing. Two sorties D/B and strafing targets indicated, and directed by R/T	
CHARLEVILLE	2 Oct		Cross country formation flight and return.	
CHARLEVILLE	3 Oct		" " " " "	
LOWOOD	4 Oct		General routine Duties.	
LOWOOD	5 Oct		General Routine Duties.	
TOOWOOMBA	6 Oct		Visit to War Room discussion on present situation	
LOWOOD	7 Oct		General Routine Duties	
TOORBUL POINT	8 Oct		Visit Toorbul Pt re arrangements for D/B practise with H E Bombs	
TOORBUL POINT	9 Oct		D/B practise Toorbul Pt in Co-operation with U.S.Army	
TOORBUL POINT	10 Oct		" " " " " " "	
TOOWOOMBA	11 Oct		Visit First Aust Army for discussion on future operations	
CABARLAH	12 Oct		Co-op First Aust Army School of C W. In gas and smoke demonstration.	
L.H.Q.	15 Oct		Visit Capt Dunstan, discussion re tactical experiment.	
CABARLAH	14 Oct		Co-op. First Aust Army AASC School in supply dropping. Also Co-op with A/A Regt Lowood.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LOWOOD	15 Oct		General Routine Duties	
LOWOOD	16 Oct		General Routine Duties.	
CABAPLAR	17 Oct		Visit First Aust Army AASC School re arrangements for future exercises.	
LOWOOD	18 Oct		General Routine Duties	
TOOWOOMBA	19 Oct		Visit First Aust Army discussion imminent movement in view War situation.	
CANUNGRA	20 Oct		Co-operation L.H.Q. testing visibility of coloured smokes.	
LOWOOD	21 Oct		Discuss dawn exercise in co-op A.T.S. Toorbul Pt. Also visit L.H.Q. to discuss coloured smoke tests, also visit Petrie arrange fightercover dawn exercise.	
TOORBUL POINT	22 Oct		Close support of dawnlanding in co-op with A.T.S.Deliver car W/shop T'mns	
LOWOOD	23 Oct		General Duties,Visit First Aust Army to arrange loan of epidiascope.	
CANUNGRA	24 Oct		Low mission recce Tac/R og jungle areas.	
LOWOOD	25 Oct		Lecture to Aircrews on Army Co-op and Air support. Lecture by Brig Porter. ~~"Jungle Warfare"~~	
LOWOOD	26 Oct		General Routine Duties	
PETRIE	27 Oct		Visit Petrie arrange beach landing exercise.	
TOORBUL POINT	28 Oct		Fighter support beach landing exercise in co-op A.T.C.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LOWOOD	29 Oct		Photographic duties pinning down Mosaic	
LOWOOD	30 Oct		General Routine Duties and Weekly Returns	
LOWOOD	31 Oct		Training in use of and test of rubber dinghy in Brisbane River.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LOWOOD	1 Nov.		Display of Motion Pictures to Air-Crew on subjectnof Dive-Bombing.	
LOWOOD	2 Nov.		General Routine Duties.	
BRISBANE	3 Nov.		Visit L.H.Q. secure use of Projector for Lecture.	
CABA PLAM	4 Nov.		Visit to School of A.A.S.C . Supply dropping and Fighter cover demo.	
SOUTH ORT	5 Nov.		Lecture School of M.I. also visit L.H.Q. discussion on movement.	
LOWOOD	6 Nov.		General Routine Duties. a lso Wkly. Returns.	
LOCKYER	7 Nov.		Suspect area for Arty. ta rget area. Inspection for purpos e of Lecture.	
TOOWOOMBA	8 Nov.		Visit D.A .D.O.S. A. Branch W/Shpps. also Stationery.Depot.	
LOWOOD	9 Nov.		A RTY. Co-Op. lecture to Air-Crews.by Capt. Watson.	
BRISBANE	10 Nov.		Visit Junior Staff School	
LOWOOD.BRISBA NE	11 Nov.		Visit from Arty. a lso visit to L.H.Q. and Vic. Bks.	
CABARLAR.TOOWOOMBA	12nNov.		Visit to School of A.A.S.C. also to Q. and A Branches First Aust. Army.	
BEENLEIGH	13 Nov.		Delivery Photos-Senior Tactial School.(Air-Photos)	
TOOKUL PT.	14 Nov.		Delivery Photos and make arrangement Air-Support exercise with A.T.C.	
LOWOOD	15 Nov.		General Rogtine Duties.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LOWOOD	15 Nov.		Air-Gunnery and Wireless Training instruction.	
ASHGROVE	1 6 Nov.		Lectures Junior Staff School.	
LOWOOD SYDNEY HELIDON	18-19 20		[illegible] exercise to Sydney and return. Also visit by R.A.A.F. personnel to R.A.A. Unit.	
LOWOOD	21 Nov.		General Routine Duties.	
LOWOOD	22 Nov.		Visit by G. 2 Air.	
LOWOOD	23 Nov.		General Routine Duties	
TOOWOOMBA	24 Nov.		Visit War-Room review present situation , and re-arrangements for concert party.	
SOUTHPORT	25 Nov.		Visit by R.A.A .F. personnel to School of M.I. for instructional purposes.	
ASHGROVE	26 Nov.		Lectures Junior Staff Sc hool	
SOUTHPORT	27 Nov.		Lectures School of M.I.	
ROSEDALE LE. LOWOOD	28 Nov.		Inspection Air-Strip Rosedale . Lecture to A ir-Training-Corp on Air -Support.	
LOWOOD	29 Nov.		General Routine Duties.	
CABARLA H	30 Nov.		Co-Operation Supply dropping and Dive-Bombing exercise School of A.A.S.C.	

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LOWOOD	1 Dec.		General routine duties.	
CABARLAH	2 Dec.		Co-op.L.H.Q. School of C.W.in Gas-Attack and Smoke Demonstration	
LOWOOD	3 Dec.		General routine duties.	
COOLANGATTA	4 Dec.		Recce. coastal area. Coolangatta.	
LAIDLEY	5 Dec.		Tactical exercise establishing A.L.Sect. in the field.	
BRISBANE	6 Dec.		G.H.Q. arrangments Smoke Test.	
CANUNGRA	7 Dec.		Co-op. G.H.Q. in Smoke Tests Canungra.	
CABARLAH	8 Dec.		Co-op. First Aust. Army School A.A.S.C. in Supply Dropping.	
LOWOOD	9 Dec.		General routine duties.	
BEAUDESERT	10-11 Dec.		Co-op. 1 Cav.Div.U.S.Army in Air Support exercise.	
LOWOOD	12 Dec.		General routine duties.	
LOWOOD	13 Dec.		Lecture Air-Cr.s 21 Sqn. Close support.	
LOWOOD	14 Dec.		General routine duties.	
CABARLAH	15 Dec.		Visit to A.A.S.C.School re-arrangements Supply dropping.	
CABARLAH	16 Dec.		Supply dropping exercise co-op. AASC School.	
LOWOOD	17,18,19 Dec.		General routine duties Wkly. returns.	
COFFS HARBOUR	20-21 Dec.		Cross-country flight Coffs-Harbour and r eturn	
BRIBIE ISLAND	22-23 Dec.		Dive-Bombing practice with H.E. by H/T control,on Bribie Is.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRIBIE ISLAND	24 Dec.		Co-op. 41 Div.U.S.Army in close -support exercise,also visit to School of M.I. Southport with Sqn.Commander	
LOWOOD	25 Dec.		Rest day (Christmas Day).	
LOWOOD	26 Dec.		Conference Capt. Herrings 1 Cav.Div.U.S.Army,re-arrangments close support exercise.	
TOOWOOMBA	27 Dec.		Visit First Aust Army for new establishment of Air Liaison Section.	
STRATHPINE AREA	28 Dec.		Co-op. 1 Cav.Div.U.S.Army in Close support exercise.	
SOUTHPORT	29 Dec.		Lecture on Close Support at School of M.I.	
LOWOOD	30 Dec.		Visit by Studen ts Junior Staff School, also D/B attack in Support of 1 Cav.Div. U.S.Army,Strathpine area.	
BRIBIE ISLAND	31 Dec.		Co-op. 41 Div.U.S.Army in Close support exercise Bribie Is.	

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