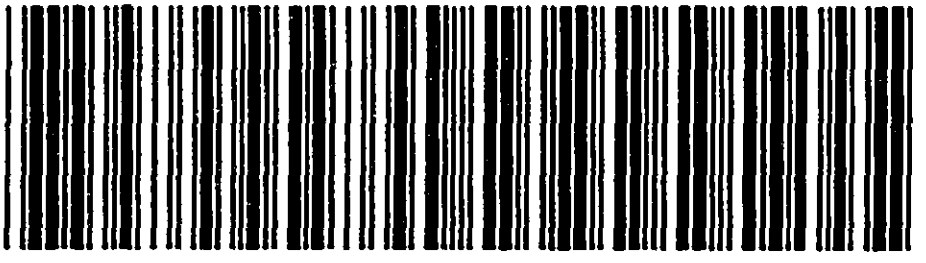
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AIR LIAISON

58 Australian Squadron Air Liaison Section (58 Aust Sqn AL Sec)

October - December 1945



1/14/50-0042

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 2118. (adapted.)

Unit 5 Aust Sqn HQ Sec. Date and Time.—From 1 Oct 45 To 31 Oct 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Moretai.	9 Oct 45		5 Aust Sqn HQ Sec resumed operations and attached to 10 Group RAAF.	
			Capt Turner ceased to administer command 3 Aust Comd HQ Sec and resumed command 5 Aust Sqn HQ Sec.	
	10-26 Oct 45.		Normal operational duties.	
	27 Oct 45.		HQ made arrangements for transport and accomodation of RAF members of ALFSEA Mission visiting Moretai. HQ also made arrangements for W/Cmdr Devitt RAF and Lt/Cmdr Berman RN to meet RAF members of the Mission	
	28 Oct 45		Normal operational duties.	

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Unit 58 AUST SQN AA SEC. Date and Time.—From 1 OCT 45 To 31 OCT 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOROTAI.	29 OCT 45.		AHQ made arrangements for Lt/Bombdr BERMAN, RN, to visit MANADO area, NE CELEBES, for Naval recce purposes	
	30-31 OCT 45.		Normal operational duties.	

Lt Turner Capt.
OC 58 Aust Sqn AA Sec.

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58 Aust Sqn AL Sec.,
SS/58/2.
10 Oct 45.

Subject: HISTORY 58 AUST SQN AL SEC

HQ 1 Aust AL Gp.

1. Ref conversation with Maj. Derham on 9 Oct 45, attached are notes on the activities of 58 Aust Sqn AL Sec whilst attached to Marine Air Groups ZAMBOANGA.

.....Capt.
H.J.TURNER.
OC/58 Aust Sqn AL Sec.

ALLIED AIRSTRIPS

MOLUCCAS

MOROTAI ISLAND

PITOE Strip — Length 3000 ft. Width 100 ft.

WAMA Strip — Length 6000 ft. Width 100 ft.

BORNEO

KUCHING — Length 2900 ft. Width 100 ft.
One spongy patch covered with arc mesh.

SEPINGGANG — Length 6500 ft.
Runway part matted suitable B24 S Oct 45.

TARAKAN — Length 4500 ft.
Steel matting. U/S 047 20/9/45.

LABUAN — Length 5000 ft. Width 100 ft.
Surface gravel and matting.

Information for landing B24 ac at 16 Oct 45.
500 ft steel matting at East end.
Then about 1000 - 1500 feet of ft gravel on which it is inadvisable to use brakes.
Followed by 1300 feet of steel matting at West end.
Hence advisable to use brake first, let them off on soft surface and apply again on matting.

31 Jul 45: ALO left ZAMBOANGA for PALAWAN to confer with OC 4 Aust Comd AL Sec, Fleet Air Wing 1.0. and 13 Fighter Command on operations carried out from PALAWAN.

2 Aug 45: With OC 4 Aust Comd AL Sec ALO visited the IWAHIG Penal Colony. Mr NADRES, superintendent of the colony, arranged a tour of inspection of the farms, workshops and other installations, and discussed with the ALO's the treatment of the Colony and American PW's by the Japanese during their occupation of the Island.

3 Aug 45: ALO returned to ZAMBOANGA.

During the month, the following officers visited ZAMBOANGA and discussed organisation and operations with Col. RIDDERHOF Commanding MAG ZAMBOANGA.
11 Group RAAF,
Air Commodore BROWNELL AOC.
RAF,
Air Commodore BARNES.
G/Capt. BREWSTER.

17 Aug 45: 58 Aust Sqn AL Sec returned to MOROTAI and ceased operations until attached to 11 Group RAAF on 8 Oct 45.

.....:Capt.
H.J.TURNER.
OC 58 Aust Sqn AL Sec.

28 Jun 45: ALO left ZAMBOANGA by PT boat for TAWI TAWI. Whilst at TAWI TAWI, ALO carried out liaison duties with 44 Fighter Squadron (TE) of the 18 Fighter Group, which was operating in support of OBOE 2 operation. Also based at TAWI TAWI was the OYSTER BAY - mother ship for the PT boats of Task Group 70.1 operating in the BORNEO area. Three areas were worked by these Squadrons. First, from 50 miles South of TARAKAN to Northern tip of BORNEO.
Second, from Northern tip of BORNEO down the West coast to South of MIRI.
Third, from 50 miles South of BALIKPAPAN to 50 miles North of BALIKPAPAN, and across to SW CELEBES. These areas were extended if necessary. Boats from the Squadron working in the TARAKAN area, carried out an attack, supported by Kittyhawks of the RAAF, on SANDAKAN, and a small force landed in the town. Later, Radio TOKIO announced that the Allies had carried out a landing at SANDAKAN. ALO carried out Liaison duties direct with the operations and intelligence officers on the OYSTER BAY. Much information on Japanese strengths and movements was obtained by the PT boats who also co-operated with AIB patrols and guerillas in BORNEO and rescued several Prisoners of War. A combined attack was carried out with the AIB and guerillas on targets South of KUDAT, and on the North East coast of BORNEO.

7 JUL 45: ALO returned to ZAMBOANGA from TAWI TAWI to resume liaison duties with Marine Air Groups ZAMBOANGA, and HQ 18 Fighter Group.

23 JUL 45: Brig. MACASKIE and Lt/Col. LAST arrived at ZAMBOANGA in a Beaufort aircraft which was unable to continue its journey to LABUAN owing to mechanical failure. ALO arranged accomodation and on travel to BORNEO.
Maj. LOWEN en route from MOROTAI to PALAWAN staged at ZAMBOANGA. ALO explained the organisation of and the type of work being carried out by the various units at ZAMBOANGA.

and Moros.

18 Apr 45: ALO travelled to MOROTAI to discuss OBOE 1 operation with Adv LHQ, 1 Aust Corps, RAAF Comd and 1st TAF.

14 May 45: 13 Fighter Group (TE) of 13 AAF operating P38 Aircraft will operate from ZAMBOANGA, in support of Australian troops in BORNEO.
Maj. WILSON, I.O. 13 Fighter Group, and Lieut. BRODERO, I.O. 611 Squadron, obtained information on BORNEO for operations in that area.

29 May 45: ALO visited MOROTAI to obtain information on OBOE 6 operation from 1 Aust Corps.
During May the following officers visited ZAMBOANGA to obtain information from, and discuss operations with, Col. JEROME, CO MAG ZAMBOANGA, and other officers of the Marine Groups:-

LHQ,
Lt. Col. CAPE (G1(Air)) from MOROTAI.
4 Aust Comd AL Sec,
Maj. G. STEPHENS, from 13 Fighter Command, PALAWAN.
80 Wing RAAF,
F/Lt. HILL (I.O.) from MOROTAI.

15 Jun 45: Capt. S. WILLIAMS G111 Air, 1 Aust Corps, arrived at ZAMBOANGA to give ALO and officers of MAG ZAMBOANGA information on future operations.

20 Jun 45: Capt. TURNER arranged a conference of communications officers to discuss communications for the OBOE operations with F/Lt. PEARSALL, Signals Officer of 1st TAF, who was visiting Air units operating over BORNEO.

ACTIVITIES OF 58 AUST SQN AL SEC ATTACHED TO MARINE AIR GROUPS ZAMBOANGA

6 Apr 45: 58 Aust Sqn AL Sec received movement order from 1 Aust AL Gp to proceed to ZAMBOANGA (MINDANAO) to carry out Liaison duties between Marine Aircraft Groups and any other units stationed at ZAMBOANGA, and Australian Forces carrying out the BORNEO operations.

7 Apr 45: 58 Aust Sqn AL Sec less Driver and Jeep arrived at ZAMBOANGA by B24 and were attached to Marine Air Groups ZAMBOANGA for operations, and Marine Air Group 12 for accomodation and quartering. The organisation of Marine Air Groups ZAMBOANGA, which was part of First Marine Air Wing was as follows:-

MARINE AIR GROUPS ZAMBOANGA

MAG 12 SBD Aircraft	MAG 32 F4U Aircraft	611 Squadron PBJ Aircraft	Other Units. Night Fighter Detachment. ASR Detachment.

HQ MAG ZAMBOANGA, was an operational HQ combining the operations and Intelligence Sections of MAG 12 and MAG 32. Administration was carried out independently by MAG 12 and MAG 32 and 611 Squadron direct to HQ 1 Marine Air Wing.
Also operating from ZAMBOANGA in the BORNEO and MINDANAO areas were the PT boat Squadrons of Task Group 70.1. Liaison work was also carried out by 58 Aust Sqn AL Sec between Task Group 70.1 and 1 Aust Corps.

15/16 Apr 45: Capt. Turner travelled by B25 to MALABANG to observe guerilla activities and preparations by guerillas for the proposed U.S. landings in the PARANG - MALABANG areas. The guerilla force was commanded by an Australian who had been captured in SINGAPORE, and who had escaped from a Japanese PW camp to MINDANAO. He was assisted by an Englishman and an American who had also escaped from Jap PW camps. The officers of the force were Filipinos with a Filipino doctor and nurse. The troops were Filipinos

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Unit 58 AUSTSON AL SEC. Date and Time.—From 1 NOV 45 To 30 NOV 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOROTAI.	1-15 Nov 45		Normal operational duties.	
	16 Nov 45.		Capt TURNER arranged for Naval Air Intelligence Officers from CO.15, R.N. to meet and confer with Ops, Admin, Intel and Engineering Officers at ADV HQ BMF.	
	17-18 Nov 45.		Normal Operational duties.	
	19 Nov 45.		ALO arranged for RN Air Intel Officer to travel to MANADO on 20 Nov 45 to carry out Air Intel duties.	
	20-30 Nov 45		Normal operational duties.	
			A Turner Capt. ALO	

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Subject: DISBANDMENT AUST AIR LIAISON UNITS

HQ 1 Aust AL Group
AL/462
2 Nov 45

2 AUST COMD AL SEC
28 AUST SQN AL SEC
51 " " " "
56 " " " "
64 " " " "

Copies for infm to:
27 Aust Sqn AL Sec
35 " " " "
55 " " " "
57 " " " "
58 " " " "

1. Previous instructions regarding movement and disbandment of 51, 56, and 64 Aust Sqn AL Secs are now cancelled, and Adv HQ AMF A04824 instructs the disbandment of these sections in their present locations, under arrangements by 7 and 9 Aust Divs.

2. Copies of 1 Aust Base Sub Area AG/1001.428 of 18 Oct 45 are attached to 2 Aust Comd, and 28 Aust Sqn AL Sec's copies of this letter for guidance in disbandment procedure.

3. HQ 1 Aust AL Group is now in process of disbandment and finalisation is expected by approximately 7 Nov 45. All AL Secs remaining on AMF OOB will continue to operate under command of respective formations as at present.

4. Other AL Secs which have been ordered to disband, whether for dispersal or for transfer to MC Gps, will complete disbandment under existing instructions.

5. Records, relevant correspondence, and other documents held by this HQ are being forwarded to addressees under separate cover.

Major
ADM COMD 1 AUST AIR LIAISON GROUP

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Unit 5th AUST SIGN AL SEC Date and Time.—From 1 DEC 45 To 31 DEC 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOROTAI	1-18 DEC		Normal operational duties.	
	19 DEC		boat TURNER travelled by Catalina aircraft to MENADO, CELEBES.	
	20 DEC		ALO inspected the radio equipment of the R.N.E.I. at TOMOHON with SGT. VANDEVIKSEN.	
	21 DEC		ALO inspected radio equipment and airstrip at LANGOAN.	
	24 DEC		ALO returned to MOROTAI by C47 A/C. The report on this visit was passed to HQ MOROTAI FORCE, and HQ 11 GROUP RAAF.	
	29 Dec		Unit declared redundant and to be disbanded OC Posted to HQ, MOROTAI FORCE, ORs marched out to Details Depot for Disposal	Landspo SD 29/12

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

48 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 / 12 / 1945 5T AUST SQN AL SEC (Unit)

W.E. 111 / 3D / 2 OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 2 + 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.				
Retnts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Retnts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
				W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
				Sergeants					
			1	Corporals					
			1	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*			2 *	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 18 Years.	C.M.F. 18 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A	2						[redacted]	[redacted]		2
B(1)										
B(2)						[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

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

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

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

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

5T AUST SQN AL SEC 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 / / 12/194 5.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Retnts. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Retnts. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Retnts. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Retnts. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Asstts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Rough Riders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predicter Numbers				Saddlery makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Asstnts				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd'rs. 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				CPL CLERK	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				BATT BKR.	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Hills Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Couch Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Cowrakers							
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, M.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, L.C.							
Photoprinter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Ton Dectors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Asstts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with sections 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	22		

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

1 DEC 45.
Date of Despatch

H Turner Capt.
Signature of Commander

L.N.Q. Press—S.B.—5/45—10m.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

48 / 93 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/12/1945 58 AUST SGN AL SEC (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/45. OFFRS. 1 O.R's. X + 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'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
				*					
				*					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
				Majors					
	—	—	1	Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	—	—	1						

	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.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for completion of form will complete Part B(1) & B(2).	A.		1									1
	B.(1)											
	B.(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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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/12/1945 (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.
LIEUT. / CAPT	1R6113	TURNER	A.J	OC	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.

1 DEC 45
Date of Despatch

A. Turner. Capt.
Signature of Commander

A.F. 2008a Mls 10/43

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

52/45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29/12/1945 58 AUST 2GN AA SEC (Unit)

W.E. 11/30/12 OFFRS. 1 O.R's 2 + 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.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
				W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
				Sergeants					
			1	Corporals					
			1	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*			2 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by A.L.L. units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).	Detail		A.L.P.	C.M.P. Under 19 Years.	C.M.P. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 30 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.	A		2						[redacted]	[redacted]		2
	B(1)											
	B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

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

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

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

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

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 29/12/1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Asstn.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Carpenters								Riggers				Stokers, Stat. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Asemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd'rs. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bottlemakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Wheelwrights			
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				CPL CLERK	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				BAT/DIR	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Mate Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Conveyors							
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, Examiner				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, M.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, L.C.							
Photorotter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Sub Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Asstn.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	2	2 *	*

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

29 DEC 45
Date of Despatch

[signature] Capt
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3006 (Adapted) (Page 1) (Revised Jan., 1943)

52,75 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29/12/1945 58 INVST SQN AK SEC (Unit)

W.E. 111,302. OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 2 + 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'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
				*					
				*					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
	-	-	1	Majors					
				Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	-	-	1						

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

58 INVST SQN AK SEC Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29/12/1945 (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.
LIEUT T/CAPT	TX6113	TURNER	HJ	O.C.	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.

29 DEC 45
Date of Despatch

H J Turner Capt.
Signature of Commander

A.F. 1000s 10/43

Subject: DISBANDMENT OF UNIT.

58 Aust Sqn AL Sec,
SS/58/28.
31 Dec 45.

Military History Sec.,
HQ AMF.

1. The attached documents are forwarded on disbandment of this Section.
List of documents as follows:-

Subject	Originators No
OOB	SS/58/319
OOB	AL/1056
ALOs Conference	SS/58/324
Movement of Jeep	SS/58/334
Aircraft Recognition	SS/58/336
Aircraft Recognition	AL/1151
Performance of Duty by Capt Turner (TX5113).	
Travel Orders	P16-3(1)/VJM/rfp
History of 58 Aust Sqn AL Sec	SS/58/2
Allied Airstrips	
Disbandment of Aust & Air Liaison Units.	AL/462
Report on Visit to TOMOHON	SS/58/26.

.....Capt.
H.J. TURNER.
OC 58 Aust Sqn AL Sec.

Subject: Report on Visit to TOMOHON

58 Aust Sqn AL Sec,
SS/58/26.
27 Dec 45.

HQ MOROTAI FORCE,
11 GROUP RAAF.

1. Attached is a report by OC 58 Aust Sqn AL Sec on a visit to TOMOHON, NE CELEBES, from 19 Dec 45 to 24 Dec 45.

.....Capt.
H. J. TURNER.
OC 58 Aust Sqn AL Sec.

Subject: Report on Visit to TOMOHON

58 Aust Sqn AL Sec,
SS/58/25.

HQ MOROTAI FORCE
11 GROUP RAAF.

1. TX6113 Capt. H.J.TURNER, ALO attached to 11 Group RAAF visited TOMOHON, MENADO, CELEBES with RAAF inspection party and Aust War Graves Party. Arrived at TOMOHON 19 Dec 45, returned to MOROTAI 24 Dec 45.

SIGNALS.

2. On 21 Dec 45 ALO conferred with Sgt. VANDERGIESEN RNIA with regard to aeradio facilities at LANGOAN strip, for SSO 11 Group RAAF.

Attached is a copy of a report from DOFORCE on aeradio facilities. The original report was passed to W/Comdr AUSTIN 11 Group RAAF on 24 Dec 45.

LANGOAN Airstrip

3. The following information was supplied by Lieut HEYMAN RNIA (Engineer).

Total length	2000 metres
Serviceable (marked with corner markers)	1200 metres
Being extended to	1600 metres
Width	50 metres.

Ends of strip outside corner markers are in poor condition and soft. There is a windsock at the North end. The KAKAS road crosses the strip near the South end but there is a guard to control traffic. A new road is being built around the strip. The main work on the strip to date has been the filling in of bomb craters. The surface on these is approximately 30 cms of stones with a thin covering of gravel.

The strip is not well drained, but drainage is being proceeded with at present. It is intended to have a large open drain on each side of the strip, and drains across the strip every 25 metres.

GENERAL.

4. When visits are to be made by War Graves Parties or RAAF Investigation Parties the following would facilitate the work of the Aust Liaison Officer, and for the Force HQ in the area to be visited and save time and work for the visiting party.

(a) A signal be despatched to reach the Aust Liaison Officer or Force HQ approximately 48 hours prior to the arrival of the party stating:

The composition of the party.
Anticipated duration of visit.
Type of work to be carried out.

Local transport required if available.
Working parties, guides and interpreters needed if any.

(b) That the composition of the party conforms with that stated in the signal.

5. Trading with the natives is not appreciated by NICA and no trading should be carried out, except through or with permission of the local NICA or RNIA HQ or the Aust Liaison Officer.

6. It was stated that Australian personnel on previous visits to MENADO area had discussed War Criminal Trials with native and Chinese personnel. It is believed that this information has been conveyed to the Japanese concentration areas. Australian personnel should NOT discuss political or military information with native or Chinese inhabitants, nor be too familiar with them.

7. RAAF reports state that there are 16 RAAF bodies, and approximately 17 American bodies to be exhumed and removed from the NE Celebes. These are all accessable from TOMOHON. Owing to the shortage of transport at TOMOHON, and the limited amount of RAAF transport aircraft available, it is requested, that, if possible, and if it is necessary to remove all these bodies, a War Graves Party be sent to TOMOHON, with transport, by ship. All the bodies could then be recovered and removed by ship from MENADO.

8. Catalina aircraft are not suitable for the transport of coffins, and C47 aircraft are not readily available. LANGOAN strip is not yet suitable for heavily loaded C47 aircraft when wet.

.....Capt.
H.J.TURNER.
OC 58 Aust Sqn AL Sec.

COPY

Original of this report has been passed to SSO 11 Group RAAF.

Menado, Celebes.
21 Dec 1945.

To
GP RAAF,
MOROTAI.

Report on Aeradio LANGOAN Airstrip

Building of an aeradio station was started at LANGOAN airstrip two days ago and will probably be completed by 1 Jan 46.

Two small buildings for transmitter and receiver are approximately 1500 feet apart, and located on the KAKAS side of the airstrip, on the right hand side of the road leading to KAKAS.

All equipment is Japanese and in rather good condition.

Transmitter is of High Frequency type. Frequency range approximately from 2 Mc to 10 Mc, crystal controlled. It is also possible to work without crystal although use of crystal is preferable on this set. The transmitter has a doubler stage. However it is normal to use this doubler exclusively as an amplifier Four tubes, namely oscillator, doubler or amplifier and a power amplifier (two tubes in parallel).

The power unit is a motor generator supplying 2200 Volt anode voltage and 14 Volt heater.

Receiver is a ten tube superheterodyne. Frequency range 2 Mc to 20 Mc. Operated on batteries or 220 Volt AC. It would be advisable to have an Australian No 4 Army receiver and we would appreciate it if you could supply us with one.

Crystals are not plentiful here, the ones we have are inadequate. If you decide on what frequency we are to use, please forward the correct crystals with their holders.

The number of personnel is the greatest handicap. Due to this only one wireless operator will be available at all times. Intended hours of watchkeeping are from 7 AM to 7 PM item time. Other personnel are radio mechanic (if available) motor driver.

Also intended is a radio link with TOMOHON Army radio station as telephone system is inadequate. Station cannot supply weather, as no meteorological expert is available at the moment.

SORNIA
Maj EMEIS RNIA

(Signed) Sgt. N. VANDEGIESEN RNIA.
Sigs DOFORCE
Menado, Celebes.