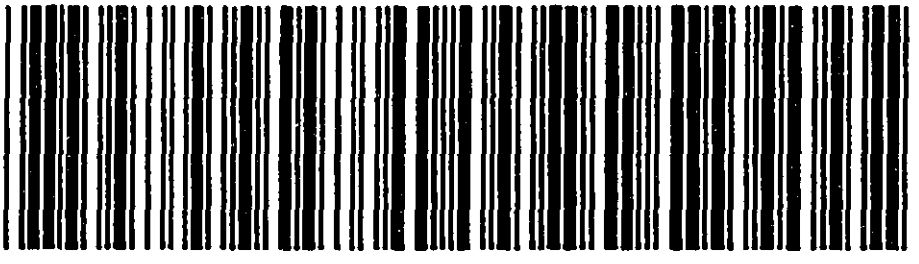
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AIR LIAISON

29 Squadron Air Liaison Section (29 Sqn AL Sec)

April - July 1945



1/14/62-0012

April 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.

WAR DIARY

(Pro forma)

Unit 27 Aust Sqn AL Sec Date & Time: From 1 Apr 45 to 30 Apr 45.

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS & INFORMATION	REMARKS
PENTON N.T.	1 Apr 45		OC visited DARWIN. Obtained interview with GI HQ NT FORCE. Produced letter from Lt Col CAPE explaining that the two AL Secs attached to 82 H B Wing were under Admn control of HQ NT FORCE, and operational control of I AUST CORPS. Explained that signals would be passed from CORPS to LNO to HQ NT FORCE for transmission to the AL Secs with 82 Wing and arranged that these be forwarded promptly. Produced authority from I AUST CORPS for OCs 25 and 27 Secs to originate IMMEDIATE signals.	
	3 Apr 45		Advised by Capt HELLICAR that OCs 25 and 27 Secs were to be prepared to move to MOROTAI with 82 Wing Det. Secs and equipment to remain at PENTON others being supplied on arrival MOROTAI.	
MOROTAI	8 Apr 45		0730: OC departed for MOROTAI per C 47. 1630: OC arrived MOROTAI. Major J STEVENS, OC 2 AUST COND AL SEC called. Explained that four Support Air Observers were to be attached to the 82 Wing for the purpose of training in observation from B 24 a/c and of flying on any missions flown to TARAKAN BE BORNEO. Duties of Capts THOMSON and HELLICAR to co-ordinate flying of SAOs with CO 82 Wing Det and pass mission reports of missions flown by Det.	
	9 Apr 45		CO 82 Wing Dets explained setup and tasks of the Det as follows:- To support the invasion of TARAKAN by 26 Aust Inf Bde by striking local Jap HQ at TAWAO, oil tank farms and barracks on TARAKAN, neutralising airfields in the NORTHERN CELEBES and providing two sorties per day for "P" Day and "P plus 1" for the use of SAOs.	
	11 Apr 45		OC visited GI Air Adv LNO, G II Air I AUST CORPS, and CO I AUST AL GROUP.	
	13 Apr 45		OC accompanied mission to TAWAO whose task was to destroy barracks building in town. 70% bombs on target.	
	18 Apr 45		OC accompanied mission to TARAKAN whose task was to destroy LINKAS tank farm. All but one tank destroyed.	
			For the remainder of the month all briefings and interrogations were attended and mission reports submitted.	
	28 Apr 45		Advice received that Capt THOMSON ceased to command 27 Aust Sqn AL Sec and was transferred to 29 Sec - to move to PALAWAN IS. for attachment to AIR FLEET WING IO USN.	

R. L. Thomson Capt.

OC - 27 Aust Sqn AL Sec

SECRET

WAR DIARY Pro forma.

29 AUST SQN AIR LIAISON SECTION Period from I May 45 to 3I May 45

I May 45. OC met Air Combat Intelligence Officers of the three squadrons of the FLEET AIR WING IO, and explained what type of information was required and what would be passed on to them through the AL Section.

Set up section office in portion of ACI tent, adjacent to operations room.

FAW IO consists of three squadrons, one each of LIBERATORS PRIVATEERS and VENTURAS. The two former sqns operating on daily search missions of eight separate sectors, covering the WEST Coast of the CELEBES and MAKASSAR STRAITS, EAST Coast of BORNEO as far SOUTH as BANDJERMASIN, WEST Coast of BORNEO to PONTIANAK, SOUTH CHINA SEA reaching to SINGAPORE, MALAY PENINSULA and INDO-CHINA Coasts. The VENTURAS carry out attack missions as they are shorter range aircraft. They have great hitting power, carrying 6 X 50 cal., 3 X 30 cal., MGs, 8 X 6" Rockets, Napalm Tank bombs, and G.P. bombs.

2 May 45 OC accompanied PRIVATEER Strike KUDAT. Enemy airfield, occupied bldgs and small shipping were attacked from minimum altitude. On conclusion of attack a low level recce was made of the shores of MARUDU BAY.

3 May 45 A recce report of above was submitted ~~xxx~~ to 4 Aust Command AL Sec.

7 May 45 FELO representative called to discuss possibility of dropping propaganda from FAW IO search planes. Satisfactory arrangements were finalised.

8 May 45 OC lectured FAW IO flight crews on TARAKAN operations to date

9 May 45 OC accompanied VENTURA mission to BROOKETON on WESTERN shores of BRUNEI BAY. Recce report submitted on BROOKETON, BRUNEI BLUFF, MUARA BESAR and SE LABUAN ISLAND Areas.

I6 May 45 Arranged special propaganda be dropped by search plane on KUCH ING. Report was made to FELO giving details of time, altitude and coverage of same.

20 May 45 ACI Officer, COMAIR 7, called and requested that a summary of recent intelligence on BORNEO be prepared for him to take to a MARINER Sqn operating out of TAWI TAWI. Above was prepared from I Aust Corps Intell Summaries, ALO's Bulletin, AIB and AAPIU reports and daily Sitreps.

2I May 45 Arranged ACI Officer COMAIR 7 meet OC 4 Aust Comd AL Sec, who decided to send OC 29 Aust Sqn AL Sec to spend two days with MARINERS at TAWI TAWI.

/24 May OC visited TAWI TAWI. Report attached as appendix 'A'.

25 May Arranged special propaganda be dropped on KUCHING and SIMINGGANG. Results reported to FELO.

Arranged quarters for two Australian AIB Officers with FAW IO. These officers to operate from PALAWAN in CATALINAS under command FAW IO. OC and AIB officers went through search reports in possession of the AL Sec dealing with the areas in which the AIB officers were to operate. Arrangements were made that daily reports be submitted by pilots of search planes on movement of native small craft between BRUNEI BAY and KUDAT.

Thomas Capt.

27 May 45 Search plane Sectors 4 and 5 which both encompass SINGAPORE were supplemented with additional search planes. Special searches to be as follows - two A/C to arrive over target at first light and two at last light. The morning planes to work SOUTH after covering SINGAPORE and the evening planes to work NORTH after covering SINGAPORE. This was introduced as a result of sightings of increased shipping in this area including three CA.

28 May Lt. Col CAPE, G I (Air) I Aust Corps visited section

REMARKS

During the period covered by this diary all briefings and interrogations have been attended and mission reports submitted to 4 Aust Comd AL Sec on all strikes and searches.

Pilots were requested to report all relevant sightings as well as attacks. The value of such reports was explained to them, and they were given examples of the type of object or activity to look for. As a result valuable information has been obtained from these searches and attack missions.

The VENTURAS have made many strikes in the vicinity of BRUNEI BAY , MIRI, and JESSELTON and much valuable information has been gained on these areas.

CAPT.

OC 29 AUST SQN AL SEC.

Appendix "A"

SECRET

Subject: REPORT ON VISIT TO VPB 20 and USS POCOMOKE STATIONED at TAWI TAWI - 22/24 May 45

29 Aust Sqn AL Sec
24 May 45.

CC
4 Aust Command AL Sec

1. The visit was arranged through LIEUT. CHILDRESS, ACI Officer of COMAIR 7.

2. Its object was to see if arrangements could be made whereby Liaison could be established to mutually benefit the Sqn and the Aust Forces operating in BORNEO.

3. A conference was held between the following Officers: CO VPB 20, ACI VPB 20, ACI COMAIR 7 and the writer - as a result of which the following decisions were reached: -

(a) Utilising the PBM biweekly couriers relevant information, from sources not otherwise available to this Sqn would be despatched through 29 Aust Sqn AL Sec.

(b) By the same means the Sqn ACI would forward to 29 Aust Sqn AL Sec search reports and photographs.
NOTE: Hitherto, reports of attacks only, have been forwarded to FAW IO. NOT sightings and/or photographs, these latter being kept for the internal use of the Sqn.

(c) After visiting the RAAF on SANGA SANGA and discussing the matter with the IO and the ALO, it was decided that for the present, the best means of conducting this liaison was direct between 29 Aust Sqn AL Sec and VPB 20. The reasons being that, although a daily service exists between PALAWAN and SANGA SANGA, it is erratic because the strip can be used in dry weather only, and further, communication between the strip and the POCOMOKE is slow.

4. A further discussion took place between the ACI Officer and the writer re the types of sightings made on the PBM patrols. The following are examples. These examples themselves may hold some useful information, but their main purpose is to indicate the type of observation made and their value in relation to projected operations when the PBM patrols move to the WEST Coast.

(a) MERUTI River area, WEST of TAWAO. This was the subject of a previously submitted report, but PBM pilots are insistent that that area is a hive of industry with much small shipping, light railways and large earthworks which may be quarrying or mining.
Further, many sightings and attacks have been made on a distinctive type of warehouse building, which burns fiercely for over 12 hrs after strafing (See photos 1, 2 & 3).

(b) MALINAU Area. Report of movement EAST to mouth of SEMBAKOENG River (this portion of the report came from natives contacted by PT boats). Patrols from VPB 20 have sighted armed barges along the SEMBAKOENG and have been fired on with estimated .50 cal and 20mm AA from same.

(c) Further report through PT boats that very large numbers of grass shoes are being made for the Japs by natives in the MERUTI Area.

Capt

5. During the visit to the RAAF on SANGA SANGA a copy of memo setting out Radio facilities there, was obtained for the benefit of FAW IO.

6. During this visit also, the Captain of VPB 20 discussed with the RAAF Sqn CO, the availability of MARINERS for DUMBO work in conjunction with the RAAF units operating out of SANGA SANGA.

7. At the request of the Captain of VPB 20, the writer gave a talk to pilots on the trend of enemy activity in BORNEO, the importance of exchanging information between services, things to look out for during their coastwise patrols, and the story of the TARAKAN campaign todate.

CAPT.

OC 29 AUST SQN AL SEC.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ../../194.... ..... (Unit) ../../..(Serial No.)

W.E..../..../.... OFFRS.....O.R.'s..... 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.				
Rein'fts Required	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength	DETAIL	Arm or Corps	Posted Strength	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinf'ts Required
				Lieut.-Colonels					
				Majors					
				Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offs.					

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by A.I.F. units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) and 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.											
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).

...3 Adv. Sec. A.L. Svc. Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ../../../ 194... (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.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS 21145 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26/5/1945 29 Aust Sqn AL Sec (Unit)

W.E. 11/3/45 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 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	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 O.R's. Whose Return To....(Unit) is Particularly Requested. ..../..../194..

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

N.S.W. L. of C. Press—St. 897.

29 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 26/5/1945

Details of Tradesmen GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength	Reinfts. Required
Ammunition Examiners			
Armament Artificer Fitter			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.P.V.)			
Armament Artificer Instrument			
Armament Artificer Radio			
Armament Artificer Signals			
Armament Artificer Wireless			
Artificer, Artillery			
Artificer, Engine			
Blacksmiths			
Bricklayers			
Computors			
Cooks, Hospital			
Coppersmiths			
Dispensers			
Draughtsmen			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			
Electricians			
Electricians (M.V.)			
Electricians (Signals)			
Fitters			
Fitters (Cycle)			
Fitters (Electrical)			
Fitters (Gun)			
Fitters (Instrument)			
Fitters (M.V.)			
Fitters, Railway Signal			
Fitters, Signals			
Grinder, Precision			
Mechanics, Instrument			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			
Mechanics, Radio			
Mechanics Typewriter			
Mechanics, Wireless			
Millwrights			
Operators, Excavator			
Pattern Maker			
Pharmacist			
Photographer, Wet Plate			
Photowriter			
Plumber			
Saw Doctors			
CARRIED FORWARD			

Details of Tradesmen GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength	Reinfts. Required
Surveyors			
Surveyors, Engineering			
Surveyors, R.A.A.			
Surveyors, Topographical			
Surveyors, Trigonometrical			
Toolmakers			
Turners			
Watchmakers			
Welders			
GROUP II.			
Armourers			
Axemen			
Bakers			
Bty. Comd's Asst.			
Boilermakers			
Carpenters			
Carpenters and Joiners			
Cooks			
Dental Mechanics			
Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)			
Driver-Operator			
Drainers			
Electricians			
Electricians (Engineers)			
Fire Control Operators			
Gun Operator			
Hatchman			
Height Taker			
Helio Operator			
Instrument Operator			
Intelligence Duties			
Joiners			
Lineman			
Lineman, Signals			
Lithographers			
Machinists, Metal			
Machinists, Wood			
Masons			
Masseurs			
Mechanics, M.T.			
Miners			
Moulders			
Nurses, Trained			
CARRIED FORWARD			

Details of Tradesmen GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength	Reinfts. Required
Observation Post Assts.			
Operating Room Assts.			
Operator Keyboard			
Operator, Line			
Operator, Signal			
Operator, Switchboard			
Operator, Wireless			
Opticians			
Painters			
Panel Beaters			
Photographer Dry Plate			
Predictor Numbers			
Printers			
Radiographers			
Riggers			
Sawyers			
Signallers			
Signwriters			
Telescope Identin. Numbers			
Well Borers			
Wheelers			
Winchman			
Wireman			
Woodturners			
GROUP III			
Battery Surveyors			
Butchers			
Clerks			
Clerks, Supply			
Clerks, Technical			
Coach Trimmers			
Concretors			
Cooks			
Dental Clerk Orderlies			
Despatch Riders			
Draughtsmen, Signals			
Drivers, H.T.			
Driver Mechanics			
Driver Tptn. Plant			
Engine Hands, I.C.			
Equipt. Repairers			
Farriers			
CARRIED FORWARD			

Details of Tradesmen GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength	Reinfts. Required
Fitters' Mates			
Gun Layers			
G.P.O. Assistants			
Hammermen			
Leather Stitchers			
Orderlies, Nursing			
Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Plate Layers			
Rangetakers			
Riveters			
Roughriders			
Saddlers			
Saddletree makers			
Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Stevedores			
Stokers, Staty. Eng.			
Storemen, Technical			
Tailors			
Textile Refitters			
Tinsmiths			
Vulcanizers			
Wagon Erectors			
Whitesmiths			
DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Sgt. Clerk	1	1	
Pte (Batman Driver	1	1	
ATTACHED BY W.E.			
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 desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

26 May 45
Date of Despatch

G. Thomson Capt
Signature of Commander

N.S.W. L. of C. Press—2000 Pads—1/45.

WAR DIARY Pro Forma.

29 AUST SQN AIRLIAISON SECTION Period 1 Jun 45 to 30 Jun 45

REMARKS

During this month, daily search missions were made by LIBERATORS and PRIVATEERS of FLEET AIR WING IO - covering the WEST Coast of the CELEBES and MAKASSAR STRAITS - the EAST Coast of BORNEO; SOUTH to BANDJERMASIN - the WEST Coast BORNEO, SOUTH to PONTIANAK - and over the CHINA SEA reaching to the SINGAPORE, MALAY PENINSULA and INDO-CHINA Coasts.

Briefings and interrogations on these missions were attended by OC this section - mission reports compiled and sent to OC 4 Aust Comd AL Sec.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS (Additional to above)

1 Jun 45. During the period 1 Jun to 20 Jun - VENTURAS of VPB 128, operatin under the command of FAW IO - conducted IO missions, attacking Bldgs, Warehouses, Installations and possible personnel staging areas in the KENINGAU - BEAUFORT and JESSLETON Areas, while further strikes were made on installations at MIRI prior to the landing of Australian Forces in the BRUNEI BAY AREA.

13 Jun: A special recce of GREAT NATOENA & SOUTH NATOENA Islands was made by one PRIVATEER from 106 Sqn, FAW IO. This mission had been arranged by OC this section at the request of GII (Air) I AUST CORPS. Pilot was briefed by OC, and on return interrogated. A special report was then submitted to OC 4 Aust Comd AL Sec.

OC - 29 Aust Sqn AL Sec, Capt. C.L. THOMSON was evacuated to 2/5 AGH MOROTAI, for treatment for injuries to left arm.

14 Jun: Advice received this section that Capt. THOMSON had been evacuated to Greenslopes BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA, for further medical treatment.

19 Jun: Advice received that Capt. G.E.HARDCASTLE was enroute from MOROTAI to assume command of 29 Aust Sqn AL Sec vice Capt. C.L.THOMSON.

20 Jun: VPB 128 (VENTURA Sqn) ceased to operate from this base, and under orders moved to another theatre of operations.

Thus with the transfer of this sqn out of FAW IO, this section's principle interest and function lies with the daily search missions - particularly those along the CELEBES and BORNEO Coasts.

" " VX 101918 Capt. G.E.HARDCASTLE arrived PALAWAN 1000 I. Reported to Maj. G.STEVENS, OC 4 Aust Comd AL Sec, and was immediately posted as OC 29 Aust Sqn AL Sec (att. FLEET AIR WING IO - USN) in accordance with LHQ MS 46247 of 18 Jun 45.

21 Jun: OC 29 Aust Sqn AL Sec familiarised himself with the section routine.

22 Jun: OC attended briefing at FITCOM XIII at 0730 and 0900 I.

G.E.Hardcastle Capt

23 Jun: OC attended briefing and made arrangements for flight as observer on Sector 3 Search.

24 Jun: OC flew as observer in PB4YI, making recce of KUCHING and JESSELTON Areas generally.

25 Jun: Section submitted report on flight to 4 Aust Comd AL Sec for transmission to I Aust Corps.

26 Jun: OC made arrangements with FLEET AIR WING IO to divert plane making Sector 3 search to KARIMATA ISLAND in order to carry out a special recce requested by OC 4 Aust Comd AL Sec. The crew brought back valuable information and almost complete photo coverage.

27 Jun: Report of KARIMATA recce sent to 4 Aust Comd AL Sec.
OC accompanied crew of PB4YI making Sector 4 search. Special recce was made of SERASAN ISLAND - PANDJANG ISLAND - SOEBI-KETJIL ISLAND and photos were taken of all islands.
Sector 2 and 8 recce planes dropped propaganda pamphlets on BANDJERMASIN and INDO CHINA respectively, as requested by this sec.

28 Jun: A full report of OC's recce of the islands on flight of 27 Jun, was submitted with relevant photos to 4 Aust Comd AL Sec.

29 Jun: FELO representative left pamphlets to be dropped on KUCHING area.

30 Jun: Arranged with Commander III Sqn FAW IO, that Maj. G.STEVENS - OC 4 Aust Comd AL Sec, and OC 29 Aust Sqn AL Sec - be taken on Sector 2 Search flight, with a view to making a recce of BALIKPAPAN on I Jul.

G.H. Henderson CAPT.

OC 29 AUST SQN AL SEC.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS 29/442 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30./.6../1945 29 Aust Sqn AL Sec (Unit)

W.E. 11/.3/.1.. 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. 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.L.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		2						[redacted]	[redacted]		6
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 O.R's. Whose Return To.... (Unit) is Particularly Requested. ..../..../194..

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

N.S.W. L. of C. Press—St. 867.

29 Aust Sqn AL Sec Unit

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26 /..../..... Serial No.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 30 / 6 /1945

Details of Tradesmen GROUP I	W.E.	Posted Strength	Reinfts. Required
Ammunition Examiners			
Armament Artificer Fitter			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.P.V.)			
Armament Artificer Instrument			
Armament Artificer Radio			
Armament Artificer Signals			
Armament Artificer Wireless			
Artificer, Artillery			
Artificer, Engine			
Blacksmiths			
Bricklayers			
Computors			
Cooks, Hospital			
Coppersmiths			
Dispensers			
Draughtsmen			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			
Electricians			
Electricians (M.V.)			
Electricians (Signals)			
Fitters			
Fitters (Cycle)			
Fitters (Electrical)			
Fitters (Gun)			
Fitters (Instrument)			
Fitters (M.V.)			
Fitters, Railway Signal			
Fitters, Signals			
Grinder, Precision			
Mechanics, Instrument			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			
Mechanics, Radio			
Mechanics Typewriter			
Mechanics, Wireless			
Millwrights			
Operators, Excavator			
Pattern Maker			
Pharmacist			
Photographer, Wet Plate			
Photowriter			
Plumber			
Saw Doctors			
CARRIED FORWARD			

Details of Tradesmen GROUP I (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength	Reinfts. Required
Surveyors			
Surveyors, Engineering			
Surveyors, R.A.A.			
Surveyors, Topographical			
Surveyors, Trigonometrical			
Toolmakers			
Turners			
Watchmakers			
Welders			
GROUP II.			
Armourers			
Axemen			
Bakers			
Bty. Comd's Asst.			
Boilermakers			
Carpenters			
Carpenters and Joiners			
Cooks			
Dental Mechanics			
Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)			
Driver-Operator			
Drainers			
Electricians			
Electricians (Engineers)			
Fire Control Operators			
Gun Operator			
Hatchman			
Height Taker			
Helio Operator			
Instrument Operator			
Intelligence Duties			
Joiners			
Lineman			
Lineman, Signals			
Lithographers			
Machinists, Metal			
Machinists, Wood			
Masons			
Masseurs			
Mechanics, M.T.			
Miners			
Moulders			
Nurses, Trained			
CARRIED FORWARD			

Details of Tradesmen GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength	Reinfts. Required
Observation Post Assts.			
Operating Room Assts.			
Operator Keyboard			
Operator, Line			
Operator, Signal			
Operator, Switchboard			
Operator, Wireless			
Opticians			
Painters			
Panel Beaters			
Photographer Dry Plate			
Predictor Numbers			
Printers			
Radiographers			
Riggers			
Sawyers			
Signallers			
Signwriters			
Telescope Identin. Numbers			
Well Borers			
Wheelers			
Winchman			
Wireman			
Woodturners			
GROUP III			
Battery Surveyors			
Butchers			
Clerks			
Clerks, Supply			
Clerks, Technical			
Coach Trimmers			
Concretors			
Cooks			
Dental Clerk Orderlies			
Despatch Riders			
Draughtsmen, Signals			
Drivers, H.T.			
Driver Mechanics			
Driver Tptn. Plant			
Engine Hands, I.C.			
Equipt. Repairers			
Farriers			
CARRIED FORWARD			

Details of Tradesmen GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength	Reinfts. Required
Fitters' Mates			
Gun Layers			
G.P.O. Assistants			
Hammermen			
Leather Stitchers			
Orderlies, Nursing			
Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Plate Layers			
Rangetakers			
Riveters			
Roughriders			
Saddlers			
Saddletree makers			
Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Stevedores			
Stokers, Stat'y. Eng.			
Storemen, Technical			
Tailors			
Textile Refitters			
Tinsmiths			
Vulcanizers			
Wagon Erectors			
Whitesmiths			

DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.

Clerk	1	1
Cook	1	1

ATTACHED BY W.E.

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 desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired write accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

20 6 45
Date of Despatch

G H Sandercott Capt
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30./6./1945 29 Aust Sup AL Sec (Unit) 26/145 (Serial No.)

W.E. 24.3.D./1.. 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.				
Rein'fts Required	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength	DETAIL	Arm or Corps	Posted Strength	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required
				Lieut.-Colonels					
				Majors					
				Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offs.					
			1						

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) and E(2).	DETAIL		A.L.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
	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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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30./6./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.
Capt	VX101918	HARDCASTLE	G H	A	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

30 June 45
Date of Despatch

G H Hardcastle Capt
Signature of Commander
OC 29 Aust Sup AL Sec

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29 AUST SQN AIR LIAISON SECTION Period: I Jul 45 to 31 Jul 45

REMARKS

During the month under review, daily routine searches were made by LIBERATORS (of VPB III Sqn) and PRIVATEERS (of VPB 106 Sqn) of FLEET AIR WING 10, covering the WEST Coast of the CELEBES and MAKASSAR STRAITS - the EAST Coast of BORNEO SOUTH to BANDJARMASIN - the WEST Coast BORNEO SOUTH to PONTIANAK - and over the SOUTH CHINA SEA reaching to SINGAPORE, MALAYA PENINSULA and INDO-CHINA Coast.

Briefings and interrogations for each of these missions were attended by OC - mission reports compiled and sent to OC 4 Aust Comd AL Sec.

No unusual sightings were made, nor unusual results obtained on the missions for this month. Sightings, that could be of value to our ground troops operating in BORNEO, and thus of particular interest to this section, were few. Consequently, the daily search missions have not been itemised for this diary.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

I Jul 45: OC accompanied Sector 2 Search. Plane flew over BALIKPAPAN where sightings were made of the OBOE 2 operations.

6 Jul 45: OC accompanied flight of 6 A/C (PRIVATEERS) of FAW 10, to McGUIRE FIELD, MINDORO Is, P.I.,

These planes to operate from that field and to cover sectors 3,4 and 8. This was done to reduce the traffic using the BALIKPAN Strip, which, due to heavy rains, had become soft.

7 Jul 45: OC accompanied Sector 3 Search. Sightings were negative.

9 Jul 45: OC accompanied Sector 4 Search. Sightings negative.

II Jul 45: OC returned to BALIKPAN

I2 Jul 45: A/C returned from McGUIRE FIELD to BALIKPAN

I3 Jul 45: FAW 10 resumed operating all searches from BALIKPAN Strip.

During Jul 45 - no changes in administration have occurred within this section.

G.A. Hardesty CAPT.

OC 29 AUST SQN AL SEC.

DAILY RETURN OF CASUALTIES Pro forma

Serial No 30/45.

At 0600 hrs Saturday 28 - 7 - 45 29 Adjt Sgn AA Sec

HQ 122/30/2 dated 2 Jul 2

Nil.

Present strength 1 Captain (2 - Adj).

NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS OF UNITS ATTACHED

Capt. W. Wright - HAMPSHIRES 6 K - DC - at present with unit.

Date of despatch : 28 Jul 45.

Capt.

OC 29 AGRA Sqn AA Sec.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

2645 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 21/7/1945. 29 Aust Gen Al Sec (Unit)

W.E. 11/30/1 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.				
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.
				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		C.M.F.								
	A.I.F.	Under 18 Years.	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).

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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 21/7/1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Ammunition Examiners			
Armament Artificer Fitter			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			
Armament Artificer Instrument			
Armament Artificer Radio			
Armament Artificer Signals			
Armament Artificer Wireless			
Artificer, Artillery			
Artificer, Engine			
Blacksmiths			
Bricklayers			
Computers			
Cooks, Hospital			
Coppersmiths			
Dispensers			
Draughtsmen			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			
Electricians			
Electricians (M.V.)			
Electricians (Signals)			
Fitters			
Fitters (Cycle)			
Fitters (Electrical)			
Fitters (Gun)			
Fitters (Instrument)			
Fitters (M.V.)			
Fitters, Railway Signal			
Fitters, Signals			
Grinder, Precision			
Mechanics, Instrument			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			
Mechanics, Radio			
Mechanics, Typewriter			
Mechanics, Wireless			
Millwrights			
Operators, Excavator			
Pattern Maker			
Pharmacist			
Photographer, Wet Plate			
Photovriter			
Plumber			
Saw Doctors			
Surveyors			
CARRIED FORWARD			

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Surveyors, Engineering			
Surveyors, R.A.A.			
Surveyors, Topographical			
Surveyors, Trigonometrical			
Tentmakers			
Turners			
Watchmakers			
Welders			