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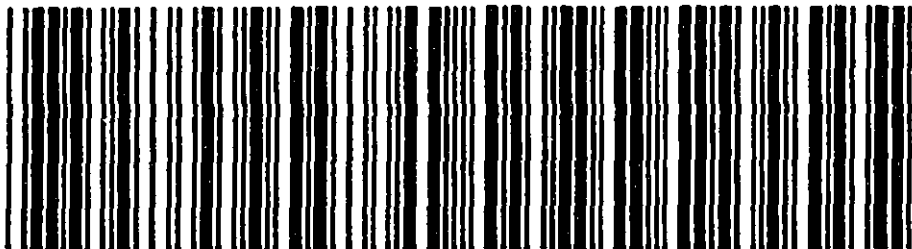
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AIR LIAISON

37 Squadron Air Liaison
Section (37 Sqn AL Sec)

May - August 1945



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Subject : WAR DIARY - May 1 45 to 31 May 45

SECRET

37 Aust Sqn A.I. Sec
Att 22 Sqn RAAF
31 May 45

Date.	Place.	Event.
5 May	TARAKAN	VX 112136 Capt A.P. CROW departed MOROTAI by Troopship.(C77)
8 May	"	" " " " " arrived TARAKAN.
12 May	"	QX 41078 Cpl R.A.C. POOLE and VX121675 Pte R.J. HARTCHER departed MOROTAI by L.S.T. No 466
16 May	"	Cpl R.A.C. POOLE and Pte R.J. HARTCHER arrived in TARAKAN HARBOUR.
17 May	"	" " " " " " Disembarked TARAKAN 1245 Hrs
19 May	"	QX 1257 Capt R. TAYLOR departed MOROTAI by L.S.T. No. 993
22 May	"	Capt TAYLOR arrived in TARAKAN HARBOUR.
23 May	"	Capt TAYLOR disembarked TARAKAN at 1315 hrs.
24 May	"	A.I.O. normal Operation Duties with Air Support Parties.
25 May	"	" " " "
26 May	"	" " " "
27 May	"	" " " "
28 May	"	" " " "
29 May	"	" " " "
30 May	"	" " " "
31 May	"	" " " "

L. Taylor Capt
O.C. 37 Aust Sqn A.I. Sec

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C.2118.
(Adapted)

Unit 37 Aust Sqn A.L. Sec Date and Time. — From 0200 1 June To 0800 30 June 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
"TARAKAN"	1 to 11		Duties with Air Support Party.	
	12	1430	Flight with P/O LOMEN in Auster Aircraft. Time of Flight 1430 to 1610 hrs. Mission: Recce for suspected Jap 75 mm G un position on UNCLE or AUNTY Features, Ref Map TARAKAN 1-25,000. In addition to above, surrender Leaflets were dropped on FUKUKAKU. Native fishing villages received Leaflets warning them not to assist Japs attempting to escape to mainland of BORNEO.	
	13	1900-2100	Lecture to 31 Sqn on TARAKAN and BRUNEI operations.	
	15	1400-2100	Lecture to 22 Sqn similiar to 31 Sqn.	
	16	1900-2100	Lecture to 30 Sqn as above.	
	28 - 30		Construction of A.L.O. Office. Map areas brought up to date Sqn are in my opinion NOT receiving sufficient maps to successfully cover a prolonged operation.	

*W. H. C. / m Capt
37 Aust A.L. Sec.*

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30.1.44/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

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).

* 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.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

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20 June 1954
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C.2118.
(Adapted)

Unit 37 Aust Sqn A.I. Sec Date and Time.—From 0800 1 July 45 To 0800 31 July 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TARAKAN	2 July	0800	Conducted the Tour for RAAF personnel. Route - Margy 1 and 2, Lizzie, Clarice, Joyce Features. Point of interest to party, Affect of Bombing and Napalm upon Jap def. on Margy 1 Feature.	
	3 - 16		Routine.	
	17	0830-1730	Patrol. Conducted Recce Patrol for RAAF Personnel. Route - Camp, Snags Track, Agnes, Lynda, Freda and Margy. Personnel very keen but lack appreciation and experience.	
	18		Routine.	
	19	1900-2030	Lecture to 22 Sqn and Tank Regt on Balikpapan, Miri and Jesselton operations.	
	20-22		Routine.	
	23	0900-1300	2200 Lecture to RAAF Patrols and on patrolling. Practical Patrol Route → Sykes, Macks, Ostrich, Sylvia and Camp. Result from lecture	
			aparent. Keen interest throughout; Tracks picked up by patrol. Tracks appeared approximately 24 hrs old.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit 37 Aust Sqn A.L. Sec Date and Time.—From 0800 1 July 45 To 0800 31 July 45[illegible]

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W.E. 11/30/20 OFFRS. O.R.'s. OFFRS. O.R.'s. ATT. BY W.E.

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					
				Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offs.					
				Civilians Count- ing as Offs.					

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10 N.Z. Forces.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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Signature of Commander

30.45.1

W.E. 11/30/2. OFFRS. 1...O.R's. 2 + OFFRS. 7...O.R's. 7...ATT. BY W.E.

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.					
				Corporals.					
				Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
				Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.					

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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 28 7 / 1945.

Details of Tradesmen GROUP I	W.E.	Posted Strength	Reinforcements Required	Details of Tradesmen GROUP I (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength	Reinforcements Required	Details of Tradesmen GROUP II (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength	Reinforcements Required	Details of Tradesmen GROUP III (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength	Reinforcements Required
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Fitters' Mates			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				Gun Layers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator Keyboard				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.P.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Radio				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Signals				Watchmakers				Opticians				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Wireless				Welders				Painters				Rangetakers			
Artificer, Artillery								Panel Beaters				Riveters			
Artificer, Engine								Photographer Dry Plate				Roughriders			
Blacksmiths								Predictor Numbers				Saddlers			
Bricklayers								Printers				Saddletree makers			
Computers								Radiographers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Cooks, Hospital								Riggers				Sievedores			
Coppersmiths								Sawyers				Stokers, Staty. Eng.			
Dispensers								Signallers				Storemen, Technical			
Draughtsmen								Signwriters				Tailors			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)								Telescope Identn. Numbers				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)								Well Borers				Tinmiths			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)								Wheelers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)								Winchman				Wagon Erectors			
Electricians								Wireman				Whitesmiths			
Electricians (M.V.)								Woodturners							
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															
Photewriter															
Plumber															
Saw Doctors															
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.			

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.S. and/or 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. "Reinforcements 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.

28 July 45
Date of Despatch

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Signature of Commander

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit 37 Aust Sqn A.L. Sec AIF Date and Time. From 0800 1 Aug 45 To 0800 31 Aug 45

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W.E. 10 / 30 / 2, OFFRS. - O.R's. 3 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.

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At 0000 Hrs. Saturday 25/ 8/1945 37 AVST SQN A.I. ^{SEC.} (Unit)

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.[illegible][illegible]

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

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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 25/ 8/1945.**

Details of Tradesmen, GROUP I.	W.E.	Period Strength.	Ratio Required.	Details of Tradesmen, GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Period Strength.	Ratio Required.	Details of Tradesmen, GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Period Strength.	Ratio Required.	Details of Tradesmen, GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Period Strength.	Ratio Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assist.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, M.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Binders			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.P.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing (Mental)			
Armament Artificer Inspector				Turners				Operator, Wireline				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Reamers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Sawriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographers, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stewards			
Computers								Signers				Stokers, Battery Engine			
Cook, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Stonemasons, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Armourers				Signwriters				Textile Reelers			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identif. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				City Const's. Asst.				Wall Beaters				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Electrical)				Roller-makers				Wheelers				Weapon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Wreckmen				Welders			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wiremen							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodworkers							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Mee.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitter (Cycle)				Drummers											
Fitter (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitter (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks				CORPORAL CLERK	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signal)				Intelligence Section				Coach Trimmers				DRIVER	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signal)				Joiners				Concoctors							
Mechanics, Radio				Linemen				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Linemen, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dispatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Patent Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanician							
Pharmacist				Masons				Driver Typ. Plant							
Photographers, Dry Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Mends, I.G.							
Photocutter				Minors				Equipment Repairs							
Plumber				Modelers				Farmers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Shins							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assist.				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	

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25 Aug 45
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander