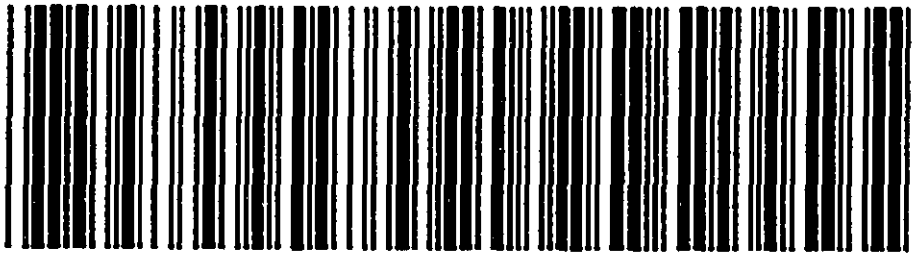
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AIR LIAISON

5 Australian Air Liaison Section (5 Aust AL Sec)

March - October 1942



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Unit 5 Air Liaison Section *Date and Time.—From* 0001 1 Jan 42 *To* 2359 31 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WORKSOP HOUSE PERTH.	2 Jan 42		Unit formed. U.S. 2 officers 16 O/Rs	See appendix 1 & 1
			Transport: 1 1 ton 4WD Car 1 Van 15cwt 4WD	
			1 Van 3/4ton 1 ton 1 1/2 T/C	
"	2 Jan 42	0600	W/C 174 Major R.A.F. HQ 13 Group reported from unit O.i.c and R.A.F.	See appendix 1 & 1
"	4 Jan 42		Major R.A. 5275 to Report of Army Co-op. at this station to whom copy of Unit Plan allotted for this unit.	
"	22 Jan 42		Major R.A. returned from School of Army Co-op.	
"	23 Jan 42		Wg. Cdr. [illegible] A.F. attached to unit. He had previously seen service with A. Pass Relations Unit with the A.E.F. at HQ. [illegible].	
"	30 Jan 42		Capt A.A. [illegible] seconded to unit.	
"	31 Jan 42		W/Co Lieut I.J. Coll.G seconded to unit from 10 Light Horse having recently returned from School of Army Co-o	See appendix 1 & 1

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5 A.L. Section,
Western Command.
4 April, 42.

Headquarters,
W. Comd.

5 AIR LIAISON SECTION - CAMP.

1. It is req uested that approval be given for 2 officers and 10 O/Rs. of 5 A.L. Sectinn to enter camp at King's Park for a period of 6 weeks commencing on Monday, 13 April, 42.

2. It is desired that this personnel be attached to 20 Defence & Employment platoon for rations and quarters. Personnel will carry one blanket and one ground sheet as authorised under War Equipment Tables and it desired that 20 Defence and Employment platoon requisition for the balance of camp equipment.required.

3. Movment of personnel will be arranged by 5 A.L. Section.

.....Major.
G.S.O. II.5 A/L. Section.

APPX 'A'

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5 Air Liaison Section,
20 Def. and Emp. Pl.,
A.D.O.S.,
A.D.S.T.

CAMP.

Approval has been given for 2 officers and 10 O/Rs of 5 A.L. Section to enter camp at King's Park for a period of six weeks, commencing on Monday 13th. Apr. 42.

Personnel will be attached to 20 Def. and Emp. for quarters and rations for period of camp.

Personnel will carry one ground sheet and one blanket. Balance of camp equipment will be supplied by 20 Def. and Emp. Pl.

Capt.

for D.A.Q.M.G. W/COMD.

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Unit ....5 Air Liaison Section.... *Date and Time.—From* ..0001..1 Nov 42.... *To* ..2359...31..Nov 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
[illegible]	2 Nov 42	1[illegible]	The 1st Instructor has been attached for training personnel [illegible] to Parent Unit.	
[illegible]	3 Nov 42		[illegible] attached for duty with U.S. 2 Nest Corps.	
[illegible]	4 Nov 42		Unit moved to [illegible] attached to 4 Field Survey Co for rations and quarters.	
[illegible]	8 Nov 42		[illegible] attached to unit & [illegible] returning from relief of 1 Survey Co-ops.	
[illegible]	14 Nov 42		Members of this Section attended [illegible] at which [illegible] last Field Survey.	
[illegible]	16 Nov 42		Officers and OC orderlies of this Section attended a course of [illegible].	
[illegible]	20 Nov 42		Relief of unit photo pending for clerk [illegible].	

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Unit ....5 Adv Inf Div Recn Sqn.... *Date and Time.—From* ....1 Jan 42.... *To* ....31 Jan 42....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
[illegible]	6 Jan 42		[illegible]	
[illegible]	12 Jan 42		[illegible]	
[illegible]	14 Jan 42		[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
[illegible]	28 Jan 42		[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
[illegible]				

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Unit ...5...Lt...Maint...Coy... *Date and Time.—From* ...1...Jul 42... *To* ...31...Jul 42...

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
[illegible]	21 Jul 42		1210 Lieut. [illegible] reports Unit 2 [illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]		Lieut. T. [illegible] to unit after completion of [illegible]	
			as ptn Coys with ptn Offrs at [illegible]	

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Unit ...5 Inf Brigade Troops... *Date and Time.—From* ...1st Jan 42... *To* ...31st Jan 42...

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
[illegible]	15 Jan 42		All vehicles of this unit are now [illegible]	
[illegible]	16 " "		Capt [illegible] left this unit to join [illegible]	
			[illegible] Lieut Corps. This leaves Lieut. F.J. [illegible]	
			as Commanding Officer.	
[illegible]	17 Jan 42		Lieut. [illegible] moves to [illegible] prior to unit move.	
"	28 Aug 42		Unit moves to [illegible] and is attached to [illegible]	
			[illegible] for rations and quarters.	
[illegible]	31 Jan 42		One [illegible] to Lieut Corps Unit strength as at " "	
			routine.	

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Unit ..... *Date and Time.—From* ..... *To* .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.

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31 JAN 1944

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Unit [illegible] *Date and Time.—From* [illegible] *To* [illegible]

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	

3. III/3A/2 - AN AIR LIAISON SECTION (PROVISIONAL)

Delete Table "(i)" and substitute -

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"(i) Summary of ranks

Detail	Officers	Sergeants	Corporals	Rank and File	Total.
Air liaison officers -					
General staff officer, 2nd grade (major) ..	1	-	-	-	1
General staff officers, 3rd grade (captains) ..	2	-	-	-	2
Sergeant draughtsman ..	-	1	-	-	1
Clerks	-	-	1	(a)3	(b)4
Batman-drivers ..	-	-	-	3	3
Motor cyclist orderlies ..	-	-	-	2	2
Total, air liaison section	3	1	1	8	13

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5 AIR LIAISON SEC. (W.E. III/3A/2).

1. Authority is now given to raise the above unit to full W.E. on a Full Time Duty basis.

2. Major M.H.G. Becher (W.237574) is appointed G.S.O.II, 5 Air Liaison Sec., and will take immediate executive action to raise the unit.

3. Particulars of the two officers selected for postings of General Staff Officers, Grade III (Captains) will be submitted to the undersigned with least possible delay.

4. Progress report is to be submitted to these H.Q. weekly, commencing 9 Mar 42, and will be continued until "action complete."

Lt-Col.
A.A.G., Western Command.

Distribution :-

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5 Air Liaison Section,
Yorkshire House,
PERTH.
20 Mar '42.

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H.Q. W.Comd.,

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5 Air Liaison Sec. - W.E. 111/3A/2. - Progress Report.

1. During the absence of Major M.H. Becher, the following action has been taken by 6 H.Q. A.S. Control Gp., to expedite the raising of 5 A.L. Sec.

PERSONNEL.

C.R.'s. - Suitable types for Clerks, Drivers, and M.C. orderlies have been interviewed and earmarked for possible selection by Major Becher on his return.

STORES EQUIPMENT & M.T.

Since no W.E. Table exists for this Unit, equisitions A.A.F. F2C, based upon scales of issue common to similar personnel in other existing W.E.'s., have been prepared and forwarded to Ordnance.

2. Correspondence for 5 A.L.Sec.,etc, is received by 6 H.Q. A.S. Control Gp., and any necessary immediate action taken.

3. It is intended to continue as above pending return of Major M.H. Becher, but since final decisions regarding personnel must rest with him, no further progress report will be furnished unless directed.

Major.
O.C. 6 H.Q. A.S. Control Gp.

for M.H. Becher. Major.
O.C. 5 A.L. Sec.

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5 Air Liaison Section,
Western Command.

Headquarters.
W.Comd.

5 Air Liaison Se. - W.E. III/3A/2. - Progress Report.

The following report as submitted regarding the raising of the above mentioned Unit.

(1) Personnel: Recommendations for the appointment of officers as G.S.O. III. have been submitted under date 31 March, 42.

O/rs. 1 Clerk and 1 Driver Batman have been taen on strength.

All personnel to fill the other vacancies in the establishment have been selected.

(2) Arrangements have been made for the Unit to enter camp at King's Park and to commence training on 13th April, 42.

(3) Requisitions for War Equipment and Training Equipment have been lodged and delivery is to be taken on 10 April, 42.

(4) It is proposed for the present, to continue maintaining an office for the Unit at Yourkshire House.

.....Major.
G.S.O. II. 5 A/L Section.
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5 AIR LIAISON SECTION (W.E. III/3A/2)

With reference to S.61/1/2 of 3 Mar. 42, the following report is submitted.

1. POSTING OF OFFICERS AS G.S.Os.III

It is not proposed to make a definite posting pending receipt of reports from the Army School of Air Co-operation regarding Lieut. Nicholas, who has returned from a course, and Lieut. Connor, who is at present attending. It is thought that this is desirable so that the capabilities of the officers may be known before definite appointments are made.

2. As the writer will be absent from the Comd. as from 7th instant for approximately three weeks, it is desired, in order that preliminary organisation might be proceeded with, that authority be given for Major A. T. Stocker, 6 H.Q. A.S. Control, to administer the functions of G.S.O.II 5 Air Liaison Section, and to sign on my behalf during my absence; such authority to include the opening of an Ordnance Account and the submission of requisitions.

Major,
5 Mar. 42. G.S.O.II, 5 Air Liaison Section,
HFG. W. Comd.

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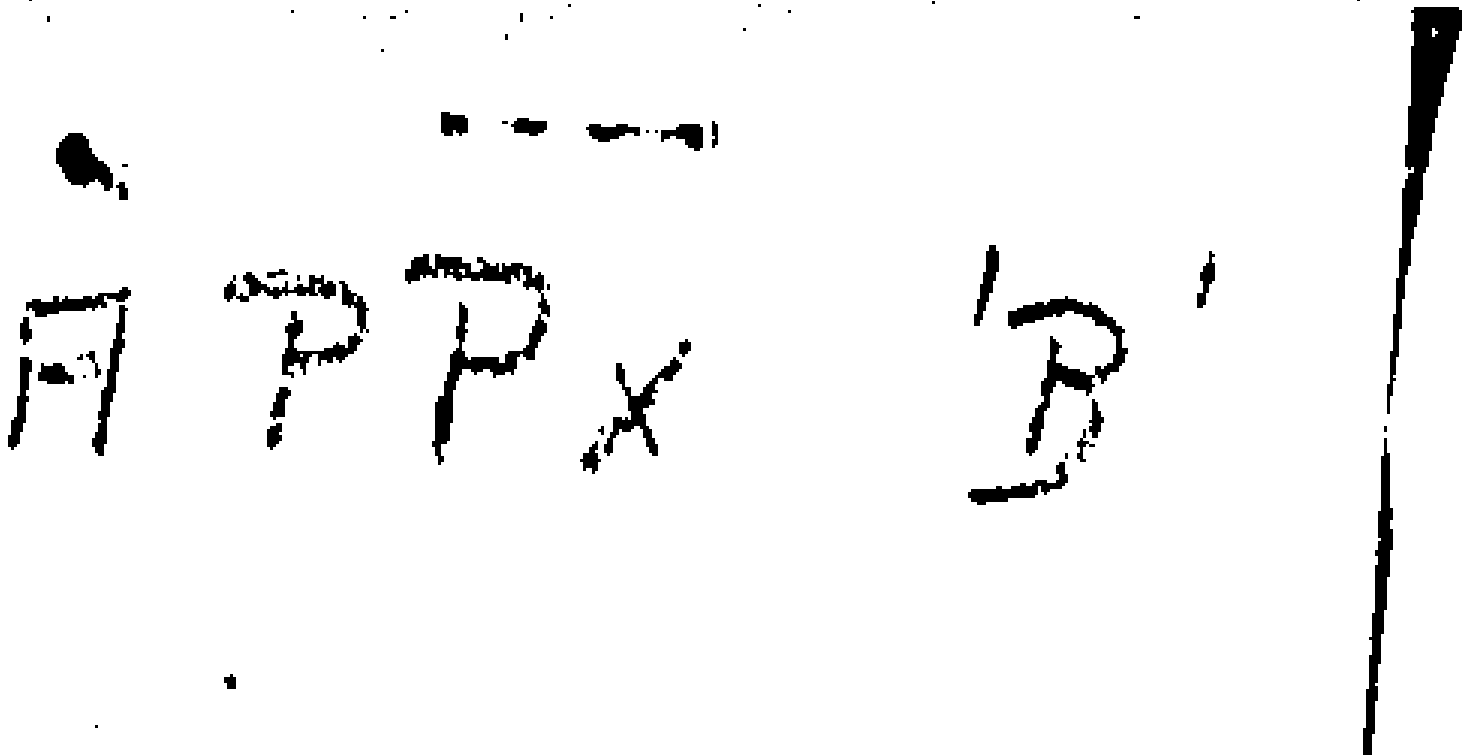
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10 Recce Bn.
D.R.O.
D.F.O.
} For information.

Lieut I.E.Connor W.590. 10 Recce Bn.

Ref. your memo. of 31 Mar. 42 : the ~~transfer~~ of this officer to 5 A.L.Sec. as G.S.O.III to date 30 Mar. 42 has been approved.

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Major
D.A.A.G. Western Command.


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NO.2 COURSE - SCHOOL OF A.A. CO-OPERATION

I am directed to inform you that the above mentioned course will commence on 25th February, 1942, and will last for a period of approximately six weeks.

2. LOCATION: R.A.A.F. Station, Canberra.

3. VACANCIES: The 20 vacancies for junior officers (A.L.Os.) are allotted as under: -

N.Comd.	..	2
E.Comd.	..	5
S.Comd.	..	8
W.Comd.	..	1
7 M.D.	..	2
G.O.C. i/c N.T.	..	
1 Armd. Div	..	1
A.H.Q.	..	1
		20

W.C. Comd. reduce to 1

4. ARRIVAL AND REPORTING: Students will report at R.A.A.F. Centre on 24th February, 1942. Transport will be provided from Canberra station to R.A.A.F. Centre.

5. ACCOMMODATION AND MESSING: Will be provided at the School.

6. BOOKS, EQUIPMENT etc.: Students will take with them -
Uniform S/D and Drill
Books etc. -
Employment of Air Forces with the Army in the Field
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Drawing Instruments including service protractor

7. NOMINAL ROLLS Nominal rolls will be forwarded to reach A.H.Q. (D.M.T.) not later than 16th February, 1942.

8. Sufficient copies of this circular are being sent to enable distribution to each student.

[signature]
Colonel.
Director of Military Training.