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FORTRESS
Darwin Fortress

March - May 1944



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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C. 2118 (adapted.)

Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) Date and Time.—From 0000hrs 1 MAR 44 To 2400 hrs 31 MAR 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	1	0900	Mild & overcast. RAinfall to 010830KL - 169 Pts.	
		1000	5 Aust Inf Bn move into Fortress Area for Amphibious Trg.	
		1230	Col SAINSBURY C.S.O.visits Frt Comd introducing Col McKINLEY	
			who is taking over duties of C.S.O. NT FORCE.	
		1400	B.G.S. Brigadier ANDERSON visits Frt Comd.	
		1415	B.G.S. Brigadier ANDERSON, Frt Comd & G 11 carry out recce to	
			Koolpinyah Homestead Station.	
	2	0700	HQ 4 Aust Hy AA Bty complete handover of duties from HQ 2 Aust	
			Hy AA Bty. HQ 2 Aust Hy AA Bty move out of Fortress Area.	
		0900	Overcast with intermittent showers. Rainfall to 020830KL - 26 Pts.	
		0900	161 Aust Lt AA Bty commence move into Fortress Area.	
		1454	Hostile plots of enemy aircraft reported 150 mls WSW of DARWIN	
			believed shipping recce.	
	3	0900	Overcast & showery. Rainfall to 030830KL - 48 Pts. [signature]	P.1051/- & A.838/8 attacked.

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N. 1COM 2/12

Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) Date and Time.—From 0000hrs 1 MAR 44 To 2400hrs 31 MAR 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	Contd	0900	"E" Tp 161 Aust Lt AA Bty completed change over with "C" Tp	
			160 Aust Lt AA Bty. "C" Tp 160 Aust Lt AA Bty move out of	
			DARWIN Fortress.	
	4	0900	Overcast and showery. RAINFALL to 040830KL - 111 Pts.	W3008 & W3009 attached.
		0900	6 Aust Inf Bn carry out 2" Mortar practice in mouth of	
			LUDMILLA CREEK.	
		1300	Brigadier FERGUSON Comd 2 Aust Inf Bde visits Frt Comd.	
		1515	DDGMS Brigadier W.McCALLUM arrives Darwin Frt & inspects 129 ASH.	
		1600	F Tp 161 Aust LAA Bty move into Darwin Fortress & replace D Tp	
			160 Aust LAA Bty. Changeover complete in all sites with the	
			exception of L10 at FORT HILL.	
			BHQ established at Daly St, reference Map DARWIN 1" - 807095.	
	5	0900	Overcast with continuous rain. Rainfall to 050830KL- 186 Pts.	
			NIL to Report.	

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W. 1000 2/12

Unit. HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF). *Date and Time.—From* 0000hrs 1 MAR 44 *To* 2400 hrs 31 MAR 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	6	0800	RAA NT Force Carry out full charge 25 Pdr Calibration Shoot from EAST POINT.	
		0900	Mild and overcast. Rainfall to 060830KL - 124 Pts.	
		1400	During amphibious trg operations of 2 Aust Inf Bde at MINDIL BEACH, two FBE landing craft were swamped and subsequently sank, Personnel with the exception of two members of 10/48 Aust Inf Bn were rescued. Beach patrols were organised and later at night both bodies were recovered.	
		1600	BGS Brigadier ANDERSON visits Frt Comd.	
	7	0900	Mild and overcast. Rainfall to 070830KL - 93 Pts.	Routine Orders Part 1 Serial 10 attached.
		1030	DAAQMG 14 L of C Sub Area Major IRVING visits Frt HQ relevant to quartering in PARAP Area.	
		1800	BGS Brigadier ANDERSON visits Frt Comd and stays overnight.	
		2350	Coast Arty OP,NIGHTCLIFFS; detains 2 AWC, personnel under suspicious circumstances	

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N. 1004 2/12

Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) Date and Time.—From 0000hrs 1 MAR 44 To 2400 hrs 30 MAR 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	Contd.		circumstances in NIGHTCLIFFS area pending investigations.	
			A W C personnel later released after satisfactory explanation	
			of their actions.	
	8	0900	Overcast and showery. Rainfall to 080830KL - 93 Pts.	
		1000	BGS Brigadier ANDERSON departs for HQ NT Force.	
		1500	Major Standish, CE branch visits Fortress Comd and discusses	
			problems relevant to the repair of the Garrison Church DARWIN.	
	9	0900	Mild and cloudy Rainfall to 090830KL - 11 Pts	Routine Orders Part 1 Serial No 11 attached.
		0930	Frt Comd holds conference with C.C.A and Comd AA Defences (Frt)	
		2030	Lt J CROPLEY, Amenities Officer Darwin Fortress convenes	
			meeting of Unit Sports Officers, G11 Capt Von BIBRA attends	
			and outlines Frt Comd policy.	
	10	0900	Mild and showery. Rainfall to 100830KL - NIL	
		1500	DADH Major BROADBENT visits Frt Comd.	

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N. 1034 2/12

Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) *Date and Time.—From* 0000hrs 1 MAR 44 *To* 2400 hrs 31 MAR 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	11	0900	Mild and Overcast. Rainfall to 110830KL - 33 Pts.	
		1206	Dornier Flying Boat moored at Doctors Gully base caught fire	
			and became a total loss, two RAAF personnel aboard the Flying	
			Boat were in difficulty in the water but were later rescued.	
		1932	Surface plots reported in the vicinity of GUNN PT, believed	
			possible enemy submarine.	
			POSTED STRENGTH 7 Offrs 19 OR — ATTACHED STRENGTH 4 Offrs 13 OR — DETACHED STRENGTH 1 Offr 3 OR	
	12	0900	Mild and Overcast. Rainfall to 120830KL - 78 Pts.	Amendments Darwin Frt Location Statement
		0900	5 Aust Inf Bn march out of Darwin Fortress on completion of	Copy No attached.
			Amphibious Trg.	
		1100	Lt Col WADE C.I. Mobile Wing, School of Arty, visits Frt Comd.	
		1500	BGS Brigadier ANDERSON visits Fortress Comd.	
		1800	Major HOGAN arrives DARWIN to take over duties Coast Arty	
			(DARWIN) vice Major WATSON.	

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N. 1004 2/12

Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) *Date and Time.—From* 0000hrs 1 MAR 44 *To* 2400 hrs 31 MAR 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	13	0900	Mild and overcast. Rainfall to 130830KL - 268 Pts.	
		1220	Det 10/48 Aust Inf Bn arrive DARWIN Fortress for attachment to	
			6 Aust Inf Bn for Amphibious Trg.	
		1400	I.O. HQ DARWIN Fortress carries out road recce HUMPTY DOO	
			Station, recce not completed as road impassible due heavy rain.	
		1430	CSO NT Force Col McKINLEY visits Frt Comd and introduces Lt Col	
			SMITH from LHQ.	
		1615	S.O. Arty 1 RAA NT Force Lt Col FORD visits Frt Comd.	
	14	0900	Mild and overcast. Rainfall to 140830KL - 25 Pts.	Routine Orders Part 1 Serial 12 attached.
		0900	6 Aust Inf Bn commence Amphibious Trg.	
		1300	Capt MARR, Controller of AWAS visits Frt Comd and discusses	
			policy relevant to future visits of AWAS leave parties to DARWIN.	
	15	0900	Mild and cloudy. Rainfall to 150830KL - 86 Pts.	
			NIL to report.	

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Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) *Date and Time.—From* 0000hrs 1 MAR 44 *To* 2400 hrs 31 MAR 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	16	0900	Mild and overcast. Rainfall to 160830KL - 3 Pts.	
		1000	Mr CROSBIE MORRISON M Sc under the auspices of AIES commences a series of talks on "WILD LIFE" of the Northern Territory to troops stationed in DARWIN Fortress.	
		1030	Mr Collings and Mr Higgins of the AWC, visit DARWIN Fortress to complete shots for the filming of the picture "AIR-STRIP".	
	17	0900	Mild and overcast. RAINFALL to 170830KL - 16 Pts.	
		0900	2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt carry out full calibre 25 pr practice shoot in LEANYER AREA.	
		0900	Frt Comd holds conference of Unit Security Officers and discusses measures to combat rumours.	
		1600	Height finding exercise carried out over DARWIN Fortress with co-operation of RAAF.	
		2000	Final talk by Mr CROSBIE MORRISON M Sc to tps in DARWIN Fortress.	

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Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) *Date and Time.—From* 0000hrs 1 MAR 44 *To* 2400hrs 31 MAR 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	18	0900	Mild and overcast. Rainfall to 180830KL - 1 Pt.	
		0900	2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt carry out full calibre 25 pr practice shoot in LEANYER AREA.	
		0930	Frt Comd accompanied by G11 attend 2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt practice.	
			POSTED STRENGTH 7 Offrs 20 OR — ATTACHED STRENGTH 4 Offrs 11 OR — DETACHED STRENGTH 1 Offr 2 OR	
	19	0900	Fine and mild. Rainfall to 190830KL - NIL	
		0900	2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt carry out full calibre 25 pr practice shoot in LEANYER AREA.	
	20	0900	Fine and warm. Rainfall to 200830KL - NIL. NIL TO REPORT.	
	21	0900	Warm and cloudy. Rainfall to 210830KL - NIL.	Routine Orders Part 1 Serial 13 attached.
		1200	Major COURT DAQMG HQ NT Force visits Frt Comd.	
		1230	RAAF Dornier Flying Boat which caught fire and sank at Flying	[signature]

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H. 100M 2/42

Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) *Date and Time.—From* 0000hrs 1 MAR 44 *To* 2400hrs 31 MAR 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	Contd		Boat base DOCTORS GULLY, successfully raised by Boom Boat.	
		2300	10 Aust Army Tp Coy marched into DARWIN Fortress located at	
			807098 Stuart Highway, Parap; unit engaged in contructional	
			work at PARAP, and Dock Areas.	
	22	0900	Warm and overcast. Rainfall to 220830KL - NIL.	
		1100	Capt MARR Controller of AWAS visits Frt Comd.	
		1130	AA & QMG Lt Col RUSSELL visits Frt Comd.	
	23	0900	Fine and Mild. Rainfall to 230830KL - 93 Pts.	
			NIL TO REPORT.	
	24	0900	Fine and mild. Rainfall to 240830KL - NIL.	
		1000	Major COURT DAQMG NT Force visits Frt Comd.	
		1500	Capt HARRIS G111 I visits Frt HQ.	
	25	0900	Fine and Mild. Rainfall to 250830KL - NIL.	
		0900	10/48 Aust Inf Bn march into DARWIN Frt to take over duty	[signature]

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H. 1000 2/42

Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) *Date and Time.—From* 0000hrs 1 MAR 44 *To* 2400hrs 31 MAR 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	Contd		Garrison Bn.	
		1000	GOC Major General ALLEN, BGS Brigadier ANDERSON; Brig i/c Adm,	
			Brigadier DOLLERY; and Mr THEODORE MHR visits DARWIN Fortress.	
		1400	6 Aust Inf Bn moved out of Fortress Area.	
			POSTED STRENGTH 7 Offrs 20 OR — ATTACHED STRENGTH 4 Offrs 10 OR — DETACHED STRENGTH 1 Offr 2 OR	
	26	0130	Daylight Saving ends, clock times retarded one hour.	
		0900	Fine and warm. Rainfall to 260830IK - NIL.	
		0930	BGS Brigadier ANDERSON visited Frt Comd and discussed move of	
			22 Bty 2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt from MYILLY PT.	
		1100	Major STAFFORD, CE Branch visited Frt Comd relevant to	
			repairing of Garrison Church.	
		1200	Major COURT DA.MG visits Frt Comd.	
	27	0900	Fine and warm. Rainfall to 170830IK - NIL.	Location Statement Copy No attached.
		1300	2/3 Aust Docks Op Coy marched in Darwin Fortress.	

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H. 1004 2/42

Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) *Date and Time.—From* 0000hrs 1 MAR 44 *To* 2400 hrs 31 MAR 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	Contd	1700	HQ 22 Bty 2/11 Aust Fd Regt and "D" Tp, 22 Bty moved location from MYILLY POINT to RAILWAY HILL.	
	28	0630	4 Offrs and 243 OR Coast Arty marched out DARWIN Fortress for onward movement to states of enlistment.	Routine Orders Part 1 Serial 14 attached.
		0900	Fine and warm. Rainfall to 280830IK - NIL.	
		1145	4 Offrs and 242 OR Coast Arty reliefs marched in DARWIN Fortress.	
		1635	Indications hostile plots 260 degrees 160 miles believed enemy shipping recce.	
	29	0900	Warm and cloudy. Rainfall to 290830IK - NIL.	
		0900	BGS Brigadier ANDERSON, Frt Comd Col F.N. NURSE carry out reconnaissance of LEE POINT, DRIPSTONE AREA.	
		1000	G11 Capt Von BIBRA attends conference at Adv HQ NT FORCE convened by G11 Major THOMAS, and discussed matters relevant to trg.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	Contd.	1600	CEmE Lt Col STOKES visits Frt Comd.	
		1730	CRA NT Force Brigadier O'BRIEN visits Frt Comd and stays overnight.	
	30	0900	Warm and cloudy. Rainfall to 300830IK - NIL. NIL to REPORT.	
	31	0900	Overcast , later showery. Rainfall to 310830KL - NIL.	
		1400	DACG (C of E) NT Force, Senior Chaplain SALBECK, visits Frt Comd and discusses matters relevant to the spiritualwelfare of troops in DARWIN Fortress.	
			TOTAL RAINFALL FOR MONTH OF MARCH = 1481 Pts.	

Colonel.
Comd DARWIN Fortress.

RESTRICTED

Headquarters
DARWIN FORTRESS (AIF)
3 MAR 44

QUOTE: P.1051/-

CIRCULAR

CINEMA CIRCUIT

1. The following amended circuit will commence on Mon 6 Mar 44.

DAY	LOCATION	PERS TO ATTEND
Monday	DUDLEY PT	Pers stationed in area incl AA & Tk A Pers
Tuesday	LARRAKEYAH	Army & RAAF pers in LARRAKEYAH, MYILLY and TOWN areas.
Wednesday	BAGOT	Pers stationed in area.
Thursday afternoon	PARAP	AASL pers.
evening	PARAP	Pers stationed in area incl pers at VESTEYS and in FROG HOLLOW areas.
Friday	FANNY BAY/THE OVAL	Fortnightly showings for pers in areas.
Saturday	LARRAKEYAH	As for Tuesday.

2. COs of units as listed below will be responsible for all arrangements, descipline and general conduct of personnel attending the showings specified:-

DUDLEY PT	Comd, Coast Arty DARWIN.
BAGOT	OC, 19 Aust Emp Coy
PARAP (afternoon)	OC, 65 Aust AASL Bty
PARAP (evening)	CO, 6 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
FANNY BAY	OC, Fanny Bay AA Sta.
THE OVAL	OC, Oval AA Sta.
LARRAKEYAH	The units detailed in HQ DARWIN Frt letter P 1051 of 18 Jan 44 will continue to provide a picquet and duty pers as set out in the above quoted letter. Picquet and duties will now be provided on a weekly basis i.e. AA & Frt Sigs will supply pers for showings on 7 and 11 Mar 44.

3. It is the responsibility of all Commanding Officers to ensure that:-

(a) Pers under their command attend only at the correct times and places as shown above.

(b) All essential mannings and duties are maintained.

(c) Pers are correctly dressed at all times in accordance with NT Force Order 315/43.

Major, DAA & QMG.

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Headquarters
DARWIN FORTRESS (AIF)
5 MAR 44

QUOTE:A.838/8

CIRCULAR

DARWIN FRT SPORTS & ATHLETIC ASSOC

1. The following extracts from LHQ letter No 7230 of 15 Jan 44 are promulgated for infm:-

"1. The Commander-in-Chief has given consideration to the incidence of organised inter-unit sporting competitions, and directs that the following matters be brought to the notice of those concerned and given effect to.

2. Organised inter-unit competitions in sports provide healthy exercise and entertainment for a large number of personnel, who otherwise would have no occupation and tend to bind together the personnel in the various formations concerned, and to form a point of friendly association not only for the teams but for other members of the unit.

3. There is no objection to organised sporting matches being held on the day of rest of units concerned including Sundays."

2. A meeting of Unit Sports Officers will be held in Salv Army Rec Room LARRAKEYAH 2030 hrs on 9 Mar 44 for the purpose of implementing the above.

3. It is anticipated that competions on similar lines to those held last year will be organised and unit representatives should be prepared to state what games they wish to play taking into consideration the grounds and equipment available.

Maj. Capt.
GS DARWIN FORTRESS.

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(Revised Jan., 1943)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

ID/ 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 3 /194 4 ..... (Unit)

W.E. VI / 3 / 3. OFFRS. 9 O.R's. 23 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 8 ATT. BY W.E. 9 - 25

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.				
W.E. Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
1			1	Colonel					
3 W	3			Lieut.-Colonels					
3		1	4	Majors					
2 W	1		1	Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
9	4	1	6						

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) & E(2).	DETAIL.		A.R.	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.		6									6
	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., 30 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.
SX1676	Lieut	CROFLEY JO	AAAS	27/2/44	Ex 30 days ARL
					3A L of C Area

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).

WE Deficiencies in Officers

	Surplus	Deficient	Reinfts Reqd	
Major General Staff Offr		1	NR	Posting filled by TX6385 T/Capt VON BIBRA
Captain	1			
Major Staff Offr Arty		1	NR	
Major DAA & QMG		1	NR	
Lieut AAEC (Hygine Offr)		1	NR	

Deficiencies in WE have been brought about by issue of new WE V1/3/3 and disbandment of unit of Town Major DARWIN. Recommendations have been submitted to HQ NT Force regarding re allocation of duties and absorption of existing staffs.

HD DARWIN FORTRESS (AIF) Unit

Army Form W.3008 (Adapted) (Page 2) (Revised Jan., 1942)

10/44 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 3 /1944. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number.	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
Lt Col T/Col	VX95236	NURSE	FN	COMD	YES		
Lt T/Capt	VX114230	WHITBY	BJ	SC	YES		
" "	VX114228	CRISWICK	WH	IO	YES		
" "	VX114220	HANSON	DK		NO	WAR COURSE NO 8 FIRST AUST ARMY JUNIOR STAFF SCHOOL BRISBANE.	12/1/44
Lieut	VX54998	BRENNAN	RB		YES		
Lt T/Capt	VX6385	VON BIBRA	DD	GS	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.
Chaplain	D 38	COSGROVE JH	AA Chd	12/10/43	NC AREA CHAPLAIN
"	VX59436	[illegible] TC	"	28/1/44	C of E AREA CHAPLAIN
Lieut	VX86709	BATEMAN EG	Coast Arty	9/1/44	Att for Duty
"	SX1676	CROFLEY JG	AAAS		Att as Amenities Offr

SAT 4 MAR 44

Date of Despatch

Colonel.

Comd. DARWIN FORTRESS.

Signature of Commander

Truth—7/43.

WE deficiencies in Officers

	Surplus	Deficient	Reinfts Reqd	
Major General Staff Offr		1	NR	Posting filled by TX6385 T/Capt VON BIBRA
Captain	1			
Major Staff Offr Arty		1	NR	
Major DAA & QMO		1	NR	
Lieut AAMO (Hygiene Offr)		1	NR	

Deficiencis in WE have been brought about by issue of new WE V1/3/S and disbandment of unit of Town Major DARWIN. Recommendations have been submitted to HQ NT Force regarding re-allocation of duties and absorption of existing staffs.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

10 / 44 (Serial No.)

HQ DARWIN FORTRESS (AIF)
At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 3 / 1944. _____ (Unit)

W.E. VI / 3 / 3. OFFRS. 9 O.R's 23 + OFFRS. - O.R's 2 ATT. BY W.E. 9 - 25

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.					
2	NR	2		Staff Sergeants					
6	NR	1	5	Sergeants					
5	NR	1	2	Corporals					
12	NR	1	11	Troopers, Privates, etc. 2	AACC	1		1	NR
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
25		8	18 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. 2		1.		1	NR *

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, 16 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		15		3 1				[redacted]	[redacted]		19
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
2	19 Aust Inf Bn		
5	Coast Arty		
1	5 Adv Ammn Depot		
2	AAD (FRT)		
3	6 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)		
1	NT Force		

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).

WE Deficiencies in NCOs

		NCOS	Reinfts Reqd
S/Sgt	Hygiene	1	NR
S/Sgt	Clerk	1	NR
Sgt	AAES	1	NR
Cpl	AALC	1	NR

Deficiencies in WE have been brought about by issue of new WE V1/3/3 and disbandment of unit of Town Major DARWIN. Recommendations have been submitted to HQ NT Forces regarding re-allocation of duties and absorption of existing staffs.

HQ DARWIN FORTRESS (AIF)
Unit

Army Form W.3009
(Adapted) (Page 2)
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IO / 44 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 4 / 3 /1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. 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			
Carpenters			
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			
Surveyors			
CARRIED FORWARD			

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

WE Deficiencies in NCOs

		NCOs	Reinfts Reqd
S/Sgt	Hygiene	1	NR
S/Sgt	Clerk	1	NR
Sgt	AAES	1	NR
Cpl	AALC	1	NR

Deficiencies in WE have been brought about by issue of new WE V1/3/3 and disbandment of unit of Town Major DARWIN. Recommendations have been submitted to HQ AT Force regarding re-allocation of duties and absorption of existing staffs.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

COLONEL F.N.NURSE

COMMANDER

DARWIN FORTRESS

SERIAL IO (Paras 54 - 60) 7 MAR 44

Para 54 GUARD - SECURITY - HQ DARWIN FORTRESS

2/11 Aust A Fd Regt will provide the Security Guard for the week commencing Fri IO Mar 44.

STRENGTH	:	1 NCO and 8 ORs.
DRESS	:	Full Marching Order.
EQUIPMENT	:	Bedding and Messing Gear will be provided by 2/11 Aust A Fd Regt.
RATIONS & QUARTERS	:	Provided by HQ DARWIN FORTRESS.
DUTIES	:	As per Guard Standing Orders.

Guard will report to Orderly NCO HQ DARWIN FORTRESS at 1630 hrs Fri IO Mar 44.

NEXT FOR DUTY	:	Coast Arty (AIF) DARWIN commencing Fri 17 Mar 44.

Para 55 UNIT CENSOR STAMPS

Attention is directed to GRO G62 which has been issued seperately.

2. Returns required under para 3 thereof will be submitted to reach this HQ NOT later than 4 Apr 44.

Para 56 REVISED FORM AAF A46 SICK REPORT

Attention is directed to GRO A65 which has been issued seperately.

2. COs will ensure that the provisions of para 6 of the abovementioned GRO are rigidly obeyed.

Para 57 MISSING PERSONNEL - CLASSIFICATION OF AND INQUIRY REGARDING GRO A64

Attention is directed to the abovementioned GRO which has been issued seperately.

Para 58 LIGHTING RESTRICTIONS

Attention of all units Comds and other personnel in DARWIN area is directed to the need for continual close attention to lighting restrictions as an essential precaution against air or sea attack by night.

2. All interior lights will be screened to ensure that NO direct rays are visible from outside the building or tent. All lights will be checked frequently and irregularities rectified without delay.

Para 59 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING AMMUNITION

Attention is directed to GRO 051 dated 16 Feb 44.

2. Unit Commanders will ensure that instructions contained therein are carefully studied by officers and that requirements of this order are put into effect.

3. With reference to paras 27 - 30 under heading of STORAGE OF AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES IN THE FIELD, units will advise HQ DARWIN Fortress NOT later than 15 Mar 44 as to whether storage arrangements are in accordance with instructions.

4. Requisitions for materials required to provide adequate shelters, if NOT already available, will be forwarded to this HQ.

Para 60 RETURNED ORDNANCE STORES

Darwin Frt RO Para 253 of 2 Jun 43 is amended as follows:-

Delete para (e) and insert:

"(e) Particulars of the packages will be entered on the approved copies of the G1033's and these copies placed in an envelope and addressed to RSD 8 Aust Adv Ord Depot. This envelope will then be delivered to 82 F O D with the relative stores. Returned stores will not be accepted at 82 F O D unless they are accompanied by the G1033 as above."

2. Attention is again directed to the correct procedure for returning ordnance stores as outlined in the aforementioned RO. These instns must be rigidly obeyed.

for Major DAA & QMG.

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COMMANDER

DARWIN FORTRESS

SERIAL II (Paras 61 - 63) 9 MAR 43

Para 61 NIGHTCLIFF DUMP - DEFIANCE OF ORDERS RE GARBAGE

In spite of repeated prohibitions against dumping unincinerated garbage at NIGHTCLIFFS the practice is being carried on almost daily.

2. Reasonable co-operation and assistance NOT forthcoming it is intended that offending units in future will supply a guard which will be posted at NIGHTCLIFFS to police the dump.

3. In the case of units not under command application for a guard with the reasons for such action will be made to the HQ of the formation or service concerned.

4. Unit procedure for checking the movement of refuse will therefore be overhauled without delay. Disciplinary action will be taken against responsible officers of offending units.

Para 62 WORKS PROGRAMMES

Amendments to projects once construction has commenced affects manpower materials and costings even with relatively small programmes.

2. Certain changes owing to operational necessity may be justified, but some amendments indicate hasty or incorrect initial planning.

3. Careful consideration must be given in the initial stages of planning for works and amendments made only when absolutely necessary.

for Major DAA & QMG.

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COPY NO ...8....

Headquarters
DARWIN Fortress (AIF)
12 MAR 44.

AMENDMENTS TO LOCATION STATEMENT
DARWIN FORTRESS DATED 27 FEB 44.

Reference Map DARWIN 1" - 1 Ml & SOUTHPORT 1" to 1 Ml

FIELD ARTY		
AMEND -	2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt (AIF)	793087
	2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt Sig Sec	793087
	2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt	
	21 Fd Bty	
	"B" Tp	816106
	61 Fd Bty	787083
	"F" Tp	784091
Add	103 Aust Tk/A Regt	
	43 Aust Tk/A Bty	802128
AA DEFENCES		
Delete	HQ 2 Aust HAA Bty (Static) (HE) AIF	
Insert	HQ 4 Aust HAA Bty (Stataic)(HE)	896116
Delete	428 Aust HAA Tp (Static) (HE) Quarantine	
Insert	381 Aust HAA Tp (Static) (HE) Quarantine	893067
Delete	160 Aust LAA Bty	
Insert	161 Aust LAA Bty	
	161 Aust LAA Bty	
Delete	"C" Tp HQ	
Insert	"E" Tp HQ	864127
Delete	"D" Tp HQ	
Insert	"F" Tp HQ	807095
	70 Aust Mob SL Bty	
Amend	"B" Tp	784087
Amend	"D" Tp	934113
ENGINEERS	(Page 1)	
Add	1 Aust Electrical & Mechanical Installation Sec	782152
A E M E		
Amend	2/70 Aust LAD (Type A)	792087
ENGINEERS	(Page 2)	
Add	27 Aust Emp Coy	Parap
PAGE 2		
Add	**PROVOST**	
	Det 2 Aust Army Pro Coy	Bagot

DISTRIBUTION	Copy No
2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt	1
HQ Coast Arty	2
HQ AA Defences (Frt)	3
AA & Frt Signals	4
17 L of C Signals	5
6 Aust Inf Bn	6
Staff Captain	7
War Diary	8 & 9
"I" Section	10

[signature] Capt.
I.O. HQ DARWIN Fortress.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

COLONEL F.N.NURSE

COMMANDER

DARWIN FORTRESS

SERIAL 12 (Paras 64 - 66) 14 MAR 44

Para 64 GUARD - SECURITY - HQ DARWIN FORTRESS

Coast Arty (AIF) DARWIN will provide the Security Guard for the week commencing Fri 17 Mar 44.

STRENGTH	:	1 NCO and 8 ORs.
DRESS	:	Full Marching Order.
EQUIPMENT	:	Bedding and Messing Gear will be provided by Coast Arty (AIF) DARWIN.
RATIONS & QUARTERS	:	Provided by HQ DARWIN FORTRESS.
DUTIES	:	As per Guard Standing Orders.

Guard will report to Orderly NCO HQ DARWIN FORTRESS at 1630 hrs Fri 17 Mar 44.

NEXT FOR DUTY	:	AAD (FORTRESS) commencing Fri 24 Mar 44.

Para 65 LOSSES AND DAMAGE TO EQPT - REPORTING OF

Units will report to this HQ cases of losses of and/or damage to eqpt, armament or govt stores within 7 days of event or discovery, even though this report may precede that of an investigation offr or Court of Inquiry.

2. This order does NOT apply to certain ordnance stores the accounting for which is outlined in GRO 0/808 of 13 Dec 43.

Para 66 QUEENSLAND ELECTIONS

Attention is directed to GRO A74 of 3 Mar 44 which has been issued seperately.

2. COs will ensure that action in accordance with this order is taken forthwith.

Capt.
For Major DAA & QMG.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

COLONEL F.N.HURSE

COMMANDER

DARWIN FORTRESS

SERIAL 15 (Paras 67 - 75) 21 MAR 44

Para 67 GUARD - SECURITY - HQ DARWIN FORTRESS

AAD (FORTRESS) will provide the Security Guard for the week commencing Fri 24 Mar 44.

STRENGTH	:	1 NCO and 8 ORs.
DRESS	:	Full Marching Order.
EQUIPMENT	:	Bedding and Messing Gear will be provided by AAD (FORTRESS).
RATIONS & QUARTERS	:	Provided by HQ DARWIN FORTRESS.
DUTIES	:	As per Guard Standing Orders.

Guard will report to Orderly NCO HQ DARWIN FORTRESS at 1630 hrs Fri 24 Mar 44.

NEXT FOR DUTY	:	6 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) commencing Fri 31 Mar 44.

Para 68 CARE AND CAMOUFLAGE OF TENTAGE

Attention is directed to NT Force Adm Order No 15 of 14 Mar 44 which has been issued separately.

2. This order will be given a wide circulation amongst offrs and "Q" Store staffs.

Para 69 PROTECTION OF SALVAGE MATERIALS

In order to effect the maximum utilisation of salvage materials such as tentage, clothing and other textiles, it is essential that they should be thoroughly dried before despatch and maintained in a dry condition during all stages of handling.

2. In some cases proper care has not been taken, with the result that quantities of salvage materials have been rendered unfit for further use.

3. The collection and proper handling of the maximum quantity of salvage materials is of extreme importance and co-operation of units is sought.

Para 70 REVISED SYSTEM OF DRIVERS' ROUTINE MAINTENANCE FOR CARRIERS (ALL TYPES) AND "B" VEHICLES (GRO G 79/44)

Attention is directed to GRO G 79 of 10 Mar 44 which has been issued separately.

2. COs will ensure that action in accordance with this order is taken forthwith.

Para 71 REPORTING OF ACCIDENTS (GRO Q 83/44)

Attention is directed to GRO Q 83 of 10 Mar 44 which has been issued separately.

Para 72 PROFICIENCY PAY

Approval is given under LDA memo 54783 of 11 Mar 44 for COs to anticipate amendments to GRO Q 769/1943 to provide that:

(a) A soldier will be entitled to proficiency pay under the provisions of the abovementioned GRO, if his CO certifies that he is proficient in the duties allotted to him in the Arm or Branch of the Service in which he belongs.

(b) A soldier who is granted proficiency pay in accordance with the foregoing provision, will be required to pass a prescribed examination at the first available opportunity after the date of being granted proficiency pay.

If a soldier fails to pass the prescribed examination, his proficiency pay will cease as from the date of such failure and will not be restored until he qualifies.

In order that no further delay may occur units will take action forthwith in accordance with para 1 above and submit casualty returns showing names and regimental particulars of the members whom the CO has certified to be proficient, and specifying the date upon which the payment of proficiency pay is to commence.

Para 73 1943 ARMY XMAS BOOK (GRO 978/44)

As the demand for the 1943 Army Xmas Book ("Khaki and Green") has reached the maximum number that can be produced, further orders will not be placed by members.

2. Orders which have been received by the Officer-in-charge, Military History Section, or which are now in transit will be delivered in their turn as quickly as supplies can be obtained from the printer.

3. After orders now in transit have been received, the Officer-in-charge, Military History Section, will furnish to units which have placed orders a forecast of the dates of delivery of orders which have not yet been despatched.

(To be republished in unit routine orders.)

Para 74 VITAMINS AND VEGETABLES

The prevalence of slow healing sores, prickly heat and spreading infections may be partly due to vitamin deficiency in diet. This deficiency can be partly remedied by making better use of existing supplies of vegetables e.g. by NOT peeling potatoes before cooking (GRO Q 610/42) and by germinating the Blue Boiler Pea.

2. Attention is directed to NY Force Adm Order 17 para 108 (issued separately to all units). All CO's and sub-unit Comds will police and enforce this order.

Para. 75 LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS

Authority is given vide NT Force Sig A2108 of 20 March for COs to anticipate an amendment to GRO A598/43 as follows:

> All pers at present serving in S W PACIFIC Area who have returned from service in MIDDLE EAST will receive leave credits under Part 11 of the aforementioned GRO on the basis of two (2) days for each month of full time War Service as from 1 July 42 irrespective of date of disembarkation.

2. Leave under this amendment may be granted to members concerned who are at present on leave providing such personnel have not commenced return to N T.

3. Leave for members still serving in N T and awaiting leave draft or who have returned to N T from leave will be credited with the additional leave credits in AAB 83. Such leave will be granted when operational commitments permit.

4. NT Force Sig A2108 of 20 March 44 will be quoted as authority pending amendment to GRO A598/43.

Capt.
For Major DAA & QMG.

NOTICE

LOST

The following articles of eqpt have been lost between DARWIN and ADELAIDE RIVER:

Rifle No D4034	
Slings Rifle	1
Pullthrough	1
Bottles Oil	1

Finder please return to HQ AA Defences DARWIN.

T S E C R E T

Headquarters,
DARWIN Fortress (AIF)

COPY NO. 10

LOCATION STATEMENT FOR DARWIN FORTRESS
AS AT 2359 HRS 27 MAR 44.

Reference Map:- DARWIN 1 inch 1 Mile & SOUTHPORT 1 inch 1 mile.

UNIT	LOCATION	CMD OR REMARKS
HQ UNITS		
HQ DARWIN Fortress	790088	
Det 6 Aust Mob Met Flt	787090	Fortress
Det 28 Aust FS Sec	801110	"
FIELD ARTY		
2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt (AIF)	793087	"
2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt Sig Sec	793087	"
21 Fd Bty	807103	"
"A" Tp	803101	"
"B" Tp	816106	"
22 Fd Bty	789100	"
"C" Tp	815089	"
"D" Tp	792098	"
61 Fd Bty	787088	"
"E" Tp	793090	"
"F" Tp	784091	"
43 Aust Tk/A Bty	802128	"
COAST ARTY		
HQ Coast Arty DARWIN (AIF)	782142	"
EAST Bty	782152	"
DUDLEY Bty	778150	"
EMERY Bty	778094	"
WEST Sec	717113	"
WAUGITE Bty	698126	"
AA DEFENCES		
HQ DARWIN AA Gp (AIF)(LE)	787090	"
DARWIN AA Ops Room (Type A)	913109	"
HQ 4 Aust HAA Bty (Static)(HE)~~(AIF)~~	896116	"
458 " " Tp (")(")(Berrimah)	896120	"
381 " " " (")(")(Quarantine)	893067	"
HQ 19 Aust HAA Bty(")(")	798092	"
358 " " Tp (")(")(McMillans)	852180	"
359 " " " (")(")(Fanny Bay)	800139	"
360 " " " (")(")(Oval)	808079	"
161 Aust LAA Bty HQ	806094	"
"E" Tp HQ	864127	"
L1	834160	"
L2	842151	"
L3	839144	"
L4	854143	"
L5	857129	"
L6	843129	"
"F" Tp HQ	807095	"
L7	787086	"
L8	797088	"
L9	801084	"
L10	813074	"
L11	818079	"
L12	814081	"
HQ 65 Aust Mob SL Bty	810108	"
"A" Tp	857163	"
"B" Tp	719103	"
"C" Tp	729053	"
"D" Tp	810106	"
HQ 70 Aust Mob SL Bty	904115	"
"A" Tp	914114	"
"B" Tp	784087	"
"C" Tp	977979	"
"D" Tp	934113	"
ENGINEERS		
HQ 9 Aust AA & Frt Coy	790091	"
42 Aust Frt Wks Sec	790091	"
43 " " " "	790091	"
4 Aust Water & Power Sup Sec	790091	"
1 Aust Electrical & Mechanical Installation Sec	782152	"
32 Aust Camflg Unit (AIF)	782142	"

UNIT	LOCATION	COMD OR REMARKS
SIGNALS		
AA & FRT Signals NT	787090	Fortress
201 Aust AA Comp Sig Regt	787090	" ATTACHED AA+FRT SIGS
Det 36 Aust Cypher Sec	789088	"
Det 17 L of C Signals	811081	"
INFANTRY		
10/48 Aust Inf Bn		
HQ	815105	"
HQ Coy	813106	"
A Coy	813104	"
B Coy	813104	"
C Coy	813104	"
D Coy	813104	"
A.E.M.E.		
Frt Wkshops DARWIN	Larrakeyah	"
2/70 Aust LAD (Type A)	792087	" Attached 2/11
3 Aust Radio Maintenance Sec	Larrakeyah	"
DENTAL		
"E" Sec 73 Aust Dental	Parap	"
Det 107 AGH	Kahlin	"

PAY		
49 Aust Depot Cash Office(Type B) (AIF)	808086	14 L of C
ENGINEERS		
5 Aust Docks Op Coy (Type C)	788089	"
4 Pl 1 Aust Port Maint Coy	788089	" Attached 5Dock
60 Aust Corps Fd Park Coy	Vesteys	Force Tps
19 Aust Emp Coy	825140	14 L of C
27 " " "	Parap	"
NT Coastal Recce Unit (AIF)	DARWIN	"
15 Aust Water Tpt Coy (Small Craft)	786087	"
Sec 21 Aust Maint Pl	Vesteys	"
10 Aust Army Tps Coy	807098	"
SIGNALS		
44 Aust Carr Pigeon Loft	Larrakeyah	"
AASC		
11 Aust Sup Depot Coy=75 Pl (AIF)(S&T Port Det)	Vesteys	"
" " " " " 74 " (")(DID)	Vesteys	"
39 Pl- 5 Aust Fd Bakering Coy (AIF)	Vesteys	"
3 Aust Fd Butchering Coy (AIF)	Vesteys	"
one Pl 8 Aust Fd Butchering Coy	Vesteys	"
Det 3 Aust Bulk Petrol Storage Coy	812088	"
Det 1 Aust M.A.C.	799093	"
MEDICAL		
129 A G H	Kahlin8	"
Det 10 Aust Anti-Malaria Control Unit(Type A)	798093	"
ORDNANCE		
82 Fd Ord Depot	804086	"
Det 12 Aust Mob Laundry & Fwd Decn Unit	Kahlin	"
MISCELLANEOUS		
Movt Control DARWIN	802088	"
Det APO (065)	803091	"
Press Unit DARWIN	796090	"
Det 12 Aust Div Salvage	Vesteys	"
Det Aust Army Canteen Service	807083	"
" " " " "	Vesteys	"
Det Directorate of Public Relations	800092	Force Tps
A.E.S.	Larrakeyah	
Area Camp Staff (Type C)	Vesteys	14 L of C
US BASE Sec No 1	808081	US ARMY
PROVOST		
Det 2 Aust Army Pro Coy	Bagot	
RAAF		
Det C.R.D.	811123	
7 R.S.U.	811123	
RAAF Marine Sec	797087	
RAAF Movements DARWIN	809097	

[signature] Capt.

I.O. HQ DARWIN Fortress.

DISTRIBUTION	COPY NO
HQ NT Force.	1
2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt	2
Coast Arty DARWIN	3
DARWIN AA Gp.	4
AA & Frt Signals NT	5
17 L of C Signals	6
10/48 Aust Inf Bn	7
Staff Captain	8 & 9
War Diary	10 & 11
"I" Section	12

UNITS will check their locations with this statement and advise HQ DARWIN Fortress immediately of any alterations or amendments. All previous location statements issued by this HQ will be destroyed by fire.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

COLONEL F.N.NURSE

COMMANDER

DARWIN FORTRESS

SERIAL 14 (Paras 76 - 83) 28 MAR 44

Para 76 GUARD - SECURITY - HQ DARWIN FORTRESS

2/11 Aust A Fd Regt will provide the Security Guard for the week commencing Fri 31 Mar 44.

STRENGTH	:	I NCO and 7 ORs.
DRESS	:	Full Marching Order.
EQUIPMENT	:	Bedding and Messing Gear will be provided by 2/11 Aust A Fd Regt.
RATIONS & QUARTERS	:	Provided by HQ DARWIN FORTRESS.
DUTIES	:	As per Guard Standing Orders.

Guard will report to Duty NCO HQ DARWIN FORTRESS at 1630 hrs Fri 31 Mar 44.

NEXT FOR DUTY : Coast Arty (AIF) DARWIN commencing Fri 7 Apr 44.

Para 77 PICQUET - NIGHTCLIFFS RUBBISH DUMP

2/11 Aust A Fd Regt will provide the picquet for week commencing Fri 31 Mar 44.

NCO i/c party will report to Hygiene Inspector at 0900 hrs at NIGHTCLIFFS FOP on the day above stated.

NEXT FOR DUTY

Coast Arty (AIF) DARWIN commencing Fri 7 Apr 44.

Para 78 STANDING ORDERS FOR LEAVE DRAFTS

Attention is directed to NT Force Order 32 of 21 MAR 44 issued separately.

2. Further to para 2(ii) of abovementioned Order, copy (c) and (d) plus an additional copy of nominal rolls will be forwarded to reach HQ DARWIN Fortress by 0900 hrs, four (4) days prior to concentration date.

It is anticipated that this HQ will be able to give units approx six (6) days notice of date of concentration.

3. The substance of NT Force Order No 32 will be republished in Unit Routine Orders.

Para 79 HANDLING OF FOODSTUFFS

It has been reported that units are still reporting to the DID, Fd Bakery and Fd Butchery for collection of foodstuffs without proper facilities to store the commodities for transport.

2. Attention is again directed to NT Force Order para 220 of 27 July 43, and HQ DARWIN Fortress RO para 389 of 17 Aug 43. COs will ensure that vehs used in conveying rations from supply depots to units are fitted out with containers suitable for each commodity, and that the veh is washed and thoroughly cleaned before and after the rations are collected.

3. OC's DID, Fd Bakery and Fd Butchery will report to this HQ any breach of this order. The report will include, inter-alia Reg Number, Name, rank and unit of the dr of the veh, time of incident and number of veh.

4. The substance of this order will be read to all personnel responsible for the transporting and reception of rations.

Para 80 LEAVE - EASTER 1944

Subject to operational requirements and such parades as may be deemed necessary for administrative purposes, Easter Friday (Good Friday), 7th April, 1944 will be observed as an additional rest day. Sufficient personnel will be retained on duty to enable all Headquarters to function.

2. Personnel retained for duty on Easter Friday may be permitted to take Easter Saturday, 8th April, 1944, or Easter Monday, 10th April, 1944, as a rest day in lieu.

Para 81 AMENITIES SUPPLIES

Advice has been received that supplies will be issued by Aust Army Amenities Service Adelaide River on the following days ONLY:-

DARWIN Frt	MONDAY
14 L of C Sub Area	THURSDAY

Under no circumstances will issues be made on SATURDAYS or SUNDAYS.

In order to economise in use of tpt units will contact Amenities Officer DARWIN Frt not later than the preceeding Saturday when arrangements will be made to coordinate tpt for this work.

Para 82 CONTROL OF DISEASE

Attention of all CO's is directed to NT Force Order 219 of 27 July 43.

2. Action will be taken immediately to post a nominal roll of personnel permanently employed in the handling of food, in the vicinity of each cookhouse and/or food preparation room.

Para 83 MOSQUITO CONTROL

Arrangements are being made to conduct a survey of mosquitoes within NT.

2. Units are requested to catch as many Anopheline mosquitoes as possible and forward them as soon as possible to the following address:

Para 83 MOSQUITO CONTROL (CONTD)

IO AAMCU
C/o SMO DARWIN FRT

3. The specimens are NOT to be crushed and should be wrapped in cotton wool packed in a match box or tin. A full description of the locality in which the specimen was caught will accompany the package.

For MAJOR DAA & QMG. Capt.

NOTICE

CHURCH SERVICES

Church of England Garrison Church DARWIN.

Services:-

Sundays 0730 hrs Holy Communion.

Fridays 2000 hrs Evensong & Address.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C. 2118
(adapted.)

H. 1004 2/42

Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) *Date and Time.—From* 0800hrs 1 APR 44 *To* 2400 hrs 30 APR 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	1	0900	Warm and overcast . Rainfall to 010900IK - 65 Pts.	W 3008 & W 3009 attached.
		0900	10/48 Aust Inf Bn commence Amphibious Trg.	
		0930	82 Fd Ord Depot completes move from Mitchell St to new location	
			on Stuart Highway at PARAP.	
		1300	MAJOR COURT DADMG NT Force visits Frt Comd.	
		1400	6 Aust Camflg Unit march in to DARWIN Fortress located at East Pt.	
	2	0900	Mild and overcast. Rainfall to 020900IK - 101 Pts.	
		1000	G11 DARWIN Fortress Capt DD Von BIBRA departs for TAS L of C	
			on 28 days ARL. Capt CRISWICK A/G11 in Capt Von BIBRAs absence.	
		1100	Det 6 Aust Mob Met Flight march out DARWIN Fortress to RAAF	
			DARWIN.	
	3	0900	Mild and Cloudy. Rainfall to 030900IK - NIL.	
		0900	2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt carry out 25 pr shoot at LEANYER SWAMP.	
		1000	S.C. Capt Whitby visits HQ NT Force relevant to staff postings	

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Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) Date and Time.—From 0000hrs 1 APR 44 To 2400 hrs 30 APR 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	Contd		of HQ DARWIN Fortress.	
		1540	APM NT Force Capt HENDERSON visits Frt Comd.	
	4	0900	Fine and mild. Rainfall to 040900IK - NIL.	Routine Orders Part 1 Serial 15 attached
		1430	G111 I NT Force Capt WALKER visits Frt HQ.	
		1500	DADAPS Capt POWELL visits Frt HQ.	
		1700	SMO Capt WHITEHEAD returns to duty on completion of ARL.	
	5	0200	New gridded system of plotting for Air Raid Warnings proceedure becomes effective.	
		0900	Fine and cloudy. Rainfall to 050900IK - NIL.	R.1754/- attached.
		1100	CRA NT Force Brigadier G O'BRIEN and SOI Arty RAA NT Force Lt Col FORDE visits Frt Comd and discusses matters relevant to ARL of AA personnel.	
	6	0900	Fine and Warm. Rainfall to 060900IK - NIL.	
		1130	BGS Brigadier ANDERSON visits Frt Comd and discusses matters	[signature]

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Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) *Date and Time.—From* 0000hrs 1 APR 44 *To* 2400 hrs 30 APR 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	Contd		relevant to the proposed American Hospital at Nightcliffs.	
		1600	DAQMG NT Force Major COURT visits Frt HQ and stays overnight.	
	7	0900	Fine and warm. Rainfall to 070900IK - NIL.	
			Good Friday - rest day observed by all units in DARWIN Frt.	
		1100	9 Aust Tk/A Bty march into DARWIN Fortress.	
		1300	43 Aust Tk/A Bty march out of DARWIN Fortress.	
		1600	G11 AIR Major HOPKINSON and OC 6 Aust Comd A L Section visit Fortress HQ and arrange with representives of Coast Arty (DARWIN) method of air co-operation for reporting range clear before proof of 9.2 Guns.	
		1957	Unidentified A/C reported bearing 045° range 21 miles. Red Warning issued DARWIN Fortress.	
		2006	A/C identified as friendly. Green Warning.	
	8	0900	Warm and Overcast. Rainfall to 080900IK - NIL.	AMEN 2/8 attached.

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Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) *Date and Time.—From* 0000hrs 1 APR 44 *To* 2400hrs 30 APR 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	Contd		POSTED STRENGTH 7 Offrs 21 ORs — ATTACHED STRENGTH 5 Offrs 10 ORs — DETACHED STRENGTH 2 Offrs 5 ORs	
	9	0900	Fine and warm. Rainfall to 090900IK - NIL.	
			Nil to Report.	
	10	0900	Fine and warm. Rainfall to 100900IK - NIL.	
		0900	32 Aust Camflg Unit march out of DARWIN Fortress.	
		1400	Coast Arty (DARWIN) carry out proof shoot of No 1 gun 9.2	
			installations.	
		1410	GOC NT Force Maj General ALLAN, CRA NT Force, Brigadier O'BRIEN?	
			Frt Comd Col F N NURSE and NOIC DARWIN Capt BALDWIN attend	
			proof shoot at EAST POINT.	
		1514	Proof shoot of 9.2 installation completed	
		1900	Heavily overcast strong southerly winds with light rain.	
	11	0900	Fine and warm. Southerly winds. Rainfall to 110900IK - NIL.	Routine Orders Part 1 Serial 16 attached.
		1100	T/Capt J.S.BYERS attached to HQ DARWIN Fortress as GSO 11 Learner.	

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Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) *Date and Time.—From* 0000hrs 1 APR 44 *To* 2400 hrs 30 APR 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	Contd.	1430	Lieut R McCAFFREY resumes duty on return from ARL.	
		1600	Lieut R McCAFFREY completes tour of duty with HQ DARWIN Fortress and returns to duty with AA Defences (Frt).	
		1700	Brigadier i/c Adm NT Force Brigadier Dollery visits Frt Comd, and discussed proposed formation of DARWIN ESSENTIAL SERVICES (Control) Committee.	
	12	0900	Warm and overcast. Southerly Winds. Rainfall to 120900IK - NIL.	
		1200	BGS Brigadier ANDERSON and DAQMG NT Force visit Frt Comd.	
		1200	G111 I NT Force Capt WALKER visits Frt HQ.	
		1500	Air Co-operation exercise MINDIL BEACH area during Amphibious Trg.	
		1800	Light rain with strong winds.	
	13	0900	Mild and overcast with southerly winds. Rainfall to0900IK - 13 Pts.	Amendments toLocation Statement Attached.
		0930	10/48 Aust Inf Bn on completion of Amphibious Trg hold "TIMOR"	

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Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) Date and Time.—From 0000hrs 1 APR 44 To 2400 hrs 30 APR 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	Contd		Regatta at MINDIL BEACH.	
	14	0900	Mild and overcast. Southerly Winds. Rainfall to 140900IK - NIL.	AMEN 7/9 attached.
		1115	Inaugural conference of Darwin Essential Services (Control) Committee held at HQ DARWIN Fortress. Brigadier E.M.DOLLERY Brig i/c Adm NT Force acted as Chairman and the following service representatives were present: Colonel F.N. NURSE, Comd DARWIN Fortress; Lt Comd P.B. SMITH, S.O.M. MOIC DARWIN RAN; Sqn Ldr W.H. SHEHAN, CO 52 OBU DARWIN RAAF; Lt/Col W.B.GRIMES, Base Sec one USASOS; C.J.E. HUDSPETH Esq, Chief Engr AWC Adelaide River; Major LEVETT, DAA&MG HQ 14 L of C Sub Area; Capt W.H. CRISWICK, HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF). Capt W.H. CRISWICK appointed acting Chief Executive Officer.	
		1315	Conference completed.	
	15	0900	Fine and warm. Rainfall to 150900IK - NIL.	

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Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) *Date and Time.—From* 0000hrs 1 APR 44 *To* 2400hrs 30 APR 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	Contd	1900	Frt Comd visits HQ RAA NT FORCE.	
			POSTED STRENGTH 7 Offrs 21 ORs ATTACHED STRENGTH 6 Offrs 13 ORs DETACHED STRENGTH 2 Offrs 5 ORs.	
	16	0900	Fine and warm. Rainfall to 160900IK - NIL.	
		1500	Brigadier EDWARDS LHQ and Col McKINLEY CSO NT FORCE visit Frt Comd.	
	17	0802	Hostile plots received MILLINGIMBI area, believed either weather or shipping recce.	
		0900	Fine and warm. Rainfall to 170900IK - NIL. Nil to Report.	
	18	0900	Fine and warm. Rainfall to 180900IK - NIL.	Routine Orders Part 1 Serial 17 attached.
		1000	Mr H.B. Johnston lighthouse engineer employed by W.A. Government arrives DARWIN to assist and advise on lighthouse problems.	
		1805	Plots of enemy A/C reported 150 miles West of DARWIN believed to be a shipping recce.	

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Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) *Date and Time.—From* 0000hrs 1 APR 44 *To* 2400hrs 30 APR 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	19	0900	Fine and warm. Rainfall to 190900IK - NIL	
			NIL to Report.	
	20	0753	Hostile plots received Bearing 205° Range 85 Miles. Unidentified	
			A/C reported very high over FENTON - NIL sightings, estimated	
			speed 300MPH.	
		0900	Fine and warm. Rainfall to 200900IK - NIL.	
		1100	CRA NT Force, Brigadier O'BRIEN attends conference at Frt HQ, to	
			discuss with Frt Comd, CCA and CO 2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt, the	
			sightings of 155mm coast guns.	
		2200	Light rain.	
	21	0700	Naval defence loop becomes inoperative for period of three days	
			during change over to new location at NIGHTCLIFFS.	
		0900	Warm and overcast.	
	22	0900	Fine and warm. Rainfall to 220900IK - NIL.	

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Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) *Date and Time.—From* 0000hrs 1 APR 44 *To* 2400hrs 30 APR 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	Contd	0930	CSO Commander REID of the NOIC DARWIN visits Frt Comd and introduces Commander TURNER who is taking over duties of CSO.	
		1000	GOC NT Force Major General ALLEN moves to DARWIN and is located at MYILLY POINT together with Adv Echelon of HQ NT Force.	
			POSTED STRENGTH 7 Offrs 21 ORs ATTACHED STRENGTH 6 Offrs 13 ORs DETACHED STRENGTH 2 Offrs 5 ORs	
	23	0900	Fine and warm. Rainfall to 230900IK - NIL.	
			NIL to Report.	
	24	0900	Fine and Warm. Rainfall to 240900IK - NIL.	
		1000	GI NT Force Lt Col WILLIAMS visits Frt Comd.	
		1115	Second meeting of DARWIN ESSENTIAL SERVICES (CONTROL) COMMITTEE at HQ DARWIN Fortress.	
			Chairman Brigadier E.M. DOLLERY, full attendance of Allied Service representatives.	
			Capt W.H. CRISWICK A/Chief Executive Officer.	

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H. 1008 2/42

Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) *Date and Time.—From* 0000hrs 1 APR 44 *To* 2400hrs 30 APR 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	25	0900	Fine and warm. Rainfall to 250900IK - NIL.	Routine Orders Part 1 Serial 18 attached.
		1000	Major A J WILLIAMS arrives HQ DARWIN Fortress to commence	
			duties on appointment as DAA & QMG.	
	26	0100	Capt D.K. HANSON HQ DARWIN Fortress, arrives DARWIN Fortress	
			on completion of 1 Aust Army Junior Staff School, Ashgrove	
			Brisbane.	
		0900	Fine and warm. Rainfall to 260900IK - NIL.	
		1400	Frt Comd Col F.N. NURSE accompanied by G 11 (L) Capt BYERS	
			attend demonstration shoot at WINNELLIE School.	
	27	0900	Fine and warm Rainfall to 270900IK - NIL.	Location Statement Copy No attached.
		1400	AA Defences (Frt) together with Coast Arty DARWIN carry out	AMEN 2/10 attached.
			Bofors Drogue Shoot.	
		2000	AA Defences (Frt) carry out 3.7 AA practice shoot together with	
			air co-operation.	[signature]

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H. 100M 2/42

Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) Date and Time.—From 0000hrs 1 APR 44 To 2400 hrs 30 APR 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	Contd		HQ 1 Coy 1 Aust Line Constn Gp moved into DARWIN Fortress and located at 787090.	
	28	0900	Fine and warm. Rainfall to 280900IK - NIL.	
			Nil to Report.	
	29	0900	Fine and warm. Rainfall to 290900IK - NIL.	
		0900	9 Aust Tk/A Bty carry out full calibre 6 Pr Tk/A practice at 62 mile.	
		0900	AA Defences (Frt) carry out 3.7 HAA practice shoot at drogue target, Frt Comd Col F.N. NURSE observes practice from OVAL HAA site.	
			POSTED STRENGTH 8 Offrs 20 OR — ATTACHED STRENGTH 6 Offrs 12 OR — DETACHED STRENGTH 1 Offrs 4 OR	
	30	0900	Fine and warm. Rainfall to 300900IK - NIL.	S.187/98/1 Attached.
		1600	Breakdown in powerhouse, lighting and electrical supply restrictions imposed on Fortress Area.	[signature]

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Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) *Date and Time.—From* 0000hrs 1 APR 44 *To* 2400 hrs 30 APR 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	Contd			
			Colonel.	
			Comd DARWIN Fortress.	

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

14 / 44 (Serial No.)

HQ DARWIN FORTRESS (AIF)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 / 4 /194 4. _____ (Unit)

W.E. VI / 3 / 3. OFFRS. 9 O.R's. 23 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 2 ATT. BY W.E. 9 - 25

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.					
2 NR	1		1	Staff Sergeants					
6 NR	1		5	Sergeants					
3 NR	1		2	Corporals					
12 NR	1		11	Troopers, Privates, etc. 2	AACC	2			
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
23 NR	4		19	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. 2		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, 16 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	17	3	1				[redacted]	[redacted]		21
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
2	HT FORCES		
4	Coast Arty		
1	5 Aust AAD		
3	10/48 Aust Inf Bde		

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).

WE - DEFICIENCIES IN NCOs

			Reinfts Reqd
S/Sgt	Clerk	1	NR
Sgt	AAES	1	NR
Cpl	AALC	1	NR

Deficiencies in WE have been brought about by issue of new WE V1/3/3 and disbandment of unit of Town Major, Darwin. Recommendations have been submitted to HQ NT FORCE regarding re allocation of duties and absorption of existing staffs.

HQ DARWIN FORTRESS (AIF) *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 1/ 4 /1944 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.S.				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			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. 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				BATMEN	4	4	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				DRIVERS MT	4	3	HR
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	9	5	HR	LUTY ECO	2	2	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				GEN DUTIES	2	3	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				ENGINE ECO	1		HR
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen	1	1		AACC	2	2	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	10	8		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	25 *	20 *	*

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 in this part.

SAT 1 APR 44
Date of Despatch

Whitby Lt Colonel.
COMD DARWIN FORTRESS.
Signature of Commander

a.w. 6m bks 3/43

WE - DEFICIENCIES IN NCOs

			Reinfts Reqd
S/Sgt	Clerk	1	NR
Sgt	AAES	1	NR
Cpl	AALC	1	NR

Deficiencies in WE have been brought about by issue of new WE V1/3/5 and disbandment of unit of Town Major, DARWIN. Recommendations have been submitted to HQ NT FORCE regarding re allocation of duties and absorption of existing staffs.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1.../4/194... HQ DAWN FORCE (AIF) 14 44 (Serial No.)
(Unit)

W.E. 31/3/43. OFFRS. 9 O.R's. 23 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 2 ATT. BY W.E. 9 - 25

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'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
1			1	Colonel					
3	3			Lieut.-Colonels					
3		1	4	Majors					
2			2	Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
9	3	1	7						

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) & 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.		7									7
	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., 30 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).

WE SURPLUS AND DEFICIENCIS OFFICERS

	Surplus	Deficient	Reinfts Reqd	
Major General Staff Officer		1	NR	) Posting filled by) TX 6385 Capt
Captain	1			) VON BIBRA D D
Major Staff Offr Arty		I	NR	
Major DAA & QMG		I	NR	

Deficiencies in WE have been brought about by issue of new WE V1/3/3. Recommendations have been submitted to EQ HT FORCE regarding re allocation of duties and filling vacancies as per WE.

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.....Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/4/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held	2 Army Number.	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
Lt-Col T/Col	VX88236	[illegible]	PH	COMD	YES		
Lt T/Capt	VX114230	[illegible]	RJ	SC	YES		
" "	VX114228	[illegible]	WH	IO	YES		
" "	VX114223	[illegible]	DK	-	NO	WAR COURSE NO 8 FIRST AUST ARMY JUNIOR STAFF SCHOOL	12/1/44
" "	VX6585	VON SIERA	PP	GS 11	YES		
Lieut	VX54208	[illegible]	RB	-	YES		
	VX3[illegible]845	EVANS	CO	[illegible] OFFR	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.
Chaplain	DX988	COSGROVE JH	AASLD	12-10-43	RC AREA CHAPLAIN
"	QX59436	[illegible] TC	"	26-1-44	C OF E AREA CHAPLAIN
Lieut	SX1676	CROPLEY JO	AAAS	11-9-43	ATT AS AMENITIES OFFR
"	VX86709	BATEMAN EJ	COAST ARTY	9-1-44	ATT FOR DUTY

SAT 1 APR 44

.....
Date of Despatch

.....
Colonel.
Comd. DARWIN FORTRESS.
Signature of Commander

Truth—7/43.

WE SURPLUS AND DEFICIENCIES OFFICERS

	Surplus	Deficient	Reinfts Reqd	
Major General Staff Officer		1	HR	) Posting filled by) TX6505 Capt) VOM SIDRA D D
Captain	1			
Major Staff Offr Arty		1	HR	
Major DAA & QMG		1	HR	

Deficiencies in WE have been brought about by issue of new WE 71/3/3. Recommendations have been submitted to HQ HT FOR K regarding re allocation of duties xx and filling vacancies as per WE.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART II

by

LIEUTENANT COLONEL F.N.BURCH

COMMANDER

DARWIN FORTRESS

SERIAL 15 (Paras 84 - 88) 4 APR 44

Para 84 GUARD - SECURITY - HQ DARWIN FORTRESS

Coast Arty (AIF) DARWIN will provide the Security Guard for the week commencing Fri 7 Apr 44.

STRENGTH	:	1 NCO and 7 ORs.
DRESS	:	Full Marching Order.
EQUIPMENT	:	Bedding and Messing Gear will be provided by Coast Arty (AIF) DARWIN.
RATIONS & QUARTERS	:	Provided by HQ DARWIN FORTRESS.
DUTIES	:	As per Guard Standing Orders.

Guard will report to Duty NCO HQ DARWIN FORTRESS at 1630 hrs Fri 7 Apr 44.

NEXT FOR DUTY	:	AAD (FORTRESS) commencing Fri 14 Apr 44.

Para 85 PICQUET - NIGHTCLIFFS RUBBISH DUMP

Coast Arty (AIF) DARWIN will provide the picquet for week commencing Fri 7 Apr 44.

NCO i/c party will report to Hygiene Inspector at 0900 hrs at NIGHTCLIFFS FOP on the day above stated.

NEXT FOR DUTY

AAD (FORTRESS) commencing Fri 14 Apr 44.

Para 86 CLASSIFICATION AND HANDLING OF PROTECTED DOCUMENTS

In accordance with HT Force letter 1506/G/09 of 30 Mar 44 approval is given to amend GRO G634/43 as follows:-

"1. Effective immediately, all documents at present classified MOST SECRET under GRO aforementioned will be classified as:-

TOP SECRET

Signal abbreviation will be TOPSEC.

2. MOST SECRET will NOT be used in future on new documents.

3. MOST SECRET documents already in existence will NOT be re-classified.

Para 86 CLASSIFICATION AND HANDLING OF PROTECTED DOCUMENTS (CONTD)

"4. Pending further instructions re classification of documents, no further action will be taken, but all officers concerned will take action to check documents classified in this category and downgrade where possible.

5. Copies of this memo will be widely promulgated to signal offices to ensure that all concerned do NOT permit signals to be transmitted marked MOST SECRET. In all cases MOST SECRET will be deleted and TOPSEC substituted."

Para 87 NON ISSUE OF AAB 83 - RECORD OF SERVICE BOOK

LHQ memo 39225 of 21 Mar 44 is repromulgated below for the infm and necessary action of all CO's.

2. CO's will ensure that the instns contained in GRO A739/43 are implemented forthwith:-

"1. Attention is directed to the provisions of GRO A739/43 relating to the issue of AAB 83 (Record of Service Book).

2. A check recently made at one LTD revealed that numbers of members are arriving from units without their AAB's 83.

3. Action will be taken forthwith to ensure that a check is made in all units under command to see that the provisions of GRO A739/1943 are being complied with, and that if there are any personnel who are not yet in possession of an AAB 83, the necessary action to issue them is taken without further delay.

4. Action will also be taken to ensure that the fact of issue of the AAB 83 is recorded on the inside front cover of the paybook as prescribed by para 14 of GRO A739/1943.

5. GDD's and LTD's will report weekly to HQ L of C Area, for transmission to LHQ, particulars of any instances observed of members not having been issued with AAB 83. Such particulars will include number, rank, name and unit of member concerned and the date and purpose for which he marched in.

6. HQ's L of C Areas will be responsible for taking disciplinary action against units concerned which are under their command, and reporting the result thereof to LHQ."

Para 88 ITALIAN TRANSLATOR

An Italian Translator is urgently required for duty with MF Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy.

2. Units will submit a return to this HQ by 12 Apr 44 giving particulars of personnel, NOT above the rank of Sgt, who are able to speak, read and write Italian.

For Major DAA & QMG. Capt.

NOTICE

A combined Protestant church service will be held at Naval Theatre (STAR Theatre DARWIN) on Easter Sunday at 1945 hrs.

SECRET

Headquarters
DARWIN FORTRESS (AIF)
5 APR 44

QUOTE: R.1754/-

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43 TK A BTY
9 AUST TK A BTY

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HQ NT FORCE (AIF)
103 AUST TK A REGT
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CHANGE OVER FORTRESS TK A BTY

In accordance with HQNT Force 1593/G/A12, approval is given for relief of 43 Aust Tk A Bty by 9 Aust Tk A Bty on 7 APR 44.

2. OC 43 Tk A Bty will be responsible to ensure

(1) that as reliefs arrive they will be made conversant with all orders applicable to troops under command HQ DARWIN Fortress

(ii) that 9 Aust Tk A Bty is given their operational role on arrival

3. OC 9 Aust Tk A Bty will report to Fortress Commander on arrival. He will ensure that troops under his command conform to orders laid down by 43 Aust Tk A Bty until such times as OC 9 Aust Tk A Bty assumes command.

4. All orders instructions and other documents relative to responsibilities of DARWIN Fortress Tk A Bty will be handed over to incoming unit by OC 43 Tk A Bty when a Staff Officer detailed by Comd DARWIN Fortress will be present.

5. Hand over of quarters, stores and reserve rations will be carried out in a similar manner.

6. OC 43 Tk A Bty will contact this HQ to arrange timings so that instns in paras 4 and 5 may be implemented.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Capt.
For MAJOR, GS DARWIN FORTRESS

Headquarters
DARWIN Frt (AIF)
8 APR 44

QUOTE: AIEN 2/8

CIRCULAR

PARAP CELEBRITY CONCERT TOUR

The above concert party comprising the undermentioned pers will visit this area on Fri 14 Apr 44 and Wed 19 Apr 44 and will give two concerts at PARAP Open Air Theatre.

Sgt	A M	DEVINISH	- Pianist
LAC	P	SCULLY	- Violinist
LAC	G	CRAIG	- Xylophone & Bells

2. Units may attend on the following nights and COs will ensure that the allocation is strictly observed.

For 14 Apr 44	Wed 19 Apr 44
10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) All Army Units in PARAP, VESTEYS and TOWN Areas. 9 Aust Fd A Bty	2/11 Aust A Fd Regt (less pers attending 14 Apr 44). Coast Arty (AIF) DARWIN AAD (Frt) All Army Units in LARRAKEYAH & MILLNER PT Areas.

Arrangements may be made with HQ DARWIN Frt for duty pers to attend on the alternate night. Pers from other units or areas will NOT be invited to attend. Seperate performances for pers of other Arms, and for pers outside of the Frt will be held, and are for those pers only.

3. COs of units in PARAP, VESTEYS and adjacent areas will ensure that tpt is NOT used to attend performances. COs of other units will ensure that troop carrying vehs ONLY are used and that the utmost economy in the use of MT is observed.

4. All MT will be parked in dispersal areas PARAP Camp and APM MT Force is requested to provide provost pers to supervise traffic and parking arrangements. COs will be responsible for security of own vehs whilst in parking area.

5. Only pers eligible for leave will be allowed to attend. All unit security measures and normal duties will be maintained.

6. Pedestrian traffic will keep strictly to the road whilst passing through the camp area. Short cuts through unit lines are prohibited.

Capt.
For Major DAA & QMG.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

COLONEL F.N.NURSE

DARWIN FORTRESS

SERIAL 16 (Issue 88 - 48) 11 APR 44

Para 89 GUARD - SECURITY - HQ DARWIN FORTRESS

AAD (FORTRESS) will provide the Security Guard for the week commencing Fri 14 Apr 44.

STRENGTH : 1 NCO and 7 ORs.

DRESS : Full Marching Order.

EQUIPMENT : Bedding and Housing Gear will be provided by AAD (FORTRESS).

RATIONS & QUARTERS : Provided by HQ DARWIN FORTRESS.

DUTIES : As per Guard Standing Orders.

Guard will report to Duty NCO HQ DARWIN FORTRESS at 1630 hrs Fri 14 Apr 44.

NEXT FOR DUTY : 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) commencing Fri 21 Apr 44.

Para 90 PICQUET - NIGHTCLIFFS RUBBISH DUMP

AAD (FORTRESS) will provide the picquet for week commencing Fri 14 Apr 44.

NCO i/c party will report to Hygiene Inspector at 0900 hrs at NIGHTCLIFFS FOP on the day above stated.

NEXT FOR DUTY

10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) commencing Fri 21 Apr 44.

Para 91 PROPAGANDA POSTERS - WATER CONSERVATION

Attention of CO's is directed to propaganda posters stressing the importance of conserving water which have been issued separately.

2. The posters will be fixed permanently in a prominent position in shower and ablution blocks as a constant reminder to all ranks of the importance of conserving water. Where open air showers are installed posters will be placed on boards hung near the showers.

3. Attention of all ranks will be drawn to the posters with a warning that the poster must not be defaced in any way and that wastage of water has become a very critical matter, is a serious offence, and will be dealt with accordingly.

Para 92 OCCUPATIONAL LEAVE WITHOUT PAY - ISSUE OF PART WORN CLOTHING

Authority is given under LHQ memo D19902 of 27 Mar 44 for the following items of part-worn clothing to be issued to each member who is granted occupational leave without pay of not less than six weeks duration:-

Trousers, SD part-worn	2 prs	
Jumpers WD part-worn	2 "	Either or both jumpers WD part-worn may be replaced by jersey or jerseys, pullover, part-worn.

2, Issue of the items will be made at the LED where the member receives his leave pass and record of issue will be entered in member's AAB 83. Upon completion of leave the items will be withdrawn from member at the LED where they were issued, Record of their having been withdrawn will be entered in member's AAB 83 and the items themselves returned to RSD.

Para 93 QUEENSLAND ELECTIONS - APR 1944

Subjoined is copy of LHQ memo 41239 of 24 Mar 44 for infm and action where necessary:-

" It has been noted that a special issue of "Salt" which is at present in course of distribution contains on pages 15 and 16 an article headed "How to Vote - Special Conditions of Queensland Poll."

2. As detailed arrangements for voting by Army personnel outside the State of Queensland are covered by the instructions contained in GRO A74/1944 (which was prepared after consultation with the Queensland Electoral authorities), and special arrangements for units inside the State of Queensland have been made by HQ First Aust Army, HQ Qld L of C Area and HQ 1 Aust Corps, it is considered that the publication of the Salt article may lead to some confusion.

3. It is accordingly requested that you forthwith inform all units under your command that the publication of this article in "Salt" is not to be construed as in any way varying the instructions which have been officially promulgated in the GRO or the arrangements which have been made by the HQ's referred to above."

Capt.
For Major DAA & QMG.

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Headquarters,
DARWIN Fortress (AIF)
13 APR 44

AMENDMENTS TO LOCATION STATEMENT

DARWIN FORTRESS DATED 27 MAR 44

REFERENCE MAPS:- DARWIN 1" to 1 Mile and SOUTHPORT 1" to 1 Mile.

PAGE 1

HEADQUARTER UNITS	
Delete Det 6 Aust Mob Met Flt	787090
FIELD ARTY	
New Locations	
22 Fd Bty	815089
"D" Tp	815089
AA DEFENCES	
65 Aust Mob SL Bty	
"C" Tp Delete Location	729053
"D" Tp " "	810106
Insert New Locations	
"C" Tp	810106
"D" Tp	729053
ENGINEERS	
Under 9 Aust AA & Frt Coy	
Add 9 AA Frt Wks Sec	790091
Delete 32 Aust Camflg Unit	782142
Insert 6 Aust Camflg Unit	782142

PAGE 2

INFANTRY	
10/48 Aust Inf Bn	
"D" Coy Delete Location	813104
Insert Location	815106
PAY	
Insert New Location	
49 Aust Depot Cash Office(Type B) (AIF)	806089
ENGINEERS	
Add 2/3 Aust Docks Op Coy	788089
2 Pl 1 Aust Port Maint Coy	788089
ORDNANCE	
Insert New Location	
82 Fd Ord Depot	806100
MISCELLANEOUS	
Add	
GHQ Regulating Officer	801088

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Staff Captain	8 & 9
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"I" Section	12

[signature] Capt.
for Major GS DARWIN Fortress.

Headquarters
DARWIN FORTRESS (AIF)
/4 APR 44

QUOTE: AMEN 7/1

CIRCULAR

DARWIN FRT SPORTS & ATHLETIC ASSOC

Ref HQ DARWIN Frt A.838/8 of 3 Mar 44.

At the meeting of unit sports officers held on 9 Mar 44 it was decided to organise inter-unit competitions as set out below.

2. Matches may be played at either of the following times on grounds to be arranged mutually:-

(a) Unit Sports afternoon provided matches do not interfere with unit sport programme.

(b) On any day after afternoon "Stand Down".

3. All results and scores must reach Amenities Officer by 0900 hrs each Monday in order that records can be kept and tables compiled.

4. Competitions will consist of one round and finals.

5. Umpires will be provided and grounds prepared by mutual arrangement between the units concerned.

BASKETBALL NO I COMPETITION

(1) Emery Bty "A" Team
(2) AA & Frt Sigs "A" Team
(3) 2/11 Aust A Fd Regt "A" Team
(4) 2/11 Aust A Fd Regt "B" Team
(5) East Bty "A" Team
(6) 161 Aust Lt AA Bty
(7) 4 Aust Hy AA Bty BERRIMAH
(8) HQ AA Gp
(9) HQ Coast Arty
(10) 10/48 Aust Inf Bn "A" Team
(11) 10/48 Aust Inf Bn "B" Team
(12) 4 Aust Hy AA Bty QUARANTINE

BASKETBALL NO 2 COMPETITION

(1) 9 Aust AA & Frt Coy
(2) Emery Bty "B" Team
(3) AA & Frt Sigs "B" Team
(4) 201 Aust Comp AA Regt Sig Sec
(5) 2/11 Aust A Fd Regt "C" Team
(6) 2/11 Aust A Fd Regt "D" Team
(7) East Bty "B" Team
(8) 10 Aust Army Tp Coy
(9) 129 A G H
(10) 15Aust Water Tpt Opg Coy
(11) 65 Aust AASL Bty
(12) 9 Aust Tk A Bty

Because of operational requirements all matches against 4 Aust Hy AA Bty will be played on the grounds specified.

Programme of matches isappended:

Team		Week Ending										
		22Apr	29Apr	6 May	13May	20May	27May	3 Jun	10Jun	17Jun	24Jun	1 Jul
1	V	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	12
2	V	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	12	1	11
3	V	9	8	7	6	5	4	12	2	1	11	10
4	V	8	7	6	5	12	3	2	1	11	10	9
5	V	7	6	12	4	3	2	1	11	10	9	8
6	V	12	5	4	3	2	1	11	10	9	8	7
7	V	5	4	3	2	1	11	10	9	8	12	6
8	V	4	3	2	1	11	10	9	12	7	6	5
9	V	3	2	1	12	10	12	8	7	6	5	4
10	V	2	1	11	12	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
11	V	1	12	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
12	V	6	11	5	10	4	9	3	8	2	7	1

BASEBALL COMPETITION NO 1

(1) 5 Aust Docks Opg Coy
(2) Emery Bty
(3) AA & Frt Sigs "A" Team
(4) 2/11 Aust A Fd Regt
(5) East Bty
(6) HQ Coast Arty
(7) 10/48 Aust Inf Bn

BASEBALL COMPETITION NO 2

(1) 9 Aust AA & Frt Coy
(2) AA & Frt Sigs "B" Team
(3) 201 Aust Comp AA Regt Sig Sec
(4) 2/11 Aust A Fd Regt
(5) 19 Aust Hy AA Bty CVAL
(6) 65 Aust AASL Bty
(7) 129 A G H
(8) 10 Aust Army Tp Coy.

Because of operational requirements all matches against 19 Aust Hy AA Bty will be played on the ground stepulated.

Programme is appended:-

Team		Week Ending						
		22 Apr	29 Apr	6 May	13 May	20 May	27 May	3 Jun
1	V	7	6	5	4	3	2	8
2	V	6	5	4	3	8	1	7
3	V	5	4	8	2	1	7	6
4	V	8	3	2	1	7	6	5
5	V	3	2	1	7	6	8	4
6	V	2	1	7	8	5	4	3
7	V	1	8	6	5	4	3	2
8	V	4	7	3	6	2	5	1

Baseball matches will be limited to five innings each side.

Hockey Competition

The following teams have lodged entries for a Hockey competition:-

2/11 Aust A Fd Regt
19 Aust Hy AA Bty (FANNY BAY)
HQ Coast Arty.
East Bty
4 Aust Hy AA Bty (BERRIMAH)

Further entries to reach HQ DARWIN Frt by 22 Apr 44 are requested.

Aust Rules Football

Pending the acquisition of suitable grounds no Aust Rules competition can be arranged. The following units have teams:-

2/11 Aust A Fd Regt
15 Aust Water Tpt Opg Coy
10/48 Aust Inf Bn
AA & Frt Sigs
Coast Arty DARWIN
3 Aust B P S Coy
9 Aust AA & Frt Coy

Lieut.
A O DARWIN FORTRESS.

DISTRIBUTION:-

2/11 AUST A Fd Regt (8)
Coast Arty DARWIN (10)
AA Defences (Frt) (9)
9 Aust Tk A Bty
AA & Frt Sigs (4)
201 Aust Comp AA Regt Sig Sec (2)
129 A G H (2)
9 Aust AA & Frt Coy (2)
15 Aust Docks Opg Coy
15 Aust Water Tpt Coy
10/48 Aust Inf Bn (3)
10 Aust Army Tps Coy R/E
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Spare 7.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

COLONEL F.N.NURSE

COMMANDER

DARWIN FORTRESS

SERIAL 17 (Paras 94 - 96) 18 APR 44

Para 94 GUARD - SECURITY - HQ DARWIN FORTRESS

10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will provide the Security for the week commencing Fri 21 Apr 44.

STRENGTH	:	I Sgt and 7 ORs.
DRESS	:	Full Marching Order.
EQUIPMENT	:	Bedding and Messing Gear will be provided by 10/48 Aust Inf Bn(AIF).
RATIONS & QUARTERS	:	Provided by HQ DARWIN FORTRESS.
DUTIES	:	As per Guard Standing Orders.

Guard will report to Duty NCO HQ DARWIN FORTRESS at 1630 hrs Fri 21 Apr 44.

NEXT FOR DUTY : 2/11 Aust A Fd Regt commencing Fri 28 Apr 44.

Para 95 PICQUET - NIGHTCLIFFS RUBBISH DUMP

10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will provide the picquet for week commencing Fri 21 Apr 44.

NCO i/c party will report to Hygiene Inspector at 0900 hrs at NIGHTCLIFFS FOP on the day above stated.

NEXT FOR DUTY

2/11 Aust A Fd Regt commencing Fri 28 Apr 44.

Para 96 PERS SENTENCED TO FIELD PUNISHMENT

Attention is directed to HQ DARWIN Frt Circular P.1570/2 of 14 Apr 44 which has been issued separately.

Capt.
For Major DAA & QMG.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

COLONEL F.N.NURSE

COMMANDER

DARWIN FORTRESS

SERIAL 18 (Page 97 - 100) 25 APR 44

Para 97 GUARD - SECURITY - HQ DARWIN FORTRESS

2/11 Aust A Fd Regt will provide the Security Guard for week commencing Fri 28 Apr 44.

STRENGTH	:	1 Sgt and 7 ORs.
DRESS	:	Full Marching Order.
EQUIPMENT	:	Bedding and Messing Gear will be provided by 2/11 Aust A Fd Regt.
RATIONS & QUARTERS	:	Provided by HQ DARWIN FORTRESS.
DUTIES	:	As per Guard Standing Orders.

Guard will report to Duty NCO HQ DARWIN FORTRESS at 1630 hrs Fri 28 Apr 44.

NEXT FOR DUTY : Coast Arty (AIF) DARWIN commencing Fri 5 May 44.

Para 98 PICQUET - NIGHTCLIFFS RUBBISH DUMP

2/11 Aust A Fd Regt will provide the picquet for week commencing Fri 28 Apr 44.

NCO i/c party will report to Hygiene Inspector at 0900 hrs at NIGHTCLIFFS FOP on the day above stated.

NEXT FOR DUTY

Coast Arty (AIF) DARWIN commencing Fri 5 May 44.

Para 99 TRAFFIC LOADS - DARWIN JETTIES

The approaches to Darwin Jetties are not recommended as safe for vehs carrying heavy loads, particularly RAE transporters which are classified class 60 when fully loaded.

2. The attention of all concerned will be drawn to the condition of these approaches and if, through operational necessity, vehs with heavy loads up to and incl transporters are required to travel on these approaches the drs of such vehs will be given definite instns to proceed over the approaches and jetties at a slow speed in order to minimise the impact stresses.

(To be repeated in units routine orders)

Para 100 FIRE PRECAUTIONS - UNIT FIRE ORDERS AND EQPT

Attention of all CO's is again directed to NT Force Adm Order No 10 para 77 with particular reference to paras 3 and 4 thereof.

2. Further to the aforementioned paras, units will submit the following certificate to this HQ:-

" I certify that unit fire orders have been amended to cater for all contingencies within the area under my control and that fire fighting eqpt has been inspected for serviceability and where necessary replacements have been demanded from Engrs stores.

.....CO.
Unit, sub-unit or det."

3. The above certificate will be forwarded to this HQ NOT later than 30 Apr 44.

Capt.
For Major DAA & QMG.

S_E_C_R_E_T

COPY NO ..42....

Headquarters,
DARWIN Fortress. (AIF)

LOCATION STATEMENT FOR DARWIN FORTRESS
as at 2359 hrs 27 APR 44.

Reference:- DARWIN 1 inch to 1 mile & SOUTHPORT 1 inch to 1 mile.

UNIT	LOCATION COORD OR REMARKS	
HQ UNITS		
HQ DARWIN Fortress	790088	
Det 28 Aust FS Sec (AIF)	801110	Fortress
FIELD ARTY		
2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt (AIF)	793087	"
2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt Sig Sec	793087	"
21 Fd Bty	807103	"
"A" Tp	803101	"
"B" Tp	816106	"
22 Fd Bty	815089	"
"C" Tp	815089	"
"D" Tp	815089	"
61 Fd Bty	787088	"
"E" Tp	793090	"
"F" Tp	784091	"
103 Tk/A Regt		
9 Aust Tk/A Bty	802128	"
COAST ARTY		
HQ Coast Arty DARWIN (AIF)	782142	"
EAST Bty	782152	"
DUDLEY Bty	778150	"
EMERY Bty	778094	"
WEST Sec	717113	"
WAUGITE Bty	698126	"
AA DEFENCES		
HQ DARWIN AA Gp (AIF) (LE)	787090	"
DARWIN AA Ops Room (Type A)	913109	"
HQ 4 Aust HAA Bty(Static)(HE)(AIF)	896116	"
458 " " Tp (")(")(Berrimah)	896120	"
381 " " " (")(")(Quarantine)	893067	"
HQ 19 " " Bty(")(")	798092	"
358 " " Tp (")(")(McMillans)	852180	"
359 " " " (")(")(Fanny Bay)	800139	"
360 " " " (")(")(Oval)	808079	"
HQ 161 Aust LAA Bty	806094	"
"E" Tp HQ	864127	"
L1	834160	"
L2	842151	"
L3	839144	"
L4	854143	"
L5	857129	"
L6	843129	"
"F" Tp HQ	807095	"
L7	787086	"
L8	797088	"
L9	801084	"
L10	813074	"
L11	818079	"
L12	814081	"
HQ 65 Aust Mob SL Bty	810108	"
"A" Tp	857163	"
"B" Tp	719103	"
"C" Tp	857163	"
HQ Tp 143	729053	"
HQ 70 Aust Mob SL Bty	904115	"
"A" Tp	934113	"
"B" Tp	784087	"
"C" Tp	977979	"
HQ Tp 144	934113	"
129 Aust HAA SL Tp	857163	"
ENGINEERS		
HQ 9 Aust AA & Frt Coy	790091	"
42 Aust Frt Wks Sec	790091	"
43 " " " "	790091	"
1 Aust Electrical & Mechanical InstallationSec	782152	"
6 Aust Camflg Unit	782142	"

UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS
SIGNALS		
AA & Frt Signals NT	787090	Fortress
201 Aust AA Comp Sig Regt	787090	" Attached
Det 36 Aust Cypher Sec	789088	" Frt Sigs
Det 17 L of C Signals	811081	"
HQ & Coy 17 Aust L of C Signals	805081	"
15 Aust Line Maint Sec	814081	"
" " " " "	806091	"
INFANTRY		
10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)		
HQ	815105	"
HQ Coy	813106	"
"A" "	813104	"
"B" "	813104	"
"C" "	813104	"
"D" "	815106	"
A.E.M.E.		
Frt Wkshops DARWIN	Larrakeyah	"
2/70 Aust LAD (Type A)	793087	" Attached
3 Aust Radio Maintenance Sec	Larrakeyah	" 2/11
DENTAL		
8 Sec 78 Aust Dental Unit	Parap	"
Det 107 AGH	793085	"
PAY		
49 Aust Depot Cash Office (Type B) (AIF)	806088	14 L of C
ENGINEERS		
5 Aust Docks Op Coy (Type C)	788089	"
4 Pl 1 Aust Port Maint Coy	788089	" Attached 5
2/3 Aust Docks Op Coy	788089	" Docks
2 Pl 1 Aust Port Maint Coy	788089	" " 2/3
60 Aust Corps Fd Park Coy	Vesteys	Force Tps Docks
19 Aust Emp Coy	825140	14 L of C
NT Coastal Recce Unit (AIF)	DARWIN	"
15 Aust Water Tpt Ops Coy (Small Craft)	786087	"
Sec 21 Aust Maint Pl	Vesteys	"
10 Aust Army Tps Coy	807093	"
27 Aust Emp Coy	Parap	"
SIGNALS		
44 Aust Carr Pigeon Det	Larrakeyah	"
AASC		
11 Aust Sup Depot Coy 75 Pl(AIF)(S&T Port Det)	Vesteys	"
" " " " " 74 " (")(DID)	Vesteys	"
39 Pl- 5 Aust Fd Bakering Coy (AIF)	Vesteys	"
3 Aust Fd Butchering Coy (AIF)	Vesteys	"
one Pl 8 Aust Fd Butchering Coy	Vesteys	"
3 Aust Bulk Petrol Storage Coy	812088	"
Det 1 Aust M.A.C.	799093	"
MEDICAL		
128 AGH	793085	"
Det 19 Aust Anti-Malaria Control Unit (Type A)	798093	"
ORDNANCE		
82 Fd Ord Depot	808100	"
Det 12 Aust Mob Laundry & Fwd Decn Unit	793095	"
MISCELLANEOUS		
Movt Control DARWIN	802088	"
Det APO (C65)	803091	"
Press Unit DARWIN	796090	"
Det 12 Aust Div Salvage	Vesteys	"
Det Aust Army Canteen Service	807083	"
" " " " "	Vesteys	"
Det Directorate of Public Relations	800092	Force Tps
A.E.S.	Larrakeyah	
Area Camp Staff (Type C)	Vesteys	14 L of C
F.E.L.O.	708093	
Regulating Officer GHQ	801088	
US Base Sec One	802086	US ARMY
US Navy HQ	810082	US NAVY
PROVOST		
Det 2 Aust Army Pro Coy	~~Bagot~~ 806090	New Location

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UNIT	LOCATION CODE OR REMARKS
R.A.A.F.	[illegible]
Det C.R.D.	[illegible]
7 R.S.U.	[illegible]
RAAF Marine Sec	[illegible]
RAAF Movements DARWIN	[illegible]

[illegible] Capt.

For Major GS DARWIN Fortress.

DISTRIBUTION	COPY NO
Hq NT Forces	1
2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt	2
Coast Arty (Darwin)	3
Hq Darwin AA Gp	4
9 AA & Frt Engrs	5
AA & Frt Signals NT	6
10/42 Aust Inf Bn	7
Det 17 L of C Signals	8
Hq 2 Gov 17 L of C Sigs	9
DAA & QMG	10
Staff Captain	11
War Diary	12 - 13
"Int Section	14

Units will check their locations with this statement and advise Hq DARWIN Fortress <u>immediately</u> of any alterations or amendments.

All previous locations statements issued by this Hq will be destroyed by fire.

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Headquarters
DARWIN FRT (AIF)
27 APR 44

QUOTE: AMEN 2/10

CIRCULAR

AWC "TIVOLI" CONCERT PARTY

The above concert party comprising three females and seven males will give performances at PARAP Open Air Theatre on Sat 6 May and Mon 8 May 44.

2. Units may attend as under:-

Sat 6 May 44	Mon 8 May 44
10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Army Units in PARAP, VESTEYS & TOWN Areas. 9 Aust Tk/A Bty	2/11 Aust A Fd Regt (less pers attending on 6 May 44). Coast Arty (AIF) DARWIN AA Defences (Frt) Army Units in LARRAKEYAH & MYILLY PT Areas.

COs of units will ensure that the above allocation is strictly adhered to. Arrangements may be made with HQ DARWIN Frt for duty pers to attend on the alternate night. Pers from other units or areas will NOT be invited to attend. Separate performances for pers of other Arms and for pers outside of the Frt will be held and are for those pers only.

3. COs of units in PARAP, VESTEYS and adjacent areas will ensure that tpt is NOT used to attend performances. COs of other units will ensure that troop carrying vehs ONLY are used and that the utmost economy in the use of MT is observed.

4. All MT will be parked in dispersal area PARAP. Traffic arrangements will be under supervision of Provost pers. COs will be responsible for security of own vehs whilst in parking area. Pedestrian traffic will keep strictly to the road whilst passing through the camp area. Short cuts through unit lines are prohibited.

Major.
DAA & QMG.

DISTRIBUTION:- List "X"

Headquarters
DARWIN FORTRESS (AIF)
~~AAR 44~~

QUOTE: S.187/98/1

CAPTURED JAPANESE WEAPONS

1. The following Japanese weapons are on loan to this HQ for trg purposes:-

Rifles	3
Grenade Dischargers	1
LMG "KEIKA"	1
LMG "TAISHO 11" (incomplete)	1
HMG "JUKI" (incomplete)	1

2. These weapons will be demonstrated and explained to units by Lt S. PARRICK (10/48 Aust Inf Bn) as set out hereunder:

UNIT	PERIOD From	To
10/48 Aust Inf Bn	010830 May	051700 May
AA Defences (Oval Gun Site)	060900 "	061200 "
Coast Arty (Emery Bty)	061400 "	061630 "
AA Defences (Fanny Bay Gun Site)	080900 "	081200 "
HQ Coast Arty	081330 "	081500 "
Coast Arty (East & Dudley Btys)	081530 "	081700 "
9 Aust Tk A Bty	090900 "	091145 "
AA Defences (McMILLANS Gun Site)	091400 "	091600 "
" " (Berrimah Gun Site)	100915 "	101200 "
" " Quarantine " ")	101330 "	101615 "
9 Aust AA & Frt Coy RAE	110900 "	111200 "
AA & Frt Sigs) AA & Frt Sigs	111400 "	111630 "
Frt Wkshops AE?E) Area Q		
2/11 Aust A Fd Regt -		
C Tp Area for C Tp and D Tp	120900 "	121200 "
A Tp Area for A Tp and B Tp	121400 "	121630 "
RHQ area for RHQ, E Tp and F Tp	130900 "	131200 "
HQ DARWIN FORTRESS	131400 "	131630 "

3. Units will supply midday meal to Lt PARRICK and driver as follows :-

HQ Coast Arty (AIF)	8 May	44
AA Defences (McMillans Gun Site)	9 "	"
" " (Quarantine " ")	10 "	"

4. AA Defences (Frt) to arrange for sub units NOT mentioned above to attend nearest demonstration as far as operational requirements permit.

5. 10/48 Aust Inf Bn provide necessary tpt.

6. The utmost care will be taken to ensure that no part of any weapon is lost.

Capt.
for Major GS DARWIN Frt.

DISTRIBUTION
2/11 Aust A Fd Regt
Coast Arty (AIF) DARWIN
AA Defences (Frt)
9 Aust Tk A Bty
9 Aust AA & Frt Coy RAE
AA & Frt Signals
10/48 Aust Inf Bn
Frt Wkshops
File

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(adapted.)

H. 1000 2/12

Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) *Date and Time.—From* 0000hrs 1 MAY 44 *To* 2400 hrs 31 MAY 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	1	0900	Fine and warm.	
		0900	Lt PARRICK, 10/48 Aust Inf Bn commences tour of units in DARWIN	
			Frt to demonstrate and lecture on Captured Japanese Weapons.	
		0900	Frt Comd Col F.N. NURSE, CRA NT Force Brig O'BRIEN and SO Arty 1	
			Lt Col FORDE attend proof shoot of twin 6 pr equipment at	
			ELLIOTT SEC.	
		1500	Major CARAH visits Frt Comd and discusses problems of trg with	
			regard to rifle ranges.	
	2	0900	Fine and warm.	
		1400	Capt D.K.HANSON completes tour of duty at HQ DARWIN Fortress	
			and resumes regimental duties at Coast Arty (DARWIN)	
	3	0900	Fine and warm.	
		0900	2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt, RHQ and Bty move out of DARWIN Fortress	
			on training manoeuvres.	[signature]

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(adapted.)

H. 1000 2/42

Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) *Date and Time.—From* 0000hrs 1 May 44 *To* 2400 hrs 31 May 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	4	0900	Fine and warm.	
		1100	Mr E.WARD MHR visits DARWIN Fortress and carriers out tour of Fortress area with Fortress Commander.	
		1400	MGRA Major General WHITELAW arrives Darwin Fortress on tour of inspection and accompanied by GOC NT Force Major General ALLEN and Frt Comd Col F.N. NURSE, visits Coast Arty (DARWIN).	
		1600	SO 1 Arty NT Force Lt Col FORDE and SO 1 (Coast) MGRAs Branch Lt Col GILCHRIST visit Fortress HQ.	
	5	0900	Fine and warm.	
		0900	MGRA Major General WHITELAW, accompanied by CRA NT Force Brig C[illegible]BAKER and Frt Comd Col F.N.NURSE continue tour of inspection.	
		0900	First series of 2 day Cipher Trg Cadres commences DARWIN Fortress at AA & Frt Signals NT Larrakeyah, to train personnel in the new TRENCODE Cipher.	

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N. 1004 2/42

Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) *Date and Time.—From* 0000hrs 1 MAY 44 *To* 2400 hrs 31 MAY 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	6	0900	Fine and warm.	W 3008 & W 3009 attached.
		0900	MGRA Major General WHITELAW, accompanied by CRA NT Force and	
			Frt Comd visit Coast and AASL defences in COX PENINSULA.	
		2000	AWC Tivoli concert party gives first performance in DARWIN at	
			PARAP.	
	7	0900	Fine and warm.	
			NIL to REPORT.	
	8	0900	Fine and warm.	
		0900	Second series of 2 day Cipher trg cadres commences at AA & Frt	
			Signals NT Larrakeyah.	
		1000	Capt J.BYERS G11 (L) completes tour of duty with HQ DARWIN	
			Fortress and returns to HQ 2 Aust Inf Bde.	
		2000	Final performance in DARWIN Fortress of AWC Tivoli concert	
			party.	[signature]

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H. 1004 2/42

Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) *Date and Time.—From* 0000hrs 1 MAY 44 *To* 2400 hrs 31 MAY 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	9	0900	Fine and warm.	Routine Orders Part 1 Serial 20 attached.
			NIL to REPORT.	
	10	0900	Fine and warm.	AMEN.3/11 attached.
		1200	HQ 5 Aust MG Gp move from Adelaide River to DARWIN Fortress.	
		1600	Matron 129 AGH visits Frt Comd and introduces Principal Matron NT Force, Matron 107 AGH and AANS representative from LHQ.	
		1800	Frt Comd visits HQ RAA NT Force and attends conference with MGRA and CRA.	
	11	0900	Fine and warm.	
		0900	Mobile Gas Chamber arrives Darwin Fortress for Unit trg.	
	12	0900	Fine and warm.	Amendments to Location Statement attached.
		0900	9 Aust Docks Op Coy march in to DARWIN Fortress, located at Larrakeyah.	
		1000	2/11 Aust A Fd Regt commence fire and movement exercise in HOPE	

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W. 1004 2/42 *Unit* HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) *Date and Time.—From* 0000hrs 1 MAY 44 *To* 2400 hrs 31 MAY 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	Contd		INLET area.	
		1400	Col E.L. HUBBARD, US Base Sec One, visits Frt Comd and discusses operational employment of US Forces located in DARWIN Fortress.	
		2000	Major D.D. Von BIBRA GSO 11 HQ DARWIN Fortress resumes duty on return from ARL.	
	13	0900	Fine and warm.	
		1400	Demonstration of captured Japanese weapons to personnel of HQ DARWIN Fortress.	
			POSTED STRENGTH 9 Offr 23 OR — ATTACHED STRENGTH 5 Offrs 10 OR — DETACHED STRENGTH Nil Offrs 5 OR	
	14	0900	Fine and warm.	
			New message form C2136 becomes current message form and replaces forms C2128 and C2130.	
	15	0900	Fine and warm.	
			Nil to Report.	

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W. 1029 2/42 *Unit* HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) *Date and Time.—From* 0000hrs 1 MAY 44 *To* 2400 hrs 31 MAY 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	16	0900	Fine and mild.	Routine Orders Part 1 Serial 21 attached.
		0900	4 Aust HAA Bty carry out 3.7 AA practice at drogue target.	
		1011	Indications of enemy aircraft appox 150 mls west of DARWIN believed weather or shipping recce.	
		1100	Frt Comd Col F.N.NURSE and GSO 11 Major Von BIBRA attend Coast Arty sub-calibre practice.	
		1357	Twin engined enemy aircraft approached DARWIN from the NW and carried out reconnaissance and departed to the North over GUNN POINT. NIL AA engagement. NIL fighter interception.	
	17	0900	Fine and warm.	
		1700	Capt CLEAVER Staff Captain Q NT Force visits Frt Comd and discusses matters relevant to the supply of water to over water Searchlight Stations.	
	18	0900	Fine and warm. NIL to Report.	

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Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) Date and Time.—From 0000hrs 1 MAY 44 To 2400 hrs 31 MAY 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	19	0900	Fine and warm.	
		1430	Lt Col BULBECK DACG (C of E) NT Force interviewed Frt Comd and discussed proposed visit of Bishop of Carpentaria.	
		1600	CO 112 LAA Regt Lt Col HUGHES HALLET visits Frt Comd and discusses LAA Defences in Darwin Fortress.	
		1600	Major Welch CO Berry Springs Rest Camp visits Frt Comd.	
	20	0900	Fine and warm.	
		0900	RAA NT Force commence Fd Regt Calibration shoot from EAST Pt.	
		1000	GSO ii HQ DARWIN Fortress Major D.Von BIBRA reports to Brig i/c Adm NT Force Brigadier DOLLERY and discusses matters relevant to the Darwin Essential Services (Control) Committee.	
			POSTED STRENGTH 9 Offrs 25 OR; ATTACHED STRENGTH 4 Offr 10 ORs; DETACHED STRENGTH NIL 6 ORs	
	21	0001	New "Trencode" Cipher becomes operative in NT Force.	
		0900	Warm and Hazy.	

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H. 1004 2/42 *Unit* HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) *Date and Time.—From* 0000hrs 1 MAY 44 *To* 2400 hrs 31 MAY 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	Contd	0900	Conference of C.O.s and unit representatives of units under command Darwin Fortress, held at Frt HQ and presided over by Frt Comd, matters discussed concerned Visual Trg, Drivers MT, Gambling and general administrative policy.	
		1000	G.O.C. NT Force Major General ALLEN visits Frt Comd and addresses conference of CO's .	
		1030	G.O.C. NT Force Major General ALLEN holds Orderly Room at Frt HQ, CCA Lt Col Forbes parades Major Weight and AADC Lt Col KELSO parades Lieut GREEN.	
		1045	Major DUNDAS 4 Aust Survey Bty visitsFrt Comd and discusses matters relevant to installations of new defence equipment.	
		1630	G.O.C. NT FORCE Major General ALLEN accompanied by Frt Comd, inspects parade of 10/48 Aust Inf Bn.	
		1800	G.O.C. NT Force and Frt Comd mess at 10/48 Aust Inf Bn.	

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W. 1004 2/42

Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) *Date and Time.—From* 0000hrs 1 MAY 44 *To* 2400 hrs 31 MAY 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	23	0900	Fine and mild.	
		1200	C.O. 80 Mobile Wing RAAF Son Ldr Forrest and Ft Lt MAHONEY visit Fortress HQ.	
		1230	Giii CW NT Force Capt RYMILL visits Frt HQ and introduces Capt DOUGLAS new G iii CW	
	24	0900	Fine and warm. NIL to report.	
	25	0900	Fine and warm.	
		1100	Meeting of DARWIN Essential Services (Control) Committee, held at D.E.S.(C).C. Office in Cavenagh Street. G11 HQ DARWIN Fortress, Major D.Von BIBRA, commences duties as Chief Executive Officer.	
		1454	Unidentified A/C reported North of DRYSDALE believed enemy Shipping Recce.	

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H. 100M 2/42

Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) *Date and Time.—From* 0000hrs 1 MAY44 *To* 2400 hrs 31 MAY 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	Contd	1630	House in McKay Street, Lot No 508, destroyed by fire.	
	26	0900	Fine and warm.	Op Instn No 21- Air Raid proceedure attached.
		1312	Unidentified A/C height 20,000ft reported approx 150 mls West of DARWIN, probable enemy shipping recce.	
		1600	RAA NT Force complete Fd Regt calibration shoots from EAST PT.	
	27	0900	Fine and Warm.	Location Statement Copy No Attached.
		1200	5 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) less 2 Coys march into DARWIN Fortress, and commence duties of Fortress Inf Bn.	
		1300	10/48 Aust Inf Bn march out of Darwin Fortress on relief. POSTEDSTRENGTH 9 Offrs 25 ORs; ATTACHED STRENGTH 4 Offrs 10 ORs; DETACHED STRENGTH NIL Offrs 6 ORs	
	28	0900	Fine and warm.	
		1000	Conference of Frt Comd, CRA NT Force Brig O'BRIEN, and CCA Lt-Col FORBES, held at Fortress H..	
		1030	DAAG (MS) Major ANDERSON and Staff Capt (A) Capt LAUNDER of NT	[illegible]

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C. 2118
(adapted.)

Unit H. DARWIN Fortress (AIF) *Date and Time.—From* 0000hrs 1 MAY 44 *To* 2400 hrs 31 MAY 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	Contd.		Force visit H. DARWIN Fortress.	
		1100	G111 'I' NT Force Capt HARRIS visits Frt H. and discusses matters relevant to the distribution of Intelligence Summaries.	
	29	0900	Fine and warm.	
		1715	Brig i/c Adm NT Force, Brig M. DOLLERY, visits Frt Comd and introduces Brig SECOMBE.	
	30	0700	2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt commence 12 day 25 pr fire and movement exercise in LEANYER Area.	Amendment No 1 to Op Instn No 21 attached. Routine Orders Part 1 Serial 23 Attached.
		0900	Fine and warm.	Amen 2/11 attached.
		1200	Lieut MOORE AWAS? Barracks Officer, AWAS Barracks ADELAIDE RIVER, visits HQ DARWIN Fortress.	
	31	0900	Fine and warm.	
		1400	I.O. HQ DARWIN Fortress Capt Criswick conducts Capt SMITH S2 US Base Sec One over Fortress Defences in MINDIL BEACH area	

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(adapted.)

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit HQ DARWIN Fortress (AIF) Date and Time.—From 0000 hrs 1 MAY 44 To 2400 hrs 31 MAY 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	Contd		preparatory to US Base Sec One taking over operational	
			responsibility of MINDIL BEACH Area.	
		1400	C.O. 6 Aust Inf Bn Lt Col EGAN visits Frt Comd.	[illegible]
			Colonel.	
			Comd DARWIN Fortress.	

Headquarters
DARWIN FORTRESS (AIF)
2 MAY 44.

QUOTE: S.187/100/1

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PHYSICAL TRG AND UNARMED COMBAT

1. To further the policy of Physical Trg and unarmed combat within NT Force, and to keep unit instrs abreast of recent developments and methods of instruction, NT Force P.T. Staff -

Supervisor - Lt D E WRIGHT
Instr - Sgt A W BELL

will be made available to DARWIN FRT and allotted to units as detailed in para 5.

2. PT should not be regarded as being purely recreational, but as an integral part of the unit trg programme, so that maximum value is obtained from it.

3. The employment of the PT Staff will be at the discretion of the Comds concerned, but it is suggested that each unit form a PT Cadre at a central location during the time allotted. This Cadre would be used to refresh existing unit instructors and to train new instrs where required.

4. Units are requested to make available to the PT Staff such trg facilities as are necessary. Personal accommodation and rations to be provided at EMERY BTY by Coast Arty, DARWIN, from 7 - 21 MAY.

5. The itinerary is as follows:-

UNIT	PERIOD OF ATTACHMENT (Both dates incl)
10/48 Aust Inf Bn	8 May - 10 May
AA Defences (Frt)	11 " - 13 "
Coast Arty (AIF) DARWIN	15 " - 17 "
2/11 Aust A Fd Regt	18 " 19 "
9 Aust Tk A Bty	20 " -

Capt.
For Major, GS DARWIN FORTRESS

DISTRIBUTION

2/11 Aust A Fd Regt
Coast Arty (AIF) Darwin
AA Defences (Frt)
9 Aust Tk A Bty
10/48 Aust Inf Bn
NT Force PT Staff
File
War Diary (2)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

COLONEL F.N.NURSE

COMMANDER

DARWIN FORTRESS

SERIAL 19 (Paras 101 - 105) 2 MAY 44

Para 101 GUARD - SECURITY - HQ DARWIN FORTRESS

Coast Arty (AIF) DARWIN will provide the Security Guard for week commencing Fri 5 May 44.

STRENGTH	: 1 Sgt and 7 ORs.
DRESS	: Full Marching Order.
EQUIPMENT	: Bedding and Messing Gear will be provided by Coast Arty (AIF) DARWIN.
RATIONS & QUARTERS	: Provided by HQ DARWIN FORTRESS.
DUTIES	: As per Guard Standing Orders.

Guard will report to Duty NCO HQ DARWIN FORTRESS at 1630 hrs Fri 5 May 44.

NEXT FOR DUTY : AAD (FORTRESS) commencing Fri 12 May 44.

Para 102 PICQUET - NIGHTCLIFFS RUBBISH DUMP

Coast Arty (AIF) DARWIN will provide the picquet for week commencing Fri 5 May 44.

NCO i/c party will report to Hygiene Inspector at 0900 hrs at NIGHTCLIFFS FOP on the day above stated.

NEXT FOR DUTY

AAD (FORTRESS) commencing Fri 12 May 44.

Para 103 BOMBING AND AIR GUNNERY RANGES

Danger warnings have in the past been issued when bombing and air gunnery practice has taken place on Range E.(Camerons Beach, Lee Pt, Nightcliffs area).

It is to be noted that an amendment has been issued whereby this HQ will NOT have previous notice of practice on this range and firing by RAAF will now take place without further warning.

Para 104 MOTHERS' DAY TELEGRAMS

Facilities have been made available for pers to send Mothers' Day greeting by telegram through APO and Army sig channels.

Pers desirous of sending telegrams for Mothers' Day MUST lodge telegram forms at APO between 6 and 8 May 44. Mothers' Day telegrams received after 8 May 44 will NOT be delivered to addressee in time for Mothers' Day.

Para 105 DARWIN ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER SUPPLY

Units are advised that it may be necessary to restrict or curtail the use of electricity throughout the Darwin Area without warning or when warning is given at short notice.

2. In order to ensure that the disrupted service does not interfere with operational or administrative commitments, the following action will be taken by units forthwith:

(a) Emergency lighting i.e. Tilley and Hurricane lamps or generating sets, will be overhauled and put into working order ready for immediate use.

(b) Unauthorised and/or unnecessary lighting points will be removed.

3. When notice is given by this HQ of restricted lighting CO's will ensure that the restrictions are rigidly enforced and effectively policed and that the restrictions remain in force until the order is cancelled by this HQ.

Major.
DAA & QMG.

RESTRICTED

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

COLONEL F.H.HURSE

COMMANDER

DARWIN FORTRESS

SERIAL NO (Paras 106 - 108) 9 MAY 44

Para 106 GUARD - SECURITY - HQ DARWIN FORTRESS

10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will provide the Security Guard for week commencing Fri 12 May 44.

STRENGTH	:	1 Sgt and 7 ORs.
DRESS	:	Full Marching Order.
EQUIPMENT	:	Bedding and Messing Gear will be provided by 10/48 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
RATIONS & QUARTERS	:	Provided by HQ DARWIN FORTRESS.
DUTIES	:	As per Guard Standing Orders.

Guard will report to Duty NCO HQ DARWIN FORTRESS at 1630 hrs Fri 12 May 44.

NEXT FOR DUTY	:	2/11 Aust A Fd Regt commencing Fri 19 May 44.

Para 107 PICQUET - NIGHTCLIFFS RUBBISH DUMP

10/46 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will provide the picquet for week commencing Fri 12 May 44.

NCO i/c party will report to Hygiene Inspector at 0900 hrs at NIGHTCLIFFS FOP on the day above stated.

NEXT FOR DUTY

2/11 Aust A Fd Regt commencing Fri 19 May 44.

Para 108 SUPPLY OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

With the exception of brandy on medical authority, the issue of alcoholic beverages by AASC is to be made only on the authority of LHQ. Also, except in most special circumstances, the issue of alcoholic liquor, including rum, is NOT to be made to troops. It is the policy of Army to issue additional tea, coffee, or cocoa in case of bad weather, as prescribed by AIR & O 320 (R.200)(2) rather than rum.

A.J.Williams

Major,
D.A.A. & Q.M.G. DARWIN FORTRESS.
(A.J.WILLIAMS)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

COLONEL F.N.HURSE

COMMANDER

DARWIN FORTRESS

SERIAL 21 (Paras 109 - 110) 16 MAY 44

Para 109 GUARD - SECURITY - HQ DARWIN FORTRESS

2/11 Aust A Fd Regt will provide the Security Guard for week commencing Fri 19 May 44.

STRENGTH	:	1 Sgt and 7 ORs.
DRESS	:	Full Marching Order.
EQUIPMENT	:	Bedding and Messing Gear will be provided by 2/11 Aust A Fd Regt.
RATIONS & QUARTERS	:	Provided by HQ DARWIN FORTRESS.
DUTIES	:	As per Guard Standing Orders.

Guard will report to Duty NCO HQ DARWIN FORTRESS at 1630 hrs 19 May 44.

NEXT FOR DUTY : Coast Arty (AIF) DARWIN commencing Fri 26 May 44.

Para 110 PICQUET - NIGHTCLIFFS RUBBISH DUMP

2/11 Aust A Fd Regt will provide the picquet for week commencing Fri 19 May 44.

NCO i/c party will report to Hygiene Inspector at 0900 hrs at NIGHTCLIFFS FOP on the day above stated.

NEXT FOR DUTY

Coast Arty (AIF) DARWIN commencing Fri 26 May 44.

Major.
DAA & QMG DARWIN FORTRESS.
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SERIAL 22 (Paras 111 - 115) 23 MAY 44

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Guard will report to Duty NCO HQ DARWIN FORTRESS at 1630 hrs Fri 26 May 44.

NEXT FOR DUTY : Fortress Inf Bn commencing Fri 2 Jun 44.

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NEXT FOR DUTY

Fortress Inf Bn commencing Fri 2 Jun 44.

Para 113 ENGR WORKS & SERVICES - FRT AREA

Attention is again directed to HQ Darwin Frt Adm Instn 24 of 14 Aug 43 and Routine Order para 36 of 15 Feb 44.

2. The instns contained in the abovementioned orders MUST be complied with. Variations from these instns will not be considered.

3. Adm Instn 24 is amended by adding para 5 shown hereunder:-

"5. Units will not submit demands on engr stores for control issue on replacement of stores shown on unit WET or SOET. Such stores must be requisitioned on Ordnance."

Para 114 SUPPRESSION OF GAMBLING

NT Force Adm Order No 29 of 16 May 44 is repeated:-

" Sufficient attention is NOT being paid by units to the suppression of gambling. This offense is to be regarded as a serious one, and CO's of all units will take vigorous action to suppress it and will at all times render maximum co-operation and assistance to Pro personnel for this purpose."

Para 115 RETURN OF PROJECTORS, STRIP FILM, 35 MM

Attention is drawn to notice appearing in GRO's of 5 May 44.

2. Units will forward returns in accordance with para 3 to reach this HQ by 30 May 44.

A.J. Williams

Major.

DAA & QMG DARWIN FORTRESS.

(A.J. WILLIAMS)

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Headquarters
DARWIN FORTRESS (AIF)
4 MAY 44

COPY NO 74

DARWIN FORTRESS OP INSTN NO 21

AIR RAID INSTNS

1. HQ DARWIN Fortress Op Instn No 20 is cancelled and all copies will be destroyed.

The following instns set out:-

(a) AIR Raid Warning Procedure.

(b) Precautions to be taken in readiness for attack by hostile A/C.

(c) Action in event of attack.

2. WARNING SIGNALS

Standard Signals will be used:

SIGNAL	MEANING	ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON RECEIPT
AIR RAID YELLOW	Unidentified or hostile A/C approaching Frt but NOT yet within striking range	Confidential information only for the purpose of effecting any preparatory and unobtrusive measures in case Air Raid Red follows. This warning will NOT be broadcasted within units and all ranks NOT required for emergency action will continue their duties.
AIR RAID RED	Action warning. Hostile A/C are within striking range.	All ranks except those engaged in essential duties and air raid measures will take shelter.
AIR RAID GREEN	Raiders have left the area or the threat of a raid is NO longer imminent.	Normal routine will be resumed without delay.

During the hours of darkness the YELLOW warning will NOT be used, the RED warning being timed to give approx 10 minutes interval before possible attack.

THE TERM ALARM WILL NOT BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH AIR RAID WARNINGS.

Sirens will not be used for transmitting warnings.

3. ISSUE OF AIR RAID WARNINGS

Warnings normally originate from RAAF Fighter Sector and are passed by AA Gun Ops Room to Frt HQ from which YELLOW, RED or GREEN Warnings will be issued to units. Units within Frt perimeter will NOT originate any such warnings for transmission to other Units. In an emergency Lets outside Frt perimeter, if attacked or about to be attacked by hostile A/C, will act in accordance with para 6. Warning of the presence of hostile A/C being passed to Frt HQ by the fastest method.

Raid warnings will be issued by Frt HQ on a priority basis through Signal exchanges. Certain Units are responsible for passing raid warnings to neighbouring Units while all Units will be responsible for warning their own sub-Units. Priority lists and exchanges are issued to those concerned as appx A - E to these instns.

4. PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

(i) Morale: Unnecessary disruption of work and premature movement to shelter will be checked, similarly any tendency to panic. The efficacy of slit trenches against air attack has been abundantly demonstrated. The attitude of pers towards air attack is a true index of unit morale and control.

(ii) Shelters: Where Frt defences are NOT close to offices and lines slit trenches will be provided under unit arrangements. These should be adequate for the strength of the unit concerned. Shallow trenches affort little protection against local air bursts or strafing but in an extremity if caught in the open tps will lie face downward in the nearest depression, gutter or fold in the ground.

Wherever practicable drainage will be provided for slit trenches and weapon pits. Units are responsible that anti-mosquito precautions are taken with the trenches in their own area.

Where the ground is rocky traversed sangars may be constructed as an alternative to slit trenches.

(iii) AALMG posts: As protection against strafing attacks AALMG posts will be established by all units equipped with automatic weapons. Dets will be organized and trained to man these posts automatically on receipt of the RED warning. Subsequent protective action will be in accordance with para 6.

(iv) Fire Spotting: Each unit will organize a fire spotting det which will maintain a close watch over the surrounding area for incend bombs or other outbreak of fire, burst water mains, or broken power and telephone lines. These occurences will be reported as soon as practicable to Frt HQ. Fires and incend bombs will be dealt with by the nearest unit in accordance with their Standing Orders for Fire Fighting.

(v) Personnel equipment: Steel helmets will be worn throughout the period of the RED warning. Personal arms will be carried by all ranks proceeding to shelters. In tps lines weapons will be kept readily available for emergency.

(vi) Control: COs will organize their units to ensure movement to shelters is an orderly procedure, that all ranks during the period of the RED warning remain under cover, and that officers if available or senior WOs or NCOs are in charge of shelter areas. The latter will control their pers, take any emergency action necessary, and control any engagement of low-flying A/C in accordance with para 6.

5. AIRCRAFT RECOGNITION AND REPORTS

All ranks will be trained in the rapid identification of Allied and enemy A/C. It will be impressed on them that information of unidentified or hostile A/C must be passed immediately to their superiors.

All unidentified or suspicious A/C will be reported to Frt HQ by the fastest means. The following matters will also be reported:

(i) Crashed A/C - identity and approx location.

(ii) Stranded pilots - approx bearing and distance.

(iii) Parachute descents, flares, mines or other abnormal occurence - description & approx bearing.

(iv) Bombed areas - location to be reported by nearest unit.

Reports must NOT be delayed by lack of complete information but further reports will be submitted as necessary. Before submitting reports some check of their authenticity should be made, corroboration should be sought where necessary and original reports confirmed or discounted.

6. CONTROL OF GROUND FIRE AGAINST HOSTILE AIRCRAFT

With the exception of Hy A.A. units, which will act in accordance with AADC's standing orders, tps will NOT fire on any A/C unless:

(i) the A/C has been clearly recognised as hostile.

(ii) attack by the A/C with bombs and/or gunfire.

Such hostile A/C will be engaged by all available fire, including SA, which must be concentrated and controlled. Controlled fire is to be interpreted in terms of command rather than in terms of mechanical fire control methods.

Unit Comds will ensure that the foregoing instns are complied with and that fire is controlled by sub-unit Comds. Indiscriminate fire against A/C will be summarily checked.

7. BOMBED AREAS

Bombed areas are automatically out of bounds to all ranks except those whose duties require them to enter. Souveniring after air raids is strictly prohibited. Owing to the danger of severe burns from chemicals used in explosive fillings all pers are warned against handling bomb fragments.

Unexploded or suspected unexploded bombs will always be treated as highly dangerous. Positions will be marked with a red flag or other danger sign and Frt HQ informed. In occupied areas a danger circle of 50 yards radius will be established around each UXB by the nearest unit and a sentry posted to warn pers to keep clear. UXBs will be recovered or disposed of by qualified bomb disposal personnel only under the authority of the Frt Comd.

8. ENTERTAINMENTS

In the event of hostile A/C approaching DARWIN area Comds responsible for sponsoring cinema shows and other entertainments will ensure that gatherings are instructed to disperse in an orderly manner. Performances will immediately cease and lights doused as soon as practicable. It is essential that any tendency to rush or stampede is checked at the outset. Large gatherings in restricted areas at night and about the full moon period particularly are to be avoided.

9. LIGHTING RESTRICTIONS:

The following instructions will apply to all lighting within Frt perimeter and to Frt Bats outside:

(i) All interior lights will be screened to ensure that no direct rays are visible from outside the building or tent.

(ii) Unscreened or naked lights will NOT be used in the open.

(iii) Flood lighting is prohibited except with Frt Comd's prior approval. Where the use of floodlighting is approved all such lights will be screened against air observation and view from seawards. The illumination will be restricted to the essential ground area. Special precautions will be taken by the responsible officer that these restrictions apply at all times and that the floodlighting is immediately extinguished on the RED warning.

(iv) Office lights will be screened so as to illuminate office tables only.

(v) All offices and buildings requiring light during air raids will have the windows effectively blacked out.

(vi) Special precautions will be taken to ensure no lights are visible seawards.

9. LIGHTING RESTRICTIONS (CONT)

(vii) On the RED warning all unessential lighting will be immediately extinguished. COs are responsible that their unit areas are inspected as soon as practicable after the issue of the RED warning to ensure blackout conditions prevail.

(viii) As motor veh headlights are visible by night at long distance all unnecessary veh movement and exposure of headlights will be avoided during alert conditions. During RED warning conditions only those engaged on essential duty are permitted to move within Frt area. The speed of those vehs must be consistent with safety. Essential duties are defined as those connected with first aid, fire fighting, provost, urgent repair work and operations.

All other vehs must pull off the road as far as practicable. Headlights will be doused but parking lights will be exposed.

(ix) COs will inspect their unit lighting restrictions at frequent intervals and rectify all irregularities. Summary action will be taken against offenders and offending units.

(x) All ranks will recognise the need for these restrictions in the interest of general safety. Irregularities will be reported to the Frt Comd.

10. Ack.

[signature]
Major.
G S DARWIN FORTRESS.

Issued at 1415 hrs 26 May 44

Method of issue D.R.L.S.

Appendix A	Units	to	be	warned	by	HQ DARWIN Fortress
Appendix B	"	"	"	"	"	LARRAKEYAH Exchange
Appendix C	"	"	"	"	"	DARWIN Exchange
Appendix D	"	"	"	"	"	FORTRESS Exchange
Appendix E	"	"	"	"	"	VESTEYS Exchange

In the event of a unit or detachment in possession of a copy of these orders leaving the Fortress Area the copy will be returned to HQ DARWIN Fortress.

DISTRIBUTION:

Fortress Fd Regt	Copy	1/5
Fortress Tk A Bty	"	6
Coast Arty (AIF) DARWIN	"	7/13
4 Aust AA Group (AIF)	"	14/21
9 Aust AA & Frt Coy RAE	"	22
AA & Frt Sigs NT	"	23/25
Fortress Sig Office	"	26
Larrakeyah Exchange	"	27
Fortress Inf Bn	"	28
Fortress Workshops AEME	"	29
3 Aust Radio Maint Sec	"	30
6 Aust Camf Unit	"	31
For Information		
HQ NT Force	Copy	32
NOIC DARWIN	"	33
HQ 14 L of C Sub Area	"	34
Darwin Essential Services (Control) Committee	"	35
US Base Sec One	"	36
US NAVY	"	37
2/3 Aust Docks Opg Coy (AIF)	"	38
9 Aust Docks Opg Coy	"	39
2 Pl 1 Aust Port Maint Coy	"	40
19 Aust Works Coy	"	41
27 Aust Works Coy	"	42
15 Aust Water Transport Opg Coy	"	43
10 Aust Army Tps Coy	"	44
49 Aust Depot Cash Office	"	45
85 Aust Dental Unit (F Sec Parap)	"	46
75 Pl 11 Aust Sup Depot Coy	"	47
74 Pl 11 Aust Sup Depot Coy	"	48
39 Pl 5 Aust Fd Bakery Coy (AIF)	"	49
3 Aust Fd Butchering Coy (AIF)	"	50
3 Aust Bulk Petrol Storage Coy	"	51
MAC	"	52
HQ 2 Coy 17 L of C Sigs	"	53
Darwin Sig Office	"	54
129 A G H	"	55
82 F O D	"	56
HQ 5 Aust Movement Control Gp	"	57
APO	"	58
NT Force Press Unit	"	59
AACS	"	60
AES	"	61
Area Camp Staff (Type C)	"	62
Regulating Office GHQ	"	63
2 Aust Army Pro Coy	"	64
F.E.L.O.	"	65
Det Directorate of Public Relations	"	66
RAAF 52 OBU	"	67
RAAF 105 Fighter Sector	"	68
RAAF Movements Darwin	"	69
RAAF Marine Sec	"	70
RAAF 7 RSU	"	71
AWC Town Yard	"	72
CIVIL PDLICE	"	73
WAR DIARY	"	74/75
FILE	"	76
SPARES	"	77/87

	RESPONSIBLE FOR WARNING
HQ DARWIN FORTRESS DUTY OFFICER	LARRAKEYAH Exchange (See Appx B) FORTRESS Exchange (See Appx D) FORTRESS FD REGT 4 AUST AA OPS ROOM Warns 4 AUST AA GP HQ 4 AUST HAA BTY 19 AUST HAA BTY

19 AUST HAA BTY	Warns D A D P R (R) F E L O (R)

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APPX "B"

TO DARWIN FORTRESS OP INSTR NO 21

	RESPONSIBLE FOR WARNING
LARRAKEYAH EXCHANGE	FRT COND
	GOC's RESIDENCE
	DARWIN EXCHANGE (See Appx C)
	NAVY
	129 A G H
	FORTRESS INF BN Warns 27 AUST WORKS COY (R)
	US ARMY SWITCH Warns US NAVY SWITCH
	LARRAKEYAH PICTURES (Entertainment nights only)
	9 AUST AA & FRT COY RAE
	AA & FRT SIGS NT
	FORTRESS WKSHPS Warns 3 AUST RADIO MAINT SEC (R)
	FORTRESS TK A BTY
	WINNELLIE EXCHANGE
	AMPHIBIOUS TRG SCHOOL
	M A C
	LARRAKEYAH R A P
	BRIGS RES AMPHIB TRG
	AMMUNITION SEC
	RAAF MOVEMENTS
	ADV HQ NT FORCE (DUTY OFFR)

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APPX "C"

TO DARWIN FORTRESS OP INSTN NO 21

	RESPONSIBLE FOR WARNING	
DARWIN EXCHANGE	2 AUST ARMY FRO COY Warns	49 AUST DEPOT CASH OFFICE (R) A P O (R) D E S (C) C (R) HIRINGS OFFICER (R)
	POWER HOUSE	
	IO AUST ARMY TROOPS COY	
	VESTEYS EXCHANGE (See Appx E)	
	TRANSPORT DISPERSAL AREA	
	2/3 AUST DOCKS OP COY Warns	9 AUST DOCKS OPG COY(R)
	TOWN JETTY	
	TIMBER JETTY	
	BOOM JETTY	
	5 AUST MOVEMENT CONTROL GP Warns	GHQ REGULATING OFFICE(R)
	HQ 2 COY 17 L OF C SIGS	
	82 F O D	
	A A C S	
	3 AUST B P S COY	
	R T.O Warns	STATION MASTER (R) M F O (R)
	CIVIL POLICE	
	15 AUST WATER TPT OP COY	
	60 AUST CORP FD PARK	
	NT FORCE PRESS UNIT	
	A W C STAFF LESS Warns	A W C TOWN YARD (R)
	CAMOFLEURS	

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APPX "D"

TO DARWIN FORTRESS OP INSTN NO 21

	RESPONSIBLE FOR WARNING
FORTRESS EXCHANGE	F C COAST ARTY MAOU (LDE PT)

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APPX "E"

TO DARWIN FORTRESS OP INSTN NO 21

	RESPONSIBLE FOR WARNING
VESTEYS EXCHANGE	AREA CAMP STAFF R A P & MAINT PL I AUST DIV SALVAGE UNIT 74 PL II AUST DEPOT SUPPLY 75 PL II AUST DEPOT SUPPLY 39 PL 5 AUST FD BAKING COY 3 AUST FD BUTCHERING COY

Headquarters,
DARWIN Fortress (AIF)

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LOCATION STATEMENT FOR DARWIN FORTRESS

as at 2359 hrs 27 MAY 44.

Reference Map:- DARWIN 1 inch to 1 Mile & SOUTHPORT 1 inch to 1 mile.

UNIT	LOCATION	COMD OR REMARKS
HQ UNITS		
HQ DARWIN Fortress	790088	
Det 26 Aust FS Sec (AIF)	801110	Fortress
FIELD ARTY		
2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt (AIF)	793087	"
2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt Sig Sec	793087	"
21 Fd Bty	807103	"
"A" Tp	803101	"
"B" Tp	816106	"
22 Fd Bty	815089	"
"C" Tp	815089	"
"D" Tp	815089	"
61 Fd Bty	787088	"
"E" Tp	793090	"
"F" Tp	784091	"
103 Tk/A Regt		
9 Aust Tk/A Bty	802128	"
COAST ARTY		
HQ Coast Arty DARWIN (AIF)	782142	"
EAST Bty	782152	"
DUDLEY Bty	778150	"
EMERY Bty	778094	"
WEST Sec	717113	"
VAUGITE Bty	698126	"
ELLIOTT Sec	781189	"
AA DEFENCES		
HQ 4 Aust AA Gp (LE) (AIF)	787090	"
4 Aust AA Ops Room (Type A) (AIF)	913109	"
HQ 4 Aust HAA Bty (Static)(HE)(AIF)	896116	"
HAA Site 427(Tp458)(")(")(Berrimah)	896120	"
" " 426(" 381)(")(")(Quarantine)	893067	"
HQ 19 Aust HAA Bty (")(")	798092	"
HAA Site 358(Tp358)(")(")(McMillans)	852180	"
" " 359(" 359)(")(")(Fanny Bay)	800139	"
" " 360(" 360)(")(")(Oval)	808079	"
HQ 161 Aust LAA Bty	807094	"
"E" Tp HQ	854124	"
L1	834161	"
L2	845148	"
L3	838145	"
L4	854140	"
L5	855129	"
L6	843129	"
"F" Tp HQ	807094	"
L7	787086	"
L8	796087	"
L9	803083	"
L10	813075	"
L11	818079	"
L12	815082	"
HQ 65 Aust Mob SL Bty	810108	"
"B" Tp	857163	"
"C" Tp	729053	"
"D" Tp	857163	"
HQ 129 Hy SL Tp	719103	"
HQ 70 Aust Mob SL Bty	904115	"
"A" Tp	979979	"
"B" Tp	934113	"
"C" Tp	934113	"
"D" Tp	784087	"
ENGINEERS		
HQ 9 Aust AA & Frt Coy	790091	"
42 Aust Frt Wks Sec	790091	"
43 Aust Frt Wks Sec Sec	790091	"
1 Aust Electrical & Mechanical Installation	782152	"
6 Aust Camflg Unit	722142	"

UNIT	LOCATION	DUE TO MOVE TO
SIGNALS		
AA and Frt Signals NT	787090	Fortress
201 Aust AA Comp Sig Sec	787090	" Attached
Det 36 Aust Cypher Sec	789088	" Frt Sigs
INFANTRY		
HQ 5 Aust Inf Bn	S15105	"
A.E.M.E.		
Frt Wkshops DARWIN	Larrakeyah	"
2/70 Aust LAD (Type A)	792087	" Attached
3 Aust Radio Maintenance Sec	Larrakeyah	" 2/11.
DENTAL		
75 Aust Dental Unit (Type B) Sec	Parap	"
85 Aust Dental Unit (Type B) Sec	Parap	"
129 AGH Det	793095	"
PAY		
40 Aust Depot Cash Office (Type B) (AIF)	806089	14 L of C
ENGINEERS		
9 Aust Dock Op Coy	788089	"
2/3 Aust Docks Op Coy	788089	"
2 Pl 1 Aust Port Maintenance Coy	788089	" Attached
60 Aust Corps Fd Park Coy	Vesteys	ForceTps2/3 Docks.
19 Aust Works Coy	825140	14 L of C
27 Aust Works Coy	Parap	"
NT Coastal Recce Unit (AIF)	DARWIN	"
15 Aust Water Tpt Op Coy (Small Craft)	726087	"
Sec 21 Aust Maint Pl	Vesteys	"
10 Aust Army Tps Coy	807098	"
SIGNALS		
25 Aust Carrier Pigeon Loft	Larrakeyah	"
HQ 3 Coy 17 Aust L of C Signals	805091	17 L of C Sigs
DARWIN Signal Office	811081	"
HQ 1 Coy 1 Aust Line Const Gp	787090	"
A.A.S.C.		
11 Aust Sup Depot Coy 75 Pl (AIF)(Sec Food Det	Vesteys	14 L of C
" " " " " 74 " (")(DID)	Vesteys	"
39 Pl- 5 Aust Fd Bakering Coy (AIF)	Vesteys	"
3 Aust Fd Butchering Coy (AIF)	Vesteys	"
3 Aust Bulk Petrol Storage Coy	812082	"
Det 1 Aust M.A.C.	799093	"
MEDICAL		
129 AGH	793095	"
Det 10Aust Anti-Malaria Control Units (TypeA)	798093	"
ORDNANCE		
82 Fd Ord Depot	806100	"
Det 12 Aust Mob Laundry & Fwd Decn Unit	793095	"
PROVOST		
Det 2 Aust Army Pro Coy	806090	"
MISCELLANEOUS		
HQ 5 Aust Movement Control Gp	806088	"
Det APO (065)	806089	"
NT Printing and Press Unit	796090	"
Det 1 Aust Div Salvage	Vesteys	"
Det Aust Army Canteens	807083	"
" " " "	Vesteys	"
Det Directorate of Public Relations	800092	Force Tps.
A.E.S.	Larrakeyah	
Area Camp Staff (Type C)	Vesteys	14 L of C
F.E.L.O.	708095	
Regulating Officer G.H.Q.	801088	
US Base Sec One	802086	US ARMY
US Navy HQ	810082	US NAVY
R.A.A.F.		
Det C.R.U.	811123	
7 R.S.U.	811123	
RAAF Marine Sec	797087	
RAAF Movements DARWIN	809087	

Capt.

for Major GS DARWIN Fortress.

DISTRIBUTION	COPY NO
HQ NT Force	1
2/11 Aust Army Fd Regt	2
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4 Aust AA Gp	4
9 AA and Frt Coy	5
AA & Frt Signals	6
5 Aust Inf Bn	7
DARWIN Signal Office	8
DAA & QMG	9
Staff Captain	10
War Diary	11 -12
Int Section	13

Units will check their locations with this statement and advise HQ DARWIN Fortress immediately of any alterations or amendments.

All previous locationstatements issued by this HQ will be destroyed by fire.

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Headquarters
DARWIN FORTRESS (AIF)
May 44

Copy No 74

DARWIN FORTRESS OP INSTN NO 21

AIR RAID INSTNS

AMENDMENT NO 1

The following amendments to Darwin Frt Op Instn No 21 - Air Raid Instns, will be made to all copies forthwith.

(1) PAGE 4

(i) Delete "Appx C Units to be warned by DARWIN EXCHANGE"
Insert "Appx F " " " " " F " " "

(ii) Add "Appx G Units to be warned by MOVEMENT CONTROL EXCHANGE"

(iii) Add " Appx H Units to be warned by WINNELLIE EXCHANGE"

(2) (i) "Appx C" TO BE DESTROYED BY FIRE.
"Appx F" attached, replaces Appx C

(ii) Add "Appx G" attached, after Appx E
Add "Appx H" attached.

(iii) Appx E
Add after 3 Aust Fd Butchering Coy
"11 Aust Works and Parks Coy"

(3) Ack.

T D [illegible] Baker

Major.
G S DARWIN FORTRESS.

Distribution as per DARWIN FORTRESS OP INSTN NO 21 of 26 May 44.

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APPX F

TO DARWIN FORTRESS OP INSTN NO 21

	RESPONSIBLE FOR WARNING	
DARWIN EXCHANGE	2 AUST ARMY TPS COY Warns	49 AUST DEPOT CASH OFFICE (R)
		APC (R)
		DES(C)C (R)
		HIRINGS OFFICE (R)
	POWER HOUSE	
	10 AUST ARMY TPS COY	
	VESTEYS EXCHANGE (SEE APPX E)	
	MOVEMENT CONTROL EXCHANGE (SEE APPX C)	
	2/3 AUST DOCKS OP COY Warns	9 AUST DOCKS OP COY (R)
	HQ 2 COY 17 AUST L OF C SIGS	
	82 F O D	
	A A C S	
	3 AUST BPC COY	
	CIVIL POLICE	
	15 AUST WATER TPT OP COY	
	RT FORCE PRINTING AND PRESS UNIT	
	AWC STAFF MESS Warns	AWC TOWN YARD (R)
	CAMOFLEURS	

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APPX G

TO DARWIN FORTRESS OF INSTN NO 21

	RESPONSIBLE FOR WARNING
MOVEMENT CONTROL EXCHANGE	5 AUST MOVEMENT CONTROL GP
	TRANSPORT DISPERSAL AREA
	TOWN JETTY
	TIMBER JETTY
	BOOM JETTY
	GHQ REGULATING OFFICER
	RTC DARWIN Warns STATION MASTER (R)
	H F O (R)

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APPX H

TO DARWIN FORTRESS OF INSTN NO 21

	RESPONSIBLE FOR WARNING
WINNELLIE EXCHANGE	19 AUST WORKS COY

NOTE: Where "(R)" is shown after units, sub units, or persons to be warned, runner or intra unit telephone system ONLY will be used.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

COLONEL F.N.MURSE

COMMANDER

DARWIN FORTRESS

SERIAL 23 (Paras 116 - 119) 30 MAY 44

Para 116 GUARD - SECURITY - HQ DARWIN FORTRESS

Frt Inf Bn will provide the Security Guard for week commencing Fri 2 Jun 44.

STRENGTH	: 1 Sgt and 7 ORs.
DRESS	: Full Marching Order.
EQUIPMENT	: Bedding and Messing Gear will be provided by Frt Inf Bn.
RATIONS & QUARTERS	: Provided by HQ DARWIN FORTRESS.
DUTIES	: As per Guard Standing Orders.

Guard will report to Orderly NCO HQ DARWIN FORTRESS at 1630 hrs Fri 2 JUN 44.

NEXT FOR DUTY : Frt Fd Regt commencing Fri 9 JUN 44.

Para 117 PICQUET - HIGHTCLIFFS NON-EFH DUMP

Frt Inf Bn will provide the picquet for week commencing Fri 2 JUN 44.

NCO i/c will report to Hygiene Inspector at 0900 hrs at HIGHTCLIFFS FOP on the day above stated.

NEXT FOR DUTY

Frt Fd Regt commencing Fri 9 JUN 44.

Para 118 ENGR WORKS & SERVICES - FRT ADM

Attention is again directed to HQ DARWIN Frt Adm Instn 24 of 14 Aug 43 and Routine Order para 36 of 15 Feb 44.

2. The instns contained in the abovementioned orders MUST be complied with. Variations from these instns will not be considered.

3. Adm Instn 24 is amended by adding para 5 shown hereunder:-

"5. Units will not submit demands on engr stores for initial issue or replacement of stores shown on unit WET or SOET. Such stores must be requisitioned on Ordnance."

4. HQ DARWIN Frt RO para 113 of 23 May 44 is cancelled.

Para 119 ORDNANCE UNIT ACCOUNT NUMBERS

The following extract from D.O.S. Instn No.72/44 of 10 May 44 is repeated for the information of units:-

"

1. The practice of allotting new Ordnance unit account numbers to units having moved from one L of C Area to another will cease as from 1 Jul 44.

2. The account number being used by each unit on 1 Jul 44 will be given a prefix, as shown below, according to the area in which the unit is located at that date. Thenceforward each unit will retain that number and prefix irrespective of its location. A number (in conjunction with a particular prefix) once allotted will not subsequently be allotted to any other unit even if the original unit has been disbanded.

Area in which located on 1 Jul 44	Prefix
QUEENSLAND	Q
NEW SOUTH WALES	N
VICTORIA	V
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	S
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	W
TASMANIA	T
NORTHERN TERRITORY	NT
NEW GUINEA	NG

3. A new unit will be allotted an account number (with prefix) by DDOS etc. of the L of C Area in which it is raised.

4. Account numbers are allotted for identification purposes in all transactions with the Ordnance Service. DDOS etc. L of C Area will take any necessary action to ensure that all units whether in existence or raised at a later date, are aware of this and are instructed to endorse all pages of War Equipment Tables, E2(a) Extracts, indents, vouchers etc., with the unit's Ordnance account number, complete with prefix, e.g. "A/C NG 125". "

A.J. Williams

Major.

DAA & QMG DARWIN FORTRESS.
(A.J. WILLIAMS)

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Headquarters
DARWIN FORTRESS (AIF)
[illegible] MAY 44

CIRCULAR

QUOTE:- Amen 2/11

COMBINED SERVICES CONCERT PARTY

1. The above concert party comprising pers from NAVY, ARMY and AIR FORCE units in this area will present a variety show entitled HOTEL TROPICAL at the "Star" theatre DARWIN on Thur 1 Jun 44 (Army and RAAF pers) Fri 2 Jun 44 (NAVY and Army pers) commencing at 2015 hrs.

2. Accomodation is limited and admission will be by ticket only. Allotment of tickets is enclosed. In the event of a unit not being able to fulfil it's quota, HQ DARWIN Frt should be notified and the tickets returned forthwith.

3. The use of tpt will be limited to an absolute minimum of tp carrying vehs from outlying units. Tpt will be parked on the left hand side of Smith St between Peel St (Inter Church Club) and Knuckey St, where all debussing and embussing will take place , and will be under Prov supervision. COs of units will be responsible for the security of their own vehs at all times.

4. Picquets and working parties will be provided as under.-

Date	Unit to supply	Picquet or working party	Strength	Remarks
1 Jun44	2/11 Aust A Fd Regt	Picquet	1 Sgt 4 ORs	Picquet will report to Amenities Offr at entrance to theatre at 1830 hrs. Duties (1) Collect tickets from all Army pers before admission to theatre. (2) Refuse admission to the following.- (a) Pers who debuss in vicinity of theatre. (b) pers who are improperly dressed. (c) Pers who are NOT in possession of a ticket. (3) Direct Army pers to that portion of the theatre reserved for their use.
2 Jun44	5 Aust Inf Bn	Picquet	do	as above.
2 Jun44	Coast Arty DARWIN	Working Party	1 NCO 6 ORs	Report to caretaker Star Theatre at 0900 and clean the area as required.
3 Jun	5 Aust Inf Bn	Working Party	do	as above.

[illegible] Lt
A.O. DARWIN FORTRESS.

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Headquarters
DARWIN FORTRESS (AIF)
10 MAY 44

QUOTE: AMEN 3/1

CIRCULAR

AUST AMENITIES SERVICE MOBILE CINEMA NO 71

The above cinema equipment has arrived in this area and will give regular showings as follows:-

11 May 44 - TALC COVE AASL Sta
12 May 44 - PICNIC COVE AASL Sta
13 May 44 - WAUGITE Coast Arty Bty (Film exchange by boat 14 May)
14 May 44 - WAUGITE Coast Arty Bty - New Programme
15 May 44 - PICNIC COVE AASL Sta
16 May 44 - TALC COVE AASL Sta
17 May 44 - HERRIMAH AA Gun Sta
18 May 44 - QUARANTINE AA Gun Sta
19 May 44 - McMILLANS AA Gun Sta
20 May 44 - KNUCKEY's Lag AASL Sta
21 May 44 - Rest Day - Film Exchange
22 May 44 - Maintenance
23 May 44 & 24 May 44 - AASL Stas HIGHTOLIFFS Area
25 May 44 - TALC COVE AASL Sta
etc etc

2. Comd AA Defences has agreed to provide guides, and assistance in towing power unit as required.

Lt.
A O DARWIN FORTRESS.
(J.G. GROPLEY)

DISTRIBUTION:

Coast Arty (AIF) DARWIN (5)
AA Defences (Frt) (8)
WAR DIARY (2)
File

Aust Army Amenities Service NT Force - For infn

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Headquarters,
DARWIN Fortress (AIF)
13 MAY 44.

AMENDMENTS TO LOCATION STATEMENT
DARWIN FORTRESS DATED 27 APR 44

Ref Map:- DARWIN One inch to One mile.

	Location	Under Comd
Page 1		
COAST ARTY		
Add Elliot Pt Sec	781089	
Page 2		
ENGINEERS		
Delete 4 Pl 1 Aust Port Maint Coy	788089	
Delete 19 Aust Emp Coy	825140	
Insert 19 Aust Wks Coy	825140	
Delete 27 Aust Emp Coy	Parap	
Insert 27 Aust Wks Coy	Parap	
SIGNALS		
Delete 44 Aust Carrier Pigeon Loft	Larrakeyah	
Insert 25 Aust Carrier Pigeon Loft	Larrakeyah	
Add HQ 1 Coy 1 Aust Line Const Gp	787090	17 L of C Sigs
A A S C		
Delete one Pl 8 Aust Fd Butchering Coy	Vesteys	
MISCELLANEOUS		
Delete Det 12 Aust Div Salvage Unit	Vesteys	
Insert Det 1 Aust Div Salvage Unit	Vesteys	

Capt.
for Major, GS DARWIN Fortress.

War Diary

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

19 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6/5/1944 HQ DARWIN FORTRESS (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. VI/3/3. OFFRS. 9 O.R's. 25 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 2 ATT. BY W.E. 9-25

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'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
W.E.									
1			1	COLONEL *					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
3	HR	1	2	Majors					
3	HR	1	2	Captains					
2			2	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
9	HR	2	7						

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.		7									7
E.(1)											
E.(2)											

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) & 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.
VX114926	Capt	HANSON IK	COAST ARTY	2/5/44	Transferred to COAST ARTY

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).

W.E. SURPLUS AND DEFICIENCIES OFFICERS

	DEFICIENT	REMARKS REQD
Major		
Staff Offr Arty	I	NR
Capt		
A.A.L.C.	I	NR

Deficiencies have been brought about by issue of new WE VI/3/3 Recommendations have been submitted to HQ AT FORCE regarding re Allocation of duties and filling vacancies as per WE.

DARWIN FORTRESS (AIF) *Unit*

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6/5/1944 (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.
Lt Col T/Col	VX66236	HORNE	FE	COMD	YES		
Major	VX32860	WILLIAMS	AJ	[illegible]	YES		
Lt T/Maj	VX 6586	VON BIBRA	DD	GS II	NO	TAS L OF C AREA 28 DAYS ARL	2/4/44
Lt T/Capt	VX114230	WHITBY	BJ	SC	YES		
Lt T/Capt	VX114228	CRISWICK	WH	IO	YES		
Lieut	VX54998	BRENNAN	RB	-	YES		
Lieut	WX30345	EVANS	GO	EXC OFF	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.
Chaplain	DX888	COSGROVE JM	AACHD	12/10/43	RC AREA CHAPLAIN
"	QX109436	KREMER TC	"	26/1/44	C OF E AREA CHAPLAIN
Lieut	QX15678	CROPLEY JG	AAAS	11/9/43	Att as Ammunition Offr
Lieut	VX90709	BATEMAN EJ	COAST ARTY	9/1/44	Att for Duty
Capt	QX46017	WHITEHEAD LJ	AAMC	15/9/43	Att as Prt SMO
Lt T/Capt	VX118136	HYERS JS	2 HDR	12/4/44	Att as GS(II) Learner

SAT 6 MAY 44
Date of Despatch

[signature] for Colonel
Comd DARWIN FORTRESS.
Signature of Commander

Truth—7/43.

W.E. SURPLUS & DEFICIENCIES OFFICERS

	DEFICIENT	REINFTS REQD
Major		
Staff Offr Arty	I	NR
Capt		
A.A.L.C.	I	NR

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS 19 44 (Serial No.)

HQ DARWIN FORTRESS (AIF)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6/5/1944. _____ (Unit)

W.E. VI/3/3. OFFRS. 9 O.R's. 23 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 2 ATT. BY W.E. 9 - 25

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. Reinfts. Required.	W.E. Deficient W.E.	W.E. Surplus to W.E.	W.E. Posted Strength.	DETAIL. W.E.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. 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.					
2	NR	1		1 Staff Sergeants					
6	NR	2		4 Sergeants					
3	NR	1		2 Corporals					
12	NR	1		11 Troopers, Privates, etc. 2	A.A.C.C.	2			
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
23	NR *	5		18 * Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. 2		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. A	A.I.F. B	C.M.P. Under 19 Years.	C.M.P. 19 Years & over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A		16		3 1				[redacted]	[redacted]		20
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
2	HT FORCE		
3	COAST ARTY		
1	5 AUST AAD		
5	IQ/48 AUST INF BDE		
1	HQ 2 AUST INF BDE		

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).

W.E. DEFICIENCIES IN NCO's

			REINFTS REQD
S/Sgt	Clerk	I	NR
Sgt	Clerk	I	NR
Sgt	A.A.E.S.	I	NR
Cpl	A.A.L.C.	I	NR

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HQ DARWIN FORTRESS (AIF) ..... *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 6 / 5 /1944 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. 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 Menial			
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, Stnry. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanisers			
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				BATMEN	4	4	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				DRIVERS MT	4	3	NR
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	9	5		DUTY NCO	2	2	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				GEN DUTIES	2	2	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				HYG NCO	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concreters							
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	1	1		A.A.C.C.	2	2	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Asstn.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	10	6		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	25 *	20 *	

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. "Reinfs. 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 the part.

SAT 6 MAY 44
Date of Despatch

[signature] Lieut-Colonel
HQ DARWIN FORTRESS.
Signature of Commander

A.V. Gen Mis 2/10

W.E. DEFICIENCIES IN NCO's

			REINFTS REQD
S/Sgt	Clerk	1	NR
Sgt	Clerk	1	NR
Sgt	A.A.E.S.	1	NR
Cpl	A.A.L.C.	1	NR

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