

THEFT AND LOSS OF DEFENCE WEAPONS, MUNITIONS AND EXPLOSIVES

Key Message

- Defence takes the security of its weapons and munitions very seriously and has a range of measures in place to safeguard them. There were few incidents of theft or loss in the period January 2010 to February 2011.

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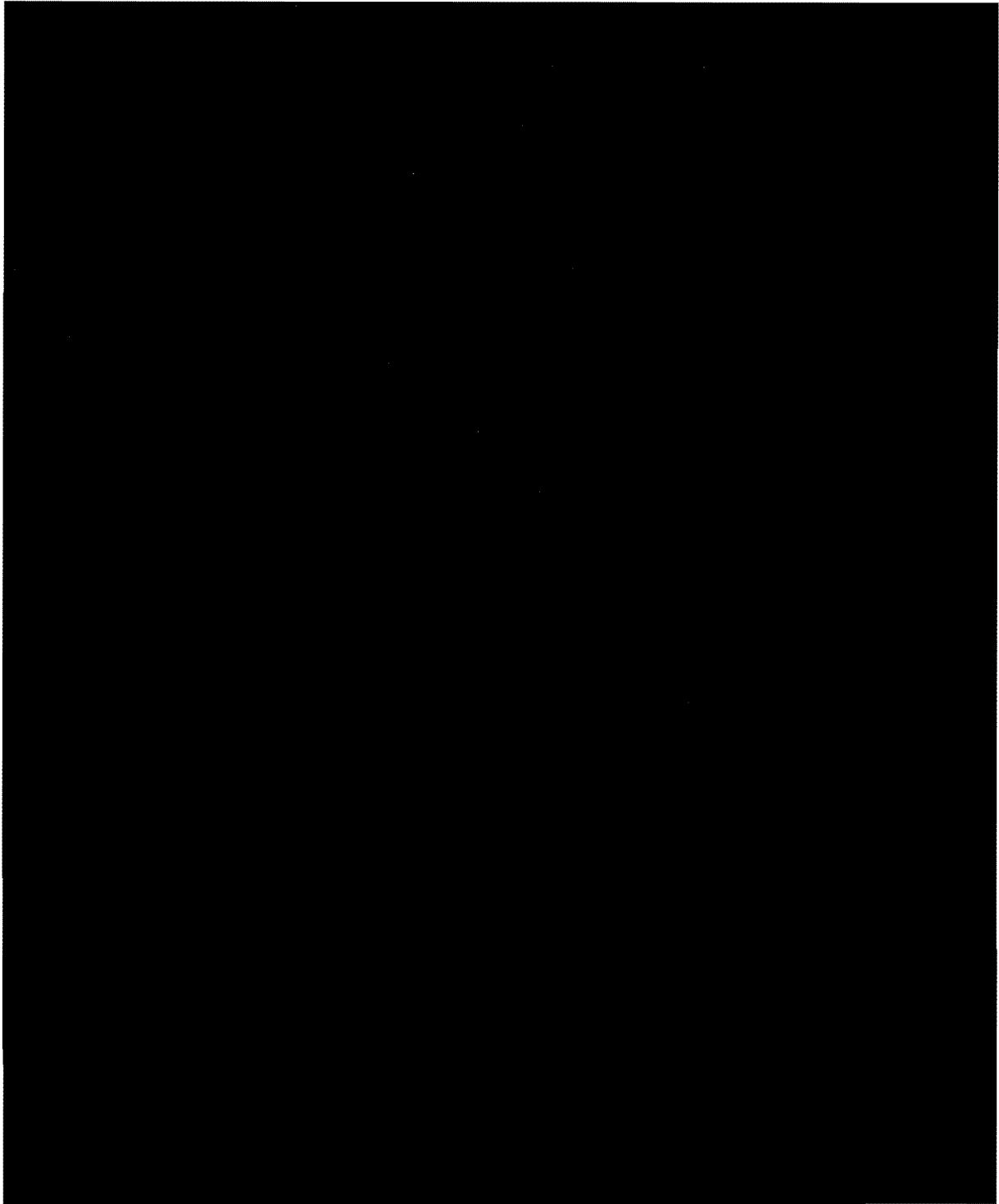
- The loss, theft and recovery of Defence weapons, munitions and explosives is a significant issue for Defence, affecting its reputation, public safety and the public's confidence in Defence's ability to control its equipment.

Current Situation

Loss/Theft

- Five weapons were lost in the period January 2010 - February 2011.
- 2010:
 - An F88 Steyr was lost during an exercise in Canberra in 2010. Investigations continue.
 - A 9mm pistol was lost overboard during boarding party operations off Western Australia in 2010. The pistol cannot be recovered.
 - Two 9mm pistols were lost on ADF operations in the Middle Eastern Area of Operations in 2010. Neither pistol has been recovered.
- 2011:
 - An F88 Steyr was lost on ADF operations in the Middle Eastern Area of Operations in 2011. The rifle cannot be recovered.





Way Ahead

- Defence continues to review its policy on securing and accounting for weapons and munitions, and to investigate reported loss and theft and both in Australia and overseas.

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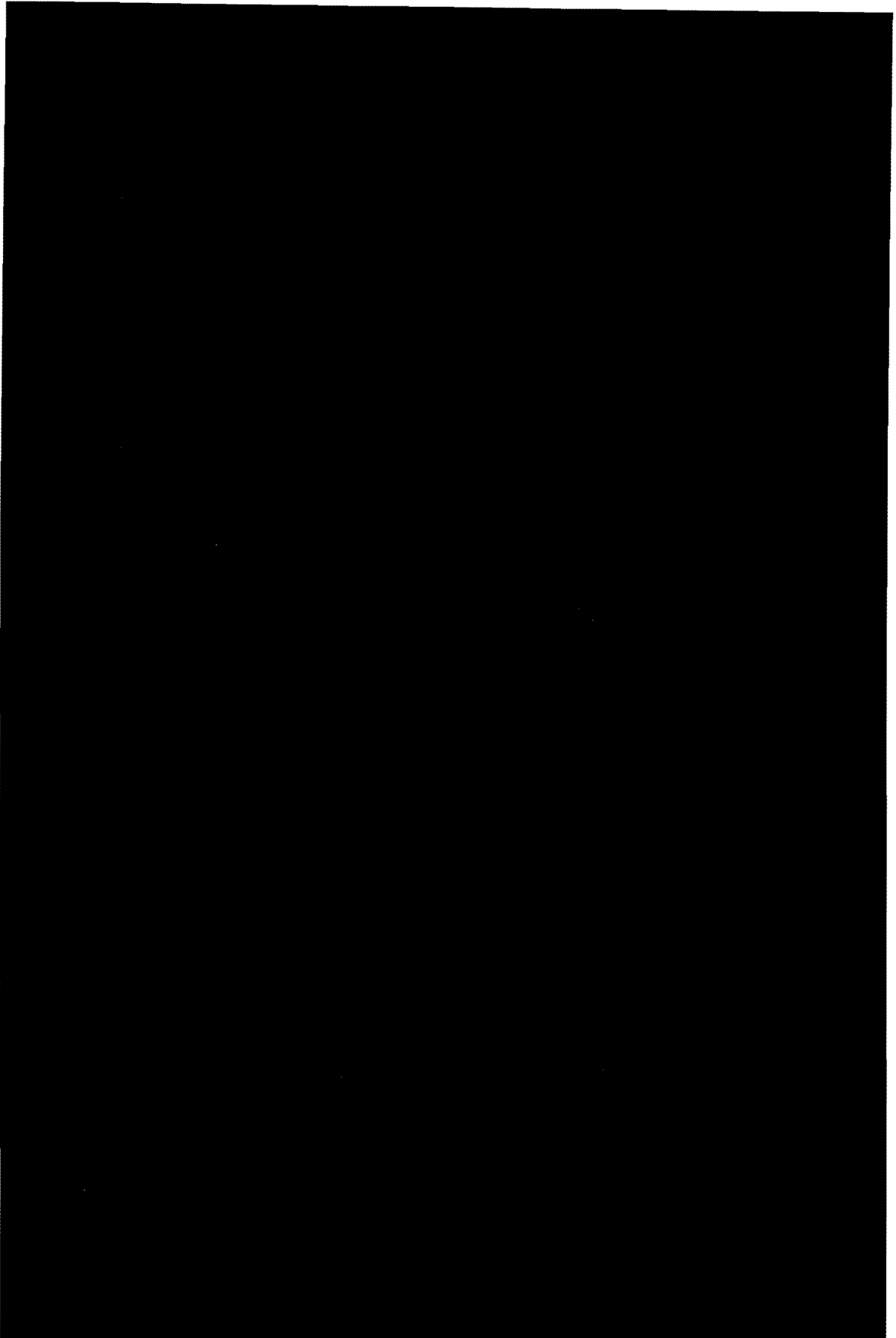
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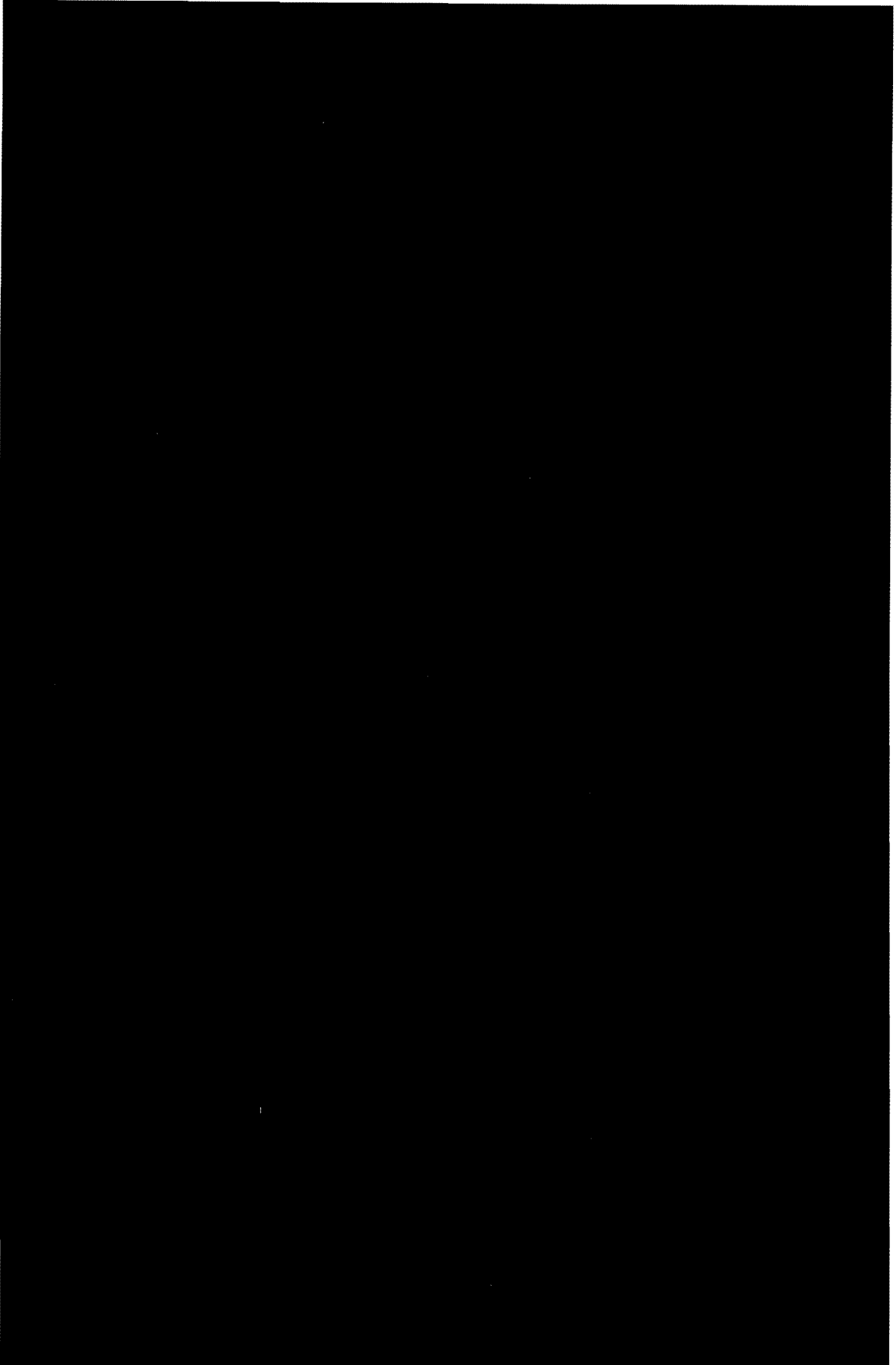
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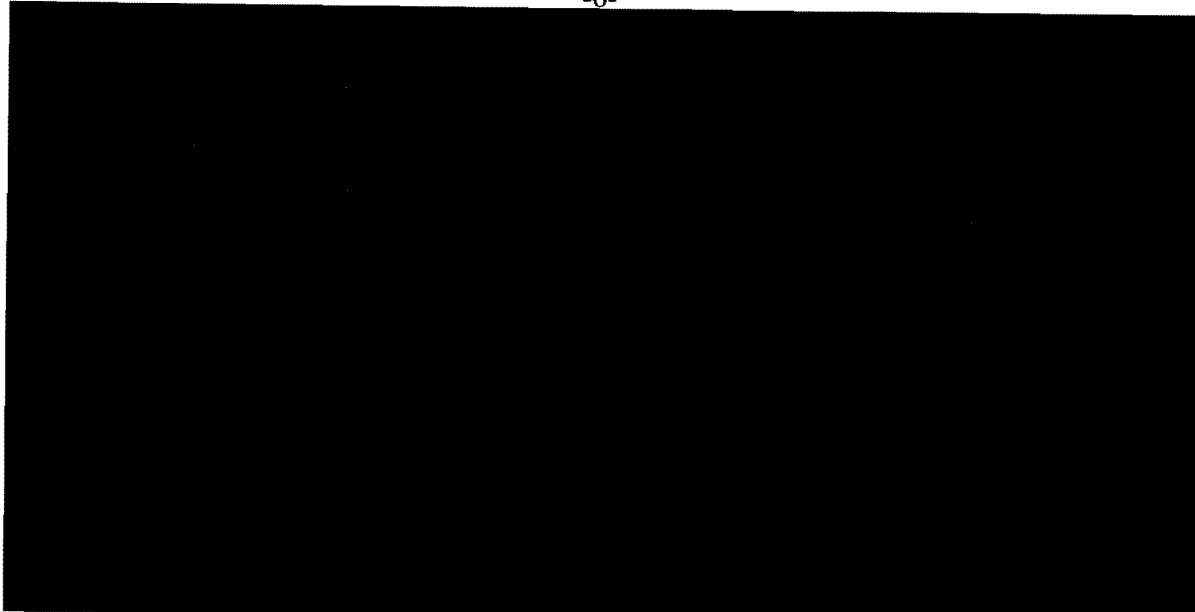
Weapon losses

- Canberra loss. On 14 Jul 10, an F88 went missing at Majura training range during an ADFA training exercise. ADFIS investigations are continuing.
- Boarding party loss. In Aug 10, a member of the Navy lost their pistol overboard during a boarding party operation in Western Australia. The pistol was unable to be recovered.
- MEAO losses.
 - During a routine patrol in Afghanistan in Apr 10 a member lost their 9mm pistol. Weapon not recovered.
 - During an operational activity in Afghanistan in Jul 10 a member lost their 9mm pistol. Weapon not recovered.
 - During an operation activity in Afghanistan in Jan 11 a member lost their F88 Steyr. Weapon not recovered.









Weapons, Munitions and Explosives Control Measures

- Defence has a range of measures in place to safeguard its weapons, munitions and explosives holdings, including:
 - Security policy that sets out security precautions and standards required for the storage, distribution and use of weapons, munitions and explosives.
 - Regular checks of weapons holdings:
 - at unit level, weapons are accounted for by 100 % musters conducted fortnightly;
 - at small warehouse level, a 100% stocktake is undertaken every three months;
 - at large warehouse level, a 12 month rolling stocktake is undertaken; and
 - at Defence level, an annual weapons census.
 - Regular checks of munitions and explosives holdings:
 - at unit level, a 100% stocktake is undertaken fortnightly;
 - at small warehouse level, a 100% stocktake is undertaken every three months; and
 - at large warehouse level, a 12 month rolling stocktake is undertaken.
 - Procedures for reporting and investigating loss or accounting anomalies involving weapons, munitions and explosives.
 - Requiring private companies involved in the storage, distribution and destruction of Defence weapons, munitions and explosives to be members of the Defence Industry Security Program.
 - Security checks on people involved in handling Defence weapons, munitions and explosives.
 - A program of security audits to evaluate the effectiveness of security measures at facilities (including ADF units) holding and managing weapons, munitions and explosives.
- Defence reviewed the effectiveness of its weapons and explosives ordnance security measures in 2007 in a comprehensive weapons, munitions and explosives security performance audit. The audit made 22 main and 36 sub-recommendations. 15

recommendations have been formally closed. 43 recommendations continue to be implemented.

- The last ADF weapons census was conducted on 13 May 2010. 99.99% of weapons were accounted for – the missing weapon being an AK47 (non-ADF issue).
 - AK-47 loss. This incident was reported to DSA in June 2009 and was included in the DSA 2009 WME Senate Estimates brief. This incident appears in the Defence 2010 weapons census due to the open investigation at the time of the census.

Processes and Procedures When Loss of WME is Determined

1. An item of Defence weapons, munitions or explosives is discovered missing or compromised.
2. The matter is reported immediately to the officer in charge of the item or group and a search is conducted for the item.
3. Once the loss is confirmed; it is reported through the chain of command and as a security incident to the Defence Security Authority. The unit also informs the Australian Defence Force Investigative Service of the loss.
4. The Defence Security Authority notifies the state police of any loss that could endanger public safety if it has not already been reported to them.
5. Where there have been serial criminal offences, the relevant jurisdiction will assume responsibilities for investigating the loss.
6. Where the state police, or other law enforcement agency, do not wish to investigate the matter, the Defence Security Authority allocates responsibilities for investigating the loss to within the Defence Security Authority or to the Australian Defence Force Investigative Service or local Service Police.
7. The results of the investigation conducted into the loss or compromise are actioned and any weakness in the Defence or local system is rectified.

Attachments:

1. Weapons Reported Missing in 2010

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3. Weapons Reported Missing From 1 January to 14 February 2011

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WEAPONS REPORTED MISSING FROM 1 JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2010

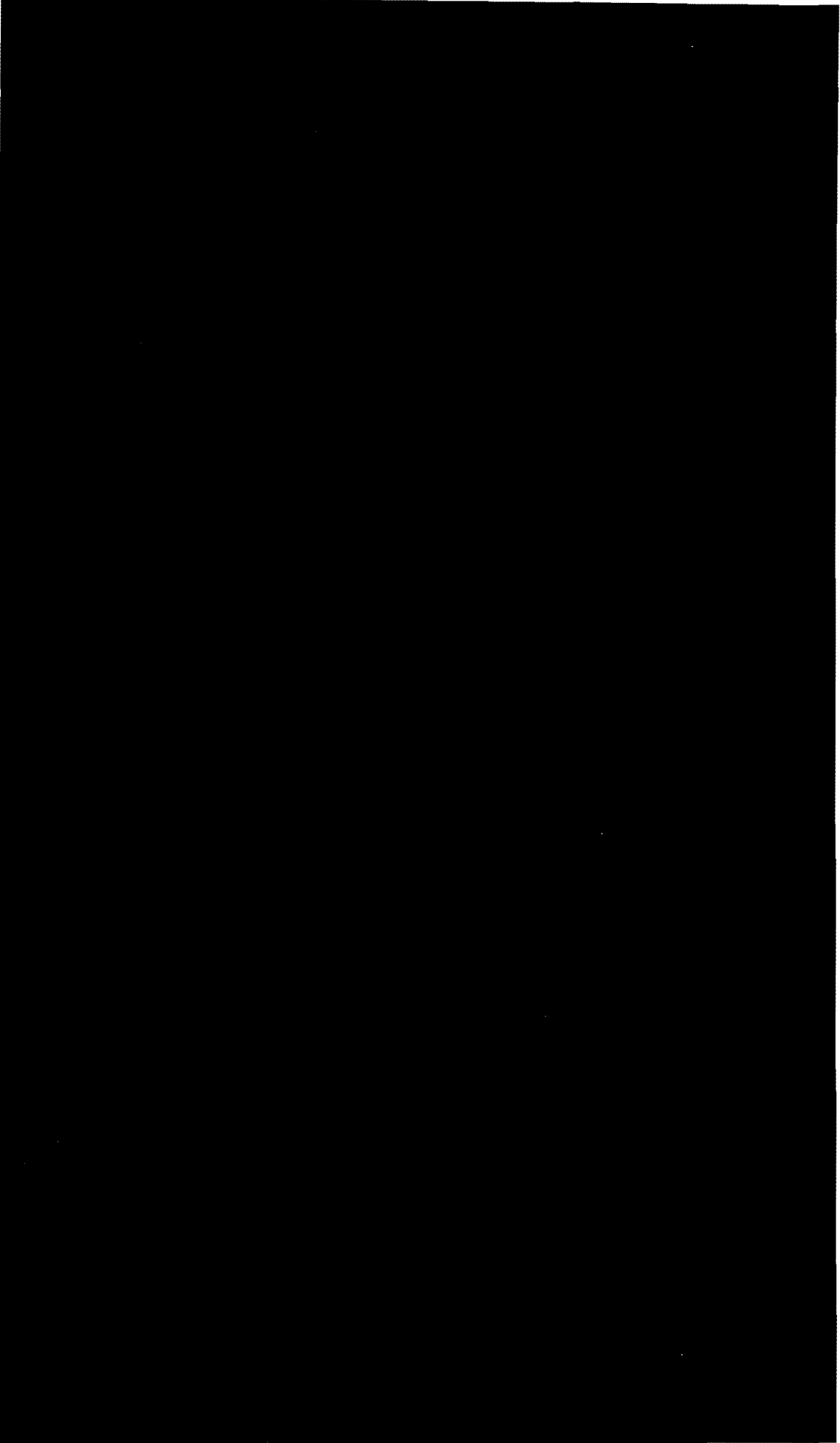
No.	DPSMS Reference	Date	Weapons Type	Incident Summary	Recovered	Circumstances	Investigation Status
1.1	IR-ADF01-WAG-2010-11	25 Feb 10	1 x F88	On 24 Feb 10, an F88 was reporting missing from the Kapooka training area. After further searches the F88 was located on 25 Feb 10 in the same area.	Yes	ADFIS Investigating	Active
1.2	IR-ADF01-AFG-2010-7	10 Apr 10	1 x F88	On 10 Apr 10, a member left their F88 in a restaurant in Afghanistan. The weapon was later found by Dutch forces and returned.	Yes	ADFIS Investigated	Closed
1.3	IR-DSA01-SIC-2010-366	18 Apr 10	3 x F88 2 x 9mm Pistol	During a routine stocktake, 3 x F88 and 2 x 9mm pistols were identified as missing. Subsequent searches identified that the items were miscounted.	Yes	Accounting Error	Closed
1.4	IR-ADF01-AFG-2010-10	25 Apr 10	1 x 9mm Pistol	During a routine patrol in Afghanistan, a member lost their 9mm Pistol. Weapon not recovered.	No	ADFIS Investigated	Closed
1.5	IR-ADF01-AFG-2010-12	15 May 10	1 x 9mm Pistol	On 14 May 10, Defence member left their pistol in the ablutions cubicle. The pistol was later returned by Defence personnel.	Yes	ADFIS Investigated	Closed

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1.6	IR-ADF01-AFG-2010-14	31 May 10	1 x F88	On 30 May 10, Defence member noticed their F88 was missing. Searches for the rifle located it hidden in another area. Member responsible unable to be identified.	Yes	ADFIS Investigated	Closed
1.7	IR-ARM04-DPDAR-2010-412	09 Jul 10	1 x F88	During a routine stocktake an F88 was missing in Robertson Barracks. Weapon was subsequently located in another armoury on base.	Yes	Army Investigated	Closed
1.8	IR-ADF01-ADFIS-2010-146	14 Jul 10	1 x F88	On 14 Jul 10, an F88 went missing at Majura training range during an ADFA training exercise. ADFIS investigations are continuing.	No	ADFIS Investigating	Active
1.9	IR-ADF01-AFG-2010-25	23 Jul 10	1 x 9mm Pistol	During an operational activity in Afghanistan a member lost his Pistol. The pistol has not been recovered.	No	ADFIS Investigated	Closed
1.10	INV-ADF01-ABU-2010-6	04 Aug 10	1 x MKIII Browning Pistol	During a routine stocktake a pistol was unable to be located. The pistol has been found.	Yes	ADFIS Investigated	Closed

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1.11	IR-ADF01-RBT-2010-72	23 Aug 10	1 x F88	At the conclusion of a training exercise an F88 was unable to be found at Mount Bundy. The weapon was subsequently located.	Yes	ADFIS Investigated	Closed
1.12	IR-DSA01-SIC-2010-939	28 Aug 10	1 x 9mm Pistol	On 27 Aug 10, a member of the Navy lost their pistol overboard during a boarding party operation in Western Australia. The pistol was unable to be recovered.	No	Navy Investigated	Closed
1.13	IR-DSA01-SIC-2010-1244 IR-ADF01-TIN-2010-19	15 Nov 10	1 x F88	During a routine muster an F88 was unable to be located. Investigation conducted and the F88 was located.	Yes	ADFIS	Closed

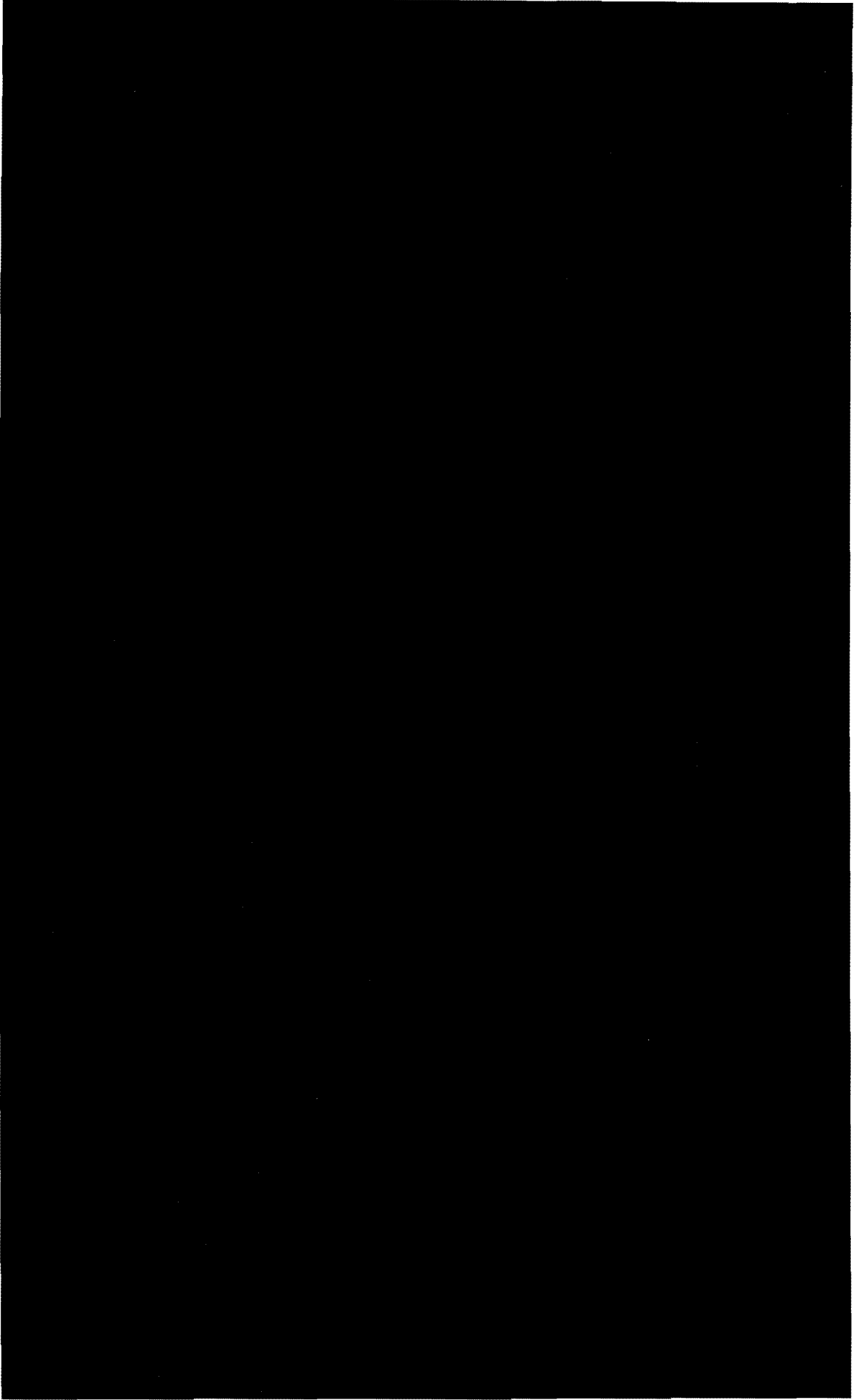
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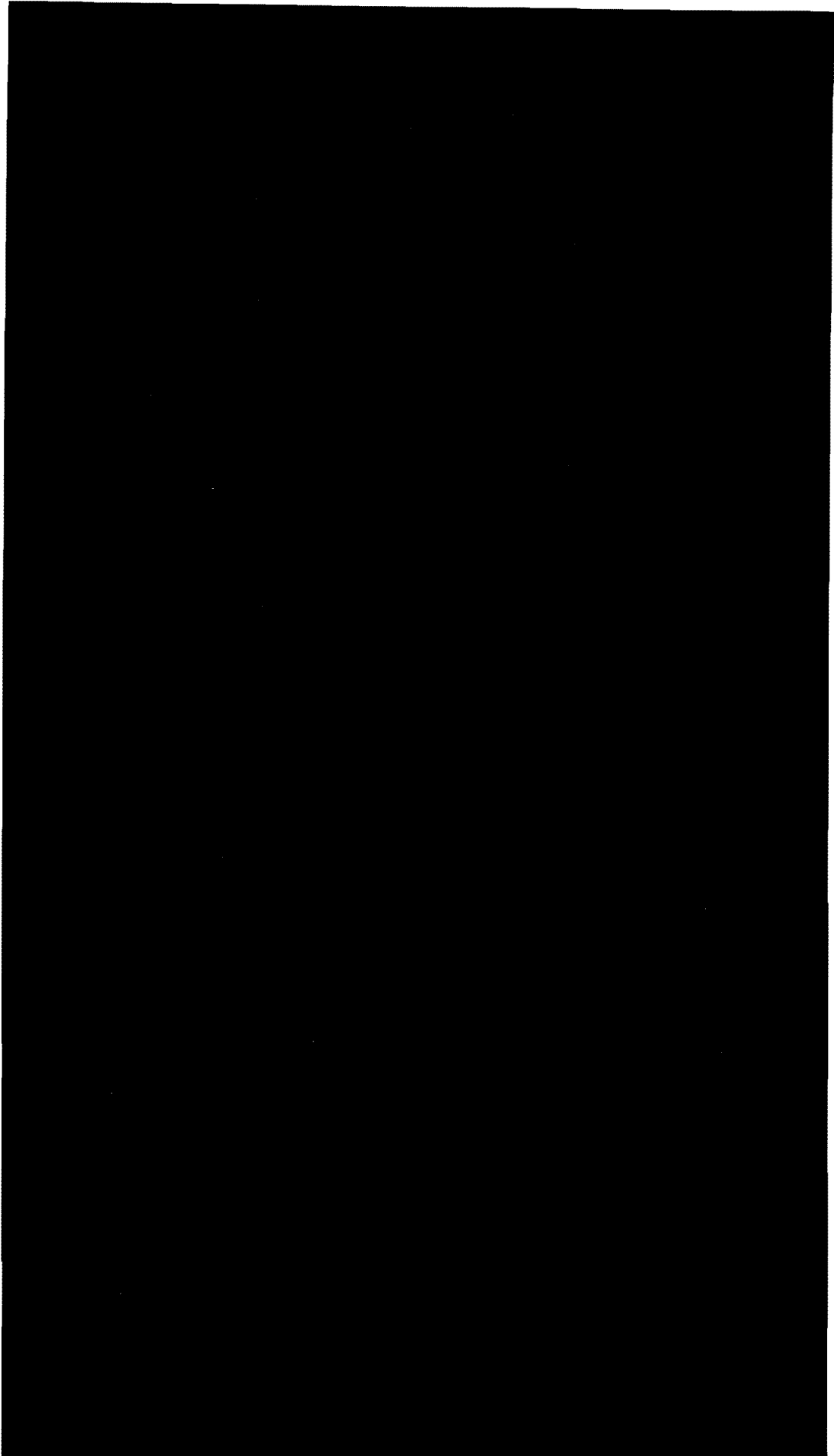
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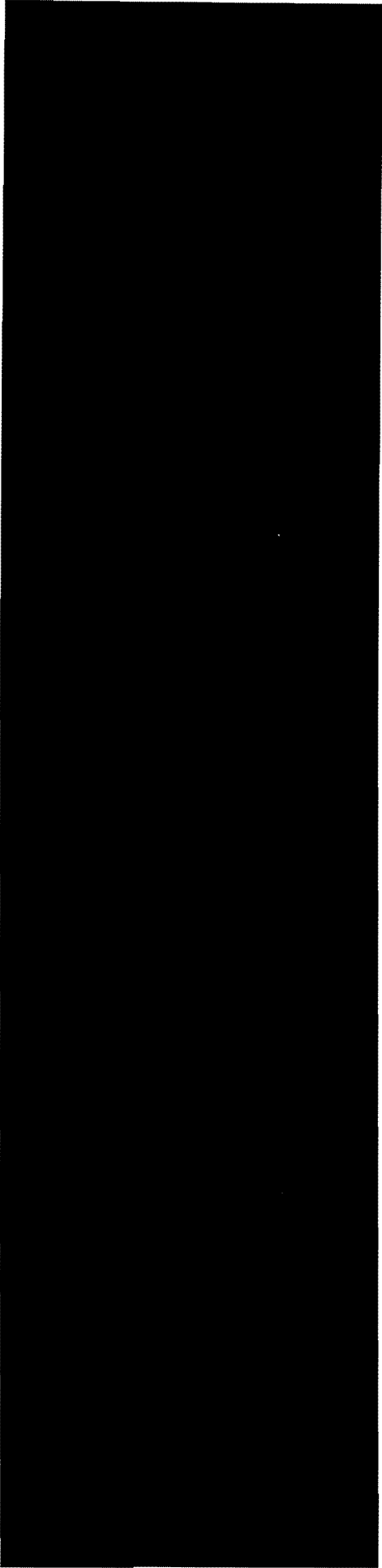
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WEAPONS REPORTED MISSING FROM 1 JANUARY TO 14 FEBRUARY 2011

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3.1	IR-ADF01-AFG-2011-3	12 Jan 11	1 x 9mm Pistol	A Defence member left their 9mm pistol insecure in the Middle Eastern Area of Operations. The items was located shortly after and returned to the member.	Yes	ADFIS Investigated	Closed
3.2	IR-ADF01-AFG-2011-5	17 Jan 11	1 x F88	During an operational activity a F88 was lost in a river in the Middle Eastern Area of Operations. The F88 was unable to be recovered.	No	ADFIS Investigated	Closed
3.3	IR-ARM04-DPPUK-2011-21	6 Feb 11	1 x F88	During a training exercise an F88 was lost in a creek at Puckapunyal. Subsequent searches located the rifle.	Yes	ADFIS	Closed

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