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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

HMAS *Sydney*

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S TEMPORARY ORDER 01/23

HMAS SYDNEY SUPPORT TO AUSTRALIA DAY 2023

1. **Introduction.** Australia Day presents a unique opportunity to honour the ongoing role of the Australian Defence Force in the protection and service of the nation. In support of these festivities, HMAS *Sydney* will sail 26 Jan 23 within Sydney Harbour to receive VIPs and concurrently act as a backdrop to the festivities.
2. *Sydney* will sail at 261000L Jan 23 and proceed to Sydney Harbour for the day's activities. On completion, *Sydney* will return to FBE 3 at 261600L Jan 23.
3. **Purpose.** The purpose of this Order is to outline the preparations and requirements for the successful execution of the day.
4. **Sequence of Events.** A Sequence of Events is contained in Annex A.
5. **VIPs.** Throughout the course of the day *Sydney* will receive several groups of VIPs. This will require Ship's Staff to be Escorting Officers, ensuring the VIPs are accommodated and hosted throughout the day. Annex B contains a list of VIPs and their assigned Escorting Officer. VIPs will be provided the following amenities:
 - a. Flag Ranking Officers (2 Star and above) and entourage will be provided a storage area and hat table within the Hangar for their personal items upon embarkation.

Action: ABML-SC s47E(d)
 - b. Heads (1-124-3-L) located FWD STBD 1 Deck passage way are for VIP use only throughout the day.
 - c. The two designated viewing areas for VIPs are located on the Flight Deck and port side Boat Deck for all harbour activities.
 - d. s22 personnel and s22 winners will dine in the wardroom for lunch. All other VIPs will dine in the COs Cabin / Flag Officers Cabin.
6. **Salute to Australia.** The Salute to Australia is the centrepiece of the Australia Day Celebrations. At 1140, *Sydney* will be positioned in Sydney Cove in Procedure Alpha where the Australian Regular Army will conduct a 21 Gun Salute and the Royal Australian Air Force will perform a flyover of two F35-A fighter jets.
7. **Uniform.** *Sydney* will sail in S2s and shift to S7s once all VIPs have disembarked at approx. 1430.
8. s47E(d) and s47E(d) personnel required to work internal of the ship for either SSD&CP or for food preparation are to wear MMPUs. All personnel in MMPU are to be clear of the upper decks between 1140 and falling out of Procedure Alpha and minimise their presence on the

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upper decks at all other times.

9. **Ceremonial.** Ceremonial is to be conducted IAW ANP 4208.

10. **Guard.** A list of members required for Guard is contained in Annex C.

11. **Official Function.** As detailed in Annex A, from 1330-1430 an Australia Day Regatta Function will be held on the flight deck. In support of the function catering and hosting staff will be required. From 1320-1440 the Flight Deck will be out of bounds to all personnel not directly involved in the function or associated seamanship or ceremonial tasks. A list of required members is contained in Annex C and D.

Action: PO s47E(d)

12. **RADHAZ.** *Sydney* will be conducting a variety of evolutions that incur RADHAZ restrictions. Of note, non-occupational RADHAZ personnel will be on board. No evolution that incurs restrictions is to commence without s47E(d) approval.

13. **Ship's Whistle.** The Ship's Whistle will be sounded at the following times. A pipe will not be made prior, Escorting Officers are to ensure their VIPs are aware.

a. 1045 - Commencement of Ferrython.

b. 1156 – Salute to Australia

c. 1330 – Commence Regatta

14. **Conduct of Personnel.** This is a great opportunity for Ship's Company to host and interact with some of the most senior members of the ADF and as such the highest standards of behaviour and language is required throughout the day.

15. **VIP Tours.** Due to the volume of VIPs onboard, host officers are to be prepared to coordinate ships tours for interested individuals. Host officers are to be aware of the ships program and ensure that tours do not impede the operation of the ship or represent a safety hazard. s47E(d) is to be de-classified to enable ready access for tour groups.

Action: Host Officers, s47E(d)

16. **Rehearsal.** On Wednesday 25 Jan 23, *Sydney* will perform a rehearsal with full Guard and the Admirals Barge. As part of the rehearsal, a walkthrough of Hangar and Flight Deck layout for the official reception, including the VIP personal items table will occur. All personnel not required are to keep clear.

Action: s47E(d) /SBLT s47E(d)

17. **Cleaning Stations.** Thorough cleaning stations will be conducted Wednesday 25 Jan 23 IAW Daily Orders to ensure *Sydney* is presented in a manner appropriate to the significance of events. As part of Cleaning Stations, personnel are to review all spaces to ensure no inappropriate signage or imagery is visible.

18. **Point of Contact.** The s47E(d) provided to all VIPs are the Gangway and s47E(d) Phone. Therefore the s47E(d) and Gangway phone are to be monitored at all times. On transitioning the routine to the bridge, both phones and chargers are to be brought to the s47E(d) and reported to the s47E(d) once in place.

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Action: OOD/SSDOOW

18. **External Liaison.** LCDR s47E(d) will act as the s47E(d) ashore for 26 Jan 23 and is required to wear S7's for the conduct of his duties. LEUT s47E(d) is designated as the s47E(d) and will be liaising with s47F and embarked s22 s22 to ensure *Sydney's* movements within the harbour are not impeded by other vessels.

19. Cancel this XOTO 27 Jan 23.

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HMAS *Sydney*

24 Jan 23

Annexes:

- A. Sequence of Events
- B. VIP Groups
- C. Guard Members
- D. Australia Day Regatta Personnel

Enclosures:

- 1. s47E(d) Biography
- 2. s47E(d) Biography
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- 5. s47E(d) Biography

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**ANNEX A TO
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Sequence of Events

TIME	EVENT	RESPONSIBLE	REMARKS
All Day	Australia Day Celebrations	s47E(d)	1. Support to Australia Day Celebrations
0700-0730	Breakfast	PO s47E(d)	1. Dutywatch Only
0740	Leave Expires For All Personnel	s47E(d)	
0740-0750	Dutywatch / SSFEP Handover	s47E(d)	1. Flight Deck
0815	Steber Departs Fleet Landing	LEUT s47E(d)	1. Fleet Landing
0820	s47F Arrive	LEUT s47E(d)	1. GIDP Pass Office
0830	s47F Arrive	LCDR s47E(d)	1. GIDP Pass Office 2. No Ceremonial Required
0830-0845	Transfer of s47F	LEUT s47E(d)	1. Wudyong Point 2. 24 Personnel Embarked
0830	s47F	s47E(d)	1. Flight Deck 2. Ceremonial Required – Still
0845	COMSURF Arrives	s47E(d)	1. Flight Deck 2. Ceremonial Required – Side
0845-0915	s47F Transfer	LEUT s47E(d)	1. Fleet Landing to Sydney
0900-0915	Pre Sails Reported to HODs	HODs	
0915-0930	Pre Sails Reported to s47E(d)	s47E(d)	1. s47E(d) Cabin
0930-1000	Departure Brief	NO	1. Bridge 2. FBE 3 to Sydney Harbour 3. Rig S2s
1000-1045	Sydney transit Mrs Macquarie's Chair	NO	
1045	Ferrython	NO	1. Bridge 2. Ship's Whistle to Commence 3. Transit to Sydney Cove O/C
1100-1140	Lunch	PO s47E(d)	
1140-1210	Salute to Australia	s47E(d)	1. <u>Wholeship</u> 2. Procedure Alpha Port Side 3. Rig S2s 4. Ship to remain closed up at SSD&CP
1156	Commence Salute	NO	1. Bridge 2. 8 Sec blast to commence
1220-1300	Transit to Clark Island	NO	1. Tugs In Attendance
1240-1245	Anchoring Update	NO	1. Bridge 2. s47E(d) Safety Officer
1245-1300	Anchor	NO	1. Bridge, s47E(d) 2. Centreline Anchor
1300-1315	Receive Pontoon Barge	s47E(d)	1. STBD Side Accommodation Ladder 2. Ladder to be deployed upon connection
1315-1320	Guard Paraded	SBLT s47E(d)	1. Flight Deck 2. Ceremonial for embarkation 3. s47E(d)
1330-1335	VIP Embarkation	s47E(d)	1. STBD Side Accommodation Ladder 2. s47E(d) 3. Ceremonial Required
1330-1430	Australia Day Regatta Function	s47E(d)	1. Flight Deck 2. Prolonged Blast to Commence Regatta

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1430-1435	VIP Disembarkation	s47E(d)	1. STBD Side Accommodation Ladder 2. s47E(d) 3. Ceremonial Required
1435-1445	s47F Disembarkation	s47E(d)	1. STBD Side Accommodation Ladder 2. 24 personnel to disembark
1440-1445	Weighing Anchor and Coming Alongside Update	NO	1. Bridge 2. s47E(d) Safety Officer
1445-1500	Slip Pontoon Barge	s47E(d)	
1500-1515	Weigh Anchor	s47E(d)	1. s47E(d) 2. Rig S7s
1515-1600	Pilotage	NO	1. Bridge 2. Sea to FBE3
1730-1830	Dinner	POs47E(d)	

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Guest Details and Responsibilities

Guest	Number of Personnel	Time	Embarkation	Hosting Location	Escorting Officer(s)	Valet
s47F	2	0830- 1600	Greeted at Harry's Gate at 0830. Parking to be provided on the wharf.	Flag Officer Cabin	SBLT s47E(d)	LS s47E(d) and AB s47E(d)
COMSURF	3	0845-1600	Greeted at <i>Sydney</i> . <u>Full ceremonial required for embarkation.</u>	FLYCO Cabin/Flag Officer	LEUT s47E(d)	LS s47E(d) and AB s47E(d)
s47F	4	0820-1600	Greeted at <i>Kuttabul</i> front Gate at 0815 and escorted to <i>Sydney</i> .	Wardroom	LEUT s47E(d) and SBLT s47E(d)	PO s47E(d)
s47F	24+	0850-1600	Received by LEUT s47E(d) at Wudyong Point and taken to Fleet Landing. VIPs will arrive at GIDP at 0850.	Wardroom	LEUT s47E(d) LEUT s47E(d) SBLT s47E(d)	PO s47E(d)
s47E(d)	3	1330-1430	Arrive via Accommodation Ladder. VIPs will be welcomed onboard and escorted to the Flight Deck.	Flight Deck	s47E(d)	Nil
s47F	1	0830-1630	Greeted at <i>Kuttabul</i> front Gate at 0815 and escorted to <i>Sydney</i>	Bridge	LCDR s47E(d) LEUT s47E(d)	Nil

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Guard Personnel

SBLT s47E(d)
AB s47E(d)
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Australia Day Regatta Personnel

Front of House	Hosting Staff
PO s47E(d)	LCDR s47E(d)
LS s47E(d)	LCDR s47E(d)
LS s47E(d)	LCDR s47E(d)
AB s47E(d)	LCDR s47E(d)
AB s47E(d)	WO s47E(d)
AB s47E(d)	
SMN s47E(d)	

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816SQN OPERATIONS ORDER 02/23—816 SQUADRON SUPPORT TO AUSTRALIA DAY – 26 JANUARY 2023

References:

- A. DGMAROPS TASKORD 105/22 – FAA Support to Australia Day 2023
- B. Defence Road Transport Instructions
- C. 725 & 816SQN Mission Risk Profile - MH-60R Utility

SITUATION

1. 816 SQN was tasked at Ref A to support Australia Day 2023 activities with two underslung Australian National Flag (ANF) displays in Canberra and Sydney. The intent of this tasking is to strengthen ADF-community links, enhance Defence reputation and maximize the appeal of Defence as an employer of choice.

MISSION

2. 816 SQN is to deploy two MH-60R helicopters with associated aircrew, maintenance personnel, and support equipment. 816SQN FLT 1 is tasked with a Sydney Harbour flypast and will operate from HMAS *Penguin*. 816SQN FLT 1 ground party will deploy to HMAS *Penguin* on Wed 25 Jan IOT facilitate embarkation preparation on HMAS *Sydney* prior to Australia Day tasking on Thu 26 Jan.

3. 816SQN FLT 2 is tasked with a Canberra fly past and will operate from ADFA. 816SQN FLT 2 ground party will deploy to ADFA on Wed 25 Jan IOT assess the aircraft landing area and engage with the ADFA coordinator to arrange the ANF rigging at 0800 on Thu 26 Jan prior to the aircraft arrival.

EXECUTION

4. Ground Party

a. Mon 23 Jan

- (1) 816SQN FLT 1 and FLT 2 ground parties are to assist with three flag fly practice sorties IAW the flying program. All ground party members for the practices and Australia Day taskings are to attend a safety and instructional brief at 0730 in the Main Briefing Room.
- (2) The flag fly practices will be conducted from the Western Pad with FLT 2's aircraft.

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b. Wed 25 Jan

- (1) Drivers identified in Annex A are to collect cars, position them at 816 SQN and pack required tooling, GSE and ADE to depart for HMAS *Penguin* and ADFA Oval IAW regulations in Ref B.
- (2) Upon completion of administration at HMAS *Sydney* and arrival at HMAS *Penguin*, ADFA and HMAS *Harman*, s47E(d) is to organise collection of keys from the guardhouse and distribute.

c. Thu 26 Jan

- (1) Ground party is to arrive at Middle Head Oval and ADFA AFL Oval NLT 45 minutes prior to aircraft arrival to conduct FOD walk down and setup for arrival of aircraft. Aircrew will manage timings enroute to meet individual taskings as per Ref A. The Middle Head Oval has been identified by HMAS *Penguin* chain of command as the landing area for FLT 1 (refer map at Annex B). The ADFA AFL Oval has been identified by ADFA chain of command and shall be utilized by FLT 2 (refer map at Annex D). Both have been used for helicopter operations previously.
- (2) As both landing areas are freely accessible to the public, the ground party identified in Annex A are to post sentries to ensure all members of the public are clear of aircraft operations.

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- (4) Upon completion of the tasking, the ground parties are to return the oval to the condition they found it and recover to NAS Nowra IAW Ref B.

5. Aircrew

a. Mon 23 Jan

- (1) 816SQN FLT 1 and FLT 2 are to conduct three flag fly sorties from NAS Nowra as per the flying program. These sorties are to allow aircraft captains and aircrewmembers to gain qualification and recency.
- (2) All aircrew members involved in the practice and/or Australia Day events are to attend the safety brief at 0730 in the Main Briefing Room.

b. Wed 25 Jan

- (1) FLT 1 and FLT 2 are to conduct a joint event authorization with s47E(d) 816SQN at 1000 in the Main Briefing Room.

c. Thu 26 Jan

- (1) Crews are to conduct individual crew briefs; allowing time to deploy, pick

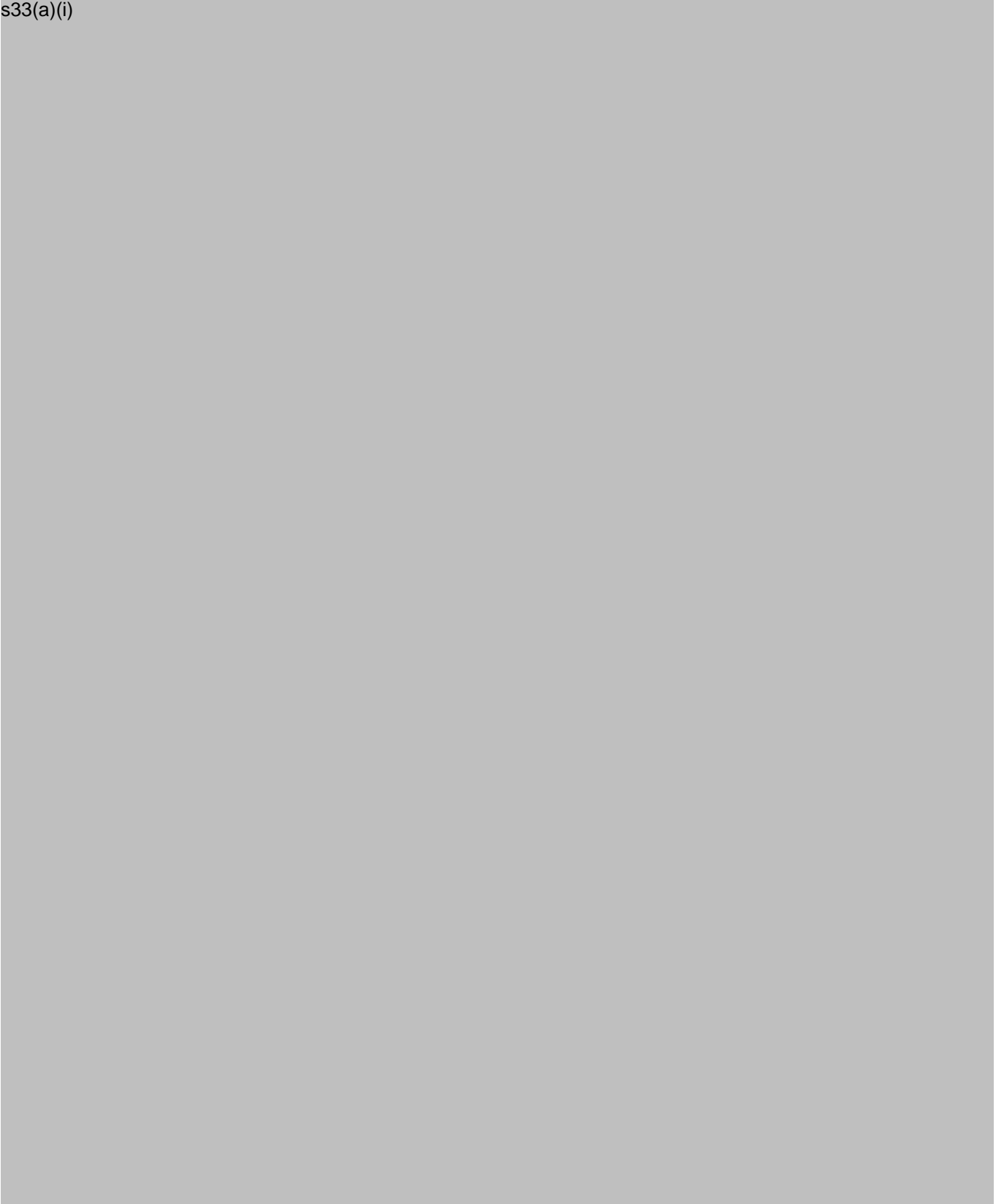
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up flag, conduct individual tasking and return flag prior to RTB IAW ^{s47E(d)} crew authorisation. See Annex C and Annex E for individual flight plans and key timings for FLT 1 and FLT 2 respectively.

- (2) Aircrewmen are to inspect flags at a suitable time post-event to ensure equipment remains serviceable for next use.


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- h. **Accommodation, Meals and Allowances:** Accommodation and meals will be provided at HMAS *Penguin* for FLT 1 and HMAS *Harman* for FLT 2. Meals while traveling and allowances are to be organised IAW BSO approval. Ground party leads are to ensure accommodation and travel administration is complete.

Action: Flight Accommodation and Travel Members

- i. **Access approval.** Sydney Harbour Trust manages Middle Head Oval and provided approval for use and access SEPCOR. Four maintenance personnel will carry out sentry duties on the oval to limit access by the general public during flying operations.

Action: s47E(d)

- j. **Deconfliction plan – Canberra.** The ABC is finalising timings and coordination for the Canberra event, including nomination of a s47E(d). Specifics of timing adjustments and flight path deconfliction with the RAAF C130 shall be coordinated with the s47E(d) and C130 crew prior to mission execution.

Action: LEUT s47E(d)

COMMAND, CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION.

7. C3 arrangements are IAW the following table.

OPCOMD	s47E(d) exercised by s47E(d)
TACOMD	Retained by s47E(d)

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TACON	Retained by s47E(d) 816 SQN
TECHCON	s47E(d) (Through 816 SQN)

8. **Administrative Authority:** s47E(d) 816 SQN retains Administrative Authority for all disciplinary matters, provision of personnel services, and personnel administration.
9. **Detachment Command:** CPO s47E(d) is delegated s47E(d) for the duration of the Sydney activity. LCDR s47E(d) is delegated s47E(d) for the duration of the Canberra activity. Aircraft captains remain responsible for flying operations throughout the tasking and any incidents are to be reported to s47E(d) 816 SQN.
10. **Authorisation:** s47E(d) 816 SQN will authorise or provide a suitable delegate to authorize flag fly operations.
11. **Communication:** See Annex A for a list of key contacts for the detachments. s47E(d) are to be in communications with the aircraft throughout the pick-up and set-down evolutions. The 'Signal' application shall be used for any messaging with respect to this task.

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s47E(d)

s47E(d) RAN

s47E(d) 816 SQN

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s47E(d)

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B.

C.

D.

E.

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FLT 1, FLT 2, BSO

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s47E(d) Office (for information)

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NOMINAL LIST OF PERSONNEL - SYDNEY

No.	Rank	Surname	Name	PMKeys	Ground Party or Aircraft	Notes
1	LEUT	s47E(d)		s22	Aircraft	s47E(d) s22
2	LEUT				Aircraft	s47E(d) s22
3	LS ^{s47E(d)}				Aircraft	s47E(d)
4	PO ^{s47E(d)}				Aircraft	s47E(d)
5	CPO ^{s47E(d)}				Ground Party	s47E(d) s22
6	LS ^{s47E(d)}				Ground Party	
7	LS ^{s47E(d)}				Ground Party	s47E(d)
8	LS ^{s47E(d)}				Ground Party	s47E(d) s22
9	AB ^{s47E(d)}				Ground Party	
10	AB ^{s47E(d)}				Ground Party	
11	AB ^{s47E(d)}				Ground Party	
12	AB ^{s47E(d)}				Ground Party	
13	AB ^{s47E(d)}				Ground Party	
14	AB ^{s47E(d)}				Ground Party	

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NOMINAL LIST OF PERSONNEL - CANBERRA

No.	Rank	Surname	Name	PMKeyS	Ground Party or Aircrew	Notes
1	LEUT	s47E(d)		s22	Aircrew	s47E(d) s22
2	LEUT				Aircrew	s47E(d) s22
3	LS ^{s47E(d)}				Aircrew	s47E(d)
4	LS ^{s47E(d)}				Aircrew	s47E(d)
5	LCDR				Ground Party	s47E(d) s22
6	LEUT				Ground Party	
7	LS				Ground Party	s47E(d) s22
8	LS				Ground Party	s47E(d)
9	AB				Ground Party	
10	AB				Ground Party	
11	AB				Ground Party (Reserve)	


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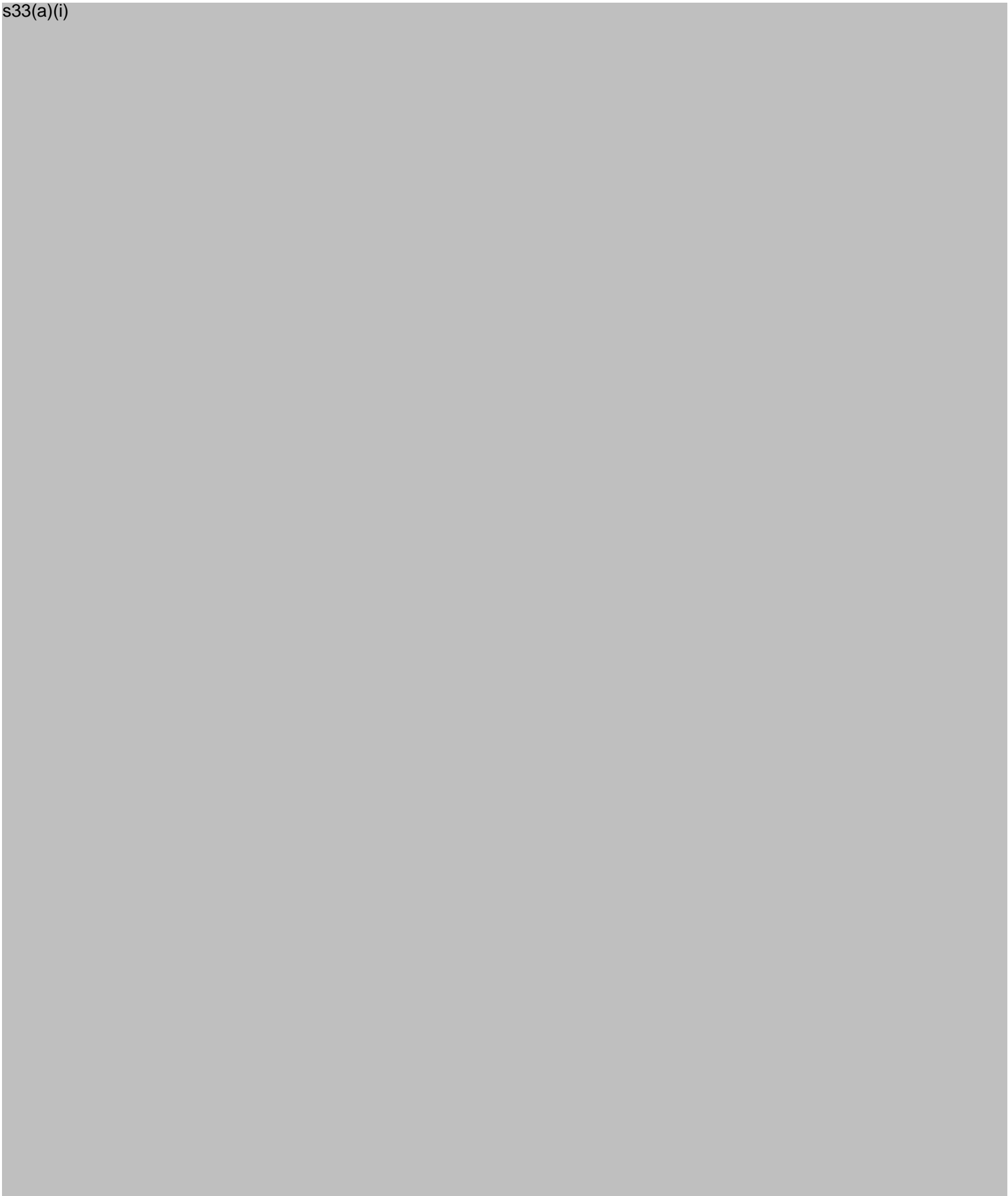


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