Dear Professor,

As you can well see from the two enclosed sketches, the Good Lord did not intend me to be an architect! Neither sketch is to scale.

I am not sure about the number of windows in Room C, but next time I pass Vic Barracks I shall look up and count them – if that info is vital.

When we first moved in we occupied Rooms A, B, and C. Room D was used by a Group – I know not who – and both Archer & Trendall considered it unwise to have uninitiated people so close. When we left Room A for Room D (a much larger area) I cannot recall precisely, but I do remember working on GEAM traffic in Room A. So it would suggest we went over to Room D towards the end of '43 or early '44. We were well entrenched there when Ian Smith arrived.

In rather sharp contrast to Monterey, security to the Barracks in general & to ‘A’ block in particular was somewhat perfunctory. We had passes, but the guard at the front entrance to ‘A’ block appeared to be a “commissionaire” (unarmed).

For the life of me I cannot recall how and where we got paid while I was at Monterey!!

May speedy success await your labours.

Yours sincerely,

R.S.Bond
I think the whole block was taken over by USN and RAN. There were armed naval guards at each entry. Everyone had a “pass” & used their own entry only. I have no knowledge of who worked where, except I did (very rarely) take messages to the USN Cipher Section for their action. 

The flat opposite ours (marked X) 
At the back of my mind there is a suspicion that RAN/RN personnel were here, because I faintly recall collecting their Confidential Junk for burning — but all of this is a vague mental shadow.

Monterey had not any earlier occupants. It was new, without any heating!
A BLOCK VICTORIA BARRACKS - Second Floor

(Trendall (until March '43, returned July '43)

Room A
Eric Barnes
D Shepherd

Aperture
Landline to Bonegilla & then to Mornington

Room B
Graves

Partition floor to ceiling
landing

Room C
Miss Tilley (translator)
Cpl Parbury (AWAS)
Mrs Thompson
Mrs Hatham
Miss Shearer (senior clerk)

Room D
Ian Smith, Paul Grange, David Sissons plus “Jack James” (UK) & visitors such as Sgt Huckling

Eric Barnes (tended to move about)
Ken McKay
Tony Eastway

Bond Trendall
alley way between A & M blocks

Moved in January 1943 — I left December 1945, but away quite a bit from July/August 1945.

(might have been late December 1942, but I don’t think so)