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HQ RAE (AIF), 3 AUST DIV. 466

WAR DIARY

FROM 1 AUGUST-31 AUGUST 1943.

PRO FORMA AF.C2118.

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO DIARIES, APPENDICES, etc.
BULOLO	1 AUG 43.	Weather fine and warm - 7 planes came into BULOLO in 2 flights - still no petrol-rations only and not much mail. 2/25 FD PK COY report that another CLETRAC tractor and some Grader parts arrived WAU. CRE inspection BULWA Bridge. Visit from Col.SAXBY (ADMS) to discuss medical problems of accomodation, etc. Rain again at 1230 hrs - no further aerial transport in today. It will be too wet. Advice received that Lieut.TANDY (SEC.OFFR.4 AUST FD COY.) has left Coy and sent back to ETD WAGGA. Capt.NELSON is to go to SME Refresher. Capt.TULLOCH (2 I.C.) will Adm Comd COY. 4 AUST FD COY is at present working in MILNE BAY area. Expect Major CANN and Lieut.SUNDERLAND in for Mess tonight. Cpl.COONEY went by plane to MORESBY to attend HYGIENE School. Heavy rain during night.	
	2 AUG 43.	Weather fine and warm. No transport planes are due in at BULOLO, although 7 planes arrived yesterday, only 3 held stores for AUSTRALIAN troops, and the other 4 were loaded with food and petrol for USA troops. AUSTRALIAN troops are rather concerned. Rations are being issued for one day only. This HQ have had to draw on reserve because of short supply of comodities. It has been advised that THUNDERBOLTS were used as Fighter escort yesterday for first time this area. IORE went by M/C to visit BULWA bridge and to inspect Salvaged materials. 5 PL.2/14 AUST A FD COY. to move today forward of SUNSHINE for Road job. 2 PL.15 AUST FD COY moving to BLAKES also for same job. 2/25 AUST FD PK gazetted today as transferred from 7 AUST DIV. to 6 AUST DIV. This is not understood - but at present 3 AUST DIV RAEs 53 AUST FD PK COY are attached to 7 AUST DIV. Signal from Capt.MORLING states that ENGR personnel complete with jeeps - tipper and dozers have arrived NASSAU BAY for work this road. 2/8 AUST FD COY advise landslides on SUMMIT-WAU Road - but working party removing earth at 2000 hrs tonight to keep road open. Light showers of rain tonight - but expect heavy rain later.	
	3 AUG 43.	Heavy rain during night, and up to 0830 hrs. Very humid. CRE attended GOCs Conference at 0830 hrs - and later discussed ENGR operations with GOC and G1. There has been very little Admin work lately - things are very quiet. WO.DOUGLAS is at 3 AUST DIV RECEPTION CAMP awaiting aerial transport to MORESBY. HQ personnel are still working on road mtce. Airfield BULOLO. IORE has gone to seek salvage Mech.Equipmt. Only one day ration issued today - stocks very low - no petrol available in valley. All ENGR vehicles (except M/Cycles) are now grounded. Heavy rain at night.	
	4 AUG 43.	Weather - light rain up to 0930 hrs - very cloudy with mists about hills. No aerial transport due in at BULOLO today. Apparently all planes engaged on dropping missions. Signal from Capt.MORLING advises that US ENGRS are moving further inland leaving RAE only on road job, NASSAU BAY. IORE Recce with Maj.CANN and Lieut.SUNDERLAND of Watut Valley area. Although 2/14 AUST A FD COY and 2 PL.15 FD COY were to move yesterday - it has been impossible to obtain vehicles and petrol to move equipment. HQ team still working on road outside DIV.	

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BULOLO	4 AUG 43 (Cont'd.)	No rations were available from DID this afternoon - unit reserve rations are now the only food available. Feeling of being abandoned now among troops. A picture show was arranged for tonight, but machine broke down. Cool night - no sign of rain. 2/8 FD COY advise that Dozer is working 600 yds from MACDUFFS towards GUADAGASAL. There are still no canteen goods available.	
	5 AUG 43.	Weather cool and cloudy. Expect 12 planes in today - there are also explosives due at WAU for ENGRS. Telephone call from Maj.WATTS ref Capt.WILSON(who has been ENGR LO with 17 AUST INF BDE)and replacement. CRE attended GOCs conference and later held discussion with GSOI ref Operations. There have been two sounds of heavy bombers flying in the direction of SALAMAUA - later heavy thumps were heard at about 0900 hrs. First flight Aerial Transport in at 0902 hrs. The sight of planes made personnel feel that all their worries were now over. 11 Transport planes in all arrived at BULOLO today. Orders issued at 1200 hrs that HQ RAE are to be ready to move to DOBODURA by plane, and to NASSAU BAY by water transport - Time of preparation 12 hrs. Packing now in progress. All stores crated by 2000 hrs. Have arranged for 2/25 AUST FD PK COY to collect SWR required by NGF. 2/14 FD COY are to arrange move Mech. Eqpt.from Workshops SUNSHINE to 2/8 AUST FD COY, who will install same. IORE back from recce WATUT Valley. Visit Lieut.FREW to discuss MARKHAM project with CRE and IORE. Heavy rain at 2130 hrs tonight. Expect Lt.Col.WILSON to arrive tomoorw with Maj.PARKER (USA ENGR LO) to discuss ENGR Ops with CRE.	
	6 AUG 43.	Weather cold and cloudy - no advice of any transport planes to come in today. No conference this morning - GOC,GSOI and AQ have moved to new location. Completion packing of stores total weight for aerial transport is as follows, not including CRE and IORE (FD OFFR already at new location) are going to walk through to NASSAU BAY. - 2 Offrs.22 ORs - reckoning 250 lbs per man with equip.equals 6000 lbs - weight of stores and equipment 5081 lbs equals total weight to be shifted 11,081 lbs - this figure does not include 2 Jeeps. Awaiting order to move out to drome. Lt.Col.WILSON and Maj.PARKER arrived this morning - petrol has been issued to CRE to take these OFFRS to SUNSHINE road jobs. They will stay here until Transport planes come in. No issues of rations today. We are using our reserves. Visit Maj.CANN and Lt.GROVER to see CRE. GROVER is to proceed to 2 AUST ARMY as SORE (Bridges) - and has decided to walk through BULLDOG road instead of waiting for plane to MORESBY. 3 Personnel of CALFLG ENG UNIT arrived from WAU.	
	7 AUG 43.	Weather fine but cloudy. First flight in at 0830 hrs - Col.WILSON and Maj.PARKER got away to MORESBY. Total 16 Planes to BULOLO - at 1020 hrs signal was received by CRE from ADV. HQ 3 AUST (GUADAGASAL) to cease all work on SUNSHINE-MARKHAM Road job immediately, and send 2 Pl.15 FD COY with as much equipment as they can carry to MUBO - Instns given Maj.CANN,OC 2/14 AUST A FD COY to arrange this. At 1115 hrs signal came from 3 AUST DIV giving this HQ 4 hours notice as from 1800 hrs today - ADV recce party warned to be ready. CRE and party left for GUADAGASAL at 1130 hrs.	

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BULOLO	7 AUG 43 (Cont'd)	Arrangements made by ADJT for 15 FD COY collect 46/2 man tents from ORDNANCE WAU - also for petrol to run this Pl.to SUMMIT where they will stage tonight. 3 AUST DIV. have arranged rations, movement, and native carriers. Signal sent to CENGF and Maj. CANN confirming arrangements - also to Coys nominating Maj.CANN as Senior ENGR offr. WAU-BULOLO until further notice - CRE to advise position when clarified. Coys have been instructed to forward all returns direct to CENGF in future. Returns required by 3 AUST DIV on plane loads gear and materials to be lifted out of valley - if this HQ moves from BULOLO, planes will lift 2500 lbs - if WAU, 3500 lbs. Personnel have had kits packed today awaiting word to move. Trouble experienced in getting vehicles move 2 PL.15 AUST FD COY to SUMMIT - but after discussion with "Q" JEEPS and TRAILERS were made available from Transport WAU. ADV.HQ RAE (AIF), 3 AUST DIV:- 10.30 a.m.-Signal to report DIV HQ 7 p.m. At 1130 CRE,Lt.TAPPER,Cpl.WALKER,Spr.BUTSON left by jeep for SUMMIT. Picked up 2 natives at WAU compound. After a certain amount of pushing through 18 ins.clay, arrived SUMMIT approx.1600 hrs, without lunch. One native boy sick, so exchanged Angau for another - a sturdy cheerful young local Kanaka. Arrived MINERS REST approx 1700 and had cup of tea with Lieut.PHILLIPS. Arrived MACDUFFS 1800 hrs. CRE rang ADV.HQ and agreed stage at MACDUFFS.	
	8 AUG 43.	Advice received that 2 PL.15 FD COY reached SUMMIT last night and moved out to MUBO this morning with 40 native carriers. Balance of equipment will be taken to SUMMIT for onward movement. Weather dull and heavy rain all day - no transport planes came in. 2/25 FD PK COY have made 4 dropping bands so that 4 rolls of SISALCRAFT can be dropped by WIRRAWAY at NAPIER. 2/25 FD PK COY have submitted estimate of time required to collect 5000 fathoms of SWR requested by NGF - with all vehicles and personnel of FD PK plus 6 JEEPS and TRAILERS time of TWO WEEKS requested. Have agreed to loan one of our JEEPS to 2/14 FD COY tomorrow. 2/14 FD COY are to carry on with decking of BULWA Bridge and survey of CAMP HOSPITAL SITE-BULOLO until further instructions are given.- 26/2 man tents were issued to HQ RAE today - each man has been issued with same. A/TK Rifle and Ammun has been left at BULOLO ENGR dump for return to ORDNANCE. No further information available ref move - but it is anticipated that this HQ will move to WAU for transporting to DOBADURA - if this is so we will stay with 2/25 FD PK until movement takes place. Heavy rain continued all day - still raining at 2330 hrs. ADV.HQ RAE (AIF), 3 AUST DIV:- CRE and ICRE rose at 0530,breakfasted at SKINDEWAI and arrived HOUSE MANGO (ADV.HQ3 AUST DIV) 1300 hrs. Remainder of party arrived 1630 hrs. CRE contacted GOC and GS, issued warning orders to 2/8 FD COY and 11 FD COY to move to TAMBU BAY area.	

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BULOLO	9 AUG 43.	Instructions received that HQ is to move to WAU for emplaning to MORESBY at 0700 hrs. Have asked 2/25 FD PK and 2/14 FD COY to loan truck carry stores, Tpt.pool will loan 4 jeeps and trailers for move. Convoy moved out at 0650 hrs. ADJT went to BULOLO Airfield with Maj.CANN to report on condition - NGF require information before transport planes will come in. Maj.CANN advises that Airstrip is in good condition. Planes came in at WAU at 1130 hrs - arrived MORESBY at 1245 hrs. Have handed over one jeep to 2/14 FD COY together with Motor Cycle - other Jeep has gone to 2/25 FD PK. Have advised CENGF and 3 AUST DIV that Maj.CANN is Senior ENGR OFFR WAU-BULOLO area. Advised CRE and Capt.MORLING that HQ RAE have moved.	
PORT MORESBY	9 AUG 43.	Arrived MORESBY at 1245 hrs - moved by vehicle to 3 AUST DIV rear details - tents were erected and meals provided by Camp Comdt. Men very tired and hungry - but after shower they were taken to open air picture show. Living at P.M.is certainly on a better scale than WAU-BULOLO. Fresh Meat is plentiful - there is a plentiful supply of canteen goods. ADJT contacted CENGF and discussed stores and operations with Staff Offrs. Lieut.THOMPSON moved to WAU today, by plane. ADV.HQ RAE (AIF),3 AUST DIV:- CRE,IORE and WO.STEWART (ANGAU) left at 1230 hrs for 17 BDE on BUI EO CK.arrived 1700 hrs and spent comfortable night there. GOC and his ADC also stayed the night. 17 BDE keep a very excellent mess and good wireless reception of 7 pm news was much appreciated.	
"	10 AUG 43.	Orders received from NGF that we are to get a plane from 4 mile Airfield for DOBADURA - but after waiting around all day and moving to two Airfields were told at 1500 hrs all flying had ceased. Men taken back to Camp- ADJT visited 53 AUST FD PK COY (who are now attached to CRE 7 AUST DIV) and at present are stationed at MORESBY awaiting movement. ADV.HQ RAE (AIF), 3 AUST DIV. CRE and IORE left for TAMBU BAY via TAYLOR FORCE at 0830 hrs, arriving ANGAU HQ 1340 hrs. Cordial invitation by ANGAU to eat and stay the night was much appreciated after a fearful climb over TAMBU Saddle - no made tracks, 30 degree slopes and clay to the shins. During afternoon Capt.CASPER of U.S.Combat ENGRS was contacted and proved most co-operative. He and two of his staff inspected part of route with CRE and IORE and agreed to put his dozer to work next day pushing jeep head another half mile from beach. CRE also paid compliments to General COANE and in conversation suggested blast bombs to oust Japs from pill-boxes. Next day combat engineers were noted busily making up quite an effective bomb using grenades and American standard TNT slabs.	
"	11 AUG 43.	ADJT today collected 37 bags of parcels and 15 bags of newspapers for personnel of HQ- apparently it has not been possible to fly them into WAU. Men again at Picture show - ADJT visited 15 AUST FD COY tonight and discussed that Coy's function in present operations - Coy at present engaged on road work at MORESBY.	

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	11 AUG 43 (Cont'd.)	ADV HQ RAE:- Major COLEBATCH with 1 SGT. 5 ORs of His HQ, and 2 PL. of 11 FD COY had arrived from NASSAU BAY the previous evening. He reported with Lieut. HIGGISON (2 PL) to CRE 0830 hrs, and after receiving his instructions, accompanied IORE on a quick inspection of jeep track route and portion of carrier track. During afternoon, Lieut HIGGISON moved his Pl to campsite approx. 1 mile above proposed jeep head and Major COLEBATCH moved his HQ nucleus up to ½ mile short of jeep head. 1 Pl also arrived in Bay area per foot and spent night near beach. Capt. CASPER again helped greatly with loan of two Cats and trailers to move stores from beach head to temporary Coy. HQ.	
MORESBY	12 AUG 43	Again moved to Airfield at 0550 hrs - two plane loads got away at 1120 hrs - balance of men went back to Camp at 1600 hrs - no further flying today. Mail and parcels coming in plentifully now. No news from ADV HQ or CRE. Men tired from loading and off-loading heavy unit equipment. ADJT contacted Capt. HILL of ACF and asked for a radio set for use personnel - Capt. HILL gave them a 6 valve Aristocrat battery set complete with battery. Men are delighted - this is something we have been waiting for for some time. Have asked CE NGF to arrange forward Lieut. THOMBSON to walk through to NASSAU BAY. ADV. HQ RAE:- CRE and IORE set out on return to ADV DIV HQ, accompanied by Major COLEBATCH, Lieut. WILLIS, Lieut. HIGGISON and 3 ORs of 2 PL. as far as TAYLOR force. On way up it was noted that Sgt. RYLAND (ANGAU) and 30 Natives had commenced some excellent improvements to track. At junction of BUI GAP and BUI EO Crks, Lt. McMENEMEY with 9 PL of 2/8 FD COY was met at 1530 hrs, having not long arrived. His task was outlined and CRE and IORE proceeded to spend night with Lt. BICKLE and 2 PL. 15 FD COY vicinity KITCHEN CK.	
DOBADURA BUNA	13 AUG 43.	Balance of HQ's personnel moved out from MORESBY by tpt plane to DOBADURA this morning - on arrival RSM and party were found to be on truck ready to proceed to BUNA. All personnel and stores moved out by truck to BUNA at 1345 hrs - and arrived at 1530 hrs and all equipment was loaded on to freighter "TUNG SOONG" - after taking all gear and personnel on board it was decided by Capt. that they could not move out tonight. Bright moonlight and possibility of air raid - however no alert during night. There are 280 men aboard and they are at present lying all over the decks trying to get a little sleep. ADV. HQ RAE:- CRE & IORE left 0800 hrs and arrived HOUSE MANGO 1200 hrs. During afternoon, Lieuts. THOMPSON and NICHOLLS reported to CRE and advised that Cpl. EDWARDS of RAE HQ was at local staging camp. Lieut. NICHOLLS instructed join Lt. BICKLE, and Lt. THOMPSON to proceed NASSAU BAY, contact Capt. MORLING and report to ADJT on arrival and take up duties as IORE. Lt. TAPPER to be acting field officer temporarily.	
BUNA MOROBE	14 AUG 43.	Weather fine and warm - freighter moved out at 0600 hrs and proceeded to MOROBE arriving at 1600 hrs. All personnel moved to transit camp - but ADJT having contacted Lt. BINKS of 1 PL. 10 AUST FD COY who are at present engaged on road building, water supply and staging camp construction - arranged for men to stay the night with that Pl. Men had shower, swim and excellent meal. Heavy rain at night. Visit from Lt. MACLURCAN 2 PL. 10 FD COY to meet ADJT.	

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	14 AUG 43 (Cont'd.)	[redacted] Mens' radio although being rather roughly handled is still working satisfactorily. Still no news from ADV CRE HQ. ADV.HQ RAE:- At HOUSE MANGO. Voting papers for whole of HQ arrived without list of candidates - a ridiculous state of affairs and leaving CRE little or no chance of getting papers to his HQ in time to vote. CRE, Lt.TAPPER & Spr.BUTSON recorded votes, but Cpls. WALKER and EDWARDS were unable to do so on account of lack of knowledge of candidates.	
MOROBE NASSAU BAY	15 AUG 43.	Men loaded stores from "YUNG SOONG" to "LCI"(which is a tank landing craft capable of carrying 200 tons) and after loading 19 tons of 105 mm Arty ammun we moved out of MOROBE harbour at 1700 hrs en route for NASSAU BAY. Men had a meal on board. There is a strict blackout at night owing to nearness of JAP troops. Arrived NASSAU at 2330 hrs, and all personnel offloaded stores on to beach. ADJT contacted Capt.MORLING and arranged to ferry personnel to his campsite - All men very fatigued after long journey and periods of work without sleep. Breakfast at 0600 hrs and men slet until 1200 hrs. Swim in afternoon. Have arranged to leave Sgt.MORIARTY and 2 Sappers with Capt.MORLING to assist him in road and airstrip construction while HQ RAE move to TAMBU BAY as signal from CRE. ADV.HQ RAE:- At HOUSE MANGO - Good reports of progress on TAMBU L of C received and CRE busy sorting out movement of, and responsibility regarding units still in WAU-BULOLO valley. (Capt.MORLING instructed direct efforts of 3 Pl.11 FD COY remaining at NASSAU BAY on developmental work as indicated by G2 3 AUST DIV. Remainder of HQ to join Major COLEBATCH at TAMBU BAY).	
NASSAU BAY	16 AUG 43.	ADJT discussed present ENGR arrangements with Capt.MORLING - he has been nominated as ENGR Offr in that area working with G2 (Maj.HODGEMAN). Have had all stores and equipment re-crated and stores checked. This check reveals that one bag of parcel and 3 stretchers have been stolen but, otherwise everything is intact. Lt.THOMPSON reported in to ADJT.and will go forward with party to TAMBU BAY. Reports that a fighting patrol of 150 Japs are in hills near our camp have had the effect of putting everyone on their toes. Patrols have been sent out to contact the enemy. All Campsites heavily picquetted. News picked up tells of fierce fighting at MOUNT TAMBU and the subsequent capture of ROOSEVELT RIDGE. 11 AUST FD COY HQ PL have joined us - they are going to TAMBU BAY to augment forward Pls of that Coy who are
"	17 AUG 43.	now under comd CRE 3 AUST DIV. Advice received that we are to move out tonight - all stores and equipment loaded on to landing crfat by 1750 hrs. and moved out to TAMBU BAY at 1800 hrs. Arrived TAMBU BAY at 2000 hrs and after loading stores on to beach ADJT. contacted OC 11 AUST FD COY. (Maj.COLEBATCH) ref sleeping and eating arrangements until we can join CRE who is about 2 miles on road towards MOUNT TAMBU. Enemy have been shelling beach here - but did not send any over while men were on beach.	

ADV.HQ RAE:-16 AUG-At HOUSE MANGO. Arrangements for move of 2/8 FD COY completed and moves of other units left in hands of 3 DIV "A".
17 AUG-CRE, IORE, Cpls WALKER & EDWARDS & Spr.BUTSON, accompanied by CASC departed 0830 hrs for TAMBU BAY.

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ADV.HQ.	17 AUG 43 (Cont'd.)	Lunched with Lt.McMENEMY at Q Pl., and arrived TAMBU BAY beach 1600 hrs, after an excellent trip over vastly improved tracks throughout. Spent night with HQ.11 FD COY. on beach, except for about ½ hour in slit trenches while Nippo had an artillery smack at the barges, nothing came very close, and no damage was done.	
TAMBU BAY	18 AUG 43.	Have carried all stores and equipment along to Campsite 11 AUST FD COY - and after meal at 2030 hrs men got some sleep. ADJT went with Maj.COLEBATCH and Capt.KERSHAW (2 IC Coy) to visit CRE. Discussed new set up and decided to bring all men and stores into campsite immediately. Arranged to have loan of Jeep and Trailer from 11 FD COY and ferried all stores to new campsite map ref KOMIATUM 1/25000 - 736919. Map Ref of 11 FD COY.KOMIATUM 1/25000 - 745936. ADV.HQ:- CRE arranged site for HQ, and party camped there the night in2 tents borrowed from 11 FD COY.	
"	19 AUG 43.	All tents have been erected - stores and equipment under cover - have obtained six natives who are putting up bush beds for men. Visit Maj.COLEBATCH & Capt.KERSHAW for CRE. Maj. WATTS and Capt.BROOKS arrived with 2/8 FD COY - they are to work in this area. No location of their HQ yet to hand. Advice received that 2/14 AUST A FD COY are to move to ORO BAY- and 2/25 AUST FD PK COY are to move to NASSAU BAY. There is constant firing from our own guns in this area shelling Jap positions - the front line of operations is only about 2 miles from this area, and 11 FD COY personnel who are working on JEEPTRACK are constantly on the alert for JAP patrols. ADV.HQ:- Much jubilation as Capt.GOWTY strolled into camp at 0830 hrs.	
"	20 AUG 43.	Weather very dull and cloudy. Gunfire from beach area early this morning also some shelling of TAMBU BAY - possibly shelling the landing craft which come in late at night or early in morning. The enemy have been shelling the ridge above us this morning - but without casualties. Construction of cookhouse - mess huts and latrines today. ENGRS in this area are working on additional accomodation for DIV HQ - building hutting for "G" office and GOCs hut. CRE held conference of Coy Comdrs tonight to discuss patrols and subsequent platoon working parties on foot tracks from MOUNT TAMBU to FRANCISCO RIVER. Patrols consisting of 2/8,15 and 11 FD COYS personnel are to leave at first light tomorrow.	
"	21 AUG 43.	Weather dull and cloudy - Operation Orders issued to Coy Comdrs in connection with patrols which were to leave at first light today. ADJT.discussed rationing and native carriers for these Pls with DAQMG. CRE visited GOC and met MAJ.GEN.MITFORD,GOC 5 AUST DIV who is visiting this area with his GSO and AQ OFFRS. Visit Maj.WATTS for CRE, and Maj.HILL (FD?AMB.) ref hutting at ADS in this area. Telephone installed this morning - but difficult to get forward units on line at present. USA ENGRS are working under Comd CRE on jeep track from TAMBU BAY to MOUNT TAMBU. Visit of CO.SIGS (Col.EARGO) who is going to move in along side of this HQ. Whole of camp area cleaned up and tracks marked out in lanes. Area very damp - hardly any sunlight could get in even if the sun were to shine.	

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TAMBU BAY	21 AUG	Arty on MOUNT TAMBU have kept up their ire at periods during morning - Jap gun shelled beach again early this morning - there were 5 casualties - but no Engr. personnel were injured. News broadcasts are being typed and distributed to Fd.Coys. - the men are delighted to hear of Allied successes in Europe and comment on the capture of SALAMAUA is prevalent. Men have been given the half day off to do their washing. ~~xxxxx~~ Visit for CRE of Major COLEBATCH and his 2 I/C at 1635 hrs with recce report of patrol who went out this morning towards Francisco River.	
	22 AUG.	Weather wet and cloudy - heavy rain last night and some tents leaked just enough to make things unpleasant. Arty kept up a continuous barrage during night - news service is being sent to Fd.Coys by Don R. in form of Sapper paper "F.I.D.NEWS". Plns have moved up onto ~~jo~~ track jobs, but some difficulty in getting McMENEMYS Pl back to work on foot track as 17 AUST.INF.BDE. had given them a job erecting hutting at ERSKINE CREEK. CRE has gone to visit GOC and G1 ref present setup - it appears that GEN. MITFORD and his staff are going to take over, but this HQ will apparently remain on job. Sprs are erecting huts for ADS and additional temporary shelters for DIV Staff. Capt. MORLING arrived by barge late last night - and called in to see CRE this morning - arrangements being made to bring his men from NASSAU BAY tomorrow. Capt. McBRIDE of 17 AUST. INF. BDE. rang at 1125 hrs ref 2/8 and 15 FD.COY. PLS who are to work on foot track towards FRANCISCO RIVER. Visit MAJ. WATTS/ ref 2/8 AUST.FD.COY. jobs in this area/ CRE discussed operations with G1. Lieut. THOMPSON visited G3(INT) and indicated locations of ENGRS in this Area.	
	23 AUG.	Weather fine, sunlight sometimes penetrates this heavy overhead foliage but under-growth has to be cleared to enable campsites to dry out. CRE visited GOC for conference at 0830 hrs. GOC issued a complimentary message to all troops today. ENGRS still engaged on hutting and making good to foot-tracks. Jap arty have been shelling the TAMBY BAY area again today - the sounds of arty fire from our guns are almost constant during the day and spasmotic at night. DIV HQ are settling in across the road - but adminstrative matters are almost negligible. Mens voting papers have turned up at last - but they are too late - however some of the men are going to record their votes - interest has been shown during the last few days in elections results, men crowd around the radio at night to listen to news. Visit Major WATTS for CRE Capt. MORLING and Lieut. TAPPER walked to ROOSEVELT RIDGE to inspect track Jap A/c bombed OP.	

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TAMBU BAY	24 AUG.	Heavy rain during night - still raining this morning. GOC rang for CRE and AQ rang for particulars of CRE. Lieut.TAPPER has gone to inspect US Engrs who are working on foot-tracks. Capt.MORLING is taking a recce patrol and to locate additional foot-tracks to forward areas. Several small Jap. patrols have been located in this area. Jap arty shelled TAMBU beach again last night but without casualties. Reports to hand on bombing of OP on ROOSEVELT RIDGE indicate that 6 men were wounded. CRE visit to GOC. Gravel in this area is standing up very well to road traffic. Sgt. MORIARTY arrived at 1830 hrs. tonight with 4 Sappers and 3 native boys from rear HQ NASSAU BAY. Advice received from Major CANN that 2/14 AUST.A.FD.COY. are expected arrive NASSAU BAY on 25 AUG. Heavy rain at night. Col.FARCHER and Capt.PORTER are still messing with us. Capt.MORLING rang from DAVIDSON's to inform CRE of preliminary recce. Heavy Jap shelling of beach tonight. Visit for CRE of Col.GREEN(ADMS) and Capt.CASPAR (US Engrs).	
	25 AUG.	Weather cool and cloudy - Lieut. TAPPER has gone to ROOSEVELT RIDGE with 2 Sappers to inspect track which US Engrs are constructing. Sappers and Natives are building mens' hut to replace leaky tents. CRE attended GOC's conference at 0830 hrs. Rations are ~~very~~ fairly plentiful now - but clothing apparently is hard to obtain. Engrs Units are still engaged on foot-track construction - Have obtained tools for 2 PL. 15 AUST.FD.COY. from 17 AUST.INF.BDE. News service is still very popular at night - News sheet is being sent each morning to all Engr. Coys under comd. Visit to CRE of Arty Officer(Major PRITCHARD) ref construction of Corduroy across swamp so that 4 heavy guns can be taken to gun position. Weather at 1400 hrs bright sunlight above trees. Still trying to pentetrate dense undergrowth under foliage. Telephone message from Capt. MORLING at 0945 hrs saying that he is attempting the western leg of his recce. Visit Major WATTS for CRE. Sisalcraft for hutting is much in demand. Natives are not available for thatching - they are all required for carrying purposes. Visit from Capt.JAMES, Staff Captain RAA who are coming in alongside us in this area. Ref rationing of 3 gunners temporarily. CRE & ADJT. visited GOC(Maj-Gen.SAVIGE and met new A & G staff Officer of 5 AUST. DIV.	

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TAMBU BAY	26 AUG.	HQ RAE 3 AUST.DIV. came under Comd of 5 AUST.DIV at 0001 hrs today. CRE and ADJT. visited Maj.Gen.SAVIGE before he left - it appears that we shall remain under Comd. 5 AUST.DIV. until their own ENGRS. come into area. ADJT. explained present setup to personnel - feelings of envy of tps moving out of area - but men are quite content to remain here for completion of present operation. Visit of Maj.COLEBATCH ref foot-tracks. Lieut. TAPPER and RSM have gone to HELMER BAY to supervise construction of gun tracks. There was a terrific din from arty and MMG fire this morning - apparently our tps are making an attack on SCOUT HILL where Japs are still in fairly heavy numbers. Advice received from Capt. MORLING that his recce today is on EASTERN leg towards DOT INLET. 4/15 AUST.FD.COY arrived from NASSAU BAY with four natives. 2/25 AUST.FD.PK.COY were to arrive at NASSAU BAY yesterday - but no advice from that Coy. to hand. Capt. MORLING and party returned from recce at 1750 hrs. Have arranged with OC 11 AUST.FD.COY to release four Sappers from track work to erect four ADS huts at DAVIDSONS RIDGE. DAQ will provide native labour.	
	27 AUG	Capt. MORLING discussed recce with CRE - information passed onto Coy. Commanders responsible for work on foot track. Visit Maj.WATTS for CRE. We have been able to get some clothing from ORDNANCE for men. Weather bright and sunny above trees. Some spasmodic shelling early this morning from Jap guns - our guns replied. Men are becoming used to gun-fire now. Cleaning up of undergrowth continues in camp area. We have been issued with canned heat - this is most useful to troops fighting in forward areas. ADJT. and Lieut.TAPPER went on inspection of bridge over creek which is being put in to carry guns to new position.- Bridge reported complete at 1700 hrs. Capt. MORLING contacted Col.McKECKNIE ref L. of C. in this area. No Jap shelling of this area today.	
	28 AUG	Weather fine and warm . Lieut. THOMPSON and RSM have gone to ROOSEVELT RIDGE to get information for works progress. CRE at GOC's conference. Lieut. TAPPER(acting FD.OFFR) has arranged loan of tractor from US ENGRS for bridge which 2/8 AUST.FD.COY are putting over creek at TAMBU BAY. FD.OFFRS this morning were caug ht by Jap shelling on TAMBU BEACH - but without being hit. Jap shells have been landing for an hour in bay and on beach. 2 PL. 15 AUST.FD.COY have finished track job and are standing by for instructions to proceed to 15 AUST.INF.BDE -ADJT has asked 5 AUST. DIV.to bring fwd.balance of Pl. stores from KITCHEN CREEK by carrier line.	

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TAMBY BAY	28 AUG(Cont)	Japs shelled TAMBU BAY area heavily last night - one shell landed in cook-house at 2/8 AUST.FD.COY. - without casualties. Information from Maj.COLEBATCH that he is taking his 3 PL(who recently arrived from NASSAU BAY) to join 1 & 2 PLS for furtherance of foot-track. Jap patrol still holding ground along route of foot-track.
	29 AUG.	ADJT. attended GOC's conference for CRE - GOC was interested in footrack,CRE then went to GOC and discussed ENGR Ops. - I.O.R.L has gone to give DIV.INT. office all information ref.foot-tracks. Visit Maj.WATTS with days reports of ENGR. works.Capt. MORLING and Lt. TAPPER went to ROOSEVELT RIDGE to inspect Jeep track - and get information ref position of Jap patrols further along track, it is reported that native carriers are getting supplies through to SCOUT HILL, but this has not been confirmed. Heavy rain at night - tents are leaking badly - arrangements have been made to include small area alongside that which was allotted to ENGRS - men are erecting beds in huts built on area. This will allow us more space.
	30 AUG.	Weather fine after rain. Field Officers have gone on recce to SCOUT HILL - Platoons of Engineers are pushing ahead with foot-track in that area - but Jap. patrols are still active. Jap. shelling last night was heavy on beach - some shells landed in 2/8 and 11 AUST.FD.COYS. sites - one man was wounded. HQ 2/8 AUST. FD. COY. have moved to new location KOMIATUM 1/25000 734918. 11 AUST.FD.COY. are looking arouns for new camp site- if ADJT can get permission from DAQMG. This Coy. will move into site recently vacated by DID. Have written to ACF thanking them for radio-set.- and asking for several comforts unobtainable here. Weather very hunid this afternoon - troops are beginning to feel listless after being inNEW GUINEA for a period. Natives are thatching roof of Officers' Mess hut in "SAC SAC", a type of palm leaf laced together and bound by vines to rafters. Maj. COLEBATCH rang from 29 BDE HQ with report on recce for CRE.

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TAMBU BAY	31 AUG.	Weather - heavy rain earlythis morning humid later. We have not received any mail for a week and men are likening this forward area to WAU-BULOLO - apparently this is going to be our main trouble. Mens huts are now complete and men have moved in. Capt. MORLING took 7 PL.-2/8 AUST.FD.COY. Sappers to their task at SCOUT CAMP this morning - Lieut. TAPPER is running a line along foot-track. Maj. WATTS called on CRE. Visit of Lt.Col. SMITH(an English RE Officer) who is interested in JUNGLE Warfare - he discussed Engineer functions with CRE. RSM inspected footbridge into ADS - we will strengthen same, also build Operating Theatre for them. Pls. of 11 AUST.FD.COY. and 2/8 AUST.FD. COY. are pushing ahead with all speed on foot-tracks - this work is most important to carry natives with rations for forward troops who are fighting almost into SALAMAUA - this area is very rough and our own Sappers are full of praise for Infantry both US and AUST. men. Have had additional telephone installed today for CRE.	

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TAMBU BAY	1 SEPT.	Weather fine and warm - Reports from Coys that all foot-tracks are proceeding very well. CRE, ADJT. - FD.OFFRS and party walked through to SCOUT RIDGE. This track, although fairly dry is very steep and climbing is difficult. Jap. patrols are still on Ridge and the smell of buried Japs is still very bad, there has been quite a bit of material captured on this Ridge. - SALAMUAU can be seen easily from this position, and the fight at present is only a few hundred yards away. Clear Mortar fire could be seen hitting the enemy targets. Sappers are having a difficult time making foot-tracks and putting in steps. Native carriers are handling heavy loads up these slopes, and are doing a magnificent job. CRE contacted Maj.COLEBATCH and Lieut. CASBOULT. Foot bridge for ADS now completed. 11 AUST.FD. COY. guided Coy. 2/6 AUST. INF. BN. into Staging Camp. Work commenced on Orderly Room and Intelligence Office hut. CRE and party returned at 1400 hours. Mail arrived for men - jubiliation among troops.	
	2 SEPT.	Weather fine and warm. CRE at GOC's conference. Visit of Maj.WATTS and Lieut. ECCLESTONE. Obtained further clothing and canned heat supplies.- ADOS is getting equiptment now. Expect arrival of Engr. stores today by barge. Heavy gunfire during night and continuous reports this morning from Arty positions on beach. Spr.CONDON has been sent to MOROBE as suspect Malaria case - Spr. GRANT has been admitted to ADS with tonsilitis - but otherwise health of troops is very good considereing the lack of fresh vegetables and fruit. Heavy rain at night and heavy artillery barrage from our guns. 9 Natives reported to 2/8 AUST. FD. COY. for carrying rations to 9 PL. working on foot-tracks on SCOUT RIDGE.	
	3 SEPT.	Weather fine after rain last night. Orderly room is now erected but we are awaiting roofing materials to arrive from NASSAU BAY. CRE attended GOC's conference and discussed Ops. with GOC and Gl. Foot-tracks are now nearly completed. CRE awaiting visit of Maj.COLEBATCH from job. Capt.MORLING and ADS Officer to recce DOT INLET for site Fd.Amb. CRE instructed 2/8 AUST. FD. COY. to send Lieut.PHILLIPS - Pl. to DOT INLET for special job. ADJT. has arranged for 15 AUST.INF.BN. to ration this Pl. Capt.MORLING reported in at 1330 hrs from recce. RSM held kit inspection this afternoon. Visit of Majors WATTS & COLEBATCH ref. tasks. Maj.COLEBATCH stayed for Mess. No mail issued today, but DID made an issue of tobacco	

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TAMBU BAY	4 SEPT.	Weather fine and warm . Lieut. ECCLESTONE has gone on recce with several Sappers and Natives to re-locate foot-track over SCOUT RIDGE. RSM has taken party from DIV over SCOUT RIDGE - Field Officers are inspecting new bridge and track for Arty. Visit to CRE of Lt.Col. FARGHER to discuss Sig. and Engr.Ops in present ~~SARAMUAU~~ SALAMUAU attack. 70 rolls of SISALKRAFT have arrived - and hutting may now be completed. Discussion CRE and DAQ ref allocation of Engrs. stores and responsibilty of issue etc. CRE has arranged that Engr. stores will go into dump(beside 11 AUST. FD. COY.) on beachfront. Arty advise arrival of guns at night - they will be moved across bridge to site tomorrow. Jap recce plane came over at about 2300 hrs tonight - but all lights were blacked out. Arty fired many rounds during night.	
	5 SEPT.	Weather fine and warm. Field Officers have gone on recce of DOT INLET to inspect foot-track being cut by 2/8 AUST. FD. COY. CRE visited G1 and discussed Engr. operations and the formation of foot-track on new line given to G1. earlier this week, 11 AUST. FD. COY. Pl. are still working on these tracks in the DAVIDSON's RIDGE area. 2/8 AUST. FD. COY. have commenced ADS and Evacuation Hut at Maf. ref. 742936 and 746937. Sisalkraft is now being held in Engr. Stores dump at map ref. 747935 which is being operated by 11 AUST. FD. COY.Explosives which were called forward from NASSAU BAY arrived this morning and have also been placed in magazines in this area. There was some Jap shelling of TAMBU BEACH this afternoon, without casualties. Canteen hut is being erected at 736919 by 2/8 AUST. FD .COY., it has been advised that there are 18 tons of Canteen stores coming up today, Distribution will take place in 3 days time. Heavy rain at night.	
	6 SEPT.	Weather fine and warm after rain, CRE, Lieut. TAPPER, and 2 Sappers from this HQ left at 1100 hrs for recce of foot-tracks to 29 AUST. INF. BDE and 15 AUST. INF. BDE, he will contact 2PL. 15 AUST. FD. COY. and discuss change of Officers for this PL(Capt. K.GREEN is being sent from NGF to take charge of this PL.)	

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TAMBU BAY	6 SEPT(cont)	5 AUST. DIV. Adm.Instn Q.1. received at 1100 hrs. this morning gives Engrs. working in this area additional hutting responsibilities - ADJT. has arranged(in abscence of CRE) that 2/8 AUST. FD. COY. will erect additional Transit shed for AASC at Jeephead Map ref. 738938, to be completed by 1800 hrs. 8 Sept., and that 11 AUST. FD. COY's Bull-dozer will clear the area by 1000 hrs. 7 Sept.. 11 AUST. FD. COY. in addition to present hutting being erected for MDS at 730945 , have been instructed to erect DID at DAVIDSONS at 722953 also to be completed by 1800 hrs. 8 SEPT. At 1100 hsr. Japs shelled TAMBU Beach area, one shell landing outside Orderly Room of 11 AUST. FD.COY. resulting in 3 casualties, Lieut. HANNAM who had come down from foot-track job to report to his O.C. received a piece of shrapnel in the ankle, the Orderly Room Cpl. received shrapnel wounds in the elbow, and had to have his arm amputated. It was decided to move this Coy. to new area at old Ordnance site. Instructions were received from G.2 to construct a raft of petrol drums for the carrying of 2 pounder Anti-tank guns to the foot of ROOSEVELT RIDGE, drums are to be delivered on site by DAQMG and 2/8 AUST. FD. COY. will construct raft. Visit of Maj.WATTS and Maj.COLEBATCH to tie up these various instructions.	
	7 SEPT.	Weather fine and warm after some rain during the night. Petrol drums and raft will not now be required as 452 American Shore Engineers have arranged the loan of a small boat to carry our Anti-tank guns mentioned 6 Sept. 11 AUST. FD. COY. are sending 4 Rolls of Sisalkraft for the roofing of DID and MDS at Jeephead, Canteen hut will be finished today, and additional roofing at DIV. HQ will be completed tomorrow. No report yet to hand from CRE. New site for 11 AUST.FD. COY. has been approved by DAQMG and they will move personnel and stores today. Upon completion of Canteen hut 2/8 AUST. FD. COY. have been instructed to erect a 16' x 16' Lock-up hut for COSC. Water from hillside is being brought down via RAE cookhouse in long lengths of Bamboo and will be taken to ,SIGS cookhouse. This will be completed today.	
	8 SEPT	Weather dull after rain during night - No report from CRE. Maj.WATTS had discussion with G2. ref foot-track to LOKANU RIDGE - it appears likely that the enemy still have patrols in that area. ADJT. & IORE attended GOC's conference this morning. Coys are proceeding with trackwork and hutting - DID at JEEPHEAD should be completed 9 SEP. - MDS will be completed 10 SEP. ADJT has arranged for native labour to clear area and level same. RSM with 2 Sappers and 3 Natives have laid out AUST.CEMETRY on area selected, we are putting in fences and setting out plots. Troops are construting steps into DIV HQ - andare building a store hut near our cookhouse. Men have had day off today for washing clothes. Weather very hot this afternoon. ADJT. with Fd.Officer and Lieut. McMENEMY(2/8 AUST.FD.COY) inspected DID's and MDS on beach front. Our Arty did a considerable amount of shelling last night- Japs shelled beach again without casualties. News of AUST. and AMERICAN troops landing at LAE and MARKHAM VALLEY(by paratroops) is very heartening. and troops are eagerly pressing on to take SALAMAUA. CRE arrived at 1630 hrs. with Lieut.NICHOLLS (15 AUST. FD.COY.) - Lieut. TAPPER will remain in 29 BDE area. Two air-raid alerts tonight - one at 1930 hrs and other at 2030 hrs but no Jap planes were heard.	

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TAMBU BAY	9 SEPT.	Heavy rain at night - weather dull. Have asked CE 1 AUST.CORPS to advise location of 15 AUST.FD.COY. and where Lieut. NICHOLLS is to move. CRE at GOC's conference, and discussion with G1. ref operations. News was flashed over the radio this morning that ITALY had surrended on 3 SEP. - This was received with much acclaimationsin camp - and the men are discussing just what it will mean to Allied War effort . Admin. very quiet today - now that all jobs are proceeding satisfactorily - there is not a great deal to be done. Arty still continue to shell Jap.positions from this area.Report from Lieut. TAPPER that he is constructing airstrip at BOBDUBI - reported clearing 60% and construction 10% today - it will be large enough to take the Ambulance plane bringing out casualties from up forward. Lieut. HANNAM and Cpl. were evacuated to MOROBE today- have asked CE 1 AUST.CORPS to send Officer to replace HANNAM. Permission has been given by E in C and SME to transfer W.O.1.MAHOMET to this HQ as RSM. CRE concurrs and casualty return is being submitted. Heavy rain at 1130 hrs. this morning - everything very damp and weather humid.	
	10 SEPT.	Instructions from DIV early this morning to send out recce patrol from DOT INLET to (a) SCOUT HILL and (b) NUK NUK. Capt.MORLING took party away at 0730 hrs - Capt.BROOKE, (2 IC 2/8 AUST FD COY) also went on recce. ADJT attended GOCs conference for CRE who is indisposed today. Weather - it has been raining all day - but rain stopped at 1500 hrs. Have arranged for 11 AUST FD COY. dozer to assist US ENGRS clearing land-slides from track to ROOSEVELT RIDGE and also to make Jeep road into DID at Jeep head. Lt.NICHOLLS got away by barge 1605 hrs. Recce party returned at 1645 hrs - apparently out Inf.captured SCOUT HILL. Today at NUK NUK is still in the hands of the enemy. Visit Maj.WATTS to discuss ENGR works in this operation to capture SALAMAUA. Capt.MORLING reported to CRE and later visited GSO.I. at 5 AUST DIV to discuss today's recce. We have had boxes made in which to pack our Ord.Rm.stores. Now everything can be packed at the shortest notice into boy-loads. Reports to hand tonight indicate that our Australian troops are now on SALAMAUA Airstrip, so after all thses months of bitter and difficult fighting we are in SALAMAUA. Heavy rain continued all day and last night.	
	11 SEPT.	Lt.THOMPSON with 3 Sappers left at 0800 this morning with DIV recce party to establish Campsite and new DIV HQ just South of FRANCISCO RIVER. 11 AUST FD COY have sent ENGR OFFR with 29 AUST INF BDE party to erect 2 footbridges over FRANCISCO RIVER and have arranged natives to take 1200 ft of 2½" cordage to that job. Capt.MORLING left on recce of LOKANU RIDGE at 1000 hrs to locate possible tractor track to that ridge so that guns may be taken there. Heavy rain continued until 1330 hrs - everything very wet - clothes will not dry. ADJT attended GOCs conference and discussed footbridges over FRANCISCO RIVER with GOC and G1. 11 AUST FD COY have sent mine lifting team to 29 BDE to advance with INF to SALAMAUA. Sample JAP Grenades and smoke candle have been sent to CE 1 AUST CORPS for inclusion in ENGR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. Lt.TAPPER due back today.	

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TAMBU BAY	12 SEP 43.	Weather fine and warm after rain. Notice received from GSOI that Lt.TAPPER & Lt.ECCLESTONE with 15 Sappers are to go immediately to SALAMAUA to erect DIV.HUTS. Party left at 1030 hrs. 11 AUST FD COY are on 24 hrs notice to move. This HQ has had orders to pack all equipment and will possibly move tomorrow. Apparently our troops have cleaned JAPS out of SALAMAUA and are moving NORTH. ADV.DIV HQ will move to KELA area. 2/8 AUST FD COY (with 17 AUST INF BDE) will not go forward - but will return to MORESBY. All tents are being dried out preparatory to packing. Troops are very happy about the news, and prospest of moving. All Engr Pls are being brought back from tasks so that they can move at 2 hrs.notice. No reports from Lieut. THOMPSON - but his party will move to new DIV HQ - to assist in hutting project. Have arranged that 11 AUST FD COY will send DOZER and jeep and trailer to SALAMAUA for work on Airstrip tomorrow.
TAMBU BAY SALAMAUA BUKUAP	13 SEP.43.	Weather fine and wa rm. DOZER left TAMBU BAY at 0730 hrs en route SALAMAUA Airfield. Warning order received from DIV that HQ RAE to move out at 1100 hrs. All stores packed and HQ personnel on beach with Jeep and trailer at 1030 hrs. After waiting about until 1200 hrs - the first barge load got away - second barge left at 1300 hrs. Our destination was to be SALAMAUA but now it is BUKUAP (5 miles NORTH of SALAMUA) where we landed at 1500 hrs and after recce, located Campsite on foreshore. Met Lt.TAPPER who had come to meet our party - CRE arrived at 1600 hrs and HQ moved into Campsite. Tents erected and troops fed by 1800 hrs. This area apparently is temporary only - DIV have sent another recce party to investigate possibility of moving into ASINI area. It is reported that JAPS only vacated this present area at 0600 hrs this morning - and that can readily be understood by the smells and equipment that has been left behind - INT Office has been advised by this HQ of maps, military and personal documents located here. It rained heavily at night- but we were all tented. Men bathed in sea water tonight - and are very refreshed.
BUKUAP	14 SEP.43	Weather fine and warm - CRE sent Capt.MORLING with Lt.ECCLESTONE (who arrived late last night with Lt.THOMPSON) to investigate water supply in new DIV campsite. CRE discussed present operations with GSO.I and has ordered large quantities of Engr stores for rehabitating SALAMAUA, at present this port smells horrible and dead Japs are everywhere. Our forward troops are pushing ahead towards LAE. Japs all along the coast are retreating and leaving large quantities of stores and equipment. A beach searchlight which was found by our Sappers has been crated and forwarded to CE 1 AUST CORP for E in C. Several Jap regimental and military flags have been found by HQ troops. DID has been established here - rations were drawn this morning. We have a party of 11 AUST FD COY mine de-lousing team staying with us at present - they will move on to DIV hutting jobs when new site is chosen. Maj.COLEBATCH arrived by barge this afternoon to select suitable site for his Coy.HQ. It is reported that 2/8 AUST FD COY and 2/25 AUST FD PK COY left TAMBU BAY this morning en route for MORESBY from where they will go on leave. HQ troops have salvaged two JAP folding dingheys and outboard motors for same. These are being repaired for use by ENGRS. Number One Pl of 11 AUST FD COY have arrived at BUKUAP and are moving up forward with 29 AUST INF BDE immediately.

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BUKUAP	14 SEPT(cont)	CRE went to Div. HQ last night to meet Brig. TORR who had arrived with Lt.Gen.HERRING - Brig. TORR congratulated CRE and Engineers of 3 AUST.DIV. on magnificent job we have done in this opera tion. On the radio tonight HQ RAE tps were pleased to hear Gen.BLAMEY say that 3 AUST.DIV. had done a great job driving the japs from WAU -MUBO-SALAMAUA and that Maj.Gen.SAVIGE(who is at present in Australia) should be proud of his Division.
	15 SEPT.	Weather fine and warm but very himid. CRE visited GOC ref future Engr. work in area. Capt. MORLING has taken RAE advance party to new Div. site for erection of hutting and accommodation. Our men now have 4 Jap. folding boats and three outboard motors which are being repaired. 11 AUST. FD. COY. will move 2PL on to Div. Hutting and balance of that Coy. have been called forward from TAMBU BAY. Work in this present area is that of cleaning out Jap. huts, and repairing small foot-bridge. CRE spoke to Maj.COLEBATCH and gave him instructions ref. work in SALAMAUA area. Lieut. ECCLESTONE(who is attached from CE NGF) is now a captain as from 22 Aug.) SGT. NEWMARK and rear party arrived during afternoon from TAMBU BAY - having cleaned up area after HQ RAEAmoved out. Men swam at 1600 hrs - and had early mess to take advantage of daylight. Bright moonlight tonight but no sign of Jap. recce planes or bombers.
	16 SEPT.	Slight rain early this morning but clea red up at 1000 hrs. CRE spoke to Capt.MORLING ref Div. hutting and told him to take over some of US Engrs, equiptment for work SALAMAUA - Two additional outboard motors have been located and are being repaired. - we have now 4 such motors but will be able to use three of them. Troops engaged on cleaning up area, and locating engineer equeptment around the bay. Reports from Div. indicate that our troops are still pushing ahead and driving Japs towards LAE. Large Jap. mosquito nets salvaged from area have been erected in cook-house and other tents to keep flies away from food. There are large quantities of enemy LMG's and rifles, whilst ammunition is about in great heaps. Advice received at 1915 hrs. "LAE HAD FALLEN" - CRE announced the news to troops, and there was a great cheer - news also received from the evening news service that troops in active service in NEW GUINEA are to be relieved every 4 months - another cheer - We could do with a spell now. Everyone is in a most exhuberant mood. It has been a most eventful day - Firstly sounds of gunfire were heard ar first light and continued all day - at about 1000 hrs. Liberators, Bostons, and Mitchells went over LAE and bombed that town for some time, this afternoon sounds of heavy gunfire were again heard, and then we could see heavy clouds of smoke coming from LAE township. This is excellent news- only one worry - we did not receive any mail today.

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BUKUAP	17 SEPT.	Weather fine and warm. CRE and ADJT went to SALAMAUA to contact Capt. MORLING and party - (who were engaged on Div. hutting) and bring them back to BUKUAP. This hutting is now cancelled owing to LAE having fallen, it is assumed that we will go to LAE now, but have heard nothing further. 11 AUST? FD. COY. will continue with road and track repair, hygiene and cleaning up of area. Very humid and hot at 1100 hrs, CRE and ADJT walked back from SALAMAUA through Jap. camp - these are still very smelly but Bns camped along foreshore are cleaning up these areas. We were able to bring all our stores from SALAMAUA to this area in captured Jap. F.B.E's which have been located. Jap.recce plane flew over late tonight - but there was no opposition - all lights were blacked out. Bright moonlight. No mail in today - but news was received by radio at night.
	18 SEPT.	Weather hot and humid. - men have salvaged another Jap. F.B.E. filled with ammunition, we have repaired boat which was holed and it is now in use. CRE has gone to LAE with GOC and his staff officers. Very quiet - we seem to be a long way from the fight now - no adm. work from Div. - everyone is relaxed after operations. One Liberator bomber flew over in direction of LAE at 0900 hrs this morning. Sea is very calm - not much wind - men are repairing out-board motors.
	19 SEPT	CRE and FD OFFRS have gone to LAE- FD OFFRS will be responsible for erection of DIV HUTTG and CAPT MORLING's task is to put refrigeration plant in order. ADJT went to SALAMAUA at 0500 hrs to arrange get MAJ.COLEBATCH's one Pl to LAE today - barges arranged and the Pl got away at 1000 hrs. Held conference with US ENGRS (Capt.CASPAR) ref Power Machinery being held and to be handed over to R.A.E. Apparently some authority is necessary before USA Army will release same - have asked GSOI to get 1 AUST CORPS to arrange this - DOZER is urgently required at LAE. Capt.WILLIAMS arrived back from SME LIVERPOOL - and when CRE returned at night a conference was held about present situation. Our troops are still taking things easily and enjoying a rest period. CRE arrived back at 2000 hrs - apparently there is still some hitch in selection of site for DIV HQ - but FD OFFRS have remained at LAE. We received a large quantity of mail today which had been sent to SALAMAUA - the first for ten days.
	20 SEPT	CRE at GOC's conference. Capt.WILLIAMS has gone by our boat to SALAMAUA to contact Capt. CASPAR (US ENGRS) who is in charge salvage of Engr equipment in that town. CRE has written a congratulatory note to OC's 11 FD COY and 2 PL.15 FD COY upon completion of this present operation. Weather today is fine but himid. Men are now all brown-after coming out of jungle ops we were very white, in fact almost yellow (the coloring from ATEBRIN tablets) but now our troops may be termed "sunbronzed Australians" - they are all responding to this rest period on the coast. Have again asked 5 AUST DIV for clothing for 2 PL 15 AUST FD COY - also have endeavoured to get their mail - this Pl have received no mail for nearly three months. Advice received from DIV that balance of

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PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION
BUKUAP	20 SEPT (Contd).	of 11 AUST FD COY will possibly move out to LAE at 0800 hrs tomorrow - have passed on information to that Coy This news was confirmed at 1530 hrs and further signal passed tp Coy. Capt.WILLIAMS returned at 1800 hrs - having met CASPAR and investigated salvage. Weather cool and cloudy at night - light rain.
	21 SEPT.	Weather fine and warm - Lt.THOMPSON and RSM went to SALAMAUA to contact 2 PL.15 AUST FD COY. CRE had discussion with GOC and GSOI ref movement of ENGR personnel. This HQ has had warning orders to be ready to move by 0800 hrs tomorrow 22 SEP. Once again all stores and equipment have been packed and we are standing by for further instructions. CRE has written report on Engr Ops in the battle for SALAMAUA. Several Jap mortar bombs have been pulled down and contents examined - but they are of simple construction - the Jap apparently did not have time to booby trap equipment in this area - no attempt has been made to render the handling of explosives dangerous - Sappers haven't found any traces of prepared charges. Mail seems to be coming through much more regularly now - more was received today. Have advised CE 1 AUST CORPS that Engrs location is as follows :- HQ RAE, BUKUAP and expect close 0800 hrs 22 SEP and reopen same time LAE - 11 AUST FD COY now at LAE complete - 2 PL.15 AUST FD COY now at SALAMAUA.
BUKUAP/ LAE	22 SEPT.	Weather fine and warm. We were on beach at 0900 hrs together with all stores awaiting barges. Upon arrival and after loading we waited out to sea until all craft were ready to join convoy. Arrived in LAE at 1430 hrs - have borrowed some vehicles to take CRE to contact MORLING and TAPPER who have been erecting campsite at new location. Have moved stores into area which has been cleared up after JAPS hadevacuated - leaving the site in a terrible mess. All tents and Orderly Room are erected and meals prepared. Troops bedded down for night - they are all very tired. LAE is a much hotter place than SALAMAUA. The equipment and rubbish left behind by JAPS is immense - salvage squads are still going flat out collecting valuable gear. Although LAE was raided yesterday - we have had no visit from Nip today. CRE visited HQ 5 AUST DIV.
LAE	23 SEPT.	Weather fine and humid. Unpacking stores, erecting men's sleeping quarters - messes and cookhouse. This is slow work as all areas have to be thoroughly cleaned and rubbish burned. There is a continuous roar from LAE Airfield as our fighters and Douglas transport planes come in and depart. This place already has hundreds of vehicles running around - and campsites are springing up. Have contacted numbers of 9 AUST DIV units - but main force are further north. Capt.MORLING and ECCLESTONE and Lt.TAPPER have gone on recce for various jobs in area which will require additional ENGR personnel. Very hot and sticky at 1400 hrs - but rain later is likely. CRE visited GSOI ref ENGR jobs. It seems such a little time ago that we were in WAU area - LAE then seemed far away - this is under two months ago, our troops have done an excellent job to push Japs out of N.G.
	24 SEPT.	Weather- heavy rain this morning until 1030 hrs. CRE visited GOCs conference and later went on recce with Capt.ECCLESTONE. Rations are more plentiful here, and with any sort of luck our mail should be continuous. Signal received from 1 AUST CORPS that CE is to land today at NADZAB Airfield and possible will call into this HQ. Erecetion of mens hut and messes proceeding. Have asked 58/59 Bn and 24 Bn to advise what action they require us to take ref return of CAMELG personnel. Jap areas being cleaned up - the smell is a little less acute now - so,e Jap equipment including a FLAME THROWER has been passed to 5 AUST DIV INT.section. Capt MORLING has gone to inspect repairs being carried out on Refrigeration unit, and Lt.TAPPER has taken particulars of gap across BUTIBUM RIVER. We will build a new bridge over this stream.

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LAE 24 SEP (Contd) Capt.ECCLESTONE and Lt.THOMPSON are out on re-location of road to MALAHANG Airfield. Visit to CRE of Lt.Col. MUELLER (CRE 9 AUST DIV) and Maj.COLEBATCH. US Engrs are working on road outside our HQ - they have (as usual) all the mechanical equipment required for road building - but it is anticipated that M.E. will be sent to LAE for RAE in the near future. Have drafted new standing orders covering the occupying of this area and including cleaning area. Visit to CRE of CE 1 AUST CORPS (BRIG.TORR) ref works in LAE. Conference at night with CE-CRE-OCs 11 AUST FD COY and 2/13 AUST FD COY (9 AUST DIV.)

25 SEP Weather fine and warm. BRIG.TORR stayed the night and departed for BUNA this morning. Advice has been received th at the following ENGR units are due in tonight:- 2/14 AUST A FD COY, MECH.EQPT COY, CRE 1 AUST CORPS TPS, 59 AUST FD PK COY. FD.OFFRS have ch osen sites for these Coys - and 11 AUST FD COY will foster them in. We will foster in CRE 1 AUST CORPS TPS HQ and feed them until they are settled in. Re-location of roads - selection of sites for hutting and store dumps - allocation of works - use of power and mech.eqpt - all these things are being discussed with CRE, FD OFFRS and OC COYS. Nomination of Capt.GOWTY for SME Course 113 (refresher) submitted - this course is to commence on 31 OCT 43. Sun is very hot at present (1100 hrs) and humidity after rain is high. Anoth er congratulatory message received from GEN.HERRING on SALAMAUA campaign.

26 SEP Weather fine and warm. FD OFFRS and IORE continuing recces. CRE at GOCs conference - it appears that our troops are steadily advancing towards FINSCHHAFEN bu t meeting Jap opposition. Visit of Maj.COLEBATCH for CRE. We have a plan now of all stores and equipment dumps in this area - and arrangements are being made to call forward addit ional FD COY S. Advice received late last night that ENGR units would not be arriving until 27 SEP - all is prepared now to foster them in. Capt.WILLIAMS has party of 50 Natives working on road to MALAHANG Airfield - 11 AUST FD COY. Sprs are repairing this road which will serve until new location goes through. A number of our HQ Sprs have suddenly developed high temperatures - MO thinks it is either DENGUE or SANDFLY FEVER, two men have been evacuated to ADS. There are many troops being evacuated from the area.

27 SEP Weather fine but dull. Temperatures of men have gone down - MO thinks they will be alright. Visit to CRE of US ENGR Offr ref ENGR works in area, also Capt.STRONG (BM of 29 BDE) ref tracks along BUTIBUM River. Lt.TAPPER while on recce yesterday, discovered 5 dead japs along little used track west of BUTIBUM River - have reported this to DIV. Drawings being made for new bridge over this river to replace Jap bridge - advice received that additional ENGR Units are to arrive in tonight at 2300 hrs - preparations have been made to foster them in.

28 SEP CRE, ADJT, FD OFFRS and guides went to beach and met these personnel - they were ferried to campsites and meals were arranged by 11 AUST FD COY and HQ RAE. Conference CRE and Lt.Col.BELL (CRE 1 AUST CORPS TPS) ref ENGR works in area. Men all bedded down by 0300 hrs. LSTs which brought troops and equipment in last night are staggering - the amount of gear which can be carried is tremendous - they look huge besides the LCVs. Two CREs attended GOCs conference at 0830 hrs - and discussed Ops and works in this area. 2/1 MECH EQUIP COY Pl.which also arrived in last night brought BULLDOZERS, GRADERS, TRACTORS, SCOOPS, CARRYALLS, and a COLEMAN SHOVEL - these items have been put to work on road MALAHANG Airfield. FD OFFRS.are conducting recces of roads, installations, etc. Advice has been received that 2/14 AUST A FD COY.HQ and one Pl.plus balance of 2/1 MECH EQUIP Coy will arrive at 2200 hrs tonight. Same arrangements have been put in hand. Capt.STEPHENS (MO,1 AUST CORPS TPS) has had a look at our sick men-and suggests they stop in bed-but cannot decide what is the matter. ADJT.and Capt.WILLIAMS and 4 men went to beach tonight to foster in 2/14 AUST A FD COY. CRE 1 AUST CORPS TPS fostered in balance of 2/1 MECH EQUIP COY. Meals were provided for troops at night.

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LAE	29 SEP.	Weather - rain at night - very dull during the day. CREs conference with OCs Coys - visit of GOC who was out inspecting Areas. We entertained all the newly arrived officers for breakfast, a site has been selected for 2/14 AUST A FD COY and they moved out by 1200 hrs. Shortage of canteen goods is now acute. Men have NO tobacco or matches - DID are supposed to be issuing these items but none have been received for weeks. All this talk about comforts and canteen goods coming forward to operational troops apparently is a lot of talk - since WAU and the subsequent operation against SALAMAUA - the additional food etc.obtainable from Army Canteens has been absent. It is interesting to note that US troops continue to get fresh vegetables and beef - whilst we have lived almost continuously on bully beef and biscuits since we arrived in N.G. Natives are forming paths and continuously cleaning up area. 11 AUST FD COY report that the US ENGRS Mech Equipment (left at SALAMAUA) arrived at LAE this morning and will immediately be put on road and clearing works in the area.
	30 SEP	Weather fine and warm - FD OFFRS are out on road and dump recces. Dozers are working from both ends of MALAHANG Airstrip. This road is now quite an important one. Discussion CRE with A & Q ref arrival of stores and equipment. 11 AUST FD COY have been instructed to meet barges coming in this morning and take delivery of DOZERS which are supposed to arrive. We received much mail yesterday - troops overjoyed to receive news from home. Sick parade this morning is slightly better - two men are well again but still weak - our MO has not been able to locate this fever - but is trying different treatments as an endeavour to trace its origin. Instructions were received that all personnel with temperatures were to be evacuated to ADS - this was done by 2000 hrs - total of eleven men being evacuated . Conference CRE with CRE 1 AUST CORPS TPS.

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5 AUST DIV ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION Q.1

Ref Map KOMIATUM 1:25000 Series

GENERAL

1. This instruction is issued to lay down the plan for the maintenance of forward Aust units by native carriers.

RESERVES & MAINTENANCE

2. COSC TAMBU BAY and 3 Aust Base Sub Area will be responsible for the building up and storage of reserves and maintenance stocks of Aust amn sups, stores etc in TAMBU and NASSAU BAYS as already indicated to them by this HQ.

MAINTENANCE AUST UNITS TAMBU BAY AREA

3. HQ Comd 3 Aust Div ASC will continue to operate the DID at JEEPHEAD 731916 for issue of supplies, amn etc to units located within the TAMBU BAY area. This DID will be replenished as required, on demand, from det 3 Aust Base Sub Area Depots.

MAINTENANCE OF FORWARD UNITS

4. (a) From a date to be notified det 3 Aust Base Sub Area will be responsible for the packing of sups, amn, ord stores etc into boy packs and for their delivery to a Transit Depot to be established by HQ Comd 3 Aust Div ASC in the vicinity of HQ 162 US Regt at 738938.

(b) Boy packs will be loaded on native carriers at the above Transit Depot. Consignment notes, showing total number of packs and details of contents of each pack, and to whom consigned will be handed by Transit Depot Staff to escort in charge of native boy line.

(c) Adv HQ 5 Aust Div will be responsible for arranging the delivery by native carrier from Transit Shed 738938 to DAVIDSON RIDGE DID 722953, which will be established by HQ Comd 3 Aust Div ASC, immediately.

(d) 15 and 29 Aust Inf Bdes will be responsible for the collection of amn, sups etc by native carriers allotted to their Bdes from DAVIDSON RIDGE DID 722953 and for the issue to units under their command through Sup Depot Pls established under Bde arrangements within their respective areas.

(e) 42 Aust Inf Bn will be maintained by issues from DAVIDSON RIDGE DID 722953. 42 Aust Inf Bn will arrange collection of amn, sups etc from this DID with native carriers which will be under their command.

(f) 15 Aust Inf Bn will be maintained under arrangements of this HQ by landing craft to DOT INLET. Landing craft will arrive at DOT INLET each night at approx 2000 hrs and 15 Aust Inf Bn will be responsible for their unloading. For this purpose a det of 1 Aust Mountain Bty RAA has already been attached to 15 Aust Inf Bn. The det of 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy at present at DOT INLET will hold and issue all amn, sups etc required by 15 Aust Inf Bn.

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ENGINEERS

5. (a) CRE 3 Aust Div will arrange the erection of Transit Shed 738938, DAVIDSON RIDGE DID 722953, ADS GREEN 730945 and MDS NORTH TAMBU 740937, with CASC 3 Aust Div and ADMS 5 Aust Div, immediately.

(b) CRE 3 Aust Div will be responsible for track maintenance along the new L of C.

METHOD OF INDENTING

6 (a) Bdes will indent by signal for amn, sups etc 72 hours in advance of time they require to collect their requirements from DAVIDSON RIDGE DID 722953.

(b) Indents will be based on a daily maintenance basis. First indents will be submitted on receipt of this instruction. 29 Aust Inf Bde will show 42 Aust Inf Bn requirements separately.

(c) 15 Aust Inf Bn will advise this HQ by 1200 hrs daily their requirements for delivery the subsequent night at DOT INLET.

ARTY AMN

7. Indents are not required for Arty Amn which is called forward by this HQ as required. RAA 5 Aust Div in conjunction with BEACHMASTER TAMBU BAY will be responsible for the clearance of all Arty amn from the beach and for its storage in regimental or bty dumps.

ORDNANCE

8. (a) All demands for Ord stores will be forwarded to ADOS 5 Aust Div.

(b) ADOS 5 Aust Div will arrange with Det 3 Aust Base Sub Area for the delivery of Ord stores, packed into boy loads, to Transit Shed 738938.

(c) ADOS 5 Aust Div will advise this HQ 48 hrs in advance of the number of boy loads of Ord stores to be moved to DAVIDSON RIDGE DID for collection by Bdes.

(d) Ord stores required by 15 Aust Inf Bn will be advised direct to this HQ and will be delivered by landing craft to DOT INLET.

(e) All units will ensure that demands for ord stores are kept to a minimum owing to the heavy loads involved and the shortage of native carriers available for this work.

MEDICAL

9. (a) Evacuation from 15 Aust Inf Bde and 29 Aust Inf Bde less 42 Aust Inf Bn will be through ADS ERSKINE 712954 to ADS GREN 730945 which will be established by ADMS 5 Aust Div immediately, thence to MDS NORTH TAMBU 740937.

(b) 42 Aust Inf Bn will evacuate to ADS GREEN.

(c) 15 Aust Inf Bn will evacuate direct by landing craft or boy line to MDS NORTH TAMBU.

(d) Surgical teams will be attached to ADS ERSKINE, ADS GREEN and MDS NORTH TAMBU.

(e) CO's of 15 and 7 Aust Fd Ambs will act as SMO's of respective Bdes and will be responsible for the operation of the AAMC within those areas.

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(f) At MDS NORTH TAMBU cases will be classified into those requiring evacuation from TAMBU BAY via BEACH Medical Post (ASP) 746937 and those suitable for retention within Divisional area at Div Rest Sta 733918.

(g) Every effort will be made to minimize evacuation from beyond Divisional area.

(h) Pending completion of establishment of Medical Post referred to above, the Div Rest Sta will be maintained by 2/2 Aust Fd Amb at the existing Medical Post at NASSAU BAY.

(i) ASP at NASSAU will be taken over by 2/2 Aust Fd Amb and remaining personnel of 7 Aust Fd Amb will concentrate at NASSAU BAY for forward movement when required.

(j) As existing posts in MUBO and GOODVIEW areas are able to be closed personnel of 2/2 Aust Fd Amb will concentrate at NASSAU BAY.

(k) Bdes will be responsible for providing carriers for stretcher cases to ADS GREEN.

(l) This HQ will arrange carriers for stretcher cases from ADS GREEN to MDS NORTH TAMBU.

PAY

10. (a) 3 Aust Div Fd Cash Office is located at Rear 5 Aust Div NASSAU.

(b) A rep of 5 Aust Div Fd Cash Office is located at Adv 5 Aust Div and will arrange all Field Cash Office transactions for units in TAMBU BAY area.

POSTAL

11. (a) 3 Aust Div Postal Unit will attach a rep to BEACHMASTER TAMBU who will be responsible for the receipt and despatch of mail ex TAMBU BEACH.

(b) Mail for units located in TAMBU BAY area will be distributed through FPO 069 established at JEEPHEAD DID.

(c) Mail for 15 Aust Inf Bn will be distributed by FPO to Rear Details 15 Aust Inf Bn. This HQ will be advised by Rear Details 15 Aust Inf Bn of the weight, when arrangements for its loading onto landing craft for DOT INLET will be made.

(d) Mail for units of 15 and 29 Aust Inf Bdes will be delivered to Transit Shed 738938. 3 Aust Div Postal Unit will notify this HQ of the number of boy loads involved when arrangements will be made for its on move to DAVIDSON RIDGE DID for collection by Bdes concerned.

CANTEENS

12. It is anticipated that canteen stocks will be made available in this area in the near future. These supplies will be allocated to units on a strength basis. Separate instructions will be issued in this regard when stocks are available.

IMPLEMENTATION

13. (a) The above instructions appertaining to the establishment and operation of the supply line TAMBU BAY - DAVIDSON RIDGE DID and thence to 15 and 29 Aust Inf Bde areas will be put into effect as early as possible.

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(b) 15 and 29 Aust Inf Bdes will clear supplies that have been dropped by aircraft into their forward depots as quickly as possible to enable their native carriers to be diverted onto the new L of C.

(c) The date of commencement of the Div link to DAVIDSON RIDGE DID will be signalled to all concerned by this HQ.

(d) The number of carriers at present allocated to Bdes and to 42 Aust Inf Bn may be reduced to enable the Div link to be built up. Bdes will advise this HQ immediately of their estimated minimum number of carriers required to maintain themselves from DAVIDSON RIDGE DID.

CLOSING OF MEDICAL AND AASC DEPOTS

14. ADS's, Medical staging posts, sup depot etc at present located in the rear areas or along the Mt TAMBU L of C will be closed by Heads of Services or Bdes concerned as early as possible.

COFFEE STALL

15. The 29 Aust Inf Bde Coffee Stall at present located on Mt TAMBU track will be moved under arrangements of this HQ to DAVIDSON RIDGE DID area.

NATIVE CARRIERS

16. (a) ADNL att HQ 5 Aust Div is responsible for the operation of all native carriers in 5 Aust Div area.

(b) ANGAU reps are attached to each Bde HQ and are responsible for the native carriers allotted to Bdes.

(c) The greatest care must be taken to ensure that native carriers are not overloaded. ANGAU officers or NCOs will be responsible for this. Bdes or units operating carriers will ensure that ANGAU recommendations in this regard are carried out.

GUARDS FOR NATIVE CARRIERS

17. (a) 2/6 Aust Inf Bn will be responsible for the provision of guards on the Div link of the carrier line to DAVIDSON RIDGE DID or as required by this HQ.

(b) Bdes or units will be responsible for guards forward of DAVIDSON RIDGE DID and in their respective areas.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

18. Sigs 3 Aust Div in conjunction with CASC 3 Aust Div and ADMS 5 Aust Div will arrange telephone communication for DAVIDSON RIDGE DID, ADS GREEN and Transit Depot.

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AA & QMG 5 Aust Div

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LAE	1 OCT.	Weather fine and warm. CRE attended GOCs conference and discussed present layout and setup for formation of stores dump at this base. We expect the arrival of 2 Bulldozers and 1 tractor today - 11 AUST FD COY have guides waiting on beach also for additional stores which are to arrive today. CRE has formed an Engineer transit dump just beyond Jap bridge for distribution of stores to units in this area. DADMS advised today that our personnel are suffering from Sandfly fever - and as this is not one of the dangerous complaints no more men are to be evacuated out of Area. Visit from Brigs.MAINE and TORR ref ENGR operations in area, and ENGR policy. CRE visited CEs on their launch for conference at 2000 hrs - MAJ.CHESTERMAN came to see CRE at 2300 hrs - rain at night.
	2 OCT.	Weather fine and warm after rain. CRE has been out on launch this morning inspecting and taking soundings of LAE harbour. Conference ADJTs ref ENGR stores - and visit MAJOR CARTER (OC 59 CORPS FD PK COY). Advice received that 20 tons ENGR stores are due to arrive VOCO POINT tonight - FD PK COY will arrange guides to collect same and 151 G.T.COY will loan vehicles for loading petrol from LSTs to vehicles. 11 AUST FD COY are to collect an additional 4/D2 Tractors and 2/D4 Dozers from beach tonight. DIV advise that daylight saving time will come into operation at 0200 hrs tomorrow morning - further details will be advised later. The new road to MALAHANG is to be called SYMONS Road - 11 AUST FD COY are making up signposts for same - CRE (Lt.Col.SYMONS) does not know this yet. Working parties are as follows 150 INF from 29/46 Bn and 200 natives for road work. Heavy rain at night.
	3 OCT.	Weather fine and warm. CRE conference ref location store dump. Daylight saving has altered some of the times for working - the natives still continue to get up with the sun, thus starting work one hour later. The newly made roads in this area have been badly cut up after rain last night - now that heavy vehicles are carting stores to new dumps continuous maintenance is necessary. Drawings are being prepared for standard 60' x 20' hut - and access road plan is also being drawn up - CRE visited road jobs and 11 AUST FD COY to arrange further work in this area. Have obtained few more native boys to clean up area. Visit of Maj.LOBB (OC 53 AUST FD PK COY) to see CRE and OFFRS and stayed for lunch. Heavy rain at night - we are having continuous trouble with MECH.EQUIP.breaking down - mechanics are working full time in two shifts to keep ME on the road. Announced tonight that FINSCHAFFEN has fallen.
	4 OCT.	Weather fine but humid after rain. FD.OFFRS.are working on field notes,plotting and drawing up new road locations. Visit Lt.Col.BELL for CRE. All roads badly cut up after rain and repeated efforts to get sufficient gravel onto roads is not assisting very materially - heavy vehicles carting stores have cut these roads about so much that only continuous work on a fine day can put them in order again. Admin.matters now requiring attention are more numerous, and Orderly room staff are kept going all day. With the advent of new units arriving lately - Spr.work is of the utmost importance - but unfortunately ENGR stores have not been arriving - stocks for the immense job in hand are almost ludicious. Repeated demands by CRE and "Q" have not been very successful - this is not understood DID made an issue of tobacco today. Heavy tropical rains in early hours of morning 4/5 OCT.
	5 OCT.	Heavy rain continued up to 1100 hrs - we have given up job of patching roads today - it is impossible and roads are impassable until spell of fine weather when every available bit of plant and every Sapper will be put onto maintenance - already sappers are working 24 hrs per day in two shifts. Additional Mech.Equip.arrived yesterday evening for 11 AUST FD COY - there were 6 Tractors, all of which are in really bad condition. These items were taken over from US ENGRS. The ration position is much improved with the advent of further issues of potatoes and onions - we would relish some fresh lettuces and greens though.

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LAE	5 OCT. (Contd)	Advice received that 2/7 AGH personnel are due in within 48 hrs - accomodation is impossible at present but understand no Sisters are to arrive yet, which will ease the situation somewhat. CRE visited Col.MATTHEWS (US ENGRS Offr. in charge US Works in the area) ref power machinery. 2/7 AUST FD COY (9 AUST DIV) are now under command CRE and have moved into campsite on NADZAB Road - Maj.DAWSON (OC of this Coy) has been given tasks of hut building on BUTIBUM Road. Further issue of mail today. Understand our evacuated personnel are at 2/11 AGH at BUNA. Heavy rain at night and continued early morning 5/6 OCT.
	6 OCT	Rain continuous. Weather dull and cloudy. This rain is playing havoc with new roads in area - we can't get ME on to them/ Visit DAPM for CRE ref Provost check posts - CRE has asked DIV to close OLD MALAHANG road until 1000 hrs to attempt to patch it. FD OFFRS doing recce of 2/7 AUST FD COY area. We are to hand a jeep over to 59 CORPS FD PK COY today - DIV are supplying one to replace it. Another lot of explosives arrived last night together with water pumps - 59 CORPS FD PK COY will collect same. New road to MALAHANG has been named BUSU Road, other road through DIV is known as BUTIBUM Road, road to wreck at MALAHANG beach is known as WRECK Road. Although weather is bad for flying there have been many flights of planes from the LAE Ship. Heavy rain again at night.
	7 OCT	Weather dull and wet - all roads closed until 1200 hrs every day by order of A & Q 5 AUST DIV. CRE conference Col.BELL and inspection of roads. Increased working party today - now totalling 200 INF and 300 natives, all engaged on road and hut construction. We are not able to meet contract demands from units for hutting materials- we just haven't got any! DIV have sent urgent signals again asking for 500 rolls of SISALCRAFT. We are designing an office for GOC - now that our sawmill is functioning we will be able to produce an amount of sawn timber. Visit of Major Dawson ref work for 2/7 AUST FD COY. Rain continued throughout night 7/8 OCT.
	8 OCT	Heavy rain continues - all work on roads is now suspended owing to impassibility of surface. Mud is feet deep on all roads. Mech.Equip is lying idle - vehicles just bog down. Hutting continues - but this work cannot proceed owing to lack of materials. 1 AUST CORPS cannot supply 500 rolls SISALCRAFT asked for. Conference 1100 hrs- CREs, ADMS, DADMS ref allocation of areas and building of 2/7 AGH. 11 AUST FD COY are continuing hut building - AASC huts are now located and under construction. Drawings of 60' x 20' standard huts and access roads have now been issued to Coys. Visit Maj.COLEBATCH for CRE, discussion with Col.BELL. Heavy rain continued to 1600 hrs fine night but very damp. Men went to open air picture show in US Tps area.
	9 OCT	Weather warm and humid. FD OFFR locating site for 4 AUST FD COY who are expected at LAE within next few days. Maj. COLEBATCH visit to CRE - when Col.SYMONS told Maj.COLEBATCH that he was to take over as CRE 3 AUST DIV - Col.SYMONS is to go at once to LHQ for posting on E in Cs staff. Discussion Capt.FRAME (2/7 AUST FD COY) with ADJT on ADMIN matters within this area. With this fine weather - all road plant now is being put into action, and given a decent dry spell the work will be completed to schedule. Rain again during night
	10 OCT	Weather fine, but humid after rain. Visit Maj.COLEBATCH to get information ref Works, and other jobs in area. CRE 1 AUST CORPS TPS is to take over control of all works of LAE area, and to liaise with 5 AUST DIV. Maj.COLEBATCH will be responsible for Comd of 11 AUST FD COY - 2/7 AUST FD COY and 4 AUST FD COY when that Coy arrives LAE. Jap bombers came over at 2030 hrs and dropped three bombs, the bright moonlight at present is excellent bombing weather - later Jap bombers came over twice, each time dropping their bombs.

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HQ RAE (AIF), 3 AUST DIV

WAR DIARY

FROM - 1 OCT - 31 OCT 43.

PRO FORMA AF.C2118

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION
LAE	11 OCT 43	Weather fine and warm, visit of Brigs.TORR and RISSEN (CE 2 AUST CORPS) to discuss works with CRE. Arrangements made for Col.SYMONS to go to MORESBY tomorrow by courier plane. All mech.equipment now working full time on rds, but roads are still very muddy - the whole area is still a sea of mud with so much vehicular traffic. Stores and equipment are still pouring in - but engineer stores do not arrive. FD OFFRS are still engaged on road and hutting locations. Bright moonlight again tonight - we expect Jap planes over again - two alerts up to 0200 hrs/12 OCT but no sign of Jap planes.
	12 OCT 43	Weather fine and warm - Maj.COLEBATCH officially took over as CRE from Lt.Col.SYMONS who has gone to LAE airstrip to emplane for MORESBY en route to LHQ. Discussion Col.BELL with CRE ref units under Comd. All roads are in better shape but main roads are now very dusty. Col.SYMONS did not get away today - but courier plane is due to go out tomorrow. Bright moonlight again tonight - open air picture show at HQ 5 AUST DIV tonight. Two air alerts - but no sign of Jap planes.
	13 OCT 43	Weather fine and warm - Col.SYMONS got away by plane to NADZAB from where he will go to MORESBY en route to LHQ. CRE has gone to 2/7 AUST FD COY with Col.BELL ref ORDNANCE huts. Capt.MORLING has gone to salvage an alternator. Capt.WILLIAMS is on new road location - little admin work now that CRE 1 AUST CORPS TPS has taken over control of works and stores for this area. Weather at 1130 hrs very humid, but spell of dry weather is assisting in road construction. We have been able to get a few stores from ORDNANCE, but still awaiting issue of clothing. Rations have improved lately - apparently sugar is in short supply though. Slight rain during night.
	14 OCT 43	Weather fine and warm after rain. All works in area progressing satisfactorily - we could employ many more natives on jobs at present, but they are not available. Advice has been received that one 15 cwt truck is to be made available use HQ RAE. Have arranged for 2/7 AUST FD COY to take GMC trucks to Aust beach transit area by 2359 hrs tonight for movement to MILNE BAY - tippers are to be given to 2/7 COY to replace same. Rain at 2000 hrs - very dark night. Capt.MORLLING reports that alternator will shortly be available to be collected for use in Electric reticulation of this area. Heavy rain at night. Driver collected 15 cwt FORD 4 x 4 for use this HQ
	15 OCT 43	Weather fine and warm. CRE has issued summary of works complete with details of jobs in hand. We are now able to get one block of ice each day from works - this is very much appreciated. Visit Capt.KERSHAW (who is Admin Comd 11 AUST FD COY) to discuss works of that Coy with CRE. RAE CORPS TPS have arranged working parties in addition to usual requirements - 2/7 AUST FD COY received 50 natives today for hutting jobs. Organisation of work and plotting of jobs is being done by CRE and FD OFFRS. Rain again at night. Two alerts on sea-front area
	16 OCT 43	Weather fine and warm after rain. CRE had a vist from Col.BELL who brought Lt.Col.ROUTLEY with him to discuss present set up ref works in this area. Col.ROUTLEY will now become CRE (WORKS) LAE Area. Our position is obscure - it is not known whether we will continue to remain here. DID issued this HQ with tobacco today. In response to DIVISION's request for units requirements of Electrical Reticulation of area - plans have been received and information is being plotted on master map of the area; calculations have been taken out and list of required stores will be submitted to CE 2 AUST CORPS. Visit Capt.KERSHAW to CRE ref jobs. Rain again at night - but very dark night - we do not expect NIP over tonight.

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WAR DIARY

HQ RAE (AIF), 3 AUST DIV. PRO FORMA - AF.C2118.

FROM 1 OCT - 31 OCT. 1943.

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION
LAE	17 OCT.	Weather fine and warm, breeze from SW. Advice received last night that we would not get any natives for work today, but they turned up for work today - however we were able to use them. 2/7 FD COY have forwarded a plan of ORD.huts which they are working on, this information will be plotted on our enlargement of the whole of LAE area. DET.1 AUST BOMB DISPOSAL COY have been busy lately delousing parachute mines, bombs and booby traps. We have had no further word of our HQ Troops who were evacuated from this area, they should soon be returning.
	18 OCT.	Weather hot and humid. CRE has gone on inspection to 2/7 FD COY and to have a look at ORD.Huts. Advice received that our personnel who were evacuated from this area are now at MORESBY - We have asked DIV to call them forward at earliest. Lieut.TAPPER is running levels around the AUST area so that a plan of water reticulation may be drawn up - all FD.OFFRS are engaged on preliminary calculations for roads, electricity and water installations. Nothing has been heard of 4 AUST FD COY who were expected to arrive this area from MOROBE last week. Some rain during night - one air alert but no sign of Jap.bombers.
	19 OCT.	Weather fine and warm. Some of our NATIVE and INF Working parties were taken from ENGR jobs today - apparently they are required for other work, this will tend to slow down rate of progress. All roads are now in better condition with a spell of dry weather. CRE has been asked by GOC for reports of ENGR functions in WAU-SALAMAUA operations - we have Col.SYMONS reports on file and these are being pieced together. Quantities have been taken out for GOCs hut and passed to CRE 1 AUST CORPS TPS. FD.OFFRS out on location and recces. Advice has been received from CE 2 AUST CORPS that nomination Lieut.RUSHTON of 2/7 FD COY for SME refresher 113 has not been accepted - no word whether Capt.GOWTY's nomination has been accepted. We have been advised that there are pictures tonight at HQ 5 AUST DIV. Rain at night. CRE visited CRE 1 AUST CORPS TPS for conference with CE 2 AUST CORPS (Brig.RISSEN).
	20 OCT.	Weather dull and cloudy to 1000 hrs - and then fine and warm. CRE has gone on a visit to FD COYS to inspect works. All works are now proceeding, but INF working parties are getting smaller every day - apparently they are required for operational work elsewhere. Today our first LIBERTY SHIP arrived and has berthed at floating dock erected by US ENGRS. CRE has prepared summaries of works. Electric.Reticulation layout and road constructional detail have been passed to CRE 1 AUST CORPS TPS for approval. ADOS issued clothing for HQ personnel today. Air alert at night.
	21 OCT.	Air alert at 0600 hrs this morning. Weather fine and warm. Engr stores are beginning to arrive, some tons have been taken off liberty ship now in harbour. Spr.GRANT returned from hospital after an attack of Malaria. Copy of Col.SYOMNS' reports on WAU-SALAMAUA operations have been compiled and forwarded to GOC's 5 AUST DIV and 3 AUST DIV. Discussion CRE with Col.WOODS (ADS & T SUB-AREA) ref additional hutting for AASC and stores sheds in excess of those already being constructed. Engr.Stores arrived in last night now being stacked in FD PK dump - it will be possible to roof already constructed huts now.
	22 OCT.	Weather warm and sultry- FD OFFRS engaged on road and water location lines. Alternator obtained from Americans is now being dismantled prior to rebuilding and erection of power lines. We are able to obtain a small block of ice each day for preservation of foodstuffs. CRE has written instn ref roads in the area- and has instructed Coys under comd ref hutting requirements. Work on roads is still progressing favourably- but slowly- mainly throughlack of heavy power equipment. Discussion Capt.KERSHAW with CRE ref 11 FD COY. Rain at night - no air alerts. Have sent a signal to E in C ref SME Course for Capt.GOWTY.

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HQ RAE (AIF), 3 AUST DIV.

WAR DIARY

FROM 1 OCT to 31 OCT. 1943.

PRO FORMA. AF.C2118.

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LAE	23 OCT.	Weather fine and warm after rain. CRE conference CASC and Col.WOODS ref ASC hutting. CRE held conference with CORPS TPS and CRE Works ref continuous operation of MT and mech.equipment. 2/7 FD COY have prepared drawings of ORD and AMMUN huts in their area - and after printing, copies were sent to Coys. Adm.very quiet - not much to report as this area becomes more of a Base every day. Troops went to picture show at DIV in evening.
	24 OCT.	Weather fine and warm. CRE and Lt.TAPPER have gone on recce along river to investigate water supply scheme and probable sources of supply. No natives for work today - 50 INF only as working party, this lack of working parties is slowing down work considerably, but the continued fine weather is a help, especially in road construction. Despatched Col.SYMONS' box to him today - addressed C/- E in C's Branch, LHQ, prior to departure it was necessary to extract several reports from box, but CRE has written a note telling him of this. ADOS issued some more clothing today - supplies are coming through much better.
	25 OCT.	Weather fine and warm. CRE has gone to inspect works, 11 FD COY are pushing ahead with hut building, but we are still awaiting Engr stores - Sisalcraft and flywire are two of the main requirements.
	26 OCT.	ADJT.Capt.GOWTY marched out to RAE OFFICERS REFRESHER COURSE No.113 SME LIVERPOOL. Capt.WILLIAMS took over ADJTs duties. Several air raid alarms during day, but no planes were sighted. First section of BUSU ROAD thrown open to two way Jeep traffic.
	27 OCT.	Col.WOODFORD of LAE BASE Signals called re laying of main sig cables throughout the area. If programme of Access roads is not finalised it will be necessary to use poles and avoid danger of interference with bulldozers when roads are being constructed. Heavy rain during night 26/27.
	28 OCT.	Brig.MAIN, CE NGF in area. Lt.TAPPER loaned to CRE 1 AUST CORPS TPS as FD ENGR for few days. Duties of all officers on this HQ, for ensuing few weeks, detailed by CRE.
	29 OCT.	4 AUST FD COY arrived from MOROBE. Move in to 675442 ~~620435~~ ref map LAE 1:25,000. BUTIBUM road supervision taken over by CRE CORPS TPS. Visit from Capt.WALKER, LAE BASE SUB-AREA, asking for plan showing final location of new main roads.
	30 OCT.	4 AUST FD COY come under comd this HQ for administration and under CRE LAE FORTRESS for works. The ration position improved greatly with the issue of fresh meat and butter direct from Ice Works.
	31 OCT.	Heavy rain during night. 4 AUST FD COY finding difficulty in transporting their equipment from beach-head to campsite. The BUTIBUM has risen 12 inches and it is necessary for vehicles to travel along the river bed, several vehicles have been bogged. Canteen services are beginning to function in the area, but supplies are very limited, and there is a definite lack of essential items such as shaving cream, boot polish, tooth paste.

S.V. Caldwell Maj
CRE 3 Div.

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HQ 3 AUST DIV

30 JUL 43

Q43/477

SUBJECT - MAINTENANCE OF 3 AUST DIV FWD UNITS

HQ NEW GUINEA FORCE

Further to 3 Aust Div Q43/477 of 27 Jul.

Detailed track information now becoming available indicates that part supply of Aust units through TAMBU BAY is a distinct possibility. An outline of the anticipated development of this area is as follows :-

1. Study of air photos and ground recce indicates that the opening up of a jeep track for a distance of 3/4 to 1 mile from the beach proper will NOT entail much difficulty. This short track should give access to the many re-entrants for the purpose of establishing any required dumps.

2. From these dumps natives based on TAMBU BAY area and at appropriate intermediate staging posts may be able to reach a fair proportion of Aust units and sub-units by a two day carry.

3. The major factor to influence the achievement of any substantial benefit from TAMBU BAY in so far as supply to Aust units is concerned, will be the ability of the carriers to deliver their cargo within two days from beach dumps. This is because one of the difficulties of movement forward of supplies by the native carriers is the increasing absorption of rear link carriers to take forward rations for forward based carriers as the line lengthens; therefore natives based one days carry from the beach dump will NOT absorb much of the carrying capacity of the natives based near beach head.

4. In order to establish and maintain this line of supply it will be necessary to :-
   (a) ensure adequate LC are available to meet demands on NASSAU BAY.
   (b) maintain say, 3 days sups and 3 refills of amn at TAMBU DUMP.
   (c) to land a limited number of jeeps and trailers at TAMBU BAY for rapid clearance of beach-head.
   (d) land if necessary, one tractor for use in the initial stages.

5. On the information now available it appears that the opening up of this area for supply purposes , will NOT entail insurmountable difficulties and that when established , considerable relief from our present A/C dropping demands can be anticipated.

6. Further details will be advised as the situation develops.

7. The maintenance of US forces will proceed vide our Adm Instn, 26/45.

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COMD 3 AUST DIV

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Lieut Tapper	TK5	12/8	

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Have contacted Lieut THOMPSON and party
O div site reccen complete and whole party
camped for night at 735026 SALAMAUA
1 for 25000 ⊙ contacted capt KERSHAW
and delousing party all of whom and
2 pl have been placed under comd 2g
bde by GOC ⊙ 2 pl 11 fd coy less
one sec moving to MUBSION PT tomorrow
and remaining 2 sec to complete bridge
at FRANCISCO RIVER ⊙ our party
proceeding on to div site tomorrow
vicinity MALOLO

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — NEW GUINEA FORCE

Headquarters

TO - Capt MORLING
RAE NASSAU BAY

FROM. - CRE 3 aust div CT 15 14/8

One pl 11 aust fd coy will remain temporarily NASSAU BAY for developmental work which will NOT include any further work ROAD to NAPIER or beyond O contact major HODGMAN and ask him indicate works required NASSAU BAY area O Lieut THOMPSON left this area on way to NASSAU BAY O he will join HQ RAE mainland and act as 1 ORE O HQ RAE less capt MORLING will move to TAMBU BAY soon as possible O Lieut ECCLESTONE being recalled with personal boys to HOUSE MANGO O sappers & natives with survey party to be sent to you at NASSAU BAY O

HOUSE MANGO

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HQ 3 AUST DIV

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
CRE 3 AUST DIV	CRE/T 36	20/8	

Anticipate 2 PL 15 AUST FD COY available commence move 15 AUST INF BDE area by evening 20 AUG (.) Have instructed PL COMDR precede PL and report COMDR 15 AUST INF BDE as early as possible (.) May necessary orders for staging arrangements and guides be provided move PL to 15 AUST INF BDE area

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TO 162 US REGT rptd CRE AQ

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ADV 3 AUST DIV	D410	23/8	

control	of	all	engineer	units	under
comd	3	aust	div	has	been
centralized	under	CRE	3	aust	div
and	will	be	employed	on	urgent
operational	tasks	as	directed	by	him
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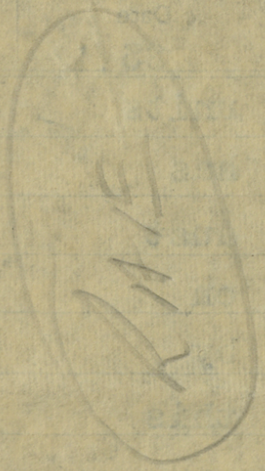

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TO 2/8 AUST.FD.COY.-11 AUST FD.COY - 2 PL.15 AUST.FD.COY - rptd CENGF

FROM CRE 3 AUST. DIV. | Originator's Number CRE/T72 | Date 26/8 | In Reply to Number

HQ RAE	and	all	Engr	Units	under
COMD	CRE	3 AUST DIV	came	under	COMD
HQ 5 AUST	DIV	at	0001 hrs	26 Aug 43	(.)
HQ RAE	address	will	be	HQ RAE	3 AUST DIV
attached	5 AUST DIV.				

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HQ RAE(AIF) 3 AUST.DIV.,
AUSTRALIA.

27 August '43.

O.C.,
2/25 AUST.FD.PK.COY.,

For the moment you will be in charge of Engr. work at NASSAU BAY. As it is necessary to withdraw the balance of 11 AUST.FD.COY to this area.

Please carry out any purely Engr. tasks which may prove essential and provide Engr. advice to other Arms who might need technical direction.

No Engr. stores yet appear to have arrived for us in the area.

Please keep me posted regularly with any work in hand, stores arriving etc., and other relevant information.

Kind regards,

Lt.Col.
CRE 3 AUST. DIV.

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TO: OC 2 PL 15 AUST FD COY

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
CRE 3 AUST DIV	CRE/T80	29/8	

You are to proceed at once with your Pl to 15 BDE in support at present HQ 29 BDE (.) A guide will be provided at destination (.) Your task will be to take you to 11 FD COY (.) While in support 15 BDE you will render all normal returns - including works and progress reports - other than strength state and ration indents - to this HQ (.) ACK

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TO 15 AUST INF BDE RAE

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
ADV 5 AUST DIV	0885	16/9	

2	pl	15	aust	fd	coy
will	revert	to	comd	CRE	for
works	in	SALAMAUA	area	as	from
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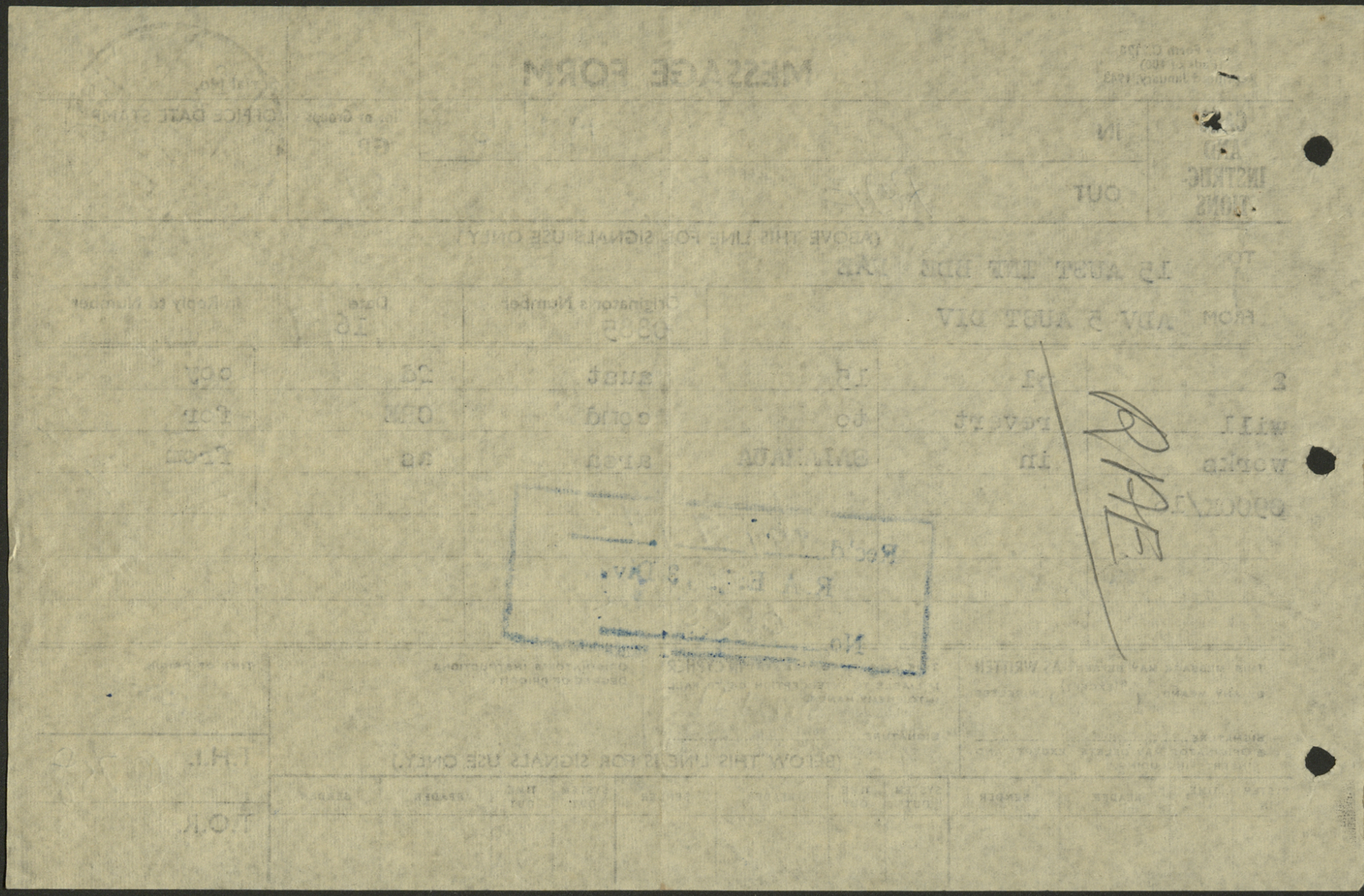

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A 1/15

TO: MAJOR COLEBATCH, 11 AUST FD COY

FROM: CRE 3 AUST DIV CRE/S177 18/9.

You will leave SALAMAUA tomorrow 19 SEPT from LONG BEACH at 1000 hrs and proceed to LAE (.) Tasks - Erect Hutting for DIV and Water Supply DIV site (.) Take Dozer, 1 Platoon of your Coy, 5 days rations arranged by AQ From dump on Isthmus, Tents, Carpenters Kits and all Water Pumps held (.) 1 LCM for Dozer and 2 LCVs for personnel and gear (.) Contact Lt.WATTS, US SHORE ENGRS near DID and tell him above craft to leave LONG BEACH at 1000 hrs and proceed BUKUAP and pick up DIV Convoy moving LAE at 1030 hrs(.) Contact Lt.TAPPER at LAE for all Instns (.) Bearer will wait for following information (.) Details of Loading List to move balance of your Coy to LAE on Mon 20 SEP (.) (a) No.of person'l (b) weight of stores (c) weight of vehs by types (d) No.rear party and stores if desired (e) 5 days rations to be drawn for all personnel for consumption LAE (.) Personnel may be put on LCM with Dozer if unable get all on LCVs

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TAS. T.O.O. 2150.

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TO 29 AUST INF BDE RAE rptd AQ

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
5 AUST DIV	G 1138	23	

one	pl	11	aust	fd	coy
now	under	comd	29	bde	will
revert	to	comd	CRE	for	road
work	RAE	area	as	soon	as
movt	can	be	arranged	(.)	29
bde	will	advise	present	location	of
pl					

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RAE

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INWARD MESSAGE

To 5 aust div 11 aust div LAE USASOS Adv Base
From 1 aust corps O 1077 4/10

4 aust fd coy will move MOROBE to LAE shortly under arrangements being made by 1 aust corps (.) on arrival LAE coy less one platoon under command 5 aust div (.) one platoon under command LAE USASOS ADV BASE (.) all engrs stores now MOROBE for wharf construction will be moved LAE with coy

Distributed by "Q" on 6 Oct

To: RAE 3 aust div
4 Base Sub Area

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TO RAA 5 AUST DIV, RAE 5 AUST DIV, SIGS 5 AUST DIV, AQ, ADMS, ADOS OEME, CAASC

A1/24

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
5 AUST DIV	G 1720	5/10	

MOST	SECRET	(.)	HQ	2	aust
corps	will	take	over	from	HQ
1	aust	corps	8	oct	(.)
as	from	2400	hrs	that	date
all	signals	and	correspondence	will	be
addressed	HQ	2	aust	corps	all
informed					

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Make War Diary file for this & similar papers 12 Nov

CET 961.

W.D.

HQ 2 Aust Corps.
CE's Branch.
1 Nov 43.

C4/14

CRE LAE Fortress.
5 Aust Div for CRE.
CRE 7 Aust Div.
CRE 9 Aust Div.

LETHBRIDGE MISSION.

1. Ref my CET 528 of 25 Oct (if CRE LAE Fortress copy not received please see copy sent CRE 3 Div). Itinerary enclosed therewith is now cancelled and the attached one substituted. CRE LAE Fortress, CRE 7 Aust Div and CRE 9 Aust Div please prepare itinerary for period in their respective areas and forward as early as possible (to arrive if possible by 5 Nov) 3 copies to CE NGF and one copy to CE 2 Aust Corps.

2. The following concerning the mission is forwarded for in formation

"The LETHBRIDGE Mission, also referred to as No 220 Military Mission, is a British Military Mission commanded by Major General J.S. LETHBRIDGE General Staff War Office.

The object of the Mission is to investigate at first hand in the PACIFIC and INDIAN theatres:

(a) the technique
(b) the types and scales of equipment
(c) the organisation of units and formations required for the most effective and economical prosecution of an all out war against JAPAN and to make recommendations upon which planning, production and development will be based.

The Mission is directed to collect data for future planning, to assess problems and to establish links for interchange of information."

A J A Lissan.
Brig.
CE 2 Aust Corps.

Pt 1430
R.A.E. 3 Div.
No. 3 Nov.

Saw Col Bell 1440.

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LETHBRIDGE MISSION

ITINERARY RE MEMBERS

A. Lt-Col POCOCK R.E.

7 Nov. Depart DOBODURA for LAE by Courier plane (ETA LAE 0915 hrs). Itinerary at LAE arranged by CRE LAE Fortress (Lt-Col A.J.T.BELL).

8 Nov (a.m.). Depart LAE for FINSCHHAFEN. (CRE LAE Fortress arrange air tpt and advise CRE 9 Aust Div ETA FINSCHHAFEN).

8-10 Nov. Itinerary at FINSCHHAFEN arranged by CRE 9 Aust Div. (Lt-Col D.O.MULLER).

10 Nov. Depart FINSCHHAFEN for LAE. (CRE 9 Aust Div arrange tpt and advise CRE LAE Fortress ETA FINSCHHAFEN).

11 Nov. Depart LAE for PORT MORESBY. (CRE LAE Fortress arrange air tpt and advise CE NGF ETA PORT MORESBY).

B. Lt-Col BERMINGHAM R.C.E.

7 Nov. Depart DOBODURA for LAE by Courier plane (ETA LAE 0915 hrs). Itinerary at LAE arranged by CRE LAE Fortress (Lt-Col A.J.T.BELL).

8 Nov. Depart LAE for DUMPU. (CRE LAE Fortress arrange air tpt and advise CRE 7 Aust Div ETA DUMPU).

8 & 9 Nov. Itinerary at DUMPU arranged by CRE 7 Aust Div (Lt-Col R.A.J.TOMPSON).

10 Nov (a.m.). Depart DUMPU for NADZAB. Met at NADZAB by CRE First Aust Army Tps (Lt-Col J.S.SAINT-SMITH). (CRE 7 Aust Div arrange air tpt and advise Lt-Col SAINT-SMITH ETA NADZAB).

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No. 1000

24 MAR 1944

5 AUST DIV GS INSTRUCTION No 43

CARRYING OF ARMS

HQ 5 Aust Div (AIF)
13 Oct 43

1. All ranks of combatant units in the Army are issued with personal arms. They are trained to use those arms as a fundamental part of their training - no matter what branch of the service is to absorb them later.

Personal arms are issued for two reasons:

(a) For offensive action
(b) For self defence.

2. In the case of base units and units not in actual contact with the enemy (b) normally assumes greater importance than (a). Except in an emergency, e.g. the siege of TOBRUK or the landing of paratroops, these units are not employed in an offensive role.

3. It has been a well broadcast fact that a few JAPANESE continue to inhabit the jungles around LAE, emerging at appropriate times to steal food and even, when opportunity offers, to shoot the odd soldier. In practically every case the selected target was unarmed and answered the challenge by executing an undignified if not disorderly retreat through the jungle.

4. Commanding Officers will take action to ensure that:-

(a) All ranks carry personal arms when outside camp areas.

(b) Working parties carry arms to the scene of their task and ground or pile them (under guard if the situation warrants it) so that they are immediately available in an emergency.

5. In addition to issuing orders to this effect COs must ensure that the order is adequately policed.

Lt-Col
GS 5 Aust Div

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15 Aust Inf Bde
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RAE 1 Aust Corps Tps
Sigs 3 Aust Div
A Coy PIB
USASOS Adv Base LAE
LAE Base Sub Area
AQ
ADOS
CAASC
ADMS
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Det 3 Aust Div Salv Unit

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TO RAE 3 AUST DIV

WAR DIARY

FROM 5 AUST DIV

Originator's Number Q 984

Date 15

In Reply to Number

Following will arrive VOCO POINT Beach approx 1500 hrs 16 OCT (.) 3 LCVs ex NASSAU - 3 jeeps trailers consigned ADOS (.) 5 LCVs ex TAMBU for 3 DIV SIGS (.) 1 LCM ex TAMBU 2 D2 Tractors consigned RAE 3 DIV (.) 2 LCVs for area commandant and postal (.) Consignees will provide drivers for vehicles on arrival and necessary working parties

Have advised 11 AFO Coy
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Jr 16/10

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TO 5 AUST DIV

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
CRE 3 AUST DIV	CRE/L314	14	

11 AUST FD COY	require	at	least	two	additional
jeeps	or	15 cwt	vehicles	so	that
FIELD	OFFICERS	may	get	around	extensive
jobs	in	this	area	(.)	can
these	vehicles	please	be	made	available

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TO 5 AUST DIV

FROM CRE 5 AUST DIV	Originator's Number AA590	Date 7	In Reply to Number

Ref	5 DIV	GS	INSTRN	N° 43	(1)
Would	you	kindly	please	whether	this
instrn	is	still	in	force	(2)
Copy	of	RAE	3 AUST	DIV	are
changing	arms	to	tasks	but	it
is	NOTED	that	other	units	are
in	most	cases	NO	longer	doing

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HQ RAE (AIF), 3 AUST DI
30 OCT 43.

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C.R.E. 1 AUST CORPS TPS.

WAR DIARY

SUBJECT: M.T.REQUIREMENTS - N.G.FORCE
(Ref: CET 570 and NGF G/4978/SD).

1. Recommended amendments to WE's - NIL.

2. Schedule of Deficiencies:

	UNIT LOCATION	TYPE	W.E.	Held	Defic.	REMARKS
1.	HQ RAE 3 AUST DIV (AAF E2/ 55- DEC 42) LAE	(a) Bicycles	1	-	1	NOT Required
		(b) Motor Cycles	3	-	3	
		(c) Car 6 Seater Utility	1	-	1	Truck ¼ ton Req'd in lieu of Car
		(d) Vans 1/4 ton	2	2	-	
		(e) Trucks 15 cwt GS	4	1	3	
		(f) " 3 ton GS	1	-	1	
	Total excluding bicycles & m/cycles		8	3	5	
2.	4 AUST FD COY (AAF E2/ 55 - MAY 43) LAE	(a) Bicycles	1	-	1	~~NOT Required~~
		(b) Motor Cycles	14	8	6	Total 8 only required
		(c) Car 6 seater utility	1	-	1	Truck 1/4 ton preferred
	LAE	(d) Trucks 1/4 ton	4	4	-	
	"	(e) " 15 cwt GS	2	6	-	4 in lieu of (f)
	"	(f) " " " wireless sigs	4	-	4	
	MOROBE	(g) Trucks 3 Ton GS	14	14	-	Awaiting Shipmt.L/
	"	(h) " GS/W	4	4	-	" "
	"	(i) " " Tipping	9	9	-	" "
	"	(j) " " Water	1	1	-	" "
	LAE	(k) Trailers, Air Compressor	3	3	-	
		(l) Trailers, Bomb Disposal	1	-	-	NOT required
		(m) Trailers, Jeep	4	-	4	
	MOROBE	(n) Trucks, 3 Ton GS, fitted as mobile pile driver	-	1	1 Surplus	Awaiting shipmen (to Lae.
	Total excluding bicycles, m/cycles and trailers		39	39	-	

11 AUST FD COY (AAF E2-55 - May 43.

Type	W.E.	Held Lae	Held Buna	Held Total	Defics.	Remarks
(a) Bicycles	1	-	-	-	1	
(b) Motor Cycles	14	2	-	2	12	Total 8 only req'd.
(c) Car 6 seater utility	1	-	-	-	1	Tk. ¼ ton req'd in lie
(d) Trucks, 1/4 ton	4	4	1	5	1	Surplus to WE but re
(e) " 15 cwt GS	2	-	1	1	1	
(f) " " " " wireless sigs	4	-	-	-	4	
(g) " 3 ton GS	14	-	2	2	12	
(h) " " " " w/W	4	-	-	-	4	
(i) " " " Tipping	9	2	-	2	7	
(j) " " " Water	1	-	-	-	1	
(k) Trailers Air Compressor	3	4	-	4	1 Surplus	
(l) " Bomb Disposal	1	-	-	-	1	NOT required
(m) " Jeep	4	-	-	-	4	
(n) Trucks USArmy 30 cwt Tipg.	-	8	-	8	8 Surplus	(be w/off (Will condemned
(o) " 30 cwt w/W	-	2	1	3	3 "	(Used in lieu (f
(p) " 3 ton 4 x 2 Tipping	-	1	-	1	1 "	NOT required
Total excluding bicycles, m/cycles & trailers	39	17	5	22	17	

3. Vehicles held on WE and NOT required - NIL.

E V Caldwell Major
C.R.E.3 AUST DIV.

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HQ 5 Aust Div (AIF)
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1	4 Aust Inf Bde	1	3
2	15 Aust Inf Bde	1	3
3	29 Aust Inf Bde	1	4
4	A Coy FIB	1	1
5	HQ RAA 5 Aust Div	1	7
6	HQ RAE 3 Aust Div	1	3
7	HQ RAE 1 Aust Corps Tps	1	4
8	Sigs 3 Aust Div	1	4
9	LAB Base Sub Area	1	7
10	ANGAU	1	1
11	32 Aust FSS Sec	1	1
12	3 Aust Div Salvage Unit	1	1
13	17 Aust GR and E Unit	1	1
14	23 Port HQ	1	1
15	Comd	1	1
16	G	1	1
17	AQ	1	1
18	Camp	1	2
19	AASC 3 Aust Div	1	6
20	Medical	1	7
21	Ord	1	3
22	AEME	1	8
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27	War Diary	2	2

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Lt-Col
GS 5 Aust Div

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No. 1030

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file for 23/10

5 AUST DIV GS INSTRUCTION No 44

WORKING PARTIES

HQ 5 Aust Div (AIF)
Oct 43

GENERAL

1. It is not generally realised that the provision of working parties, their organisation, and their ability to execute tasks detailed, is a normal function of a unit in wartime. Many units are under the impression that working parties are a makeshift method of performing tasks for which at the time no other personnel are available. Nothing is further from the truth. The provision of working parties is a normal task for a fighting unit just as much as any other operation which the unit may be called upon to perform while on active service.

REQUESTS FOR WORKING PARTIES

2. The request for a working party is made to HQ 5 Aust Div by the Service requiring assistance. In making this request it details the number of working ranks required, the task which they will be required to perform, the time and place at which the party is required to rendezvous, and the name of the officer to whom the OC party will report. This information is passed to the unit or formation detailed by Div HQ to provide the working party.

3. The task of the subordinate formation or unit is then to ensure that a working party of the required working numbers and a proportionate number of officers and NCOs reports at the right place and the right time, and to the right person with full knowledge of the task which it is about to undertake.

ORGANIZATION FOR WORK

4. On arrival the work to be carried out will be detailed to the OC working party by the representative of the Arm or Service concerned. The OC party is then responsible for the execution of the task and for the direction and control of the effort. The Arm or Service for whom the work is being done may or may not provide one or more officers or NCOs to provide technical advice. If such is the case, the OC party will act on the advice of the expert but will still remain in command of his party and will be responsible for the efficient execution of the task in hand.

5. The late arrival of the working parties in incorrect numbers, and lacking available information of the task they are about to perform, will be looked upon as a reflection on the efficiency and discipline of the unit concerned, and appropriate action taken by this HQ.

Lt-Col
GS 5 Aust Div

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29 Aust Inf Bde	(4)	G	
RAA 5 Aust Div	(4)	AQ	
RAE 3 Aust Div	(4)	File	
Sigs 3 Aust Div		Spare	(4)

WAR Diary

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TO 29 aust inf bde rptd adv 2 aust corps, rear 2 aust corps, RAA 5 aust div, RAE 5 aust div

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
5 aust div	Q 135	20	

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further	adv	2	aust	corps	5
SD1544	of	26	jan	(.)	10
first	(.)	following	will	be	15
transferred	to	rear	2	aust	20
corps	(.)	from	HQ	5	25
aust	div	20	jeeps	4	30
trailers	3	3	ton	GS	35
1	15	cwt	1	3	40
ton	water	cart	(.)	from	45
HQ	RAA	5	aust	div	50
2	jeeps	1	trailer	1	55
15	cwt	(.)	second	(.)	60
following	vehicles	will	be	transferred	65
to	29	aust	inf	bde	70
until	required	forward	(.)	from	75
32	FSS	2	jeeps	(.)	80
from	HQ	RAE	5	aust	85
div	2	jeeps	2	15	90
cwt	1	trailer	1	MC	95
(.)	from	RAA	5	aust	100
div	1	3	ton	office	105
(.)	from	HQ	5	aust	110
div	1	3	ton	office	115
(.)	from	HQ	cond	ASC	120
1	jeep	(.)	from	251	125
aust	LAD	1	jeep	1	130

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FROM

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135.	26	

15 (Write horizontally)	cwt	1	3	ton
GS	2	trailers	1	3
ton	6 x 6	(.)	third	(.)
G52's	will	be	submitted	to
ADOS	5	aust	div	within
24	hours	of	completion	of
transfer	(.)	fourth	(.)	please
forward	to	KELANGA	balance	drivers
HQ	5	aust	div	and
drivers	of	RAA	5	aust
div	RAE	3	aust	div
and	HQ	comd	ASC	5
aust	div	all	informed	

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TO CRE 3 aust div; HQ comd ASC 5 aust div; CEME; Camp

FROM 5 aust div

Originator's Number Q203

Date 2

In Reply to Number

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HQ	5	aust	div	will
transfer	following	vehicles	(.)	3
jeeps	to	HQ	RAE	3
aust	div	(.)	1	jeep
to	231	aust	LAD	(.)
HQ	comd	ASC	5	aust
div	will	transfer	1	jeep
to	251	aust	LAD	(.)
G52	will	be	submitted	to
ADOS	5	aust	div	within
24	hours	of	completion	of
transfer				

Sgt

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HQ 5 Aust Div (AIF)
8 Oct 43.
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Subject: VOCO POINT LANDING BEACH

1. VOCO POINT Landing Beach is out of bounds to all ranks who are not directly engaged in work of unloading landing craft, in the transit area or transport drivers on duty and Beach Staff personnel.

2. DAPM 5 Aust Div will arrange for a Provost post at the entrance road (697393) to VOCO POINT Beach.

3. Comds will ensure that all ranks are advised of the above instruction.

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AA & QMG 5 Aust Div

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Subject: USE OF M.T.

HQ 5 Aust Div (AIF)
8 Oct 43.
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1. Owing to the state of roads and tracks in this area Comds of units will ensure that the absolute minimum transport is used.

2. It is also imperative that the running of transport be reduced in order to conserve POL which at the moment is in very short supply.

3. Transport will be used only with the authority of an officer who will ensure that it is absolutely necessary before authorizing its use.

A.H. McLean
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HQ RAE (AIF), 3 AUST DIV.
17 OCT 43.

C.R.E.
1 AUST CORPS TPS

REPORT BY CRE 3 AUST DIV - LAE WATER SUPPLY - PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION

Map Ref: LAE 1/25,000.

1. OBJECT

To supply 40,000 Australian Troops in LAE area between BUSU and BUTIBUM rivers.

2. ASSUMPTIONS

(i) Total daily demand 1,000,000 gallons
(ii) Peak demand 2,000 g.p.m.

3. SUMMARY OF SUPPLY SOURCES

Ser	Ref. Para attached report	Source of Supply	Method	Advantage	Disadvantage
1.	8 (b)	BUTIBUM R. 6052	By open race to 6048 thence pump to reservoir 6851 thence gravitate	Good water Saving in large piping c.f.ser.3	Length of time to construct. Requires reservoir and pumping plant
2.	8 (d)	BUTIBUM R. 6047	Pump through rising main to reservoir 6644 thence gravity feed	Saving in large piping c.f.ser.3	Length of time to construct pumping & plant & reservoir. Water may require filtration & chlorination. Piping crosses river.
3.	Not investigated	BUSU R. vicinity 7052	Pump through rising main to reservoir vicinity 698516	as for ser 2.	as for ser.2.
4.	8 (c)	Tributary to BUSU 6754 or 6853	Gravity feed	Good water. NO pumping required. Continuous supply	Additional 12" diam. piping required c.f. ser.1 & 2. Supply may be insufficient in dry periods.
5.	Not investigated	Tributary to BUTIBUM R. 645450	Gravity feed	Good water. NO pumping required. Less piping than ser.4	Supply probably insufficient. Piping crosses river.

NOTE: Direct pumping into mains is not considered as suitable method of supply without storage reservoir.

4. CONCLUSIONS

(a) Gravity feed as in ser.4 appears quickest and best method of supply if sufficient water and piping are available.

(b) If a pumping station is found necessary, method given in ser.2 and are suitable.

(c) Whatever method is adopted, at least 10 miles of 9" pipe is requir

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

That (a) Before detailed investigation is proceeded with a direction be on following at earliest possible :-
(i) number of troops to be supplied and distribution by areas.
(ii) supply required for shipping and location.
(iii) availability of piping 12" dia.and 9" dia.
(iv) possibility of tie-up with U.S.Army water supply.
(v) availability of pumps, capable of supplying approx.1,000,0 gallons per day against 250 ft head.

(b) Recce of areas referred to in ser.2,3,4 and 5 be proceeded with to determine whether water supply is adequate and respective schemes are practicable.

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5. RECOMMENDATIONS (Cont'd)

(c) Levels be taken along probable routes of reticulation mains. (This already in hand).

(d) Consideration be given to water supply equipment available in WAU-BULOLO area. In particular, if electric supply is to be installed, electrically driven pumps might be used.

6. ATTACHED REPORT

Based on 30,000 troops plus 400 tons for shipping - summarises calculations carried out to date.

Major
C.R.E.3 AUST DIV.

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HQ RAE (AIF), 3 AUST DIV.
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LAE WATER SUPPLY - LIMITED SCALE
Map Ref - LAE 1:25,000.

1. LARGE SCALE PROJECT

In view of great quantity of piping and pumping equipment involved in large scale project, it is anticipated that, as practically all supplies would come from AUSTRALIA, the date of completion of project might well be mid '44.

To meet more pressing needs during next few months, I consider a limited reticulation scheme should be installed. The piping so used could be incorporated in the large scale project if proceeded with later.

No provision is made for water for shipping facilities for which a larger pumping plant would be required.

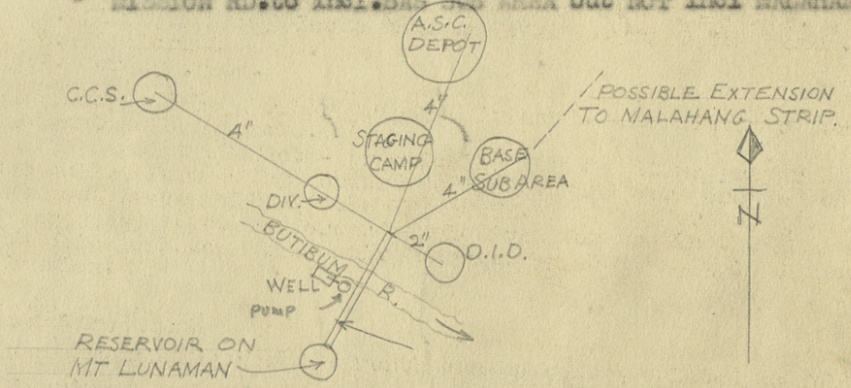
2. LIMITED SCALE WATER SUPPLY

(i) Method of Supply

Construct one or more wells adjacent to BUTIBUM R. vicinity 7040. Filtration through gravel and sand clarify water - chlorination still required. Pump from well to reservoir or battery of tanks on Mt. LUNAMAN 695395. Gravitate from Mt. LUNAMAN to area to be reticulated.

(ii) Area to be reticulated (See sketch below)

Along BUTIBUM Rd to KAMKAMUN village incl. C.C.S.
" BUSU Rd to ASC SUPPLY DEPOT.
" MISSION RD. to incl. BAS SUB AREA but NOT incl MALAHANG strip.



DIAGRAMMATIC SKETCH

(iii) Technical Data

Assumptions - Personnel 2,500
Galls per day - 20 per head
Total " " - 50,000 gallons
Peak demand - 10,000 " per hr.

Pump HP required - Total head say 270' quantity 70 G.P.H.
Pump HP required = 10 pumping 12 hrs per day
or 7 " 18 " " "

Storage Reservoir - Say ½ days supply = 25,000 gallons

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

That (a) Pumps, tanks, and larger sized piping be ordered immediately and that estimated time of delivery at LAE be requested.
(b) As soon as (a) is in hand, construction of wells proceed, testing water for quality and quantity. sand added for additional filtration if required.
(c) Constuction and erection of storage tanks proceed MT LUNAMAN.

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4. MAIN PLANT AND STORES REQUIRED

(a) Pumps

Total capacity 50,000 galls per day against 270' total head.

(i) 2 - 10 HP (incl 1 spare) working 12 hrs per day, or

(ii) 3 -3½ HP Southern Cross, 3½" bore (incl 1 spare) working 18 hrs per day; or

(iii) 5 - BUZACOTT Reciprocating, 3" bore 14" stroke, 4 HP Engine, (1 spare) working 18 hrs per day; or

equivalent.

(i) is recommended.

(b) Piping, with fittings

4" diam.	5 miles
2" ")	2 miles approx.
1" ")	

(c) Tanks

1 or 2 - 20,000 gallon tanks (from AUST); or

10 - 2,000 gallon tanks made at LAE when tank iron available;

or equivalent.

(d) Local Resources

NIL except for 5 BUZACOTT pumps suitable for 4(a)(iii)

E.M. Major
C.R.E.3 AUST DIV.

WATER SUPPLY – LAE AREA

APPENDIX II

"SKETCH PLAN OF PROPOSED INSTALLATN"

REF. MAPS:- LAE & MUNIM 1:25,000

NOTES:- (a) Read in conjunction with Appendix I of this report
(b) A.G.H. installation ommitted due to uncertainty re site



LEGEND

- Standard Water Point
- W.P. – Stand Pipes Only
- Small W.P.
- Storage for piped supply.
- Pump
- Rising Main
- Delivery Main
- New Roading Required
- (12) Serial No. of Installations – See Appendix I

Scale:- 1:25,000.

8 Nov. 43.

K.R. Clapper, Lieut.
H.Q. R.A.E.
3 Aust. Div.

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APPENDIX III

WATER SUPPLY - LAE AREA

STORES DEMAND - FITTINGS

Only 1/4" pipe is NOT supplied.

Serial No.	Fittings (same size as tubes unless otherwise shown	Total number of Fittings 6"	4"	3"	2"	1¼"	1"	¾"	½"
208	Backnuts	10	70	150	150	20	200	160	240
209	Barrel Unions	–	7	30	45	16	100	80	120
210	Bends	6	49	105	150	12	500	400	600
211A	Bibcocks ¾"	–	–	–	–		300	240	–
211B	Bibcocks ½"	–	–	–	–		–	–	360
213	Caps	–	7	15	30	6	150	120	180
214	Crosses, plain	–	7	30	45	6	–	–	–
215	Elbows	–	–	–	–		200	160	240
216	Flanges	6	14	45	60	12	–	–	–
217	Hose-cocks ¾"	–	–	–	–		200	160	–
218	Long Screws complete	–	7	30	45	16	–	–	–
219	Nipples, hexagon	–	21	75	150	12	200	160	240
220	Pieces, short	6	35	105	150	12	–	–	–
221	Plugs	–	–	45	90		400	320	480
222A	Shower roses ¾"	–	–	–	–		100	80	–
222B	" " ½"	–	–	–	–		–	–	240
223	Sockets plain	20	42	135	180	40	200	160	240
224A	" reducing 6" x 4"	6	6	–	–		–	–	–
224B	" " 6" x 3"	6	–	6	–		–	–	–
224C	" " 4" x 3"	–	21	30	–	20	–	–	–
224D	" " 4" x 2"	–	21	–	30	20	–	–	–
224E	" " 3" x 2"	–	–	45	45		–	–	–
224F	" " 3" x 1½"	–	–	–	–		–	–	–
224G	" " 2" x 1½"	–	–	–	20		–	–	–
224H	" " 2" x 1"	–	–	–	75		100	–	–
224J	" " 1½" x 1"	–	–	–	20		–	–	–
224K	" " 1½" x ¾"	–	–	–	–		–	–	–
224L	" " 1" x ¾"	–	–	–	–		200	80	–
224M	" " 1" x ½"	–	–	–	–		200	–	120
224N	" " ¾" x ½"	–	–	–	–		–	160	120
226	Springs	6	14	30	30	12	–	–	–
227	Stop cocks	–	–	–	–		130	300	300
228	Tees plain	6	56	150	180	20	250	256	384

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Serial No.	Fittings (same size as tubes unless otherwise shown)	Total number of fittings 6"	4"	3"	2"	1½"	1"	¾"	½"
229A	Tees reducing 4" x 6"	6	14	-	—	-	—	—	—
229B	" " 3" x 6"	12	-	-	—		-	—	—
229C	" " 3" x 4"	—	21	30	—	20	-	—	—
229D	" " 2" x 4"	—	21	-	30	32	—	—	—
229E	" " 2" x 3"	—	-	45	45		—	—	—
229F	" " 1½" x 3"	—	-	—	—		-	—	—
229G	" " 1½" x 2"	—	-	—	—		—	-	—
229H	" " 1" x 2"	—	-	-	75		100	—	—
229J	" " 1" x 1½"	—	-	—	—		—	—	—
229K	" " ¾" x 1½"	—	-	—	—		—	—	—
229L	" " ¾" x 1"	—	-	—	—		320	120	—
229M	" " ½" x 1"	—	-	—	—		320	—	180
229N	" " ½" x ¾"	-	-	-	-		-	256	180
230	Valves foot	—	2	2	24		-	—	—
231	" reflux	—	6	6	20		—	—	—
232	" stop or gate	1	28	75	90	12			

146E	Redlead, dry	cwts.	1
146	Linseed Oil, Raw	Galls.	8
—	Hemp.	Lbs.	56.

Note:- Plumbing accessories for storage tanks not included in this order.

Also NOT included are pipe fitting tools. Machines screwing and cutting may NOT be available from normal sources

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WAR DIARY

HQ RAE (AIF), 3 AUST DIV

PRO FORMA AF.C2118.

FROM 1 NOV to 30 NOV 43

R-DEC 1943

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION
LAE	1 NOV	Visit from 2 I.C.4 AUST FD COY (Capt.TULLOCH) and Ord.Rm.Sgt.re Administration and Returns. Major NELSON shown over the location of new BUTIBUM RD.by Fd.Engr. 15 Cwt 4 x 4 FD towed to 239 LAD for reconditioning. Acting 2 IC 2/7 AUST FD COY left by plane for BUNA (to endeavour to bring up to LAE the rear details and stores of the Coy.) Capt.EYLES our new RMO marched into Camp from STH.AUST.
	2 NOV	The completed section of BUSU Rd,approx 1½ miles is open to traffic in both directions. The wet weather seriously delayed the work on this road and caused much inconvenience to outlying units, who had to use Native Carriers for transport of rations.
	3 NOV	CRE visited 4 and 2/7 AUST FD COYS. Work commenced on BUTIBUM Br. Visit from Capt.MURRAY, 2/7 FD COY. Lt.EZZY of 1 SEC 1 AUST BOMB DISPOSAL SEC marched in.
	4 NOV	Heavy rain during night. Roads closed to traffic. This HQ is being issued with 2 15 CWT vehs today. One will be transferred to 11 AUST FD COY. Notified by 5 AUST DIV that 2 personnel and 2 15 CWT Tks of 11 CAMFLG UNIT are to be attached to this unit. The 2 personnel cannot be located, the trucks having been off-loaded at beach-head by 43 FOD.
	5 NOV	FD.OFFRS.working on reports of electric power and water installations. Brig.MAIN in area, but did not visit this HQ. Intelligence information re SBG approaches to American floating wharf submitted by 11 AUST FD COY. 4 AUST FD COY submits their first Works Progress Return.
	6 NOV	Several alerts during morning, but no enemy planes sighted. RADAR probably picked up planes which later bombed NADZAB. British RE Offr in the area, gathering information for LETHBRIDGE Mission. Brig.MAIN left from LAE drome 0900 hrs. He suggested that we may be relieved by CRE 5 AUST DIV and sent to MORESBY, where 3 AUST DIV units will be re-grouped.
	7 NOV	Good progress with pile-driving for BUTIBUM BR. 3 Air alerts night 7/8 NOV.
	8 NOV	Home Leave nominal roll forwarded to 5 AUST DIV. This HQ is allotted only 1 vacancy for first draft 5 DIV. Pers'l will move from Reception Camp 10 NOV. The petrol position is fairly serious. Shipping space is mainly taken up with Engr.Equipment, personnel and food supplies. 3 Ton Trucks are only doing 4 miles per gallon, but as the access roads are constructed the figure should ~~rise~~ improve.
	9 NOV	2/11 AUST FD COY are now in the area under comd.CRE LAE FORTRESS. There is a tendency to confusion with 11 AUST FD COY who are under our Comd.
	10 NOV	Cpl.COONEY marched out for Home Leave but draft did not move from Reception Camp today. WOI MAHOMET and 1 O.R. marched in having been eveacuated from 2/5 AGH MORESBY.
	11 NOV	Heavy rain night 10/11 NOV. BUTIBUM River high. "Duck" did minor damage to bridge which is being constructed by 11 AUST FD COY. CRE on all day visit to 4 and 2/7 AUST FD COYS.
	12 NOV	Returns to 5 AUST DIV ref move of 2/7 AUST FD COY. Brig.RISSON in area. Major SWANSON, OC 20 AUST FD COY arrives. This Coy will build 2/7 AGH.

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HQ RAE 3 AUST DIV (AIF).

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PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION
	13 NOV	LAE Major NELSON visits from 4 AUST FD COY. 2/7 AUST FD COY to be ready to move on 16 NOV. Petrol position is serious. This HQ issued with 8 galls only today. There are 7 vehicles on strength.
	14 NOV	Amenities made available to this HQ. Heavy rain commenced at 2100 hrs. pictures were shown at HQ 5 DIV. A good programme is appreciated by the troops. 90% of them sat through the entire show in torrential rain.
	15 NOV	CRE LAE FORTRESS issues a memo giving the RAE set up for LAE area, now that 5 AUST CRE WORKS is functioning, as an Admin HQ. CRE visits 11 AUST FD COY works with Capt.KERSHAW, Admin Comd of the Coy.
	16 NOV	CE NGF forwarded details of Offrs seconded from RAE 3 AUST DIV, thus clearing up the position of regimental seniority. 2/7 AUST FD COY move to FINSCHAFFEN. This leaves us with only two Coys.
	17 NOV	Physical check of controlled stores made, and several items have been shown as DEA SALAMAUA campaign.
	18 NOV	Discussion with DAAG 5 AUST DIV re despatching personnel on Compassionate leave. Each case must be thoroughly investigated by the L of C from the applicant's home state. It has been found in many instances that the applicant has been wrongly informed by female relatives who have deliberately falcified the position.
	19 NOV	Mechanical vehicle census return to ADOS from Coys and HQ. Several items per soldier issued from Comforts Funds. Large supply of canteen stores arrived.
	20 NOV	New Fowler Stove from ORD. Issue of fresh meat and butter and bread rolls - providing a welcome relief from our usual tinned food.
	21 NOV	BUTIBUM Br completed after 18 days of excellent work by 11 AUST FD COY. Film star Gary Cooper with two actresses entertained Troops on LAE strip at night.
	22 NOV	Visit from Col.RHINEHOLD.
	23 NOV	Arrival of Lieut MURPHY with 4 ORs of 11 AUST CAMOUFLAGE UNIT. Syllabus being prepared for Field Wing, 5 AUST DIV TRAINING CENTRE.
	24 NOV	Transferred 1 CVT 3 Ton and 1 FD 15 Cwt Tk to 11 AUST CAMFLG UNIT. 5 AUST DIV ORDER that Sappers must wear shirts unless performing heavy manual work. To comply with these Orders all Sappers should be issued with 3 Shirts.
	25 NOV	Visit from Lieut.GRIMSDEN of NGF seeking information re possible crossings of MARKHAM RIVER vicinity NADZAB. A.C.F.Commissioner asked to supply three Wireless Sets - 1 to HQ RAE 3 AUST DIV, 4 AUST FD COY, 11 AUST FD COY. It is understood that 80 sets are on the water for off-loading at LAE.

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HQ RAE 3 AUST DIV (AIF)

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PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION
LAE	26 NOV.	NGF Camouflage Officer visited this HQ reference proposed Works Programme for 11 AUST CAMOUFLAGE UNIT. Capt. ECCLESTONE with Lieut.GRIMSDEN visited NADZAB to study possibility MARKHAM RIVER crossings from Engineer point of view.
	27 NOV.	visit from Majors WARING, SMITH and COLES, LHQ MELBOURNE. E in C arrived in area. Many members of this HQ have skin trouble probably the result of vitamen deficiency. Capt.MORLING evacuated to Hospital with skin complaint. 3 personnel marched in from MORESBY AGH. 5 AUST DIV allot 4 vacancies for next Home Leave roster. Party to march out 2 DEC.
	28 NOV.	Majors WARING, SMITH and COLES move to FINSCHAFEN with E in C. FD ENGR.and RSM move out for 3 days recce of area east of BUSU RIVER.
	29 NOV.	2 ORs evacuated hospital with fever. CRE visits 4 AUST FD COY.
	30 NOV.	E in C arrived in area from FINSCHAFEN visit. Major COLES called at this HQ, and left for DUMPU. Major COLEBATCH met E in C and CE NGF. Orderly Room moved into larger quarters. Large quantity of Canteen goods obtained from BULK CANTEEN.

W.W. Whitehead Maj
CRE 3 Aust DIV.

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H.Q. R.A.E(AIF) 3 AUST. DIV.
29 Sept., '43.

H.Q.
5 AUST. DIV.

SUBJECT : REPORT ON LOSS OF EQUIPT. - 17/9/43

1. Herewith report on above matter.

2. During the operations against SALAMAUA this PL. was working in support of 29 AUST.INF.BDE. - which necessitated the crossing of FRANCISCO RIVER.

3. In this crossing the equiptment referred to was lost.

4. It is recommended that these items be written off and replacements made.

Lt.Col.
CRE 3 AUST.DIV.

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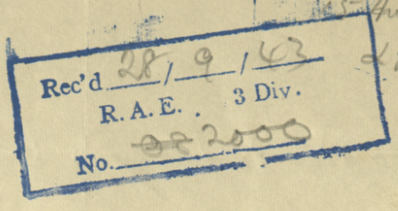
2 Platoon
Aust Id Coy RAE.



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3 Aust. Div
attached 5 Aust Div

Report on Loss of Equipment 17/9/43

The undermentioned equipment was accidentally lost in the Fransisco river on 17/9/43 under the following circumstances:-

A section of the platoon was moving from Bobdubi to Salamaua and reached the Fransisco River at ~~Rej Map~~ KONIATUM SHEET 1:25000 map ref 740 987 in the afternoon. It was found that owing to floods the ferry system had been swept away and it was necessary for the sappers to swim the river. Equipment was wrapped in groundsheets and floated across in front of them, all but four reached the opposite bank safely but the flooded river proved too strong for the others and their equipment was swept away resulting in the complete loss of the bundle being pushed across in front of them. Clothing lost has already been requisitioned for on 18/9/43 and we would thank you to take the necessary steps to obtain the following lost equipment:-

Blankets	4	
½ shelter tents	4	
Packs, small	4	complete including Basic pouches.
Webbing Equipt	4 sets	~~(Basic pouch, belt etc)~~
Water bottle & carrier	4	
Mess gear	4	
Knife	4	
Fork	4	
Spoon	4	
Razors	4	
Shaving brush	4	
Clasp knife	4	

Jackie Lucas OC
2/Lt. 15 Aust Fd. Coy RAE

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TO (CAM)WGF - HQ 3 AUST DIV

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
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BULOLO	areas				

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3 Aust Div Camoufla
Jun 43

SOR Camflg HG Force

1. Reports will be forwarded as per your instructions fortnightly. Note the intended visit of Capt McConnel.
The work up to the commencement of this month has been considerable, but has been held up by lack of stores, paint and thinners .This has slowed amount of work done during the present month. Every endeavour is being made to get in the necessary stores.

2. Ref Par 230/443

(a) Nature of work Bulolo and Skindewai.

The work at Skindewai consists of the following: The buildings are of two types - sisalkraft, and log structure, with Kunai grass roofs. The sisalkraft will not support men so will have to be sprayed. The area is heavily timbered and the camps well sited. Work in the area is proceeding, though handicaped by lack of paint.

Bulolo area. The nature of work in Bulolo area is almost indentical to that of Wau area. Buildings are of metal and kunai. Three HQ areas are in the stages of completion, 3 Aust Div HQ - HQ RAF - 156 LAA Bty. Reports on other formation areas have been completed and filed. Work on them is proceeding w hilst awaiting stores. eg. Treatment of Kunai grass huts.

(b) Formations are definitely camouflage minded and every assistance is being given by units contacted.

(c) There are still a great deal of white tents in the area, here again work is being held up pending arrival of Bituminous Emulsion.

(d) The paint in the Wau area generally is wearing well. Only in the cases of the first jobs completed can any signs of fading be detected. It is considered by this unit that it is due to lightness of the colours. You ~~a~~ have already appreciate the delivery of the wrong colours ordered. The original paint was Anti-Gas, where as subsequent drums have been flat oil paint, which appears to give a better depth of colour and possesses better weathering qualities.

(e) On newly constructed buildings for FSD and FSD our ideas on disruption have been used and have photographed satisfactorly. The general POLICY being carried out in the Wau area has been to decentralise Wau proper, and build along Edie Creek and Bulolo Rds. These areas are heavily timbered and give good concealment.

3. Kunai Grass Huts.

Treatment of kunai grass is causing some concern to this unit. At present we are experimenting with two methods

(i) The training of quick growing vegetation up the sides of huts and across the roofs. eg.- Pumpkins, see Diagram A for method used. This treatment is also being used on certain metal buildings in the area. The growth is considerable, in this area, of such vegetation, and experiments have proven that growth of 18" per day is not impossible

(ii) The spraying of these buildings, with a mixture of Black paint and used sump oil. A satisfactory mixture has not been obtained, as yet, using ½ paint to ½ oil, but we deem it possible for a similar mixture to prove satisfactory. The chief advantage of this method is to blackout the reflection of light from the dry kunai.

4. Description.

Theory is as follows:- In the thick undergrowth the use of one colour Black is most suitable, as the buildings merge into the dark shadows contained. When sited in open kunai patches, disrupted by the use of two colours Green and Black, although Brown has its uses in certain areas.

On tents, favour the use of one colour, either Dark Green or Dark Brown, as consider them such a small object, that from a height, efforts of disruption are ineffective.

The use of vines, trained up the side of buildings and tents for breaking up outline of structure, is proving very successful. In time building will lose their shape altogether.

From higher altitude photographs have shown that buildings disrupted with Black, Brown, and Green, also the latter two immediate shades, that the Green and Brown reflect a light colour, where as the Black blends

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

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Unit.

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Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch.....

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IN with the dark surroundings and is indistinguishable. Accordingly we are experimenting with a building painted all Black. As yet area has not ~~yet~~ been photographed, when it is and copies are made available, will forward one on.

The photographs of Japanese Methods of camouflage is quite interesting. Consider our own photograph of Wau area prove that our methods are better. We have not photographs from 14,600' of our own area, but one from 5,300' buildings are almost blacked out. From over 10,000' the effects should be still greater.

Any information or suggestions for camouflage of L.AA. position would be appreciated.

J.L. Lyle Lt
.....OC.
3 Aust Div Camflg Unit

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Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
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Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								

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Unit. *Signature of Commander.*

Date of Despatch..... .....

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Subject: Camouflage

Rec'd 16/7/43
R.A.E. 3 Div.
No. 0800

3 Aust Div Camflg Tng UNit
HQ RAE 3 Aust Div
14 July 43

Camouflage of NILOLO Proper
Map Ref B2987
by Sgt Lyle

Factors

The area is littered with the wreckage of the former housing of the valley. It can be appreciated that all this scrap will reflect a large amount of light, and consequently, when photographed from the air will show up in distinct white patches.

Study of Aerial photograph of this area, reveals this to be true, and brings forth three points, which, when combined spell occupation.

1. Shapes.
The regular shape of tents and galvanised iron buildings, against the irregular shape formed by scrap heaps.

2. Texture.
The actual scrap heaps have green vegetation intermingled with them, which creates broken and more textured surfaces, than man made objects.

3. Tracks.
Tracks in the area are prevelant, many of which are unnecessary.

The object is to turn this area into one vast scrap heap, at least, in so far as possible to delude the enemy into so thinking.

Plan

Shape.
ToTsuccessfully destroy the regular shapes of tents, etc, only light reflecting surfaces, and natural vegetation must be used. Use must be made of old scrap gathered from area, together with dry Kunai. For suggested methods refer to sketches and diagrams attached.

Texture.
To create an identical texture between scrap heap, and object being concealed, natural vegetation must be grown about the latter. Ref sketches and diagrams.

Tracks.
A track plan must be decided upon, and ridgedly adhered to. Where ever possible foot tracks should coincide with vehicle tracks.

Summary

Inorder to ensure the complete success of this scheme, it is essential that all units in the area co-operate to their fullest extent Suggested vegetation to be used are:-

Chocoes; Pumpkin; Cawaw; each of a creeping vine nature, also Sweet Potatoes. All will grow from a slip, or bulb, with the exception of Pumpkin, which must be grown from seeds.
Where a bush is required, Yellow Margaret, when grown from seeds, gives excellent growth. All the above vegetation will show signs of life within five days,

Hence it canbe seen that if the job is tackled with a determined attitude, it will not be long before object is achieved. Fourteen days should have the area unrecognizable as a camp, when viewed from the air.

Distribution

11 Fighter Control Sub Sec.
2 Advanced Comm Sec.
"A" Coy 2/1 Aust M.G. Bn.
2/7 Inf BN.
3 Aust Div HQ G(Bch)
HQ RAE 3 Aust Div
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Subject: Camouflage

3 Aust Div Camflg Tng Unit
HQ RAE 3 Aust Div
4 Sept 43 v

SOE CAMFLG 1 AUST CORP.

1. Reports for Fortnights ending August 8 and 22nd, have not been forwarded owing to this units location being changed. Present location is at Map Ref. KOMIATUM 1=25,000 . 737919.

2. During Fortnight Ended 4 Sept ,work by this unit has recommenced, and the following unit areas have been contacted:-

"A"Tp 2/6 Aust Field Regm. 11th Bty
"B" " " "
Ordnance
DID
HQ 2/6 Aust Field Regm. 11th Bty
"A" Tp 2/6 Aust Field Regm. 56 Bty
"B" " " "
205 US 105mm Bty
209 " A/A Bty
75mm Bty US

The combined area is of a heavily timbered country, and of the various units sited therein, with natural overhead foliage ,the further necessity for cover from aerial view, has been found unnecessary.

Of the Aust Artillery gun positions,throughout, the shortage of nets was stressed, and hence supplies have been ordered,By this unit, for the fulfillment of these requirements

The 205 US 105mm Bty have declined the use of garnished nets relying on natural foliage for camouflage of positions.

Over a track being constructed through a belt of trees, as a road entrance,to a new artillery formation,it was found necessary to string Machine cut, and garnished nets,to hide obvious scar in tree line. The arrival of further nets is awaited to finish this construction.

Accomodation throughout the area are of two types,

(a) Bush Timber construction, with Kunai thatched rooves.
(b) Tents

In either case these cannot be sighted through tree covering, and use of paint, or other methods of camouflage, is unnecessary

3. There have been no experiments of note, carried out in the past period.

J.W. Bush ..... Sgt IC
3 Aust Div Camflg Tng Unit

Distribution :
SOE Camflg 1 Aust Corp
3 Aust Div HQ G(Bch)
HQ RAE 3 Aust Div
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

58/43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27/11/1943. HQ RAE (AIF) 3 AUST DIV. (Unit)

W.E. II/4/3. OFFRS. 5 O.R's. 24 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 5 ATT. BY W.E.

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			Lieut.-Colonels					
		1	1	Majors					
	1		2	Captains	AAMC (RMO)	1			
			1	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	2	1	4			1			

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.		5 (All MED.CLASS "A")									5
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.
			N I L		

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
			N I L		

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO HQ RAE (AIF) 3 AUST DIV. (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 27/11/1943.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
K111276	CAPT.	W.J.GOWTY (ADJT)	Attending SMC (FD) Course 113. L'POOL

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27/11/194. (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.
Cap (T/Maj)	TX 2095	COLEBATCH	C.C.	CRE	YES		
Lt. (T/Cap)	VX104248	MORLING	A.P.	FD OFF	YES		
Lt. (T/Cap)	VX 81135	WILLIAMS	H.T.	" "	YES	A/ADJT.	
Capt	SX 28896	EYLES	P.S.	RMO	YES		
Lieut	TX 6418	TAPPER	K.P.	IORE	YES	A/FD.OFFR.	

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.
Lt (T/Cap)	NG 2495	SCOLESTONE J.W.	ANGAU	11.7.43	Acting FD OFFR
Lieut	NX89674	THOMPSON R.C.	HQ NCF	9.8.43	" IORE
Lieut	QX42378	EZZY A.L.	DET 1 SEC 1 AUST B.D.COY	4.11.43	OC DET 1 SEC 1AUST B.D.COY

27 NOV 43.
Date of Despatch

Hutchinson Capt for MAJOR
C.R.E.3 AUST
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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HQ RAE (AIF) 3 AUST DIV.
At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27 / 11 / 1943. ..... (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 4 / 3. OFFRS. 5 O.R's. 24 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 5 ATT. BY W.E.

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.
			1	W.Os. Class I.					
				W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
			2	Sergeants	AAMC AAPC	2 1			
		1	3	Corporals					
	9		12	Troopers, Privates, etc.	AACC			2	
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*	9	1	18 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		3 *		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.	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		21		1				[redacted]	[redacted]		21
B(1)		(All Med. Class "A")									
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
1	4 AUST FD COY		
1	24 AUST INF BN		
5	DET 1 SEC 1 AUST BOMB DISPOSAL COY		

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. 27 / 11 / 1943.

HQ RAE 3 AUST DIV (AIF)

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
	Spr.	COLLIER E.P.	2/5 A.G.H.
	"	McMILLAN W.R.	2/5 A.G.H.
	Pte.	HEY W.	110 CON DEPOT
	L/Cpl.	THOMAS H.C.	5 AUST A.F.D. SELLHEIM
	Cpl.	COONEY J.J.	HOME LEAVE
	Spr.	GIVENS T.V.	SME (FD) Course 112.

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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 / /194 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. 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			
Computors			
Cooks, Hospital			
Coppersmiths			
Dispensers			
Draughtsmen			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)	1	1	-
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)	1	1	-
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	2	2	-

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Surveyors, Engineering			
Surveyors, R.A.A.			
Surveyors, Topographical			
Surveyors, Trigonometrical			
Toolmakers			
Turners			
Watchmakers			
Welders			
GROUP II.			
Armourers			
Axemen			
Bakers			
Bty. Comd's. Asst.			
Boilermakers			
Carpenters			
Carpenters and Joiners			
Cooks			
Dental Mechanics			
Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)	1	-	1
Driver-Operator			
Drainers			
Electricians			
Electricians (Engineers)			
Fire Control Operators			
Gun Operator			
Hatchman			
Height Taker			
Helio Operator			
Instrument Operator			
Intelligence Duties			
Joiners			
Lineman			
Lineman, Signals			
Lithographers			
Machinists, Metal			
Machinists, Wood			
Masons			
Masseurs			
Mechanics, M.T.			
Miners			
Moulders			
Nurses, Trained			
Observation Post Assts.			
CARRIED FORWARD	3	2	1

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Operating Room Assts.			
Operator, Keyboard			
Operator, Line			
Operator, Signal			
Operator, Switchboard			
Operator, Wireless			
Opticians			
Painters			
Panel Beaters			
Photographer, Dry Plate			
Predictor Numbers			
Printers			
Radiographers			
Riggers			
Sawyers			
Signallers			
Signwriters			
Telescope Identfn. Numbers			
Well Borers			
Wheelers			
Winchman			
Wireman			
Woodturners			
GROUP III.			
Battery Surveyors			
Butchers			
Clerks	4	3	1
Clerks, Supply			
Clerks, Technical			
Coach Trimmers			
Concretors			
Cooks			
Dental Clerk Orderlies			
Despatch Riders			
Draughtsmen, Signals			
Drivers, H.T.			
Driver Mechanics			
Driver Tptn. Plant			
Engine Hands, I.C.			
Equipment Repairers			
Farriers			
Fitters' Mates			
Gun Layers			
CARRIED FORWARD	7	5	2

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
G.P.O. Assistants			
Hammermen			
Leather Stitchers			
Orderlies, Nursing			
Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Plate Layers			
Rangetakers			
Rivetters			
Roughriders			
Saddlers			
Saddletree makers			
Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Stevedores			
Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Storemen, Technical			
Tailors			
Textile Refitters			
Tinsmiths			
Vulcanizers			
Wagon Erectors			
Whitesmiths			
DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
BATMEN	6	4	2
DRIVERS	8	6	2
M.CYCLISTS	2	1	1
GEN. DUTIES	1	2	1 SW
ATTACHED BY W.E.			
AAMC			
MED. SGT.	1	1	
HYG. SGT.	1	1	
AAPC SGT.	1	1	
AACC PTES	2	-	2
Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	29	21	6
	1	*	*

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 on this page.

28 NOV 43
Date of Despatch

H Williams Capt for
Signature of Commander
C.R.E. 3 AUST DIV.

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(Adapted, Large)
(Pads of 100)
a.w. 20m pads

MESSAGE FORM

Hold
War Diary

Rec'd 24 11 13
R.A.E. 2 Div.
No. 1530

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.		No. of Groups GR.
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TO 29 aust inf bde RAE 3 aust div 5 div recep camp DAPM rptd movts LAE 9 aust div RAE LAE fortress LAE base sub area 23 port HQ USASOS

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
5 aust div	Q.1505	24	

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cancel	our	Q1487	of	22 nov
not	to	all	addressees	(.)
first	(.)	4 LCTs	will	now
arrive	VOCO BEACH	at	0700 hrs	25 nov
ex	MOROBE	(.)	loaded	as
follows	(.)	det	4	fd
coy	13	pers	and	29
vehs	and	det	2/2 aust	CCS
pers	and	stores	(.)	on
arrival	VOCO	pers	and	vehs
4	fd	coy	will	be
disembarked	det	2/2	aust	CCS
and	its	stores	will	NOT
be	disembarked	but	will	remain
on	board	for	on	movt
to	FINSCHAFFEN	(.)	discharge	and
disembarkation		under	control	movts
LAE	(.)	5	div	recep
camp	will	arrange	for	breakfast
for	det	2/2	CCS	(.)
RAE	3	div	to	arrange
drivers	to	meet	4	fd
coy	vehs	(.)	LAE	base
sub	area	to	arrange	tpt
to	convey	det	2/2	CCS
to	5	div	reception	camp

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for	breakfast	and	return	them	5
immediately	to	VOCO BEACH	(.)	second	10
(.)	on	completion	discharge	as	15
above	4	LCTs	will	load	20
stores	and	pers	9	aust	25
div	who	arrived	per	LST 67	30
and	68	on	23 Nov	for	35
FINSCHAFFEN	(.)	loading	will	be	40
under	control	movts	LAE	and	45
LAE	base	sub	area	(.)	50
29	aust	inf	bde	will	55
detail	working	party	of	200 ors	60
with	proportion	offrs	and	NCOs	65
fXX to	report	as	follows	(.)	70
100	to	rep	of	LAE	75
base	sub	area	at	BEACH	80
TRANSIT	AREA	at	250700 hrs L	for	85
loading	vehs	in	dump	(.)	90
100	to	lieut	GRAHAM	movts	95
LAE	at	GENERATING SET	VOCO BEACH	250800 L	100
(.)	pers	of	2/2	COS	105
det	will	also	be	available	110
for	loading	(.)	29	aust	115
inf	bde	please	arrange	to	120
provide	midday	meal	for	60	125
2/2	COS	pers	with	that	130

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FROM (3)

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for	own	personnel	(.)	LAE	10
base	sub	area	will	provide	15
tp t	as	required	by	movte	20
LAE	and	also	detail	one	25
offr	to	supervise	of	loading	30
stores	etc	at	BEACH TRANSIT	AREA	35
(.)	DAFH	will	arrange	traffic	40
control	(.)	LCTs	to	depart	45
for	DIVISION	252000	hrs	(.)	50
all	informed				55
					60
					65
					70
					75
					80
					85
					90
					95
					100
					105
					110
					115
					120
					125
					130

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IN Rec'd 23/1/43 R.A.E. 3 Div.

OUT No. 8830

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Adjt 4 Fd Coy will let us have full details. Report of 4 Fd Coy sent 22/1 by officer proceeding on attachment

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TO RAE 3 aust div - movts LAE - DAPM rptd 9 aust div - RAE LAE fortress - LAE base sub area - 23 port HQ USASOS - 5 aust div rpt camp

FROM Copy G - ADMS 5 aust div

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
Q 1487	22	

(Write horizontally)

first	(.)	3	LCTs	will	5
arrive	VOCO PT	ex	PORTICO	on	10
24	nov	at	2300	hrs	15
(.)	unloading	to	be	completed	20
by	0300	hrs	25	nov	25
(.)	loaded	as	follows	(.)	30
4	fd	coy	balance	coy	35
and	unit	vehs	ex	PORTICO	40
and	2/2	CCS	(.)	unit	45
stores	of	2/2	CCS	loaded	50
in	4	fd	coy	vehs	55
(.)	second	(.)	movts	LAE	60
will	be	responsible	for	discharge	65
and	disembarkation	(.)	third	(.)	70
all	personnel	and	stores	2/2	75
CCS	will	be	moved	to	80
5	div	recep	camp	pending	85
onward	move	to	DIMINISH	(.)	90
fourth	(.)	RAE	3	div	95
please	arrange	reps	to	meet	100
4	fd	coy	personnel	and	105
to	take	over	vehs	after	110
off-loading	stores	at	5	div	115
recep	camp	(.)	fifth	(.)	120
DAPM	to	arrange	traffic	control	125
(.)	six	(.)	movts	LAE	130

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FROM

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
Q 1487	22	

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please	arrange	onward	movt	to
DIMINISH	earliest	practicable	date	(.)
all	informed	(.)	ack	

ack RE 506
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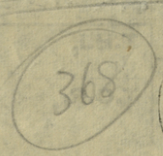

To: 5 Aust Div.

Rec'd 15/11/43
R.A.E.
No. 1600

DETAILS FOR MOVEMENT.

SECRET.
2/7 Aust Fd Coy RAE
13 Nov 43.

RAE 3 Div.

Unit	2/7 Aust Fd Coy RAE
Authority for movement	5 Aust Div Q1365 of 12 Nov 43.
Location	LAE ref map LAE 1:25000 670453
Destination	DIMINISH
Earliest date Unit can move.	18 Nov 43.

Stores which cannot be loaded on vehs.	Tons.
Stores & Equip	
(a) Deadweight	50
(b) Cu. Wt.	90
Max wt. to be lifted by ships gear.	doesn't apply.

Composition

Officers	7
W.Os.	-
Sgts	6
Rank & File	191
Total All Ranks	204

96

MT. Make	Type	No.	Overall Length	Width	Height	No. loaded Empty	If empty Wt. empty each type.	If loaded Wt. loaded each type
Jeep	1/4 ton 4 x 4	4	11' 1"	5' 2"	4'3"	All vehs loaded	1 T 2 cwt	1 T 7 cwt
Ford	3 ton 4 x 4 tip	11	18'	7'	7'3"	"	3 T 5 cwt	6 T 5 cwt
Ford	3 ton 4 x 4 G.S.	2	20'	7'	7'6"	"	3 T 5 cwt	6 T 5 cwt
Plant								
Caterpillar	D2 Tractor	1	8' 9"	6' 3"	4'6"		3 T	
Ingersoll Rand	Trailer Compressor	2	9'	4' 6"	6'		1 T	

NOTE : There will be no advance party or rear party.

.....Capt
for A/O.C. 2/7 Aust Fd Coy RAE

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IN (11) SECURITY Aust Div

OUT RAE Box

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No action taken here

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TO 2/7 AUST FD COY rptd RAE LAE FRT CASC 3 AUST DIV

FROM 5 AUST DIV

Originator's Number Q1394

Date 13

In Reply to Number

SECRET	⊙	further	to	my	Q1365
of	12	NOV	⊙	4	LCT's
will	beach	VOCO	POINT	1500	hrs
16	NOV	⊙	Loading	personnel	stores
and	vehicles	to	be	completed	NOT
repeat	NOT	later	than	2030	hrs
16	NOV	⊙	further	details	follow

NRC 14/11

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T.H.I. 2301

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2300 hrs.

13 NOV 1943 Date

File Q/10/978

H.Q. R.A.E. 1 AUST. CORPS TPS.

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TO C.R.E 3 Aust Div

FROM 2/7 Aust Fd Coy RAE

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

It	is	requested	that	all	tps
and	personnel	at	present	attached	to
11	Fd	Coy	be	returned	to
this	unit	as	soon	as	possible

Done

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2104/PMEO - 200,000 Pads 100-12/41

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SECRET

13 Nov 43
Ref 92/S.

To - CRE,
3 Aust Div

From - 2/7 Aust Fd Coy RAE

Subject - Transport.

1. In view of the intended movement of this Coy from LAE area, the following serviceable transport strengths are submitted for your information.

	Jeeps	3 Ton Tippers	3 Ton G.S.	GMC	Total serviceable vehs.	Remarks
On charge to unit on coming under comd 5 Aust Div	4	12	2	15	33	
On charge to unit on 13 Nov 43.	4	9	2	NIL	15	3 tippers are at present U/S awaiting spar parts.

2. It is pointed out that the tpt held at present can carry approx one third of unit stores and equipment only.

3. It is NOT anticipated that the unit can be built up to its former operational strength from local resources, but it is requested that tpt be increased to 3 ton tip - 12, 3 ton GS - 5, as this is the minimum number of trucks required to move unit stores and equipment less br stores..

Capt
a/O.C. 2/7 Aust Fd Coy RAE

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CRE 3 Aust Div
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Copy to CRE 9 Aust Div.

14/12

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R.A.E. 3 Div.
No. 1620

HQ RAE IAE FRT
NOV 43

RAE 3 AUST DIV. R.E.C 1610

Hereunder copy of message received from 5 AUST DIV.

MESSAGE FORM.

TO 2/7 aust fd coy rptd IAE fortress CASC 3 div Copy G

FROM 5 aust div Q 1365 12

SECRET	(.)	WARNING	ORDER	(.)
2/7	aust	fd	coy	will
move	DIMINISH	NOT	before	15
nov	in	LCT's	(.)	details
embarkation	later	(.)	on	arrival
under	comd	9	aust	div
(.)	move	with	all	unit
eqpt	vehs	accommodation	stores	and
tentage	(.)	take	20	days
rations	expense	and	malaria	stores
and	2	days	voyage	rations
(.)	particulars	GRO 318	urgently	required ✓ HW

(.)

D. MACKAY,
Maj.

IMPORTANT 1506

[illegible] Capt
13 Nov

HM 13/11

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IN OK 12 Nov

OUT

RAE 3 DIV

Please arrange & fwd this DIV direct & advise HQ of completion action

No. of Groups. GR.

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TO

RAE LAF FRT

FROM 5 AUST DIV

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
Q1361	12	1015/12

Please	despatch	GRO	318	particulars	2/7
Aust	FD	coy	⊙	Show	stores
NOT	loaded	in	vehicles	as	deadweight
tons					

Wt. 32412/1098. 750M. 12/40. P.I. 51-8146

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TO 2/7 Aust Fd Coy

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
HQ RAE 3 Aust Div	REW/1	12	—

SECRET Please send earliest to this HQ estimated
Dead weight stores NOT loaded on vehicles (1)
see para 2(a)(iii) of GRO. 9318 (2) also give
details 2 (a) (v)

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R.A.E. GR. 3 Div.
No. 1000

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OUT 3 Div Hold

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TO ~~5 AUST DIV rptd LANDFORCES MELBOURNE~~

FROM 2/7 AUST FD COY RAE

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
ERN 88	12	Q1365

SECRET	(.)	ref	Q1365	of	12
nov	(.)	first	(.)	LAE	(.)
second	(.)	18	nov	(.)	third
(.)	offrs	7	wos	NIL	sgts
6	rank	and	file	191	(.)
fourth	(.)	four	1/4	ton	thirteen
3	ton	one	D2	tractor	two

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HQ RAE

3 Div

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TO

FROM

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

DATE

IN REPLY TO NUMBER

trailers	compressor	all	in	gauge	(.)
fifth	50	tons	DW	90	tons
cu	(.)	ack			

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First Aust Army Mob Print Unit—A95—1250 Pads—[illegible]

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Tab A

SECRET
7 Nov 43

STAFF TABLE - 2/7 AUST FD COY RAE

Personnel	Vehicles by Type			Mechanical Equipment	Stores								Remarks
					W.E		Operational Stores		Accomodation Stores		Bridging		
	Jeep	3 Ton Tip	3Ton GS		C.Tons	Tons	C.Tons	Tons	C.Tons	Tons	C.Tons	Tons	
6 Officers 188 ORs	4	~~11~~						1					
		11			23	15	23	15					2 Tip trucks can take small load only due to mech defects.
			2						7	4			
				D2 Tractor							70	30	12 - 3 ton GS requir ed to carry this bridging CBG at present on BUSU R. is NOT included.
				2 Compressors Trailer									

Totals (NOT incl vehs)	Cu Tons	DW Tons
	123	~~154~~ 65

VEHICLE TABLE

Serial Number	Make	Type	Tare	Load	Total D.W.	Dimensions	Dimensions Loaded	Cu Tons	Number.	Total Cu Tons
1 - 4	Jeep	1/4 ton 4x4	1T 2 cwt	W.E. 5 cwt	1 T 7 cwt	11'1"x 5'2" x 4'3"	ditt	~~22~~ 7	~~X5~~ 4	~~XXXX~~ 28
5 - 9	Ford	3 ton Tip 4x4	3T 5cwt	W.E. 3 ton	6T 5 cwt	18' x 7 ' x 7'3"	ditt	22	~~X6~~ 5	~~XXXX~~ 110
10-15	Ford	3 ton Tip 4x4	3T 5 cwt	Engr stores 3 ton	6T 5 cwt	18' x 7' x 7'3"	ditt	22	6	132
16 - 17	Ford	3 ton GS 4x4	3T 5 cwt	Accomodation stores 2 ton	5T 5 cwt	20' x 7' x 7'6"	ditt	26	2	52
18 - 23	Ford	3 ton GS 4x4	3T 5 cwt	Bridging 2-1/2 tons	5T 15 cwt	20' x 7' x 7'6"	ditt	26	6	156
24 - 29	Ford	3 ton GS 4x4	3T 5 cwt	Bridging 2-1/2 tons	5T 15 cwt	20' x 7' x 7'6"	23' x '	30	6	180
30 - 31	Enger. Rand	Compressor 1 T Trailer		ditto	1 Ton	9' x 4'6" x 6'	ditt	6	2	12
32	Tractor Cater-pillar	D2	3 T	NIL	3 Ton	8'9" x 6'3" x 4'6"	ditto	6	1	6
				~~34 T 12 cwt~~						676

NOTE :- This table assumes everything on wheels.

12 Trucks required for bridging are NOT held.

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appts W D → 1 Nov 43

HQ RAE 3 AUST DIV (AIF)
26 NOV 43.

REF NO: RE526

24 MAR 1944

H.Q.5 AUST DIV.
CRE LAE FORTRESS (for infm)
- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

SUBJECT: ARRIVAL 11 AUST CAMFLG UNIT.

Ref Your GS CIRCULAR NUMBER 1 of 19 NOV 43, para 3.

(a) 11 AUST CAMOUFLAGE UNIT RAE.

(b) 23 NOV 43.

(c) 1 OFFR. 4 OR's.
Vehicles - NIL.
Stores - 3 Tons DW.

(d) NIL

(e) 699408 LAE 1:25,000.

(f) HQ RAE 3 AUST DIV (AIF).

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C.R.E.
LAE FORTRESS COMD.

DEVELOPMENT OF LAE BASE
REF: 5 AUST DIV GS CIRC.No.1 of 19 NOV.

Subtended is detail of para 3 (d).

UNIT	LOCATION UNIT	STRENGTH OFFRS	ORs	TOTAL	VEHICLES TYPE	NO	TOTAL TONNAGE	STORES DW	TONNAGE
4 FD COY	MOROBE	1	13	14	3 TON FD			2	4
					4 x 4	13	320		
					" " Winch	4	100		
					3 TON CVT				
					Kitchen	3	75		
					Water	1	25		
					3 TON Tipper	9	225		
11 FD COY	BUNA	-	1	1	¼ Ton Jeep	1	8		
					15Cwt Tk	1	15		
					30 " Winch	1	20		
					3 Ton GS	2	50		

Major
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GS INSTRUCTION NUMBER 51

HQ 5 Aust Div (AIF)
16 Nov 43

ENGINEER ORGANIZATION - LAE AREA

1. The following paragraphs set out the Engineer organization in LAE area and the procedure to be followed by units or services when requesting engineer works or stores.

2. There are in the area three CsRE -

(a) CRE 1 Aust Corps Tps
(b) CRE 3 Aust Div
(c) 5 Aust CRE (Works)

CRE 1 Aust Corps Tps commands all engineer units in the LAE area and is known as CRE LAE ERT

3. HQ 5 Aust Div is responsible for engineer policy and deals with CRE LAE ERT in this regard.

4. All instructions or requests for new work or major alterations to work in hand will be addressed to CRE LAE ERT, a copy being sent to 5 Aust Div.

5. When 5 Aust Div has directed that a project be proceeded with and CRE LAE ERT has allotted this work to a CRE, services and units for whom the work is being performed will deal direct with the CRE carrying out the work in matters of detail.

6. All demands for engineer stores will be submitted to CRE LAE ERT.

7. In all matters of administration, CRE 3 Aust Div and 5 Aust CRE (Works) will deal direct with 5 Aust Div

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HQ RAE 3 AUST DIV(AIF)
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REF NO: RE 527.

CE NGF
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SUBJECT: ENGINEER INTELLIGENCE - MOBILE LIGHTING UNITS.

1. The problem of adequately lighting widely dispersed installations (e.g.ORD.,AMN.,RAE DEPOTS) in temporary and Advanced Base Areas has occurred at LAE and will continue to recur as each new base is established.

Complete electrical reticulation is normally impracticable for the first six months, and requres disproportionately large quantities of electrical stores with high maintenance and doubtful reliability in wet forest areas.

2. Essential requirements to cope with truck loading at night to meet urgent operational demands are :-

(i) Lighting of ADM buildings (2 or 3 huts)

(ii) Lighting simultaneously at short notice, up to 6 huts.

3. Battery charges and lighting sets held in engineer dumps are NOT suited to meet above requirements.

4. A design for a mobile lighting unit is submitted, which will meet requirements with minimum equipment and maximum speed of installations. The unit comprises, briefly, a petrol electric set of standard Army pattern with 6 standard heavy duty batteries, spear point light standards and accessories all mounted onone jeep trailer. Each battery with light standards and fittings would supply sufficient lighting for one hut for 10 hours. The P.E. Set would be used for normal lightings of adm buildings at night and for charging batteries as required during daylight. With P.E.Set, batteries and electrical fittings supplied, a Field Park Coy could easily assemble the complete unit.

5. Recommendations

That standard mobile lighting units be provided on the basis of one unit for each F.O.D., F.A.D., B.I.P.O.D. and R.A.E. Stores Depot. I suggest 4 per Corps Dump holding.

6. Attached

Appendix I. Detailed Description - Mobile Lighting Unit. Sketches as Appendices A B C and D.

Appendix II. Stores List for one Unit.

NOTE: 4KW Generator referred to in Appendix I is known to be a standard army pattern. A similar 2 or 3 KW Generator if now manufactured would be adequate and preferable to 4 KW.

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MAJOR
C.R.E 3 AUST DIV.

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E.V.C Maj.
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1 " Capt Morling

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MOBILE LIGHTING UNIT.
Ref Appendix "A"

1. To eliminate the wastage of man hours, material and plant necessary for the reticulation of the scattered installations (FAD, FOD, etc) also any type of emergency lighting, a unit built up with the following components as hereunder is an alternative:-

(a) Pet.Elec. battery charging set,
(b) Batteries,
(c) Spear point light standards,
(d) Flexible cables and accessories,

all the above mounted in standard Jeep trailer.

2. Detailed Descriptions.

(a) Petrol Electric Set. (APPENDIX "A")

The PE Set to consist of a standard Army pattern Howard Engine direct coupled to 1-4KW 0/110V DC generator with D/C exciter and switchboard complete with volt and ammeter, rheostats and battery charging control gear. One rheostat to be potentiometer connected to enable a satisfactory voltage to be obtained to charge one 6 volt battery.

(b) Batteries. (APPENDIX "B")

6- Standard heavy duty car type 200 ampere hr. fitted with screw connectors.

(c) Spear point Light Standards.
Ref Appendix "C"

These would consist of a 5'-0" length of ¾" water pipe to which an 8" length of Rnd M/S suitably turned to a point has been welded, at the top a piece of M/S is welded to the pipe and tapped to take a ¼" thumb screw, which in turn is attached to a small retaining chain. Adjustable section to carry reflector would be 12" of pipe, turned to suitable size to be neat fit in ¾" pipe. The reflector would be fitted to the pipe through an adjustable M/S hinge fitted with thumb screw lock for vertical adjustment. Reflector end of pipe is fitted with a 3/16" Rnd M/S hook for attaching top portion to building rafter, tree, etc.

(d) Flexible Cables and Accessories. (APPENDIX "D")

Rubber insulated flexible twin cable of size to prevent excessive voltage drop (70/0076 if available, is satisfactory) to be used for leads from battery to lamp, one end permanently fixed to the lamp, running end fitted with a heavy duty two pin plug or battery clips. Long leads for 110 volt would be contained on two reels each carrying 100 yds 40/0076 flex.

3. Mounting.

(a) The PE Set would be mounted in the Jeep trailer across the centre of axle and fixed in position with four ½" bolts and nuts with bearing plates.

(b) Wooden crates to carry six batteries, with top batten to prevent vertical movement, would be built in the draw bar end of the trailer.

(c) The Spear points would be carried in clamps fitted on each side of the trailer.

(d) A small chest would be provided on the rear end to carry short lead lamps, accessories, etc in suitable containers.

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General

In normal circumstances the unit, would be used by the unit to who it is issued as a lighting plant for Adm HQ, thus keeping the batteries in good condition by frequent charging and discharging. Batteries would also actas an excellent standby in the event of breakdown of the PE Set. But in case of emergency when night loading is necessary, lighting could be provided at eight different points, using spear point unit and battery at six, and the 110V PE Set to light two adjacent buildings.

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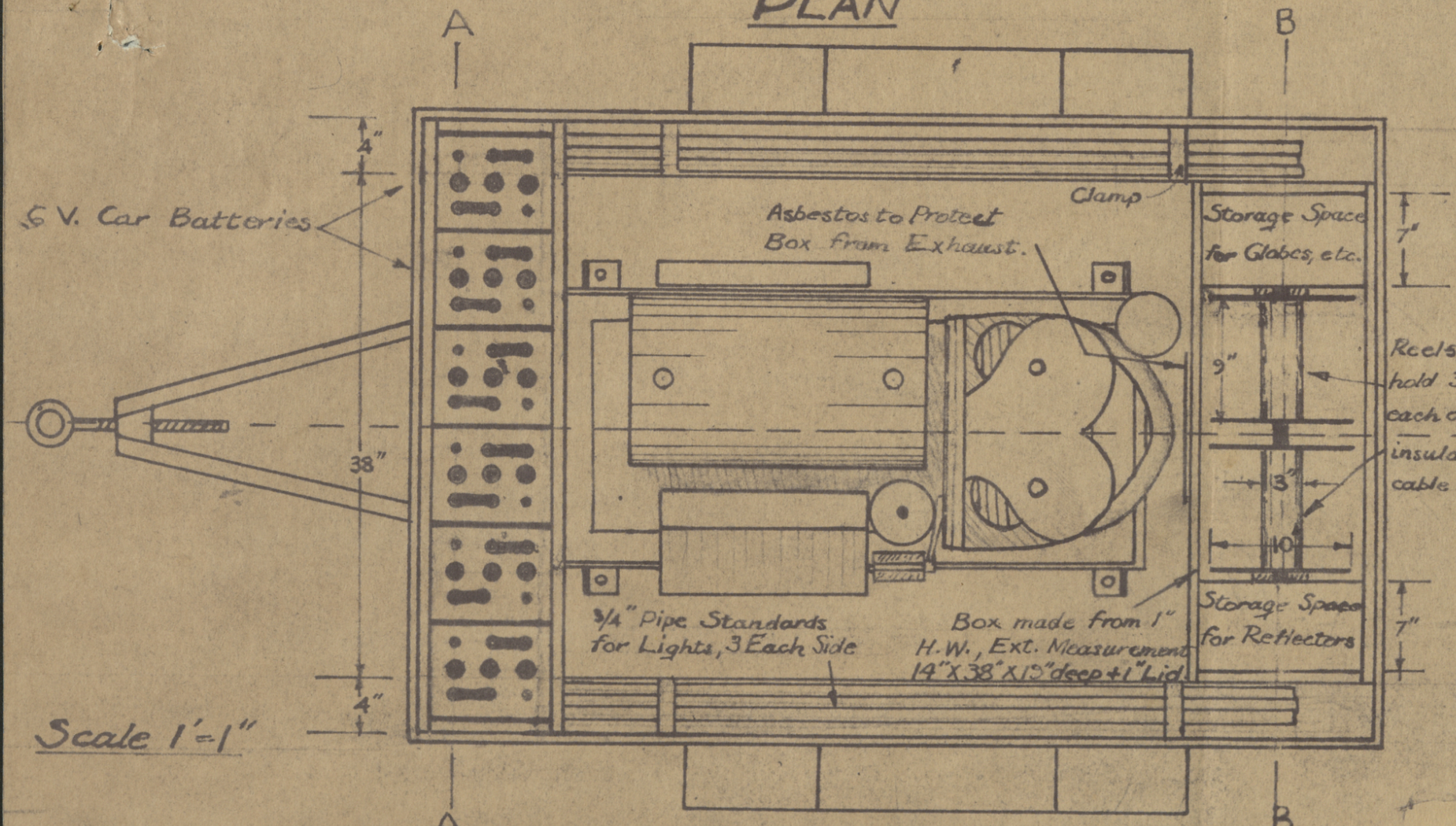
APPENDIX "A"

PLAN



4 K.W. P.E. SET MOUNTED ON JEEP TRAILER.

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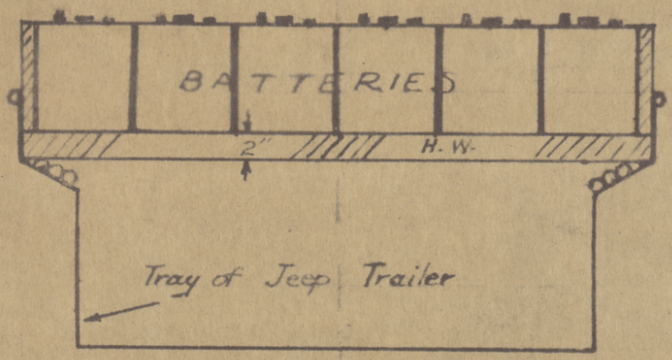
APPENDIX B



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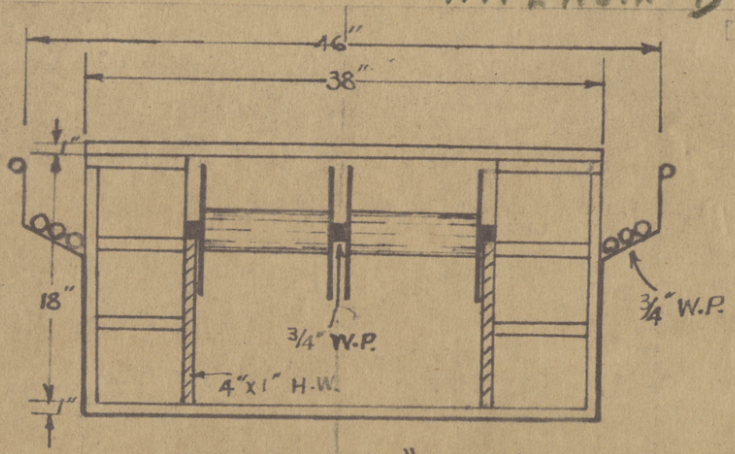

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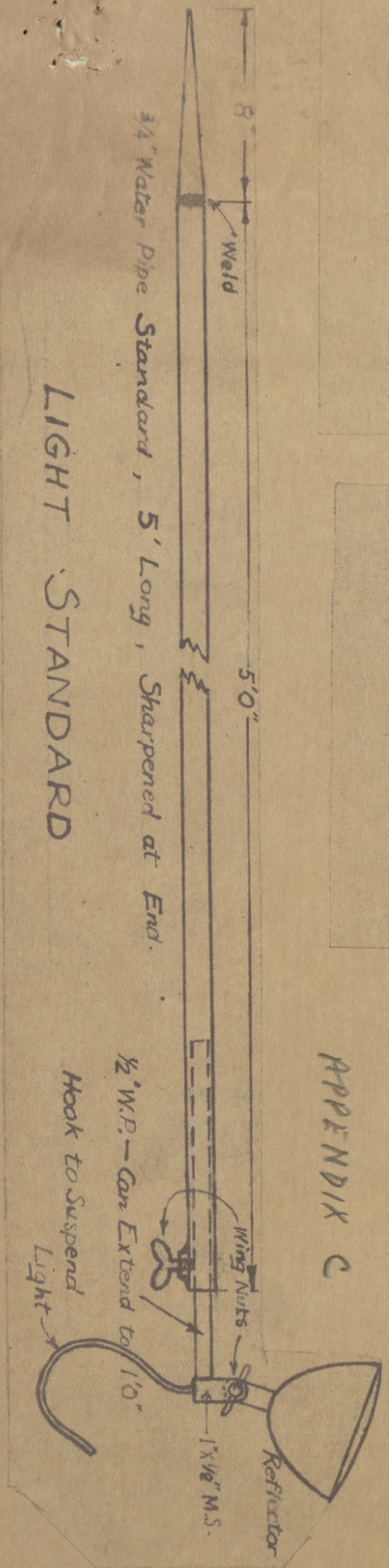
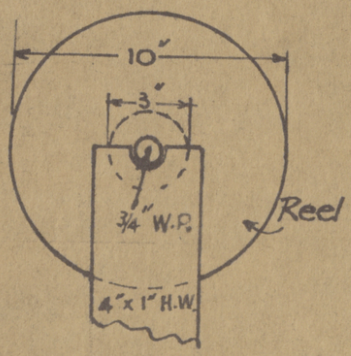


LIGHT STANDARD

APPENDIX C



METHOD OF SUSPENDING REELS

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9 Nov 43

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LAE FORTRESS

ELECTRIC SUPPLY - LAE AREA

1. LIMITED SCHEME -RETICULATION PLAN AND STORES

(a) Attached report describes L.V. reticulation scheme adopted with layout plan as in appendix B. Methods of installation allow a speedy installation with reasonable safety against fire risk. The poles are designed to take additional mains if required for future extensions. At Main Rd crossings, a minimum clearance of 22' is provided for. Appendicies C.D.& E. are self explanatory sketches.

(b) Stores list is given in appendix A and includes 25% for contingencies. I strongly recommended that two 25 K.V.A sets be ordered in case of unforeseen defects in 40 K.V.A. Set. No stores are included for 5 div. lighting as this area is already wired.

2. DEPOTS & INSTALLATIONS not included in limited scheme

(a) No stores demand has been prepared to cover the following installations:-

SER.	INSTALLATIONS	INFORMATION AVAILABLE
1	BIPOD 1	Layout & general lighting requirements
2	" 2	NIL
3	43 F.O.D.	Layout & site : Lighting required to be decided
4	104 F.A.D.	" " " " "
5	ACME W/Shops	NIL- No certainity of installation
6	LAE C.C.S.	Unit W.E. provides lighting required
7	2/7 A.C.H.	" " " "
8	Jungle Div.Eq	" " " " (assumed)
9	A.S.D.	Layout & site & general lighting requirements
10	RAE Stores Dump	NIL - obtained yet.

The wide dispersion of Ord., Amn. and BIPOD installations means that for full lighting of these depots the quantity of electrical stores required will be several times larger than those required for the limited scheme in para 1.

In general, except for serials 5,6,7,8 the services concerned have no power plant or electrical stores available or on order. It seems to me that the best proposal for the larger depots is a reduced number of lights at each hut with power plant designed to supply only one of several areas at a time. The alternative is to supply lighting only to Administrative and Transit huts - using veh. lights for night work at other huts if required.

(b) If a ruling is given as to the extent of lighting required at night in the larger installations for operational purposes, an approximate estimate of stores required can be prepared in 3 days.

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ELECTRICAL RETICULATION - LAE AREA

MAINS AND SUB-MAINS

1. Four wire mains, 3 phase and neutral will be run from 699403 vicinity HEV HQ to 703406 BASE P.O., all other Sub-mains will radiate from these, (with due regard to keeping the system balanced) to areas requiring supply and thence to installations.

2. All mains and sub-mains including neutral will be 7/064 hard drawn copper aerial, capacity 45 amps, this should keep the VD at a minimum.

3. Each sub-main will be provided with pole mounting isolating switches.

POLES

1. Two sizes will be used 28' x 9" and 25' x 7", former for mains and sub-mains, the latter for installation areas. Dia. ref to at ground level (ref 0.4D + 1.4 = dep. pole in ground). These sizes will ensure a ground clearance of 20' and 17'. Suitable for road crossings and ample clearance for all types of vehicles.

D in inches.

2. Spacing will be 130' this has been reduced from standard practice to assist in teeing off for the numerous sub-mains; Sag will also be kept at a minimum.

3. All poles should be of selected local timber suitably capped and creosote treatment applied before erection.

4. Insulators and accessories will be standard equipment in accordance with Stores List (APPENDIX "A").

INSTALLATION AREAS

1. Mains from poles to buildings will be 7/036 taped and braided copper aerial supported on swan neck or shackle type insulators thence through 7/036 VIR Service supported on 1½" x 2" button insulators to 15 amps 1/C switch fuse.

LIGHTING

1. The leads will be run in the form of aerials supported on button insulators the full length of buildings, 3/036 VIR being used. Leads to batten holders will be suitably fixed to aerials and taped off with rubber insulation tape. Where individual switching is required ceiling snaps will be used to eliminate the additional wiring required for tumbler switches.

2. Where buildings are adjacent mains will be run through from one building to next but 7/036 aerials will be substituted for 3/036 used in single huts. Whatever method is used each hut must be provided with an 1/C switch fuse, and no circuit should exceed 10 lamps.

GENERAL

1. Numerous assumptions have been made with regard to disposition of mains and lights, since returns from units are not complete or in some cases buildings not erected.

2. It will be necessary to reduce the points asked for by some units, particularly those with very scattered installations, making a lot of pole and aerial work for several lights.

3. No stores have been included for HEV lighting as DAGMC has confirmed that area already wired and supply only required to existing P.E.Set.

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ANNEXURE "A"

STORES LIST

POLES -

20' x 9"	72
20' x 7"	10
Crossarms 4" x 4" x 48"	30
" 4" x 4" x 60"	50
Braces 20" x 1½ x 3/16" ½ holes	200
Coach screws 1/2" x 3	200
" " 1/2" x 3½	100
Pole caps	82
Bolts, nuts and wash. 12" x 5/8"	100

CABLE -

H.D.copper aerial	lbs	8000
Weatherproof braided	"	5000
VIR 7/036	"	1500
" 3/036	"	4000
" 1/044	"	500
Cable connectors 7/064		350

INSULATORS

L.T.for mains complete with pins, nuts & washers	300
Small shackle type complete	50
Swan neck	200
White button 1½" x 2" and screws	1000

LIGHT FITTINGS

Batten holders B/C	400
3" round blocks	400
Lamps elec - 20,30,40 and 50 watt	400
Ceiling snap switches	80
Shades 12" metal	400
Iron clad 15 amps switch fuses	100

POWER HOUSE SUB-SWITCHBOARD

50 amps ACB T.P.3 pole 400 V with 30ts and M/V	1
50 amps B/C fuses	12
6' x 3' x 3/4" panel	1
10 amps B/C fuses	12
20 amps T.P.knife switches	3
50 amps T.P. D.D.knife switch	1
Isolating weatherproof 60 amps D/T I/C Switches	12

TIMBER

200 ft.lin.	3" x 2"
100 " "	3" x 3"
200 " "	6" x 1"

PLANT

2 - 25 KVA Petrol or Diesel Electric Sets 50 cycle 400V 3 phase 4 wire complete with main switchboards and Engine control panels.

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SD/6. REC1681

SUBJECT: ALLOTMENT OF CORPS POOL OF MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT.

HQ RAE LAE FRT.
17 NOV 43

RAE 3 AUST DIV (3)
5 AUST CRE (WORKS) (2)
2/14 AUST A FD COY
2/1 AUST MECH EQUIP COY
59 AUST CORPS FD PK COY.

1. 59 AUST CORPS FD PK COY will takeon charge all plant of the CORPS MECHANICAL POOL and all issues on loan to Coys therefrom will be made by CRE LAE FRT.

2. Addressees will arrange for the collection of the plant shown in Appx 'A' to this letter from 59 AUST CORPS FD PK COY when signalled to do so by CRE LAE FRT.

3. Coys using mechanical plant are responsible for the maintenance of the plant and such first line repairs as are within the capacity of Coy fitters. Coys will arrange that other repairs are carried out as laid down in RAE LAE FRT TECH INSTN NO. 13 of 10 NOV 43.

4. Coys will submit requisitions for spare parts through 59 AUST CORPS FD PK COY.

5. Until log books can be secured for all machines, Coys will provide and use temporary log books from time of taking over machine.

6. 59 AUST CORPS FD PK COY will inspect monthly all plant in the area including D2 tractors but excluding the plant used by 2/1 AUST MECH EQUIP COY and will report monthly to CRE LAE FRT on the maintenance and condition of plant. Copies of this report will be sent to CRE 3 AUST DIV and 5 AUST CRE (WORKS).

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CRE LAE FRT.

APPX 'A' att.

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APPENDIX 'A'

TO REC/1681.

WAR DIARY

ALLOTMENT OF PLANT TO COYS

ITEM	4 AUST FD COY	11 FD AUST COY	2/11 AUST FD COY	2/14 AUST A FD COY	2/1 AUST MECH EQUIP COY	REMARKS
TD 14 Dozers	-	-	-	1	1 ‡	‡ On loan to MECH EQUIP COY until D6 dozer is complete. TD14 then allotted 2/11 FD COY.
TD 9 Dozers	-	(1 ‡)	1	1	1 ‡‡	‡ On completion of Chinaman in MALAHANG Gravel Pit, 11 FD COY will use TD9 as reqd by other coys at Gravel Pit. ‡‡ Replaces D4 on loan from 11 FD COY.
D6 Dozer	-	-	-	-	1	when complete.
D6 Tractor with PCU	-	-	-	1	-	
D6 Tractor with logging winches.	(1)	-	-	-	-	On issue to 4 FD COY until required for steam sawmill.
Caterpillar Power Grader	-	-	-	1	-	
Malcolm Moore Power Grader	-	-	1	-	-	
Carryall 4 C. Yd.	-	-	-	1	-	
Mechanical Roller	-	-	-	-	1	
Ditchers	-	(1)	1	-	1	
Rollers Sheepsfoot twin	-	-	-	-	1	
Ploughs	-	(1)	1	-	-	
Truck Loaders	-	-	7	3	-	Further truck loaders will be available shortly.

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Ref. MSC/1236

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HQ RAE(AIF)
3 AUST. DIV.

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WATER SUPPLY LAE AREA

STORES DEMAND REF. MAP LAE 1:25000

1. SUMMARY - STORES DEMAND - TOTAL WEIGHT 230 tons

(a) WATER PIPING (including approx. 20% for contingency)

6" dia	8000 ft	OR alternatively 4" dia	16000 ft
4" "	7000 "		
3" "	15000 "		
2" "	15000 "		
1" "	10000 "		
½" "	8000 "		
¾" "	12000 "		

Plus fittings as listed in Appendix III. List is based on Standard Schedule ES Stocks 11 App. I modified to eliminate unnecessary items.

(b) PUMPS

Head Ft	Capacity G.p.h.	Deliv. Main	Minimum Number	Spares Recommended	Total Number
50	500	2"	3	1	4
50	1000	2"	1	-	1
50	2000	2"	9	2	11
250	5000	3"	1	1	2
250	10000	4"	1	1	2

Note Assumed no Elect. Power available for prime movers.

(c) TANKS G.S.I or EQUIVALENT - TOTAL G.S.I 10 tons

200 gallon	6	No.
1000 "	50	"
20000 "	3	"

2. ASSUMPTIONS MADE

(a) Sketch plans Appendix II indicate layouts assumed in each area

(b) Gallons per head per day

Water points only	5 G.p.h.
Piped supply to kitchen showers etc.	15 "
C.C.S.	25 "
A.C.H. 2000 personnel @	30 "

(c) STORAGE and chlorination

Minimum 25% days supply, in general
" 50% " " CCS & ACH
This includes provision for chlorination in tanks at storage points.

(d) PUMPS Working hrs approx 12 per day.

3. SPECIAL POINTS

(a) JUNGLE DIV. Provision has been made for temporary water points on Busu R. These could be ~~xxxxxxx~~ quickly installed if required before piping system has been completed.

(b) A.C.H. Estimates have been based on proposed layout after discussion with C.O. 2/7 A.C.H.. Provision is made in rising main for water required for half-divisional laundry. The layout assumes A.C.H. is sited close to a river or creek with adequate water.

APPENDICES

I Schedules of Water supply Systems & Requirements in pumps, storag and piping.
II Sketch Plan of proposed Installations.
III Stores Demand - Fittings.

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CRE 3 AUST. DIV.

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Ref.Map LAE 1:25000

WATER SUPPLY LAE AREA

Appendix I.

SCHEDULE OF WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS AND REQUIREMENTS IN PUMPS, STORAGE & PIPING

ITEM	AREA	SERVICE	PUMP REQD. Total Head Feet	PUMP REQD. Delivery Galls/Hr	SIZE RISING MAIN	STORAGE 200 Gall Tanks	STORAGE 1000 Gall Tanks	STORAGE Special	Size Delivery Main	TOTAL PIPE REQUIREMENTS 6"	4"	3"	2"	1"	¾"	½"	REMARKS
1	JAP BRIDGE W.P.	Butibum R. M.R.701401	50	2000	2"	-	4	-	2"	-	-	-	150	-	-	-	Existing WP with increased storage & pump capacity
2	MALAHANG W.P.	Busu R. M.R.724435	50	2000	3"	-	4	-	2"			3300	150				New W.P.
3	BUSU R. BR. W.P.	Busu R.	50	2000	2"	-	4	-	2"				150				Existing WP extended
4	C.C.S. W.P.	Butibum R. M.R.686422															Existing WP to serve tempy. see Item 15
5	ORDNANCE W.P.	Butibum R. M.R.686463	50	2000	2"	2	-	-	1"	-	-	-	100	50			
6	AMMUNITION W.P.	Small Creek M.R.673497	50	400	2"	2	-	-	1"	-	-	-	100	50			
7	W/SHOP W.P.	Butibum R. M.R.662450	50	400	2"	2	-	-	1"	-	-	-	100	50			
8	JUNGLE DIV. Tempy. W.P's	Busu R. M.R.707474	50	2000	2"	-	4	-	2"	-	-	-	150	-	-	-	Included to give temp. water points for preliminary supply
9	" "	Busu R. M.R.707475	50	2000	2"	-	4	-	2"	-	-	-	150	-	-	-	
10	" "	Busu R. M.R.701492	50	2000	2"	-	4	-	2"	-	-	-	150	-	-	-	
11	" "	Busu R. M.R.699494	50	2000	2"	-	4	-	2"	-	-	-	150	-	-	-	
12	JUNGLE DIV. PERM. SUPPLY	Busu R. M.R.690505	250	10000	4"	-	-	One 30000 gal.tank 32'6" x6' deep	2-4" red.to 1-4" or 1-6" red.to 1-4"	13800 6700	- 4800	- -	3100 3100	1000 1000	1000 1000	1000 1000	
13	U.S.S. PERM SUPPLY	Butibum R. M.R.686422	50	1000	2"	-	6	-	2"				1300	1000	200	500	
14	DIV.HQ	Grn at ASCHQ M.R.656410	50	2000	2"	-	6	[illegible]	4"-3" -2"			1100	1400	1000	1000	1000	
15	STAGING CAMP	Wells in Camp	50	2000	2"	-	6	2"				1500	1700	250	-	250	Incl.Base Sub Area
16	HOSPITAL	Unknown	250	5000	3"	-	-	2-30000 tanks	4"-3"	-	800	8000	3500	3000	3500	7000	
	TOTALS					6	46	3/30000		19000	13900	12350	7400	6700	10750		

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APPENDIX I

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Date 9.

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TO 2 AUST CORPS

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
CRE 3 AUST DIV		16	

For	CE	( )	Two	R4	Petrol
driven	Bulldozers	awaiting	shipment	from	TAMBU
BAY	to	5 AUST	DIV	transferred	from
American	Army	( )	one	completely	dismantled
believed	otherwise	serviceable	( )	one	assembled
with	broken	part	in	transmission	left
hand	side	( )	recommend	salvaging	( )

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FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

require	one	American	LCM	or	two
ALCM	and	D4	Tractor	for	loading
(1)	BRIG	RISSON	suggests	TAYLOR	recommend
to	NGF				

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CE/N 2937

3/13

H.Q.N.G.FORCE
CE's Branch
19 Mar 43.

C.R.E.
KANGA.

Plant

BACK LOADING OF ENGINEER EQUIPMENT.

1. Reports have reached here that salvaged Engineer materials and plant are being back loaded by Air Force and U.S. Engineers from your area.

2. No plant or materials are to leave the area without your permission or instructions from NEW GUINEA FORCE.

3. Please advise when materials are being back loaded so that arrangements for their receipt can be made.

J B Mulcomphy
Brig.
C.E.N.G.FORCE.

acknowledge
Back loading HAS been stopped.
We will advise anything forwarded.

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Reply sent
1700
22 Mar
CRE/K 693

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Have arranged this with 2/7 Coy. fr 15/10

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(DRA notified that 13 vehs got away)

TO HQ RAE 3 AUST DIV

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
5 AUST DIV	Q969	14	

Ref our Q902 of 10 OCT not to all addresses (.) Confirming telephone conversation (.)15 GMC Tks 6x6 held by 2/7 AUST FD COY will be back loaded to MILNE BAY on LST 14 OCT (.) RAE 3 AUST DIV will arrange for vehs to be parked in transit area VOCO BEACH by 2400 hrs (.) RAE to provide drivers to drive vehs on to LST's(.) Offr or NCO i/c will report to CAPT ROACH MOVEMENT CONTROL CENTRE on VOCO BEACH no later than 2400 hrs (.) ADOS will be responsible for B/L and will despatch 1 ord conductor to accompany vehs to MILNE BAY (.) on arrivalMB report to MB FORT COMD for instrs as to disposal(.)

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TO RAE 3 aust div rptd 9 aust div ADOS

FROM 5 aust div

Originator's Number Q902

Date 10

In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

all	GMC	6	by	6
vehs	on	loan	2/7	aust
fd	coy	are	to	be
returned	to	CTF	76	MILNE
BAY	(.)	RAE	3	aust
div	please	arrange	for	all
above	vehs	to	be	ready
for	shipment	as	from	10
oct	(.)	on	receipt	further
instructions	as	to	time	vehs
will	be	parked	under	guard
in	area	east	of	BUTIBUM
BR	north	of	road	MALAHANG
LAE	opposite	pl	151	gen
tpt	coy	(.)	list	in
triplicate	showing	regd	numbers	and
engine	numbers of	vehs	being	returned
will	be	forwarded	this	HQ
prior	to	loading	(.)	RAE
will	be	responsible	for	driving
vehs	on	to	vessel	

fwd copy to 2/7.
by PHONE. 10/10

Passed to 2/7 coy for 15 oct.

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1500 hrs
10 oct.

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TO RAE 3 aust div rptd 3 aust div ADOS

FROM 5 aust div | Originator's Number 0902 | Date 10 | In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

all	CMO	5	by	6	5
vehs	on	load	2/7	aust	10
fd	coy	are	to	be	15
returned	to	CTF	76	MILNE	20
BAY	(.)	RAE	3	aust	25
div	please	arrange	for	all	30
above	vehs	to	be	ready	35
for	shipment	as	from	10	40
oct	(.)	on	receipt	further	45
instructions	as	to	time	vehs	50
will	be	parked	under	guard	55
in	area	east	of	SUTTRUM	60
BR	north	of	road	MELAHANG	65
LAE	opposite	pl	151	gen	70
tpt	coy	(.)	list	in	75
triplicate	showing	regd	numbers	and	80
engine	numbers of	vehs	being	returned	85
will	be	forwarded	this	HQ	90
prior	to	loading	(.)	RAE	95
will	be	responsible	for	driving	100
vehs	on	to	vessel		105
					110
					115
					120
					125
					130

Rae 3 div

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TO 2/25 AUST FIELD PARK COY. rptd. CE. NGF.

FROM C.R.E. 3 AUST DIV.	Originator's Number CRE/K 22	Date 11	In Reply to Number

TRANSPORT OF TRACTOR TO WAU (.) On completion overhaul of Diesel Shovel and No.1 Cletrac Tractor at BULOLO, engine artificers employed there will immediately commence dismantling No.2 Cletrac Tractor (at BULOLO AERODROME) for transport by air to MORESBY.

WPR DMPY

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SIGNATURE [signature] Lt.Col.

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R.A.E. 3 Div.
No. 72

5 Aust CE (Works) AIF
CEW 2019
27 Nov 43.

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TRUCKS 3 TON 4 x 4 TIPPING : DEFECTS

1. Subjoined is an extract of MGO memo 198469 - para 2 c.

"(c) Hoist very slow and maximum angle low, being below the angle of repose of the material.

The hoist fitted to the Tipping Truck is of the "G"-well type manufactured by Messrs Peters Bros of Sydney, and has been recognised in the commercial field as a satisfactory hoist for this equipment. From tests conducted, the tipping angle is 42°, and by tightening the nuts until the ram bottoms, the tipping angle is increased to 49°. Advice from the manufacturer indicates that the angle of tip with commercial trucks is approximately 45°, and this angle is that specified by the Roads Board for normal operation.

In view of your comments, it would be appreciated if you would advise the angle of tip which you consider necessary for the work you have in hand, and the angle of repose of the material being used.

It is thought that the difficulty being experienced by you in regard to the tipping angle may be accentuated by the operation of these Tippers on steep grades with the result that, when the hoist is in the maximum position, the angle of the tray normal to the flow of material is less than the angle of repose. If such is the case, it is difficult to see how this can be overcome other than the introduction of some auxiliary means whereby the tipping angle is increased to an angle projecting 90°."

2. Please advise.

Capt,
Adjt 5 Aust CE (Works) AIF.

DISTRIBUTION

HQ RAE FIRST AUST A TPS, EDIE CK	10
HQ RAE MILNE BAY BASE SUB-AREA	10
HQ RAE BUNA BASE SUB-AREA	8
HQ RAE LAE FRT	14
12 AUST CRE (WORKS)	20
HQ 10 AA & FRT COY	2
FILE	2
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Comment 11 Coy. 1/ Truck OK when carting local gravel if tipped on level ground.
2/ Angle of repose of tipped gravel, max 45°, min 30°
3/ No experience of other materials

4 Coy. No comment.

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REC1773

SUBJECT: ALLOCATION OF WORK - LAE AREA.

Ref Map: LAE 1:25000

HQ RAE LAE FRT.
22 NOV 43

CRE (WORKS) LAE SUB BASE (2)
RAE 3 AUST DIV (for infm)
59 AUST CORPS FD PK COY (for infm)
2/1 AUST MECH EQUIP COY " "
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1. Major policy on the subdivisiion of control of Engr work in LAE area is covered in 5 AUST DIV GS INSTN NO. 51 of 16 NOV.

2. CRE (WORKS) LAE SUB BASE will arrange to take control of the following work:-

(a) WATER SUPPLY.
(b) REFRIGERATION.
(c) ELECTRIC SUPPLY.
(d) MAINTENANCE OF ROADS.
(e) CONSTRUCTION OF RAE TRANSIT DUMP.
(f) " " " STORES DEPOT.
(g) " " 2/7 AUST GEN HOSP.
(h) ISSUE AND CUSTODY OF ENGR STORES.
(i) 3 AUST AIR MAINTENANCE AND HQ 2 AUST CORPS.

WATER SUPPLY.

3. (a) 2/14 AUST A FD COY will complete the construction of the tank stand at BUSU RIVER and the replacement of canvas tanks by CGI tanks on existing tank stands.

(b) 4 AUST FD COY will continue to operate the following existing W.P's. at:-

(i) CCS.
(ii) DIV HQ.
(iii) JAP BR.

(c) CRE (WORKS) LAE SUB BASE will undertake all further water supply construction as laid down in REC1627 of 17 NOV, copy to CRE(WORKS) LAE SUB BASE and RAE 3 AUST DIV only. First priority for additional construction is the W.P. in the vicinity of MALAHANG STRIP.

REFRIGERATION.

4. At present there are or will be in the area the following refrigerators:-

(a) 5 portable refrigerators for 106 CCS.

(b) 12 - 300 cu ft refrigerators. One has arrived for installation at 3 AUST AIR MAINTENANCE COY at NADZAB.

(c) 2 - 5000 cu ft refrigerators. 2/11 AUST FD COY is carrying out preliminary work for one refrigerator in DID area and this refrigerator is to be completed by 7 DEC 43.

(d) 1 - 5000 cu ft refrigerator NADZAB.

(e) 1 - 20000 cu ft refrigerator for installation in ADV SUP DEPOT, LAE.

ELECTRIC SUPPLY.

5. 2/11 AUST FD COY is carrying out preliminary work vide RAE

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LAE FRT REC1596 of 15 NOV, copies to 2/11 AUST FD COY, CRE (WORKS) LAE SUB BASE and 59 AUST CORPS FD PK COY.

MAINTENANCE OF ROADS.

6. CRE (WORKS) LAE SUB BASE will take over maintenance of the following roads forthwith:-

(a) RD JAP BR to DIV HQ.
(b) BUSU RD to chainage 9,000 ft (vicinity camp 2/11 AUST FD COY).

7. 2/1 AUST MECH EQUIP COY will maintain all roads on which construction is proceeding until otherwise directed by CRE LAE FRT. At present this includes BUTIBUM RD north of DIV HQ and includes drains of BUTIBUM RD until completed.

8. In principle, arms and services are responsible for maintenance of depot rds when depots are handed over to them. RAE units completing depots will leave a drag with services for this purpose, CRE (WORKS) LAE SUB BASE will however arrange to supplement this maintenance as required.

9. Allotment of plant to CRE (WORKS) LAE SUB BASE is given in REC1681, of 17 NOV, copies to all addressees.

CONSTRUCTION OF RAE TRANSIT DUMP AND STORES DEPOT.

10. 2/11 AUST FD COY has these works in hand and has all necessary details. 2/14 AUST A FD COY is making available certain plant with operators to 2/11 AUST FD COY for construction of Engr Stores Depot. RAE LAE FRT Engr Order No. 6 relates to this work.

CONSTRUCTION OF 2/7 AUST GEN HOSP.

11. 20 AUST FD COY is already engaged on preliminary work for this project. A decision as to the final site either at YALU or in map square 7046 is expected shortly.

ISSUE AND CUSTODY OF ENGR STORES.

12. From a time to be fixed between CRE (WORKS) LAE SUB BASE and CRE LAE FRT, CRE (WORKS) LAE SUB BASE will take over issue and custody of engr stores. CRE LAE FRT will inform CRE (WORKS) LAE SUB BASE from time to time what items are controlled stores. For the issue of these stores, the signature of CRE LAE FRT or his ADJT will be necessary.

13. A detailed instn covering the control and issue of engr stores in the area will be issued shortly after a complete review of the stores situation in the area has been made. All demands for stores will be submitted by CRE (WORKS) LAE SUB BASE through CRE LAE FRT.

14. 5 AUST DIV GS INSTN NO. 51, copies to RAE 3 AUST DIV and CRE (WORKS) LAE SUB BASE, states that all demands for engr stores will be submitted to CRE LAE FRT. It is NOT proposed to ask 5 AUST DIV to alter this but, since most non RAE units require controlled stores, they can continue to submit same to CRE LAE FRT who will send bearer of S18 on to CRE (WORKS) LAE SUB BASE as required. RAE units may deal direct with CRE (WORKS) LAE SUB BASE.

3 AUST AIR MAINTENANCE AND HQ 2 AUST CORPS.

15. CRE (WORKS) LAE SUB BASE will take over forthwith the control of the construction of 3 AUST AIR MAINTENANCE and HQ 2 AUST CORPS. HQ 2 AUST CORPS is complete except for roadwork and the installation of certain water tanks. Exact details of work to be performed at NADZAB have been requested from CE 2 AUST CORPS.

.....Lt-col.
CRE LAE FRT.

Rec'd 15/11/43
R.A.E. 5 Div.
No. 1145

REC/1584

K8/17.

SUBJECT: CONTROL OF ENGR WORK IN 5 AUST DIV ADMINISTRATIVE AREA.

HQ RAE LAE FRT
14 NOV 43

5 AUST DIV (2)
CE 2 AUST CORPS (for infm)
5 AUST CE (WKS) " "
5 AUST CRE (WKS) " "
RAE 3 AUST DIV " "
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Id Engrs Hnd
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1. On the arrival of HQ 5 AUST CRE (WORKS) in the LAE area, it is felt that services and units may require some classification of the engr organization in the area. classification?

2. There are in the area the following CsRE:-

(A) CRE 1 AUST CORPS TPS.
(B) CRE 3 AUST DIV.
(C) 5 AUST CRE (WORKS).

In accordance with 5 AUST DIV signal 01995 of 11 OCT, CRE 1 AUST CORPS TPS commands all engr units in this area and becomes CRE LAE FRT.

3. It is suggested that staffs, units and services be asked to adhere to the following procedure for matters in connection with engr work.

(a) All matters of policy be dealt with by Div staff with CRE LAE FRT.

(b) All instructions or requests for new work or major alterations to work in hand be added to CRE LAE FRT.

(c) After 5 AUST DIV has directed that a project be proceeded with and CRE LAE FRT has allotted this work to a CRE, services and units for whom work is being performed to deal direct with the CRE carrying out the work in matters of ~~minor~~ detail.

(d) All demands for engr stores to be submitted to CRE LAE FRT.

4. It is further suggested that CRE 3 AUST DIV and 5 AUST CRE (WORKS) should deal direct with 5 AUST DIV in matters of adm. For information of 5 AUST DIV, appx 'A' to this letter shows units under comd each CRE.

5. 5 AUST DIV decision on the matters in paras 3 and 4 of this letter is awaited.

[signature] .....Lt-col.
CRE LAE FRT.

Appx 'A' att.

NRL 15/11
KPJ 15 Nov
[signature] 16 Nov.
[signature] 17/11

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RAE CHAIN OF COMMAND

LAE FORTRESS COMMAND

CRE LAE FORTRESS COMMAND
[CRE 1 AUST CORPS TPS]

- **CRE 1 AUST CORPS TPS**
  - 2/14 AUST A FD COY
  - 59 CORPS FD PK COY
  - 2/1 AUST MECH EQUIP COY
- **5 AUST CRE [WORKS]**
  - 20 AUST A FD COY
  - 2/11 AUST A FD COY
  - 2/23 AUST CORPS FD PK COY (EXPECTED SHORTLY)
- **CRE 3 AUST DIV**
  - 11 AUST FD COY
  - 2/7 AUST FD COY (ON WARNING TO REJOIN 9 AUST DIV)
  - DET 1 AUST BD COY
  - 4 AUST FD COY (UNDER COND CRE LAE FRT FOR WORKS ONLY)

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