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~~WAR DIARY~~

FINSCH-AFEN	1 MAR/ 10 MAR.	Unit at 5 AUST DIV RECEPTION CAMP, FINSCHAFEN, awaiting movement to AUSTRALIA.
	11 MAR.	Unit stores loaded onto s.s."KATOOMBA" at 1000 hrs and personnel embarked at 1600 hrs, and sailed at 1900 hrs in convoy with escort. Submarine alarm soon after sailing and depth charges dropped.
	12 MAR.	Arrived BUNA 1200 hrs. More troops embarked in afternoon, making conditions very crowded on ship. Stayed in BUNA harbour over night. Conditions very hot aboard ship.
	13 MAR.	Sailed from BUNA.approx 1200 hrs, in convoy but no escort.
	14 MAR.	Arrived MILNE BAY approx 1000 hrs,
	15 MAR.	In MILNE BAY - taking on water - no-one allowed ashore.
	16 MAR.	Sailed from MILNE BAY in convoy with escort approx 1500 hrs.
	17 MAR.	At sea - very hot and uncomfortable aboard ship.
	18 MAR.	At sea , sighted coastline of AUSTRALIA in afternoon - a very welcome sight.
	19 MAR.	Anchored in TOWNSVILLE harbour at daylight. Moved into wharf and disembarked 0900 hrs. Moved by train to JULARGO Staging Camp arriving there 1230 hrs.
	20 MAR.	Left JULARGO 0115 hrs by train for BRISBANE.
	21 MAR.	On Train.
	22 MAR.	Arrived BRISBANE 2345 hrs and staged at KALINGA Park.
	23 MAR.	At KALINGA Park. Queensland personnel left for leave.
	24 MAR.	Moved from KALINGA 1830 hrs to L.T.D.Exhibition grounds.
	25 MAR.	At Exhibition.
	26 MAR.	Departed Exhibition 0730 hrs for STH BRISBANE Stn. Entrained & departed 0815 hrs for MELBOURNE.
	27 MAR.	On Train.
	28 MAR.	Arrived MELBOURNE 0700 hrs and proceeded to ROYAL PARK CAMP PELL, and left for 32 days Leave by 0930 hrs, everyone in very high spirits, and looking forward to an enjoyable leave after 13 months of sweat and toil in NEW GUINEA.

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Unit HQ RAE 3 AUST DIV *Date and Time.—From* 16 MAR *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAIRI (ATHERTON TABLE LANDS)	16 MAR		Capt Gowty (Adjt) reported in to HQ 3 AUST DIV on 1 MAR but was sent to 2/6 ACH with malaria. Rejoined HQ 3 AUST DIV on 15 MAR and opened advanced HQ RAE 3 AUST DIV.	
			GSO and CE 1 AUST CORPS have accepted nomination of MAJ DOWN, OC 5 AUST FD COY, as A/CRE in absence of Lt-Col Colebatch, who is at present on leave in Melbourne.	CRE 3 AUST DIV
			Received signal from CRE saying that he had been nominated for special SME refresher & will not rejoin HQ RAE until after 10 MAY.	
	17		Advice received that rear HQ RAE personnel & stores are sailing to Australia ex Katoomba & expected arrive Townsville about 22 MAR.	
			ADJT conferred with A/CRE, GSO & AQ today ref priority jobs for Engrs in area.	

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	18		We have under comd 5 AUST FD COY, & 24 AUST FD COY with	
			23 AUST FD COY under comd of 23 AUST INF BDE. 24 AUST FD COY	
			doing all work at present on roads, accommodation & water	
			supply, 5 AUST FD COY having only recently moved into this	
			area.	
			Campsite for 5 AUST FD COY now approved & work has begun.	
	19		24 AUST FD COY is to construct HQ RAE campsite - 5 three-	
			ply huts have been allotted for portion of this work. MAJ	
			DOWN discussed Engr priorities with A.&Q.	
	20		Conference at 1600 hrs ref jungle warfare WE & WET's.	
			Priority of Engr tasks distributed today by GSO & A.&Q. -	
			this will mean constant work by two Fd Coys under Comd.	
			Weather during the past week has been wet, & it is very	
			difficult to maintain the roads in this DIV area.	

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	21		Conference MAJ DOWN & ADJT ref suggestions for ENGR	
			conference at CE's Branch.	
			Visit of CE 1 AUST CORPS ref maintenance of roads in	
			KAIRI area.	
			Learned today that personnel HQ RAE have arrived back on	
			mainland & have gone on leave.	
	22		Weather wet - all roads badly cut up in this area, detour	
			on main road operating again. A/CRE has closed portion of	
			main road so that 2/3 Rly Constn Coy can complete reforming.	
	23		Conference with GSO ref making Bdes responsible for their	
			own Bde areas as far as road maintenance is concerned. Instns	
			been issued ref this subject.	
	24		Have asked CRE 2 AUST CORPS to place one pl of 2/3 Rly	
			Constn Coy under comd for period of 3 weeks. CE 1 AUST CORPS	

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	24 cont.		has agreed to this, & will make at least one grader & 'dozer	
			available for use.	
			A/CRE went to CE's branch to conference of ENGR offrs ref	
			JUNGLE DIV WE's & WET's.	
			CAPT C.L. WHITE, who has been Adm Comd 24 AUST FD COY while	
			awaiting new O.C. CAPT D. PICKEN, moved out today to refresh-	
			er course SME Liverpool.	
			WO MAHOMET (RSM) arrived back from hospital today.	
	25		Conference A.&Q. & Gl ref camp accom. - definite alloc-	
			ation made to Fd Coys under Comd.	
			Memo from CRE ref school at SME - he will be there	
			until MAY 10.	
	26		Having difficulty obtaining sufficient Mech Eqpt to carry	
			on with tasks in hand.	

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	27		RSM engaged in submitting bulk indent to CE 1 AUST CORPS	
			for a ll material required over camp projects. The drainage	
			of this area is causing concern & two sappers from 24 AUST	
	28		FD COY have made a complete survey of all Bn areas.	
	29		24 AUST FD COY have commenced campsite A 2, whilst 5 AUST	
			FD COY have their own campsite D 7 almost completed.	
	30		CE 1 AUST CORPS has decided that 3 AUST DIV must run &	
			control their own RAE dump - arrangements have been made to	
			obtain 4 semi-trailers and 4/3 ton trucks to cart stores	
	31		from WONGABEL. One Pl of 23 FD COY moved into campsite. This	
			a rea will be known as 3 AUST DIV RAE dump, & pl will attend	
			to all stores & issues.	
			Adjt has discussed the building of 3/60 x 18 huts at Div HQ.	
	APRIL 1		They are to start immediately. GOC's mess is now completed.	

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	1 cont.		Weather has been cold & wet during the past week.	
			No further word of HQ RAE personnel who are known to be on leave	
			but expect them to arrive back toward end of APRIL.	
	2)		Little to report - HQ RAE campsite is now completed,	
	)		difficulties with mech eqpt but this problem has been met so	
	)		often that it has become part of the routine of a works pro-	
	15)		gramme. One pl 23 AUST FD COY has been withdrawn from RAE	
			dump & dump is now staffed by 2 pl 24 AUST FD COY. CAPT D.	
			PICKEN rejoined 24 AUST FD COY on 10 APR. Good progress is	
			being made on campsites, but wet weather is responsible for	
	16		holdups on road jobs. Constn of a loading dock at DID is	
			now in hand. Received a D 6 dozer from 2/3 Rly Constn Coy	
			& have put it to work at Soldiers' Club. This job is to be	
			completed by 18 APR. Holdups have occurred because of lack	

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	16 cont.		of suitable paints for job - but Coy assure ADJT that Club	
			bldg will be ready for occupation by 18 APR.	
			Spr's from 24 AUST FD COY working today to complete Div	
			Hut for Adm lectures beginning tomorrow.	

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FROM 1st to 30th APR 44.

KAIRI 17 APR. Construction began today on two additional 60 x 18 huts for 3 AUST DIV. Plans for GOCs residential now approved. Conference A/CRE and CE 2 AUST CORPS re Engrs function in this area. ADJT discussed concrete pipes with CRE 2 AUST CORPS TPS and inspected factory - expect take delivery of first pipes on Friday. Plan for alterations to DID forwarded to A & Q for discussion with CASC. RSM began on work on Arty range road at DANBULLAH.

18 APR. Weather fine and warm. Work commenced on GOCs residence - site approved by BRIG.FIELD (Adm Comd) and A & Q. Contacted CEs branch ref supply of building timber - at present the demands are greater than supply. Acting on Div instruction, we have indented on ORD for winter dress SD for all personnel on this HQ.

19 APR. Conference A/CRE and Adm Comd ref allocation of RAE personnel on works at present - 5 FD COY recalled all wireless sets today to have same tropic proofed. ADJT has borrowed a set from 24 FD COY to maintain communications. RSM started DOZER this morning on 132 BDE W'SHOPS site. Work on DID held up until alterations can be made to plan.

20 APR. Orders received from DIV that 5 FD COY is to move immediately to MAREEBA to build HQ for FIRST AUST ARMY and 24 FD COY is to move to TRINITY BAY (North of CAIRNS) to build HQ for BEACH GP UNIT. This has upset all our calculations for works in this area. CE CORPS has detailed one Pl of 2/11 ARMY TP COY to assist in this works project. DIV have placed one Pl.23 FD COY under comd to finish Soldiers Club KAIRI - but with change-over, at least half a day has been lost.

21 APR. ADJT visited CE CORPS ref works of 5 and 24 FD COYS - discussion with Lieut.EVANS of 23 FD COY who has taken over Soldiers Club; conference with A & Q ref DIV accomodation. A/CRE discussed present Engr difficulties with Adm Comd 3 AUST DIV. Div huts now almost complete. ADJT visited 58 CORPS FD PK COY ref stores.

22 APR. Koala Soldiers Club opened today by Lady BLAMEY - we have had numerous difficulties to overcome because of move-ment of coys, but evrything went off very well. ADJT discussed 2/11 ARMY TPS COY Pls moving into area with Capt.FRASER (2 IC of unit) and they are to commence work on Monday next. 23 FD COY will go on to ADOS dump and supply men on several small jobs about this area.

23 APR. Sunday - general rest day for troops. ADJT went down to CAIRNS to visit 24 AUST FD COY and discuss stores for projects in hand.

24 APR. Signal from 3 AUST DIV advises that 24 FD COY no longer are under comd 3 AUST DIV but have become Corps Tps under comd CRE 2 AUST CORPS. Both 23 FD COY and 1 Pl 2/11 ARMY TPS COY commenced works on camp jobs today. A/CRE visited CE ref jobs in hand. RAE dump manned by four Sprs from 2/11 COY and assisted by 10 men from 44 Bn.are issuing stores. A & Q has now approved DID drawing. Lieut.WOOD of 5 FD COY loaned to ADJT for work in this area.

25 APR. Both Lieut.WOOD and RSM supervising jobs this area. RAE dump started to collect cement from KAIRI Railway Stn. today - also 4 x 1½ timber from CLARKE AND HANDLEY sawmill at KAIRI, this will help with camp accomodation. 23 FD COY commenced work on ADOS dump site - also site A2 (which is for SIGS). Word received from CORPS that 54 FLD PK COY have arrived in CAIRNS. Their site is being prepared for them.

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FROM 1st to 30th APRIL 44.

KAIRI 26 APR. Weather-fine and warm during day; but frosty and very cold at night. Discussion Adm Comd ref GOCs huts Semi-trailer which was on loan to 5 FD COY and had vanished is now back with Coy - apparently it had gone to TRINITY BAY with stores for 24 FD COY. Two Sig Ops arrived - one for HQ RAE and other for 24 FD COY, on loan from CRE CORPS TPS. ADJT has INF working party doing various jobs in camp area.

27 APR. Discussion A/CRE and ADJT ref jobs in area - A/FD ENGRS engaged on supervision of sundry jobs KAIRI area. Wireless communtn between CORPS working very well. Advice received that CRE is to have several days leave at end of school before he moves into this area. HQ personnel should soon be arriving back - but no notice has been received yet. 3 Sprs from 11 AUST FD COY reported in today - ADJT has arranged for them to ~~arrange~~ stay at HQ as that Coy are under orders to move back to AUSTRALIA in near future.

28 APR. One Pl.2/11 ARMY TP COY moved into KAIRI area today and have been settled in site B7. Roads in area are beginning to cut up badly again after spell of fine weather - at present a grader cannot be made available for this work. ADJT wrote CRE ref jobs in hand. Visit of A/CRE from MAREEBA - he is taking up question of concrete pipes and drainage with CE CORPS.

29 APR. Weather fine - 23 FD COY advises ADOS dump will be ready for occupation 010900K. ADJT contacted CORPS FD PK COY ref stores still to be delivered to 3 AUST DIV dump. Advice received 1730 hrs that 54 AUST FD PK COY will arrive KAIRI area at approx 2350 hrs tonight. ADJT has arranged everything with 23 FD COY - and that Coy will foster FD PK into camp site. FD PK COY will move into site E3 (opposite present RAE dump site).

30 APR. ADJT and A/FD ENGR met OC and remainder of 54 AUST FD PK COY at Railway Station TOLGA at 300130K and they were ferried to new camp site, where a hot meal and extra blankets were provided - bed boards had been laid out in existing huts. OC stayed with ADJT at HQ RAE, and at 300800K OC met Adm Comd 3 AUST DIV, also A & G staff. Coy were very happy about arrangements. ADOS approved indent for tents and various items of camp gear - tents erected, cooking gear supplied by 23 FD COY. Rations collected at 301000K. Have loaned OC one of HQ RAE jeeps for his use, and have asked DIV to supply vehs for Coy use.

Mini Lowry Capt
A/CRE 3 AUST DIV

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KAIRI	1 MAY		Discussion O.C 54 Fd.Pk.Coy and A.Q. ref. Campsite and if we	
(ATHERTON			could use site E 3 and E 4 ------- matter in obeyance until	
TABLE LANDS)			plan of proposed area drawn up. ADOS dump completed --- CCS	
			site to be completed 2 MAY. Pl. 2/11 AATC working in GOC's hut	
			and repairs GOC's office, also commenced hut for ADC.	
	2 MAY		"eather fine during day - but very cold at night. Have drawn	
			greatcoats and S.D. for H.Q. R.A.E. personnel --- extra blankets	
			have been indented for, but have not arrived.	
	3 MAY		Discussion ADJT a nd A.Q. ref. completion of scale "B" on Div H.Q.	
			CCS site has been completed, but understand that accom. for	
			nursed has to be erected. Work commenced in Site E6 today	
			one D 4 Dozer has been allocated to form hard standing for	
			80 vehicles.	
	4 MAY		2/11 pl. have completed GOC's hut--- and hut for ADC will be	

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	4 MAY		completed as soon as paint is available for inside walls.	
			Completion of GSO 111's hut. The main road from KAIRI is very	
			dusty---- but advice from CE's branch is that AWC cannot complete	
			sealing because of lack of funds, and Engrs have not the	
			equipment necessary to do this work. Capt.WILLIAMS marched in	
			today ex leave -- he is the first of H.Q. RA.E. personnel	
			to arrive back.	
	5 MAY		RSM and INF party have completed road job at Sawmill ---nothing	
			further can be done until mech. equipt. is made available.	
			Preliminary advice received that 54 Fd. Pk. Coy is to move	
			to WONGABEL to run the corps Fd.Pk. dump. Adjt. having	
			difficulty getting vehs. for that Coy. LIEUT. WOOD returned	
			to 5 Fd.Coy. today--- Capt. WILLIAMS supervising working	
			parties of INF.	

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	6 MAY		Inspection Hygiene and Sullage water disposal with ADMS & ADJT.	
			today--- 7 Bde are installing a model system, instructions	
			have been issued by DIV. that Bde and Bn. Hygiene offrs are to	
			inspect sand filter frame at 54FD PK. Coy. RSM inspecting	
			9 and 44 Bn camp areas ref. drainage. EWP's are now unobtain-	
			able--- first priority is FAA H.Q at MAREEBA.	
	7 MAY		Capt. EYLES (RMO) and Lieut. VANCE (IORE) marched in today	
			with 8 O.Rs.--- all camp beds and blankets have been made	
			ready for these men, rations have been drawn and we shall	
			mess on our own site--- up to date all men have been messing	
			with AASC. Discussion A/CRE - ADJT - and AQ ref priorities	
			of jobs this area -- 54 Fd.Pk. Coy to move to WONGABEL to take	
			over Corps dump.	
	8 MAY		23 Fd.Coy told to prepare all stores-- and be ready to move	

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	8 MAY		at 12 hours notice. Site A2 (Sigs) is now almost completed and	
			23 Fd.Coy will complete work before they move. Vehs. for 54	
			Fd. Pk. Coy still causing concern - but CE FIRST AUST ARMY	
			has promised that this position will be rectified in the near future.	
	9 MAY		Weather now is very cold at night -- although days are warm.	
			Plans being prepared for road drag and water cart to keep dust	
			down on main roads. D.I.D. KAIRI progressing very well. Visit	
			Adjt. and 2 i/c 54 Fd. Pk.Coy to MAREEBA to contact A/CRE and	
			CE.FAA. Contacted LAWSONS sawmills at TOLGA today ref.supplies	
			of timber. If supplies are not made available in the near future	
			we shall not be able to continue camp jobs.	
	10 MAY		Loading rollers for D.I.D. job ~~one~~ are being fabricated by 113 Bde.	
			Workshops. H.Q. R.A.E. have INF. working parties of a total	
			strength of 150 men plus vehs. working on Camp and other jobs in KAIRI area.	

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	11 MAY.		RSM and party gravelling road into 113 Workshops site - start made today on Salvage site (E9) Capt. WILLIAMS and INF. party erecting scale "B" accom. and gravelling circuit roads. Capt. KERSHAW marched in with additional personnel. Sig.wireless operators go to 5 Bde H.Q. for instn. on new wireless procedure. Bm. pl. 54 Fd.Pk.Coy move to Bm Pk. MULGRAVE RIVER now completed. Stores pl. have also completed move to WONGABEL. Advice rec'd that timber has been relea sed from sawmill and is at KAIRI Rly. station. 23 Fd.Coy moved out at 2300 hrs.	
	12 MAY		Have arranged vehs. and loading party collect timber from Rly. station for dump. Advice received that Lt.Col SYMONS has been awarded O.B.E. and Capt. MORLING mentioned in dispatches for their work in WAU - SALAMAUA campaign. Have arranged for RSM and those personnel who have been in KAIRI area with Adjt.	

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	12 MAY		since FEB. to go to rest house CAIRNS for three days. A33's	
			submitted to 3 AUST DIV. for Lieut. CAMPBELL posted 2/1 ~~F~~ 54	
			Fd.Pk.Coy.	
	13 MA Y		A/CRE Maj. DOWN visited this H.Q. in afternoon. Timber (4 x 1½)	
			arrived from YUNGABURRA and WONGABEL relieving acute shortage	
			in this area.	
	14 MA Y		General rest day for tps. Leave party went to LAKE EACHAM in	
			afternoon Adjt. Fd.Engr. and IORE visited Br.Pk. MULGRAVE RIVER	
			A/CRE departed for compassionate leave.	
	15 MAY		W.Parties failed to arrive at 113 Bde W/Shops site and Inf. party	
			at Salvage site arrived late. These hold ups cause unnecessary	
			delay to works programm. Capt. GOWTY took this matter up with	
			Div. today. Pl. of 2/11 Army Tps Coy has nearly completed work	
			in D.I.D. site.	

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	16 MAY		Adjt. and Fd. Engr. visited C.E. 1 AUST ARMY in reference to future Eng. work required and engineer labour available. With pl. 2/11 Army Tps. Coy. moving out, this leaves no sprs. at all for engineer work in 3 Div. area, and yet the construction of further camp sites is projected. H.Q. 54 Fd Pk.Coy were engaged till 2100 hrs. in off loading cement at KAIRI rly. station as trucks were required by Div. Further timber arrived from YUNGABURRA.	
	17 MAY		Capt. GOWTY appointed A/CRE until return of Maj. Down or Lt.Col COLEBATCH. Work progressing on 113 Bde Workshop area. Salvage site E9 nearing completion.	
	18 MAY		Brig. J. MANN. C.E. 1 AUST ARMY visited this H.Q. in morning and stayed for mess. In afternoon he inspected works in this area with A/CRE Capt. GOWTY. Many tps. of this H.Q. have been evacuated with malaria in the last few days.	

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	19 MAY.		Work commenced on "A" Mess 3 AUST DIV. under supervision Capt. KERSHAW. Four carpenters were obtained for this job from 54 Bn.	
	20 MAY		Lieut. NEWELL I.O.R.E. CE. Branch 1 AUST ARMY visited this H.Q. and discussed various matters with Adjt. Capt. DUFFY Adm. Comd. 5 Fd.Coy also called in. Work completed on site E9 (Salvage site). Personnel from this H.Q. and 3 Div. Sigs. arranged dance in evening at DANBULLA.	
	21 MAY.		Lt.Col COLEBATCH arrived at 1900 hrs from S.M.E. and leave. Travelled by plane to CAIRNS and road to KAIRI. Rest day for tps.	
	22 MAY		C.R.E. and Adjt. attended Div. conference in morning and later visited engineer works in area. D4 dozer and operator obtained from 2/3 Rly.Construction Coy, enabling maintenance to be started on roads in this area, which were in a very bad state.	
	23 MAY		C.R.E. visited C.E. 1 AUST CORPS and C.E. First Aust Army.	

734—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

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Unit H.Q. R.A.E. 3 AUST DIV. AIF. *Date and Time.—From*.....*To*.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	23 MAY.		Lieut. CAMPBELL A/O.C. 54 A ust Fd. Pk.Coy. called on C.R.E.	
			in evening. Three men returned from hospital slightly relieving	
			the shortage of personnel but there are still 12 personnel in hospital.	
	24 MAY.		C.R.E. inspected camp area with Adjt. R.M.O and RSM. in morning.	
			A djt. engaged on preparing preliminary plans for officers club	
			in this area.	
	25 MAY.		C.R.E. visited 5 AUST FD.COY at MAREEBA and inspected their	
			works. 54 AUST FD PK less 1 Pl. Coy. moved to WONGABEL and	
			came under command C.R.E. 1 AUST CORPS for works and remain	
			under command of this H.Q. for adm. only. 1 cpl. and 3 O.R	
			from 54 Fd.Pk. left in 3 Div.area to administer stores dump.	
			Capt. GOWTY. (Adjt.) evacuated to Hospital with malaria and	
			Capt. WILLIAMS takes over duties of A/Adjt.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	26 MAY		5 Aust Fd. Coy came under command this H.Q. for admin. only as from 1200hrs. C.R.E. and Capt. KERSHAW - visited works in this area in morning.	
	27 MAY		Two more malaria cases occurred today amongst the troops recently returned from N.G. The majority have now had one attack since arriving ATHERTON TABLELANDS.	
	28 MAY		C.R.E. submitted to 3 AUST DIV. schedule of works that can be undertaken by engineers in this area. Owing to limited Spr. supervision, not more than three jobs can be undertaken concurrently and units must undertake to complete their own drainage schemes - Rest day for troops.	
	29 MAY		Fd. Engr. Capt. KERSHAW visited 1 Aust Corps and I.C.R.E. visited 54 Fd.Pk. WONGABEL reference stores. Majority of items on May order on Corps dump have not been delivered due to lack	

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Unit H.Q. R.A.E. 3 AUST DIV. A.I.F. *Date and Time.—From*.....*To*.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	29 MAY		of transport. Have requisitioned for working party and trucks to get these stores at earliest opportunity.	
	30 MAY		Work progressing on G.O.C's A MESS. Supplies of 5 ply for lining of hut have arrived from Corps Dump. Delivery of concrete pipes to units for drainage purposes has commenced. Units are constructing own drainage schemes under supervision of Capt. KERSHAW.	
	31 MAY		Supplies of sporting material have been received through amenities, and this unit now has three Battington courts and a cricket pitch in operation.	
			.....Capt. ADJT. H.Q.R.A.E. 3 AUST DIV.	

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HQ RAE 3 AUST DIV (AIF).

WAR DIARY

FOR MONTH OF JUNE 1944.

KAIRI 1 JUNE Warning Order from 3 AUST DIV to prepare for movement to NEW GUINEA by 26 JUN.

2 " Several changes have taken place in senior appointments HQ 3 AUST DIV. New AQ and GSOI who carries rank of Col. Morning DIV conferences characterised by good summaries of war situation and excellent map displays.

3 " O.C.5 AUST FD COY visited HQ for evening mess. Weather wet during past 24 hours.

4 " C.R.E. visited CAIRNS and MULGRAVE RIVER Bridging site. Instruction by FIRST AUST ARMY to move D4 Tractor now on road grading, to logging site vicinity KOALA CLUB, to complete log hauling for FIRST ARMY GOC Hut.

5 " Light rain continued. R.M.O. gave injections for T.A.B. and Anti-Tet to all personnel at HQ who were due for them

6 " Capt. GOWTY, Adjt. marched in from 2/2 A.G.H. Amended Warning Order received from 3 AUST DIV. Div.Tps.to be ready to move by 12 JUNE.

7 " Deficiencies in ORD.Stores being made up. Works in area being handed over to 5 AUST FD COY.

8 " The health of the personnel in this HQ is NOT good, as many are suffering from recurrence of malaria.

9 " Sig.Equipment being supplied, and all HQ stores are being crated in small boxes giving a two-man load.

10 " Stores handed over to 5 AUST FD COY.

11 " Capt. GOWTY moves to CAIRNS for onward movement by plane to MELBOURNE, where he will take 14 days sick leave and 12 days A.R.L.

12 " H.Q. move delayed several days - TSS "DUNTROON" being repaired after striking reef.

13 " HQ personnel completed a practice shoot on 30 yds range. All packing is completed and sport is being organised. Cricket practice followed the shoot - this HQ will play a match with 3 AUST DIV SIGS tomorrow. 3 DIV SIGS and ENGRS have always been close friends, having been through several N.G. shows together.

14 " Cricket Match during afternoon. Sigs defeated this HQ by 40 runs.

15 " All ranks on 2 hours route march with full packs.

16 " Weather showery.

17 " No further information on our move.

18 " Tennis Tournament.

19 " HQ on 10 miles route march. Many returned with blistered feet.

Williams Capt

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WAR DIARY

HQ RAE 3 AUST DIV (AIF).

FOR MONTH OF JUNE 1944.

KAIRI 20 JUNE. NIL Report

21 " Cricket match with 3 AUST DIV SIGS, who defeated us by 26 runs.

22 " Visit from C.E.FIRST AUST ARMY and American Engr Liaison officer, together with Major EARLE LHQ & SCRE WORKS.

23 " Signal Training with Morse.

24 " Cricket match with HQ 3 AUST DIV. This HQ won by 40 runs.

25 " Weather wet.

26 " 18 members of this HQ set off on a two days training march through very mountainous and thickly timbered country with the object of gaining experience in compass marching through jungle.

27 " After sleeping the previous night in a ravine, the march was continued over very rough country and at 1500 hrs a track was encountered which eventually led down the MULGRAVE River to the appointed R.V. The party arrived back at camp in M.T.at 2000 hrs. A point of interest during the trek was the discovery of a magnificent water fall which probably few men have ever seen.

28 " Party of 5 Sprs.made a search for a pistol which was lost at the beginning of the training march.

29 " Officers of this HQ together with Officers and Senior NCO's of 5 AUST FD COY made an inspection of bridging at 6 AUST DIV RAE training area.

30 " Signal Training.

Williams Capt

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To : 5 AUST INF BDE 7 AUST INF BDE RAE 3 AUST DIV rptd
SIGS 3 AUST DIV AASC 3 AUST DIV copy to AQ

From : 3 AUST DIV 0 653 20

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SECRET	(.)	first	(.)	5	aust
fd	coy	will	move	with	accn
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for	camp	constn	first	aust	army
HQ	(.)	duration	work	approx	4
weeks	(.)	under	comd	3	aust
div	for	adm	CE	first	aust
army	for	technical	direction	(.)	OC
coy	to	report	maj	MCLAUGHLAN	
SORE	first	aust	army	at	state
school	MAREEBA	20	apr	for	further
details	(.)	second	(.)	24	aust
fd	coy	will	move	with	accn
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for	constn	additional	accommodation		TRINITY
BEACH	(.)	duration	work	approx	5
weeks	(.)	under	comd	3	aust
div	for	adm	CE	1	aust
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coy	to	report	CE	1	aust
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J Bodman Lt Col

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TO 5 Aust Fd Coy

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions — GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

RER 841(1) on completion current works programme approx 14 jun 5 Aust Fd Coy reverts comd 7 Aust Inf Bde

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Signed Brickhamb Capt

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FROM (A) Originator: 3 AUST DIV

Date—Time of Origin: 081245K

Office Date Stamp: K 3.VI.44 DIV

For Action

TO: 7 AUST INF BDE RAE 3 AUST DIV AASC 3 AUST DIV ADMS ADOS CEME rctd SIGS 3 AUST DIV

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Copy to AQ

Message Instructions — GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. 0 826

CONFIDENTIAL (.) ref our 0800 of 30 may (.) following units revert to comd 7 aust inf bde as from 081200K (.) B pl one RDI 158 aust gen tpt coy (.) 224 aust sup dep pl (.) 227 aust sup dep pl (.) 11 aust fd amb(.) 113 aust bde ord fd pk (.) 113 aust bde wksp(.) 241 aust LAD(.) on completion current works programme approx 14 jun 5 aust fd coy also reverts comd 7 aust inf bde

081245K

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Signed

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Signed [signature] Capt

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Date—Time of Origin: 251433K

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ARMY ... 1 AUG 1944 ... 3 AUST DIV ... SIGNALS

For Action

TO ~~5 AUST INF BDE 7 AUST INF BDE RAA 3 AUST DIV RAE 3 AUST DIV SIGS 3 AUST DIV AASC 3 AUST DIV~~

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Copy to AQ med

Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. O 786 all RAE and med units under comd 3 aust div will come under direct comd HQ 3 aust div as from 1200 hrs 26 may (.) adm details to effect this instn will be issued separately by AQ ack all informed

Agl to ack

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251433K

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To 5 Aust Fd Cy
From CRE

Ref DIV SIGNAL 0786 issued 251433K to 5 Aust Inf Bde

5 Aust Fd Cy comes under cond CRE DIV for adm. as from 1200 hrs 26 NOV (.) DIV refers (.). ~~Cy will~~ ~~work~~ ~~currently~~ ~~by~~ the Cy will continue ~~to~~ work ~~under direction~~ of CE 1st Aug

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FROM (A) Originator: RAE 3 AUST DIV

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For Action

TO 5 AUST FD COY

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions — GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

RE762- 5 Aust Fd Coy comes under comd CRE 3 Aust Div for admn as from 261200K (.) div signal 0786 issued 251433K to 5 Aust Inf Bde refers (.) the coy will continue to work under CE first aust army

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Signed [signature]

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MESSAGE FORM

TO : 7 AUST INF BDE RAE 3 AUST DIV 24 AUST FD COY
Copy to AQ

FROM : 3 AUST DIV 0 613 7

24	aust	fd	coy	will	revert
to	comd	7	aust	inf	bde
as	from	1200	hrs	8	apr
(.)	works	and	trg	programme	will
continue	to	be	co-ordinated by		CRE
3	aust	div			

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S. Hoffman Lt Col

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FROM (A) Originator: 5 aust Sd Coy Role

Date—Time of Origin: 050945 No.

Office Date Stamp: 255

For Action

TO: HQ Role 3 aust Div

(w) For Information (INFO.)

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Message Instructions — GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. EB 95 herewith two copies return pers employed on constn comp MAREEBA ⊙ please forward copy to FAA as soon as possible

Cpl Ellis
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Signed D Duffy capt

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Signed

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5 Aust. Fd. Coy.,
R.A.E.
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C.E.,
First Aust. Army.

Weekly return of personnel employed at First Aust. Army Camp site, by 5 Aust. Fd. Coy., R.A.E. and attd. troops. (Working personnel include Drivers M.T.)

Attached 2 Pltns. - 25 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Week 29 May to 3 June 44 (incl

Job.	Employed.			6 Working days of 7½ hrs. each.		
	R.A.E.	Inf.	Total.	No of hrs worked.	Total Man hrs.	Remarks.
A Mess(Cottage)	16	6	22	45		
A Mess A.R.C.A.	26	18	44	45		
D & E Mess area.	5	2	7	45		(Installing Trans- (former Elect. etc
B & C " "	35	15	50	45		
F Mess area.	27	8	35	45		
Sgts. & O/R's A.R.C.A.	--	--	--	--		
A.W.A.S. Billets.	2	1	3	45		Painting.
Class 9 Bridge.	2	8	10	45		
Log Cutting (Kairi)	7	8	15	45		
5 Fd. Coy. camp construction.	13	--	13	45		
Total.	133	66	199	45	8955	

W.D. Duffy Capt for Major
O.C. 5 AUST. FD. COY.
RAE.

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TO FIRST AUST ARMY HQ. C.E.

(1) PRO FORMA

WEEKLY RETURN OF PERSONNEL EMPLOYED ON FIRST ARMY CAMP SITE

BY 5 FD. COY R.A.E. & ATTACHED TPS
(Working Personnel includes Drivers MT)

Week 24/29 Apr 44 (incl)
6 Working Days of 7½ hrs each

JOB	EMPLOYED R.A.E.	EMPLOYED INF	TOTAL	No of Hrs Worked	TOTAL Man hours	REMARKS
"A" MESS (COTTAGE)	10	-	10	45		(Preliminary work only - Scheme not fully planned - Earth-moving by 2/3 Rly Const Coy.
"A" MESS AREA	11	-	11	45		
"D" & "E" MESS AREA	18	-	18	45		Road Constructed by 2/3 Rly Coy
"B" & "C" MESS AREA	-	-	-	-		
"F" MESS AREA	-	-	-	-		
SGTS & OR's AREA	34	-	34	45		Road Constructed by 2/3 Rly Coy
A.W.A.S. BILLETS	63	-	63	45		
"CLASS 9" BRIDGE	-	-	-	-		
LOG CUTTING (KAIRI)	12	-	12	45		For "A" Mess Job
5 Fd. Coy - Camp Const	-	-	-	-		
TOTALS	148	-	148	45	6,660	

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TO FIRST AUST ARMY HQ C/E. (2) PROFORMA

WEEKLY RETURN OF PERSONNEL EMPLOYED ON FIRST ARMY CAMP SITE

BY 5 FD COY RAE & ATTACHED TPS

(WORKING PERSONNEL INCLUDES DRIVERS M.T.)

ATTACHED: PART OF ONE PLN 9 BN.

WEEK 1/6 MAY 44 (incl)
6 Working Days of 7½ hrs each.

JOB	EMPLOYED RAE	EMPLOYED INF	TOTAL	NO. OF HRS WORKED	TOTAL MAN HOURS	REMARKS
"A" Mess (Cottage)	12	-	12	45		
"A" Mess Area	15	-	15	45		Earth moving by 2/3 Rly Constn Coy
"D" & "E" Mess Area	23	5	28	45		
"B" & "C" Mess Area	-	-	-	-		
"F" Mess Area	-	-	-	-		
Sgts & ORs Area	31	5	36	45		
AWAS Billets	60	10	70	45		
"Class 9" Bridge	-	-	-	-		
Log Cutting (KAIRI)	12	-	12	45		For "A" Mess Job
5 Fd Coy Camp Constn.	-	-	-	-		
TOTALS	153	20	173	45	7,785	

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TO FIRST AUST ARMY HQ C/E

(3) PROFORMA

WEEKLY RETURN OF PERSONNEL EMPLOYED ON FIRST ARMY CAMP SITE

BY 5 FD COY RAE & ATTACHED TPS

(WORKING PERSONNEL INCLUDES DRIVERS M.T.)

ATTACHED: 2 PLS 61 BN

Week 8/13 MAY 44 (incl)
6 Working Days of 7½ hrs ea.

JOB	EMPLOYED RAE	EMPLOYED INF	TOTAL	NO. OF HRS WORKED	TOTAL MAN HOURS	REMARKS
"A" Mess (Cottage)	26	7	33	45	-	
"A" Mess Area	16	8	24	45	-	
"D" & "E" Mess Area	21	3	24	45	-	
"B" & "C" Mess Area	-	-	-	-		
"F" Mess Area	-	-	-	-		
Sgts & ORs Area	29	6	35	45		
AWAS Billets	49	19	68	45		
"Class 9" Bridge	-	-	-	-		
Log Cutting (KAIRI)	10	12	22	45		For "A" Mess Job
5 Fd Coy Camp Constn.	-	-	-	-		
Totals	151	55	206	45	9,270	

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TO FIRST AUST ARMY H.Q. C/E

(4) PROFORMA

WEEKLY RETURN OF PERSONNEL EMPLOYED ON FIRST ARMY CAMP SITE

BY 5 FD COY RAE & ATTACHED TPS

(WORKING PERSONNEL INCLUDES DRIVERS M.T.)

ATTACHED: 2 PLS 25 BN.

WEEK 16/20 MAY 44 (incl)
6 Working Days of 7½ hrs each

JOB	EMPLOYED RAE	EMPLOYED INF	TOTAL	NO. OF HRS WORKED	TOTAL MAN HOURS	REMARKS
"A" Mess (Cottage)	22	15	37	45		
"A" Mess Area	22	5	27	45		
"D" & "E" Mess Area	32	9	41	45		
"B" & "C" Mess Area	-	-	-	-		
"F" Mess Area	-	-	-	-		
Sgts & ORs Area	22	9	31	45		
AWAS Billets	50	14	64	45		
"Class 9" Bridge	-	-	-	-		
Log Cutting (KAIRI)	8	12	20	45		
5 Fd Coy Camp Constn	146	52	198	7½		Moving and Erecting New Camp Site 210 men for 37½ hours = 7,935 208 " " 7½ " = 1,500
Totals	302	116	418		9,435	9,435

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TO FIRST AUST ARMY HQ C/E (5) PRO FORMA

WEEKLY RETURN OF PERSONNEL EMPLOYED ON FIRST ARMY CAMP SITE

BY 5 FD COY & ATTACHED TPS

(WORKING PERSONNEL INCLUDES DRIVERS M.T.)

ATTACHED: 2 PLS 9 BN

WEEK 22/27 MAY 44 (incl)
6 Working Days of 7½ hrs each

JOB	EMPLOYED RAE	EMPLOYED INF	TOTAL	NO. OF HRS WORKED	TOTAL MAN HOURS	REMARKS
"A" Mess (Cottage)	20	10	30	45		
"A" Mess Area	26	10	36	45		
"D" & "E" Mess Area	-	-	-	-		Completed - one mess and kitchen partly dismantled to be reused at Sigs Camp area.
"B" & "C" Mess Area	25	12	37	45		
"F" Mess Area	25	5	30	45		
Sgts & ORs Area	7	3	10	45		Making good and cleaning up
AWAS Billets	11	5	16	45		Making good and cleaning up
"Class 9" Bridge	3	10	13	45		Setting out and felling timber - carting stores to site
Log cutting (KAIRI)	8	12	20	45		
5 Fd Coy Camp Constn	16	4	20	45		
Totals	141	71	212	45	9,540	

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TO CE FIRST AUST ARMY

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions — GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. RER 844(a) herewith weekly works report and intelligence summary

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Signed [signature]

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5 Aust. Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

PRO FORMA 1.

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

Report to 2359 hrs. on 1 June 44.

Serial No.	Work and Location	Date comm.	% complete within period.	Progress Total %.	Estimated date complete.	Unit or sub unit.	Workers including supervision		Remarks.
							Sprs.	Others.	
1	Mareeba camp:-								
	(a)(ii) Sgts & Offs site - light poles & concreting.	25 Apr	35	40	---	5 Fd. Coy.			
	(b) A.W.A.S.	23 Apr	--	95	---	do.			Compressor NOT available for paint spray(painting addit.
	(c)(i) "A" Mess.	2 May	20	65	24 Jun	do.			Addit. drainage, septic tanks etc & permanent ablution block also being done
	(d) Timber bridge.	17 May	15	15	---	do.	165	86	Priority lowered by CE FAA.
	(e) B & C Mess area.	22 May	30	80	10 Jun	do.			Work being speeded up in lieu of bridge.
	(f) F Mess area.	23 May	65	85	10 Jun	do.			
	(g) 5 Fd. Coy. Camp area.	20 May	--	--	--	do.			Work as required.
	(h) Installation of Transformers C & F Messes.	1 Jun	90	90	2 Jun	do.			
2	Detached ----------						4		
3	Leave ----------						8		
4	Administration ----------						20		
5	Drivers and Storemen etc. ----------						20		

.....Major,

O.C. 5 Aust. Fd. Coy,

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TO FIRST AUST ARMY

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions — GR

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RER 804 (.) herewith weekly works report of HQ RAE 3 AUST DIV (.) 5 AUST FD COY are submitting weekly report direct to you (.) 54 AUST FD PK COY submit through 1 AUST CORPS

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WEEKLY WORKS PROGRESS REPORT.

H.Q.R.A.E. 3 AUST DIV.(AIF) Ref Map KAIRI CAMP 4" = 1 Ml.(Enlargement G'VALE 1") WEEK ENDING 2359 hrs.1 JUNE'44

Ser.No.	Work and Location.	Date of Comm.	% complete within period.	Progress Total %	Est.date of compl.	Unit or Sub-Unit	Workers,incl. supervision SPRS.	OTHERS.	Remarks
1.	Camp Constn. E.1.Site.								
	(a) Structures.	27/4	10	100	31 MAY	H.Q.RAE.			Drainage being carried out by units occupying. Showers require 16 shower buckets - will be installed when obtainable from corps dump.
	(b) Roads	18/5	30	100	"	"			
2.	Camp Constn. E2 Site.						1	43	
	(a) Structures	27/4	20	100	31 MAY	"			
	(b) Roads.	23/5	60	100	"	"			
3.	Vehicle Park Site E6	4/5	30	70		2/3 Rly Const.Coy.	2	11 (26,27 29 MAY only)	Site to be gravelled w hen tippers avail-able. E.D.C.depends on this.D4 tractor dozer and Britstand grader worked 20 hrs.)
4.	G.O.C.'s "A" mess H.Q. 3 AUST DIV. SITE A.1.	23/5	15	25	17 JUNE	H.Q.RAE.	3	10	
5.	Outroad 3 DIV SIGS SITE A.2.	19/5	10	100	27 MAY	3 DIV SIGS.	-	7	Extent of work - last 70 yds of out road incl. 1 Armco culvert
6.	D.I.D.	1/6	5	5	16 JUNE	H.Q.RAE.	1	7	
7.	Koala Soldiers Club. (Alterations & additions)	1/6	2	2	21 JUNE	H.Q.RAE.	1	3	
8.	Repairs to Engr Dump stocks.	29/5	Continuous		30 JUNE			1	Plumber from 5 Fd Amb.

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Ser.No.	Work and Location.	Date of Comm.	% complete within period.	Progress Total %	Est.date of compl.	Unit or Sub-Unit.	Workers, incl. supervision SPRS.	OTHERS.	Remarks.
9.	Rd.maintenance KAIRI area.		Continuous as plant available.			2/3 R.way.C.C.	2		(3 miles road graded (with D4 dozer and (Britstand grader (12 hours.
10.	a)Div.Dump Site E4. Carting Engr.Stores.								
	(1) Piping ROCKY CK.	26/5	100	100	28 MAY	54 FDPK.COY.	1	7	
	(2) Corps Dump WONGABEL.	31/5	10	10	9 JUNE		1	8	
	b)Operation Dump.	29/5	50%	50%	3 JUNE	"	3	10	

WEEKLY SUMMARY OF W.PARTIES DEMANDED AND RECEIVED ALL WORKS KAIRI AREA.

Ser.No.	DEMANDED. W'Party	Days	Man Days	Remarks	RECEIVED
1 / 2	43	6	258		
3	11	3	33	These 11 men were extracted from Ser. No.4 as they were not tradesmen.	ALL demands fulfilled.
4)	10	5)	57		
)	7	1)			
6	7	1	7		
7	3	1	3	These 3 men taken from serial 4 on 1 JUN	Except that in 2 cases pioneers were supplied in place of tradesmen.
8	1	4	4		
9 (a)1	7	3	21		
(a)2	8	2	16		
(b)	10	4	40		
		TOTAL	439		

J Kershaw Capt
FD ENGR
HQ RAE 3 AUST DIV

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(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions — GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

RE 765 - ref WWPR week ending 25 May 44 (.) herewith reports from HQ RAE 3 AUST DIV 3 5 Aust Fd Coy , 54 Aust Fd Pk Coy

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WEEKLY WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

HQ RAE 3 AUST DIV(AIF) — WEEK ENDING 2359hrs 25 MAY 44

Ser. No.	Work and Location	Date of Comm.	% complete within period	Progress total %	Est. date of compl.	Unit or Sub-Unit	Workers, incl supervision Sprs.	Others	Remarks
1.	Camp Constn. E1 Site								
	(a) Structure	27 Apr	15	90	1 Jun				
	(b) Roads	18 May	65	70	1 Jun	HQ RAE			
	(c) Drainage	-	-	-	-				
2.	Camp Constn. E2 Site						1	35	
	(a) Structures	27 Apr	45	80	1 Jun				
	(b) Roads	23 May	40	40	1 Jun	HQ RAE			
	(c) Drainage	-	-	-	-				
3.	113 Workshops Site B6	2 Apr	2	100	20 May	61 BN	-	15	
4.	Vehicle Park Site E6	4 May	5	40	5 Jun	2/3 Fcc	2	6	
5.	Salvage Site E9	11 May	85	100	26 May	HQ RAE 7 Bde	1	14	
6.	COC's "A" Mess 3 Aust Div	23 May	10	10	17 Jun	HQ RAE	2	14	Working party includes 7 axeman logging till incl 26 May
7.	Outroad 3 Aust Div Site A2 Sigs	19 May	90	90	27 May	3 Div Sigs		7	

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5 Aust. Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

PRO FORMA 1.

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

Report to 2359 hrs. on 25 May 44.

Serial No	Work and Location	Date comm.	% complete within period.	Progress Total %	Estimated date completed	Unit or sub unit	Workers including supervision		Remarks.
							Sprs.	Others.	
1	Constn camp site Mareeba.								
	(a) Sgts & Offs. sites.	23 Apr	5%	100%	completed 24 May.	5 Fd. Coy.			Additional work see (a) (ii)
	(a)(ii) Sgts. & Offs. sites & Light poles & concreting messes.	25 Apr	5%	5%	5 Jun.	do.			
	(b) A.W.A.S.	23 Apr	4%	99%	30 May	do.			
	(b)(i) A Mess	2 May	25%	45%	30 Jun	do.			
	(c)(ii) Temporary quarters ablutions, mess etc. for G.O.C.	12 May		100%	completed 25 May.	do.	167	72	
	(d) Timber bridge 45' span.	17 May	Design & setting out complete materials on job.	--	18 Jun	do.			
	(e) B & C Mess area.	22 May	50%	50%	2 Jun	do.			Held up for materials completion date only approx.
	(f) F mess area. messes, ablutions, etc.	23 May	20%	20%	10 Jun	do.			
	(g) 5 Fd. Coy. camp area.	20 May	--	--	--	do.			Some addit. work to be done.
2	Detached						3		

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5 Aust. Fd. Coy., RAE

PRO FORMA 1.

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT (Contd.)

Serial No	Work and Location	Date comm.	% complete within period.	Progress Total %	Estimated date completed.	Unit or sub unit	Workers including supervision		Remarks.
							Sprs.	Others.	
3	Leave						8		
4	Administration						20		
5	Drivers and Storemen etc.						20		

W.O. Duffy Capt for Major,

O.C. 5 Aust. Fd. Coy.

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54 AUST. FD. PARK COY. RAE (AIF) — BRIDGING PLATOON

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

TO 2359 HRS THURSDAY 25 MAY '44.

Ser. No.	Work	Date Comm.	% During week	% Complete	Est. date Completion	Spr. Days	Other man days	Remarks
1.	Sorting and stacking Bridging Eqpt.	12/5/44	35	50		30		Repair and Mntce. work on Pontoons and Folding Boats is still held up pending arrival suitable tools and material such as - Copper rivets Rivet sets Pincers Ball pane Hammers Breast Drill s and Bits
2.	Erecting racks in Sheds	12/5/44	50	100		10		
3.	Scraping and Chipping rust from FBE, Roadbearers, Transoms and Deck panels in preparation for painting	12/5/44	50	100		15		
4.	Cleaning and greasing moveable parts FBE	12/5/44	25	75		10		
5.	Transporting and Floating sea-worthy pontoons on to the Mulgrave Rvr. to facilitate repair work and to make space available in the Park for General mntce. work to proceed	15/5/44	50	100		20		
6.	Inspecting and checking Pontoon Superstructure	16/5/44	25	100		5		
7.	Erecting Platforms for pontoon Storage and repairs	20/5/44	100	100		15		
8.	Painting FBE, Roadbearers, transoms, telescopic struts and deck panels with u/coat of red lead and 2 coats of Service Green	19/5/44	25	25	7 Jun 44	20		
9.	Clearing, overgrown areas of grass for additional stacking space	22/5/44	100	100		10		
10.	Erecting platform for storage Mk V pontoon roadbearers plain & button and stacking	23/5/44	100	100		15		
11.	Erecting P.L.B. to serve as platform for painting operations	23/5/44	100	100		15		

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No.	Work	Commd. Date	Week's Duties	% Completion	Est. Man Days	Other Men	Remarks
1.	Erection of Bridge Trestle	23/2/44	100	100	12		
2.	Erection Z.T.E. for Bridge as Bridge & Office and Stores	23/2/44	100	100	12		
10.	Erection Offices for Stores & Workshop Sheds	25/2/44	100	100	10		
9.	Clearing Site, Cutting Down Trees & Levelling Ground for Workshop Shed	26/2/44	52	52	20	1 Man 44	
8.	Erection Men's Hospital Shelters and Latrine	28/2/44	100	100	12		
7.	Erection Offices for Bridge Engineer and Clerk of Works	1/3/44	100	100	2		
6.	Excavating and Erecting Bridge Trestle	2/3/44	20	100	20		Erection of Bridge Trestle
5.	Erection Offices for Bridge Engineer	25/2/44	100	100	12		Erection of Offices for Bridge Engineer
4.	Clearing Site and Erecting Workshop Shed	25/2/44	20	100	12		Erection of Workshop Shed
3.	Excavating and Erecting Men's Hospital Shelters	25/2/44	20	100	10		Erection of Men's Hospital Shelters
11.	Erection and Extension Workshop	25/2/44	32	20	30		Erection and Extension Workshop

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

TO 5/3/44 FOR THE WEEK ENDING 5/3/44.

54 Aust. Ed. Park Coy. R.A.E. (T.E.)

O.C. 54 Aust. Ed. Park Coy. R.A.E.

11.	Taking detailed stock of entire Park for Monthly Return Sheets	22 May 44	100%	100%	5
12.	Loading Mk V Pontoon Eqpt on to semi-trailers for 2/11 Aust. Army Tps.	20 May 44			10

W Campbell Lieut for Major
O.C 51 Aust. Fd. Park Coy. R.A.E.

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54 AUST. FD. PARK COY. RAE (AIF) WORKSHOP PLATOON

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

TO 2359 HRS. THURSDAY 25 MAY 1944

Ser. No.	Work	Date Comm.	% during week	% Complete	Est. date completion	Spr Days	Other man days	Remarks
1.	Stores, issues, Receipts, and general Dump Operations, Wongabel	19/5/44	Continuous	Continuous		84	210	
2.	Kairi	19/5/44	"	"		21	60	
3.	Explosives Dump, Tolga	23/5/44	"	"		6		
4.	Transport & miscellaneous					35		
5.	Detached					14		
6.	Stores Admin.					21		

W.M. Campbell Hunt Major
O.C. 54 Aust. Fd. Park Coy. R.A.E.

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54 AUST. FD. PARK COY. RAE (AIF) WORKSHOP PLATOON

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

TO 2359 HRS. THURSDAY 25 MAY 1944.

Ser. No.	Work	Date Comm.	% During week	% Complete	Est. date completion	Spr. Days	Other men days	Remarks
1.	Administration and Duties	Continuous				21		
2.	Detached	10 May 44				14		1 Fd storesP 1. 1 Bridging Pl
3.	Plumber making ablution benches	4 May 44	Continuous			15		
4.	Constructing Road Drag	17 May 44	80%	100%		38		
5.	Driving at Corp Dump	24 May 44				7		
6.	Engaged in Moving Unit	24 May 44	100	100		14		
7.	Reorganizing Corps Dump	12 May 44				32		
8.	Attention Dump Plant	24 May 44				13		

W.M. Campbell Lieut for Major
O.C. 54 Aust. Fd. Park Coy. R.A.E.

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ref WWPR week ending 18 MAY 44 (.) herewith reports from HQ RAE 3 AUST DIV, 5 AUST FD COY, and 54 AUST FD PK COY.

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WEEKLY WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

Q RAE 3 AUST DIV (AIF). WEEK ENDING 2359 hrs 13 MAY 44.

Ser. No.	Work and Location	Date of Comm.	% complete within period	Progress total %	Est. date of Compl.	Unit or Sub-Unit	Workers, incl. Supervision Sprs.	Others	Remarks
1.	Maintenance of culvert Branch road from CURRI Rd. to 113 Workshops	9 MAY	50	100	-	HQ RAE 7 BDE	1 -	- 13	
2.	DID KAIRI	1 MAY	30	100	18 MAY	1 Pl. 2/11 ARMY TPS COY	25		This Pl have gone back to Coy now that job is completed
3.	Camp Constn. E1 site (a) Structures (b) Roads (c) Drainage	27 APR 18 MAY	30 75 5 65	75 90 5 70	24 MAY 4 JUN	HQ RAE	1	30 35	Delays caused by late arrive Working Parties. Concrete work ceased 19 MAY because tradesmen not included in Working Parties. E.D.C. depends on supply of tanks.
4.	Camp Constn. E2 site (a) Structures (b) Roads (c) Drainage	27 APR 23 May	10 45 40	25 80 40	4 JUN ~~4 JUN~~	HQ RAE			
5.	113 Workshops Site B6	2 Apr	~~3~~ 2	~~98~~ 100	20 MAY	61 Bn	-	15	~~E.D.C. extended to 20 MAY because of additional work - including new road through Ord. Fd. Pk.~~
6.	Vehicle Park Site E6.	4 MAY	~~NN~~ 5	~~5~~ 40	~~12 days after availability of plant.~~ 5 Jun		2	6	
7.	Salvage Site E9.	11 MAY	~~80~~ 85	~~85~~ 100	26 May.	HQ RAE 7 BDE	1	14	~~E.D.C. depends on supply of tanks and water service fittings~~
	Pd Co "A" Mess 3 Aust Div.	23 May	10	10	17 Jun	HQ RAE	2	14	W Party includes 7 [illegible] logging [illegible] incl 26 May
	Out Ld 3 Div Sign A2 Site	19 May	90	90	27 May	3 Div Sign		7	

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54 AUST. FD. PARK COY. R.A.E (AIF)

Workshop Platoon

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R.A.E. 3 Div.
No. 83

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

TO 2359 HRS. THURSDAY 18 MAY. 44.

Ser. No.	Work	Date Comm.	% During Week	% Complete	Est. Date Complete.	Spr. Days	Other man Days	Remarks
1.	Administration and duties	Continuous				28		
2.	Detached	10 May 44				14		1 Fd. Stores Pl. 1 Bridging Pl.
3.	Carpenter at Sigs	9 May 44.				12		
4.	Stock taking and reorganising Corps Dump, Wongabel	12 May 44.				70		
5.	Plumber making ablution benches	4 May 44.	Continuous			15		
6.	Jib repairs on Corps Dump Crane	15 May 44.	100%	100%		7		
7.	Constructing Road Drag	17 May 44.	20%	20%	24 May 44.	7		Difficulty with materials and equipment.

A.M. Campbell Lieut for Major
O.C. 54 Aust. Fd. Park Coy. R.A.E.

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54 AUST. FD. PARK COY. R.A.E. (AIF). Bridging Platoon

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

TO 2359 HRS. THURSDAY 18 MAY 44.

Ser. No.	Work	Date Comm.	% during Week	% Complete	Est. Date Complete	Spr. Days	Other Man Days	Remarks
1.	Erecting Kitchen, Mess Hut Latrines and Tents at No.1 Site, Mulgrave River.	10 May 44	100%	100%	13 May 44.	60	-	Certain repair and maintenance work, such as patching of Pontoons and Folding Boats is held up because of the lack of copper rivets, rivet sets, suitable pliers, ball pane hammers etc.
2.	Erecting Mess Hut and renovating Kitfhen at No.2 Camp Site	12 May 44	100%	100%	13 May 44.	10	-	
3.	Sorting and stacking Bridging Equipment in Bridging Park	12 May 44	15%	15%		50		
4.	Erecting shelves	12 May 44	50%	50%	18 May 44	20		
5.	Scraping and chipping F.B.E. Road bearers and Transoms in preparation for painting	12 May 44	50%	50%	21 May 44	30		
6.	Greasing and cleaning moveable parts F.B.E.. Sorting and stacking	12 May 44	50%	50%		25		
7	Transporting and floating seaworthy Pontoons on to Mulgrave River to facilitate repair work and make space available in the Park for general maintenance work to proceed	15 May 44	50%	50%		30		

W.Campbell Lieut for Major
OC 54 Aust. Fd. Park Coy. R.A.E.

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Bridging Platoon (Cont.)

Ser. No.	Work	Date Comm.	% During Week	% Complete	Est. Date Complete	Spr Days	Other Man Days	Remarks
8.	Inspecting and checking pontoon superstructure	16 May 44.	75%	75%		10		

B.M. Campbell Lucas Jr. Major
[illegible] Aust. Fd. Park Coy. R.A.E.

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54 AUST. FD. PARK COY. R.A.E (AIF) — Field stores Platoon

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

TO 2359 HRS THURSDAY 18 MAY. 44.

Ser. No.	Work	Date Comm.	% During Week	% Complete	Est. Date Complete	Spr. Days	Other man days	Remarks
1.	Stores Issues and Receipts and general Dump Operations at Corps Dump, Wongabel	12 May 44	Continuous			112	300	
2.	Stores Issues and Receipts and general Dump operation at Div. Dump, Kairi	12 May 44	Continuous			28	60	
3.	Stores administration	12 May 44	Continuous			21		
4.	Transport	12 May 44	Continuous			21		
5.	Detached	8 May 44	Continuous			8		Moved south to collect Mech. E quip.

W Campbell Lieut for Major
O.C. 54 Aust. Fd. Park Coy. R.A.E.

5 Aust. Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

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Report to 2359 hrs. on 18 May 44.

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							Sprs.	Others	
1	Constn camp site Mareeba.								
	(a) Sgts & Offs site.	23 Apr	15%	95%	24 May	5 Fd. Coy.)			
	(b) A.W.A.S.	23 Apr	15%	95%	do.	do.)	170	72	
	(c) "A" Mess.	2 May	10%	20.	?	do.)			
	(d) Timber bridge 45' span.	17 May	2%(Design Only.)	2%	--	do.)			
2	Detached						2		
3	Leave						7		
4	Administration						20		
5	Drivers and Storemen etc.						20		

W.D. Duffy Capt. for Major,

O.C. 5 Aust. Fd. Coy.

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Army Post
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Signature of Officer Authorising D.R.L.S.

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(w) For Information (INFO.)

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Signed [illegible] Capt

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FROM RAE 3 AUST DIV | Originator's Number RE703 | Date 12 | In Reply to Number

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May	44	(.)	herewith	reports	10
from	HQ	RAE	3 Aust	Div	15
5 Aust	Fd	Coys	1 Pl	9/11	20
Aust	Army	Troops	Coy	and	25
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WEEKLY WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

HQ RAE 5 AUST DIV (AIF). WEEK ENDING 2359 hrs 11 MAY 44.

Ser. No.	Work & Location	Date of Comm.	% complete within period	Progress total %	Est. date of Compl.	Unit or Sub-Unit	Workers, incl. Supervision Sprs.	Others	Remarks
1.	Culvert Guide Posts, HQ 5 AUST DIV.	11 MAY	100	100 ✓	-	HQ RAE	1	-	
2.	Maintenance of culvert. Branch road from CURRI Rd. to 113 Workshops	9 "	50	100 50	-	HQ RAE 7 BDE	1 -	- 13	
3.	Maintenance Curri Pocket Rd.	9 "	100	100 ✓	-	HQ RAE 7 BDE	1 -	- 13	
4.	Camp Construction A2 site	27 APR	35	100 ✓	-	23 FD COY	-	25	23 FD COY ceased work due to movement.
5.	Camp Construction E1 site	" "	5	45	-	" " "	-	14	
6.	Camp Construction E2 site	" "	8	15	-	" " "	-	15	
7.	113 Workshops, Site B6	2 "	55	95	15 MAY	61 Bn	-	15	Taken over by HQ RAE from 5 FD COY.
8.	Vehicle Park, Site E6.	4 MAY	Nil	5	25 MAY	-	-	-	Time of completion dependent on availability of mech eqpt.
9.	Salvage, Site E9.	11 "	5	5	20 "	HQ RAE 7 Bde	1 -	- 14	
	DID KAIM	1 MAY	30%	100	18 MAY	No 1 pl 2/11 AATCOY RAE	25		This pl have gone back to Coy now that job is completed

[signature] Lt-Col
CRE 5 AUST DIV

5 Aust. Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

PRO FORMA 1.

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

Report to 2359 hrs. on 11 May 44.

Serial No	Work and Location.	Date comm.	% complete within period.	Progress Total %.	Estim'td. date completed.	Unit or sub unit.	Workers including supervision		Remarks.
							Sprs.	Others.	
1	Constn camp site Mareeba.								
	(a) Sgts. & Offs. site.	23 Apr	20%	80%	24 May	5 Fd. Coy.	170	60	
	(b) A.W.A.S.	23 Apr	20%	80%	do.	do.			
	(c) "A" Mess.	2 May	5%	10%	?	do.			
2	Detached						3		
3	Leave						5		
4	Administration						20		
5	Drivers and Storemen etc.						20		

.....Major,

O.C. 5 Aust. Fd. Coy.

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54 AUST. FD. PARK COY. R.A.E (AIF). H.Q. Pl. 3 Off. 21 O.R.s.

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

WEEK ENDING 2359 hrs. 11 MAY 1944

Ser. No.	Work and Location	Date Comm.	% Completed	Prog. Total %	Est. Date Completion	Unit or sub-Unit	Str. Workers including supervisor Sprs.	others	Remarks
1.	Kitchen duties	30 Apr.	Continuous			54 Fd. Pk.		3	
2.	C. Store	"	"			"		2	
3.	Water Duties	3 May	"			"		1	
4.	Postal Orderly	30 Apr.	"			"		1	
5.	Batmen	2 May	"			"		2	
6.	Orderly Room	30 Apr.	"			"		5	
7.	Fatigues	30 Apr.	"			"		1	
8.	Lawyer Vine Bridge Instn	9 May	100%			"		8	
9.	Inspecting New Camp Site at Wongabel	10 May	100%			"		2	
10.	Surveying RAE Dump and Camp Site at Wongabel	11 May	100%			"		4	
11.	Transport M.C.O.	10 May	Continuous			"		1	
12.	Driver	11 May	"			"		1	
13.	Collecting Firewood	10 May	100%			"		5	
14.	A.A.C.C. personnel attached to Bridging Pl. Mulgrave River	9 May.	Continuous			"		1	
15.	A.A.C.C. personnel attached to Fd. Stores Pl. Wongabel	11 May.	"			"		1	

MAJOR

O.C. 54 AUST. FD. PARK COY. R.A.E.

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54 AUST. FD. PARK COY. R.A.E. (AIF). WORKSHOP PL. 1 Off. 20 O.R.s.

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

WEEK ENDING 2359 hrs. 11 MAY 1944.

Ser. No.	Date and Location	Date Comm.	% Completed	Prog. Total %	Est. Date Completion	Unit or sub-unit	Str. Workers including Supervisor Sprs.	others.	Remarks
1.	Camp Construction - Latrines	30 Apr.		85%		54 Fd. Pk.	1		
2.	Ablution Benches	4 May.			17 May	"	2		
3.	Shower Buckets	4 May.			13 May	"	2		
4.	Electricians at H.Q. R.A.E.	8 May.	90%		11 May	"	2		
5.	Carpenters at Sig. H.Q.	9 May.	70%		13 May	"	4		
6.	Bricklayer at Div. H.Q.	9 May	60%		13 May	"	2		
7.	Driver for Unit vehicle	10 May				"	1		
8.	Inspecting Mech. Equip (S/Sgt. Eastwood)	9 May			12 May	"	1		
9.	Corps Dump Duties	11 May			13 May	"	4		

MAJOR
O.C. 54 AUST. FD. PARK COY. R.A.E.

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54 AUST. FD. PARK C.Y. R.A.E. (AIF). FD. STORES PL. 1 off. 27 O.R.s.

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

WEEK ENDING 2359 hrs. 11 MAY 44.

Ser. No.	Work and Location	Date. Comm.	% Completed	Prog. Total %	Est. Date Completion	Unit or sub-Unit	Str. Workers including Supervisor Sprs.	Others	Remarks
1.	Stores Issues and Receipts and General Dump Operations, Kairi	5 May	Continuous			54 Fd.Pk	6		
2.	Stores administration, Kairi	5 May	"			"	2		
3.	Road construction in Dump	8 May	50%			"	9		
4.	Camp Duties - Kitchen Fatigue Batman	5 May	Continuous			"	2		
5.	Personnel at Corps Dump Wongabel for Stocktaking	8 May	"			"	5		
6.	Personnel moved South for Mech Equip.	8 May				"	2		

H B Korff Lt for MAJOR
O.C. 54 AUST. FD. PARK COY. R.A.E.

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1 PLATOON - 2/11 AUST ARMY TPS COY RAE — PROGRESS WORKS REPORT —

HQ RAE
3 DIV

WORK COMPLETED TO 2359 HRS ON 11-5-44

SERIAL NO	LOCATION AND NATURE OF WORK	DATE COMMENCED	% COMPLETE WITHIN PERIOD	TOTAL % COMPLETE	ESTIMATED DATE OF COMPLETION	UNIT OR SUB UNIT	PERSONNEL ON JOB INCLUDING SUPERVISION		REMARKS.
							SPRS	OTHERS	
1.	Construction 90C's & ADC's huts. HQ 3 Div.	24 Apr 44	2%	100%	—	No 1 Pl. 2/11 A.A.T.C. RAE.	—	—	
2	D.I.D. Building Kairi	1 May 44	65%	70%	16 May 44	"	25	—	Until 8 May 44 only 3 men on this Job. Working in meat house.

J. H. Emslie Lieut
OC No 1 Pl 2/11 AATC RAE.

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RAE 3 AUST DIV	RE 670	5	

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May	44	(.)	Herewith	reports	10
from	HQ	RAE	3	AUST	15
DIV	5	and	23	AUST	20
FD	COYS	1	PL	2/11	25
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HQ RA E 3 AUST DIV

W ORKS PROGRESS REPORT

REPORT TO 2359 hrs 4 MAY 44.

Serial No	W ork & Locn	Date Complx Comm	% Complete during Period	Prog % Complete	Est Date Compln	Unit or Sub Unit	Strength Workers incl Supervision		Remarks
							Sprs	Others	
L.	Maintenance Road to LOGGING SITE	3 May	5	50	6 May	9 AIB HQ RAE 3 AUST DIV	1	20	
2.	Vehicle Park E6 Site	4 May	5	5	18 May	2/3 AUST RLY CONST COY	2		Bulldozer and Trailer Grader employed.
3.	Gravelling CURRI CURRI RD	1 May	100	100	-	27 AIB	1	9	
4.	A lterations to Adm Huts HQ 3 AUST DIV.	3 May	100	100	-	27 AIB	1	5	
5.	DID Formation of Access Roads Turnpoint	22 APR	15	100	-	2/3 RLY CONST COY	2	-	

.....Lt.
A /FD ENGR RAE 3 AUST DIV.

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WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

23 AUST FD COY RAE

Report to 2359 hrs on 4 MAY 44

Serial No	Work & Location	Date of Comm	% complete within period	Progress Total %	Estimate Date of Completion	Unit or Sub Unit	Workers incl supervision Sprs	Others	REMARKS
2	Soldiers Club	21 Apr 44	20	90	10 MAY 44	2 Pl	28th, 29th Apr	20 50	✓
							1, 2 MAY	20 --	
							3 May	12 50	
							4 May	40 --	
3	AASC HQ 3 Aust Div. Additions to present office	24 Apr 44	60	100	29 APR 44	2 Pl	3		
4.	Camp constn					3 Pl	25)		
	(a) A2 site	27 Apr 44	50	65	8 MAY 44	1 Pl	24)	3,4 May -50	✓
	(b) E1 site	27 Apr 44	30	40	12 MAY 44	3 Pl	15		
	(c) E2 site	27 Apr 44	77	17	19 MAY 44	3 Pl			Camp site laid out only
5.	ADOS Store Camp staff area KAIRI	24 Apr 44	30	100	1 MAY 44	3 Pl	--	9	

R E Todd
.....Maj
(R.E.E.TODD) O.C.

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No1 Pl. 2/11 Aust Army TPS Coy RAE

PROGRESS WORKS REPORT

WORK COMPLETED TO 23-59 HRS 4-5-44

SERIAL NO	LOCATION & NATURE OF WORK	DATE COMMENCED	% Complete within period	Total % Complete	Estimated date of completion	Unit or Sub unit.	Personnel on Job including supervision		Remarks.
							Sprs	others.	
1.	Construction GOC's & A.D.C's huts. HQ. 3 Aust Div.	24 Apr. 44.	48%.	98%.	5 May 44.	No. 1. Pl. 2/11 A.A.T.C. RAE.	19.	—	Further work necessary pending supply of window frames.
2.	D.I.D. building Kairi.	1 May. 44.	5%.	5%.	16 May 44.	"	3.	—	Personnel on Job will be increased on completion of Serial No. 1.

J H Emslie Lieut

O.C. No1 Pl. 2/11 A.A.T.C. RAE.

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54 AUST. FD. PARK COY. RAE (AIF) FIELD STORES PL. 1 OFF. 27 O/Rs

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

WEEK ENDING 2359 HRS. 4 MAY 44.

Ser. No.	Work and Location	Date Comm.	% Completed	Prog. % Total	Est. date Completion	Unit or sub-Unit	Str. Workers including Supervisor Sqrs.	Others	Remarks
1.	Camp Construction, Kairi	29 Apr.	80	80		54 Fd Pk	27		
2.	Latrines & Storesheds	30 Apr.	80		5 May	"	5		
3.	Stocktaking & Restacking Stores	30 Apr.	100		4 May	"	29		
4.	Stores Administration	30 Apr.	Continuous	Continuous		"	2		
5.	Stores Issues and Receipts general Dump operations	30 Apr.	"	"		"	19		
6.	Batman	1 May	"	"		"	1		
7.	Moving of Eng. Stores from Rail to Dump	3 May	"	"		"		8	

B M Campbell Lieut for MAJOR
O.C. 54 AUST. FD. PARK COY. RAE (AIF)

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54 AUST. FD. PARK COY. RAE (AIF) BRIDGING PL. 1 OFF. 38 O/RS

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT
Week ending 2359 hrs. 4 MAY 1944.

Ser. No.	Work and Location	Date Comm.	% Completed	Prog. Total %	Est. Date Completion	Unit or sub-Unit	Str. Workers including Supervisor Sors.	Others	Remarks
1.	Constructing Camp Site for Pl. Kairi	1 May	60	60	5 May	54Fd.Pk	20		
2.	Cookhouse Fatigue	1 May	Continuous	Continuous	8 May	"	4		
3.	Working Party Fd. Stores Pl.	2 May	do.	do.	4 May	"	10		
4.	Latrines, Showers Fatigue	1 May	do.	do.	8 May	"	4		
5.	Unloading Stores at Kairi	4 May	do.	do.	7 May	"	10		

B Campbell Lieut for MAJOR
OC 54 AUST. FD. PARK COY. RAE (AIF)

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54 AUST. FD. PARK COY. RAE (AIF) WORKSHOPS PL. 1 OFF. 20 O/Rs

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

WEEK ENDING 2359 HRS. 4 MAY 1941.

Ser. No.	Date and Location	Date Comm.	% Completed	Prog. %	Total Est. Date Completion	Unit or sub-Unit	Str. Workers including Supervisor Sprs.	Others	Remarks
1.	Camp Construction Latrines	30 Apr	85%	85%		54Fdpk			
2.	Office Eqpt. & Alterations	1 May	40	40		"	2		
3.	Sanitary Duties	30 Apr	Continuous	Continuous		"	2		
4.	Loading Stores at Rail	4 May	100	100	4 May	"	10		
5.	Ablution Benches	4 May			13 May	"	3		
6.	Shower Buckets	4 May			13 May	"	3		
7.	Rprs. 2" Pipeline	2 May	100		2May	"	3		Temporary remedy pipe buried.

A.M.Campbell Lieut for MAJOR
O.C. 54 AUST. FD. PARK COY. RAE (AIF)

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54 AUST. FD. PARK COY. RAE (AIF) H.Q. PL. 3 OFF. 21 O/RS.

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

WEEK ENDING 2359 HRS. 4 MAY 1944.

Ser. No.	Work and Location	Date Comm	% Completed	Prog. Total %	Est. Date Completion	Unit or sub-Unit	Str. Workers including Supervisor Spvrs.	Others	Remarks
1.	Construction of Camp Sits Kairi	30 Apr	85	85		54 Fd.Pk.	10	nil.	
2.	Kitchen Duties	"	Continuous	Continuous		do.	5	"	
3.	Q Store	"	do.	do.		do.	2	"	
4.	WaterDuties	3 May	do.	do.		do.	1	"	
5.	Postal Orderly	30 Apr.	do.	do.		do.	1	"	
6.	Batman	2 May	do.	do.		do.	2	"	
7.	OrderlyRoom	30 Apr.	do.	do.		do.	5	"	
8.	Fatigues	"	do.	do.		do.	1	"	

W.M.Campbell Lieut for MAJOR
O.C. 54 AUST. FD. PARK COY.

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5 Aust. Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

PRO FORMA 1.

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

Report to 2359 hrs. on 4 May 44.

Serial No	Work and Location.	Date comm.	% complete within period.	Progress Total %.	Estimtd. date complete	Unit or sub unit	Workers including supervision		Remarks
							Sprs.	Others	
1	Constn Minor Camp Site E11, scale B.	27 Mar	5%	100%	---	5 Fd Coy 56 Inf Bn 44 Inf Bn	2 - -	- 3 2	Completed 2 May 44.
2	Constn camp site Mareeba.								
	(a) Sgts. & Offs. site.	23 Apr	40%	60%	24 May	5 Fd. Coy.)			
	(b) A.W.A.S.	23 Apr	40%	60%	24 May	do.)	175	66	
	(c) "A" Mess.	2 May	5%	5%	?	do.)			
3	Detached						3		
4	Leave						7		
5	Administration						20		
6	Drivers and Storeman etc.						20		

K W Dawe

.....Major,

O.C. 5 Aust. Fd. Coy., RAE.

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WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

1. Pl 2/11 Aust Army Tps Coy

Report to 2359 hrs, 27 APR 44

Serial No	Work & Location	Date of Commen.	% complete within period	Progress Total %	Estimate Date of Completion	Unit or Sub Unit	Workers incl supervision Sprs	Others	REMARKS
1.	Construction GOC's & ADC's Huts, HQ 3 Aust Div	24 APR 44	50%	50%	3 APR 44	No 1 Pl 2/11 A.T.C.	6		
						9 Bn		10	

H. EMSLIE
.....Lieut
OC, No 1 Pl, 2/11 Aust Army Tps Coy.

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WORKS PROGRESS REPORT.

23 AUST FD COY RAE

Report to 2359 hrs 27 APR 44.

Serial No	Work & Location	Date of commen.	% complete within period	Progress Total %	Estimate Date of Completion	Unit or Sub unit	Workers incl supervision Spr	Others	REMARKS.
1.	Frames for sand filter. Coy lines for RAE Dump	24 APR 44	100	100	Completed 25 APR 44	HQ Pl	6		Completed frames transported to RAE Dump 26 APR 44.
2.	Soldiers Club	21 APR 44	70	70	3 MAY 44	2 Pl	20	50	
3.	AASC HQ 3 Aust Div. Additions to present office.	24 APR 44	40	40	2 MAY 44	2 Pl	* 6		
4.	Camp Constn Site A2.	27 APR 44	15	20	17 MAY 44	3 Pl	35		1 minor camp site completed by 10 MAY 44.
5.	ADOS Store Camp staff area Kairi	24 APR 44	70	70	29 APR 44	3 Pl	9	8 1 day only.	

R E Todd

.....; Maj.
(R.E.E.TODD) O.C.
23 Aust Fd Coy RAE

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HQ RAE 3 AUST DIV

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

Report to 2359 hrs, 27 Apr 44

Serial No	Work & Location	Date Comm	% Complete W/n period	Prog Total %	Estim Date Completion	Unit or Sub Unit	STRENGTH Workers incl Supervisor Sprs	STRENGTH Others	Remarks
1	Widening "out" road, 3 Div HQ	25 Apr 44	90%	90%	28 Apr	44 Bn	-	18	
2	Mt Haigh Rd, Repair	12 Apr	50%	95%	28 Apr	23 Bde	-	8	
3	DID, formation of access road and turnpoint	22 Apr	85%	85%	3 May	2/3 Ry Const Coy	2	-	
4	132 Bde Wksps, levelling and gravelling of hard stand for MT and car park. Grading of roads.	19 Apr	80%	80%	See Remarks	2/3 Ry Const Coy	2		Work ceased, due to lack of trucks for gravelling.

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Lieut
A/Fd Engr, HQ RAE 3 AUST DIV (AIF)

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5 Aust. Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

PRO FORMA 1.

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

Report to 2359 hrs. on 27 April 44.

Strength 7 Offs. 224 O/R's.

Serial No	Work and Location.	Date comm.	% complete within period.	Progress Total %.	Estimtd. date complete	Unit or sub unit	Workers including supervision		Remarks
							Sprs.	Others.	
1	Constn. Minor Camp site E11 scale B.	27 Mar	5%	95%	30 Apr.	56 Inf Bn 44 Inf Bn	2 -	3 2	
2	Conversion major to minor camp site B6.	2 Apr	15%	40%	6 May.	61 Inf Bn	-	33	
3	Constn. camp site Mareeba.	23 Apr	20%	20%	24 May.	5 Aust Fd Coy	175	--	
4	Detached						4		
5	Leave						6		
6	A.W.L.						3		
7	Administration						20		
8	Drivers and Storemen etc.						20		

W. Duffy Capt for Major,

O.C. 5 Aust. Fd. Coy.

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WORKS PROGRESS REPORT. Prom Forma 1

23 Aust Fd Coy RAE Report to 2359 hrs 20 APR 44.

Serial No	Work & Location	Date Comm	Estimated date of completion	Workers incl supervision Unit or Sub Unit	Workers incl supervision Sprs	Others	Remarks
1	GOC 3 Div Office	20/4/44	21/4/44	2 Pl 23 Aust Fd Coy	2	Nil	
2	HQ 1,2,3 Pls	Training					2 Pl to be engaged on works as from 21/4/44

R.E. McLean Capt

.....Maj.

(R.E.E.TODD) O.C.

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HQ RAE 3 AUST DIV	RE646.	21	

Ref	WWPR	week	ending	20 A	A pr
44	(.)	Herewith	reports	from	5
and	24	AUST	FD	COYS	(.)
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AUST	FD	COY			
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5 Aust. Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

PRO FORMA 1.

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

Strength 7 Offs. 221 O/R's.

Report to 2359 hrs. on 20 April 44.

Serial No	Work and Location.	Date comm.	% complete within period.	Progress Total %.	Estimtd. date complete	Unit or sub unit	Workers including supervision		Remarks
							Sprs.	Others.	
1	Constn. Minor camp site D7. Scale B.	18 Mar	5%	100%	15 Apr.	5 Fd. Coy.	30	Nil	
2	Constn. Ammn. shelter & W/shop annexe site D7.	15 Apr	100%	100%	20 Apr.	do.	20	Nil	
3	Constn. Minor Camp site E11 scale B.	27 Mar	10%	90%	26 Apr.	56 Inf. Bn.	10	13	Pioneer personnel to complete task.
4	Conversion Major to minor camp site B6.	2 Apr	10%	25%	6 May.	61 Inf. Bn.	2	33	
5	Constn. - Mess furniture - Mens' mess.	9 Apr.	5%	100%	15 Apr.	5 Fd. Coy.	10	Nil	
6	Constn. bridge and erection guide posts Cullamungie Pocket Rd	15 Apr	100%	100%	19 Apr.	do.	12	Nil	
7	Reconditioning Meat House DID Kairi.	13 Apr	90%	95%	22 Apr.	do.	3	Nil	2/11 Fd. Coy. personnel to complete.
8	Maintenance roads - Kairi area.	15 Mar.	Continuous.				2	Nil	
9	Road drag 5 Bde.	18 Apr	50%	50%	24 Apr.	do.	2	Nil	
10	Training.	9 Apr.	1 Pl. continuous.				66	Nil	
11	Leave.						8		
12	Detached.						7		
13	Administration.						20		
14	Drivers and Storeman etc.						20		

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UNIT 24 Aust Fd Coy R.A.E. WORKS PROGRESS REPORT PRO FORMA 1

Report to 2359 hrs.....2359.hrs.20.April 44

Serial No	Work & Location	Date Comm	% Comp within period	Progress Total%	Estim date compl	Unit or Sub Unit	Workers including supervision		Remarks
							Aprs	others	
1	Soldier's Club Canteen	20 FEB	10	100	Completed		43	120	
2	H.Q.R.A.E. etc	21 Mar	13	93	30 Apr		2	13	
3	3 Div hut erection	30 Mar	15	75	26 Apr		4	17	
4	3 Div Road construction	10 Apr	60	70	26 Apr		2	17	
5	Road Construction -Curri Curri Pocket Road	30 Mar	5	100	Completed		1		Mainenance only
6	Road Mtce-2/7 Fd Regt Area	10 Apr		CONTINUOUS			1		
7	Meat Box DID	4 Mar	60	100	Completed		3		
8	Pipe Vents for Meathouses	7 Mar	10	100	Completed		1		
9	Operating Div.Eng.Stores DUMP	12 Apr		CONTINUOUS			36	26	
10	Camp Site A2 1/ A2	10 Apr	25	40	27 Apr				
	2/ E1	"	10	10	13 May		35		
	3/ E2	"	10	10	13 May				
11	Administration						20		
12	Transport & Mise						24		
13	Detached & Leave						21		
14	Attached (from other units)						13		

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WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

UNIT: 24 AUST Fd COY R.A.E. (AIF) Report to 2359 hrs 13 April 44.

Serial No	Work and Location	Date Comm.	% Comp within period	Progress Total %	E.D.C.	Unit or Sub Unit	Workers including Supervision		REMARKS
							Sprs	Others	
1	Soldiers Club Canteen	21 Feb	5	90	18 April		36	100	
2	HQ RAE	21 Mar	10	90	19 April		3	11	
3	3 Div HQ Hut Erection	30 Mar	10	60	26 April		6	10	
4	3 Div Road Construction	10 April	10	10	22 April		2	11	
5	Road Construction Curri Curri Pocket Rd.	30 March	15	95	20 April		2		Maintenance only
6	Main Road Mtce past 2/7 Fd Regt Area	10 April	Continuous				1	20	Supervision
7	Meat Box DID	4 March	30	40	15 April		2		
8	Pipe Vents for Meat Houses	3 March	10	90	14 April		1		
9	Operating Div Eng Stores Dump	12 April	Continuous				10	36	
10	Site A2 (a) A2	10 April	15	15	27 April		11		Depends on availability of stores. (b) E1 & (c) E2 Setting out only
	(b) E1				13 May				
11	Administration (c) E2						20		
12	Transport & Misc						24		
13	Detached & Leave						23		
14	Shifting Camp						72		

.....Capt
O.C. 24 Aust Fd Coy R.A.E.(AIF)

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WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

5 Aust. Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

Report to 2359 hrs. on 13 Apr. 44.

Serial No.	Work and Location.	Date Comm	% complete within period.	Progress Total %.	Estimtd. date complete	Unit or sub unit.	Workers including supervision.		Remarks.
							Sprs.	Others.	
1	Constn. minor camp site D7, Scale B drainage.	18 Mar.	15%	95%	15 Apr.	5 Fd. Coy.	30	Nil.	
2.	Constn. minor camp site E11, Scale B	22 Mar.	30%	80%	18 Apr.	44 Bn.	10	20	
3.	Constn. bridge Cullamungie Pocket Access road.	27 Mar.	5%	100%	12 Apr.	5 Fd. Coy.	12	Nil.	
4.	Transferring Cool Room from site E4 to D4.	6 Apr.	20%	100%	8 Apr.	do.	5	Nil.	
5.	Conversion Major to minor camp site B6, B7, D5.	2 Apr.	5%	15%	22 Apr.	Pioneer Pl. & 7 Inf. Bde.	1 Off. 2 O/R's.	30	Work held up pending transfer of engineer dump from B6.
6.	Concreting Kitchen floor 5 Inf. Bde.	10 Apr.	100%	100%	13 Apr.	5 Fd. Coy.	2	4	
7.	Reconditioning meat house DID, KAIRI area.	13 Apr.	5%	5%	18 Apr.	do.	3	Nil.	
8.	Constn. Mess furniture - mens' mess.	9 Apr.	95%	95%	15 Apr.	do.	20	Nil.	Party employed cutting bush timber etc.

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5 Aust. Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

Report to 2359 hrs. on 13 Apr. 44.

Serial No.	Work and Location.	Date Comm.	% complete within period.	Progress Total %.	Estimtd. date complete.	Unit or sub unit.	Workers including supervision. Sprs.	Others.	Remarks.
9.	Maintenance roads, Kairi camp areas.	15 Apr.	Continuous.			5 Fd. Coy.	2	Nil.	Tractor Grader.
10.	Constn. Road Drage 5 Inf. Bde.	8 Apr.	100%	100%	12 Apr.	do.	3	Nil.	
11.	Training.	9 Apr.	1 Pl. continuous.				66	Nil.	All Dvr. Operators employed in inter. comm.
12.	Leave.						12		
13.	Administration.						20		

.....Major,

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Report to 2359 hrs 6 April '44.

Serial No	Work and Location	Date Comm	% Comp within period	Progress Total %	Estim date compl	Unit or Sub Unit	Workers including supervision		REMARKS
							Sprs	others	
1	Soldiers Club Canteen	21 Feb	10	85	18 April		38	60	Delay in supply of Plywood
2	HQ RAE	21 Mar	10	80	13 April		6		
3	3 Div HQ Hut Erection	30 Mar	60	60	12 April		6		
4	Road Construction Curri Curri Pocket Rd	30 Mar	60	80	13 April		16	20	EDC 18 date(weather permitting) that Rd can be handed over for all traffic At present being used for light traffic.
5	Meat Box D.I.D.	4 Mar	10	10	15 April		2		
6	Pipe Vents for Meat Houses	3 Mar	80	80	11 April		1		12 being made for 7 Aust Inf Bde (Authority DAQMG)
7.	Main Road M't'ce	Continuous					1	35	
8	Training	No 3 Pln	Continuous				50		
9	Transport and Misc						24		
10	Detached						7		
11	Administration						20		

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24 Aust Fd Coy R.A.E. (AIF)

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WORKS PROGRESS REPORTS

5 Aust Fd Coy R A E

Report to 2359hrs 6 Apr 44.

Serial No	Work and Location	Date Comm	% complete within period	Progress Total %	Estim. date complete	Unit or Sub unit	Workers includ. supervision. Sprs	Workers includ. supervision. others	Remarks.
1.	Cons tn. minor Camp Site D 7. Scale B.	18 Mar	30%	80% ✓	14 Apr	5 Aust Fd Coy	60	nil	
2.	Constn. minor Camp Site E 11. Scale B 800 yds fencing.	22 Mar	20%	50% ✓	18 Apr	44 Bn	4	30	Fence completed.
3.	Constn. Bridge CULLAMUNGIE POCKET ACCESS ROAD	27 Mar	60%	95%	8 Apr	5 Aust Fd Coy	16	nil	
4.	Recovery 3 Mortar Bombs TUNGSTEN GULLY	4 Apr	100%	100%	4 Apr	do.	4	1	Others- 61 Bn.
5.	Shifting Cool Room Site E 4 to D 4	6 Apr	80%	80%	8 Apr	do.	5	nil	
6.	Conversion major to minor camp sites B 6, B 7, D 5.	2 Apr	10%	10% ✓	22 Apr	do.	1 1 Offr.	1	
7.	Maintenance roads 7 Bde area.	28 Mar	60%	90%	16 Apr	7 Bde	4	90	Dependent on availability of Grader
8.	Maintenanceroads 5 Bde area	15 Mar	CONTINUOUS			5 Aust Fd Coy	2		Tractor & Grader.

Leave - 20 Personnel
Admn - 20 do
Trg - nil

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

23 Aust Fd Coy RAE
AUSTRALIA
7 APR 44.

HQ RAE
3 Aust Div.

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT - WEEK ENDING 6 Apr 44.

1. Ref your ARE 239.

2. No copy of 1 Aust Corps Engineer Technical Instruction No 2 is held by this unit and it would be appreciated if a copy could be supplied.

3. Details of unit employment for week ending 6 Apr 44 are set out below:-

HQ., 1 & 2 Pls - Training.
3 Pl - Establishment of Stores Dump in accordance with instructions received from 3 Aust Div.
Area - Completely laid out - Site E4
Buildings - 50% complete - Estimated date of completion - 11 Apr 44.
Stocks - Stocks now held represent approx 5% of stocks laid down by 3 Aust Div - estimated date of dump being fully stocked - 21 Apr 44.
Operation - It is estimated that dump will be sufficiently well stocked and organised to permit issues to commence on 13 Apr 44.

R. E. Todd
.....Maj.
(R.E.E.TODD) O.C.

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WORKS PROGRESS REPORT.

23 Aust Fd Coy RAE Report to 2359 hrs 6 Apr 44.

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1.	Establishment of Stores Dump 3 Div Area	2 Apr	Building 50% Stocks 5%	50% 5 %	11 Apr 21 Apr	3 Pl 23 Aust Fd Coy	55	20	Site laid out Buildings 50% complete. Stocks held 5% of that authorised by 3 Div. Operation could commence 13 Apr.
2.	HQ 1 Pl 2 Pl	TRAINING.							

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FROM 3 AUST DIV

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APPENDIX A

REPORT ON OPERATIONS SIO-SAIDOR

TECHNICAL DATA

1. AIRSTRIPS

For use of Piper Cub plane for quick comm., engr recce, liaison.

Size. 300 Yds x 10 yds initially, increased to
400 " x 17 " to give better factor of safety.

In emergency, 200 yds sufficient with good engine.

Time to construct. 400 yds x 17 yds - 25 dozer hrs, or approx 300 sq yds per dozer hr.

Conditions: Kunai grass on level ground. Autopatrol gives better finish, but is NOT essential, if hydraulic dozer and efficient operator available.

2. ROADS

Duration usually for two weeks.

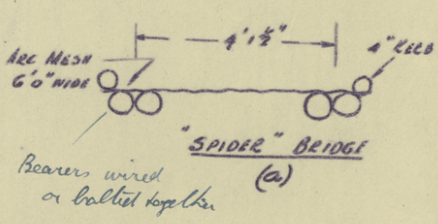
Jeep tracks only - cleared by tractor and/or D.6 dozer - no surfacing or forming required - 10/20 jeeps per day maximum tpt.

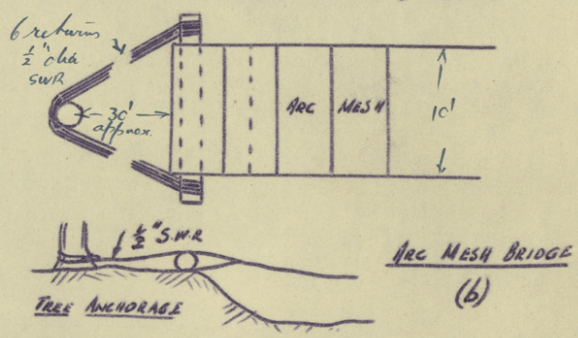
3. BRIDGES

Enemy. Rough footbridges were left over most streams making initial crossings easy. Many washed out by floods, 8/9 Feb 1944.

Own. Except for two F.B.E. trestle bridges (over SIO- 80 ft, and YIMBUNQI R. - 60 ft), NO standard eqpt used.

All other bridges minimum Class 3, "spider" type bush timber or steel mesh bridges. Some 30 bridges in all, spans 15'-45'.





Note. To save time, trees were used as anchorages - sketch (b).

Minor stream crossings with soft bottom, were made jeepable with steel mesh and bush timber cross bearers. Quick and simple and tied upstream to trees made safe against minor floods.

4. ENEMY OBSTACLES

Nil encountered.

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5. STORES AND EQPT

In addition to unit eqpt, stores used were very few, main items being:-

Cordage	4 coils
SWR 1/2"	3 "
Plain wire 12g.	6 "
Spikes 8", 12"	2 cwt
Axes	50
Arc mesh	100 sheets

At no time was there a shortage or hold up for stores.

Unit eqpt - approx 2 tons for pl was more than required.

6. TRANSPORT

Adequate:-

Forward - 1 - 3 ton 4 x 4 tipper) Returned half way
1 - 3 ton GMC winch) through ops

3 - jeeps) A minimum
5 - trailers)
2 - compressors --- 1 only used

Rear - 3 - jeeps) All required but NOT
1 - compressor) continuously on road
7 - 3 ton 4 x 4 tippers) mtce, etc.
1 - GMC 3 ton ")

7. MECH EQPT

Forward - 4 - D.6 dozers All used
2 - Autopatrols 1 returned early
3 - tractors (small) Used extensively

Rear - 1 - D.6 dozer) Minimum
1 - TD 14 tractor)

Note: Fd Coy used 2 - D.2 tractors, without which rate of bridging would have been too slow to be of use.

Dozers used frequently to recover beached landing craft.

8. SHIPPING

Mvt of stores and personnel was by LCM'S, LCV's, and one LCT. In actual ops with average seas, LCM's will carry only 18/20 tons dead weight.

Normally two craft always operate together.

A table showing INSIDE Dimensions of small ships and dead weight and shipping tons of main engr stores and eqpt, is needed for guidance of RAE offrs.

9. WIRELESS COMNS.

No. 11 sets used between Coy and CRE's HQ. Satisfactory with efficient operators. Too bulky for Pls in ops, with limited tpt.

No. 108 sets MK III being used between Pls - reports NOT yet to hand.

E T Clebahnt Lt-Col
CRE 3 Aust DIV

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Subject: REPORT ON OPERATIONS SIO-SAIDOR

HQ RAE 3 Aust Div
20 Feb 44
Ref No: GC 2/20

To: CE 2 Aust Corps

From: CRE 3 Aust Div

1. Operations Report to 5 Aust Div, GC 1/20, attached.

2. GENERAL COMMENTS

Period of ops, approx 4 weeks.

E gr role, relatively a minor one, mainly limited to improving beach-heads and road comm. within few miles of beachhead, provision of airstrips for Piper Cub planes at each successive anchorage.

Two pls forward, one at KELANGA in charge of stores.

Requirements in engr personnel, stores and eqpt were small and could NOT be used as basis for future ops, unless of exactly similar nature.

The opn could be considered as a valuable exercise in trg for a fd coy, and some useful lessons - mostly old lessons - were learnt.

3. LESSONS LEARNT

(a) Planning from study of terrain handbooks, aerial photographs and aerial recce, proved accurate in estimating engr work and stores requirements before ops.

(b) Engr recce by det of RAE with forward inf units provided valuable data earliest possible to confirm or supplement (a).

(c) Training of 8 Aust Fd Coy was most incomplete in some respects which could and should have been remedied before embarkation. Most outstanding weaknesses were:-

(i) Discipline - particularly as applied to unit hygiene and anti-malarial precautions. Relatively high fever casualties resulted. Too late when discipline was instilled. REMEDY: Much stricter discipline before embarking. Heavier penalties by OC.

(ii) Lack of speed in organisation and execution of tasks due largely to poor planning. REMEDY: Trg exercises similar to ops with SPEED the keynote.

(iii) Operation of wireless sets. Of very little use in first week owing to lack of field experience of operators. REMEDY: Continued practice in the field with expert supervision. All offrs should know uses and limitation. Suggest SME (Fd) incl. lectures & demonstrations.

(iv) Message writing, reports, appreciations. More practice in training essential.

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(v) Understudying. NCO's NOT trained for responsibilities of next senior position. Resultant lack of organisation when pls unavoidably split up owing to shipping limitations. REMEDY: IN trg, all ranks should have a period of duty with responsibilities of next senior.

(vi) Care of tools, eqpt, explosives. Poor. Result of lack of discipline.

(d) Mech eqpt. Allotment of two tractors to Fd Coy is essential and a minimum. Should be available during trg periods.

4. TECHNICAL DATA

Appendix A attached.

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