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12 FIELD COMPANY

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WAR DIARY

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS
	Mar 1	Levelling air strip - eqpt on job now 2/D6 dozers, 1/tractor Drawn grader. Track maintenance between GROGBULO CK - LUEWI R. Road jeepable POWELL R. 1 Pl 4 Fd Coy and OC Major Nelson arrive in this area. Settle in during rain.
NANTAMBU		Work on Cub strip, work in progress.
KALAI	2	CRE arrives, inspects road works forward with Maj Davey & Maj Nelson. 6 Pl moves by 9 LCM's to JACQUINOT BAY preparatory for move to NTH COAST N.BRITAIN. Beechcraft airstrip handed over to 4 Fd Coy. Clearing 100% complete levelling 30% comp. Barge point KAMANDRAN and widening road, laying arc mesh, gravelling road to barge point 100% complete. Rebuilding barge point to be filled out to approx 30' to shelf wide enough for two barges. Now handed over to 4 Fd Coy. Logging commenced for bridge MEVELO R. (330'0"long) Lt Keating and Lt Bawden returned from recce patrol for track to Nth Coast. Made progress ½ way across. considered not suitable to construct MT track.
NANTAMBU		Road repairs - carting metal in jeeps.
KALAI	3	1 Sec 5 Pl and 1 Sec 19 Bn pioneers complete 1/46'0" span jeep bridge between MEVELO R. and HENRY REID R. Maj Nelson OC 4 Fd Coy takes over operational command this area from Maj Davey OC 12 Fd Coy. Works now in stage of being handed over to 4 Fd Coy. 1600 hrs all works handed over except road maintenance.
NANTAMBU		Construction of 60' punt jetty from 44 gal drums. Drag previously constructed used to drag cub strip.
KALAI	4	Rain all day. Party from HQ & 5 Pl commence maintenance of road KALAI PLN to MEVELO R. Urgent repairs to road damaged by heavy traffic and weather.
NANTAMBU		25 points of rain during night - camp maintenance.
KALAI	5	2/14 Arty fire at short intervals throughout whole night & early morning. No works in progress - last job handed over to 4 Fd Coy. HQ & 5 Pl preparation for movement to JACQUINOT BAY.
NANTAMBU		Cpl Waddle and 3 Sprs left NANTAMBU per barge 09 0 hrs and returned 1630 hrs to install punt jetty at Adv Bn HQ PULA PULA. Lt Marsh left for Hoskins at 0600 hrs to make arrangements for transport Mech Eqpt to NANXTAMBU.
KALAI	6	Preparation and loading of vehs for on movement of HQ & 5 Pl to JACQUINOT BAY. 1800 hrs loaded HQ & 5 Pl on 4 ALC 40's departed KALAI at 1830 hrs.
NANTAMBU		4 chain of road under repair NANTAMBU Map Ref A9558 completed.
WUNUNG	7	HQ & 5 Pl arrive at BONDI barge pt set up camp 6 Pl clearing camp area.
NANTAMBU		Further 6 Ch of road NANTAMBU commenced. D4 tractor & drawn grader arrived per barge from Hoskins for grading NANTAMBU cub strip. 1600 hrs Lt Marsh returned from HOSKINS with Maj Suttie 1 Forestry Survey. 2nd refrigerator arrived from Hoskins.
WUNUNG	8	Maj Davey takes over HQ RAE 5 Div JACQUINOT BAY area during CRE's loaction at KALAI PN.
NANTAMBU		Work commenced on grading cub strip NANTAMBU. Grid arm of grader broke. Sig to W/S Hoskin to forward electric welder. Clearing of 200' approach to cub strip 25% comp. Maybe used for later extension to strip. Maj Suttie made recce of timber NANTAMBU area with view to est saw mill.

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WUNUNG	Mar 9	Coy HQ 5 & 6 Pl is at present staging in WUNUNG area prior to move to UBILI Nth Coast, where we will come under command 36 Bn Gp. Barge Pt at Bondi 022827 to take ALC 120's to be built up 3'0" for gravel ramp.
NANTAMBU		Lt Marsh, Maj Suttie & RAAF Sgt made an inspection of SULE airstrip 40% cleared. Later party inspected the damaged mission sawmill and buildings at ULAMONA. Welding set arrived from Hoskins.
WUNUNG	10	A platoon of 2/3 Rly Const Coy RAE is to move with unit to UBILI and to come under comd. Works - barge point for ALC 120's and ANGAU road.
NANTAMBU		Maj Suttie departed for LAE leaving two natives to clears area in anticipation of forestry Svy ~~moving~~ moving into this area. Grader in action on cub strip again.
WUNUNG	11	Unit to receive 10 new and reconditioned 4x4 tip trucks and 10 new jeeps plus 3 new winch trucks. WET deficiencies to be partially made up from 18 AOD. Saw mill to take to UBILI under construction 4 new tippers arrive.
NANTAMBU		Sappers cleared roots on cub strip but made little progress owing to rain.
WUNUNG	12	2 reconditioned tip trucks arrive ex 107 Ord Veh Pk. ALC 120 barge point - supervision Angau Rd operation gravel pit. 6 Pl loads stores & eqpt on to barges. - embarked on 10 LCM's for UBILI Nth Coast via CAPE GLOUCESTER.
NANTAMBU		~~Heavy~~ Work carried out on cub strip and roads. Wet ground hampered work.
WUNUNG	13	6 Pl left by 10 LCM's for UBILI. Works as day previous. 3 new winch vehs arrived. 4 ALC 120's and 30 LCM's required to move HQ & 5 Pl plus 2/3 Rly Constr Coy incl 6 offrs & 170 ORs.
NANTAMBU		Very heavy rain since last night 375 pts up till 0900K, impossible to carry out works.
JACQUINOT BAY		Convoy left JACQUINOT BAY at 0300 hrs for GASMATA arrived 1530 hrs.
WUNUNG	14	Works - ALC 120 Barge point - Angau Rd supervision, operation gravel pit WUNUNG, gravelling unit roads 4 Bde area. Received 4 new tip trucks from 2/3 Rly Constr Coy.
NANTAMBU		Heavy rain 310 pts. Barges departed for Hoskins with D4 tractor and drawn grader but returned owing to heavy seas.
JACQUINOT BAY		Left Gasmata 0600 hrs arrived Arawe 1530 very rough weather.
WUNUNG	15	ALC 120 Barge point completed. Re-erection and access road of Wunung Water Point. Angau Rd super'n 105 CCS - timbering and sinking well 6'x6'x9' - installation Jupiter Pump and 160'0" of pipe line.
NANTAMBU		Further heavy rain 254 pts - work on cub strip and roads impossible owing to boggy ground.
JACQUINOT BAY		Left Arawe 0600 rough weather forced convoy to shelter in ITNI River at 1400 hrs.
WUNUNG	16	Works as day previous. Gravelling 4 Bde HQ access road.
NANTAMBU		395 pts of rain. Barges left for Hoskins - sea slightly calmer.
JACQUINOT BAY		Left ITNI R. at 0530 very rough. arrived Cape Gloucester 1300 hrs. TX10972 Cpl Gill A.E. admitted to American field hospital.
WUNUNG	17	5 new jeeps received from 107 Veh Pk. Works as day previous. 23 leave personnel arrive Jacquinot Bay ex KATOOMBA.
NANTAMBU		Light to heavy rain during the day. No works of importance carried out.
JACQUINOT BAY		Left Cape Gloucester 0600, arrived Garowe Island 1830, surprised 3 navy personnel from Swan.

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NANTAMBU	Mar 18	17 pts of rain 0800 hrs work recommenced on road NANTAMBU area.
JACQUINOT BAY		Remained at Garowe Island because of rough seas.
WUNUNG	19	5 new jeeps received total 10 - old jeeps returned 107 Ord Veh Pk. Works - completion 105 CCS well and Jupiter Pump installation. Angau road supervision - gravelling 4 Bde unit access roads.
NANTAMBU		Heavy rain all day 200 pts, only minor work carried out. Ground muddy.
JACQUINOT BAY		Left Garowe Is 0600 hrs for Hoskins arrived 1300. Two tippers left with Sgt Dunlop.
WUNUNG	20	Works as day previous. Trial loading of ALC 120 for Ubili trip -.3 tip trucks, 2 winch trucks, 1 - 400 gal water truck, 2 jeeps & trailers, will also accommodate 52 personnel. Space provided for loading 60'x20' excl fuel storage.
JACQUINOT BAY		Left Hoskins for Sule 0600 arrived 1400 hrs, set up camp Ref map Cape Deschamp 1" to 1 mile 860532.
NANTAMBU		Lt Marsh left for Sule at 0700 hrs to inspect clearing of transport strip 55% completed.
SULE		No 6 Pl arrived at 1530 hrs per barge from JACQUINOT BAY.
WUNUNG	21	Angau road supervision - Gravel pit operation, gravelling of Wunung water point, supply of gravel to 4 Bde units. HQ move to UBILI postponed indefinitely - diversion of barges to another area.
NANTAMBU		Clearing timber for new road NANTAMBU M.R. A9558.
SULE		Settled in new area, fresh water very scarce.
WUNUNG	22	Unit received "LISTER" lighting set. Move to Ubili suspended indefinitely. HQ & 5 Pl resume work in Wunung area.
NANTAMBU		Draining swamp in anticipation of road construction. CO 36 Bn & Lt Marsh visit Sule and inspect clearing on UBILI strip 60% completed. Lt Crawford OC 6 Pl arrived at NANTAMBU to confer with Bn on admin matters. D4 dozer and 2 tippers arrive from Sule.
SULE		Clea red road 15 miles to water point.
WUNUNG	23	Works - Angau road supervision - hard standing at WUNUNG water point 100% complete. From period 10 Mar to 23 Mar 1000 tons of gravel has been carted from Wunung gravel pit.
NANTAMBU		Lt Crawford returned to Sule. D4 dozer used to clear ground for road under c nstruction NANTAMBU
SULE		Overhauling Pl W E tools and MT rendered US on voyage.
WUNUNG	24	Monsoon weather now striking JACQUINOT BAY area and South coast N.Britain - heavy showers today. 105 CCS extensions of 3" diam pipe line and shifting Jupiter pump completed.
NANTAMBU		Lt Crawford departed Sule 0800 hrs per native canoe arrived1100 hrs after conferring Lt Marsh. Left for Sule 1430 hrs.
SULE		Settling into new camp.
NANTAMBU	25	Lt Marsh visited PULA PULA (OPEN BAY) 163543 to confer with CO 36 Bn on engineer works NANTAMBU-SULE area.

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WUNUNG	Mar 26	Commenced construction 4 drying huts (E in C Tropical huts 60'x18') for 4 Bde Units. Gravelling circuit road & drainage No 6 W P Div area.
NANTAMBU		Lt Marsh returned from PULA PULA 1600 hrs. Dozer & 2 tippers working on new road.
SULE		No 12 Section constr Jeep Bridge map ref 849527. Br single span and girder span decked. No 9,10,11 .Draining road to air strip. Shortage of washing water acute. Commenced digging well.
WUNUNG	27	Drying hut construction - 4 huts. Improvements road Swan beach.
NANTAMBU		Lt Marsh departed for Sule. 1 NCO 6 sappers left for ULAMONA to collect material for saw bench.
SULE		Commenced ~~xx~~ survey for new strip and salvaging eng materials from JAP camp 831515.
WUNUNG	28	1 drying hut completed - 3 under const 4 Bde units. Improvements to Swan beach - WUNUNG Road. 2 tippers and 1 jeep arrived ex NANTAMBU for return to Ord Veh Pk.
NANTAMBU		Lt Marsh returned from Sule making recce of proposed road between Sule to Nantambu.
SULE		As for 27th.
WUNUNG ,	29	Works as day previous.
NANTAMBU		Sgt Dwyer left on a recce for proposed road from NANTAMBU Map Ref 9559 to Sule M.R.965553 around the back of Sun mountains. S.S. MANARA arrived from LAE with general cargo.
SULE		As for 27th.
WUNUNG	30	Drying huts 4 Bde units completed.
NANTAMBU		Road work NANTAMBU area - carting stores per jeep from barge point to DID. Sgt Dwyer returned from recce which showed that road over route taken was impossible.
SULE		As for 29th, also commenced culvert 844524.
WUNUNG	31	Improvements to Swan Beach, Wunung River Road 100% complete. 3 drying huts commenced 60'x18' for 28 Bn, 37 Bn and 105 CCS laundry.
NANTAMBU		Engr stores and DID rations carted by jeep. S.S.MANARA departed Nantambu.
SULE		As for 30th.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS
PART ONE

BY MAJOR W.A.DAVEY OFFICER COMMANDING
12 AUST FD COY RAE(AIF)
FORMATION:HQ RAE 5 Aust Div 1 Mar 45.

1. TRUST ACCOUNT.

Balance as at 31 Jan 45	£144 - 19 - 8
Expenditure during Jan Feb (Canteen purchases)	50 - 0 - 0
Receipts during Jan Feb (Canteen profits)	15 - 6 - 11
Balance as at 28 Feb	£110 - 6 - 7.

2. SICK PARADES

Sick parades will be held at the following times:-

0615-0655
1530-1730

At no other times will patients be treated except in the case of accidents and when ordered for treatment by RAP Cpl.

3. CANTEENS.

Canteen closes at 1830 hrs each evening.

4. DRESS.

It is observed that a considerable number of personnel of the unit are wearing shirts, that have had the sleeves removed, tails torn off and split down the front or one or a combination of these.

It is pointed out that this itself makes the soldier concerned liable to a charge of damaging government property. The practice of wearing shirts in this condition will cease forthwith. In future, disciplinary action will be taken, not only on the charge of damaging property, but also under A A Sec 40.

Shirts will be worn tucked inside the trousers, unless otherwise ordered to remove same.

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1. REPORT ON RECCE OF ENGLISH TRACK NUGINIKLUB TO 443468

2. Report by: Lt KEATING 12 Fd Coy
Lt Bawden 4 Fd Coy

3. Date: 3 Mar 45.

Ref Maps - MEVELO 1 in to 1 mile
CAPE TURNER 1 in to 1 mile

4. 561511 to 538502.

(a) Track follows YARA RIVER flats, crossing river at two points which are fordable. Track can be made jeepable(dry weather only) in 3 days.

(b) 538502 to 506497

Track very rough, crossing numerous deep gullies 15'-20' deep which would require bridging. With heavy earthworks and bridges, track could be made jeepable by 1 Fd Coy, 2 D6 dozers and 2 D4 tractors in 2-3 weeks.

(c) 506497 to 480448.

Track begins at foot of spur rising approx 200' at 1 in 1½ slope, then follows Razor back ridge with numerous long grades of approx 1 in 3 and 1 in 4. Then rising approx 300' up another spur at 1 in 1½ slope. Earth quantities would be too great and ridges too sharp to make ~~jeep~~ track jeepable.

(d) 480448 to 468442

Track follows ridge with reasonable grades. Could be made jeepable by 1 Fd Coy in 3 to 4 weeks.

(e) 468442 to 443468

Track is not cut and is only a foot pad. Follows ridge to 449453 and then descends very steep spur to bottom of gully following rocky creek bed. Track along ridge could be made jeepable. Remainder cannot.

5. General Remarks

(a) Timber: good semi hardwood practicable for milling from NUGINIKLUB to YARA RIVER. Remainder of track follows through very heavy rain forest - poor type of timber.

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6. Time, Labour & Equipment.

Section	Distance(Approx)	Labour	Eqpt	Time	Remarks.
561511to538502	2 miles	1 Pl Fd Coy	D6 dozer	3 days	Dry weather track only.
538502to506497	2½ miles	1 Fd Coy	2-D6 dozers 2-D4 tractors	2-3 weeks	Includes bridging
506497to480448	4 miles				Jeepable track, not practicable
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J B Bawden .....Lt.

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Appendix A

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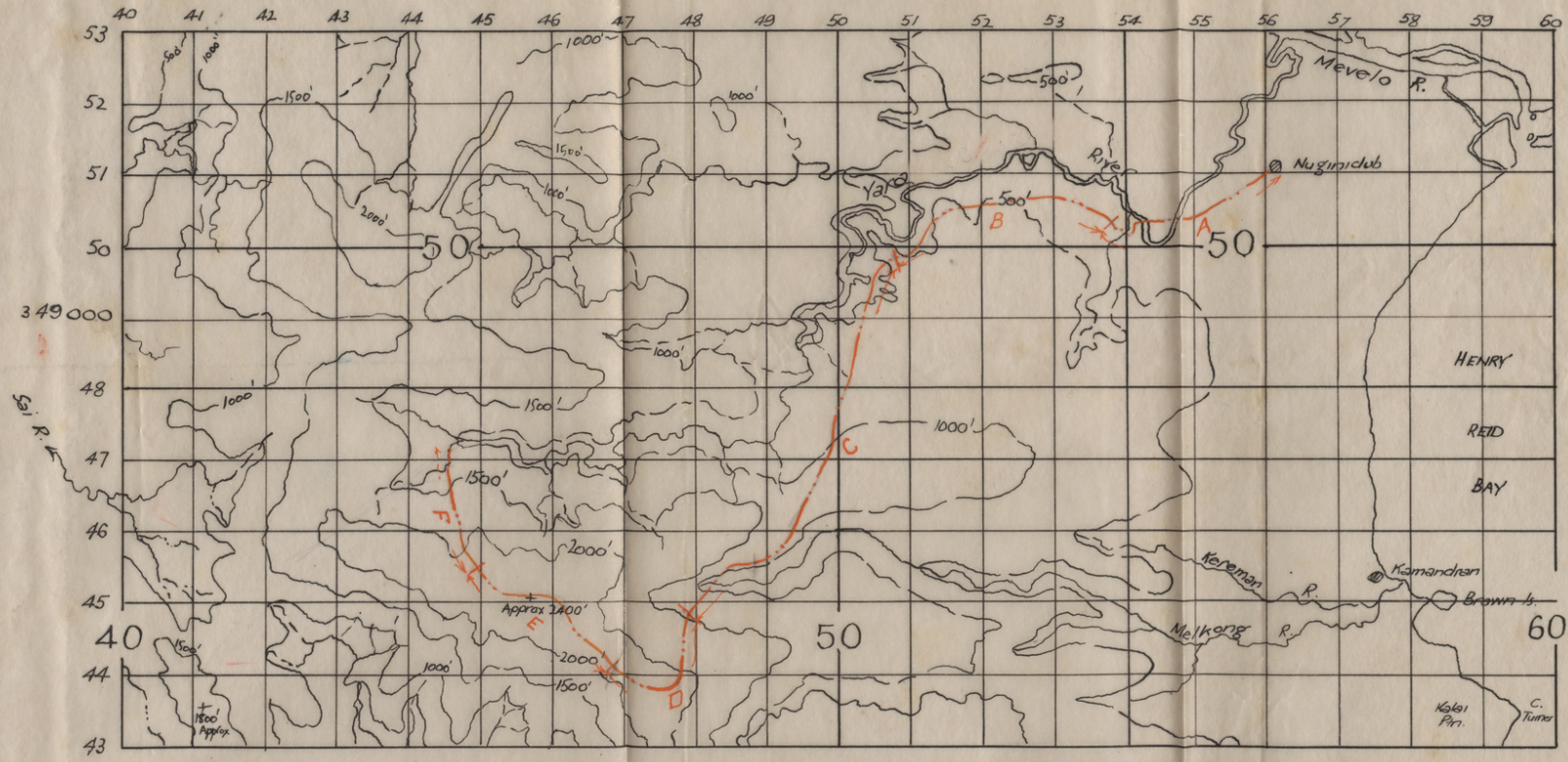
Ref. Maps Mevelo & Cape Turner



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"	C	Very rough country, excessive grades, jeep track impracticable
"	D, E	Reasonable country, heavy rain forests, can be made jeepable
"	F	Deep gorge, not jeepable

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ENGINEER INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 3/45

12 AUST FD COY RAE(AIF)

16 Feb - 15 Mar 45.

1. Ref Maps:-

No 0559	WIDE BAY	1/63360	Series
No 5090	CAPE TURNER	"	
	MEVELO	"	
No 0595	CAPE DESCHAMPS	"	
MEE	MEOIOI (B56/5)	"	
	DRINA	"	

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Ref Maps: DRINA 1/63360

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

Submitted by: 12 Aust Fd Coy RAE
PERIOD ENDING: 16 Mar 45.
File No: 61/45

Ser No	LOCATION	DETAIL OF WORK	LABOUR (AV DAYS) RE	Nat	Oth	EQUIPMENT On job	Reqd	PROGRESS COMPLETE period	To date	COMPLETION Comm	EDC	act date	REMARKS
1	022827	BONDI BARGE POINT For ALC 120's	12	-	-	6 tippers 2 dozers		95%	100%	9Mar	15Mar	15Mar	Quarrying of coral. Working Chinaman & gravel pit
2	WUNUNG 026851	Dressing shed for AANS	4	-	-			73%	98%	8 "	14 "		Waiting for shower fitting to comp to replace existing well requires deepening to 10' 0"
3	WUNUNG	105CCS Sinking & timbering well	6	-	-			80%	80%	12 "	17 "		
4	WUNUNG	WATER POINT-WUNUNG RIVER Dismantling & Re-erection water point	5	-	-			80%	80%	13 "	17 "		To cut down loss in existing pipe length
5	016858- 007864	ANGAU ROAD (a) ~~Comp~~ Engr supervision	2	20				45%	50%	9 "	24 "		Drainage, corduroy. regravelling soft spots. Jeepable track only. Size of bridgexs as last works report. (1-20'0") (1-15'0")
		(b) 5 jeep bridges			(24			10%	100%	?	10 "	14Mar	
		(c) 2 jeep bridges			(			80%	80%	15 "	17 "		
6	WUNUNG	MINOR WORKS (a) Operation of water pt.	2	-	-			c o n t i nuo u s					
		(b) 6 Pl preparation for move	45	-	-			100%	100%	11 "	12 "	12 "	JACQUINOT BAY to UBILI

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Ser No	LOCATION	DETAIL OF WORK	LABOUR (AV DAYS) RE	Nat	Oth	EQUIPMENT On job	Reqd	PROGRESS COMPLETE period	to date	COMPLETION comp	EDC	Act Date.	REMARKS
6	WUNUNG	MINOR WORKS(cont)											
		(c) Transport-Maintce etc	14										Replacement of US tippers & jeep overhaul - returned vehicles
		(d) Maintenance Unit Eqpt	10										Stores Part Re-Equipd.
		(e) ADM(A&Q,Hygiene etc)	16										
		(f) Attached	8										
		(g) Time lost through sickness	4										

Distribution: HQ RAE 5 Div - 1
File - 1
War Diary - 2

Total strength - 4 offrs 85 ORs
Working parties (Av) 20 natives
" " " 24 Inf.

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OC 12 Aust Fd Coy R.AE.(AIF)..

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Ref Maps: DRINA 1/63360

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

Submitted by: 12 Aust Fd Coy RAE
PERIOD ENDING: 16 Mar 45.
File No: 61/45

Ser No	LOCATION	DETAIL OF WORK	LABOUR (AV DAYS)			EQUIPMENT		PROGRESS COMPLETE		COMPLETION			REMARKS
			AN	Nat	Oth	On job	Reqd period	To date	Comp	EDC	act date		
1	022827	BONDI BARGE POINT For ALC 120's	12	-	-	6 tippers 2 dozers		95%	100%	9Mar	15Mar	15Mar	Quarrying of coral. Working Chinaman & gravel pit
2	WUNUNG 026851	Dressing shed for AANS	4	-	-			73%	98%	8 "	14 "		Waiting for shower fitting to comp.
3	WUNUNG	105CCS Sinking & timbering well	6	-	-			80%	80%	12 "	17 "		to replace existing well requires deepening to 10' 0"
4	WUNUNG	WATER POINT-WUNUNG RIVER Dismantling & Re-erection water point	5	-	-			80%	80%	13 "	17 "		To cut down loss in existing pipe length
5	016858- 007864	ANCAU ROAD (a) ~~Exp~~Engr supervision	2	20				45%	50%	9 "	24 "		Drainage, corduroy. regravelling soft spots. Jeepable track only.
		(b) 5 jeep bridges			(24			10%	100%	?	10 "	14Mar	Size of bridges as last works report. (1-20'0") (1-15'0")
		(c) 2 jeep bridges			(			80%	80%	15 "	17 "		
6	WUNUNG	MINOR WORKS (a) Operation of water pt. (b) 6 Pl preparation for move	2 45	- -	- -			continuous 100%	continuous 100%	11 "	12 "	12 "	JACQUINOT BAY to UBILI

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Ser No	LOCATION	DETAIL OF WORK	LABOUR (AV DAYS) RE	Nat	Oth	EQUIPMENT On Job	Reqd	PROGRESS COMPLETE period	to date	COMPLETION comm	MDU	Act Date.	REMARKS
6	WUNUNG	MINOR WORKS(cont)											
		(c) Transport-Maintce etc	14										Replacement of US tippers & jeep overhaul - returned vehicles
		(d) Maintenance Unit Eqpt	10										Stores Part Re-Equipd.
		(e) ADM(A&Q,Hygiene etc)	16										
		(f) Attached	8										
		(g) Time lost through sickness	4										

Distribution: HQ RAE 5 Div - 1
File - 1
War Diary - 2 ✓

Total strength - 4 offrs 85 ORs
Working parties (Av) 20 natives
" " " 24 Inf.

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Ref Maps: DRIMA 1/63360

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

Submitted by: 12 Aust Fd Coy RAE
PERIOD ENDING: 16 Mar 45.
File No: 61/45

Ser No	LOCATION	DETAIL OF WORK	LABOUR (AV DAYS) NT	Nat	Oth	EQUIPMENT On Job	PROGRESS COMPLETE Need period	To date	COMPLETION Comm	ETC	act date	REMARKS
1	022827	BONDI BARGE POINT For ALC 120's	12	-	-	6 tippers 2 dozers	95%	100%	9Mar	15Mar	15Mar	Quarrying of coral. Working Chinaman & gravel pit
2	WUNUNG 026851	Dressing shed for AANS	4	-	-		73%	98%	8 "	14 "		Waiting for shower fitting to comp to replace existing well requires deepening to 10' 0"
3	WUNUNG	105CCS Sinking & timbering well	6	-	-		80%	80%	12 "	17 "		
4	WUNUNG	WATER POINT-WUNUNG RIVER Dismantling & Re-erection water point	6	-	-		80%	80%	13 "	17 "		To cut down loss in existing pipe length
5	016858-007864	ANCAU ROAD (a) ~~Engr~~ supervision	2	20			45%	50%	9 "	24 "		Drainage, corduroy. regravelling soft spots. Jeepable track only.
		(b) 5 jeep bridges			(24		10%	100%	?	10 "	14Mar	Size of bridgexs as last works report. (1-20'0")
		(c) 2 jeep bridges			(		80%	80%	15 "	17 "		(1-15'0")
6	WUNUNG	MINOR WORKS (a) Operation of water pt.	2	-	-		c o n t i nuo u s					
		(b) 6 Pl preparation for move	45	-	-		100%	100%	11 "	12 "	12 "	JACQUINOT BAY to UBILI

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Ser No	LOCATION	DETAIL OF WORK	LABOUR (AV DAYS) RE	Nat	Oth	EQUIPMENT On job	Reqd	PROGRESS COMPLETE period	to date	COMPLETION comm	EDC	Act Date.	REMARKS
6	WUNUNG	MINOR WORKS(cont)											
		(c) Transport-Maintce etc	14										Replacement of US tippers & j overhaul - returned vehicle
		(d) Maintenance Unit Eqpt	10										Stores Part Re-Equipd.
		(e) ADM(A&Q,Hygiene etc)	16										
		(f) Attached	8										
		(g) Time lost through sickness	4										

Distribution: HQ RAE 5 Div - 1
File - 1
War Diary - 2

Total strength - 4 offrs 85 ORs
Working parties (Av) 20 natives
" " " 24 Inf.

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Ref Maps: MEVELO
CAPE TURNER
WIDE BAY

War DIARY

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

SUBMITTED BY: 12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF)
PERIOD ENDING: 2 Mar 45.
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SER NO	LOCATION	DETAIL OF WORK	LABOUR DAILY AVER. RE	Nat	Oth	EQUIPMENT On job	Reqd	PROGRESS COMPLETE period	to date	COMPLETION Date comm	EDC	Act Date	REMARKS.
1	585421 591509	Road KALAI - LAMARIEN (a) Improvements and maintenance	3	-	-	1-D6 (6 hrs)		continuous					Extend road to MEVELO RIVER.
		(b) BRIDGES											
	576492	Widen existing bridge	15	-	-	winch truck		100%	100%	27Feb		28Feb	Widened from 6'0" to 9'6"
	573460- 573480	(c) Gravelling road - clearing drains	18	-	-	3 tippers 1-D4 dozer (3 hrs)		100%	100%	26 "	1Mar	1Mar	Track maintenance
	573488	(d) Lay arc mesh over ford	5	-	-			100%	100%	24Feb	24Feb	24Feb	" " "
	581498	Cover arc mesh with shingles	4	-	-			100%	100%	26 "	26 "	26 "	" " "
2	577495- 561511	Road RILE - NUGIMIKLUB Track maintenance	8	-	-			100%	100%	26 "	26 "	26 "	incl 50' corduroy Rd jeepable POWELL
	561511- 547502	Extend Road to POWELL RIVER	3	-	-	D6 dozer (2 days)		100%	100%	28 "	1Mar	1Mar	RIVER 1 Mar. Commencement of OPEN BAY track.
3	586504- 574525	ROAD LAMARIEN ROAD-MEVELO R. (a) clearing anf forming	5	-	-	1D6 doz(2 days) D6 Dox (3 ")		100%	100%	26 "	28Feb	28Feb	Rd jeepable MEVELO R. 27 Feb
	575523	(b) Bridges 1. Arch mesh deck	14	-	-	D6(3hrs)		100%	100%	27 "	27 "	27 "	1/20'span(10 sheets mesh)
	575525	2. Arch mesh Piers & Deck	25	-	-	D4 tractor 1 - FBE		15%	15%	2Mar	7Mar		20/15' spans(160 sheets mesh)..
4	587448	Constr 44 gall drum raft	11	-	-	1 tipper		100%	100%	26Feb	27Feb	27 "	20'length of 3 drums width. Superstructure timber & arc mesh deck
5.	576524	Erection Raft and Landing point	21	-	-	2 tippers		100%	100%	28 "	1Mar	1Mar	Arc mesh approaches Raft used as ferry over MEVELO R.

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SER No	LOCATION	DETAIL OF WORK	LABOUR DAILY AV RE	Mat	Oth	EQUIPMENT On job	Req'd	PROGRESS COMPLETE period	To date	COMPLETION Date comm	EDC	Act DATE	REMARKS
		BEECHCRAFT AIR STRIP											
6	575446	(a) clearing kunai	1	40		D6(2 days)		75%	100%	22Feb	1Mar	27Feb	KAMANDRAN area
		(b) levelling & forming	6	-	-	drawn grader D6(2 days)		30%	30%	1Mar	9Mar		EDC strip 9 Mar excl consolidation.
		BARGE POINT KALAI PTN											
7	582451	(a) Widening road	4	-	-	1 D4 dozer		100%	100%	28Feb	29Feb	29Feb	Two way traffic
	582451	(b) laying arc mesh	16	-	-	2 tippers		100%	100%	26 "	28 "	28 "	
	582451	(c) gravelling road & barge point	18	-	-	D4 dozer R4 (1½days) 5 tippers		100%	100%	27 "	28 "	28 "	Binder placed on top metal
	" "	(d) Rebuilding barge point	3	-	-	D6 dozer		10%	10%	2Mar	6Mar		To be filled out to approx 30' to shelf.wide enough for two barges.
8	582451	Salvage winch and wire rope	4	-	-			100%	100%	27Feb	27Feb	27Feb	
9	582451	MEDICAL LAUNCH JETTY											
		(a) Soundings	5	-	-			100%	100%	26 "	26 "	26 "	
	" "	(b) Construction of jetty	13	-	-	1 tipper		15%	15%	1Mar	4Mar		
		MINOR WORKS											
10	KALAI PTN	6 Pl move to KALAI ex KIEP	30	-	-	2 winch trucks 3 tippers		100%	100%	24Feb	24Feb	26Feb	Barge breakdown held up move portion dump & 6Pl personnel
		Transfer Engr dump to KALAI	30	-	-	1 winch truck		100%	100%	" "	" "	" "	Ex KIEP
		6 Pl prep move for to JACQUINOT	43	-	-	5 tippers 1 winch truck 1 D4 dozer		100%	100%	1Mar	1Mar	1Mar	moved 2 Mar.
		2 Pl camp constr & duties	35	-	-	1 tipper		95%	95%	25Feb	3Mar		,4 Fd Coy movement
		1 Pl Camp construction	67	-	-					2Mar	3Mar		and camp construction.
	587448	Layout Engr dump KALAI	10	-	-			100%	100%	26Feb	26Feb	26Feb	
		Camp works	6	-	-			continuous					
		Control Engr dump	1	-	-			"					
		Operating B8smith shop	3	-	-			"					

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SER NO	LOCATION	DETAIL OF WORK	LABOUR DAILY AVER			EQUIPMENT		PROGRESS COMPLETE		COMPLETION			REMARKS.
			RE	Nat	Oth	On Job	Req'd	period	to date	date comm	EDC	Act Date	
	587448	Maintenance mech Eqpt and M.T.	4	-	-			continuous					
		Adm(A&Q Hygiene etc)	22	-	-			"					
		Attached	8	-	-			"					
		Time lost through sickness	2	-	-			"					

TOTAL STRENGTH - 10 offrs 226 ORs

Working parties av. 20 nat.

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WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

SUBMITTED BY: 12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF)
PERIOD ENDING: 9 Mar 45
File No: 61/45

SER NO	LOCATION	DETAIL OF WORK	LABOUR (AV DAYS) RE	Nat	Oth	EQUIPMENT On job	Req'd	PROGRESS COMPLETE period	to date	COMPLETION comm	EDC	Act date	REMARKS
1	573460-573480	ROAD KALAI-LAMARIEM Maintenance to track	30	-	20 (1day)	4 tippers 1-R4 dozer (3 hrs)		100%	100%	3Mar	4Mar	4Mar	Repairs necessitated by movement of Arty forward during wet weather. Handed 4 Fd Coy 5 Mar.
2	575525	ROAD MEVELO-HENRY REID R. Bridges Mevelo River	-	-	-	handed over 4 Fd Coy		-	15%	2 "	7 "		20/15' spans(160/sheets) mesh
	584529	Timber Bridge (Mesh deck)	10	-	8 (1day)	1 - jeep		100%	100%	3 "	3 "	23 "	handed 4 Fd Coy 3 Mar. 1/46' span class 3. track cleared by 19 Bn Pnrs.
3	022827	BARGE POINT AT BONDI For A L C 120's	8	-	-	1 compressor		5%	5%	9 "	13 "		Quarrying of rock for facing built up gravel ramp
4	016858-007864	ANGAU RD 5 Jeep bridges	8	-	36 (5days)	1 tipper		60%	90%	2 ?	10 "		Taken over 4 Fd Coy 5 Mar job delayed lack spikes
	016858-007864	Road constr - Causeway to ANGAU	1	30 (2days)				5%	5%	9Mar	16 "		(2/40')(2/15')(2/15')(2/20')(2/30') (2/5') span total 5 bridges
5	026851	Dressing hut for Women's Services	5	-	-	1 tipper		25%	25%	8 "	14 "		Mouth WUNUNG River.
6	025850	Alteration to W.P. WUNUNG	5	-	-			100%	100%	6 "	6 "	6Mar	WUNUNG Bridge Point.
7		MINOR WORKS											
	KALAI PI 586438	1. Preparation for move. Handing over of works to 4 Fd Coy.	83							4 "	6 "	6 "	HQ & 5 Pl KALAI to ~~JACQUINOT~~ JACQUINOT
	WUNUNG 027848	2. Operation of water Pt.	2	-	-	No 4 Pump Set.		C O N T I N U O U S		4 "			Taken over from 4 Fd Coy
	"	3. Settling into camp site WUNUNG	53					100%	100%	3 "	3 "	3 "	6 Pl ex KALAI
	"	4. " " "	40					100%	100%	7 "	9 "	9 "	HQ & 5 Pl ex KALAI
		5. Adm (A&Q Hygiene etc)	22										
		6. Attached	9										
		7. Time lost through sickness	4	-	-								

Total strength - 6 offrs 124 ORs
Work parties (Av) 34.66 Inf
" " " 10. Nat

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OC 12 Aust Fd Coy

WORKS REPORT. - PROGRESS

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SUBMITTED BY: 12 Aust Fd Coy
PERIOD ENDING: 9 Mar 45
File No: 61/45

SER NO	LOCATION	DETAIL OF WORK	LABOUR (AV. DAYS) RE	Nat	Oth	EQUIPMENT On job	Req'd	PROGRESS COMPLETE period	to date	COMPLETION comm	EDC	Act date	REMARKS
1	573460-573480	ROAD KALAI-LAMARIEN Maintenance to track	30	-	20 (1day)	4 tippers 1-R4 dozer (3 hrs)		100%	100%	3Mar	4Mar	4Mar	Repairs necessitated by movement of Arty forward during wet weather. Handed 4 Fd Coy 5 Mar.
2	575525	ROAD MEVELO-HENRY REID R. Bridges Mevelo River	-	-	-	handed over 4 Fd Coy		-	15%	2 "	7 "		20/15' spans(160/sheets) mesh
													handed 4 Fd Coy 3 Mar.
	584529	Timber Bridge (Mesh deck)	10	-	8 (1day)	1 - jeep		100%	100%	3 "	3 "	23 "	1/46' span class 3. track cleared by 19 Bn Pnrs.
3	022827	BARGE POINT AT BONDI For A L C 120's	8	-	-	1 compressor		5%	5%	9 "	13 "		Quarrying of roak for facing built up gravel ramp
4	016858-007864	ANGAU RD 5 Jeep bridges	8	-	36 (5days)	1 tipper		60%	90%	2 ?	10 "		Taken over 4 Fd Coy 5 Mar job delayed lack spikes
	016858-007864	Road constr - Causeway to ANGAU	1	30	(2days)			5%	5%	9Mar	16 "		(2/40')(2/15')(2/15') (2/20')(2/30') (2/5') span total 5 bridges
5	026851	Dressing hut for Women's Services	5	-	-	1 tipper		25%	25%	8 "	14 "		Mouth WUNUNG River.
6	025850	Alteration to W.P. WUNUNG	5	-	-			100%	100%	6 "	6 "	6Mar	WUNUNG Bridge Point.
7	KALAI Pt 586438	MINOR WORKS 1. Preparation for move. Handing over of works to 4 Fd Coy.	83							4 "	6 "	6 "	HQ & 5 Pl KALAI to ~~WUNUNG~~ JACQUINOT
	WUNUNG 027848	2. Operation of water Pt.	2	-	-	No 4 Pump Set.		C O N T I N U O U S		4 "			Taken over from 4 Fd Coy
	"	3. Settling into camp site WUNUNG	53					100%	100%	3 "	3 "	3 "	6 Pl ex KALAI
	"	4. " " "	40					100%	100%	7 "	9 "	9 "	HQ & 5 Pl ex KALAI
		5. Adm (A&Q Hygiene etc)	22										
		6. Attached	9										
		7. Time lost through sickness	4	-	-								

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Total strength - 6 offrs 124 ORs
Work parties (Av) 34.66 Inf
" " " 10. Nat

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File: 38/45

MECHANICAL EQPT RETURN & MT.

SUBMITTED BY: 12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF)
PERIOD ENDING: 17 Mar 45.

Ser No	Type	Location	Army Ser No	Hours Working	Hrs not working	Reason	Remarks.
1	Trucks tipping 4x4 3 ton	NORTH COAST 4 Pl	55442				Details not to hand
			59478				
			54955				
		WUNUNG	54840	20	28	Nil	
			54806	42	6	-	
			54773	-	48	grounded	Unit repairs
			54915	40	8	-	
			55493	42	6	-	
			55046	-	48	grounded	" "
			55457	42	6	-	
			55495	-	48	grounded	" "
			54744	42	6	-	
		In transit from WUNUNG to NORTH COAST.	54729				Details not to hand
			54421				" "
			55425				" "
			55048				" "
			55047				" "
			54997				" "
			59468				" "
		WUNUNG	130772	6	42	Just received	
			130680	-	48	" "	
			131746	-	48	" "	
			131840	7	41	" "	
			133805	18	30	" "	Light running to run in new vehicle.
2	D4 tractor	WUNUNG	7J1271	6	42	Not reqd.	
3	D4 dozer	in transit	7J8704	Nil			in transit
4	D4 tractor	NORTH COAST 4 Pl	7J3703				Details not to hand
5	Grader drawn 8' blade	" " "	2377				" "
6	Compressor	" " "	X9525				" "
7	Compressor	in transit	A5335				In transit
8	Compressor	WUNUNG	A5307	12	36	-	Not required

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War Diary
File

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WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

W/DIARY

Submitted by: 12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF)
Period Ending: 23 Mar 45.
61/45145

Ser No	Location	Detail of Work	Labour (Av man days) RE	Nat	Oth	Equipment On job	Reqd	Progress completed Period	To date	Completion Comm	EDC	Act date	Remarks.
1	026851	AANS-SWIMMING RESERVE (a) Improvements & additions	4	-	-	-	-	100%	100%	19Mar	22Mar	22Mar	Digging well, fitting of shower, additional shelter.
2	WUNUNG	WATER POINT-WUNUNG R. (a) Re-erection of Water Pt	8	-	-	-	-	20%	100%	13 "	17 "	22 "	Wet weather & breakdown of pump delayed job.
		(b) Construction access road	7	-	-	6 tippers	-	100%	100%	16"		19 "	Gravelling road & hard standing
3	WUNUNG	GRAVEL PIT (a) Operations	5	-	18 (2days)	2 dozers (Fd Pk)	-	100%	100%	16 "	23 "	23 "	Inf used for two days when dozers not available.
4	WUNUNG	BDE UNIT ACCESS ROADS. Gravelling	7	-	30 (2days)	6 tippers	-	100%	100%	20 "	23 "	23 "	HQ 4 Bde & 13 Bde & 4 Bde unit access roads - gravelling.
5	WUNUNG	WATER SUPPLY - 105 CCS (a) Sinking & timbering well	5	-	-			20%	100%	13 "		19 "	Well 6'0"x6'0"x9'0" deep
		(b) Extension 3" pipe line & shifting Jupiter Pump	5	-	-			80%	80%	23 "	24 "		160'0" extension of pipe line.
6	016858 007864	ANGAU ROAD. Engineer supervision & advice	2	-	-			Gravelling only required					1. Jeep track only. 2. ANGAU responsibility 3. EDC cannot be given-gravelling is by jeep trailer & spasmodic.
7	WATER POINT NO 6	STORAGE & CIRCUIT ROAD. (a) Erection stand & tanks	8	-	-			90%	90%	19 "	24 "		1600 gal storage TWO(2)"S" tanks
		(b) Circuit road				NOT YET COMMENCED							
8	WUNUNG	WUNUNG RIVER WATER PT. Operation pumping	2	-	-		CONTINUOUS			4 "			

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9	WUNUNG	MINOR WORKS											
		(a) HQ&SPl preparation for move	20							17Mar		23Mar	Trial loading on ALC 120. (Move now temporarily postponed)
		(b) Transport-maintenance etc.painting serial signs & numbers	10										Return US vhes & trailers. Overhaul & check new vehs.
		(c) Maintenance unit eqpt	8										receipt portion new stores
		(d) ADM (A&Q Hygiene etc)	18										
		(e) Attached	10										
		(f) Time lost through sickness.	4										

Distribution

HQ RAE 5 Aust Div - 1
File - 1
War Diary - 2

Total strength - 4 offrs 111 ORs

Working parties (av) 16 inf.

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AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL AWM2020.71.2590

Ref Maps: DRINA 1/63360

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

Submitted by: 12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF)
Period Ending: 23 Mar 45.
61/45145

Ser No	Location	Detail of Work	Labour (Av man days) RE	Mat	Oth	Equipment On job	Recd	Progress completed Period	To date	Completion Comm	EDC	Act date	Remarks.
1	026851	AANS-SWIMMING RESERVE (a) Improvements & additions	4	-	-	-	-	100%	100%	19Mar	22Mar	22Mar	Digging well, fitting of shower, additional shelter.
2	WUNUNG	WATER POINT-WUNUNG R. (a) Re-erection of Water Pt	8	-	-	-	-	20%	100%	13 "	17 "	22 "	Wet weather & breakdown of pump delayed job.
		(b) Construction access road	7	-	-	6 tippers	-	100%	100%	16 "		19 "	Gravelling road & hard standing
3	WUNUNG	GRAVEL PIT (a) Operations	5	-	18 (2days)	2 dozers (Fd Pk)	-	100%	100%	16 "	23 "	23 "	Inf used for two days when dozers not available.
4	WUNUNG	BDE UNIT ACCESS ROADS. Gravelling	7	-	30 (2days)	6 tippers	-	100%	100%	20 "	23 "	23 "	HQ 4 Bde & 13 Bde & 4 Bde unit access roads - gravelling.
5	WUNUNG	WATER SUPPLY - 105 CCS (a) Sinking & timbering well	5	-	-			20%	100%	13 "		19 "	Well 6'0"x6'0"x9'0" deep
		(b) Extension 3" pipe line & shifting Jupiter Pump	5	-	-			80%	80%	23 "	24 "		160'0" extension of pipe line.
6	016858-007864	ANGAU ROAD. Engineer supervision & advice	2	-	-			Gravelling only required					1. Jeep track only. 2. ANGAU responsibility 3. EDC cannot be given-gravelling & is by jeep trailer & spasmodic.
7	WATER POINT NO 6	STORAGE & CIRCUIT ROAD. (a) Erection stand & tanks	8	-	-			90%	90%	19 "	24 "		1600 gal storage TWO(2)"S" tanks
		(b) Circuit road				NOT YET COMMENCED							
8	WUNUNG	WUNUNG RIVER WATER PT. Operation pumping	2	-	-		CONTINUOUS			4 "			

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Ser No	Location	Detail of Work	Labour (Av man days) RE	Nat	Oth	Equipment On job	Reqd	Progress complete period	To date	Completion comm	EDC	Act Date	Remarks.
9	WUNUNG	MINOR WORKS											
		(a) HQ&5Pl preparation for move	20							17Mar		23Mar	Trial loading on ALC 120. (Move now temporarily postponed)
		(b) Transport-maintenance etc.painting serial signs & numbers	10										Return US vhes & trailers. Overhaul & check new vehs.
		(c) Maintenance unit eqpt	8										receipt portion new stores
		(d) ADM (A&Q Hygiene etc)	18										
		(e) Attached	10										
		(f) Time lost through sickness.	4										

Distribution

HQ RAE 5 Aust Div - 1
File - 1
War Diary - 2

Total strength - 4 offrs 111 ORs

Working parties (av) 16 inf.

J.H.Anderson Capt
for
Major.
OC 12 Aust Fd Coy R.A.E.(AIF)..

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Ref Map: DRINA 1/63360

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT
Ser No 7

Submitted by: 12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF)
Period ending: 31 Mar 45
61/45157

Ser No	Location	Detail of Work	Labour (Av man days) RE	Nat	Oth	Equipment On job	Reqd	Progress completed period	To date	Completion comp	EDC	act date	Remarks.
1	WUNUNG	105 C C S Extension 3" pipe line and shifting "Jupiter Pump"	5	-	-	-	-	20%	100%	23Mar	24Mar	24Mar	160'0" extension of pipeline
2	WUNUNG	13 BDE & 4 BDE ERECTION DRYING HUTS											
		(a) 11 Bn	1	-	4			70%	70%	28 "	1Apr		)60'x18' - E in C
		(b) 22 Bn	1	-	5			70%	70%	29 "	2Apr		)Tropical Huts
		(c) 29 Bn	1	-	5			10%	10%	30 "	3 "		)Iron roof, sisalcraft sides.
		(d) 4 Fd Amb	5	-	-			100%	100%	26 "	28Mar	28Mar	30'x18' E in C Tropical hut.
3	WUNUNG	Cartage Material for drying huts.	6	-	-	1 winch truck	-	50%	50%	26 "	-	-	Supplying one 60'x18' per day.
4	WUNUNG	ROAD-SWAN BEACH-WUNUNG R. Improvements to road	6	-	-	auto-patrol (1 day)		90%	90%	20 "	2Apr		Stone pitch drains where required. Reforming road with grade
5.	016858-007864	ANGAU ROAD Cartage - gravel	2	10	-	2 tippers		50%	50%	26 "	5Apr		Establishing dump at "Causeway" jeep trailer haulage on ANGAU road.
6.	Water Pt No 6	CIRCUIT ROAD Gravelling, drainage and extension culvert.	6	-	-	1 tipper		80%	80%	24 "	2 "		
7	WUNUNG	4 BDE UNIT ACCESS ROADS. Cartage gravel	4	-	-	2 tippers				26 "			Approx EDC 2 weeks. Tipper supply as become available.
8	WUNUNG Water Pt	Operation Pump	2	-	-		continuous			4 Mar			
9	XXXXXX												

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Ser No	Location	Detail of Work	Labour (Av man days) RE	Nat	Oth	Equipment On job	Reqd	Progress completed during period	to date	Completion comm	EDC	act date	Remarks.
9	WUNUNG	MINOR WORKS.											
		(a) Camp construction	8	-	-	1 tippers (1 day)	-	70%	70%	24Mar	3Apr		Kitchen, camp road and drainage.
		(b) Maintenance unit equipment	3	-	-								
		(c) Transport maintenance	3	-	-								
		(d) Adm(A&Q & Hygiene)	18	-	-								
		(e) Attached	10	-	-								
		(f) Time lost through sickness.	2	-	-								

Distribution

HQ RAE 5 Aust Div - 1
File - 1
War Diary - 2

Total Strength - 4 offrs 117 ORs
Work parties (Av) 3 inf
8 native.

J.H. Anderson Capt for.
.....Major.
OC 12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF)...

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Ref Map:- DRINA 1/63360

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT
Ser No 7

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Period ending: 31 Mar 45
61/45157

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7	WUNUNG	4 BDE UNIT ACCESS ROADS. Cartage gravel	4	-	-	2 tippers				26 "			Approx EDC 2 weeks. Tipper supply as become available.
8	WUNUNG Water Pt	Operation Pump	2	-	-		c o n t i n u o u s			4 Mar			
9	XXXXXXX												

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		(b) Maintenance unit equipment	3	-	-								
		(c) Transport maintenance	3	-	-								
		(d) Adm(A&Q & Hygiene)	18	-	-								
		(e)) Attached	10	-	-								
		(f) Time lost through sickness.	2	-	-								

Distribution

HQ RAE 5 Aust Div - 1
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C R E.,
5 Aust Div.

ENGINEER INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 3/45

12 AUST FD COY RAE(AIF)

16 Feb - 15 Mar 45.

1. Ref Maps:-

No 0589	WIDE BAY	1/63360 Series
No 5090	CAPE TURNER	"
	MEVELO	"
No 0595	CAPE DESCHAMPS	"
	MEGIGI (B56/5)	"
	DRINA	"

2. REPORT BY: Major W.A.DAVEY OC 12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF)

3. DATE: 15 Mar 45

OPERATIONAL

4. (a) 12 Aust Fd Coy less 4 & 6 Pls moved from KIEP on 17 Feb and established in KALAI at 586437. Role engr supportof 6 Bde in advance on WAITAVALO.
(b) 6 Pl moved to KALAI on 24 Feb.
(c) 4 Pl no change.
(d) 1 Pl 4 Fd Coy arrived KALAI 1 Mar and relieved 6 Pl, who returned to JACQUINOT BAY.~~xxxxxxx~~020842(DRINA)
(e) HQ & 5 Pl moved to JACQUINOT BAY on 6 Mar following arrival of 2 & 3 Pls of 4 Fd Coy.
(f) 6 Pl departed JACQUINOT BAY for UBILI,North Coast, on 13 Mar.

5. DETAILS OF ENGINEER ACTIVITIES.

(a) 5 Pl completed jeep track from KALAI to LAMARIEN (593510) a distance of approx 5 miles. Along a section of this stretch the hills came right on to the coast line and had numerous springs and creeks along the tos. This was a particularly difficult section for road construction, as it necessitated numerous culverts, bridges, gutters and corduroy.
(b) Other tracks also completed were from:- 576495 to 561511 - 561511 to 559521 - 561511 to 546501 - 588506 to 576525.
(c) Preparation for a bridge across the MEVELO RIVER at 576525 was commenced and then handed over to 4 Fd Coy.
(d) Piper Cub strip was located at 572443, work was commenced on 22 Feb; using natives for initial clearing and then D6 Dozer and drawn grader for forming and shaping. Work was handed over to 4 Fd Coy for completion.
(e) JACQUINOT BAY area - modifying existing Barge Pt at BONDI to accommodate ALC 120's by raising level of earthwork another 3'0". Other works consist of minor repair and maintenance jobs on existing installations.

6. PROJECTED ACTIVITIES.
The Coy is in the process at present of moving from the South Coast to the North Coast, where they operate under command of the 36 Bn Gp. Main ~~xxxxx~~ tasks are the construction of an Air Field at UBILI to accommodate at least DC4's; L of C Comm roads for 36 Bn, engr tasks in support of 36 Bn ops. A platoon of the 2/3 Railway Constr Coy (ME) RAE has been allotted for assistance in airfield and other large engr projects on North Coast.

7. APPENDICES.
(a) Photographs (1 sheet)

(This report consists of 1 page and 1 sheet of appendices)

Major
OC 12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF)

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No 122

Australian Military Forces
Routine Orders
Part One

By Major W.A.DAVEY OFFICER COMMANDING
12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF)
30 Mar 45 Formation:HQ RAE 5 Aust Div.

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1. PERMENENT DANGER AREAS.

The following are declared permanent danger areas:-
Ref Map DRINA 1 in to 1 mile.

(a) - 1. 30 yard and jungle range
2. danger area - 013835-015835 -008829 - 011829
3. Direction of fire:
30 yard range - 90° grid
Assault course - 90° grid
sneaker course - 167° grid

(b) 1. 30 yard and jungle range
2. danger area - 006835-006838-010839-012836
3. Direction of fire - 350° Mag.

2. LOSS OF MAIL

The loss of registered mail which was jettisoned from the flying boat ex this area 31 Jan 45 has been fully investigated.

Compensation for lost registered articles can only be paid if the articles are lost while in the care of the PMG Dept. Mail posted from this area is handed over to the PMG for transportation South of and including Cairns.

As the mail in question was lost in an operational area and before it was handed over to PMG NO compensation will be paid.

There will, however, be a compensation for postal notes which were lost. Personnel who sent postal notes under registered cover need not take any further action as the 5 Aust Div Postal Unit has full details concerning them.

Personnel who sent postal notes in NON registered envelopes are advised to supply following details to 5 Aust Div Postal Unit:-

(1) Regt No., name, rank and unit.
(11) full name and address of addressee.
(111) numbers and denominations of postal notes.

Duplicated postal notes will be issued at the expiration of 6 months from the date of purchase.

3. MAIL DELIVERIES.

Personnel proceeding on ARL and who desire that their mail be re-directed to their home address, will complete Army Form APS17 and leave it with the unit postal orderly. In future, no mail will be re-directed to home addresses unless written authority or completed form APS 17 is left with the unit postal orderly.

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4. BDE LEGAL OFFICER.

This officer is available -

(a) To advise COs, Adjts etc on question of military law.
(b) To assist all offrs in any matters of a legal nature which arise inthe course of their duties.
(c) Assist in the drawing of wills, etc..
(d) To assist members in questions of civil law which arise in connection with their domestic affairs.

Approach in matters covered by (b) (above) may be direct and informal. Interviews in matters covered by (c) and (d) will only be on application through normal channels.

Queries by individual soldiers on such matters as leave, pay, rank or discipline should normally be regarded as Unit matters not requiring personal interview with Bde Legal Officer.

5. INSTRUCTORS FOR INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DIVISION-DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR & NAT. SERVICE.

A notice was published with GROs of 8 Dec 44 advising members of AMF that in connection with the Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme, the Department of Labour & National Service would require many additional trade instructors in technical schools and colleges and similar training orgainsations, particularly in the building rade.

It is now advised that instructors in art and applied art, science and applied science, mathematics, commerce, needlecraft and home management courses of various tupes will also be needed.

Applicants are required to be fully qualified in the branch of technical work for which application is made and should preferably have had some experiences as instructors. Selected applicants without satisfactory teaching experience may be required to undergo a short intensive course of training during which the appropriate rates for instructors will be paid.

Successful applicants will be appointed as temporary instructors by the appropriate State Public Service authority.

Application forms and conditions of training and employment may be obtained from the Deputy Director of Industrial Training in the State in which appointment is desired.

The addresses of the respective Deputy Directors are as follows:-

Australian Capital Territory - Canberra Technical College.
New South Wales - Sydney Technical College, Ultimo, Sydney.
Victoria - V.C.A. Building, Flinders St., Melbourne.
Queensland - Department of Public Instruction, Brisbane.
South Australia - Education Department, Adelaide.
Western Australia - Perth Technical College Perth.
Tasmania - Education Department, Hobart.

Intending applicants are advised that the services of these instructors will generally not be required until the cessation of hostilities, or just prior thereto, and applications received now are for selection at a later date andare subject to release from the AMF. Such release will be dependant entirely on service requirements at the relevant time and as the needs of the AMF must be given first priority,the release of any particular applicant cannot be guaranteed.

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6. MOBILE CINEMA UNIT.

Programme to be shown on the Mobile Cinema itinerary for week ending 31 Mar 45 will be:-

"DEMI PARADISE" (Laurence Olivier, Penelope Ward)
News from Homes.

Distribution

War Diary
Notice Board
File
No 4 Pl
No 5 Pl
No 6 Pl
HQ RAE 5 Aust Div.

J Henderson Capt tmr.
.....Major.
OC 12 Aust Fd Coy R.A.E.(AIF).

NOTICE

UNIT TRUST ACCOUNT.

Balance as at 28 Feb 45	£110 - 6 - 7
Expenditure during Mar	- - -
Receipts during Mar	16 - 1 - 11
Balance as at 31 Mar 45	£126 - 8 - 5

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No 120

Australian Military Forces
Routine Orders
Part One

By Major W.A.DAVEY OFFICER COMMANDING
12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF)
Formation: RAE 5 Div 15 Mar 45.

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1. SECURITY Soldiers may now say in their letters that they as individuals have been in action.

They may state that the op was successful, and/or the enemy pushed back, but will give no indication of dates, location, numbers or composition of either forces, or casualties on either sides.

Reference will therefore be limited to the following words or effect:-

"I have (now / at last / again) been in action. The (operation / show / We) was/were (successful / a great / success / etc)

and the (enemy / Nips / etc) were (pushed back / beaten up / etc "

2. BEACH FOR USE OF AA/WS The area within 100 yds of dressing shed erected on South side of mouth of UMONG RIVER. Ref DRINA 1 in to 1 mile 028852 is out of bounds to all personnel except members of Women's Services and their guests.
Personnel will not proceed past the sign posts erected on access road to area and on the beach. Except in the event of operation necessity.

3. MISUSE OF GREEN ENVELOPES.

The inclusion in a letterposted in a green envelope of matters other than those specified in the certificate on the envelops signed by the writer renders him liable to a charge under AA25(1)(a) for knowingly making a false statement in a certificate signed by him. If the letter contains military information, he is liable in addition to a charge under AA40 for writing and posting the letter, irrespective of whether the information reaches the addressee.

Charges under A A 25 may NOT be disposed of summarily by COs without reference to superior authority: AMR&O 409.

The misuse of green envelopes is viewed seriously, and consideration will always be given to Court Martialling an offender.

Distribution.

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Notice Board
File
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No 5 Pl
No 6 Pl.

J.H.Henderson Capt
for Major.
OC 12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF).

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No 121.

Australian Military Forces
Routine Orders
Part One

By Major W.A.DAVEY OFFICER COMMANDING
12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF)
Formation: HQ RAE 5 Aust Div. Date: 21 Mar 45.

1. JEWISH PASSOVER SERVICE.

The Jewish Passover commences on Wednesday evening 28 Mar 45.

A religious service is being organised and will be conducted by VX143644 Pte SOUTHWICK D. 4 Aust Fd Amb .

It is requested that personnel of the Jewish Faith communicate with Pte SOUTHWICK BY 22 Mar at the latest so that he may have an idea of the number of personnel to attend the service.

Location of service will be notified at a later date.

2. THIRD VICTORY LOAN.

The Third Victory Loan of £100,000,000 cash will open for subscription on 13 Mar 45 and close not later than 27 April 45.

Arrangements have been made for paymasters to accept applications for Commonwealth Goverment Inscribed Stock or Treasury Bonds from members of the AMF who desire to invest their savings in the loan.

Particulars of loan.

Loan applications may be made for an amount of £10 or a multiple of £10. Treasury bonds are payable to bearer and are issued at par for £10, £50, £100, £500 and £1000.

Inscribed stock may be purchased at par for amounts of £100 or multiples of £10 above £100.

Interest is payable at 2½% per annum if invested for five years and at 3½% per annum if invested for sixteen years, and will be credited half-yearly to a members savings bank account or current account, if desired.

Interest will be subject to Commonwealth taxation but not to any income tax under the law of a state. During the period of uniform taxation, a rebate of 2/- in the pound on interest will be allowed to cover freedom from State taxation.

Any bank nominated by a member will, if requested, hold the bonds in safe custody.

Procedure for lodging applications.

Application forms will be available from paymasters and unit pay representatives and are required to be completed in duplicate. An applicant's signature will be witnessed by an officer.

Sufficient credit must be available in the member's pay book to cover the amount he or she desires to invest in the loan. The amount subscribed will be debited in the paybook.

Cash may be accepted in payment of a loan subscription, in which case the amount tendered will be entered in the pay book to establish the necessary credit and a pay sergeant's or cash office receipt issued and pasted in the pay book.

Deposits on account of loan subscriptions will not be accepted. Where members desire to subscribe by instalments, the procedure set out in GRO F303/44 will be observed. Supplies of "Bank Advice of Service Allotment" forms (vide Appendix to GRO F303/44) will be available from paymasters.

The Commonwealth Bank will forward to a member an interim receipt for the amount subscribed.

Both Treasury Bonds and Inscribed Stock are readily realisable and may be sold at any time. Any bank will arrange for this for a member if desired.

Transfers

L/Cpl Burnell L.	Posted to 6PL	From 3 PL
Spr Richardson L.K.	" " 5PL	" HQ PL
L/Cpl Mason B.J.	" " 4PL	
Spr Milner C.	" " HQ PL	From 4 PL.

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COLOUR PATCHES.

All colour patches are to be removed.

MAIL.

Letters to other units in the service will not bear Inter Unit or Island Mail on top. The full adress is sufficient e.g.

TX 1000
Pte Jones T.
D Coy.
2/6 Aust Inf Bde
A I F
AUSTRALIA.

or

TX 1000
Spr Shovel R.E.
12 AUST FD COY RAE (AIF)
AUSTRALIA.

DISTRIBUTION.

WAR Diary
Notice Board
File
No 4 PL
No 5 PL
No 6 PL.

J H Anderson Capt for
Major..
OC 12 Aust. Fd.Coy.RAE.(AIF).....

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Army Form W.3009 (Adapted)
(Page 1)
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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

10/45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10/3/1945 12 Aust FD Coy RAE (Unit)

W.E. 11/UA/4. OFFRS. 7 O.R's. 233 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. 11 ATT. BY W.E.

PERSONNEL ON LWOP ON POSTED STRENGTH

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

X 1ST MIL

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.
				W.Os. Class I.						
		0	1	W.Os. Class II.	1					
		0	1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	1					
			3	Staff Sergeants	3					
		1	7	Sergeants	6	AACC	1			
2	2		19	Corporals	21	AACC AAPS	3			
38	38	7	170	Troopers, Privates, etc.	201	AAPA AACC AAOC	6		1	1
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
40*	40	8	201*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2	233		10 *		1	1 *

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		161		50							211
B(1)											
B(2)											

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
3	137 ORD FD PK		
19	2/137 W/SHOP		

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
26	LEAVE		
3	SCHOOL		
53	DETACHED PL		
4	SICK		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To ..... (Unit) is Particularly Requested. ...../...../194.....

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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DETAILS OF N C Os · WOs By TRADES

	WE				POSTED STRENGTH				RFT REQ			
	WO's	1/Sgt	Sgt	CPLs	WO's	S/Sgt	Sgt	CPL	WO's	S/Sgt	Sgt	CPL
GP1 FITTER			1				1					
GP11 DVR OP				1								1
GP111 CLERK				1				1				
GP11 TECH STORE				1				1				
NON SPEC												
WO11 CSM	1				1							
MECH S/Sgt		3				3						
S/Sgt C@MS		1				1						
~~1ST SGT~~			1				2					
SGTS			4				4					
CPLs				18				17				1
TOTAL	1	4	6	21	1	4	7	19				2
ATTACHED												
AACC			1	1			1	1				
AA MC				1				1				
AAPS				1				1				
TOTAL	1	4	7	24	1	4	8	22				2

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12 Mnt Fd Coy RAE ..... Unit

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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 10/5/1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters	3	3		Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless				Cpnt. Tom	16	16		Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	7	6	1					Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers	3	3						Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers	5	2	1	Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	5*	5*	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors	1		1
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters	4	4		Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths	3	1	2
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)	1		1	Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	16	8	8	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians	1	1		Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters	Eng	10	9	1	Driver-Operator										
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers	10	2	8								
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)	Elec	1	1	Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				WO's Cpt	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Yeo Lgmn	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	5	4	1	Sjmn	3	3	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Sdrs	6	7	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Privates	42	47	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				Waiter Duty	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors	6	5	1	Dvrs MT	35	31	9
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Hygienic	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				MT Offrs	5	4	1
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY WAC	7	7	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Cpl Rifle	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Mmps	1	1	
Pattern Maker	6	2	4	Masons				Driver Mechanics	3	4		Mmec			
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Sgts	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.	6	4	2	Cpl	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners - Eng	4	2	2	Equipment Repairers				Pte GPs	6	5	1
Plumber				Moulders	12	11	1	Farriers				Mmec			
Saw Doctors	4	5		Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				Pte GPs	1	1	
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1		1	CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	233	201	40
	34	27	8		92	66	27		122	92	32				

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.

10.5.45

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

9/45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3/3/1945 DMUST FDTOY RHE (Unit)

W.E. 11/11/0. OFFRS. 7 O.R's. 233 + OFFRS. O.R's. 11 ATT. BY W.E.

PERSONNEL ON LWOP ON POSTED STRENGTH

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
			1	W.Os. Class II. 1					
			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts. 1					
			3	Staff Sergeants 3					
		1	7	Sergeants 6	RHE	1			
2	2		19	Corporals 21	RHE WMS	3			
38	38	7	190	Troopers, Privates, etc. 201	RHE MMC	6		1	1
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
40 *	40	8	201 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2		10 *		1	1 *

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		111		30				[redacted]	[redacted]		241
B(1)							1				1
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
2	2 MUST LNG		
	316 SQN		
3	15 LAD FD		
19	2 HYD WKSHOP		

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
26	LEAVE		
3	SCHOOL		
4	2 MUST CO CAY		
58	DET EMD 21		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To.....(Unit) is Particularly Requested. ...../...../194.....

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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DETAILS OF W.O's - N.C.O's By TRADES

	W.E.				POSTED STRENGTH				RFT REQ.			
	W.O's	S/SGTs	SGTs	CPLs	W.O's	S/SGTs	SGTs	CPLs	W.O's	S/SGTs	SGTs	CPLs
GP: FITTER			1				1					
GP" DVR OP				1								1
GP" CLERK				1				1				
" TECHSTORE				1				1				
NON SPEC												
WO" C SM	1				1							
S/SGT CQMS		1				1						
MECH S/SGT		3				3						
TPT SGT		0	1				2					
SGTS			4				4					
CPLS				18				17				1
TOTAL	1	4	6	21	1	4	7	19				2
ATTACHED												
AACC			1	1			1	1				
AAPS				1				1				
AAMC				1				1				
TOTAL	1	4	7	24	1	4	8	22				2

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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 3 / 3 /1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters	3	3		Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless				CHEF - JOIN	16	16		Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	6	1					Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers	3	3						Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers	3	2	1	Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	5	5	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors	1		1
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters	4	4		Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths	3	1	2
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)	1		1	Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	16	8	8	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians	1	1		Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters ENG	10	9	1	Driver-Operator	10	2	8								
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun) GEN	1	1		Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				WO CSM	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				WO CQMS	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	5	4	1	SJSGTS	5	5	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				SGTS	6	7	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				FITTERS	42	47	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				WATER DUTY	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors	6	5	1	DVRS NT	35	31	4
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				HYGIENE	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				RECORD	5	4	1
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.	1	1	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				MAPS CIL	1	1	
Operators, Excavator	6	2	4	Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				MMMC	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	3	4		MAIL			
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				SCT	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T. ENG	4	2	2	Engine Hands, I.C.	6	4	2	CPL	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners	12	11	1	Equipment Repairers				PTE GPO	6	5	1
Plumber	2	5		Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				NHOL			
Surveyors	1		1	Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				PTE GPO	1	1	
CARRIED FORWARD	54	37	18	CARRIED FORWARD	72	66	27	CARRIED FORWARD	122	92	32	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	255	201 *	40 *

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Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

...../...../194..... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday...../...../194..... .....(Unit)

W.E...../...../..... OFFRS.....O.R's..... + OFFRS.....O.R's.....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.
				*					
				*					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
				Majors					
				Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					

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.											
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.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO.....(Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. ...../...../194.....

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 3 /194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
MAJ	NX29934	DAVEY	WH	OC	YES		
LT	QX40512	KEATING	K B	PLOI	YES		
LT	VX17973	MANNERVIS	L	OCM	YES		
LT	TX10045	CRAWFORD	C W	OCM	YES		
LT	TX12057	WILLIAMS	L M	LOG	YES		
LT	WX5307	MITCHELL	T	RIF	NO	SICK HPS	2-3-45
LT	NX79645	MARSH	L H	OCM	NO	DETACHED TO 56 BN CP	5 10 44
CAPT	TX15010	MCILRAITH	G H	CPL	NO	SE TACHED TO 55 INF'T DIV HQ	12-1-45
CAPT	TX1162	CRAWFORD	P G			SECONDED TO SME COURSE Perth	5 10 44
LT	VX30046	DONALDSON	T D			SECONDED TO SME COURSE Perth	5 10 44
LT	WX16375	SMITH	L S			SECONDED TO RAE PC	31 7 44

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.
CAPT	TX16242	ANDERSON K	2/3 Inf Bde Coy	5-1-45	Acting Upt

4-3-45

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

...../...../.....(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday...../...../194..... .....(Unit)

W.E...../...../..... OFFRS.....O.R's.....+ OFFRS.....O.R's.....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.
				*					
				*					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
				Majors					
				Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					

	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.
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).	A.											
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
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PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO.....(Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. ...../...../194.....

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5/5/194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
LT	NX1954	DAVEY	WH	O.C	YES		
LT	QX40892	REDING	RB	I/C	YES		
LT	NX35107	MITCHELL	T	RIF	NO	SICK HDS	2.2.45
LT	VX67973	MARKEVICH	L	SIG	YES		
LT	NX107	WILLIAMS	TH	I/C	YES		
LT	NX30945	CUNNINGHAM	CW	PLT	YES		
LT	NX91695	MARSH	THL	PLT	NO	DETACHED TO 56 Bn HQ	3.2.45
CAPT	NX3910	MCMAHON	GM	CO	NO	DETACHED TO 35 INF DIV HQ	2.2.45
CAPT	NX1082	CRAWFORD	FG			SECONDED TO STAFF COURSE QUETTA	3.10.44
LT	VX30096	DONALDSON	ED			SECONDED TO STAFF COURSE QUETTA	8.11.44
LT	NX40095	SMITH	LES			SECONDED TO QUETTA	11.7.44

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.
CAPT	NX6282	HENDERSON J	2/1 AUST FD Coy	9.1.45	HEAD 2/IC

3.3.45
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

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WAR DIARY

Place	Date	Summary of Events	Refs to Appendices
WUNUNG	1 Apr 45	Rest day & organised sport	
NANTAMBU		construction of chinaman NANTAMBU Map Ref 954591 5% complete	
WUNUNG	2	Construction of 3 Drying huts for 28 Bn, 37 Bn & laundry.	
NANTAMBU		D4 dozer clearing ground for new road Map Ref 9559-0800 to 1630 hrs. Circular saw cutting timber for use NANTAMBU area.	
SULE		Heavy rain - no work on air strip.	
WUNUNG	3	Work as day previous. Proposed movement of an Adv HQ of 1 offr, 1 recce Sgt, 1 clerk to UBILI area NORTH COAST NEW BRITAIN.	
NANTAMBU		Circular saw in operation 0900-1500K. Road work held up due to muddy ground.	
WUNUNG	4	Work as day previous.	
NANTAMBU		Only works of minor importance due to rain 180 points.	
SULE		112 points of rain. Culvert constructed at map ref 859532.	
WUNUNG	5	Construction 2 kitchens for commando unit & 2/14 Fd Regt. 3 drying huts for 28 Bn, 37 Bn and laundry completed. Major Davey ceases to admin command of HQ RAE 5 Div (Rear).	
NANTAMBU		220 points of rain. 1530K American barges arrived from Hoskins with mail and D4 dozer, drawn grader for grading air strip Map ref 955590.	
SULE		182 points of rain.	
WUNUNG	6	No 6 W.P. improvements, erection of stand & decking plus installation of 2-1000 gal "S" tanks.	
NANTAMBU		245 points of rain Lt Marsh made recce of proposed airstrip ref map OPEN BAY 1359. Site suitable - only 500[X] in any direction suitable gradient.	
SULE		240 pts rain. 7 sappers stranded at ULAMONA marched back to 6 Pl camp.	
WUNUNG	7	~~Rest day~~. Completion of water storage at No 6 W.P. 5 Div area.	
NANTAMBU		Chinaman construction continuned 20% complete. Road maintenance NANTAMBU area.	
SULE		Rainfall 186 pts.	
WUNUNG	8	Rest day.	
NANTAMBU		211 pts rain. Road work impossible owing to boggy ground. MT unable to move along road under construction - too much mud.	
SULE		Rainfall 68 pts. Rations very low, tobacco not available.	
WUNUNG	9	Works consist mainly of drying hut construction & gravel cartage 4 Bde units.	
NANTAMBU		Road construction continued NANTAMBU area 0800-1630 Cub Strip NANTAMBU being graded with D4 dozer & drawn grader.	
SULE		First barge for 9 days. Work on UBILI strip commenced. Rainfall 289 pts.	
WUNUNG	10	16 Bn & 105 CCS drying huts commended.	
NANTAMBU		NANTAMBU & UBILI strips suitable for landing of light aircraft - NANTAMBU strip at present oly suitable for light aircraft during dry weather. 44 gal drums being used for culvert construction. unable to use chinaman owing to thick mud at approaches.	
SULE		Cub strip ready to take aircraft.	

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Place	Date	Summary of Events	Refs to Appendices
WUNUNG	11 Apr	Drying huts 4 Bde HQ & 130 Bde Wksps commenced. Laying running planks on Howe Truss Bridge completed map ref 024824. 2207 hrs one unidentified aircraft over area A/A engaged.	
NANTAMBU		1700 hrs 1 Aust Forestry Unit (1 Maj & 4 ORs) arrived NANTAMBU. Saw bench which has been under construction at Hoskins arrived at NANTAMBU for 12 Fd Coy 4 Pl.	
SULE		Rain still holding up construction on C47 strip.	
WUNUNG	12	105 CCS drying hut completed.	
NANTAMBU		~~Xxxx~~ good progress on cub strip. grading 25% completed. Road const 25% comp	
SULE		Constructed mess hut from salvaged Jap materials.	
WUNUNG	13	Drying hut commenced at 137 Bde Wksps. Construction drying huts continues.	
NANTAMBU		Major Davey & Lt Brown arr ve 0930 hrs in Walrus single engine flying boat 1000-1600K engine (Jap diesel) being fitted into 25' boat for engineer recce work.	
WUNUNG	14	Major Davey left for UBILI to inspect and discuss 12 Fd Coy committments on NORTH COAST - left per RAAF Walrus Flying boat. Drying huts at 4 Bde HQ, 130 Bde Wksps & 16 Bn 100% complete. Raising gravel beams on TAUT River bridges.	
NANTAMBU		Major Davey made inspection of engineer work. D4 tractor & drawn grader 0800-1200 hrs grading cub strip. 0800-1630 hrs D4 dozer clearing mud from road in preparation for gravelling.	
SULE		Located suitable gravel pit for air strip at Map ref 852518.	
WUNUNG	15	Warning order 24 hrs notice for movement per 2 ALC 40's of 20 personnel (incl Adv HQ 4 personnel, remainder rear details 4&6 Pls) 5 jeeps, 3 tippers, 2 jeep trailers plus 1/3 Engr Fd Pk dump to NANTAMBU. Rest day. 23 personnel leave Jacquinot Bay per "TAROONA" on 24 days home leave. Lt. Donaldson plus 4 ORs rejoined unit ex leave and schools.	
NANTAMBU		0900-1200K D4 dozer clearing & forming road to 1 Forestry Survey Map Ref 952589.	
WUNUNG	16	loading of 1/3 Engr Fd Pk dump on to 3 tippers & winch truck, preparation rations etc for move to NANTAMBU. Construction 2-6 Bde unit drying huts E in C tropical huts 60'x18'-80% complete. 2 ALC 40's replaced by 6 ALC 20's - stores & vehs remain as before, personnel reduced to 8 instead of 20.	
NANTAMBU		Good progress made with roadwork. 1500 hrs CRE 5 Div arrived per barge from HOSKINS.	
SULE		Jeep track cleared to UBILI, jeeps can now reach ULAMONA via beach at low tide.	
WUNUNG	17	commenced construction of stage at 5 Div area for concert party. Capt Cameron, 54 L.C.Coy contacted, to discuss movement of 3 tippers, 5 jeeps & 2 jeep trailers to NANTAMBU - also loading of 1/3 Fd Pk Engr Dump, 8 personnel (Adv HQ) to travel. 6 ALC 20's available. E. date departure 20 Apr 45.	
NANTAMBU		CRE inspected cub strip, road work, launch - under construction and other Engr works in area.	
SULE		CRE, CO 36 Bn & OC inspected area. Authority given to proceed with C47 strip at Map Ref 852527 bearing 98 deg mag. Length 1400 yds.	

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Place	Date	Summary of Events	Refs to Appendices
NANTAMBU	18 Apr	0800 hrs party including CO 36 Bn, CRE 5 Div & OC 12 Fd Coy left on recce per Jap barge. Party visited LOLABAU Island calling in at Map Ref 7938 CAPE DESCHAMPS. Inspection made of several destroyed Jap barges and old Jap camp sites. Jap range finder found and brought back to NANTAMBU Ketch SM "JOSIE" sighted fast on a reef Map ref LOLABAU 6955. After attempting to pull vessel clear it was decided to signal for more powerful American barges. Inspection made of Sule strip under construction. Ulamona sawmill visited -peace-time mill which has been bombed and badly damaged.	
SULE		Initial work on air strip commenced.	
NANTAMBU	19	75% pontoons for barge point Pula Pula completed at NANTAMBU. Pontoons are to be installed at Pula Pula Ref Map Open Bay 1755.	
SULE		Catch drain to air strip and road to gravel pit commenced.	
		Major Davey arrived ex UBILI, inspects works Open Bay area.	App. Q.
NANTAMBU	20	Road under construction NANTAMBU being gravelled. D4 dozer clearing top soil for extension of road. CRE 5 Div, OC 12 Fd Coy departed from NANTAMBU for HOSKINS	
NANTAMBU	21	Lt Marsh visited LOLOBAU ISLAND to pick up useful parts from destroyed Jap barges for use on engineer launch under construction NANTAMBU.	
NANTAMBU	22	"Almadople" arrived, cargo included eqpt for 1st Forestry Svy and 12 personnel and ammunitop for infantry & artillery. Lt Marsh left on recce for possible site for airstrip. Ref Map Cape DESCHAMP 0057. Major Davey ex Hoskins marched in.	
NANTAMBU	23	Boat nearing completion, almost ready to be launched. Gravelling of new road being carried out.	
NANTAMBU	24	D4 tractor hauling logs off area for extension of cub strip NANTAMBU Ref Map 9558 General road work carried out during day.	
SULE		Road to gravel pit completed.	
NANTAMBU	25	Construction of stores hut for RAE dump commenced. Nantambu Ref Map 956587.	
SULE		Test of gravel pit revealed 10'0" depth of fine gravel.	
NANTAMBU	26	Road work held up due to boggy ground. Sawbench which was constructed at Hoskins cutting timber for general use of Bn Gp.	
NANTAMBU	27	Australian barges landed at barge point after standing night in harbour. Barges sailed from Jacquinot Bay Adv HQ 12 Fd Coy in charge of Lt Keating. Arrived in Aust Barge.	
NANTAMBU	28	D4 dozer cleared camp site for Adv HQ 12 Fd Coy. Ref Map 956587. Report stated Beaufort Bomber crashed while landing on Hoskins airstrip during the morning and damaging its undercarriage. Message from CRE, 50 personnel to be ready to move to mainland by 0800 on Apr 29 - Adv party for relief of Coy - 10 shipping tons of stores plus 50 personnel to move on DUNTROON (WE stores only less transport & compressor - accom stores to remain)	
	29	Adv party for mainland standing by, stores despatched to wharf for movement. 4 Pl stores and WE to be handed over to 13 Fd Coy - 6 Pl WE stores to be shipped to JACQUINOT Bay per barge. Rest day.	
NANTAMBU		D4 tractor dragging logs 10" diam to be used for sawing into planks at sawbench. Av daily output of sawn timber from sawbench 500'	

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Place	Date	Summary of events	Refs to appendices
NANTAMBU	30 Apr	Adv Party standing by. Good progress with road gravelling. 90% completed. Average loads of gravel from chinaman 95 per day. First mail for three weeks arrived. Launch under construction by 4 Pl expected to be launched next week.	
SULE		Catch drain to air strip completed.	

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HQ RAE 5 Aust Div (AIF)
5 Dec 44

RAE 5 AUST DIV OPERATION INSTRUCTION No 2

INFORMATION

1. All Engr units reverted to comd of HQ RAE 5 Aust Div as at 1200 I hrs on 27 Nov 44.

2. Units of original bde gps will be in support of their respective bdes.

INTENTION

3. RAE 5 Aust Div will assist 5 Aust Div in the occupation of the JACQUINOT BAY area.

METHOD

4. (a) Sub-units will be located as under:-

(i) 55 Aust Fd Pk Coy less det - WUNUNG PLTN

(ii) Det Mech Eqpt Pl of 55 Aust Fd Pk Coy (22 ORs) - MALMAL

(iii) 12 Aust Fd Coy less 1 and 2 Pls - WUNUNG PLTN
1 Pl 12 Aust Fd Coy - CUTARP
2 Pl " " " " - HOSKINS

(iv) 13 Aust Fd Coy less 3 Pl - NORTH WUNUNG
3 Pl 13 Aust Fd Coy - MALMAL

(b) Serial (ii) will be in apport of 3 Pl 13 Aust Fd Coy. Mech Eqpt Pl less det will be in support of 12 Aust Fd Coy.

5. Tasks in order of priority:-

Ser No	UNIT	TASK
1	12 Aust Fd Coy less 1 and 2 Pls	Rd WUNUNG PLTN excl WUNUNG R.
2	"	Permanent water point WUNUNG R.
3	"	Extension of barge point BONDI, to take 5 barges
4	1 Pl 12 Aust Fd Coy	In support of 6 Aust Inf Bde at CUTARP
5	13 Aust Fd Coy less 3 Pl	Rds WUNUNG PLTN NORTH incl of WUNUNG R. crossing
6	3 Pl 13 Aust Fd Coy	Rd MALMAL MISSION - CEMETERY COVE
7	"	Permanent water point Div area
8	"	Improvement of MISSION BARGE PT to take 3 barges
9	"	Rd CEMETERY COVE to KULUMALAGI R. incl of river crossing

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MECH EQPT

6. Det of Mech Eqpt Pl a t MALMAL will hold 1/D4 and 3/D6 tractors w/dozer, 1 autopatrol, 6 tippers.

STORES

7. (a) A Div Dump will NOT be maintained. 55 Aust Fd Pk Coy may hold stores up to 50 tons.

(b) Fd Coy dump at CUTARP not to exceed 10 tons. 12 Aust Fd Coy will submit S.18 for this holding, and be responsible for replenishment.

(c) Coys may carry 5 ton of stores to include such items as bdes are likely to demand.

(d) Fd Coys will ensure that all demands by bde units be first submitted to them for investigation that the demand is reasonable. S.18 to be forwarded through staff channels to AQ 5 Aust Div where accommodation stores are involved. Accommodation stores will NOT be issued without approval of AQ.

(e) Fd Coys will submit S.18s to 55 Aust Fd Pk Coy which will meet the demand from Pk Dump as far as possible. Fd Coy will collect.

(f) Items not held in Pk Dump will be demanded from Army Dump through this HQ.

(g) This HQ will arrange delivery from Army Dump to Fd Pk Dump, or to Fd Coys direct, whichever is the more expeditious.

(h) Div units in WUNUNG PLTN will submit demands for engr stores direct to 55 Aust Fd Pk Coy, and within MALMAL area, to this HQ.

(i) 55 Aust Fd Pk Coy will maintain a det of Stores Pl (1 NCO and 9 ORs) with DCRE 5 Aust Base Sub Area, to handle Div requirements. No movement prior to approval by Comdr 5 Base Sub Area.

WORKS REPORTS

8. Requirements will be issued at a later date.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

9. (a) 7 Aust Engr Sig Sec will arrange W/T communication with Fd Pk and Fd Coys forthwith, and will provide tech assistance to 12 Aust Fd Coy in the link ~~with~~ with 1 Pl at CUTARP.

(b) Frequencies and call signs will be issued by 7 Aust Engr Sig Sec direct to units.

(c) Until further notice, the following daily schedule will be maintained:-

1030 - 1100 hrs
1900 - 1930 "

(W T BRIGGS Lt-Col
CRE 5 AUST DIV

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 0509 hrs
Issued by DRLS.

Distribution: See overleaf

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55 Aust Fd Pk Coy
12 " Fd Coy
13 " Fd Coy
7 " Engr Sig Sec
CRE
Fd Engr
War Diary
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5 Aust Div.

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REPORT ON SAWMILL AT BERG BERG - 229930

1. Ref Map — Central New Britain 1 inch = 4 miles

2. Date — 11 Dec 44

3. Report by — Lt. L.Mankervis, OC 2 Platoon, 12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF)

4. Object — To report on tractor and other engineer resources at saw mill.

5. Tractor

Type: Caterpillar RD 4
Location: In shed 50 yards NE of mill.
Condition: Tractor appears to be new and had little use but has been exposed to weather, so is fairly well rusted up.
Missing components are:-

Auxiliary engine	2 spark plugs
	1 belt
	1 float bowl
	1 dip stick
Main engine	1 dip stick
	1 Oil filter
	1 fan belt
	1 air filter

It would require to be stuffed cleaned, new parts supplied and re-assembled. Estimated time 2 mechanics - 8 days.

6. Sawmill — Has been burnt and strafed and little can be salvaged.

7. Engineer resources — See Appendix "B"

8. Track — Track from old jetty at 281924 to mill.
Length: Approx 1 mile
Clearing: 14 feet
Surface: Black loam, fairly moist.
Bridges: 2 existing, one washed away.
Time and labour to make track usuable by tractor, also to prepare barge point at 281924:- 1 Sapper 30 natives - 4 days.

9 House — In bad condition due to strafing. Size 50'x30'. Timber listed in serials 28-31 Appendix "B" is in house and outbuildings.

10 Appendices — Appendix "A" Sketch of Area (1 sheet)

Appendix "B" Engineer Resources (2 sheets)

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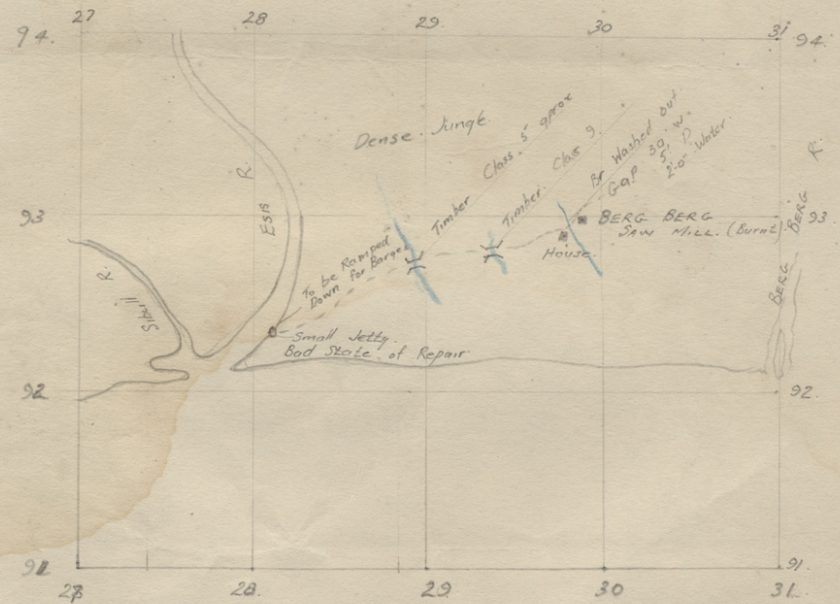
APPENDIX A

REPORT ON SAW MILL AT BERG BERG.

Sketch Map of Area.



Note 1. Timber Red Cedar Mainly.
2. Positions of Streams Approx Only

SCALE 2 INCHES TO 1 MILE.

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APPENDIX "B"
REPORT ON SAWMILL AT BERG BERG
ENGINEER RESOURCES

Ser No	Item	Size	Unit	Quantity	Remarks
— 1	Tractor	D4	No	1	
— 2	Pipe Dies	2"	"	1	Dies broken but replaceable
3	"	2"	"	1	
— 4	G clamps	15"	"	5	
— 5	piping	1"	FR	60'	complete with fittings
— 6	"	1½"	"	24'	" "
7	steam pipe	3½"	"	300'	8'0" & 15'0" lengths
— 8	Thermit		lbs	4	
— 9	Generator	6v	No	1	Spark plug and petrol tank
— 10	Cable	¼" dia	yds	300	copper power line
— 11	Leg vice		No	2	
— 12	Fit saws		No	3	
— 13	Anvil		"	1	
— 14	Forge		"	1	to be repaired
— 15	Sledge hammer	7 lb	"	1	
— 16	Snatch block	½" SWR	"	1	
— 17		1" SWR	"	8	
— 18	Trewhella jacks		"	4	
— 19	Chain hoists	¼ Ton	"	1	
— 20	" "	1½ "	"	1	
— 21	SWR stropes	⅝"x12'0"	"	2	
— 22	20 inch		"	1	Capacity 5 T - hand operated
X 23	"		"	1	Capacity 10T approx. Steam driver 1 cylinder each side of winch
— 24	SWR	1⅛"	FR	40'	
— 25	"	½"	"	150'	
X 26	Timber	6"x6"	"	200'	6"x6" lengths
X 27	"	3"x1"	"		T.G.flooring of houses
X 28	"	3"x2"			
X 29	"	4"x2"	"		studs rafters etc.
X 22		6 x 3	"	250'	
X 30	Ship tank	400 gall	No	1	5 bullet holes to be repaired.
— 31	Chain vice		"	1	
— 32	Spanners	1½	"	2	
— 33	Centrifugal pump	1"	"	1	

Miscellaneous items include:-

X Corrugated iron 50 sheets approx remainder ruined by strafing.
— Bolts. Assorted used in construction of mill
X Shafting pulley bearings etc damaged by fire
X Boiler damaged by strafing
X Flywheel 4'x6" dia new.
X Humsobile car parts salvageable - rear axle assembly and front axle
1 foot operated car pump
Spare parts — Fordson tractor Iron wheels beyond repair X1 Propellor 18" dia
X Pickering combination governing gear.
X Concrete road roller 3'0" dia 4'6" wide.
X Timber in area mainly red cedar.

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6 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR No 6

Ref Map: 1 in series : NEW BRITAIN

INFM

1. Enemy

See 5 Aust Div Infm Resume No 1, int summaries and current revsits.

2. Own Tps

(a) 36 Aust Inf Bn patrol limit remains at BALIMA RIVER. Activity in the near future will not exceed minor patrols and raids beyond this line. These ops cannot for the present be expected to influence enemy activities in WIDE BAY.

(b) B Coy 1 NGIB less one pl is remaining at MARAU, but in view of supply difficulties may have to return to CUTARP.

(c) 28 Bty 2/14 Aust Fd Regt is conc at CUTARP, but is unlikely to be ready for ops before 31 Dec. 5 Aust Svy Bty is conc at WUNUNG shortly.

(d) One ML is now based at JACQUINOT BAY. A second ML is likely to arrive at an early date.

(e) No close air sp can be expected until completion PAIAMMAL strip and arrival 79 Wing RAAF, but AUSTERCRAFT should become available during Jan.

(f) Further landing craft are arriving during Jan and the fwd mov of balance of 14/52 Aust Inf Bn and other 6 Aust Inf Bde tps may then be possible.

3. Topographical

(a) Recce report track SAMPUN - KAMANDRAN has been issued separately to those concerned.

(b) Air photos will shortly be available for study.

INTENTION

4. WIDE BAY FORCE will est a base at SAMPUN and protect the constr of a jeep track towards IP RIVER.

METHOD

5. Composition and Str of Force

See Appx "A"

6. Comd

CO 14/32 Aust Inf Bn will comd all 6 Aust Inf Bde Tps in WAGIN BAY - WIDE BAY area.

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7. Mov

(a) Mov will be made in accordance with priorities to be decided by CO 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.

(b) Demands for landing craft will be submitted to HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde by all units involved, other than NGIB, forthwith.

(c) HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde will arrange mov as craft become available.

(d) No fwd mov is expected before 27 Dec.

8. Patrol Policy

(a) No offensive ops will at present be undertaken which would require a second company being committed to extricate the first.

(b) At present patrolling will NOT be undertaken beyond IP RIVER.

9. Arty.

(a) C Tp 2/14 Aust Fd Regt is allotted in sp of WIDE BAY FORCE.

(i) Primary role: seaward and landward protection of SAMPUN and other bases subsequently est.

(ii) Secondary role: offensive action against enemy posns in sp 14/32 Aust Inf Bn patrols.

(b) Det 5 Aust Svy Bty will, when available, undertake tasks between SAMPUN and IP RIVER under arrangements CRE 5 Aust Div.

10. Engrs

(a) Tasks: Following tasks will be carried out in accordance with specifications issued by CRE 5 Aust Div.

(i) Constr beach exits at SAMPUN

(ii) Improvement of track SAMPUN - IP RIVER, incl river crossings, to take jeeps - and tractor-drawn guns.

(iii) Constr and improvement of subsidiary landing beaches between SAMPUN and IP RIVER.

(iv) Gen Engr Recce incl when practicable recce for jeep track towards OPEN BAY along gen line of IP RIVER valley.

(v) Constr of and improvement of track to AUSTEN strip at SAMPUN.

(b) Tps and Eqpt available :- See Appx "A"

(c) Working parties :- subject to tactical requirements labour will be provided by Comd WIDE BAY FORCE.

(d) Engr supervision: OC 12 Aust Fd Coy will act as Engr adviser to Comd WIDE BAY FORCE.

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11. Air Sp

(a) Until air sp sqn network is available demands for Air Sp will be through normal military channels.

(b) Requests for use of AUSTERCRAFT will be made to HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde.

12. Naval Sp

Requests for special patrols or sp will be submitted through normal military channels.

13. Allotment of Native Carriers

(a) Subject to availability of tpt for mov and maint. HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde will make carriers available as required.

(b) Local natives will only be recruited after consultation with ALO.

ADM

14. Gen

HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde will be responsible for the maint of the force as shown in Appx "A".

15. Sups

(a) Initial Mov:- All tps moving fwd will take 14 days maint rations and expense stores, 1 Emergency ration A3 and 1 FOR 02.

(b) Reserves at SAMPUN will be maint at 30 days and will be moved in bulk.

(c) Sups will incl bread making material.

16. Amn

(a) All units will move with first line amn

(b) Reserve of 30 days moderate rate will be maint at SAMPUN and will be moved in bulk.

17. POL

(a) All vehs, engr and arty eqpt will move with tanks full.

(b) Vehs will carry 4 gal res.

(c) One 44 gal drum of fuel will be loaded on the same craft as tractors and dozers.

(d) Each unit will take in bulk 14 days requirements of POL for all types of eqpt.

(e) 30 days res will be moved under Bde arrangements.

18. Med & Hyg

(a) Evacuations will be by med launch which will collect sick at least once a week.

(b) Additional med staff will be provided on the launches by 6 Aust Fd Amb as required.

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(c) Emergency demands will be signalled to HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde.

(d) 14/32 Aust Inf Bn will take 14 days maint med stores for force.

(e) Res of 30 days will be moved under Bde arrangements.

(f) Hyg on track fwd of SAMPUN will be closely watched. All latrines will be well constructed, fly proofed and sign posted. All tins will be buried.

19. PW AND REFUGEES

(a) Escorts for PW rearward from SAMPUN will be provided where practicable by HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde.

(b) Arrangements will be made by Force Comd with AIB to check bona fides of all natives passing through unit posns. Natives sent back from SAMPUN should if possible be accompanied by AIB escort.

20. MT, Special Eqpt

(a) Scales to be taken see Appx "A"

(b) AEME personnel and tools will be sent fwd from CUTARP as required.

21. Sal

Every opportunity will be taken to back load sal and captured enemy eqpt.

22. Maint Area

First Key Plan will be issued separately.

INTERCOMM

23. Responsibility for laying of lines:

(a) Bde Sig Sec will lay and maintain lines from SAMPUN to BAMEN and to the AIB post SAMPUN. A signposted telephone will be provided by Bde Sig Sec at BAMEN.

(b) 14/32 Aust Inf Bn will lay and maint line comms forward of SAMPUN.

24. Allotment of W/T Sets:

(a) Bde Sig Sec will provide W/T det with No 11 set at SAMPUN to maint comms CUTARP-SAMPUN.

(b) 12 Aust Fd Coy will provide No 11 set complete with btys and charger to be held at SAMPUN as a reserve set.

25. Passords, Frequencies, Code signs and Code names:

(i) Pass words: issued by Bde HQ

(ii) Frequencies, Code signs and Code names: Current frequencies code signs and code names as issued by Bde Sig Offr will be used.

26. Pigeon Loft:

A det of 9 Aust Pigeon Sec will be stationed at CUTARP to provide pigeons for release in SAMPUN area as required.

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27. Liaison with AIB

Arrangements will be made between Force Comd and AIB Comd for constant close liaison. AIB sig network will not be used for the passing of messages except in extreme emergency.

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Maj
BM 6 AUST INF BDE

Issued through Sigs

Signed at 2011 hrs

DISTRIBUTION (all with Appx A)

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2/14 Aust Fd Regt	1
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14/32 Aust Inf Bn	3
19 Aust Inf Bn	4
36 Aust Inf Bn	5
B Coy NGIB	6
15 Aust Sup Dep Pl	7
6 Aust Fd Amb	8
137 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	9
2/137 Aust Bde Wksps	10
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APPX A to 6 Aust Inf Bde OO Instr No 6 of 20 Dec 44.

COMPOSITION OF FORCE SHOWING PERSONNEL, VEHS, GUNS AND EQPT

SERIAL	UNIT	STR	Trucks ¼ ton 4 x 4	Tlrs 2 whl 8 cwt	Tlrs 2 whl 2000 lbs	Trucks 3 ton 4 x 4 GS	Trucks 3 ton w/winch	Trucks 3 ton Tipping	Tractors D2	Tractor D4	Dozer D6	Tlr Compressor	Guns 25 pr	Guns 2 pr Tk A
1	14/32 Aust Inf Bn (ALF) Two Coys Adv Bn HQ Det HQ Coy	282	2	2										2
2	C Tp 28 Bty 2/14 Aust Fd Regt	82	3	2	1	1			2				4	
3	12 Aust Fd Coy	20	2	2			1	1		1	1	1		
4	One Pl B Coy MGBn	7E 37N												
5	6 Aust Inf Bde Tps	9												
	TOTAL	400E 37N	7	6	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	4	2

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12 Fd Coy

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14/32 AUST INF BN O.O. NO 4/44

Ref map 1" series NEW BRITAIN

INFORMATION

1. Enemy - As already informed.

2. Own Tps - Force moving to WIDE BAY area will be known as WIDE BAY FORCE, and will consist of :

C and D Coys 14/32 Bn
Adv Bn HQ
Det HQ Coy including : 2 dets 3 Pl
1 sec 4 Pl

with under command :

C Tp 28 Bty 2/14 Aust Fd Regt
~~approx one~~ Pl 12 Fd Coy 2 Secs.
one Pl B Coy NGIB
6 Bde Sig Sec - 9

INTENTION

3. WIDE BAY FORCE will establish a beach head at SAMPUN, and protect the construction of a Jeep track towards IP RIVER.

METHOD

4. Preliminary re-organisation

(a) Own tps : sig personnel will report to respective Coys at 261800.I.

(b) Tps under command will remain in present areas until called forward for movement.

5. Move to beach : Stores will be moved to NAIL'S JETTY by M T. Orders regarding allotment of vehicles will be given verbally.

6. Movement from CUTARP to SAMPUN will be by LCM. Allotment and order for move as per Appx "A".

7. Action at destination

First wave will establish beach head on arrival at SAMPUN.

On arrival of main body C Coy, one Pl C Coy and one det mortars will establish a standing patrol at the GNET RIVER for protection of the beach-head.

All personnel moving in wave one will be under comd O C, C Coy until arrival Adv H Q.

The det of mortars with the GNET RIVER patrol will remain under comd C Coy.

8. Duty personnel.

Loading and unloading parties will be provided by sub units moving.

9. Special Duties

Loading of barges will be supervised by O C Wave, or an officer or NCO detailed by him.

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ADMINISTRATION

10. Medical

(a) Main RAP will move with Adv HQ and will be established at beach head.

(b) RAP will arrange to take 14 days maintenance store for force.

(c) Padre will move with Adv Bn HQ, and will set up a comforts post at beach head. Comforts stores will remain with padre during transit.

11. Amn

Unit first line reserve amn will be carried with Coys as per Appx "A", under special arrangements RSM.

30 days moderate rate will be forwarded at a later date under Bde arrangements.

12. Rations

(a) on the man - 1 F.O.R. O.2. 1 emergency ration.

(b) 14 days reserve will be carried. Q M will forward rations to beach head direct, to be transported with Coys as directed in Appx "A".

(c) 30 days reserve will be forwarded at a later date under Bde arrangement.

13. P.O.L.

14 days requirements for each Jeep will be carried with the vehicle.

14. Disposal of Stores left.

(a) Personal and Coy stores will be disposed of as set out in Bn R O Pt I No 48/44.

(b) Engr Stores will be left piled neatly in Coy areas. Q M will arrange collection as soon as tpt can be made available.

INTERCOMN.

15. (a) Adv Bn HQ will move with wave two.

(b) Bn administration will be carried out from the CUTARP area.

(c) Int records will be maintained in CUTARP area.

(d) All "O" information will be handled through this H Q to fwd Bn HQ.

16. Sig attachments :

(a) 4 sigs for each rifle coy.

(b) 14/32 Bn will be responsible for laying of lines fwd of SAMPUN.

The following cable will be carried : D 3 - 8 miles. Assault - 1 mile.

ACK.

Issued by runner.
Signed at 261100.I.

C M SWAN
Capt.
Adj& 14/32 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION

Copy No + Appx A.
1. A Coy
2. B Coy
3. C Coy
4. D Coy
5. HQ Coy
6. C Tp 28 Bty 2/4 Fd Regt
7. 12 Fd Coy

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8. C O
9. Adjt
10. I O
11. Sig O
12. Q M
13. RMO
14. No 3 Pl Comd

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15. No 4 Pl Comd
16. T O
17. RSM
18. 6 Aust Inf Bde
19. 6 Bde Sig Sec
20. File
21. War Diary
22. War Diary.

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Appx "A" to 14/32 Bn O.O. 4/44

Serial	Wave No	Type of Craft	Place	Time	Sub-unit	No	Sub-unit	Wt or Type	Loading	Unloading	Point of disembarcation	Officer or NCO i/c wave.	Remarks
1	1	LCM	CUTARP	Times for embarkation will be notified verbally	14/32 Bn HQ C Coy One det 5 Pl Sub sec 4 Pl 6 Bde Sig Sec	20 7 6 9 42	14/32 Bn C Coy 4 Pl 6 Bde Sig Sec	14 days res rations approx 4 tons 1st line amn 1 ton one 2 Pr TkA gun Store 1/3 ton	1½ hrs	1 hr	SAMPUN	Capt G H WEBSTER	
2		LCM	CUTARP		14/32 Bn One Pl C Coy One Sub sec 4 Pl	39 6	14/32 Bn C Coy	Stores-3 tons D W One 2 Pr Tk/A gun Amn 1 ton. 1 Jeep	1½ hrs	1 hr	SAMPUN	Capt G H WEBSTER	
3	2	LCM	CUTARP		14/32 Bn Bn HQ remainder HQ Coy detail	28 10	14/32 Bn Bn HQ HQ Coy HQ Coy & Bn HQ	Stores & Amn 4 tons Stores 2 tons D W Hygiene Stores 3 tons D W Rations 2 tons	1½ hrs	1 hr	SAMPUN	Capt D F WALKER	
4		LCM			14/32 Bn remainder C Coy	56	6 Pl	1 Jeep, 2 trailers	½ hr	¼ hr	SAMPUN	Capt D F WALKER	
5	3	LCM	CUTARP		14/32 Bn D Coy	59	D Coy	Stores & Coy reserve rations 5 tons	1 hr	½ hr	SAMPUN	Capt W H BAIN	
6		LCM	CUTARP		D Coy	30	D Coy	Stores & Coy 1st line amn 4 tons	1 hr	¾ hr	SAMPUN	Capt W H BAIN	
7	4	LCM	CUTARP		12 Fd Coy	5	12 Fd Coy	1-3 ton truck loaded 2 tons engr stores	½ hr	½ hr	SAMPUN		O C's 2/1st Fd Regt Independent Tp) and
8		LCM	CUTARP		12 Fd Coy	5	12 Fd Coy	1-3 ton tipper loaded 1 air compressor	20 mins	¼ hr	SAMPUN		12 Fd Coy will nominate an Offr or NCO as OC respective waves.

Serial	Base No	Type of Craft	Embarkation Place	Embarkation Time	Personnel Sub-Unit	Personnel No	Personnel Sub-unit	Stores Wt or Type	Estimated time for Loading	Estimated time for Unloading	Point of disembarkation	Officer or NCO i/c draft
9	5	LCM	CUTARP		12 Fd Coy	5	12 Fd Coy	2 Jeeps, 2 trailers, 14 days reserve petrol	1 hr	1 hr	SAIPUN	
10		LCM	CUTARP		12 Fd Coy	5	12 Fd Coy	1-D4 tractor. 2 FGS's	½ hr	½ hr	SAIPUN	
11	6	LCM	CUTARP		2/1 4 Fd Regt	20	2/14 Fd Regt	3 trucks ¼ ton associate stores. Sig Stores	½ hr	½ hr	SAIPUN	
12		LCM	CUTARP		2/14 Fd Regt	23	2/14 Fd Regt	2 guns 25 pr Mk II 1 tracked tractor. 1 trailer 500 lbs. 100 rds 25 pr amm Sig stores	1 hr	1 hr	SAIPUN	
13	7	LCM	CUTARP		2/14 Fd Regt	23	2/14 Fd Regt	2 guns 25 pr Mk II 1 tractor tracked 1 trailer 500 lbs. 100 rds 25 pr amm Stores (associate)	1 hr	1 hr	SAIPUN	
14		LCM	CUTARP		2/1 4 Fd Regt	18	2/14 Fd Regt	1-3 ton FWD. 1 water trailer. 1 trailer 2000 lbs Cooking gear. Rations Associate stores	1 hr	1 hr	SAIPUN	

Times for embarkation will be notified verbally

O C 2/1 Fd Regt (Independent Sp) and 12 Fd Coy will nominate an officer or NCO as O C respective draft

Capt

G M SWAN
Adjt 14/32 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

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HQ RAE 5 Aust Div (AIF)
9 Jan 45

RAE 5 AUST DIV OPERATION INSTN No 5

(E)

Ref Maps: NEW BRITAIN 1" to 1 mile series

INFORMATION

1. Enemy. See "I" Summaries and current intreps.

2. Own tps:

(i) 6 Aust Inf Bde is-

(a) establishing firm base at SAMPUN by concentrating 14/32 Aust Inf Bn in that area, and will prevent enemy infiltration south.

(b) retaining a minimum force at HOSKINS to be known as HOSKINS FORCE to defend airstrip.

(c) establishing firm base at EA EA by concentrating 36 Aust Inf Bn Gp less HOSKINS FORCE in that area, and will prevent enemy infiltration west.

(ii) 4 Aust Inf Bde is Div res.

(iii) 13 Aust Inf Bde is forming mobile reserve for protection of 5 Aust Base Sub Area and 5 AustDiv tps.

INTENTION

3. RAE 5 Aust Div will support 5 Aust Div in carrying out above bde roles.

METHOD

4. Command and Location

(a) 1 Pl 12 Aust Fd Coy remains under comd 36 Aust Inf Bn.

(b) 12 AustFd Coy less 1 Pl is in support of 6 Bde, and will concentrate at SAMPUN.

(c) 4 Aust Fd Coy will move one pl to CUTARP in support 6 Aust Inf Bde in that area. Det ME Pl 55 Aust Fd Pk Coy (1 D6 dozer) to move to CUTARP, then to SAMPUN, and will come under comd 12 Aust Fd Coy.

(d) Remaining units - no change.

(e) No movt of 12 Aust Fd Coy detail at CUTARP and 2 Pl 4 Aust Fd Coy, until ordered.

TASKS

5. (a) 12 Aust Fd Coy less 1 Pl

(i) In general - essential engr wk to maintain 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.

(ii) In particular - mtce of: A. Barge landing pts at SAMPUN.
B. Jeep track north of SAMPUN to meet Bde requirements.

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(b) 4 Aust Fd Coy

Tasks to include:

(i) TAUT R crossing
(ii) 120 x 45' FSD hut at BONDI
(iii) Piper Cub strip - CUTARP.

The FSD at CUTARP is not now reqd.

(c) 13 Aust Fd Coy

(i) Rd TAUT R excl - KALUMALAGI R incl
(ii) Jetty for LCV at MISSION
(iii) " " GOC's launch at THE VILLAGE
(iv) Rd from RECEPTION Barge Pt to main rd.

ADMINISTRATION

6. Petrol, Oil and Lubricant. Reserve of 28 days for all vehs and mech eqpt will be established and maintained under arrangements 5 Aust Div.

7. Supplies

(a) 2 Pl 4 Aust Fd Coy - no reserve supply will be carried.
(b) 12 Aust Fd Coy less 1 Pl - with troops 14 days to be absorbed as AASC reserve on arrival at SAMPUN.

8. Engineer Stores. Supply direct from JACQUINOT BAY with S.18's submitted through normal channels. Priority of issue to be stated.

K.V. Braithwaite
Capt
Adjt RAE 5 Aust Div

ACK

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Signed at: 0845 hrs

Distribution	Copy No
4 Aust Fd Coy	1
12 Aust Fd Coy	2
13 Aust Fd Coy	3
55 Aust Fd Pk Coy	4
File	5
War Diary	6-7

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6 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR NO. 1

Ref Maps: NEW BRITAIN 1 in to 1 mile series

INFM

1. Enemy

See 5 Aust Div Infm Resume No 1, int summaries and current revsits.

2. Own Tps

(a) 36 Aust Inf Bn as advised in current revsits

(b) Adv 14/32 Aust Inf Bn gp est base at SAMPUN

(c) Following tps are in sp 6 Aust Inf Bde :-

28 Bty 2/14 Aust Fd Regt
12 Aust Fd Coy
14 Aust Sup Dep Pl
15 Aust Sup Dep Pl
6 Aust Fd Amb
F Sec 77 Aust Dental Unit
137 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
2/137 Aust Bde Wksps
Det 5 Aust Div Postal Unit
Det 5 Aust Div Pro Coy
D Det 9 Aust Pigeon Sec

and following additional tps are under comd 6 Aust Inf Bde
1 NGIB on arrival

(d) One flt Tac R sqn will shortly be est HOSKINS under comd 5 Aust Div.

3. Topographical

Air photos of coastal strip SAMPUN - WAITAVALO are available at this HQ.

INTENTION

4. 6 Aust Inf Bde with sp tps will carry out following tasks :-

(a) Defence of HOSKINS

(b) Est firm bases in WIDE BAY at KALAI PTN and OPEN BAY at BAIA to limit JAPANESE mov WEST of GAZELLE PENINSULAR.

(c) Aggressive patrolling to discover enemy strength and dispositions

(d) Improvement of L of C WIDE BAY - OPEN BAY along IP RIVER or other suitable track

METHOD

5. 36 Aust Inf Bn gp

PHASE I

(a) 36 Aust Inf Bn gp will est firm base in EA EA - SULE area and prevent enemy mov WEST of PANDI RIVER

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(b) Present patrol limit PANDI RIVER

(c) The following will remain HOSKINS and will be known as HOSKINS force.

(i) Sufficient inf pers to defend HOSKINS area and assist Tac R Flt.

(ii) Det 6 Aust Fd Amb

(iii) Det Sigs

PHASE II

To be advised later

6. 14/32 Aust Inf Bn gp

PHASE I

(a) 14/32 Aust Inf Bn will est firm base at SAMPUN and protect constr of jeep track SAMPUN - IP RIVER, with following tps in sp :-

C tp 28 Bty 2/14 Aust Fd Regt
12 Aust Fd Coy less one pl
B and C Secs 15 Aust Sup Dep Pl
B Coy 6 Aust Fd Amb
F Sec 77 Aust Dental Unit
Det 269 Aust LAD
Det 2/137 Aust Bde Wksps
Det 5 Aust Div Postal Unit

and following under comd

B Coy 1 NGIB

(b) Present patrol limit IP RIVER

PHASE II

To be advised later

7. 19 Aust Inf Bn

Bde reserve and remains CUTARP for present.

8. Arty

(a) 28 Bty 2/14 Aust Fd Regt, less one tp, coast defence and DF tasks CUTARP area, in accordance with 6 Aust Inf Bde OO 5.

(b) C tp 28 Bty to carry out tasks in accordance with 6 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr No 6

9. Engr

(a) 1 Pl 12 Aust Fd Coy to carry out tasks as required by CO 36 Aust Inf Bn to incl constr AUSTER strip in fwd area.

(b) 12 Aust Fd Coy, less 1 pl, to carry out tasks in accordance with 6 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr No 6.

(c) One pl 13 Aust Fd Coy moving CUTARP area shortly in sp 6 Aust Inf Bde on arrival.

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10. Air

(a) Requests for air sp and air coop will be made to this HQ in accordance with 6 Aust Inf Bde G 131 of 6 Jan 45

(b) Requests for AUSTERCRAFT will be made to this HQ

(c) Airforce bombline now CAPE TURNER 595435 - mouth of SAI RIVER 250570.

11. NAVAL SP

Requests for naval sp will be made to this HQ.

ADM

36 Aust Inf Bn Gp

12. In accordance with instrs to be advised.

14/32 Aust Inf Bn Gp

13. Amn

(a) First line amn will be taken by all units

(b) Reserve of 28 days refills all types at scale advised in this HQ G 65 of 3 Jan 45 to be supplied by arrangement HQ 5 Aust Div.

14. POL

(a) Reserve of 28 days for vehicles and mech eqpt

(b) 8 x 44 gals of distillate for LCMs

15. Sups

(a) With tps - 14 days

(b) 28 days SWPA rations incl 2 days F.O.R. will be maint SAMPUN area for whole force under arrangement HQ 5 Aust Div.

16. Medical

(a) B Coy 6 Aust Fd Amb will est a 30 bed ADS at SAMPUN

(b) Evacuations to 105 Aust CCS weekly.

(c) F Sec 77 Aust Dental unit will est Dental Centre at SAMPUN.

17. Ord - Re-Supply direct from JACQUINOT BAY

18. Tpt

(a) 2 LCM will be est SAMPUN under comd 5 Aust Div on completion conc 14/32 Aust Inf Bn Gp

(b) These LCM will carry out normal re-supply 14/32 Aust Inf Bn gp under arrangement Q 5 Aust Div and will NOT be used for any other purpose without prior reference to this HQ, except in urgent op necessity.

19. Engr Stores - Supply direct from JACQUINOT BAY

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20. Repairs

(a) Det 269 Aust LAD with det from 2/137 Aust Bde Wksps will be est SAMPUN

(b) 2/137 Aust Bde Wksps, less det, will remain CUTARP

(c) 137 Aust Ord Fd Pk will remain CUTARP

21. Canteens

(a) Rc supply direct from JACQUINOT BAY fortnightly.

(b) Detailed arrangements to be advised.

22. Pay - Rep from 5 Aust Div Cash Office will visit SAMPUN fortnightly.

23. Postal - det from 5 Aust Div Postal Unit will est unit Postal Sec SAMPUN.

24. Salvage - pending arrival salvage det, salvage will be conc SAMPUN area as directed by Comd 14/32 Aust Inf Bn gp.

25. Native Labour - ANGAU Native Labour Offr at SAMPUN will advise on all matters relating to natives, All demands for labour will be coordinated by 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.

INTERCOMMN

26. Liaison

(a) Comd 14/32 Aust Inf Bn gp will maintain close liaison with AIB field parties

(b) LO from this HQ will est an adv Bde Sig Centre in SAMPUN area and will be responsible for transmission of all wireless traffic from 14/32 Aust Inf Bn gp.

(c) LO will also act as Beachmaster for 14/32 Aust Inf Bn gp. Sig centre will be suitably located to enable LO to carry out both tasks.

27. Allotment of Wireless Sets

(a) 6 Aust Inf Bde will move one additional No 11 set to SAMPUN as stand by set in that area

(b) No 112 sets will provide link 6 Aust Inf Bde - 36 Aust Inf Bn at EA-EA.

(c) No 11 sets will provide link 36 Aust Inf Bn at EA EA to HOSKINS det.

28. HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde remains CUTARP.

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R Moffitt Capt
A/BM 6 AUST INF BDE

Method of Issue: DRLS
Time of Signature: 101045I.

DISTRIBUTION	COPY				
14/32 Aust Inf Bn	1	14 Aust Sup Dep Pl	8	Comd	16
19 " " "	2	15 " " " "	9	BM	17
36 " " "	3	6 Aust Fd Amb	10	SO	18
1 NGIB	4	F Sec 77 Aust Dental Unit	11	File	19
28 Bty 2/14 Aust Fd Regt	5	137 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	12	War Diary	20-21
12 Aust Fd Coy	6	2/137 " " Wksps	13		
6 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	7	269 Aust LAD	14		
		ANGAU SAMPUN	15		

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HQ 6 AUST INF BDE (AIF)
12 Jan 45
Q 279

MOV TO SAMPUN - 14/32 AUST INF BN GP

1. Further to 6 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr No 7 of 10 Jan 45, the following priorities of mov and estimated dates of commencement are advised vide Appx "A" herewith.

2. This Appendix is provided as a basis for planning and loading by units concerned. However requisitions for craft, in accordance with Div RO 354, are required in relation to craft listed herein. Units will be advised of craft numbers. Demands for craft will be submitted to this HQ 48 hrs in advance of the times at which craft are to report CUTARP. Demand for craft in Serial 6 will be submitted forthwith.

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SO 6 AUST INF BDE

DISTRIBUTION	COPY
28 Bty 2/14 Aust Fd Regt	1
12 Aust Fd Coy	2
6 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	3
14/32 Aust Inf Bn	4-5
19 Aust Inf Bn	6
B Coy 1NGH	7
14 Aust Sup Dep Pl	8
15 Aust Sup Dep Pl	9
6 Aust Fd Amb	10
F Sec 77 Aust Dental Unit	11
2/137 Aust Bde Wksps	12
269 Aust LAD	13
Det 5 Aust Div Pro Coy	14
FPO 164	15
Beachmaster	16
Bde AASC Offr	17

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MOVEMENT TO SAMPUN - 14/32 AUST INF BN GP

APPENDIX A to 6 AUST INF BDE Q 297 of 12 Jan 45

Serial.	Unit	Location	Embarkation Beach	No of LCMs to complete	Time of Loading		Date/Time of Departure
					Stores	Pers	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1	3 Pl 12 Aust Fd Coy	WUNUNG	BONDI	2	081500I	090300I	090300I
2	(i) RAE (Bridging Eqpt)	WUNUNG	BONDI		091500I		100300I
	(ii) AASC	PALMALMAL	ASD	2	091500I		100300I
3	(i) Det AASC	CUTARP	NAILS JETTY	3	110430I	110430I	110600I
	(ii) Det Postal	do	do				
	(iii) 14/32 Aust Inf Bn	do	do				
	(iv) 12 Aust Fd Coy (D6 Dozer)	do	do				
4	14/32 Aust Inf Bn	CUTARP	NAILS JETTY	2	120430I	120430I	120600I
5	B Coy 6 Aust Fd Amb	WUNUNG	BONDI	2	121500I	130300I	130300I
6	14/32 Aust Inf Bn	CUTARP	NAILS JETTY	2	140430I	140430I	140600I
7	14/32 Aust Inf Bn	CUTARP	NAILS JETTY	2	150430I	150430I	150600I
8	i) 14/32 Aust Inf Bn	CUTARP	NAILS JETTY	1	160430I	160430I	160600I
	ii) AASC	PALMALMAL	BIPOD	1	151500I	-	160300I
9	AASC	PALMALMAL	ASD	2	161500I		170300I
10	(i) 14/32 Aust Inf Bn	CUTARP	NAILS JETTY	2	180430I	180430I	180600I
	(ii) 12 Aust Fd Coy	do	do	2	do	do	do
11	(i) 12 Aust Fd Coy	CUTARP	NAILS JETTY	3 #2	190430I		190600I
	(ii) AASC	PALMALMAL	ASD	1	181500I		190300I
12	(i) Det 269 Aust LAD Det 2/137 Aust Bde Wksp F Sec 77 ADU	CUTARP	NAILS JETTY	2	200430I	200430I	200600I
	(ii) AASC	PALMALMAL	ASD	2	191500I		200300I

13 12 Fd Coy Cutarp 2 210430 210600

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REMARKS

NOTE: - (i) Serial Numbers compare with Numbers in Column (a) of schedule.
(ii) LCM's loaded vide Serials 3,4,6,7,10,11 (i) and 12 (i) for CUTARP will NOT carry cargo in excess of equivalent to half-an-hour unloading time at CUTARP. Labor for unloading will be supplied by 19 Aust Inf Bn on demand by Beachmaster and will be available to maximum capacity for working of carft.

Serial No 1 - Complete.

2 - Complete

3 - Complete

4 - Complete

5 - (i) Adv party one pl 4 Aust Fd Coy 7 all ranks travel on craft to CUTARP.
(ii) AASC to complete loading of 2nd craft with AASC supplies for SAMPUN.

6 - HQ Coy 6 Aust Fd Amb 1 Jeep 3 tons Stores 5 personnel to travel on one craft to CUTARP. AASC to complete loading with POL for CUTARP. The other craft to be loaded same as serial 7.

7 - These craft will arrive CUTARP loaded one 3 ton vehicle load AASC supplies and small quantity loose AASC supplies per LCM. Vehicles to be backloaded same day under arrangements 6 Aust Inf Bde.

8 - (i) Loaded vide Serial 7.
(ii) Resupply POL for SAMPUN.

9 - (a) Resupply for SAMPUN.
(b) These craft move to MARAU ex SAMPUN load stores B Coy NGIB. Lay up night 17/18 embark personnel 180500I proceed to SAMPUN and return JACQUINOT.

10 - Same as serial 7.

11 - (i) Same as serial 7.
(ii) Resupply for SAMPUN. Det Pro ex MISSION for duty with 14/32 Aust Inf Bn travel on these craft.

12 - (i) Same as serial 7.
(ii) Resupply for SAMPUN.

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12 Jd Coy

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HQ 6 AUST INF BDE (AIF)
13 Jan 45
Q 322

MOV TO SAMPUN - 14/32 AUST INF BN GP

1. Ref 6 Aust Inf Bde Q 297 of 12 Jan 45.

2. Attached hereto is amended schedule of mov. This will replace Appx A to the abovequoted memo which will be destroyed.

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SC 6 AUST INF BDE

DISTRIBUTION	COPY
28 Bty 2/14 Aust Fd Regt	1
12 Aust Fd Coy	2
6 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	3
14/32 Aust Inf Bn	4-5
19 Aust Inf Bn	6
B Coy 1 NGIB	7
14 Aust Sup Dep Pl	8
15 Aust Sup Dep Pl	9
6 Aust Fd Amb	10
F Sec 77 Aust Dental Unit	11
2/137 Aust Bde Wksps	12
269 Aust LAD	13
Det 5 Aust Div Pro Coy	14
FPO 164	15
Beachmaster	16
Bde AASC Offr	17

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14/32 AUST INF BN OP ORDER NO 6

Ref maps : ORFORD 1" to 1 m
WIDE BAY 1" to 1 m
CAPE TURNER 1" to 1 m

INFORMATION 1. Enemy - as in current sitreps.

2. Own Troops - 14/32 Bn is now located as follows:-

14/32 Bn less A and C Coys	:	SAMPUN	777098
A Coy	:	KOLAMPUN	753165
C Coy	:	MESETWEI	767149

Under command : B Coy NGIB less 6 Pl : MARAU
6 Pl NGIB : IWAI 714213

In support : C Tp 28 Bty 2/14 Aust Fd Regt.
12 Fd Coy less 4 Pl.
B & C Secs 15 Aust Sup Dep Pl.
B Coy 6 Aust Fd Amb.
F Sec 77 Aust Dental Unit.
Det 269 LAD.
Det 2/137 Bde Wksps.
Det 5 Aust Div Postal Unit.

INTENTION 3. 14/32 Aust Inf Bn will -

(a) Establish firm base SAMPUN.
(b) Protect construction jeep track SAMPUN-IP RIVER.

METHOD 4. Protection of SAMPUN:-

B and D Coys each u/c 1 det 3" M.
One sec 2 Pl.
One sec 4 Pl.

Dispositions and fire plan see sketch Appdx "A" issued separately.

B Coy will be prepared to counter attack valley area HUTS to FORD.

D Coy will be prepared to counter attack :-
(a) High ground SOUTH end of beach,
(b) High ground rear of BnHQ and B Coy.

5. Action on attack from seawards:-

(a) Day : Arty will open fire on craft when in range and direct hits are probable.
All other weapons open fire when within effective range of weapon and a suitable target is presented.

OP will challenge all craft approaching SAMPUN.

(b) Night : When any craft is heard or sighted this HQ will be informed. All personnel will stand-to.
Beach lights will be manned but NOT switched on.
This HQ will be notified immediately gun and light crews are at action stations.
OP will NOT challenge craft until ordered by this HQ. If craft NOT identified as friendly, verey signals 1 Red 1 Green will be fired from this HQ.
Beach lights will then illuminate targets and guns will destroy craft.
Should the approach of craft be of such speed that the above procedure is not practicable, gun crew commanders will act so that lights illuminate

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the craft and guns engage them as soon as craft are within 600 yds of beach. In this matter, crew commanders will act independently.

6. A Coy with u/c 1 det 3" M will establish position KOLAMPUN and prevent enemy movement in SE direction.

7. C Coy with u/c 1 det 3" M MESETWEI - in reserv
1 gun 2 pdr

8. Arty (a) Beach defence as in para 5(b).
(b) D.F. tasks KOLAMPUN and MESETWEI.
(c) OP officer with A Coy.

9. Engr will act in accordance 6 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr No 6.

ADM

10. Amn (a) First line held with all weapons.
(b) 28 days reserve all types SAMPUN.

11. Rations
(a) 14 days with all sub units.
(b) 28 days held SAMPUN.

12. Medical
RAP - SAMPUN
ADS - SAMPUN

13. Canteen
Re supply fortnightly direct from JACQUINOT BAY.

14. Pay Rep 5 Aust Div Cash Office will visit SAMPUN fortnightly.

INTERCOMN

15. Line between Bn and all sub units.
6 line board MESETWEI.
108 sets all coys.
Pigeons based on SAMPUN available for fwd patrols.
Arty comns independent.

16. BnHQ - SAMPUN.

Ack

Lt
G O THOMPSON
A/Adjt 14/32 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Distribution

	Copy No
A Coy	1
B Coy	2
C Coy	3
D Coy	4
HQ Coy	5
6 Pl NGIB	6
C Tp 28 Bty	7
12 Fd Coy	8
6 Fd Amb	9
6 Bde	10
File	11
War Diary	12-13

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5 Aust Div.

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SUBJECT: BARGE MOORINGS - SAMPUN.

In reply to your request, attached please find sketch map of SAMPUN area, showi suitable locations for barge mooring anchorages.

Any position on the 3-4 fathom line 100 yds from shore would be satisfactory.

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OC 12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF).

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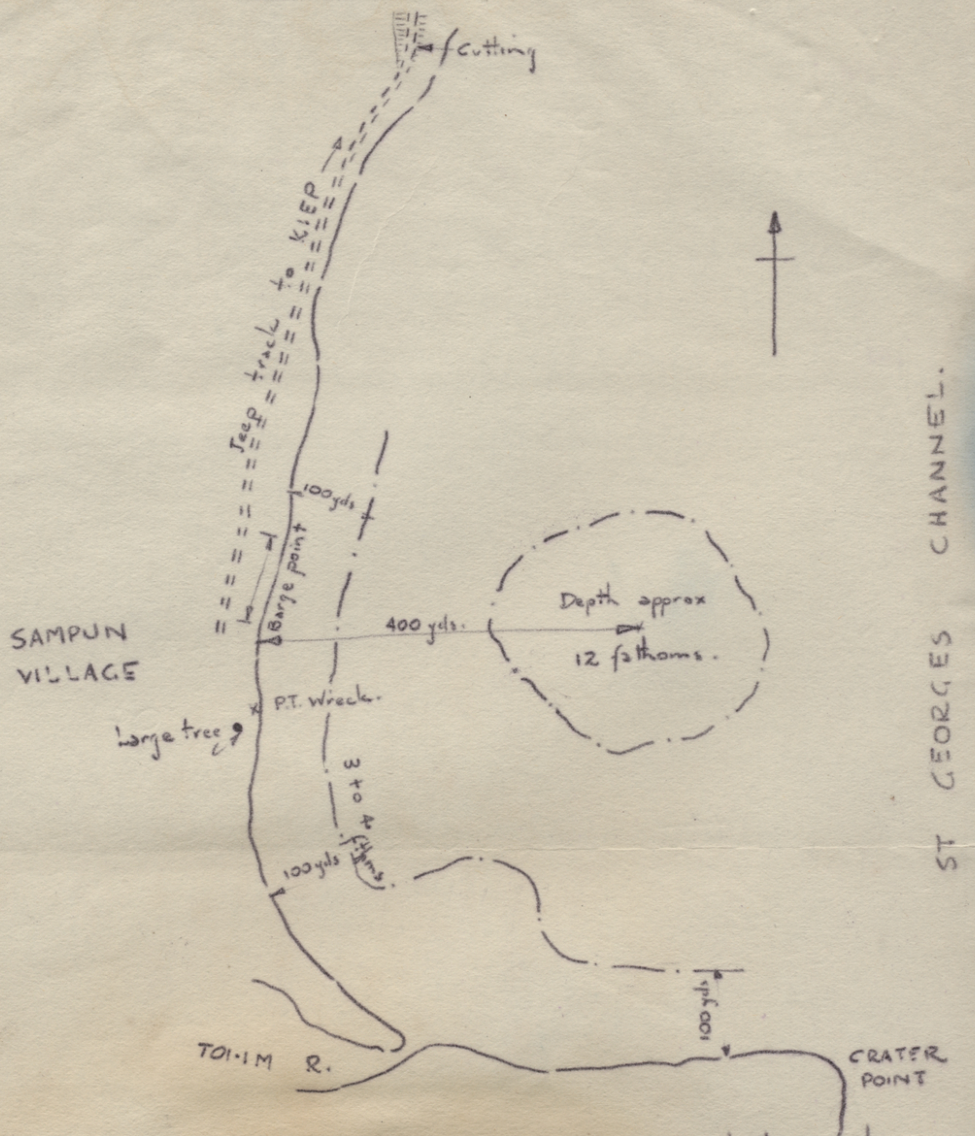

SKETCH MAP SAMPUN AREA Not to scale

Ref Map ORFORD 1:63360
Map Ref 7810
Date 23 Jan 43

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OC 12 Aust Fd Coy RAE

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SYDNEY. AUSTRALIA

T. O. C.
12 Aust Fd Coy
R.A.E.

REPORT ON SOUNDINGS SAMPUN BAY.

Ref Map: ORFORD 1" to 1 Mile.

Report By LT CRAWFORD.

Date 22 JAN 45.

1/ OBJECT. Obtain soundings for moorings buoys for barges.

2/ APPENDIX
A. Sketch Plan.

Charles Crawford
O.C. 3 RC

22 1000 I.

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APPENDIX
A.



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24 JAN 45.

14/32 AUST INF BN OP ORDER NO 7/45

Ref maps NEW BRITAIN 1" to 1 mile series.

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INFORMATION

1. Enemy - as in current sit reps.

2. Own Tps - 14/32 Bn with under command : B Coy NGIB
in support : C Tp 28 Bty 2/14 Aust Fd Regt
12 Fd Coy
Det 9 Aust Pigeon Sec
15 Aust Sup Dep Pl
B Coy 6 Aust Fd Amb
F Sec 77 Aust Dental Unit
Det 269 L A D
Det 2/137 Bde Wksps
Det 5 Aust Div Postal Unit
Det 5 Aust Div Pro Coy.

INTENTION

3. 14/32 Bn Gp will seize area KIEP PLANTATION.

METHOD

4. Phase 1.

(a) 26 JAN 45 B Coy NGIB occupy MILIM and patrol to BAKAN.

(b) A Coy with under command one det 3" Mor will occupy KIEP PLANTATION and cover landing Bn Gp.

5. Phase 2 Night 26/27 JAN 45.

(a) Tps. D Coy
Adv Bn HQ
B Coy
3 dets 3 Pl
1 Sec 4 Pl
1 Sec 2 pl
C Tp 28 Bty 2/14 Fd Regt
1 Sec 15 Sup Depot Pl.
Remainder H Q Coy

6. Phase 3 Night 27/28 JAN 45.

Tps. C Coy
Remainder C Tp 28 Bty 2/14 Aust Fd Regt
Det 9 Aust Pigeon Sec

Remainder Bn HQ
B Coy 6 Fd Amb
F Sec 77 Aust Dental Unit
Det 269 L A D
Det 2/137 Wksps
one sec 1 5 Sup Depot pl.

7. Tps in phase 2 and 3 will move from SAMPUN to KIEP by LCV in accordance with table as per Appx A.

8. Aids to navigation

LSDSR orange screens - from KIEP PT - bearing 74° M.
Centre of landing beach will be marked by two lamps, green screens, vertically - bearings 316° M.

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9. Action at destination

All tps will on arrival immediately proceed to assembly area and will be guided to areas as per key plan, Appx B.

10. Special Duties

Bn loading officer - Capt D F WALKER
Bn landing officer - Maj J R LARKIN

ADMINISTRATION

11. Ration

(a) on man - 1 emergency ration
1 F O R.
1 day SWPA ration

(b) with Coys - SWPA to 29 JAN 45.

(c) in bulk - SWPA rations 14 days x 1000.
will be landed - 7 days night 26/27 JAN
7 days night 27/28 JAN.

12. Water All water containers will be carried filled.

13. Duty personnel

All loading will be carried out by personnel travelling, and will be supervised by senior officer or NCO in each serial.

14. Guides

I O will detail guides to lead Coys to their respective areas on arrival at KIEP.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

15. Bn HQ will :

(a) Close at SAMPUN at 271000.I.
Open at KIEP at 271000.I.

16. H Hour - 262000.I.

Ack.

Signed at 1000 I

Capt.

G M SWAN
Adjt 14/32 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

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12	3 pl Comd	"	-
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15	Maj LARKIN	"	-

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19	12 Fd Coy	"	"
20	B Coy NGIB	"	-
21	9 Aust Pigeon Sec	"	-
22	15 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	"
23	B Coy 6 Fd Amb	"	"
24	F Sec 77 Dental Unit	"	-
25	Det 239 LAD	"	"
26	Det 2/137 Wksps	"	"
27	Det 6 Div Postal Unit	"	-
28	Det 6 Div Pro Coy	"	-
29	File	"	"
30	War Diary	"	"
31	War Diary	"	"

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Serial	Flight	Wave	Craft	Place	Date & Time	Cargo	Discharge at	Officer i/c Wave
1	1	1	L C M	SAMPUN	H Hour	D Coy less two pls One det 3 Pl Jeep and Trailer	KIEP PLANTATION	Capt W H BAIN
2			"	"	"	One Pl D Coy One det 3 Pl Sub sec 2 Pl Sub sec 4 Pl	"	"
3.			"	"	"	One Pl D Coy Rations 2 days Sub sec 4 Pl Jeep	"	"
4.			"	"	"	Adv Bn HQ One det 3 Pl Sub sec 2 Pl Jeep & 1 W/trailer	"	"
5.			"	"	"	B Coy + 1 w/trailer	"	"
6.			"	"	"	B Coy	"	"
7.			"	"	"	Remainder HQ Coy 1 Jeep and trailer	"	"
8.		2	"	"	H + 2 hrs	C Tp 2/14 Fd Regt 1 Gun & Amn (5 tons) Tractor Stores (2 tons)	"	Lt KING
9.			"	"	"	C Tp 2/14 Fd Regt 2 Guns Jeep Amn (4 tons)	"	"
10.			"	"	"	C Tp 2/14 Fd Regt W/trailer Rations (2 days) Trailer (14/32 Bn)	"	"

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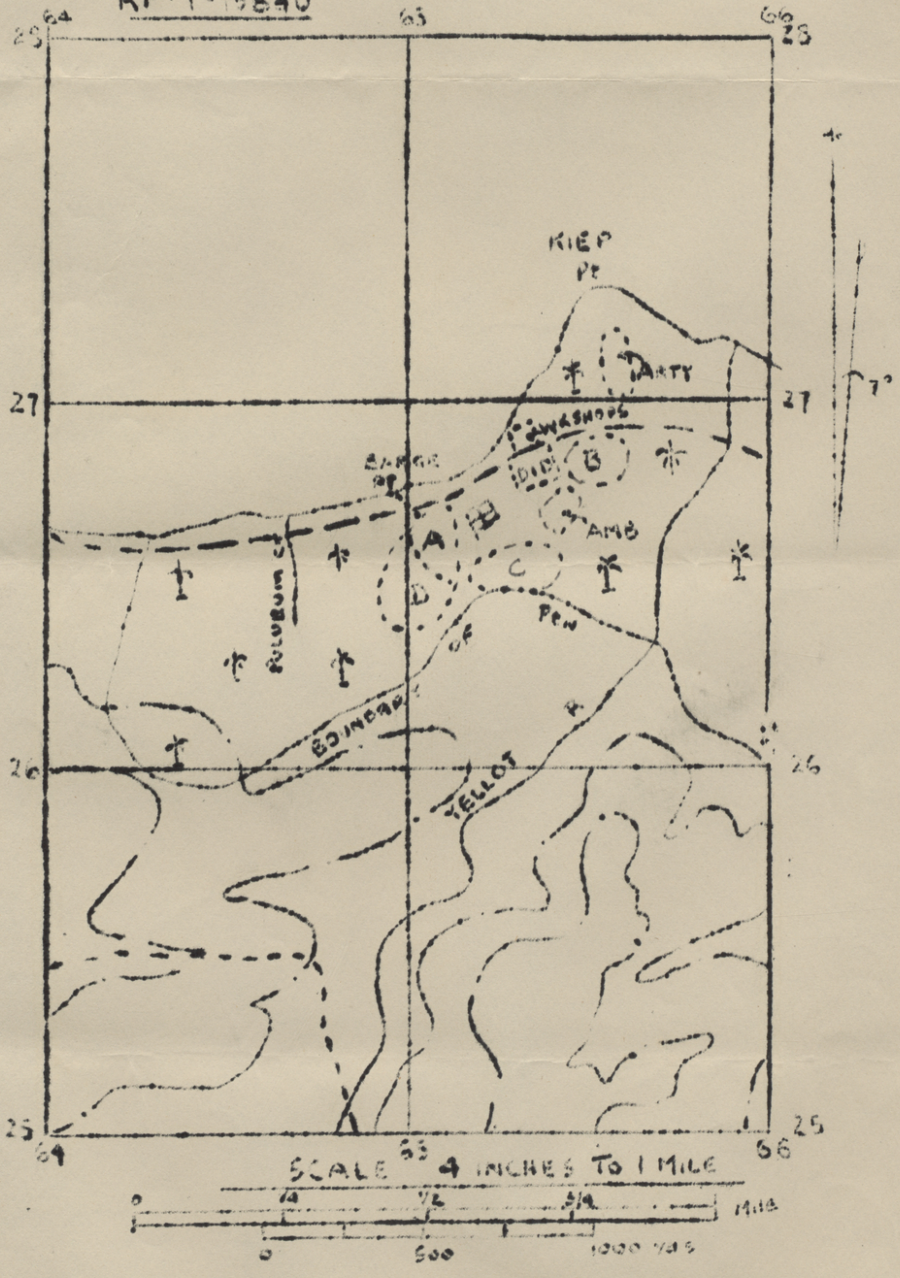
Serial	Flight	Wave	Craft	Place	Date & Time	Cargo	Discharge at	Officer i/c Wave
11	1	2	L C M	SAMPUN	H + 2 hours	7 days rations x 1000	KIEP PLANTATION	
12			"	"	"	Amn 1 MB refill	"	
13			"	"	"	2 Jeeps Det 5 Div Pro. 2 trailers One sec 15 Sup Dep Pl.	"	
14	2	1	L C M	"	27 JAN H + 24 hours	C Coy & Coy Stores	"	CAPT G S WEBSTER
15			"	"	"	C Coy Jeep & Trailer	"	"
16			"	"	"	Arty & Det Pl and Sec 3 ton vehicle	"	"
17			"	"	"	Remainder Arty	"	"
18			"	"	"	Rations 7 days x 1000	"	"
19			"	"	"	A Coy & 1d Amb & F Secs 77 Dental Unit	"	"
20			"	"	"		"	"
21		2	"	"	H + 23 hours	Balance Bn HQ Jeep & Trailer	"	CAPT L F SLUTKIN
22			"	"	"	Det 259 L A D Det 2/1X7 W/shops 1 Sec 15 Sup Dep Pl	"	"
23								
24			"	"	"	Bn Q Stores	"	"
25			"	"	"		"	"

APPX B

KEY PLAN KIEP PTN AREA

REF MAP WIDE BAY 1 INCH

RP 1-1-5840



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File/Roads.

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C.R.E.,
5 Aust Div.

(K)

Report on Construction of Jeep Track from MILIM to IP RIVER.

1. Ref Map: WIDE BAY 1:63360
CAPE TURNER 1:63360

2. Report by: Major W.A.DAVEY OC 12 Aust Fd Coy.

3. Date: 29 Jan 45.

4. OBJECT: To construct an all weather jeep track, capable of carrying artillery, from MILIM (628280) to IP RIVER (579363).

5. SUMMARY OF PLAN.

(a) Details of track.

(i) Length of track approx 7 miles
(ii) Formation width 12'
(iii) Pavement width 10'
(iv) Pavement finish, natural surface, combined.

(b) Details of crossings of watercourses and rivers.

(i) MILIM CK (628280) - construct temporary by pass by dozer - construct bridge, span 25', width 10'. coconut log stringers with ARC mesh decking. Cl 7.
(ii) YARET R. (627290) - fordable, width 50', sheeted with ARC mesh.
(iii) SIBLONG R. (625292) - branches into two arms near mouth - fordable, total width 120', sheeted with ARC mesh.
(iv) KABERIK CK. (618298) - construct temporary by pass by dozer - construct bridge, span 20'., width 10', coconut log stringers with ARC mesh decking. Cl 7.
(v) KINING CK. (617301) - existing bridge in fair order, strengthen decking by sheeting with ARC mesh.
(vi) Dry water course (616304) - fordable by packing with stone on site.

(vii) KINKIN CK.(614305) - fordable, width 60', sheeted with ARC mesh.
(viii) KAUKUM CK (KARUS CK) (612309) - existing ford.
(ix) WATOK R.(611312) - fordable, width 120', sheeted with ARC mesh.
(x) NUYEMBLIK CK (605318)- consists of two arms, both fordable, 15' and 25', sheeted with ARC mesh.
(xi) RURUM CK (601320) - fordable, width 60', sheeted with ARC mesh. May need bridging at later stage due to floodings, bridge of 4 spans total 120', local timber stringers, ARC mesh piers and decking. Cl 7.
(xii) WUVULON CK (598322) - construct temporary ford, width 60' - construct 3 span bridge , total length 80', local timber stringers, ARC mesh piers and decking. Cl. 7.
(xiii) RAKAN CK No 2 (YARIN CK) (592325) - fordable, width 6'.
(xiv) RAKAN CK NO 1 (LIUKO CK)(591326) - construct bridge, span 30', local timber stringers, ARC mesh decking. Cl. 7.
(xv) RAKEN CK (589329) - fordable width 10'.
(xvi) PULUPAN R.(PUBULON R) (587331) - fordable, width 120', sheeted with ARC mesh.
(xvii) BRALL CK(actually consists of two creeks local names WIBU CK No 1(583332) and WIBU CK No 2 (582335) - both fordable, width No 1 - 150', No 2 - 30', sheeted with ARC mesh.
(xviii) OIYA R(582337) - fordable, width 120', sheeted with ARC mesh.
(xix) WAIN CK (581342) shown on previous maps at(582335) - existing bridge, can be repaired, span 40', insert additional stringers and replace decking with ARC mesh.
(xx) KILAVUL CK (582347) - existing ford.
(xxi) RAGUMMEI CK (RAKUMMIK CK) (581352) - existing bridge, span 33', replace decking with ARC mesh, and tom at mid ~~xxxxx~~ span.

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(XXii) LIMKONG R.(581355) - consists of two arms - on first, construct 2 span bridge, length 50', local timber stringers, ARC mesh piers and decking. Second is fordable, width 60', sheeted with ARC mesh.

(c) Soft spots on track

There is only one patch, length 50 yds, between PULUPAN R. and BRALL CK. S heetxd with ARC mesh on fibreen. Remainder of track very firm.

6. TIME,LABOUR, SPECIAL EQUIPMENT:-

(a) Time for constructing temporary track, 4 days.
(b) Labour required, 20 RAE and 20 inf.
(c) Time for constructing permanent track, 12 days.
(d) Labour required 40 RAE and 20 inf.
(e) Equipment required

i. For temporary track, one dozer D6.
ii. For permanent track, two D6 dozers.

Note: If only one dozer available over period, time for constructing permanent track, 20 days.

7. APPENDICES

(A) Part map of WIDE BAY and CAPE TURNER.

1:63360 (1 sheet)

(B) Stores list (1 sheet)

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29 Jan 45.

Major.
OC 1st Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF).

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APPENDIX B to Report on Jeep Track.
MILNE-IF R.

STORES LIST

Ser No	Item	Qty	Remarks.
1	ARC mesh (bundles of 5 sheets)	68 bundles	
2	Star or Angle Iron pickets 5'6"	100	
3	Spikes 20"x⅝"	200	
4	Fibreen or Sisalkraft	5 rolls	
	Note: If rod supplied in lieu of Ser No 3, following additional items req'd.		
5	Coke	5 cwt	
6	Coal	2 cwt	

1700I

29 Jan 45.

Major.
OC 13 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF)....

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12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF)
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20 Feb 45.

HQ RAE.,
5 Aust Div.

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SUBJECT: RECCE INLAND JEEP TRACK - IP RIVER.

1. Attached please find copy of report on the above by Lt KEATING.

2. As noted in the report, the construction of this track is a major task and is not trafficable at all during the wet weather.

3. This project is NOT recommended, as we believe it is possible to locate a fars more suitable location north of RILE CREEK.

Major.
OC 12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF)....

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GS.,
12 Aust Fd Coy.

RECCE REPORT FOR ALL WEATHER JEEP TRACK FROM 579360 to 490400.

(1) Ref Map: CAPE TURNER 1 in to 1 mile

(2) Report by: Lt R.B.Keating, FEO 1, 12 Aust Fd Coy.

(3) Date: Time out 060700K
" in 091200K

(4) General Remarks

1. All weather jeep track would be a major Engineer task as it involves heavy earth works to cross Razor-back spurs which meet IP RIVER at approx 562384 and 514390 on south side. North side of river spurs run back in a North West direction forming deep gorges.

11. Spur running between IP RIVER and tributary at 502390 is very steep and meets river in most parts with a vertical face over 100' high. The flattest part rises at approx 60°.

111. It may be possible to locate a main spur running East West further north of the IP RIVER and an all weather Jeep road be constructed along it to reach Table Land country.

(5) PLAN.

A rough jeep track could be constructed to reach spur at 500395.

Main tasks involve:-

1. Fording of IP RIVER at 526384 and 502394.

2. Dozing down escarpment at 562367.

3. Clearing track of undergrowth and timber (10" to 18" d)

4. Dozing and making jeepable numerous small gullies. Creek crossings at 538378, 525386 and 512393.
Location: See APPENDIX "A".

(6) SUMMARY

Road would not be passable at River ~~Xings~~ crossings during heavy rain unless bridges were constr.

(7) LOCAL RESOURCES.

1. Timber: good quality and quantity of timber (river gum) for bridges and culverts.

11. Gravel: good quality river gravel available for consolidating soft spots. Formation for 90% is over a gravel loam and would form a hard surface if timber was cleared to allow sun to dry out.

(8) STORES REQUIRED
Arc mesh - 4 tons, 16" spikes 200, explosives 1 ton, axes, picks, shovels.

(9) ESTIMATED TIME FOR CONSTN.
1 Pl Fd Coy with D6 dozer - 3 weeks

(This report consists of 1 page and 1 sheet of appendices)

(Sgd) R.B.KEATING Lt.
FEO1 12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF).

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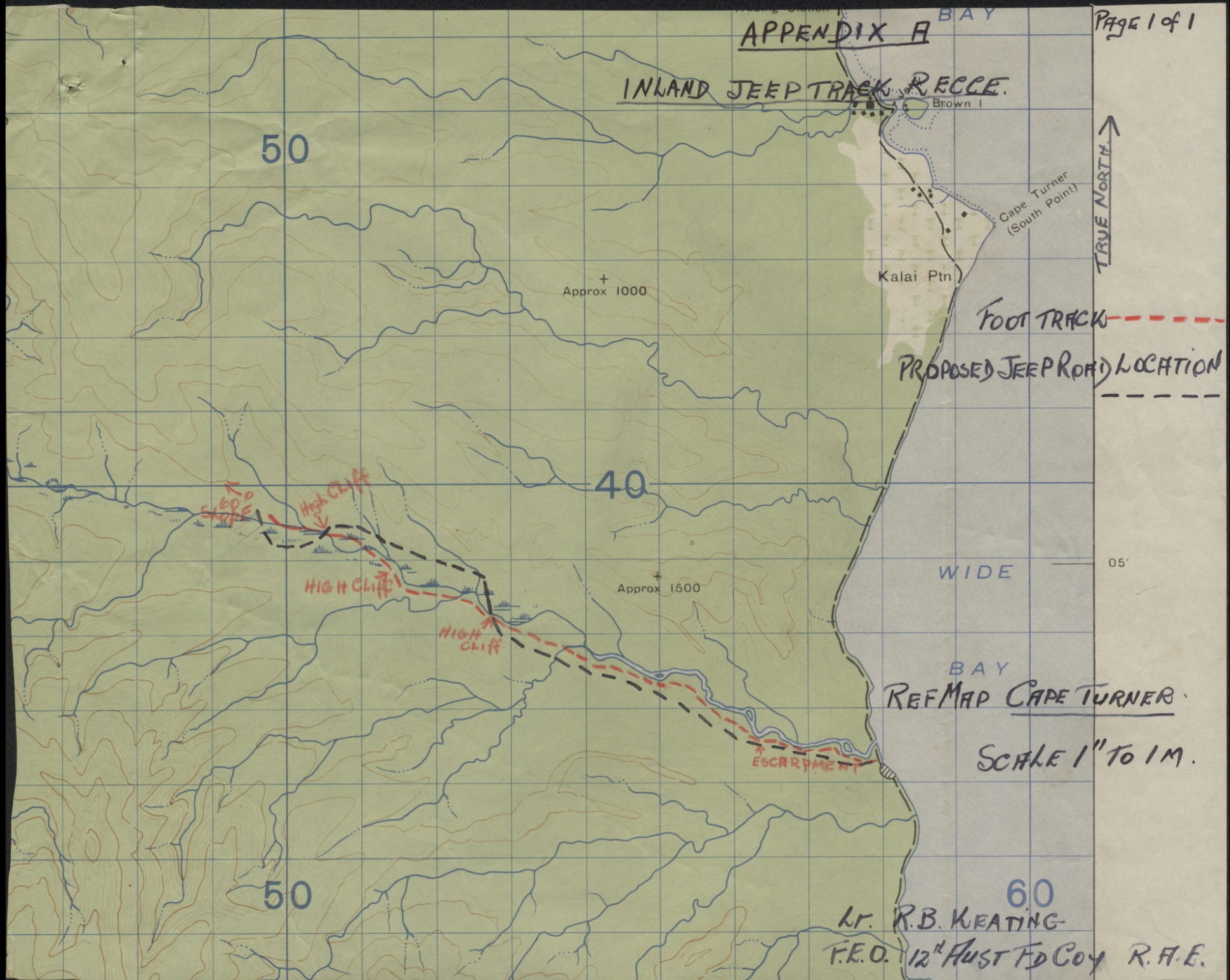
APPENDIX A

INLAND JEEP TRACK RECCE.



REF MAP CAPE TURNER.

SCALE 1" TO 1M.

Lt. R.B. KEATING
F.E.O. 12th AUST FD COY R.A.E.

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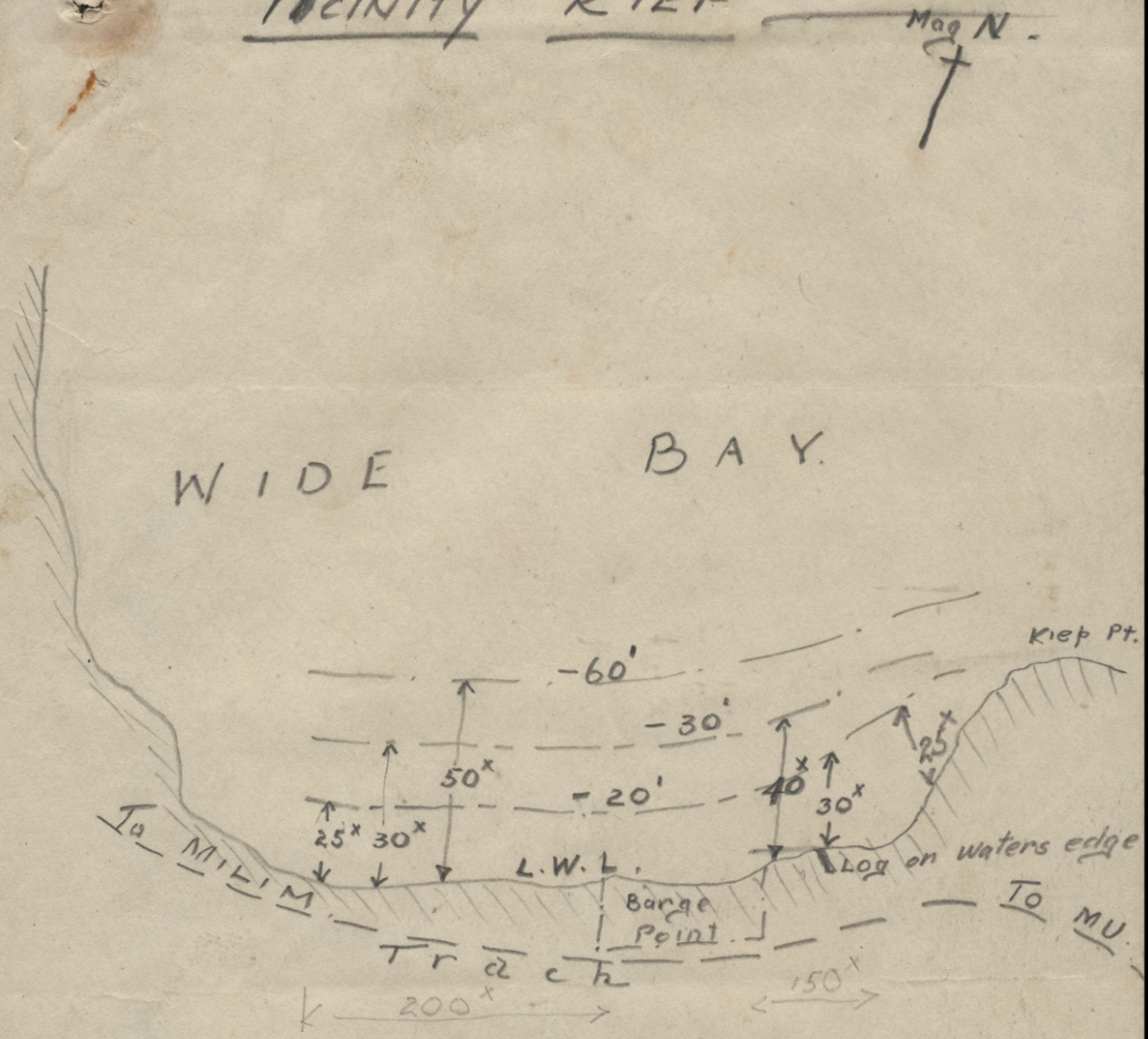
SKETCH SHOWING SOUNDINGS.
VICINITY KIEP LANDING.



1 soundings Taken 041100K. at Low Water.

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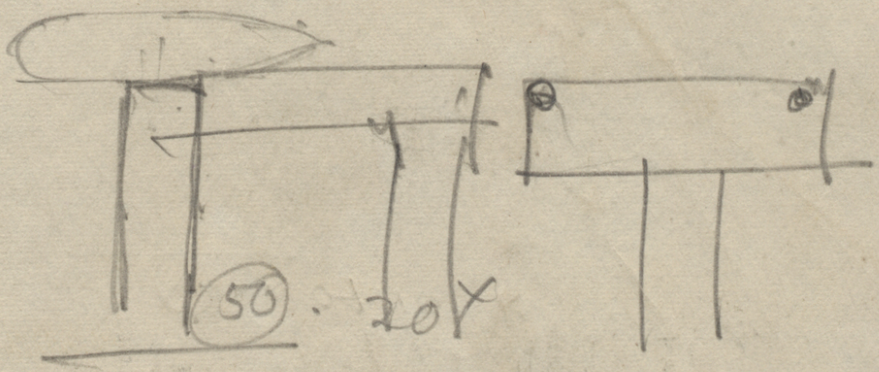
Lt.



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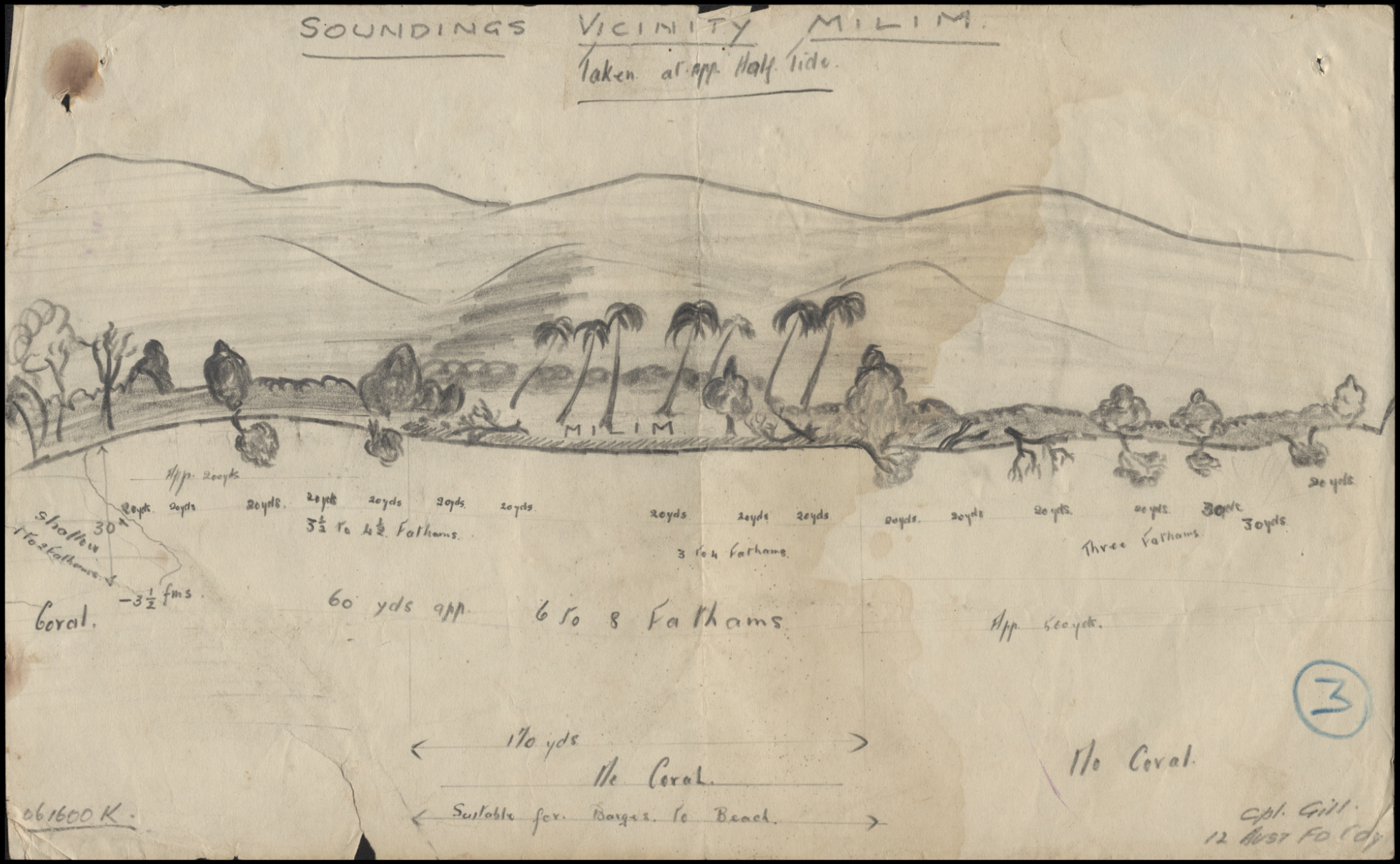

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OC 12 Aust Fd Coy RAE.

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RECCE REPORT RIVER CROSSINGS

PART 1 Suitable River Crossings MEVELO RIVER between 584523 and 566527.

PART 11 Possible Road from LAMARIN to 576524.

1. Ref Map: MEVELO 1 in to 1 mile

2. Report by: Lt R.B.KEATING FE 12 Fd Coy

3. Date: 23 Feb 45.

PART(1) Suitable river ~~xxxxx~~ crossings.

4. General

River was inspected from South Bank only. No means of crossing river was available.

(a) 584523 to 580524
North Bank would not be observed owing to island. Average width of water from South Bank to Island approx 100 yds.
Height of south bank average 10'
River is tidal 2-3 ft rise and fall. Appears very deep in centre of stream and is slow flowing.
River Bed - Muddy.
Island appears to be a silt bar thickly covered with Pitt Pitt Grass.
No parts suitable as river crossing.

(b) 580524 to 566527
North bank up to BERA River is thickly covered with Pitt Pitt Grass.
South bank is clear of Pitt Pitt up to 568527.
Only suitable location for bridge and river crossing is at - 576524,
Details are as follows:-
(1) River width 120 yds (approx) Tidal and appears over 10' deep.
(2) Height of banks South 10' - North 3-4' (approx) (at high tide)
(3) River bed muddy.
(4) Banks: Firm brown loam; would be muddy in wet weather.
North bank has about 10 yds of Pitt Pitt Grass to water edge.
This site would be suitable as an FBE crossing.

Timber:
Both banks are heavily covered with Jungle growth and scattered heavy timber. Timber is soft wood and semi hard wood, 18" to 24" diam, and could be used for bridging.

5. PART(11) ROAD

Jeep road could be constructed but as soil is a brown loam it would only be a dry weather road.. If over-head timber could be cleared to allow sun to dry ground and road gravelled with metal from beach at LAMARIN, road could be made all-weather.

Estimated time for constructing dry-weather road -
1 Pl Fd Coy plus D6 dozer - three days.
Approx length 2300 yds. Flat grade.
Approx location - See attached Location sketch.(APPENDIX "A")

6. Appendices A - Location sketch (1 sheet)

(This report consists of 1 page and 1 sheet of Appendices)

Sgd R.B.KEATING.
12 AUST FD COY RAE(AIF)

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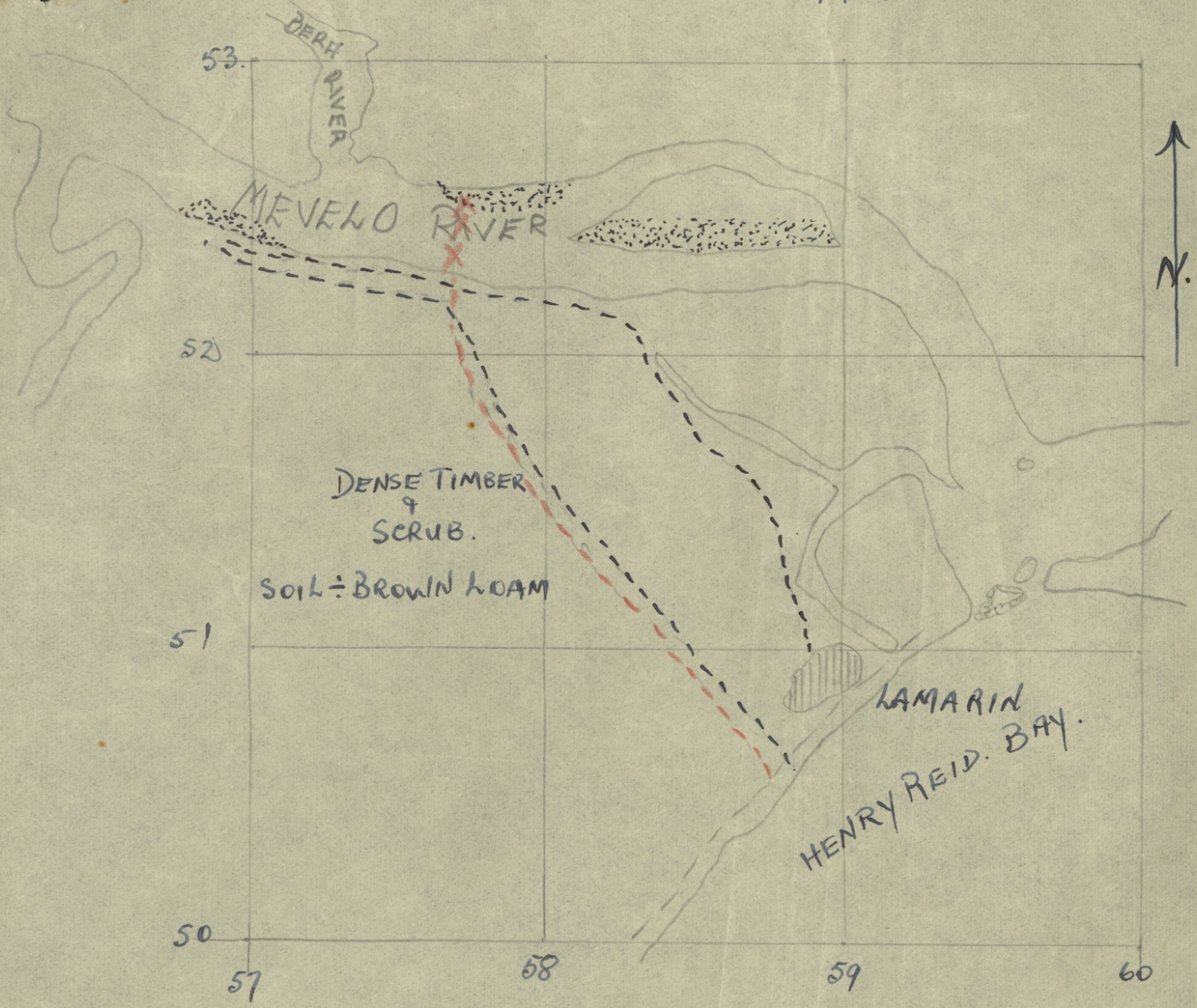
APPENDIX. A.

MEVELO RIVER CROSSING



REF. MAP.

MEVELO

1" TO 1 M.

PATROL ROUTE ------

SUITABLE BRIDGE SITE XXX

X. RIVER

APPROX. JEEP TRACK LOCATION. - - -

PITT PITT GRASS

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AUSTRALIA.

3 Mar 45.

HQ RAE.,
5 Aust Div.

SUBJECT: REPORT ON BEECHCRAFT AIRSTRIP -KAMANDRAN AREA.

1. Further to conversation with CRE ref report on BEECHCRAFT AIR STRIP - KAMANDRAN area, copy forwarded on 21 Feb 45 by DRLS No 170.

2. Attached herewith further copy.

J Henderson Capt
tor Major.
OC 12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF)..

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AUSTRALIA.

21 Feb 45.

HQ RAE.,
5 Aust Div.

Copy to: 6 Aust Inf Bde.

SUBJECT: BEECH CRAFT AIR STRIP - KAMANDRAN AREA.

1. Further to our memo of the 15 Feb 45 on the above subject, an additional site has been located at, ref map No 0590 CAPE TURNER 1 inch series, 575446.

2. This site is considered more suitable and more central and it is therefore proposed to adopt this one in lieu of the the site previously recommended. Construction work has been put in hand.

3. Attached please find copy of recce report on above by Lt KEATING of this unit.

Major.
OC 12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF)..

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12 Aust Fd Coy.

AIR STRIP RECCE REPORT.

1. Ref Map CAPE TURNER 1 in to 1 mile

2. Report by Lt R.B.KEATING FEC1 12 Aust Fd Coy

3. Date: 20 Feb 45.

4. Object: To locate suitable site for construction of BEECH craft air strip.

5. Site Location: A strip 400 yds long by 100 yds can be located in KUNAI AREA at 575446. Running in a NW, SE direction, bearing 128° Magnetic. Height above sea level approx 50 ft.

6. General Characteristics:

(a) Nature of Soil — Black loam and gravel.

(b) Condition of Surface: Mainly flat and firm. Heavily covered with kunai grass.

(c) Drainage: A Catch drain will have to be dug on the SW side to take water coming from ridges on that side. This drain would lead into MELKONG RIVER. Otherwise, natural drainage.

(d) Possibility of future Extension:

This area would have to cross swampy ground on SE end and MELKONG RIVER flows across its NW boundary. Therefore, it is not considered practical to develop the strip beyond 400 yds in length.

(e) Flying Approaches: Open except for Coconut palms SE end. 15° angle of glide at NW to clear hill feature north side MELKONG RIVER.

7. Estimated Time for Construction:

(a) 400 native days are required for clearing.

(b) Levelling and drainage approx 5 days D6 Dozer.

Note: Quantities of earthwork cannot be estimated until area is cleared.

8. Appendices

A - Location sketch (1 sheet)

(This report consists of 1 page and 1 sheet of Appendices)

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12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF)

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DIAGRAMMATIC LOCATION of Proposed AIR STRIP



65/45

12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF)
AUSTRALIA.

15 Feb 45.

6 Aust Inf Bde.

Copy to: RAE 5 Aust Div.

SUBJECT: BEECH CRAFT STRIP - KALAI PLN.

1. Attached please find copy of recce report by Lt NANKERVIS on the a/m subject.

2. There are three possible sites, and I propose to adopt Site 11, construction to be started as soon as possible.

3. Please advise your concurrence or otherwise.

Major.
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Can be extended through plantation to give runway approx 450' by removal of coconut trees.

8 Site 3

Bearing 15°. Map ref. 587420.
Surface loose sandy loam
Vegetation. Kunai scattered bushes. a few fallen logs and stumps.
Runway of ~~500'~~ 600' can be obtained.
Approaches to be cleared
North X - Coconuts 30' high.
South - low scrub and a few high trees.
Time & Labour:- D.6. clogn 2½ days.
2 recce R.A.E 8 days.

Note Map refs refer to centre of strip.

9 Conclusions: Site I to be adopted if to be used as Beech craft strip only.
Site II adopted if strip is to be extended.
Site III suitable only if bearing is O.K.

150930K.

L Mackenzie Lt.

To O.C.
12 Aust Fd Coy.

LOCATION OF BEECH CRAFT STRIP.
KALAI. PEN.

1 Ref Map: No 0590 CAPE TURNER 1 inch. series

2 Report By: Lt. L. Hankewich A.

3 Date 14 FEB 45.

4 Object. To locate and report on Beech Craft Strip KALAI PEN.

5 Considerations
Length of runway and approaches 350ˣ
Length of runway 150ˣ
Prevailing wind N.W. – SE

6 Site I
Bearing 315°.
Map ref. 583 419.
Surface loose sandy loam.
Vegetation Small kunai and scattered bushes.
Gradients Flat even throughout.
Runway 150ˣ and approaches of 100ˣ can be obtained.

Time and labour.
[redacted] 20 natives 2 days and 26. 1 shift:

7 Site II. Bearing 330°
Map Ref. 588 422
Surface loose sandy loam.
Vegetation Kunai scattered bushes. few fallen logs.
Gradients Flat even throughout.
Runway 150ˣ obtained approaches to be cleared each end
S.E. Small trees average 15'
N.W. Coconuts 30' 8ᵗʰ apart.
Time and labour D.6. dozer 1½ days.
2 secs R.A.E 1 day.

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File: 91/45

C.R.E.,
5 Aust Div.

ENGINEER INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 4/45
12 AUST FD COY R.A.E.(AIF)
16 MAR - 15 APR 45.

1. Ref Maps: DRINA 1/63360 Series
No 0595 CAPE DESCHAMPS 1/63360 series
MEGIGI(B56/5) " "
OPEN BAY " "

2. Report By: Major W.A.DAVEY OC 12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF)

3. Date: 15 Apr 45

4. OPERATIONAL

(a) 12 Aust Fd Coy less 4 & 6 Pls situated at JACQUINOT BAY (DRINA) 020842, Role Engr works JACQUINOT BAY AREA.
(b) 4 & 6 Pls under command 36 Bn Group, role Engr support of 36 Bn Gp in advance along NORTH COAST, also preparation and construction of C47 Transport strip at UBILI.

5. DETAILS OF ENGINEER ACTIVITIES.

(a)JACQUINOT BAY AREA: 5 Pl & HQ - building construction, water point and road maintenance Divisional & Bde areas, which included construction and supervision Drying huts for 4 Bde and 13 Bde units - other works consisted of minor repairs and modifications to WUNUNG and No 5 Water Points and maintenance of road WUNING-SWAN BEACH-relocation of pipe line 105 CCS water supply.

(b) 4 Pl & 6 Pl - NORTH COAST AREA - construction of Piper Cub strip at NANTAMBU Map Ref A9552. Work has proceeded as far as possible without use of a grader. Suspended until availability of a grader from strip at HOSKINS.

(c) Construction of C47 strip at UBILI Map ref A8582 - clearing of strip for 1600 yds is now approx 70% complete. Lack of mech equip is now holding up the work and further progress is not possible until such equip arrives. This is not due before the end of May 45.
Present equip on job is one D4 dozer.

(d) Other works consist of construction of PONTOON Jetty 60'x6' at NANTAMBU, map ref A957592, maintenance of HOSKINS strip, and works as required by 36 Bn Group.

6. PROJECTED ACTIVITIES

No information available.

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SUBJECT : SULE AIR STRIPS.

12 Aust Fd Coy RAE (AIF)
23 Apr 45
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Herewith copy of report by Lt. CRAWFORD C.W. on the above mentioned strips, showing estimated earth quantities and mech. equipment etc.

.....Major.
OC 12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF).

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TO. OC
12 AUST FD COY RAE.

REPORT ON SULE STRIP

REPORT By. LT. C.W. CRAWFORD

DATE 18 APR. 45.

REF MAP CAPE DESCHAMP 1" to 1 mile.

MAP REF 852528

OBJECT To locate initial air transport landing strip SULE.

SUMMARY OF ~~OBSERVATIONS~~ PLAN.

1. strip to be gravelled with volcanic ash.
2. Bearing of strip ~~~~ 98° from MAP REF 852528
3. Max length of strip 1300 yds
4. " gradient 3%
5. Min " 1·5%
6. Average " 2·75%
7. Width of strip. 100 ft.
8. Taxiway each side 50 ft.

EARTH QUANTITIES for proposed ℄.

Fill	approx	43,000 cu yds
cut	"	19000 " "
Max depth of cut		5'-6".
" " " fill		4'-0".

EQUIPMENT REQD

1 - D4 Dozer
2 - D6 Angle dozers
2 - 6 cu yds carryall & tractors
1 - sheeps foot roller.
1 - Auto patrol.

TIME & LABOUR

(a) Clearing small timber & removing top soil	2/D6 & 1/D4 5 RAE ; 3 NAT.	~~D to D+~~ D to D+7
(b) Clearing glideway & edge timber	1 R.A.E. 30 NAT.	D to D+30

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REPORT ON SOLE STRIP

TIME & LABOUR (Cont)

(c) Draingge 12 RAE 20 Nat D+2 to D+30

(d) forming strip cut & fill. D+2 to D+38

(e) Consolidating & gravelling D+7 to D+42.

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX A Longitudinal section

" B Cross section (2 sheets)

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12 Aust Fd Coy
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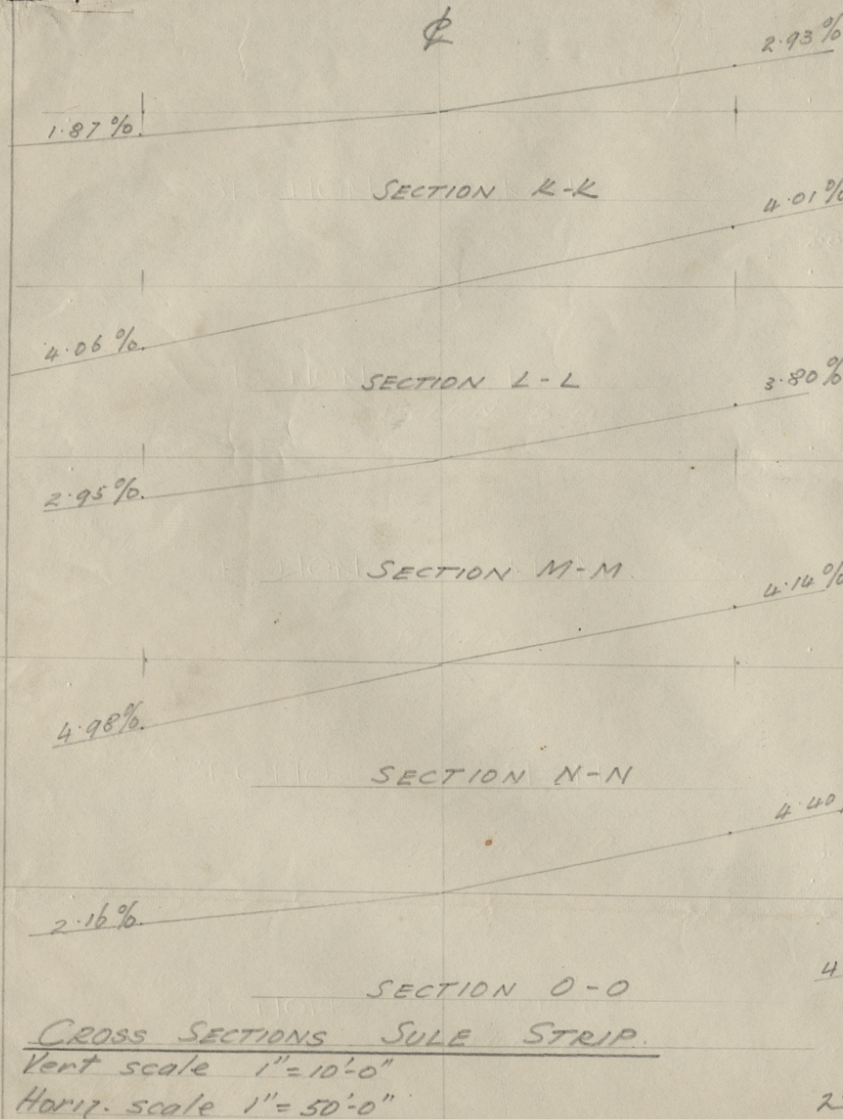

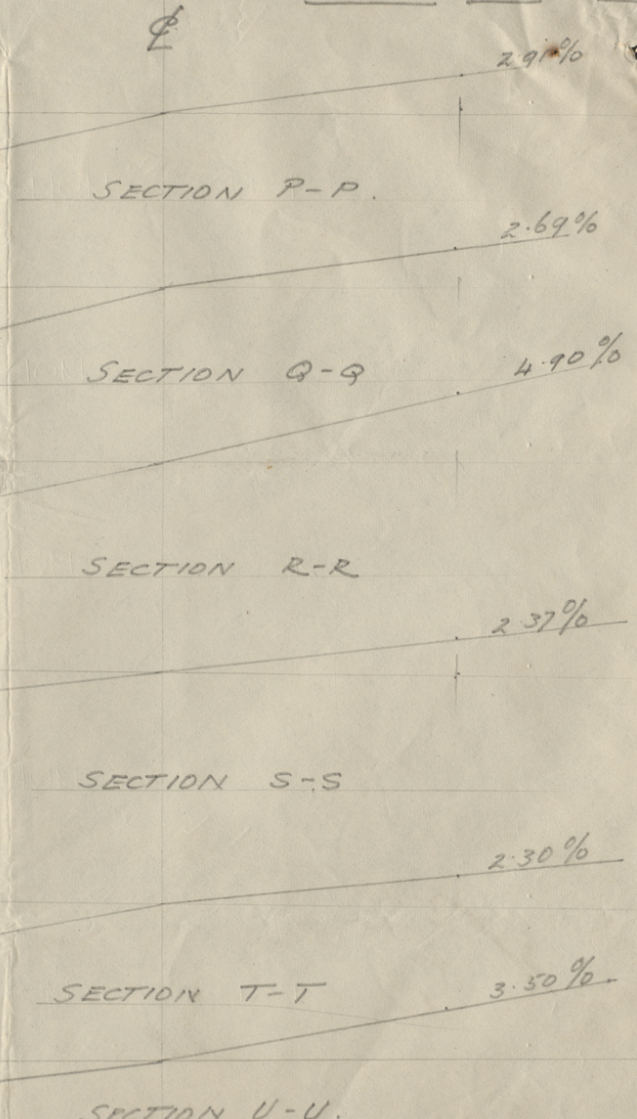

CROSS SECTIONS SULE STRIP.
Vert scale 1" = 10'-0"
Horiz. scale 1" = 50'-0"

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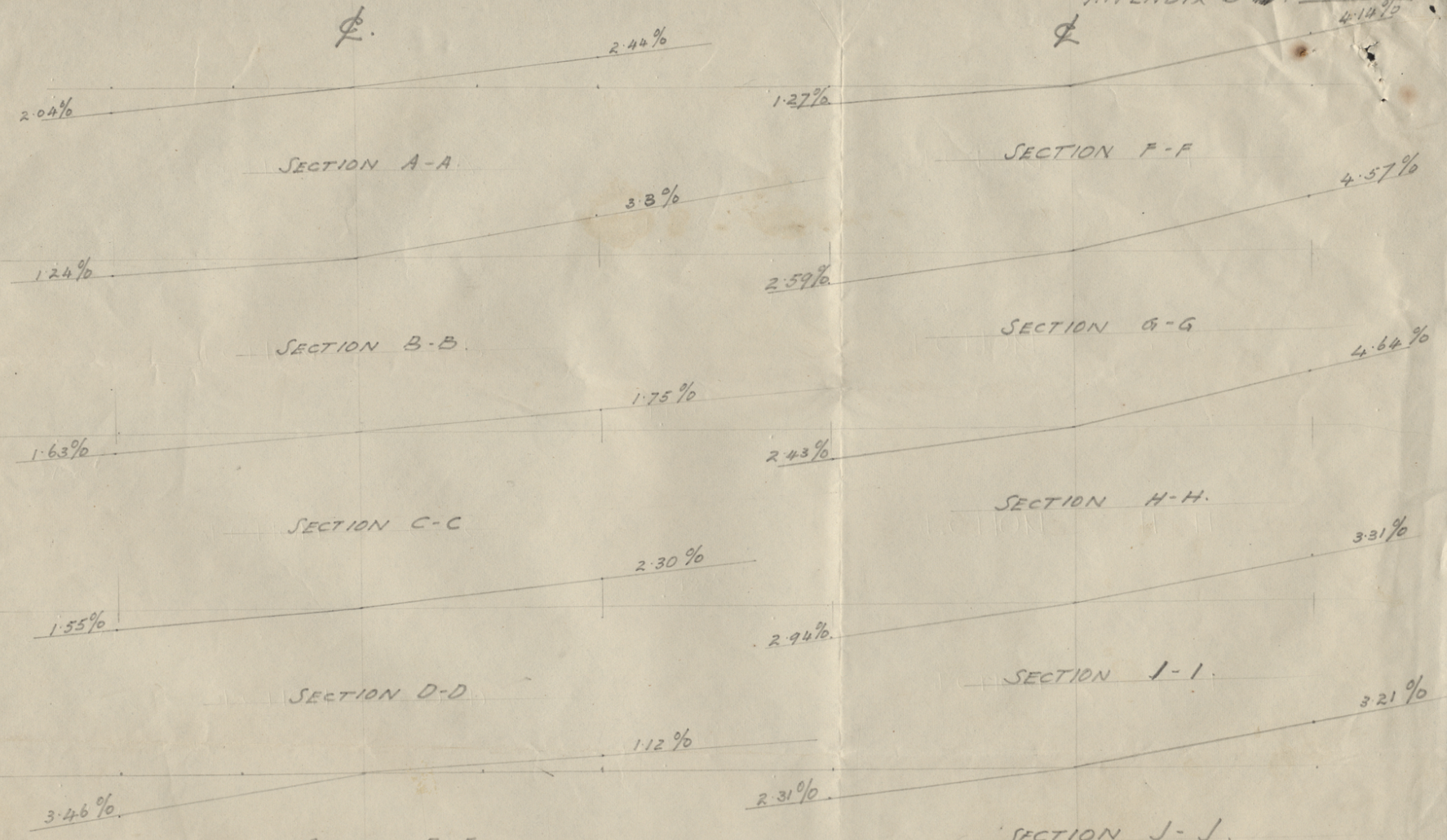

CROSS SECTIONS. SULE STRIP.

Vert. scale 1" = 10'-0"

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APPENDIX A.

LONGITUDINAL SECTION SULE STRIP

Vert scale 1"=10'-0"
Horiz scale 1"=200'-0"

Top soil 9" to 1'-0" deep
Sand & clay 2'-0" to 5'-0" deep
Volcanic ash & sand To 6'-0" deep.

Bottom of rock outcrop average height 15'-0"
SECTION U-U
SECTION T-T
SECTION S-S
SECTION R-R
SECTION Q-Q.
Edge of dry Section
SECTION P-P
SECTION O-O
SECTION N-N
SECTION M-M
E. edge of 1st Strip
SECTION L-L
W. edge of 1st Strip
SECTION K-K
SECTION J-J
SECTION I-I
SECTION H-H
Proposed R. level
2.75 % gradient
SECTION G-G
SECTION F-F
SECTION E-E
SECTION D-D
SECTION C-C
SECTION B-B
SECTION A-A
Sea Level

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Ref Map: DRINA 1/63360

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT
SER NO 8

SUBMITTED BY: 12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF)
PERIOD ENDING: 6 Apr 45
61/45170

Ser No	LOCATION	DETAIL OF WORK.	LABOUR (AV MAN DAYS) RE	Nat	OAR	EQUIPMENT On job	Reqd	PROGRESS COMPLETE period	to date	COMPLETION comm	EDC	act date	REMARKS.
1	WUNUNG	13 BDE & 4 BDE ERECTION AND DRYING OF HUTS											E in C Tropical Huts - Iron roof sisalcraft sides.
		(a) 11 Bn	1		4			30%	100%	28 Mar	1 Apr	1 Apr	60x18
		(b) 22 Bn	1		5			30%	100%	29 "	2 "	2 "	60x18
		(c) 29 Bn	1		5			30%	100%	20 "	2 "	6 "	60x18
		(d) 2 Fd Amb	6	-	-			100%	100%	3 Apr	4 "	4 "	30x18
		(e) 28 Bn	1	-	5			100%	100%	3 "	6 "	5 "	60x18
		(f) 37 Bn	1	-	5			100%	100%	3 "	6 "	6 "	60x18
		(g) Laundry	6	-	-			100%	100%	1 "	2 "	2 "	30x18
2	WUNUNG	Cartage material for drying huts	6			1 winch truck		50%	100%			6 "	Suppling 1/60x18 per day
3	WUNUNG	SCALE A KITCHENS											
	028840(approx	(a) 2/14 Fd Regt	1	5	5			100%	100%	5 "	6 "	6 "	For 1 battery
		(b) Commando Sqn	1	5	5			100%	100%	5 "	6 "	6 "	
4	WUNUNG	Road Swan Beach WUNUNG River. Improvements to road	1	20	20.	2 tippers (2 days)		100%	100%	4 "	5 "	5 "	Clearing drains and rebuilding of causeway.
5	016858-007864	ANGAU RD. Cartage gravel	2	10.	10	2 tippers		50%	100%	26 Mar	5 "	6 "	Establishing dump at Causeway. Jeep trailer haulage on ANGAU Road.
6	Water Pt No 6	CIRCUIT RD Gravelling, drainage, improvement to Pipe Line in "S" Tanks	6	-	-	1 tipper		20%	100%	26 "	3 "	3 "	
7	WUNUNG	4 BDE UNIT ACCESS RDS Cartage gravel 29 Bn " " 4 Fd Amb	4	-	-	2 tippers				26 " 4 Apr	11 Apr	3 "	EDC dependent on availability of tippers.

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8	WUNUNG	WATER POINT - WUNUNG R. Operating pump	2	-	-			continuous		4Apr			
9	WUNUNG	MINOR WORKS								1Apr	12Apr		ORs mess and kitchen, Sgts mess, Re-roof,
		(a) Camp construction	6	-	-								
		(b) Maintenance unit eqpt	3	-	-								
		(c) Transport maintenance	3	-	-								
		(d) Adm(A&Q hygiene etc)	18	-	-								
		(e) Attached	10	-	-								
		(f) Time lost through sickness	3	-	-								

Distrivution

HQ RAE 5 Aust Div - 1
File - 1
War Diary - 2 ✓

Total strength - 4 offrs 118 ORs

Work parties (Av) 29.8 ~~34~~ ~~24~~ Inf
10 Nat.

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.....Major.
OC 12 Aust Fd Coy R.A.E.(A.I.F.).

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1	WUNUNG	13 BDE & 4 BDE ERECTION AND DRYING OF HUTS											E in C Tropical Huts - Iron roof sisalcraft sides.
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		(b) 22 Bn	1		5			30%	100%	29 "	2 "	2 "	60x18
		(c) 29 Bn	1		5			30%	100%	20 "	2 "	6 "	60x18
		(d) 2 Fd Amb	6	-	-			100%	100%	3Apr	4 "	4 "	30x18
		(e) 28 Bn	1	-	5			100%	100%	3 "	6 "	6 "	60x18
		(f) 37 Bn	1	-	5			100%	100%	3 "	6 "	6 "	60x18
		(g) Laundry	6	-	-			100%	100%	1 "	2 "	2 "	30x18
2	WUNUNG	Cartage material for drying huts	6			1 winch truck		50%	100%			6 "	Suppling 1/60x18 per day
3	WUNUNG 028840(approx)	SCALE A KITCHENS											
		(a) 2/14 Fd Regt	1	~~5~~	5			100%	100%	5 "	6 "	6 "	For 1 battery
		(b) Commando Sqn	1	~~5~~	5			100%	100%	5 "	6 "	6 "	
4	WUNUNG	Road Swan Beach WUNUNG River. Improvements to road	1	~~20~~	20	2 tippers (2 days)		100%	100%	2 "	5 "	5 "	Clearing drains and rebuilding of causeway.
5	016858-007864	ANGAU RD. Cartage gravel	2	~~10~~ 10	~~10~~	2 tippers		50%	100%	26Mar	5 "	6 "	Establishing dump at Causeway. Jeep trailer haulage on ANGAU Road.
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7	WUNUNG	4 BDE UNIT ACCESS RDS Cartage gravel 29 Bn " " 4 Fd Amb	4	-	-	2 tippers				26 " 4Apr	11Apr	3 "	EDC dependent on availability of tippers.

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Ser No	LOCATION	DETAIL OF WORK	LABOUR (AV MAN DAYS) RE	Nat	Oth	EQUIPMENT On job	Reqd	PROGRESS COMPLETED period	to date	COMPLETION comm	EDC	act date	REMARKS.
8	WUNUNG	WATER POINT - WUNUNG R. Operating pump	2	-	-			continuous		4Apr			
9	WUNUNG	MINOR WORKS											
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		(b) Maintenance unit eqpt	3	-	-								
		(c) Transport maintenance	3	-	-								
		(d) Adm(A&Q hygiene etc)	18	-	-								
		(e) Attached	10	-	-								
		(f) Time lost through sickness	3	-	-								

Distrivution

HQ RAE 5 Aust Div - 1
File - 1
War Diary - 2 ✓

Total strength - 4 offrs 118 ORs

Work parties (Av) 29.8 ~~34~~ ~~24~~ Inf
(av) 10 Nat

[signature] Capt for
.....Major.
OC 12 Aust Fd Coy R.A.E.(A.I.F.).

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WORKS PROGRESS REPORT
SER NO 9

SUBMITTED BY: 12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF)
PERIOD ENDING: 13 Apr 45
61/45176

Ser No	LOCATION	DETAIL OF WORK	LABOUR (AV MAN DAYS) RE	Nat	Oth	EQUIPMENT on job	Reqd	PROGRESS COMPLETE period	to date	COMPLETION comm	EDC	act date	REMARKS.
1	WUNUNG	13 BDE & 4 BDE ERECTION OF DRYING HUTS											E in C Tropical Huts Iron roof & sisalkraft sides
		(a) 105 CCS	6	-	-			100%	100%	10Apr	-	12Apr	30'x18'
		(b) 4 Bde HQ	2	-	4			100%	100%	11 "	-	14 "	30'x18'
		(c) 130 Bde Wksps	2	-	4			100%	100%	11 "	-	14 "	30'x18'
		(d) 16 Bn area	6	-	-			100%	100%	10 "	-	14 "	60'x18'
		(e) 137 Bde Wksps	6	-	-			60%	60%	13 "	16Apr		30'x18'
2.	WUNUNG 024824	HOWE TRUSS BRIDGE Raising Kerb logs, laying running planks	6	-	-			100%	100%	10 "	~~12~~ 11 "		9'x3" running planks spiked to deck.
3.	WUNUNG	CARTAGE GRAVEL 4 BDE UNIT (a) 4 Fd Amb	4	-	-	2 tippers		80%	80%	7 "	16 "		Loading parties supplied by unit concerned.
4.	WUNUNG	WUNUNG RIVER WATER PT. Operating Pump	2	-	-	c o n t i n u o u s				4 "			
5.	WUNUNG	MINOR WORKS											
		(a) ~~Rmkx~~Blacksmith Shop Operation	2	-	-								Production of spikes For Open Bay Area
		(b) Construction sawmill	3	-	-								
		(c) Maintenance Transport	8	-	-								
		(d) Renewing "Q" Crates	4	-	-								Repair to old crates. Construction of new crates.
		(e) Camp Works	16	-	-								
		(f) Adm(A&Q, hygiene etc)	18	-	-								
		(g) Attached	7	-	-								
		(h) Time lost through sickness	1	-	-								

Distribution
HQ RAE - 1
File - 1
War Diary - 2

Total Strength: 3 offr 118 ORs
Working parties (av) 5.33 inf.

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		(b) 4 Bde HQ	2	-	4			100%	100%	11 "	-	14 "	30'x18'
		(c) 130 Bde Wksps	2	-	4			100%	100%	11 "	-	14 "	30'x18'
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		(e) 137 Bde Wksps	6	-	-			60%	60%	13 "	16Apr		30'x18'
2.	WUNUNG 024824	HOWE TRUSS BRIDGE Raising Kerb logs, laying running planks	6	-	-			100%	100%	10 "	12 & 11 "		9'x3" running planks spiked to deck.
3.	WUNUNG	CARTAGE GRAVEL 4 BDE UNIT (a) 4 Fd Amb	4	-	-	2 tippers		80%	80%	7 "	16 "		Loading parties supplied by unit concerned.
4.	WUNUNG	WUNUNG RIVER WATER PT. Operating Pump	2	-	-	continuous				4 "			
5.	WUNUNG	MINOR WORKS											
		(a) ~~Bakx~~Blacksmith Shop Operation	2	-	-								Production of spikes For Open Bay Area
		(b) Construction sawmill	3	-	-								
		(c) Maintenance Transport	8	-	-								
		(d) Renewing "Q" Crates	4	-	-								Repair to old crates. Construction of new crates.
		(e) Camp Works	15	-	-								
		(f) Adm(A&Q, hygiene etc)	13	-	-								
		(g) Attached	7	-	-								
		(h) Time lost through sickness	1	-	-								

Distribution
HQ RAE - 1
File - 1
War Diary - 2

Total Strength: 3 offr 118 ORs
Working parties (av) 5.33 inf.

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WORKS PROGRESS REPORT
SER. NO 10.

SUBMITTED BY: 12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF)
PERIOD ENDING: 20 Apr 45
61/45186.

Ser No.	LOCATION	DETAILS OF WORK	LABOUR			EQUIPMENT		PROGRESS COMPLETE		COMPLETION			REMARKS.
			RE	Nat	Oth	On Job	Reqd	Period	To Date	Comm	EDC	Act Date	
1	WUNUNG	6 & 13 BDE ERECTION OF DRYING HUTS											Ein C Tropical Huts. Iron roof & sisalkraft sides
		(a) 137 Bde W/Shops	6					40%	100%	13 Apr	-	17 Apr	30' X 18'
		(b) 36 Btn	7					100%	100%	14 "		17 "	60' X 18'
		(c) 6 Bde HQ.	7					50%	50%	18 "		22 "	30' X 18'
2	022827	TAUT BRIDGE.											
		(a) Upstream kerb packed up 3"	8					100%	100%	16 "		17 "	400' X Length
		(b) Running planks	4			5 KVA lights Compr. ~~" 3 AV~~		10%	10%	20 "		25 "	Laying to begin Sunday night 22 Ap 2300 Hrs
3	MALMAL.	5 DIV STAGE Constuction	10					90%	90%	17 "		21 "	20' X 18' Stage Iron roof & sisalkraft sides
4	WUNUNG	CARTAGE GRAVEL 4 & 6 Bde Units	3			3 Tipp		33%	33%	14 "		3 May	Units req. gravel . 4 Bde units 37 Bn 22 Bn & 6 Bde
5	"	WUNUNG RIV. WATER POINT											
		(a) Operating Pump	2				Continuous			4 Mar			
6	"	MINOR WORKS											
		(a) Operation B/smith Shop	2										Prod. spikes Taut Bridge & Open Bay Area
		(b) Construction Saw Mill. ~~& Loading~~	3										For OPEN BAY area
		(c) Preparation & Loading for move NANTAMBU	14					100%	100%	16 Apr		20 Apr	Adv.HQ & Rear portion details 4 & 6 Fd.
		(d) Maint. T/Pt.	6										
		(e) Camp Works	3										
		(f) Adm.(A & Q Hygiene etc)	18										

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Ser No	LOCATION	DETAILS OF WORK	LABOUR			EQUIPMENT		PROGRESS COMPLETE		COMPLETION			REMARKS
			RE	Nat	Oth	On Job	Reqd	Period	To Date	Comm	EDC	Act Date	
6	WUNUNG Cont.	**Minor Works** (g) Attached. (h) Time lost through sickness.	7 4										

Total Strength 4 offr. 91 ORs

Distribution.
HQ RAE - 1
File - 1
War Diary - 2.

J Henderson Capt for
.....MAJOR.
OC 12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF)..

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WORKS PROGRESS REPORT
SER NO 10

SUBMITTED BY 12 AUST FD COY RAE(

PERIOD ENDING 20 APR 45

61/45

JOB NO	SER NO	LOCATION	DETAILS OF WORK	LABOUR AV MAN DAYS RE	NAT	OTHERS	EQUIPTMENT ON JOB	REQ'D	PROGRESS COMPLETE PERIOD	TO DATE	COMPLETION COMM	EDC	ACT DATE	REMARKS
					S U L E A R E A									
1		832521 815508	UBILI JEEP TRACK Cleaning	10	-	-			100%	100%	16 Apr		17 Apr	
2		805498	SALVAGE ULAMONA ENG MATERIAL	10	-	-			100%	100%	18 Apr		19 Apr	
3		861532	CONSTRUCTION RAPB	4	-	-			80%	80%	19 Apr	23 Apr		
4		861532	CONSTRUCTION O STORE	4	-	-			60%	60%	20 Apr	24 Apr		
5		852527 866524	SULE AIRSTRIP											
			(A) Clearing & excavation catch drain	4	30				5%	5%	19 Apr		20 Apr	
			(B) Clearing road gravel pit	2v	8				100%	100%	19 Apr		20 Apr	
6		UBILI	MINOR WORKS											
			(A) adm a&q hygiene etc	4	1									Rainfall week ending 20 Apr 45 - 5 Points.
			(B) Attached		1									

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File

Total Strength : 2 Offrs 48 Ors.
Work Parties (Av) ~~XXX~~ 12.66 Nat

J.H. Henderson Capt for maj.

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WORKS PROGRESS REPORT
SER. NO 10.

SUBMITTED BY: 12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF)
PERIOD ENDING: 20 Apr 45
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Ser No.	LOCATION	DETAILS OF WORK	LABOUR			EQUIPMENT		PROGRESS COMPLETE		COMPLETION			REMARKS.
			RE	Nat	Oth	On Job	Reqd	Period	To Date	Comm	EDC	Act Date	
1	WUNUNG	6 & 13 BDE ERECTION OF DRYING HUTS											Ein C Tropical Huts. Iron roof & sisalkraft sides
		(a) 137 Bde W/Shops	6					40%	100%	13 Apr	-	17 Apr	30' X 18'
		(b) 36 Bn	7					100%	100%	14 "		17 "	60' X 18'
		(c) 6 Bde HQ.	7					50%	50%	18 "		22 "	30' X 18'
2	022827	TAUT BRIDGE.											
		(a) Upstream kerb packed up 3"	8					100%	100%	16 "		17 "	400' X Length
		(b) Running planks	4			5 KVA lights Compr. ~~3 Air~~		10%	10%	20 "		25 "	Laying to begin Sunday night 22 Ap 2300 Hrs
3	MALMAL.	5 DIV STAGE Constuction	10					90%	90%	17 "		21 "	20' X 18' Stage Iron roof & sisalkraft sides
4	WUNUNG	CARTAGE GRAVEL 4 & 6 Bde Units	3			3 Tipp		33%	33%	14 "		3 May	Units req. gravel . 4 Bde units 37 Bn 22 Bn & 6 Bde
5	"	WUNUNG RIV. WATER POINT											
		(a) Operating Pump	2				Continuous			4 MAR.			
6	"	MINOR WORKS											
		(a) Operation B/smith Shop	2										Prod. spikes Taut Bridge & Open Bay Area
		(b) Construction SAW Mill & Loading & Loading	3										For OPEN BAY area
		(c) Preparation for move NANTAMBU	14					100%	100%	16 Apr		20 Apr	Adv.HQ & Rear portion details 4 & 6 FL.
		(d) Maint. T/Pt.	6										
		(e) Camp Works	3										
		(f) Adm.(A & Q Hygiene etc)	18										

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Ser No	LOCATION	DETAILS OF WORK	LABOUR			EQUIPMENT		PROGRESS COMPLETE		COMPLETION			REMARKS
			RE	Nat	Oth	On Job	Reqd	Period	To Date	Comm	EDC	Act Date	
6	WUNUNG Cont.	Minor Works (g) Attached. (h) Time lost through sickness.	7 4										

Total Strength 4 offr. 91 ORs

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J Henderson Capt for.
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WORKS PROGRESS REPORT
SER NO 10

SUBMITTED BY 12 AUST FD COY RAE(AIF)

PERIOD ENDING 20 APR 45

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JOB NO	SER	LOCATION	DETAILS OF WORK	LABOUR AV MAN DAYS RF	NAT	OTHERS	EQUIPTMENT ON JOB	REQ'D	PROGRESS COMPLETE PERIOD	TO DATE	COMPLETION COMM	EDC	ACT DATE	REMARKS
				S U L E A R E A										
1		838521 815508	UBILI JEEP TRACK Clearing	10	-	-			100%	100%	16 Apr		17 Apr	
2		805498	SALVAGE ULAMONA ENG MATERIAL	10	-	-			100%	100%	18 Apr		19 Apr	
3		861532	CONSTRUCTION RAPO	4	-	-			80%	80%	19 Apr	23 Apr		
4		861532	CONSTRUCTION O STORE	4	-	-			60%	60%	20 Apr	24 Apr		
5		852527 866524	SULE AIRSTRIP (A) Clearing & excavation catch drain	4	30				5%	5%	19 Apr		20 Apr	
			(B) Clearing road gravel pit	2v	8				100%	100%	19 Apr		20 Apr	
6		UBILI	MINOR WORKS (A) adm a&q hygiene etc	4	1									Rainfall week ending 20 Apr 45 - 5 Points
			(B) Attached	1										

DISTRIBUTION:
HQ RAE 5 DIV.
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Total Strength : 2 Offrs 48 Ors.
Work Parties (Av) RF 12.66 Nat

J Henderson Capt for
.....Maj
12 AUST FD COY.R.A.E.(AIF)

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WORKS PROGRESS REPORT
SER NO 11

SUBMITTED BY: 12 Aust Field Coy RAE(AIF)
PERIOD ENDING: 27 April 45
61/45195

Ser No	LOCATION	DETAILS OF WORK	LABOUR Av. man days RE	Nat	Oth	EQUIPMENT On Job	Reqd	PROGRESS COMPLETE Period	To Date	COMPLETION Com	EDC	Act Date	REMARKS
1	WUNUNG	DRYING HUTS 6 BDE H.Q.	6	-	-	-	-	50%	100%	18 APR		21 APR	Ein C Tropical huts Iron roof sisalcraft sides 30'x 18' All drying huts for 4&6 Bde completed
2	022827	TAUT RIVER BRIDGE (A) Running Planks (B) Raising downstream Kerbs	8	-	-	5 KVA Light set Compressor	-	85%	95%	20 APR	28 APR		2/3' wide runways with 3' centre gap
3	MALMAL	5 DIV STAGE Construction	5	-	-	1XTIPPER	-	10%	100%	17 APR		21 APR	20' x 18' stage iron roof sisalcraft sides
4	131826	POSTAL BUILDING (1) Misson	5	-	-	1 tipper	-	80%	80%	23 Apr		30 Apr	EinC Tropical huts(iron roof) 60' x 18'
		(2) 4 Bde Bondi	4	-	-	-	-	90%	90%	23 Apr		28 Apr	30' x 18'
5	WUNUNG	EXTENSION WUNUNG GRAVEL PIT (A) Cuting uprights new chinaman	4	-	-	1 winch	-	100%	100%	21 Apr		23 Apr	Prelim work
		(B) Clearing hill	1	20 days		-	-	90%	90%	23 Apr	29 Apr		Area - 4Bde hill, Wunung RD. 4 Bde road, gravel pit
6	WUNUNG	EXIST GRAVEL PIT (A) Supervision	1			continious				24 Apr			Average output of pit 100 loads/day
		(B) Cartage gravel	2			2 tippers		47%	70%	14 Apr	1 May		4 Bde Units

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Ser No	LOCATION	DETAILS OF WORK	LABOUR			EQUIPMENT		PROGRESS COMPLETE		COMPLETION			REMARKS
			RE	Nat	Oth	On Job	Reqd	Period	To Date	Com	EDC	Act Date	
7	WUNUNG	Wunung River Water Point Operation	2	-	-		Continuous			4 Mar			
8	WUNUNG	Minor Works											
		(a) Operation of blacksmith shop	2	-	-		Continuous						Production bridge spikes
		(b) 6 Bde Signs	1	-	-			100°/o	100°/o	21 Apr		27 Apr	
		(c) Maint Tpt	6	-	-								
		(d) Camp Works	4	-	-								Gravelling Tpt hard standings & kitchen area
		(e) Adm (AAQ hygiene etc)	18	-	-								
		(f) Attached	7	-	-								
		(g) Time lost through sickness	1	-	-								

Total strength 4 Offrs 77 OR's
Working Parties (Av) 16.66

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Major
O C 12 Aust Field Coy RAE(AIF)

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SER NO 11

SUBMITTED BY 12 AUST FD COY RAE (AIF)
PERIOD ENDING 27 APR 45

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JOB NO	SER	LOCATION	DETAILS OF WORK	LABOUR AV MAN DAYS RE	Nat	Oth	EQUIPMENT on Job	Reqd	PROGRESS COMPLETE Period	To Date	COMPLETION Com	EDC	Act Date	REMARKS
							SULE AREA							
5		852527 866524	SULE AIRSTRIP (a) Clearing and excavation of catch drain	4	30	1	-	-	55%	60%	19 Apr	30 Apr		
			(b) Blowing stumps	4	-	-	-	-	5%	5%	24 Apr			
			(c) Test hole at gravel pit	1	2	-	-	-	100%	100%	25 Apr		25 Apr	Test showed minimum depth of gravel 10'0" Distance 1 mile from strip
3		861532	Construction RAP	4	-	-	-	-	20%	100%	19 Apr	23 Apr	23 Apr	
4		861532	Construction Q Store	4	-	-	-	-	20%	80%	20 Apr	24 Apr		Delayed due to lack of material
6		UBILI	MINOR WORKS (a) Construction Dingy	6	-	-	-	-	80%	80%	23 Apr	31 Apr		
			(b) ADM (A&Q Hygiene etc	4	-	-								
			(c) Attached	1	-	-								

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Total Strength : 1 offr 54 Ors
Work Party (Av) 08.00 Nat
NOTE:- Rainfall week ending 27 Apr - 370 Points

J Henderson Capt for
Major.
O C 12 Aust Field Coy RAE(AIF).

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WORKS PROGRESS REPORT
SER NO 11

SUBMITTED BY: 12 Aust Field Coy RAE(AIF)
PERIOD ENDING: 27 April 45
61/45195

Ser No	LOCATION	DETAILS OF WORK	LABOUR Av. man days RE	Nat	Oth	EQUIPMENT On Job	Reqd	PROGRESS COMPLETE Period	To Date	COMPLETION Com	EDC	Act Date	REMARKS
1	WUNUNG	DRYING HUTS 6 BDE H.Q.	6	-	-	-	-	50%	100%	18 APR		21 APR	Fin C Tropical huts Iron roof sisalcraft sides 30'x 18' All drying huts for 4&6 Bde completed
2	022827	TAUT RIVER BRIDGE (A) Running Planks (B) Raising downstream Kerbs	8	-	-	5 KVA Light set Compressor	-	85%	95%	20 APR	28 APR		2/3' wide runways with 3' centre gap
3	MALMAL	5 DIV STAGE Construction	5	-	-	EXTENSION	-	10%	100%	17 APR		21 APR	20' x 18' stage iron roof sisalcraft sides
4	131826	POSTAL BUILDING (1) Misson	5	-	-	± tipper	-	80%	80%	23 Apr		30 Apr	FinC Tropical huts(iron roof) 60' x 18'
		(2) 4 Bde Bondi	4	-	-	-	-	90%	90%	23 Apr		28 Apr	30' x 18'
5	WUNUNG	EXTENSION WUNUNG GRAVEL PIT (A) Cuting uprights new chinaman	4	-	-	1 winch	-	100%	100%	21 Apr		23 Apr	Prelim work
		(B) Clearing hill	1	20 5 days		-	-	90%	90%	23 Apr	29 Apr		Area - 4Bde hill, Wunung RD. 4 Bde road, gravel pit
6	WUNUNG	EXIST GRAVEL PIT (A) Supervision	1			continious				24 Apr			Average output of pit 100loads/day.
		(B) Cartage gravel	2			2 tippers		47%	70%	14 Apr	1 May		4 Bde Units

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Ser No	LOCATION	DETAILS OF WORK	LABOUR			EQUIPMENT		PROGRESS COMPLETE		COMPLETION			REMARKS
			RE	Mat	Oth	On Job	Reqd	Period	To Date	Com	EDC	Act Date	
7	WUNUNG	Wunung River Water Point Operation	2	-	-		Continuous			4 Mar			
8	WUNUNG	Minor Works											
		(a) Operation of blacksmith shop	2	-	-		Continuous	100%	100%	21 Apr		27 Apr	Production bridge spikes
		(b) 6 Bde Signs	1	-	-								
		(c) Maint Tpt	6	-	-								Gravelling Tpt hard standings & kitchen area
		(d) Camp Works	4	-	-								
		(e) Adm (ASQ hygiene etc)	18	-	-								
		(f) Attached	7	-	-								
		(g) Time lost through sickness	1	-	-								

Total strength 4 Offrs 77 OR's
Working Parties (Av) 16.56

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Major
O C 12 Aust Field Coy RAE(AIF)

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WORKS PROGRESSIVE REPORT

SER NO 11

SUBMITTED BY 12 AUST FD COY RAE (AIF)
PERIOD ENDING 27 APR 45

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JOB SER NO	LOCATION	DETAILS OF WORK	LABOUR AV MAN DAYS RE	Mat	Oth	EQUIPMENT on Job	Reqd	PROGRESS COMPLETE Period	To Date	COMPLETION Com	EDC	Act Date	REMARKS
						SULE AREA							
5	852527 856524	SULE AIRSTRIP (a) Clearing and excavation of catch drain	4	30	1	-	-	55°/o	60°/o	19 Apr	30 Apr		
		(b) Blowing stumps	4	-	-	-	-	5°/o	5°/o	24 Apr			
		(c) Test hole at gravel pit	1	2	-	-	-	100°/o	100°/o	25 Apr		25 Apr	Test showed minimum depth of gravel 10'0" Distance 1 mile from strip
3	861532	Construction RAP	4	-	-	-	-	20°/o	100°/o	19 Apr	23 Apr	23 Apr	
4	861532	Construction Q Store	4	-	-	-	-	20°/o	80°/o	20 Apr	24 Apr		Delayed due to lack of material
5	UbXLI	MINOR WORKS (a)Construction Dingy	6	-	-	-	-	80°/o	80°/o	23 Apr	31 Apr		
		(b)ADM(A&Q Hygiene etc	4	-	-								
		(c) Attached	1	-	-								

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Total Strength : 1 offr 54 Ors
Work Party (Av) 08.00 Mat
NOTE:- Rainfall week ending 27 Apr - 370 Points

J.K. Anderson Capt for
Major.
O C 12 Aust Field Coy RAE(AIF).

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NO 125

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS
By Major W.A.Davey Officer Commanding
12 AUST FD COY R.A.E.(AIF)
Formation H.Q.R.A.E. 5 AUST DIV

1. FAILURE OF ARMY PERSONNEL TO WEAR IDENTITY DISCS

In a number of fatal aircraft accidents in recent months involving AMF personnel, difficulty has been experienced in identifying the bodies of the victims because of the absence of identity discs.

Attention is directed to GRO A700/1943, part 1X, and FIRST ARMY ROUTINE ORDERS A 310/44,in which are set out instructions relative to the wearing of identity discs.

2. SELF INFLICTED WOUNDS

In a recent trial by D.C.M a soldier was found guilty of the offence of wilfully injuring himself with intent thereby to render himself unfit for service and was sentenced to undergo detention for eighteen (18) months.

Attention of all ranks is directed to the provisons of A.A. 18,regarding self - inflicted wounds in general, and to the instance described above in particular.

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MAJOR
OC 12 AUST FD COY R.A.E. (AIF)

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No. 124

Australian Military Forces
Routine Orders
Part One
By Major W.A.Davey Officer Commanding
12 Aust Fd Coy RAE (AIF)
Formation: HQ RAE 5 Aust Div.

1. WASHING OF ISSUE CLOTHING.

Due to the short supply of all raw materials involved, it is necessary that the maximum life be obtained from all items of clothing on issue to AMF personnel.

Incorrect methods of washing, exposure to strong sunlight, excessive sweating and using too much of certain soap powders, may seriously affect the dyes and weaken the fibre of clothing material. Failure to remove completely all soap and perspiration by thoroughly rinsing after washing, is one of the reasons for the breakdown of fabrics

Neglect to pay due attention to regular and efficient washing of garments has been responsible for many cases of dermatitis. Observance of the following instructions will assist in decreasing the incidence of all skin complaints.

Washing flannels and woollens.

(a) Worsted shirts, socks, woollen drawers, etc, should be washed in lukewarm water and never in boiling or hot water, as this shrinks the material. A tablespoonfull of ammonia added to every two gallons of water will remove grease and perspiration stains;
(b) Good quality yellow soap only should be used, and, after washing, the garments should be well rinsed in clean, tepid water and stretched by hand before drying.

Washing of cottons.

(a) If cotton garments are boiled, the washing compound or soap will be added to the water prior to putting in the garments to be washed;
(b) If washing compounds, which are usually sold in packets, under well known brands and frequently known as washing powders, are used,not more than one tablespoonful of the compound will be added to each gallon of water to be boiled;
(c) If ordinary soap is used, 1 oz(approx a 1" cube) should be added to each gallon of water to be boiled;
(d) It is most important that, after washing, the garments are thoroughly rinsed to remove all trace of soap.

It is realized that washing facilities and an adequate supply of water are not always available. Nevertheless, the hints and instructions contained in this order will be carried out whenever possible, especially in regards to rinsing thoroughly after washing.

GIFT PARCELS FOR UNITED KINGDOM ADDRESSEES - DUTY FREE CONCESSION.

The condition of the concession announced in the notice appearing in GROs dated 20th October 1944, page 26 & 27, under which members of the AMF and of the British Army serving in Australia And in other places within the SWPA are permitted to send to their relatives and friends in the United Kingdom a maximum of four gift parcels per year, duty free, have been amended. The notice is, therefore, cancelled.

The following are the conditions applicable as from 6th April, 1945:-

(a) The usual postage rates are payable.
(b) Parcels must not weigh more than 5 Lbs. each and must not include-
    (i) any drinkable spirits;
    (ii) more than ½ Lb. weight of tobacco, including cigars and cigatettes (50 cigars and 200 cigarettes) or any tobacco goods marked "HM Ships Only";
    (iii) more than ½ pint of scent;
    (iv) more than 2 lbs. of any foodstuff.
(c) The maximum value of the contents of parcels which can be sent by one person in any one year is £12, and this value may be made up as follows:-
    (i) one parcel of £12 value; or
    (ii) two or more parcels up to a maximum of six parcels aggregating £12 value.

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(d) Special Customs declarations (AFs W5192) must be affixed to all parcels in order to secure the duty free concession. These declarations, where not already in possession of units, are obtainable through normal stationary channels.

(e) Issues to personnelm will be under unit arrangements, on the basis of a maximum of six AFs W5192 per year to any one sender. A comparitively few forms should, therefore, suffice for the needs of any unit.

(f) Each AF W5192 issued will have entered upon it the senders number and name and be signed by the issueing officer in the space provided.

(g) Each Customs declaration represents a permissible value of £2 within the parcel to which it is attached.

(h) Where the value of the contents in any one parcel exceeds £2, a further declaration for each additional £2 (or fraction thereof), up to a maximum of £12 must be attached e.g., a parcel containing goods to the declared value of £6 would require three labels attached.

(i) Gifts under this concession arrangementmay also be forwarded by letter post. In such normal letter postage rates will be payable and,if the sender so desires, the article may be tendered for transmission by registered post. To be eligable for the cocession, articles forwarded by letter post must conform to the same conditions as those set out above for parcels, with the exception that the maximum weight for letters (4½lbs.) will apply.

It is stressed that full duty will be levied in the United Kingdom (for collection from the addressees) in respect to the contents of parcels and packets which infringe the restrictions contained in para 2 (b) above. In addition to these duty charges, the contents of any parcel or packet not bearing a Customs declaration, received in the United Kingdom, are subject to purchase tax amounting in many cases to 100% of the value of such contents. This tax is chargeable on most manufactured articles, but tobacco and foodstuffs are excluded.

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No 123

Australian Military Forces
Routine Orders
Part One
By Major W.A.Davey Officer Commanding
12 Aust Fd Coy RAE(AIF)
Formation:HQ RAE 5 Aust Div 10 Apr 45.

1. SCALE OF ISSUE-TOBACCO & CIGARETTES.

Due to the acute shortage of tobacco supplies in Australia, it has become necessary to reduce the ration of tobacco and cigarettes to troops in First Aust Army area.

Commencing 1 Apr 45, the scale if issue from Canteens Issuing Points will be:-

2 ozs tobacco and 20 cigarettes per man per week.

In additon to the above ration it is anticipated that a free issue will be made by Australian Comforts Fund of 2 oz of tobacco, or equivalent in cigarettes per man per month.

2. CORRECT CHANNEL OF COMPLAINTS & COMMUNICATION ON SERVICE MATTERS.

The use of the correct channels of complaints, as prescribed by AMR&O 289 is to members' advantage, as those channels ensure that complaints are investigated, and are referred to the authority who has power to grant any necessary redress, by the most direct means. Complaints through other than the prescribed channels, on the other hand, start at the "wrong end" of the correct channel, so that they have to be referred down to units for investigation and then back to the appropriate authority for consideration as to whether any remedial action on the complaint is necessary. The result is that, in addition to the use of incorrect channels being prejudicial to discipline, a member using those channels causes unnecessary correspondence and delay in the consideration of his complaint.

COs will ensure that the ~~pxexxmmxx~~ provisions of AMR&O 289 together with the advantage of using the correct channels of complaints thereby prescribed are explained to the members of all units on parade at frequent intervals. The attention of members will be ~~xx~~ drawn at the same time to the provisions of AMR&O 293 and 307 (1) and they will be warned that any member failing to observe these provisions will be liable to disciplinary action.

Any communications on service matters made by a member through channels other than those prescribed and received at a HQ will be forwarded to the member's unit for appropriate action by the CO..

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.....Major.
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