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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	7 AUG, 43		LT-COL N. BALFE arrived BUNA 0745 hrs as Comd 1 Aust Base Sub Area and Deputy Comd COSC. Reported to HQ 11 Aust Div at 1000 hrs - called three times but was unable to see the GOC. Delivered BRIG. STEELE'S message to DAQMG who informed Comd that the infmn was ancient and that they had it all. Lt-Col NORRIS ~~and the Comd checked this message and all was in order.~~ In the evening Comd again saw AQ in a most unpleasant attack on Lt-Col NORRIS and MORESBY AREA. AQ gave the impression of resenting the existence of the Sub Area. Comd noted that this HQ is too far back.	
	8 AUG, 43		Comd inspected Sub Area with AA&QMG MORESBY AREA (Lt-Col NORRIS) ~~met Americans at ORO BAY and met old friend in Col MYERS.~~	
	9 AUG, 43		BRIG STEELE introduced Comd to MAJ-GEN CLOWES. Interview lasted about ½ minute. The Comd agreed that the HQ must move forward. All staff of HQ 1 Base Sub Area reported HQ 11 Aust Div at 1700 hrs where change in command and area tasks were explained. BRIG STEELE expressed complete satisfaction with ~~the work of the area and especially that of 7th AUST DCRE.~~ (MAJ FIELD)	
	10 AUG, 43		Comd held conference of his staff and all unit comds, and explained the chain of command and outlined Sub Area Tasks. ~~Visited Transit Camp -- much work to be done on. very little~~ labour available	

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	11 AUG 43		Comd met DAQMG 11 Aust Div at Transit Camp and was promised extra assistance to clean area. Saw works programme with 72 DCRE. HQ NGF works were placed on higher priority than 2/11 Aust Gen Hosp on which all work had stopped. Comd learned that NO War Diary had previously been kept and ordered immediate implementation.	
	12 AUG 43		Comd made recce for new HQ site with DADMS and DCRE and chose GIROPA POINT. Modified existing arrangements on waterfront and decided that beach must be cleared entirely of sheds, trees etc and "dozed" flat to accomodate barges, stores and tpt. G.11 Div called re areas required by Comd for further expansion and possible dispersion which does not exist in this area. A very crowded fwd area is linked by a bad single track rd with the rear installations. Comd considers fwd area must vulnerable. 2000/12 - 0200/13 Comd outlined appreciation of situation on waterfront Maj. VALENTINE (DADST accompanied BRIG. McGRATH (DDST NGF) on inspection of ORO BAY installations. He was instructed to:- (a) Complete examination of stocks there ent to destroy faulty Stores. (b) Quit stocks at earliest to enable the closing of the ASD and opening of a small DID. Capt HARKINS (DADOS) and ADOS, 11 Div (LT COL PICKETT), inspected the proposed area for Ord Stores and Amn Dep Sites in SIMEMI - BUNA - BARASARI areas, and in afternoon inspected the Amn Repair Shop at ORO BAY.	

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	12 AUG 43	(Contd)	Maj SELBY (DADMS) visited the Transit Camp. It was found that the recommendations of DADMS were not carried out, as less than ¼ of the labour recommended to work on the area, was employed there, and the area was still unfit for a transit camp. Maj SELBY, with Capt McCULLOCH (Entomologist) made a brief survey of the area for Bush MOKKAS. There was no indication of it having to be necessary to move Ord Camp on account of TYPHUS at present.	
	13 AUG 43		Comd with DAA&QMG (CAPT STROUD), G.111 (CAPT MILLEAR) and S/C (Q) (CAPT CURRIE) completed the appreciation of the situation - OBJECT: To ascertain the labour and eqpt reqd to operate the Port of BUNA to its fullest capacity. CAPT MILLEAR supervised the fencing of a paddock for 1000 sheep due to arrive the following day. Capt HARKINS with Capt CURRIE (SC "Q") attended a conference at BUNA to ascertain the labour requirements by services for unloading of ships in port, and made a further detailed inspection of new stores area at HENAMBURI. MAJ. SELBY conferred with DCRE AND CO 2/11 AGH (Col STENNING) concerning progress of the buildings at the 2/11 Site. MAJ SELBY pointed out to the DCRE the difference between buildings completed for stores and those completed for a hospital, and stated that he considered the DCRE would NOT complete the bldgs in time, with the eqpt and lbaour available.	
			SS "PATRAS" arrived.	
	14 AUG 43		COMD conferred with DADOS (CAPT HARKINS), DCRE (MAJ FIELD) and DADST (MAJ VALENTINE) on bldg problems occasioned by lack of labour and eqpt. Selected site for ord area. REPORITY BSD AREA very congested.	

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	14 AUG 43	(Contd)	NOIC prevented "TUNG SUNG" from sailing due to submarine report from "COORABI". Comd had him contact Task Force for orders. Ship sailed.	
			CAPT MILLEAR completed the fencing for the sheep and supervised the unloading of the sheep during the night. MAJ SELBY inspected new sanitation appliances at the 10 Fd Amb ORO BAY, and visited ADMS, 11 Div. CO 2/7 AGH (COL HEYDON) arrived by air from mainland via PORT MORESBY. CAPT WITHERS arrived at this HQ from ORO BAY, where he had been on duty, and took over appointment of SC "Q" from CAPT CURRIE. DADOS selected sites for new structures in HENAMBURI Depot area.	
			"H.D. THOREAU" (Liberty Ship) arrived in harbour.	
			SS "PATRASS" departed.	
	15 AUG 43		Billetting of new arrivals arranged. Comd appointed CAPT CURRIE to attend to quartering. COs 2/11 and 2/7 Aust Gen Hosps called. Hosps require more labour. Comd informed AQ accordingly, but NO labour available. HQ NGF still requires a lot of finishing, but more tradesmen are urgently required or hospital may not be finished by 25 AUG.	
			CAPT HARKINS arranged for the clearing of the Ord Stores Area and erection of 4 only 60 x 60 huts and 1 double Sydney Williams Hut. A question of the correct allotment of the area, by the Arty, was confirmed by COL PICKETT (ADOS 11 DIV)	
			MAJ SELBY inspected the Transit Camp Area, and found that his medical recommendations had not been carried out. He visited	

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	15 AUG 43	(Contd)	ADMS and COL HEYDON, and inspected the internal fittings of Wards. Transit of Surgical Team of 19 all ranks from 2/11 Aust Gen Hosp to 10 Fd Amb at ORO BAY was arranged. The Hygiene Offr (LIEUT WATERS) inspected the camps of the Transit Area and 151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy. 1 AUST BASE LOCATION STATEMENT ISSUED	Appx "A"
	16 AUG 43		Comd contacted AG re outstanding items and suggested previous request for Pnrs from MORESBY - this would solve the problem of completion of works. Visited wharf area, Transit Camp.	
	17 AUG 43		24 Aust Inf Bde personnel arrived. Rd suffered considerably from increased traffic. Visited COSC at ORO BAY and Amn Repair Depot. CAPT CURRIE made arrangements for the fostering-in of the 24 Bde. CAPT HARKINS, with Lieut BAILEY carried out inspection of a site for 3 Ord Fd Pk. CAPT McKAY took up duty as COO L2 POD vice CAPT McCARTHY who returned to PORT MORESBY. MAJ SELBY recced the site for the reinforcement depot which had been stated to be unsuitable on account of its liability to flooding. He visited the 2/11 AGH and found that the work was proceeding as fast aspossible, though held up considerably by lack of tpt and hammers. Visited ADMS 11 Aust Div.	
	18 AUG 43		LT COL BAILFE, in company with Col. LAUDERBACH and CAPT CONGER (US ENGINEERS), and CAPT MILLEAR recced a site for the installation of AF Bulk Petrol Tanks on the BUNA foreshore. They go to STRIP PT and Base Area loses a dump, but gains a new wharf for fwd shipping.	

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	18 AUG 43	(Contd)	MAJ VALENTINE established a DID in the Transit Camp Area to ration tps in the transit camp only. MAJ SELBY visited the Transit Camp Area, and arranged a conference of RMOs with the comd of the 9 Aust Div detachment there. The Comd agreed to instruct his camp comds to picquet wells and build deep trench latrines. It was found that tps were drinking unclorinated water and digging shallow trench latrines. Visited 2/11 Aust Gen Hosp and HQ 11 Aust Div. CAPT CURRIE in liaison with 24 Aust Inf Bde, recced a site for the Adv. Reinforcement Depot.	
	19 AUG 43		LT COL BALFE, with CAPT MILLEAR, made a liaison visit to the ~~43 US ENGR COY.~~ Also visited hosp. Work still NOT progressing favourably. HQ NGF has seriously effected completion, and no ~~additional labour was available.~~ MAJ SELBY approved of site for staging camp near BUNA WHARF and sited latrines in the area. As it was found that, owing to lack of labour, bldgs had not been constructed for some medical stores which had arrived, arrangements were made to roof same. LIEUT WATERS (HYGIENE) was grounded through lack of tpt.	
	20 AUG 43		LT COL RICHARDSON (ADST MORESBY BASE AREA) and MAJ PRIEST with ~~MAJ COGSTELL who was appointed to take over the duties of DADST~~ 1 Aust Base Sub Area from the 24 AUG 43) arrived from PORT MORESBY by Air Tpt. After discussion with AQ 11 Aust Div they predicted early disbandment of Sub Area. The lighting set for wharf was without cable and fittings, but will be installed immediately they can be obtained. Overlapping by HQ 11 Aust Div on the functions of this HQ will soon produce a crisis. Ref 100 Octane Gas for MTB	

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	20 AUG, 43 (Contd)		all they require is 700 drums but because an arbitary figure of 3000 had been named - that figure must stand. The resultant unpleasantness rather verified opinion of MAJ PRIEST re early demise of this HQ. AQ reported as having said he is "gunning" for Sub Area.	
			CAPT HARKINS conferred with Maj CARSON (ADOS 3 AUST DIV) ~~concerning the establishment of an ORD DUMP at NASSAU BAY.~~ Arrangements were made for the forwarding of stores received by Air Tpt, and from indents outstanding at Depots. Fifty plane loads of stores arrived from MORESBY, some of which were for 1 Aust Base Sub Area and the remainder for 3 Aust Div and MOROBE.	
			MAJ SELBY visited Dep Med Stores, and found that the roof ~~had been put on by 2 Offr and 1 Pte from these stores.~~ He visited the Transit Camp and considered that the Hygiene and medical position was under control.	
			LIEUT WATERS was again grounded through lack of Tpt.	
	21 AUG, 43		LT COL BALFE, with CAPT MILLEAR ,made a liaison visit to COSC at ORO BAY. In the evening he attended a conference at 11 Aust ~~Div with COL LITCHFIELD, and ORE 11 Aust Div. Hospital taken~~ out of Sub Area hands and all the resources of 11 Div turned ~~on. All other work in the area will cease.~~ LT COL RICHARDSON (ADST MORESBY BASE AREA) inspected ASC installations with MAJ COGSWELL (DADST elect) and MAJ VALENTINE.	
			Killing of the sheep ex Liberty Ship "THOREAU" commenced. CAPT HARKINS finally approved of sites for huts in the SIME I Ord Stores area, and erection of frames of Sydney Williams Huts commenced. Work was also commenced on Sites for Amn Bldgs. =It was considered that, as heavy rain had made movement by	

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	21 AUG 43		MT into the area most difficult, an all weather road to the sheds would be necessary.	
			MAJ SELBY inspected 2/11 Aust Gen Hosp site with CRE 11 Aust Div and DCRE Base Sub Area, and worked out requirements of labour eqpt and material.	
			A conference was held at 11 Div between AQ, DAAG, DAQMG, DADMS of 11 Aust Div and COMD and DADMS of Base Sub Area and CO 2/11 Aust Gen Hosp. The AQ informed the conference that construction of the Hosp would come directly under 11 Aust Div and was to be completed by 25 AUG 43. A further conference was held between DADMS, CRE, 11 Div and DADMS Base Sub Area to decide priorities.	
			CAPT CURRIE made further recce of site for Adv Reinft Dep and arranged movement of 42 POD from present site STRIP POINT to GIROPAVILLE area.	
			LIEUT WATERS was again grounded during the day through lack of tpt. During the evening he supervised the slaughtering of the sheep ex "THOREAU"	
	22 AUG 43		Comd insptected wharf and new HQ. HQ 11 Aust Div now directly managing all work of Docks Operating.	
			MAJ VALENTINE, with ADST MORESBY BASE AREA, and MAJ COGSWELL inspected all ASC units in the area.	
			CAPT HARKINS reported arrival from MILNE BAY, of LIEUTS SPENCER, WHEELER and PEEL, the latter for DADOS staff on this HQ. The Amn Bldgs in SIMEMI are were commenced. Inspected Ord operations at Air Maintenance Corps Depot with LT COL PICKETT.	
			MAJ SELBY inspected the bldg works at the 2/11 AGH. Building was now proceeding on a 24 hour shift basis and much adnl labour and ALL trg units in the Base Sub Area were allotted to this task.	

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	22 AUG 43	(Contd)	CAPT CURRIE selected a new site for Det 1 Aust Water Tpt Pp, Det 9 Aust Movt Control Gp and Det 14/32 from the area to be utilised as a Transit Camp near BUNA village. He later made a recce with G.3 (1) 11 Aust Div of site for Adv Reinft Dep. LIEUT WATERS inspected the slaughtering of the sheep ex "THOREAU" in the evening.	
	23 AUG 43		LT COL BALFE and CAPT MILLEAR had a conference with MAJ SHANAHAN 2 i/c 14/32 Bn, concerning the defensive plan for the area. Detail layout of Engr Store Dumps finalised with MAJ CHESTERMAN. This must be subject to variation as new units are arriving every few days. CAPT MILLEAR later visited the wharf with CAPT WITHAM (G3 Ops) to investigate the security of the stores in that vicinity. LT COL RICHARDSON departed for MORESBY. CAPT HARKINS inspected the site for Amn Dep at SIEVI. MAJ SELBY layed out tentatively 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp and visited ADMS 11 Aust Div and informed him verbally that the 2/7 AGH will open with 600 beds, all in tents. MAJ RADCLIFF (DADMS elect) arrived. CAPT CURRIE, after conferring with Medical and Div Offrs interested, decided that the Adv Reinft Dep would be situated (Ref Map ~~BUNA E. SPECIAL 1 : 63360~~) at kunai patch sq 2316.	
	24 AUG 43		CRE reported he could not possibly finish 2/11 Aust Gen Hosp in time - even with all the resources of 11 Div. The rds in th area seriously deteriorated during last few days. Comd visited wharf at night.	

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	24 AUG 43	(Contd)	MAJ COGSWELL conferred with A/CASC 11 Aust Div regarding forward shipments. It was decided to book space for 2 shipments to NASSAU each of 36,000 E.Rs and 8000 N.Rs, and 2 shipments ~~MOROBE~~ each of 15,000 E.Rs and 5,000 N.Rs. Arranged with Air Maintenance Coy procedure and scale for drawing reserves.	
			CAPT McNIVEN (DADS 1 Aust Base Sub Area) submitted a report on the suitability of the SIBEMI NATIVE VILLAGE being used as a Sup Dep Area.	
			CAPT HARKINS arranged a working party of 25 men for labour on Amn Site at BUNA and discussed question of Amphibions with ADOS 11 Aust Div.	
			~~MAJ HIBBS arrived from MORESBY.~~	
			MAJ SELBY visited 2/11 AGH and ADMS 11 Aust Div. He was ~~informed that HQ 11 Aust Div had not seen anything in writing~~ about building hospitals until 2 or 3 days before. This was quite untrue. MAJ SELBY considered that COL LITCHFIELD (AQ 11 Aust Div) had been unhelpful, misleading and covering up, or else had a bad memory, as he had the MORESBY BASE AREA Adm Instruction at his H. for a fortnight.	
			CAPT CURRIE was notified of the death by accident in a black-out, of ~~QX15415~~ CPL ~~MILLER~~, C. D. 9 Aust Movt Cont Sp.	
	25 ~~AUG~~ 43		Remainder of 24 Bde arrived in 5 L.S.Ts - disembarkation carried out well by LT COL JOSHUA. This HQ had no advice of any detail whatever. Interesting to note that 11 Aust Div Adm Instn No. 28 made Comd 1 Aust Base Sub Area responsible for coordination.- without any infm regarding the operation. This Adm Instn arrived this HQ night 24/25 and Comd saw it at 2330 hrs on return from wharf. All work and priorities now wanted by AQ 11 Div. This HQ fast becoming redundant	

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	25 AUG 43 (Contd)		G.111 (CAPT MILLEAR) prepared and issued Op Instn for the defence of 1 Aust Base Sub Area, after conference with 2 i/c 14/32 Bn.	APPX. "B"
			MAJ COGSWELL inspected ORC BAY installations with CAPT McNIVEN and DADS 1 Aust Corps. He also discussed the POL situation with COSC.	
			CAPT HARRIS inspected BUNA Dep with MAJ INGLIS. MAJ McINTOSH and party were also in the depot on an inspection.	
			MAJ SELBY inspected the 2/11 AGH with the CO (COL STENNING) The G.O.C. also inspected the hospital without notice having been given to 1 Aust Base Sub Area. The little courtesies are noticeably absent from 11 Div. A conference was later held between the COs of 2/7 and 2/11 Aust Gen Hosps and MAJ SELBY at 11 Aust Div. It was decided to hand over on to the 2/7 AGH.	
			CAPT GUERIE, who had previously been appointed to Quartering Offr, in addition to his duties as S/C "A", coordinated the disembarkation of 9 Aust Div personnel; and made a recce of a site for the US Amphibious Unit.	
			LIEUT WATERS inspected the sheep slaughtering and carried out health and hygiene inspections.	
	26 AUG 43		~~Waterfront occupied considerable portion of Sand's day. Visited~~ 2/11 Aust Gen Hosp and BSD. Docks at night	
			MAJ WILLMETTS marched out and handed over duties of DADST to VX 14938 MAJ R.H. COGSWELL. MAJ COGSWELL later inspected BUNA installations with DADS 1 Aust Corps.	
			MAJ SELBY approved of site for BSD at SIEMI and visited	

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	26 AUG 43	(Contd)	2/7 AGH Site with CRE. The 2/7 personnel arrived and the unloading of stores commenced. The 66 MAC arrived (without any previous notification being made).	
			CAPT HARKINS inspected ORO BAY Installations with ~~MAJ INGLIS.~~ MAJ McINTOSH and party were also making an inspection of this area. ~~The need for addnl stores and Amm storage was discussed~~ with LT COL BALFE.	
			CAPT CURRIE allocated a site for the Sec of US Amphibious Unit. He also conferred with 11 Aust Div, who laid down areas available to this HQ for development of Adm installations.	
			Recce with LIEUT WILLIAMS, 12 Aust Fd Coy for layout Electric Light Plant BUNA Area.	
			~~LIEUT HARRIS~~ made entomological surveys for ~~MOMAS.~~	
	~~27 AUG 43~~		~~LT COL BALFE with Capt WILLEAR visited~~ COSC, ORO BAY with reference to disposal of Petrol. Several thousand drums 100 Octane Gas arriving BUNA. This required entirely by 5 Air Force and arranged with COSC for trucks to carry same direct to DOBODURA.	
			MAJ COGSWELL recced SIMEMI Area for Supply Depot. A/OC of 23 Aust Sup Dep Coy (CAPT REYNOLDS) inspected working of ~~BSD BUNA~~, and arranged re-organisation.	
			CAPT HARKINS conferred with ADOS 11 Aust Div on preparation ~~of instn for A/DDOS 1 Aust Corps.~~ He accompanied LT COL BALFE to BUNA to discuss calling fwd of stores and Amm by Mvt Cont and arranged working parties to load 100 tons and 25 pers for north coast.	
			MAJ. SELBY reported that 2/7 AGH stores were being unloaded and that he had attended a lecture by Capt ~~CONWAY~~ M.O. ex R.MO 2/1 Bn and LT COL PALMER CO 10 Fd Amb to 2/3 Aust Fd Amb on Jungle Tactics.	

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	27 AUG 43	(Contd)	1 Aust Base Location Statement as at 2359 hrs 27 AUG issued	APPX. "C"
			"H.D. THOREAU" Departed	
			"SS JAPARA" Arrived	
	28 AUG 43		American Under Secretary for War and many officials visited Area. Arranged to clear rd for the party with 30 mins warning ~~notified by 11 Div at 0923 hrs that rd required clear by 0930~~ hrs. Almost impossible but got them through with 2 mins delay.	
			MAJ COGSWELL had placed under his command the following units:-	
			54 Pl. BIROD 136 Aust Sup Dep Pl. 177 " " " " 89 " " " " 146 " " " "	
			Which arrived in the area. Also pers of 165 Aust Gen Tpt Coy. The existing units fostered to the best of their ability. No camp site had been allotted to the Gen Tpt Coy and it was put in the KEPORITA BSD. One hundred pers of this Coy were ordered by 11 Aust Div to supply parties to work under Engrs and Ord. Also 11 Aust Div directed that all vehs consigned to 151 Aust ~~Gen Tpt Coy be transferred to Ord.~~	
			CAPT HARKINS visited BUIA with LT COL BALFE and discussed provision of extra labour and handling of vehs ex shipping. He arranged transfer of 4 Inf Tps Ord Fd Pk to ULADA. Lieut GRENVILLE marched in and was instructed to defuze bombs for Air dropping.	
			MAJOR SELBY arranged that the 105 and 107 Adv Dep Med Stores	

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	28 AUG 43	(Contd)	be fostered by 2/11 AGH and Camp at MAIHILDA. CAPT CU RIE recced site for BIPOD and 26 Salvage Unit and submitted same to 11 Aust Div for approval.	
			LIEUT WATERS inspected the 2/11 AGH Sewerage System.	
	29 AUG 43		Div conference held at wharf without Comd's knowledge. Conference ended with definition of future tasks but did nothing to clarify chain of command. Sheep delivered to SS "JAPARA" at whose orders?	
			CAPT MILLER conferred with CAPT S LIGHT (G.2 O's Learner) 11 Aust Div and LT COL CALDWELL, CO 14/32 Bn replan for def [illegible]	
			CAPT HARRIS inspected installations in the BUNA, SIDEI, and WARISOTA area with LT COL PICKETT and called on 42 Bn re labour difficulties, but could not obtain assistance. Inspected Mortar Bombs which were exposed to sun. Arranged for I O O to inspect Ammn. No A E available in unit.	
			MAJ SELBY ordered and arranged for distribution of vehs for tpt of Med Stores to Air Maintenance. The 66 MAC adv party arrived at MAIHILDA. Visited 2/11, 2/7 Aust Gen Hosps, Med Stores and DDS 11 Div.	
			CAPT CU RIE arranged for the co-ordination, disembarkation and fostering of units ex JUNIPERO SERRA, a Liberty Ship which arrived on this date.	
			"JUNIPERO SERRA" arrived.	
	30 AUG 43		LT COL BAIRD attended Div conference at the wharf concerning shipping movements and improvement of wharf facilities for further shipping. Comd had not previously been informed of	

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	30 AUG 43	(Contd)	conference, but merely happened to be there. This time Comd obtained a clarification of chain of command which would be satisfactory if it lasted.	
			MAJ COGSWELL had a conference with CAPT JAMES, DADT, Base Sub Area, regarding tpt requirements in the area.	
			~~CAPT HARKINS visited BUNA with ADOS 11 Aust Div. He later~~ discussed with CAPT NEWTON of Air Maintenance Coy, the holdings of Amn, Ord Stores in that area. Delivery of G.52s in connection with move of Amphibions was arranged and the EME inspected araments in 42 FOD. 4 Inf Tps Ord Fd Pk took up duty at ULADA.	
			MAJ SELBY visited BUNA and arranged to store 107 Adv Dep Med Stores in Movement Control Shed at BUNA and arrange onward shipment to MOROBE on ADMS's advice.	
			~~CAPT GILPRIE arranged the siting in the transit area of 155~~ MM GUNS and 2/6 Fd Regt pers.	
			LIEUT WATERS inspected the slaughtering of Sheep	
	31 AUG 43		Comd held conference at wharf at 0930 hrs and planned action at waterfront for the day. No construction work in progress yet. 2/11 Aust Gen Hosp still in hand.	
			MAJ COGSWELL advised that HQ 31 Sup Dep Pl would move from MOROBE to BUNA to comd 89, 136, 146, 162, 163 Sup Dep Pls.	
			CAPT HARKINS discussed preparation of returns reqd by DDOS 1 Aust Corps, with ADOS 11 Aust Div. Arranged for preparation of earmarks A, A1 and B as directed by DDOS 1 Aust Corps	
			MAJ RADCLIFF (DADMS elect) reced site for MAC at BUNA. DDMS 1 Aust Corps paid liaison visit this HQ.	
			LIEUT WATERS reported the water supply of 151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy highly polluted and strongly recommended that a MOELLERITE Water Unit be issued to this Unit.	

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1 AUST. BASE SUB AREA

APPX "A"
15/8/43.

LOCATION STATEMENT

SERIAL NO.	UNIT	MAP REF.		LOCATION
1.	1 AUST BASE SUB AREA	262194	(Buna E. Spec 1" to 1 Mile)	SIMEMI EAST
2.	2/1 MOB. AMMN REP. Shp	015324	(Oro Bay 1" to 1 Mile)	ORO BAY
3.	A PL. 2/106 A.G.T. Cy.	282248	(Buna E. Spec 1" to 1 Mile)	CAPE ENDAIADERI
4.	2/2 Fd. BAKERY 4 PL.	309027	(Oro Bay 1" to 1 Mile)	ORO BAY
5.	2/11 A.G.H.	259163	(Buna E. Spec 1" to 1 Mile)	BARASARI
6.	3 PL. 3 AUST BIPOD	307012	(Oro Bay 1" to 1 Mile)	ORO BAY
7.	4 L of C POSTAL UNIT	239265	(Buna E. Spec 1" to 1 Mile)	BUNA VILLAGE
8.	6 Docks Op Coy	235263	(Buna E. Spec 1" to 1 Mile)	BUNA
9.	DET 9 A. MVT CONT GP.	232159	(Buna E. Spec 1" to 1 Mile)	C/O DIV. H/Q.
10.	9 AAMCU	276254	(Buna E. Spec 1" to 1 Mile)	CAPE ENDAIADERI
11.	10 A. Fd. COY. R.A.E.	251261	(Buna E. Spec 1" to 1 Mile)	BUNA
12.	11 AAMCU	255262	(Buna E. Spec 1" to 1 Mile)	BUNA
13.	17 AAMCU	218149	(Buna E. Spec 1" to 1 Mile)	DOBADURA
14.	20 AUST EMP. COY.	240263	(Buna E. Spec 1" to 1 Mile)	BUNA
15.	H.Q. 23 SUP DEP COY.	306024	(Oro Bay 1" to 1 Mile)	ORO BAY
16.	32 AUST EMP. COY.	306024	(Oro Bay 1" to 1 Mile)	ORO BAY
17.	42 AUST. F.O.D.	262257	(Buna E. Spec 1" to 1 Mile)	BUNA
18.	4 PL. 3 AUST BIPOD	268254	(Buna E. Spec 1" to 1 Mile)	BUNA
19.	72 AUST. DEP CASH OFF.	262194	(Buna E. Spec 1" to 1 Mile)	SIMEMI EAST
20.	72 AUST DGRE WORKS	243266	(Buna E. Spec 1" to 1 Mile)	BUNA WHARF
21.	101 AUST. F.A.D.	262257	(Buna E. Spec 1" to 1 Mile)	BUNA
22.	151 Aust GEN TPT COY	286238	(Buna E. Spec 1" to 1 Mile)	CAPE ENDAIADERI
23.	169 AUST SUP DEP PL.	306024	(Oro Bay 1" to 1 Mile)	ORO BAY
24.	32 AUST SUP DEP PL.	254261	(Buna E. Spec 1" to 1 Mile)	BUNA
25.	DET 1 AUST WTR TPT GP	235263	(Buna E. Spec 1" to 1 Mile)	C/O 6 Docks Op C
26.	DET HQP DEP MED STORES	259163	(Buna E. Spec 1" to 1 Mile)	C/O 2/11 A.G.H.
27.	DET. AUST DEP CANTEENS	218149	(Buna E. Spec 1" to 1 Mile)	DOBADURA
28.	Y.M.C/A.			
29.	A.C.F.			
	2/2 L of C PROV. Coy	262194	(Buna E. Spec 1" to 1 Mile)	SIMEMI EAST.
31.	TRANSIT AREA REC. STAFF	276254	(Buna W. Spec 1" to 1 Mile)	CAPE ENDAIADERI
	2/3 INF BDE WORKSHOPS	257180	(Buna E. Spec 1" to 1 Mile)	EXPORITTA
32.	162 AUST SUP DEP PL.	254261	(Buna E. Spec 1" to 1 Mile)	BUNA
	163 AUST SUP DEP PL.	263203	(Buna E. Spec 1" to 1 Mile)	EXPORITTA

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1 AUST BASE SUB AREA OPERATION AL INSTRUCTION Copy No. 5....

NO. 1.

REF. MAP BUNA EAST SPECIAL 1 : 63360

INFORMATION

1. The enemy may attempt raids in the BUNA area in an endeavour to interfere with our sup to fwd tps or as part of a major attack.

2. 11 AUST DIV have laid down that, for def purposes, the area EAST OF GIRUA RIVER is the principal responsibility of the 14/32 Bn and that the area WEST of that river is the responsibility of the 19 Bn.

3. Immediately a 2 hours warning is given, all 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA Adm and Service tps come under comd of the bn in whose section they may be located.

INTENTION

Adm and SERVICE tps under comd 1 Aust Base Sub Area will be organized, trained and prepared to defend their areas.

METHOD

4. Forces

1 Aust Base Sub Area tps for the purposes of def are grouped into 3 forces:-

(a) FLOOD FORCE U/C Major FLOOD consisting of:

4 Pl 3 AUST BIPOD
42 AUST FD ORD DEPOT
101 AUST FD AMMN DEPOT
BUNA TRANSIT AREA STAFF
9 AAMCU
10 AUST GRAVES REG AND EMB UNIT

(b) FIELD FORCE U/C Major FIELD consisting of:

Pl DET HQ 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA
72 AUST DCRE (WKS)
6 AUST DOCKS OP COY
DET 1 AUST WTR TPT GP
32 AUST SUP DEP COY
162 AUST SUP DEP PL
11 AAMCU
4 L OF C POSTAL UNIT
DET 20 AUST EMP COY

(c) REAR UNITS consisting of:

10 AUST FD COY RAE
163 AUST SUP DEP PL
DET 2/11 A G H
17 AAMCU
DET NGF MED STORES
DET A D C 3

5. Role

(a) To prevent enemy penetration into the Sector.

(b) To provide firm pivot for his destruction by our reserves in the event of his penetration.

6. Preparedness

On receipt of Code Word "PLUM" all tps will be placed on 2 hrs notice, and will come under comd 14/32 Bn. They will occupy posns as designated hereunder:-

(a) Flood Force

Flood Force U/C Maj FLOOD will withdraw to Rd BUNA - DOBODURA from encl rd junc 274243 to incl br 274237.

(b) Field Force

Field Force U/C Maj FIELD is responsible for the def of the area encl rd junc 251261 to incl BUNA VILLAGE 239265, and in depth encl rd junc 246256.

(c) "A" Pl 2/106 Anst Gen Tpt Coy and 151 Anst Gen Tpt Coy U/C Capt STANTON will withdraw to posn under cover behind 260192. Capt STANTON will report to 14/32 Bn HQ on arrival in area, and also when concentration of vehs is complete.

(d) Rear Units as designated will remain in present areas and perform normal functions.

(e) M T on duty in area.

(i) MT, wherever they happen to be working, will move independently to position under cover behind 260192 and come U/C Capt STANTON. If, however, vehs are working in c gp they will move off under the senior officer present. All vehs will be prepared to pick up any tps who may be returning to unit areas.

(ii) A minimum number of tpt will remain in each op area for inter-comm but will be kept clear of rds for movement of tpt coys.

(iii) Vehs will NOT move NORTH along SEMMI - BUNA rds in order to facilitate movement SOUTH. The only exception to this will be offrs requiring to move fwd for op reasons. Prov units will police the above.

7. On receipt of Code Word "APPLE" all tps will stand to. Force Comds will notify 14/32 Bn immediately concentration is complete.

8. Recce

Force Comds will:-

(a) Recce their areas (Ref Para 5) and prepare def plans.

(b) Instruct their sub unit comds in their roles.

(c) Arrange practice occupation of def posns as situation and time permits.

ADM

9. Ammunition

With each weapon will be held:-

Rifle	150 Rounds
LMG	1500 "
SMG	600 "
Pistol	18 "
.55 Tk. A. Rifle	240 "

10. Sups

Seven days SWPA will be held in each unit area.

11. Medical

ADMS, 11 AUST DIV, will arrange for adequate medical servicing of all localities.

INTERCOM:

12. (a)

HQ 11 AUST DIV	230159
HQ 6 AUST INF BDE	138190
HQ 19 AUST INF BN	171308
HQ 14/32 AUST INF BN	257194
HQ 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA	262194

(b) Existing lines will be used, and FLOOD Force will use comms now used by Prov on SEMINI - BUNA rd.

(c) Sigs 14/32 Bn will provide any additional comms required by CO 14/32 Bn.

13. ACK.

CAPT GS.
1 AUST BASE SUB AREA.

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4 Pl 3 Aust BIPOD	Copy No. 1.
42 Aust FOD	" " 2.
101 Aust FAD	" " 3.
Buna Transit Area Staff	" " 4.
9 AAMCU	" " 5.
10 Aust Graves Reg & Enq Unit	" " 6.
72 DCRE (WKS)	" " 7.
6 Aust Docks Op. Coy	" " 8.
Det 1 Aust Wtr Tpt Gp	" " 9.
32 Aust Sup Dep Pl	" " 10.
162 " " " "	" " 11.
11 AAMCU	" " 12.
4 L of C Postal Unit	" " 13.
20 Aust Emp Coy	" " 14.
10 Aust Fd Coy RAE	" " 15.
163 Aust Sup Dep Pl	" " 16.
2/11 A G H	" " 17.
17 AAMCU	" " 18.
Det NGF Med Stores	" " 19.
Maj FLOOD	" " 20. & 21.
Maj FIELD	" " 22. & 23.
Capt STANTON	" " 24. & 25.
11 AUST DIV	" " 26. & 27.
HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde	" " 28.
14/32 Bn	" " 29.
19 Bn	" " 30.
COMD	" " 31.
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APPX "C"

1 AUST BASE SUB AREA

LOCATION STATEMENT AS AT 2359 HOURS 27/8/45.

SERIAL NO.	UNIT	MAP	REF	LOCATION
95	1 AUST BASE SUB AREA	BUNA E. SPEC.	262194	SIMELI EAST
96	BUNA TRANSIT AREA CAMP	" " "	276254	CAPE ENDAIADERE
97	DET 9 AUST MOVT CONT GP	" " "	238159	C/O DIV HQ
98	72 AUST DCRE WORKS	" " "	243266	BUNA WHARF
99	10 AUST FD. COY. R.A.E.	" " "	261165	BARASARI
100	6 AUST. DOCKS OP. COY	" " "	235263	BUNA
101	DET 1 AUST WTR TPT GP R.A.E.	" " "	235263	C/O 6 DKS OP
104	151 AUST GEN TPT COY	" " "	286238	C. ENDAIADERE
105	"A" PL 2/106 AUST GEN TPT COY	" " "	282248	C. ENDAIADERE
106	~~H.Q. 26 AUST SUP DEP COY~~	~~ORO BAY~~	~~306024~~	~~ORO BAY~~
107	32 AUST SUP DEP PL.	BUNA E. SPEC.	254261	BUNA (B)
108	169 AUST SUP DEP PL.	ORO BAY	306024	ORO BAY
109	162 AUST SUP DEP PL.	BUNA E. SPEC.	254261	BUNA (B)
110	163 AUST SUP DEP PL.	" " "	263203	KEPORIBA K
111	4 PL. 2/2 AUST FD BAKERY	ORO BAY	309027	ORO BAY
112	3 PL. 3 AUST BIPOD	" "	307012	ORO BAY
113	4 PL. 3 AUST BIPOD	BUNA E. SPEC.	~~262254~~	BUNA
116	DET. 2/11 A.G.H.	" " "	259163	BARASARI
117	9 A.A.M.C.U.	" " "	276254	C. ENDAIADERE
118	11 A.A.M.C.U.	" " "	273256	BUNA
119	17 A.A.M.C.U.	" " "	218149	DOBODURA
120	DET N.G.F. DEP MED STORES	" " "	249163	NAHINDA
120a	10 AUST GRAVES REG & E UNIT	" " "	275244	BUNA
121	15 AUST GRAVES REG & E UNIT	" " "	150205	SOPUTA
122	2/1 MOB ADM REPAIR SHOP	ORO BAY	324015	ORO BAY
123	42 AUST F.O.D.	BUNA E. SPEC.	262257	BUNA
124	101 AUST. F.A.D.	" " "	262257	BUNA
127	72 AUST. DEP CASH OFFICE	" " "	262194	SIMELI EAST
128	4 L OF C POSTAL UNIT	" " "	239265	BUNA VILLAGE
130	20 AUST EMPLOYMENT COY DET	" " "	240263	BUNA
131	DET 32 AUST EMP COY	ORO BAY	306024	ORO BAY
132	DET AUST DEP CANTEENS	BUNA E. SPEC.	218149	DOBODURA
133	DET Y.M.C.A.	" " "	218149	DOBODURA
134	DET A.C.F.	" " "	218149	DOBODURA
	26 AUST SALVAGE COY	" " "	~~265246~~	BUNA
	2/7 A.G.H.	" " "	259165	BARASARI
	66 M.A.C.	" " "	249163	NAHINDA
	DET 18 L OF C SIGS AIF	" " "	262194	SIMELI EAST

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4 L OF C POSTAL UNIT
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Unit 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA Date and Time.—From 1 SEP 43 To 30 SEP 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	1 Sep 43		A further conference was held at BUNA wharf being attended by AQ 11 Aust Div, Comd FARRAR RAN, Lt-Col YEATENS (US ARMY) and Maj ALLEN. Comd was not informed of this conference and on complaining to AQ was told that Maj Allen was his representative. The Comd was only able to obtain a very sketchy imfm to the following effect - he is still responsible for co-ordination - without the plan. "JUNIPER SERRA" arrived with vehs etc. Will NOT benefit Sub Area as all vehs are to go to 11 Aust Div Pool although consigned to 151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy. Comd FARRAR put Comd in picture for future ops. DADST visited Air Maintenance Coy with DADT. Permanent allotment of 10 trucks was made. With A/CASC 11 Aust Div recced site for Bakery. Roofing of newAmn Traffic Shed commended Heavy issues of Amn called fwd by Air Maintenance Coy. Necessary to work both BUNA and ORO BAY Amn Depots all night, preparing 2 and 3 in Mortar Bombs for~~xxxxxx~~ Air Dropping ~~work greatly hampered by lack of electric lighting in depots.~~ DADMS attended a conference with ADMS 11 Aust Div to discuss ~~medical plan. 2/11 Aust Gen Hosp to evacuate to strip via~~ ADS but patients to remain in ambulance. ADS responsible for air evacuation. SC "A" recced site for 165 Aust Gen Tpt Coy. Adm arrangements for reception "JOSIAH EARLE".	
	2 Sep 43		All shipping and ops moving to plan. Comd FARRAR further clarified posn. Comd mentioned the matter of trucks to AQ.	

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Unit 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA ..... *Date and Time.—From* 1 SEP 43 *To* 30 SEP 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	2 SEP 43	(Contd)	DADST inspected all installations with DDST 1 Aust Corps. Recced Camp Site for 165 Aust Gen Tpt Coy. Meeting of all OCs held at S & T Base Sub Area.	
			DADMS visited MAC at Reception Camp ORO BAY. Permission given to use 25 US Motor Ambs and US beds, at ORO if necessary. Visited ADS, DOBODURA to arrange exercise for MAC on air evacuation. Conference with ADMS 11 Aust Div ref sites of medical installations at BUNA.	
	3 SEP 43		Due to large scale movt of tps, all trucks running 24 hrs without maintenance. MAJ A. RICHMOND, OC 31 Aust Sup Dep Coy marched in. Conference with DDST 1 Aust Corps as to future role 31 ASD Coy and 23 ASD Coy. MAJ MARSHALL assumed comd 23 Aust Sup Dep Coy.	
			Sites levelled and work commenced on new huts at WARISOTA. LIEUT REYNOLDS I O O arrived. ADMS 11 Aust Div called on DADMS. DDMS 1 Aust Corps called and sulphoguanidine ordered from MORESBY for 5 Aust Div.	
	4 SEP 43		Comd had strips laid to cater for the change of plans in beaching of L S Ts. MAJ BAILEY (DAQMG Div) and MAJ WILLIS (DAAG Div) visited wharf in the evening and stated that no application had been made for trucks and that eighty were available. This matter had been mentioned personally to AQ by the Comd, and DADST had taken the matter up repeatedly with A/CASC Div. This is unfair and shifting the responsibility to Base Sub Area. DADST conferred with Comd, DADT and DAQMG Div ref tpt and the latter promised to make all necessary tpt available to AASC Corps in the Sub Area.	
			DADOS arranged transfer of all vehs to WARISOTA veh pk. DADMS took MAC to BUNA and handed over 11 Vehs to 6 Aust Fd Amb Lt Sec.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	4 SEP, 43	(Contd)	Div plan does NOT allow Mot Ambs to be dispersed but DADMS requested ADMS and EMO to disperse same. Routine visits and also visited 10 Fd Amb at strip and discussed methods of air evacuation with OC and DDMS=1 Corps (who happened to be there) All this was later countermanded by ADMS 11 Div who arranged a direct telephone to ~~ADS~~ from AGH.	
			2/11 Aust Gen Hosp opened and received casualties on orders ~~from ADMS Div, and also orders to receive local sick.~~	
			SC "A" arranged reception units ex "JOSIAH EARLE"	
	5 SEP, 43		5 LSTs only were made available for tp move, due to enemy action. Loading proceeded all night and by 0900 hrs all had retracted. Loading tables had to be altered and one unit's eqpt remained on beach. Comd saw return of wounded and checked medical arrangements - ~~advising Div that he considered US Amb post too far back.~~	
			DADST called on LT-COL GREGORY COSC and made arrangements covering procurement from US Forces. Discussed position regarding res at Air Maintenance Depot with LT COL PICKETT, MAJ McINTOSH and CAPT NEWTON. 140,000 rations and 986 Drums POL shipped for fwd movt. Barges loaded on beach direct from ASD.	
			2/1 Amn Coy, 15 Ord Store Coy and provision Sec 77 AAOD arrived ex KANSIL.	
			DADMS visited 2/11 Aust Gen Hosp and HQ ANGAU ref hosp laundering. DDMS visited Base Sub Area visited BUNA at night to watch evacuation of casualties. This is under 11 Aust Div but there should be some liaison with Base ref use of barges and landing places. This liaison is absent	

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Unit 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA ..... *Date and Time.—From* 1 SEP, 43 ..... *To* 30 SEP, 43 .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	6 SEP 43		Comd noted that certain security measures to restrict the movt of Allied Seamen, had been taken and that NOIC BUNA is the authority for issuing passes. This HQ was NOT notified in any way.	
			DADST attended conference with AQ, DDST and DADS 1 Aust Corps and CASC 11 Div ref ration holdings and future commitments. Agreed that immediate receipt of 30 days for 30,000 was necessary to meet maximum requirements.	
			DADOS arranged despatch of Amn to Air Maintenance Coy. Discussed res with MAJ BAILEY DADOS 11 Div and LT COL PICKETT. Visited BUNA with Capt LOWE DADOS AMN CORPS. Question of stocks available for Air Maintenance taken up with LIEUT MOORE.	
	7 SEP, 43		Comd visited 2/11 Aust Gen Hosp and inspected complete layout. Comd visited BUNA during air raid in the evening. AQ and CRE both order all lights will burn until bombs begin to fall. This is NOT the text of 11 Div order on the matter and is considered highly dangerous for the continued operation of BUNA. Full report att as Appx "A". CAPT MORTON (LO 11 DIV) and LIEUT MILES (F S SEC) visited B.111 ref notice on wharf restricting movt of seamen. It was admitted that same had been placed on the wharf without knowledge of Base Area.	
			DADST attended conference with CASC 11 Div and OC 23 ASD Coy (MAJ MARSHALL) ref DIDs. Decided that MAJ MARSHALL should control all DIDs (incl 11 Div) as regards sups to ensure a common menu for the whole area. Returns etc to be consolidated by MAJ MARSHALL and use of equivalents to be decided by him in conjunction with OC ASD BUNA.	
			DADOS arranged for provision of Amn holdings at Air Maintenance Coy and also for large issued to 2/1 Aust Fd Regt.	
			DADMS accompanied Comd on inspection of 2/11 Aust Gen Hosp and	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	7 SEP 43	(Contd)	also method of evacuation of casualties at BUNA with COLS LITTLEJOHN and TURNBULL. Visited ADMS ref the failure of return blankets and pygamas from MORESBY by air and collection of arms and Amn at the hospital. Hyg offr inspected Transit Area and Engr Sup area and noted that dunnage was being used for all structures, also flywire. 400 gal tanks being used for wells. ~~Air Raid at 1920 hrs. 7 to 10 bombs dropped - one on unfinished~~ pipe line to DOBODURA. No casualties 1 to 2 A/C operated.	
	8 SEP 43		Comd issued orders that in the event of a "red" alert, work must continue, but that all naked lights will be extinguished. 11 Aust Div were notified of this order. No advice was received from 11 Div until this HQ rang to learn that this order was countermanded and now read "all lights will continue to burn until bombs begin to fall" ~~CAPT SELBY arrived with appt G.111 and with CAPT MILLEAR visited~~ 10 Graves R & E unit and later MAJ SEARLE OC 9 Div LOBs re complaint concerning the erection of tents on cemetry ground. Matter was amicably arranged . DADOS conferred with ADOS ref Air Maintenance holdings. Inspected Salv dump and arranged for evacuation of Ord Stores and Amn. DADMS visited 11 Aust Gen Hosp and conferred with CO, DDMS ~~and ADMS. Visited ORO BAY with COLS LITTLEJOHN and TURNBULL~~ and investigated refrigeration for Blood. MAJ RADCLIFF made ~~search at BUNA for missing 11 Aust Gen Hosp stores.~~	
	9 SEP 43		11 Div Op Instn ref Air Raids most contradictory and throws whole responsibility on junior officers. Comd ordered that all work must continue but naked lights must be extinguished. With Liberty Ships at wharf the danger is far too great. Previous raid	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	9 SEP 43	(Contd)	definately proved the attraction exercised by the only exposed lights in BUNA - at the Y junction. Three sticks of bombs fell and bracketed this area.	
			DDST 1 Aust Corps (COL COLEMAN) called on Comd S & T HQ and AASC installations.	
			~~DADOS conferred with ADOS~~ ref Air Maintenance stock holdings. Visited SEMBM and WARISOTA store sites. Inspected BUNA and the ord stores with Comd. DADMS visited BUNA ref missing hosp eqpt and found same on ship. Visited 2/11 Aust Gen Hosp - evacuation by air completely unsatisfactory.	
			Hyg offr inspected sewage disposal from 2/11 Aust Gen Hosp. Reported present method inefficient and recommended that a steam plant be made available.	
	10 SEP 43		Comd visited wharf during "Red" alert in the evening. It was apparent that wide and differing interpretations were placed on the Div order of action during imminence of Air Raids.	
			Comd decided he must be present during any "red" to assume all responsibility. CAPT MILLER with CAPT SELBY visited Div and obtained copy of Div Op Instn for def of the area. DADST reported that by rain was making tpt work difficult especially in BIPOD dispersal areas. DADOS discussed with ADOS Div, serious position due to lack of storage for Amn. Matter discussed with CRE Div who organized gangs to start at BUNA the following day.	
			Inspected BUNA Area Amn Depot with ADOS and arranged for additional 30 men from stores depot to assist in clearing up Amn.	
	11 SEP 43		Comd visited 2/11 Aust Gen Hosp. "Red" alert late in afternoon Enemy A/C approached BUNA direct from GASMATA - circled 15 miles	

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Unit 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA *Date and Time.—From* 1 SEP, 43 h *To* 30 SEP, 43

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	11 SEP 43	(Contd)	out for 20 mins and repeated this for one hour - no attack made. G.111 visited Div and discussed alterations to Op Instn with G.11.	
			DADOS inspected SENTRY Amm area part of which is badly affected by rain and will have to be abandoned. Arranged procurement ~~of quantity of GMC parts from US Sources. Arranged for I O Os~~ to supervise batching and storage gun amn at Air Maintenance and BUNA.	
			DADMS inspected Transit Camp and wharf area and reported both areas to be in a filthy condition after vacation by 9 Aust Div. Hyg Offr also reported that all sanitary arrangements were hopelessly inadequate and that conditions were ~~favourable for an outbreak of dysentry. Previous recommend~~ations had NOT been carried out.	
	12 SEP 43		Further flight to Red beach proceeded to plan. Comd visited ord depots, docks operating and wharf generally. All offrs applying for Staff School were interviewed by Comd.	
			DADMS reported CAPT GROVE ordered through service channels ~~to proceed to LAE and under protest was sent to report to~~ BUNA from ORO BAY at 0530 hrs. Visit by COL BARTON ADMS.	
			~~287 wounded evacuated by air to~~ MORESBY from 2/11 Aust Gen Hosp. SC "Q" visited MARISOTA to inspect Amn Huts. Hyg Offr made inspections and water tests at BIPOD, Salv Unit - Inspected BUNA assembly area - conditions unchanged.	
	~~13 SEP 43~~		~~New BUNA rd opened for traffic. Will make tremendous difference to work of area.~~ Comd inspected ord at MARISOTA. "Red" warning at night and A/C overhead. Bright moonlight and Comd considered NO lights essential, therefore ordered all to be extinguished. Work continued with exception of loading	

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Unit 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA Date and Time.—From 1 SEP 43 To 30 SEP 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	13 Sep 43		of lighters at ships - Liberty Ship "JANSSENS" closed down entirely	APPX "B"
			G.III. 1 Aust Base Sub Area Op Instn No 2 issued.	
			DADOS contacted OC Mech Eqpt Coy to ~~xxxxxx~~ interview Capt BANGAL ref op of steam shovel at Amn Depot. Arranged for extension of Amn area past BUNA. Visited spot and arranged for sup of all tarpaulins on loan to Amn Depot. Site selected for wharf from Transit Shed.	
			DADMS inspected medical stores 2/and 2/11 and 2/7 Aust Gen Hosps with ADMS 11 Aust Div.	
			Quartering offr (Capt MILLEAR) arranged quartering of 14/32 Bn pers att to 6 Docks Op Coy.	
	14 SEP 43		Comd called to 11 Aust Div 0915 hrs and was shown adverse report of GOC, AQ stated it was merely a matter of policy. Since arriving Comd had seen GOC on two occasions and had spoken to him for a total of half a minute. He did NOT discussthis report with the Comd in any way and indeed had relinguished Comd of Div two days before Comd was advised of report. GEN BOASE and G I visited HQ and met staff, then inspected wharf etc., and expressed approval of system. Then called NOIC who explained that Comd 1 Aust Base Sub Area and Navy had agreed to turn lights out when planes 25-30 miles out G I Agreed.	
			G III - Issued location Statement as at 2359 hrs 13 Sep	APPX "C"
			DADOS inspected Ord Stores and Amn Depots in company with ADOS 11 Aust Div Lt Col GRAY inspect Amn Depot	

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	14 SEP 43	(Contd)	DADMS sited a S B Post for USA medics at BUNA at request of Base Surgeon ORO BAY. Site approved by Comd Base Area. Visited medical stores to discuss fact that previous stores plus C. Scale maintenance would NOT maintain 7 and 9 Aust Divs. Hyg Offr issued latrine seats made by 1 Aust Base Sub Area ~~to 19 Bn.~~	
	15 SEP 43		LT COL KESSELS and staff at HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area arrived without warning. This HQ is required to accomodate the party and acquaint them with base sub area work. 808 Engrs (USA) awaiting fwd move are assisting greatly by building loop rd at Docks with their materials and Comd's plans for one way ~~traffic. All ships now discharged and none in port.~~ Comd lodged formal complaint for redress to Div.	APPX "D"
			DADMS attended a conference at Corps with DDMS Corps and ADMS Div. 106 CCS adv party arrived to take over gradually from 10 Fd Amb and to come under comd Base Area. No infm received through staff channels. Visited ORO BAY and met adv party.	
			~~DADOS interviewed DCRE ref hut construction at BUNA and SIAMI.~~ 10 extra huts to be commenced in BUNA area on 20 SEP 43. 50 huts also to be commenced in SEMI I - BUNA area either 18 or 20 SEP.	
			LIEUT A. M. B. DUNN (2/106 Aust Gen Tpt Coy) marched in to take over duties of DADT from Capt E. JAMES AASC Installations - System of Sup etc., as at 14 SEP, 43	APPX "E"
	16 SEP 43		Comd visited BSDs at KEPORINA and SEMINI and then the wharf. Late advice of fwd loadings for LCT causes much delay in loading and ties up tpt. There appears to be lack of decision somewhere. Vessels retracted partly loaded at 1530 hrs and	

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	16 SEP 43	(Contd)	immediately convoy is cancelled. Trucks of Amn stand by and waste much time while this is confirmed.	
			CAPT MILLEAR took CAPT WALKER (G.111 4 Base Sub Area) on inspection of installations etc.	
			DADOS visited WARISOTA and SIDETI Depots with ADOS 11 Aust Div.	
			Move of No. 3 Sub-Depot to WARISOTA commenced.	
	17 SEP 43		Comd inspected Docks and loading of 808 US ENGRS for 2nd move.	
			Loop rd at wharf now constructed making 1 way traffic possible.	
			Inspected Transit Area with DADMS - NOT clean and not fit to house a Bde. AG MAJ GEN C.E.M. LLOYD and E-in C MAJ GEN C.S. STEEL visited area, but comd was NOT aware of their presence till later. Visited DCRE about 2030 hrs and met CRE (LT COL WOODS) and LT COL BELL CRE Corps Troops.	
			Quartering Officer arranged fostering 2/124 Aust Bde Workshops.	
			DADOS visited Stores Depot ref earmarking for 9 Div. Inspected Amn Depot with LIEUT NEWMAN with a view to selecting site for 1 Aust Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop when a move becomes necessary.	
			CAPT EVANS, O O 101 HAD arrived by plane. Inspected WARISOTA Stores Site, move of 3 Sub Depot practically completed.	
			S & T report for week ending 16 SEP 43	APPX "F"
	18 SEP 43		MAJ McLEOD (Movt Control) and portion of staff arrived. Comd discussed layout at wharf and tasks which he will handle.	
			Move of BRITISH force entirely in this HQ hands - first time we have been given any jurisdiction in a move - all arrangements made at Docks and with Depots. LSTs to arrive between 1200 - 1800 hrs. Comd saw LT COL WOOD at DCRE and explained necessity for altered lighting system if Div orders are to be carried out re "Red". Visited wharf again in evening and was informed LSTs would not beach until 0800 hrs. Detailed CAPTS SELBY	

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	18 SEP 43	(Contd)	and MILLEAR to report to MAJ ALLEN at 0600 hrs and to check loading. All stores in accordance with 11 Div order, stacked on strips by 2400 hrs. SC (Q) visited 72 DORE BUNA ref sup of timber for 10 G R & E Unit, called Transit Camp and 151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy. DADMS visited 2/11 Aust Gen Hosp and Medical Stores. 0800 11 Div instructed 20 days medical stores for 5000 men to be sent on LST. DDMS through DADMS 11Div instructed that one complete HAMS on scale was to be sent. This was prepared for despatch. Visited ORO BAY to see 106 CCS (not yet placed under comd) Was informed by Red Cross that 5 Nurses had arrived for 2/11 Aust Gen Hosp. DADOS visited BUNA and discussed proposals for reorganisation at Ammn Depot with CAPT MAY.	
	19 SEP 43		LSTs beached from 0900 to 1000 hrs. Alteration to loading advised by 11 Div at 0900 hrs - checked with DAQMG and moved to wharf to implement CAPT OGILVIE (Movement Control) had entirely different schedule and gave dead line of 110 tons (Div) per LST. No further infm so rang DAQMG at 1100 hrs. He repeated and confirmed his order - Comd had asked for it in writing, so he read out his message which ADOS 11 Div (LT COL PICKETT) heard. Loading commenced 1115 hrs and continued till 1230 hrs when plan was changed again. About 1400 hrs MAJ ALLEN called to Div by DAQMG for new loading schedule. He arrived back at 1608 hrs and loading and sorting recommenced at 1615 hrs. Comd had to arrange tactical loading - this he considered entirely wrong as Brig Comd Force must decide this. The Corps order specified this and comd agreed much wiser. Visited wharf again at night and replaced CAPTS SELBY	

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	19 SEP 43	(Contd)	and MILLEAR with JAMES and WITHERS for all night shift loading tables appear to be in excess of 110 tons. Much time has been wasted and labour is short. Why cannot Force Comd decide his loading and notify this HQ. Comd believes he did and that loading tables have been badly arranged. Returned to HQ with CAPT SELBY 0300 hrs.	
			DADMS was visited by LT COL CRISP (Hosp visitor) who stated he had seen blood on beach at MOROBE. Pointed out that movement is entirely a Q matter and that we are forbidden to move stores by Q 11 Aust Div.	
			~~DADOS inspected all depots with ADOS 11 Div and ADOS NG L of C.~~	
	20 SEP 43		~~Comd returned to wharf at 0900 hrs. Div order that ALL stores must be loaded irrespective of the load.~~ LSTs have dead line 110 tons and 1 Corps say they have been sure of this all the time. BRIG HOPKINS agreed with this - therefore someone else must be in error. All work stopped again pending decision on what to load and what to take off. No info available. Work did not recommence and LSTs retract at 1600 hrs to sail as ~~loaded~~.	
			Comd's recommendations for wharf layout to Div have now rebounded by definite orders to this HQ that they will be carried out. Comd has repeatedly asked CRE and DADOS for Engr assistance, and now will requisition in writing - if this does not work - must see GOC.	
			19 AAES arrived for 2/11 Aust Gen Hosp. DADMS made Hyg inspection Transit and Assembly Areas. Reported to Comd both still bad. Comd's report att.	APPX. "G"
			DADOS - construction commenced on new bridge and rd into WARISOTA. No 2 Sub Depot Stores now being diverted to WARISOTA.	

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	21 SEP 43		AQ called Comd to Div and showed him MAJ GEN CLOWES latest attack. This had again been delayed sufficiently for Comd NOT to see him - apparently written on 18 SEP. CAPT MILLEAR arranged quartering for 9 Div Tps (1000) in transit Area. DADST reported CAPT E. JAMES marched out. NX114324 MAJ. K.O. PRESHAW marched in to take over as DADST from MAJ. R.H. COGSWELL. ASD installations inspected. DAD'S visited medical stores. 1300 prs pyjamas belonging to Red Cross in store or at 2/11 Aust Gen Hosp. Visited AD'S 11 Div. Made hyg inspection Assembly Area with hyg offr Base Sub Area. DADOS arranged for use as camp area by Amn Coy of foreshore near oil tanks and A/A Gun. Arrangement confirmed with COL LAUDERBACH 116 US Engrs.	
	22 SEP 43		Air Raid on BUNA 0348 hrs. Comd immediately proceeded to BUNA with DAD'S. Full report att. Instns to 3 Coy L of C Sigs att. 11 Aust Div Air Raid instn must be altered. SC "A" reported casualties from air raid. 151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy - 4 killed, 1 wounded, 6 Dock's On Coy, 1 killed, 1 died of wounds, 9 wounded. 20 Aust Bn Coy 5 wounded. SC "G" arranged with 72 DCRE sup of Mob Fire Extinguishers for delivery to BSD and 6 Dock On Coy. Quartering Offr arranged quartering for 600 tps in conjunction with 9 Div - arranged Tents - Cooks - guides in Transit Area. Disembarked 229 Sup Dep pl and 4 Aust Base Sub Area tps and quartered them. MAJS PRESHAW and COGSWELL inspected BIPOD installations also DID ORO BAY. DAD'S accompanied Comd to BUNA to check on medical arrangements	APPX "H" APPX "J"

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	22 SEP 43	(Contd)	ref bombing at 0400. Visited 2/11 Aust Gen Hosp ref Blood; 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp ref tpt. Hyg Offr organized labour, tpt and tools for cearning assembly area opposite BUNA wharf as per 11 Div memo A/9507. Tpt was not made available until a late hour, similarly with labour (M, N and O Hy Bty) ~~DADOS visited 42 FOD to make arrangements ref shipping to~~ IE coast and also submission of returns. Visited WARISOTA and inspected building of road in company with CRE 11 Div and OC Mech Eqpt Coy. Discussed disposal of 7 Div vehs with LIEUT CARROL, OC LAD. Conferred with O O 101 FAD regarding preparation of report on DIMINISH shipment.	
	~~23 SEP 43~~		~~LT COL LADD US AA DEPS called ref siting of guns in BUNA area.~~ Court of Inquiry called to investigate Air Raid. LT COMD BAIRD RAN died from wounds sustained at ~~ELISHAVEN~~ landing. "ELIZABETH BLACKWELL" arrived at ORO BAY - no previous advice to this HQ. 4 Aust Base Sub Area tps aboard. Tps taken to Corps Reception Camp instead of Transit Camp. CASC 11 Div with MAJS PRESHAW AND COGSWELL inspected FSD REPORITA, BIPOD ~~SIDE I, 165 Aust Gen Tpt Coy, 151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy.~~ DADMS carried out hyg inspections of BUNA assembly area. ~~Hyg Offr supervised cleaning of assembly area.~~ Tpt and labour not available on time. Approx 2 hrs wasted. DADOS discussed duties of Provision Sec with DOS Div and LIEUT SHELTON.	
	~~24 SEP 43~~		~~Comd's confidential letter to 11 Aust Div etc.~~ Comd attended LT - COMD BAIRD'S funeral at SOPUTA Cemetry. Visited assembly area and Transit Camp with DADOS. Latrines constructed at ~~ERDAIADERE~~ by the Engrs are a shocking job and completely futile. Transit Staff with 9 Aust Div pers must now	~~INDEX "E"~~

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	24 SEP 43	(Contd)	build them. Latrines on wharf NOT commenced and no mech eqpt made available to clean the area. Hyg Offr supervised clean up of assembly area. 20 men arrived from 0 Hy Btn at 1000 hrs. Tpt not available as requested. H and N Hy Btys moving out - no labour available.	
			D.D.O.S called on 43 US Engrs and made arrangements for sup of a Grabell for use in SEMINI Amn Depot. Inspected WARISOTA site and arranged for move of 7 Aust Div Water Pool.	
	25 SEP 43		Comd visited Docks and checked loading arrangements. Met MAJ GEN BOASE at the docks and he ordered:- that on the "Red" alert, (a) All work will cease (b) All lights will be extinguished. Apparently the Court of Inquiry has done some good.	
			G.111 issued G.S. Instn 1 on air raids att as Visited assembly area and Transit Camp again. Some progress made, but these tasks require mech eqpt. Infm suggests that Court of Inquiry into Air Raid has been abandoned.	APPX "L"
			G.111 initiated arrangements for loading of 3 LSTs and 2 LCIs for northward movt of pers, vehs and sups. D.D.S.T. interviewed COSC ref demolition removal 6 Native Huts from DID ORC BAY to FSD KEPORIKA.	
			D.D.O.S attended conference with AQ ADOS, 11 Div at which AQ promised to provide a bulldozer and build latrines on the wharf and on piers outside Transit Camp. This will control Hyg of transit camp. Visited 2/11 and 2/7 AGH and reced for site for 400 bed Hosp on 2/7 AGH site. D.D.O.S visited DID with LT COL BROOKE and inspected new Amn Camp site. Arranged with LT COL BROOKE for return of American Amn held at Air maintenance Corps Depot.	

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	26 SEP, 43		Comd visited wharf, assembly and transit Area - progress slow. Request for release of telephones for 2/7 ACH. 162 and 163 Sup Dep Pls assumed indep command from 31 Aust Sup Dep Coy preparatory to embarkation. 3, 53 and 54 Pls BIPOD also indep under instns DDST NGF. 106 CCS came under comd and almost at the same time 11 Div gave orders for the move of their lt sec. DADOS rcced HIGITURA with G.111 for con depot DADOS would condemn this site on the grounds that it is unlikely that the access road will ever be in a fit state for tpt of sick pers - otherwise a wonderful site. DADOS inspected Amn depot with Capt GRAY. Interviewed Docks Superintendent concerning checkers securing reasonably straight loads from barges and also making a count on to trucks. Docks Superintendent states he cannot permit this because it delays unloading and suggested that mixed consignments be unloaded at a central dump on which a further gang of sorters would pick out complete truck loads. Incoming trucks would then be unloaded and directed to take full trucks to shed. In DADOS's opinion - <u>quite impracticable</u> due to shortage of trucks and lack of access rds in both stores and Amn Depots will result in isolation of many sheds in wet weather unless rds are provided. Leak found in petrol pipe in Amn Depot. This pipe line is a source of great	Att as APPX "A

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	26 SEP 43	(Contd)	danger in an amn depot and suggest it be wired on both sides and adequate crossings provided. Impossible to ensure that a truck will not drive over the pipe, in the absence of NCOs and Offrs. Much eqpt necessary to build up floors of storehouses to carry 200 tons stores and ensure flooding will not occur. Labour shortage still acute and cannot offer assurance that efficient operation of amn depot will continue unless some relief is provided.	
	27 SEP 43		Comd inspected wharf, assembly and transit areas. Many more men necessary to complete these tasks. 162 and 163 Sup Dep Pls embarked for LAE. Further representations to 11 Aust Div for tpt for 165 Aust Gen Tpt Coy have brought no results. Tpt situation acute as 151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy is under orders to move 29 Sep leaving only 23 load carrying vehicles in the area. DADOS made final arrangements with 43 US Engrs re loan of carryall and tractor for preparation of amn sites at SIO I. Visited ORO BAY US Adv Base B with ADOS and arranged for return of American Amn from Air Maintenance Coy. Discussed sup of spare parts with CAPT SCHUBY who stated the US forces could not undertake any continuous sup and if we continued to make heavy demands for spares, he would prefer to withdraw the vehs and recondition them for US use.	
	28 SEP 43		Comd conferred with DDSC - MAJ McLEOD and MAJ ALLEN ref moves on 29 SEP. Again inspected assembly and Transit area - improving. Air Accident at DOBODURA - BRIG SUTHERLAND killed.	

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	28 SEP 43	(Contd)	G.111 liaised with HQ 9 Div LOBs ref labour for Hyg improvements in transit camp and issued instns to camp for conduct of daily hyg inspections. Quartering Offr visited transit camp to arrange quartering of units en route. 151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy relieved of duty prior to movt, at 2100 hrs. 165 Aust Gen Tpt Coy to take over tpt for wharf when vchs issued by 42 FOD. Meanwhile all tpt in area mustered for continued jobs and working of wharf. ADMS 11 Div visited HQ and appointed MAJ RADCLIFF as DADMS. DADMS visited 106 CCS ORO BAY. DADOS visited BUNA and discussed contents of ADOS memo ref general tidiness with CAPT MACKAY and CAPT GRAY and arranged plans for start of dues in record at 42 FOD. Arranged for use of grader on SEMINI amn depot. First spares of No. 1 ARMCO at WARISOTA raised. Large quantities of 6 pr amn being received in a wet condition from "THEO LIVANOS" stated to have been in No. 3 hold. This amn was stated to have been loaded -- taken to MORESBY, not discharged, returned to Australia again, returned to MORESBY and finally sent to BUNA for discharge. Quite useless in this area and beyond local repair. Consignment of Ordnance stores ordered fwd to LAE. Five conflicting instns issued from 1 Aust Corps ref this consignment. Matter finally decided and consignment got away.	
	29 SEP 43		Comd with G.111 attended BRIG SUTHERLAND'S funderal at SOPUTA cemetry. Received confidential memo from MAJ-GEN BOASE re the forwarding of Comd's request to be paraded to superior authority. 11 Div GS instn No 35 to hand.	ATT AS APPX "I"

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	29 SEP 43	(Contd)	much better and clearer than previous orders on Air Raids but still leaves something to be desired. It is NOT definite. Moves included 151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy and MAJ SELBY (previous DADMS). MAJ SELBY has proved himself a valuable offr.	
			G.111 issued location statement as at 2359 hrs 28 SEP	APPX "O"
			Quartering Offr liaised with American Small Ships det ref their movt to BUNA.	
			151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy embarked for LAE, except for 12 - 3 ton vehs loaded with stores which were shut out.	
			Shortage of labour at ASD considerably delayed unloading of ships. Report on transport att.	APPX "P"
			MAJ SELBY marched out, MAJ RADCLIFF commenced duty as DADMS on verbal instns 11 Div (ADMS)	
			DADMS visited 2/11 Aust Gen Hosp and ADMS 11 Div who requested a report on present state of Transit Camp.	
			Also visited 106 CCS. Fire Orders issued	APPX "Q"
	30 SEP, 43		Comd held orderly room on several members of Sub-Units Staging Camp ERDAIADERE still causing worry. Visited same with DADMS, Hyg Offr and G.111 and arranged large 9 Div working party immediately. A great improvement was made. Wharf tpt was taken over by 165 Aust Gen Tpt Coy with assistance 9 Div LOB, 2/106 AGT and 159 AGT Coys. Continuity of discharge of cargo was maintained but late arrivals of labour parties transferred ultimate disposal. Hyg Offr supervised clean up in Transit Camp. DADOS visited ADOS office and was informed of new organization in sub area This was later confirmed by Comd 1 Aust Base Sub Area. Investigated position concerning consignments for 5 and 9 Div, and reported details to ADOS. Made brief inspection of depots in company with MAJ PRIEST.	

COMD 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA — LT-COL

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - NEW GUINEA FORCE

HQ 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA.
7 SEP, 43.

HQ 11 AUST DIV.

REPORT ON AIR RAID

1. At 1920 hrs an Air Raid Red was signalled and was followed shortly afterwards by the dropping of bombs.

2. It appeared that four sticks of bombs were released:

(a) About 1925 hrs at vicinity of rd junction where sig pers were working with naked lights - from accounts this stick fell about 200 yards away.

(b) About 1930 hrs a second stick was released apparently on the same target as the first and landed beside the main rd some 1000 yds south of the new loop. The bomb crater inspected was about 5 ft. deep and some 10 ft across and had ripped the corduroy. USA steel gasoline pipes lying about 20 ft away from the crater were perforated in many places by fragments. It would appear that these bombs were A/Pers of rather small size.

(c) About 1935 further bombs fell in the direction of BUMIADERE and were accompanied by a white flare which did not illuminate until rather close to the ground - estimated 1500 - 1000 ft. This flare had the appearance of a white signal light but was definately falling in an oblique downward course.

(d) About 1940 hrs other bombs were dropped to the north and later rumour only located these in vicinity of SAMANADA.

3. During this period the A/A defs were apparently ordered to remain silent and all naked lights in the BUNA area were extinguished in accordance with 11 Aust Div S.O. Extn 52 of 5 AUG, ANNX "A" serial 2(e). All lights in the BUNA area are naked and controlled by one switch.

4. Enemy plane or planes continued over the waterfront for a considerable time and info was received through R.O.L.C. that the A/A def were ordered to engage.

5. Further info from the same source reported these A/C at 26,000 ft

6. Later reports showed the enemy flights had approached to 15 Miles N.E. of BUNA.

7. 11 Div Provost had during this Red. ordered and were loading for fwd cont to stop operations and disperse.

8. The all clear was received at about 2000 hours.

9. A further red was notified at 2040 hrs. orders were received later by 6 Books op Coy from CRE and HQ 11 Aust Div to the effect that all lights would continue until bombs fell in the vicinity.

GENERAL

10. In view of the extreme congestion and vulnerability of the waterfront and the impossibility of adequately dispersing vehs it is considered essential that all naked lights in this area must be extinguished on receipt of the "Red". Further, with a Liberty ship alongside the wharf this danger is magnified and may easily result in the total loss of the wharf for future use.

11. It is also considered that, if possible, work must continue until danger has arrived.

over.

12. In view of the text of 11 Aust Div quoted above and the conflicting orders received last night, it is desirable that clarification on this point be given.

Paras 1-9 are report on the "Red" and 10-12 purely general observation.

J. Norman Jacks

LT-COL.
COMD. 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA.

APPX 'B'

SECRET.

12 SEP 43.

1 AUST BASE SUB AREA OPERATION INSTRUCTION No.2. Copy No. 51

Ref Map: BUNA EAST SPECIAL 1 in to 1 ml.

INTEM:

1. This Instn replaces 1 Aust Base Sub Area Op Instn No.1. dated 25 Aug 43, which will be destroyed and a certificate to that effect fwded to HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area.

2. Enemy:
The enemy may attempt raids in the BUNA area in an endeavour to interfere with our sups to fwd tps or as part of a major attack.

3. Responsibility for Defence:
Area east of KONOMBI CK - 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.
Area west of KONOMBI CK - 19 Aust Inf Bn.

INTENTION:

4. Adm and service tps under comd 1 Aust Base Sub Area will be organized, trained and prepared to defend their areas.

METHOD:

5. General Outline:
For the purpose of def, tps under comd 1 Aust Base Sub Area have been grouped into forces; each force to occupy a defended locality. (See Appx 'A' att).

6. Groupings:
(a) As per Appx 'B' att.

(b) Isolated units NOT referred to in Appx 'B' will be responsible for def of their own bivouac areas or, alternatively, will make immediate arrangements to join nearest defended locality.

(c) Due to constant changing of units and unit areas, locality Comds will periodically revise units potentially under their comd.

7. Def System:
(a) Each defended locality will be so placed that posts are sited to give all round def.

(b) Posts must be mutually supporting and so sited that there is minimum risk of any one post being isolated and destroyed in detail.

8. Role of Localities:
(a) To prevent enemy penetration into the Sector.

(b) To provide firm pivots for destruction of enemy by our reserves in the event of his penetration.

9. Works:
No def work will be constructed until further orders, but section posts will be sited and marked, and when ordered, posns will be made as strong as time permits. Priorities of works will then be :-

(a) Weapon pits.
(b) Wiring and obstacles.
(c) Development of posts and comms.
(d) Alternative posts.

10. Plans for Surprise:
Will incl camflg of any def wks completed or in progress, using natural materials.

11. Preparedness:
(a) On receipt of dodeword "PLUM" all tps will be placed on two hrs notice to occupy posns and will come under comd of Bn within whose area locality is situated.

(b) On receipt of code word "APPLE" all tps will stand to.

12. Recce:
Locality comds will now -

(a) Recce their areas and prepare def plans.
(b) Instruct their sub-unit comds in their roles.
(c) Arrange practice occupations of def posns as situation and time permits under advice of this HQ.

ADM:

13. Amn:
(a) With each weapon will be held :-

Rifle	150	rounds
LMG	1500	"
SMG	600	"
Pistol	18	"
.55 Tk A Rifle	240	"

(b) Locality Comds will ensure that units and sub-units under comd for the purpose of this instn are holding amn in accordance with the above scale.

14. Sups:
(a) Seven days SWPA will be held in each unit area.
(b) As for 13(b) above.

15. Medical:
ADMS 11 Aust Div is arranging for adequate medical servicing of all localities.

INTERCOMM:

16.

Hq 11 Aust Div.	230159
Hq 6 Aust Inf Bde.	138190
Hq 19 Aust Inf Bn.	171308
Hq 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.	257194
Hq 1 Aust Base Sub Area.	262194

17. Sigs 11 Aust Div is planning comms between Hq each def locality and area Comd.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued through Sigs.

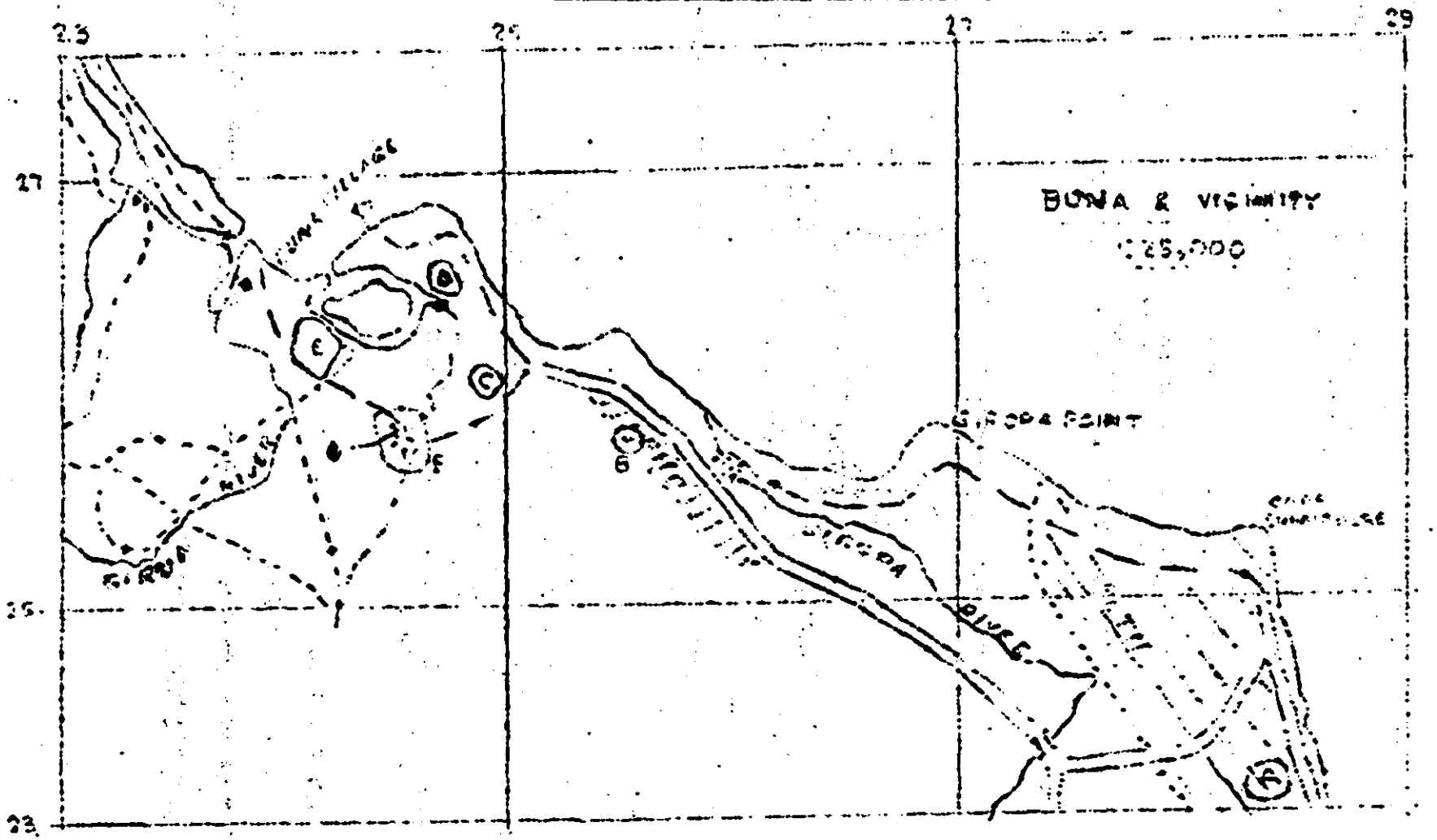
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APPX 'A' to 1 Aust Base Sub Area
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DEFENDED LOCALITIES - BUNA AREA.



DEFENDED LOCALITIES SHOWN THUS (A)

APPX 'B' to 1 Aust Base Sub Area
Op Instn No.2. dated 14 SEP 43.

Groupings:

Area 'A'	(i)	Comd:	Maj FIDCD, 151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy.
	(ii)	Tps:	151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy. Pl 2/106 Aust Gen Tpt Coy.
Area 'B'	(i)	Comd:	Capt McKAY, 42 Aust FCD.
	(ii)	Tps:	42 Aust FOD. 102 Aust FAD. 4 Pl 3 BIPOD.
Area 'C'	(i)	Comd:	Maj MASON, 18 Aust L of C Sigs.
	(ii)	Tps:	18 Aust L of C Sigs. Hq 31 Aust Sup Dep Coy. 162 Aust Sup Dep Pl. 136 Aust Sup Dep Pl. 146 Aust Sup Dep Pl. 4 Aust L of C Postal Unit.
Area 'D'	(i)	Comd:	Maj FIELD, 72 Aust DCRE Wks.
	(ii)	Tps:	72 Aust DCRE plus att tps excl inf and arty tps.
AREA 'E'	(i)	Comd:	Lieut ROSS, 20 Aust Emp Coy.
	(ii)	Tps:	Det 20 Aust Emp Coy. Det 1 Aust Water Tpt Coy.
AREA 'F'	(i)	Comd:	Maj ALLAN, 6 Aust Docks Op Coy.
	(ii)	Tps:	6 Aust Docks Op Coy.

APPX C

1 AUST BASE SUB AREA SECRET

LOCATION STATEMENT AS AT 2359 HRS 12 SEP 43

Ref Maps:- BUNA EAST SPECIAL 1 in 40 1 Ml; NEW GUINEA ORO BAY 1 in 40 1 Ml

SERIAL NO.	UNIT	LOCATION	MAP	REF	REMARKS
1.	HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area	SIMMEI EAST	BUNA E.	862194	
2.	Buna Transit Area Staff	G.MEDALADERE	" "	276254	
3.	Det 9 Aust Mov Cont Gp		" "	232159	HQ 11
	SIGS				
4.	HQ 6 Coy Sigs 18 L of C	BUNA	" "	248263	
5.	Det 6 Coy Sigs 18 L of C	SIMMEI EAST	" "	862194	
6.	" 2 " " " " "	ORO BAY			
7.	" 1 " " " " "	DOMODURA	BUNA E.	222153	
8.	" 1 " " " " "	KHONDA	" "	119076	
9.	" 4 " " " " "	DOGODURA	" "	225153	
	(NG A W W Coy)				
10.	HQ and Det 40 Aust Lt Wireless Sec	BUNA	" "	248263	
11.	Det 40 Aust Lt Wireless Sec	MAIKINDA	" "	254160	
12.	HQ 19 Aust D/R Sec	BUNA	" "	248263	
13.	HQ 27 Aust Line Sec	G.MEDALADERE	" "	276254	Transit Camp
	ENGRS				
14.	72 Aust DORE Works	BUNA WHARF	" "	243256	
15.	10 Aust Fd Coy RAE	BARASARI	" "	261166	
16.	6 Aust Docks Op Coy	BUNA	" "	255263	
17.	Det 1 Aust Wks Tpt Gp RAE	BUNA	" "	256258	With 6 Docks Op
	S & T				
18.	151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	G.MEDALADERE	" "	286258	
19.	165 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	KIRORINA	" "	257202	
20.	"A" Pl 2/106 Aust G.T. Coy	G.MEDALADERE	" "	282248	
21.	HQ 23 Aust Sup Dep Coy	SIMMEI	" "	262194	
22.	32 Aust Sup Dep Pl	BUNA	" "	254261	
23.	169 " " " "	SIMMEI EAST	" "	263193	G Sec G. RAY 306
24.	HQ 31 Aust Sup Dep Coy	BUNA	" "	254261	Less Pl
25.	89 Aust Sup Dep Pl.	KIRORINA	" "	253203	
26.	136 " " " "	BUNA	" "	254261	
27.	146 " " " "	KIRORINA	" "	252203	
28.	162 " " " "	BUNA	" "	254261	
29.	163 " " " "	KIRORINA	" "	252203	
30.	177 " " " "	BUNA	" "	254261	
31.	3 Pl 2/3 Aust Fd Bakery	ORO BAY	ORO BAY	5090?7	
32.	4 Pl 2/2 " " "	ORO BAY	ORO BAY	5090?7	
33.	5 Pl 3 Aust BIPOD	ORO BAY	ORO BAY	5070??	
34.	4 Pl 3 Aust BIPOD	SIMMEI	BUNA E.	272207	
35.	54 Pl BIPOD		" "	272207	
36.	56 HAC	MAIKINDA	" "	249263	
	MEDICAL				
37.	2/7 Aust Gen Hosp	MAIKINDA	" "	250260	
38.	2/11 " " "	BARASARI	" "	259263	
39.	9 ADMU	G.MEDALADERE	" "	276254	
40.	11 ADMU	BUNA	" "	273256	
41.	17 ADMU	DOGODURA	" "	218249	
42.	105 AAT Dep Med Stores	MAIKINDA	" "	249263	

SERIAL NO.	UNIT	LOCATION	MAP	REF	REMARKS
	ORD				
43	42 Aust FOD	BUNA	BUNA E.	251262	
44.	15 Aust Ord Store Coy	BUNA	" "	251262	
45.	7 Aust AAOD (Provision Sec)	BUNA	" "	251262	
46.	101 Aust FAD	BUNA	" "	260258	
47.	2/1 Aust Ord Amn Coy	SIDEMI	" "	261191	
48.	Det 6 Aust Inf Tps Ord Fd Park Coy	WARISORA	" "	245186	
49.	2/1 Aust Mob Amn Rep Shop	ORO BAY	ORO BAY	324015	
50.	6 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop	BUNA	BUNA E.	262257	
	EME				
51.	72 Aust Dep Cash Office	SIDEMI	BUNA E.	262194	
	POST				
52.	4 Aust L of C Postal Unit	GIROPA PT	BUNA E.	256261	
	HIGH				
53.	Det 20 Aust Inf Coy		" "	240263	
54.	Det 32 Aust Inf Coy	ORO BAY	ORO BAY	306024	
55.	26 Aust Sally Unit		BUNA E.	271209	
56.	10 Aust Graves R & I Unit	G. ENDAIADERE	" "	275244	
57.	15 " " " " "	SOFUTA	" "	150205	
58.	Det Aust Def Canteens	DOGURA	" "	218149	
59.	Det YMCA	"	" "	218149	
60.	Det ACF	"	" "	218149	

On receipt of this location statement units and sub-units will destroy all previous location statements issued by this HQ

[signature] Capt
for IR-COL.
COMD. 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA.
SHQ; 43.

DISTRIBUTION:

- ~~HQ~~ 3 Coy 18 L of C Sigs
- 106 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
- 151 " " " "
- 165 " " " "
- 72 Aust Dep Cash Office
- 4 L of C Postal Unit
- DADMS
- DADSR
- DADIS
- DADOS
- SIG MASTER, SIDEMI
- EDUCATION HQ
- 11 AUST DIV
- COSC ORO BAY (Lieut. Bates)
- WAR DIARY (2)
- FILE (1)

WAR DIARY. APPX "D"

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES : NEW GUINEA FORCE

A 317

CONFIDENTIAL

Headquarters,
1 AUST BASE SUB AREA

15 Sept '43

G.O.C.
11 AUST DIV

SUBJECT - VX8902 Lt.Col. F.R. BALFE, E.D. - M.U.R.

1. Reference report by Cond 11 Aust Div, A8399 of 12 Sept '43.

2. In view of the seriousness of this report, which has been forwarded to higher authority, I consider it my duty to register a complaint against the wording of the document and the implied charges against 1 Aust Base Sub Area.

3. I was appointed to Command 1 Aust Base Sub Area on 1 Aug '43 and assumed such command on 7 Aug '43.

4. Whilst in transit to take up posting as Commander of this Sub Area, during a conference at Moresby, I was given specific instructions by Moresby Base Area, who referred me to existing N.G.F. and Moresby Base Area Adm instructions for the operation of 1 Aust Base Sub Area.

In addition to the above, a three hours discussion was held between the previous Commander and myself. At this discussion I was given a first hand description of the task, and the difficulties due to shortage of labor and equipment, which confronted me in the performance of this task.

5. On arrival at BUNA I immediately familiarized myself with the instructions to which I had been referred and the local conditions prevailing in relation to same. A Reconnaissance was made of the entire area accompanied by AA & QMG, Moresby Base Area.

6. Within two days of my arrival I was summoned together with Staff Officer and Service representatives to attend a conference, called by G.O.C. 11 Aust Div. At this conference, Brig. A. Steele, Cond Moresby Base Area, highly commended the progress made in the formation of this Sub Area and the excellent services rendered by the Staff and service representatives of this area.

Definite instructions were given to me by the G.O.C. 11 Aust Div and Cond Moresby Base Area, that the future activities of this Sub Area would come under the direction of Cond 11 Aust Div.

7. Having at this stage assessed the task which confronted 1 Aust Base Sub Area, I prepared my "Appreciation of the Situation" dated 15 Aug '43, which was forwarded to HQ 11 Aust Div. Following receipt of this appreciation, an appreciation of the situation was prepared by HQ 11 Aust Div, which was forwarded to higher authority with a copy to this H.Q. It is apparent that this latter appreciation was based on the one prepared by me. Therefore I am at a loss to understand the statement contained in para 3 of the report under review, that lack of previous adm experience rendered

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it difficult for me to form a correct appreciation of my duties or to effectively control the working of this important Sub Area.

8. From this stage the work of this Sub Area has been carried out under the direction of HQ 11 Aust Div. The work entailed was performed despite the shortages of labor, equipment and materials by my staff and service representatives and sub units under direct command of this H.Q. to the expressed satisfaction of the heads of Services of higher formations. At the same time, it is considered that one of the main functions of this Sub Area, namely docks operations inclusive of discharging of ships, transportation to depots and storage of stores, has been handled with the utmost expediency, commensurate with the limited facilities available.

9. In addition the administrative arrangements relative to the RENDULAR Operation have been carried out to schedule, and H.Q.S. Combined Operations expressed satisfaction at the work of the Sub Area.

10. Finally it is agreed that the lay-out of the [redacted] installations is not entirely satisfactory. This planning was carried out prior to my assumption of command. However having appreciated the difficulties which confronted my predecessors, which are tabulated below I am of the opinion that the utmost use has been made of the accessible area and facilities existing at the time.

Difficulties —

- Swamp Ground and jungle.
- One way traffic corduroy road of limited load carrying capacity.
- Acute shortage of transport and maintenance facilities.
- Lack of docking facilities.
- Lack of mechanical equipment and engineer stores for an increased constructional programme for both road and building construction.
- A grave labor shortage in both Service units and attached unskilled labor.

Representations have repeatedly been made to Higher Authority relative to the above.

11. It is respectfully submitted that the functions of the Comd, and the Sub Area under my command, have been loyally and faithfully carried out, and since the report by Ex Comd 11 Aust Div militates against the military reputation of 1 Aust Base Sub Area, it is requested please that this matter be referred to higher authority.

15.9.

Lt Col

COMMANDER - 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA

War Diary G111

Appx "E"

1 AUST BASE SUB AREA.

AASC INSTALLATIONS - STATUS OF SUPPLY ETC AND AT 14 AUG 43.

1. AASC Units under command of the Sub Area, with strengths and vehicles (including attached vehicles) are set out in Appendix "A".

2. The following installations are manned by the units designated:-

(a) ASD. Manned by HQ 31 Aust Sup Dep Coy and Pls under command plus 169 Sup Dep Pl (less C Sec. attached.

The ASD is divided into a Transit Area and four Sub Depots as set out in Appendix "B" attached.

The total capacity is:

European Rations & Exp	60 days for	30,000
Native Rations	30 " "	10,000
Hospital Rations	60 " "	4,000

In addition to the personnel shown in App "B" the following are attached as labour:

165 AGT Coy		60
Inf		120
		180
Natives		18

(b) DIDs (i) ORO BAY. Manned by "C" Sec 169 Aust Sup Dep Pl. Holds 14 days for 2000 Europeans and 250 Natives. Present Ration Strength E. 1097 N. 224.

(ii) BUKA. Manned by 32 Aust Sup Dep Pl. Ration str 2374.

(iii) TRANSIT CAMP DID (BUKA). Manned by 32 Aust Sup Dep Pl. Present Ration Str E. 1851.

A proposal is at present under consideration to move BUKA DID to SIMBMI, thus relieving traffic congestion at BUKA area and keeping DID out of the ASD area.

The OC 23 Aust Sup Dep Coy (Maj. Marshall) is in charge of all DIDs and has been given supervisory control of the 11 Aust Div DIDs at DOBODURA and KEMORITA, to ensure a common use of equivalents and to co-ordinate drawings from ASD.

(c) PETROL POINTS in the Sub Area are situated at BUKA DID and at KEMORITA Sub Depot of the ASD. It is proposed to operate all PPs with personnel of 32 Sup Dep Pl and to move the KEMORITA Point to SIMBMI. Consumption figures are being examined to determine whether BUKA PP can be closed down. Wharf transport draws from a PP at the wharf operated by 131 AGT Coy. There are two PPs operated by 11 Aust Div at DOBODURA and KEMORITA.

(d) DISPERSAL AREAS at BUKA and SIMBMI are operated by Lo. 4 Pl of 3 Aust ESD and 54 Pl ESD. ORO BAY areas are operated by 3 Pl 3 Aust ESD. The areas at ORO BAY now contain mainly American stocks. The full capacity of dispersal areas is:-

BUNA BEACH	No. 1	3,000	drums
SIMEMI	2	6,000	"
	3	30,000	"
ORO BAY	No. 1	20,000	"
	4	6,000	"
	7	2,000	"
	8	32,000	"

(a) FD BAKERY is at present situated at ORO BAY and producing approx 15,000 lbs daily for Aust and American units.

A new site is now being prepared at BOBDURA and equipment now being landed from MARSIM BY MILNE BAY will be taken to this site. It is proposed to close down the Bakery at ORO BAY as soon as the new site is completed.

3. ADL OPERATION. It is proposed to replenish A & B Sub Depots from shipments ex Aust and to replenish AMBORITA and SIMEMI Sub Depots from A & B Sub Depots. Transit Sheds are, however, being constructed at AMBORITA and SIMEMI so that, when several ships are being off loaded at once supplies can be sent direct to these Sub Depots to relieve the pressure on the BUNA area.

Issues will be made as follows:-

From A & B Sub Depots to — Forward shipping
AMBORITA & SIMEMI Sub Depots
BUNA & TH SUIT CASE DIDs

From AMBORITA & SIMEMI Sub Depots to —
Air Maintenance Coy
11 Aust Div DIDs
SIMEMI DID (If opened)
DID ORO BAY

Owing to the fact that more than one ship is unloaded at once and the impossibility of ascertaining from which ship barges are loaded, it is very difficult to check receipts with DIDs though every endeavour is made to do this. All barges contain mixed loads which have to be sorted in Transit Sheds. Supplies are then moved from Transit to Store Sheds and taken on charge.

4. TRANSPORT The clearing of wharves and the transport of all cargoes and personnel for forward movement have been allotted to 151 AGT Coy. This Coy has not sufficient vehicles to cope with the work and all available vehicles (approx 65 daily) have to be driven 24 hrs daily. Drivers are working 12 hr shifts.

Numerous applications have been made for extra vehicles but only 33 have been made available lately. Instructions have been received to take on strength of 151 AGT Coy 30 vehicles from 9 Aust Div and 7 from NGF which have been used by the Coy on loan. The vehicles from 9 Aust Div are all in very bad condition. Only 31 of the vehicles consigned to 151 AGT Coy from Australia have been taken on strength, the remainder having been taken over by 11 Aust Div.

Det 2/106 AGT Coy undertakes all special transport tasks such as detachments, transport of supplies, ammn and ord. stores to Air Maintenance Coy, assistance to wharf transport in peak periods etc. This Det also has to work vehicles 24 hrs and drivers 12 hrs.

5. 163 AGT COY This Coy has no vehicles at present and its personnel are being used for labour by direction of 11 Aust Div as follows:-

Labour in Ord. Depots	77
" for DCRE BUNA	25
Drivers attchd 2/106 Coy	22
M/shops 2/106 Coy	8
" 151 AGT Coy	16
Labour BIROA	60
" ASD	60
Sick and Admin	43
	311

6. 86 MAC This unit operates from Beach to Hospitals and from Hospitals to Air Strips as required.

7. CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION 11 ADST DIV Admn Instr No. 33 of 10 Sep 43 para 7 directs "Cmds and Services of 1 and 3 Aust Base Sub Areas will NOT communicate to Cmds or Services 1 Aust Corps, HQ Force, CCSC GRO BAT". All communications on Service matters, stock returns, etc are therefore sent to CASC 11 ADST DIV.

Major.
HDST. 14/9/43.

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(1 for HDST 1 AUST CORPS)
CCSC 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA (1)
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APPENDIX "A"

	Light Vehs etc	2 Ton	Offrs	ORs
1. HQ S & T Service	-	-	4	2
Attached	-	-	-	1
2. Det 2/108 AGT Coy	4	30	2	77
3. 151 AGT Coy	11	107	13	476
4. 165 AGT Coy	-	-	9	311
5. 3 Aust BIPOD No. 3 Pl	1	1	1	23
No. 4 Pl	-	1	1	26
6. 34 Pl BIPOD	-	-	1	26
7. 2/2 Aust Fd Bakery Nos 3 & 4 Pls	1	1	-	82
8. HQ 23 Aust Sup Depot Coy	1	2	4	11
169 Aust Sup Dep Pl	1	1	2	27
32 " " " "	-	1	2	24
9. HQ 31 Aust Sup Dep Coy	-	2	3	15
89 Aust Sup Dep Pl	-	-	2	28
136 " " " "	-	1	2	28
146 " " " "	-	1	2	28
162 " " " "	-	-	2	29
165 " " " "	-	-	2	30
177 " " " "	-	-	2	29
10. 66 MAC	1	12(Aust)	1	49
	20	160	55	1322

APPENDIX "B"

Title	Location	OC	A S D Capacity in Rations E, Exp & H	N	H	Stores Planned & Building	Manned by
HQ	Buna	Maj Richmond					HQ 31 Sup Dep Coy Capt from 89 Pl Lieut " 162 " Lieut " 136 "
TRANSIT	"	"				1- 240 x 40	
"A" SUB DEPOT	"	Capt Alcock	500,000	50,000	20,000	22- 60 x 20	162 Pl (less Lieut) & 6 ORS from 136 Pl
"B" SUB DEPOT	"	Lt Switzer	500,000	50,000	20,000	23 - 60 x 20	177 Pl plus 7 ORs from 136 Pl
KEPORITA SUB DEPOT	Keporita	Capt Hill	500,000	100,000	100,000	27 - 60 x 20	163 Pl 89 Pl less CAPT 146 Pl less "A" Sec
SIMEMI SUB DEPOT	Simemi	Capt Smith	300,000	100,000	100,000	24 - 60 x 20 1 - 40 x120	169 Pl less "C" Sec
			1,800,000	300,000	240,000	1- 240 x 40 96 - 60 x 20 2 - 40 x120	

APPX "F"

S & T Services,
H. 1 [illegible] AREA.. N.C.

17 Sep 45.

[illegible] 12/211.

[illegible]

[illegible] WEEK ENDING 16 SEP 45

1. [illegible]. All personnel of H. Q. 51 Aust Sup Dep Coy are now at [illegible].

Lieut A.[illegible] Dunn marched in from det 2/10 AGT Coy on 15 Sep 45 to commence duty as D/T. Capt Jones is at present handing over to him.

2. [illegible]. CC 54 Fl Birds and 6 LRs departed for [illegible] on 13 Sep 45.

3. [illegible]. The Transit Shed at [illegible] now has framework and half the roof completed. Six more but frames were erected and three roofs completed. At [illegible] the initial work is proceeding and floors are ready for angers to construct frames and roofs. Drains and culverts have also been constructed and 500 yds of sand road completed, inside the Depot.

At [illegible] two more but floors were constructed and sand has been carted to cover the corduroy exit road.

4. [illegible].

Issues outgoing	1324	cub tons
Inward	602	" "
Other issues (approx)	300	" "
	1926	" "

5. [illegible]. An average number of 30 Vehs was on the road daily for 24 hrs.

Total loads carried	2456
" tonnage	3140
" mileage	27259

6. It is still necessary to drive available vehs 24 hrs daily and maintenance is suffering as a result. Jeeps for traffic control are still unobtainable.

7. [illegible]. Labour and transport are still far below the figure necessary for efficient working. A physical stocktaking at [illegible] has been completed and stock figures are now correct.

[illegible]
[illegible].

CASC 21 AUST [illegible] (3)
CCRD 1 AUST [illegible] (1)
WAR DIARY (1)
[illegible] (1)

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — NEW GUINEA FORCE

APP X

NFB/VR
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Headquarters,
1 AUST BASE SUB AREA,
20 SEP. 43.

HQ 11 AUST DIV.

HYGIENE — ASSEMBLY AREA — BUNA

1. Upon the arrival of 9 Aust Div in the BUNA area, this Div was made responsible by 11 Aust Div for the extension of Transit Camp, CAPE KEDAIA, both clearing and construction and also the preparation of the assembly area opposite the BUNA wharf.

2. Owing to the assembly area being badly pock marked with shell holes, craters, fox holes and pill boxes it was most unsatisfactory from the hygiene and construction view point, so Engineer assistance was requested for the clearing and bulldozing of the area.

3. The construction programme of 9 Aust Div in this area was of a temporary nature with the result that latrines, poorly constructed, are now in a bad condition. In addition the craters etc., referred to in para 2 above have become the dumping ground for rubbish of the units which have occupied the area.

4. Upon the first signs of this unsatisfactory hygiene position developing, an immediate request was made to C.E.N. 11 Aust Div that immediate provision be made for the construction of a Catwalk on the wharf to carry latrines over the sea. Also requests were made to C.E.N. 11 Aust Div and D.A.D.O.S. 11 Aust Div for the use of a bulldozer to level the assembly area.

5. To date no action has been taken on these matters. It is considered essential that engineer assistance be provided, that a carryall, bulldozer and heavy tractor be made available immediately for the levelling and clearing of the area and the construction of latrines over the sea as proposed, if this most valuable area is to remain tenable by troops. In addition to the provision of Engineer assistance, a working party of 30 is required for the collection, burning and disposal of the rubbish which is at the present littering the area.

6. It would be appreciated if early advice could be given of the assistance which will be rendered in this task.

J. Brumbaugh
20/9

LT.COL.
COMD, 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA.

APPX "H"

[illegible] — [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] - [illegible] 45.

1. [illegible] report on enemy air raid at [illegible], night [illegible]

2. **[illegible]**

(a) [illegible]

(i) [illegible]

(ii) [illegible] by [illegible]

(iii) [illegible] by [illegible]

(iv) [illegible]

(v) [illegible]

(vi) [illegible]

(b) **[illegible] a/c**

(i) [illegible] a/c were [illegible]

(ii) [illegible] a/c [illegible] in the [illegible]

(c) **[illegible]**

(i) It seems definite that the bombs were [illegible] it is not definite whether the two [illegible] were dropped by the same plane, which was [illegible] between the [illegible] of the [illegible], [illegible] have been [illegible], or whether each of [illegible] a/c dropped a stick.

(ii) At least 2 bombs were dropped in the [illegible] on [illegible]. Of these, [illegible] to be [illegible] anti-[illegible] bombs [illegible] [illegible] bombs were dropped in the [illegible] area.

(d) **[illegible]**

Neither [illegible] nor o/s witnesses examined could establish this with any degree of certainty. The general consensus of opinion is that the first stick was dropped by an a/c approaching from the sea and the second by an a/c [illegible] from the land.

3. **[illegible]**

(a) On the firing of the red rockets [illegible] lights were extinguished but those on "[illegible]" (at the [illegible]) and on "[illegible]" (at anchorage) remained on.

(b) Shore lights were not extinguished until after the first bombs exploded by which time a number of trucks were burning bright.

(c) Report by Lieut MOORE, 6 Docks Op Coy Appx "A" attached.

4. CASUALTIES

(a) Confirmed casualties of troops [illegible] as per [illegible]:-

Killed 5
Injured 15

In addition to the above further unconfirmed casualties occurred as follows:

Killed 1 officer, [illegible]
Injured [illegible]
[illegible]

(b) [illegible]

(c) [illegible]

5. DAMAGE

(a) "[illegible]" — 1 bomb (probably [illegible] lb.) [illegible] shrapnel.

(b) (i) Naval launch damaged.

(ii) A [illegible] seriously damaged

(c) (i) [illegible] trucks were seriously damaged by [illegible] and fire.

(ii) [illegible] trucks and 1 Jeep slightly damaged by shrapnel.

(iii) One [illegible] and trailer slightly damaged by blast and shrapnel.

(d) Decking of wharf slightly damaged.

6. Efficacy of Warning Devices and Intercomm

(a) [illegible] on duty at the wharf and launch were not aware that a RED Alert had been signalled.

(b) [illegible] "[illegible]" was unaware that a RED Alert had been signalled.

(c) Telephone from [illegible] to [illegible] passes through [illegible] exchange. Apparently no [illegible] in this instance.

7. [illegible]

(a) Bombing was accurate and directed at shipping and port facilities which were brightly illuminated throughout the a/c approach to the target area and subsequently by the light of burning trucks.

(b) The firing of two Red Rockets by [illegible] is NOT sufficient warning either to shipping or the Port.

(c) There is a risk of delay in passing warnings by telephone from [illegible] to [illegible].

8. [illegible]

(a) On receipt of a RED Alert all lights should be extinguished.

(b) A buzzer should be installed in Dock Superintendent's office controlled by a bell push at Bolo. (This installation has already been ordered on priority from this H.Q.)

(c) Signals for a RED Alert should be as follows:-

ACTION BY Bolo	ACTION BY Buzzer	ACTION BY Dock Superintendent's Office
Bolo will	**Buzzer**	**Telephone to mark**
Fire 2	**Sound 1 blast**	**small boats in harbour**
Red Flag	**for 60 seconds**	**to be informed.**
in Bolo Flag-staff.		
Signal Station		
Dockyard-		
ent by		
Buzzer		

Fire 3	**Buzzer**	**Sound 1 blast**	**Small craft in harbour**
Red Flag	**signals**	**for 60 seconds**	**to be informed**
Signal Station	**before**		**of Bolo Flag being**
Dockyard-			**struck.**
ent by			
Buzzer			

J. Kenna Berry 22.9

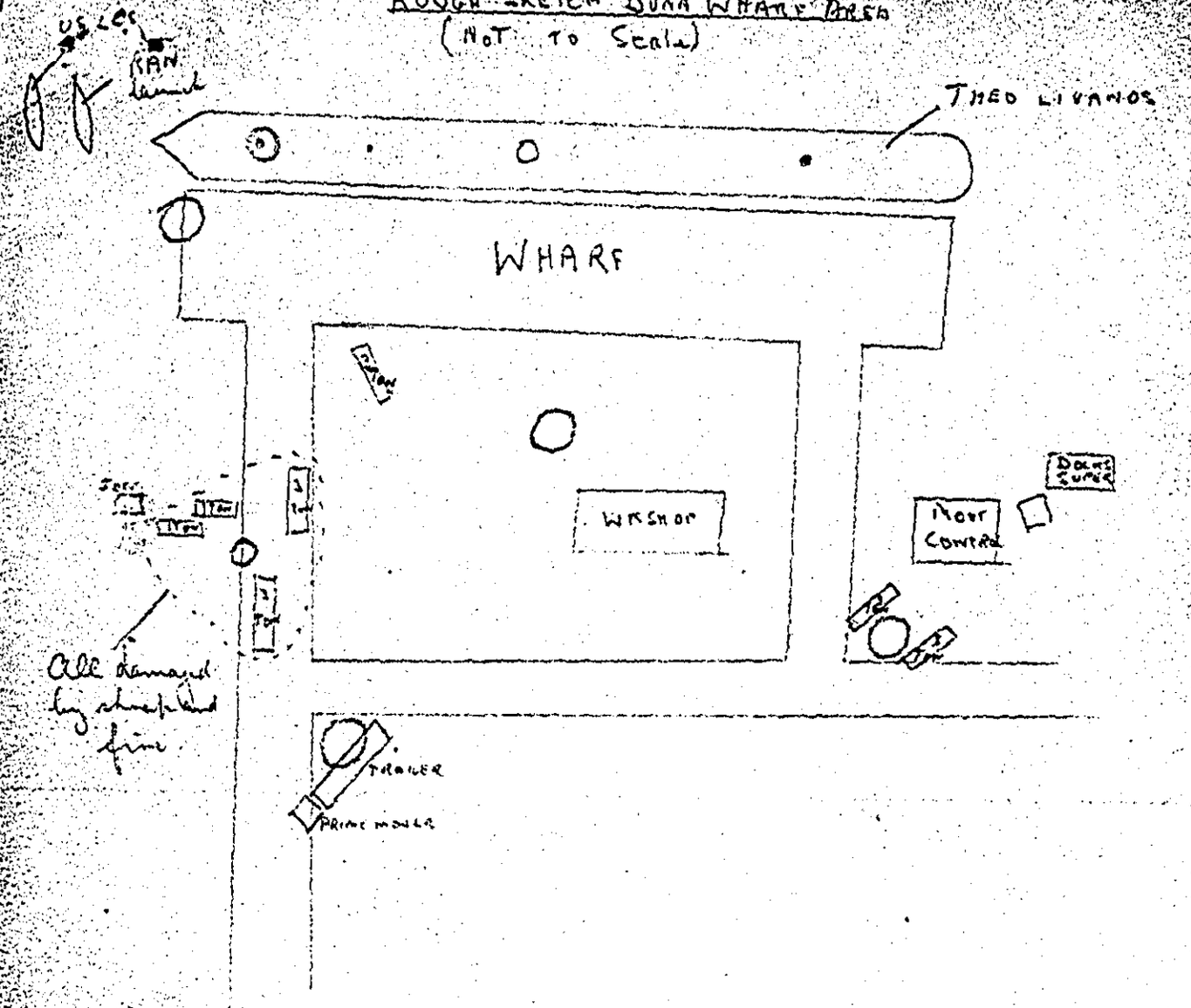
APPX "A"

AIR RAID - NIGHT 21/22 SEP. 43

REPORT BY LIEUT. MOORE, 6 PCOWS OP COY

Lieut Moore reports that he was on duty at the wheel at the time of the raid. He was on the beach supervising loading when he was called to his office and informed by an officer there that a RED Alert had been signalled. He rang BUNA exchange and asked that he be informed when the planes were 10 to 15 mls away. He then woke the Cpl i/c lights. As he returned to his office the phone rang and he was ordered by NOIC to extinguish lights immediately as planes were overhead. He was knocked over by Bomb blast as he ran to switch off the lights. Later he crawled to the switch and turned them off.

ROUGH SKETCH BUNA WHARF AREA
(NOT TO SCALE)



○ 100 M A.P. [illegible]

○ 250/500 LL ME

Appx No 5

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — NEW GUINEA FORCE

BAS/VR
G/133

HQ ADVT BASE SUB AREA
22 SEP, 45

1 CAV, 10 L of C Sigs,

[redacted] — MOB SUPERINTENDENT, HOLLANDIA

1. Confirming verbal instructions given this day to Lieut. [redacted], 10 L of C Sigs, it is requested that immediate action be taken to provide a buzzer system between MOB HOLLANDIA, and the [redacted], HOLLANDIA WHARF.

2. The purpose of this installation is to enable MOB to give Dock Superintendent immediate warning of an impending raid.

3. It is further requested that this HQ be advised of the earliest possible date of operation of this alarm system.

Capt
ADJT BASE SUB AREA

APPX "K"

[redacted]

A 317 CONFIDENTIAL Headquarters, 1 ARMY RAMP [redacted] AREA

24 Sep 43

A.D.C.
11 [redacted] DIV

SUBJECT: 1 VERBOSE 12:001, RAMPS, P.W., R.D., [redacted]

1. Reference the undermentioned correspondence:-

Report by Comd'g 11 Amph Div AB339 of 12 Sep 43

Reply thereto by Comd 1 Amph Force [redacted] Area
[redacted] A 317 of 15 Sep 43

Comments on A 317 by Lt.Com'd 11 Amph Div dated 17 Sep 43.

2. It is considered, that the accusations contained in the above-mentioned memos have not been directly refuted, by the remarks of Lt Commdr, 11 Amph Div, of 17 Sep 43, as direct accusations against my personal character and that they completely jeopardise my military reputation.

3. In view of the implications as stated in para 2 above, I request that I be provided to superior authority.

F. Thomas Leese 249

[redacted] 24 Sep

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APP'X "L"

SECRET

25 SEP, 43.

1 AUST BASE SUB AREA G.S. INSTN NO. 1. Copy No. 52.

ACTION ON "RED" ALERT AT NIGHT

1. SIGNAL FOR "RED" ALERT

A "Red" alert at BUNA will be signalled by:-

(a) 2 Red rockets fired from vicinity NOIC.

(b) Sounding of Sirens for 60 secs by all ships in port.

2. ACTION ON RECEIPT OF "RED" ALERT.

(a) ALL lights will be extinguished instantly.

(b) ALL work will cease.

(c) ALL tps will don steel helmets and be prepared to disperse.

(d) Dispersal areas for tps in vicinity of wharf and beach will be directly in rear of the area in which they are working

3. SIGNAL FOR "ALL CLEAR"

The "all clear" will be signalled by:-

(a) 1 White rocket fired from vicinity NOIC.

(b) A succession of short blasts on sirens of all ships in port.

4. ACTION ON RECEIPT OF "ALL CLEAR"

(a) ALL lights will be switched on immediately.

(b) ALL tps will resume work.

5. Offrs i/c all working parties in depots and on the wharf and beach will be notified of these instns before commencing work.

6. This instn cancels all previous instns issued by this HQ on the above subject.

ACK.

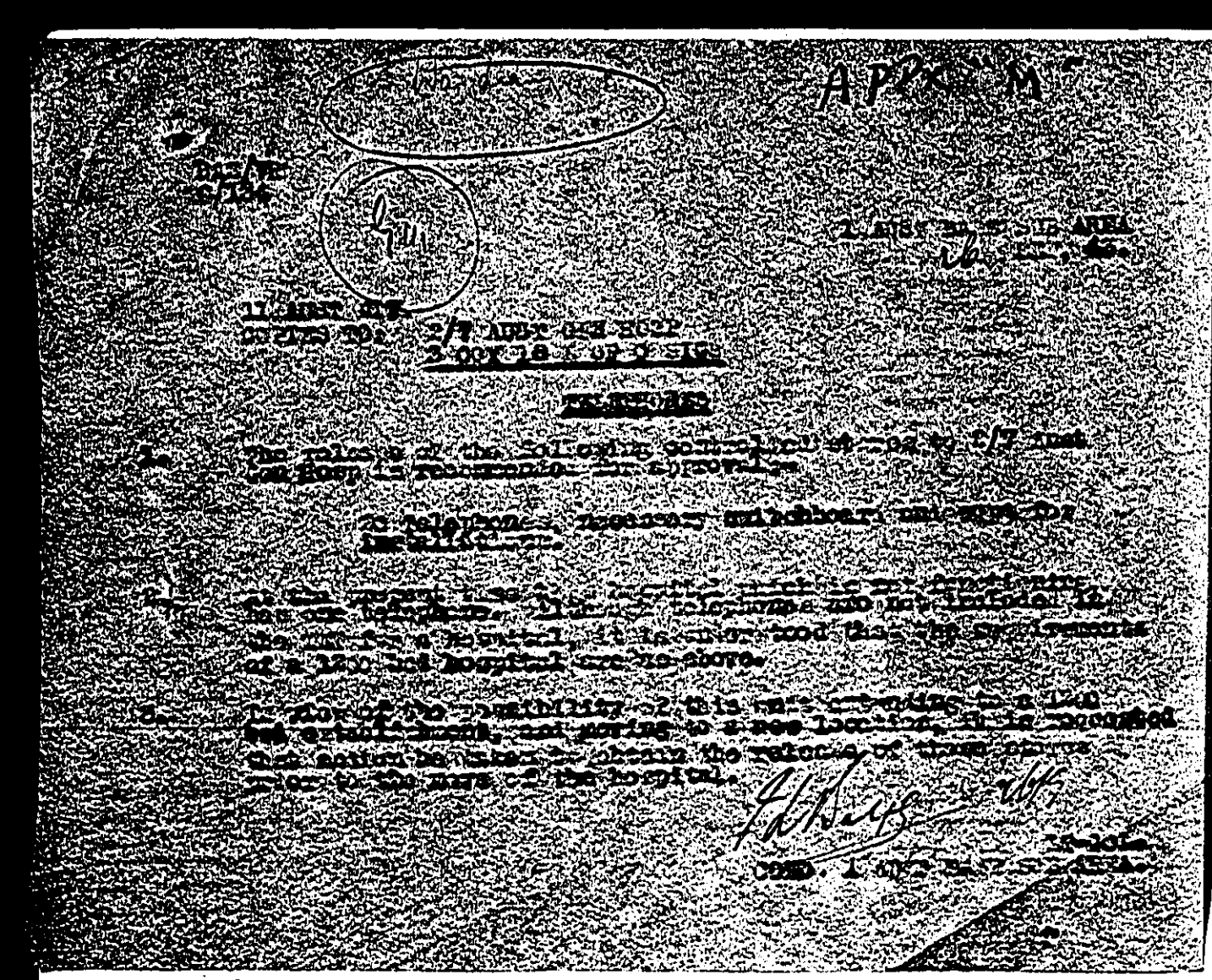
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GS 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA.

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G.4356 27 SEP 43

11 AUST DIV GS INSTN No.35. APPX "W"

AIR RAIDS.

1. 11 Aust Div GS Instns No. 33 and 34 are cancelled and the following instructions issued in amplification of those contained in 11 Aust Div GS Instn No.30 dated 5 Aug 43 and 11 Aust Div GS memo No.7. dated 4 Sep 43.

2. Local air raid alarms will NOT be sounded when the RED ALERT is notified through signal channels until it is apparent that the unidentified aircraft are approaching the locality concerned; at ports it will NOT be sounded if the unidentified aircraft are distant MORE than 25 miles from the port locality. Except at ports where the responsibility rests with the local NOIC, local air raid alarms will be sounded or otherwise indicated ONLY on the order of the senior officer present.

A. ACTION BY DAY:

3. By day, Air Sentries will be warned to report the approach of unidentified or obviously hostile aircraft and normal activity will continue until such time as it is apparent that hostile action is directed at a specific target, when personnel in the target area will act in accordance with Unit Standing Orders or as directed by the senior officer present.

B. ACTION BY NIGHT:

4. Lights:

(a) Lights essential for the maintenance of communications and command purposes within formations, units, and installations will be effectively screened against air observation. They will be extinguished during an air raid ONLY if there is danger of fire resulting from their non-extinction during a raid.

(b) Lights essential for working depots, wharves, ships, etc, will NOT be extinguished UNLESS the local air raid alarm has been sounded or it is definitely known that unidentified aircraft are approaching and are within 25 miles of the installation concerned.

(c) Lights on vehicles within port, depot, and camp areas, will be put out at the same time as the extinction of the other lights is ordered; nor will vehicles approaching or leaving port or depot areas be permitted to use their lights within ½ mile of port and depot areas when lights in those areas have been extinguished on account of an air raid alarm. Provost or regimental police will be posted on the main routes leading to such areas to enforce the latter provision.

(d) Except as in (c) above, vehicles will move with lights on - but dimmed where practicable, until actually attacked or directly threatened with attack. In this connection, unit commanders will ensure that personnel under command do NOT attempt to cause the lights on such vehicles to be extinguished or interfere with their movement.

5. Work:

Essential work will NOT cease unless the locality is in imminent danger of attack or is actually attacked (paras 2 and 4(b) refer). In case of urgency, even after the lights have been extinguished, if there is sufficient natural light available, work will be continued at the discretion of the senior officer present. If conditions necessitate a temporary stoppage, work will be resumed immediately the "all clear" has been given, or before, if conditions permit.

6. Movement of Vehicles:

Vehicles in movement will NOT halt unless there is an apparent and imminent danger to the personnel therein, but will maintain a MINIMUM distance of 30 yds between vehicles in movement.

7. Instructions to Working Parties:
HQ 1 and 3 Base Sub Areas will cause instructions (on order boards) setting out the procedure to be adopted in case of air raid, to be prepared and distributed for issue by the officer i/c work to the officer (or NCO) i/c of each working party on arrival. The officer (or NCO) i/c of the working party will be responsible for promulgating the instns to personnel under his command prior to the commencement of work, and will return the order board to the Base Sub Area representative after doing so.

8. Instructions to Shipping:
The issue of written orders to Shipmasters regarding action in case of air raid is the responsibility of the NOIC port concerned. Such orders should be placed aboard each ship as soon as practicable after its arrival at the port.

9. BUNA Port - Air Raid Alarm and All Clear:
(a) The air raid alarm will be signified under arrangements of NOIC by the following means (in addition to telephoned notification of RED alert to OC Docks Operating Coy):-

By Day: By hoisting a red flag at the Naval Staff Office BUNA.

By Night: By firing two red rockets from vicinity of Naval Staff Office.

Ships in harbour transmit alarm by sounding a 60 second blast on the siren.

NB(i): Instructions have been issued separately by this HQ prohibiting the use of Red Flares for any other purpose in the BUNA Port vicinity.

(ii): Ships in harbour are required to maintain a continuous watch for signals from NOIC.

(b) The "all clear" is indicated by the following signals :-

By Day: By hauling down the red flag and hoisting a white flag at the Naval Staff Office.

By Night: By firing a white rocket from vicinity of Naval Staff Office.

Ships in harbour will acknowledge and transmit the "all clear" signal by a succession of short blasts on the siren.

10. Conclusion:
Officers concerned will be responsible for ensuring that the enemy does NOT disrupt or unduly hinder essential work in the area by means of minor nuisance raids.

ACK.

Lt-Col.
GS 11 Aust Div.

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1 AUST BASE SUB AREA — SECRET

LOCATION STATEMENT AS AT 2359 HOURS 28 SEP 43

Maps:- BUNA EAST SPECIAL 1 in to 1 Ml; NEW GUINEA ORO BAY 1 in to 1 Ml.

R. L	UNIT	LOCATION	MAP	REF	REMARKS
1.	HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area	SIMMI EAST	BUNA E.	262194	
2.	Buna Transit Area Staff	C. ENDAIADERE	" "	276254	
3.	Det 9 Aust Movt Cont Gp.		" "	232159	HQ 11 Div
4.	No 3 HQ Al Comd Sec	INONDA	" "	119077	Att US Air Corps
	ENGRS				
5.	72 Aust DCRE Works	BUNA WHARF	" "	243266	
6.	10 Aust Fd Coy RAE	BARASARI	" "	261165	
7.	6 Aust Docks Op Coy	BUNA	" "	235263	
8.	Det 1 Aust Wtr Tpt Cp RAE	BUNA	" "	235263	With 6 Dks op. Coy
9.	Det 13 Aust Fd Svy Depot	SIMMI EAST	" "	262194	With HQ 1 Aust Base
	SIGS				
10.	HQ 3 Coy Sigs 18 L of C	BUNA	" "	248263	
11.	Det 3 Coy Sigs 18 L of C	SIMMI EAST	" "	262194	
12.	" 3 " " " " "	ORO BAY			
13.	" 1 " " " " "	DOBODURA	BUNA E.	222153	
14.	" 1 " " " " "	INONDA	" "	119076	
15.	" 4 " " " " " (NG A W W Coy)	DOBODURA	" "	225155	
16.	HQ and Det 40 Aust Lt Wireless Sec	BUNA	" "	248263	
17.	Det 40 Aust Lt Wireless Sec	NAIHINDA	" "	234160	
18.	HQ 19 Aust D/R Sec	BUNA	" "	248263	
19.	HQ 27 Aust Line Sec		" "	[illegible]	1 Aust Corps Recp Camp
20.	Det 29 Aust Line Sec	BUNA	" "	248263	
	S & T				
21.	151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	C. ENDAIADERE	" "	286238	Moving Nth 29 Sep
22.	165 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	C. ENDAIADERE	" "	286238	As from 1500 hrs
23.	"A" Pl 2/106 Aust G.T. Coy	C. ENDAIADERE	" "	282248	29 SEP,43
24.	HQ 23 Aust Sup Dep Coy	SIMMI	" "	262194	
25.	169 Aust Sup Dep Pl	SIMMI EAST	" "	263193	C Sec ORO BAY 506024
26.	HQ 31 Aust Sup Dep Coy	BUNA	" "	254261	Less Eqpt.
27.	89 Aust Sup Dep Pl	KEPORITA	" "	263203	
28.	136 " " " "	BUNA	" "	254261	
29.	146 " " " "	KEPORITA	" "	262203	
30.	177 " " " "	BUNA	" "	254261	
31.	229 " " " "	BUNA	" "	254261	
32.	3 Pl 2/2 Aust Fd Bakery	ORO BAY	ORO BAY	309027	
33.	4 Pl 2/2 " " "	ORO BAY	ORO BAY	309027	
34.	3 Pl 3 Aust BIPOD	ORO BAY	ORO BAY	307012	
35.	53 Aust BIPOD Pl	SIMMI	BUNA E.	268206	
36.	54 Aust BIPOD Pl		" "	268254	
37.	66 MAC	NAIHINDA	" "	249163	
	MEDICAL				
38.	2/7 Aust Gen Hosp	NAIHINDA	" "	250160	
39.	2/11 " " "	BARASARI	" "	259153	
40.	2/106 Aust CCS	ORO BAY	ORO BAY	318010	
41.	9 AAMCU	C. ENDAIADERE	BUNA E.	276254	Moving Nth 29 Sep
42.	11 AAMCU	BUNA	" "	273256	
43.	17 AAMCU	DOBODURA	" "	218149	
44.	105 Adv Dep Med Stores	NAIHINDA	" "	249163	
45.	Det Aust Red Cross Blk Strs	NAIHINDA	" "	249163	

SERIAL NO.	UNIT	LOCATION	MAP	REF	REMARKS
	ORD				
46.	42 Aust FOD	BUNA	BUNA E.	251262	
47.	101 Aust FAD	BUNA	" "	260258	
48.	2/1 Aust Mob Amn Rep Shop	ORO BAY	ORO BAY	324015	
49.	8 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop	BUNA	BUNA E.	262257	
	PAY				
50.	72 Aust Dep Cash Office	SIMEMI	BUNA E.	262194	
	POST				
51.	4 Aust L of C Postal Unit	GIROPA PT	BUNA E.	256261	
	MTSC				
52.	Det HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area	SIMEMI EAST	" "	262194	Moving Nth 29 Sep
53.	Det 20 Aust Emp Coy		" "	240263	
54.	Det 32 Aust Emp Coy	ORO BAY	ORO BAY	306024	
55.	26 Aust Salv Unit		BUNA E.	271209	
56.	10 Aust Graves R & E Unit	C. ENDAIADERE	" "	275244	
57.	15 " " " " "	SOPUT.	" "	150205	
58.	Det Aust Def Canteens	DOBODURA	" "	218149	
59.	Det YMCA	DOBODURA	" "	218149	
60.	Det ACF	DOBODURA	" "	218149	

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for LT-COL.
COMD. 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA.
SEP. 43.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — NEW GUINEA FORCE
HEADQUARTERS

Hq 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA. N.G.C.
28 Sep 43.

HQ 11 AUST INF.

163 AGT COY A&Q

1. It has been repeatedly taken up through Service channels that the impending move of the above Coy from BUNA will practically demnde the Sub Area of transport.

2. Since this transport requires preparation and packing, it will NOT be available to assist in the movement of 29 Sep and unless other vehs are made available serious interference with the loading and unloading plans may be anticipated.

3. The 163 AGT Coy which will now carry the burden of all transportation have in the past been employed in various labour tasks. These details must be withdrawn in order to carry out their correct function.

4. May early advice be given, please, regarding the number of vehs which will be made available for this important movement and the probable time of delivery of same.

F. Brennan Bacon 28.9

Lt-Col.
Comd. 1 Aust Base Sub Area.

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FIRE ORDERS

Personnel will ensure that every care is taken at all times with regard to the danger of fires from naked lights and burning fires and sparks.

No naked lights will be permitted in offices, sleeping quarters, mess huts, recreation huts or any place where same is likely to become a danger. Lighted lanterns will not be left unattended in tents or buildings, and small tins containing oil or kerosene which are sometimes used for the lighting of cigarettes will be abolished forthwith.

Personnel will acquaint themselves of the situations of all water points.

Fires will not be lit, nor will lanterns or naked lights, be taken anywhere near petrol. Cigarettes will not be lit near petrol. Personnel smoking in tents or buildings will take particular care that cigarette/ butts are totally extinguished and not left smouldering.

Fires in the open which are used for the heating of water for washing of clothes etc will be lit well away from tents or buildings and strict attention will be paid to them, and they will immediately be put out on the completion of the job and will not be left to burn themselves out.

Fires in cookhouses will be attended to after evening meal and all care taken to see that there is no danger.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN CASE OF FIRE

When the alarm of fire is called, all personnel hearing the call will immediately repeat the call and proceed as quickly as possible to the scene of the fire and will endeavour to extinguish same with the aid of sand, water, bags etc.

Senior N.C.O. at the scene of the fire will take charge of operations until the arrival of an officer who will then take charge.

[signature] .....Lieut.
Camp Commdt. 1 Aux Base Sub Area

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24 NOV 1943

WAR DIARY.

UNIT 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA

DATE AND TIME -- FROM 1 OCT, 43 TO 4 OCT, 43

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS ETC.
	1 OCT, 43		Comd attended a conference at 11 Aust Div at 0845 hrs, presided over by AQ. New policy outlined and 1 Aust Base Sub Area will cease to exist as from date to be decided. DADOS visited No 3 Sub Depot and made an inspection of stores, camp and area. Ordered better dispersion of guns and Acks. Start made on filling in new rd. Visited amn depot and made an inspection in company with CAPT GRAY. Great trouble being experienced with sisal roofs which are not worth repairing. Iron is absolutely essential. Inspected RSD.	
	2 OCT, 43		Two LSTs arrived 1800 hrs. -- Later cancelled. Comd visited wharf, staging and assembly areas. Quartering Offr arranged fostering of units ex ANHUI. DADST reported tpt considerably delayed owing to confusion in arrangements for labour to oof-load vehs at dumping pts.	
	3 OCT, 43		Cancellation of LSTs and no loading schedules altered. Rds are deteriorating very rapidly without maintenance IGF instn received showing change in organizations and Comd of Base Sub Areas. 11 Div order received - taking over Comd all units as from 1200L/4. Offrs will be absorbed or be made available for disposal.	
	4 OCT, 43		Comd visited all sub units possible before 1200 hrs. DAA&QMG Sub Area, REME and Docks Superintendent called to conference by DA&QMG 11 Aust Div. Cleaning up of docks area put under OC Transit Camp. Mech eqpt made available for these clearing tasks after 1 Aust Base Area had ceased to exist. With no target date and mech eqpt available, task should be easy List of Offrs and appointments as at 1200L/4	ATT AS APDX "A"

LT.COL.
COMD 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA. 4/11/43

APPENDIX "A"

OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENTS HQ 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA

1200 HRS 4 OCT, 43.

COMD:	LT-COL F.N. BALFE.	
G.111:	CAPT B.A. SELBY.	
DAA&QMG:	CAPT H.A. STROUD.	
SC "Q":	CAPT M.Y. WITHERS	
SC "A":	CAPT A.W. CURRIE.	
QUARTERING OFFR:	CAPT. S.F. MILLEAR	
DADST:	MAJ PRESHAW	
DADS:	CAPT B. McNIVEN	
DADT:	LIEUT M. DUNN	
POL:	LIEUT E.W. STUMP	
DADMS:	MAJ J.R. RADCLIFF	
HYG OFFR:	LIEUT W. WATERS	
DADOS:	CAPT M. HARMES	
OO:	LIEUT T. PEEL	
IOO:	LIEUT M. SAKERS	Att.
IOO:	LIEUT R. REYNOLDS	Att.
CAMP:	LIEUT I.E. THOMAS	
OC TRANSIT CAMP:	LIEUT A. RICHES	