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# 1/5/6
# DIVISIONS

## 3 Australian Division Adjutant and Quartermaster General Branch (3 Aust Div AQ Branch)

## June - July 1943



1/5/6-0111

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

*Unit* A & Q BRANCH, HQ 3 AUST DIV *Date and Time.—From* 1 JUNE - 30 JUNE 43.

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| In the Field | | | "Q" Files Nos 1 - 22 as per list attached. | |
| | | | "Q" Files as per further list attached. | |
| | 1 JUNE | | Accident MV16435 and Truck owned by BANKS Pty Ltd 14 MAY 42 | File Q 10/129 |
| | | | File on VX39129 Major A W CHAMBERS, 8 AUST CAV REGT | Confid A 90/116 |
| | | | File on Classification of Units as A I F | A 50/6 |
| | | | Re-organisation and Leave prior to Move to NEW GUINEA | A 1/15 |
| | AUG 42-FEB 43 | | Re-organisation 3 AUST DIV | Secret 169/42 |
| | MAR 42 | | System of Vehicle Markings in War | Secret 60/42 |
| | | | Part II Routine Orders re Embarkation to NEW GUINEA | |
| | 1 JUNE 43 | 1100 hrs | Removal of Restrictions re Movement of MT | Q 618 |
| | 3 " | 1750 | Re-Arrangement of Native Carrier Lines on MUBO L of C | AQ646 |
| | 4 " | 1100 | Establishment of Bulk Canteen in BULOLO Area | Q660 |
| | 4 " | 1130 | Movement of Native Carriers on MISSIM L of C | AQ632 |
| | 4 " | " | Movement of Personnel and Stores along MISSIM and MUBO L of C | Q666 |

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| | 4 JUNE 43 | | Maintenance of Mechanical Vehicles | "Q" Circular 8/43 |
| | 4 " | | Amendment to Adm Inst No 9 - Ref Native Labour | " " |
| | 5 " | | ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I Nos 177-188 | |
| | 8 " | | Loss of Equipment en route to OPs | |
| | 10 " | | Army Equipment under Tropical Conditions | "Q" Circular No 10 |
| | 10 " | | Malaria Incidence for 4 Weeks ending 21 MAY 43. | "A" Circular 33/43 |
| | 11 " | | ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I, 189-200 | " |
| | 6 " | 1430 | POSTERN - Scale of Ammunition and Supplies on L's of C. | Adm Inst No 23 |
| | 17 " | 2315 | Amendment No 1 to Adm Inst No 23 | Copy No 30 |
| | 13 " | | Returns - Battle Casualties | "A" Circular 35/43 |
| | 13 " | | Barometer Controllable Diseases - Week ending 4 JUNE 43 | "A" Circular 34/43 |
| | 14 " | | Malaria Control | "A" Circular 32/43 |
| | 15 " | | Return of Innoculation Vaccination and Blood Grouping | "A" Circular 36/43 |
| | 18 " | | ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I Nos 201-215 | " |

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| | 20 JUNE 43 | | AREAS Native Carriers Required To Supply Forces PILMUNG & GUADGASAL | 43/175 "Q" Circular |
| | " " | | Geneva Convention - Treatment of Medical Personnel | "A" Circular 37/43 |
| | " " | 1200 | Report on Damage to 246 LAD During Air Attack | |
| | 21 " | | Malaria Incidence Week ending 11 JUNE 43 | "A" Circular 38/43 |
| | 21 " | | Malaria Control | "A" Circular 39/43 |
| | 24 " | | DOUBLET. Reserve Holdings NASSAU BAY | "Q" 43/375 |
| | 24 " | | Requisition for Native Labour | "Q" Circular 11 |
| | 24 " | 1245 | Restriction on Use of MT | Q 1079 |
| | 25 " | | ROUTINE ORDERS PART I Nos 216-225 | |
| | 25 " | 1350 | DOUBLET. Amendment to Appendix "A", Q 43/375 of 24 JUNE | AQ755 |
| | 25 " | 2145 | Gen STEVENS, Brig WELLS, Brig HALLER to arrive BULOLO 26 JUNE | NGF V 60 |
| | 26 " | | Malaria Incidence for week ending 18 JUNE 43 | "A" Circular 41/43 |
| | 26 " | | AEME Activities - WAU, BULOLO | ME/73/44 |
| | 27 " | | Maintenance Facilities - WAU, BULOLO | ME/270/2 |

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| | 26 JUNE 43 | 0830 | Major R C TOMKINS, DAAG returned to duty | |
| | 27 " | | Forwarding of Second Class Mail Matter | "Q" Circular No 12 |
| | 27 " | | Graves Regristation & Burial Procedure | "A" Circular 42/43 |
| | 28 " | | Administration - Defence of WATUT Valley - 57/60 Aust Inf Bn | |
| | 28 " | | Salvage - Own & Enemy Equipment | "Q" Circular No 13 |
| | 30 " | | A&Q Notes of interest during month of June 43 | |

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"Q" FILES FOR WAR DIARY

1. Programme ex NGF 7 Mar - 13 May
2. Amn Expenditure 11 - 31 May.
3. Native Strength Return 22 Mar - 19 Apr
4. Miscellaneous Stores 14/3/43 to 14/4/43
5. Drome Reports 11 Feb to 28 Mar.
6. Stock Return 4 May - 24 May
7. Petrol Return 29 Mar - 24 May
8. Miscellaneous Stores 14 Apr - 30 Apr
9. Miscellaneous Stores 19 Apr
10. NGF Loading Priorities to 21 Mar.
11. Stock Signals 21 Mar - 10 Apr
12. Amn Issues and Receipts 29 Mar to 15 Apr
13. Amn Reports
14. Amn Reports 27 May to 11 JUN
15. Amn Reports 4 May to 26 May
16. Native Strength Return 25 Apr to 5 May
17. Detailed Air Deliveries 1 Apr to 30 Apr
18. Ration States 29 Mar to 24 May
19. Consolidated Stock Return 22 Apr to 23 May
20. Stock Signals 10 Apr to 24 May
21. Amn reports 19 Apr - 3 May
22. Stock Return 4 Apr to 3 May

## FILES FORWARDED TO HRO War Diary

| FILE NO | PRECIS |
|---|---|
| Q43/25 | Recce report track Niddon Camp - Bulwa |
| Q43/28 | Pistol No2 Mk 111 for forwadrding to Landforces. |
| Q43/27 | Establishment of DID Edie Creek |
| Q43/31 | Loss and damage by fire - Sigs 3 Aust Div 8 Apr '43 |
| Q43/34 | Supplementary rations - drawing of allowance for. |
| Q43/35 | Position of HQ 3 AUST DIV in KANGA Force. |
| Q43/51 | Proposed Bn Site Bulole |
| Q43/59 | Transfer of rangefinder from Wau Fixed Defence to 2/3 Aust Ind Coy |
| Q43/80 | Supplies for Dawn OP |
| Q43/94 | New Guineaq Force Training Instructions |
| Q43/106 | Return of jeep to Port Moresby to New Guinea Force. Port Moresby |
| Q43/112 | Duties and postings of officers in New Guinea Force. |
| Q43/134 | Commodities required to adjust rations held within SWP scale. |
| Q43/138 | Method of supply in the Wau area. |
| Q43/151 | Re establishment of Rear Details 3 Aust Div and location of same |
| Q43/154 | Appoimtment and functions of AADC Wau - Bulolo area |
| Q43/164 | Condition of landing strip at Bulwa |
| Q43/165 | Motor Accident - Edie Creek Road 7 Apr '43 |
| Q43/172 | Movement Control Instruction No 33 Re free travel for relatives of injured members of the forces. |
| Q43/177 | Vehicles - Transfers, allocations etc. |
| Q43/182 | Duplicator and typewriter parts. |
| Q43/198 | Adm Instruction by A/A Headquarters USA |
| Q43/200 | ADME Adm Instruction 22 |
| Q43/201 | Message forms for 2/3 Aust Ind Coy |
| Q43/207 | Applications for the release of controlled stores |
| Q43/209 | Movement of FPO Wau |
| Q43/214 | Moth aircraft- provision of guard for. |
| Q43/219 | Withdrawal of Augmenting charges for 3" Mor of Australian Manufactur |
| Q43/221 | Movement of Salvation Army hut at Wau |
| Q43/225 | Ammunition - Loss of and replacements - 3 Aust Div Provost Coy |
| Q43/232 | AEME Instruction No 1 |
| Q43/234 | Returnable Containers. |
| Q43/236 | Care of tools anf equipment |
| Q43/238 | Rations strength and messing of small detachments |
| Q43/243 | Report on Ballams and Guadagasal L of C |
| Q43/244 | Covers canopy trailers |
| Q43/251 | Care and preservation of ammunition |
| Q43/258 | Return of jeep by 11 Fighter Control Sub Sector |
| Q43/274 | Forward of rwo 3" Mor by 24 Aust Inf Bn to Missim area. |
| Q43/286 | Movement of Engineer Sec 2/7 Aust Indep Coy to Bulolo area |
| Q43/289 | Accident reports D.V.s 57801 and 57820 |
| Q43/296 | Court of Inquiry - Loss of stores 2/7 Aust Indep Coy |
| Q43/299 | Formation of MMG Pls |
| Q43/300 | Movement of personnel |
| Q43/303 | Transport for Ordnance Installations |
| Q43/311 | Accident to veh 79984 152 Gen Tpt Coy |
| Q43/305 | Treatment of natives. |
| Q43/312 | Request for a vehicle by the 3 Aust Div Postal Unit. |
| Q43/327 | Loss of trailer tailboard |
| Q43/329 | Reference use of Sisalcraft. |
| Q43/330 | Expenditure of ammunition by 156Lt AA Bty |
| Q43/333 | Movement of Tk/A Guns |
| Q43/335 | Transfer of Chev Water Cart |
| Q43/342 | Typewriter mechanic - Movement to various units |
| Q43/344 | Electric Lighr A/C Nambour Showgrounds |
| Q43/346 | Regimental Signallers - Morse Code Training. |
| Q43/348 | Complaint re Borrowed Plough N.C.McGoldrick - Cooroy Mt Road |
| Q43/349 | Missing Stores at Wards Drome |
| Q43/350 | Artillery Shoot Pimple area. 7 May '43 |
| Q43/352 | Billeting and storage capacity - Huts - Niddoma camp |
| Q43/355 | Camouflageof Service Installations |
| Q43/357 | Developement Signal Communications - 3 Aust Div Area/ |
| Q43/358 | Complaint re occupation of property and damage - MRS E.C.M. Hull |
| Q43/362 | Claim A/C NO 1955 - G.E. ATTEWELL |
| Q43/363 | Movement of clerks along Markham L of C |
| Q43/364 | Supplementary Ration Allowance/ |
| Q43/367 | Progress report on Road Construction by 11 Aust Div. |
| Q43/372 | Addressing of signals |
| Q43/373 | Water Scheme for rest camp/ |
| Q43/377 | Maintenance of raods and bridges by 2/7 & 2/5 Aust Inf Bns |

FILES FORWARDED TO ~~BRG~~ War Diary.

| FILE NO | PRECIS |
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| Q43/381 | LOSS OF ORD M.L.MORTAR NO 33830 CONTROLLED STORE NO 573 |
| Q43/382 | Road construction and maintenance - SKINDEWAI |
| Q43/387 | Attendance at Church Parades |
| Q43/395 | Notes from discussion AA&QMG 3 AUST DIV and S/C 17 Aust Inf Bd |
| Q43/400 | Publications - " The Native Carrier etc |
| Q43/401 | Return of Major Machine Tools and Appliances |
| Q43404 | Use and report on Grenades Hand by 2/3 Aust Indep Coy |
| Q43/405 | Issue of 2 man tents to Sigs 3 Aust Div. |
| Q43/407 | Allocation of A Class Stores |
| Q43/409 | Transfer of Dorman engine to 2/46 Aust LAD |
| Q43/411 | Request for additional Jeep by Sigs 3 Aust Div for use while DR vehicle is being repaired. |
| Q43/412 | Trucks Fire Tender and Trailers Fire Pump Allocation of |
| Q43/414 | Withdrawal of 2 Owen Sub Machine Guns from R See Wing FSS |
| Q43/ 419 | Boats Reconnaissance - Allocation of to 17 Aust Inf Bde and non forwarding of foot pumps/ |
| Q43/425 | Alleged theft of 1 x 4 gal drum of SAE 30 and box of Grenades Hand - Report on recovery of by 3 Aust Div Provost Coy/ |

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MESSAGE FORM

TO :- 17 Aust Inf Sec 2/4 Aust Inf Bn 2[illegible] Aust Inf Bn [illegible] Inf WAU 2/[illegible] Aust Indep Coy 2/7 Indep Coy [illegible] Bty 2/1 Aust [illegible] Regt 13[illegible] Lt [illegible] Bty [illegible] CA(A[illegible]) Bty [illegible] Aust Div [illegible] Div [illegible] Coy [illegible] ASC 3 Div [illegible] 1 Aust Sup [illegible] Coy [illegible] 132 Aust Gen Tpt Coy [illegible] Pool [illegible] Pool [illegible] Aust Div Pack Tpt Unit Det [illegible] Aust [illegible] Bakery 2/[illegible] Aust [illegible] Sec [illegible] 82 FAD [illegible] Aust [illegible] Aust [illegible] 2/[illegible] Aust LAD 3 Aust Div Workshops Det [illegible] Aust [illegible] Unit 3 Div Cash Office Det 3 Div Pro Coy [illegible] Aust [illegible] Salvage Unit 3 Div Reception Camp Transit Camp [illegible] Aust Div [illegible] Punishment Centre 2/2 Aust Graves Regn Unit Det ADGS WAU 2 Aust AL Section [illegible] AF Air Sp Control [illegible] Fighter Control Sub-Sec, 303 RDF Unit HQ [illegible] (Maximum) Town Maj WAU Town Major [illegible] Cond GS AQ Q ADGS ADGS ADGS Camp [illegible].

FROM :- 3 AUST DIV [illegible] 1

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Ref 3 Aust Div [illegible]/32 in view of resumption of supplies of POL to [illegible] Div [illegible], restrictions on movement of [illegible] as laid down in above si[illegible] [illegible] now lifted (.) previous traffic control instructions remain in force and it is desired that commanding officers take action to ensure that no unnecessary use of transport occurs and that every effort is made to conserve present stocks of POL

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Orig's Degree of Priority

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## MESSAGE FORM

TO : 17 Bde ANGAU AASC HQ RAE 3 Div Pack Tpt "Q" rptd Comd GS A ADMS ADOS

FROM : 5 AUST DIV AQ646 3

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The following rearrangements of HUBO L of C will take effect forthwith (.) HQ ANGAU will issue the necessary instructions for the movement of natives concerned (.) first (.) approx 105 DUALI and SAMLUS natives will move AM 3 Jun from SUMMIT to GUADAGASAL to be [illegible] for recovery of dropped supplies (.) second (.) approx [illegible] WAIPALI village natives will be moved at the earliest from [illegible] Compound WAU to WAIPALI (.) WAIPALI and LALABU natives approx 50 now at GUADAGASAL will also be moved immediately to WAIPALI (.) both above parties to be used for collection of sups dropped at WAIPALI (.) carrier line BALLAMS will move PM 3 Jun in toto to SUMMIT and be stationed thereat (.) 125 selected carriers will be moved AM 5 Jun from SUMMIT to GUADAGASAL for forward carrying duties (.) approximately 50 carriers on the SUMMIT line will thereafter be used for ferrying supplies from JEEPHEAD to SUMMIT (.) third (.) AASC will arrange for closing DID at BALLAMS and reopening at SUMMIT as expeditiously as possible (.) accomodation for above to be made available by 2/5 Bn from existing accomodation immediately on completion of the relief 2/6 2/7 Battalions (.) accomodation made available MUST be reasonably adjacent to the road (.) no additional accomodation is to be erected except by the use of labour not fit to go on carrier lines (.) fourth (.) as from 3 Jun all sups will be moved by jeep to MAXIMUM distance from BALLAMS and ferried by native carrier to SUMMIT (.) CRE will ensure sup jeeps have access to furthest point of jeep track AM daily (.) Q will immediately provide 2 jeeps and trailers for initial ferrying of 3 days non droppable items and L of C maintenance [illegible] from BALLAMS to JEEPHEAD (.) Such sups to act as immediate reserve in event of non metalled portion of jeep track being unusable (.) ANGAU SUMMIT will arrange for the immediate movement of these supplies to storage at SUMMIT (.) one of the c/m jeeps and trailers will thereafter be permanently stationed at BALLAMS for the purpose of ferrying supplies to Jeephead daily (.) when not required for this purpose it is to be made available to 2/8 [illegible] Coy for cartage of gravel etc (.) fifth (.) pack Tpt will carry 3-4-5 June from BALLAMS to SUMMIT (.) 4 Jun carry will be native rations only (.) all informed

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ORIG's instns Degree of Priority Important to action addressees.

T.O.O. 1750

MESSAGE FORM

TO : 15 Bde 2/3 Aust Indep Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn A Coy 24 Bn AASC RAE Sigs 2/7 Bn 156 Lt AA Bty 2/1 MG Bn Reception Camp 231 LAD ANGAU Sta Comd BULOLO tpt pool BULOLO Camp 28 L of C Salvage rptd Canteen Services GS

FROM : 3 AUST DIV Q660 4

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Bulk canteen for issue to units in BULOLO area is established at map ref 288875 BULOLO 1" to 1 mile (.) issues to units will commence on 5 Jun (.) all units will forward to canteen rep BULOLO authority for one person to collect canteen supplies for that unit (.) when ordering supplies units will state ration strength (.) all informed

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MESSAGE FORM

TO : 15 Bde Sigs 3 Div 152 Gen Tpt Coy Workshops WAU rptd ADOS ADRE CASC

FROM 3 AUST DIV Q662 4

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M/C on strength L Sec Sigs are transferred as follows (.) one to Sigs 3 Div (.) one to 152 Gen Tpt Coy for use of tpt pool BULOLO (.) one to area workshops WAU to be held and maintained in first class condition for later allotment by 3 Div (.) units receiving M/C will arrange collect (.) C 52's will be submitted within 48 hrs of receipt and issue of M/C

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## MESSAGE FORM

TO : RAE Sigs AASC GS ADMS ADOS ADME DAAG rptd 2/3 Indep Coy 15 Bde 17 Bde Powerhouse

FROM : 3 Aust Div Q666 4

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Whenever it is intended to move personnel or stores along MISSIM and MUBO L's of C 24 hrs notice where possible to "Q" Branch is required (.) all informed

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Orig's Degree of Priority T O O

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MESSAGE FORM

TO : 2/3 Aust Ind Coy HQ ANGAU rptd 15 Aust Inf Bde ANGAU POWER HOUSE ANGAU PILIMUNG CASC COMD GS "Q"

FROM : 3 AUST DIV AQ632 4 In reply to Q 1

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Following movement of native carriers on MISSIM L of C will be effected as expeditiously as possible (.) ANGAU HQ will issue movement insts (.) first (.) special MORESBY line of approx 130 carriers will be based at POWER HOUSE for carrying to BRANCH CREEK (.) second (.) 100 selected carriers will move from POWER HOUSE to PILMUNG for fwd duties and will carry en route as arranged by 2/3 Aust Ind Coy after consultation with ANGAU PILMUNG and S.C. 15 Aust Inf Bde (.) third (.) details of further carriers for fwd duties will be advised (.) all informed

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ORIG's Degree of Priority

IMPORTANT to all action addressees

T.O.O. 1120

HQ 3 AUST DIV
4 Jun 45

"Q" CIRCULAR NO 8/45

MAINTENANCE OF MECHANICAL VEHICLES

1. The following is designed to implement GRO 6359 of 30 Apr in respect to procedure as to maintenance, repair and general running of M.T.

2. The aspects of above GRO in respect to training, testing of personnel and MT schools will be as laid down by the General Staff.

3. Specific action to be taken by units is as follows:-

(a) All units holding MT will institute a system whereby record is maintained of the effecting of unit maintenance in accordance with MT Training P amphlet No 3. A suggested method is set out in Appx A to this instruction.

(b) All vehicles will be passed through 2nd echelon Workshops at least once every three months.

(c) Forms as follows will be used in the control of MT.
(i) GC - to be rendered to HQ 3 Div monthly by 3rd of following month.
(ii) G11 - All personnel in charge of vehicles must be in possession of relevent driving licence.
(iii) G13 - as required.
(iv) F3A (in lieu of F3). Will not be submitted for LAD 1st Echelon repairs. Will be submitted by units or by LAD's on their behalf. If LAD submits F3A, Unit will be shown as requisitioning authority. All such requisitions will be endorsed by LAD.
(v) AAB20 - One copy in vehicle and one copy in the transport office will be accurately maintained for each vehicle. Units will forward requirements of this form to ADMT 3 Div.

(d) Spare parts for all vehicles will be demanded from LAD who will supply or obtain same from Ord Fd Pk. Until Ord Fd Pk is established spare parts will be obtained from 2nd Echelon workshops. Demands for spare parts will not be made on Ord Depot.

(e) All accidents will be promptly reported and investigated. Procedure as laid down in GRO A392 of 21 May will be strictly followed.

4. ADMT will issue instructions to OC's LAD's and OC Area Workshops in reference to periodical inspection of vehicles and other instructions in GRO 359 applicable to LAD's and 2nd Echelon Workshops.

5. Attention is particularly directed to responsibilities of commanding officers in respect to custody, operation, routine maintenance 1st echelon repairs and recovery of all vehicles on his strength. With the long hours of running over difficult terrain experienced in this area, every effort must be made to ensure all care and correct maintenance of mechanical vehicles.

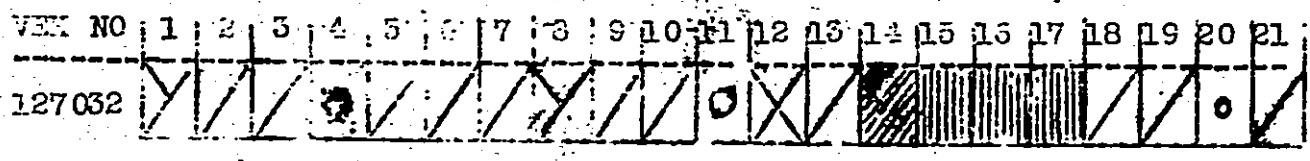
LT-COL
AA & QMG 3 AUST DIV

DISTRIBUTION
LIST "B"

APPENDIX "A"

## RECORD OF UNIT MAINTENANCE

MAY




LEGEND

Y Weekly maintenance

/ Daily maintenance

o 100 mile maintenance

● 1000 mile maintenance

X AEME inspection

T - LAD

To Workshops.

Attention is drawn to the facility with which mileage maintenance may be converted to time basis when a reasonably accurate assessment of vehicle mileage can be forecast.

SECRET

HQ 3 AUST DIV
4 JUN 43

ADM INSTN NO 9/43

AMENDMENT

Ref above Adm Inst Para 4, ANGAU.

After sub-para (b) insert new sub-para (c)

"(C) The ANGAU representative irrespective of rank shall be the deciding authority as to whether native labour is available for carrying etc or otherwise. In the event of carriers being overworked or in illhealth, and in the opinion of the ANGAU representative immediately available such carriers should NOT be employed on further duties until rested, such advice irrespective of ANGAU pers rank shall be accepted. ANGAU pers will give a written certificate to the senior regimental comd available to that effect, giving brief reasons why. The matter will then be reported to superior comd by both parties by the most expeditious means. HQ 3 Aust Div and/or HQ ANGAU MARKHAM DISTRICT or any ANGAU Officer to whom OC ANGAU delegates such authority shall be the only authority for cancellation of above mentioned certificate.

LT-COL
AA & QMG 3 AUST DIV

DISTRIBUTION

| UNIT | | METHOD |
|---|---|---|
| 17 Aust Inf Bde | 6 | DRLS |
| 15 Aust Inf Bde | 6 | " |
| HQ RAE 3 Aust Div | 1 | " |
| HQ Sigs 3 Aust Div | 1 | " |
| HQ Comd ANGAU | 1 | " |
| 2/6 Aust Inf Bn | 2 | " |
| 2/3 Aust Indep Coy | 2 | " |
| HQ ANGAU (Markham District) | 30 | " |
| Capt ROSS - Tpt Control Office | 1 | " |
| GOC | 1 | HAND |
| G1 | 1 | " |
| AQ | 1 | " |
| DAQMG | 1 | " |
| DAAG | 1 | " |
| ADMS | 1 | " |
| ADOS | 1 | " |
| ADME | 1 | " |
| HQ RAE 11 Aust Div (for infm) | 1 | DRLS |
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| File | 1 | |

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ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I

BY

MAJ-GEN S G SAVIGE

COMD 3 AUST DIV

Nos 177 - 188

HQ 3 AUST DIV

5 JUNE 43.

Nos 177 - 188

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177
SAFE HAND DISPATCHES

1. A " Safe Hand" dispatch is one which is delivered by the hand of an officer. It should contain only such MOST SECRET, or CONFIDENTIAL, documents, as is considered necessary.

2. The practice of forwarding " Safe Hand" dispatches by the DRLS, or by any means other than the hand of an officer will cease.

178
NEW GUINEA FORCE SCHOOL OF SIGNALS

Attention is drawn to NGF Order G 224, for information and action where necessary.

LT-COL
GS 3 AUST DIV

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179
OFFICERS AND NCO's REQUIRED IN THE DIRECTORATE OF RAILWAY AND ROAD TRANSPORTATION LHQ, AND FOR ATTACHMENT TO MOVEMENT CONTROL GROUPS IN THE L OF C AREAS.

1. Applications are invited from officers and non - commissioned officers, with qualifications shown hereunder, for positions in the Directorate of Railway and Road Transportation at LHQ. Certain of these will be detached as representatives of this Directorate to Movement Control Groups in the L of C Areas.
Rank of Major: Senior Railway Transportation Officers with first hand outdoor experience of traffic operation, and capable of advising on the layout of marshalling yards and sidings up to the point where the engineering staff takes over the final planning.
Rank of Captain: Railway Transportation officers with practical experience in compilation of train time-tables. It is desirable that these officers should have been Train Control Officers, with outdoor experience in traffic operation.
Rank of Lieutenant and Captain: Railway Transportation Officers with experience in loading of freight [illegible] and computation of freight charges, etc.
As Lieutenants and NCO's: Railway Head office administrative clerks.

2. Applications should be forwarded through the normal channels, to reach this HQ not later than 16 JUNE 43.
(General Orders 42/43)

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APPOINTMENTS OF INSPECTORS OF RUBBER, AEME.

1. LHQ has decided to appoint Inspectors of rubber to the Corps of Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers in the rank of Lieutenant. These officers,

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on appointment, will be attached to certain formations and war establishments have been amended accordingly.

2. Qualifications required to be held by appointees are as follows:-

(a) Must be experienced technicians, imbued with the importance of the conservation of rubber. Experience in the selling of rubber will not suffice.
(b) Must possess knowledge and experience of design and construction of tyres in particular, and articles composed, or mainly composed, of rubber in general.
(c) Must be capable of inspecting equipment and imparting to commanders and staffs the most effective advice on the care and maintenance of tyres, etc.
(d) Must be able to diagnose the causes of faults and failures in tyres, and suggest means whereby these may be overcome.
(e) Must have an intimate knowledge of the various processes of reclamation, repair and reconditioning of rubber articles, including the retreading and recapping of tyres, also the plant to be used for such processes.

3. Commanding Officers will submit to this HQ by 16 JUNE the names of serving officers or soldiers who have the necessary qualifications and who are desirous of applying for one of the above appointments. Applicants will clearly state their qualifications, experience and training, together with age, medical classification, regimental particulars, etc.
Commanding Officers will state whether or not the applicant is recommended -
(a) for a commission, if he is not already not holding one;
(b) for an appointment as an inspector of rubber.

4. Applicants who are recommended by their Commanding Officers will be interviewed by the ADME, who will report his opinion as to the applicant's suitability and whether he can be recommended or not for one of the appointments.

(General Order 43/43)

181
NATIVE LABOUR OVERSEERS

1. There is a serious shortage of Native Labour Overseers which is preventing full value being obtained from available labour. The normal ratio is one overseer to 40 natives and the main task is to control the native carrier lines.

2. Units will conduct an immediate enquiry for personnel who are suitable for this type of w ork and fit Class A.

3. Nominal Rolls of personnel will be submitted to this HQ by 17 JUNE 43.

4. Upon taking up duty as overseers selected personnel will be taken on strength of ANGAU and promoted to the rank of acting corporal with possible future promotion to higher grades dependant on ability. Unsuitable personnel will be returned to units.

5. Where possible, men selected from formation areas will be employed in those areas.

182
RELATIONSHIP WITH NATIVES

1. Further to DRO 149 of 15 MAY 43.
All ranks will be instructed that natives will be spoked to only when absolutely necessary.

2. The practice of giving natives " lifts" in MT has not ceased and obviously some drivers have not been instructed.

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3. Any breach of these orders will be regarded as a serious offence as it undermines the authority of ANGAU in dealing with the natives, and will lead to considerable trouble.

183
DENGUE CONTROL

1. DISTILLATE is now available on requisition from AASC for treatment of water tanks, to prevent the breeding of the AEDES Mosquito which transmits DENGUE Fever.

2. The amount of distillate to be used is one fluid ounce( 2 tablespoonful) per 40 square feet water surface area ( i.e. roughly the surface area of a 7ft diameter tank). This amount of distillate will be applied to the surface of the water inall tanks used by units in Div area, once per week. If spreading of oil is NOT adequate, the surface of the water should be agitated.

3. Leaded petrol must NOT be used for treating drinking water owing to the danger of lead poisoning.

184
CENSUS OF WARLIKE STORES AND MECHANICAL VEHICLES

1. Units will signal ADOS notification of ANY VARIATION in holdings of controlled stores or mechanical vehicles in 3 AUST DIV AREA, due to any cause whatsoever, information being given by reference to serial number and quantity.

2. Where applicable, abbreviations set out in GRO 0379/42 and 3 AUST DIV ADM INSTN NO 5/43 will be used.
VARIATIONS include Receipts from or transfers to any OTHER Areas.
Signals should include request for replacement where desired.

185
CONTAINERS FOR RIFLE OIL "A"

Units will be required to provide their own containers when drawing Rifle Oil "A" from F O D.

186
MISUSE OF BLANKETS.

1. A shortage of blankets in the Div Area exists and owing to the bulk and weight involved, further supplies from MORESBY will not be available immediately.

2. Accordingly, all comds will check their holding of blankets and any surplus will be returned to 102 F O D WAU, as soon as possible.

3. The use of blankets for black-out curtains, table covers, bush beds, will not be permitted and blankets at present so used will be replaced and returned.

4. Cases Paliasse will be available in the future for bush beds .

187
MOSQUITO REPELLENT LOTION

Attention is directed tomNGF Order Q231, for information and action where necessary.
As supplies become available, issues will be made in the following priority:-

MUBO L of C.
MISSIM L of C.
MARKHAM L of C, including SUNSHINE.

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Attention is directed to the following NGF Orders for information and action where necessary:-
A226 -( This return to reach this HQ by 14 JUNE 43).
A227, A228, A229,

NOTICE: Any unit knowing the wherabouts of QX25816, Cpl TOMKINS H N, to advise this HQ.

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HQ 3 AUST DIV.
6 JUN 43.

TO ALL COMMANDING OFFICERS THIS INSTRUCTION DEALS WITH A SUBJECT THAT CLOSELY AFFECTS THE EFFICIENCY OF ALL TROOPS OF YOUR COMMAND.

"A" CIRCULAR NO 31/43

MALARIA INCIDENCE

1. THERE WERE 74 CASES OF MALARIA OCCURRED AMONGST 3 AUST DIV TROOPS IN THE WEEK ENDING 28 MAY. OF THESE 35 OCCURRED IN PERSONNEL WHO HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN IN OTHER MALARIOUS AREAS.
THE LOCALITIES OF HIGHEST INCIDENCE WERE (1) MUBO 44 cases, (2) [illegible]NE 8 cases, (3) BULOLO 6 cases.

2. QUESTIONING OF PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL REVEALS THAT LARGE NETS ARE NOT UNIVERSALLY USED AND SUPPLIES OF ANTI-MOSQUITO LOTION [illegible] NOT AVAILABLE.

3. STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO MAKE UP THESE DEFICIENCIES.

4. REMEMBER - NO MOSQUITO BITE, NO MALARIA.

5. UNITS WILL DEMAND ON AASC FOR MOSQUITO LOTION AND DEMAND WILL BE COUNTERSIGNED BY MO.

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HQ 3 AUST DIV
8 JUN 43

SUBJECT : LOSS OF EQUIPMENT EN ROUTE TO OP's.

17 Aust Inf Bde
15 Aust Inf Bde
24 Aust Inf Bn
2/3 Aust Indep Coy
ANGAU
OC A Coy 24 Bn POWEREOUSE
C.O. Sigs 3 Aust Div
CRE 3 Aust Div
ADOS
ADMS
ADME
CASC

Comd (for infm)
G.S. " "

1. Attention is drawn to the fact that on several occasions recently, technical signal equipment despatched to OP's has either not reached its destination or has been tampered with en route. The following are specific instances :-

(a) 22 April - 1 Transformer 2 cases No 11 Set were despatched from WAU to SALAMAUA OP. On approx 3 May, one case only No 11 Set arrived at SALAMAUA OP and as a result of enquiries made by personnel of the OP the 2nd case arrived on approx 9 May. To date the transformer has not arrived and enquiries made along the route have been without result.

(b) On the 26 May, amongst other items, one 5b receiver was despatched to WAU for onward movement to KUDJERU. This equipment was delivered to the native compound on 30 May. On arrival at KUDJERU on the 2 Jun, the set was examined by the operators who reported that one type CV5G Valve had been removed. This valve is in common use in modern radio receivers.

2. It is considered unnecessary to emphasise the seriousness of this situation, as the necessity for the maintenance of communications to OP's must be evident to all. The intentional or accidental misconsignment of equipment on the L of C is a matter which is to receive immediate attention from the Comds of L's of C, and if it has been the practice for Comds of L's of C to divert stores to other than the original addressee, this practice will cease forthwith.

3. In the case of urgent operational requirements, this action may be taken by Comds of L's of C, but this HQ must be immediately informed.

4. In order that future consignments of miscellaneous stores might be controlled, Comds of MARKHAM, MISSIM and WUBO L's of C will arrange for the establishment of a Transit Store at Jeepshead for the reception and transit of all stores other than AASC stores and mail. All stores consigned to Units and L of C Posts will be delivered to this Transit Store which will be staffed with responsible personnel provided by the L of C Comd. Suitable records system will be instituted in order than a record of movement of such stores will be maintained.
Depots and Units consigning stores on any L of C will ensure that such goods are clearly and adequately labelled, and where such goods are liable to be divided to make boy loads, the component parts must also be labelled.

5. HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde, 2/3 Aust Indep Coy and ANGAU will submit reports on the instances mentioned in Para 1 (a) and (b)

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# "Q" CIRCULAR NO 10.

## ARMY EQUIPMENT UNDER TROPICAL CONDITIONS

1. It is considered that there are many improvements which can be effected to army equipment for service under Tropical conditions with particular reference to measures designed to combat known deterioration of equipment due to corrosion and other causes. With this object in view an Officer of the Army Design Directorate will visit 3 Aust Div and will be available to discuss such matters.

2. It is desired that Branches, Services and Units should collate information concerning faulty design, unsuitable material and lack of preventive protection of equipment. Samples are to be prepared, suitably labelled and case histories attached, and forwarded to HQ 3 AUST DIV endorsed "Tropical Deterioration of Stores.

3. The following Fields of Survey are suggested -

(a) Deterioration of arms and other associated stores due to rust,
(b) Deterioration and suitability of containers.
(c) Deterioration of arm and containers,
(d) Deterioration of signal equipment due to condition of humidity.
(e) Question of equipment and container design in relation to the necessity for porterage handling of equipment in the jungle conditions.
(f) Deterioration of equipment due to consistantly wet conditions as opposed to humid conditions.
(g) The suitability of clothing and equipment at present in use for tropical and jungle conditions, the following points should be considered -
  (i) Headgear - the beret as worn by Ind Coys for jungle warfare
  (ii) Lighter water bottle and mess tin.
  (iii) Lighter ground sheet - possibly oil fabric of a larger size than at present - suggest 8 x 6.
  (iv) Lighter type blanket
  (v) Entrenching tool
  (vi) Lighter machete.

4. The full co-operation of units is required as the importance of [illegible] Field operational problems to the direct attention of the Directorate responsible for their design will be appreciated.

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306 RDF Unit
2 Aust Adv Comm Sec
1 Air Sp Party 5 A F
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10 JUN 43

"A" CIRCULAR 33/43.

PRESERVATION OF HEALTH AND GENERAL HYGIENE.

DURING THE 4 WEEKS ENDING 21 MAY 43, MALARIA CASES HAVE OCCURRED IN UNITS AS FOLLOWS:-

| | TOTAL NO. CASES | RELAPSE | PRIMARY | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | TOTAL | PROB CONTRACTED 3 DIV AREA | POSS. CONTRACTED ELSEWHERE |
| 2/7 Aust Inf Bn | 76 | 24 | 52 | 40 | 12 |
| 2/5 " " " | 58 | 23 | 35 | 12 | 23 |
| 2/6 " " " | 25 | 20 | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| 2/8 Aust Fd Coy | 16 | 12 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| 24 Aust Inf Bn | 11 | 11 | 10 | 10 | - |
| 2/7 Aust Ind Coy | 9 | 5 | 4 | 4 | - |
| 2/2 Aust Fd Amb | 9 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 6 |
| HQ 3 Aust Div | 8 | - | 8 | 8 | - |
| 156 Aust L of A Bty | 6 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| 2/5 Aust Ind Coy | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 | - |
| 2/14 Aust Fd Coy | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1 | - |
| 2/1 Aust Fd Regt | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 29 Inf Bde | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 Aust Mtn Bty | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 2/3 Aust Ind Coy | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 |
| 2 Aust Graves Reg | 2 | 2 | - | - | - |
| 152 Aust [illegible] Coy | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 |
| 2/13 Aust Fd Coy | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 |
| 2/1 Aust MG Bn | 2 | 2 | - | - | - |
| Sta [illegible] HD [illegible] | 2 | - | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 2/25 Aust [illegible] | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 |
| 2/46 Aust LAD | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |
| 2/2 Aust Coy AASC | 1 | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| 7 Aust MG Bn | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |
| 3 Aust Div Sigs | 1 | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| 58/59 Aust Inf Bn | 1 | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| TOTALS | 259 | 111 | 148 | 87 | 61 |

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ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I

HQ 3 AUST DIV

BY

11 JUN 43.

MAJ-GEN S G SAVIGE

COMD 3 AUST DIV

Nos 189 - 200

"G"

REQUISITION FOR ENGINEER STORES FROM FORWARD UNITS.

1. Forward units and sub-units requiring engineer stores will requisition through Bde or through their parent unit in the case of Div Tps.
2. Bdes or HQs of units comprising Div Tps will forward requisitions to the nearest Engineer unit, whether Fd Coy or Fd Park Coy.
3. In the former case Fd Coys will countersign requisitions and pass them to 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy who will arrange delivery.
4. Sub units and units other than Div Tps will NOT submit requisitions direct to Engineer Units.

190. Service AMMUNITION FAILURES - BLINDS.

Attention is directed to GRO G407 for information and action, where necessary.

191. SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS

Attention is directed to N.G.F. Order G233 for information and action where necessary.

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GS 3 AUST DIV.

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192. RETURNS AF W3006.

Attention is directed to 3 Aust Div Admin Instn No 21/43 which is not being complied with by all units. In particular that part reading as follows "Composition of part F (attached not allowed by WE) will be shown on back of this return giving numbers by units."

193. REGIMENTAL AND PERMANENT SUPERNUMERARY LISTS.

The attention of units is directed to the fact that, when an officer has been transferred either to the RSL or PSL and returns to his unit, a recommendation should be submitted immediately to this HQ for the removal of such officer from either list. The normal submission of a casualty return will be in addition.

194. TRANSFER OF INDIVIDUAL SOLDIERS.

Reference GRO A 368/43 it is directed that all proposed transfers of individual soldiers to units not within the Divisional Area will be submitted to this HQ for approval. Full reasons for the transfer desired will be stated."

195. DISPOSAL OF UNPOSTED PERSONNEL (other ranks)

Attention is directed to GRO A415 for information and action where necessary.
Re-allotment in NEW GUINEA will be effected by NG L of C Records office where practicable. In a case approved by this HQ movement will be effected by this HQ to 1 AUST CORPS RECEPTION CAMP.

196. DENTAL UNIT.

A Dental Section is now in the BULOLO area and is situated at old site HQ 2/6 AUST INF BN, south of this HQ.

197. MOVEMENT OF VEHICLES.

Ref Adm Inst No 5/43.

1. G 52's must be forwarded in duplicate by units to reach ADOS within 48 hours of receipts or issue of vehicles. BOTH Transferror AND Transferree will submit G 52's.
2. It is essential that ALL columns be CORRECTLY completed.
3. Authority is to be quoted fully. e.g. Message Q 5978 of 15 MAY 143.
4. All G 52's must be signed by C.O. of unit concerned.

198. RETURN OF CONTAINERS - ACID OR ELECTROLYTE.

The supply of sufficient quantities of Acid to New Guinea seriously affects stock of containers available. It is essential that empty containers be returned to Ordnance as soon as possible to ensure adequate flow of supplies of Acid or Electrolyte to Units. All containers being returned should have attached a label denoting that it is empty and indicating former contents.

199.

Attention is directed to GROs A404, A409, A410, A411, A412, A413, A415 Q416, Q418, Q419, F422 for information and action where necessary.

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Attention is directed to NGF Orders A236, A238, Q239, Q240, Q241, Q243, Q244, Q247 for information and action where necessary.

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HQ 3 AUST DIV.

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"A" CIRCULAR NO. 35/43

RETURNS - BATTLE CASUALTIES

1. Where a battle casualty has been reported as "missing" it is the duty of the unit concerned to make exhaustive enquiries and if necessary convene a Court of Inquiry, in an endeavour to establish if the previously reported missing pers can be reclassified under the headings "Missing believed killed" or "Missing believed P.W." or "Killed", and obtain definite information where possible as soon as operational requirements permit.

2. If the investigation discloses reasonable proof of "Believed killed" or if the member has without doubt become either a prisoner of war or been killed an appropriate casualty return will be rendered.

3. Attention is drawn to Field Service Pocket Book Pamphlet 11A para 4 which indicates the untold hardship and grief to relatives which can be caused by the acceptance of inconclusive evidence of identification of the dead. Great care should be exercised especially where identity discs are not actually attached to the body.

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AMENDMENT NO 1 to 3 AUST DIV
ADM INSTN NO 23.

1. The following amendments to 3 Aust Div Adm Instn No 23 are to be made :-

APPENDIX "A" - MUBO L OF C - RATIONS

"Delete 7 days SWP plus normal maintenance and insert 1 day SWP, 4 days Fd Ops plus normal maintenance"

MISSIM L OF C - RATIONS

"Delete 7 days SWP plus normal maintenance and insert 1 day SWP, 4 days Fd Ops plus normal maintenance."

2. The following additional information is supplied -

For the basis of planning, the following will be considered the total strengths in each area.

| | EUROPEANS | NATIVES |
|---|---|---|
| GUADAGASAL & FWD | 1600 | 900 |
| PILIMUNG & FWD | 1300 | 700 |

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Signed at 2314 hrs

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| 17 AUST INF BDE | 4 - 9 |
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3 AUST DIV ADM INSTN NO 23.

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To be read in conjunction with 3 AUST DIV Operation Order No 1, 29 MAY

INTENTION 1. To maintain the following forces in the areas mentioned:-

MUBO L of C
- Bde HQ
- Sig Sec
- 2 Inf Bns
- 1 Sec Mtn Bty
- 1 pl MMG
- AAMC Detachments
- AASC Detachments

MISSIM L OF C
- Bde HQ
- Sig Sec
- One Inf Bn
- One Indep Coy ( incl 4 MMG )
- One Inf Coy
- AAMC Detachments
- AASC Detachments.

MOVEMENT OF TROOPS TO FORWARD AREAS

2. (a) HQ 15 AUST INF BDE
"L" Sec Sigs
58/59 Aust Inf Bn
AAMC Detachments 15 Fd Amb
AASC Detachments
- will move to PILIMUNG - MISSIM Area vide detailed instns issued separately.

NATIVE LABOUR

3. The maximum native labour consistent with its availability will be moved to forward areas by separate instructions, issued to those concerned. Comds may reasonably anticipate the following increases by 12 JUN:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| MUBO L OF C | 425 all types | (300 already despatched of which approx 75 are not suitable for carrying duties.) |
| MISSIM L OF C | 300 carriers | (100 already despatched.) |

Most of above labour is moved forward by internal reorganisation of L's of C and Comds must ensure strict and constant supervision over supplies carried forward from JEEPHEAD. 500 carriers en route to 3 Div should arrive approx 20 JUN and generally will be available for L of C duties.

RESERVES

4. The target for reserves is vide MUBO-MISSIM Sections - Appendix "A" herewith.

AMMUNITION

5. (i) The target for ammunition holdings and reserves is vide Appendix "B" herewith.

(ii) Staff Table for calculation is attached as Appendix "C".

(iii) The ammunition required in forward areas is:-
- (a) GUADAGASAL - See Appendix "D" herewith
- (b) PILIMUNG - See Appendix "E" herewith

This forward ammunition will be delivered by Air Dropping under arrangements NGF.

(iv) The ammunition required at staging posts on L's of C is vide Appendix "B" herewith. This ammunition will be moved to its destination by carrier line under internal

5 (iv) contd. arrangements by Comds of L's of C. It is NOT anticipated that the complete holdings will be acheived but every effort must be made to effect same.

SUPPLIES 6. (i) The target for rations is vide MUBO-MISSIM Sections of Appendix "A".

(ii) (a) The droppable commodities of forward supplies will be delivered by Air Dropping under arrangements NGF.

(b) The non-droppable commodities required to balance rations will be moved forward by carrier line under internal arrangements by Comds L's of C.

(iii) The rations required at staging posts will be established vide (5) (iii) and will have equal priority with amn.

DROPPING GROUNDS 7. (i) Prior to D Day.
(a) MUBO Area : GUADAGASAL and WAIPALI
(b) MISSIM Area : PILMUNG and SELEBOB.

(ii) Subsequent to D Day and subject to operations:-
(a) MUBO AREA : MUBO DROME if technically suitable.
(b) MISSIM AREA : BUGASU JUNCT on capture of BOBDUBI RIDGE.
Comds will maintain smoke fires on these areas when secured.

MAINTENANCE STORES 8. (i) Comds MUBO and MISSIM L of C will forthwith forward detailed lists of minimum maintenance stores( excluding amn and rations ) required under the following categories.
(a) Articles required prior to D Day.
(b) Articles required to be dropped at advanced dropping grounds subsequent to D Day.
Lists are to show details of what specific articles are required for, their weight, and what they represent in native loads in the event of dropping not being practicable.

MEDICAL 9. (i) Established Posts and new Posts will be organized as under:-

(a) <u>MUBO L of C.</u>

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| GUADAGASAL (MANGO) | ADS | 55 beds | Blankets on the basis of 2 per bed plus 50% reserve. Staff to include Lt Sec for forward use by local comd, and an operating team. |
| HOUSE BANANA | ASP | 16 beds | Blankets on basis of 2 per bed, plus 50% reserve. |
| NIEL's CREEK | ASP | No beds | |
| SKINDEWAI | MSP | 80 beds | Blankets on the basis of 3 per bed. |
| HOUSE MCDUFF | ASP | No beds | Reserve dressings and comforts. |
| SUMMIT | ASP | 20 beds | Blankets on basis of 2 per bed. |
| JEEPHEAD ( between SUMMIT & BALLAMS) | | No beds | Reserve dressings and comforts |

9. (b) MISSIM L OF C

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| MISSIM | ADS | 60 beds | Blankets on the basis of 2 per bed, plus 50% reserve. Staff to include Lt Sec for use by local comd and ad operating team. |
| SELEBOB | ASP | 15 beds ( primarily for use by walking wounded) | Blankets on basis of 2 per bed. |
| PILMUNG | MSP | 30 beds | Blankets 2 per bed plus 50% reserve. |
| DOUBLE MOUNTAIN | ASP | 15 beds | 3 blankets per bed- no reserve. Also holds stretcher cases if carrier line not able to complete through journey to BIAUNE. |
| BIAUNE | ASP | 12 beds | 3 blankets per bed. No reserve. |
| SHORT WIND | ASP | No beds | |
| BRANCH CREEK | ASP | 6 beds | Blankets 2 per bed - no reserve. |
| POWER HOUSE | ASP | 6 beds | Blankets 2 per bed - Reserve 100 for forwarding along the L of C as required. |

Legend : ADS - Advanced Dressing Station

MSP - Medical Staging Post. Contains a Medical Officer.

ASP - Ambulance Staging Post. Medical Orderly only.

(ii) MDS

(a) WAU 200 beds.

(b) BULOLO 75 "

(iii) Collection and evacuation of wounded. Evacuations to ADS will be as arranged by Comds concerned. Evacuations from ADS will be by backloading sup line or special carrier line if practicable. Comds must be prepared to increase beds at ADS if carrier line cannot cope with number of stretcher cases admitted. Transport will be supplied by Transport Pool as requested by Medical Services to clear from Jeep Head to MDS.

(iv) Strict anti-malarial precautions will be adopted by all ranks.

WATER 10. All new water must be chlorinated until proved not contaminated. Sterilizing outfits individual, will be used for this purpose.

ACK.

Signed at 1430 hrs

LT-COL
AA & QMG 3 AUST DIV

APPENDIX "A" to 3 AUST DIV
ADM INSTN NO 23

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RESERVES OF AMN AND SUPS.

| L of C | Place | Serial | Force to be Maintained | Rations | Ammunition | UNIT RESERVE TO BE MAINTAINED RATIONS Emerg. | Fd Ops | Ammunition |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| [illegible]30 | Gaudagasal | 1<br>2<br>3<br>4<br>5 | Two Inf Bns<br>One Sec Mtn Bty<br>" Pl MMG<br>AASC Det<br>AAMC Det | 7 days SWP plus normal maintenance. | 4 Refills Scale "B" | 1 day | 2 days | Scale A |
| | Skindewai | 6 | Serial 1 - 5 plus 1 Inf Coy | 1 day Fd Ops | 1 Refill Scale B | " | " | " |
| | Summit | | Serial 1 - 6 | 1 day Fd Ops | 1 Refill Scale B | " | " | " |
| MISSIM | Pilmung | 1<br>2<br>3<br>4<br>5<br>6<br>7 | Bde HQ<br>Sig Sec<br>One Inf Bn<br>One Ind Coy incl 4 MMG<br>One Inf Coy<br>AASC Det<br>AAMC Det | 7 days SWP plus normal maintenance | 4 Refills Scale B | 1 day | 2 days | Scale A |
| | Head of Biaune | | Serial 1 - 7 | 1 day Fd Ops | 1 Refill Scale B | " | " | " |
| | Branch Creek | | Serial 1 - 7 | 1 day Fd Ops | 1 Refill Scale B | " | " | " |
| MARKHAM | Wampit | 1<br>2 | One Inf Coy<br>MMG Sec | 5 days SWP plus normal maintenance | 5 Refill Scale B | 1 day | 2 days | Scale A |
| | Timne | | Serial 1 and 2 | 1 day Fd Ops | 1 Refill Scale B | " | " | " |
| | Partep II | 1<br>2<br>3<br>4<br>5<br>6 | One Inf Bn less 1 Coy<br>One Indep Coy<br>One Tp Fd Arty<br>One MMG Coy less 1 Sec<br>AASC Det<br>AAMC Det | 5 days SWP plus normal maintenance. | 5 Refills Scale B | " | " | " |
| | Mumeng | | Serial 1 - 6 | 1 day Fd Ops | 1 Refill Scale B | " | " | " |

APPENDIX "B" to 3 AUST DIV ADM INSTN NO 23.

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MUBO L OF C - AMMUNITION RESERVES.

RESERVES IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPENDIX "A" TO COVER UNITS QUOTED.

| Type | Scale A | SALLAMS 1 x B | SUMMIT 1 x B | SKINDEWAR 1 x B | GUADAGAZAL 4 x B |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 303 Bdr/Chgr | 200800 | 43670 | 43670 | 43670 | 159680 |
| 303 Ctn | 124500 | 22700 | 22700 | 22700 | 81800 |
| 303 Tracer | 33700 | 3600 | 3600 | 3600 | 13320 |
| 303 Belt | 96000 | 1800 | 1800 | 1800 | 7200 |
| .45 TSMG | 132400 | 12200 | 12200 | 12200 | 44800 |
| .380 Rev | 2196 | 675 | 675 | 675 | 2600 |
| / 2 Mor HE | 1728 | 1350 | 1350 | 1350 | 4800 |
| / 2 Mor Smk | 576 | 270 | 270 | 270 | 960 |
| X 2 Mor III | 144 | 162 | 162 | 162 | 576 |
| X 2 Mor Red | 48 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 96 |
| X 2 Mor Green | 48 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 96 |
| / 3 Mor HE | 2520 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 3200 |
| / 3 Mor Smk | 840 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 800 |
| 1 In I 11 | 576 | 48 | 48 | 48 | 192 |
| 1 In Sigred | 192 | 48 | 48 | 48 | 192 |
| X 1 In Sigreen | 192 | 48 | 48 | 48 | 192 |
| 36 Gren Hand | 2312 | 1270 | 1270 | 1270 | 4624 |
| 36 Gren Rifle | 596 | 334 | 334 | 334 | 1192 |
| 3.7 How | 192 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 240 |

/ - Scale A only will be provided.

X - Scale A plus 1 refill Scale B only will be provided.

APPENDIX "B" (2)

to 3 AUST DIV ADM INSTN 23.

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AMMUNITION - RESERVES.

RESERVES IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPENDIX ( A ) TO COVER UNITS QUOTED.

| TYPE | Scale A | POWERHOUSE 1 x B | BRANCH CREEK 1 x B | BIAUNE 1 x B. | PILMUNG. 4 x B |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| .303 Bdr/Chgr | 156125 | 31573 | 31573 | 31573 | 127292 |
| .303 Ctn | 92000 | 15300 | 15300 | 15300 | 61200 |
| .303 Ter | 19800 | 2280 | 2280 | 2280 | 9120 |
| .303 Belt | 64000 | 1200 | 1200 | 1200 | 4800 |
| .45 TSMG | 47000 | 3500 | 3500 | 3500 | 14000 |
| 9 MM OSMG | 75000 | 7300 | 7300 | 7300 | 29200 |
| .380 Ref | 3438 | 980 | 980 | 980 | 3920 |
| .55 Tk/A | 3840 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 40 |
| 2 Mor HE | 1656 | 1150 | 1150 | 1150 | 4600 |
| / 2 Mor Smk | 552 | 230 | 230 | 230 | 920 |
| X 2 Mor Ill | 138 | 138 | 138 | 138 | 552 |
| X 2 Mor Red | 46 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 96 |
| X 2 Mor Green | 46 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 96 |
| 3 Mor HE | 1512 | 480 | 480 | 480 | 1920 |
| / 3 Mor Smk | 504 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 480 |
| 36 Gren Hand | 336 | 1262 | 1262 | 1262 | 5048 |
| 36 Gren Rifle | 112 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 1280 |
| 1 in Ill | 112 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 120 |
| 1 in Sigred | 1824 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 120 |
| 1 in Sig green | 480 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 120 |

/ Scale A only will be provided.

X " " plus 1 refill Scale B only will be provided

APPENDIX "C"
TO 3 AUST DIV ADM INSTN 23.

# P O S T E R N

## WE WEAPONS & AMN - FIRST LINE UNITS

| WEAPONS | AMN | INF BN WEAP | INF BN AMN | INF COY WEAP | INF COY AMN | INF PLN WEAP | INF PLN AMN | INDEP COY WEAP | INDEP COY AMN | MG COY WEAP | MG COY AMN | MG PLN WEAP | MG PLN AMN | FD COY WEAP | FD COY AMN | FD Regt WEAP | FD Regt AMN | Lt Tp Fd Bty WEAP | Lt Tp Fd Bty AMN | 1 Sec Mtn Bty WEAP | 1 Sec Mtn Bty AMN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rifle | 303 B/Chr | 640 | 96000 | 125 | 18750 | 35 | 5250 | 249 | 37350 | 80 | 12000 | 22 | 3300 | 191 | 19100 | 145 | 7250 | 49 | 2450 | 70 | 3500 |
| LMG | 303 Ctn | 41 | 61500 | 9 | 13500 | 3 | 4500 | 10 | 15000 | 2 | 3000 | | | 8 | 8000 | 16 | 16000 | 6 | 6000 | 1 | 1500 |
| | 303 Tcr | 45 | 13500 | | 2700 | | 900 | | 3000 | 14 | 22400 | | 6400 | | 2400 | | 4800 | | 1500 | | 300 |
| MMG | 303 Belt | 4 | 32000 | | | | | | | 12 | 96000 | 4 | 32000 | | | | | | | | |
| TSMG | .45 | 105 | 63000 | 20 | 12000 | 6 | 3600 | 70 | 42000 | 23 | 13800 | 6 | 3600 | 35 | 21000 | 39 | 23400 | 12 | 7200 | 3 | 1800 |
| OSMG | 9 mm | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rev | 380 | 58 | 1044 | 5 | 90 | 1 | | 100 | 1800 | 35 | 630 | 10 | 180 | 20 | 360 | 24 | 432 | 6 | 108 | 3 | 54 |
| A P | .55 | 14 | 3360 | | | | | | | 3 | 720 | 1 | 240 | 4 | 360 | 5 | 450 | 1 | 90 | | |
| 2" Mor | HE | 12 | 864 | 3 | 216 | 1 | 72 | 8 | 576 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 Mor | Smk | | 288 | | 72 | | 24 | | 192 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 Mor | Ill | | 72 | | 18 | | 6 | | 48 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 Mor | Red | | 24 | | 6 | | 2 | | 16 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 Mor | Green | | 24 | | 6 | | 2 | | 16 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 Mor | HE | 10 | 1260 | | | | | 2 | 252 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 Mor | Smk | | 420 | | | | | | 84 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 Pr | Tk/A | 4 | 672 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sig Pist 1" | Ill | 24 | 288 | | | | | 4 | 48 | | | | | | | 4 | 48 | 2 | 24 | | |
| " " | Red | | 96 | | | | | | 16 | | | | | | | | 16 | | 8 | | |
| " " | Green | | 96 | | | | | | 16 | | | | | | | | 16 | | 8 | | |
| 25 Pr | HE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 8 | 1152 | 4 | 576 | | |
| 25 Pr | Smk | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 128 | | 64 | | |
| " | AP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 96 | | 48 | | |
| 3.7 How | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 192 |
| 36 mm Gren | Hand | | 1116 | | 228 | | 76 | | 480 | | 212 | | 80 | | | | | | | | |
| " " | Rifle | | 288 | | 72 | | 24 | | 288 | | 120 | | 53 | | | | | | | | |

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APPENDIX "D" TO 3 AUST DIV ADM INST NO 23. MOST SECRET

GUADAGAZAL

Requirements to cover following units:- 2 Bns, 1 Sec Mtn Bty, 1 Pln MMG Coy, ASC Detachment, AAMC Detachment.

| TYPES | SCALE "A" | 4 x Scale "B" |
|---|---|---|
| 303 Bdr Chgr | 200800 | 159680 |
| 303 Ctn | 124500 | 81800 |
| 303 Tracer | 33700 | 13320 |
| 303 Belt | 96000 | 7200 |
| .45 TSMG | 132400 | 44800 |
| .380 Ref | 2196 | 2600 |
| 2 Mor HE | 1728 | 4800 |
| / 2 Mor Smk | 576 | 960 |
| X 2 Mor Ill | 144 | 576 |
| X 2 Mor Red | 48 | 96 |
| X 2 Mor Green | 48 | 96 |
| 3 Mor HE | 2520 | 3200 |
| / 3 Mor Smk | 840 | 800 |
| 1 In Ill | 576 | 192 |
| 1 In Sigred | 192 | 192 |
| 1 In Sigreen | 192 | 192 |
| 36 Gren Hand | 2312 | 4624 |
| 36 Gren Rifle | 596 | 1192 |
| 3.7 How | 192 | 240 |

APPENDIX "E" TO 3 AUST DIV ADM INST NO 23 MOST SECRET

PILIMUNG

Requirements to cover following units:- 1 Inf Bn, 1 Ind Coy, plus 4 MMG's, 1 Inf Coy, Bde HQ, Bde Sigs Sec, AASC Det, AAMC Det.

| TYPES | SCALE "A" | 4 X Scale "B" |
|---|---|---|
| 303 Bdr/Chgr | 156125 | 127292 |
| 303 Ctn | 92000 | 61200 |
| 303 Tracer | 19800 | 9120 |
| 303 Belt | 64000 | 4800 |
| .45 TSMG) | 122000 | 1400 |
| 9 MM Owen) | | 29200 |
| .380 Ref | 3438 | 3920 |
| .55 Tk/A | 3840 | 40 |
| 2 Mor HE | 1656 | 4600 |
| / 2 Mor Smk | 552 | 920 |
| X 2 Mor Ill | 138 | 552 |
| X 2 Mor Red | 46 | 96 |
| X 2 Mor Green | 46 | 96 |
| 3 Mor HE | 1512 | 1920 |
| / 3 Mor Smk | 504 | 480 |
| 1 In Ill | 336 | 120 |
| 1 In Sigred | 112 | 120 |
| 1 In Sigreen | 112 | 120 |
| 36 Gren Hand | 1824 | 5048 |
| 36 Gren Rifle | 480 | 1280 |

/ - Scale "A" only will be provided.

X - Scale "A" plus 1 refill Scale "B" only will be provided.

3 AUST DIV ADM INSTN
NO 23.

# D I S T R I B U T I O N

| UNIT | COPY NOS |
|---|---|
| 15 Aust Inf Bde | 1 - 3 |
| 17 Aust Inf Bde | 4 - 9 |
| 2/3 Aust Indep Coy | 10 |
| 24 Aust Inf Bn | 11 |
| HQ ANGAU (Markham District) | 12 - 15 |
| Comd | 16 |
| GSO 1 | 17 |
| AA & QMG | 18 |
| ADMS | 19 - 21 |
| ADOS | 22 |
| ADME | 23 |
| CRE | 24 |
| CO Sigs | 25 |
| CASC | 26 |
| HQ NGF ) for infm | 27 |
| 41 US Div ) | 28 |
| War Diary | 29 - 30 |
| File | 31 - 32 |

MOST IMPORTANT.

HQ 3 AUST DIV.

13 JUN 43.

TO ALL COMMANDING OFFICERS THIS INSTRUCTION DEALS WITH A SUBJECT THAT CLOSELY AFFECTS THE EFFICIENCY OF ALL TROOPS OF YOUR COMMAND.

"A" CIRCULAR NO. 34/43

BAROMETER : CONTROLLABLE DISEASES

1. Your attention is directed to attached barometer showing wastage due to MALARIA and DIARRHOEA and DYSENTRY.

2. MALARIA.
Within a period of 7 days a total of 111 cases of FIRST INFECTION are disclosed. This clearly indicates that anti-malarial precautions are NOT receiving proper attention.

3. DIARRHOEA & DYSENTRY
Within 14 days a total of 22 casualties were incurred from these causes. The point of onset is invariably attributable to loose handling of HYGIENIC precautions i.e. Improperly constructed latrines where efficient types can be erected; bad sanitary arrangements in forward areas; bad drainage in permanent and semi-permanent camps; dirty cookhouses.

4. It is the duty of every Commander, as his Divisional or Section Command, and including all packs between, to review his responsibilities in reducing the very high casualties, which the barometer indicates the force suffers.

5. All Commanders are directed to take immediate action as follows:-
(a) The Commanders will carefully peruse these barometers, which will be issued regularly, and will deal direct with Commanding Officers in covering action to reduce casualties.
(b) Commanding officers will examine Coys and discover in which are the greatest casualties. Suitable action will be taken with Coy Commanders.
Commanding Officers will assure themselves that a continuous educational policy covering all sub-ordinate Commanders, down to and including Section Commanders, is a policy as active as training in the maintenance of the supply of ammunition and rations.

6. You are informed that these barometers will receive the continuous personal study of the G.O.C. He will deal direct, in the first place with Brigadiers; but in cases of evident lack of control on the part of Battalion Commanders, and equivalent Commanders, such Commanders will be called upon to make a personal explanation direct to the Divisional Commander.

7. All Commanders will utilise the services of Medical personnel to the utmost in precautionary control measures.

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plus DDMS NEW GUINEA FORCE

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## DIARRHOEA & DYSENTRY By AREAS.

From 22 MAY - 5 JUN 43.

| Unit. | Total | WAU | MISSIM | NUBO | [illegible]SHINE | SKINDI MAT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2/5 Aust Inf Bn. | 3 | | | 3 | | |
| 2/6 Aust Inf Bn. | 1 | | | 1 | | |
| 2/7 Aust Inf Bn. | 5 | | | 2 | | 3 |
| 2/3 Aust Ind Coy. | 2 | | 2 | | | |
| 24 Aust Inf Bn. | 4 | | 1 | | | |
| 58/59 Aust Inf Bn | 1 | | | | 1 | |
| 17 Aust Inf Bde HQ | 2 | 2 | | | | |
| 2/2 Aust Fd Amb | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| 2/25 Aust Fd Pk. | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| 2/15 Aust Fd Coy. | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| 2/2 Aust Graves Reg. | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Total | 22 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 3 |

DETAILS OF MALARIA INCIDENCE - Week Ending 4 JUN 45.

| UNIT. | NO. CASES. | First Infection | Relapse | PROBABLE SITE OF INFECTION OF PRIMARY CASES. MUBO | MILNE BAY | BUNA | WAU | BLACK CAT | BAILAMS | MARKHAM | SUNSHINE | BULOLO | SKINDIWAI | NEW BRITAIN | MISSIM | PORT MORESBY | PARTEP &1 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2/7 Aust Inf Bn | 85 | 54 | 31 | 50 | 4 | - | - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/5 Aust Inf Bn | 26 | 10 | 16 | 6 | 2 | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 2/6 Aust Inf Bn | 21 | 11 | 10 | 5 | - | | | | | 5 | 1 | | | | | | |
| 24 Aust Inf Bn | 8 | 8 | - | 1 | | | | | | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 1 |
| 2/2 Aust Fd Amb. | 7 | 5 | 2 | | 3 | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| 15 Aust Fd Coy | 5 | 4 | 1 | | | | | | | | 5 | | | | | | |
| 3 Aust Div Sigs. | 4 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | | | | 4 | | | | | |
| 2/8 Aust Fd Coy. | 3 | - | 3 | | - | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/1 Aust Fd Regt | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Aust Mtn Bty. | 2 | - | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | - | |
| 2/14 Aust Fd Coy | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | - | |
| 156 Aust L...A. | 2 | 2 | - | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| 15 Aust Fd Amb | 3 | 3 | - | | | | | | | | 3 | | | | | | |
| 2/3 Aust Ind Coy | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | - | 1 | | |
| 1 Aust Supply Dep. | 2 | 2 | - | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | |
| 7 Aust M.G. Bn | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | | - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/2 Aust Graves Reg | 1 | 1 | - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy | 1 | 1 | - | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | |

| UNIT. | NO. CASES. | FIRST INFECTION | RELAPSE | MUBO | MILNE BAY | BUNA | WAU | BLACK CAT | BALLAMS | MARKHAM | SUNSHINE | BULOLO | SKINDIWAI | NEW BRITAIN | MISSIM | PORT MORESBY | PARTEP II | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2/16 Aust Fd Coy | 1 | - | 1 | | - | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/1 Aust M.G. Bn | 1 | 1 | - | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| U. S. Forces. | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 182 | 111 | 7 1 | 64 | 10 | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 13 | 8 | 2 | - | 1 | - | 1 | |

"A" CIRCULAR NO 32/43. MOST IMPORTANT. HQ 3 AUST DIV.
14 JUN 43.

TO ALL COMMANDING OFFICERS THIS INSTRUCTION DEALS WITH A SUBJECT THAT CLOSELY AFFECTS THE EFFICIENCY OF ALL TROOPS OF YOUR COMMAND.

## MALARIA.

1. ANOPHELINE MOSQUITOES (MALARIA TRANSMITTERS) HAVE BEEN FOUND BREEDING IN WAU, ALONG THE ROAD WAU - SUNSHINE AND IN BULOLO, BULWA and SUNSHINE AREAS.

2. MUCH BREEDING OCCURS IN WHEEL TRACKS AND DRAINS ALONG THE SIDES OF ROADS AND UNITS MUST SEE THAT ALL WATER LYING WITHIN HALF A MILE OF THEIR CAMP AREAS IS SPRAYED WITH MALARIOL ONCE WEEKLY.

3. SO MANY MEMBERS OF THE 17 AUST INF BDE SUFFER FROM MALARIA THAT THEY PROVIDE A LARGE RESERVOIR OF INFECTION FOR TRANSMISSION OF THE DISEASE AND THEREFORE IT IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT THE MOSQUITOES BE KILLED BY SPRAYING ALL DWELLINGS AT DUSK AND DAWN, AND STOPPING ALL MOSQUITO BREEDING BY OILING.

4. IN THE VARIOUS STAGING CAMPS ON THE Ls OF C, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL NATIVES ARE OUT OF THE MILITARY CAMP AREA BY SUNDOWN, AS PRACTICALLY ALL NATIVES SUFFER FROM CHRONIC MALARIA AND MOSQUITOES BITING THEM WILL TRANSMIT THE DISEASE TO THE NEXT PEOPLE BITTEN, i.e. THE SOLDIERS OCCUPYING THE CAMP.

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Wo Diary

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HQ 3 AUST DIV

15 JUN 43.

"A" Circular No. 36/43

Reference NEW GUINEA FORCE Order 151/43
Innoculation, vaccination, Blood Grouping

A return in the following form will be submitted to this HQ by 28 JUN 43.

| UNIT . | Number examined to date. | | | | | Number to be examined. | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | X-rayed | Vaccin -ation | TAB | TT | Blood Gping. | X-rayed | Vaccin -ation | TAB | TT | Blood Gping |
| | | | | | | | | | | |

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ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I

HQ 3 AUST DIV.

by

18 JUN 43.

MAJ-GEN S G SAVIGE

COMD 3 AUST DIV.

Nos 201 - 215

"G"

201. Despatch of Signals and Correspondence.

1. In future all packages for DRLS whether to be carried by air or NOT will be endorsed DRLS and franked by an officer. To enable registration in Signal Offices, all packages will show a reference numbering on the covering envelope. The terms AIS and ELS are obsolete.

2. Packages NOT to be despatched DRLS may be cleared, according to franking, by one of the following means:-

(a) SAFE HAND - Through GS.
(b) DIRECT BAG - Through Army posts by Express means.
(c) NORMAL POSTAL SERVICE - Through Army posts (by surface means between NGF and Mainland)

202. Census of RAE Stores Held.

1. A return is required showing all RAE Stores held by Units inside Josephoid, this area to include SUNSHINE SUMMIT, POWER HOUSE, and to exclude EDIE CREEK.

2. Return will be forwarded in accordance with following pro-forma and will show stores held as at 23 JUN 43. Completed Return will be forwarded to reach this HQ by 28 JUN 43, to include WET holding.

| TYPE OF STORE | NO. HELD | CONDITION |
|---|---|---|
| Picks | | |
| Shovels | | |
| Mattocks | | |
| Axes | | |
| Spalling Hammers | | |
| Scrub Cutters (incl Machetes) | | |
| Saws Cross Cut | | |
| Adzes | | |
| Barrows | | |
| Forks. | | |

203. Engineering Cadetships.

Attention is directed to GRO 424 for information and action where necessary.

LT.COL.,
GS 3 AUST DIV.

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204. Census of Officers

1. A complete check of the postings and whereabouts of all officers in the AMF is being undertaken and a means of obtaining the requisite information has been devised per medium of the AAF 3008 which is to be rendered on 26 JUN 43.
2. Printed instructions for the compilation on this ONE occasion have been issued to each unit. If not received advise to that effect will be forwarded immediately to this HQ by signal message.

205. Removed.

206. Return of Personnel for Chiropodists.

A return will be submitted to this HQ by 30 JUN of all personnel who hold chiropodists certificates.

207. Armourers

Units will submit a return (nil if applicable) showing personnel who have attended schools of training for Armourers and are not posted against W.E. as Armourers.

208. Control of Flies.

"Tanglefoot", for the preparation of fly paper is available at MDS WAU. Units requiring this, will forward their requests with a bottle to M.D.S.

209. Employment of Natives.

Fresh fruit and vegetables supplied from ANGAU and Natives eaten raw, i.e. Lettuce, radishes, unskinned fruit should be well washed in kitchens before being given to troops.
Units employing natives in Unit areas will ensure that a native latrine is provided and used, otherwise their area will be fouled and there will be a risk of spread of hookworm infection and dysentry. Particular supervision will be made of cleanliness of natives used around kitchens.
All natives employed in Unit areas should return to their compound well away from unit areas not later than dusk (1800 hrs).

210. Issue of Toilet Paper.

Stocks of Toilet Paper are in short supply, and until further notice issues are restricted on the following basis:-

2 rolls (500 sheets) per 200 men per day.

211. Misuse of Blankets

3 Aust Div R.O. 186 para (3) is amended.
The restriction on use of Blankets for BUSH BEDS does not apply to Medical Posts.

212. Clothing Ration Coupons

Ref GRO F422/43
Units that have not requisitioned as yet upon 3 Aust Div Field Cash Office for Clothing Ration Coupons are requested to do so immediately, Coupons now being available.

213. Vegetables and Coffee from Native Gardens WAU.

NO vegetables or coffee will be issued by O.C. Garden WAU to any personnel unless in possession of an authority signed by any of the following.

| | |
|---|---|
| CASC | Lt-Col P. McLEAN |
| S.Sup.O. | Maj. J.R.ELLERY |
| OC DID WAU | Lieut G.H.CARTER |

214 Periodical Inspection of M.T. and Technical Equipment.

Owing to excessive deterioration of certain items of technical equipment under New Guinea climatic conditions, it is proposed to institute a periodical technical inspection of equipment held by Units. These inspections will also establish responsibility for misuse, deterioration or damage to equipment in order that disciplinary action may be taken.

214. (cont)

2. ADME 3 Aust Div will arrange inspection as follows
   (a) MT at monthly intervals.
   (b) Other equipment every second month.
   For the purpose of the inspection, Ordnance depots will be considered as units.
3. It is NOT intended that a 100% check of all equipment be made at any one time, but ADME will ensure that a most comprehensive check as possible is made with time and technical staff available.
   Before ordering an inspection ADME will consider the operational or training commitments of the Unit, and where possible arrange inspections at times and places least likely to interfere with Unit operations or routine.
4. ADME or his delegate will notify units of proposal to inspect MT and equipment. Notice will NOT exceed three days.

215. Attention is directed to the following GROs for information and action where necessary:- A427, A428, A429, 0430, 0431, 0443, and F435.

LT.COL.
AA & QMG 3 AUST DIV.

NOTICE.

Church of England Services - BULCLO
HQ 3 AUST DIV - General Service - 0900 hrs - 20 JUN 43
Holy Communion - 0945 hrs - " "
YMCA BULCLO - General Service - 1600 hrs - 20 JUN 43
Holy Communion - 0900 hrs - 21 JUN 43.

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REDUCTION OF NCO TO THE RANKS

By virtue of the powers conferred by AMR & O 219 G.O.C. 3 AUST DIV reduced VP6947 Sgt H.H.BLUNDELL HQ 3 Aust Div to the ranks as from 17 JUN 43.

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SECRET

HQ 3 AUST DIV
20 JUN 43
REF NO Q43/175

SUBJECT : NATIVE CARRIERS REQUIRED TO SUPPLY FORCES PILIMUNG AND GUADAGAZAL AREAS

HQ NEW GUINEA FORCE

1. In reply to your Signal Q4704/19, the following information is submitted.

Carrier Loads required DAILY

| Serial | Location | Commodity | Boy loads Daily | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. MUBO L of C | GUADAGAZAL | 1600 European Rations<br>900 Native "<br>Amn (1 Refill Scale B)<br>Medical Maintenance<br>Unit Stores - Sig Maintenance<br>Misc Stores, Mail etc<br>Ordnance Maintenance<br>TOTAL to GUADAGAZEL | 200<br>90<br>830<br>4<br>20<br>6<br>1150 | 40 lbs gross per boy load MUBO L of C. |
| 2. | SKINDEWAI | 380 European Rations<br>TOTAL to SKINDEWAI | 50<br>50 | |
| 3. MISSIM L OF C | PILIMUNG | 1300 European Rations<br>700 Native "<br>Amn (1 Refill Scale B)<br>Medical Maintenance<br>Unit Stores, Sig Maintenance)<br>Misc Stores Mail etc )<br>Ordnance Maintenance<br>TOTAL to PILIMUNG | 217<br>93<br>560<br>4<br>20<br>6<br>900 | 30 lbs gross per boy load MISSIM L OF C |
| 4. | HEAD BAIUNE | 10 European Rations | 2 | |
| 5. | BRANCH CK | 10 European Rations<br>TOTAL to HEAD BAIUNE BRANCH CK | 2<br>4 | |

2. To deliver these commodities the following [illegible] natives are require and would have to be distributed as follows:-

MUBO L OF C

| Serial | Location | NATIVES REQUIRED & ALLOTMENT | | | TOTAL | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Carriers | % allowed for sick | Required to carry Ratns for natives fwd | | |
| 1. | SKINDEWAI | 2300 | 300 | | 2600 | The track fr SKINDEWAI to GUADAGAZAL is most diffic and natives c only carry every second day thus the number of |

MUBO L OF C (contd)

NATIVES REQUIRED & ALLOTMENT

| SERIAL | LOCATION | Carriers | % allowed for sick | Required to carry rtns for natives fwd | TOTAL | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | natives must be double the loads required |
| 2 | SUMMIT | 1200 | 200 | 260 | 1660 | Each station must have sufficient natives to carry rations to the natives at the station immediately forward |

In order to adequately maintain and control this labour the following additional personnel will be required -

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| NATIVE | Boss Boys | 80 |
| | Native Cooks | 100 |
| | Hospital Orderlies | 10 |
| | Camp Details for Sanitation etc | 80 |
| | TOTAL | 270 |
| EUROPEAN | Medical Officers | 2 |
| | Medical Assistants | 8 |
| | Overseers | 40 |
| | TOTAL | 50 |

TOTAL REQUIREMENTS MUBO L OF C

| | |
|---|---|
| Native Carriers | 4260 |
| Bossboys etc | 270 |
| | 4530 |
| European Staff | 50 |

MISSIM L OF C

NATIVES REQUIRED AND ALLOTMENT

| Serial | Location | Carriers | % allowed for sick | Required to maintain natives fwd | Total | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | PILIMUNG | 900 | 120 | 136 | 1156 | PILIMUNG and HEAD BAIUNE lines meet at a halfway point and exchange loads, hence equal number of carriers must be at HEAD BAIUNE and PILIMUNG |
| 2. | HEAD BAIUNE | 900 | 120 | 136 | 1156 | |
| 3. | BRANCH CREEK | 1806 | 250 | 306 | 2362 | The track BRANCH CK to BAIUNE is over a 9000 ft feature and carriers can only work every second d |
| 4. | POWER HOUSE | 904 | 120 | 596 | 1820 | |
| | | | | TOTAL | 6294 | |

The following personnel will be required to maintain and control this labour -

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| NATIVE | Bossboys | 100 |
| | Cooks | 150 |
| | Hosp. Staff | 100 |
| | Camp Details and Sanitation | 300 |
| | | 650 |
| EUROPEANS | Med. Officer | 2 |
| | Med Assistants | 10 |
| | Overseers | 50 |
| | | 62 |

TOTAL REQUIREMENTS MISSIM L OF C

| | |
|---|---|
| Native Carriers | 6294 |
| Bossboys etc | 270 |
| | 6564 |
| EUROPEANS | 62 |

3. FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

(a) Track Maintenance - existing tracks could not cope with the additional traffic and additional tracks would have to be cut - this would take a varying degree of time according to the labor available. Natives listed as required for ammunition duties could perform this work when not required for ammunition carrying.

(b) Time and Space
If allowance is made for 15 minutes to load each 100 boys and an average marching time of 1 mile per hour at an density of 880 boys per mile, the time taken for each line to complete its daily task would be such as to delay the return of the last carriers to the extent that they would not be able to return to their base in daylight.

(c) Native Accomodation
To provide accomodation for such natives at their various bases would be an immense task as the nature of the ground is such that buildings are difficult to construct and all materials required less the frame work would have to be carried on to the site. These large concentration of buildings would constitute an easy target for enemy aircraft with the resultant desertions by the natives. Enemy bombing and strafing 20 Jun has resulted in mass desertion of all natives based on GUADAGAZAL.

(d) Medical Evacuations
Provision must be made for backloading of Medical cases with the consequent deterioration in the efficiency of the native carriers or special provision for additional lines for this purpose.

(e) Period Required to Implement the Plan
It is the considered opinion of the ADML that if the natives were available it would take a considerable time to organize and put the plan into effect.

(f) No details are given of hospitalization and equipping of the natives nor possible further commitments on MARKHAM L OF C.

4. SUMMARY Required for full maintenance

| | |
|---|---|
| (i) KUMO L OF C incl 900 fwd | 5430 |
| (ii) MISSIM L of C " 700 " | 7064 |
| | 12494 |

Present natives available to KUMO - MISSIM L of C incl approx 200 under contract for road work and only availabl for carrying in an emergency 2393

Balance required 10101

5. CONCLUSION - In view of the above it is obvious that this Force cannot be internally maintained by native labour.

(sgd) S.S SAVIGE
MAJ-GEN
COMD 3 AUST DIV

A CIRCULAR NO 37/43

HQ 3 AUST DIV
20 JUNE 43

GENEVA CONVENTION

1 The attention of all commanders is drawn to the necessity of ensuring that the terms of the Geneva Convention of 1929 are observed exactly to the limit of their resources.
This obligation will be impressed upon all ranks as the Convention was ratified by Australia on 23 JUN 31, and,
(a) That as signatories to the Convention it is incumbent upon us to carry out the obligations we have accepted under it, irrespective of the behaviour of the enemy.
(b) That only by strict performance of our obligations towards the enemy can we expect him to reciprocate in notifying particulars of our dead and prisoners in our hands.

2 The relevant Articles are here reproduced.
" Chapter 1.
Art 1. Officers and soldiers and other persons attached to the armed forces who are wounded and sick shall be respected and protected in all circumstances; they shall be treated with humanity and cared for medically, without distinction of nationality, by the belligerent in whose power they may be.
Nevertheless, the belligerent who is compelled to abandon wounded or sick to the enemy shall, as far as military exigencies permit, leave them with a portion of his medical personnel and material to help with their treatment.
Art 3 & 4. Already dealt with in NGF Circ No 5 of 14 MAR 43.

Chapter II.
Art 6. Mobile medical formations, that is to say, those which are intended to accompany armies in the field, and the fixed establishments of the medical service shall be respected and protected by the belligerents.
Art 7. The protection to which medical formations and establishments are entitled shall cease if they are made use of to commit acts harmful to the enemy.
Art 8. The following conditions are not considered to be of such a nature as to deprive a medical formation or establishment of the protection guaranteed by Article 6:-
(i) that the personnel of the formation or establishment is armed, and that they use the arms in their defence or in that of the sick and wounded in charge.

(ii) That in the absence of armed orderlies the formation or establishment is protected by a picquet or by sentries.
(iii) that small arms and ammunition taken from the wounded and sick, which have not yet been transferred to the proper service, are found in the formation or establishment.
(iv) That personnel and material of the veterinary service are found in the formation or establishment, without forming an integral part of the same.

Chapter III
Art 9. The personnel engaged exclusively in the collection, Transport and treatment of the wounded and sick, and in the administration of medical formations and establishments, and chaplains attached to armies, shall be protected and respected under all circumstances. If they fall into the hands of the enemy they shall not be treated as prisoners of war.
Soldiers specially trained to be employed, in the case of necessity as auxiliary nurses or stretcher bearers for the collection, transport, treatment of the wounded and sick, and furnished with a proof of identity, shall enjoy the same treatment as the permanent medical personnel if they are taken prisoners while carrying out these funations.

Distribution List B.

[signature] LT-COL
AA & QMG 3 AUST DIV

# AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — NEW GUINEA FORCE

DAQMG

Headquarters

Preliminary Report on Damage to 2/46 LAD during air attack 1200K/20.

SHEDS. 2 MAJOR.
4 MINOR.

MAJOR = BADLY DAMAGED

W.C. Destroyed.

MINOR = slightly DAMAGED

1 15 cwt utility major

1 3 ton truck minor

1 truck ¼ ton major

5 minor

Trailers 1 Major
2 Minor

Charge sets 3 Minor

Btys. 4 Major

1 .45 Pistol 1 Minor

Tyres and Tubes 12 Major
6 Minor

Quantity of personal eqpt and portion of workshop damaged.

Stephens Capt

DISTRIBUTION
DAQMG
HOME.

MOST IMPORTANT.

TO ALL COMMANDING OFFICERS THIS INSTRUCTION DEALS WITH A SUBJECT THAT CLOSELY AFFECTS THE EFFICIENCY OF ALL TROOPS UNDER YOUR COMMAND.

"A" CIRCULAR NO 39/43

HQ 3 AUST DIV.

MALARIA CONTROL. 21 JUN 43.

1. REMEMBER - MALARIA IS NOT INEVITABLE IN ANY AREA

2. IT IS ONLY BY THE CO-OPERATION OF ALL OFFICERS AND MEN AT ALL TIMES AND IN ALL PLACES THAT ORDERS AS ISSUED CAN BE MADE EFFECTIVE.

3. AS AN INDICATION OF THE MALARIAL INCIDENCE:-

CASES IN 3 AUST DIV AREA FOR THE WEEK ENDING 7 MAY 43 - 49

CASES IN 3 AUST DIV AREA FOR THE WEEK ENDING 4 JUN 43 - 182

4. OVER THE PAST 7 WEEKS THE PROBABLE AREAS WHERE TROOPS RECEIVED THEIR FIRST INFECTION WITH MALARIA WERE AS FOLLOWS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| MUBO AREA | - | 147 |
| SUNSHINE | - | 35 |
| MARKHAM | - | 29 |
| BULOLO | - | 25 |
| WAU AREA | - | 16 |
| SKINDIWAI | - | 5 |
| BALLAMS | - | 3 |
| HISSIM | - | I |
| PARTEP II | - | 1 |

5. ATTENTION IS AGAIN DRAWN TO 3 AUST DIV A CIRC NO 34/43.

LT.COL.
AA & QMG 3 AUST DIV.

IV

MOST IMPORTANT

TO ALL COMMANDING OFFICERS THIS INSTRUCTION DEALS WITH A SUBJECT THAT CLOSELY AFFECTS THE EFFICIENCY OF ALL TROOPS UNDER YOUR COMMAND.

"A" CIRCULAR NO. 38/43

HQ 3 AUST DIV.

BAROMETER CONTROLLABLE DISEASES

21 JUN 43.

1. FURTHER TO 3 AUST DIV A CIRCULAR NO 34/43 of 13 JUN 43 ATTACHED HERETO IS FURTHER BAROMETER SHOWING WASTAGE DUE TO MALARIA.

2. IT WILL BE NOTED THAT OF A TOTAL OF 165 CASES 104 ARE FIRST INFECTIONS OF WHICH ALL BUT 10 ORIGINATED IN THIS AREA.

LT.COL.
AA & QMG 3 AUST DIV.

## DETAILS OF MALARIA INCIDENCE - Week ending 11 JUN 43.

| UNIT | NO OF CASES | PRIMARY | RELAPSE | PROBABLE SITE OF INFECTION OF PRIMARY CASES | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | MUBO | MARKHAM VAU | SUNSHINE | BULOLO | BULWA | MISSIM | GUADA-CASAL | MILNE BAY | PORT MORESBY | | |
| 2/2 Aust Fd Amb | 7 | 3 | 4 | | | | | | | | 3 | | | |
| 2/9 " Gen Hosp | 1 | 1 | - | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| 2/2 " Graves Reg. | 1 | - | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A.W.W. Coy L of C | 1 | 1 | - | | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| 3 Aust Div Wkshops | 1 | 1 | - | | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| HQ 3 Aust Div | 3 | 3 | - | 1 | | | | 2 | | | | | | |
| 13 D & E Platoon | 1 | 1 | - | | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| 3 Aust Div Sigs | 6 | 5 | 1 | | | | | 5 | | | | | | |
| 3 Aust Div Postal Unit | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde | 3 | 3 | | | | | 2 | | | | 1 | | | |
| NG L of C Sigs | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| 'K' Sect Sigs | 1 | - | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| US Forces 477 Engrs | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL. | 165 | 104 | 61 | 25 | 4 | 12 | 30 | 13 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 3 | |

DETAILS OF MALARIA INCIDENCE - Week ending 11 JUN 43.

| UNIT | N.O. OF CASES. | 1st INFECTION | RELAPSE | PROBABLE SITE OF INFECTION OF PRIMARY CASES | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | MUBO | MARKHAM | WAU | SUNSHINE | BULOLO | BULWA | MISSIM | GUAD AGASAL | MILNE BAY | PORT MORESBY |
| 2/5 Aust Inf Bn. | 12 | 4 | 8 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | 2 | |
| 2/6 Aust Inf Bn. | 13 | 3 | 10 | - | 3 | | | | | | | | |
| 2/7 Aust Inf Bn. | 40 | 18 | 22 | 18 | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 Aust Inf Bn | 22 | 22 | | 1 | | | 21 | | | | | | |
| 58/59 Aust Inf Bn. | 3 | 3 | | | | | | | 2 | | | | 1 |
| 2/3 Aus t Ind Coy | 7 | 7 | | | | | | | | 7 | | | |
| 2/7 Aust Ind Coy. | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/8 Aust Fd Coy | 5 | - | 5 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/14 " Fd Coy | 4 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/16 " Fd Coy | 6 | 2 | 4 | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 " Fd Coy | 9 | 9 | | | | | 9 | | | | | 1 | |
| 2/1 Fd Regt | 5 | 3 | 2 | | | 3 | | | | | | | |
| 2/25 Aust Fd Pk | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| 2/1 Aust M.G.Bn | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 " M.G.Bn | 2 | 2 | - | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| 156 " L.A.A.Bty | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| 152 " Gen Tpt Coy | 3 | 3 | | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| 2 " Coy AASC | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | | 2 | |

40

HQ 3 AUST DIV
24 JUN 43

## "Q" CIRCULAR NO 1:

## REQUISITION FOR NATIVE LABOUR

1. Units requiring use of native labour will in future make requisition to HQ 3 Aust Div, or Unit authorized to allot native labour as applicable, in accordance with pro forma as sub-tended.

2. Units already holding native labour on semi permanent allotment will resubmit requisitions for the use of the natives. If requisitions are NOT received by 30 JUN 43, it will be considered that labour is NOT required and will be withdrawn accordingly.

3. Natives allotted will be collected from nearest native labour compound unless otherwise informed. If the place of work is more than one hrs walk from the compound, Transport must be made available for their conveyance.

4. Units will ensure that unit representatives are at the location of work in order that no time may be lost in the performance of the task.

5. Requisitions to be forwarded in duplicate to authorizing unit as applicable.

Authorizing Units are -

| | |
|---|---|
| a. for WAU BULOLO AREA | HQ 3 AUST DIV |
| b. for MUBO L OF C | HQ 17 Bde |
| c. for MISSIM L OF C | HQ 15 Bde |
| d. for MARKHAM L OF C | 24 Aust Inf Bn. |

LT-COL
AA & QMG 3 AUST DIV

DISTRIBUTION
LIST "B"
Plus MARILINAN Force
Less N.G.F.

APPENDIX "A"

## REQUISITION FOR USE OF NATIVE LABOUR

| No of Natives Required | Date Reqd | Period reqd for | Nature of task | Location of task | Estimated Man hours |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | |

..... Name & rank
..... Unit
..... Unit

EOL 5/1/6

AQ. 2al

MESSAGE FORM

TO - All UNITS as per DISTRIBUTION LIST B

FROM - 3 AUST DIV Q1079 24

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SECRET (.) owing to present air position the supply of petrol or inflammable articles will be limited until further notice (.) the following restrictions will forthwith apply to all units maintenanced by 3 AUST DIV (.) movement of ANY vehicle between WAU and BULOLO and WAU EDIE CREEK will only be permitted by personal written authority of G1 AA & QMG DAQMG 3 Aust Div CRE CO Sigs CASC or Town Major WAU and in the case of EDIE CREEK CRE 11 AUST DIV (.) this authority cannot be delegated (.) the only exceptions to this restriction are ambulances proceeding on EMERGENCY DUTIES (.) routes WAU - KAISENIK and BULOLO - SUNSHINE will continue to operate under existing instructions i.e. pass signed by an Officer (.) every issue of petrol in bulk must be requisitioned for in writing by CO of unit demanding and must be authorised in writing by senior AASC officer at PP or DID (.) transport of bulk petrol is prohibited unless personal written authority of AA & QMG or CASC carried (.) WAU units apply to Town Major for these passes (.) no kerosene or oil shall be used for any but essential purposes its use for frigidaires (ambulance excluded) vehicle cleaning excessive lighting unessential primus stoves etc will cease forthwith (.) the cooperation of all Units and all RANKS is desired to reduce consumption (.) officers will personally EXPLAIN position to all O.Rs (.) ACK (.) all informed

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This message must be sent in cypher if liable to interception or to fall into enemy hands

ORIG's Degree of Priority

Important

T.O.O.

1245

Galvin Lt Col .....

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ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I

H Q 3 AUST DIV
25 JUNE 43

BY

MAJ-GEN S G SAVIGE

COMD 3 AUST DIV

Nos [illegible]

"G"

216.
SIGNAL MESSAGES

1. Messages for transmission by telegraph, either line or wireless through signal channels, will be typed or written legibly. Only such abbreviations as are authoris ed in pamphlets of FSPB and ATM 14 will be used.

2. Unauthorised abbreviations are a source of delays and curruptions in signal transmission and will NOT be used.

217
CARTRIDGES, SIGNAL & ILLUMINATING 1"

Attention is directed to GRO G439, for infm and action where necessary.

218
RIFLES.303" BRIGHT MUZZLES

Attention is directed to GRO 3440. for infm and action where necessary.

LT-COL
GS 3 AUST DIV

"AQ"

219
DISTINGUISHING COLOUR PATCHES

1. Before troops get into contact with the enemy, Commanders will ensure that colour patches are removed and left behind.

2. Colour patches will, however, be worn by all units on all other occasions.

220
DISTINCTIVE EMBLEM OF MEDICAL INSTALLATIONS

1. Distinctive emblems as described in the Geneva Convention Chapter 3. Art 22 i.e. a Red Cross, will NOT be exhibited by any Medical Unit in 3 AUST DIV Area.

2. Small signs directing, i.e. vertical signs, displaying the emblem may be used.

221
TREATMENT OF NATIVES

Units will ensure that included in instructions to troops on treatment of natives is the value placed by natives on their pigs. On no account will any pig, even if apparently wild, be shot or molested in any way.

222
CHIROPODISTS DEFICITS ON ESTABLISHMENT

Units who have a Chiropodist deficient on establishment will notify this HQ, whom efforts to supply this deficiency will be made.

223
SKIN CONDITIONS

Commanding Officers will ensure that all ranks are inspected weekly by the RMO or medical orderly to endeavour to check the incidence of skin conditions. Steps will be taken to provide the maximum of ablution facilities and to ensure that they are used by all personnel.

224
TAG FOR RETURNED TYRES - AAF G 155

Attention is directed to GRO 0452 for infm and action where necessary. Note: AAF's G155 have been indented for from Stationery Office, by CAEME to cover all requirements.

225

Attention is directed to GRO's 0434, A441, A442, A443, A444, A445, A446, 0448, 0449, 0451, 0450, for infm and action where necessary.

Attention is directed to NGF Orders A248, A249, A250, Q251, Q252 and Q253, for infm and action where necessary.

LT-COL
AA & QMG AUST DIV

NOTICE

SMG THOMPSON No S327409 with magazine without sling, has been found by Driver, 152 Aust G T Coy, Ballamis Rd 18 JUN, and returned to 102 Fd Ord Depot.

War Diary

DOUBLET

MOST SECRET
HQ 3 AUST DIV
24 JUN 43

REF NO Q43/375

SUBJECT - RESERVE HOLDINGS NASSAU BAY

H.Q. N.G.F

Reference NGF Q1034 of 15 JUN 43, it is desired to submit the following for consideration in regard to the reserve to be laid down at NASSAU BAY:-

1. It is noted that it is the responsibility of 3 Aust Div to carry supplies forward from NASSAU BAY.
With reference to this it is desired to point out that preliminary reconnaissance of this area has indicated that it is possible to drive jeep and trailer for some considerable distance and in fact the provision of a track capable of taking vehicles and/or guns is a contributing factor to the success of the operation.
Therefore it is considered that to obtain access to these stores it is necessary for say, 4 jeeps and trailers complete with drivers and relief drivers to be landed with the reserves. This would enable the reserves to be rapidly ferried to Jeephead. It is understood that the Eng Coy with equipment landing as part of McKECHNIE FORCE could reach THE JUNCTION (ref MUBO 1:25000 745847) by approximately D plus 14.

2. With reference to the reserves to be laid down in the first instance it is recommended that -

   (a) these be increased to cover Ordnance and R.E. vide attached list (Ord list is amended slightly from list previously submitted). In addition POL would be required for the vehicles requested.

   (b) The party provided at NASSAU BAY by MORESBY BASE AREA contain sufficient loaders etc to handle the supplies on to jeeps and trailers.

   (c) the supplies as brought in be made up in boy packs of 40 lbs gross weight insofar as practicable. Stores which cannot be broken down to 40 lbs should be made up in 2 boy packs not exceeding 80 lbs gross weight.

3. It is the intention of this HQ to send a "Q" Liaison Officer Capt W. PATERSON HQ 3 AUST DIV to contact NASSAU BAY SUB AREA personnel and arrange for the onward movement of supplies. This officer will have under command a/ small maintenance party comprising Ord, AASC, AALC Prov and general duty personnel to establish and control a dump of stores at Jeephead.

4. In order to enable adequate planning to be undertaken by this HQ urgent advice is requested on the following points -

(a) at what period of operation is it proposed to commence landing Aust Stores.

(b) will the stores be landed as one operation or will they be built up over a period of days.

(c) may the name and rank of the Officer who will be in charge of all Aust Stores when landed on the beach be advised please.

5. The placing of these reserves at NASSAU BAY can materially affect the planned operations if 3 Aust Div can obtain access to them at the right place within a reasonable time, say by D plus 5. Owing to the shortage of carriers, it is considered to be NOT practicable to move these reserves forward early enough in sufficient quantities without MT, therefore, in this regard, if limitations of shipping restrict the amount of reserves to be moved in the early stages, it is recommended that at least 2 jeeps and trailers be given equal priority with other stores for first landing.

6. The importance of these stores reaching the JUNCTION area as indicated is illustrated by the following carrier times from that area to the areas indicated -

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| From JUNCTION to - | LABABIA OP | 4 hrs | |
| " | - SADDLE | 6 hrs | |
| " | - SADDLE via native pad SOUTH side of BUYAWIM River | 10 hrs | Emergency Route Track Overgrown |
| " | - MAT MAT via SADDLE | 8 hrs | |
| " | - MAT MAT via LABABIA OP | 7 hrs | |
| " | - GREEN HILL via LABABIA OP | 7 hrs | |

Therefore with the carriers now based on GUADAGASAL supplemente by a number withdrawn from SUMMIT-SKINDEWAI, a large portion of the maintenance of the MUBO FORCE could be effected with little or no commitment of dropping planes.

7. The aspect of medical evacuations via the above route will be the subject of separate correspondence.

DISTRIBUTION

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 17 Aust Inf Bde | | "Q" | |
| 15 Aust Inf Bde | | ADMS | X |
| RAE 3 Aust Div | | ADOS | |
| HQ Comd AASC | X | ADME | X |
| 41 US Div | X | File | |
| ANGAU | X | War Diary | X No appendices |

MAJ-GEN
COMD 3 AUST DIV

## APPENDIX "A" to 3 AUST DIV Q43/575 of 23 JUN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ANVILS, Blacksmiths | | 2 | only |
| Forges " | | 2 | |
| Pools " | Complete Sets | 2 | |
| | | | |
| Clouts | Tons | ½ | |
| Hammers Claw | | 20 | only |
| " Sledge | | 20 | " |
| Nails assorted | Tons | 3 | " |
| Saws, Hand | | 10 | " |
| " Crosscut | | 20 | " |
| Stones, Grind | | 2 | " |
| Tools Carpenters | Sets | 10 | |
| | | | |
| Adzes | | 50 | only |
| Axes Broad | | 12 | " |
| " Felling | | 100 | " |
| " Handles, spare | | 50 | " |
| Bars Crow | | 30 | " |
| " Pinch | | 6 | " |
| Hooks, Bill | | 50 | " |
| Machettes | | 50 | " |
| Mauls, Wedges | | 50 | " |
| Mattocks | | 200 | " |
| Picks | | 500 | " |
| " Helves Spare | | 200 | " |
| Shovels | | 1000 | " |
| | | | |
| Cordage 1 - 1" | Coils | 2 | |
| " 2 - ½" | " | 2 | |
| S.W.P. ½" | Ft | 5000 | |
| Clips, Bulldog ½" | | 200 | only |
| | | | |
| Sandbags | Bales of 1000 | 20 | |
| | | | |
| Hessian | Bales | 3 | |
| Sisalcraft | Rolls | 100 | |
| Wire, Flyproof | " | 20 | |
| | | | |
| Drums, Oil, Empty (Water Storage) | | 50 | only |
| Pumps, Mobile Powered | | 4 | " |
| Tanks, Canvas | | 8 | " |
| | | | |
| EXPLOSIVES - Standard | tons | 3 | |
| Switches, | Pressure | 500 | " |
| " | Pull | 500 | " |
| " | Murray | 500 | " |
| Paint, camouflage - assorted colours, | Galls | 60 | |
| | Weight - | 45 | TONS |
| Barbed Wire | | 8 | tons ) |
| Pickets long | | 850 | only ) |
| " Short | | 1800 | " ) 35 Tons |
| Wire Dannery Concertina | | 150 | Coils ) additional |
| Pickets 8 Ft | | 150 | only ) |
| Drivers Pick | | 10 | " ) |
| Bars Windlassing | | 20 | " ) |

TOTAL WEIGHT - 80 TONS

MOST SECRET)

APPENDIX B to S Aust Div Q43/375 of 23 JUN 43

CONTROLLED STORES

| Serial No | Item | Qty | Weight T. | C. | Q. | lbs. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 501 | Dischargers Grenade Rifle | 10) | | | | |
| 502 | Pistols Revolver No 1-.450 S&W | 4) | | 1 | - | - |
| 505 | " Signal | 10) | | | | |
| 511 | Rifles No 5 Mk 1Z T. | 4) | | | | |
| 528 | Guns Machine Vickers COMPLETE | 6 | | 4 | - | 20 |
| 521 | Guns Machine Bren COMPLETE | 8 | | 4 | 1 | 20 |
| 522 | " " " Barrels Spare | 8 | | | 1 | 20 |
| 533 | Magazines Bren Spare | 100 | | | 1 | - |
| 557 | SMG Thompson COMPLETE w/mags | 30 | | 5 | 1 | 12 |
| 558 | " " Magazines SPARE | 50 | | | 1 | - |
| 559 | Wallets Bren SPARE | 8 | | | 1 | - |
| 572) | Ordnance M.L. 3" Mortar complete | | | | | |
| 574) | with Mtgs | 2 | | 2 | 2 | - |
| 573 | Ordnance M.L. 2" Mortar | 4 | | 2 | - | - |
| 894 | Binoculars Prismatic No 2 Mk 11 | 12 | | | | 8 |
| 988 | Compasses Prismatic Liquid | 4) | | | | 4 |
| 989 | " " Mk 1Z | 4) | | | | 4 |
| | (whichever available - 8 in all) | | | | | |
| 1201 | Cable Electric D.3. Miles | 10 | | 5 | - | - |
| | " Assault - Miles | 50 | | 2 | - | 20 |
| 1224 | Telephones D Mk V | 12 | | | 2 | - |
| 1244 | Wireless Sets No 108 | 2 | | | 2 | - |
| 1247 | " " 208 | 2 | | | 2 | |
| | TOTAL | | 1 | 9 | 1 | 24 |
| SEC A.1. | | | | | | |
| | Bottles Water | 250 | | 2 | | 20 |
| | " " Corks Spare | 250 | | | | 5 |
| SEC B.2. | | | | | | |
| | Flannelette yds | 2000 | | | 2 | 20 |
| SEC H.1. | | | | | | |
| | Dubbin 2oz tins | 1500 | | 1 | 3 | |
| | Oil "A" pints | 800 | | 6 | 3 | 24 |
| SEC H.2. | | | | | | |
| | Cordage Manilla 1½ in Fathoms | 135 | | | 1 | 24 |
| SEC J.1. | | | | | | |
| | Machettes | 100 | | 1 | 1 | |
| | Axes Felling | 6 | | | 1 | |
| | " " Handles Spare | 20 | | | 1 | |
| | Sheets Ground | 250 | | 7 | 3 | 7 |
| | Tents 2 man Complete | 200 | | 18 | | |
| | " Mosquito & Sandfly proof | 500 | 1 | 7 | - | - |
| SEC K. | | | | | | |
| | Blankets G.S. | 500 | 1 | | | 10 |
| | Lamps Hurricane | 50 | | 1 | | 13 |
| | Sprays fly hand | 50 | | | 2 | |
| | Stretchers Ambulance Mk 11 | 50 | | 15 | 3 | 15 |
| SEC W.2. | | | | | | |
| | Batteries dry Lamp Electric spare | 250 | | | | |
| | " " Wireless Spare 1.5v | 6 | | | | |
| | " " " " 45 v | 12 | | | | |
| | " " " " "Y" Mk 11 | 6 | | | 1 | 24 |
| | " " " " 1.5/99v | 6 | | | | |

see over

| | | Qty | T | C | Q | lbs |
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| Bulbs 2.5v "O" | | 12 | | | | |
| " 3.5 v "P" | | 12 | | | | |
| Cells Dry "Z" | | 50 | | | | |
| Lamps Electric | | 20 | | | | |
| Tape Insulating ¾" | lbs | 20 | | | | |
| **SEC Z.1.** | | | | | | |
| Valves W.T. 1 A7GT | | 9 | | | | |
| 1 D3GT | | 9 | | | | |
| 1 P5GT | | 12 | | | 1 | - |
| 1 R5GT | | 6 | | | | |
| 1 Q5GT | | 12 | | | | |
| **SEC Clo 1.** | | | | | | |
| Hats, Khaki Fur | | 250 | | | 3 | |
| **SEC Clo 6** | | | | | | |
| Boots A.B. Universal STUDDED | prs | 500 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 8 |
| Gaiters American | prs | 500 | | 3 | 1 | 6 |
| " " Laces spare | prs | 1000 | | | | |
| Laces boot leather spare | prs | 1500 | | | 3 | |
| Nails Hob | lbs | 20 | | | | 20 |
| **SEC CLO 4** | | | | | | |
| Shirts jungle green | | 500 | | 5 | | |
| Trousers " " | | 500 | | 6 | 2 | 7 |
| **SEC CLO 8** | | | | | | |
| Dressings field | | 600 | | | 3 | 12 |
| Gloves Mosquito | prs | 1600 | | 3 | 2 | |
| Knives clasp | | 100 | | | 2 | |
| Socks worsted | prs | 3000 | | 8 | | 16 |
| Viels mosquito | | 1600 | | 3 | 2 | - |
| TOTAL | | | 8 | 5 | 1 | 8 |
| Plus Controlled Stores | | | 1 | 9 | 1 | 24 |
| | | | 9 | 14 | 3 | 4 |

EAC/BA

MOST SECRET

HQ 3 AUST DIV
14 JUN 43

REF NO Q43/376

SUBJECT : DOUBLET STORES HASSAU BAY

17 AUST INF BDE.
HQ GOLD AASC
ADMS
ADOS
DAPM

1. Further to 3 Aust Div Q43/375 of 25 JUN forwarded to above addressees for information.

2. Capt W.E. PATTERSON Q Staff HQ 3 Aust Div will proceed to HASSAU BAY with under cont the following personnel to be detailed by the Comds indicated:-

| Supplied by | Service | No | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| CASC | AASC | 2 | (including 1 NCO) |
| ADMS | AAMC | 1 | (NCO) |
| ADOS | AACC | 1 | (NCO) |
| DAPM | AA Pro C | 2 | (NCOs) |
| 17 Aust Inf Bde | Con Duty men | 4 | (incl 1 NCO) |
| HQ 3 Aust Div | Batmn cook | 1 | |

3. The above party will report to 17 Aust Inf Bde enroute and by arrangement with that HQ will arrive in landing area ~~xx~~ as early as possible after D day.

4. The a/m Officer will act as direct "Q" representative of HQ 3 Aust Div in the HASSAU BAY area and will be responsible for all "Q" duties in connection with the onward movement of Aust Stores with particular reference to:-

(a) Ensure that as from D plus 1 an adequate area of the beach head is reserved for Aust supplies.
(b) Maintain close "Q" liaison with 17 Aust Inf Bde from date of arrival and McMechnic Force subsequent to D day.
(c) Make all possible arrangements for movement of Aust Stores from Beach Head dump to Jeep Head.
(d) Ensure that in so far as is practicable all Aust Stores moved forward from Beach Head dump are safeguarded from weather and other deterioration.
(e) That in conjunction with 17 Aust Inf Bde supplies are forwarded to Jeep Head in accordance with priorities indicated by 17 Aust Inf Bde.

5. This instruction does NOT affect 17 Aust Inf Bde responsibility for general administration of the area of their cond. Capt PATTERSON's assignment is to enable S.C. 17 Aust Inf Bde to maintain close contact with Bdes forward commitments.

LT-COL
AA & QMG 3 AUST DIV

Copy to - 15 Aust Inf Bde)
HQP ) for info
41 US DIV )
War Diary

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TO ALL COMMANDING OFFICERS THIS INSTRUCTION DEALS WITH A SUBJECT THAT CLOSELY AFFECTS THE EFFICIENCY OF ALL TROOPS UNDER YOUR COMMAND.

HQ 3 AUST DIV
26 JUNE 43

"A" CIRCULAR NO 41/43

MALARIA CONTROL

1. REMEMBER: MALARIA IS NOT INEVITABLE IN ANY AREA.

2. THE ATTACHED SUMMARY SHOWS A SATISFACTORY DECREASE IN THE LAST 3 WEEKS i.e. FROM 152 TO 135 TO 120.

3. THE NUMBER OF CASES FROM SUNSHINE AREA HAS DROPPED BUT THE CASES FROM BULOLO ARE STILL FAIRLY CONSTANT.

A.A. & Q.M.G. 3 AUST DIV

## MALARIA INDIDENCE - WEEK ENDING 18 JUN 43.

| UNIT | TOTAL NO CASES | 1st INFECTION | RELAPSE | PROBABLE SITE OF INFECTION OF PRIMARY CASES | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | MILNE BAY | MUBO | SKINDIWAI | SUNSHINE | MARKHAM | WAMPIT | BUI LO | BULLDOG | WAU |
| 2/5 Aust Inf Bn | 28 | 12 | 16 | 2 | 9 | 1 | | | | | | |
| 2/5 Aust Inf Bn | 5 | 2 | 3 | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| 2/7 Aust Inf Bn | 31 | 11 | 20 | | 11 | | | | | | | |
| 2/1 Aust Inf Bn | 11 | 10 | 1 | | | | | 7 | 2 | 1 | | |
| 2/3 Aust Indep Coy | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 Aust M G Bn | 6 | 5 | 1 | | 5 | | | | | | | |
| 2/4 Aust Fd Coy | 5 | - | 5 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/4 Aust Fd Coy | 7 | 1 | 6 | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| 2/6 Aust Fd Coy | 2 | - | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 Aust Fd Coy | 3 | 3 | - | | | | | | | | 3 | |
| 2/1 Aust Fd Regt | 2 | - | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/5 Aust Fd Pk Coy | 1 | 1 | - | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| 156 Aust Lt A A Bty | 1 | 1 | - | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy | 3 | 3 | - | | | | | | | 2 | | 1 |
| 15 Aust Fd Amb | 2 | 2 | - | | | | | 2 | | | | |
| HQ 3 Aust Div | 2 | 2 | - | | | | | | | 2 | | |
| Sigs 3 Aust Div | 2 | 2 | - | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| HQ 27 Aust Inf Bde | 1 | - | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Aust Corps Troops | 1 | - | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/6 Aust L A D | 1 | 1 | - | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| 102 Aust F O D | 1 | 1 | - | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| HQ RAE 11 Aust Div | 1 | 1 | - | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| 2/3 Aust Sup Dep ASC | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| 1 Aust Sup Dep ASC | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 842 Engrs Bn US | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| TOTALS | 120 | 61 | 59 | 2 | 27 | 1 | | 9 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 7 |

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| MOST SECRET | @ | Ref | DOUBLET | @ | Ref |
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*Address* H Q 3 Aust Div.,
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**S E C R E T**

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AA & QMG (for inform)
War Diary (2 copies)

## AEME ACTIVITIES WAU - BULOLO.

In order that you may have an accurate understanding of AEME activities in this area, I propose forwarding you an appreciation at intervals as seem to be required.

As to present position -

2nd Echelon.

Personnel forming what has locally been termed '3 Aust Div Wkshops Det' comprises details originally coming into area to augment 2/6 LAD plus certain Bn personnel becoming surplus to establishment on conversion of 17 Bde to Tropical scale.

They have been largely employed in construction work on buildings using a limited quantity of available non AEME unit labour. Good progress has been made under the difficult conditions of labour and procurement of building materials and the machine shop is sufficiently advanced for operation. MT shop has all frames and trusses in position and covering has been commenced, wireless and electrical shop is completed and armourers and instrument nearly completed. Blacksmith and welders' shed is in operation. Buildings have been erected to accomodate 40 personnel. Two lathes, two drills, hacksaw and welder are in operation.

Power is at present being supplied by Howard. Ultimate source of power will be from 35 KW Hydro-electric plant when RAE are able to replace section of race obliterated by land slide. As a temporary measure Hydro-electric generator will be driven by Lister Diesel which Wkshops have just completely overhauled. This will give ample power for present needs.

Operations are very much handicapped by lack of tradesmen particularly turner, welder and blacksmith as no personnel of these trades is with detachment. An instrument mechanic to deal with humidity fogging of binoculars and minor repairs to field instruments is urgently required. The augmenting of wireless capacity is also required in order to cope with program of V/T maintenance and repair which in conjunction with Sigs is ready to be implemented. "H" Sec Sigs will be largely employed as mobile detachments in forward areas, in consequence of which more work will have to be handled by AEME than is usually the case.

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2/46 LAD

This unit is still shouldering much of the MT work pending the establishment of 2nd Echelon. Its personnel is re-inforced by surplus AEME personnel from 17 Bde and MT personnel from Lt A A Wkshops Sec (These latter are of poor capacity). A detachment of this unit is operating at EDIE CREEK with 11 Div RAE fd Coy working from this end on Bulldog Road. The operation of this LAD in its proper function cannot be implemented until its personnel is reasonably in accordance with WE. I hope my recommendations in this connection prove acceptable.

231 LAD.

This Wkshop unit is operating in BULOLO area.

256 Lt A A Wkshops Sec.

A/A battery is in a static role and MT personnel have been disposed of as above. Arm Artificer and Inst Mech are taking care of Bty equiptment and in addition Artificer is being used on Fd Regt work with battery in area.

Arrangements have been made through "A" with NG FORCE for retention of AEME personnel surplus to 17 Bde until more stability is reached.

AASC.

The 152 Gen Tpt Coy is operating from 2 centres - WAU and BULOLO. It has no wkshops personnel and this aspect is catered for by attached AEME personnel surplus to 17 Bde.

Equiptment.

A list of hand tools considered to be required by 2nd echelon is being forwarded and a further schedule of requirements for all units is being prepared.

Stores.

The air transport position is making the stores and spare parts position very difficult. Virtually no spare parts have been received in area for five weeks. The MT position for week ending 19 June showed a daily average of 8% of vehicles in for repairs in excess of 6 hours (representing 18.35 vehicles) and 50% of these are awaiting parts. All expense stores are in extremely short supply except M S bar and plate and heavy bolts of which there is ample salvage for some time.

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**Stores** (contd)

All other expense stores are at a very low ebb. DDOS can give you details of stores and spares awaiting onward movement. Priorities are adequately dealt with at this end.

**Hand Tools.**

Such personnel as are in the area are very poorly equipped as kits they brought with them were sadly deficient due to initial shortage and the transport provision, when they came in, of 250 lbs including kits - a most unsatisfactory arrangement. I hope this aspect will be adequately covered in future movement.

Lt-Col.
Comd AE1E 3 Aust Div.

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MAINTENANCE FACILITIES.

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It is considered to be very necessary for the "J" type LAD to be brought into operation with the two Bdes as soon as possible in order that the technique of their employment can be practiced in immediate operations. In view of anticipated early future operations with forward troops continuously further from jeep head increasing dependence upon the services of the LAD becomes necessary. It is considered to be an urgent necessity that LADs' be immediately available to gain the necessary experience for operations under these conditions. An appreciation of the disposition of "J" type LADs' in this area is given in Appendix "B".

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5. LIT AA BTY WKSHOPS SUB-SEC. For servicing of A/A battery located at WAU and BULOLO.

6. I am conscious of the air transport limitations and the necessity to estimate the priority of proposals for movement of troops and stores into this area but submit that appropriate consideration be given to the LAD situation and the implementing of "J" type function.

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APPENDIX "A"
ME 270/2 - 3 Aust Div

| | Bde Group H Q | Armament Section (A2 | B Vehicles & carrier section | Recovery section (M2 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Trade Group I** | | | | | |
| Armament artificers - | | | | | |
| Fitter | | 1 | | | S/Sgt |
| Fitters, MT | | | 2 | | 1 WO II 1 S/Sgt |
| Instrument | | | | | |
| Signals | 1 | | | | S/Sgt |
| Artisans - | | | | | |
| Blacksmith | | 1 | | | |
| Coppersmith | | | | | |
| Electricians | | | 2 | | 1 Cpl |
| Fitters | | 2 | | | 1 Cpl |
| Fitters MW | | | 2 | | 1 Sgt 1 Cpl |
| Instrument Mech | | 1 | | | Cpl |
| Turner | 1 | | | | |
| Welders | | | 2 | | 1 Cpl |
| Wireless Mech | 2 | | | | 1 Cpl |
| **Trade Group II** | | | | | |
| Armourers | 4 | | | | 1 WO II 1 Sgt |
| Carpenters | | 1 | 1 | | 1 Cpl |
| Cooks | 1 | | 1 | | 1 Cpl |
| Mechanics MV | | | 6 | | 1 Cpl |
| Panel beater | | | 1 | | |
| Rigger | | | | | |
| **Trade Group III** | | | | | |
| Clerks | 2 | | | | 1 Sgt |
| Driver Mechs | 1 | 1 | 4 | | |
| Tailor | | | | | |
| Technical Storemen | 1 | | 1 | | 2 Cpls |
| Textile refitter | | | 1 | | |
| Tinsmith | | | 1 | | |
| **NON-SPECIALISTS** | | | | | |
| M/C orderly | 1 | | | | |
| Sanitary dutyman | 1 | | | | |
| Water dutyman | 1 | | | | |
| Drivers, MT for vehicles | | | | | |
| Drivers, MT for duty as | | | | | |
| Batman-driver | 1 | | | | |
| General dutymen | 1 | 1 | 3 | | |
| Total, other ranks | 17 | 8 | 27 | | |

1 Captain
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ME 270/2 - 3 Aust Div

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| Wireless Mech | 2 | | | | 1 Cpl |
| **Trade Group II** | | | | | |
| Armourers | 4 | | | | 1 WO II 1 Sgt |
| Carpenters | | 1 | 1 | | 1 Cpl |
| Cooks | 1 | | 1 | | 1 Cpl |
| Mechanics MW | | | 6 | | 1 Cpl |
| Panel beater | | | 1 | | |
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| **Trade Group III** | | | | | |
| Clerks | 2 | | | | 1 Sgt |
| Driver Mechs | 1 | 1 | 4 | | |
| Tailor | | | | | |
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## APPENDIX "B"

## OPERATION OF "J" TYPE LAD - 3 AUST DIV.

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It will not be possible to move heavy equiptment forward of Jeep head and the service facilities will have to be supplied almost wholly by the use of hand tools.

First consideration must therefore be given to the provision of adequate tool kits. Second consideration should be given to the provision of the elements necessary to provide a Jeep recovery unit and thirdly the provision of battery charging facilities, oxy-acetylene welding and portable forge at Jeep head.

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"Q" CIRCULAR NO 12

FORWARDING OF SECOND CLASS MAIL MATTER - 3 AUST DIV

1. A review of Second Class Mail matter held in MORESBY for troops in this area, reveals that amongst other second class mail matter a considerable quantity of newspapers is awaiting onward despatch. These newspapers in many cases are now two to four months old and as the restriction on air transport precludes their move to this area it has been recommended by Higher Authority that these out of date dailies which have been undelivered for one calender month be made available to Hospitals and Salvage in the Port Moresby area. Provision for this action exists in National Security Regulations.

2. It is not of course intended that this should apply to magazines, periodicals and weeklies which would retain their news value.

3. Arrangements are being made with NGF for a proportion of these newspapers to be dropped in forward areas from A/C dropping supplies. It is pointed out that the regular dropping of first or second class mail is not considered advisable due to the irregularity and danger of loss by poor dropping.

4. This HQ concurs with the recommendation regarding disposal of newspapers and action will be taken by NGF accordingly.

LT-COL
AA & QMG 3 AUST DIV

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HQ 3 AUST DIV
28 JUN 43

# "Q" CIRCULAR NO 13

SUBJECT : SALVAGE - OWN AND ENEMY EQUIPMENT

OBJECT 1. This instruction is issued with the object of defining the responsibility of Salvage Units and fwd Combatant Units in the Salvage of Own and Enemy Equipment from the battlefield.

RESPONSIBILITY 2. (i) The initial responsibility for collecting Salvage into convenient dumps rests with fwd tps. However it is realized that conditions in NEW GUINEA greatly restrict this activity except in relatively static periods. Fwd units will arrange for the recording of the location of salvage in order that subsequent recovery might be simplified.

(ii) Personnel of the Divisional Salvage Unit will establish fwd dumps, classify and label materials for evacuation.

(iii) Personnel of the Intelligence Secs undertake the collection and evacuation of any articles of ENEMY equipment required for INTELLIGENCE purposes. Personnel of the Divisional Salvage Unit will co-operate in this task and maintain close liaison with INTELLIGENCE personnel.

PRIORITY OF EVACUATION 3. (i) Under present conditions it is not possible to evacuate by the L's of C - however when facilities exist for such evacuation the following priority will be effective:-
(a) Own Equipment and general Salvage
(b) Enemy Equipment

(ii) Articles of ENEMY equipment required for INTELLIGENCE purposes will be evacuated IMMEDIATELY vide Para 2 (iii) above.

(iii) Faulty arms, amn or Equipment will be evacuated promptly to ADOS for investigation, preceded by signal report.

USE OF ENEMY EQPT 4. As the NEW GUINEA theatre of war is the main a rea of Active Operations against the JAPANESE, it is essential that every effort be made to procure as much serviceable ENEMY equipment and amn as possible. This equipment and amn is used for

(i) Experiments by technical experts to determine effectiveness of enemy equipment and to prepare counter measures in designing our own equipment.
(ii) Use in Training Schools.
(iii) Forwarding for similar purposes to GREAT BRITAIN, AMERICA, INDIA, NEW ZEALAND etc.

Accordingly, the natural desire of the individual soldier to obtain "Souvenirs" must be restricted, as being contrary to the above.

SALVAGE PERS 5. Personnel of 3 Aust Div Salvage Unit will shortly be moved to certain fwd areas to implement these instructions.

[signature] LT COL
AA & QMG 3 AUST DIV

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SUBJECT: A & Q NOTES OF INTEREST DURING MONTH OF JUNE 1943.

HQ 3 AUST DIV.

30 JUN 43.

1. Visitors during month of JUNE:-

| | |
|---|---|
| 1. Lt-Gen Sir Leslie MORESHEAD, | G O C, 2 AUST CORPS |
| 2. Lt-Gen Sir Edmond HERRING, | G O C, N G F. |
| 3. Maj-Gen J NORTHCOTE, | C G S, LHQ. |
| 4. Maj-Gen F H BERRYMAN, | M G C S. |
| 5. Maj-Gen J E STEPHENS, | G O C, 7 AUST DIV. |
| 6. Maj-Gen G.S STEELE, | C E. |
| 7. Brig R W THOMPSON, | B G S, N G F. |
| 8. Brig V C SECOMBE, | D A & Q M G. |

2. Changes in Command.

Brig F HOSKING relinquished command, 15 AUST INF BDE.
Lt-Col H G GUINN temporarily administered command, 15 AUST INF BDE
Brig H H HAMMER commanding 15 AUST INF BDE.

3. Summary of Casualties.

See attached appendix.

4. Re-organization.

Instructions received to re-organize 3 AUST DIV as a Jungle Division.

5. Malaria.

Marked decrease in Malaria incidence during this month viz: 182 cases for week ending 4 JUN - 75 cases for week ending 25 JUN.
The campaign in force against this disease is thus proving effective.

6. Education Service

Activiti s of this service comprise regular lectures, Discussion groups and film screenings of educational and popular films.

7. Amenities

Distribution of Comforts made to all troops in so far as supplies permit.
Concert Party - Sigs 3 Aust Div concert party formed and proving popular.

8. Discipline.

Traffic Control established on all main routes.
Field Punishment Centre established BULOLO.

Courts Martial - 10 cases during month.

APPENDIX TO WAR DIARY FOR MONTH OF JUNE 43.

SUMMARY OF CASUALTIES.

BATTLE

| UNIT | Killed | | Wounded | | P'sW. | | Missing | | Total | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Offrs | ORs | Offrs | ORs | Offrs | ORs | Offrs | ORs | Offrs | ORs |
| 2/6 Aust Inf Bn | | 10 | 2 | 16 | | | 1 | | 3 | 26 |
| 2/7 " " " | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | |
| 24 Aust Inf Bn | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| 58/59 " " " | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| "E" Sec FSS | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 |
| 2/3 Aust Indep Coy | | | 1 | 2 | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| | - | 11 | 5 | 20 | | | 1 | 1 | 6 | 32 |

SICK

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total numbers evacuated beyond MDS or held for a period of 8 days or longer. | 11 | 411 |
| Percentage of Battle Casualties. | 1.5 | 0.5 |
| Percentage of Sick. | 2.75 | 6.4. |

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# AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES—NEW GUINEA FORCE

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Headquarters

DAMS 3793

30 June.'43

V38038 BRIG. F. HOSKING - 15 AUST. INF. BDE. - CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

LAND HEADQUARTERS.

1. Herewith file relating to Brig. F. HOSKING.

2. I have interviewed Brig. HOSKING and considered the facts relating to his relief. He appreciates the fact that his lack of battle experience in any rank, and especially in that of Lieutenant-Colonel as a Bn. Comd., must react against his continuance in command of a Brigade, that is about to be launched in battle.

3. At the same time, I understand it is not his fault that he has not had such experience, nor is ithis fault that he has been promoted above his proved capacity. Had his case been dealt with during the course of 1942, when I feel it should have, he might by this time have proved himself a capable Bn. Comd. He would, in any event, have had an opportunity of showing his capabilities.

4. His attitude in the present circumstances, naturally most unpleasant for him, has been manly, and his one desire is that he should be given an opportunity of proving himself as a Bn Comd.

5. There is no vacancy here at the moment for a Bn. Comd., so I can make no recommendation other than the general one, that he should be given an opportunity of proving himself as a Bn. Comd. He is accordingly being sent to Melbourne for disposal as directed in your signal MS38315 of 19.June.'43.

6. I would be glad if this letter could be placed before the Commander-in-Chief, when he comes to deal with this case.

(Sgd.). E.F. HERRING,
Lieut.-General.
GOC NEW GUINEA FORCE.

Notes (1) Lt Gen Herring on 25 or 26 May made it abundantly clear that any failure whatever on the part of Hosking would be levelled at me

(2) It is usual & common courtesy, for a Senior Cmd to find a copy of his covering letter to [illegible] authority in such a case as this, particularly in view of para 4 above. This was not done & in the light of remarks made by Gen Herring to Hosking asp. [illegible] by the latter obtained his copy by private means

[illegible] 28 Aug 43.

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approval given appointment VX 24375 LT-COL H.H.
HAMMER 2/48 INF BN to Command
15 AUST INF BDE in rank
BRIG to date 18 jun 0
arrange mvt by air earliest possible
date 0 MORESBY will arrange BRIG
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APPOINTMENT TO COMMAND 15 AUST. INF. BDE.

This H.Q. Signal message MS38315 of 19. 6.43 which should read as follows is confirmed:-

"Approval given appt. VX24325 Lt.-Col. H.H. Hammer 2/48 Inf. Bn. to command 15 Aust. Inf. Bde. in rank Brigadier to date 18 June (.) Arrange movement by air earliest possible date (.) Moresby will arrange Brigadier F. Hosking to return to Melbourne for disposal".

2. Notifications to the following effect are being included in a Commander-in-Chief's Lists-

GENERAL LIST

VX24325 Lt.-Col. H.H. Hammer is transferred from 2/48 Aust. Inf. Bn., 18. 6.43

To be temporary Brigadier

VX24325 Lt.-Col. H.H. Hammer and is appointed to command 15 Aust. Inf. Bde., 18. 6.43

VX108279 Major (T/Brig.) F. Hosking relinquishes command of 15 Aust. Inf. Bde., 17. 6.43

INFANTRY

2/48 Aust. Inf. Bn.

VX24325 Lt.-Col. H.H. Hammer relinquishes command, and is transferred to General List, 18. 6.43

3. Advice with regard to the disposal of Brig. Hosking will be forwarded in due course.

Brigadier,
MILITARY SECRETARY.

25/6/43.

27 May 43.

Maj-Gen. S.G. Savige,

Dear General,

In reply to your letter of 22 MAY I report as follows on the paras listed by you.

(i) Failings within units detected by my staff have always had my attention and matters raised have been rectified by personal instruction or by training instructions. I know of no case where I have rejected the advice of my staff officers. In the specific instance mentioned I personally spoke to Major PALMER and later the question of strict and honest complying with orders was dealt with at a training conference.
As the defections then noted have not occurred since the action is deemed effective. I do not admit ineffective action in whole or in part.

(ii) No. Before arriving at a decision I desire to know all the facts of the case, particularly when I sense that only part of the story is presented. I am NOT conscious of any difficulty in formulating orders to implement my decisions. (In this regard I respectfully invite your attention to Bde exercise at COOROY and 2 CORPS TWET at TEWANTIN).

(iii) No. Early part of above para deals with this question. I cannot admit undue influence by the last person with whom the subject is discussed. In all cases where I have sought advice, decisions have been made when I consider I have become possessed of the necessary relevant facts. In dealing with correspondence my basket very rarely carries any paper any length of time when I am in the office.

(iv) (a) I was not aware that the recent C.O. 24 AUST INF BN acted in the manner alleged. On my inspections Lt-Col. FALCONER could answer detailed questions and did not display ignorance such as would be detected as a result of such neglect. He attended a course of Aircraft Co-operation in OCT, JOOTS in DEC and was on home leave in JAN. He was engaged on a court martial at 2 CORPS for two weeks in FEB. Such absences may be the basis for an exaggerated statement, but if true, he managed to conceal it from me.

(b) I inspected Coys of 24 Bn at 2" Mortar practice and observed that the use of the Australian pattern sight was not understood. (The training pamphlet beyond an illustration, does not deal with this sight). I enquired regarding the use of this sight when visiting NGF training School and passed this information to the C.O. On practices I had also observed that the firing wheel was stiff in action. LAD officer was instructed to investigate this as the effort to turn the wheel disturbed the aim. Personnel who fired and obtained satisfactory results and those who witnessed such firing indicated by their demeanour their confidence in the weapon. Lt-Col. FALCONER did not express to me any conclusion that the weapon was worthless. I was aware that relatively few personnel had fired this weapon and saw that ammunition was obtained. The move occurred before practices were completed and the remaining ammunition was then made available to 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.
Subsequent to my visit to NGF School, practices were fired but the unit moved shortly afterwards and I do not recollect inspecting any of these practices.

(c) On the mainland 9mm ammunition was unavailable until 24 Aust Inf Bn moved, and a supply of practice ammunition was placed on board ship with the unit. It was instructed that on the journey all ranks should take part in practices. Report from Bde H.Q. officers who travelled on that trip showed that such practices did take place. Further practices were fired in MORESBY area and those practices I observed indicated that the firers were familiar with the weapon. After the unit moved a quantity of practice ammunition left behind indicated that inadequate use had been made by the unit of the facilities provided

(b) I was not aware of any such practice within the unit.

(v) At all times I have stressed that troops must not be committed to battle with weapons they have not previously fired. Until recently lack of training ammunition rarely permitted a man to fire other than his personal weapon. Upon ammunition becoming available, I have by written instructions, by verbal instructions and by personal example required that all personnel should be capable of handling all weapons.

(vi) (a) In QUEENSLAND, late last year, in a test battalion exercise, which all battalions undertook in turn, the best performance was registered by 24 Bn. (Lt-Col. WILTON had observed the Performances of the other two battalions). I cannot agree that the whole training of 24 Bn was in an alarming state. I have never been satisfied with the weapon training position which was consequent on the short supply of ammunition. My B.M. at that time did not report any alarming defections in training of this unit.

(b) I observed the unit on exercises, in training and on the early morning move from EUMUNDI. I cannot state that I was satisfied at any stage as I demand a high standard, Again I must re-iterate I can not agree that the whole training was in an alarming state.

(c) On the mainland each Company each week carried out a route march in battle order. At that time we were equipped with platoon trucks and the carrying of the pack by the man was not contemplated. Immediately prior to the move a route march with men fully equipped was staged. Major PALMER did not at any time report adversely on the physical condition of this unit.

(d) I was aware of the facts stated in the previous paragraph This unit prided themselves on their fitness. The COOROY cross country exercise showed that 24 Bn was physically fit and in better condition than either of the other battalions at that time. Steps were immediately taken to improve these units and to remove the disability discovered.

(vii) In conclusion, Sir, I realize my responsibility for condition and standard of training of the troops I at present command. Lt-Col. P.D. STARR has apparently been most agreeably surprised at the condition and state of his unit and expresses confidence in the future.

Lt-Col. MARSTON is continuing to bring on his unit.

I mention these units as they have reached a higher standard than in the case of 24 Bn and will be capable of a worth while performance when called upon.

I realize, Sir that you must at all times be satisfied as to my fitness and ability to undertake serious and vital duties in a period of stress and possibly in the immediate future.

I hope that the above will enable you to assess that I have not failed in my stewardship.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) F. HOSKING.

23 Jun 1943

G O C,
NEW GUINEA FORCE.

Sir,

In ref to 3 Aust Div Conf A/22/43 of 22 Jun I desire to submit the following:

My service record is briefly

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| First Commission | | 1923 |
| Promoted Captain | | 1929 |
| Promoted Major | | 1937 |
| Promoted T/Lt-Col | Jun | 1940 |
| " T/Brig | Apr | 1942 |

In Dec 1942 I was recommended for the Efficiency Decoration the grant of which was gazetted in Feb 1943.

Schools

1st BMGO's Course - Randwick Aug 1938 — "Obtained highest marks should make a very good BMGO"

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1st Senior Offrs Course
1 Aust Armd Div
May - Jun 1941

Regimental Commanders Course WOOLOOMANATA Aug 1941 — "A very good C.O., outstanding during the Course".

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Senior Officer's Course
School of Arty Tk A
Dec 1942

In Oct - Nov 1939 I was C.I. at 4 Aust Inf Bde War Training Courses No 1 and No 2. In May Jul Aug I was C.I. at 3 Aust Div Potential Officers Courses 1, 2 and 3.

I was promoted T/Brig in April 1942 and commanded 10 Aust Inf Bde until the reorganisation in Oct 1942 when I assumed Command of the re-constituted 15 Aust Inf Bde. In Mar 1943 15 Aust Inf Bde was ordered to New Guinea and at the end of May I moved to a forward area and assumed Command of the Area early in Jun.

I am confident that Lieut Col P.D. STARR Comd 58/59 Aust Inf Bn and Maj G. WARFE Comd 2/3 Aust Indep Coy which Units were to operate in that particular area had confidence in me and were pleased to serve undermy command. Both these C.O's are experienced soldiers and were members of 6 Aust Div.

Regarding points detailed in the Confidential report.

Para 4.

(i) DRIVING FORCE. In all training locations I have been active in having constructed Bde Assault Courses, miniature ranges and in insisting that leaders must control. With L.A.D.'s I have provided the necessary impetus to cause them to obtain tappings from power lines to avoid unecessary running of power units and battery chargers.
In Oct 1942 I arranged and conducted Bn exercises in country varying from thinly to moderately heavily timbered and using artillery and mortar fire supporting an attack.

For these Bns it was the first time the troops and many of the Officers had heard the whistle of live shell overhead and some of the noises of battle. I consider the benefit gained by all was the result of my personal activity.

(ii) In regard to training values 24 Aust Inf Bn. I realised that there were deficiencies in the training and endeavoured to rectify them. When these endeavours did not produce the required result I realised that the C.O. should be changed and took appropriate action. This might have been done earlier, had I earlier realised the need for this step.

(iii) GENERAL ADM POLICY. On moving into the forward area I found supply conditions woeful and a difficult problem of moving in Unit and medical stores and equipment awaiting solution. After assuming command it took nearly one week to complete movement of rations and stores which had been previously ordered and to clear accumulations from a carrier line consisting of four stages each of one day. I submit that it would be very fortunate if some errors or faults were not evidenced in control by a staff entirely fresh to such problems. Regarding general policy I have never attempted to run counter to instructions.

(iv) STATISTICAL RETURNS. I, as Commander, must assume responsibility for returns from my HQ. In any cases I detected where I considered insufficient information was being supplied I ensured that a complete answer was given.

REMARKS REGARDING EXTRACTS OF MESSAGES QUOTED IN APPENDIX A TO 3 AUST DIV Confidential REPORT A/22/43.

Messages 1, 2 and 3.

I submit that the corruption in message I as received at my HQ altered the meaning sufficiently to justify message 2 in reply.

Message 4, 5, 6, and 7.

I regret that in this case there was an unecessary delay in submitting the required information.

Messages 8 and 9 .

Information as requested was given as stated. In addition, information was furnished detailing materials required at the different dropping grounds. Droppings on the wrong ground would involve an extra days carry and it was considere essential to the plan to avoid any unecessary work by the very limited resources of the native carriers.

Messages 10, 11 and 12.

The reply given in message 10 is portion of that read off a table which showed thatactual position of all rations at a time immediately prior to the beginning of the operations. I can only agree that the inclusion of the Emergency Ration in the reply was redundant.

Message 13.

This is a reply to a message from BASCO to the CASE. For matters appertaining to AASC this is a recognised and legitimate channel of communication.

Para 5.

(i) INABILITY TO ARRIVE AT A FIRM DECISION.

I consider at all times I am able to arrive at a firm decision.

(ii) Hesitancy in formulating orders.

During my period of duty in the forward area I know of no delays caused by lack of necessary orders and instructions to implement my decisions.

(iii) Proneness to be unduly influenced.

A Commanders life is to a certain extent lonely, and whil in the past I have had few associates, in recent weeks I have had none. I am confident I can make up my own mind.

I respectfully request that I be given an opportunity to display my ability on Active Service.

If given this opportunity I would welcome a posting in 4 Aust Inf Bde.

Yours sincerely

(Signed) F. HOSKING. T/Brig.

Copy to:

GOC
3 Aust Div

an unofficial orderly room, and if the offence was proved, the NCO was [redacted] to contribute to an unofficial fund. Were you aware of this practice?

(e) With reference to both the Mortar and the Owen Gun training, one of the most serious aspects of this question, apart from the possibility of the troops having to go into battle without understanding their weapons is that ammunition which has absorbed vital aircraft loading space to this area has now to be expended for practices; which should have been carried out in therear areas. Owing to the lack of aircraft this in itself is a most serious matter.

(f) Ref the control exercised by yourself and staff during the last six months, I would also like your answers on the following points :-

(1) Is it true that your BM at that time (Maj PALMER) failed to discover the alarming state of trainingin 24 Bn prior to departure from Q'land.

(2) Did you yourself, as Bde Comdr, fail to discover as above?

(3) Is it true that your BM at that time (Maj PALMER) failed to discover that training in full marching order was not carried out, and the alarming state of physical fitness of the troops of the 24 Bn?

(4) Did you, as Bde. Comdr, fail to discover as above?

(g) I desire to stress upon you the seriousness of your position and your responsibility for the present condition and standard of training, of the troops of your Comd, and I feel I must inform you that the answers submitted by [redacted] you to these directquestions will be the final influence upon me in my direction as to whether you shall retain or be relieved of the Comd of 15 Aust Inf Bde.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) Stan Savige.

CONFIDENTIAL.

HQ 3 AUST DIV
JUNE 43.
Ref No-Conf.A/22/43.

SUBJECT : COMD 15 AUST INF BDE.

HQ, NEW GUINEA FORCE.

1. For some time I have been uneasy in my mind as to the ability of Brig HOSKING to adequately comd an Inf Bde. Although this officer has proved his ability in his civil profession, and is a commendable type of officer in many respects, I believe his failings are due to promotion which has been too rapid to provide the necessary experience for Comd of an Inf Bde. He has been denied the experience of Active Service, but volunteered for such on a number of occasions, and Higher Authority refused to release him.

2. I have taken action in the past, so far as circumstances would permit, to remedy resultant deficiencies, as I saw them, but there still remains evidence base on example, which deny his ability in my opinion to Comd an Inf Bde in the field.

3. My uneasy feelings are based on some tangible evidence and intangible evidence to a greater degree.

4. The tangible evidence which is now available covers, in my opinion an inability to :-

(1) Provide the necessary driving force to successfully maintain the responsibilities of his present rank.

(2) To discern real tng values, despite his apparent zeal and personal attention. In the case of the bad state of affairs existing if 24 Bn, he was unable to discover the difference between bluff, misrepresentation and malpractice on the part of the C.O., and the true state of efficiency which was of a low standard.

(3) To appreciate the necessity to maintain general adm policy, clearly laid down in orders and instructions, covering vital supply requirements; and his failure to understand and put these instns into effect.

(4) An inability, through an apparent lack of experience to interpret orders demanding urgent statistical returns in their correct detail requirements. This recent discovery has led to waste of vital time in urgent planning at my H.Q. and that of Higher Authority, in providing prompt attention to vital necessities for his present comd. Extracts from relative signals attached - marked "A".

5. The intangible evidence referred to covers :-

(1) An apparent inability to arrive at a firm decision.

(2) An apparent hesitancy on his part in formulating the necessaryorders and instructions to implement his decisions.

(3) An apparent proneness to be unduly influenced in action by close associates rather than by responsible members of his staff.
Attached is copy of my letter of 22 May, and the reply from Brig. HOSKING dated 27 May.

6. The following very brief outline is submitted to provide a necessary back ground to appreciate my decision to request a change in Comd.

7. On 11 Jan 42, I assumed comd 3 Aust Div. Due to the demands of the A.I.F. and the general threat attitude to facts within the A.M.F., I was compelled to drastically overhaul the Officer situation within the Div. Approx 100 Officers were removed, including 3 Brigadiers, 10/12 C.O.'s, heads of 4 Services, and all but two of the then Div Staff. The main reasons were inefficiency and physical unfitness.

8. During the first 6 months, there were 6 changes in the G.1. posting,

AUG 20 1943

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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| In the Field | JUL 2 | | "Q" Message 1195 - Return of Blankets in 3 AUST DIV Area | |
| | " " | | AEME Personnel within Units, 3 AUST DIV | |
| | " | | AEME SITUATION, WAU-BULOLO Area | |
| | " | | AEME, WAU - BULOLO Area | |
| | " | | ROUTINE ORDERS PART I - Nos 226-238 | |
| | 5 | 0600 | SUMMARY of Battle Casualties and Sick - Medical Summary. | |
| | 2 | 2359 | AMMUNITION - RECOVERIES, EXPENDITURE & ESTIMATED HOLDINGS | |
| | 3 | " | " " " " " | |
| | 5 | | "A" CIRCULAR NO 43/43 - MALARIA CONTROL & Attached Summary | |
| | 7 | | "A" CIRCULAR 44/43 - SPORTS MEETING & Attached Results | |
| | 9 | | SECRET 10/43 - RE-ORGANIZATION 3 AUST DIV AS A JUNGLE INF DIV | |
| | 10 | | ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I. NOs 239-261 | |
| | " | | SUMMARY of WEEKLY SICK STATE | |
| | 12 | 0600 | SUMMARY of Battle Casualties and Sick | |
| | 14 | | Q 43/305 - EMPLOYMENT OF NATIVE LABOUR | |

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| In the Field | JUL 12 | | ADM INSTN No 25/43. INTENSIFICATION OF ANTI-MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS | |
| | " | | MOST SECRET Q43/275. ESTABLISHMENT OF NASSAU BAY - GUADAGASAL L OF C. | |
| | 15 | | REORGANIZATION of 156 Lt A A BATTERY | |
| | 16 | | ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I. Nos 262-270 | |
| | 17 | | "A" CIRCULAR No 45/43. MALARIA CONTROL - Attached Summary | |
| | 18 | | MOST SECRET.<br>3 AUST DIV ADM INST No 26 | |
| | " | | "Q" CIRCULAR No 14 - INDENTS FOR CLOTHING | |
| | " | 0600 | SUMMARY of Battle Casualties and Sick | |
| | 24 | | ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I Nos 271-283 | |
| | 26 | | "A" CIRCULAR No 46/43 - MALARIA CONTROL & Attached Summary | |
| | " | 0600 | SUMMARY of Battle Casualties and Sick | |
| | 27 | | "Q" CIRCULAR No 15 - AMN PARACHUTE WEIGHTS | |
| | 30 | | ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1 Nos 284-292 | |
| | 31 | | "A" CIRCULAR No 48/43 - MALARIA CONTROL & Attached Summary | |

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REPORTS: FUNCTION OF "Q" BRANCH 3 AUST DIV, WAU-BULOLO AREA.
REPORT BY DAQMG OF VISIT TO NASSAU BAY - 13-23 JUL 43.

NOTES OF "A" MATTERS FOR MONTH OF JULY 43.

HQ 3 AUST DIV
AUG 43

Battle Casualties by Units

| | Killed | Wounded | Missing |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2/5 Aust Inf Bn | 22 | 62 | 2 |
| 2/6 " " " | 15 | 33 | |
| 58/59 " " " | 35 | 86 | 13 |
| 24 " " " | - | - | 1 |
| 2/3 Aust Indep Coy | 2 | 1 | |
| | 86 | 217 | 16 |
| USA Casualties approx. | 52 | 172 | |
| | 138 | 389 | 16 |

| AMF Battle Casualties by Ranks | Killed | Wounded | Missing |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 5 X 81 | 17 X 201 | 2 X 14 |

| AMF Sickness i.e. personnel evacuated beyond Fd Amb or held for period of 8 days or over | Offrs | ORs |
|---|---|---|
| | 14 | 555 |
| Percentage of Officer Battle Casualties | | 5.3 |
| " " ORs " " | | 4.3 |
| " " Officers Sick | | 3.1 |
| " " ORs " | | 8.0 |

Education Lectures, screenings of pictures and lessons in music etc.

Limiting factors - transport restrictions seriously prevented movement of Education personnel to units

Film is changed weekly by arrangement with USA personnel. One week was lost due to 35mm films being sent in lieu of 16mm. Almost complete absence of musical instruments of any description prevents practical application of lessons in theory of music, which are given regularly.

Chaplains

Chaplain PEDERICK was wounded and evacuated. Chaplain O'DRISCOLL arrived from NGF for duty.

Amenities.

Concert Party has been formed by 3 AUST DIV SIGS from local resources, but absence of properties and musical instruments is a handicap. DAD, Amenities NGF, has assisted with material for clothes and curtains etc. Taking into consideration the difficulties to be overcome and the fact that all talent comes from a limited number of units, the performances have been particularly entertaining and have proved very popular. A play, 'Jupiter Laughs' was staged and proved an outstanding success.

Sports Meeting and Football Matches have been held and created a deal of interest. Cash Prizes were given at the Sports Meeting as no other prizes were available or could be purchased.

A.C.F.
The quantity received has been very restricted due to non availability of plane space. Distribution was effected principally to the forward troops.

This was done through AASC channels and boy lines, and droppings from Wirraways. GOC, NFG, from his special amenities fund, arranged droppings from normal transport planes of comforts, including tobacco and cigarettes, to forward troops.

Visitors

Brig FURNELL DDMS, NGF.
" SUTHERLAND BGS " "

Officers

Departed - Lt-Col PONT, ADOS
Major BRIERLEY, DADOS
Lieut G R WATERS, I.O. 3 AUST DIV

Arrived - Major J S CARSON - Acting ADOS
Capt ROUGHTON - I.O. 3 AUST DIV

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MOST SECRET

HQ 3 Aust Div

ADOS 3 AUST DIV
WAR DIARY - JUL 43.

1. During the month of July the only stores received were 1500 lbs of M.T. Parts. Supplies to the forward troops wer delivered by Air Droppings which was highly successful. The stock position in the Field Ordnance Depot is acute.

2. On the 30th of the month a signal was received from N.G.F. cancelling the proposed expansion of Ordnance installations and requesting number of personnel that could be released. A signal was sent to N.G.F. advising that the following could be released immediately -

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 102 Fld Ord Depot: 1 Officer and 10 OR's) | Total 2 | |
| 82 Fld Amn Depot: Ten OR's | ) officers and | |
| 83 Fld Amn Depot: 1 Officer and ten OR's) | 30 OR's. | |

3. A report per signal from I.O.O. on the 30 th of the month disclosed two fatal pramatures of 2" Mortar bombs.

# WAR DIARY

## FUNCTION OF Q BRANCH 3 AUST DIV WAU - BULOLO AREA.

This summary covers the period 3 Mar 43 to 30 Jun 43.

It is intended to present a general picture of the function of Q Branch 3 Aust Div on the assumption of Comd in the WAU-BULOLO area.

Prior to assuming Comd on 24 Apr 43, the GSO 1, Lt-Col J.G.N. WILTON and AA & QMG, Lt-Co, E.A. GRIFFIN and DAQMG, Major D. J. [redacted], were attached to HQ KANGA FORCE (17 Aust Inf Bde) in order that they could become familiar with the tactical and administrative requirements of the area. HQ RAE was functioning at WAU.

During this period of attachment these officers obtained much valuable information regarding the conditions that prevailed and the requirements of the Force generally. This enabled an outline plan to be formulated in anticipation of eventually taking over the area.

NGF Adm Instn 83 was then issued.

In view of the fact that NGF had directed the extension of certain administrative installations and the establishment of existing installations on a more permanent basis they directed that a portion of the Divisional Staff should be moved to WAU to function as Adm HQ KANGA FORCE on 28 Mar 43.

This HQ comprised the following - AA & QMG, DAQMG, DAAG, ADOS, ADMS, CAEME and CASC and was established initially at Wylie's Farm, and subsequently at the area on the GOLDEN RIDGES road approximately 4 miles from WAU proper.

The Adm problems that we had seen confronting HQ KANGA FORCE were now our problems and it was quickly realized that to efficiently administrate a force of any size in this area that at least a Divisional Staff was required and that many of the existing arrangements would have to be altered accordingly.

The primary task at this juncture was to maintain the existing force whilst reorganizing and enlarging the general administrative machinery.

The commitments in the forward areas at this juncture were as follows:-

| | |
|---|---|
| In the MUBO area | 2/5 Aust Inf Bn, 2/7 Aust Indep Coy<br>1 Sec 1 Aust Mtn Bty |
| In the MISSIM area | 2/3 Aust Indep Coy |
| In the MARKHAM RIVER area | 2/5 Aust Indep Coy |

The troops in reserve inthe Valley proper were 2/6 Aust Inf Bn, 2/7 Aust Inf Bn and certain Machine Gun Coys utilized as fixed defences at WAU.

The system of maintaining the forward troops was as follows:-

To MUBO - Jeep track to wire rope bridge ref map Wau locality 4" - 1 mile 43268 - Pack Tpt to BALLAMS and native carrier line by daily stages to SUMMIT SKINDEWAI GUADAGASAL.

To MISSIM Jeep track from BULOLO to POMEROUSE thence by native carriers by daily stages to BRANCH CREEK, BIAUNE, PILIMUNG, MISSIM.

Both the MUBO and the MISSIM areas were supplemented by air droppings at BALLAMS SKINDEWAI GUADAGASAL and PILIMUNG.

To MARKHAM RIVER area - Jeep track to SUNSHINE thence by native carrier line in daily stages to MUMENG - PARTEP 11 - WAMPIT.

The service installations designed to supply these L's of C were as follows:-

AASC. - DID's were established at WAU and BULOLO in the proximity to the respective airfields. These DID's responsible for receipt of supplies ex aircraft, their storage and reissue.

Ammunition points were also established in WAU and BULOLO and the total reserve ammunition for the area was held in these 2 points. The amount of ammunition that was held was far in excess of that which would normally have been held by the AASC ammunition point.

This was necessary owing to the fact that no ammunition was held by Ordnance. The available AASC personnel, 2/2 Aust Coy AASC, strength 3 Officers, 54 O.Rs was taxed to the utmost to maintain these DID's and AP's and provide personnel along the L's of C and in the forward areas. The consequence was that the servicing of ammunition in all areas was sadly neglected and adequate supervision could not be given to the forwarding of supplies on the L's of C.

In many cases, AASC Dets on the L's of C consisted of 1 ASC driver and this individual, not highly trained in supply duties, was responsible for the forwarding of the maintenance for the large forces committed in the forward areas.

A complicated system of supply returns was required by NGF and this necessitated forwarding of lengthy stock returns daily from all forward AASC detachments. The compilation and accuracy of these returns depended entirely on information received from forward areas, and as a result of inexperience and inaccuracy of AASC personnel the greatest difficulty was experienced in providing the information required to NGF.

It was further appreciated that the holding of their reserves of ammunition and supplies in concentrated areas in close proximity to the WAU and BULOLO airfields constituted a serious risk of loss by enemy air action.

Accordingly, one of the earlier steps taken on the establishment of Adm HQ was to disperse these reserves and the necessity of this was made evident by several large bombing raids when certain ammunition and petrol was destroyed.

ORDNANCE

The supply of Ordnance stores was regulated by a detachment of 1 Officer, 4 O.Rs. - 10 A.O.D. Supplies were forwarded by direct indent at 10 AOD PORT MORESBY. It was not possible to maintain any reserve of Ordnance stores and demands were made from day to day. This Ordnance Depot was established at WAU again in the immediate vicinity of the airfield, and had on several occasions been heavily bombed with subsequent loss of material. Immediate action was taken to provide an alternative site and to effect early movement to that site.

It was realized that in the initial stages it was necessary that these establishments should be close to the airfield in order to reduce the amount of haulage necessary by a limited amount of transport.

~~NGF Adm Instr 83 was then received.~~

NGF Adm Instr 83 was designed to cover that phase of the WAU operations until the L of C BULLDOG-WAU was opened, and provided for daily programme of at least 13 planes to maintain the force by air pending receipt of supplies from BULLDOG and laid down the reserves of supplies that would be held.

These were - ammunition with the Unit - First Line
" " AASC - 15 days War
and in Reserve Usage rates.

SUPPLIES

RATIONS

| | |
|---|---|
| With the Unit | 2 days Fd Op Rations |
| To be held as a reserve en route to Unit | 1 day SWP Ration |
| In reserve with AASC | 15 days SWP Rations. |

Rations that would be delivered to Units by air droppings were to be in addition to the above holdings.

POL

15 Days Holding based on 300 galls per day and subsequently 500 galls per day.
RAAF Petrol - 7 days Usage to be held at WAU.

ORDNANCE

30 days war usage rate.

MECHANICAL MAINTENANCE.

An ordnance Brigade workshop was to be established to take over 2nd echelon maintenance from the 2/46 LAD which was then functioning with additional personnel in the WAU area.

MEDICAL

Provision was to be made for the establishment of the following medical installations -

CCS
Convalescent Depot KDIE CREEK
Det of Sec, Advanced Depot Med Stores at WAU
Mob Op Unit BULOLO

and for the provision of evacuation of casualties by air from WAU and BULOLO.

R.E. STORES

R.E. Stores Dumps were to be sited at WAU and BULOLO and were to be stocked in accordnance with demands as air transport permitted.

SALVAGE

Salvage dumps to be established and arrangements made for evacuation by air transport from WAU and BULOLO. Salvage local materials and machinery were to be retained in the area for use of Units.

TRAFFIC CONTROL

Traffic routes and circuits were to be laid down and road discipline enforced.

This then was the outline programme of which it was our function to implement.

It was obvious that we would have to create more extensive ORD and ASC installations to hold and service the proposed reserve.

Accordingly, the following depots were sighted by the AA & QMG in conjunction with the heads of the Services concerned:-

| | | Map Ref | Map |
|---|---|---|---|
| WAU | FOD | 363727 | WAU WEST 1" |
| | FAD | 362725 | " " |
| | FSD | 359724 | " " |
| | POL Depot | 369723 | " " (revised) 1" |
| BULOLO | FOD | 260936 | BULOLO 1" |
| | FAD | 256948 | " " |
| | FSD | 265923 | " " |
| | POL Depot | 264933 | " " |

The sighting of these new installations was a difficulty as the following considerations had to be kept in mind. The buildings had to be located conveniently close to main traffic routes, sufficiently far from the Airfields to be out of normal bomb range, and sited with consideration to the operational plan.

These guiding factors were considered and the general areas were decided upon - however, the biggest task was to discover suitable areas for the Engineers to erect the huts.

This meant many hours cutting through undergrowth (referred to by the troops as "Scrub Bashing") and exploring ridges and tracks by the AQ. Eventually areas were decided and the Engineers commenced building. The FSD buildings were to be of KUNAI and the FOD buildings of Galvanised Iron. Shortage of Sappers, Natives and material restricted the completion of the buildings, but progress was sufficient to provide cover for the stores as they arrived.

The next consideration was the provision of accomodation for the incoming 15 Aust Inf Bde Gp in the BULOLO BULWA SUNSHINE area. The three Battalion areas were decided on - one at SUNSHINE and forward - one at BULWA and a reserve Battalion site at BULOLO.

The 2/6 Aust Inf Bn erected the BULOLO and BULWA sites and did an excellent job even down to installing stoves showers, etc. The SUNSHINE site embraced an old NGVR site at HIDDEN CAMP which is situated about 4 hours walk from SUNSHINE up PETER READY CREEK, and additional native huts were erected at SUNSHINE proper. Brigade HQ accomodation was included in the BULWA site.

At this stage the main installations were sighted and work commenced. Many other minor changes were made such as moving the following from the immediate area of the WAU airfield - WAU Transit Camp - Canteen - Fd Post Office - HQ 2/2 Coy AASC - Transport Pool - AMGAU. All these moves necessitated further building with already overtaxed resources, but it was somehow completed in a short time.

The main concern now was to effect the movement by air of the 15 Aust Inf Bde Gp from PORT MORESBY. At this stage the greatest difficulty was being experienced in maintaining the existing force, and the possibility of MHF allotting sufficient Aircraft to move the additional troops appeared very remote.

On reconsideration of method of compilation of rations, it was decided that our effective ration holdings were sufficiently large to permit the aircraft to be used for troop carrying.

HQ 3 Aust Div, HQ AASC and 24 Aust Inf Bn arrived at WAU and BULOLO on 26 Mar and 23 Apr respectively. HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde and 58/59 Aust Inf Bn arrived on 27 May and various maintenance and service troops arrived over this period and 2/5 and 2/7 Aust Indep Coys moved out.

At this juncture we had the area organized and the troops in the area - a major task was completed.

Lieutenant
27/7/43

# REPORT BY DAQMG of VISIT TO NASSAU BAY 13 - 23 JUL 43.

ITINERY 1.

| | |
|---|---|
| SKINDEWAI | 13 JUL |
| GUADAGASAL | 14 JUL |
| RIVER JUNC | 15 JUL |
| NASSAU BAY | 16 JUL |
| RIVER JUNC | 22 JUL |
| GUADAGASAL | 23 JUL |
| BULOLO | 24 JUL |

OBJECT 2. To investigate and establish the L of C NASSAU BAY - MUBO for maintaining the 15 and 17 Bde Gps.

METHOD 3. The proposed method of supply was in this stage -

(a) Seaward movement from MOROBE to NASSAU BAY
(b) Jeep track from NASSAU BAY to junc BITOI and BUISVAL rivers referred to hereafter as NAPIER.
(c) Native carriers from NAPIER to MUBO area.

CONSIDERATIONS 4. Upon arrival at NAPIER the CASC and myself conferred with Supply Officer 1 Bn 162 Regiment and Major EDWARDS representing Col MACKECHNIE and from the information obtained it appeared that it would be increasingly more difficult to maintain the supply of TAYLOR FORCE from NAPIER. This was due to the following factors -

(a) The unreliability of the jeeptrack from NASSAU BAY which at that time was organized on the following lines -

Jeep and trailer to a jeephead approximately 1 mile from the beach from whence caterpillar tractors hauled the jeep trailers to cathead which was approx 2 hours carry from NAPIER.

This method of transportation was not reliable as frequent rain made the track impassible to jeeps and on occasions when the caterpillar trackors were required for hauling guns, movement of urgent stores was effected by American troops and a small number of natives carrying from the beachhead. Forward of NAPIER approx 400 effective carriers were working on a most difficult track over the BITOI RIDGE and evacuation of casualties by the same route was absorbing 16 natives per stretcher from TAYLOR Bn to NAPIER and 12 carriers per stretcher from NAPIER to the beachhead, as the track was too rough to permit evacuation of casualties by jeep or tractor. This meant that the natives available for supply were being continuously lessened as casualties increased, because natives used for stretcher carrying were not available for further duties for at least 3 days after the stretcher cases left the forward areas. At this stage TAYLOR FORCE

had been on very meagre rations and were urgently in need of Ordnance stores such as boots.

(b) ACTION TAKEN After full investigation and discussion with AQ and SC 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp it was decided that the maintenance of TAYLOR FORCE BN would be based on dropping grounds utilized by 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp. The details of this alteration were arranged and the 1 Bn Supply Det commanded by Lieut WOODLEY, and all available natives were moved on 16 JUL to OBSERVATION HILL dropping ground and came under the direction of S.C. 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp. This meant that further supply by this route would be most difficult unless an easier foottrack could be obtained from NAPIER forward.

BEACHHEAD NASSAU BAY 5. On arrival at the beachhead at approximately 1700 hrs 16 JUL, we contacted Capt. W.E. PATERSON, who was at that time living with O.C. COSC Major EDWARDS in the DINGA POINT area. The following morning we interviewed Brig Gen COANE who had just received instructions to move North along the coast and secure the TAMBU BAY area. We discussed with Gen COANE the problem of supplying the Force and assured him that we would make necessary arrangements together with Major DAVIDSON of MACK FORCE and MAJOR EDWARDS. We arranged that night for 5 barges to land rations and ammunition for 3 Bn 162 Regiment on a beach South of TAMBU BAY. This was effected and subsequent supplies delivered in a similar manner.

COMMAND 6. At this stage great confusion existed as to Comd of American Forces in the NASSAU - TAMBU BAY area. It would appear that Col MACKECHNIE and his Staff with TAYLOR FORCE under comd of 17 Bde and ROOSEVELT Bn under comd Gen COANE, commanded no combat troops although all the service organizations were portion of 162 Regiment. Gen COANE had no staff and was entirely reliant on the service personnel of 162 Regt. However, with the inclusion of Col MACKECHNIE into Gen COANE's HQ the executive Officer of 162 Regt, Major DAVIDSON was appointed as Beach Commander NASSAU, and the situation was clarified.

COSC 7. COSC NASSAU BAY Sub Area is commanded by Major W. EDWARDS (a former resident of LAE and SALAMAUA). This Officer has been given an outline plan to implement which far exceeds the requirements of this Formation alone and plans are being formulated for the holding of some thousand gallons of Aviation fuel and the staging for amphibious brigades. The COSC staff consists of 4 Officers and approx 15 O.Rs. AMF and 2 Officers and approx 20 ORs US Forces and 100 natives. A COSC area has been indicated vide the attached sketch and within that area COSC dumps of Aust and US Rations, amn ordnance stores etc and staging camps.

MEDICAL 8. Light Sec Australian Fd Amb and COSC Medical Evacuating Section have been amalgamated under the direction of DADMS and these will be capable now of handling a small number of evacuations, but would have to be supplemented for extensive operations. The details of this are known to the DADMS. A RAP has been established at NAPIER.

COMMUNICATIONS 9. The greatest difficulty was experienced in effecting the rapid and accurate transmission of messages by Signals. It appears that this was due to complete difference in procedure and general operation of Aust and US Signals. Unless closer co-operation is established no improvement can be expected.

TRANSPORT 10. Initially all jeeps and trailers belong to the 162 Regt Service Coy. However, subsequent shipment of 15 jeeps and 1 ton trailers arrived without any information as to whom they are to be allotted. No drivers were supplied with these vehicles and in order that COSC may rapidly clear the beachhead and other miscellaneous stores along the beach, drivers were borrowed from 11 Bty 2/6 Fd Regt as a temporary measure. I would recommend that a Pln of a GT Coy be moved to NASSAU BAY to take over all the vehicles in that area and sufficient maintenance personnel be provided to supplement the Regt Service Coy who may not remain at NASSAU BAY permanently. Sufficient vehicles are available at NASSAU to handle all requirements if they were effectively organized as suggested above.

POSTAL 11. No Aust Postal personnel are available at NASSAU BAY and it is recommenced that a FPO be established under COSC arrangements to handle mail for Aust personnel ~~xxx~~ of the 17 and 15 Bde Groups when the foottrack NAPIER - MUBO is effective.

STAGING CAMP NAPIER 12. Staging camp NAPIER is in the course of construction in the area indicated in the attached Sketch. The area is not ideal as the ground is soft and the general atmosphere oppressive. However, the nature of the country is such that it will be difficult to provide a better site. Cpl COURSON 2/6 Bn has been moved to NAPIER to commence the organization of Staging camp. He has been directed to provide cover for the maximum of 200 transit personnel and requisitions have been placed on COSC for the necessary Ordnance Stores. Until these stores are available and necessary buildings are erected by 2/7 Bn reinforcements at present at NAPIER, this staging camp cannot be considered to be functioning effectively. However, there are sufficient rations available and ample water and there is nothing to prevent the rapid move of reinforcements along this route by bivouacing at NAPIER.

ESTABLISHMENT OF FOOTTRACK NAPIER - MUBO

13. As directed by 3 Div all reinforcements for 2/7 Bn have been allotted to the task of cutting a foottrack from NAPIER to MUBO along the Northern slopes of LABABIA RIDGE as indicated in the attached sketch. The necessary tools, tentage, cooking gear, etc to enable these personnel to commence the work and to provide their own camps along the route have been requisitioned for from COSC. However, present indications are that there may be some delay in obtaining these stores although requested on the highest priority. My instructions to this party were to obtain what tools they could immediately from the US Engineers by liaison with Capt MORLING at NAPIER and press forward the clearing of the track with all speed.

STAFFING OF STAGING CAMPS NAPIER - MUBO

14. As this L of C will rapidly expand, it is strongly recommended that the O.C. and staff of reception Camp BULOLO be transferred to operate Staging Camps NAPIER and MUBO as soon as possible. The function of Cpl COURSON must be considered as a temporary measure only.

SEA TRANSPORT AVAILABLE

15. The following vessels based on MOROBE have been available for supply from MOROBE to NASSAU and from NASSAU forward -

37 LCV's payload 4 tons and
4 LCM's payload 25 tons.

These are operated efficiently by US Amphibious Engrs. 4 LCV's and 1 LCM are stationed temporarily at NASSAU for onward supply. It is recommended that a definite assurance be obtained from NGF that these craft or others are definitely allotted to the task of supplying NASSAU BAY and forward. Forward movement from MOROBE is now organized by COSC calling forward on priorities, requested by 3 Aust Div Adm Det NASSAU.

DEFENCE OF NASSAU BAY

16. During the 5 days of my stay at NASSAU BAY I was not able to ascertain the details of the plan for the defence of the area. There was no alarm signal or allotment to defensive positions and I feel that no plan has been formulated.

GENERAL

17. It is recommended that in future operations of this nature, that a G.S. Officer should be allotted to US Commander, as it is felt the Americans have some difficulty in interpreting the higher Commander's operational intention. It is felt that Liaison Officers cannot successfully perform this function; the L O with Gen COANE is attached from NGF and he had no previous experience of conditions or the country. The 3 Div L.O. Capt STURROCK is attached to ROOSEVELT Bn and communications were such that he could not be kept advised of the GOC's intentions and even if this

had been possible he was not in a position to pass them on to the Commander of the Force Gen COANE.

Generally speaking, the task of the Comd 162 Regt had been made more difficult by mishaps and the initial landing at NASSAU and subsequent confusion by the assignment of Gen COANE to the area. In the initial planning there was no provision for supplying the US Force with Officers, experienced in the operations and administrative problems that were to be faced and accordingly this Force had to commence their operations without the benefit of experience gained by the Australian Force which could easily have been available to them.

MAJOR

DAQMG 3 AUST DIV

25/July/43

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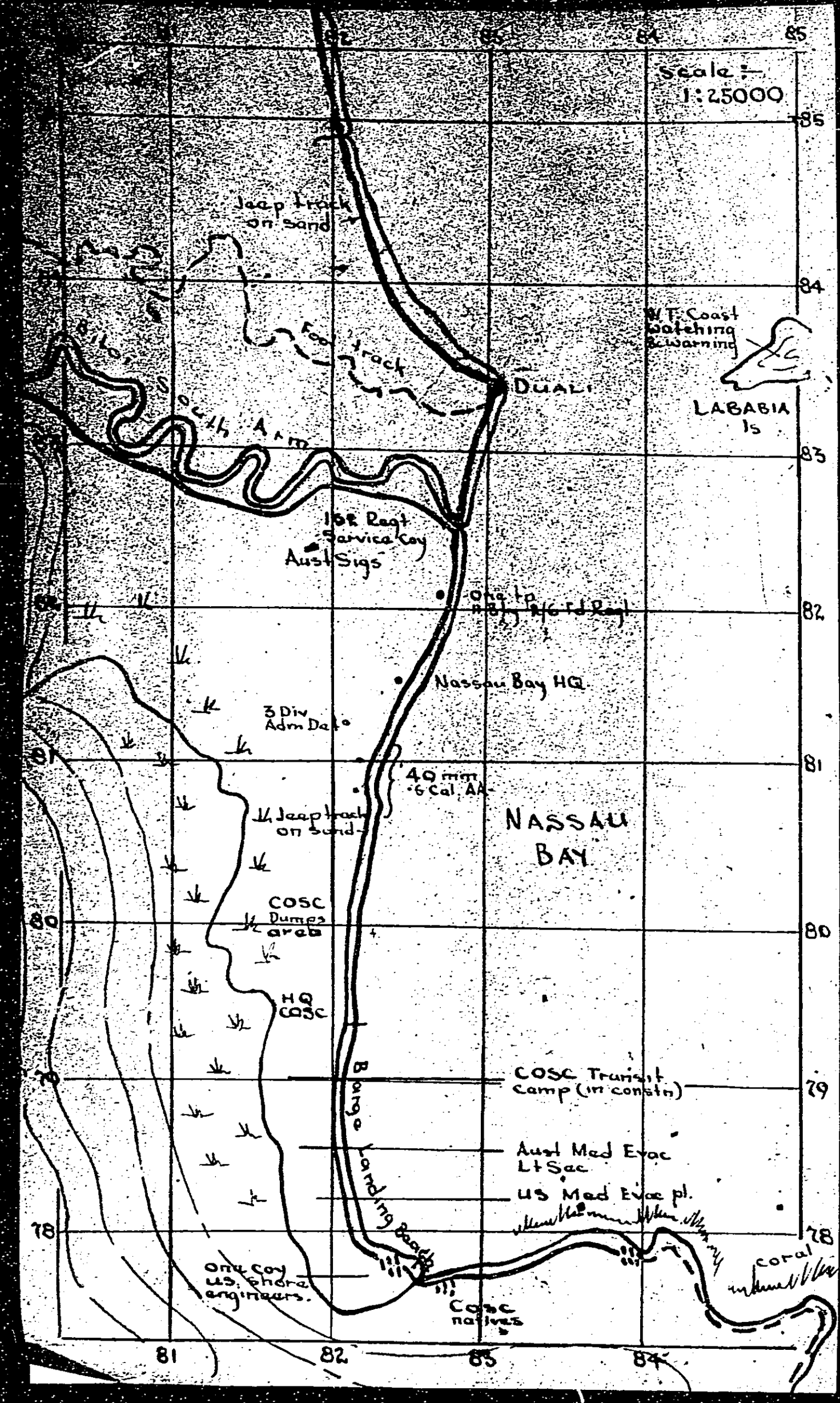

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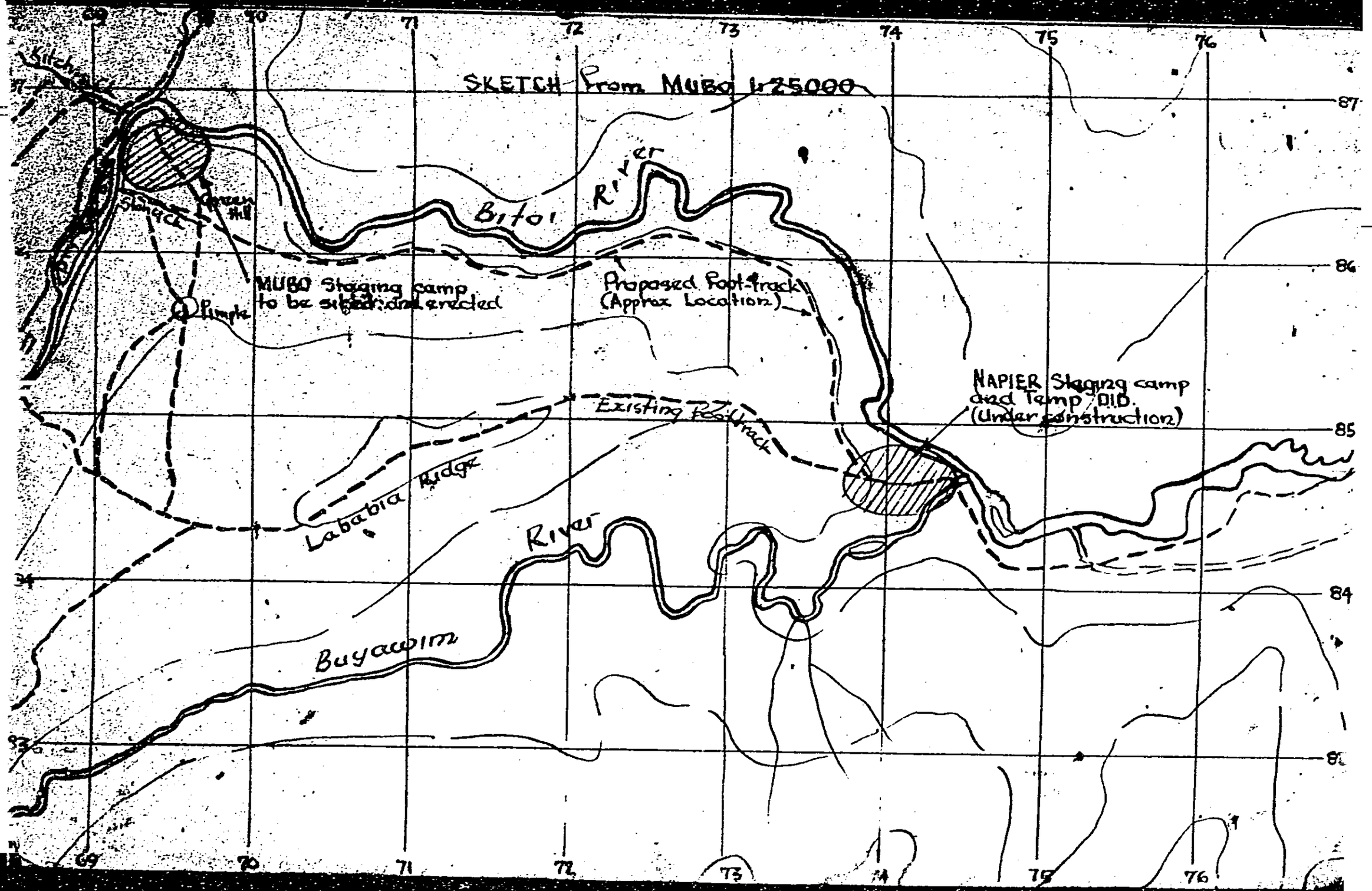
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MESSAGE FORM

War Diary

TO : UNITS AS PER DISTRIBUTION LIST "B"

FROM : 5 AUST DIV Q1195 2

In order that the holdings of blankets throughout NEW GUINEA might be determined it is necessary that you should forward to this HQ total number of blankets held by your unit as at 6 JUL (.) blankets used for bush beds etc will not be included in this figure (.) 17 Aust Inf Bde will include a bulk figure of blankets forward of jeephead

This message must be sent in cypher if liable to interception or to fall into enemy hands

ORIG'S INSTNS DEGREE OF PRIORITY T.O.O.

1530

MESSAGE FORM

TELEPHONES—

# Australian Military Forces.

Please quote this Number when replying.

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Address H Q 3 Aust Div.,
Date 2 July 43.

HQ 17 Inf Bde
CASC
3 Aust Div Wkshops Det
2/46 LAD
152 Gen Tpt Coy WAU
152 Gen Tpt Coy BULOLO
DA/G (for inform)
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## AEME PERSONNEL WITHIN UNITS 3 AUST DIV.

The following disposition of AEME personnel will be implemented forthwith.

This necessary transfer of personnel with personal tool kits will be carried out within the transport restrictions in operation.

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| | VX 35848 | Cfn Locke | | W | Fitter | I | to | 3 Aust Div Wkshops Det | | | | |
| | VX 3767 | Cpl Bennett | K | S | " | I | " | 152 Gen Tpt Pool WAU | | | | |
| | VX 5336 | Cfn Marshall | J | J | " | I | " | " | " | " | " | " |
| | VX 43857 | Cfn Doran | A | P | Mech MV | II | " | " | " | " | " | " |
| | VX 5334 | Cfn Mathews | W | R | " " | II | " | " | " | " | " | " |
| | VX 3330 | Cfn Pearson | T | P | " " | II | " | " | " | " | " | " |
| | VX 34939 | Cfn White | J | A | Fitter | I | " | 152 Gen Tpt Pool BULOLO | | | | |
| | VX 5136 | Cfn Grant | D | M | " | I | " | " | " | " | " | " |
| | VX 12852 | Cfn Pye | C | R | Mech MV | II | " | " | " | " | " | " |
| | VX 43474 | Cfn Anderson | | A | " " | II | " | " | " | " | " | " |
| | VX 12975 | Cfn Napier | | M | Fitter | I | " | 2/46 LAD | | | | |
| | VX 4672 | Cfn Setford | | L | " | I | " | " | " | | | |
| | VX 9820 | Cfn Robson | J | E | " | I | " | " | " | | | |
| X | VX 27646 | Cfn Meadowcroft | | J | Mech MV | II | " | 3 Aust Div Wkshops Det | | | | |
| X | VX 28466 | Cfn Elgar | S | S | " " | II | " | " | " | " | " | |
| X | VX 11537 | Cfn Hanley | E | D | " " | II | " | " | " | " | " | |

X Believed to be with 2/7 Aust Inf Bn.

[signature] Lt-Col.
Comd AEME 3 Aust Div.

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| ME | 73 | 48 |

*Address* HQ 3 AUST DIV.
*Date* 2July 43.

A.E.M.E. SITUATION. WAU - BULOLO. AREA.

HQ 3 Aust Div.
Copy DDME. N.G.Force. for inform.
War Diary (2)

1. It is requested that priority of movement of AEME personnel within the general priority of allocation of Air Transport space be alloted in the following manner :-

1st priority

(a) Reinforcement personnel to bring 2/46 Aust LAD to "J" type establishment.
7 ORs men and personnel equipt 1750 lbs
tech equipt 490 lbs

(b) OC of det 16 Bde Sect and certain urgently required tradesmen viz:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Turner | 1 | |
| Welder | 1 | |
| Armourer | 2 | ( one WO II) |
| Blacksmith | 1 | |
| Instrument Mech | 1 | |

1 officer 6 ORs
men and personal equipt 1550 lbs
tech equipt 500 lbs

2nd priority

266 Aust LAD
1officer 15 ORs
men and personal equipt 4000 lbs
technical equipt 5000 lbs

3 rd priority

12 ORs of 16 Bde Gp Sect and urgently required technical equipment.
men and personal equipt 3000 lbs
technical equipment 4000 lbs

2. This addition to AEME personnel will cover the immediate situation but does not provide for the relief of various personnel from various wkshops who are now attached to form the 3 Aust Div Wkshops Det,Wau Bulolo,nor does it provide for additional technical equipment required for 2/46 LAD estimated at 3000 lbs.

Lt Col.
Comd. A.E.M.E. 3 AUST DIV.

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ME 173 47

*Address* HQ 3 Aust Div.,
*Date* 2 July 43.

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HQ FORCE
War Diary (2)

AEME WAU - BULOLO AREA.

1. Ref your ME171/7 of 29 June.

2. The relation between Air Transport priorities and the movement of personnel and stores has always been fully discussed with "Q" 3 Aust Div.

The present position precludes the possibility of any immediate high priority being given to the movement of AEME personnel into the area. However I have again recorded with 3 Div Staff my appreciation of the required priority of movement of AEME personnel a copy of which is attached

3. It is requested that early advice be forward of the extent of availability of such personnel as are required to bring the 2/46 LAD to J strength vide my ME120/6 of 27 May. This aspect is of importance in connection with my request for priorities of movement.

4. Your early advice in detail by trades and ranks of the possible absorption of surplus AEME personnel ex-17 Bde into 16 Bde Sec Wkshops would enable transfers to be effected and would be a helpful contribution to the stabilizing of the AEME personnel position in the area.

As to future in the area the present 2nd echelon site is in progress of expansion to accommodate a complete Ind Bde Wkshops and will be capable of accommodating a 25% increment of such an establishment. The matter of locating a second Bde Wkshops is under discussion.

5. In the matter of hand tools: In view of Lt-Col Watkins advice that the movement of the detachment of 16 Bde Sect into area would be followed by the immediate relief of those personnel other than of 16 Bde Sec at present forming 3 Aust Div Wkshops Det, no action has been taken to indent for tool kit deficiencies for such personnel.

6. It is assumed that personnel of 16 Bde Sec moving into area will be effected as an advanced Det of the Unit and as such will bring complete tradesmen kits for personnel moving plus required proportion of unit technical and other equiptment. I have already advised the extent of technical equiptment of a Bde Sec which is deemed necessary for immediate requirements.

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*Date*



There is available for transfer to incoming Bde Sec sufficient cooking gear for 40 men. Incoming personnel in excess of this number will have to carry additional equiptment required. It will not be necessary for unit to carry tentage or any portable shelters.

7. A conservation of plane space could be effected if tool kits of personnel not of 16 Bde Sec who are to move out were retained in area for transfer to 16 Bde Sec. Such action could be countered by transfer of corresponding tradesmens kits from 16 Bde Sec to revelant units in PM area. Would you please advise whether such an arrangement could be implemented. If it can, I will arrange for indents to be submitted to bring these kits to full scale.

Lt-Col.
Comd AGME 3 Aust Div.

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HQ 3 AUST DIV
2 JULY 43

# ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I

Nos 226 - 238

By

MAJ-GEN S G SAVIGE

COMD 3 AUST DIV

Nos 226- 238

"G"

226
DAMAGE TO SIGNAL LINES

Instances of signal lines being damaged by carelessness on the part of our own troops have occurred and have sometimes caused breakdowns in communications for long periods. All personnel should be instructed of the importance of not interfering with signal lines. Working parties who anticipate that lines will be damaged in the course of their work should arrange for presence of a maintenance linesman, who will be available at any main staging camp on an L of C, when such work is executed, so that, if necessary, immediate restoration can be made. The practice of "teeing in" by unauthorized parties on signal lines will cease. Telephones will be connected to signal lines only with the authority of a responsible signals officer or in the case of operational emergency.

227
USE OF CYPHER

1. Intercepts have revealed that single transposition cypher is being used within the division. This cypher is most insecure, and will not be used.

2. Double transposition cyphers have been prepared and are en route to forward units. Only such authorised cyphers as are distributed from cypher officers will be used.

228
SECURITY OF DOCUMENTS IN OP AREAS.

Attention is directed to GRO G455 for infm and action where necessary.

229
BLUE & WHITE (SIGNALS) ARMLET

Attention is directed to GRO G458 for infm and action where necessary.

J Wilton
LT-COL
GS 3 AUST DIV

"AQ"

230
DRESS

The Area BULOLO, BULWA, SUNSHINE is declared Highly Malarious and the wearing of shorts will not be permitted at any time by troops in this area.

231
AF W3008

1. It is noted that this form is not being rendered by some units.

2. The return is to be forwarded weekly on Saturdays to this HQ for subsequent transmission to DAMS, N G Force.

232
PERSONNEL OF HEBREW FAITH

Attention is directed to NGF Order A255, for infm and necessary action. Returns are to reach this HQ as early as possible.

233
LOADING OF VEHS

1. In order that the most economical use of vehicles might be assured, it is essential that units make full use of the M F O for movement of miscellaneous stores.

2. Between 30 MAY and 5 JUN, and between 6 JUN and 13 JUN 109 and 240 empty vehicles respectively, moved through traffic control points.

3. This would indicate that further efforts are required to ensure full loading at all times.

234
MT STORES

Units will not indent direct for MT spare parts or other stores, but will submit their requirements to LAD who will demand from Wkshops. 2/46 LAD will deal with WAU Area and forward, and 231 LAD with BULOLO Area and forward.

235
MT SPARE PARTS - RECOVERY OF WORN & DAMAGED COMPONENTS

1. In view of the difficulties being encountered in meeting demands for MT Spare Parts, it is essential that all worn and damaged components be speedily recovered.

2. Although many replacements are issued few repairable items are returned to Ordnance.
Any units holding worn or damaged spare parts or components, are directed to return them forthwith to 3 Aust Div Workshops Detachments, AENE.

236
UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF PARACHUTES

Attention is directed to NGF Orders Q262 for infm and necessary action.
This matter must be regarded as most important by forward units.

237

Attention is directed to GRO's A459, A461, Q462, Q463, F470,, for infm and action where necessary.

238

Attention is directed to NGF Orders A254, A255, A257, Q259, Q260, Q262, for infm and action where necessary.

LT-COL
AA & QMG 3 AUST DIV

NOTICES.

FOUND

On EDIE CK Rd, pair spectacles in brown leather case. Owner apply 3 AUST DIV.

FOUND

SMG THOMPSON No F 190657 with magazine and sling, has been found by driver, 152 Aust G T Coy, Bulolo Rd 26 JUNE, and returned 102 Fwd Ord Depot.

CHURCH SERVICES

Church of England Services - BULOLO

HQ 3 AUST DIV - General Service - 0900 Hrs - 4 JULY
Holy Communion - 0945 Hrs - "

YMCA BULOLO - General Service - 1600 Hrs - 4 JULY
Holy Communion - 1645 Hrs - "

RC Church Services - BULOLO

HQ 3 AUST DIV - 0845 Hrs - 4 JULY

YMCA BULOLO - 1030 Hrs. - "

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## SUMMARY OF BATTLE CASUALTIES AND SICK AS AT 0600 HRS 5 JULY 43.

| UNIT | BATTLE CASUALTIES Killed Offrs | Killed ORs | Wounded Offrs | Wounded ORs | Prisoners of War Offrs | Prisoners of War ORs | Missing Offrs | Missing ORs | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| 1 Aust Mtn Bty | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| 156 Lt A A Bty | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| 2/8 Aust Fd Coy | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| 2/14 Aust Fd Coy | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| 2 Pl 15 Aust Fd Coy | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| Sigs 3 Aust Div | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| 2/5 Aust Inf Bn | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | | | |
| 2/6 Aust Inf Bn | - | - | - | 4 | - | - | - | | | |
| 2/7 Aust Inf Bn | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| 58/59 Aust Inf Bn | 1 | 4 | - | 8 | - | - | - | | | |
| 2/3 Aust Ind Coy | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| 2/1 Aust MG Bn | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| 83 Aust F A D. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| 17 Aust Ord Amn Coy | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| 2/2 Graves & Enq Unit | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| | 1 | 4 | - | 14 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 87 |

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MEDICAL SUMMARY.

Week Ending 2 JUL 43.

PREVALENT DISEASES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Malaria | 85 | (includes 11 cases for week ending 25 JUN 43.) |
| Dysentery | 4 | |
| Diarrhoea | 6 | |
| Scrub Typhus | 1 | |
| Vitamin Deficiency | NIL. | |

[signature] COL.
ADMS 3 AUST DIV.

5 JULY 43

# SUMMARY OF BATTLE CASUALTIES AND SICK
## AS AT 0600 HRS 5 JULY 43.

| UNIT | BATTLE CASUALTIES | | | | | | | | SICK | | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Killed | | Wounded | | Prisoners of War | | Missing | | | | |
| | Offrs | ORs | Offrs | ORs | Offrs | ORs | Offrs | ORs | Offrs | ORs | |
| 1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 4 | Capt HIRSCHEL |
| 1 Aust Mtn Bty | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | |
| 156 Lt A A Bty | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5 | |
| 2/8 Aust Fd Coy | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | |
| 2/14 Aust Fd Coy | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | |
| 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | |
| 2 Pl 15 Aust Fd Coy | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | |
| Sigs 3 Aust Div | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | |
| 2/5 Aust Inf Bn | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | |
| 2/6 Aust Inf Bn | - | - | - | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | 36 | |
| 2/7 Aust Inf Bn | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 17 | |
| 58/59 Aust Inf Bn | 1 | 4 | - | 8 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | NOK 171 Lieut PEMBERTON |
| 2/3 Aust Ind Coy | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | |
| 2/1 Aust MG Bn | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | |
| 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | |
| 83 Aust F A D. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | |
| 17 Aust Ord Amn Coy | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | |
| 2/2 Graves & Enq Unit | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | |
| | 1 | 4 | - | 14 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 87 | |

5 JULY 43

MOST SECRET.

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HQ COMD 3 AUST DIV AASC (AIF)

AMMUNITION - RECOVERIES, EXPENDITURE & ESTIMATED HOLDINGS.

AS AT 2359 HRS 2 JUL 43.

BASED ON HOLDINGS AS AT 2359 HRS 30 JUN.

COMPILED DAILY AS AT 2359 HRS.

GUADAGAZAL AND FORWARD.

| TYPE | SCALE A | SCALE B | KNOWN RECOVERIES DROPPINGS & B/LINE | KNOWN EXPENDITURE | ESTIMATED HOLDINGS | INCREASE SINCE LAST RETURN | DECREASE SINCE LAST RETURN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | For basis of calculation only | | | | | | |
| 303 B/Ch | 182475 | 75082 | - | 790 | 304960 | - | 790 |
| 303 Ctn | 113000 | 37300 | - | - | 194372 | - | - |
| 303 Tcr | 25200 | - | - | - | 22466 | - | - |
| 303 Belt | 64000 | 2400 | - | - | 122000 | - | - |
| 45 TSMG | 121400 | 22260 | - | 524 | 183981 | - | 524 |
| 9 MM | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 380 Rev | 2574 | 1430 | - | - | 2375 | - | - |
| 2 Mor HE | 1512 | 2100 | 60 | 4 | 4263 | 56 | - |
| 2 Mor Smk | 504 | - | - | - | 685 | - | - |
| 2 Mor Ill | 126 | - | - | - | 170 | - | - |
| 2 Mor Red | 42 | - | - | - | 62 | - | - |
| 2 Mor Grn | 42 | - | 150 | - | 202 | 150 | - |
| 3 Mor HE | 2016 | 800 | - | 52 | 3100 | - | 52 |
| 3 Mor Smk | 672 | - | - | - | 686 | - | - |
| 1 In Ill | 576 | 96 | - | - | 200 | - | - |
| 1 In Red | 192 | 96 | - | - | 170 | - | - |
| 1 In Grn | 192 | 96 | - | - | 182 | - | - |
| Gren Hand | 2252 | 2004 | - | - | 5187 | - | - |
| Gren Rif | 576 | 504 | - | 24 | 1295 | - | 24 |
| 3.7 HOW | 192 | 320 | 134 | - | 625 | 134 | - |

PILIMUNG AND FORWARD.

| SCALE A | SCALE B | KNOWN RECOVERIES DROPPINGS & B/LINE | KNOWN EXPENDITURE | ESTIMATED HOLDINGS | INCREASE SINCE LAST RETURN | DECREASE SINCE LAST RETURN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| For basis of calculation only | | | | | | |
| 156125 | 63646 | 8000 | - | 192525 | 2000 | - |
| 92000 | 30600 | 3744 | 400 | 124296 | 3344 | - |
| 19800 | - | - | - | 14232 | - | - |
| 64000 | 2400 | - | 1000 | 57450 | - | 1000 |
| 60000 | 10000 | 16000 | - | 82346 | 16000 | - |
| 80000 | 14600 | 12000 | - | 84550 | 12000 | - |
| 3438 | 1960 | - | - | 1558 | - | - |
| 1656 | 2300 | 288 | 11 | 4238 | 277 | - |
| 552 | - | - | 10 | 176 | - | 10 |
| 138 | - | - | - | 60 | - | - |
| 46 | - | - | - | 12 | - | - |
| 46 | - | - | - | 6 | - | - |
| 1512 | 480 | 102 | 38 | 1166 | 66 | - |
| 504 | - | 52 | 20 | 50 | 32 | - |
| 336 | 60 | - | - | 36 | - | - |
| 112 | 60 | - | - | 21 | - | - |
| 112 | 60 | - | - | 13 | - | - |
| 1824 | 2524 | - | - | 4409 | - | - |
| 480 | 640 | - | - | 913 | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Lt-Col
CASC 3 Aust Div.
3 JUL 43

MOST SECRET.

DOUBLET.

HQ COMD 3 AUST DIV AASC (AIF)

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AS AT 2359 HRS 3 JUL 43.

BASED ON HOLDINGS AS AT 2359 HRS 30 JUN.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | For basis of calculation only | | | | | | |
| 303 B/Ch | 182475 | 75082 | - | - | 304960 | - | - |
| 303 Ctn | 113000 | 37300 | - | 20000 | 174372 | - | 20000 |
| 303 Tcr | 25200 | - | - | - | 22466 | - | - |
| 303 Belt | 64000 | 2400 | - | - | 122000 | - | - |
| 45 TSMG | 121400 | 22260 | - | - | 183981 | - | - |
| - MM | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 80 Rev | 2574 | 1430 | - | - | 2375 | - | - |
| Mor HE | 1512 | 2100 | - | 167 | 4096 | - | 167 |
| Mor Smk | 504 | - | - | 40 | 645 | - | 40 |
| Mor Ill | 126 | - | - | - | 170 | - | - |
| Mor Red | 42 | - | - | - | 52 | - | - |
| Mor Grn | 42 | - | - | - | 202 | - | - |
| Mor HE | 2016 | 800 | 18 | 156 | 2962 | - | 138 |
| Mor Smk | 672 | - | - | 43 | 643 | - | 43 |
| In Ill | 576 | 96 | - | - | 200 | - | - |
| In Red | 192 | 96 | - | - | 170 | - | - |
| In Grn | 192 | 96 | - | - | 182 | - | - |
| ren Hand | 2232 | 2004 | - | 3 | 5184 | - | 3 |
| ren Rif | 576 | 504 | - | - | 1295 | - | - |
| .7 HOW | 192 | 320 | 90 | - | 714 | 90 | - |

PILIMUNG AND FORWARD.

| SCALE A | SCALE B | KNOWN RECOVERIES DROPPINGS & B/LINE | KNOWN EXPENDITURE | ESTIMATED HOLDINGS | INCREASE SINCE LAST RETURN | DECREASE SINCE LAST RETURN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| For basis of calculation only | | | | | | |
| 156125 | 63646 | 10550 | - | 203075 | 10550 | - |
| 92000 | 30600 | - | - | 124296 | - | - |
| 198000 | - | - | - | 14232 | - | - |
| 64000 | 2400 | 15500 | - | 72950 | 15500 | - |
| 60000 | 10000 | 15960 | - | 98306 | 15960 | - |
| 80000 | 14600 | 53620 | - | 138170 | 53620 | - |
| 3438 | 1960 | - | - | 1558 | - | - |
| 1656 | 2300 | 54 | - | 4292 | 54 | - |
| 552 | - | 48 | - | 224 | 48 | - |
| 138 | - | - | - | 60 | - | - |
| 46 | - | - | - | 12 | - | - |
| 46 | - | - | - | 6 | - | - |
| 1512 | 480 | - | - | 1166 | - | - |
| 504 | - | - | - | 50 | - | - |
| 336 | 60 | - | - | 36 | - | - |
| 112 | 60 | - | - | 21 | - | - |
| 112 | 60 | - | - | 13 | - | - |
| 1824 | 2524 | 754 | - | 5163 | 754 | - |
| 480 | 640 | - | - | 913 | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

GUADAGAZAL- All figures shown in expenditure column, except Hand Grens, represent condemned ammunition taken from stocks for servicing. PILIMUNG - No communication on expenditure.

N.G.F.

Forwarded

Lt-Col
AA & QMG 3 Aust Div.
JUL 43.

W.K. MacLean Lt-Col.
ASC 3 Aust Div.
4 JUL 43.

MOST IMPORTANT

TO ALL COMMANDING OFFICERS THIS INSTRUCTION DEALS WITH A SUBJECT THAT CLOSELY AFFECTS THE EFFICIENCY OF ALL TROOPS UNDER YOUR COMMAND.

HQ 3 AUST DIV.

5 JUL 43.

"A" CIRCULAR NO 43/43

MALARIAL CONTROL.

1. THE WEEKLY DROP IN MALARIA INCIDENCE IS MAINTAINED. DURING THE LAST FOUR WEEKS THE FIGURE HAS FALLEN FROM 182 TO 73.

2. CONSTANT INSISTENCE ON THOROUGH MALARIA PRECAUTIONS IS REQUIRED OF ALL UNITS IN ORDER THAT WEEKLY DECREASE MAY CONTINUE.

3. SUMMARY IS ATTACHED.

LT.COL.
AA & QMG 3 AUST DIV.

MALARIA INCIDENCE - WEEK ENDING 25 JUN 43.

| UNIT | TOTAL NO CASES | % of STRENGTH | 1st INFECTION | RELAPSE | PROBABLE SITE OF INFECTION | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | MILNE BAY | MUBO | BULOLO | SUNSHINE | MARKHAM | MISSIM | WAU |
| 2/5 Aust Inf Bn | 8 | 1.4 | 1 | 7 | 1 | | | | | | |
| 2/6 AUST Inf Bn | 5 | 1.3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | | | | |
| 2/7 Aust Inf Bn | 19 | 3.5 | 10 | 9 | | 10 | | | | | |
| 24 Aust Inf Bn | 3 | .47 | 3 | | | | | 2 | 1 | | |
| 2/3 Aust Ind Coy | 1 | .38 | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | |
| 2/8 Aust Fd Coy | 3 | 1.4 | 3 | | 2 | | | | | | 1 |
| 2/14 Aust Fd Coy | 5 | 2.7 | 5 | | | | | | | | |
| 2/16 Aust Fd Coy | 8 | 3.5 | 2 | 6 | 2 | | | | | | |
| 2/1 Aust Fd Regt | 4 | 4. | 1 | 3 | | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 Aust Mtn Bty | 2 | 4.2 | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| 2/25 Aust Fd Pk | 1 | .9 | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| 2/46 Aust L.A.D. | 1 | 7.7 | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| 2 Div Wkshops | 1 | 2.6 | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| 102 Aust F.O.D. | 1 | 4.5 | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 |
| 5 Aust F.A.D. | 1 | 5.8 | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | |
| 2/2 Aust Coy ASC | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | |
| 52 Aust Gen Tpt Coy | 1 | 1.1 | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 |

MALARIA INCIDENCE - WEEK ENDING 25 JUN 43.

| UNIT | TOTAL NO CASES | % of STRENGTH | 1st INFECTION | RELAPSE | PROBABLE SITE OF INFECTION | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | MILNE BAY | MUBO | BULOLO | SUNSHINE | MARKHAM | MISSIM | WAU |
| 2/34 Aust Sup. Dep ASC | 1 | 3 | - | 1 | | | - | | | | |
| 3 Aust Div | 1 | .89. | 1 | - | | | 1 | | | | |
| 17 Aust Inf Bde HQ | 1 | .8 | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| 17 Aust Inf Bde Sigs. | 1 | .25 | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| 28 Aust L of C Salvage | 1 | 11. | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | |
| 15 Aust Fd Coy RAE | 1 | 2. | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | |
| 2 Aust Pack Tpt Coy | 1 | 3. | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| 2 GAU | 1 | 1.25 | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| TOTALS | 73 | | 31 | 42 | 7 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 |

## Results Sports meeting 15 July 41.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bowling at the Wicket | | Spr. Ellis HQ RAE | |
| Kicking the Football | | Pte Brotherton HQ 3 Div | 53' 1½" |
| Broad Jump | 1. | Pte Aligh A. Coy 2/7 Am. | 16' 5½" |
| | 2. | Dr. Burnett 152 G.T. Coy | 15' 9" |
| High Jump | 1. | Sig Lemprière 3 Div Sigs. | 4' 10" |
| | 2. | Pte Aligh A. Coy 2/7 Am. | 4' 7" |
| Hop Step & Jump | 1. | Cpl. Brown A. Coy 2/7 Am | 37' 5½" |
| | 2. | Dr. Burnett 152 G.T. Coy. | 36' 5½" |
| Obstacle Race | 1. | Pte Sutherland 3 Cmt Div | |
| | 2. | LAC. Oliver 30 L RDF RAAF. | |
| 75 Sprint | 1. | Sig Little, 15 L Lt AA Atty. | 8 secs. |
| | 2. | Pte Garn 2/1 M.G. Am. | |
| 220 Sprint | 1. | Sig Little 15 L Lt AA Atty. | 25.4 Secs. |
| | 2. | Pte Pembos D Coy 2/7 Am | |
| 550 | 1. | Cpl Dawkins 30 L RDF RAAF | 2.30.6 |
| | 2. | LAC Ross Do. | |
| 550 Relay | 1. | 2/1 M.G. Am. | 1.55.2 |
| | 2. | A. Coy 2/7 Am. | |
| Tug of War. | 1. | A. Coy 2/7 Am. | |

Lieut
Secretary.

### Balance Sheet

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Amenities H.Q. 3 Cmt Div. | 10.10.0 |
| | | H.Q. 3 Cmt Div Sigs | 2.0.0 |
| | | 2/7 Cmt Inf Am | 1.0.0 |
| | | H Q RAE. | 1.0.0 |
| | | 15 L Lt AA Atty | 1.0.0 |
| Prize money | 17.10.0 | 2/1 Cmt M G Am | 1.0.0 |
| | | 2/14 Cmt Fd Coy | 1.0.0 |
| | 17.10.0 | | 17.10.0 |

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Secretary.

## SPORTS MEETING 18 JUL 43

### ADDITIONAL OFFICIALS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ANNOUNCER. | Maj. BUNN | HQ 3 AUST DIV SIGS (AIF) |
| STARTER. | Capt. BAIRD | 2/7 Aust Inf Bn. |
| AST. | Lieut. CREBER | 2/1 Aust M.G. Bn. |

### JUDGES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Running. | Rep. LORD | HQ 3 Aust Div. |
| | Padre WOOD | HQ SIGS 3 Aust Div (AIF) |
| | Lieut. BAIN | 2/1 Aust M.G.Bn |
| Jumping. | Lieut. THISTLEWAITE ) | |
| | Sgt GREENWOOD ) | 156 Lt. A.A.Bty. |
| | Sgt FLATTERY ) | |
| Tug of War. | Lieut FISHBORN | 2/14 Aust Fd Coy |
| | Adjt. ROBERTSON | Salvation Army |
| | Sgt. PAGE | 2/1 Aust M.G.Bn. |
| Bowling at Wicket. | Lieut PERRY | HQ Sigs 3 Aust Div (AIF) |
| Kicking the Football. | W.O. MAHOMET | HQ RAE (AIF) 3 AUST DIV. |
| Obstacle Race. | Lieut WALKER | 2/7 Aust Inf Bn. |
| | Sgt COLLINSON | HQ RAE (AIF) 3 AUST DIV. |
| Runner | Cpl KNIGHT | 152 G.T.Coy. |

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### TIMETABLE

| | | prizes. |
|---|---|---|
| 1330 | 1st Heat 75 yds sprint. | |
| 1332 | 2nd " | |
| 1334 | 3rd " | |
| 1335 | Broad Jump | 1st £1. 2nd 10/- |
| 1335 | First Round Tug of War. | |
| 1350 | 1st Heat 220 yds. | |
| 1354 | 2nd " | |
| 1358 | 3rd " | |
| 1400 | Bowling at the Wicket | 1st 10/- |
| 1405 | High Jump | 1st £1. 2nd 10/- |
| 1415 | 75 yds Sprint Final | 1st £1. 2nd 10/- |
| 1420 | 2nd Round Tug of War | |
| 1430 | Kicking the Football (Followed by a demonstration) (of throwing the Football ) | 1st 10/- |
| 1435 | Hop Step and Jump | 1st £1. 2nd 10/- |
| 1440 | 1st Heat 880 yds | |
| 1450 | 2nd Heat " | |
| 1500 | 1st Heat Relay 880 yds | |
| 1505 | 2nd " " | |
| 1510 | Semi Finals Tug of War. | |
| 1530 | Obstacle Race | 1st £1. 2nd 10/- |
| 1540 | Final 220 yds. | 1st £1. 2nd 10/- |
| 1545 | Final 880 yds. | 1st £1. 2nd 10/- |
| 1550 | Final Tug of War. | 1st £4. |
| 1605 | Final of 880 yds relay | 1st £2. |
| | Presentation of Prizes. | Total Prize money £17-10-0. |

Programme subject to slight alteration owing to possible scratchings in which case more post entry novelty events will be held.

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MAJ.
DAAG 3 AUST DIV.

"A" CIRCULAR 44/43

HQ 3 AUST DIV
7 JULY 43

SPORTS MEETING

1. A Sports Meeting will be held at BULOLO Aerodrome on Sunday, 18 JUL 43 commencing 1330 hrs.

2. All units in the BULOLO Area are invited to participate.

3. The programme will consist of the following events:-

75 yds Sprint
220 yds Sprint
880 yds Sprint
880 yds Relay. Team of 4.
Tug of War. Team of 8.
Kicking football
Bowling at Wicket.
High Jump.
Broad Jump.
Hop, step and jump.
Obstacle Race.
Push Bicycle Race
Slow Bicycle Race.
50 yds sprint. Old Buffers Race.

4. Entries will be limited to two per unit in the running events, one team per unit in relay and tug of war events, and one entry only in each of the other events.

5. Cash Prizes will be awarded to winners of all individual and team events. Details of which will be later published.

6. Events will be subject to the following conditions:-

(a) Running
I. Wearing of spiked shoes will be disallowed. Shorts may be worn by competitors.
II. Competitors breaking on the mark will receive a warning for the first offence, on second offence will be disqualified.

(b) Bowling at Wicket. Each competitor will be given three balls. The competitor hitting the stump the most number of times will be declared the winner.

(c) Kicking the Football Each competitor will be allowed two kicks. The competitor kicking the greatest distance will be declared the winner.

(d) Jumps
I. Competitors will be allowed three attempts at each height and distance.
II. In the case of the Broad Jumps and Hop, step and jump, no jump will be counted as a jump.

(e) Tug of War This event will be conducted according to Army rules, 6 foot pull of one minute duration, team winning two out of three pulls will be declared winning team.

(f) Relay Teams of 4, first runner in each will carry bator which will be passed to the next runner in the team. Passing the baton will be carried out between the flags indicated on the track, at the end of each section of the race.

(g) Disputes
I. Any dispute arising out of any incident during the conduct of the meeting will be referred to the referee.
II. The referee's decision in those cases will be final.

7. The following officers have been appointed:-
President and Referee Lieut J R GILL, 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy.
Secretary. Lieut J R TOONE, A/Amen Offr, 3 DIV.
Other officials to be notified later.

8. (a) All entries will reach Amenities Officer HQ 3 AUST DIV by 1500 hrs 13 JUL 43.
   (b) In the event of an entrant becoming a casualty before, or on the day of the meeting, a substitute may be entered. Units are asked to notify Secretary of any changes in entries.

9. (a) Time Table of events will be issued later.
   (b) All competitors are warned that all events will commence at the times laid down.
   (c) Competitors will assemble at the place indicated by the announcer and report to marshalls, who will arrange various heats.

10. Units are requested to advise Secretary of number of bicycles which may be made available.

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ALL UNITS IN BULOLO AREA
Lieut TOONE (6)

## SPORTS MEETING 18 JUL 43

### ADDITIONAL OFFICIALS

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AST. Lieut. CREBER 2/1 Aust M.G. Bn.

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SECRET 10/43

SUBJECT: RE-ORGANISATION 3 AUST DIV AS JUNGLE INF DIV.

HQ 3 AUST DIV
4 JULY 43

1. Ref 3 AUST DIV G34/1 of 31 MAY 43. Action will be taken now by units concerned to re-organise on W.E. indicated in appendix attached.

2. Surplus Personnel.

(i) NCO's and Other Ranks - Nominal Roll as per Appendix "B", of NCO's and other ranks who cannot be absorbed in their correct ranks or trades under new W.E., will be forwarded to reach this HQ by 18 JUL 43.

(ii) Officers - Particulars of -
(a) Surplus Officers.
(b) Officers required for postings under new W.E. and not available within the unit, will be advised by 18 JUL 43.

3. Where units have been re-organised on W.E.'s indicated, particulars of surplus personnel required vide para 2 will be advised.

4. Weapons and associated stores surplus to entitlements under Tropical Scales will be returned to Ordnance. Additional weapons and associated stores to complete unit entitlements will be issued by ADOS.

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|---|---|
| 15 AUST INF BDE | ADOS |
| RAE 3 AUST DIV | CAEME |
| HQ COMD AASC | ADMS |
| SIGS 3 AUST DIV | DAPM |
| 24 AUST INF BN | CASH |
| 57/60 AUST INF BN | POSTAL |
| RECEPTION CAMP | CAMP |
| 3 AUST DIV SALVAGE UNIT | 13 D&E PL |
| G | WAR DIARY (2) |
| Q | FILE (2). |

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APPENDIX "A"

W.E. JUNGLE DIV.

| SERIAL | UNIT | REF NO | OFFRS | ORS | TOTAL | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | HQ RAE 3 Aust Div | 11/4/3 | 6 | 29 | 35 | To be raised from existing unit |
| 2. | 2/8 Aust Fd Coy | 11/10A/4 | 7 | 244 | 251 | " |
| 3. | 15 Aust Fd Coy | 11/10A/4 | 7 | 244 | 251 | " |
| 4. | 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy | 11/9/4 | 5 | 166 | 171 | " |
| 5. | 3 Aust Div Cam Unit | 111/30/1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | " |
| 6. | HQ 3 Aust Div | 11/1/4TS | 40 | 179 | 219 | " |
| 7. | K Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div | 11/11A/1 TS | 2 | 43 | 45 | " |
| 8. | 3 Aust Div Cipher Sec | 11/11C/1 | 1 | 15 | 16 | " |
| 9. | HQ 3 Aust Div AASC | 11/5/4TS | 9 | 38 | 47 | " |
| 10. | 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (HQ 3 Tpt Pls; 3 R D Is) (HQ & 1 Wkshop Sec) | 11/14/A A B F & G/2TS | 9 | 359 | 368 | " |
| 11. | HQ 1 Aust Sup Dep Coy | 12/40/2 | 3 | 14 | 17 | " |
| 12. | 1 Aust Sup Dep Pl | 12/4CA/2 TS | 2 | 31 | 33 | " |
| 13. | 2 Aust Sup Dep Pl | " | 2 | 31 | 33 | " |
| 14. | 2/2 Aust Fd Amb | 11/16/3 TS | 13 | 225 | 238 | " |
| 15. | 15 Aust Fd Amb | " | 13 | 225 | 238 | " |
| 16. | 266 Aust LAD (Type J) | 11/18C/1 TS | 1 | 16 | 17 | " |
| 17. | 3 Aust Div Cash Office | 111/96/1 | 1 | 8 | 9 | " |
| 18. | 3 Aust Div Pro Coy | 11/20/2 | 3 | 114 | 117 | " |
| 19. | 3 Aust Div Postal Unit | 11/21/5 | 1 | 28 | 29 | " |
| 20. | 3 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp | 111/89/1 | 1 | 9 | 10 | " |
| 21. | 3 Aust Div Sec Salvage Unit | 11/27/2 | 1 | 41 | 42 | " |
| 22. | HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde | 11/2/3/ TS | 17 | 68 | 85 | " |
| 23. | 24 Aust Inf Bn | 11/12C/2 TS | 33 | 754 | 787 | " |
| 24. | 57/59 Aust Inf Bn | " | 33 | 754 | 787 | " |
| 25. | 58/59 Aust Inf Bn | " | 33 | 754 | 787 | " |
| 26. | 3 Aust Div D&E Pl | 11/25/4 | 1 | 60 | 61 | " |

APPENDIX "B"

| No | Rank | Name | Med Class. | Trade Grouping | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | Particulars of experience etc to assist in re-allotment. |

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HQ 3 AUST DIV.

10 JUL 43.

# ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

By

MAJ-GEN S G SAVIGE

COMD 3 AUST DIV.

Nos 239 - 261

"G"

239 Captured Enemy DOCUMENTS, Equipment, etc. — Attention is directed to GRO G473 for information and action where necessary.

240 Malaria Measures for Prevention and Control. — Attention is directed to GRO G491 for information and action where necessary.

241 Units Classified as AIF. — Attention is directed to GROs G478 and G489 for information.

242 Possession of Unauthorised Arms and Equipment Upon Embarkation to Australia. — Attention is directed to NEW GUINEA FORCE Order G265 for information and action where necessary.

243. Endorsement of Troops Mail. — Attention is directed to NEW GUINEA FORCE Order G266 for information and action where necessary.

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244. Dress. — 3 Aust Div RO 230 is amended as follows.
The wearing of shorts is prohibited at all times except during organized sport. All shorts will be recalled into FOD with the exception of a limited quantity for use as indicated above. Coys etc may hold a selection of shorts in Coy etc store for use during sport on the authority of an officer.

245. Recommendations for Awards. — In future 5 copies of recommendations for awards will be forwarded to this HQ -
Date of signing the citation by C.O. of unit is to be inserted after signature.

246. Discharge of Soldiers on Compassionate grounds. — Authority for the discharge of individual soldiers is now vested in HQ L of C Areas who may correspond direct with units. Unit reply will be forwarded through this HQ and will state whether application is

246. (cont)

recommended, together with particulars of soldiers age, length of service, character and ability, and usefulness to the army. Any statement made by the soldier will be also forwarded. When discharge is authorised by L of C areas soldier will be returned to that area for disposal.

247. Mvt of Personnel Nominal Rolls.

1. A great deal of unnecessary movement and inconvenience to personnel as well as increased administrative detail is caused by units not furnishing sufficient infm (and, in some cases, no infm whatsoever) on Nominal Rolls in respect of pers under mvt.
2. A pro forma of nominal roll which is to be completed in every detail and is to be used by ALL units (incl medical units) in the transfer of pers from unit to unit or depots is set out hereunder:-

NOMINAL ROLL OF DRAFT

From (Unit)..... To(Unit).....
Date Moved

| No | Rank | Name | Date of Birth | Medical Classification | Trade & Trade Grouping |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | |

(cont)

List of Documents fwded (To be shown X)

| F | W | I | Reason for mvt and Authority. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 200 | 140 | 5033 | |

Rank and Appointment. Rank & Appt.
Signature of Draft Conducting Offr Signature of Offr despatching Draft.

Rank and Appt .....
Sig. of Offr receiving Draft. Date draft received.

3. 5 copies of the above Nominal Roll of Draft will be made out and distributed as under:-
2 copies with draft(1 of which is to be returned to Unit as a receipt for personnel).
1 copy direct to Q & MG (or other) Records Office.
1 copy direct to unit to which pers are being despatched
1 copy for file.

248. Sporting Material.

To assist in overcoming shortage of sporting material in this area, those units who have such material in Kit stores etc on the mainland and are desirous of obtaining same will advise particulars as under:-
(i) Place where material stored and date of lodging.
(ii) Details incl type, quantity and approx weight.
(iii) Written authority to allow A.A.Amenities Service to ship material to NEW GUINEA on behalf of unit.

249. Returns.

Unless in accordance with GRO's and MGF orders, returns previously submitted to 11 AUST DIV are not now required by this HQ.

250. Request Hour.

Attention is directed to GRO A492 for information and necessary action. This matter should be diarised and reports in terms of para 9 forwarded in due course to this HQ.

251. Australian Army Catering Corps.

1. Action will be taken now under GRO A443/43 for the transfer to A.A.C.C. as caterers or cooks of other ranks

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who hold:-

(i) Warrant or NCO rank.
(ii) Trade grouping as cook.

2. Prior to transfer, every member will be medically examined and a medical certificate that the individual is fit included in Casualty Return effecting transfer.

3. AAF 3012 attaching such personnel, to their present unit will be submitted in addition.

252. Mess gear at Medical Posts.

The necessity for patients being evacuated to any medical post, taking their Mess Gear with them, is again s stressed owing to insufficient spare gear being available at these posts.

253. Medical Returns.

Weekly Sick State - ZYX Return.

The attention of units is drawn to the necessity for accurate rendering of this return. The return is to be submitted by all Medical Posts conducting sick parades, RAPs and Company Aid Posts, and is taken from AAF A46. Care must be taken to ensure that total Y balances with total of columns V to L inclusive.

254. Cylinders - Oxygen and Acetylene.

All oxygen and acetylene cylinders at present in use by units as air raid alarms and for purposes other than which the article was originally designed will be withdrawn.

3 Aust Div Salv Unit in conjunction with HQ RAE 3 Aust Div (AIF) will arrange the salvage and return to MORESBY of all other oxy and acetylene cylinders not actually in use by engineer and workshop personnel etc.

255. Maintenance of Mechanical Vehicles.

Maintenance of Mech Vehicles - Ref Q circular 8/43 para 3 sect c (i). Only one copy of AAF G6 will be submitted monthly. Where vehicle speedometers are out of action units will maintain a reasonable estimate of miles of running and record on G6.

256. Unit Vegetable Gardens.

It is desired that unless already commenced all units within Jeephead and L of C Staging Posts where facilities exist establish and cultivate vegetable gardens within their camp sites. Stocks of seeds are held at Canteen Depots at WAU and BULOLO in standard 3d packets. The supplementing of the Unit ration by this method is most desirable.

257. Use of Emergency and Op Rations.

Attention is directed to GRO Q495 for information and the necessary action. Supervision by all officers will be required to ensure that the rations are NOT wasted by the removal of only one meal package with the consequent waste of the reaminder of the rations. This particularly applies to L of C Staging Posts where many transit meals are served.

258. Return of Charges & Bandoliers. Return of Food Drums

Attention is directed to NGF Orders Q273 and Q274 for information and necessary action.

These matters will receive the attention of all units. Salvage units will ensure that the maximum recovery is made of these items. In fwd areas, if the situation permits, such articles should be dumped for salvage.

259 Covers Water-proof. (Tarpaulins)

Attention is directed to NGF Orders Q284 for information and necessary action.

The return is required to reach this HQ before 18 JUL 43.

260 GRO's

Attention is directed to GRO's A 474, A475, A476, Q478, Q482, F486, A492, A493, A494, Q495, F502 and F503, for information and action where necessary.

261
NGF Orders

Attention is directed to NGF Orders A267, A270, A271, Q273, Q274, Q275, Q276, A277, A278, A280, A281, A283, and Q284, for infm and action where necessary.

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## NOTICES

Any unit knowing the whereabouts of V166753 Pte SIMONS E R, will advise this HQ.

Receipt is gratefully acknowledged of the following items received from the ACF during the month of JUN 43:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Tobacco | 500 | lbs |
| Boiled Sweets | 1960 | ½lb Tins. |
| P eriodicals | 6 | cases |
| Soft Ball Bats | 7 | |
| Gloves | 2 | |
| Mitts | 2 | |
| Assorted Soft Balls | 5 | |

SUMMARY OF WEEKLY SICK STATE - BY UNITS - Week ending 10 JUL 43.

| UNIT. | TOTAL SICK ATTENDANCE | TOTAL NEW SICK | TOTAL NO DUTY | ADMITTED MEDICAL POSTS | DYSENTERY | DIARRHOEA | MALARIA (Clin or Confd) | DENGUE | P.U.O. | TYPHUS | U.R.T.I. | VITAMIN DEFICIENCY | SKIN CONDITIONS | BATTLE CASUALTIES | ACCIDENTS | OTHERS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| HQ 3 Aust Division. | 53 | 25 | 8 | 6 | | | | | 6 | | 19 | | | | | |
| 13 Aust D & E Platoon | 24 | 9 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 5 | | | 4 |
| 2/1 Aust Fd Regt | 5 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| 156 Aust L.A.A. Bty | 71 | 18 | 8 | 7 | | | | 1 | 2 | | 3 | | 5 | | 1 | 6 |
| HQ RAE 3 Aust Div | 7 | 3 | 4 | 2 | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| 2/8 Aust Fd Coy | 3 | 3 | | 3 | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| 2/14 Aust Fd Coy | 54 | 12 | 5 | | | 3 | | | 2 | | | | 6 | | | 1 |
| 15 Aust Fd Coy | 20 | 6 | 2 | 3 | | | | | 3 | | | | 2 | | 1 | |
| 2/25 Aust Fd Park | 3 | 3 | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 2 |
| Sigs 3 Aust Div | 51 | 29 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 5 | | | 4 | | | | 19 | | | |
| NG L of C Sigs | 10 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | | | |
| HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde | 12 | 5 | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | 3 | | | |
| 24 Aust Inf Bn | 279 | 135 | 53 | 15 | | 7 | 1 | 1 | 5 | | 10 | 1 | 93 | | 6 | 11 |
| 58/59 Aust Inf Bn | 100 | 95 | 1 | 78 | 24 | 3 | | | | | 4 | | 17 | 44 | 3 | |
| 2/3 Aust Ind Coy | | | | NO | FIGURES TO HAND. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde | 60 | 12 | 2 | | | 2 | | | 1 | | 1 | | 2 | | | 6 |
| 2/5 Aust Inf Bn | 122 | 50 | 19 | 2 | 1 | 3 | | | 7 | | 1 | | 30 | | 2 | 6 |
| 2/6 Aust Inf Bn | 83 | 20 | 2 | 4 | | 1 | 1 | | 5 | | 3 | | 5 | | | 5 |
| 2/7 Aust Inf Bn | 40 | 24 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| HQ COMD AASC | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 152 Gen Tpt Coy | 18 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 2 | 3 |
| 3 Aust Div Tpt Pool | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| 3 Aust Div Pack Tpt Coy | 4 | 4 | | 3 | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | 2 |
| 2/34 Aust Supply Depot | 6 | 4 | | 2 | | | | | 2 | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| 1 Aust Supply Depot | 5 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| 2/5 Aust Fd Amb | 14 | 4 | | 3 | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | 1 |
| 2/1 Aust Mob Op Unit | 43 | 2 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| 2/2 Aust Dental Unit | - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 82 Aust F.A.D. | 3 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| 102 Aust F.O.D. | 8 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 2 |
| 3 Aust Div Workshops | 4 | 4 | | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 |
| 3 Aust Div Reception CpBULOLO | 24 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| 3 Aust Div F.P.C. | 51 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| 2/1 Aust M.G. Bn | 7 | 3 | 2 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| 7 Aust M.G. Bn | 7 | 6 | | 3 | 1 | | 1 | | 2 | | | | | | 2 | |
| 1 Aust Mtn Bty | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Station Comd BULOLO | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1200 | 498 | 122 | 142 | 28 | 29 | 6 | 3 | 51 | 1 | 43 | 2 | 205 | 46 | 19 | 65 |

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43 JUL 43

## SUMMARY OF BATTLE CASUALTIES AND SICK AS AT 0600 HRS 12 JULY 1943.

| UNIT | BATTLE CASUALTIES Killed | | Wounded | | Prisoners of War. | | Missing | | SICK. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Offrs | ORs. | Offrs | ORs | Offrs | ORs | Offrs | ORs | Offrs | ORs |
| 156 Lt A A Bty. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| 2/8 Aust Fd Coy. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| 15 Aust Fd Coy. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| 83 FAD | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| 2/5 Aust Inf Bn. | - | 3 | - | 12 | - | - | - | - | - | 17 |
| 2/6 " " " | - | 5 | - | 13 | - | 3 | - | - | - | 31 |
| 2/7 " " " | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 15 |
| 58/59 " " " | - | 11 | 2 | 18 | - | - | - | 4 | - | 6 |
| 57/60 " " " | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 |
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| 2/3 Ind Coy. | - | 2 | - | 9 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
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| 1 Aust Mtn Bty. | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
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## MEDICAL SUMMARY

Week Ending 9 JUL 43.

PREVALENT DISEASES.

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|---|---|
| Malaria | 119 (includes 15 cases for week ending 2 JUL 43) |
| Dysentery | 20 (includes 12 cases from MISSM for week ending 2 JUL 43.) |
| Diarrhoea | 2 |
| Dengue | 3 |
| Scrub Typhus | 1 |

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[signature] COL.
ADMS 3 AUST DIV.

12 JUL 43.

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## SUMMARY OF BATTLE CASUALTIES AND SICK AS AT 0600 HRS 12 JULY 1943.

| UNIT | BATTLE CASUALTIES | | | | | | | | SICK. | | REMARKS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Killed | | Wounded | | Prisoners of War. | | Missing | | | | |
| | Offrs | ORs. | Offrs | ORs | Offrs | ORs | Offrs | ORs | Offrs | ORs | |
| 156 Lt A A Bty. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | |
| 2/8 Aust Fd Coy. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | |
| 15 Aust Fd Coy. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | |
| 83 FAD | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | |
| 2/5 Aust Inf Bn. | - | 3 | - | 12 | - | - | - | - | - | 17 | |
| 2/6 " " " | - | 5 | - | 13 | - | - | - | - | - | 31 | |
| 2/7 " " " | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 15 | Lieut L.G.Walker. |
| 58/59 " " " | - | 11 | 2 | 18 | - | - | - | 4 | - | 6 | Padre FEDERICK ; Lieut KLEIN. |
| 57/60 " " " | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | |
| 24 " " " | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | |
| "B" Pl 2/2 Coy AASC. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | |
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12 JUL 43.

MOST IMPORTANT.

H.Q. 3 AUST DIV.
12 JUL '43.

TO ALL COMMANDING OFFICERS
THIS INSTRUCTION DEALS WITH A SUBJECT THAT CLOSELY AFFECTS THE EFFICIENCY OF ALL TROOPS OF YOUR COMMAND.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 25 /43.

INTENSIFICATION OF ANTI-MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS.

1. This instruction is to be read in conjunction with 3 AUST DIV Administrative Instruction No 15/43, except insofar as inconsistent therewith.

2. The following precautions to prevent the transmission of malaria must be observed as from 1800 hrs on Tuesday 13 JULY in 3 AUST DIV AREA:- All ranks should be informed that these precautions are based on practical experience in SYRIA and MILNE BAY where the intelligent co-operation of the troops in carrying them out has resulted in beating malaria

(a) Taking of Atebrin.
(i) Every member will take one tablet of Atebrin daily from Monday to Saturday inclusive, immediately after the evening meal.
(ii) Atebrin will not be taken on an empty stomach.
(iii) Quinine will not be taken in lieu of Atebrin except by personnel under medical treatment or in possession of a written certificate from ADMS 3 AUST DIV or a medical officer thereto authorised by him.
(iv) Any member failing to take Atebrin (except as provided in the preceding para) will be charged, and remanded for trial by Court Martial.

(b) Dress.

(i) The wearing of shorts is prohibited except as provided below.
(ii) Shirts and long trousers will be worn by all personnel, provided that personnel actually engaged in hard manual labour or strenuous physical exercise between sunrise and sunset may remove their shirts while so engaged.
(iii) Personnel going out of the camp area at any time will wear gaiters, anklets, webb or short puttees, and personnel proceeding on patrol will always wear gaiters.
(iv) Between 1800 hrs (or sunset or the time of the evening meal - whichever is the earliest) and sunrise the following morning, all personnel will be dressed in long sleeve shirts, sleeves rolled down, and buttoned at the wrists, and the shirt buttoned as far as possible to the neck, and slacks or trousers secured at the ankle by gaiters, anklets, webb or short puttees.
(v) Guards, sentries and patrols at night will wear gloves and headnets when available.

NOTE - Shorts may be worn during organized sport subject to the approval of an Officer. A selection of shorts may be held under unit arrangements and issued to personnel when required for this purpose.

(c) Bathing

Bathing after 1800 hrs and before sunrise is prohibited.

(d) Nets (i) Except when actually on patrol, mosquito nets will be used by all ranks during rest and sleep, and all personnel will be in possession of a serviceable mosquito net for the purpose.
(ii) The individual will be responsible for the regular inspection of, and the care of his own net. They will be carefully and completely tucked in under the bedding in such a manner as to exclude all mosquitoes, and so that no part of the body touches the net, care being taken that no mosquitoes are imprisoned under the net in doing so.

(e) REPELLANT LOTION.

Repellant Lotion will be applied after 1800 hrs at three-hourly intervals by smearing not more than half a teaspoonful of the lotion on the exposed parts of the body. All commanders down to section and equivalent comds, will be responsible for warning all personnel under their command and ensuring its application at 1800 hrs or sunset, or before the evening meal, and when re-application is due. Lotion will be carried on night duties and patrols. Lotion may be used during the day in areas where day-biting mosquitoes are prevalent.

(f) Spraying of Huts, Tents, etc with Insecticide.

Tents, huts, the interior of vehicles and any quarters used by personnel will be sprayed, when spraying materials are available, with flyspray immediately after Reveille or dawn, and again between 1900 and 2200 hrs. Tents should be closed during spraying and for 20 minutes after spraying. Half an ounce of flyspray is sufficient for one 10 x 14 tent and a correspondingly greater amount for larger spaces. Huts will be closed for spraying where possible.

(g) Cutting of Grass and Vegetation.

So far as tactical considerations permit, vegetation should be cleared and grass kept cut short in the vicinity of working and sleeping accomodation. This must be done by unit labour.

(h) Drainage of Camp Sites.

Camp sites and their vicinity will be drained as thoroughly as possible. All holes, slit trenches, etc. which cannot be drained or readily be kept free of water will be filled in. This must be done by unit labour.

(j) SPRAYING WITH MALARIA OIL.

Surface water collections in pools, puddles, ruts, slit trenches and similar places must be sprayed at least weekly with Malariol, by anti-mosquito squads formed from unit personnel as ordered from time to time. These squads will consist of at least one NCO per Bn and one OR per Coy for an Inf Bn or similar unit, and a proportionate number for other units. Rubbish must be cleared from camp areas regularly, to prevent breeding in moisture and tins collecting rain water.

3. DISCIPLINE.

The enforcement of all anti-malarial measures will be the personal responsibility of the C.O.

(i) Adequate steps will be taken to ensure that the contents of this instruction are known and understood by all ranks, who will be warned that this instruction will be rigidly enforced and disciplinary action will be taken against all offenders.

(ii) Offences should be charged as follows, e.g.
"WOAS conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline - failing to wear, gaiters, anklets, webb or sh[illegible] when going out of his camp, contrary to 3 AUST DIV Admin[illegible] No [illegible]/43 (AA40)".

(iii) The following is suggested as a suitable scale of punishments.

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| 1st Offence - minimum penalty | Fine £3. |
| 2nd Offence - Minimum penalty | Fine £5. |
| 3rd Offence - Minimum penalty | 14 days detention, plus a fine of £5. |

[illegible] Lt Col.
AA & [illegible] (B) AUST DIV.

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Subject: ESTABLISHMENT OF HASSAU BAY - GUADACASAL L OF C

HQ 3 AUST DIV
12 JUL 43
Q43/375

1. Further to 3 Aust Div Q43/375 of 25 JUN 43 not to all addressees, it may be anticipated that NGF will issue instructions in the immediate future to the effect that HQ 3 Aust Div will control and co-ordinate the supply requirements of all US and AUST Forces based on HASSAU BAY.

2. COSC will ensure delivery of all stores both US and AUST by a single supply line from MOROBE and are responsible for the establishment, servicing and control of all forward dumps established at HASSAU BAY.
COSC memo C3611 of 7 JUL (copy attached) refers.

3. The call forward of all stores from MOROBE will be on priorities arranged by 3 Aust Div through OIC COSC Dump HASSAU BAY.

4. DAQMG 3 Aust Div (Major D J BRENNAN) will forthwith move to HASSAU BAY to organise this L of C in anticipation of NGF instructions, and when organised will hand over administrative control to Capt PATERSON, Q Staff Officer HQ 3 Aust Div. A senior AASC officer will accompany the DAQMG in an advisory capacity.

5. Upon receipt of NGF instructions the following will be implemented:

(a) MACK FORCE will detail one representative US officer to co-ordinate all US requirements.
(b) All US and AUST demands for arms, supplies, stores and equipment will be passed to Q Staff Officer 3 Aust Div for collation and demand on HASSAU BAY Dump
(c) Q Staff Officer HQ 3 Aust Div will advise OIC COSC Dump of anticipated requirements for the Force and priority of call forward from MOROBE.
(d) Original priority list of Aust Stores as issued to Q Staff Officer HQ 3 Aust Div will be called forward from MOROBE. (In so far as RE and Ord Stores are concerned, this list is an extract from original lists submitted to NGF for onward movement to MOROBE).

6. By means of a code to be issued, this HQ will be kept advised daily of the holdings of major items at HASSAU BAY Dump.

7. ACK

Lt-Col.
AA & QMG 3 Aust Div.

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HQ 3 AUST DIV

JUL 43

SUBJECT - EMPLOYMENT OF NATIVE LABOUR

Brig. H H HAMMER
Comd 15 Aust Inf Bde

Dear

Further to my Q43/305 of 12 JUL.

The appended extracts from a report by Capt McLEOD, ANGAU, on his return to HQ ANGAU MARKHAM DISTRICT with my comment against each Para are forwarded for your personal information. This letter is written in the spirit of a friendly attitude of guidance and assistance to you, one who has recently arrived in this country with all its peculiarities of warfare and I am sure it will be received by yourself in the same spirit.

1. "Since my last note to Major Vertigan the general position in this area as far as ANGAU is concerned has not improved - as a matter of fact it is worse"

Comment - I don't know if Col GUINN saw these reports or if they contained any reference to policy; however as a Service Officer, McLEOD is entitled to submit a report to his HQ in relation to his Service.

2. "Even when planes do drop the natives are not always assured of food. One occasion of rank incompetence ; Native food was dropped at SELEBOB on the 3rd inst. 5 hours away at Base III, the natives got their first food for three days on the afternoon of the 6th inst."

Comment - McLEOD may not have been in a position to decide whether it was incompetence on the part of Brigade Staff which caused this situation. However, I feel his facts are correct.

3. "On afternoon of 6/7, I rank Capt MOLOMBY and asked how rations were at Base 3. He said they were rationedup to that day. Rang Pte Kelly who said they had been out of rations for 3 days. I know only one meal went to Base III on 6/7. On 9/7 Cpl Mackie reported natives came crying to him for food and brought money up to buy food. Lieut Whittaker rank SC and told him that unless a full weeks native rations were sent out next day he would draw every native out there. SC said he did not have weeks rations to send but would send quantity of meat and rice."

Comment - The above is indicative of lack of liaison between S.C. and McLEOD.

4. "Reason why rations not available was insufficient picking up dropped rations at SELEBUB. Sgt KIRKLAND stationed at SELEBOB reported that rice was rotting on and adjacent to the dropping ground at this time."

Comment - I will deal with this under Para 17.

5. "Yesterday I returned from forward where I had been since the 29 JUN. The natives are doing an excellent job there carrying right up to the front line evacuating wounded, bridge building and hospital building all within range of the KELA gun; the bridge was shelled yesterday."

Comment - This is indicative of the willi[illegible]ss of the native to help us and justifies our policy that he must be well treated.

6. "Sgt Bird is doing a wonderful job and was getting very little co-operation from the army which appeared to be in a state of chaos in regard to what cargo goes to which place. In the first two days we had to find the stretcher cases ourselves and attempt to discover where the ammo and food had to be taken. When I left we had stipulated that guides were to be provided and that the cargo

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was to be ready when the boys were called for it on one occasion we waited four hours with a mortar before we found out where to take it."

Comment - This indicates that the S.Capt did not keep the ANGAU people fully informed of Bde plans nor did he make adequate preparation for ensuring the allotted natives were economically employed.

7. "At 1000 hrs of the 6th a line which had been attached to the 2/3 Indep Coy was ambushed carrying from Bobdubi Ridge to a position near Wells OP. We protested about attaching a line to these people whose escorts have twice drawn guns on the boys, whose Lieut Erskine, on one occasion told the escorts to "belt the line along"(reported by Sgt Mackay) and who have on two occasions attempted to hold food lines for camp duties they should be doing themselves. For example, when 2/3 were in reserve near KUMDA IS, a line despatched from NUNNS POST to their area was "impressed "and ordered to build houses, contrary to Bde orders. All these episodes have been reported and we have been given the usual assurance by Brigade that they will not happen again."

Comment - The Indep Coys have a bad reputation in regard to their handling of natives and action on their part as indicated above will NOT be tolerated and they are to be informed to this effect.

8. "We are not in favour of food lines travelling about in no mans land - the trip from Bobdubi to Wells OP is along part of the extended front. However, we have been informed that it is unavoidable as the Indep Coy are not able to carry their gear. Why they can't be supplied by droppings at SELEBOB through Base 111 is also incomprehensible to me instead of from Nunns Post to Bobdubi along the front to their base"

Comment - My previous memo re adequate protection of natives covers this point.

9. "Owing to the three days famine and the continuous rain during which the natives had to maintain their hard labour, sick rate has been very severe - 48 out of 153 at Missim today. Housing here is inadequate and we cannot obtain carriers for building despite the recommendation of Capt Constable of ADS yesterday. He was assured by Brigade that we would be allotted boys to build a native hospital. Today the whole line was allotted for carrying work - none available therefore for building work."

Comment - The natives must be given equal consideration with Europeans in regard to their care and welfare. In fact, in some circumstances it may be necessary to give them more consideration than the Europeans as they are less able to look after themselves in the forced environment we compel them to live in.

10. "During my absence forward Lieut Smith informs me that on not one occasion during the period 1 - 8/7 has the labour programme as outlined to him the day before ever been carried out. On the 1st he advised that labour be allotted to build pit latrines for the natives as they would otherwise urinate in the river above the soldiers camp at Missim - labour has never been allotted to this job either. It appears very much to me as though one programme is given to us so that we will concur with it as being reasonable - another programme is outlined to the different Brigade Reps. By the time we are aware of what goes on the natives are on their way".

Comment - This indicates that McLEOD and his assistants were not kept fully informed of alterations of plans. His view that he was deliberately given one programme whilst another is carried out is NOT concurred in. The statement that for a period of 9 days the previous nights plan was not carried out on one occasion appears on the surface to be rather alarming and is indicative of very loose planning on the part of the Brigade Staff.

11. "I am not satisfied with my backing from Bde HQ. The natives are being worked into the ground - they are still not getting the one day spell in seven and I can say definitely that they can not continue at this

rate - weather and food position being what it is. Brigade were informed a week ago that the sick rate would rise continusously - I refer to the Missim figures from the 1st inst (an increase of 100%)"

Comment - It is really not the perogative of a Junior Officer to be satisfied with "his backing." However, it must be appreciated that these ANGAU personnel are really one of the key men in all our operations in this type of country. Our ideal is to give all the natives one day's spell in every 7, but it is fully realized that this is impossible on many occasions and is contingent upon operational requirements.

12. "During the period when there was absolutely no food in the whole area, the Missim line were carrying on two packets of biscuits a day which helped induce present sick rate, and the Bobdubi line had been right out for a whole day when we get a telephone call from HQ asking "is the position as serious as we say it is". I forbear further comment beyond that it is miraculous to me why the natives are still here. If my signal is not to be taken seriously, I may as well not be here myself and can inform you that it will take some persuasion in the future to induce me to undertake a similar job of slave driving."

Comment - McLEOD is quote right in his statement - if the Senior ANGAU reps word is not to be accepted and his advice on such matters queried, we might as well leave the area as our operations will become impossible. Whether the person who asked the question "Is the position as serious as we say it is" was a Senior or Junior is not known - neither is it known whether it was the comment of an overworked and harrassed Staff Officer who was trying to find some small ray of sunshine during the general ration shortage. If such was the case, I can assure you that there was no more worried or concerned man than your ANGAU representative.

13. "As the Brigade have not yet got to settling the boys down in their new bases after eight days and they still have lines wandering about far from their customary bases it is impossible as yet to provide figures as laid down in Q43/334 especially as Brigade move groups of natives without reference to me or in my absence my representative at Missim. I quote the occasion when the Base 111 line were moved from there to Vial's OP."

Comment - It is imperative that groups of natives be based on particular areas to which they can usually return each evening. The movement of natives haphazardly from place to place is most undesirable and is to be strictly avoided except when urgency demands otherwise. Careful planning on the part of your staff should be able to prevent this as it is prevented in all other areas under our Comd. With reference to the report that natives were moved without reference to McLEOD or his representative. If is fully understood by HQ ANGAU and McLEOD that operations sometimes demand the movement of natives without prior reference to the ANGAU representative.
However, on questioning, he, (McLEOD) states that what he was referring to is the movement of natives sometimes even without reference to the immediate ANGAU representative who was within easy reach of communication.

14. "You refer in a signal to me on the forward area - to confer with Brigade on the food shortage - I have been doing that for just four weeks and at that time was with Bn HQ forward; the CO of which I found most helpful and who quickly straightened out our difficulties. As a matter of fact the ninety natives were taken forward to KUNDA island near Bobdubi on the night of the 29 on my own initiative. I hate to think what would have been the position had they not been there."

Comment - There are 2 points here, firstly - McLEOD had no authority to move natives forward on his own initiative. However, if his view is correct, in this case, it is just as well he did. Secondly, this is indicative of the fact that McLEOD was NOT kept fully informed of the Brigade plans.

15. "I have heard from unofficial sources that Division suggested relieving 94 of the overworked BUANGS with the latest 94 to come into the area. If this is so the extra 94 were kept here without any reference to me."

Comment - Again he appears to have been NOT fully informed as the retention of these natives was with my authority.

16. "If Brigade can afford two natives working around the cook house at the Salamaua OP and five in the troops cookhouse at BUGASU for the past month"

Comment - The employment of natives to carry out tasks for which the Army in its Establishments has provided the necessary personnel is opposed to the policy here, and is to cease. My views in this matter may be summed up as follows -
The Brigadier or any other Officer who is constantly on the track will be allowed to have the use of a native and if desired the permanent use of a particular native for the purpose of carrying gear or assisting him in any way necessary even though these Officers have a batman according to Army Establishment. In such cases, the batman should then be employed on other duties around the Camp during the absence of that Officer or if the native is retained for personal duty within the camp, almost completely employed on other camp duties.

17. "Natives are still doing all the picking-up from the dropping grounds except on two days - once at Pilimung when five (5) boy loads were picked up in a day (seen by Capt McLeod and Lieut Cox) and once by the 2/3 Indep Coy at Munns Post when five boy loads were picked up in the day (reported by Cpl Mackay) An ASC Capt informed the Staff Capt in my presence that it was physically impossible for troops tp pick up cargo from the dropping grounds - he was evidently believed."

Comment - It is not known who this ASC Captain was nor what the Staff Captain's views are. However, any task is physically possible for troops to do which is physically possible for the natives to do. It may take 4 Europeans to do what 1 native could do in the equivalent time, but if necessary those Europeans are to be worked to a standstill to achieve that object.

18. "At 1100 hrs on 28/6, two plane loads of sups were on or adjacent to the dropping ground at SELEBOB and yet 20 men were playing cards nearby"

Comment - Our clearly expressed policy is that ops are contingent upon our ability to supply by means of native labour. The complete interpretation of this policy is that the Native labour will be employed to its maximum capacity but in additions when circumstances demand it, the Europeans must be fully employed assisting those natives. The degree of work which they, the Europeans should perform may be indicated by the statement that "When the natives collapse through exhaustion, every available European within reason should also be collapsing with exhaustion." This point does not seem to have been appreciated by the 20 men playing cards, and has probably never been explained to them.

19. "Only the fact that operations are in progress has kept me in the area under the conditions which I have described to you and you may anticipate an immediate request for relief when they are completed"

Comment - McLEOD, of course, will do what he is told and go where he is told. It is his perogative to ask for relief if he is prepared to take the rebuke his Service chief may give him. However, this is indicative of his whole feeling in relation to the native position in your area.

20. "Too much reliance has been placed on the natives and that trust they are doing their damnedst to justify even at the expense of their health and strength. I can only reiterate again my amazement at their constancy.

Comment - I quite agree with his opinion here that we tend to rely on the native too much. I also think that the native will do his damnedst to justify that reliance and I also agree with McLEODS statement that their constancy is amazing.

I have taken this unusual method of sending along to you extracts from a critical report by a Junior Officer together with my comments by means of a private letter because of the conditions applying in 15 Bde at present. You, Sir, as Brigade Comdr, have just recently assumed comd and it is impossible for you to have realized fully in this short period the complications and implications contingent upon the employment of native labour. Your Staff are inexperienced and have a great deal to learn about NEW GUINEA. In five months I have only scratched the surface and during that period have learnt the hard way and desire to avoid you having to do the same thing.

McLEOD informs me that he did not live at Bde HQ and was never invited thereto in a permanent capacity. He assures me that his difficulties up forward were not a matter of personalities between himself and MOLONEY. He, McLEOD, is a very able and experienced person both in his capacity as a man familiar with NEW GUINEA and general employment of natives, and in his capacity as an Army Officer responsible for the employment of natives in operations in close contact with the enemy.

Briefly his record is as follows:-
Pre-War Administrative Officer with New Guinea Administration.
Enlisted, was commissioned and posted as reinforcement to Independent Coys.
Was transferred to ANGAU
Controlled natives in the forward areas during the first MUBO engagement October 42.
Second MUBO engagement Jan 43.
Battle for WAU late Jan 43 and I understand on good authority rendered excellent service
Since transferred to ANGAU has also been deep into NEW GUINEA behind LAE on intelligence duties.

The above would indicate to you that his courage, ability and experience are beyond question. Therefore, there must be many genuine reasons for his general attitude towards recent conditions in the MISSIM area.

I do not know whether you now have WHITTAKER who by the way is just as able and enthusiastic as McLEOD, living at your HQ and actually on your Staff. If not, I consider it imperative that he be invited and if necessary, instructed to do so forthwith.

The Senior ANGAU representative in the Bde Area has a relative importance in operations here equal to that of the S.Capt, irrespective of that ANGAU persons rank. He should be present at all discussions affecting operations or planning, as he must be taken into your innermost confidence in regard to operations. You cannot operate without him whilst we employ natives. Many of these ANGAU representativ. are really civilians in uniform and unfortunately there is an attitude towards them in many places which discloses this viewpoint.

If we are to succeed we must avoid this attitude and treat them with the respect their specialized knowledge warrants. Most of these Officers are highly trained, well educated hard picked specialists who have held very important positions in the islands prior to the outbreak of war.

During the period covered by McLEOD's tour of duty in MISSIM area the ration position was extremely acute and everyone was very concerned. I have deleted much from his report which referred specifically to that aspect of the conditions prevailing and have tried to write in general terms.

I really dislike sending this sort of correspondence forward to you when you are deeply involved in ops and have more than enough to worry about, but in the GOC's words "you must be warned that a major disaster can overtake you through faulty handling of your native Carriers"

The GOC has read this letter and strongly endorses my views as expressed herein.

I want to avoid a file on this subject which would develop and worry both of us. When you have read this, destroy it or do as you wish. I do NOT want you to be bothered with answering any of McLEOD's allegations. Corrective action is what I am after. [redacted] (MCLEOD) was NOT acceptable to the Bde Comd 15 Bde, therefore he was recalled.

Kind regards,

P.S. I have enclosed a small booklet which may be of assistance to you.

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*Address* HQ 3 AUST DIV.
*Date* 15 July 43.

REORGANISATION OF 156 Lt. A.A. BATTERY.

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1. SM 15683 of June 43 a copy of which was obtained from 156 Lt. A.A. Bty. instructs that 156 Lt.A.A.Bty. will be converted to 156 Lt.A.A. Bty. (Airborne.)

2. This memo advises that a change in WE may be anticipated covering AEME personnel attached, the following to be adopted.

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| Trd. Gp. I | | | |
| | Arm Art Fitter | 1 | WO II |
| | Artisans | | |
| | Fitters | 4 | |
| | Fitter HV | 1 | |
| Trd. Gp. II | | | |
| | Armourer | 1 | |
| Trd. Gp. III | | | |
| | Driver Mechs. | 2 | |

3. The following matters re para 2 are brought to notice:
(a) It is assumed that Fitters may be taken as Fitters Gun.
(b) Driver Mechanics are not covered by CRO 290/43 as unit personnel to be transferred to AEME. This fact would seem to have been overlooked by the instruction.

4. The instruction also requires that 156 Lt. A.A.Bty. wkshops subsection be reorganised in accordance with WE III/78C/1 and WET E 2/170. This wkshops subsection is operating now on WE III/78C/1.

5. It would appear that, as yet, HQ 3 Aust Div have no direct advice on this matter.

7. Your advice on the matter would be appreciated.

Lt Col.
Comd. A.E.M.E. 3 AUST DIV.

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HQ 3 AUST DIV.

16 JUL 43.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

BY

MAJ-GEN S G SAVIGE.

COMD 3 AUST DIV

Nos 268 - 270

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262. TEST RANGE WAU. The sluicings at ref map WAU WEST 361735 are reserved for use by Ordnance personnel as a testing range, under the control of 82 FAD. This unit will be responsible for all safety precautions including the posting of sentries when the range is in use. All ranks are warned that at such times it is dangerous to approach this area.

263. Attention is directed to N.G.F. Orders G285, G286 and G287 for information.

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LT.COL.
GS 3 AUST DIV.

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264. LOSS OR DAMAGE EXCEEDING FIVE POUNDS CAUSED BY AN OFFENCE.

1. Attention is directed to the fact that the power of a Commanding Officer to award a deduction from ordinary pay in respect of any loss or damage occasioned by the commission of an offence is limited to Five pounds.
2. Attention is also directed to para 4 of GRO A28/1943. Accordingly in any case where a member is charged with the commission of an offence and it is alleged that loss or damage exceeding five pounds has been occasioned thereby, the Commanding Officer of the accused will direct that a Summary of Evidence be taken and will submit same together with an Application for Court Martial to the Formation Comd.
3. Should the Commanding Officer be subsequently directed to deal with the charge summarily, this will NOT be construed as an authority to exceed the limitation upon his powers set out in para 1 hereof.
4. This order will be repeated in all formation Routine Orders.

265. AUSTRALIAN ARMY CATERING CORPS. Ref Div Routine Order 251 of 10 JUL 43. In para 3 read AAF3011 in lieu of AAF3012.

266. THEFTS. Owing to the prevalence recently of petty thieving, all units should be on guard against loss of pistols, personal valuables etc, and ensure that, where possible such items are safeguarded.

267. SNAKES. LHQ desires information on snakes in NEW GUINEA. Any snakes killed should be treated as set out below:-
(a) remove head and proximal 4" of body.

267. (cont).

(b) cut through the scales of the ventral aspect of body.
(c) place severed head and proximal 4" of body in a bottle containing spirits.
(d) forward to ADMS 3 Aust Div with record of locality.

268. INSPECTION OF TECHNICAL STORES.

In order that Technical stores consigned to units from unit Rear Details might be examined by ORDNANCE and AEME personnel before forward movement on carrier line, all such stores will be handed in to ORD DEPOT WAU prior to forwarding on carrier line.

269. Airgraph LETTER SERVICE.

Airgraph Letter Service is now availa ble from AUSTRALIA including NEW GUINEA.

SCOPE OF SERVICE.

The Airgraph Service may be used for letters to Countries with which the necessary arrangements have been made. At present the service from AUSTRALIA is available only for communications-

(a) To civilians in:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Aden | Eire |
| Anglo-Egyptian Sudan | India |
| Bahrein | Iraq |
| British Somaliland | Kenya |
| Canada | Uganda |
| Ceylon | Mauritius |
| Cyprus | Northern Rhodesia |
| Egypt | Nyasaland. |
| Palestine | Seychelles |
| South Africa | Southern Rhodesia |
| Tanganyika | United Kingdom |
| Transjordan | Zanzibar. |

(b) To Members of the Forces of the Empire serving in:- i. The Countries included in the list above and:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Syria | Madagascar |
| Persian Iraq Force | Somalia (Italian Somaliland |
| Ethiopia (Abyssinia) | Occupied Territory of |
| Iran (Persia) | Eritrea. |

Further details regarding particulars of conditions governing this Service can be obtained from any Aust Army Field Post Office or Unit Postal Station.

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Attention is directed to NGF Orders A288, A289, A290 and Q291 for information and action where necessary.

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LOST

.44 Cal Winchester rifle, Hunting knives (2) 10" engraved with rabbit on handle and marked "Made in Finland."
Reported missing from a unit in WAU area. Units having knowledge of, or locating these items please advise this HQ.

FOUND: Money Belt presumably the property of V225845 P. R. GARLAND. Application should be made to "A" Branch, 3 AUST DIV.

MOST IMPORTANT

War Diary

TO ALL COMMANDING OFFICERS THIS INSTRUCTION DEALS WITH A SUBJECT THAT CLOSELY AFFECTS THE EFFICIENCY OF ALL TROOPS UNDER YOUR COMMAND

HQ3 AUST DIV
7 JUL 43

"A" CIRCULAR NO 45/43

MALARIA CONTROL

1. SCHEDULE OF MALARIA INCIDENCE FOR THE WEEKS ENDING 2 AND 9 JUL 43 IS ATTACHED.

2. THE INCREASE CAUSES CONCERN AND HAS OCCURRED PRINCIPALLY IN MUBO, BULOLO, WAU AREAS.

3. MALARIA PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE REVIEWED BY THOSE UNITS WITH AN INCREASING INCIDENCE AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN AGAINST ANY KNOWN OFFENDERS.

LT-COL
AA & QMG 3 AUST DIV

## MALARIA INCIDENCE

| UNIT. | TOTAL NO CASES | | | | | | PROBABLE SITE OF INFECTION | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Week ending 2 JUL 43 | Percentage to Strength | Week ending 9 JUL 43 | Percentage to Strength | First Infection | Relapse. | MUBO. | SKINDIWAI | SUNSHINE | MARKHAM | BULOLO | WAU | MILNE BAY | MISSIM | BULLDOG | PORT MORESBY |
| 2/5 Aust Inf Bn | 3 | .5% | 9 | 1.5 | 4 | 8 | 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/6 Aust Inf Bn | 17 | 3.1 | 28 | 4.5 | 20 | 25 | 19 | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| 2/7 Aust Inf Bn | 19 | 3.5 | 29 | 4.9 | 24 | 24 | 22 | | | | | 2 | | | | |
| 24 Aust Inf Bn | 13 | 1.9 | 5 | .7 | 17 | 1 | 1 | | 10 | 5 | 1 | | | | | |
| 58/59 Aust Inf Bn | - | - | 3 | .49 | 3 | | | | 3 | | | | | | | |
| 57/60 Aust Inf Bn | - | - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/3 Aust Indep Coy | 1 | .38 | 5 | 1.9 | 5 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| 7 Aust M.G.Bn | 2 | 2% | 1 | 1% | - | 3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/8 Aust Fd Coy | - | - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/14 " " " | 2 | 1% | 1 | .54 | 3 | | | | | | 2 | 1 | | | | |
| 2/16 " " " | - | - | 1 | .4 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/1 " " Regt | 1 | .8 | - | - | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/25 " " Park | 3 | 3.3 | 1 | 1.1 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 2 | | | | |
| 156 Lt A.A.Bty | 2 | 1.1 | 2 | 1.1 | 4 | | 1 | | | | 2 | 1 | | | | |
| 152 Gen Tpt Coy | - | - | 1 | 1.1 | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| 15 Aust Fd Amb | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3.0 | 4 | | | | 2 | | 2 | | | | | |
| HQ 3 Aust Div. | - | - | 3 | 2.0 | 3 | | | | | | 3 | | | | | |
| 1 Aust Mtn Bty | - | - | 3 | 2.6 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| 102 FOD | 1 | 4. | - | - | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/34 Sup Dep | 3 | 12. | 2 | 8.0 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | 2 | | | | |
| 231 L.A.D. | 1 | 2.0 | 1 | 2.0 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| 15 Fd Coy RAE | 3 | 6.0 | 6 | 12.0 | 8 | 1 | | | 7 | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| HQ RAE 11 Aust Div | - | - | 3 | - | 3 | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 |
| 2/2 Aust Fd Amb | 5 | 2.5 | 5 | 2.5 | 9 | 1 | 2 | | 1 | | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | | |
| Sigs 3 Aust Div | 1 | .4 | 2 | .8 | 3 | | | | | | 2 | | | | | 1 |
| Sigs 15 Aust Inf Bde | 1 | 2.0 | 1 | 2.0 | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| L of C Sigs | - | - | 1 | 1.4 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/2 Aust Dental Unit | 1 | 25.0 | 1 | 25.0 | 2 | | | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| 2/1 M.G. Bn | - | - | 1 | .75 | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| 2/2 Coy AASC | 2 | 1.0 | - | - | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 Div Pack Tp t Coy | - | - | 1 | 4.0 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |

MALARIA INCIDENCE

| UNIT | TOTAL NO CASES | | | | | | PROBABLE SITE OF INFECTION | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Week ending 2 JUL 43 | Percentage to Strength | Week ending 9 JUL 43 | Percentage to Strength | First Infection | Relapse | MUBO | SKINDIWAI | SUNSHINE | MARKHAM | BULOLO | WAU | MILNE BAY | MISSIM | BULLDOG | PORT MORESBY | |
| ANGAU | 1 | 1.25 | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| US FORCES - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 477 Eng Coy | 4 | 4.0 | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| 15 Weather Sqn | - | - | 1, | - | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| | 85 | | 119 | | 125 | 72 | 51 | 2 | 23 | 5 | 19 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 2 | |

(i) US and AUST medical installations to be established in adjacent sitings at NASSAU BAY, to collect casualties from TAMBU BAY and HOTE-MALOLO FORCE.

(ii) US Medical Dets to be attached to and co-operate with SMO, 17 Aust Inf Bde.

5. STAGE 2.

Provided detailed recce indicates the following is practicable, it will be implemented on instructions from this HQ.

(i) SUPPLY
COANE FORCE ( including MACK FORCE) will be supplied by sea, route from NASSAU BAY to TAMBU BAY. Reception, servicing and distribution of all US Stores will be the responsibility of a US Staff stationed at TAMBU BAY. Supply of MACK FORCE will be by native carrier through an overland route from TAMBU BAY.

(ii) MEDICAL
(a) ALL US Forces By direct evacuation fromTAMBU BAY by returning supply barge to NASSAU BAY. US Medical Dets attached to SMO, 17 Aust Inf Bde will then return to US maintenance area TAMBU BAY.
(b) Aust Force. No change.

6. STAGE 3.

CHANGE OF MAINTENANCE 17 BDE GP (less HOTE-MALOLO FORCE) FROM WAU-GUADAGASAL L OF C TO NASSAU BAY - MUBO L OF C.

(i) On completion of the link NASSAU BAY-MUBO, supply other than dropping and medical evacuation of the 17 Bde Gp (less HOTE-MALOLO FORCE) will be via this L of C through NASSAU BAY Sub Area. WAU-GUADAGASAL L of C in so far as supplies and evacuations(see NOTE 1) are concerned, will be maintained in skeleton form only.

NOTE 1. Walking wounded, walking sick etc, likely to be fit for service within 3 weeks, will continue to be evacuated to WAU and 3 Aust Div Rest Station, DIE CREE

(ii) Reinforcements 17 Aust Inf Bde as detailed by this HQ in conjunction with 225 Aust Depot Sub Pl, one section 3 Aust Div Pro Coy, all under direction of DAQMG, 3 Aust Div, will open up a foot track from Jeephead to the MUBO Area by the best available route. They will be responsible for the construction of Staging Camps and general organization of this L of C as expeditiously as possible.

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Signed at 1/10 hrs.

[signature] LT-COL
AA & QMG 3 AUST DIV

DISTRIBUTION

| | Copy No | Method |
|---|---|---|
| 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) | 1 | DRLS |
| 17 Aust Inf Bde | 2 | " |
| COANE FORCE | 3 | " |
| MACK FORCE | 4 | " |
| 2/7 Aust Inf Bn | 5 | " |
| 24 Aust Inf Bn | 6 | " |
| 57/60 Aust Inf Bn | 7 | " |
| SIGS 3 Aust Div(AIF) | 8 | HAND |
| HQ RAE 3 Aust Div(AIF) | 9 | " |

| | Copy No | Method |
|---|---|---|
| HQ COMD AASC(AIF) | 16 | HAND |
| MAJ D J BREHENY-(NASSAU BAY) | 11 | DRLS |
| CAPT W PATERSON-(NASSAU BAY) | 12 | |
| NGF | 13 | ALS |
| 41 US DIV | 14 | " |
| COSC Sub Area - (NASSAU BAY) | 15 | DRLS |
| 4 Flt 4 AC Sqn | 16 | " |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Comd | 17 | Hand | ADOS | 20 | Hand | POSTAL | 23 | Hand | MFO WAU 26 DRL |
| GS | 18 | " | ADME | 21 | " | AMENITIES | 24 | DRLS | WAR Diary 27 |
| ADMS | 19 | " | PAY | 22 | " | Canteens | 25 | " | File 28 |

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18 JUL 43

# 3 AUST DIV ADM INST NO 26.

1. OBJECT. Plan for maintenance of 3 Aust Div Forces disposed vide OP Inst No 8 of 14 JUL para 5.

2. GENERAL. Maintenance of forward units Aust and US when grouped vide OP Inst No 8 para 5 will be developed progressively over 3 Stages.

STAGE 1.

3. SUPPLY.

(i) COANE FORCE ( less MACK Force)
COANE Force operating in the SCOUT HILL LOKANU Area will be maintained by sea route from NASSAU Bay. This force will establish a Beachhead at TAMBU BAY and provide from within its own organisation, the necessary service and maintenance personnel to receive, service and distribute all supplies for force based thereon. 3 AUST DIV will maintain these supplies to TAMBU BAY from NASSAU BAY in accordance with the priority of demands by the Force Comd.

(ii) 17 BDE GP AND MACK FORCE

(a) 17 Bde Gp ( less HOTE-MALOLO FORCE) and MACK Force will be maintained by air dropping and carrier line according to the dispositions of the Force. They will be based on MUMS POST and KOMIATUM dropping grounds, supplemented by jeep and carrier line from WAU depots.
[illegible] of the disposition of the Force results in the siting of a battalion in the vicinity of MAT MAT, the OBSERVATION or GUADAGASAL dropping grounds may also be utilised.

(b) HOTE-MALOLO FORCE will be maintained by sea-route direct from NASSAU BAY. The FORCE Comd will establish maintenance and service personnel at the selected beachhea for the receipt, servicing and distribution of all sups for the force based thereon. 3 AUST DIV will maintain this FORCE from NASSAU BAY on priorities and demands by the FORCE Comd.
The FORCE Comd will be responsible for the establishment of leading lights as required for water transport personnel to guide supply craft to the beachhead. In order to provide alternative L of C to this FORCE, early ground recce will be made by 15 Aust Inf Bde to select at least, two suitable dropping grounds in the HOTE-OLDWAMASU area. Contingent upon operational security restrictions, these grounds will be recced by transport A/c, approved and allotted a Code Group prior to the establishment of this FORCE in the above area.

4. MEDICAL.
(i) HOTE-MALOLO FORCE. Direct evacuation from beachhead by returning supply barge to NASSAU BAY.
(ii) COANE FORCE (less MACK FORCE). Direct evacuation from beachhead by returning supply barge to NASSAU BAY.
(iii) 17 BDE GP ( less HOTE-MALOLO FORCE). Aust and US personnel by native carrier and jeep, down the main MUBO L of C to WAU. incl MACK FORCE.

In order to establish these lines of evacuation, it will b necessary for:-

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HQ 3 AUST DIV
18 JUL 43

"Q" CIRCULAR NO 14.

INDENTS FOR CLOTHING.

1. In view of limited stocks of clothing held in 3 Aust Div area, and necessity for stocks already held to be conserved for issue to forward units, all future requisitions for clothing as listed below will include following certificate signed by C.O. or O.C. of unit requisitioning.

" I certify that no stocks of clothing included in this requisition are held in unit Q Store and that I have personally inspected the clothing of personnel of my unit, and that issue of clothing requested is essential if troops are to be correctly and adequately dressed.

Signed ....."

2. Stores requiring above certificate are:-

Sec (1) Bands Hat
Hats Khaki Fur
Straps Chin Leather

Sec (4) Shirts Jungle Green or
Worsted Khaki
Trousers Jungle Green

Sec (6) Boots A.B. Universal
Gaiters American Pattern
Laces Leather Brown Prs

Sec (8) Towels Hand
Veils Head Mosquito.

3. Indent for clothing will be submitted as before to ADOS 3 Aust Div who will check as to correctness of indent and certificate and refer to AA & QMG 3 Aust Div for approval.

LT-COL
AA & QMG 3 AUST DIV

DISTRIBUTION

List "B"
less NGF
and ALL US,
AND RAAF UNITS

## DAILY BATTLE CASUALTIES FOR 19 JUL 43

| UNIT | BATTLE CASUALTIES | | | | | | | | SICK | | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Killed | | Wounded | | Prisoners of War | | Missing | | | | |
| | Offs | ORs | Offs | ORs | Offs | ORs | Offs | ORs | Offs | ORs | |
| 156 Lt A A Bty | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | |
| 2/8 Aust Fd Coy | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | |
| 2/14 Aust Fd Coy | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | |
| 15 Aust Fd Coy | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | |
| 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | |
| Sigs 3 Aust Div | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | |
| MG L of C Sigs | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | |
| 2/5 Aust Inf Bn | - | 2 | | 8 | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 30 | Name of officer not yet advised |
| 2/6 Aust Inf Bn | - | 2 | 1 | 5 | - | - | - | - | - | 30 | Lieut H J COUGHLIN |
| 2/7 Aust Inf Bn | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 20 | |
| 24 Aust Inf Bn | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | |
| 58/59 Aust Inf Bn | - | 5 | - | 15 | - | - | 1 | 8 | 1 | 26 | VX202640 Major H M HEWARD - Missing. Lieut DEMPSTER - Sick. |
| 2/3 Aust Indep Coy | 1 | 1 | 1 | 12 | - | - | - | - | - | 7 | VX36927 Lieut F X HARRISON - Killed WX8576 Lieut LILLIE J C - Wounded. |
| 7 Aust M G Bn | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | |
| 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | |
| 2/34 Aust Sup Dep Pl | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | |
| HQ 3 Aust Div | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | |
| 1 Bty 2/1 Fd Regt | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | |
| | 1 | 10 | 2 | 40 | - | - | 2 | 9 | 1 | 148 | |

19 JUL 43

NOT TO BE PUBLISHED.

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HQ 3 AUST DIV.

24 JUL 43.

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I

BY

MAJ-GEN S G SAVIGE CBE, DSO, MC, ED

COMD 3 AUST DIV

Nos 271 - 283

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271. PUBLICATIONS. Attention is drawn to NGF Order G293 for information and necessary action.
Units will apply direct to N.G. L of C Stationery Depot for extra copies of publications in accordance with para 2 of this order.

272. Attention is drawn to GROs G509 and 510 for information and action where necessary.

LT.COL.
GS 3 AUST DIV.

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273. FEDERAL ELECTION. A return by units of the approximate number voting in each state is required and will be forwarded urgently. Detailed instructions of voting arrangements are being prepared and will be forwarded with ballot papers when available.

274. INCOME TAX RETURNS. L.H.Q. advises that Income Tax returns need not be submitted by military personnel in New Guinea, provided such personnel are not on special duty or liable to furnish a return in respect of private income.

275. SALT & C.A.B. Any unit not receiving SALT or C.A.B. regularly should submit a return to Education Officer, A.A. Education Service, 3 Aust Div stating dates of last issues received.
Attention is directed to GRO A342/43.
"Officers will inform the men of the matter contained in C.A.B."

276. REPAIR OF BOOTS. In order that repair of boots of all units may be arranged, two bootmakers will be established at 102 F.O.D., for repair of boots of units in WAU-BULOLO area who have no bootmaker or boot repairing facilities.
Units concerned will forward boots requiring repair to 102 FOD. Each boot will be labelled, showing clearly number, rank, name, and unit of soldier to whom boots are on issue.

277. STAGING FACILITIES. Personnel moving forward on MUBO L of C will ensure that blankets, groundsheets and necessary changes of clothing are carried.

277. (cont). Staging facilities exist as far as GUADAGASAL, blankets NOT being available forward of SKINDEWAI. On no account will clothing be issued to miscellaneous personnel moving through L of C.

278. INDENTS FOR ORDNANCE STORES. All indents for ordnance stores not satisfied by 20 JUL are cancelled. If stores are still required, units will reindent for their actual requirements, indents for clothing to be vide Q Circular 14/43. This does not apply to indents for MT Spare parts.

279. RODS, CLEANING, CYLINDRICAL BREN. When units move to areas where 2 Ech Wkshops facilities are readily available they will arrange with such units for modification of above store vide DME Tech. Instr. B 11-5.

280. SIGHTS 3" FOR MK I Units will ensure that modification of above equipment in accordance with DME Tech Instr. B 9-2 is made by unit armourers or LADs as opportunity offers (Copies of B 9-2 will be forwarded to Unit Armourers.

281. DME TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS. The distribution of certain DME Technical Instructions extends to various AEME units, such distribution being effected by Comd AEME 3 Aust Div. These instructions will be suitably bound pending distribution of standard folders. In the case of Armoury Instrs, they should be held by Unit Armourer.

282. CONTROLLED STORES - REPAIRABLE. Units having Controlled Stores in a condition requiring repairs beyond the resources of the Unit, should if the stores are likely to be required at an early date or short notice return them to 102 FOD and demand a replacement by signalling a request to ADOS instead of evacuating the stores to LAD or Workshops. 102 FOD will evacuate stores to Workshops for repair in this area or to RSD 10 Aust Adv Ord Depot in cases where stores are beyond local repair facilities.

283. Attention is directed to GROs A511, MS512, A514, A515, Q516, 0518, 0519, Q528, 0530, 0532, 0533, 0534, F535 and F536 for information and action where necessary.

LT.COL.
AA & QMG 3 AUST DIV.

## NOTICES.

Found. 9 ct. gold initialled signet ring presumably lost in SADDLE AREA. Application may be made to A Branch 3 Aust Div.

LOST.

Map case belonging to an officer 2/1 M.G.Bn, lost off jeep between WAU and BULOLO approx 16/17 JUL.

MOST IMPORTANT

TO ALL COMMANDING OFFICERS THIS INSTRUCTION DEALS WITH A SUBJECT THAT CLOSELY AFFECTS THE EFFICIENCY OF ALL TROOPS UNDER YOUR COMMAND

HQ 3 AUST DIV
26 JUL 43

"A" CIRCULAR NO 46/43

MALARIA CONTROL

1. SCHEDULE OF MALARIA INCIDENCE FOR WEEK ENDING 16 JUL IS ATTACHED.

2. STATISTICS - THE FOLLOWING MALARIA HOSPITALISATION RATES PER THOUSAND PER WEEK BY AREA. INDICATE PROGRESS MADE, IN THIS AND OTHER AREAS IN THE ISLAND.

| WEEK ENDING | 5 JUN | 12 JUN | 19 JUN | 26 JUN | 2 JUL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AUF | | | | | |
| MORESBY | 6.9 | 7.0 | 8,1 | 5.7 | 6.6 |
| WAU | 24.0 | 19.4 | 15,5 | 10,1 | 9.5 |
| ORO BAY | 21 | 27 | 14 | 23 | 17 |
| MILNE BAY | 3.1 | 2,7 | 1,3 | 3,0 | 2,5 |
| NEW GUINEA | 7.6 | 7,4 | 7,2 | 5,9 | 6,1 |

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AA & QMG 3 AUST DIV

## MALARIA INCIDENCE - WEEK ENDING 16 JUL 43

| UNIT | TOTAL NO CASES | PERCENTAGE OF EFFECTIVE STRENGTH | PROBABLE SITE OF INFECTION | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 1st INFECTION | RELAPSE | KUTO | SKIDEJAI | SUSSIANG | MARKHAM | BULOLO | WAU | MILNE BAY | MISSIM | PORT MORESBY |
| 2/6 Aust Inf Bn | 5 | 1.0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| 2/6 " " " | 21 | 3.7 | 8 | 13 | 7 | | | | | 1 | | | |
| 2/7 " " " | 14 | 2.5 | 5 | 9 | 3 | | | | | 2 | | | |
| 2/4 " " " | 2 | .3 | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| 2/8/39 " " " | 1 | .2 | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| 2/7/60 " " " | NIL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/6 Aust Ind Coy | NIL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/1 Aust MG Bn | 1 | .7 | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| 2/6 Aust Fd Coy | 1 | .5 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/14 " " " | 4 | 2.2 | 3 | 1 | | | | | 1 | 2 | | | |
| 2/16 Aust Fd Coy | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 " " " | 1 | 2.0 | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| 2/1 Aust Fd Regt | 1 | .8 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/4 Aust Fd Pk Coy | 3 | 3.6 | 3 | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 |
| 2/6 Lt AA Bty | NIL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy | NIL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 Aust Fd Amb | 1 | .8 | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| HQ 3 Aust Div | 4 | 2.5 | 4 | | | | | | 4 | | | | |
| HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde | 2 | 2.5 | | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 Bde Sigs K Sec | 1 | .5 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/6 Aust LAD | NIL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/2 Aust Fd Amb | 3 | 1.5 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| 102 Aust FOD | NIL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 Aust Div Wkshops | 1 | 2.0 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Aust Mtn Bty | 3 | 5.8 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| 2/6 Aust Svy Sec | 1 | 4.0 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| AMGAU | 1 | 1.4 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| U.S.Forces - 15 US Weather Sqn | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 73 | | 34 | 39 | 14 | | 3 | | 7 | 9 | | | 1 |

SUMMARY OF BATTLE CASUALTIES AND SICK
AS AT 0800 HRS 25 JUL 43

| | BATTLE CASUALTIES | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Offrs Killed. | ORs | Offrs Wounded. | ORs | Offrs Missing | ORs | Offrs Prisoner of War | | | |
| 2/5 Aust Inf Bn. | - | 17 | 5 | 30 | - | 1 | - | | | |
| 2/6 " " " | - | 6 | 1 | 5 | - | - | - | | | |
| 2/7 " " " | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| 24 " " " | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| 57/60 " " " | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| 58/59 " " " | - | 4 | 1 | 3 | - | - | - | | | |
| 2/3 " Ind Coy. | 1 | 3 | - | 6 | - | - | - | | | |
| 231 " L.A.D. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| HQ 3 " Div. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| 1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| 2 Pl 15 Aust Fd Coy. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| 156 Lt A.A. Bty. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| 2/25 Aust Fd. Pk. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| Sigs 3 Aust Div. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| 2/1 Aust. M.G. Bn. | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | | | |
| 7 " " " | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| 2/8 " Fd Coy. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| 2/14 " " " | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Papuan Inf. Bn. | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | 1 | 31 | 7 | 44 | - | 1 | - | - | 2 | 136 |

KEW. 27 JUL 43.

MEDICAL SUMMARY.

Week Ending 24 JUL 43.

PREVALENT DISEASES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Malaria | 88 | |
| Dysentery | 19 | (Includes 13 cases from previous week |
| Diarrhoea | 11 | |
| Dengue | 5 | |
| Scrub Typhus | 1 | |

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ADMS 3 AUST DIV.

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## SUMMARY OF BATTLE CASUALTIES AND SICK AS AT 0600 HRS 25 JUL 43

| | BATTLE CASUALTIES | | | | | | | | SICK | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Offrs Killed. | ORs | Offrs Wounded. | ORs | Offrs Missing | ORs | Offrs Prisoners of War. | ORs | Offrs | ORs | REMARKS. |
| 2/5 Aust Inf Bn. | - | 17 | 5 | 30 | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | 29 | |
| 2/6 " " " | - | 6 | 1 | 5 | - | - | - | - | - | 28 | KILLED IN ACTION |
| 2/7 " " " | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 17 | Lieut EGAN (2/5 Ind Co |
| 24 " " " | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | |
| 57/60 " " " | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | WOUNDED IN ACTION |
| 58/59 " " " | - | 4 | 1 | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | 27 | Capt.CAMERON ) |
| 2/3 " Ind Coy. | 1 | 3 | - | 6 | - | - | - | - | - | 12 | Lieut GILBERT )2/5 |
| 231 " L.A.D. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | " REEVE )Inf |
| HQ 3 " Div. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | " MILES )Bn. |
| 1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | Capt WALKER ) |
| 2 Pl 15 Aust Fd Coy. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | Lieut LANG(2/6 Bn |
| 156 Lt A-A. Bty. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | " EWART (58/5 Bn) |
| 2/25 Aust Fd. Pk. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | SICK. |
| Sigs 3 Aust Div. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | Capt CHEVALIER (231 LAD) |
| 2/1 Aust. M.G. Bn. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | |
| 7 " " " | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | One Offr. 2/5 Bn not named. |
| 2/8 " Fd Coy. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | |
| 2/14 " " " | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | |
| HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | |
| Papuan Inf. Bn. | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | |
| TOTAL | 1 | 31 | 7 | 44 | - | 1 | - | - | 2 | 136 | |

26 JULY 43.

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HQ 3 AUST DIV
27 JUL 43

"Q" CIRCULAR NO 15

AMN PARACHUTE WEIGHTS

1. Attached herewith are staff tables setting out detail parachute loadings of A ust and US Types of Amn.

2. When requesting dropping of Amn, Units will order their requirements to the nearest complete parachute load.

3. The following points are to be noted -

   (i) Not more than 15 Parachutes can be dropped from any one Douglas A/C. This gives a total weight of 4600 lbs and any miscellaneous commodities to balance the A/C load of 5000 lbs will be free dropped.

   (ii) When A/C of SWP rations are dropped, 4 parachutes are included which contain items which cannot be dropped free. 1168 balanced rations are included in each A/C of SWP rations.

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# A U S T  A M N.

## PARACHUTE WEIGHTS.

(Issued with 3 Aust Div "Q" Circular No 15 of 27 JUL 43)

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1.

| No Paras | .303 CTGS BDR/CHGR RDS | LBS | .303 CTGS CTN/TCR No Paras | RDS | LBS | S/BELT No Paras | RDS | LBS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2000 | 168 | 1 | 2496 | 186 | 1 | 2000 | 204 |
| 2 | 4000 | 336 | 2 | 4992 | 372 | 2 | 4000 | 408 |
| 3 | 6000 | 504 | 3 | 7488 | 558 | 3 | 6000 | 612 |
| 4 | 8000 | 672 | 4 | 9984 | 744 | 4 | 8000 | 816 |
| 5 | 10000 | 840 | 5 | 12480 | 930 | 5 | 10000 | 1020 |
| 6 | 12000 | 1008 | 6 | 14976 | 1116 | 6 | 12000 | 1224 |
| 7 | 14000 | 1176 | 7 | 17472 | 1302 | 7 | 14000 | 1428 |
| 8 | 16000 | 1344 | 8 | 19968 | 1488 | 8 | 16000 | 1632 |
| 9 | 18000 | 1512 | 9 | 22464 | 1674 | 9 | 18000 | 1836 |
| 10 | 20000 | 1680 | 10 | 24960 | 1860 | 10 | 20000 | 2040 |

2. .45 - SMG - 9mm

| No Paras | Ctges SA Ball RDS | LBS | Ctges SA Ball No Paras | RDS | LBS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 3192 | 197 | 1 | 5120 | 190 |
| 2 | 6384 | 394 | 2 | 10240 | 380 |
| 3 | 9576 | 591 | 3 | 15360 | 570 |
| 4 | 12768 | 788 | 4 | 20480 | 760 |
| 5 | 15960 | 985 | 5 | 25600 | 950 |
| 6 | 19152 | 1182 | 6 | 30720 | 1140 |
| 7 | 22344 | 1379 | 7 | 35840 | 1330 |
| 8 | 25536 | 1576 | 8 | 40960 | 1520 |
| 9 | 28728 | 1773 | 9 | 46080 | 1710 |
| 10 | 31920 | 1970 | 10 | 51200 | 1900 |

3. GRENADES HAND/RIFLE

| No Paras | RDS | LBS |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 96 | 235 |
| 2 | 192 | 470 |
| 3 | 288 | 705 |
| 4 | 384 | 940 |
| 5 | 480 | 1175 |
| 6 | 576 | 1410 |
| 7 | 672 | 1645 |
| 8 | 768 | 1880 |
| 9 | 864 | 2115 |
| 10 | 960 | 2350 |

4. 2" MORTAR

| No Paras | HE RDS | L53 | No Paras | SMOKE RDS | LBS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 36 | 183 | 1 | 48 | 190 |
| 2 | 72 | 366 | 2 | 96 | 380 |
| 3 | 108 | 549 | 3 | 144 | 570 |
| 4 | 144 | 732 | 4 | 192 | 760 |
| 5 | 180 | 915 | 5 | 240 | 950 |
| 6 | 216 | 1098 | 6 | 288 | 1140 |
| 7 | 252 | 1281 | 7 | 336 | 1330 |
| 8 | 288 | 1464 | 8 | 384 | 1520 |
| 9 | 324 | 1647 | 9 | 432 | 1710 |
| 10 | 360 | 1830 | 10 | 480 | 1900 |

5. 3.7 HOW

| No Paras | Shell QF Fuse 106E RDS | LBS | NO PARAS | Shell QF Fuse 106E RDS | LBS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 8 | 280 | 6 | 48 | 1680 |
| 2 | 16 | 560 | 7 | 56 | 1960 |
| 3 | 24 | 840 | 8 | 64 | 2240 |
| 4 | 32 | 1120 | 9 | 72 | 2520 |
| 5 | 40 | 1400 | 10 | 80 | 2800 |

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## 3" MORTAR

| HE | | | SMOKE | | | TAIL FINS FUSE KEY | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NO PARAS | RDS | LBS | NO PARAS | RDS | LBS | NO PARAS | LBS |
| 1 | 9 | 188 | 1 | 9 | 161 | 1 | 171 |
| 2 | 18 | 376 | 2 | 18 | 322 | 2 | 342 |
| 3 | 27 | 564 | 3 | 27 | 483 | 3 | 513 |
| 4 | 36 | 752 | 4 | 36 | 644 | 4 | 684 |
| 5 | 45 | 940 | 5 | 45 | 805 | 5 | 855 |
| 6 | 54 | 1128 | 6 | 54 | 966 | 6 | 1026 |
| 7 | 63 | 1316 | 7 | 63 | 1127 | 7 | 1197 |
| 8 | 72 | 1504 | 8 | 72 | 1288 | 8 | 1368 |
| 9 | 81 | 1692 | 9 | 81 | 1449 | 9 | 1539 |
| 10 | 90 | 1880 | 10 | 90 | 1610 | 10 | 1710 |

## U.S. AMN

### PARACHUTE WEIGHTS

| .30 Cal-8rd clips | | | .30Cal-Web Belt | | | 1TCR-1Ball .30Cal Carbine | | | .45 TSMG US Patt. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No Paras | RDS | LBS | No Paras | RDS | LBS | No Paras | RDS | LBS | No Paras | RDS | LBS |
| 1 | 2880 | 254 | 1 | 2500 | 228 | 1 | 6000 | 236 | 1 | 3600 | 228 |
| 2 | 5760 | 508 | 2 | 5000 | 456 | 2 | 12000 | 472 | 2 | 7200 | 456 |
| 3 | 8640 | 762 | 3 | 7500 | 684 | 3 | 18000 | 708 | 3 | 10800 | 684 |
| 4 | 11520 | 1016 | 4 | 10000 | 912 | 4 | 24000 | 944 | 4 | 14400 | 912 |
| 5 | 14400 | 1270 | 5 | 12500 | 1140 | 5 | 30000 | 1180 | 5 | 18000 | 1140 |
| 6 | 17280 | 1524 | 6 | 15000 | 1368 | 6 | 36000 | 1416 | 6 | 21600 | 1368 |
| 7 | 20160 | 1778 | 7 | 17500 | 1596 | 7 | 42000 | 1652 | 7 | 25200 | 1596 |
| 8 | 23040 | 2032 | 8 | 20000 | 1824 | 8 | 48000 | 1888 | 8 | 28800 | 1824 |
| 9 | 25920 | 2286 | 9 | 22500 | 2052 | 9 | 54000 | 2124 | 9 | 32400 | 2052 |
| 10 | 28800 | 2540 | 10 | 25000 | 2280 | 10 | 60000 | 2360 | 10 | 36000 | 2280 |

| 75mm How Illum&Perc | | | Grenades Hand | | | 81mm Mor HE&Smk | | | 60mm Mor HE&Smk | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No Paras | RDS | LBS | No Paras | RDS | LBS | No Paras | RDS | LBS | No Paras | RDS | LBS |
| 1 | 9 | 293 | 1 | 100 | 264 | 1 | 9 | 208 | 1 | 36 | 200 |
| 2 | 18 | 586 | 2 | 200 | 528 | 2 | 18 | 416 | 2 | 72 | 400 |
| 3 | 27 | 879 | 3 | 300 | 792 | 3 | 27 | 624 | 3 | 108 | 600 |
| 4 | 36 | 1172 | 4 | 400 | 1056 | 4 | 36 | 832 | 4 | 144 | 800 |
| 5 | 45 | 1465 | 5 | 500 | 1320 | 5 | 45 | 1040 | 5 | 180 | 1000 |
| 6 | 54 | 1758 | 6 | 600 | 1584 | 6 | 54 | 1248 | 6 | 216 | 1200 |
| 7 | 63 | 2051 | 7 | 700 | 1848 | 7 | 63 | 1456 | 7 | 252 | 1400 |
| 8 | 72 | 2344 | 8 | 800 | 2112 | 8 | 72 | 1664 | 8 | 288 | 1600 |
| 9 | 81 | 2637 | 9 | 900 | 2376 | 9 | 81 | 1872 | 9 | 324 | 1800 |
| 10 | 90 | 2930 | 10 | 1000 | 2640 | 10 | 90 | 2080 | 10 | 360 | 2000 |

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HQ 3 AUST DIV.

30 JUL 43.

# ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I

by

MAJ-GEN S G SAVIGE CBE, DSO, MC, ED

COMD 3 AUST DIV.

Nos 284 - 292.

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**284.** Native Carriers allotted to Officers

Officers allotted native carriers are moving independently from the carrier and the officers equipment. Angau representatives are NOT responsible for individual equipment of officers to whom special allocation of a carrier has been made. All Angau representatives will instruct such carriers that in the event of them becoming detached from the officer to whom they are allotted, the carrier is to deliver the pack etc to nearest Angau representative. The pack must be clearly labelled with name and rank of officer. It is the responsibility of the owner of the pack to effect subsequent recovery.

**285.** Duties of Investigating Officers GRO A392/43.

1. An investigating officer appointed under GRO A392/43 is responsible for collecting all relevant facts.
2. He takes the place of a Court of Inquiry and it is his duty not merely to obtain statements from witnesses but whenever necessary to cross-examine them thereon for the purpose of eliciting the truth.
3. In some instances it will also be necessary to view localities, examine objects etc and in such cases his report should contain information based thereon.
4. Where there is a conflict of evidence he should indicate in his report which version he accepts and give his reasons.
5. To sum up-his investigation must be searching.

**286.** Requests for Air-Craft Space.

All requests for aircraft space must be accompanied by an estimate of weight involved.
Any requests received in which weight is not stated will be returned to units without further action.

287. Census of Sheets Ground Mk VIII and Cas es Palliasse.

Attention is directed to NEW GUINEA FORCE Order Q310. 24 AUST INF BN and units within jeep head and rear details of units in fwd areas will submit the required return to this HQ by 18 AUG 43.

288. Salvage of Carriers Bomb ML 2" & 3" Mortars.

These articles are in short supply, and unless quantities can be recovered by salvage, further supply cannot be guaranteed. Units in forward areas will as far as conditions permit ensure these carriers are dumped for Salvage and local Salvage Detachments notified. 3 Aust Div Salvage Unit will act in close liaison with AASC Amn Points and ensure speedy return of these carriers to nearest FAD.

289. DME Technical Instructions.

3 Aust Div R.C.281 will be amended by inserting the word "non" before the words "AEME units" in line 2.

290.

Attention is directed to GROs A538, A539, A540, A541, A542, A543, Q545, Q546, 0549, 0552 and 0553 for information and action where necessary.

291.

Attention is directed to NGF Orders A306, A307, A308, Q310 and Q311 for information and action where necessary.

292. Ammunition Examiners

Ref GRO 0549, a copy of the return required will also be forwarded to ADOS 3 AUST DIV.

LT.COL.
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MOST IMPORTANT

TO ALL COMMANDING OFFICERS THIS INSTRUCTION DEALS WITH A SUBJECT THAT CLOSELY AFFECTS THE EFFICIENCY OF ALL TROOPS UNDER YOUR COMMAND

HQ 5 AUST DIV
31 JUL 43

MALARIA CONTROL

"A" CIRCULAR 43/43

1. MALARIA INCIDENCE FOR WEEK ENDING 25 JUL - SCHEDULE ATTACHED.

2. THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE OVER LAST RETURN OF 15 CASES, MUBO AREA HEADING THE LIST.

3. THE NECESSITY FOR THOROUGH OBSERVANCE OF MALARIA PRECAUTIONS WILL BE IMPRESSED ON ALL JUNIOR LEADERS WHO CAN BEST ENSURE THAT PRECAUTIONS ARE OBSERVED.

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# MALARIA INCIDENCE - Week Ending 23 JUL 43

| UNIT. | TOTAL NO. CASES | Percentage to Strength | First Infection. | Relapse. | PROBABLE SITE OF INFECTION | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | MUDO | SKIDDIWAI | SUNSHINE | MARKHAM | BULOLO | WAU | BULLDOG | MISSIM | WATUT VALLEY. |
| 2/5 Aust Inf Bn | 15 | 2.5 | 7 | 6 | 7 | | | | | | | | |
| 2/6 Aust Inf Bn | 21 | 3.5 | 12 | 9 | 10 | | | | | | | | |
| 2/7 Aust Inf Bn | 17 | 2.8 | 10 | 7 | 8 | | | | | 2 | | | |
| 24 Aust Inf Bn | 10 | 1.4 | 10 | | | | 6 | 4 | | 1 | 1 | | |
| 58/59 Aust Inf Bn | 2 | .37 | 2 | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | |
| 57/60 Aust Inf Bn | 3 | 1.0 | 3 | | | | | | | | | 2 | |
| 2/3 Aust Ind Coy | 2 | .8 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| 7 Aust M.G. Bn | NIL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/8 Aust Fd Coy | 1 | .9 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/14 Aust Fd Coy | 1 | .9 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/16 Aust Fd Coy | 1 | .4 | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| 15 Aust Fd Coy | 4 | 8.0 | 4 | | | | 4 | | | | 1 | | |
| 2/1 " Fd Regt | NIL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2/25 Aust Fd Park | 2 | 2.2 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| 156 " Lt AA Bty | 2 | 1.1 | 2 | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| 152 Gen Tpt Coy | NIL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 Aust Fd Amb | NIL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HQ 3 Aust Div | 1 | .6 | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde | 1 | 1.1 | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| 2/4 Aust L.A.D. | NIL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Aust Mtn Bty | 2 | 4.0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 102 Aust F.O.D. | NIL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 Aust Div Wkshops | 1 | 1.0 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 Aust Div Reception Camp | 1 | 12.5 | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| 2/ 2 Coy AASC | 1 | 2.0 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| RAAF - 306 R.D.F. | 1 | 3.3 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| US FORCES - 842 Engs. | 1 | 2.0 | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| TOTAL | 88 | | 62 | 26 | 27 | - | 11 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 3 |