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March 1943

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Unit 11 AUST DIV A & Q BRANCH *Date and Time.—From* 1 Mar. '43 *To*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MORESBY	1 Mar 43	0930	Def Plan: Conference AQ, DAAG, DADMS, A/ADMS, CASC & ADOS. AQ briefly recapitulates present Defence Scheme for PORT	
			MORESBY area as laid down in Def Plan of 31 Oct 42 prepared by 6 Aust Div. Alterations and amendments in such plan	
			necessitated by change of circumstances since then. AQ indicates the approx. direction of the proposed revision of	
			the Ops Plan arising out of Div Comd's conference of yesterday (for which see Feb. Diary). Admn & 'Q' Plans will have to	
			supplement, and AQ traverses in detail the sort of problems which each of the AQ Branches and Services will have to face	
			in submitting their plans, with particular emphasis on Routes and Tpt. CASC to submit report by 1200L 3 Feb with	
			detailed position of all ABC matters and AQ, ADMS, CASC and ADOS to submit by 1030L 8 Mar their proposals for meeting all	
			the relevant problems thereby foreshadowing the plans which they will submit when the Ops plan is available. Further	
			conference to be held 1030L 8 Mar.	
		1630L	Portion HQ 3 Aust Div 15 Aust Inf Bde (incl 24 Aust Inf Bn) arrives on "Duntroon" from BRISBANE. For details of	
			accommodation, fostering etc., see Adm Instn No.4 of 27 Feb (Feb Diary).	
			Move 6 Aust Div Carrier Personnel in area: Warning Order NGF	
			Q 2068 received and passed on by "G" Branch. Actual unit intended in this message NOT clear - queried NGF; message	
			referred to, details 16, 21 and 26 Bde Carrier Coys now under Comd 7 MG Bn.	

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W. 1004 *Unit* 11 AUST. DIV A & Q BRANCH *Date and Time.—From* 1 Mar 43 *To* 2 Mar 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			Move 255 LAD (att. 14 Bde) Rec'd NGF Q 2370 to move with Bde and hand over eqpt to 241 LAD att. 7 Aust Inf Bde.	
			SUMMARY OF MOVES:	APP./
MORESBY	2 Mar 43		AA & QMG 3 Aust Div (Lt.Col. GRIFFIN) and DAQMG call on opp. no's of 11 Aust Div.	
			Rear Admiral MUIRHEAD-GOULD RAN calls on Comd.	
			LEAVE: Return submitted NGF pursuant to NGF Order 8/43 of 22 Feb.	
			EMBARKATIONS: MV "DUNTROON" (14 Aust Inf Bde) (ETD 3 Mar) (NGF Adm Instn. 73) Message AQ 1495 sent.	APP.2
			REINFORCEMENTS: AQ 1506 and AQ 1507 issued.	APP.3
			MOVEMENTS SUMMARY	APP. 4
DOMADABU			11 Aust Div Concert Party shows here for third successive night.	
MORESBY	3 Mar 43		DAQMG 3 Aust Div, DAPM 3 Aust Div and S/C 15 Aust Inf Bde call on AA & QMG, DAAG, DAQMG and DAPM, 11 Aust. Div.	
			Lt.Col. CUMMINGS (A/Cond 18 Aust Inf Bde) calls on DAAG.	
			WET Inf Bn (Trop Scale): DAQMG and G.2 attend conference NGF pursuant to NGF Q 423/3/5410 of 22 Feb (Not rec'd till 1 Mar)	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	3 Mar 43		Report on Conference (See previous page)	APP.5
			MT CARE & MAINTENANCE OF: Adm Instn No.6 issued.	APP.6
			OC Prov Coy (Capt. RUTLEDGE) after examination by DAD H and A/ADMS evacuated to 2/9 AGH. Order issued for Lieut. EVANS to act as OC Coy.	
			ANTI MALARIA PATROLS: Memo to Prov Coy with authorities for members of Coy to enter all camps in area at any time to inspect dress etc., relevant to NGF instns re A/M precautions. Units to render all necessary assistance.	
		1830L	MV "Duntroon" sailed.	
			Summary of Movements.	APP.8 (There is NO App.7)
			AASC Pers for Tpt Duties: On 14 Feb this HQ wrote NGF pointing out many and variety of tpt duties allotted 11 Aust Div by NGF, yet 11 Aust Div has NO ASC Coys under comd. Remedy requested by allotment of AASC pers or unit. NGF's Q 5579 in reply received to-day. Nothing can be done at present.	
DONADABU AREA			Concert Party shows to 2/2 COS.	
	4 Mar 43		EMERGENCY RATION: Rec'd NGF Adm Instn No.74 of 2 Mar.	
			OFFENCE REPORTS, 11 AUST. DIV: Memo to NGF.	APP.9

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R. 1004 *Unit* 11 AUST DIV A & Q BRANCH *Date and Time.—From* 4 March 43 *To* 7 Mar. '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
MORESBY	4 Mar 43		Capt. FLYNN (Actg APM NGF) calls on DAAG and DAQMG.	
DONADABU AREA			Concert Party shows again to 2/4 CCS.	
	5 Mar 43		Fostering 3 Aust Div 7 Aust Inf Bde and 18 Aust Inf Bde: Adm Instn No.7 issued.	APP.10
DONADABU AREA	6 Mar 43		Fd Return Offrs.	APP.11
			DROs Serial No.9 issued.	APP.12
		1630 L	"GORGON" sails - Copy FF 956 from HQ 4 Corps Moresby.	APP.13
" "			Concert Party shows again to Con Depot - changed programme.	
	7 Mar 43		Canned Vegetables: Circular A, 1751 issued.	APP.14
			Embarkation Pers of 18 Aust Inf Bde, 14 Aust Fd Amb, 3 & 7 Div Carrier Pls 'X' List 14 Aust Inf Bde & 6 & 7 Div.	
			Adm Instn No.8 issued.	APP.15
			Also received NGF Q 2963 that additional 18 Aust Inf Bde pers who become available to return to Aust will embark "MARSOUYOKER," as its destination is TOWNSVILLE.	
		1230 L	Col LITCH FIELD (AA & MG) and Maj [illegible] (DAPM) on advice medical authorities and approval HQ depart by Sydney for mainland on 21 days leave. DAAG & DAQMG to carry on their	

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W. 1004 *Unit* HQ 11 AUST DIV A & Q BRANCH *Date and Time.—From* 7 Mar 43 *To* 9 Mar. '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MORESBY	7 Mar 43		own functions each in direct contact with Comd and Maj LARKINS (LSO) to carry on functions of DAPM.	
			Capt. Hooper (DAAG Learner) taken to hospital with Malaria.	
	8 Mar 43		Embarkations "MAETSUYCKER", "TAROONA" and "WILLIS VAN DER VANTER."	
			AQ 1773 issued (ref Adm Instn No.8 of 7 Mar).	APP.16
			MT Inspection & Repairs: Circular AQ 1805 issued.	APP.17
			MORESBY DEFENCE PLAN: (vide Diary for 1 Mar. 43) Owing to NON-receipt of fresh NGF Op Instn which is expected to effect certain changes to General Def Policy and pending receipt of Op Plan from "G" Branch it is considered that the proposed A&Q conference would be abortive at present and will be called for a later date.	
			Capt. DONALDSON (AASC) marched in to act as "A" Learner in absence of Capt. HOOPER.	
			"DUNTROON" and "GORGON" sail from Townsville as advised by Movts Townsville QX 1647.	
	9 Mar 43	0730 L	"MAETSUCKYER" sails - Embarkations Movts Moresby FF 1286	APP.18
			"TARCONA" - " " " " FF 1285	APP.19

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W. 1004 *Unit* HQ 11 AUST DIV ADJ, BRANCH *Date and Time.—From* 9 Mar 43 *To* 10 Mar 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MORESBY	9 Mar 43		CRE 11 Aust Div (attached NGF) calls on Div Comd.	
		1015 L	'Q' Branch NGF advises "Willis Van De Venter's" departure	
			delayed 24 hrs. Tps having left Donadabu Area were quartered Corps Reception Camp till the following day. NGF's Q.2937	
			confirms.	
		2000 L	'G' Message 0166 states 25 Bde Gp Sec 7 Aust Div Gnd Fd Pk comes under comd NGF as from 0800L 10 Mar.	
	10 Mar 43		Maj BAILEY (DADMS) taken to 2/5 GH.	
			7 Aust Inf Bde move to [illegible]: AF 1912 issued.	APP. 20
			Subsequently recd Q 3013 from NGF that road over PASS NOT open to heavy traffic before 1400 L 11 Mar. earliest.	
		1550 L	"WILLIS VAN DE VENTER" sails. Embarkations Hqrs Moresby FF 1308.	APP. 21

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Unit 11 AUST DIV A & Q BRANCHES *Date and Time.—From* 11 Mar. '43. *To* 17 Mar. '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	11 Mar 43		Move 30 Aust Inf Bde HQ and 39 and 49 Aust Inf Bns.	
			AQ 1950 issued.	APP.22
			Reinforcements to 11 Aust Div, AQ 1949 issued.	APP.23
	12 Mar 43		Extracts from NG Force Orders and Adm Instns and 11 Div Instns Orders and Circulars of 43: Circular AQ 1988	APP.24
			DADMS: NG Force MS 252 states NX.83 T/Maj L.V. ARMATI appointed DADMS 11 Aust Div - arrangements made for move.	
			7 AUST INF BDE move BOOTLESS AREA to DONADABU commenced to-day. Move arranged by HQ 11 Aust Div and tpt provided by 11 Aust Div units. Movt continued daily till 17 Mar.	
	13 Mar 43		Fd Return of Offrs (W.3008)	APP.25
			DRO's Serial 10 issued.	APP.26
	14 Mar 43		Periodical Awards: Recommendations called for.	APP.27
	16 Mar 43		HV "GORGON" sails with Rear 30 Bde 73 all ranks, 'X' List 30 Bde 41, 7 Div Sigs Sec 1, and 18 Bde 5.	
	17 Mar 43		DRESS - Offrs' Club AQ 2184 issued.	APP.28
			7 Aust Inf Bde move BOOTLESS Area to DONADABU completed (see entry on 12 Mar).	

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Unit 11 AUST DIV A & Q BRANCHES *Date and Time.—From* 19 Mar. 43 *To* 23 Mar 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	19 Mar 43		Movements Summary	APP.29
	20 Mar 43		Movements Summary	APP.30
			Movement of Units and Dets - Mail and Shipping (NGF)	APP.31
			Concert Party gives performance at 2/1 Fd Regt.	
			DRO's Serial No.11 issued.	APP.32
			Fd Return of Offrs (W.3008)	APP.33
	21 Mar43		Movt of Units and Dets - Mail and Shipping (NGF)	APP.34
			Summary of Movts.	APP.35
			Concert Party performance for Offrs	
	22 Mar 43		Movt of Units and Dets - Mail and Shipping (NGF)	APP.36
			Summary of Movts.	APP.37
			Concert Party: Performance at 14 Fd Regt.	
	23 Mar 43		Movt of Units and Dets - Mail and Shipping (NGF)	APP.38
			Summary of Movts.	APP.39

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Unit HQ 11 AUST DIV A & Q BRANCH *Date and Time.—From* 23 Mar 43 *To* 27 Mar 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	23 Mar 43		ACF Xmas Hampers ORO BAY: Rec'd NGF A 7522/11/5/8 with copy COSC memo of 15 Mar. '43.	APP. 40
			Concert Party performance for 2/1 Aust A/Tk Regt.	
	24 Mar 43		Movt of Units and Dets - Mail and Shipping (NGF)	APP. 41
			Summary of Movts.	APP. 42
			Concert Party: repeats performance for 2/1 Aust A/Tk Regt.	
	25 Mar 43		Movt of Units & Dets - Mail & Shipping Positions (NGF)	APP. 43
			Summary of Movts.	APP. 44
			Concert Party/for 30A Bty performance	
			Recommendations for Periodical Awards forwarded to NGF	~~Copy Schedule to be~~ forwarded to Mil Hist Sec when available.
	26 Mar 43		Movt of Units & Dets, Mail and Shipping (NGF)	APP. 45
	27 Mar 43		Movt of Units and Dets, Mails and Shipping (NGF)	APP. 46
			AES Report from 9 Mar to date.	APP. 47
			Summary of Movts.	APP. 48
			Fd Return of Offrs (W.3008).	APP. 49

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W. 1004 *Unit* 11 AUST DIV A & Q BRANCHES *Date and Time.—From* 27 Mar 43 *To* 30 Mar 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY			DRO's Serial No.12 issued	APP.50
			Allocation of Kit Stores	APP.51
	28 Mar 43		Summary of Movts.	APP.52
			AQ War Diary - instns issued for return of info for.	APP.53
			AEME report.	APP.54
			Movt of Units and Dets Mails and Shipping (NGF)	App.54A
	29 Mar 43		Ind Coys under comd Fd Formations: Rec'd copy LHQ SM 3611 Appts, Promotions and Transfers of Offrs to be submitted to LHQ.	
			Breaches of AFCI: Circular A. 2581 issued.	APP.55
			Movt of Units and Dets, Mails and Shipping (NGF)	APP.56
			Movts Summary	APP.57
			Offrs recommended for Comds (Fd Rank) and as Staff Offrs - schedules forwarded to NGF by A. 2575 which also sets out offrs previously recommended by these units etc., who are NO longer under comd.	APP.58
	30 Mar 43		Summary of Movts.	APP.59

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Unit 11 AUST DIV A & Q BRANCHES *Date and Time.—From* 30 Mar 43 *To* 31 Mar 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	30 Mar 43		Movt of Units and Dets Mails and Shipping (NGF)	APP.60
	31 Mar 43		Summary of Movts.	APP.61
			Movt of Units and Dets, Mails and Shipping.	APP.62

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SUMMARY OF MOVEMENTS FOR 1 MAR '43

AIR

Called Forward	Arrived Destination
4 Personnel for 2/1 Aust Fd Regt KANGA	All
2 " " 1 Aust Mtn Bty and 3650 lbs Urgent Stores	All

SEA

2/6 Aust Ind Coy - 187 all ranks embarked s.s "BETH" 0500L for Mainland.

2/6 Aust Fd Regt 3 - 65 embarked s.s "NOORA" for ORO BAY at 1100L.

2/6 Aust Armd Regt 1 - 13 embarked s.s "NOORA" for ORO BAY at 1100L.

B Bty, 2/2 Aust A Tk Regt XXX 88 All ranks embarked s.s "BULIMBA" at 0900L. per ORO

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MESSAGE FORM

TO:- 14 Aust Inf Bde, Rptd 'G', MCO, DAPM, 11 Aust Div Postal, 11 Aust Div Cash Office, ADOS, ADMS, AQ, NGF, 'Q', DAAG, 11 Aust Div Pro, DDST.

FROM: HQ 11 AUST DIV. AQ 1495 DATE: 2

SECRET (.) The following units will embark MV "DUNTROON" Main Wharf, PORT MORESBY at a time to be notified (.) HQ 14 Aust Inf Bde 11 Offrs 64 ORs (.) 14 Bde Sig Sec 2 Offrs 43 ORs (.) 36 Aust Inf Bn 18 Offrs 263 ORs (.) 55/53 Aust Inf Bn 20 Offrs 446 ORs (.) 255 LAD 1 Offr 13 ORs (.) Total all ranks 881 (.) Transport for movement of personnel will report to HQ 14 Aust Inf Bde three hours prior to embarkation time where guides will direct vehicles to unit areas (.) Vehicles allotted for personnel as follows: HQ 14 Aust Inf Bde 6x3 (.) 36 Aust Inf Bn 14x3 (.) 55/53 Aust Inf Bn 23x3 (.) 255 LAD 1x3 (.) Order of march to wharf by units as shown in first instance (.) DAPM 11 Aust Div will control convoy throughout (.) Units, except 255 LAD, move with G.1098 (W.E.T.) less controlled stores issued since return to this area personal eqpt including blankets, web eqpt (.) Separate instructions will be issued regarding 255 LAD (.) Suppressive atebrin - Units will take one week's supply for all ranks (.) accommodation stores will remain in situ (.) Ammunition to be returned to 8 AAD (.) Vehicles and M/cycles to be returned to 17 Bde M.V.S. (.) four days' reserve rations at present held by units to be returned to D.I.D.

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except Wireless	This message must be sent IN CYPHER if liable to interception or to fall into enemy hands	Originator's Instns:
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REINFORCEMENTS - 11 AUST DIV.

AB 1506

HQ 11 AUST DIV

2 MAR '43.

CAMP (1)
HQ RAA 6 AUST DIV (3)
2/8 AUST FD COY (1)
SIGS 11 AUST DIV (2)
18 AUST INF BDE (3)
7 AUST HQ BN (1)
ADMS (2)
11 AUST DIV PRO COY (1)

Reinforcement Order No. NG/87 dated 26 Feb '43 advises that the following reinforcements will be marched out from 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp:-

UNIT	OFFRS	O/Rs	REMARKS
7 Aust HQ Bn	-	2	Gen Duties. "X" List.
2/1 Aust Fd Regt	-	2	Gen Duties. "X" List.
11 Aust Div Cipher Sec	-	1	Gen Duties. "X" List.
Sigs 11 Aust Div	-	3	1 Despatch Rider; 1 Sig; 1 Gen Duty "X" List.
HQ 11 Aust Div	-	3	1 Cook, & Gen Duties "X" List.
2/12 Aust Inf Bn	-	8	Gen Duties. "X" List.
2/1 Aust A/Tk Regt	-	4	1 Gunlayer; 3 Gen Duties "X" List.
17 Bde Sec 6 Aust Div Wkshop	-	3	1 Fitter; 1 Dvr 1st Class; 1 Gen Duties. "X" List.
2/8 Aust Fd Coy	-	8	1 Cook; 1 Welder; 1 Plumber; 1 Miner; 1 Stonemason; 3 Gen Duties. "X" List.
2/10 Aust Inf Bn	-	8	Gen Duties. "X" List.
11 Aust Div Pro Coy	-	3	Gen Duties. "X" List.

for Col
AA & QMG 11 AUST DIV.

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REINFORCEMENTS - 11 AUST DIV.

HQ 11 AUST DIV

WAR DIARY

3 MAR '43.

CAMP (1)
2/6 AUST ARMD REGT (1)
RAA 6 AUST DIV (4)
HQ 7 AUST INF BDE (3)
14 AUST INF BDE (3)
18 AUST INF BDE (4)
30 AUST INF BDE (3)
2/4 AUST A TK REGT (2).

Reinforcement Order No. NO/88 dated 27 Feb '43 advises that the following reinforcements will be marched out from 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp:-

UNIT	OFFRS	O/Rs	REMARKS
2/6 Aust Armd Regt	-	5	1 Electrician, 4 Gen Duties.
2/1 Aust Fd Regt	-	1	Surveyor.
13 Aust Fd Regt	-	3	Gen Duties.
2/14 Aust Army Fd Coy	-	3	Gen Duties.
2/9 Aust Inf Bn	-	4	1 Driver M.T. 1 Signaller. 2 Gen Duties.
2/10 Aust Inf Bn	-	10	Gen Duties.
2/12 Aust Inf Bn	-	8	1 Signaller. 1 Gen Duties.
HQ 11 Aust Div	-	1	Cook.
39 Aust Inf Bn	1	5	5 Gen Duties.
49 Aust Inf Bn	-	1	Gen Duties.
55/53 Aust Inf Bn	-	9	1 Intelligence, 3 Gen Duties.
7 Aust Mg Bn	-	1	Gen Duties.
36 Aust Inf Bn	-	4	Gen Duties.
1 Aust Mountain Bty	-	1	Gen duties.
HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	1	-	Officer
9 Aust Inf Bn	1	3	3 Gen Duties.
61 Aust Inf Bn	1	2	2 Gen Duties.

W. J. Wallace Lieut
A/A & QMG 11 AUST DIV.

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SUMMARY OF MOVEMENTS 2/3/43.

AIR

Called Forward

Arrived Destination.

14 "X" List personnel 6/7 Div For Mainland — A.I.

8 "X" List personnel 2/6 Aust Ind Coy For Mainland — All.

SEA

14 Aust Inf Bde Embarked "MONTROSE" for Mainland. (Refer AG.1495 of 3/3/43 for details).

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REPORT ON CONFERENCE HELD AT 'Q' BRANCH HQ NGF 3 MAR FOR PURPOSE DISCUSSING RECOMMENDATIONS ALTERATION W.E.T. E2-23T (INF BN TROPICAL SCALE W.E. 11/120/2).

PRESENT:

HQ NGF: Maj BROGAN 'Q' BRANCH.
Capt LOWANES G (SD) BRANCH.

HQ 11 AUST DIV: Maj SINGE 'G' BRANCH.
MAJ BAILEY 'Q' BRANCH.

18 AUST INF BDE:
Inf Bn C.O: Lt-Col GEARD 2/10 Bn
Cov Comd: Capt WILLS 2/9 Bn
Bn Q.M: Capt HAMILTON 2/9 Bn
Pl Comd: Lieut FULLER 2/12 Bn

Maj BROGAN 'Q' NGF PRESIDED.

1. OBJECT of conference was to discuss in general terms the existing W.E.T. of an Inf Bn in relation to experience gained during recent jungle ops.

2. The following recommendations were made by DDOS staff based on reports from 14, 16, 21, 25 and 30 Aust Inf Bdes.

(a) Inclusion of proportion carts hand jungle.
(b) Reduction of scale apparatus camflg garnishing.
(c) Provision of dubbing on basis of 4 oz tin per man.
(d) Stands Cooking Crown Ring one per man.
(e) Increased scale files and sharpening stones for sharpening machettes and bayonets.
(f) Proportion of trailers JEEP to be allotted. (This is amended in light of ruling by LHQ that tpt for Jungle Div is on pool basis and allotted as required.)

The above recommendations, less (b) and (f), were adopted.

3. Provision of protectors muzzle and protectors breech for rifles was raised by Maj BROGAN but NOT agreed to on the grounds that it is extra gear of a nature applicable only to static ops and in jungle ops, while desirable, is likely to be lost once taken off the rifle.

4. W.E.T. (att) was then discussed in detail. Recommendations decided being:-

(a) Sec A1: Pouches binoculars are surplus to eqpt as they assist to make it cumbersome and full scale of binoculars never available.
(b) Sec B1: Pouches pistol sig (which are leather) are hy and awkward and can well be omitted.
(c) Sec C1: Chests Bren NOT necessary as 18 Bde Units always have Brens carried on the man, even when units are in transit. Other Bdes have expressed similar opinions.
(d) Sec F: With good LAD many tools in this Sec are NOT necessary as always have problem of carrying with rear details. Decided to obtain opinion of a Bn Pnr Pl Offr as to what tools are actually used by Bns.
(e) Sec H1: (i) Increase scale of mineral jelly.
(ii) Oil to be in smaller containers than existing 5 gall tins - expendable containers recommended.
(iii) Slightly heavier type of oil required ~~than~~ in this climate as is also used to cover mechanism of weapons for protection against rain and dampness at night.
(f) Sec H2: (i) Add two coils cordage each of 60 ft for Bn use.
(ii) Each man to be provided with 12 ft light cordage.
(g) Sec J1: (i) Buckets water canvas to be increased to fifty per Bn.
(ii) In place of tents oblong two tents (each approx 10 ft by 8 ft) capable of being used at night and enabling Bn HQ to have use of lights be substituted.
(iii) Entrenching tools (USA pattern) on basis of one per man.

(iv) Provision of a square of oiled silk, 8 ft x 8 ft on basis of one per man in addition to ground sheet. (Ground sheet to be still on W.E.T. but used for near areas).

(h) Sec J2: Insulators containers cooking (hot boxes) be altered to allow of one container 3 gallon per Hot Box instead of two.

(j) Sec KC: Nets mosquito on basis of one per man.

(k) Sec KE: (i) Increase scale of lamps hurricane and provision of Lamps Tilley for Bn HQ - both types of Lamps with spare globes and mantles as applicable.
(ii) Brooms (Bass and GS) to be increased to three per Coy.

(l) Sec KF: Provision of Balance-Spring capable of weighing up to 300 lbs for purpose of air moves weighing was discussed, but, in view of steelyard 56 lb, which is part of Butchers Kit, it was decided to recommend a steelyard capable of weighing up to 300 lbs in lieu of smaller one - Balances Spring to remain as shown in W.E.T.

(m) Sec M1: Brushes cleaning bore for Mortars to be of a screw type enabling rod to be broken down to much shorter length.

(n) Sec V2: (i) Celluloid to be increased (no proportion decided) and to be of a soft surface type.
(ii) Boards Map Comd increased to one per Coy.
(iii) Watches GS to be increased to one each offr and one each mortar det and MG Sec with additional proportion for Bn Sigs as recommended by Sigs.
(iv) Compasses Prismatic increased to allow of one per Sec.

(o) Sec Y: (i) Some form of cable reeling and unreeling apparatus similar to that used by US tps be added to this Sec.
(ii) Torches Hand be increased to allow of one each per Pl Comd and Pl Sgt.

(p) Appx VII: Add liberal scale foot powder.
Personal items such as waterproof cover for pay books and papers and two other small waterproof bags for tobacco, matches, rations etc., be included as part of individual issues.

5. 18 Bde representatives raised undermentioned points. They are related to W.E.T. but as in some cases they referred to alterations in types of eqpt, will have no direct bearing on the W.E.T. under discussion. They are tabled for record purposes.

(a) Existing mess tins too hy (NGF answer that samples of mess tin designed by Brig PORTER are on way to NG now - this mess tin is of very light metal and fits on the water bottle).
(b) O SMG regarded as better weapon than TSMG and prefer to be equipped with them.
(c) A/G Stores cannot be carried in Jungle Ops, but future roles of Bde may necessitate them. Prefer to retain on W.E.
(d) Mixture of pistols, i.e., .38 .45 and .455 unsatisfactory as, during recent ops unable get .455 ammn and some offrs and NCOs carried empty pistols.
(e) Natives, during recent ops, refused use carts hand jungle, but our tps like them as they conserve manpower.
(f) Our cooking gear is good, but too heavy. A lighter metal, but leaving containers same size is required.
(g) Primus Stove NOT suitable for sterilizing RAP instruments. Small portable boiler desirable.
(h) If boots to be spriggED, prefer cricket sprig pattern.
(j) Boots A.B. too low - suggest offr pattern.

6. In conclusion it was generally considered that W.E.T. (less portions relating to tpt, which will be deleted under W.E. 11/1BC/2, plus the above recommendations is satisfactory, providing the items listed are available when required.

Sgd. C.W. Singe, Maj.

Distribution:
'G'
'Q' ADOS.

AQ.1530

HQ 11 AUST DIV ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 6.

HQ 11 AUST DIV
[illegible] MAR '43.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF M.T.

1. From recent inspections of M.T. and observance of maintenance procedure, it is evident that the condition of vehicles throughout the Formation is far below the standard demanded. To such a degree is this state apparent that Comd 11 Aust Div views the matter with grave concern.

2. LAD's and workshops within the Formation, reduced in number by illness, are already experiencing great difficulty in keeping the M.T. of the Formation in fighting condition.

3. It is essential that every reasonable precaution be taken to prevent damage to valuable equipment, which is not only extremely difficult to replace, but must have a definite influence upon the final outcome of any campaign.

4. NO Army can operate without sufficient transport and an efficient line of communication. NO line of communication can be efficient unless it affords ample facilities for the conveyance of the fighting essentials such as troops, ammunition, food and stores.

5. It is felt that laxity in the care and maintenance of vehicles is tantamount to sabotage which even though unintentional must, and does, have an adverse effect on the forward forces.

6. It must therefore be the constant aim of Commanding Officers, and ALL OFFICERS, controlling M.T. to maintain frequent and regular inspections in order to ensure that unit maintenance is being thoroughly and systematically carried out and that any defect beyond the repair capacity of unit tradesmen is detected in its early stages and passed to LAD's for immediate attention. This "stitch in time" principle prevents vehicles from becoming serious casualties and remaining off the road for protracted periods in workshops.

7. To assist units within the Formation to maintain vehicles at the standard required, it is proposed at an early date to institute a system of regular inspections of all M.T. on charge. These inspections will be carried out by the technical officers of the Formation.

8. This system will, it is considered, enable Commanding Officers to avail themselves of technical advice, increase the mechanical knowledge of unit tradesmen and, in addition, keep M.T. in a condition to carry out any task which it is called upon to perform.

[illegible] Col
for A.A. & Q.M.G. 11 AUST DIV.

DISTRIBUTION:-

As for Div R.O's.

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MOST SECRET

SUMMARY OF MOVEMENTS 3/3/43

AIR

Called Forward	Arrived Destination
Lt-Col Simmonds 3 Div For WAU	ALL
Lt-Col Griffen & one clerk, 3 Div For WAU	ALL
6 personnel 7 MG Bn For WAU	ALL

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Headquarters
11 Aust Div
4 Mar '43

OFFENCE REPORTS - 11 Aust Div

HQ N G Force
Copy DAPM

1. It is understood that A.P.M. N G Force made a verbal request to D.A.P.M. 11 Aust Div for a copy of all offence reports and subsequent advice as to the result of action taken by the unit concerned to be forwarded to him.

2. In view of the fact that Offence Reports (B2069) for all units of the Formation are already forwarded weekly to N G Force and that further returns would result in apparently unnecessary clerical work it is considered that this request should be reconsidered.

3. Further it would be appreciated if arrangements could be made for the A.P.M. to communicate requests of this nature through Staff channels please rather than direct to D.A.P.M.

Maj-Gen
COMD 11 Aust Div

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11 AUST DIV ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 7.

FOSTERING - 3 AUST DIV; 7 AUST INF BDE; 15 AUST INF BDE.

HQ 11 AUST DIV
5 MAR '43.

1. GENERAL:

To be read in conjunction with 11 Aust Div Adm Instn No. 4 27 Feb '43.

Details of incoming units, date of arrival and Bdes responsible for fostering arrangements are set out in Appendix "A" attached. Times of arrival will be the subject of later advice.

2. ACCOMMODATION:

(a) 7 Aust Inf Bde - 6 Mile Valley, Bootless Bay. Map ref 9534.

(b) 15 Aust Inf Bde - Vicinity Murray Barracks. Map ref 893576.

3. MOVEMENT:

(a)
From wharf to Camp Area:- MT provided under arrangements by COSC.

(b)
Bdes will ensure that guides are provided in accommodation areas to direct units to their respective camp sites.

4. FOSTERING:

Ref 11 Aust Div Adm Instn No. 4 27 Feb '43 para 5.

5. TRAFFIC CONTROL:

(a) DAPM 11 Aust Div will confer with APM HGF with regard to traffic control.

(b) ADME 11 Aust Div will provide Recovery Posts at suitable sites along the route and will advise "Q" Branch 11 Aust Div of such locations by 1000 hrs 6 Mar '43.

Col
AA & QMG 11 AUST DIV.

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HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde Rear Details (2)
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APPX "A" TO 11 AUST DIV ADM INSTN NO. 7.
Dated 5 March, 43.

SCHEDULE OF UNITS TO ARRIVE PORT MORESBY AT ET. SHOWN.

SHIP	FOSTERING UNIT	ETA	UNITS	STRENGTH		
				Offrs	ORs	TOTAL
JASON LEE	7 Aust Inf Bde	PM - 6 Mar	25 Aust Inf Bn	35	489	522
			24 Aust Fd Coy	6	164	170
			11 Aust Fd Amb	6	139	145
				45	792	837
WILLIS VAN DER VANTER	7 Aust Inf Bde	PM - 6 Mar	7 Aust Inf Bde	5	24	29
			7 Aust Inf Bde D&E Pl	1	32	33
			J Sec Sigs 5 Aust Div	-	13	13
			241 Aust LAD	1	9	10
			9 Aust Inf Bn	25	479	504
			25 Coy AASC	9	313	322
				41	870	911
TAROOK.	3 Aust Div	PM - 6 Mar	Bal HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde	10	51	61
			Sig Sec HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde	2	38	40
			58/59 Aust Inf Bn (less Rifle Coy & part HQ Coy)	20	415	435
				32	504	536

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				45	792	837
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TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS. 4-3/10

HQ 11. AUST DIV. (Unit)

TROPICAL SCALE AIF AS AMENDED 31/1/84

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	W.E. 2 PRESENT STRENGTH.		3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).		Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*				
*				
MAJOR-GENERALS *	1	1		
COLONELS. *	1	3	2	
Lieut.-Colonels	5	2		3
Majors	12	6		7
Captains	12	11		1
Lieutenants	32	6	4	
~~CHAPLAINS~~ 2nd-Lieutenants		2		1
Quartermasters				
District Officers				
Totals	37	31	6	12

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1 Substantive Rank.	2 Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	3 Name and Initials	4 Corps	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT. COL.	T. MAT. GEN.	CLOWES. C.A.	HQ II AUST DIV	YES	COMDR.
MAJOR.	T. Col.	LITCHFIELD. J.C	"	"	DA & QMG.
LT-COL.	T. Col.	MAITLAND. G.B.G.	"	NO. LEAVE	ADMS
	Col.	SHEEHAN G.L.	"	YES	GSO I
CAPT.	T. LT.-Col.	MCYES. J.	"	"	PP. COURTS MARTIAL
	LT. Col	VIDGEN. H.N.	"	"	ADOS
LIEUT.	T. MAJOR.	SINCE. C.W.	"	"	GSO II
LIEUT.	T. MAJOR.	WILLIS J.W.	"	"	DRAG.
CAPT.	T. MAJOR,	LARKINS. A.	"	"	W.S.O.
LIEUT.	T. MAJOR.	BAILEY. K.G.	"	"	D.A.Q.M.G.
CAPT.	T. MAJOR.	MCQUEEN. G.H.	"	"	DADH
CAPT.	T. MAJOR.	BRAIN. H.B.	"	"	ADME
LIEUT.	T. MAJOR	HAWKESWOOD H.W.	"	"	DAPM.
CHAPLAIN.	T. MAJOR	BLAKE. D,	"	"	SENIOR. C of E CHAPLAIN
CHAPLAIN	T. MAJOR	REYNOLDS P.F.	"	"	SENIOR. RC CHAPLAIN
LIEUT.	T. CAPT.	SPEIGHT. W.L.	"	"	GSO II LEARNER.
LIEUT.	T. CAPT.	BODDAM-WHETHAM. T.S.	"	"	W.S.O.
LIEUT.	T. CAPT.	ROBERTSON W.E.	"	"	W. S.O.
LIEUT.	T. CAPT.	THOMPSON. R.H.B.	"	"	I.O.
LIEUT.	T. CAPT.	BORTHWICK. J.M.	"	"	GSO III (O)
CAPT.		HOOPER. R.C	"	"	DAAG (LEARNER)
LIEUT.	T. CAPT.	ATKIN J.R	"	"	CAMP COMDT
LIEUT.	T. CAPT.	RIDER. A.G.	"	"	DADOS
LIEUT.	T. CAPT.	JAMES. C.	"	"	CATERING ADVISER.
LIEUT.	T. CAPT.	MILLS. E.W	"	"	STAFF OFR EDUCATION
	LIEUT.	CLARKE. I.J.	"	"	A.D.C.
	LIEUT.	MCNALLY. E.M.	"	"	ORD. DUTIES
	LIEUT.	BEAUCHAMP. W.T	"	"	DAQMG (LEARNER
	LIEUT.	FREEMAN N.H.	"	"	GSO III (A) LEARNER.
	LIEUT.	CONAN R.W.T.	"	"	GSO III (I)
	LIEUT.	MORTON M.F.	"	"	GSO III (I)

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT.	T. MAJOR	IRWIN W.M.	AAMC	5.1.43	ADMS DUTIES
CAPT.	T. MAJOR	BIBBS P.A	AAOC	22.1.43	ADME DUTIES
	MAJOR	SPRING G.F.	55/52 LT BN	30.1.43	LSO DUTIES
LIEUT.		MCMILLAN A.H.	18 INF BN	4-2-43	FOR CAMP COMDT
	LT-COLONEL	CARC	9/14 INF BN	8.2.43	STAFF OF MILITARY DEFENCE.

HQ II AUST DIV (Unit.)

6.3.43 (Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

CAMP COMMANDANT (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).

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Serial No. 9.
Nos. 90 - 99.

11 AUST DIV ROUTINE ORDERS

PART I

by

Major-General C.A. CLOWES
COMD 11 AUST DIV.

HQ 11 AUST DIV
6 March, 1943.

GENERAL STAFF.

90. CAMFLG OFFRS WITH TRG:

1. A return showing all officers who have been trained in camflg will be submitted to this HQ by 12 Mar '43.

2. The return will show:- Rank, Name, Unit (Regt, Bn or equiv), Schools attended and results obtained. If employed as Unit Camflg Officer.

91. DRLS TRAFFIC:

The attention of all units, and particularly those recently arrived in this area, is drawn to NGF RO No. 534, which reads:-

"To enable Signals to keep trace of messages sent by DRLS or 3DR all comms sent by this means will have a ref number on the envelopes.

"Units are referred to F.S.P.B. Pam 2. 1939 Sec 5, para 3, which reads AF C.2128 should be used for all messages. Those for DRLS will be placed in envelopes marked DRLS signed by an officer and handed to the Sig Office."

Lt Col
A.A.G. 11 AUST DIV.

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S STAFF.

92. ROUTINE ORDERS:

The undermentioned Orders have been issued and will be noted for information, necessary action and filed for future reference:-

GRO's 146-166 of 19 Feb '43.
NGF O's Serial 9/43 Nos 65-71 of 1 Mar '43.

93. CIRCULARS:

The following circulars have been issued since promulgation of 11 Aust Div R.O. No. 8 of 27 Feb '43:-

SUBJECT	BRANCH	DATE	RONEO	DISTRIBUTION
NGF Adm Instn No. 71	NGF	27.2.43	-	A
11 Aust Div Adm Instn No. 4	Q	27.2.43	AQ1341	3 Div - RAA- 7 & 17 Inf Bdes - 7 MG Bn.
NGF Adm Instn No. 74	NGF	2.3.43	-	A
11 Aust Div Adm Instn No. 6.	Q	3.3.43	AQ1530	A

94. CMF UNITS - CLASSIFICATION AS AIF UNITS (GRO 170/43):

1. Where 75% of the personnel on the posted strength of any CMF unit or 65% of the authorised W/E for all ranks of such unit (whichever is the greater) are members of the AIF, that unit shall be classified as an AIF unit.

2. When this standard is attained by any CMF unit, it will inform LHQ through the normal channels and will request that action be taken to classify it as an AIF unit.

3. Until orders to the contrary are issued by LHQ, the reclassification of a CMF unit as an AIF unit will not involve reorganization of units or transfer of personnel between units.

4. GRO A.344/1942 is cancelled.

95. GENERAL AND N.G. FORCE ORDERS:

The attention of Units is particularly drawn to the undermentioned Orders:-

(a) GRO 171/43 - "Prohibition of Entry of Animals etc into Australia." This Order will be re-published in all Unit R.O's.

(b) N.G. Force Order 68/43 - "Officers & Sergeants Messes."

96. DISTRIBUTION LISTS:

The following is the scale of distribution of all Orders and instructions issued from HQ 11 Aust Div:-

"A" all units under Comd HQ 11 Aust Div - 1 copy each.

"B" HQ 11 Aust Div Staff Officers.

"C" Services and Bdes.

97. REGIMENTAL TRUST FUND - STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS - PUBLICATION OF. (REF NGF O No. 24 of 25 Jan '43):

Attention is drawn to the above return and units are reminded that copy of R.O. showing publication of this statement of accounts is due at this HQ NOT later than the seventh day of each month.

98. REMEDITION OF A.F.F. G.52:

Many instances have recently occurred where units have not rendered Form A.F.F. G.52 when vehicles are transferred to or taken on charge. In almost all cases this omission of "Nil Returns" is overlooked even though the return is rendered.

In future, Form A.F.F. G.52 is to be rendered to ADOS 11 Aust Div, in triplicate, not later than 24 hrs after the receipt or transfer of any vehicles.

99. DEFECTIVE T3MG AMMUNITION - MANUFACTURE (MEF 0 71 of 1 M.R '43:)

1. Reference N.G. Force Order No. 530 of 30 Sep '42.

2. The following lots of T3MG .450 inch ammunition have been tested exhaustively and are sentenced serviceable for use:-

Lot NK	Date of Manufacture	28/12/40
Lot 12	" " "	8/40
Lot 33	" " "	6/11/40
Lot 35	" " "	8/5/41

3. The only lots of T3MG .450 inch ammunition now under sentenced use are as set out in ORDs 891 of 20 Nov '42 and 50 of 9 Jan '43 viz:-

Lot 39	Made	5/41
Lot 51	"	8/41
Lot 52	"	8/41

4. All units holding any of the ammunition set out in sub para 3 above will return it to AAD immediately. The boxes will be marked "FOR INSPECTION ONLY".

[signature]
Col.
for A.A. & Q.M.G. 11 AUST DIV.

NOTICES.

LOST: - The following stores marked with War Office Number 46192 and FE Amb Red Cross, consigned from MILNE BAY to PORT MORESBY have been lost:-

(i) Case No. B17. Measurements 30" x 1' x 1' - weight 80 lbs. Contents: 5 Dixie Lids, 10 Dishes Round, 1 Boot last, 3 dippers (½ quart), 3 Brushes Hand Union, 1 Lemon Squeezer, 1 Colander, 3 Ladles Cook, 3 Spoons Gravy, 1 Beaters Egg, 1 Machine Mincing, 3 Forks Carving, 1 Grater, 1 Dishes Bread, 2 Buckets G.I.

(ii) B21. Bundle of 3 Urns Washing (3 mls.). Measurements 2' x 18" x 20" - weight 35 lbs.

(iii) K41. Case Anti-Gas Ointment, Measurements 2' x 18" x 18" - weight 70 lbs.

Any person or unit knowing the whereabouts of any of the above will contact HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde.

CHURCH SERVICES:

C of E:- 0900 Church Parade - YMCA near "60" Club.
0930 Holy Communion - HQ 11 Aust Div.

R.C. - Mass - YMCA Murray Barracks. - 0930 hrs.
Confessions - Sat 1900 hrs to 2400 hrs at Chaplain Reynold's tent (near office CC HQ 11 Aust Div.)

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TO :LANDFORCE LHQ (LD 9pfd CORC MAF MVEB T'VILLE MVEB SUPREP LANDFOR

FROM MVEB MORESBY FF 955 6

GORDON sailed 1630 hrs 6 FEB (.) embarked for TOWNSVILLE (.) I AUST CORPS REAR CAMP Offrs 3 ORs 15 (.) 2/28 FD PK COY ORs 2 (.) 2/6 FD COY Offrs 2 1 ORs 4 (.) 2/2 AUST DIV CAV Offrs 7 ORs 153 (.) total all ranks 90 disembark TOWNSVILLE 1857 (.) embarked for SYDNEY (.) RAN Offrs 1 (.) Aust Army special duty Offrs 2 (.) for T'VILLE for RAE 7 DIV compressors 4 engineer stores packages 90 (.) 2/7 DIV CAV REST UNIT eqpt plus 23 (.) 2/28 FD PK COY compressors 2 unit eqpt plus 65

Q DISP 6 AUST DIV XI AUST DIV ETD 1630
ETA 1643

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AUSCO BRO G A
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MESSAGE FORM

TO: All units under Comd 11 Aust Div

FROM: HQ 11 Aust Div. AQ1751 7

Ref NGF Q1893 of 4 Jan and NGF Q1902 of 5 Jan (.) canned vegetables (.) Restrictions lifted on use of all canned vegetables other than BEETROOT and LETONA CABBAGE (.) All informed

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May be sent AS WRITTEN by any means EXCEPT W/I

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11 Aust Div Adm Instn No 8

EMBARKATION OF PERSONNEL OF 18 AUST INF BDE, 14 AUST FD AMB, 6 & 7 DIV CARR PLS, 'X' LIST 14 AUST INF BDE 6 AND 7 AUST DIV

1. GENERAL

Details as mentioned above will move for embarkation from PORT MORESBY to AUSTRALIA in accordance with this order.

2. COMPOSITION

(a) 18 Aust Inf Bde & Guard Pl
'J' Sec Sigs
2/9 Aust Inf Bn
2/10 Aust Inf Bn
2/12 Aust Inf Bn
One Coy 2/5 Aust Fd Amb

(b) 14 Aust Fd Amb

(c) Carrier pers 6 & 7 Aust Div

(d) 'X' List pers 14 Aust Inf Bde and 6 & 7 Div.

3. EMBARKATION

(a) Pers will embark aboard vessels 'TAROONA' 'MAETSUCKYER' and 'WILLIS VAN DER VANTER' at times to be advised and in accordance with the following schedule :-

SHIP	UNIT	STRENGTH		
		OFFRS	ORS	TOTAL
'MAETSUYCKER'	14 Aust Fd Amb	13	194	207
	'X' List pers 14 Aust Inf Bde	-	57	57
		13	251	264
'TAROONA'	HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde, Sig Sec & Guard Pl	13	91	104
	2/12 Aust Inf Bn	16	387	403
	2/5 Aust Fd Amb	2	9	11
	6 & 7 Aust Div Carr Pers -	-	100	100
	'X' List pers 6 & 7 Aust Div	-	8	8
		31	595	626
WILLIS VAN DER VANTER	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	18	347	365
	2/10 Aust Inf Bn	29	370	399
	2/5 Aust Fd Amb	1	9	10
		48	726	774

(b) Rations and [illegible] will be issued at times to be advised.

4. SHIPS STAFF

(a) HQ Aust Inf Bde and HQ Aust Fd Amb will provide following Ship's staff for duty on the 'WILLIS VAN DER VANTER' and 'HAUSBUCKNER' respectively.

CO Spo
Ship's Offr
Ship's QM/Messing Offr
Orderly Room Staff
SMO

(b) Ship's staff will embark prior to embarkation of main body. Time to be advised.

5. ARMS AND AMMUNITION

(a) Pers will move with personal arms only.

(b) All other weapons will be returned to 10 AOD.

(c) Amn (1st line) will be returned to 8 AOD prior to embarkation.

6. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Pers will move with all personal clothing and kit in their possession including 2 blankets per man and mosquito nets.

7. CAMP AND ACCOMODATION STORES

(a) Camp and Accomodation Stores in use by 18 Aust Inf Bde at DON-DABU will remain in situ.

(b) Camp and Accomodation Stores in use by 14 Aust Fd Amb and 6 and 7 Aust Div Carrier pers will be transferred to HQ 11 Aust Div.

(c) Units embarking on 'HAUSBUCKYER' and 'WILLIS VAN DER VANTER' will move with sufficient cooking utensils for use during voyage.

WILES cookers will be available on 'WILLIS VAN DER VANTER'

8. TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

(a) 'HAUSBUCKYER'

Transport for movement personnel 14 Aust Fd Amb will report at unit area 2 hours prior to embarkation time. Vehicles allotted 10 x 5 ton FWD. 'X' List personnel 14 Aust Inf Bde 8 x 5 ton FWD which will report Corps Reception Camp one hour prior to embarkation.

(b) 'MAROONA' & 'WILLIS VAN DER VANTER'

Transport for move of 18 Aust Inf Bde will report to Base Area 4 hours prior to embarkation time. Unit guides will meet convoy at Base area and conduct to embussing points. Vehicles allotted for personnel as follows:- HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde 5 x 5 ton FWD. 'J' Sec Sigs 2 x 5 ton FWD. 11 Pl 'C' Coy Gd Bn 2 x 5 ton FWD. 2/9 Aust Inf Bn 22 x 5 ton FWD. 2/10 Aust Inf Bn 25 x 5 ton FWD. 2/12 Aust Inf Bn 25 x 5 ton FWD. 3/5 Aust Fd Amb 3 x 5 ton FWD.
Transport for 6 & 7 Aust Div Carrier personnel by unit arrangement with 2/7 MG Bn.
DAPM, 11 Aust Div, will marshall and control convoys to wharf.

9. UNIT EQUIPMENT

All unit equipment including binoculars, compasses, watches GS and 2" Mortars will be returned to 10 AOD

10. RATIONS

Units embarking on 'MAETSUCKYER' and "WILLIS VAN DER V.NER' will move with 7 days rations for consumption during voyage.

11. VEHICLES

Vehicles, carriers and M/C's on charge to units embarking will be returned to RVS 17 Aust Inf Bde.

12. NOMINAL ROLLS

(a) Embarkation Nominal Rolls

Will be prepared in accordance with NGF Routine Order 593 of 14 Dec 42 and will reach HQ 11 Aust Div by 2000 hrs 7 Mar 43.

(b) Leave Nominal Rolls

Leave Nominal Rolls (as distinct from Embarkation Nominal Rolls) will be furnished to HQ 11 Aust Div not later than 2000 hrs 7 Mar '43.

13. MEDICAL

(a) OC Tps will be responsible for maintenance of malarial suppression measures during voyage.

(b) Units embarking will move with NOT less than 7 days supply of ATEBRIN.

14. SECURITY

All concerned will be warned that name of ships involved and details of this move are SECRET and will NOT be discussed with unauthorised persons either prior to embarkation or after disembarkation at destination.

ACK
Signed at [illegible] hrs 7 Mar '43

[illegible]
Col
A & QMG, 11 Aust Div

DISTRIBUTION
Sigs (2)
17 Aust Inf Bde (2)
18 Aust Inf Bde (6)
6 Aust Div Carr Gp (3)
1 Aust Corps Reception Camp (1)
G (2)
AQ (1)
A (1)
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ADMS (2)
ADOS (2)
DAPM (2)
HQ N G Force (2)
War Diary (2)
File (1)
Spares (4)

DDST (2)
Movement Control (2)
11 Aust Div Pro (2)
7 MG Bn (2)

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M E S S A G E F O R M

TO: Sigs, (2), 13 Aust Inf Bde (6), 6 Aust Div Carr Gp (3) 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp (1) G (2), Comd (1), A (1) Q (1), ADMS (2), ADOS (2), DAPM (2), War Diary (2), File (1), Spares (2), DDST (1) 11 Aust Div Pro (1), 7 Aust MG Bn (2).

FROM: HQ 11 AUST DIV AQ 1773 DATE: 8

SECRET (.) Ref 11 Aust Div Adm Instn No.8 dated 7 Mar (.) Times of embarkation follow (.) MAETSUYCKER (.) ships staff 1400 hrs 8 Mar pers and stores 1700 hrs 8 Mar (.) TARONGA (.) pers and stores 1500 hrs 8 Mar (.) WILLEM VAN DER VANTER (.) ships staff 1000 hrs 9 Mar pers 1300 hrs 9 mar time stores required to be advised later (.) Confirms telephoned advice

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Signature.....Maj.

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11 AUST DIV ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 9.

MT INSPECTION & REPAIR.

a&1605 — No. 11 AUST DIV A&I '43.

1. Further to 11 Aust Div Adm Instn No. 6 of 8 Jan '43 all MT on charge to units 11 Aust Div will be inspected and classified by an Inspecting Detachment AMES. In addition the Inspecting Detachment will also report on unit maintenance.

2. Units will be notified when inspections will be carried out and arrangements will be made, by the unit, to ensure that the maximum amount of MT on charge, including MC's, is available to the Inspecting Detachment on the days notified. OC LAD servicing the units concerned will act as a liaison officer between the Inspecting Detachment and the unit and will ensure smooth working of the inspection and that there is no delay in the arrival of MT.

3. All inspections will be carried out in units' areas. Each vehicle must be accompanied by its regular driver and vehicle log book.

4. Inspection reports, in quadruplicate, will be signed by AMES Inspection Detachment and will be distributed as under:-

2 to LAD (1 to be passed to unit).
2 to ADME 11 Aust Div.

The following information will be recorded in all reports:-

(a) Number and type of vehicle and unit to which on charge.
(b) State of unit maintenance (GOOD FAIR BAD).
(c) Classification (Vehicle requires unit maintenance, first, second, third or fourth echelon repair.)
(d) Remarks (including number of vehicles not available for inspection and reasons therefor.)

List of vehicles on charge will be obtained from ADOS 11 AUST DIV by AMES Inspection Detachment prior to visiting units.

5. On receipt of inspection reports the following action will be taken where applicable:-

(a) Units will carry out additional maintenance where required. LAD's will check that this has been done and will report to ADME 11 Aust Div on completion.
(b) Where first or higher echelon repair is required, LAD servicing the unit will arrange immediately for this work to be carried out and will report to ADME when completed.

for A.A.G.G. 11 AUST DIV.

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As for Div R.O's.

ADME (4)
219 LAD (3)
217 LAD (3)
2/43 LAD (3)
2/53 LAD (3)

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IN MESSAGE Q 6659 43/Q 110

TO: MVTS TVILLE MVTS CAIRNS LANDOPS LANDFORCE ADV ECH HQ QLD
COSC NGF
FROM: MVTS MORESBY FF 1286 9

MAETSUYCKER sailed 0730 hrs 9 Mar for TOWNSVILLE (.) embarked for TOWNSVILLE 14 Aust Inf Bde detail ORs 60 14 Aust Fd Amb offrs 12 ORs 201 (.) embarked for ATHERTON 2/9 Aust Inf Bn offrs 9 ORs 116 2/10 Aust Inf Bn offrs 2 ORs 108 2/12 Aust Inf Bn offrs 4 ORs 52 HQ 18 aust inf bde offrs 3 ORs 12 (.) total all ranks 579 (.) vessel sailed for TOWNSVILLE direct (.) personnel of 18 bde group for onward move to ATHERTON

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TO: MVT TOWNSVILLE MVT CAIRNS LANDOPS LANDFORCE Adv Ech LHQ
Q8land COSC NGF.

FROM: MOVTS MORESBY FF 1285 9

TAROONA sailed 0730 hrs for CAIRNS (.) Embarked HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde officers 10 ORs 48 (.) 2/12 Aust Inf Bn Offrs 16 ORs 387 (.)2/5 Aust Fd Amb Offrs 2 ORs 9 (.) 6 and 7 Aust Div Carr Details ORs 90 (.) 7 Aust Div J Sec Sigs Offrs 2 ORs 28 (.) HQ Guard Coy Offrs 1 ORs 17 (.) Tota 1 all ranks 610

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MESSAGE FORM.

TO: 7 Aust Inf Bde; rptd NGF;Donadabu Rest Camp; 11 Aust Div Pro Coy; ADMS; ADOS; RAE; CASC; "G"; "A"; "Q"; 11 Aust Div Cash Office.

FROM: HQ 11 Aust Div | Originator's No. AQ.1912 | Date. 10 Mar '43.

7 Aust Inf Bde Gp will move to Donadabu Rest Camp commencing with 24 Fd Coy and 25 Coy ASC on 11 March '43 (.) Balance of Gp consisting of HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (.) "J" Sec Sigs (.) 9 Aust Inf Bn (.) 25 Aust Inf Bn (.) 61 Aust Inf Bn (.) Def Pl (.) 241 LAD (.) 11 Aust Fd Amb will move 12 13 14 15 March (.) 7 Aust Inf Bde will advise 11 Aust Div by 1000 L 11 March order of movement (.) Transport (.) In addition to Unit transport 11 Aust Div will supply 25 trucks 3 ton 4 x 4 daily for this purpose (.) Time and place of reporting will be advised to this HQ (.) 3 ton 4 x 4 trucks only will be used (.) Additional accommodation stores taken to area will be listed and copy submitted to Area Comdt Donadabu Camp (.) 7 Aust Inf Bde will arrange allotment of areas with Area Comdt Donadabu (.) ADOS will arrange issue of one additional blanket per man (.) 11 Aust Div Prov Coy will arrange with 7 Aust Inf Bde for control of convoys (.) Move will be completed by 2000 L 15 March (.) Ack

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J. W Wilkes Maj
Signature

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SDR to
7 Aust Inf Bde

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TO: MVTS TOWNSVILLE MVTS CAIRNS LANDOPS LANDFORCE ADV ECH
LHQ QLD COSC NGF

FROM: MVTS MORESBY FF 1306 10

WILLIS VAN DEVANTER sailed 1550 hrs 10 March for CAIRNS (.) embarked NGF details ORs 8 (.) 2/9 Aust Inf Bn offrs 20 ORs 372 (.) HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde offrs 1 ORs 5 (.) det 2/5 Aust Fd Amb offrs 1 ORs 11 (.) 6 and 7 Aust Div carrier personnel ORs 11 (.) 2/10 Aust Inf Bn offrs 19 ORs 342 (.) total all ranks 790 (.) small quantity unit equipment loaded (.) two mobile cookers on board to be discharged CAIRNS belong to 1 Aust Army (.) JASON LEE did NOT sail

'Q' DISTRIBUTION 11 AUST DIV
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MESSAGE FORM

TO: 30 Aust Inf Bde, rptd HQF, G, Sigs, ADOS, ADME, ADMS,, 11 Aust Div Pro Coy, 11 Aust Div Postal Unit.

FROM: 11 AUST. DIV. AQ 1950 Date: 11

HQ 30 Aust Inf Bde with Sig Sec 39 Aust Inf Bn 49 Aust Inf Bn will embark DUNTROON at 0430L 12 Mar (.) Rear party for each unit will remain to finalise return of stores (.) Personnel will move with personal arms and eqpt 7 days atebrin and two blankets each only (.) NO repeat NO other controlled stores will be taken (.) Unit office eqpt will be loaded at 0400L 12 Mar (.) 8 copies embarkation rolls to this HQ by 2000L 11 Mar (.) 30 Aust Inf Bde will advise numbers and locations ALL rear details by 2000L 11 Mar (.) Tpt will be arranged by 11 Aust Div (.) 30 Aust Inf Bde will advise number of trucks required and time and place of reporting by 1800L 11 Mar

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Signature J. W. Wilkinson

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Originator's Instns
Degree of Priority

IMPORTANT to 30 Bde

T.O.O. 1450

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REINFORCEMENTS-11 AUST. DIV.

HQ
11 AUST. DIV.

// Inf. Bde.

Camp	(1)
2/3 Aust Field Regt	(1)
HQ RAA 6 Aust Div	(6)
Sigs, 11 Aust Div	(1)
HQ 30 Aust Inf Bde	(3)
ADMS	(1)
ADME	(5)
11 Aust Div Pro Coy	(1)
11 Aust Div Concert Party	(1)

Reinforcement Order No/94 advises that the following reinforcements will be marched out from 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp as soon as possible:-

Serial	Unit	Offrs	ORs	Remarks
1.	2/6 Aust Armd Regt		1	General Duties
2.	2/1 Aust A/Tk Regt		1	Gunlayer
3.	2/1 Aust Fd Regt		17	2 Gunlayers 2 Signallers 13 General Duties
4.	1 Aust Mountain Bty		1	General Duties
5.	13 Aust Fd Regt		2	do
6.	14 Aust Fd Regt		7	1 Gunlayer 1 Signaller 5 General Duties
7.	Sigs 11 Aust Div		1	Operator
8.	HQ 30 Aust Inf Bde		1	Intelligence
9.	30 Aust Inf Bn		2	General Duties
10.	HQ 11 Aust Div		1	do
11.	11 Aust Div Pro Coy		1	do
12.	2/2 Aust Fd Amb		3	1 Cook 2 General Duties
13.	49 Aust Inf Bn		4	do
14.	8 Aust Div Workshops 17 Bde Sec		2	1 Plumber 1 General Duties
15.	7 Aust Div Workshops 21 Bde Sec		1	do
16.	22 Aust Fd Concert Party		1	NX.33[illegible] Sgt. Finnegan, J.

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EXTRACTS FROM NG FORCE ORDERS & ADM INSTNS & 11 AUST DIV INSTNS ORDERS & CIRCULARS OF '43

HQ
11 AUST. DIV.

12 Mar. '43.

The following extracts are republished for information of, and necessary action by units under Comd 11 Aust Div who have recently arrived in New Guinea or Port Moresby Area :-

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH

1. LIGHTING RESTRICTIONS DURING AIR RAIDS (NGFO 12/43):

During an air raid alert all vehs using the MAIN RD between fd junc FAUX FACE RD--MAIN RD and first rise north of 7 MILE DROME will travel with dimmed lights.

2. FRANKING OF MAIL (NGFO 45/43):

It is evident that numerous Franking Officers are NOT conversant with their duties as laid down in Army Field Censorship Instn No.22--

(a) LETTERS

(i) The most common breaches by franking officers are failures to frank the text of the letters, the inclusion of their rank with their signature, and the passing for onward transmission of letters which do not bear the full and correct regimental addresses of the senders.

(ii) The absence of a frank at the foot of the text, especially when the letter contains censorable matter, indicates that the contents of the envelope have not been examined by the officer.

Other serious breaches noted are that some officers permit troops to state present and probable future details of casualties sustained and other items that would be most useful to the enemy if they should reach his hands.

(b) PARCELS

There has been a sharp decline in the amount of prohibited articles found in parcels being sent to Australia, but nevertheless items such as issue clothing, canteen purchases and enemy equipment are still being unearthed.

In future, action is to be taken against Franking Officers who pass breaches of the abovementioned Censorship Instruction.

Copies of AFCI No.22 can be obtained from GS(I) NGF on demand.

3. LOCATION STATEMENTS & LOCATION REPORTS (11 AUST DIV RO 29/43):

(a) Location statements will be compiled as at 2359 hrs on 15th and last day of each month and forwarded to reach this HQ NOT later than 1200 hrs the following day. Statements are to include all units and sub-units under comd.

(b) Changes in locations down to Coys and equivalent sub-units

(Contd.).

5. LOCATION STATEMENTS & LOCATION REPORTS (11 AUST DIV RO 29/43):

will be notified as they occur, also any detachments stating strength of detachment.

(c) Changes in Cond will be shown where necessary.

ADJUTANT & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S BRANCH

4. CARE OF PAYBOOKS—FORWARD AREAS (NGFO 1/43):

All troops proceeding to forward areas are to place their paybooks in anti-gas wallets and keep them in their shirt pockets.

Anti-gas wallets for this purpose shall be drawn from Ordnance and issued by Unit Quartermasters.

5. UNAUTHORISED PERSONS ON AERODROMES (NGFO 8/43):

Visits to Aerodromes by personnel other than those on duty will cease forthwith. Unauthorized travel in aircraft is viewed with concern and will be met with severe disciplinary action.

Provost personnel have been instructed to detain and charge all persons found on Aerodromes without proper authority.

6. STATES & RETURNS—RENDITION OF (NGFO 9/43):

Units will conform to NGF Admin. Instn. No.39 para 1(d) which states :-

All units will ensure that Records Office and HQ New Guinea Force are notified immediately portions are detached and considered remote or rejoin parent unit.

Such notification will include date, designation of portion of unit, W.E. particulars and figures.

ALL units will render as at 16 Jan. '43 the return on pro forma as set out hereunder to NG L. of C. Area Records Office and HQ NG Force, and ensure that all subsequent alterations in the rendition of returns are notified.

Name of Unit		WE Ref.	WE Figures	Strength as at Date of Return
			W.E.O. ORs Att. allowed by W.E. O. O.R's	
Date of Detachment.	Designation of sections of unit rendering separate returns	WE Ref. or, if as above, give details by number and trades	WE Figures applicable to each portion.	

It is the responsibility of H.Q's. of Units to ensure that all portions considered remote are fully acquainted with responsibilities in regard to the rendition of returns, and the particulars of the W.E. under which they are working.

7. UNDER AGE PERSONNEL (NGFO 14/43):

(i) NGF Orders 522 and 581 are hereby cancelled. All personnel of CMF Units in New Guinea who are under the age of 19 years will be concentrated forthwith at 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp where they will be held until they attain the age of 19 years.

(ii) Personnel so concentrated will be placed on 'X' List by their respective units.

(iii) In the event of a Unit leaving New Guinea, application will be made through the normal channels to this HQ for the return of Under Age personnel for movement with the unit.

(iv) This order does not apply to Under Age Personnel at present serving with Base and L. of C. Units.

8. CENSUS OF WAR-LIKE STORES—MECH TPT—FORMATIONS IN NG and/or UNDER CONTROL OF NG FORCE:

1. Instructions have been received from LHQ that :-

(a) Census of all AUST mech vehs in NEW GUINEA will be maintained by HQ NGF.

(b) GRO's are being amended to give effect to the above.

2. Commencing 20 Jan., 43, and pending issue of amending GRO, Units in NEW GUINEA or under control of N.G.F., will submit census information as required in paras 3, 4 and 5 hereunder, which summarise, with appropriate reference to GRO's, all action required of Units.

3. On 20th day of every month Units will submit AAF.E5-9(a) in accordance with GRO 0.316 para 4, of 14 Aug., 1942.

The following will be submitted with each copy of AAF.E5-9(a):-

(a) TO BE SUBMITTED AS AT 20 JAN. and 20 FEB., 1943, ONLY.

Details of all vehs. held in Unit in accordance with following Pro-Forma:-

UNIT.....No. of ME.....

DETAILS OF ALL VEHS. HELD IN UNIT ON 20.....43

Army No.	Engine No.	Make	Type	Makers Model, Serial No., or Series (as applicable).	Year of Manufacture	Tyre sizes	Whether vehicle is serviceable or awaiting repairs
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

(b) TO BE SUBMITTED AS FROM INCLUSIVE 20 JAN., 1943 and ONWARD.

(i) List of Army Numbers of all vehicles held BY TYPES, in accordance with GRO 0.318 para 5 (ii) (b) of 14 Aug. 42. Pro-Forma is attached as APP 'A'.

(ii) Summary of Transfers of vehs within NGF, in accordance with GRO 0.318 para 5 (ii) (a) of 14 Aug 42. Pro-Forma is attached as APP 'B'.

(iii) Details of any veh or vehs received by the Unit from any source outside control of HQ NGF whether the veh previously belonged to the Unit or not. Pro-Forma is attached as APP 'C'.

(iv) Details of any veh or vehs despatched by the Unit to any place outside the control of HQ NGF. Pro-Forma is attached as APP. 'D'.

4. On 20th day of every month Units will submit returns in accordance with GRO 0.431 of 25 Sep 42 in respect of any veh NOT on charge, but held by, or under control of the Unit. Pro-Forma is attached as APP 'E'. Copies will be distributed thus:-

(a) By AASC UNITS (and Units whose TE includes AASC Drs att).
One copy to DDOS NGF.
One copy to ADOS etc., Formation.
One copy to DDST or his representative on Formation.

(b) By ALL OTHER UNITS.
One copy to DDOS NGF.
One copy to ADOS etc. Formation.

5. On every occasion when a veh is issued, drawn, or transferred, or received from a source outside control of HQ NGF, or despatched to a place beyond control of HQ NGF both Units concerned in the transaction will submit AAF.G52, vide GRO 0.18 para 7 of 12 May 42.

6. (a) Formations, Special Forces, and Units in NEW GUINEA or under control of HQ NGF, will cease to render returns and certificates to DOS (OS1) LHQ.

(b) Copies of returns, certificates of destruction, and of AAF. G.52 required by GRO's 0.18 of 12 May 42, 0.318 of 14 Aug., 42 0 431 of 25 Sep., 42, and 0.519 of 30 Oct. 42, to be submitted by Formations to DOS(OS1) LHQ, will now be submitted to DDOS NGF; except that DIV's will submit only one copy of AAF. E5-40 to DDOS NGF.

(c) Returns required by GRO 0.318 of 14 Aug., 42 to be submitted to DDOS ARMY will NOT be rendered by Formations in NEW GUINEA.

7. Formations will continue to submit returns to DSD LHQ as required by GRO 0.318 of 14 Aug., 42.

8. (a) DDOS NGF is responsible for provision to DOS (OS1) LHQ of certain information as advised separately.

(b) DDST NGF is responsible for provision to DST LHQ of information vide GRO 0.318 para 8 of 14 Aug., 42.

APP "A" "B" "C" "D" "E" TO MG ORDER NO.18 OF 18 JAN '43.

1. APP "A" (see para 3 (b) (i) of MGF Order No 18 of 18 Jan. '43).

Pro-Forma as follows :-

UNIT.....No of WE.....Date.....

ARMY NOs of VEHICLES by TYPES

CARS DS	CARS RECCE	VANS 15 CWT WD 4 x 2	VANS 15 CWT WD 4 x 4
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.....	.....	.....	.....

VANS	VANS 15 CWT GS	ETC.	ETC.	ETC.
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2. APP "B" (see para 3 (b) (ii) of MGF Order No 18 of 18 Jan 43).

Pro-Forma as follows :-

UNIT.....No of WE.....Date.....

PARTICULARS OF VEHS RECEIVED BY UNIT, OR TRANSFERRED FROM UNIT, SINCE PREVIOUS MONTHLY RETURN

RECEIPTS			TRANSFERS		
Army No.	Type	Unit from which recd	Army No.	Type	Unit to which transfd.
1	2	3	4	5	6

3. APP "C" (see para 3 (b) (iii) of MGF Order No 18 of 18 Jan 43).

Pro-Forma as follows :-

UNIT..... No of WE ..... Date.....

VEHS RECEIVED FROM SOURCES OUTSIDE CONTROL OF HQ MGF SINCE PREVIOUS MONTHLY RETURN

Army No.	Engine No.	Make	Type	Maker's model, Serial No. or series (as appl).	Year of Manufacture	Tyre Sizes	Whether vehicle is serviceable or awaiting repairs	Date received	Unit received from	Name of vessel or of aircraft
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

4. APP "D" (see para 3 (b) (iv) of NGF Order No 18 of 18 Jan 43).

Pro-Forma as follows :-

UNIT..... NO. of VE..... DATE.....

VEHS DESPATCHED TO PLACES BEYOND CONTROL OF HQ NGF SINCE LAST MONTHLY RETURN

Army No.	Make	Type	Year of Manufacture	Unit to which transferred or consigned	Date Des' ched	Name of Vessel or of Aircraft
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

5. APP "E" (see para 1 of NGF Order No 18 of 18 Jan 43).

Pro-Forma as follows :-

UNIT..... NO. OF VE..... DATE.....

STATEMENT OF VEHS HELD BUT NOT ON CHARGE TO UNIT

Army No.	Make	Type	Maker's Model Serial No. or Series. (as applicable).	Year of Manufacture	Whether service able or awaiting repairs	Source from which received
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

9. HOLDING OF RESERVE RATIONS (NGFO 20/43).

(a) NGF Order 564 of 13 Nov 42 App A Note (b) is cancelled.

(b) All Units will hold four days reserve rations.

(c) Units will return to DIDs all reserve rations held surplus to the above.

(d) Formations, etc., will ensure that Units turn over regularly their stocks of reserve rations, and all Units will by the last day of each month render to Formations under whose command they are, a certificate setting out the number of days reserve rations held, and that they are being turned over regularly.

10. ARMY COMMODITIES—FORWARDING TO AUSTRALIA (NGFO 35/43):

(a) The despatch to AUSTRALIA from NEW GUINEA by any means of any of the following commodities is expressly forbidden.

(i) Tobacco, cigarettes, matches and any other commodities sold or supplied by any Allied Canteen or such institution.

10. ARMY COMMODITIES ETC., (Contd.).

(ii) Army Stores or equipment issued or sold by, or the property of, any Allied Army.

(iii) Any captured enemy documents or equipment.

(b) Any personnel travelling from NEW GUINEA to AUSTRALIA may take with them only normal daily requirements of any articles in para (a) (1).

11. MALARIA CONTROL—ISSUE OF SPRAYERS KNAPSACK (NGF O 37/43):

Units entitled to Sprayers Knapsack under GRO 0.723 are instructed to indent forthwith for sufficient to bring their holding up to the scale set out in that order.

12. DISPOSAL OF CASH OF DECEASED MEMBERS (NGF O 39/43):

(a) All money and tax stamps found on the bodies or in the effects of deceased members will be forwarded by the CO of the unit to the nearest Div. Paymaster.

The CO will forward with the cash a schedule indicating ownership of the money and tax stamps.

(b) The Paymaster will issue to the CO an official receipt for the money received and will account for the amounts to the DFO.

(c) Such money and Tax stamps collected will be credited to the estate of the member concerned.

13. LEAVE & DUTY PASSES (NGF O 47/43):

All personnel proceeding beyond unit areas will carry either Leave or Duty Passes.

14. BOUNDS—PORT MORESBY (NGFO 18/43):

Port Moresby Area is placed out of bounds to all ranks other than those employed on duty there, or in possession of leave passes naming Port Moresby as destination. Units will limit issue of leave passes to Port Moresby to not more than 4% of establishment. Organised swimming parties proceeding direct to and from the swimming baths are not included in this figure; but will not carry Port Moresby passes.

15. GRAVES REGISTRATION & BURIAL PROCEDURE (NGF O 50/43):

1. NEW GUINEA Force Order No. 253 is cancelled. Procedure is laid down as follows :-

2. (a) AF W 3314 (Burial Return) will be prepared in quadruplicate and distributed:-

(i) 2 copies to NEW GUINEA L of C AREA RECORDS OFFICE, MORESBY.
(ii) 1 copy to Unit HQ.
(iii) 1 copy to Staff Officer, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, NEW GUINEA FORCE HQ.

(b) Burial Return is required for the purpose of:-
(i) Advice to RECORDS.
(ii) Advice to GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICES.
(iii) Registration of the grave.

(c) Full particulars required by AF W3314 will be given. When a correct map reference cannot be given a diagram and full description of location of grave will be rendered on the back of the form.

15. GRAVES REGISTRATION & BURIAL PROCEDURE (Contd.):

(d) When AF's W3314 are in short supply, carbon copies on plain paper may be used.

3. Attention is directed to Field Service Pocket Book, Pamphlet 11a.

4. As far as possible burials of our own dead should be carried out by the Deceased's Unit.

5. Anyone concerned in a burial or finding of a body will remove the red identity disc. This disc will be included in personal effects and forwarded with a certificate on AF W3190, to NEW GUINEA L of C AREA RECORDS OFFICE, MORESBY. The green identity disc will on no account be removed from the body. When there is only one identity disc it will not be removed, but the inscription there on should be noted on the AF W3314. No bodies should be buried until they have been searched, and, if possible, identified.

6. If operations do not permit of burial, and it is possible that the area may be occupied by the enemy, full evidence of identity and a map reference, or sketch, or description of location of body will be recorded on the AF W3311 and forwarded in duplicate to NEW GUINEA L of C AREA RECORDS OFFICE, MORESBY, as all such cases must eventually be investigated by the GRAVES REGISTRATION AND ENQUIRY UNIT.

7. On a burial being effected, the Chaplain or other person conducting the burial is responsible that the Army no, rank, name, initials, and date of death (if known) are recorded on an extemporised cross, either by carving, painting, or indelible pencil. (This is not in accordance with method of marking set out in F.S.P.B., Pamphlet 11a, but experience has shown that in NEW GUINEA jungle areas the cross as a marker is preferable to Graves Registration Reg).

8. The recording and marking graves of enemy dead will be carried out in similar manner to our own, except that the unit copy of AF W3314 is not required. Where possible, arrangements will be made for a member of the Intelligence Corps to examine the uniform, papers, etc., before burial.

9. Units will take every opportunity to advise the nearest Graves Registration Unit of locations of isolated graves.

16. WATER CONSERVATION OF (NGF O 51/43):

1. Pending completion of current engineer works the supply of water in PORT MORESBY area is still limited, though quite adequate if full and proper control is exercised.

2. All Units will therefore control the issue and consumption of water in accordance with the following instructions. Units will be limited to the following scale of taps and showers:-

(a) 1 shower for each 100 OR or Enlisted Men.

(b) 1 shower for each 25 officers or portion thereof.

(c) one tap only for each shower, kitchen and OR mess.

All showers and taps in excess of abovementioned will be disconnected forthwith.

3. Water tanks will NOT be permitted except as authorized by 12 AUST CRE (Works).

4. An inspection of all Unit water storage tanks will be carried out by 12 AUST CRE(Works) and all unauthorized water

WATER, CONSERVATION OF (NGF O 51/43) (Contd.):

tanks will be removed.

17. PURCHASING & LANDING OF LIQUOR (NGF O 53/43):

(a) The practice of purchasing or otherwise acquiring liquor from the crews of ships will cease forthwith.

(b) Liquor will not be landed from any vessel by military personnel or members of ships' crews.

(c) Breaches of this order will be the subject of severe disciplinary action and will also result in the confiscation of such liquor.

18. HITCHHIKING (NGF O 56/43):

The practice of hitchhiking is forbidden. Drivers of vehicles will NOT stop to pick up unauthorised passengers.

19. LOCAL MOVEMENT OF 'X' LIST PERSONNEL & REINFORCEMENTS(NGF058/43):

(a) 'X' List or reinforcement personnel will not be moved from 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp until such movement is authorised by NG L of C Area Records Office.

(b) This order applies to all personnel disembarking ex Australia, whether drafts allotted to formed units or un-allotted or general reinforcements, which upon disembarkation proceed to 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp.

20. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS—CARRYING OF IN MT VEHICLES (NGF O 59/43):

(a) Numerous instances have come to notice recently in Port Moresby Area and Milne Bay of vehicles NOT carrying fire extinguishers, while in some cases fire extinguishers carried are NOT maintained in fit state for use as effective fire fighting appliances.

(b) Unit commanders will be responsible for ensuring that all MT vehicles on charge to their units carry fire fighting equipment in a condition fit for immediate use.

21. ENLISTMENT OF PMF & CMF PERSONNEL IN AIF (NGF O 66/43):

The following procedure for the enlistment of PMF and CMF personnel in AIF will be strictly adhered to. All previous instructions issued in NEW GUINEA Force Orders are cancelled. The correct rendition of requisite documents in the first instance will expedite the allocation of AIF numbers and promulgation in Routine Orders Part II:-

1. All applicants aged between 19 and 40 years (Technical personnel up to 45 years) who complete AAF A200 subject to medical classification being class A1 or A2 will be transferred to AIF.

2. If applicant is under the age of 21 years AAF A203 (Parents consent) must accompany application.

3. In the event of applicant not being medically boarded at time of enlistment (i.e. AAF D1 not bearing signature of at least two medical officers) AAF D1 must accompany application.

4. A special separate Casualty Return AF W3011, W3010 or W3012 containing an entry "The undermentioned personnel having volunteered for service in the AIF having been medically boarded (class A1 or A2 as the case may be) and completed AAF D1 and

21. ENLISTMENT OF PMF & CMF PERSONNEL IN AIF (Contd.):

AAF A200 are transferred to the AIF" MUST accompany all applications.

5. Applications submitted by officers must bear the endorsement of approval of Formation Commander. It is the responsibility of the Unit concerned to obtain such approval before submitting application to NEW GUINEA L of C AREA RECORDS OFFICE.

6. Personnel accepted will remain with their present Units and retain their present rank.

7. Application will be submitted to NEW GUINEA L of C AREA RECORDS OFFICE for despatch to QUEENSLAND L of C AREA RECORDS OFFICE for allocation of 'X' numbers and promulgation in Routine Order Part 11. QUEENSLAND L of C AREA RECORDS OFFICE is now in possession of a block of numbers for all States of enlistment and the allocation of AIF Army number for personnel serving in NEW GUINEA will be handled by that office.

8. AAF A130 (WILL) will accompany application if applicant has not already made a will.

9. Personnel transferring from PMF or CMF to AIF become members of AIF from the date of completion of AAF A200 and will wear thereafter AIF colour patches and titles as prescribed.

10. Pending the issue of Routine Order Part 11 allotting new numbers to members enlisted in AIF such personnel will continue to be identified in all documents by their existing numbers.

22. REGIMENTAL TRUST FUND—STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT—PUBLICATION OF (NGFO 24/43).

1. Commanding officers of units holding regimental trust funds will publish monthly in unit ROs a statement showing:

(i) the balance standing to the credit of the fund;
(ii) receipts during the month;
(iii) expenditure during the month;
(iv) details of the purposes for which disbursements were made.

2. Such publication will be effected on or before the seventh day of each month and a copy of the relative RO will be despatched to this HQ without delay.

23. UNIT HYGIENE & WATER DUTY MEN:

(a) It is essential that every unit in the field should be able to carry out its own sanitation and water selection, testing and treatment under ALL exigencies of field service.

(b) All units must have properly trained Hygiene personnel and water duties personnel. They must be retained on these duties unless replaced by other properly trained men.

(c) Care must be taken in the selection of these personnel and their training will be under the direction of the Medical Officer or, in small units, the DAD of H.

(d) These men will carry out their duties under the direction of the unit medical officer or in his absence, with the DAD of H, and will NOT be used for other duties if it interferes with their Hygiene & Water Duties.

24. UNIT ROUTINE ORDERS:

(a) The attention of all units is directed to the necessity for the correct compilation of Routine Orders.
(b) "Part I Orders will deal with matters of training, organisation and administration not affecting an individual member's pay, service or documents." AAR & O., 1559(2).
(c) The principles set out in GRO 111/42 will be observed by Bdes and Units where applicable.
(d) One copy only of each unit routine order will be forwarded as soon as promulgated to HQ 11 Aust. Div.

25. STRENGTH STATE—AAF W.3006:

Ref NGF Admin Instruction No.65 - Daily AAF W3006 of each fighting unit and each remote detachment of a fighting unit will be accompanied by a manning table showing effective fighting strength as at date of return.

The following pro forma will be used for Inf Bns and a suitable pro forma for other fighting units:-

(UNIT) BN EFFECTIVE FIGHTING STRENGTH—MANNING TABLE

	Offrs	OR's.
Bn HQ		
HQ Coy		
A Coy		
B Coy		
C Coy		
D Coy		
TOTAL		

This instruction applies to all Artillery Regiments, Inf Bns, MG Bns, Independent and Composite Units and remote detachments of such units.

ADMINISTRATION:

(a) Channels of Communication: HQ, Services and Units under Comd 11 Aust Div will NOT communicate direct with HQ NG Force or other higher Formation without the PRIOR approval of this HQ. The sole exception to this order will be communication between Heads of Services and their staffs and same Service at HQ NG Force on TECHNICAL or purely Service matters. "Q" and Adm matters will NOT be regarded as technical or purely Service matters.

(b) Correspondence: One copy only of correspondence is normally required at this HQ unless specific instns to the contrary are issued. The only exceptions are confidential and other reports of a lengthy nature which will be required by higher Formation in the original. Each communication will usually be restricted to one subject. In the case of Officer correspondence each memo should refer to one officer only. In all communications relating to individual members army number, rank, name, initials and unit will be given.

(26) GRASS FIRES

(a) In the event of dry weather units will take all necessary steps to minimise the danger of grass fires by cutting and clearing all grass in vicinity of tents and buildings.

(b) Troops will be cautioned against throwing away lighted matches and cigarette butts.

27. RIFLES—CARE & PRESERVATION (GRO 141/43):

(a) The attention of all units is directed to the abovementioned GRO.

(b) Weekly inspections of rifles will be carried out by all units and where culpable neglect of arms is found, person or persons concerned will be charged and copy of charge report forwarded to this HQ.

(c) A report on each inspection will be forwarded by all units to HQ 11 Aust Div by 0900 hrs on Monday of each week.

28. CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF M.T.

From recent inspections of M.T. and observance of maintenance procedure, it is evident that the condition of vehicles throughout the Formation is far below the standard demanded. To such a degree is this state apparent that Comd 11 Aust Div views the matter with grave concern.

LAD's and Workshops within the Formation, reduced in number by illness are already experiencing great difficulty in keeping the M.T. of the Formation in fighting condition.

It is essential that every reasonable precaution be taken to prevent damage to valuable equipment, which is not only extremely difficult to replace, but must have a definite influence upon the final outcome of any campaign.

NO Army can operate without sufficient transport and an efficient line of communication. NO line of communication can be efficient unless it affords ample facilities for the conveyance of the fighting essentials such as troops, ammunition, food and stores.

It is felt that laxity in the care and maintenance of vehicles is tantamount to sabotage which even though unintentional must, and does, have an adverse effect on the forward forces.

It must therefore be the constant aim of Commanding Officers, and ALL OFFICERS, controlling M.T. to maintain frequent and regular inspections in order to ensure that unit maintenance is being thoroughly and systematically carried out and that any defect beyond the repair capacity of unit tradesmen is detected in its early stages and passed to LAD's for immediate attention. This "stitch in time" principle prevents vehicles from becoming serious casualties and remaining off the road for protracted periods in workshops.

To assist units within the Formation to maintain vehicles at the standard required, it is proposed at an early date to institute a system of regular inspections of all M.T. on charge. These inspections will be carried out by the technical officers of the Formation.

This system will, it is considered, enable Commanding Officers to avail themselves of technical advice, increase the mechanical knowledge of unit tradesmen and, in addition, keep M.T. in a condition to carry out any task which it is called upon to perform.

29. PRESERVATION OF HEALTH—GENERAL HYGIENE AND SANITATION

All ranks must co-operate in the prevention of breeding of flies and mosquitoes and in the destruction of both these disease carriers. CO's of units will ensure that their

PRESCRIPTION OF MEASURES FOR GENERAL HYGIENE AND SANITATION

Officers and other ranks are suitably instructed in the general rules of Hygiene and Sanitation contained herein and will be responsible for the observance of same.

Latrines will be of deep trench variety and will be at least 10-feet deep. They will have a fly proof super-structure with self-closing lids. All latrines will be equipped with Castellani bottles. No latrine will be constructed within 40 yards of the LALOKI RIVER or of any watercourse leading to that river.

All refuse (including tins, bottles, cardboard packets, moist garbage etc) will be thoroughly incinerated first and then buried in deep pits within unit lines. The final closure of these pits must consist of a three foot thickness of earth and the area sign-posted FOUL GROUND. The practice of dumping unit refuse outside unit areas is prohibited.

All food and foodstuffs will be so covered that flies cannot gain access to it and so stored that dust from roads or elsewhere cannot come in contact with it.

Greasy water will on no account, be thrown on the ground. Kitchen and other water containing grease will be put through a grease trap and then disposed of in a pit constructed close to the grease trap. The pit is to be of deep construction and partly filled with stories of incinerated tins that have been broken up and will be covered with a fly proof lid.

Water must not be permitted to accumulate into pools or swamps where mosquitoes could breed. Hollows, wheel ruts and trenches capable of holding water must be drained or filled. Ablution water from showers etc., will be conducted along shallow drains of sufficient length to permit the water to soak away or evaporate.

Diarrhoea - Dysentery: All personnel suffering from Diarrhoea must report sick to RMO immediately. Personnel passing mucous and/or blood will be evacuated forthwith to Dysentery Hospital for investigation and treatment. No personnel suffering from Diarrhoea or recently recovered from Dysentery or have suffered from Enteric Fever must be employed on cookhouse duties or in any ration stores.

Protection of food and drink: Tins of dilute disinfectant (Phenyle or equivalent - one part in 40 parts of water) must be provided at all cook houses and must be used at frequent intervals by all personnel engaged in the preparation of food and drink, particularly after defaecation. As far as possible all food will be protected from flies by use of muslin or cheese cloth.

All water for drinking must be sterilised by either boiling or chlorination.

Flies: Cleanliness and tidiness combined with the above precautions will reduce flies to a minor problem. Flies may be destroyed in messes, cookhouses, etc., by the use of Flypaper, fly-sprays, fly traps and poison. A suitable poison consists of:- Formalin, two tablespoons, sugar, one tablespoon and water one pint, with or without a few drops of milk.

Mosquitoes, Malaria, Dengue - Each CO will be responsible for all the anti-mosquito control in his unit area, there being two principles to be observed:-

(a) Personal protection against the bites of mosquitoes;

(b) collective control of mosquito breeding.

In the Field - Personal protection against mosquito bites is the most important of all methods of malaria prevention. Personal protection will be afforded as follows:-

(a) Mosquito nets, kept in good repair, will be used throughout the night by all ranks not on duty. They should be completely tucked in under the bedding.

(b) From 1930 hrs to 0630 hrs all ranks, when not under mosquito nets, are to wear long sleeved shirts, buttoned at the wrist and neck, slacks with boots and anklets web, gaiters S.D. or puttees short. Mosquito repellant is to be applied to exposed portions of the body from 1930 hrs to 0630 hrs.

(c) No swimming or bathing must take place between 1930 hrs and 0630 hrs.

(d) Tents and huts should be sprayed with Flysol after reveille and at dusk.

Collective control of mosquito breeding will be carried out as follows:-

(a) Anti mosquito squads are to be formed from unit personnel. Squads will consist of 1 NCO and three (3) men per Inf Bn or similar unit and a proportionate number for other units. The work of the squads will be supervised by the unit medical officer who will arrange with DAD of H for the training of unit mosquito squads.

(b) Measures will be taken to prevent mosquito breeding within the unit area.

(c) All febrile cases will be kept under mosquito nets until diagnosis of MALARIA or DENGUE can be included.

(d) MALARIA cases will be evacuated to a medical unit.

(e) The scale of issue of Malaria Control Stores is given in GRO A308.

Suppressive treatment of malaria will be self-administered by all ranks. Dose: One ATEBRIN tablet after evening meals on MON WED & SAT. This is the standard dosage and is NOT on any account to be increased. This procedure suppresses the symptoms of Malaria and prevents severe infections, thus rendering medical treatment much easier.

The importance of strict attention to the foregoing cannot be over-emphasised if unnecessary wastage of manpower due to insect born disease is to be prevented.

J.W. Wells, Maj
for Col
AA & QMG, 11 Aust Div

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

43/11

HQ 11 Aust Div (Unit)

Tropical Scale HIF 11/1/4 as Amended 37×184

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	W.E. 2 PRESENT STRENGTH		3	4
Ranks	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)		Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
Lieut.-Generals *	1	1		
Colonels *	1	3	2	
Lieut.-Colonels	5	2		3
Majors	13	6		7
Captains	12	11		1
Lieutenants	12	7	5	
Chaplains 2nd-Lieutenants	3	2		1
Quartermasters				
Totals	37	32	7	12

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	Wood K.A.	A.E.S.	11.3.43	Educational Duties
T/Capt	Donaldson C.	HQ 11 Aust Div	9.3.43	AA. A.A. Asst DAAG. Reinf
Lieut	Lewis G.B.	M.G.F. Depot	12.3.43	RDME HQ.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
T/Major	Spring G.F	55th Aust Inf Bde	9.3.43	Posted as HQ 11 Aust Div = ETT HQNG
T/Major	Bulcock P.H.	REME		

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank	Name and Initials	Corps	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
T/Major	Baillie K.G.	HQ 11 Aust Div	2/5 HQ 11.
Capt.	Keogh K.C.	"	2/5 HQ 11

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers Posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

1 Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	2 Personal Number	3 Name and Initials	4 Corps	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed
Lt Col - T/Brig Gen	NX 11[illegible]53	Howes G.A.	HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde	Yes	Commander
Lt Col	TX 2051	Killen G.L.	"	"	GSO I
Maj. T/Lt Col.	NX. 1[illegible]534	Litchfield J.C.	"	Leave	AA & QMG.
Lt. Col. T/Col	NX 134[illegible]6	Cleaveland G.B.G.	"	"	ADMS.
Capt. T/Lt Col	NX 1[illegible]201	Clarke T	"	Yes	P.P. Court martials
Lt. Col	SX 1[illegible]18	Yelden A.N.	"	"	ADOS
Lt. T/Major	NX 11911	Sinclair C.W.	"	"	GSO II
Capt T/Major	N 8[illegible]39[illegible]	Larkins A	"	"	DAAG.
Lt. T/Major	NX 1[illegible]064	Williams J.W.	"	"	DAQMG
Lt. T/Major	N 2/329	Bailey K.G.	"	Hosp	DADH
Capt. T/Major	NX 88193	McQuade G.H.	"	Yes	ADME
Capt. T/Major	VX[illegible]958	Brain H.B.	"	Leave	DAPM
Lt. T/Major	NX 1[illegible]869	Hawkswood H.W.	"	Yes	Senior CofE Chaplain
Chaplain 1/Major	VX 4659[illegible]	Blake D.	"	"	Senior RC Chaplain
Chaplain 1/Major	NX 10219	Reynolds F.F.	"	"	GSO II Leave
Lt. T/Capt.	NX 8/114	Speight W.L.	"	"	L.O.
Lt. T/Capt.	NX 100063	Beddam-Whitham T.S.	"	"	W.O.
Lt. T/Major	N 17440	Robertson W.B.	"	"	I.O.
Lt. T/Capt	NX 107625	Thompson R.W.B.	"	"	GSO III (O)
Lt. T/Capt.	NX 108050	Sherwick J.M.	"	Hosp	DAAG. Leave.
Capt.	QX 6052	Hoopes R.O.	"	Yes	Camp Comdt.
Lt. T/Capt	NX 108508	Atkins J.R.	"	"	DADOS
Lt. T/Major	NY 1[illegible]040	Rudd A.G.	"	"	Catering Adviser.
Lt. T/Capt.	NX 1[illegible]6[illegible]7	James C	"	"	9 DC
Lieut	N 40513	Clarke I.J.	"	"	6th Div.
Lieut	VX 13[illegible]83	McNally E.M.	"	Hosp	Asst Dir Education
Lt. T/Capt	SX 24322	Miller E.W.	"	Yes	DAAG's Leave.
Lieut	NX 1[illegible]999	Beauchamp L.N.J.	"	Hosp	GSO III (O) Leave
Lieut	NX 1[illegible]5[illegible]	Freeman N.W.	"	Yes	GSO III (I)
Lieut	SX 4337	Cowan R.W.J.	"	"	GSO II (I)
Lieut	NX 12[illegible]51	Morton [illegible]	"	"	Education Officer
Lieut	NX 1[illegible]582	Wood K. Ed	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
Lt. T/Capt	VX 11[illegible]08	Lewis J.B.	ADME NSF	18.3.43	ADME / HQ.
Lt Col	WX 3813	Cann W.G.	8th Aust Div Sig	2.2.43	Hd Qrs. Northern Defence
Capt. T/Major	SX 2910	Irwin W.M.	8 Aust Div Sig	5.1.43	ADMS Darwin
Lieut	NX 101571	McMillan H.H.	7 Aust Div Sig	11.1.43	9th Camp / Leave.
Lt. T/Capt.	NX 10306	Richardson C.	HQ Aust ASC	8.3.43	A/DAAG Leave.

HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde
(Unit)

[signature]
(Signature of Commander)

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(Date of Despatch)

Base Commandant
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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11 AUST. DIV. ROUTINE ORDERS
PART 1

By
Major-General C. A. CLOWES

COMD. 11 AUST DIV.

HQ
11 AUST DIV.
AUSTRALIA.

13 Mar. '43.

GENERAL STAFF

100. ESCAPES OF PRISONERS OF WAR FROM ENEMY HANDS (GRO 192/43):

The attention of all units is directed to the abovementioned GRO which will be repeated in all unit Routine Orders.

for Col.
GS, 11 AUST. DIV.

ADJUTANT & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S STAFF

101. ROUTINE ORDERS:

The undermentioned Orders have been issued and will be noted for information, necessary action and filed for future reference:-

GRO's 167 - 188 of 26 Feb. '43
GRO's 189 - 207 of 5 Mar. '43
NGF O's Serial 10 No's 72 - 84 of 8 Mar. '43.

102. CIRCULARS:

The following circulars have been issued since promulgation of 11 Aust Div RO No.9 of 6 Mar. '43:-

SUBJECT	BRANCH	DATE	RONEO	DISTRIBUTION
11 Aust Div Adm Instn No.9 MT Inspection & Repairs	"Q"	8 Mar 43	AQ1805	"A"
Extracts from NG Force Orders & Adm Instns & 11 Aust Div Instns Orders and Circulars of '43	"A"	12 do	AQ1933	All new units under Comd HQ 11 Aust Div.

103. GENERAL & NG FORCE ORDERS:

The attention of all units is particularly drawn to the undermentioned Orders:-

(a) GRO 197/43 - "ARMY EDUCATION SERVICE AND UNIT EDUCATION OFFICERS" ;

103. GENERAL & NG FORCE ORDERS (Contd.):

(b) NGF O 73/43 - "BEACH WIRING MORESBY AREA." This Order will be republished in all unit RO's.

104. CARE OF TENTAGE (NGF O 80/43):

1. The wastage of tentage in NEW GUINEA is high and owing to the shortage of raw materials replacement is difficult.

2. Units will take all steps to preserve tentage and in particular will ensure that:-

(a) Friction does NOT occur between the tent and fly. This is caused by faulty erection and slack ropes.

(b) Mosquito net poles, boxes, etc. do NOT touch the canvas inside tents.

(c) Nails, safetypins, wires etc. are NOT pushed through the canvas for the purpose of hanging mosquito nets etc.

(d) Tent guys etc. are slackened and tightened during and after rain.

3. Attention is also drawn to NGF Order 19 of 18 Jan. '43 which provides that in the camouflage of tents the only bituminous emulsions which may be used are those manufactured by:

(a) SHELL Co of AUSTRALIA: or

(b) STERLING VARNISH Co of BRISBANE.

This order will be republished in all unit RO's.

105. TENTAGE:

As from 13 Mar. '43 tentage and associated stores within 11 Aust Div., will be controlled by "Q" Branch, HQ 11 Aust Div.

No tents will be issued, withdrawn or transferred without prior approval.

J. J. Wells Maj
for Col.
AA & QMG, 11 AUST. DIV.

NOTICES

ARMY EDUCATION SERVICE—MUSIC: Free correspondence courses are now available for all personnel desirous of learning to read and write music. For further particulars apply to AES, 11 Aust. Div.

WIRELESS SETS ISSUED BY AMENITIES & PHILANTHROPIC SOCIETIES: A return of all wireless sets received by units from Amenities Section and Philanthropic Societies will be forwarded to HQ 11 Aust Div., on the following pro forma by 21 Mar. '43, Nil Returns will be forwarded where applicable.

MAKE	NUMBER	DATE ISSUED	ISSUED FROM

CHURCH SERVICES: C. of E. - 0900 Church Parade : YMCA near 30 Club.
0930 Holy Communion : HQ 11 Aust. Div.
R.C. - Mass - YMCA Murray Barracks - 0930 hours.
Confessions - Saturday 1900 hrs to 2200 hrs at Chaplain Reynold's tent (near office CC HQ 11 Aust. Div).

JW/GLO

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PERIODICAL AWARDS

Headquarters,
11 Aust Div,
14 Mar '45

1. It is desired that recommendations for Periodical Awards be submitted to this HQ in accordance with GRO A649/42 on ARMY Form W5183 in quadruplicate NOT later than 30 Mar '45.

2. Comds are reminded that such recommendations are to be treated as strictly confidential.

J W Williams Maj Col
for C A & QMG 11 Aust Div

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DRESS: OFFICERS' CLUB, PORT MORESBY

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AQ 2184 HQ
11 AUST. DIV.

17 Mar. '43.

Dist: Lists "A" & "B"

1. The under-quoted letter from the GOC NG Force is fwded for infm and necessary action.

2. It will be ensured that the contents of the letter are brought to the notice of ALL offrs.

3. Comd., 11 Aust. Div., also takes a very serious view of the irregularities referred to, since they can only indicate a sense of indiscipline and carelessness, NOT only in the individual himself, but also in the unit concerned. It further represents a condition of affairs which must necessarily—through force of bad example—be reflected amongst other ranks of units.

4. Offences brought to the notice of this formation will be severely dealt with.

1. "Attention is drawn to the fact that instances have occurred of Officers entering the club during the day in a state of undress which does not conform with dress regulations nor good taste.

2. Officers have also been guilty of many breaches at night of the orders for dress for this Area as an anti-malarial measure.

Aust Army Canteen Services have been instructed that Officers not dressed in accordance with NEW GUINEA Force Order No. 196 (VI), which reads as follows :-

> 'From dusk to sunrise all ranks will wear slacks with boots and anklets web, gaiters, S.D. or puttees, and long sleeved shirts buttoned at wrist and neck. The prohibition of wearing shorts or shirts not buttoned at the wrist or neck will be rigidly enforced'

shall be refused admission to the club. Further, instructions have been given that the name and unit of any officer seeking to enter the club when dressed in contravention of this order shall be submitted to this H.Q. for appropriate action.

3. In the case of the Navy, Air Force and Allied Forces, who may not be in possession of the above, it is required that all officers should be dressed in accordance with the anti-malarial regulations current in the arm and service to which they belong. In no case will shorts or short sleeves be tolerated at night.

4. It is requested that these requirements for dress be brought to the attention of all Officers."

J. W. Wallace Grey Col.
for AA & QMG, 11 AUST. DIV.

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SUMMARY OF MOVEMENTS 19/3/43

AIR

Called Forward (WAU)	Arrived Destination
HQ RAE 3 Div - 20 personnel and 5000 lbs stores	Ade
Sigs 3 Aust Div - 43 personnel and 12500 lbs equip.	"
Reinforcements - 160 from Corps Recptn Camp	"
Dental Sec 2/2 Fd Amb - 4 personnel and 650 lbs stores	"
From Sigs 3 Div Capt Topp and 5 linesmen	"
From 1 Aust Mtn Bty - 1 Bdr and 5 Sigs	"

SEA

'Duntroon' embarked 58 X list personnel of 14th 18th 30th Bdes for mainland

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SUMMARY OF MOVEMENTS 20/3/43

AIR

Called Forward (cwo)	Arrived Destination
37 Personnel from 15 Bde	acc
10 Personnel 3 Aust Div Camfl. Tng Unit	"
'H' Sec 2/6 Svy Bty - 16 personnel 2200 lbs equipment	"

TOTAL: 63

SEA: Nil

LOCAL: Nil

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HQ NG FORCE
Q BRANCH
PRO FORMA QA/16

MOVEMENT OF UNITS AND DETS
20 MAR. '43

PART I - OUTWARDS

SERIAL	UNIT	PERSONNEL Offrs	ORs	REMARKS & DESTINATION
1	Gen details US troops		46	Embarked COMARA for mainland
2	2/16 Aust Fd Coy		6	
x 3	15 Aust Inf Bde	22	15	
4	3 Aust Div	1		
x 5	3 " " Camflg	2	8	
6	3 " " Pro Coy		16	
x 7	2/6 Survey Bty RAA		13	Emplaned for WAU
8	Canteens		2	
9	Miscellaneous		1	
10	AEME replacements		8	
11	4 A/C Sqn		3	
12	HGF	1		
13	DFO		1	Emplaned for DOBODURA
14	Sigs L of C		2	

PART II

1	Gen details Aust Army	17	123	Disembarked PM 19/3 MORESBY ex WEST CACTUS
2	Japanese POW		14	
3	Evacuations - TROOP Sigs L of C	1		from WAU
	4 A/C Sqn.	1		
	17 Bde.	3	4	
	MEDICAL Aust		5	(2 Dobodura 3 Wau)
	US		21	(Dobodura)

POSTAL INFORMATION AS AT 1930 HRS 20 MAR 43 PRO FORMA QQ/16

MORESBY	Letters	Mail on hand Townsville	19 Mar	1123 lbs.
		Despatched from "	19 "	-
		Mail received "	20 "	297 lbs.
MILNE	Letters	On hand Townsville	19 "	-
		Despatched per ship from Townsville	19 "	1500 lbs.
		Despatched by air from Townsville	19 "	284 lbs.

SHIPPING POSITION AS AT 1800 HRS. 19 MAR 43 PRO FORMA QB/16

VESSEL	INFORMATION	REMARKS
Arrivals		
WEST CACTUS	In stream	
Harbour Positions		
WANAKA	Discharging at Wharf	
HENRY DEARBORN	Lightering in stream	
MATAFELE	Loading at wharf	
DAVID BUSHNELL	At Tatana	
Departures		
DUNTROON	For Townsville	Sailed 0730 hrs Aust tps total 132. all ranks and 17 med cases and 58 X List 55 under age.
COMARA	" Oro Bay	Sailed 0800 hrs US tps total 46 all ranks.

x: RESPONSIBLE - 11 AUST. DIV.

Vessel	Information	Remarks
Expected Arrivals		
MONTORO CARALA SWARTENHONDT	Now expected AM 21 Mar 43 from mainland	Carrying Aust pers " Gen Cargo " ADST "
VALDERMOSA BISHOPDALE CREMER CHARON	(Tanker) Expected AM 23 Mar 43 from mainland	No details Mail and gen cargo Pers vehs Arty Eqpt rations POL
MULORA	Expected AM 22 Mar 43 from Oro Bay	Quantity salvage.
HENRY D THOREAU	Expected 1800 hrs 21 Mar 43 from Fall River	Small items only for MFO

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11 AUST DIV ROUTINE ORDERS
PART 1

By
Major-General C.A. CLOWES
COMD 11 Aust Div

HQ
11 Aust Div
AUSTRALIA

20 March '43.

GENERAL STAFF

105. A/GAS TRAINING

Units are reminded that results of TOET (Secs 102-103-104 Pam 1 PAG) are to be forwarded to this HQ every three (3) months and Quarterly return will be forwarded NOT later than 28 Mar '43.

107. CENSORSHIP REGULATION - GREEN ENVELOPES

It has been noticed that some units are forwarding letters in ordinary envelopes to Base Censor ,marked "No Green envelopes available."

This is a breach of A.F.C.I. and ordinary envelopes may NOT be used in lieu of green envelopes.

108. O.C.T.U. STUDENTS - STATUS AND DRESS

Students attending O.C.T.U. and subsequent Arms and Services Schools will retain their ranks but will be addressed as "Cadet." They will wear a white band round their hat or cap and a white stripe one inch wide on each shoulder strap, the lower edge to be as near the base of the shoulder strap as possible, without covering the "Australia" badge.

Col
G.S. 11 Aust Div

ADJUTANT & QUARTER MASTER GENERAL'S STAFF

109. ROUTINE ORDERS

The undermentioned Orders have been issued and will be noted for information, necessary action and filed for future reference :-

G.R.O's 208 - 225 of 12 Mar '43.
NGF O's Serial 11 Nos 85 - 97 of 15 Mar '43.

110. CIRCULARS

The following circulars have been issued since the promulgation of 11 Aust Div R.O. No 10 of 13 Mar '43 :-

/ over

Subject	Branch	Date	Ronco	Distribution
Instructions for Records Procedure	NGF L of C Area Records Office	6/3/43	[illegible]	A
Treatment of enemy dead	N G Force	14/3/43	No 5	A
Periodical Awards	A	14/3/43	AQ2087	C
Water sterilisation	A	16/3/43	AQ2127	A
Under-age personnel	A	17/3/43	AQ2177	C
Dress-Officers' Club, PORT MORESBY	A	17/3/43	AQ2184	A & B
NG Combined Ration Scale Admin Inst No 82	NGF	18/3/43	--	A

111. INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECORDS PROCEDURE (43/586)

The attention of all units is directed to the abovementioned instructions which have been issued direct by NG L of C Area Records Office to all units.

112. COMPASSIONATE LEAVE, APPLICATION FOR

In future, units, when submitting applications for compassionate leave, will embody in covering memo the following information. Applications and supporting documents are to be submitted in duplicate in order to facilitate their despatch to the HQ concerned for investigation or approval.

(a) Length of service in NEW GUINEA. Date & duration of last home leave;
(b) Statement as to applicant's character;
(c) Can or cannot be spared by unit;
(d) Unit's knowledge of truth of facts submitted (Name & forward documents in support Dr's certificate, telegram etc)
(e) Address at which inquiries can be made and address to which it is desired to proceed on leave;
(f) Specific period of leave requested with & without pay. In case of leave without pay, that application for same has been made and is held by unit;
(g) That certificate in accordance with GRO 4559/42 para 5 (c) is held, if applicable;
(h) Recommendations of C.O., stating urgency of case in following categories :-
    (i) That leave be approved in anticipation of investigation by L of C Area verifying facts ;
    or
    (ii) That application be referred to L of C Area for investigation and verification.

113. ADMISSIONS TO HOSPITALS- PAYBOOKS OF CASUALTIES

Units will ensure that personnel evacuated to hospitals etc. are in possession of pay books before leaving unit lines.

If above is not practicable at the time of admission to hospital, steps will be taken to forward pay books to hospital in which patient is situated without delay.

114. CLOTHING RATION COUPONS (43/366)

All units requiring coupons for issue to personnel will make application direct to District Finance Officer NG L of C Area.

115. WEEKLY RETURN OF AMMUNITION

The attention of incoming units is directed to AQ 919 Instn of 12 Feb '43 which reads as follows :-

"Units will submit to this HQ by 1800L 16 Feb '43 a return showing ammunition holdings, also number of rounds per weapon quantities represent (.) Thereafter a weekly expenditure return will be submitted by 1000L each Saturday (.) NIL returns are required. "

Units which have not made an initial return will show total ammunition held at commencement of week. Thereafter a weekly return showing ammunition expended or received will be necessary.

116. CONSERVATION OF RUBBER (GRO 222/43)

Urgent attention is directed to G.R.O. 0.150/1942 as amended by G.R.O. 0.10/1943 and amplified by G.R.O. 0.136/1943.

The principal use of rubber is in the form of tyres for mechanical vehicles. The instructions in regard to the conservation of rubber are not always being observed and a very serious view is taken of this dereliction of duty on the part of Commanding Officers, Transport Officers and N.C.Os and drivers of mechanical vehicles.

The supply situation in regard to rubber is now so serious as to make it imperative that every ounce of rubber in use by the Army should be conserved to the utmost.

The use of vehicles is to be restricted to essential requirements .

When vehicles are used the following six points are to be rigidly enforced :-

(i) Don't speed, avoid rapid acceleration, harsh braking and fast cornering;
(ii) Check pressures daily with gauge to protect side walls and save tread wear;
(iii) Keep brakes equalized, wheels true and watch for misalignment;
(iv) Interchange tyres at prescribed intervals to keep wear even;
(v) Closely inspect tyres daily, remove any stones and repair minor cuts;
(vi) Report defects immediately.

Paras 3 and 4 above are to be repeated in the next issues of unit orders and again repeated after an interval of three (3) months.

[illegible]
Lt Col
A & QMG 11 Aust Div

NOTICES

LOST . - Webley Pistol .455 No 280084 has been lost on main Moresby Road between 5 ml pt & American Hospital 3 ml. Finder or anyone knowing whereabouts will communicate with 11 Aust Div Pro. Coy.

CHURCH SERVICES.- C of E -0900 Church Parade : YMCA near 30 Club
0930 Holy Communion: HQ 11 Aust Div
R.C. -Mass- YMCA Murray Barracks - 0930 hrs
Confessions - Saturday 1900 hrs to 2200 hrs at Chaplain Reynold's tent (near office C.C. HQ 11 Aust Div)

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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Serial No. 43/12

A.I.F. 11/4

W.E. Reference A.M.F.

W.E. 37 x 151

Attached
Allowed by W.E. — x 2

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

War Diary

as AMENDED

Date 20 March 43

HQ 11 AUST DIV *Unit*

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks and W.E.		2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
MAJ-GEN *	1	1		
Colonel *	1	3	2	
Lieut.-Colonels	5	8		3
Majors	12	6		7
Captains	18	10		8
Lieutenants	8	7	5	
~~2nd-Lieutenants~~ CADETS	3	2		1
~~Quartermasters~~				
Totals	37	21	7	13

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
T/CAPT	JAMES. C	HQ 11 AUST DIV	13.3.43	EVAC TO 2/9 AGH.
T/CAPT	ROBERTSON W.E	" "	17.3.43	ACCRUED RECREATIONAL LEAVE
T/CAPT	ATKIN J.R	" "	"	" " "
CHAP.T/CAPT.	BLAKE D.	" "	"	" " "
T/CADT	SERGENT. W.L.	" "	19.3.43	LEAVE NSW L of C AREA.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
CAPT.	HOOPER K.C.	HQ 11 AUST DIV	2/5 AGH
T/MAJOR	BAILEY K.G.	" "	2/5 AGH.

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(Page 2.)
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1 Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Appointment.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT-Col-T/MAJ-GEN	NX 10000 53	CLOWES C.F.	COMDR.	YES	-
Col	TX 2061	SHEEHAN G.L.	L.S.C. 1	YES	-
MAJ-T/Col	NX 10000 51	LITCHFIELD I.C.	A.A.&Q.M.G.	NO	MEDICAL LEAVE
LT-Col-T/Col	WX 1816	MAITLAND G.B.G.	ADMS	NO	MEDICAL LEAVE
CAPT-T/LT/Col	NX 180201	MCYES J.	P.P. Cocat: MARIA	YES	-
LT/Col	QX 6218	VIDGEN H.N.	HDCS	YES	-
LIEUT-T/MAJOR	NX 11180	SINGE C.W.	GSO II	YES	-
LIEUT-T/MAJOR	NX 10000	WILLIS I.W.	DARG	YES	-
CAPT-T/MAJOR	N 2700201	LERKINS J	L.S.O.	YES	-
LIEUT-T/MAJOR	N 3[illegible]26	BAILEY K.G.	DAGMG.	NO	HOSP -
CAPT-T/MAJOR	VX [illegible]756	BRAIN H.P.	EDNIE	YES	-
CAPT-T/MAJOR	VX 98103	McQUEEN G.H.	DADH	YES	-
LIEUT-T/MAJOR	NX 100066	HANKERWOOD H.W.	DADM.	NO	MEDICAL LEAVE
CHAP-T/MAJOR	VX 46[illegible]2	BLAKE J.T.	BEN. CofE CHAP	NO	ACCRUED RECRE LEAVE
CHAP-T/MAJOR	NX 90219	REYNOLDS P.E.	G RC.	YES	-
LIEUT-T/CAPT	NX 8114	SPEIGHT W.M.	GSO II LEARNER	YES	-
LIEUT-T/CAPT	NX 100062	GREEN-WILLIAMS T.S.	L.O.	YES	-
LIEUT-T/CAPT	N 17410	ROBERTSON W.E.	L.O.	NO	HOSPITAL RECRE LEAVE
LIEUT-T/CAPT	NX 10[illegible]25	THOMPSON R.H.B.	L.O.	YES	-
LIEUT-T/CAPT	NX 100050	BERTHWICK J.M.	GSO III (A)	YES.	-
CAPT	QX 6582	HOBBS R.C.	DARG. LEARNER	NO	HOSP 2/5 AGH
LIEUT-T/CAPT	NX 109502	FITKIN T.R.	CAMP ADMIN OFF	NO	ACCRUED RECRE LEAVE
LIEUT-T/CAPT	NX 100010	RIDER A.G.	DADOS	YES	-
LIEUT-T/CAPT	NX 1000[illegible]	JONES C	CATERING ADVISER	NO	HOSP 2/9 AGH
LIEUT	N 40513	CLARKE I.J.	ADC	YES	-
LIEUT	VX 12183	McNALLY E.M.	ADJS DUTIES	YES	-
LIEUT	NX 12[illegible]97	BEARCHAMP W.T.	DARMG LNR.	YES	-
LIEUT	SX 4350	CORLAN R.W.T.	GSO III (I)	YES	-
LIEUT	NX 12[illegible]51	MORTON M.F.	GSO III (L)	YES	-
LIEUT	NX 12582	WOOD K.A.	EDUCATIONAL	YES	-
LIEUT	NX 11[illegible]811	FREEMAN W.H.	GSO III (A)	NO	HOSP 2/5 AGH

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No.)
LIEUT	VX [illegible]0[illegible]	LACKIE T.B.	ADME. NGF	18.3.43	ADME - AO	YES
LT-Col	NX 3[illegible]5	CARD H.G.	2/1 Fiet Inf Bde	9.2.43	STAFF OFFICERS MOBILITY DRILLS	NO
CAPT-T/MAJOR	QX 2[illegible]0	IRWIN W.M.	2/8 Fiet Fd Amb	6.1.43	ADMS DUTIES	YES
LIEUT	NX 10[illegible]11	McMILLEN A.H.	1st Fiet Inf Bde	6.1.43	HSS Camp Comdt	YES
LIEUT-T	CAPT	NX 10[illegible]4	DONALDSON C.	HQ Comp NGF	5.3.43	A/DAAG LEARNER

HS II Hosp Div

(Unit.)

9.3.43

(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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The recommended Officers Course
included HAF 200, and Distinguished
Flying Wing jet received "X" Nos

N 270896 Capt T/ Major LARKINS, A. LSO
N 372391 Lieut T/ Major BAILEY, K.G. DMGING
N 17440 Lieut T/ Capt ROBERTSON W.E. LO
N 49813 Lieut CLARKE I.J. ADC

MOVEMENT OF UNITS AND USER

HQ L of C Force
Q Branch
PRO FORMA QA/17
28 Mar '45

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PART I - OUTWARD

Serial	Unit	PERSONNEL Offrs	ORs	Destination & Remarks
x 1	8 Aust Div Sigs	3	20	
x 2	2/6 Svy Bty RAA		2	
3	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde		4	
4	156 Lt AA Bty		8	
5	2/7 Aust Inf Bn		2	Explained for NAU
x 6	2/2 Aust Fd Pk Coy		4	
x 7	2/3 Aust Fd Coy		1	
8	RAN		1	
x 9	2 Aust Fd Amb		6	
x 10	2/1 Aust Fd Regt		2	
11	ANAU		3	
12	Miscellaneous		1	
13	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	1	20	as Explained for BULOLO

PART II - INWARD

1	Det for 2/1 Mech Eqpt Sec	1	20	Arrived by plane from TOWNSVILLE See AS429/
2	45 Aust Hqs Sec		20	
3	Ancnities ESF		1	
4	Gen Reinfts	5	65	
5	2/1 AA Bde	1		
6	C Sec AIB		6	Disembarked MORESBY
7	Anti Malarial Unit		18	ex MONTORO
8	826 Shore Def Sec		5	
9	15 Aust Fd Svy Depot		7	
10	4 Aust Fd Amb	2		
11	NCO Officer	1		
12	189 US Regt	690 all ranks		- disembarked MORESBY ex SHARTSENOST
13	ESF Details	10	8	Disembarked MORESBY
14	RAAF		45	ex HENRY D THOREAU
15	ANGAU		1 native	
16	MEDICAL EVACUATIONS - NIL			

MAIL POSITION AS AT 0000 HRS 28 MAR '45

MORESBY - Letters	Despatched ex TOWNSVILLE	20 Mar	337 lbs
	On Hand TOWNSVILLE	20 Mar	1466 lbs
	Received from *	28 Mar	Nil
MILNE - Letters	Despatched ex TOWNSVILLE	20 Mar	Nil
	On hand TOWNSVILLE	20 Mar	217 lbs

SHIPPING POSITION AS AT 1800 HRS 28 MAR '45

PRO FORMA QQ/17

VESSEL	INFORMATION	REMARKS
ARRIVED		
MONTORO SHARTSENOST	Arrived 0830 hrs ex TOWNSVILLE	For details for disembarkation see Pro Forma QA above
HENRY D THOREAU	Arrived 1500 hrs ex FALL RIVER	
CANBERRA	Arrived 0830 hrs ex TOWNSVILLE	In stream - loaded general cargo
MANOEUR POSITIONS		
MONTORO	Discharging at wharf	
WEST CACTUS	Alongside MONTORO watering	
HENRY BARNUM	Lightering in stream	
C ANGLA HENRY D THOREAU	In stream	

x Responsible- 11 Aust Div

[redacted] } working at [redacted]

[redacted] At wharf - loading completed.

Expected arrivals

[redacted] Expected on 23 Mar from Mainland — Hull & Gen cargo-from [redacted] ports, only explanations YCL

[redacted] Tankers - expected on 25 Mar from Mainland

[redacted] expected on 21 Mar from GIB DKY

Expected & Other Departures

[redacted] Departed Gulf 23 Mar for GIB

[redacted] Departed 1630 hrs 21 Mar for [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] (E) ✓

SUMMARY OF MOVEMENTS

21.3.43.

AIR

Called Forward	Destination Arrived
2/1 Fd Regt - 2 Cooks	WAU
2/25 Fd Pk - 4 Electricians	"
2/2 Fd Amb - 1 MCO, 5 ORs.	"
3 Aust Div Sigs - 2 offrs 19 ORs & 6500-lbs Stores	WAU
2/6 Svy Bty - 3 ORs and 110-lbs Stores	"
Six Jeeps & 12 Trailers from 15 Bde.	"
40 Reinfts from Corps Rec Camp to Wards for WAU	

LOCAL

35 Personnel moved from Corps Rec Camp to N. Training Centre, Donadabu.

15 Fd Coy - 8 3-ton 4x4 to move this unit

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MOVEMENT OF UNITS & DETS - 22 MAR 43

PART I - OUTWARD

SERIAL	UNIT	PERSONNEL OFFRS	ORs	DESTINATION AND REMARKS
1	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	1	19	Emplaned for WAU
2	HQ NGF	2		
3	4 A/C Sqn		1	
4	Sigs NGF	1		
5	Sig Courier		1	
6	DFO	1		
7	4 A/C Sqn.		1	Emplaned for DOB
8	2/17 Lt AA Bty		8	

PART II INWARD

NO MAJOR MOVES

MEDICAL EVACUATIONS:

AUST	2 Off	1 OR	- from WAU
	"	3 OR	- " DOB
US	"	19 OR	- " "

TROOP EVACUATIONS:

3 off	1 native	-	from WAU
1 off	17 "		
	1 P/W	-	" DOB

MAIL POSITION AS AT 2150 HRS 22 MAR 43 PRO FORMA GO/18

MORESBY: Letters Received from TOWNSVILLE 22 Mar. 2686 lbs.

SHIPPING POSITION AS AT 1800 HRS 22 MAR 43 PRO FORMA GP/18

VESSEL	INFORMATION	REMARKS
Arrivals:-		
MULCRA	1500 hrs from ORO BAY	Carrying 135 bags salvage 406 rifles 38 Bren Guns.
Harbour Positions:		
MONTORO, WEST CACTUS, CAROLA, MULCRA	In stream	
HENRY DEARBORN	At wharf	Backloading
SWARTENHONDT, DAVID BUSHNELL	At Tatana	Unloading
HENRY D THOREAU	In stream	Discharge NOT yet commenced.
Departures:		
MATAPELE	0730 hrs for ORO BAY	Assorted cargo.
Expected Arrivals:		
VAL DE HOLM, BISHOP DALE	From Mainland	Tankers
CREMER	" "	Carrying 117 Aust pers.
CHARON	" "	" 1200 US pers ex 158 US Regt.

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MOST SECRET 37

SUMMARY OF MOVEMENTS

22/3/43

	ARRIVED DESTINATION
AIR	
CALLED FORWARD/	
20 Effectents Langa from Corps Rec.Camp. Major McLean and Capt.Emanuel for Milne Bay	✓ ✓
LOCAL.	
145 Effectents for 7 Bde from Corps Rec.Camp to Dobodura	✓
Movement 58/59 Fd from 3 Mile Valley to Dobodura	✓

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MOVEMENTS OF UNITS & DETS.

HQ NG FORCE
Q BRANCH
PRO FORMA QA/19
23 MAR 43.

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PART I - OUTWARD

SERIAL	UNIT	PERSONNEL Offrs	ORs	DESTINATION & REMARKS
1.	2/5 Aust Inf Bn		10)	
2.	2/7 " " "	1	5)	
3.	2/46 Aust LAD		1)	
4.	Sigs NG L of C		4)	Emplaned for WAU
5.	A.T.I.S.		1)	
6.	Sig Courier		1)	
7.	2/6 Aust Inf Bn.	2	-	" " BULOLO
8.	ANGAU	2	1)	
9.	Police Boys		5)	
10.	DAD Posts	1	-)	" " BENA BENA
11.	CE Ech HQ NGF	1	-)	
12.	Natives	-	1)	
13.	15 Sup Pers Coy AASC	-	4)	" " KOKODA

PART II - INWARD

1.	Aust Pers	117 All Ranks Disembarked from CHARON
2.	158 US Regt	Approx. 1200 All Ranks " " CREMER
3.	EVACUATIONS	
		Troop 4 Offrs 3 ORs Misc Units from WAU
		Medical 2 Aust pers from WAU
		17 US " " DOBODURA

MAIL POSITION AS AT 2030 HRS 23 MAR 43 PRO FORMA QQ/19.

MORESBY -	Letters on hand TOWNSVILLE	22 Mar.	140 lbs.
	Received from "	23 Mar.	NIL.
MILNE -	Letters on hand TOWNSVILLE	22 Mar.	650 lbs.
	Received by ship	22 Mar.	1738 lbs.
Q	2ND CLASS.		
	Mail - Received by ship.	22 Mar.	1275 bags.

SHIPPING POSITION AS AT 1800 HRS 23 MAR 43 - PRO FORMA QB/19

VESSEL	INFORMATION	REMARKS
ARRIVALS		
CHARON	1300 hrs from mainland	Carrying pers as per QA
CREMER		" " " " "
BISHOPDALE		Tanker
VAL DE HOEN		"
HARBOUR POSITIONS		
HENRY DEARBORN	At Wharf	Backloading
BISHOPDALE	Alongside HENRY DEARBORN	Pumping bulk fuel oil.
CHARON		
CREMER		
HENRY THOREAU	In stream	
CAROLA	In stream	Lightering
MONTORO	Discharging fuel oil through WANIGELA pipeline.	
VAL DE HOEN	At wharf	Loading
MULCRA		
SWATENHONDT	At TATANA	
DAVID BUSHNELL		
WEST CACTUS		
DEPARTURES:		
LADY JEAN	1830 hrs for Western Ports	Lugger
PROJECTED DEPARTURES:		
MULCRA	PM 24 Mar for ORO BAY with assorted cargo.	
EXPECTED ARRIVALS:		
DUNTROON	1400 hrs 25 Mar from TOWNSVILLE carrying Aust Pers as follows:- NG Details 3 Offrs 25 ORs	
	GENSER Reinfts 11 " 369 "	
	"X" List 45 " 568 "	

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MOST SECRET 39

SUMMARY OF MOVEMENTS 23.3.43

AIR

Called Forward		Destination	Arrived
From 2/6 Fd Regt	Capt Cunningham Lieut Johnston	Dobadura via Milne	
From 2/6 Armd Regt	Capt May Lieut Bradbury Lieut Love	Dobadura via Milne	

LOCAL

20 Reinforcements from Corps Rec Camp for Kanga
54 Reinforcements for 7 Bde from Corps Rec Camp to Donodabu
6 Aust Carrier Gp due down from Kombron Bluff

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HEADQUARTERS
COMBINED OPERATIONAL SERVICE COMMAND
US ADVANCED SUB BASE

A.P.O. 503
15th March, 1943.

SUBJECT: ACF XMAS HAMPERS for 18 Inf Bde (C.962 of 1 Mar 43).

TO: Commanding General, Combined Operational Service Command,
A.P.O. 929.

1. Careful enquiries have been made of all personnel who could have been concerned in handling the missing hampers from time of arrival of MV MULGRA up to time of their disappearance. This includes the officer directing stevedores, Quartermaster, D.I.D. 101st F.O.D. Small Ships Section, Capt. GREGG and Capt. ALLEN.

2. Results are as follows :-

(a) Some hampers addressed to 18 Aust Inf Bde arrived and were stored for about one week at ration depot by detachment 2 Aust BSD. Exact numbers not known, but apparently less than 1000 hampers.

(b) They were then shipped forward to HARIKO.

3. At an early stage in operation of this base, no proper records were kept of forward shipment and no precise information is available regarding subsequent history of the hampers.

4. It seems fairly definite however, that they were shipped on two barges, one of which sank at sea and one was swamped on the beach. Such comforts as were salvageable are understood to have been handled by Supply Officer 128th. Regiment, 32 US Division, and sent to 18 Aust Inf Bde.

(Sgd.): P.S. LANG, Major
AUST EXEC. OFF. COSC.

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MOVEMENT OF UNITS & DETN

PART I - OUTWARD

	SERIAL	UNIT	PERSONNEL Offrs	PERSONNEL ORs	Destination & Remarks
	1.	2/6 Aust Ind Coy	4	7	
	2.	2/6 Aust Fd Coy		4	
	3.	2/16 " " "		6	
	4.	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	1		Emplaned for NAU
X	5.	2/48 Aust LAD		2	
X	6.	8 Aust Div	1	2	
	7.	Miscellaneous	1	2	
	8.	H Q L of C Sigs	1		
	9.	Miscellaneous		2	Emplaned for BULLDOG

PART II - INWARD

1.	US Army Troops		648 all ranks disembarked from BOTH	
2.	Evacuations			
	Troop	Miscellaneous	5	5 From KEDUDUBA
		17 Aust Inf Bde	8	8
		Sigs HQ L of C		2
		RAAF		2
		2/6 Aust Inf Bn	1	1
		RMP	3	
	Medical			
		AUST		8 From NAU
		US		8 " KUDUDUBA

MAIL POSITION AS AT [illegible] 24 MAR '43

FORCE	Letters	Received 24 Mar	716 lbs
ALLIED	Letters	Received 23 Mar	804 lbs

SHIPPING POSITION AS AT 1600 HRS 24 Mar '43

VESSEL	LOCATION	REMARKS
ARGALIA MARINER / BOTH	arrived 0800 hrs 24 Mar from MILNE BAY	in stream disembarked US tps at TAFALIA wharf
Harbour Positions		
HENRY DEARBORN	beckloading at wharf	
BISHOP DALE	Continuing discharge bulk fuel oil alongside DEARBORN	
VAL DE BOIS	Continuing discharge bulk petrol through pipeline	
KAITOKO / CARELA	Lightering from stream	
MILORA	At wharf loading completed for OLD BAY	
ARGALIA MARINER / CHARLES / CRESTER / HENRY D. THOREAU	in stream awaiting discharge	

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VERY CACTUS } working at TATAMA

Shipping

DAVID BUSHELL — sailed 1900 hrs 25 Mar for TOWNSVILLE - no load

SHARKSBURST — SAILED [illegible] HRS 24 Mar for TOWNSVILLE- Loaded empty drums

Expected departures

MILORA — ETD 0730 hrs 25 Mar for GOLD BAY — Amnt Army Pers as follows :-
1 Offr & OR 37 AEDU
HQ " 3 Sqn
S/S Amnt Armd Regt 8
87 OR S/S Amnt Fd Regt

HENRY DEARBORN — ETD 0730 hrs 25 Mar for MILNE BAY & OCEANSIDE 28 — 1 Sp 14 Amnt Fd Re
1 Offr 25 OR of
3 Amnt Bty Coy

Expected arrivals

DERWENT — ETA 1400 hrs 25 Mar from TOWNSVILLE — Amnt personnel-
30 details 2 - 25
Gen cargo 11-200
2 Lloyd 45-862

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SUMMARY OF MOVEMENTS 24.3.43

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Called Forward	Destination	Arrived
20 Reinforcements for Kanga		✓
2/46 LAD equipment 2540 lbs and Pte Weir		✓
1 Off, 1 O/R HQ 3 Aust Div Int. & 100 lbs Stores		✓

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Nil

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MOVEMENT OF UNITS AND DETS 24 Mar '45

PART I - OUTWARD

SERIAL	UNIT	PERSONNEL Offrs	PERSONNEL ORs	Destination & Remarks
1	US Army	5	106	Embarked on MULCRA
2	15 AMCU	1	6	
3	5 Aust Fd Svy Coy	1	93	
4	RAAF Details		10	Embarked on H.M.N.Z. DUNEDIN
X 5	2/6 Aust Armd Regt		20	
6	RNF Details	1	80	
7	AMAU	1 native policeman & wife		
8	US Army Details	2	28	
X 9	14 Aust Fd Regt	4	60	
10	5 Mobile Works Sqn RAAF	9	518	
11	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	1	10	
12	2/7 " " "	2	6	
X13	2/6 " Ind Coy		18	
14	2/6 " Fd Coy		5	
15	16 " Bde Gaur Coy		2	Emplaned for MAU.
16	31/25 " " " "		2	
17	US Army	4	5	
18	Sig Courier		1	
19	2/3 Aust Ind Coy	1	39	Emplaned for BULOLO
20	Sigs H Q L of C	1		
21	4 A/D Sqn	1	1	Emplaned for DOBODURA
22	41 US Div		3	

PART II - INWARD

1	Gen Reinfts	Arty		24
		Engrs		42
		Inf	1	590
		AASC		76
		AMC		60
		AAOC		37
		Provost		2
2	X List Reinfts	Arty	4	26
		Engrs	2	26
		Sigs	2	14
		Inf	9	119
		Ind Coys		40
		AASC	3	30
		AMC	1	4
		Provost	1	12
		Miscellaneous		4
		RN Units	1	28
3	Det 15 Aust Fd Coy			37
4	Evacuations - Troop		1	from DOBODURA
			6	7 " MAU
	Medical Aust			8 8 BULOLO 1 MAU
	US			14 1 MAU 13 DOBODURA

MAIL CLOSED AT 2030 HRS 25 Mar '45

MORESBY	Letters received	25 Mar	506 lbs
	On hand T'ville	24 "	968 "
MILNE	Letters Received MILNE	24 Mar	-
	" "	25 "	-
	On hand T'ville	24 "	610 lbs

SHIPPING INFORMATION AS AT 1800 HRS 25 Mar '45

	INFORMATION	REMARKS
Arrivals		
DUNEDOO	Arrived 1630 hrs from TOWNSVILLE	Disembarked Aust Army personnel total 1115 all ranks
Harbour Berths		
HENRY D. THOREAU	Unloading at wharf with DUNEDOO alongside discharging small amount of cargo	
CARLO MONTORO	Lightering from stream	
ASPASIA MAVROKIS	Ashored in stream	
VAL DE ROSA	At Ramunbada Pipeline discharge almost complete	
CHESHER BOTH WEST CACTUS	Working at TATANA	
Departures		
HULORA	Sailed 0730 hrs for MILNE BAY and ORO BAY	
HENRY D THOREAU	Goodenough Island For details of cargo see QA statement above	
BISHOP DATE	Navy tanker. Sailed 1600 hrs for mainland	
Expected Departures		
DUNEDOO	ETD 1000 hrs for TOWNSVILLE	

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SUMMARY OF MOVEMENTS 25 Mar 1943

AIR

CALLED FORWARD	DESTINATION ARRIVED
80 reinftmts for Kanga from 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp	✓

SEA

"A" Troop14 Aust Fd Regt and stores embarked (4 Offrs and 60 ORs)0445L "Henry Dearborn" for Goodenough Is	✓
28 ORs 2/6 Fd Regt embarked "Mulora" 0445L for Dobadura via Milne Bay	✓
28 ORs 2/6 Armd Regt embarked "Mulora" 0445L for Dobadura via Milne Bay	✓

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MOVEMENT OF UNITS AND DETS 26 MAR 43 — PRO FORMA QA/22

PART I - OUTWARD

SERIAL	UNIT	PERSONNEL Offrs	PERSONNEL ORs	DESTINATION & REMARKS
1	7 Aust Fd Coy.	6	197	
x 2	17 Aust Bde Wkshops.	4	99	Embarked on DUNTROON for CAIRNS
x 3	2/1 Aust Fd Amb.	12	196	
4	NGF Details	3	96	
5	Japanese P/W		44	
6	Provost Guard		9	
7	Civilians	3		Embarked on DUNTROON for TOWNSVILLE
8	ANGAU	1		
9	Int Corps LHQ	1		
10	Medical cases	3	31	
11	Adm HQ 3 Aust Div	6	21	
12	3 Div Sec Recep Camp	1	10	
13	HQ & 1 Sec 2/14 Fd Coy	2	54	
14	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde		1	
15	Sig courier		1	Emplaned for WAU
16	2/7 Aust Inf Bn.		7	
17	2/7 Aust Ind Coy	3	7	
18	2/16 Fd Coy		1	
19	21/25 Bde Carr Coy		1	
20	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	3	17	Emplaned for BULOLO
21	Miscellaneous		1	" " BENA BENA

PART II - INWARDS

1	US Air Force	16 all ranks disembarked ex PAINE WINGATE
2	Evacuations - Troop	1 OR 30 natives from DOBODURA
		2 " WAU
		2 offrs 8 natives from BENA BENA
		4 ORs " KOKODA
	Medical Aust	3(WAU 2 DOB 1)
	US	11 (Dob)

MAIL POSITION AS AT 2000 HRS 26 Mar

MORESBY	Letters received from	TOWNSVILLE	26 Mar	175 lbs
	on hand		25 Mar	NIL
MILNE	Letters received from	"	25 Mar	NIL
	on hand	"	25 Mar	808 lbs

SHIPPING POSITION AS AT 1800 HRS 26 Mar

VESSEL	INFORMATION	REMARKS
PAINE WINGATE	1600 hrs from PORTLAND BAY	Carrying 16 all ranks US Air Force
KHOENSHORN	1400 hrs from Mainland	carrying assorted cargo
HARBOUR POSNS		
HENRY D THOREAU	Discharging at wharf	
CAROLA	" to lighter	
KHOENSHORN	" at wharf	
MONTORO	Lightering in stream	
ASPASIA KOMIKOS, CHARON, PAINE WINGATE	Anchored in stream	
CHERMER, BOTH, WEST CACTUS	Working at TATANA	

VESSEL	INFORMATION	REMARKS
DEPARTURES		
DUNTROON VAL DE NOSN	1230 hrs to mainland	Carrying pers as per QX tanker
PROJECTED DEPARTURES		
MONFORO	1300 hrs 27 March	
EXPECTED ARRIVALS		
EDWARD BILL VAN DER LIN	1000 hrs 27 March	
PRESIDENT GRANT	1745 hrs 28 Mar	
LADY ISOBEL	PM 30 Mar	
WANARA WAROONA MANGOLO JAN VER SPICK	AM 2 April	

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PART I - OUTWARD

SERIAL		UNIT	PERSONNEL OFFS	PERSONNEL ORs	DESTINATION & REMARKS
1		2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy	1	15	
2		HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde		3	
3		2/5 Aust Ind Coy		14	
4		HQ RAR 11 Aust Div		2	
5		MG L of C Records Office		1	Delivered to WAU
6	X	152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy		3	
7		Sig Courier		1	
8		2/14 Aust Fd Coy	2	79	
9		2/6 Aust Inf Bn		20	- Bulolo

PART II - INWARDS No major moves.

1 EVACUATIONS

Troop	Misc Units	1 Off.	from	DOBADURA
		1 " 1 OR	"	WAU
		1 " RAAF	"	BULOLO
Medical	Aust.	8 "	"	WAU
	US	5 "	"	DOB

MAIL POSITION AS AT 2100 hrs 27 Mar. '43 - Pro Forma QQ/23.

MORESBY	Letters	Mail on hand from TOWNSVILLE	26 Mar.	351 lbs.
		Mail received from "	27 Mar.	887 lbs.
MILNE	Letters	Mail on hand from TOWNSVILLE	26 Mar.	880 lbs.
		Mail received from "	26 Mar.	935 lbs.

SHIPPING POSITION AS AT 1800 HRS 27 MARCH, 43. Pro Forma QS/23.

VESSELS	INFORMATION	REMARKS
ARRIVALS		
Edward R Sill	1100 hrs from mainland	
Van Der Lijn		
HARBOUR POSITIONS		
Henry D Thoreau	at wharf discharging & backloading	
Carola	lightering in stream	
Montoro	in stream ready for sailing	
Charon) Aspasia Komikos)	in stream	
Khoenhoea	at wharf discharging	
Van Der Lijn, West Cactus, Paine Wingate, Edward R Sill	working at TATANA	
PROJECTED DEPARTURES		
Montoro	1835 hrs 27 March	No personnel or cargo.
EXPECTED ARRIVALS		
President Grant	1745 hrs 28 March	
Lady Isobel	pm 29 March	
Wanaka, Aroona, Mangola, General Verspijk	2nd. April	

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AUST. ARMY EDUCATION SERVICE

11 AUST. DIV.

WAR DIARY - 27 March, 1943

As from March 9, 1943.

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A. HQ 11 AUST DIV.

LECTURES

Sixteen main units contacted by Educ Offr and L/Sgt. Jackson. ~~Twenty-two~~ Twelve lectures have been given to over 900 men in all.

U.E.O'S

In accordance with GRO A 197 para. 4 12 unit Education Officers have been appointed and 11 interviewed and advised as to the aid which they can give with regard to AAES 11 Aust. Div. Eight U.E.O's have taken stocks of Discussion Group Pamphlets for distribution.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

Thirty-two applications have been received, 22 completed, returned and forwarded to DAD (Educ) and 17 have been accepted (in addition) by Melbourne and Sydney Technical Colleges.

LIBRARIES

Seven boxes, which were all that was available, have been distributed to Units and sub-Units. 11 Div HQ Lending Library has increased from 16 to over 50 borrowers per week.

MUSIC

Recitals and commentaries on appreciation of music have been given by Sgt. Dornan. In the course of these recitals attendances increased from 30 to over 200. Requests for his programme have been received from an American Unit and action will be taken.

CLASSES

Arrangements have been made for regular classes for soldiers requiring this service. A class of 10 in Theory of Music has already started and Major Elliott-Smith has agreed to take classes in Motuan and Pidgeon English. Information re classes has been forwarded for promulgation by 11 Aust Div HQ.

STAFF

Education Officer: Lieut. K. Wood,
L/Sgt. Jackson

Sgt. Dornan's appointment to position of WO(I) Music was approved by D.E.V.T.

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SUMMARY OF MOVEMENTS 27 Mar 1943

AIR

CALLED FORWARD	DESTINATION	ARRIVED
40 Reinfts for Kanga from 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp	✓	
From 3 Div Transport Pltn - 3 ORs 1 Jeep, 1 Jeep Trailer and 1000 lbs of Stores	✓	

SEA

Nil

Local

272 Reinfts for 7 Aust Inf Bde to Donadabu ✓

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TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

W.E. Reference as amended

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W.E. 37 X 187

Date 27 March '43

Attached

Allowed by W.E. — X 2

HQ 11 AUST DIV Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1 Ranks and W.E.		2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
Major-General	1	1		
Colonel *	1	3	2	
Lieut.-Colonels	5	2	~~3~~	3
Majors	13	6	~~9~~	7
Captains	12	10	~~2~~	2
Lieutenants	2	7	5	
Chaplains	3	2	~~1~~	1
2nd Lieutenants				
Quartermasters				
Totals	37	31	7	13

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

PART B. — PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Capt	Hooper R.C.	HQ 11 Aust Div	24/3/43	Ex 1 Aust Corps Rec. Camp
Lieut	Norrie R.F.	"	25.3.43	" " " " "

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

PART C. — DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED

Rank	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
T/Major	Bailey K.G.	HQ 11 Aust Div	2/5 AGH
T/Capt	James C.	" "	2/9 AGH

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PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A)

1 Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	2 Personal Number	3 Name and Initials	4 Appointment	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed
Gen					
Lt-Col T/Maj-Gen	TX.2050	Clowes C.A.	Comd	yes	-
Col	TX.2051	Sheehan G.L.	GSO (1)	yes	-
Lt-Col T/Col	WX.1546	Maitland G.B.G.	ADMS	yes	-
Maj T/Col	NX.100054	Litchfield J.C.	AA & QMG	No	Medical Leave
Capt T/Lt-Col	NX.120201	Moyes J.	PP Cts-Mtl	yes	-
Lt-Col	QX.6218	Vidgen H.N.	ADOS	yes	-
Lieut T/Major	NX.111871	Singe C.W.	GSO 11	yes	-
Lieut T/Major	NX.100064	Willis J.W.	DAAG	yes	-
Lieut T/Major	N.270891	Larkins A	LSO	yes	-
Lieut T/Major	N.27329	Bailey K.G.	DAQMG	No	Hosp - 2/5 AGH
Capt T/Major	VX.88193	McQueen G.H.	DADH	yes	-
Capt T/Major	VX.47758	Brain H.B.	ADMS	yes	-
Lieut T/Major	NX.100069	Hawkeswood H.W.	DAPM	No	Medical Leave
Chaplain T/Maj	VX.46590	Blake D.	Sen C of E Chap	No	Accrued Rec Leave
" T/Major	NX.70219	Reynolds P.F.	" RC Chap	yes	-
Lieut T/Capt	NX.81148	Speight W.L.	GSO 11 (L)	No	Rec Leave
Lieut T/Capt	NX.100063	Boddam-Whetham T.S.	LO	yes	-
Lieut T/Capt	NX.17440	Robertson W.E.	LO	No	Accrued Rec Leave
Lieut T/Capt	NX.107675	Thompson R.H.B.	I O	yes	-
Capt	QX.6082	Hooper R.C.	DAAG (L)	yes	-
Lieut T/Capt	NX.108508	Atkin J.R.	Camp Comdt	No	Accrued Rec Leave
Lieut T/Capt	NX.100040	Rider A.G.	DADOS	yes	-
Lieut T/Capt	NX.100067	James C	Catering Adviser	No	Hosp - 2/9 AGH
Lieut T/Capt	NX.100050	Borthwick J.M.	GSO III (O)	yes	-
Lieut	N.49513	Clarke I.J.	ADC	yes	-
Lieut	VX.13483	McNally E.M.	Ord Duties	yes	-
Lieut	NX.138997	Beauchamp W.T.	DAQMG (L)	yes	-
Lieut	SX.4337	Cowan R.W.T.	GSO 111 (i)	yes	-
Lieut	NX.122951	Morton M.F.	GSO 111 (L)	yes	-
Lieut	NX.115682	Wood K.A.	Educ	yes	-
Lieut	NX.110884	Freeman W.H.	GSO 111 (L)	No	Hosp 2/9 AGH

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)
Lieut	VX.117078	Leckie J.B.	ADME NGF	12.3.43	ADME AO	yes
Lt-Col	VX.3373	Caro A.G.	2/16 Bn	8.2.43	Defence S.O. Moresby	No
Capt T/Major	SX.2910	Irwin W.M.	2/2 Fd Amb	5.1.43	ADMS Duties	yes
Lieut	NX.101571	McMillan A.H.	18 Bn	4.1.43	A/Camp Comdt	yes
Lieut T/Capt	NX.103966	Donaldson C	HQ Comd AASC	8.3.43	A/DAAG Learner	yes
Lieut	NX.76320	Norrie R.F.	1 Aust Corps Rec Camp	25.3.43	G Duties	No

HQ 11 Aust Div
(Unit)

(Signature of Commander)

27 March '43
(Date of Despatch)

HQ 11 Aust Div
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The undermentioned officers have submitted [illegible] and D.L's, and have not yet received "A" numbers.

[illegible]96	Capt	T/Major	[illegible]	A.C.C.O.
[illegible]37239	Lieut	T/Major	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]49513		Lieut	[illegible]	A.E.C.

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11 AUST DIV ROUTINE ORDERS
PART 1

By
Major-General G.A. CLOWES
COMD 11 Aust Div

HQ 11 Aust Div
AUSTRALIA
27 Mar '43

GENERAL STAFF

117. SITREPS

Numerous instances have occurred of the Commander's "intention" or 'outline plan' for future operations being disclosed in sitreps. This will NOT be done and the attention of all Commanders is drawn to this direction.

It is of the utmost importance that the superior Comd be kept informed of the "intentions" or "outline plan" of their subordinates. This is best done either by correspondence or a separate signal and the reasons for the action or movements as affecting future "intentions" will NOT be shown in Sitreps.

Col
G.S. 11 Aust Div

ADJUTANT AND QUARTER MASTER GENERAL'S STAFF

118. ROUTINE ORDERS

The undermentioned Orders have been issued and will be noted for information, necessary action and filed for future reference:-

GRO's 226 - 236 of 19 Mar '43
N.G.F. O's Serial Nos 98-107 of 23 Mar '43

119. CIRCULARS

The following circulars have been issued since promulgation of 11 Aust Div R.O. No 11 of 20 Mar '43 :-

Subject	Branch	Date	Roneo	Distribution
Circular to Officers, WO & NCO's- Austn Army Catering Corps	NGF	17.3.43	-	A
Issue of stores to RAPs	NGF	19.3.43	M43/73/30	A
Allocation of Kit Stores	Q	26.3.43	AQ2402	A

120. GENERAL & N G FORCE ORDERS

The attention of all units is particularly drawn to the undermentioned Order :-

G.R.O. A227 "Transportation to Australia of wives, widows and children of members of the Forces who married during the period of their active service outside Australia." This order will be republished in all Unit R.O's.

121. MALARIAL CONTROL

Ref 11 Aust Div Admin Instn No 4 of 10 Feb '43.

1. Ref para 12 - Sub-paras (b) and (c) are cancelled and the following substituted:-

"(b) From 1830 hrs to 0630 hrs all ranks when not under mosquito nets will wear slacks with boots and anklets web, gaiters S.D. or puttees short and long sleeved shirts buttoned at the wrist. The front of the shirt must be fastened up to the neck but the collar band may be left unfastened. Mosquito repellant is to be applied to exposed portions of the body from 1830 hrs to 0630 hrs.

Reveille will not be before 0630 hrs unless ordered by C.O. for special reasons.

(c) No swimming or bathing must take place between 1830 hrs and 0630 hrs."

2. Para 14 is cancelled and the following substituted :-

"Troops in PORT MORESBY area will take 1 tablet of ATEBRIN (0.1G) on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS with the evening meal. (This includes units in Base Area, Koitaki and Donadabu.)

Troops in all other areas will take 1 tablet of ATEBRIN (0.1G) on six (6) days a week, (excluding SUNDAYS) with the evening meal."

The above regulations will come into operation on 28 Mar '43.

122. DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL EQUIPMENT OF CASUALTIES (GRO 0232/45

GRO 0130/42 which lays down the disposal of personal equipment of casualties is republished below and units will ensure that this instruction is strictly complied with in future :-

"Personal equipment (i.e. clothing, necessaries, respirators, arms, web equipment and helmet) of casualties will be disposed of as follows :-

1. Personnel evacuated from units to Fd Ambs etc.

(a) Clothing, necessaries, helmets and respirators will accompany the man to a Fd Amb and during the whole period he is away from his unit.

(b) Web equipment and arms will be sent with the man to the Fd Amb and withdrawn before passing M.D.S.

(c) Ammunition on personal issue will be removed from the man's possession, before leaving R.A.P.

(d) Formations or areas will make arrangements to collect arms and equipment from field medical units which evacuate direct to C.C.S. or hospital. These will be returned to Ordnance under formation arrangements.

(e) Any arms and equipment collected at a C.C.S. will be passed on to the nearest A.D.O.S. formation

(f) Any arms and equipment collected by A.Ds.C.S. formations under (d) and (e) above which are in excess of requirements with the formation will be returned to the nearest ordnance depot. Accumulation of surplus stores of this nature in A.D.O.S. dumps will not be held.

2. Personnel in Standing Camps evacuated to Camp Hospitals and General Hospitals

Clothing, necessaries, helmets and respirators will accompany the men. Personnel evacuated to a camp hospital will leave their web equipment and arms with unit Q.M. Arms and equipment of personnel evacuated to general hospitals will be returned to the nearest ordnance depot.

J W Dalley Gray
Col
for AA & QMG 11 Aust Div

NOTICES

AUSTARMY EDUCATION SERVICE : "KHAKI COLLEGE"

(a) Classes in the following and other subjects desired will be arranged for soldiers by AES 11 Aust Div (30 Club)

1. Theory of Music (Wednesdays .. 1900 hrs)
2. Australian Geog. & Industries
3. Australian History- Colony to Commonwealth
4. Motuan (N.G.Native) language by Major Elliott-Smith, of ANGAU.
5. Logic and philosophy
6. Reading and writing (all stages)

Write or call to Education Officer, 11 Aust Div (30 Club)

(b) LOST Chrome plated wristlet watch, with unbreakable glass, slightly discoloured. Finder please return to C.C. HQ 11 Aust Div.

(c) CHURCH SERVICES

C of E - 0900 Church parade : YMCA near 30 Club
0930 Holy Communion : HQ 11 Aust Div

R.C.- Mass - YMCA Murray Barracks - 0930 hrs
Confessions - Saturday 1900 hrs to 2200 hrs at Chaplain Reynold's tent (near office C.C. HQ 11 Aust Div)

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ALLOCATION OF KIT STORES

AQ 2482

HQ
11 AUST. DIV.
27 Mar. '43.

Unit	Aust Kit Store Section	Under Comd of:
HQ RAA 6 Aust Div 2/1 Aust Fd Regt 2/43 LAD 2/1 Aust A/Tk Regt 2/6 Aust Svy Bty	2/1 Sec SINGLETON N.S.W.	B Sub-HQ Aust Kit Store SYDNEY
HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde Rear 2/2 Aust Fd Amb		
6 Aust Div Wkshop		
6 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk		
2/5 Aust Fd Regt 2/6 Aust Fd Regt 2/53 LAD 2/7 Aust Svy Bty	2/2 Sec Aust Kit Store WARWICK, Q.	A Sub-HQ Aust Kit Store WARWICK, Q.
2/7 Aust Div Wkshop		
7 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk		
HQ 11 Aust Div	4 Section IPSWICH, Q.	A Sub-HQ Aust Kit Store, Q'land.
13 Aust Fd Regt 219 LAD 14 Aust Fd Regt 217 LAD 1 Aust Mtn Bty HQ RAE 11 Aust Div		
11 Aust Div Sigs 11 Aust Div Cipher Sec 13 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec 14 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec		
306 LAD 7 Aust MG Bn		
HQ Comd 11 Aust Div ASC		
292 LAD 316 LAD		
11 Aust Div Provost 11 Aust Div Postal 11 Aust Div Cash Office 11 Aust Div Concert Party		
HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde 7 Bde Def Pl. 241 LAD 9 Aust Inf Bn 25 Aust Inf Bn 61 Aust Inf Bn 25 Coy AASC 11 Aust Fd Amb	10 Section CHARTERS TOWERS, Q.	A Sub-HQ Aust Kit Store, WARWICK, Q.

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2/6 Aust Armd Regt	
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HQ RAE 11 Aust Div	
24 Aust Fd Coy	
HQ RAE 1 Aust Corps Tps	
15 Aust Fd Coy	
Sigs 11 Aust Div.	
7 Aust Inf Bde	
7 Aust Inf Bde Def Pl.	
9 Aust Inf Bn.	
25 Aust Inf Bn.	
61 Aust Inf Bn.	
15 Aust Inf Bde.	
24 Aust Inf Bn.	
57/60 Aust Inf Bn.	
58/59 Aust Inf Bn.	
Rear HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde.	
(Rear) 2/3 Aust Indep Coy	
7 Aust MG Bn (incl Sec 2/1 Aust MG Bn.	
AASC 11 Aust Div.	
25 Coy ASC	
152 Gen Tpt Coy	
No.1 Sup Depot (15 Bde).	
ADMS	5
ADOS	4
ADME	16

11 Aust Div Cash Office
11 Aust Div Pro Coy
11 Aust Div Postal Unit
11 Aust Div Concert Party.

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MOST SECRET

SUMMARY OF MOVEMENTS 28 Mar 1943.

AIR

CALLED FORWARD	DESTINATION	ARRIVED
152 Gen Transport Pltn (15 Bde) for Kanga, 59 personnel, 14 Jeeps and 2750 lbs of stores.		✓
Sigs 3 Aust Div; 2500 lbs of stores.		✓
40 reinfts from 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp for Kanga.		✓
Major Lindsay, O/C 1 Supply Depot Coy for Kanga.		✓

LOCAL

Transport provided to 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp for 90 personnel embarking for Milne Bay. ✓

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28 Mar. '45.

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1. The regular return of material for War Diary as prescribed by HQ ALLIED FORCE AA 233 of 28 Sep. '42 has NOT been satisfactory.

2. Attention is directed to FIFB Pam II of 1939 ("Discipline, Office Work and Burial Parties") Sec 8, which sets out the principles to be followed.

3. Returns will in future be submitted before 1800 hrs on the 1st. 8th. 15th. and 22nd. of each month covering respectively the period from the last Return to the end of the preceding day.

4. A Return is required from each of the addressees. NIL returns will NOT be submitted.

5. Single copies only of the Return are necessary and should be in accordance with the following Pro Forma :-

Place	Date	Time	Report (Sub Heading (i.e. matter under report).	Appendix attached in duplicate (if applicable).

6. All appendices will be attached in duplicate and should consist of copies of all orders, instructions, reports, correspondence etc., considered to be of interest for the Diary, historical value or otherwise worthy of record.

7. The Appendices probably form the most valuable part of the Diary and are the easiest to contribute. If Offrs will become "War Diary conscious" and have two (2) extra copies made of all important instructions and correspondence originated by them, little extra work will be involved and the Diary can be made serve its proper purpose. (All Circulars should have War Diary (2) on their distribution lists).

8. Incoming instructions, correspondence etc., need NOT as a rule, be copied; but if important or otherwise relevent their receipt should be noted in the body of the Return and, if necessary, their contents summarised. Mention should subsequently be made of the action taken pursuant to such instructions etc.

9. Important conferences, visits, or events, should be mentioned in the body of the Return or if a report of them is being made for any other purpose extra copies should be made for the Appendix.

10. The contents of the War Diary come under the heading of "MOST SECRET".

Sgd. J.T. WILLIS - Major
For AA & QMG, 11 ARMD. DIV.

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S E C R E T.

HQ 11 AUST DIV.
28 MAR 43.

AEME 11 AUST DIV - NOTES FOR WAR DIARY.

M.T.

1. During this month an AEME MT inspection has been carried out on all unit vehs throughout the division, and reports made to this office on the standard of maintenance, and the repairs to be carried out immediately by AEME wkshops and LADs under command in order to bring vehs up to full efficiency.

2. A check has been made on the effectiveness of unit maintenance, and in cases where the standard has been low reports have been passed to Q for any action considered necessary.

ARTILLERY.

3. A large amount of armament work has been carried out, including bringing up to date modifications to 25-pr equipments. The following is the number of guns serviced during the past month :-

Ord QF 25-pr	.....	24
6-pr	.....	6

A very large amount of work on artillery is in sight, before all guns are up to date. Successful experiments have been carried out to improve foot-firing gear, 25-pr, and modifications to the AUST pattern will be suggested to DME through service channels.

LIGHT TANKS M3.

4. Engine overhauls have been kept up to date, and general inspection of the tanks carried out, with any necessary repair work and adjustments. Serious defects have been found in "steel and copper" type oil radiators, both on tanks in this area and forward; 13 new radiators have been demanded by air from mainland and LHQ requested through service service channels to effect an urgent change in initial equipments to "all copper' radiators.

ARMOURY.

5. As well as repairs required by unit armourers, AEME Wkshops, have carried out reconditioning work on small arms etc, received back into RSD from operations in a bad state of repair and rusty. These include rifles, machine guns and mortars ML 3-in. The following list shows arms completely reconditioned during the month :-

Rifles	353
LMGs	22
Mortars ML 3-in.	12

Reconditioning of rifles and LMGs has included complete reblueing, as it is noticed that without blueing rust developes on steel surfaces almost overnight.

WIRELESS & SIGNAL EQUIPMENT.

6. Altogether some sixty (60) sets of various types have been serviced by 2nd echelon wkshops during the past month.

INSTR

INSTRUMENTS

7. Two wkshop sections are equipped for instrument repairs and are working efficiently; 21 Bde Sec 7 Aust Div Wkshop AEME has neither trained personnel nor necessary equipment, so that a learner has been sent to AEME School Ingleburn and necessary gear put on indent during the past month so as to commence this work as soon as possible.

COMMAND

8. Out of comd. - 17 Bde Sec 6 Aust Div Wkshop AEME, 26 Mar 43.
Into comd. - 113 Aust Ind Bde Gp Wkshop AEME, 21 Mar 43.

GENERAL

9. 2nd echelon wkshops are now filled to overflowing with MT, but are badly handicapped by complete lack of welding gases and body timber for 3 weeks. Radiators, front axles 4 x 4 and many MT parts continue to be unavailable, also reconditioned engines for both FD and CVT vehs. Lack of parts for Tractors Arty L43 is holding up several of these vehs.

A very large amount of 2nd echelon MT reapir outside will have to wait its turn to enter wkshops.

Wkshops and LADs in this formation are very severely handicapped by having to do a large amount of work which is completely outside their function and is definitely a responsibility of a L of C or Base Area organisation. The present "area" responsibility of LADs and wkshops is bringing in far too much of this work and slowing down field formation work of an urgent nature.

H.B. Kram Major.
ADME 11 AUST DIV.

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HQ N G Force
"Q" Branch
PRO FORMA 6A/34

MOVEMENT OF UNITS AND DETS 28 MAR '43

PART 1 - OUTWARD

SERIAL	UNIT	PERSONNEL OFFRS	PERSONNEL ORS	Destination & remarks
1	Miscellaneous Aust Pers	6	81	embarked on RHOEMOS
2	1 Aust Supply Depot Coy	1		for MILNE BAY & ORO BAY
3	Pls 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	1	44	
4	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde		1	
5	2/7 Aust Ind Coy		20	
6	2/5 Aust Inf Bn	1		
7	2/7 Aust Inf Bn		17	emplaned for WAU
8	16 Aust Bde Carrier Coy		1	
9	Sig Courier		1	
10	4 A/S Sqn	1		
11	152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy		14	emplaned for BULOLO
12	Miscellaneous	5		" " DOBODURA
13	"	1		" " BULLDOG

PART 11 - INWARDS

1. No major moves
2. Evacuations

Troop	Aust Misc	2	From Dobodura
	US	1	" "
Medical			
	Aust	9	WAU 7 DOBODURA 2
	US	21	DOBODURA

MAIL POSITION AS AT 0900 HRS 28 Mar

MORESBY	Letters: Despatched from	TOWNSVILLE	27 Mar	1008 lbs
	On hand at	"	27 Mar	NIL
	Received from	"	28 Mar	503 lbs
MILNE	Letters: Despatched from	TOWNSVILLE	27 Mar	NIL
	On hand	"	27 Mar	520 lbs

SHIPPING POSITION AS AT 1800 HRS 28 Mar

VESSELS	INFORMATION	REMARKS
Arrivals		
NIL		
Harbour Positions		
HENRY D. THOREAU	at wharf	discharging and backloading
CAROLA, CHARON	lightering in stream	
WAR D R LIJN, ASPASIA KOULOUCOS	in stream	
WEST CACTUS, PAINE WINGATE, EDWARD N HILL	working at TATAHA	
Sailing		
RHOEMOS	0600 hrs for MILNE BAY	carrying personnel as per pro forma (a)-Part 1
EXPECTED ARRIVALS		
PRESIDENT GRANT	AM 29 Mar	
LADY ISCOBL	PM 29 Mar	
MAHAKA, ARCONA, MARICOLA	2 Apr	
CENTRAL DISPLAY		

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BREACHES OF A.F.C.I.

Circular No HQ 2681

HQ 11 Aust Div ,
7 Mar '43

1. There follows a copy of N G Force A7848 of 25 Mar '43

"During the last few months laxity in the censorship of mail matter has been very apparent.

Large numbers of letters and parcels, some of which include serious breaches of A.F.C.I., have been intercepted by District Base Censor. It has been noted that officers were responsible for an undue proportion of the breaches of A.F.C.I. contained therein. I am directed to say that this indicates a poor standard of security within units and lack of appreciation on the part of all ranks, particularly officers, in regard to their responsibilities.

Although the majority of breaches of A.F.C.I. detected by Base Censor are referred to units for necessary action the improvement in security discipline has not been satisfactory.

It is considered that more adequate steps should be taken to ensure that all personnel under command are aware of their responsibilities in this regard.

A certificate will be rendered to this HQ by all addressees not later than 10 Apr to the effect that steps have been taken to inform all personnel of units of the terms of A.F.C.I. and of their responsibilities in relation thereto."

2. A certificate in accordance with the above will be forwarded by all comds through normal channels to this HQ NOT later than 8 Apr '43.

3. Comd 11 Aust Div further directs that the terms of A.F.C.I. be brought under notice of all concerned at least once a month and that a certificate to the effect that this has been done will be rendered as above to this HQ by the eighth day of each month.

J. W. Wallace
Col
for AA & QMG 11 Aust Div

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MOVEMENTS OF UNITS AND DETS 29 MAR 43

PART 1 - OUTWARD

SERIAL		UNIT	PERSONNEL OFF	PERSONNEL ORS	DESTINATION & REMARKS
		No Major moves			
1.		Det 2/25 Fd Pk Coy		16	)
2.		2/7 Aust Inf Bn	1	2	)
3.		4 A/C Sqn		5	)
4.		HQ RAE 11 Aust Div		1	)
5.		ANGAU		7	)
6.		2/6 Aust Fd Coy		12	) Emplaned for WAU
7.	X	Det 1 Coy Sigs 3 Div	4	46	)
8.		Sigs 3 Div	1	3	)
9.		Sig Courier		1	)
10.		Pl 1 Aust Supply Depot Coy	2	28	)
11.	X	HQ 1 Aust Supply Depot Coy	1	5	)
12.		2/6 Aust Inf Bn	2	8	emplaned for BULOLO
13.		2/3 Aust Ind Coy		10	" " "
14.		152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy		2	" " "
15.		Miscellaneous	1		" " DOBODURA
16.		Miscellaneous	1		" " WAU

PART 11 - INWARDS

1.	373 US Port Bn	21	910	) disembarked from
2.	857 US Eng Bn	32	759	) PRESIDENT GRANT
3.	Evacuations			

Troop	WAU	2
	DOB	1
Medical	Aust	7 WAU
	US	7 DOB

MAIL POSITION AS AT 1800 HRS 29 MAR PRO FORMA QB/25

MORESBY	Letters :	Received	29 Mar	60 lbs
		On hand at TOWNSVILLE	28 Mar	NIL
MILNE	Letters :	Received	28 Mar	NIL
		On hand at TOWNSVILLE	28 Mar	521 lbs

SHIPPING POSITION AS AT 1800 HRS 29 MAR PRO FORMA QB/25

VESSELS	INFORMATION	REMARKS
Arrivals		
PRESIDENT GRANT	1030 hrs from mainland	disembarked US Army pers as per Pro Form QA Part 1
Harbour Positions		
HENRY D THOREAU	discharged & backloading at wharf	
CAROLA)	lightering in stream	
CHARON)		
ASPASIA HOMIKOS)	in stream	
VAN DER LIJN)		
WEST CACTUS)	working at TATANA	
PAINE WINGATE)		
EDWARD R STILL)		
Expected Arrivals		
LADY ISOBEL	0700 hrs 30 Mar	
AROONA	PM 3 April	
BANGOLA	" " "	
GENERAL VERSPIJK	" " "	

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SUMMARY OF MOVEMENTS 29 Mar.1943

AIR.

CALLED FORWARD.	DESTINATION	ARRIVED
2/5 Aust.Ind.Coy. 853 lbs of stores as requested by Kanga via NGF.	✓	✓
3 Aust.Div.Paymaster. 50 lbs of stores as requested b y Kanga via NGF.	✓	✓
2/1 Aust.Fd.Regt.1,550 lbs of stores as requested by Kanga via NGF.	✓	✓
3 Aust.Div.Sigs.Det.Nol Coy.50 personnel and 10000 lbs of stores.	✓	✓
4 Supply Depot Pltn.(15Bde)32 personnel and 3,500 lbs of stores.	✓	✓
HQ Nol Supply Depot Coy.6 personnel.	✓	✓
152 Gen.Tpt.Coy.(15 Bde.)2 Jeeps.	✓	✓
40 Reinfts.for Kanga from 1 Aust. Corps Reception Camp.(Major Barber and 3 ORs.3 Aust.Div.Sigs.included in these.)	✓	✓

SEA.

Nil

LOCAL.
Nil

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11 AUST. DIV.

OFFICERS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMANDS CARRYING FIELD RANK

NUMBER	RANK	NAME & INITIALS	UNIT	APPOINTMENT FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED
VX.146	Major	J.F. HOLMES	OC 1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt.	CO Fd Regt.
NX.156	Major	V.H.N. GIBBONS	2 i/c 2/1 Aust Fd Regt.	" " "
SX.3650	Major	O.S. HANSON	2 i/c 14 Aust Fd Regt.	" " "
NX.127370	T/Major	C.J.T. HAWKINS	7 Aust MG Bn.	Comd MG Bn.

11 AUST DIV.

OFFICERS RECOMMENDED FOR EMPLOYMENT AS STAFF OFFICERS

NUMBER	RANK	NAME & INITIALS	UNIT	APPOINTMENT FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED
SX.4584	Capt.	MOULDEN J.O.	Att 6 Aust Div as GIII(I).	GIII(I)
NX.12397	Capt.	WALKER D.F.	Tp Comd 2/6 Aust Fd Regt.	GIII(L)
TX.21	Lieut.	PULLEN G.J.	Tp Comd 2/1 Aust A/Tk Regt.	GIII(L)
SX.24064	Capt.	STEELE R.G.	Adjt 13 Aust Fd Regt.	A
SX.24065	Capt.	HILL W.C.	Tp Comd 13 Aust Fd Regt.	A
NX.59276	Lieut.	CASSIDY W.G.B.	O O 14 Aust Fd Regt.	GIII(I)
VX.102648	Capt.	CUTHBERTSON C.C.	Adjt 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.	LO - 'A' Learner.
VX.102651	Capt.	BATEMAN A.R.	QM 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.	LO - "Q" Learner.
VX.104162	Lieut.	HABBERLY P.F.	Mortar Officer 24 Aust Inf Bn.	LO - "A" Learner.

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SUMMARY OF MOVEMENTS 30 Mar 1943

AIR

CALLED FORWARD	DESTINATION	ARRIVED
HQ No.1 Supply Depot Coy.15 pers. 2500 lbs of stores.	KAINGA.	
152 Gen.Tpt.Coy. 9 Jeeps.	do	
Lt.Col.Marston,ADEME;3 Aust.Div. and 1 Clerk.	do	
Cpl.Hughes,HQ AASC.3 Div.	do	Nil
Capt.Kook and Pte.Fountain,3 Div.	do	
35 reinfts.from 1 Aust.Corps Reception Camp.	do	
Lt.Bedford of 2/53 L/A.D. to inspect guns of 2/6 Aust.Fd.Regt.	DOBADURA.	Arrived.

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Nil

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Nil.

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MOVEMENT OF UNITS AND DETS 30 MAR '43

PART 1 OUTWARD

Serial	Unit	Personnel OFF	Personnel ORS	Destination and Remarks
1.	CEs Branch	1		Emplaned for BULDOG
2.	114 US Engr Bn	17	228	Embarked PAINE WINGATE for BRISBANE

PART 11 - INWARD

1.	Aust Army X list pers		68)	
2.	JAPANESE Prisoners of War		34)	Disembarked from MELINGA
3.	Evacuations : Medical			US 10 from DOBODURA

MAIL POSITION AS AT 1930 HRS 30 MAR PRO FORMA QQ/26

MORESBY	Received On hand at TOWNSVILLE 29 Mar	873 lbs
MILNE BAY	Received On hand at TOWNSVILLE 29 Mar	785 Lbs

SHIPPING POSITION AS AT 1800 HRS 30 Mar '43 PRO FORMA QB/26

VESSELS	INFORMATION	REMARKS
Arrivals		
MELINGA	1200 hrs from MILNE BAY	Disembarked Aust Army pers and JAPANESE POW as above
Harbour Positions		
HENRY D THOREAU	Backloading at Wharf	
CAROLA) CHARON)	Lightering in Stream	
ASPASIA NOMIKOS) VAN DER LYE)	In Stream	
WEST CACTUS) EDWARD R SMILL)	Working at Tatana	
Departures		
PAINE WINGATE	For BRISBANE	114 US Engr Bn pers as ab
Expected Arrivals		
LADY ISOBEL	AM 31 Mar	
AROONA	PM 3 Apr	
MANGOLA	PM 3 Apr	
GENERAL VERSPIJK	PM 3 Apr	
Projected Departures		
HENRY D THOREAU	AM 31 Mar for Milne and Oro Bays	

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SUMMARY OF MOVEMENTS 31 March 1943.

AIR

CALLED FORWARD	DESTINATION.	ARRIVED.
HQ No.1 Supply Depot Coy;13 personnel and 2500 lbs of stores.	KANGA. Less 3 Personnel + Stores	✓
3 Pltn.of 152 General Tpt.Coy. 9 Jeeps.	do Less 2 Jeeps	✓
Lt.Col.Marsten and one clerk.) Cpl.Hughes,HQ AASC.——3 Aust.Div.——) Capt.Kook and Pte.Fountain.)	do → Less Cpl Hughes.	✓
6 Telescopes from 2/3 Aust.Ind.Coy.	do	✓
35 reinfts.from 1 Aust.Corps Reception Camp.	do	✓
Lt.Col.Meldrum,61 Bn.to mainland.		✓

SEA

Nil

LOCAL

53 "X" List personnel from Milne Bay Corps Reception Camp to 7 Aust.Inf.Bde.	DOHADABU.	✓

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MOVEMENTS OF UNITS AND DETS 31 MAR '43

PART 1 - OUTWARD

Serial	Unit	Personnel OFF	Personnel ORS	Destination and Remarks
1. X	HQ 3 Aust Div	2	3	)
2.	HQ RAE 3 Div		2	)
3.	HQ NGF	2	1	)
4.	K Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div		1	)
5.	Sigs NG L of C Area		1	)
6.	HQ RAE 11 Aust Div	2		)
7.	2/7 Aust Indep Coy		1	)
8.	2/5 Aust Inf Bn		19	) Emplaned for WAU
9.	2/7 Aust Inf Bn		8	)
10.	2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy		16	)
11.	156 Aust Lt AA Bty		2	)
12.	Misc Aust Personnel	2	1	) BULOLO
13. X	HQ 1 Aust Sup Depot Coy		10	Emplaned for /
14.	Sigs NG L of C Area		1	)Emplaned for
15.	DFO Office		1	) BULLDOG ODURA
16.	Misc Aust Personnel	1	4	Emplaned for DOB/
17.	Misc Aust Personnel		11	Sailed for ORO BAY

PART 11 - INWARD

1. Evacuations

Troop

DOBODURA	2
WAU	2
GARAINA	1

Medical

Aust WAU	18
US DOBODURA	8

MAIL POSITION AS AT 1900 HRS 31 MAR '43 PRO FORMA QG/27

PORT MORESBY	Letters	Received 31 Mar '43	NIL
		On hand TOWNSVILLE 30 Mar '43	262 lbs
MILNE BAY	Letters	Received 30 Mar '43	893 lbs
		On Hand TOWNSVILLE 30 Mar '43	85 lbs

SHIPPING POSITION AS AT 1800 HRS 31 MAR '43 PRO FORMA QB/27

VESSEL	INFORMATION	REMARKS
Arrivals		
LADY ISOBEL	1130 hrs from mainland	Misc cargo
Harbour Positions		
CHARON	Discharging and back loading at wharf	
VAN DER LIJN	Lightering in stream	
ASPASIA NOMIKOS) PRESIDENT GRANT) EDWARD R STILL)	Anchored in stream	
WEST CACTUS)	Working at TATANA	
Sailings		
CAROLA	1230 hrs for mainland	No troops or carg
HENRY D THOREAU	1730 hrs for ORO BAY	Misc Aust parsonnel
Expected Arrivals		
DUNTROON) WANAKA)	0600 hrs 3 Apr '43	
AROONA) MANGOLA) GENERAL VERSPIJK)	1600 hrs 3 Apr '43	

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