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Lae Base Sub Area General Staff Branch

March 1944

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WAR DIARY

LAE BASE SUB AREA

FROM 1 Mar 44 to 31 Mar 44.

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Unit HQ LAE Base Sub Area *Date and Time.—From* 1 Mar *To* 31 Mar 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	1 Mar 44.		LAE Base Sub Area Ops Instn No.2 issued	Vol 2 Appx 41 A
			W 3008 & W 3009 as at 26 Feb 44.	Vol 2 " 42
			LAE Base Sub Area Location Statement 2359 hrs 29 Feb	Vol 2 " 43
			Lt- Col SMITH-UKALS inspected engineer installations	
LAE	2 Mar 44.		LAE Base Sub Area Ops Instn No.3 issued	Vol 2 " 44.
			Trouble reported with American negroes at native quarters.	
			Pro posts established at BUTIBUM River and crossing	
			Maj HAMER, Director Labour NGF reported this HQ to inspect	
			Emp Coy offrs and pers.	
			American Merchant seaman S.W.McLEAN of "M.U.POTTS" arrested	
			and held in custody for trading in Australian arms.	
LAE	3 Mar 44.		NG Force advise received of appointment of Maj A.M.ALLISON	
			as Area Comdt WAU.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	4 Mar 44.		Plan of HQ LAE Base Sub Area, as at 3 Mar 44, produced	Vol 2 Appx 45.
			LAE Base Sub Area GS Instn No.4 issued	" 2 " 46
			Amenities Report week ending 1 Mar 44.	" 2 " 47.
			Army Education Service report week ending 2 Mar 44.	" 2 " 48.
			LAE Base Sub Area Routine Orders No.12 issued	" 2 " 49.
			LAE Base Sub Area Adm Instn No.A 8 issued	" 2 " 50.
			W 3008 & W 3009 as at 4 Mar 44.	" 2 " 51.
LAE	5 Mar 44.		NGF advised by phone, proposed disband Adv Q(Air) at NADZAB and	
			place Staff Capt Q(Air) on this HQ Staff.	
			Maj-Gen MILFORD MGGS NGF, with Brig MAIN and Lt-Col REINHOLDT	
			inspected LABU-WAU road. Maj-Gen MILFORD informed Comd. that	
			HQ, NGF would be moving early to this area.	
			Brig STINSON DDOS NGF and Maj JACKSON arrived this HQ.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	5 Mar 44.		Weekly Field State as at 0600 hrs 4 Mar 44.	Vol 2 Appx 52.
			det 9 RADAR commenced operations.	
LAE	6 Mar 44.		Maj-Gen MILFORD MGGS NGF inspected YALU area with a view to	
			selection of a site for a HQ.Decided present buildings of	
			2 Aust Corps unsuitable and a new site higher up stream would	
			require to be erected. Maj-Gen MILFORD later made a general	
			inspection of Base Area.	
			Lt-Col EASTMAN,AAG 2 Aust Corps visited this HQ.	
LAE	7 Mar 44.		LAE Base Sub Area Location Statement as at 2359 hrs 6 Mar 44.	Vol 2 Appx 53.
			Capt J.T.HARVIE Public Relations representative reported and	
			will be att whilst in area.	
			All units advised of proposed inspection of LAE Base Sub Area	
			by Maj-Gen BERRYMAN Comd 2 Aust Corps.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	7 Mar 44.		Lieut WILSON Hygiene Offr returned from general survey of	
			MARKHAM VALLEY point and GABENSIS area, paying attention to	
			hygiene and malaria control. Conditions fair.	
LAE	8 Mar 44.		Amendment to LAE Base Sub Area Location Statement issued	Vol 2 Appx 54.
			Brig FULLARTON Comd, accompanied by Maj FERGUSON and Capt L.J.	
			SWEENEY attended 29 Aust Inf Bde inspection by Maj-Gen BERRYMAN	
			Owing to delay in mails since 29 Feb, first class mail allotted	
			priority over fresh meat to clear MORESBY holdings.	
			Advice received from NGF of approval to issue Africa Star	
			Ribbons.	
LAE	9 Mar 44.		DADDS report for week ending 9 Mar 44.	Vol 2 Appx 55.
			Maj-Gen BERRYMAN, Comd 2 Aust Corps accompanied by his DA &QMG	
			Brig BROADBENT with Brig FULLARTON and Lt-Col KESSELS made	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	9 Mar 44.		inspection of this HQ and units under this comd. Particular attention was paid to hygiene and sanitation, also mosquito nets. Generally satisfactory. No explanation given to comd as to authority under which this inspection was made, this Comd not being responsible administratively to 2 Aust Corps.	
LAE	10 Mar 44.		Capt A.E.HARDING reported for duty as O.O. this HQ.	
			AAES staff moved into Education Centre at CHARING CROSS.	
			DADMS Malaria & Dengue incidence report for week ending 3 Mar 44	Vol 2 Appx 56.
			DADMS Consolidated Sick return week ending 4 Mar 44.	" 2 " 57
			Brig FULLARTON and Lt-Col KESSELS inspected LABU AAOC and AEME installations	
LAE	11 Mar 44.		NGF approved of Mar leave draft of 300 for units under comd to move 13/14 Mar per "BONTIKOE"	
			~~300 x 300 secret to 11 Mar 44~~	~~Vol 2 Appx 58~~

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Unit.....HQ LAE Base Sub Area..... *Date and Time.—From*.1 Mar.....*To*.31 Mar 44.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	11 Mar 44.		DAD Educ report for week ending 10 Mar 44.	Vol 2 Appx 58
			DAPM report for week ending 10 Mar 44.	" 2 " 59
			AAAS report for week ending 10 Mar 44.	" 2 " 60
			"BONTIKOE" made available for back loading to mainland.	
			Allotted 2/11 Fd Coy,6 Docks Op Coy,2/3 Con Depot,3 Div Salv	
			and leave draft (350)	
			Weekly Field State as at 0600 hrs 11 Mar 44.	" 2 " 61.
			LAE Base Sub Area Routine Orders Serial No 13 issued	" 2 " 62
			Maj BOWEN and Capt OFFICER proceeded to Adv 2 Aust Corps to	
			arrange for observer parties from LAE to visit SATELBURG-	
			WAREO-SCARLET BEACH areas	
LAE	12 Mar 44		3008 & 3009 as at 11 Mar 44	Vol 2 Appx 62A
LAE	13 Mar 44.		Lt-Col McLENNAN NGF inspected AASC installations and Maj WARNE-	
			SMITH(NGF) inspected BIPOD pls.	

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Unit. HQ LAE Base Sub Area *Date and Time.—From* 1 Mar 44 *To* 31 Mar 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	13 Mar 44.		Chap DRAKEFORD(P.D.) reported for duty with this HQ	
			Lt-Col BARKER,CO NG Details Depot reported to discuss plans	
			for future documentation of pers on mvt within NG and to mainland.	
LAE	14 Mar 44.		Maj BOWEN,Capt OFFICER returned from FINSCHHAFEN with details	
			of arrangement for observer parties.	
			Lieut E.H.LANE reported for duty as I.O.	
			Conference held at'A' Branch relative to future organisation of	
			Sections of NGDD for LAE and the amended system of documentation	
			of pers on movt within NG and to the mainland.Lt-Col BARKER,CO	
			NGDD presided.	
			BONTIKOE departed 1800 hrs with total of 900 all ranks,incl	
			350 all ranks leave draft.	
			Lt-Col McLENNAN and Maj WARNE-SMITH inspected ASC installations	
			at NADZAB.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	14 Mar 44.		2/7 AGH holding 1304 patients.Arrangements made for accelerated	
			work at 112 Con Depot to relieve pressure,also for 7 Aust Fd	
			to hold less serious cases from 29 Aust Inf Bde or if not	
			practicable,to send them to 111 CCS.	
LAE	15 Mar 44.		Instns issued for organisation of observer parties from LAE to	
			FINSCHHAFEN.	Vol 2 Appx 63
			Brig FULLARTON inspected P.I.B. Depot LAE and was impressed	
			with standard and type of native troops.	
			Consolidated sick return for week ending 11 Mar	Vol 2 Appx 64
			Advice recd from NGF that accumulated mail to be shipped ETA	
			PORT MORESBY 19 Mar/	
LAE	16 Mar 44.		Amendment to LAE Base Sub Area location state No.11 issued	Vol 2 Appx 65
			Brig FULLARTON inspected HQ 73 Aust Mob SL Bty,and gun posns of	

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Unit HQ LAE Base Sub Area *Date and Time.—From* 1Mar *To* 31 Mar 44.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	16 Mar 44.		21 Aust TkA Bty.Generally very satisfactory and OC and members	
			of Btys are entitled to commendation for quartering,installation	
			and maintenance of beach defences.	
LAE	17 Mar 44.		Maj FERGUSON departed for NGF by air on liaison duty.Maj STONE	
			DAPM visited LABU to arrange TCP to operate on WAU road.	
			Brig H.G.FURNELL DDMS NGF arrived and made inspection of	
			hospitalisation in this area.	
			Malaria and Dengue Incidence week ending 10 Mar 44.	Vol 2 Appx 66
LAE	18 Mar 44.		On instructions from NGF,three Hygiene NCOs detailed for	
			special duty in connection with native dysentry outbreak.	
			For next three days all hospital admissions will be to 111 CCS YALU.	
			LAE Base Sub Area Location Report 17 Mar 44 issued	Vol 2 Appx 67
			Advice re raising of NG Inf Bn issued	Vol 2 Appx 68

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Unit HQ LAE Base Sub Area *Date and Time.—From* 1 Mar 44 *To* 31 Mar 44.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	18 Mar 44.		Maj TOWEND DAD Amenities NGF made inspection of Amenities activities in this area.	
			Weekly report of DAPM to 17 Mar 44.	Vol 2 Appx 69
			" " " DADDS " 16 Mar 44.	Vol 2 " 70
			" " " YMCA " 17 Mar 44.	Vol 2 " 71
			" " " Amenitiesto 17 Mar 44.	Vol 2 " 72
			" " " Legal Offr to 17 Mar 44.	Vol 2 " 73
			" " " DAD Education to 16 Mar 44.	Vol 2 " 74
			LAE Base Sub Area Routine Orders Serial No 14	Vol 2 " 75
LAE	19 Mar 44.		AEME activities week ending 19 Mar 44.	Vol 2 " 76
			3008 & 3009 as at 18 Mar 44.	Vol 2 " 76A
LAE	20 Mar 44.		Consolidated Sick return week ending 18 Mar 44	Vol 2 " 77
			Conference Maj C.A.STEWART(NGF) Lt-Col KESSELS and Maj KATER	

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Unit HQ LAE Base Sub Area *Date and Time.—From* 1 Mar 44 *To* 31 Mar 44.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	20 Mar 44.		(CEME) re RAE assumption of responsibility for repair of barges.	
LAE	21 Mar 44.		Adm Instn A/9 issued	Vol 2 Appx 78
			Malaria and Dengue Fever Precautions	Vol 2 " 79
LAE	22 Mar 44.		Capt CAMPBELL DAD Educ left for conference at NGF.	
LAE	23 Mar 44.		Brig I.G.FULLARTON evacuated to 2/7 AGH p.u.o.	
			Maj S.L.MAINLAND DADMS visited DUMPU to discuss med sups with	
			ADMS 7 Aust Div.	
			Malaria and Dengue Incidence, week ending 17 Mar	Vol 2 Appx 80

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Unit HQ LAE Base Sub Area *Date and Time.—From* 1 Mar 44 *To* 31 Mar 44.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	24 Mar 44.		Weekly Field State as at 0600 hrs 18 Mar 44.	Vol 2 Appx 81
LAE	25 Mar 44.		W 3008 & W 3009 as at 25 Mar 44.	" 2 " 82
			Capt CAMPBELL DAD Educ returned from conference AD Educ NGF	
LAE	26 Mar 44.		Weekly Report S & T Service as at 25 Mar 44.	" 2 " 83
			LAE Base Sub Area Routine Orders Serial 15.	" 2 " 84
			Weekly Report AEME Services as at 26 Mar 44.	" 2 " 85
			LAE Base Sub Area Training Instn No.3 issued	" 2 " 86
			Maj- Gen MORRIS-ANGAU visited LAE Base Sub Area	
			Acute shortage of barges persists	
			Weekly Report Amenities Service to 24 Mar 44.	" 2 " 87
			Weekly Report DADDS to 24 Mar 44.	" 2 " 88
			Weekly Report Education Service to 23 Mar 44	" 2 " 89
			Weekly Report YMCA Activities to 24 Mar 44.	" 2 " 90

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	27 Mar 44.		~~DAPM Maj STONE returned from FINSCHHAFEN.~~	
			Lt-Col ~~XXXXX~~ Senoir Malarioligist NGF & Maj STEWART ADMS	
			Med Dept visited LAE Base Sub Area.	
			Brig NEYLAN 1 Aust Army inspected Arty units LAE Base Sub Area	
			LAE Base Sub Area Admin Inst A/10 issued	Vol 2 Appx 91
LAE	28 Mar 44.		Adv party NGDD arrived LAE to take over from 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp.	
			Malaria & Dengue report week ending 24 Mar 44.	" 2 " 92
			Brig FULLARTON returned from 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp	
			Consolidated Sick Return to 25 Mar 44.	" 2 " 93
LAE	30 Mar 44		Brig FULLARTON proceeded on leave.	
LAE	31 Mar 44		Brig MCGRATH & Capt HONNAN inspected AASC	
			Maj JARVIS & Capt HIATT left for recce WAU area.	
			Maj- Gen R.H.DEWING CB DSO MC,UKALS,accompanied by Capt BAYLISS	
			G II Trg NGF arrived this HQ on special investigations.	

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LAE	31 Mar 44.		Weekly Field State as at 0600 hrs 25 Mar 44	Vol 2 Appx 94
			Amenities Report week ending 31 Mar 44.	" 2 " 95
			Weekly Dental Report to 31 Mar 44	" 2 " 96
			" YMCA " " " " "	" 2 " 97
			" Education " " 30 " 44	" 2 " 98
			" DAPM " " 31 " 44	" 2 " 99
				Maj Offm Capt

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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LAE BASE SUB AREA

OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 2

DEFENCE OF LAE.

Ref Maps LAE and MARKHAM Sheets 4 miles - 1 inch.
LAE 1/25000
LAE 1/63360
MUNIM 1/25000
MADANG 1/63360
WAGO 1/63360

INFM.

1. It is considered that any attack on LAE will be limited to air attack with the possibility of attack by small sea or airborne parties.

2. The responsibility for the land, coast and anti-aircraft defence of LAE from incl the line of MONGI RIVER to incl ERAP RIVER has been delegated to Comd LAE Base Sub Area.

3. 29 Aust Inf Bde came under operational command LAE Base Sub Area for the Defence of LAE on 29 Jan,44.

INTENTION.

4. To provide for the defence of LAE against attack from sea or air.

METHOD.

5. The defence of LAE will be effected by all units holding the enemy in their respective areas and the employment of an Inf Bde in a counter-offensive role.

6. Each unit will therefore be responsible for causing the maximum possible delay to the enemy in its own area.

7. 21 Aust Tk/A Bty, RAA and
"N" Hy Bty, RAA
will be responsible for coast defences, with the role of delaying and breaking-upany enemy forces approaching from seawards.

8. Weapons will be sited as per Appendix "A" attached (not to all addressees).

9. AADC will be responsible for the preparation and co-ordination of AA Defence plans, incl co-operation with naval and merchant shipping in port.

10. The dispositions of components of AA units as shown in Appendices "B" & "C" attached (not to all addressees) has been approved as affording adequate AA protection for installations at present located in LAE.

11. The officers nominated in Appendix D attached will co-ordinate and command defences in the following areas, respectively
ref maps LAE 1/25000
MUNIM 1/25000

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(a) AREA NO 1

North	Gridline 50
East	Gridline 72
South	Gridline 45
West	Gridline 66

(b) AREA NO 2

North	Gridline 45
East	Gridline 74 to incl West bank BUSU RIVER.
South	COASTLINE
West	Gridline 70 to incl eastbank BUTIBUM RIVER to coastline.

(c) AREA NO 3

North	Gridline 45
East	Gridline 70 to incl east bank
South/West	BUTIBUM RIVER to Gridline 45.

(d) AREA NO 4

North	Gridline 45
East	excl east bank BUTIBUM RIVER
South	excl east bank BUTIBUM RIVER to coastline to incl east bank MARKHAM RIVER.
West.	incl east bank MARKHAM RIVER to gridline 65.

12. All units will be responsible for the local protection of unit areas. They will plan defences but NOT prepare them until warned to do so.

13. Units in N.D.Z.A.B area will be included in and will conform to plans for local protection made by 2 ATC.

14. O.C. 37 Aust Exp Coy with under comd
one pl 21 Aust Exp Coy
one pl 37 Aust Exp Coy
one pl 38 Aust Exp Coy
will be responsible for the protection of HQ L.A.E Base Sub Area.

15. 29 Aust Inf Bde will form a mobile reserve with the role of counter-attacking enemy forces in the area.

16. DEMOLITIONS. All units which have static installations in their areas will prepare plans for demolitions.

17. In the event of enemy attack, demolitions will be effected by :-

(a) officers who receive specific instructions in writing from area commander.
(b) unit personnel, in the danger of equipment falling into enemy hands is imminent.

ADM.

18. RATIONS. (a) All units will arrange forthwith to change old type dehydrated emergency rations for new type A 3 emergency rations.

(b) Two days reserve rations will be held by all units.

19. TRANSPORT. In the event of a land attack, all M.T will immediately return to unit lines.

20. A G T Coy's transport will be at call from HQ LAE Base Sub area.

21. MEDICAL. Medical Aid Posts will be established at , ref Map LAE 1/25000

(a) 708405 (RAP HQ LAE Base Sub Area).

(b) 713422 (BUSU Medical Post).

INTERCOMN.

22. HQ LAE Base Sub Area will be at ref Map LAE 1/25000, 708405.

23. Intercomn will be by normal means but allunits will be prepared to use runners if necessary.

24. ACKNOWLEDGE.

MAJOR.
G S LAE BASE SUB AREA.

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Signed at 1430 hrs.

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Lt-Col H.H.WOODFORD	3	3	3	3	3
Maj A.H.MARTIN	4	4	4	4	4
Capt H.J.NICHOLS	5	5	5	5	5
Town Major NADZAB	6				6
5 Det 1 Aust Mob Met Flt	7				7
26 Aust TkA Bty	8	6	6	6	8
HQ 2/3 Aust AA Regt(COMP)(LE)	9	7	7	7	9
2/6 Aust HAA Bty	10	8	8	8	10
2/9 Aust LAA Bty	11	9	9	9	11
MILNE BAY AA Ops Room(TypeB)(AIF)	12	10	10	10	12
73 Aust Mob SL Bty	13	11	11	11	13
'N' Hy Bty (COAST)(HE)	14	12	12	12	14
Det 9 Aust RADAR(TYPE A)(AIF)	15				15
5 Aust CRE Wks	16				16
4 Aust Fd Coy	17				17
2/11 Aust Fd Coy	18				18
20 Aust Fd Coy	19				19
59 Aust Corps Fd Pk	20				20
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151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	26				26
One Pl 2/4 Aust MMC less det	27				27
52 Aust Pl BIPOD	28				28
55 Aust Pl BIPOD	29				29
Det Pl 2 Aust Fd Bakery	30				30
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9 Aust L of C Stationery Depot	61				61
10 Aust Graves Regn Unit	62				62
17 Aust Graves Regn Unit	63				63
Det 1 Aust Corps Salvage Unit	64				64
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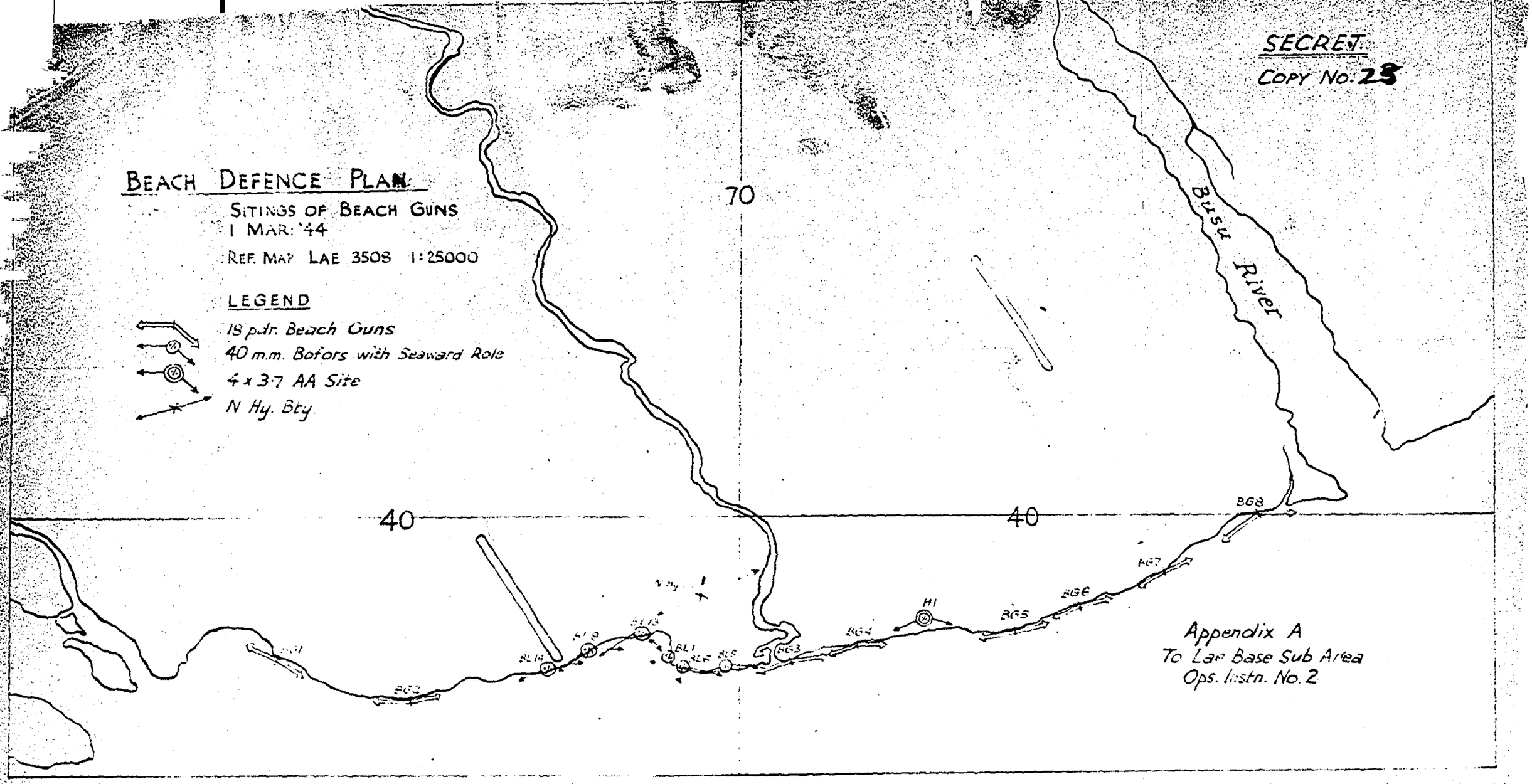
BEACH DEFENCE PLAN

SITINGS OF BEACH GUNS
1 MAR. '44

REF. MAP LAE 3508 1:25000

LEGEND

18 pdr. Beach Guns
40 m.m. Bofors with Seaward Role
4 x 3·7 AA Site
N Hy. Bty.



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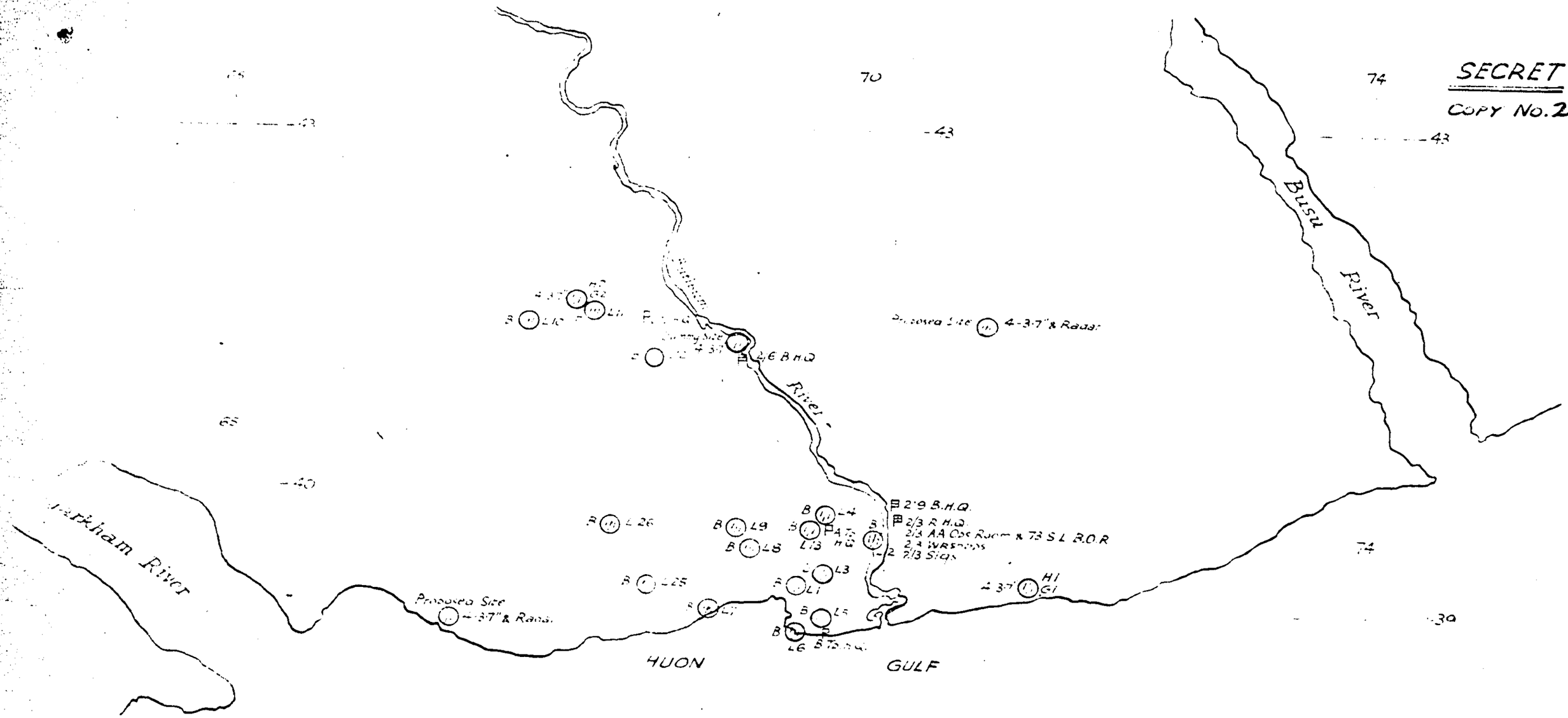

AA DEFENCES — LAE 1ST MAR. '44

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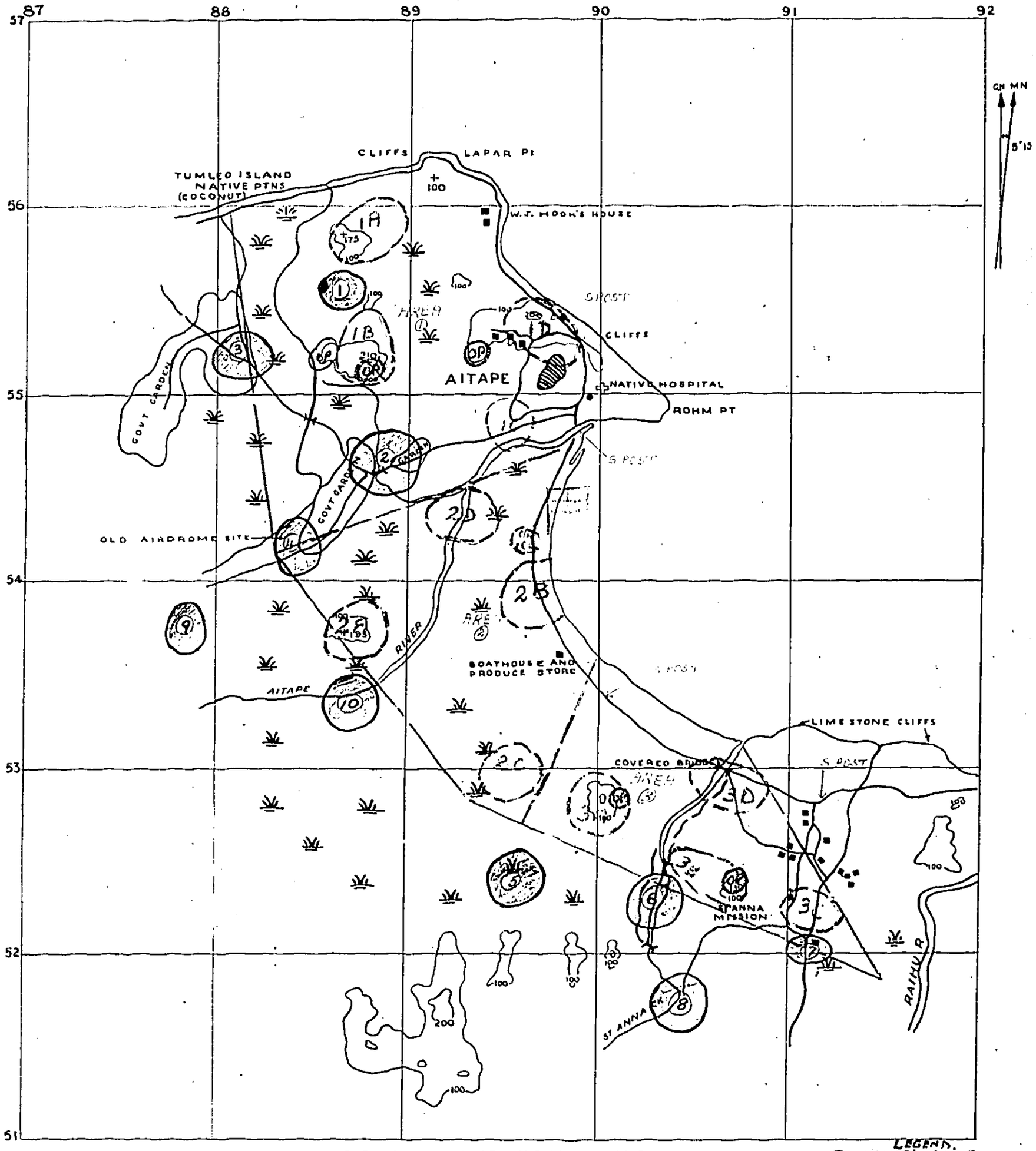
APPX "A"
TO 3 AUST BASE SUBAREA
DEFENCE SCHEME 1



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APPX 'D' to
LAE Base Sub Area
Ops Instn No.2

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The following officers are appointed to command areas as per para 11 of LAE Base Sub Area Ops Instn No.2 :-

Area No. 1	Lt Col.	H.M.HOANE
" " 2	Lt-Col	H.H.WOODFORD
" " 3	Maj	A.H.MARTIN
" " 4	Commander to be nominated by Commander Base & USASOS	

To: LAE Base Sub Area

The receipt of LAE Base Sub Area Ops Instn No.2 Copy No. 83

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D No. 83

is acknowledged

.....Name

.....Rank

Date..... .....Appt

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LAE BASE SUB AREA

OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 2

DEFENCE OF LAE.

Ref Maps LAE and MARKHAM Sheets 4 miles - 1 inch.
LAE 1/25000
LAE 1/63360
MUNIM 1/25000
MADZAB 1/63360
WAGO 1/63360

INFM.

1. It is considered that any attack on LAE will be limited to air attack with the possibility of attack by small sea or airborne parties.

2. The responsibility for the land, coast and anti-aircraft defence of LAE from incl the line of MONGI RIVER to incl ERAP RIVER has been delegated to Comd LAE Base Sub Area.

3. 29 Aust Inf Bde came under operational command LAE Base Sub Area for the Defence of LAE on 29 Jan,44.

INTENTION.

4. To provide for the defence of LAE against attack from sea or air.

METHOD.

5. The defence of LAE will be effected by all units holding the enemy in their respective areas and the employment of an Inf Bde in a counter-offensive role.

6. Each unit will therefore be responsible for causing the maximum possible delay to the enemy in its own area.

7. 21 Aust Tk/A Bty, RAA and
"N" Hy Bty, RAA
will be responsible for coast defences, with the role of delaying and breaking-upany enemy forces approaching from seawards.

8. Weapons will be sited as per Appendix "A" attached (not to all addressees).

9. AADC will be responsible for the preparation and co-ordination of AA Defence plans, incl co-operation with naval and merchant shipping in port.

10. The dispositions of components of AA units as shown in Appendices "B" & "C" attached (not to all addressees) has been approved as affording adequate AA protection for installations at present located in LAE.

11. The officers nominated in Appendix D attached will co-ordinate and command defences in the following areas, respectively
ref maps LAE 1/25000
MUNIM 1/25000

(a) AREA NO 1

North	Gridline 50
East	Gridline 72
South	Gridline 45
West	Gridline 66

(b) AREA NO 2

North	Gridline 45
East	Gridline 74 to incl West bank BUSU RIVER.
South	COASTLINE
West	Gridline 70 to incl eastbank BUTIBUM RIVER to coastline.

(c) AREA NO 3

North	Gridline 45
East	Gridline 70 to incl east bank
South/West	BUTIBUM RIVER to Gridline 45.

(d) AREA NO 4

North	Gridline 45
East	excl east bank BUTIBUM RIVER
South	excl east bank BUTIBUM RIVER & coastline to incl east bank MARKHAM RIVER.
West.	incl east bank MARKHAM RIVER to gridline 65.

12. All units will be responsible for the local protection of unit areas. They will plan defences but NOT prepare them until warned to do so.

13. Units in NADZAB area will be included in and will conform to plans for local protection made by 2 ATC.

14. O.C. 57 Aust Exp Coy with under comd
one pl 22 Aust Exp Coy
one pl 37 Aust Exp Coy
one pl 38 Aust Exp Coy
will be responsible for the protection of HQ LAE Base Sub Area.

15. 29 Aust Inf Bde will form a mobile reserve with the role of counter-attacking enemy forces in the area.

16. DEMOLITIONS. All units which have static installations in their areas will prepare plans for demolitions.

17. In the event of enemy attack, demolitions will be effected by :-

(a) officers who receive specific instructions in writing from area commander.
(b) unit personnel, in the danger of equipment falling into enemy hands is imminent.

ADM.

18. RATIONS. (a) All units will arrange forthwith to change old type dehydrated emergency rations for new type A 3 emergency rations.

(b) Two days reserve rations will be held by all units.

19. TRANSPORT. In the event of a land attack, all M T will immediately return to unit lines.

20. A G T Coy's transport will be at call from HQ LAE Base Sub area.

21. MEDICAL. Medical Aid Posts will be established at , ref Map LAE 1/25000

(a) 708405 (RAP HQ LAE Base Sub Area).

(b) 713422 (BUSU Medical Post).

INTERCOMN.

22. HQ LAE Base Sub Area will be at ref Map LAE 1/25000, 708405.

23. Intercomn will be by normal means but allunits will be prepared to use runners if necessary.

24. ACKNOWLEDGE.

MAJOR.
G S LAE BASE SUB AREA.

Issued by SAFE HAND.

Signed at 1430 hrs.

DISTRIBUTION

	COPY NO.	APPX A COPY NO	APPX B COPY NO	APPX C COPY NO	APPX D COPY NO
29 Aust Inf Bde	1	1	1	1	1
Lt-Col H.M.HOARE	2	2	2	2	2
Lt-Col H.H.WOODFORD	3	3	3	3	3
Maj A.H.MARTIN	4	4	4	4	4
Capt H.J.NICHOLS	5	5	5	5	5
Town Major NADZAB	6				6
3 Det 1 Aust Mob Met Flt	7				7
26 Aust TkA Bty	8	6	6	6	8
HQ 2/3 Aust AA Regt(COMP)(LE)	9	7	7	7	9
2/6 Aust HAA Bty	10	8	8	8	10
2/9 Aust LAA Bty	11	9	9	9	11
MILNE BAY AA Ops Room(TypeB)(AIF)	12	10	10	10	12
73 Aust Mob SL Bty	13	11	11	11	13
'H' Hy Bty (COAST)(HE)	14	12	12	12	14
Det 9 Aust RADAR(TYPE A)(AIF)	15				15
5 Aust CRE Wks	16				16
4 Aust Fd Coy	17				17
2/11 Aust Fd Coy	18				18
20 Aust Fd Coy	19				19
59 Aust Corps Fd Pk	20				20
2 ME Pl & Wksp Pl 2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy	21				21
11 Aust Camflg Unit(AIF)	22				22

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	COPY NO	APPX A COPY NO	APPX B COPY NO	APPX C COPY NO	APPX D COPY NO
30 Aust FSS	23				23
HQ 19 L of C Sigs	24				24
153 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	25				25
151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	26				26
One Pl 2/4 Aust LAC less det	27				27
52 Aust Pl BIPOD	28				28
55 Aust Pl BIPOD	29				29
Det Pl 2 Aust Fd Bakery	30				30
Det HQ & 1 Pl 4 Aust Fd Bakery	31				31
6 Aust Farm Coy	32				32
HQ 39 Aust Sup Depot Coy	33				33
2/162 Aust Sup Depot Pl	34				34
2/7 Aust Gen Hosp	35				35
2/5 Aust Gen Depot	36				36
104 Adv Depot Medical Stores	37				37
111 Aust CCS	38				38
Det 9 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	39				39
3 Aust Mob Ent Sec	40				40
9 AMCU	41				41
14 AMCU	42				42
Det LHQ Sub Depot Dental Stores	43				43
HQ & B Sec 2/5 Aust Dental Unit	44				44
B Sec 63 Aust Dental Unit	45				45
43 Aust FOD	46				46
2/125 Aust Fd [illegible] Pk	47				47
11 Aust Mob Laundry & Fwd Decn Unit	48				48
105 Aust FAD	49				49
2/7 Aust Adv Wkshop	50				50
2/125 Aust Bde Wkshop	51				51
1 Aust Watercraft Wkshop	52				52
2 Aust Mech Eqpt Unit	53				53
239 Aust LAD	54				54
298 Aust LAD	55				55
Fortress Wkshops LAE	56				56
3 Aust Div Pro Coy	57				57
Det 7 Aust Base Post Unit	58				58
2/1 Aust L of C Postal Unit	59				59
4 Aust L of C Postal Unit	60				60
9 Aust L of C Stationery Depot	61				61
10 Aust Graves Regn Unit	62				62
17 Aust Graves Regn Unit	63				63
Det 1 Aust Corps Salvage Unit	64				64
22 Aust Employment Coy	65				65
37 Aust Employment Coy	66				66
38 Aust Employment Coy	67				67
Canteens LAE	68				68
NOIC LAE	69	13	13	13	69
5 Air Force	70,71	14 & 15	14 & 15	14 & 15	70,71
2 ATC	72	16	16	16	72
HQ USASOS Base E	73	17	17	17	73
COMD	74	18	18	18	74
BMRA	75	19	19	19	75
AA & QMG	76	20	20	20	76
A	77				77
G	78				78
ADMS	79				79
ADOS	80				80
CME	81				81
ALE	82	21	21	21	82
War Diary	83,84	22 & 23	22 & 23	22 & 23	83,84
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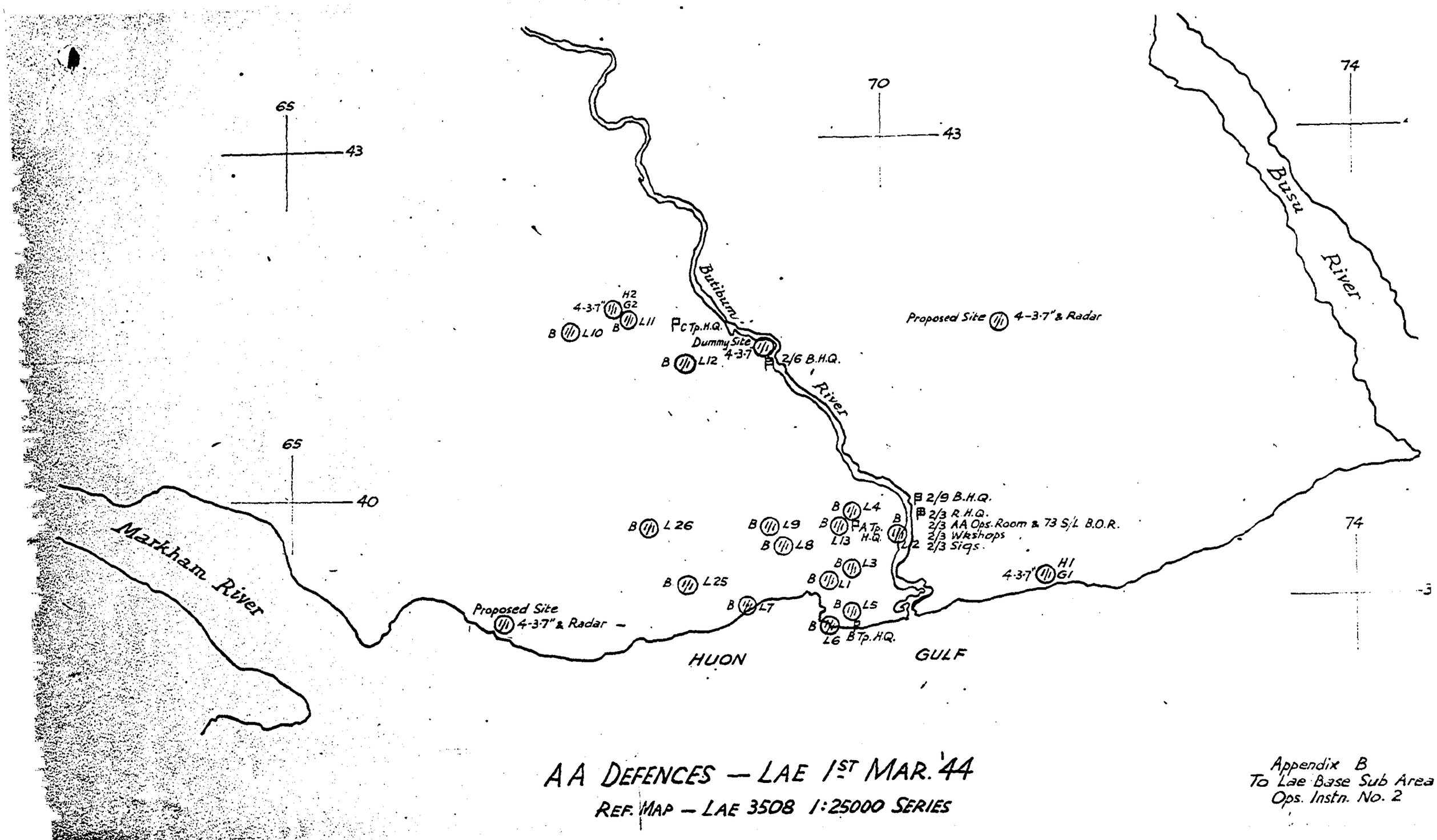

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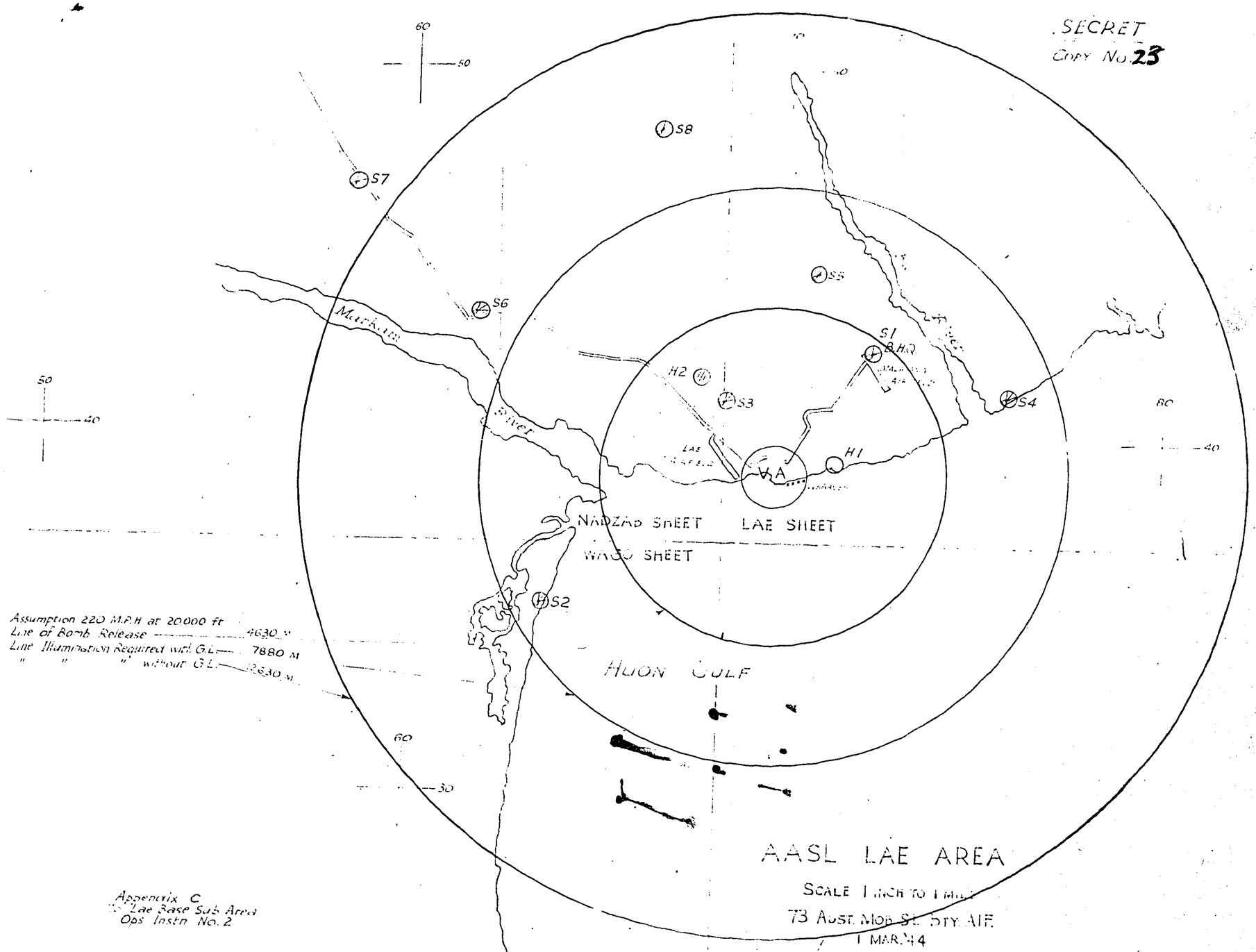

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Appendix C
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

8/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26/2/194 HQ LAE BSA (Unit)

W.E. 17/20/2 . OFFRS. 46 O.R's 406 + OFFRS. — O.R's. 11 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.		ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		WE	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
	-	-	1	BRIG	1					
	1	-	-		1					
	3	-	2	Lieut.-Colonels	5					
	5	-	10	Majors	15					
	3	-	15	Captains	18					
	-	1	7	Lieutenants	6					
	-	-	2	Quarter-masters CHAPLAINS	2					
				Nurses and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.						
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.						
	12	1	37		42					

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

DETAIL.		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A		35	2								37
E (1)											
E (2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.		Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX 42558	Maj	Douglas	M.H.	HQ N/S R/Tg Ctr	19-2-44	App Legal Officer
Q 406	Capt	Campbell	M	" " "	19-2-44	" D.A.D.E.
VX 111271R	Lieut	Stephens	J.H.	HQ 2 Aust Army	19-2-44	" Educ Officer
VX 51668	Lieut	Chapman	J.L.	151A.G.T.Coy	21-2-44	On Attachment
NX107913	Capt	Mason	W.H.	133 A.G.T.Coy	23-2-44	" "
NX 81	Major	Matthews	R.F.	NG DETAILS DEP	25-2-44	App D.A.D.E.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.		Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
WX29338	Lieut	Stevenson		V2/125 Bde W/Shop	23-2-44	Off.Attach. R.E.M.
VX48758	Major	Jarvis	E.L.	2/7/ AGH	21-2-44	"X" List
NX12442	Major	Dowen	C.A.	2/7 A.G.H.	24-2-44	"X" List

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

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

HQ LAE BSA Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26/2/194 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number.	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
BRIG	NX140118	FULLARTON	I.G.	COMDT	YES		
LT-COL	QX 36757	KESSELS	A.O.	AATMG	"		
LT-COL	NX 435	SMITH	L.L.	ADST	NO	LEAVE	
MAJOR	NX 12428	WEFX	I.P.	DACMG	NO	LEAVE	
MAJOR	VX 3469	MAXLAND	S.L.	DADMS	Yes		
MAJOR	NX 6725	KATER	G.B.	GEME	"		
MAJOR	NX128031	FERGUSON	HDF.	G 11	"		
MAJOR	VX 3442	STONE	R.I.	DADH	"		
MAJOR	VX 513	ROBINSON	R.E.	ADOS	"		
MAJOR	VX 19730	BIRD	H.L.	DADDS	"		
MAJOR	QX 42558	DOUGLAS	M.H.	Leg Off	"		
MAJOR	NX 81	MATTHEWS	R.F.	DADH	"		
CAPT/T-Maj	NX 12467	HARPER	J.C.	DADS	"		
CAPT	NX 9410	LOVE	J.E.	ADOS	"		
CAPT	NX 4543	BAMFORD	H.O.	SO G	"		
CAPT	QX 35759	KING	F.J.	AQLO	NO	LEAVE	
CAPT	VX 58080	DONALDSON	R.E.	SO A	YES		
CAPT	NX127356	SMITH	L.B.	AQLO	NO	LEAVE	
CAPT	NX105764	SEBERRY	L.J.	DAAG	YES		
CAPT	VX 63229	BURTON	A.W.	M/O	"		
CAPT	VX 85048	SMITH	DIX.	GEME	"		
CAPT	Q 406	CAMPBELL	M.	DADE	"		
CAPT	VX100019	OFFICER	V.V.	G 111	"		
LT-T/CAPT	VX108341	WALKER	N.M.		"	SURPLUS : REPL BY Cpt	
LT-T/CAPT	VX146685	RENNESSY	H.J.	SO A	NO	LEAVE OFFICER	
LT-T/CAPT	SX 21066	HIATT	J.T.	SO G	YES		
LT-T/CAPT	NX 6816	GRACE	CVH.	Cpt AASC POL	YES		
LT-T/CAPT	NX106921	LINTON	J.F.	S/G AASC ARM	"		
LIEUT	NX108001	KEPT	J.H.	a/G COMDT	YES		
LIEUT	SX 21852	WILSON	D.H.	SCG	YES		
LIEUT	NX101881	JESSEE	G.H.	G/COMDT	NO	VOCO POINT	
LIEUT	NX100985	LOCKE	J.S.	A/OFF	YES		
LIEUT	NX109090	GIBB	SWP.	A/ARM	"		
LIEUT	NX127383	JOHNSTONE	R.W.	S/L 3	"		
LIEUT	VX112112	STEPHENS	J.H.	BA/OFF	"		
CHAPLAIN	SX 14196	SWAN	C.M.		"		
CHAPLAIN	NX132875	BRYSON	A.		"		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.		Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT	NX148895	MILSOP	L.G.	G/R Off	27-12-43	
MAJOR	NG 2008	EDWARDS	[illegible]	3 BSA	31-12-43	
CAPT	NX100438	WATTING	J.J.	NGF	26-1-44	
LIEUT	VX 80942	BUTLER	J.V.	G/R Off	28-1-44	
LIEUT	NX124500	NOONAN	H.J.	ADOS HQ NGF	8-1-44	
CAPT	QX 35038	WHARTON	J.T.	39 Supp	8-2-44	
MAJOR	VX 39264	LEVENS	D.J.	E/5 D.U	13-2-44	
MAJOR	QX 34022	CROSSWELL	C.M.	BURMA 3A	17-2-44	
CAPT	NX107913	MASON	W.H.	133 AGT	21-2-44	
LIEUT	VX 51668	CHAPMAN	J.L.	133 AGT	23-2-44	

26 Feb 44
Date of Despatch

Truth—1/43

LIEUT.
Signature of Commander
(R.V. Johnstone) Capt COMDT

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

8 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26/2 /1944 HQ LAE BSA (Unit)

W.E. 17 / 30 / 8. OFFRS. 43 O.R's 304 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 11 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.		ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.			Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
		2	3	W.Os. Class I.	2					
		2	12	W.Os. Class II.	10	LAOC Cpl	1	1		
		-	1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	1	LAOC Sgt	2	2		
		3	10	Staff Sergeants	7	LAOC Cpl	1	3		
1/R	3	3	22	Sergeants	22	LAOC Pvt	7	3	-	1	1/R
		6	41	Corporals	35	Post Cpl	1	1		
2	14	-	115	Troopers, Privates, etc.	121	LAOC Pvt	1	-		1	1/R
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
2 •	17	15	204 •	Totals of cols. marked • should agree with details shown in Part E on page 2.			12 14	5	2	(3)

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

• • Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	• •	TOTAL
A	117	32	30	24							203
B(1)											
B(2)											

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	3 Amnt BSA		
1	H/5 Dom Unit		
1	47 Bn NZ Inf		
1	1AA [illegible]		
1	153 Mtn Bty		
1	39 Bap Bty		
6	A Ammunition		
1	[illegible]		
2	4 Sch AMD Tpt		
15			

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
2	[illegible]		
2	[illegible]		
1	3 [illegible]		
1	HQ [illegible]		
2	[illegible]		
1	10 L [illegible]		
1	11 A [illegible]		
1	10 A [illegible]		
1	[illegible]		
1	[illegible]		
4	[illegible]		
17			

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

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

EQ LAE BASE SUB AREA Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 26/ 2 /194 4.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.
Ammunition Examiners	2	2		Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Asstn.				O.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, H.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Stat. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen	2	2		Bakers				Telescope Identifn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd'rs. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanisers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				[illegible]	2	2	
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				[illegible]	1	1	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								[illegible]	1	1	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Storemen	3	2	1 R/R
Fitters				Driver-Operator								[illegible]	15	14	1 R/R
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								A.A.M.C.	2	1	1 R/R
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								[illegible]	61	66	(5)
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								[illegible]			12 R/R
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				[illegible]	3	2	1 R/R
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				[illegible]	24	23	3 R/R
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	75	72	-	Orderlies	20	20	2 R/R
Grinder, Precision				Kelle Operator				Clerks, Supply				[illegible]	15	15	(6)
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concreters							
Mechanics, Radio				Linemen				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter	1	2		Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAF	1	-	1 R/R
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, M.T.				[illegible]	1	1	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	2	5		AACC	5	12	(4)
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Asstn.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	25	8		CARRIED FORWARD	3	3	-	CARRIED FORWARD	25	25	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	217	218	(1)

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reinfs. Required."
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26 Feb 44
Date of Despatch

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Signature of Commander
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No	Rk	Name		Age	M.C.	PRESENT DUTIES	QUAL & REC. POSTING	PRESENT WHEREABOUTS IN ARMY ORG
SX 38360	WO1	WILSON	B.J.	25	A1	Chief Clerk	WO1 Clerk	
VX124697	WO11	Dunn	H.J.		A1	AAOC	Acting Sgt Adviser-awaiting app to Cadet Officer	
VX147119	WO11	BAYLISS	W.J.	43	A2	Stores H.C.O.	WO11 Clerk. C.S.M.	
Q 38443	WO11	Freemantle	F.J.	21	B	Gen Duties	WO11 General Duties	ON leave - ADST.
V 4045	S/Sgt	McCorkell	H.H.	41	A2	Clerk	AAPC CLERK	EX "X" list - School
VX141257	S/Sgt	TAYLOR	J.W.	40	A1	CLERK	AAPC CLERK	Det Port Detachment.
VX114937	S/Sgt	WALSH	L.	25	A1	Clerk	AAPC CLERK	" " "
VX130091	S/Sgt	MONTGOMERIE	H.J.	24	A1	Clerk	AAOC AUDIT SECTION	" S.A.A.M. (Trans Spp.
QX 19850	Sgt	WILLIS	L.H.W.	44	B	Clerk	Sgt CLERK . C.M.S.	"X" LIST HOSPITAL LEAVE
SX 22390	Sgt	HARDING	R.H.	23	A2	Clerk	AAPC CLERK	
SX 16029	Sgt	MULLINS	P.J.	33	A1	Gen Duties	Gen Duty E.C.O.	ON LEAVE) AUST.
SX 25300	Sgt	DAVEDY	E.M.	26	A2	Driver M.T.	Transport Sgt	
V 70173	Cpl	ELLIOTT	R.L.	26	A2	Gen Duties	Gen Duty H.C.C.	"X" LIST) HOSPITAL
S 22250	Cpl	SCHUBERT	R.D.	26	A1	Gen Duties	Gen Duty H.C.C.	
VX127416	Cpl	BADGE	M.G.	33	A2	Clerk - Cpl	CLERK	
VX06594	Cpl	ROWELL	J	31	B	Driver M.T.	Transport H.C.O.	
VX112426	Cpl	McDONALD	G.A.	30	A1	Gen Duties	Gen Duty H.C.C.	(Dvr) Det MMA DRIVER
QX 3368	Cpl	BIRST	C.E.	37	B	Gen Duties	Gen Duty H.C.C.	"X" LIST HOSPITAL
VX134941	Cpl	BARCLAY	A.E.	23	A1	Drr M.T.	TRANSPORT H.C.C.	
VX 64848	Cpl	FRIGER	E.H.	32	A1	Drr M.T.	" "	ON LEAVE - AUSTRALIA
NX 3592	Cpl	MUNDEAR	L.J.	22	A1	Clerk	Cpl CLERK	
NX 86091	Sgt	MACKAY	J.G.	30	B	COOK	SGT. COOK	Det 19 Aust Graves Regt
SX 20406	Sgt	ROVE	R.E.	29	A1	COOK	SGT. COOK	Det Fortress Workshops
NX39525	Cpl	ZERVIN	C.J.	23	A1	COOK	CPL. COOK	Det Port Det.
Q 23541	Cpl	HUNTER	K.J.	29	A1	COOK	CPL. COOK	ON LEAVE - AUSTRALIA.

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SECRET 44
COPY NO.....

Subject:- LAE BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT

AS AT 2359 HRS 29 FEB 44.

Headquarters,
LAE Base Sub Area,
1 Mar 44.
G 1148

1. Herewith LAE Base Sub Area Location Statement No.10 as at 2359 hrs 29 Feb 44.

2. It is requested please that previous copies of Location Statement be destroyed.

3. Please acknowledge receipt on form provided below.

Major
(H.D. FERGUSON)
G S LAE BASE SUB AREA

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Town Major MADZAB	1	'G'	23
HQ ANGAU LAE	2	Sigmr HQ LAE Base Sub Area	24
8 Aust Movt Control Gp	3	AA & QMG	25
5 Aust CRE Mks	4-5	'A'	26-27
19 L of C Sigs	6	Chaplain	28
30 Aust FSS	7	Legal	29
Aust Adv Post Office	8	Medical	30
4 Aust L of C Postal Unit	9	Dental	31
Canteens LAE	10	Provost	32-33
1 Aust ARD	11	Amenities	34
1 Aust Corps Reception Camp	12	Education	35
NGF	13-14	'Q'	36-37
Rear 2 Aust Corps	15-16	S & T	38-39
Rear 2 Aust Corps(Sigmr)	17	Ordnance	40-41
Adv 2 Aust Corps	18-19	AEME	42
29 Aust Inf Bde	20	File	43
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LAE BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT NO.10
as at 2359 hrs 29 Feb 44.

Reference Maps:- 1/25000
LAE
MUNIM
HEATHS
NADZAB

SERIAL	UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS
HEADQUARTERS			
1.	HQ,LAE BASE SUB AREA	708405	
2.	HQ,Town Major,NADZAB	423548	
3.	Det ANGAU,LAE	702408	
4.	Det ANGAU,NADZAB	427545	
5.	8 Aust Mvt Control Gp less det	695393	LHQ UNIT
6.	Det 8 Aust Mvt Control Gp	409546	" "
7.	ATC (Freight)	687391	
8.	ATC (Personnel)	687389	
9.	GHQ Regulating Officer	695393	
10.	MFO	702405	
11.	ESO	692391	
12.	Adv "Q" NGF,NADZAB	409546	
13.	1 Aust Comd AL Sec	GUSAP	Att 3 Air Task Fo
14.	21 Aust AL Sec	"	" " " " "
15.	43 Aust AL Sec	"	" " " " "
16.	4 Aust Comd AL Sec	NADZAB	SATF
17.	13 Aust AL Sec	"	"
18.	15 " " "	"	"
19.	17 " " "	"	"
20.	35 " " "	"	"
21.	40 " " "	"	"
22.	41 " " "	"	"
23.	42 " " "	"	"
24.	44 " " "	GUSAP	49 Fighter Gp.
25.	3 Det 1 Aust Mob Met Flt	703397	
RAA.			
26.	10 Aust Fd Bty,4 Aust Fd Regt	678436	U/c LBSA Local Adm
27.	21 Aust TMA Bty	703395	
28.	HQ 2/3 Aust AA Regt (Comp)(LE)	703397	
29.	2/6 Aust Hy AA Bty	691411	
30.	2/9 Aust Lt AA Bty	703398	
31.	AA Ops Room	703397	
32.	73 Aust Mob SL Bty LAE 1":1 MI	721420	
33.	"N" Hy Bty	697394	
34.	9 RADAR Det	"	Att "N" Hy Bty
RAE.			
35.	5 Aust CRE Wks	702406	
36.	HQ 4 Fd Coy	676442	
37.	1 & 3 Pls 4 Aust Fd Coy	706480	
38.	2/11 Aust Fd Coy	712430	
39.	20 Aust Fd Coy less pl and det	707479	Pl NADZAB det BUNA
40.	One ME Pl & Wkshop Pl 2/1 Aust Mech	721418	
41.	11 Aust Camflg Unit Eqpt Pl.	702406	
42.	59 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy	704448	
43.	11 Aust Water Tpt Op Coy (SE)(RAE)	713391	
44.	41 Aust Water Tpt Op Coy (LC)(RAE)	"	
45.	Det 31 Aust Water Tpt Maint Coy	"	
46.	2/2 Aust Docks Op Coy less det	711391	Det FINSCHHAFEN
47.	6 Aust Docks Op Coy	699411	
48.	Det 2 Aust Air Maint Coy	695394	
49.	One Sec 2 Aust Fd Svy Coy less det	693413	Det FINSCHHAFEN

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SIGNALS.			
50.	HQ 19 L of C Signals	712418	
51.	HQ 1 Coy 19 L of C Sigs	"	
52.	HQ 2 Coy 19 L of C Sigs	"	
53.	HQ 3 Coy 19 L of C Sigs	"	
54.	12 Aust Line Sec	"	
55.	18 " " "	MORODE-LAE Carrier Route	
56.	Det 18 Aust Line Sec	712418	
57.	20 Aust Line Sec less det	"	
58.	Det 20 Aust Line Sec	WAU	
59.	27 Aust Line Sec less det	487554 (1/63360)	
60.	Det 27 Aust Line Sec	MARKHAM STRAT	
61.	28 Aust Line Sec	355573 (1/63360)	
62.	6 Aust Line Maint Sec	SATELBERG	
63.	7 Aust Line Maint Sec less det	430343	Det DUMPU
64.	8 Aust Line Maint Sec	SATELBERG	
65.	17 Aust Tech Maint Sec less det	712418	Det NADZAB
66.	16 Aust Tech Maint Sec	"	
67.	12 Aust Tele Op Sec	"	
68.	18 Aust Op Sec less det	430545	Det DUMPU
69.	19 Aust Op Sec	712418	
70.	53 Aust Tele S/Board Op Sec less	"	Det FINSCHHAFEN
71.	65 Aust Op Sec det	FINSCHHAFEN	
72.	66 Aust Op Sec	712418	
73.	11 Aust DR Sec less det	"	Det NADZAB, WAU, FINSCHHAFEN
74.	24 Aust DR Sec	"	
75.	35 Aust W/T Sec	"	
76.	36 Aust W/T Sec less det	FINSCHHAFEN	
77.	Det 36 Aust W/T Sec	712418	
78.	37 Aust W/T Sec	430545	
79.	9 Aust Cipher Sec	712418	
80.	HQ 8 Aust Pigeon Sec	"	
81.	35 Aust Pigeon Sec	"	
82.	48 Aust Pigeon Loft	"	
83.	3 Aust Frt Sig Sec less det	"	Det WAU
84.	4 " " " " " "	"	" "
85.	5 Aust Carrier Maint Sec	669422	
86.	Det 55 Special Wireless Sec	712418	
87.	2/3 Aust AA Regt(Comp) Sig Sec	703397	
88.	Sub Hq NG AWW Coy	414545	NGF Unit
INFANTRY			
89.	15 Aust Inf Bn 'D' Coy	426548 (1/63360)	
INTELLIGENCE			
90.	30 Aust Fd Security Sec	708405	LHQ Unit
91.	Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy	704406	" "
AASC			
92.	133 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	715431	
93.	151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy less DUKW pl	722442	
94.	DUKW Pl 151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	711391	
95.	'B' Pl 165 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	723437	
96.	Pl 2/4 Aust MAC less det	717428	Det BUNA
97.	52 Aust Pl BIPOD	680473	
98.	54 Aust Pl BIPOD	"	
99.	55 Aust Pl BIPOD	713454	

No.	UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS
AASC(cont)			
100.	6 Aust Fd Baking Pl	715420	Formerly One Pl 2 Aust Fd Bakery
101.	Det HQ 4 Aust Fd Baking Coy	704403	" Det HQ 4 Aust Fd Bakery
102.	Two Pls of 4 Aust Fd Baking Coy	423549	" 2 Pl 4 Aust Fd Bky.
103.	9 Aust Fd Butchery	723412	
104.	5 Aust Farm Coy	495524	
105.	HQ 59 Aust Sup Depot Coy	714424	
106.	2/162 Aust Sup Depot Pl	700402	
107.	2/165 " " " "	713423	
108.	42 Aust Sup Depot Pl	700402	
109.	43 " " " "	714423	
110.	44 " " " "	714424	
111.	45 " " " "	"	
112.	Det 2 Aust Air Maint Coy	712432	
113.	3 Aust Air Maint Coy	434548	LHQ Unit
MEDICAL.			
114.	2/7 Aust Gen Hosp less det	705473	Det BUNA
115.	Det 128 Aust Gen Hosp	705473	Att 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp
116.	2/3 Aust Con Depot less rear party	671447	
117.	Det 112 Aust Con Depot	"	
118.	111 Aust CCS	545549	
119.	Det 9 Aust Fd Amb	686423	
120.	Det 10 Aust Fd Amb	702407	
121.	104 Aust Depot Med Stores	705407	
122.	2 Aust Mob Ent Sec	714421	
123.	9 AMCU	"	
124.	14 AMCU	716425	
DENTAL.			
125.	Det LHQ Sub Depot Dental Stores	705407	
126.	HQ 2/5 Aust Dental Unit	701409	
127.	'B' Sec 2/5 Aust Dental Unit	715423	
128.	'B' Sec 63 Aust Dental Unit	699497	
ORDNANCE.			
129.	45 Aust FOD	670464	Perm Site
		715426	Temp.Site
130.	Det 2 Adv Ord Depot Prov Sec	670464	
131.	15 Aust Ord Store Coy	"	
132.	2/125 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	423548	7 Div Unit
133.	11 Aust Mob Laundry & Fwd Decn Unit	704390	
134.	Det 26 Aust Lt Laundry Unit	682423	
135.	103 Aust MAD	681480	
136.	Det 13 Aust Ord Amn Coy	677465	
137.	Beach Transit (MAD)	700592	
138.	7 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop	681480	
ARMY.			
139.	Det 2/7 Aust Adv Wkshops	714420	Bivouaced with Frt Wkps
140.	2/125 Aust Bde Wkshop	423548	7 Div Unit
141.	Pl 2 Aust Mech Eqpt Wkshops	710450	
142.	2/3 Aust Amn Regt Wkshops(Comp)	703397	Att 2/3 Comp Regt.
143.	33 Aust AMM Wkshop Sec	"	" " "
144.	1 Aust Watercraft Wkshops	LAE LAGOON	
145.	239 Aust MAD	705448	Att 59 Corps Fd Pk
146.	298 Aust MAD	712418	Att 19 L of C Sigs
147.	333 Aust MAD	717428	(Suggested Site)
148.	Frt Workshops LAE	714420	

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POSTAL.			
149.	Adv Base Post Office	704405	Det 7 Aust BPU
150.	2/1 Aust L of C Postal Unit	425548	
151.	4 Aust L of C Postal Unit	715429	
PROVOST			
152.	5 Aust Div Pro Coy less 2 secs	698407	
STATIONERY			
153.	9 Aust L of C Stationery	701405	
GRAVES.			
154.	10 Aust Graves Regn Unit	682407	
155.	17 Aust Graves Regn Unit	SALAMAUA	
CANTEENS.			
156.	AACS	714426	Bulk Store & Issg Pt.
157.	Det AACS	425548	
AMENITIES.			
158.	Det Aust Army Amenities Service	701405	
159.	77 Aust Mobile Cinema Unit	"	
160.	82 " " " "	"	
LABOUR			
161.	22 Aust Emp Coy	708415	
162.	37 " " "	708416	
163.	36 " " "	708411	
MISCELLANEOUS.			
164.	1 Aust ARD	699497	
165.	Det 4 Aust Kit Store	702405	

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LAE Base Sub Area
2 Mar 44.

29 Aust Inf Bde

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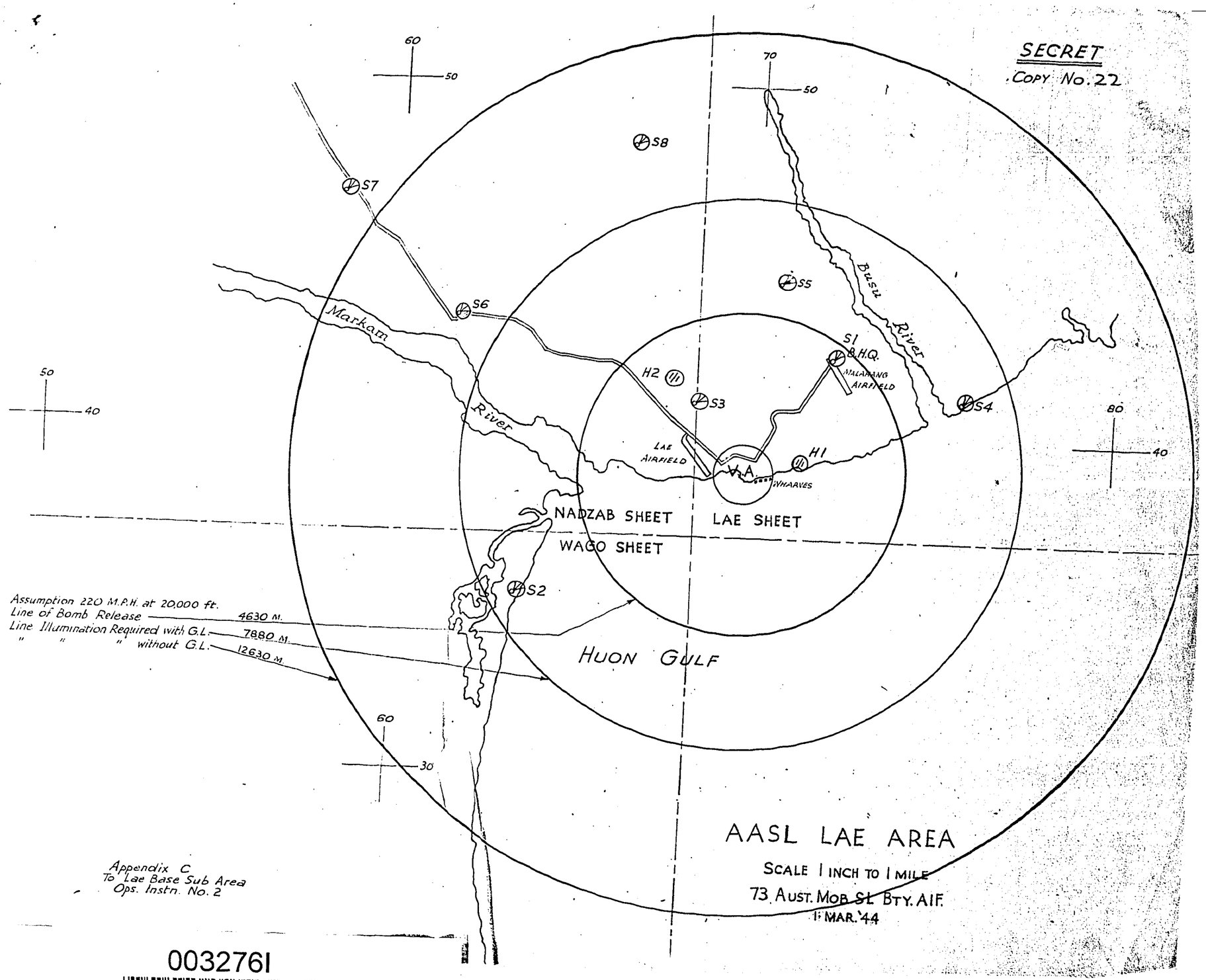

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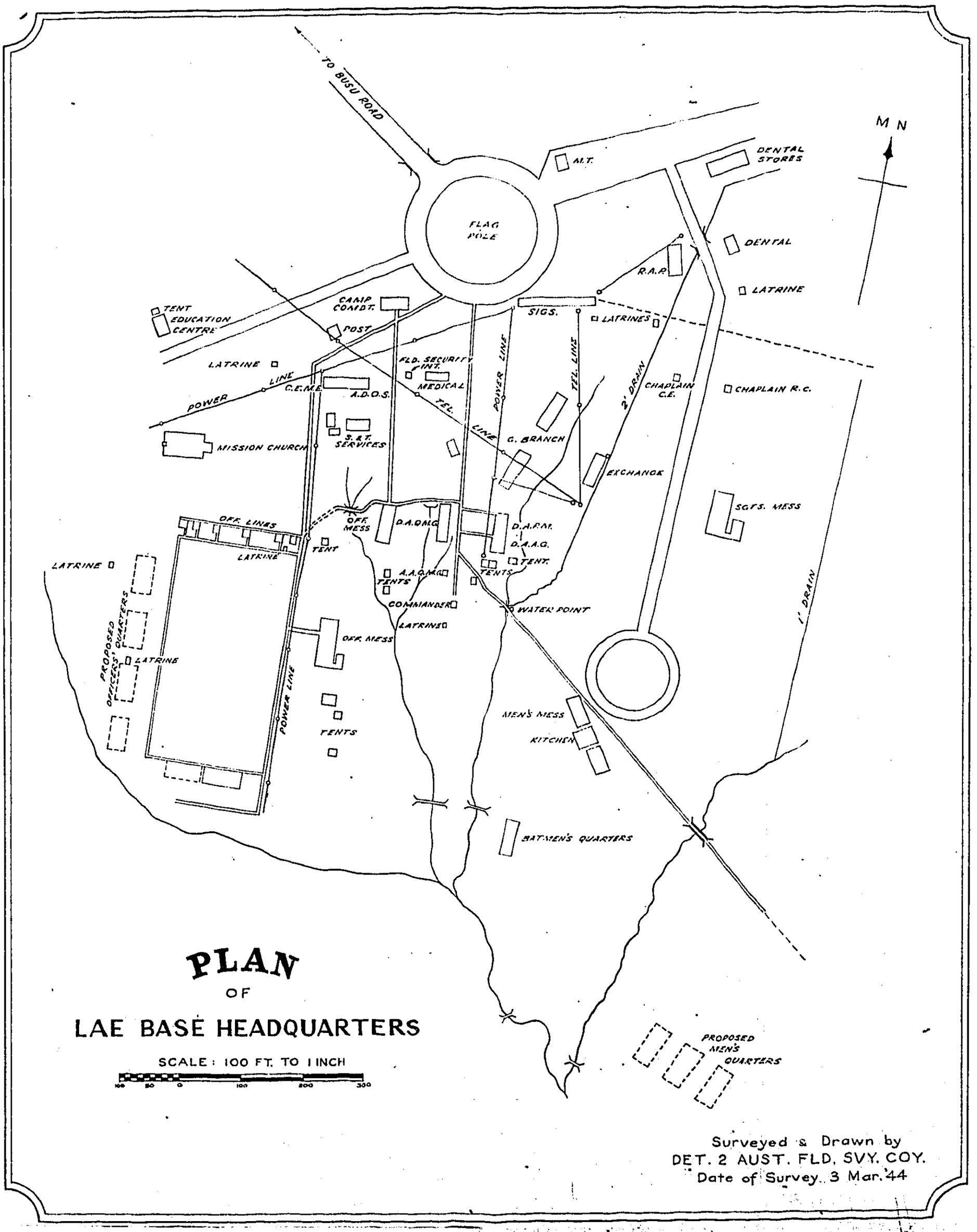

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OF
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LAE BASE SUB AREA G.S.INSTRUCTION NO.4.

Subject:- MAINTENANCE OF MECHANICAL VEHICLES
TRAINING OF UNIT D & M INSTRUCTORS

Headquarters,
LAE Base Sub Area,
2 Mar 44.
G 1169.

1. Reference GRO 339/43, which defines, inter alia, the duties and responsibilities of unit commanders in relation to M.T.

2. At present the standard of maintenance of unit vehicles is NOT satisfactory and, to assist unit commanders in the training of key personnel, a mobile wing of the LHQ School of Mechanisation has been located in N.G.

3. The object of the course conducted by this Wing is the training of unit D & M Instructors, Transport Officers, WOs and NCOs and Testing Officers. The course is of six weeks duration and approximately 4 courses are scheduled to be held in the next six months.

4. To facilitate the allocation of vacancies at future M T courses, a return will be submitted to reach this HQ NOT later than 0900 hrs 21 Mar 44, showing unit training requirements in respect of:-

(a) transport officers, WOs and NCOs who carry out similar duties (officers and NCOs to be shown separately)

(b) Driving and Maintenance instructors (defined as to qualification and duties in M V T Pam No.3)

(c) drivers MT, batman drivers and reserve drivers.

(d) Unit testing officer (as defined by M V T Pam No.2)

(e) motor cyclists of all kinds, including all personnel required to ride motor cycles. (officers, NCOs and privates to be shown separately)

(f) Whether the Commanding Officer has qualified, since 1 Jan 42, in a Driving and Maintenance Course at an LHQ Army or Command M T School.

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A.A.Amenities Service,
LAE Base Sub-Area,
3/3/44

AMENITIES REPORT WEEK ENDING 3 March.44

HQ LAE Base Sub-Area.

I. During week ending 3 March 44, contact has been made by Amenities Officer with following units:-

5 CRE, 4 Fd.Coy.
2/9 Lt.A/A Bty, 73 Mobile S/L Bty, A/A Ops.Room
Fortress W/Shops, 37 Wireless Task Section.
7 Fd. Amb, IO Fd.Amb, III C.C.S.
IO Aust G.R.U, N.G. Press Unit.
43 F.O.D, D.I.D.
I Aust Corps Salvage, 22 Aust Emp.Coy.
HQ 29 Bde, P.I.B.
151 A.G.T, HQ NL ANGAU.
39 A.S.D.Coy, 6 Aust Farm Coy.
Salvation Army, LAE.

2. EQUIPMENT-SPORTING

No consignments were received during the week.

3. ENTERTAINMENT-CONCERTS.

(a) Offers have been made by concert parties from 47 Aust. Inf.Btn. and NADZAB to perform in this area, but these offers are not practicable until such time as stages are completed.

(b) As the construction of the theatre, which was to have been erected in this area, has now proved impracticable for some time, the services of Sgt.WALTER PYM as producer are no longer required, and he is returning to AAAS.N.G.F.

(c) The area at IO4 Workshops requires two more days work to complete clearing and burning.

4. ENTERTAINMENT-GENERAL.

(a) No change in cinema circuits.

(b) Pictures showing are 'STAGE DOOR CANTEEN, & 'VIRGINIA CITY'

(c) Attendance at new site (151 A.G.T.) on 2 March.44 approximately 800

Lieut.
Amenities Officer,
LAE Base Sub-Area.

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Aust Army Education Service
Lae Base Sub Area
2 Mar 44.

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR WEEK ENDING 2 MAR 44

DAY	UNIT	SUBJECT	APPROX ATTEND
Fri 25 Feb	38 Aust Rep Coy	Aust a Nation	120
	9 L of C Stationery	Commandos	15
	10 Aust Fd Amb	Aust a Nation	35
Sat 26 Feb	1 Aust AED	News Commentary	1500
	3 Aust Air Maint)		
	4 Aust Wd Bakery)	Cancelled	
	Lae Fortress workshops	Commandos	120
Sun 27 Feb	AACS	Lines of Communication	40
	114 Bde Workshops	Commandos	100
	52 Fl BXPOD	Aust a Nation	25
	2/1 Aust MEC	News Commentary	60
	D Coy 15 Inf Bn	News Commentary	50
Mon 28 Feb	151 AGT	The Present Strength of Japan	55
	HQ LBSA	Aust a Nation	30
Tues 29 Feb	111 CCS	(4 News Lecturettes)	60
	111 CCS	Tanaka Memorial	60
	2/3 Camp AA Workshop)		
	82 S/L Workshop)	France	35
Wed 1 Mar	19 Sup Depot Bty	Cancelled	
	8 Sta 73 S/L Bty	War in the Pacific	15
	5 Sta " " "	" " " "	20
	5 Aust CRE (Workn)	Czechoslovakia	20
	2/6 AA A Tp.	Commandos	30
	11 Aust Water Tpt	Pacific L of C	30
	151 AGT R Fl	" " " "	20
	312 Aust LAD	Tanaka Memorial	10
Thurs 2 Mar	3 Sites 73 S/L Bty	Cancelled	
	BHQ 73 S/L bty	Aust a Nation	35
	103 FAD	Tanaka Memorial	100
	133 AGT	Some Economic Problems	180
			2745

Topics Planned For Next Week :- News Commentaries, Wider Powers Bill, Australia a Nation, Europe 1944, USSR.

New Units Talks have been arranged for 43 FOD, 19 L of C Sigs.

News Sheet A 150 copies are distributed daily to units throughout the area.

Libraries Books have been supplied to A Tp 2/6 Hy AA Regt, 43 FOD, AACS.

Correspondence Courses 16 Applications for courses were forwarded from this HQ.

New Centre The structure has been completed and staff are moving in on Sat 4 Mar AD Education NGF visited the area on Tues, inspected the work being done and advised of new developments.

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LAE BASE SUB AREA ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

by

BRIGADIER I. G. FULLARTON, M.C. COMMANDING LAE BASE SUB AREA.

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA

Serial No. 12. 4 Mar 44.

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH.

G.245 CAMERAS AND CONTROL OF PHOTOGRAPHY.

1. Pursuant to para 4 of GRO G18/44, all ranks under command LAE Base Sub Area are permitted to possess and use cameras for unofficial purposes.

2. A member will not, except in the performance of his military duties, make any photograph which:-

(a) if intercepted by the enemy, might be of value to him; or

(b) might adversely affect morale;

and in particular will not photograph any of the following:-

(a) any article of naval, military or air force equipment other than one which is of general issue for the use of members of the forces or other than one photographs of which have been widely published in the press; or

(b) any aircraft, tank, ship, or barge; or

(c) any airfield, supply dump, gun emplacement or defence work; or

(d) any port, harbour, wharf, docks or jetty; or

(e) any prisoners of war or enemy equipment.

3. Except for authorised official purposes, a member will not have in his possession or use any materials used for the processing or printing of films.

4. A member will not process or print a film taken for unofficial purposes.

5. Prompt disciplinary action will be taken for any breach of this order.

6. Published hereunder for general information is list of photographers approved by HQ L of C Area for the purposes of para 8 of the above GRO. This list of approved photographers will be published in unit Routine Orders.

LIST OF APPROVED PHOTOGRAPHERS.

Queensland L of C Area

Brisbane S.A. Best Pty Ltd Gipps St Valley

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Brisbane	Cramond Radio Mfg Coy	8 Queen Street
	E.F. Doyle, Camera Trading Coy	Adelaide Street
	H.B. Green & Co	130 Queen Street
	T.B. Harte	McGrath St Toowong
	Kodak (Aust) Pty Ltd	250-252 Queen St.
	Thiel Studio Pty Ltd	234 Queen Street
	Auto Studios	219 Adelaide St.
Warwick	J. Armitstead	Chemist
	N.L. Topping	Chemist, Palmerin St.
Maleny	D.J. Barker	Chemist
Rockhampton	Mrs. A.M. Byriel	15 Fitzroy St.
	Kodak (Aust) Pty Ltd	East Street
	Studios Pty Ltd	Cnr East & Fitzroy St.
	C.W. Mills	Emu Park
Ipswich	Cribb & Foote Ltd	Merchants
	Jock Thompson Studio	Ellenborough Street
Kilcoy	J. Chapman	Newsagent, Box 86
Bundaberg	Cunningham Studios	126 Bourbong Street
	Chippindall Pharmacy	Bourbong Street
Murgon	L.P.F. Collet	McAlister Street
	V.G. Tickle	Chemist
	T.E. Whitton	Newsagent
Redcliffe	Darragh's Pharmacies	Esplanade
Southport	Allan Ellis	Chemist, Nerang Street
Toowoomba	K.W. Graham	384 Ruthven Street
	R.W. Harmer "Chronicle" Arcade	Margaret Street
	Kodak (Aust) Pty Ltd	Ruthven Street
Emerald	J.F. Goggin	Chemist
Mackay	Holycakes Pharmacies	
Kingaroy	J.G. Johnston	Chemist, Box 38
Townsville	Kodak (Aust) Pty Ltd	Flinders Street
Cairns	Kodak (Aust) Pty Ltd	Abbott Street
Gladstone	H.D. Knudsen	Box 106
Caboolture	J.E.H. Millar	Chemist, King Street
Nanango	E.C. Hannaford	
Maryborough	Campbell Portrait Studios	Kent Street
Esk	W.R. Dodds	Chemist
Gympie	Murray Studios	
	Glady McD. Elliott	Chemist
Charters Towers	C. Griffiths	Chemist
	A. Wadley	Chemist

and all Kodak Agents.

New South Wales L of C Area

Sydney	Kodak (A/sia) Pty Ltd	379 George Street
	Harringtons Pty Ltd	386 George Street
	Edward Mattsson	124 Pitt Street
	W.H. Butcher	227 George Street
Broadway	"Seltax," Pty Ltd	7 Knox Street
Penshurst	H. Pimrock	61 Inverness Avenue
Bexley	W.J. Warton	4 Mimosa Street
Mosman	William Moase	28 Parriwi Road
Chatswood	Highes Film Depot	384 Victoria Avenue
Newcastle	Kodak (A/sia) Pty Ltd	
Katoomba	Harringtons Pty Ltd	
Wollongong	McAndrew Service Coy	180 Crown Street
	L. Rothman	259 Crown Street
West Maitland	E.T. Jakeman	452 High Street
	James F. Lucey	7 Victoria Street
Hay	G.H. Japp	Lachlan Street
Penrith	Stanley A. Smith	383 High Street
Tamworth	A.J. Cohen	394 Peel Street
Bathurst	A.G. Howlett	179 George Street
	F.R. Smith	35 Rocket Street

Grafton	N.S. Fabian	28 Olive St.
	R.N. Cutler	Prince St.
Dubbo	Vincent Photo Studio	Talbragar Street
Byron Bay	E.W. Hatfield	Box 6
Lismore	J.R. Allen	94 Molesworth Street
Mullumbimby	R.E. Budd	Chemist
Camden	C.M. Clark	Chemist, 90 Argyle St.
Cowra	Pardey Bros Studios	
Campbelltown	R. Venees	Chemist, 159 Queen St.

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No. 6 (Albury) L of C Sub Area

Albury	Gissing & Donnison	Dean Street
Bonalla	Saye, Geo	Chemist
Euroa	Sullivan T.G.	Binney Street
Kyabram	McLean, O.E.	Allen Street
Nagambie	Shaw, A.	Marie Street
Myrtleford	Sharp, M.L.	Clyde Street
Rushworth	Clyne, C.E.	High Street
Seymour	Meredith, Henry	Station Street
Shepparton	Ghent, S.H.	182 Wyndham Street
Tatura	Lapcare, T.L.	Hogan Street
Wangaratta	Campbell, T.W.	70 Murphy Street
	McDonald, A.B.	35 Reid Street

No. 7 (Melbourne) L of C Sub Area

Bairnsdale	McLeod, Miss M.C.	Photographer, 154 Main St
	Bulliot, H.	Photographer, Lakes Ent.
Caulfield	Record Photographic Service	134 Dandenong Road
Dandenong	Clark, R.	Photographer
	Finlayson, A.G.	Chemist, 275 Lonsdale St
Melbourne	Kodak Pty Ltd	252 Collins Street
Sale	Shellow, C.F.	Chemist, Raymond Street
	Robinson, J.B.	Chemist
Warragul	Prinn, Frank	Photographer, Victoria St.
	Evans, David	Chemist
	Shannon, J.F.	Chemist, Queen Street.

No. 8 (Ballarat) L of C Sub Area

Ballarat	Kodak	406 Sturt Street
	Goar's Pharmacy	100 Sturt Street
	Gommola, V.	217 Sturt Street
	Taylor & Taylor	105 Sturt Street
Bendigo	Day, W.D.	213 Mitchell Street
	Kalma Studios	Pall Mall
	Vincent Kelly	311 Williamson Street
Colac	Ray's Pharmacy	[illegible] Street
	Richards A.T.	Murray Street
Deniliquin	McKenzie	Photographer, Napier St.
Echuca	Parkinson Pharmacy	Hare Street
Geelong	Bull & Owen	113 Moorabool Street
	Donald, B.M.	147 Ryrie Street
	Potter, H.L.S.	90 Ryrie Street
Hamilton	Robson, S.G.	Gray Street
	St. K. Uren, F.	Gray Street
Horsham	McMullin, R. & Co	98 Firebrace Street
	Peacocks Pharmacy	67 Firebrace Street
Lorne	Hughes, H.	Chemist
Mildura	Blockett's Pharmacy	Eight Street
	Jenkins Pharmacy	Deakin Avenue

WA L of C Area

	Kodaks Pty Ltd and their agents	
	Tilley's Ltd and their agents	
Albany	Jeff Coles	Stubb Terrace
Banbury	G.S. Cox	Williams Street
	M.J. Thomas	116 Victoria Str.

SA L of C Area

Adelaide	Kodak (Aust) Pty Ltd	37 Rundle Street
	Photographic Supplies Ltd	Laubman & Plank Bldg 62-62a Gawler Place
	Laubman & Pank Ltd	62 Gawler Place
	Kenneth C. Crane	2 James Place

G.246 CENSORSHIP.

1. Attention of all ranks is directed to RO G230 issued separately with ROs on 19 Feb, particularly paras 5, 6 & 7 which deal with parcels and telegrams.

2. An examination of parcels and telegrams has proved that insufficient attention is paid to these regulations and strong disciplinary action will be taken against personnel, disobeying these instructions as well as well as franking officers who fail to detect irregularities.

3. Units will ensure that all ranks receive instruction in these provisions and this RO will be repeated in all unit Routine Orders.

G.247 CHANGE OF DESIGNATION - AUST FD BAKERIES AASC.

1. It is notified that all units at present designated "Aust Fd Bakeries AASC" will be designated "Aust Fd Baking Coys"

G.248 DECLARED RANGE AREA.

1. RO 214 of 19 Feb 44 is amended as follows:-

(a) (a) Para 2 line 1 :- Before "weapons" insert "Infantry"

(b) Para 2 line 2 :- After "River" insert "Weapons will NOT be sited WEST of line running parallel to and 200 yds EAST of BUSU Road."

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S BRANCH.

A.249 RECORD OF SERVICE BOOK (AAB 83) - RECORD OF TROPICAL DISEASE

1. Attention is drawn to NGF RO A43, repeated hereunder.

1. LHQ has directed that malaria is the only disease which will at present be recorded on page 19 of Record of Service Books (AAB 83) under the heading of "Record of Malaria and Tropical Diseases."

2. This direction will be observed when entries are made in Record of Service Books.

A.250 CMF UNITS - CLASSIFICATION AS AIF UNITS.

1. Attention is drawn to NGF RO A44, repeated hereunder.

1. A CMF unit which having attained the standard laid down by para 1 of GRO A838/1943 is eligible to be classified as an AIF unit will make application direct to Qld L of C Area Records Office for a certificate for the purposes of para 3 of that GRO.

2. When such certificate is received, the unit will forward its application to be classified as an AIF unit, together with the certificate, to HQ NGF through normal staff channels.

A.251 WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTION.

1. Attention is drawn to GRO A.55 and units are requested to make available facilities referred to therein.

A.252 RECREATIONAL LEAVE - TASMANIA.

1. In order to overcome transport difficulties that have arisen, a service plane has been made available to facilitate movement to and from Tasmania of personnel who have proceeded to, or are proceeding to, that State.

2. Where this facility does not wholly meet transport requirements the following procedure will be adopted :-

(a) Personnel in Melbourne awaiting movement to Tasmania will be made available for temporary duty under instructions from HQ Vic L of C Area until they can be on moved;

(b) Personnel in Tasmania whose leave has expired will be granted further leave to the full credit of any accumulated leave entitlement, but where no such accumulated entitlement exists they will be made available for temporary duty under instructions from HQ Tas L of C Area until they can be returned to the mainland.

A.253 MARRIAGE OF MEMBERS OF THE AMF IN NEW GUINEA.

1. LAE Base Sub Area RO.185 is cancelled.

2. A member of the Australian Military Forces in Papua or New Guinea desiring to marry in either of these Territories will inform his or her CO not less than seven days beforehand of :-

(a) His or her intention to marry;

(b) The porposed date and place of the ceremony; and

(c) The rank, name and unit (if any) of the other party to the marriage.

3. The provisions of GRO A394/43 apply to the celebration of marriages within the bounds of any military camp or military establishment.

If it is proposed to permit the celebration of a marriage in any such camp or military establishment, the C.O. of same will transmit the required particulars through the normal channels, and will request the consent of the appropriate authority.

Comd HQ LAE Base Sub Area is authorised to give the consent required by GRO A394/43 for the celebration of a marriage

of a member in a church, chapel or religious centre of a unit in his Base Sub Area.

4. A member of the Australian Army Chaplains' Dept duly authorised to celebrate marriages in the Territories of PAPUA or NEW GUINEA, should ensure, when asked to perform a marriage to which a member of the AMF is a party, that all the requirements of this Order have been complied with.

A.254 TRANSPORT OF PERSONNEL BY MT.

1. Attention is again directed to LAE Base Sub Area RO A.94.

2. Officers or NCOs in charge of working parties being transported by MT will be held responsible for any breach of the abovementioned order, and disciplinary action will be taken accordingly.

A.255 MEDALS - AFRICA STAR - PHILANTHROPIC REPRESENTATIVES.

1. Further to LAE Base Sub Area RO A.202 it is directed that representatives with officer status of recognised Army philanthropic organisations are eligible for the Africa Star if they have the qualifying service prescribed by GRO A.30/44.

A.256 OFFENCES.

1. In the case of offences of a serious nature (i.e. stealing etc.) unless there is a very clear evidence against the accused; before he is placed under arrest or charged the DAPM this HQ will be consulted.

A.257 MINUTE OF PUBLICATION.

1. An F.G.C.M. convened by Brig I. G. FULLARTON, Commander LAE Base Sub Area was held at HQ LAE Base Sub Area on 1 Mar 44 for the trial of :-

N266812 Pte George Ernest CAMPBELL of 22 Aust Emp Coy.

2. The accused was charged with W.O.A.S. ABSENTING HIMSELF WITHOUT LEAVE A.A. Sec 15 (1).

3. The Court found the accused guilty of the charge and sentenced him to be fined the sum of TWENTY POUNDS (£20/-/-)

4. The accused was 71 days in close arrest awaiting trial, of which 14 days were spent in hospital. The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 2 Mar 44 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 3 Mar 44.

A.258 MINUTE OF PUBLICATION.

1. An F.G.C.M. convened by Brig I. G. FULLARTON, Commanding LAE Base Sub Area was held at the HQ LAE Base Sub Area on 1 Mar 44 for the trial of :-

VX109090 Lieut Stewart William Parton GINN, HQ LAE Base Sub Area.

2. The accused was charged with W.O.A.S. NEGLECT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE AA Sec 40.

3. The Court found the accused guilty of the charge and sentenced him to be reprimanded.

4. The accused was not in custody awaiting trial. The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 2 Mar 44 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 3 Mar 44.

Q.260 POL - ACCOUNTING BY UNITS.

1. It is noted that some units are forwarding to ADST a monthly "POL STATEMENT". This return is NOT required as the information should be recorded on the back of AAF G.6.

Q.261 USE OF MT (Further to Q47).

1. Greater care is required in the use and completion of daily work tickets (AAF G2). The driver will obtain a signature signing off vehicle for each individual task undertaken.

Q.262 TRUCK 3 TON 4 x 4 - ENGAGING LOW RATIO DRIVE.

1. All drivers of 3 ton 4 x 4 trucks when engaging the low ratio drive will do so only when the vehicle is stationary. Damage to sliding gears is caused if this is not done.

Q.263 LIAISON OFFICER HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA.

1. As from 1200 hrs 3 Mar 44, OC Aust Port Detachment will take over area Ref Map IAE 1/25000 701401 previously in use as (Engineer Transit Dump) and will be known as "Liaison Officer HQ LAE Base Sub Area."

Q.264 ENGINEER STORES.

1. No stores will be drawn from the Busu Road Engineer Dump after 1530 hrs daily. Applications for stores will not be made after this hour except for urgent operational requirements.

Q.265 NATIVE LABOUR.

1. Units to whom native working parties are allotted will supply a unit guide at Malahang Strip at 0715 hrs.

2. Para 3 Base RO Q20 is cancelled. Units will use their own vehicles to transport natives to and from their tasks. Natives are to finish work at 1700 hrs and be allowed one hour for lunch.

Q.266 MONTHLY CENSUS OF SMALL CRAFT.

1. Powered dinghies will be included in census return. Unpowered dinghies will not be shown.

Q.267 MONTHLY CENSUS OF MT.

1. All units will submit in duplicate with each monthly census Pro-Forma as under:

Army No.	Engine No.	Make	Serial	Model	Year of Mftr	Tyr Si

2. The first of two copies E5-9A which are submitted, will always be the Original. The practice of submitting only duplicate copies will cease.

3. Amendments for Master Card, Schedule "M" are available upon application to ADOS Office.

Q.268 MONTHLY TENTAGE RETURN.

1. LAE Base Sub Area RO Q.17 is repeated for the benefit of units recently arrived in the area.

2. Units will submit through normal channels to reach this Headquarters on the 28th of each month, a return showing all tentage held as at the 25th day of each month.

3. Return will be in form set out below.

FORMATION OR UNIT.....

TENTAGE RETURN AS AT 25.....44.

Type of Tent	Total on hand	Condition of Tents			
		"A" (good)	"B" (fair)	"C" (poor)	"D" (unserviceable)
@ 12 x 14 oblong Inners					
Flys					
@ 1P 180 lb Inners					
Flys					
@ RD Large					
US Pattern (Pyramid)					
@ EPIP					
Stores 50 x 20					
Marquee GS single					
Marquee GS single					
Hospital extending					
Shelter (2 man)					
Bivouac (lightweight)					
Auto impressed (quote type)					
Miscellaneous (quote details)					
TOTALS					

.....(signature of CO or Comd)

@ Accommodation tents may be recognised as follows:-

12 x 14 oblong - Small Fly. Two upright poles.
1B 180 lb - Large Fly. Three upright poles.
RD Large - Fly inside tent. Four windows.
EPIP - Heavy fabric. Four walls 4 ft 6 in height.

Q.269 WASHING OF VEHICLES - BUTIBUM RIVER.

1. Vehicles will NOT be washed in river above BUTIBUM Bridge owing to fouling of water point.

2. Strong disciplinary action will be taken for breaches of this order.

(O. A. KESSELS) Lt-Col.

NOTICES.

COMFORTS ISSUE.

1. An issue of comforts to units under comd HQ LAE Base Sub Area will be available at A.C.F. Depot LAE from Tues 7 Mar 44. Ration states must be submitted with each requisition. Seven items may be drawn and units will please indicate their requirements from the following list :-

(a) Writing paper
(b) Envelopes
(c) Tobacco
(d) Cigarette papers
(e) Laundry soap
(f) Tooth paste
(g) Chewing gum
(h) Packet razor blades.

2. Limited quantities of cigarettes, pipe tobacco, toilet soap and chocolate are also held.

3. It is essential that units bring containers.

FOUND.

1. One brown spectacle case containing two pairs of spectacles

2. One brown wallet containing £2-10-0 in notes, varied snaps and on the back of one is written, "Johnny & Frank with the beer. Juin's two employers." Both the above are held by DAPM LAE Base Sub Area.

LOST.

1. Camera Kodak Retina 11 No. 5470642 Lens Xenon F2 5 cm No. 1200311. Camera was lost between 1630 hrs and 1730 hrs on 2 Feb 44 from Motor Truck 31A, probably between ANGAU Compound and ANGAU HQ. Finder will hand in to DAPM HQ LAE Base Sub Area.

CINEMA CIRCUITS FOR WEEK ENDING 12 MARCH 1944.

	MOBILE CINEMA NO. 82	MOBILE CINEMA NO. 77
Monday:-	Corner Bumbu-Busu Road	104 Workshops
Tuesday:-	MADZAB	HQ 2 Aust Corps
Wednesday:-	2/7 AGH	HQ 29 Bde
Thursday:-	151 AGT Coy	The Wreck
Friday:-	104 Workshops	Corner Bumbu-Busu Rd
Saturday:-	HQ 29 Bde	2/7 AGH
Sunday:-	HQ 2 Aust Corps	111 CCS.

Mobile Cinema No. 82 featuring LANA TURNER and ROBERT TAYLOR In "SLIGHTLY DANGEROUS."

Mobile Cinema No. 77 featuring "KENTUCKY MOONSHINE."

CHURCH NOTICES

0900 Church Service YMCA Hut BUSU Road

1830 Church Service YMCA Hut BUSU Road.

1830 RC Mass Mission Church HQ LAE Base Sub Area.

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HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA
5 March 44

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA - ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION No. A/8.

SECONDMENT OF OFFICERS TO AIF

Owing to the number of GRO's and amendments on the above subject the following information is a consolidation of the undermentioned GRO's amplified for action in this sub area.

GRO's 168/42
470/42
155/43
198/43
351/43
409/43
622/43.

PMF and CMF ENLISTMENT IN AIF

1. Officers of the PMF and CMF who volunteer for service with the AIF will be accepted as such provided they are not over the upper age limit (as defined in para 3 below) for the substantive or temporary rank held by them at the date they apply for an AIF army number by competing AAF.A200, are passed by a medical board as medically fit Class A1 or A2, and are considered by their formation etc. commander as suitable in all respects for the performance under active service conditions, of the duties of their appointment or proposed appointment .....(GRO.351/43).

2.(a) The application will be submitted by the officer concerned to his CO who will have A.200, D.1 and W.3010 completed and will forward the application and these documents to this headquarters. If D.1 is NOT available RMO will endorse A.200 with medical classification and date of examination, and CO will state in his covering memo why D1 is NOT available for submission.

(b) One copy of form W.3010 will be submitted with the application and A.200 and D1 and will bear the following certificate immediately below the entry:

"The undermentioned officer having volunteered for service in the AIF has been classified medically fit (Class A1) and has completed AAF.A200, is transferred to AIF".

and will bear the signature of the commanding officer, immediately underneath with his rank and appointment.

The commanding officer will sign again in the space provided in the lower left hand corner of the form W.3010.

(c) Section C, referring to the oath of enlistment on the form A.200 in the case of officers desiring secondment to AIF, need NOT be filled in.

3. The upper age limits for the respective ranks will be as follows :-

Lieutenant	30	Must not have attained his 31st birthday.
Captain	35	Must not have attained his 36th birthday
Major	40	Must not have attained his 41st birthday
Lieutenant-Colonel.....	45	Must not have attained his 46th birthday
Colonel and higher.....		No upper age limit prescribed.

.....(GRO.351/43)

(a) Provided, however, that the commander of an army, corps, division or other formation etc. or of an L of C Area may recommend to LHQ that an Officer whose age exceeds the upper age limit for his rank be accepted for service with the AIF, if he has professional or technical qualifications which make his appointment to or retention in an AIF unit desirable or which are such that he may be required to serve beyond the territorial limits within which a member of the CMF may be required to serve.

If such a recommendation is accepted by LHQ, the officer concerned will be deemed to be within the upper age limit for his rank .....(GRO.622/43)

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(b) To enable Comd LAE BASE SUB AREA to make this recommendation in the case of overage officers, the following certificate will be supplied by the unit of the officer making the application for secondment to AIF and will be signed by CO and forwarded to this headquarters with A.200 D1 and W.3010 :-

"It is considered that, although..... is above the age limit required for his rank, he appears to be physically able to perform his duties and in view of his professional technical qualifications (he is .....), and as he is conducting his duties with his unit in an efficient manner, it is most desirable that his services be made available beyond the territorial limits of the CMF".

(c) It is stressed that full particulars of technical and professional qualifications will be clearly shown, as these are the basis on which the application will be considered.

(d) Attention is drawn to para 2 (a) and (b) above.

4. Officers who satisfy the abovementioned conditions will be allotted AIF army numbers in accordance with sub para (e) below (as amended by GRO A345/1942) and, on receipt by LHQ of the unit routine orders, Part II, issued by L of C Area Records Offices, action will be taken to gazette the secondments of such officers to AIF .....(GRO 351/43).

5. Officers who have already been allotted AIF numbers are divided, for the purposes of this adm instruction, into two groups, viz :-

<u>Group I</u> - Those whose ages were under the upper limits for the ranks held by them either on the date of allotment of such numbers or on 28th May, 1943.

<u>Group II</u> - Those whose ages were over the upper limits for the ranks held by them on the date of allotment of such numbers .....(GRO.409/43).

6. Officers belonging to Group I will be seconded to the AIF. Action to effect such secondments is now being taken .....(GRO.409/43).

7. Officers belonging to Group II will retain their allotted AIF numbers and may

(a) continue to wear the badge 'Australia' on their shoulder straps and the battle-grey background to their CMF colour patches. Nevertheless, no action will be taken at present to second to the AIF any officer belonging to this group. Lists of the names of such officers will be forwarded to formations by the Military Secretary. On receipt of such lists, the cases will be reconsidered by formation commanders who will resubmit such cases as they consider merit approval for secondment, together with a certificate that the officers now recommended are suitable in all respects for the performance under active service conditions of the duties of their rank in the AIF. If a formation commander is not prepared to certify as to the suitability of an officer, who, since the date of allotment to him of an AIF number, has served in the Mandated Territory of New Guinea and/or the Territory of Papua, the matter, together with particulars of such service, will be forwarded to LHQ for decision .....(GRO 409/43).

(b) When such lists or schedules are received by this headquarters they will be forwarded to the unit concerned for completion and return. Should the unit discover any discrepancies in the officer's particulars in the schedule the authority for the alteration must be quoted.

(c) The certificate required in para 3 (b) will be supplied by the CO and forwarded to this headquarters with the completed schedule.

<u>TERMINATION OF SECONDMENTS OR APPOINTMENTS TO AIF.</u>

8.(a) Officers of the AIF posted for duty with other than AIF units or establishments on and after 19th February, 1942, will remain officers of the AIF.

Provided that this order shall not apply to any member of the AIF who had prior to the date of this order been granted a pension by the Repatriation Commission .....(GRO.470/42).

(b) The termination of appointments in the AIF of officers posted prior to 19th February,1942, to other than AIF units or establishments will not be cancelled but they may regain their AIF status in accordance with GRO.A.168/1942.

Officers who have had an AIF number will be given their old AIF number on regaining their AIF status.....(GRO.470/42).

J. Deeley LT-COL
AA & QMG LAE BASE SUB AREA

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 3 /1944 HQ IAF BSA (Unit)

W.E. 27 / 86 / 2 OFFRS. 47 O.R's 205 + OFFRS. - O.R's 12 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	W.E.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfs. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.			Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfs. Required.
		1	3	W.Os. Class I.	2					
		2	12	W.Os. Class II.	10	AACC WO1	1	1		
			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	1	AACC Sgt	1 3	2		
		4	11	Staff Sergeants	7	AACC C pl	2	1		
N/R	2	3	23	Sergeants	22	AACC pte	7 7	-		
		6	41	Corporals	35	AAPOMCDL	1 1	-		
N/R	9	-	120	Troopers, Privates, etc.	125	AAPC Sgt	1 -		1	N/R
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
•	11	15	211 •	Totals of cols. marked • should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.			11 14	4	1	•

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in Para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

• • Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	• •	TOTAL
	A	B									
A	132	34	34	25							225
B(1)											
B(2)											

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	3 A.A.K.		
1	3 Inst BSA		
1	47 Bn 29 Bde		
1	233 A.G.T.		
7	Amenities		
1	39 Supply Coy		
1	4 S.A.T.		
13			

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
2	1 A.A.R.D.		
2	A.D.C.S.		
1	3 A.A.K.		
4	T/MAJ WADZAR		
1	103 F.A.D.		
1	F/WORKSHOPS		
1	19 L at O Stgn		
1	11 Water Tpt		
1	43 F.O.D.		
1	10 A Groups Hog.		
1	5 A C.R.E.		
16			

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

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

OFFICERS OUTTED DURING WEEK (Con)

XX108001	LIEUT	KEFT	J.H.	1 A G REGP Cp	4-3-44	TRANSFER
XX100438	CAPT	WATLING	J.J.	HQ E.S.F.	28-2-44	R.T.U.
VX 39264	MAJOR	LEVENS	D.J.	2/5 Dental Un	26-2-44	R.T.U.
VX 31668	LIEUT	CHAPMAN	J.L.	133 A.G.T.Coy	29-2-44	R.T.U.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 3 / 194 HQ LAE BSA (Unit)

W.E. IV 80 / 2 . OFFRS. 47 O.R's. 206 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 21 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.		ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.			Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
	-	-	1	BRIG.	1					
	3	-	2	Lieut.-Colonels	5					
	3	-	12	Majors	15					
	9	-	11	Captains	18					
	-	-	6	Lieutenants	6					
				Quarter-masters						
	2	-	1	A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S Offrs. CIVILIAN STAFF Civilians Counting as Offrs.	2					
	14	-	33		47					

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL.		A.I.F.	O.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A.		31	2								33
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 16 N.Z. Forces

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX48758	MAJOR	JARVIS R.I.	2/7 A.G.H.	26/2/44	off "X" list
NX12442	MAJOR	BOWEN C.J.	2/9 A.G.H.	2/3/44	off "X" list

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX 9419	CAPT	LOWE E.B.	2/7 A.G.H.	26/2/44	"X" list
NX 4543	CAPT	BURGOYNE H.V.	2/9 A.G.H.	26/2/44	
VX108341	CAPT	WALKER H.W.	223 A Gen Depot	28/2/44	Reported
NX106921	CAPT	LINTON J.F.	180 Bde. Sig.	2-3-44	"X" list Sydney
SX 14196	CAPTAIN	SMITH C.W.	2/9 A.G.H.	26/2/44	"X" list

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
BRIG	NX140112	DU MOULIN	J.G.	COMDT	YES		
LT-COL	NX 9673	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
LT-COL	NX 439	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	NO	LEAVE	
MAJOR	NX 12439	BOTTY	[illegible]	[illegible]	NO	LEAVE	
MAJOR	NX 3469	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	YES		
MAJOR	NX 6725	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
MAJOR	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
MAJOR	NX [illegible]	STONE	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
MAJOR	NX [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
MAJOR	NX [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
MAJOR	NX 42[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
MAJOR	NX [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
MAJOR	NX 12442	BOWEN	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
MAJOR	NX 4[illegible]	DAVIS	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
CAPT/MAJOR	NX 12457	[illegible]	J.C.	[illegible]	"		
CAPT	NX 35769	KING	[illegible]	[illegible]	NO	LEAVE	
CAPT	NX [illegible]	[illegible]	R.B.	[illegible]	YES		
CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	NO	LEAVE	
CAPT	NX 10[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	YES		
CAPT	NX 5[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
CAPT	VX [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
CAPT	[illegible] 40[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
CAPT	VX[illegible]	[illegible]	V.[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
LT-COL/CAPT	VX[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	NO	LEAVE	
[illegible]	NX 21[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	YES		
LT-COL FT	NX 6213	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	NX 21[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	YES		
[illegible]	NX[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	NO	VSO POINT	
[illegible]	NX 20[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	YES		
[illegible]	VX[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
[illegible]	NX[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
[illegible]	NX[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"		
CAPTAIN	NX132875	[illegible]	A.		"		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT	NX145995	HILSON J.G.	6/2 OFF	27-12-43	
[illegible]	NX 2058	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	VX 6[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	NX124500	[illegible]	ADOS HQ	[illegible]	
CAPT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
CAPT	NX[illegible]13	[illegible]	151 AGT	[illegible]	

4 Mar 44
Date of Despatch

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Signature of Commander
(R.T. Johnstone) Act/CAMP COMDT.

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NO LAE BASE SUB AREA ..... Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 4 /3 /194 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reqd. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reqd. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reqd. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reqd. Required.
Ammunition Examiners	1	1	-	Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				O.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Stat. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen	2	2	-	Bakers				Telescope Identin. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Cond's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator								BOQ	2	2	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								C.S.M.	1	1	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								C.Q.M.S.	1	1	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Storemen	3	3	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				ACCOMMODATION NON-TRADESMEN			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Hqs. Dump	12	10	2 H/R
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				ASC	2	2	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	75	79	(4)	Dvr H.T.	41	41	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Water Duty	2	2	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Batman	27	27	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Cooks Trainees				Orderlies	25	25	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Jointers				Concreters				Gun Duty	11	14	(3)
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Hyg Duty	2	2	
Mechanics, Typewriter	1	1	-	Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAPC	1	-	1 H/R
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AA POSTAL	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	5	5		AACC	9	13	(4)
Pharmacist				Mechanics				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, H.T.				Entrée Hands, I.C.							
Photovitor				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	3	-	CARRIED FORWARD	3	3	-	CARRIED FORWARD	85	87	(4)	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	227*	225*	(8)

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reqds. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

4 Apr 44
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander.
(R. W. JOHNSTONE) A/CAMP COMDT.

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SURPLUS TO UE.

NO	RK	NAME		AGE	M.C.	PRESENT DUTIES	UAL & REC POST.	PRESENT WHEREABOUTS IF AWAY FROM UNIT.
QX 36300	WO 1	Wilson	B.J.	25	A1	Chief Clerk	WO 1 CLERK	-
VX124697	WO11	Dunn	H.J.		A1	AACC	Act/Cat Adv-awaiting appt as Cat Officer	
VX127519	WO11	Bayliss	W.J.	43	A2	Trans.N.C.O.	WO11 CLERK C.S.M.	
Q 36043	WO11	Prosneill	F.J.	31	B	Gen. Duties	WO11 Gen Duties	ON LEAVE - AUSTRALIA.
V 4045	S/SGT	McCorkell	h/h	41	A2	CLERK	AAPC CLERK	
VX121257	S/Sgt	TAYLOR	J.W.	40	A1	Clerk	AAPC CLERK	Det Port Detachment
VX116937	S/Sgt	Walsh	L.	25	A1	Clerk	AAPC CLERK	Det Port Detachment
VX126091	S/Sgt	Montgomerie	H.J.	24	A1	Clerk	AAOC AUDIT SECTION	" 3 A.M.M.
QX 19250	Sgt	Willis	L.H.W.	44	B	Clerk	Sgt CLERK P.M.S.	"X" list Hosp - leave
SX 21699	Sgt	Harding	R.H.	26	A2	Clerk	AAMC CLERK	
SX 16289	Sgt	Mullins	F.J.	33	A1	Gen/Duty	General Duty N.C.O.	on leave - AUSTRALI
SX 25600	Sgt	Carmody	M.M.	26	A2	Driver M.T.	Transport Sgt.	
V 70173	Cpl	Elliott	R.L.	26	A2	Gen. Duty	General Duty N.C.O.	
VX127416	Cpl	Waddle	N.G.	33	A2	Clerk - Cpl	CLERK	
V506394	Cpl	Howell	J.	31	B	Driver M.T.	TRANSPORT N.C.O.	
VX119425	Cpl	McDonald	G.A.	30	A1	Gen. Duty	GENERAL DUTY N.C.O.	Det YMCA - DRIVER
QX 2558	Cpl	Hirst	G.E.	37	B	Gen Duty	GENERAL DUTY N.C.O.	"X" list - HOSPITAL
VX 134941	Cpl	Barclay	A.W.	23	A1	Dvr M.T.	TRANSPORT N.C.O.	
VX 64848	Cpl	Weller	E.H.	31	A1	Dvr M.T.	TRANSPORT N.C.O.	on leave - AUSTRALIA
WX 89091	Sgt	Macknway	J.G.	30	B	Cook	SGT. COOK	Det 10 A Graves Reg.
SX 20405	Sgt	Rowe	R.N.	28	A1	Cook	Sgt. COOK	Det Fort/Workshops
[illegible] 13341	Cpl	Puntor	[illegible].J.	28	A1	Cook	CPL. COOK	on leave - AUSTRALIA.

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WEEKLY FIELD STATE AS AT 0600 hrs 4 Mar 44

POSTED STRENGTH	382 x 7466
ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.	16 x 422
ATTACHED NOT ALLOWED BY W.E.	35 x 397
TOTAL TROOPS IN AREA UNDER COMMAND	433 x 8285
UNITS UNDER COMMAND	87
UNITS M/I	5

INCREASE OF 5 UNITS DECREASE of 11 Offrs INCREASE of 146 O/Rs

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Subject:- LAE BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT

AS AT 2359 HRS 6 MAR 44.

Headquarters,
LAE Base Sub Area,
7 Mar 44.
G 1246.

1. Herewith LAE Base, Sub Area Location Statement No.11 as at 2359 hrs 6 Mar 44.

2. It is requested please that previous copies of Location Statement be destroyed.

3. Please acknowledge receipt on form provided below.

Major.
(H.D.FERGUSON)
G.S LAE BASE SUB AREA

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5 Aust CRE Wks	4-5	AA & QMG	26
19 L of C Sigs	6	'A'	27-28
30 Aust FSS(AIF)	7	Chaplain	29
Frt Wkshop LAE	8	Legal	30
Aust Adv Post Office	9	Medical	31
4 Aust L of C Postal Unit	10	Dental	32
Canteens LAE	11	Provost	33-34
1 Aust ARD	12	Amenities	35
1 Aust Corps Reception Camp	13	Education	36
NGF	14-15	'Q'	37-38
Adv 2 Aust Corps	16-17	S & T	39-40
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Subject :- LAE BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT as at 2359 hrs 6 Mar 44.

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Sig,Rank,& Appt.

.....Date

LAE BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT NO.11.

as at 2359 hrs 6 Mar 44.

Reference Maps:- 1/25000

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SERIAL	UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS
HEADQUARTERS			
1.	HQ,LAE BASE SUB AREA	708405	
2.	HQ,Town Major,NADZAB(2nd class)	423548	
3.	Det ANGAU,LAE	702408	NGF Unit
4.	Det ANGAU,NADZAB	427545	NGF Unit
5.	8 Aust Mvt Control Gp less det	695393	LHQ Unit u/c Local Adm
6.	Det 8 Aust Mvt Control Gp	409546	" " " " "
7.	ATC (Freight)	687391	
8.	ATC (Personnel)	687389	
9.	GHQ Regulating Officer	695393	
10.	LFO	702405	
11.	ESO	692391	
12.	Adv "Q" NGF,NADZAB	409546	
13.	1 Aust Comd AL Sec	GUSAP	Att 3 Air Task Force LHQ Unit
14.	21 Aust AL Sec	"	do " "
15.	43 Aust AL Sec	"	do " "
16.	4 Aust Comd AL Sec	NADZAB	SATF " "
17.	13 Aust AL Sec	"	" " " "
18.	15 Aust AL Sec	"	" " " "
19.	17 Aust AL Sec	"	" " " "
20.	25 Aust AL Sec	"	" " " "
21.	40 Aust AL Sec	"	" " " "
21A	45 Aust AL Sec	"	" " " "

SERIAL	UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS
HEADQUARTERS (cont)			
22	41 Aust AL Sec	M.DZAB	SMTF-LHT Unit
23.	42 Aust AL Sec	"	" " "
24.	44 Aust AL Sec	"	" " "
25.	S Det 1 Aust Mob Met Flt	703397	
R.A.A.			
26.	10 Aust Fd Bty, 4 Aust Fd Regt	678436	7 Aust Div Unit, U/c Local Adm
27	21 Aust Tk/A Bty	703395	
28	HQ 2/3 Aust . L Regt (Comp)(LE)	703397	
29	2/3 Aust Hvy AA Bty	691411	
30	2/9 Aust Lt AA Bty	703398	
31	HILNE MY AA Ops Room (Type B)(AIF)	703397	
32	73 Aus Mob SL Bty 1" : 1 Mile	721420	
33	"N" Aust Hvy Bty (Coast)(HE)	697394	
34	9 Aust RADAR Det (Type A)(AIF)	697394	Att "N" Aust Hvy Bty (Coast)
R.A.E.			
35	5 Aust CRE Wks	702406	
36	HQ 4 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	676442	
37	1 & 3 Pls 4 Aust Fd Coy	706480	
38	2/11 Aust Fd Coy	712430	
39	20 Aus Fd Coy less pl and det	707479	Pl M.DZAB Det BUNA
40	2 ME P. & Wkshop Pl 2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Pl	721418	
41	11 Aust Camflg Unit (AIF)	702406	
42	59 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy (AIF)	704448	MHQ Unit U/c Local Adm
43	11 Aust Water Tpt Op Coy (SE)(RAE)	713391	" " " " "
44	41 Aust Water Tpt Op Coy (LC)(RAE)	713391	" " " " "
45	Det 42 Aust Water Tpt Op Coy	713391	" " " " " Att 11 Aust Water Tpt Op Coy
46	2/2 Aust Docks Op Coy Less Det	711391	" " " " " Det FINSCHHAFEN
47	6 Aust Docks Op Coy	699411	" " " " "
48	Det 2 Aust Port Maint Coy	695394	" " " " "
49	Det 2 Aust Fd Svy Coy less det	693412	HQF " " " "

NUMBER.	UNIT.	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
SIGNALS.			
50.	HQ 19 L of C Sigs	712418 NGF Unit. U/C Local Adm.	
51	HQ 1 Coy 19 L of C Sigs	712418 " " " " "	
52	HQ 2 Coy 19 L of C Sigs	712418 " " " " "	
53	HQ 3 Coy 19 L of C Sigs	712418 " " " " "	
54	12 Aust Line Sec	712418 " " " " "	
55	18 Aust Line Sec	MORCEL	
		L.S Carrier Route " " " " "	
56	Det 18 Aust Line Sec	712418 " " " " "	
57	20 Aust Line Sec less det	712418 " " " " "	
58	Det 20 Aust Line Sec	WAU " " " " "	
59	27 Aust Line Sec less det	487554 (1/63360) " " "	
60	Det 27 Aust Line Sec	MARCHAL STRAT " " " "	
61	28 Aust Line Sec	355573 (1/35360) " " "	
62	6 Aust Line Maint Sec	SATTELBERG " " " " "	
63	7 Aust Line Maint Sec less det	430543 " " " " "	Det DULPU
64	8 Aust Line Maint Sec	SATTELBERG " " " " "	
65	17 Aust Tech Maint Sec less det	712418 " " " " "	Det MADZAB
66	16 Aust Line Maint Sec	712418 " " " " "	
67	12 Aust Tele Op Sec	712418 " " " " "	
68	18 Aust Op Sec less det	430545 " " " " "	Det DULPU
69	19 Aust Op Sec	712418 " " " " "	
70	53 Aust Tele S/board Op Sec less det	712418 " " " " "	Det FINSCHHAFEN
71	55 Aust Op Sec	FINSCHHAFEN " " " "	
72	56 Aust Op Sec	712418 " " " " "	
73	11 Aust DR Sec less det	712418 " " " " "	Dets MADZAB, WAU
74	24 Aust DR Sec	712418 " " " " "	FINSCHHAFEN
75	35 Aust W/T Sec	712418 " " " " "	
76	36 Aust W/T Sec less det	FINSCHHAFEN " " " "	
77	Det 36 Aust W/T Sec	712418 " " " " "	
78	37 Aust W/T Sec	430545 " " " " "	
79	9 Aust Cipher Sec	712418 " " " " "	
80	HQ 8 Aust Pigeon Sec	712418 " " " " "	
81	35 Aust Pigeon Sec	712418 " " " " "	

SERIAL	UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS
SIGNALS(cont)			
82.	48 Aust Pigeon Loft	712418	NGF Unit U/C Local Adm.
83.	3 Aust Frt Sig Sec less det	"	" " " " " Det WAU
84.	4 Aust Frt Sig Sec less det	"	" " " " " " "
85.	5 Aust Carrier Maint Sec	669432	" " " " "
86.	Det 55 Special Wireless Sec	712418	" " " " "
87.	2/3 Aust AA Regt(Comp) Sig Sec(LE)	703397	Att 2/3 Aust Comp AA Regt.
88.	Sub HQ NG AWW Coy	414545	NGF Unit
INTELLIGENCE.			
89.	30 Aust Fd Security Sec(AIF)	708405	LHQ UNIT
90.	Det 1 Aust Fd Consorship Coy	704406	" " U/C Local Adm.
AASC.			
91.	133 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	715431	LHQ Unit
92.	155 Aust Gen Tpt Coy less DUKW pl	722442	
93.	DUKW Pl 151 Gen Tpt Coy	711391	
94.	'B' Pl 165 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	723437	
95.	Pl 2/4 Aust MAC less det	717428	Det BUML
96.	52 Aust BIPOD Pl	680473	
97.	54 Aust BIPOD Pl	"	
98.	55 Aust BIPOD Pl	713454	
99.	6 Aust Fd Baking Pl	713420	Formerly One Pl 2 Aust Fd Bakery
100.	Det HQ 4 Aust Fd Baking Coy	704403	Formerly Det HQ 4 Aust Fd Bakery
101.	Two Pls of 4 Aust Fd Baking Coy	425549	Formerly 2 Pl 4 Aust Fd Bakery
102.	9 Aust Fd Butchery	723412	
103.	6 Aust Farm Coy	495524	
104.	HQ 39 Aust Sup Depot Coy	714424	
105.	2/162 Aust Sup Depot Pl	700402	
106.	2/163 " " " "	713425	
107.	42 Aust Sup Depot Pl	713418	

SERIAL.	UNIT.	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
...OS (Cont).			
108.	45 Aust Sup Depot Pl	714425	
109.	44 " " " "	714424	
110.	45 " " " "	"	
111.	Det 3 Aust Air Maint Coy	713432	NGF Unit U/C Local Adm.
112.	3 Aust Air Maint Coy	424548	" " " " "
MEDICAL.			
113.	2/7 Aust Gen Hosp(1200 beds) less det	705473	LHQ Unit Det DUMPU
114.	Det 128 Aust Gen Hosp(600 beds)(AIF)	705473	LHQ Unit Att 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp.
115.	2/3 Aust Convalescent Depot(500 men) less rear party	671447	LHQ Unit
116.	Det 112 Aust Convalescent Depot	"	LHQ Unit
117.	111 Aust CCS	545549	
118.	Det 9 Aust Fd Amb(AIF) BUSU Medical Post)	715422	
119.	104 Adv Depot Med Stores(AIF)	705407	LHQ Unit
120.	3 Aust Mob Entomological Sec(AIF)	714421	" "
121.	9 AMCU(Type A)(AIF)	"	" "
122.	14 AMCU (Type A)(AIF)	716425	" "
DENTAL			
123.	Det LHQ Sub Depot Dental Stores	705407	LHQ Unit
124.	HQ 2/5 Aust Dental Unit	701409	" "
125.	'B' Sec 2/5 Aust Dental Unit	715425	" "
126.	'B' Sec 63 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	699497	" "
ORDNANCE.			
127.	43 Aust FOD	670464 715426	LHQ Unit Perm Site Temp.Site
128.	Det 2 Adv Ord Depot Prov Sec	670464	LHQ Unit)
129.	15 Aust Ord Store Coy	"	" ") form 43 Aust FOD
130.	Det 18 Aust Ord Store Coy	"	" ")

SERIAL.	UNIT.	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
ORDNANCE(cont)			
131.	2/125 Aust Bde Ord Fd Park	423548	7 Div Unit
132.	11 Aust Mob Ldy & Fwd Decn Unit less det	706393	
133.	Det 26 Aust Lt Ldy Unit	682423	
134.	103 Aust FAD	681480	LHQ Unit
135.	Det 18 Aust Ord Amn Coy	677483	LH. Unit) Forms
136.	Beach Transit(FAD)	700392	LH. Unit) 103 FAD
137.	7 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop	681480	LH. Unit
AEME.			
138.	Det 2/7 Aust Adv Wkshops	675480	LHQ Unit
139.	2/125 Aust Bde Wkshop Less det	423548	
140.	2 Aust Mech Eqpt Wkshop	710460	
141.	2/3 Aust AA Regt(Comp) Wkshops(LE)	703397	LH. Unit Att 2/3 Aust AA Regt(Comp)
142.	82 Aust AASL Wkshop Sec	"	" " " " " " " "
143.	1 Aust Watercraft Wkshops	LABU LAGOON	
144.	239 Aust LAD	705448	Att 59 Aust Corps Fd Pk
145.	298 Aust LAD	712418	NCF Unit Att 19 Aust L of C Sigs.
146.	Fortress Wkshops, LAE	714420	
POSTAL.			
147	Adv Base Post Office	704405	Det 7 Aust Base Post Unit (AIF)
148	2/1 Aust L of C Postal Unit (Type A) Less det	423548	Det MORESBY
149	4 Aust L of C Postal Unit (Type B)(AIF)	713429	
PROVOST.			
150	HQ 8 Aust Div Pro Coy less dets	598407	Dets AUSTRALIA.
PRINT.			
151	9 Aust L of C Stationery Depot (Type C)	701405	

SERIAL.	UNIT.	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
GRAVES.			
152.	10 Aust Graves Reg Unit	682407	LHQ Unit
153.	17 Aust Graves Reg Unit	SALAMAUA	
CANTEENS.			
154	Det AACS	714426	LHQ Unit. U/c Local Adm. Bulk Store &
155	Det AACS	425548	" " " " " . Issuing Point.
AMENITIES.			
156.	Det Aust Army Amenities Service	701405	LHQ Unit. U/c Local Adm.
157.	77 Aust Mobile Cinema Unit	"	" " " " " .
158.	82 Aust Mobile Cinema Unit	"	" " " " " .
LABOUR.			
159.	22 Aust Emp Coy less det	708415	LHQ Unit. Det U/c MORESBY BSA.
160.	37 Aust Emp Coy	708416	" " .
161.	38 Aust Emp Coy	707409	" " .
MISCELLANEOUS.			
162.	1 Aust Corps Sal Unit (AIF)	701405	
163	1 Aust ARD	699497	LHQ Unit U/c Local Adm.
164	Det 4 Aust Kit Store	702405	NGF Unit. U/c Local Adm.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

SECRET

Subject:- AMENDMENTS TO LAE BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT NO.10

Headquarters,
LAE Base Sub Area,
8 Mar 44.
G 1359.

1. Ref LAE Base Sub Area Location Statement No 10.

2. The following amendments are notified:-

(a) Serial 92. delete "155 Aust Gen Tpt Coy" and insert " 151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy"

(b) Serial 102 delete " 9 Aust Fd Butchery" and insert " 5 Aust Fd Butchering Pl"

3. Ack.

Major.
(H.D.FERGUSON)
G S LAE BASE SUB AREA

DISTRIBUTION

Town Major, MADZAB
HQ, ANGAU LAE
8 Aust Movt Control Cp
5 Aust CME Wks
19 Aust L of C Sigs
30 Aust FSS (AIF)
Frt Wkshops LAE
Aust Adv Post Office
4 Aust L of C Postal Unit
Canteens LAE
1 Aust ARD
1 Aust Corps Reception Camp
NGF
Hd 2 Aust Corps
Rear 2 Aust Corps
Rear 2 Aust Corps(Sigmr)
29 Aust Inf Bde
USASOS
HQ 5 Air Force
'G'
Sigmr HQ, LAE Base Sub Area
AA & QMG
'A'
Chaplain
Legal
Medical
Dental
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H.Q. LAE BASE SUB AREA

9 Mar 44

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"A" BRANCH

H.Q. LAE BASE SUB AREA

"WEEKLY REPORT DENTAL SERVICES"

- WEEK ENDING 9Mar 44"

1. LOCATION DENTAL POSTS.

Unchanged from last week.

2. All Sections are working satisfactorily-

Men presented for treatment	-	303
" made dentally fit	-	198
Number of extractions	-	131
" " new dentures	-	69
" " dentures repaired	-	44
" " fillings	-	262

3. DENTAL TREATMENT 'H.Q. LAE B S A .

A prospective orderly has been sent to H.Q. 2/5 Aust Dental Unit for training . On his return a Dental Post will be established at this H.Q.

.....Major
H.MALCOLM BIRD
D.A.D.D.S LAE B S A

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HQ LAE Base Sub Area
6 March 44
Ref : M44/322/445

MALARIA & DENGUE INCIDENCE

WEEK ENDING 3 MARCH 44

HQ
LAE BASE SUB AREA

Malaria and Dengue Incidence for week ending 3 March 1944 is as follows :

	LAE BASE SUB AREA	LAE AREA
Number of troops	8523	11,122
Malaria incidence per 1000	5.3	5.7
Dengue incidence per 1000		11.7

S. L. Mainland Major
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DADMS LAE Base Sub Area

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CONSOLIDATED SICK RETURN

LAE BASE SUB AREA

Week Ending. 4. March. 44.

UNIT	Total Est Strength	TOTAL NEW CASES				
		Dysentery	Diarrhoea	URTI	PUO	Skin Diseases
HQ LAE Base Sub Area	230	-	3	1	14	10
10 Aust Fd Coy	223	-	-	8	4	1
2/4 M.A.C.	22	-	-	-	-	2
38 Aust Emp Coy	376	-	3	3	18	3
14 AMCU	7	-	-	-	-	1
Det 9 Aust Fd Amb	23	-	-	-	-	6
4 Aust Fd Regt Rear Details	180	-	1	1	15	3
2 Aust Mech Eq Wshops	53	-	-	5	-	-
4 Aust Fd Bakery	40	-	-	-	1	1
131 A.G.T. Coy	550	-	-	-	17	33
9 Aust Fd Butchery	16	-	-	-	-	-
5 Aust CRE (Works)	41	-	-	1	1	3
6 Aust Docks Op Coy	235	-	-	1	11	5
8 Aust Movt Cont Gp	50	-	-	-	1	-
"N" Hy Bty	100	-	3	-	2	-
2/2 Docks Op Coy	259	-	-	-	9	-
1 Sec Det 2 Aust Fd Survey Coy	38	-	-	-	1	14
3 Aust Div Provost	58	-	-	-	-	-
2/1 Aust Mech Eq Coy	100	-	-	-	7	8
19 Aust L of C Sigs	464	-	2	4	9	22
7 Aust Base Postal	31	-	-	-	2	-
Fortress Wshops LAE	180	-	2	4	7	36
9 AMCU	15	-	-	-	-	-
37 Aust Emp Coy	307	-	-	-	7	2
73 Aust S/L Mob Bty	203	-	-	6	5	5
21 T/A Bty	128	1	-	4	4	11
133 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	304	-	1	10	8	23
2/3 Aust Con Dep Staff	59	-	-	3	4	5
convalescents	21	-	-	-	-	5
22 Aust Emp Coy	374	-	-	1	18	15
6 Aust Farm Coy	32	-	-	-	3	-
2/7 Aust Gen Hosp	264	1	1	-	7	7
2/3 Comp AA Regt	824	-	8	27	21	57
103 Aust Fd Am Depot	146	-	1	-	-	9
1 Aust Wcft Wshops	120	-	2	3	5	16
NADZAB						
111 Aust CCS	113	1	-	-	3	2
3Pl 4 Aust Fd Bkery	19	-	-	-	-	-
B Coy 42 A.I.B.	78	-	-	-	2	10
2/125 Bde Ord Fd Pk	18	-	-	2	-	1
3 Armd Div Pro Coy Det	31	-	-	1	1	-
27 Aust Line Sec	9	-	-	-	-	-
3 Aust Air Maint Coy	340	-	-	-	3	1
Town Major	13	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	6693	3	27	85	210	317

PART II

Total number of cases evacuated beyond RAP of -

(a) Clinical Dysentery	3
(b) Diarrhoea	3
(c) URTI	8
TOTAL	14

S. L. Mainland Major
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DADMS LAE Base Sub Area

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LAE Base Sub Area
10 Mar 44.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES FOR WEEK ENDING 10 MAR 44.

LECTURES

Date	Unit	SUBJECT	Approx Att'ce
Fri 3 Mar	2/6 Hvy AA Bty (2 sections)	Burma	100
	10 Fd Amb	Aust March to Nationhood	40
	38 Map Coy	Czechoslavakia	120
	73 Aust S/L Bty	World Fronts	20
Sat 4 Mar	Lae Frt W/S	Turkey	120
	I Aust ARD	News Commentary	600
	52 Pl,BIPOD	Cancelled	
Sun 5 Mar	AACS	Turkey	40
	104 Bde W/S	Turkey	100
	3 Aust Air Maint)	Aust March to Nationhood	45
	4 Aust Fd Bakery)		
	2/1 MEC	Europe 1944?	60
Mon 6 Mar	42 Bn D Coy	Aust Comm Powers Bill	55
	HQ LBSA	Aust At War	32
Tues 7 Mar	III CCS (6 talks)	Combined Ops and Western Inv.	105
	2/3 Comp AA W/S)	Aust at War	40
	72 S/L W/S		
	43 FBD	War in the Pacific	40
Wed 8 Mar	2/6 AA Bty	Turkey	100
	II Aust Water Tpt	Cancelled	
	151 AGT	"	
	2/2 Docks Op Coy	" " "	
	9 L of C Stationery	Understanding Maps	15
	73 S/L Bty (2 locations)	Comm Wider Powers Bill	35
	5 Aust CRE (Works)	Aust at War	20
	DID	Cancelled.	
Thur 10 Mar	103 FAD	Burma	100
	73 S/L Bty (3 stations)	Cancelled	
	73 S/L Bty BHQ	Aust at War	40
	133 AGT	Cancelled	
			1735

Several cancellations by units because of work and movements interfered with this weeks lecture programme. From next week 20 Aust Fd Coy will be covered. Next weeks topics include Japan and the Pacific, Burma, The Wider Powers Bill, Europe, Social Security and The Beveridge Plan.

News Sheets 160 copies were distributed daily to units throughout the area.

LIBRARIES The small library held at the centre was extensively used.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES 10 applications for correspondence courses were forwarded during the week.

NEW CENTRE The new building was occupied on 10 Mar 44 and improvements will be in progress next week.

M Campbell
Capt
M. CAMPBELL
DAD Education
Lae Base Sub Area.

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HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA.

10 March 44.

HQ
LAE BASE SUB AREA.
Copy to:-

A.P.M. NG FORCE.

WEEKLY REPORT — Saturday 4 March - Friday 10 March 44.

I have to report the following activities of Provost in the Lae Area.

Saturday 4 March.

1. One negro was apprehended in the 2/7 A.G.H. area and handed over to the American Provost Marshal under escort. The explanation for being in that area was that it was his day off, he walked along the beach to the Busu River, walked up the native track alongside the river and came out at the 2/7 A.G.H.

2. Recommendation for scrub clearance in the area occupied by the Port Detachment has now been completed with very satisfactory results.

3. An incident took place in regard to the use of transport to the pictures by Capt Falkiner of 19 Supply Coy. This was the subject of a separate report.

Sunday 5 March.

1. The m/c patrol which operates on the Lae Air Strip every Sunday, was withdrawn today. The checking of personnel using planes has been greatly restricted, and all pilots have been instructed that they will have proper authority before emplaning. American authorities have been informed of our action and understand that we reserve the right to replace the patrol at any future date we consider necessary.

2. Another negro was apprehended in the vicinity of the hospital, and was escorted to the American Provost Marshal's office.

Monday 6 March.

Inquiries were carried out in connection with a case of Breach of Censorship. Reports and statements have been handed to the Legal ~~[illegible]~~ Officer of this HQ.

Tuesday 7 March.

1. A member of the 19 L of C Sigs unit was reported as having been lost in the scrub whilst out collecting pur-poms in the vicinity of the 7 R.M.O. unit up the Butibum Rd. The soldier was said to have been lost at approximately 1600hrs the day before. Provost in conjunction with ANGAU immediately organized a search party. At 1100 hrs the unit rang to say that the soldier had reported in. The search party was therefore withdrawn.

2. The unloading of Altar wine from the "SS MICHAEL KERR" was carried out without loss in this port. Reports on the unloading of this vessel will be submitted on completion.

3. Milton Harvey, a member of the crew of the "SS MICHAEL KERR" was drowned when swimming in the vicinity of the wharf. The Captain of the ship requested a signed report stating the circumstances so far as they were known to the Australian Provost. This has been sent together with an ~~[illegible]~~ of sympathy and regret to the appropriate quarters.

Wednesday 8 March.

1. G.O.C. 2 Aust Corps, Major-General Berryman, arrived in the area today and was escorted to 29 Brigade by the 3 Aust Armd Div Provost Coy.

2. Enquiries were carried out in regard to another Breach of Censorship

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Wednesday 8 (contd.)
regulations. Reports and Statements have been handed to the R.M.O. of this H.Q.

3. Considerable inconvenience has been caused in the past by the necessity of Provost personnel working in the hulls of ships having to guard broken commodities shipped to units such as YMCA, Comforts Fund, Salvation Army etc. The difficulty has been to contact the representatives of these various services in order to clear such commodities as quickly as possible. It has now been arranged that when contact cannot be made with the consignee, Provost will arrange for the commodities to be unloaded onto a Jeep and they will be taken direct to Port Detachment Headquarters for subsequent collection as they arrange4.

Thursday 9 March.

1. A report was received of the theft of a considerable quantity of ladies' sox which were urgently required by the Sisters of the 2/7 A.G.H. A kit inspection was held in the lines of the 37 Emp Coy and Provost made a search of the troops' quarters. The conduct of the search was not carried out as requested and none of the stolen commodities were found.

Friday 10 March.

1. From information received two privates, members of the 43 F.O.D., were interviewed in connection with suspected use of alcohol as an ingredient in the concoction of "Jungle Juice". Sufficient evidence is not available to warrant a charge but the dangers and serious effects to their health was carefully pointed out to them and I feel sure they were duly impressed.

2. A visit was paid in the company of Maj. Black, A.P.M. 2 Aust Corps, to the Nadzab area. Provost duties are being carried out by two sections of the 3 Aust Armd Div Provost Coy. Arrangements were made for a certain re-organization and the withdrawal of a third T.C.P. on the Nadzab Rd. which was established without my knowledge. Another visit will be made with Capt. Walker, O.C. of the Company to make final adjustments.

GENERAL

1. The transport parking area by the YMCA on the Busu Rd. should now allow a clear run for traffic on the main road at this point.

2. Proposals and timings for the operation of a bus service for the benefit of troops over the weekends around the main circular road in this area, which was suggested verbally during the week, has been delayed owing to the increased numbers of duties which occurred in the unloading of the SS 'MICHAEL KERR'.

.....Major.
D.A.P.M. LAE [illegible] SUB AREA.

11 MAR 1944

A.A.Amenities Service,
LAE Base Sub-Area,
10/3/44

AMENITIES REPORT-WEEK ENDING 10 March 44

HQ LAE Base Sub-Area.

1. During last week contact has been made with the following units:-

HQ 2 Aust Corps, Cash Office 2 Aust Corps
2/3 A/A Regt, 73 Mobile S/L Bty.
I Aust Corps Reception Camp, I Aust Corps Salvage
2/1, 5 Aust Bde W/Shops, 2/7 Agr. W/Shops
RAAF-7 MWS, II RSU, 22 RSU, 24 Squn.
ANGAU LAE, ANGAU GUSAP.
III C.C.S.
3 Div. Provost Coy, 9 L of C Stationery
29 Bde, 5 CRE Works
Y.M.C.A.

2. EQUIPMENT-SPORTING.

Advice has been received of a consignment (12 tons) per 'KATOOMBA'.

3. ENTERTAINMENT-CONCERTS

Plans prepared by 3 Aust CRE Works for the construction of stages have been approved.

4. ENTERTAINMENT-CINEMA

(a) The site at 104 Workshops is still in process of clearing.
(b) A site to take the place of the one used in 2 Aust Corps Area is being cleared on HQ LAE Base Road, near Busu Road.
(c) No change in cinema circuits.
(d) Pictures being screened are 'SLIGHTLY DANGEROUS' and 'EVERYTHING HAPPENS AT NIGHT'.

5. SPORTING ORGANISATION

In company with Engineering Officer an inspection was made of gravel pit near 104 Workshops, with a view to construction of stadium.
Expert opinion was that drainage would be unsatisfactory. As 29 Aust Inf Bde are opening a stadium on 10 March, and, it is understood that they intend holding area contests it is recommended that the construction of another stadium be held over. It is thought that 29 Bde. Stadium may satisfactorily service the area.

Lieut,
Amenities Officer,
LAE Base Sub-Area.

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State Sec
A/Br
Ice Base Sub Area
8 Mar 44.

WEEKLY FIELD STATE AS AT 0640 HRS 11 MAR 44.

POSTED STRENGTH	402	x	7802
ATTACHED ALLOWED BY WE	25	x	476
ATTACHED NOT ALLOWED BY WE	39	x	376
TOTAL TROOPS IN AREA UNDER COMMAND	466	x	8654
UNITS UNDER COMMAND	99		
UNITS M/T	3		

INCREASE OF 3 UNITS INCREASE OF 33 OFFRS INCREASE OF 369 ORs

Second Capt
(L. J. SWEENEY)
DAAG ICE BASE SUB AREA.

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LAE BASE SUB AREA ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

by

BRIGADIER I. G. FULLARTON, M.C. COMMANDING LAE BASE SUB AREA.

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA

Serial No. 13. 11 Mar 44.

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH.

G.270 ANTI AIRCRAFT DEFENCES.

1. VX27406 T/Major J. H. LINDEN is appointed Acting AADC LAE vice VX47987 T/Lt-Col A. G. MARGETTS as from 0700 hrs 8 Mar 44.

G.271 OUT OF BOUNDS - NATIVE VILLAGES.

1. Native villages are out of bounds to all ranks unless permission has been granted by ANGAU. Attention is directed to LAE Base Sub Area RO G.199.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S BRANCH.

A.272 DECORATIONS - MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

1. A new emblem for Mentioned in Despatches has been designed for this war but is not yet available. Until authority is given through GROs no such decoration will be worn.

A.273 ACF RECEIVING SETS, GRAMAPHONES ETC.

1. Prior to the movement of formations and units to the mainland of Australia, all radio receiving sets and gramophones (with records), which have been issued to those formations and units by ACF, whether on the mainland or in New Guinea, will be returned to the ACF Store BUSU Road.

A.274 TYPEWRITER MECHANICS.

1. In view of the acute shortage of typewriter mechanics, the typewriter repair service is unable to cope with the demands of units.

2. Units are therefore requested to submit a return of personnel who have any experience in this regard to this HQ by 1700 hrs 20 Mar 44.

3. Particulars required: Number, Name, Rank and Unit and experience.

4. NIL returns are required.

A.275 MEDALS - AFRICA STAR.

1. Approval is now given for the Africa Star ribbon to be worn by all qualified personnel in New Guinea.

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2. Demands on Ordnance submitted after 3 Mar will be met on arrival of further supplies.

3. Attention is drawn to GRO A30/44.

A.276 INJURIES TO MEMBERS OF THE FORCES.

1. Attention is again directed to GRO A624/43 and to LAE Base Sub Area R.O. A61 and A175.

2. Instances are still occurring where AAF D.lls are submitted to this HQ incomplete in detail, particularly in respect of minor injuries where Part IV Para 24 Sub Para 2 of GRO 624/43 is not being referred to.

3. Neglect by units in this regard is causing unnecessary correspondence and failure to comply with the Orders laid down will be viewed seriously by this HQ.

A.277 COURTS-MARTIAL.

1. In all cases of charges against members which are likely to result in trial by Court-Martial immediate action will be taken by unit to obtain extract of Statement of Service properly certified from Q'ld L of C Area Records Office.

2. The registered telegraphic address of this office is Distrec Warwick.

A.278 CARE AND CUSTODY OF WATCHES G.S. ISSUED TO MEMBERS OF THE FORCES.

1. A member of the Forces to whom a watch G.S. has been issued shall at all times when carrying such watch:-

(a) carry such watch in a pocket of his shirt or trousers; and

(b) have it securely fastened to a strong cord which shall in the case of such watch being carried in a pocket of his shirt be carried over the shoulder and under the shoulder strap of the shirt (which shall at all times be kept buttoned down) then under the arm pit and then securely fastened to such watch; and in the case of such watch being carried in a pocket of his trousers such cord shall be securely fastened to his belt.

2. Every member of the Forces to whom a watch G.S. has been issued shall at all times when such watch is not being carried by him, take all necessary steps to ensure the safe custody thereof.

A.279 USE OF TERMS: "FIELD ORDNANCE DEPOT" and "FIELD AMMUNITION DEPOT".

1. Attention is drawn to NG Force R.O. A46 which is repeated hereunder.

1. "Field Ordnance Depots" (F.O.Ds) and "Field Ammunition Depots" (F.A.Ds) have been established for service purposes only and are not units on the Order of Battle.

2. Accordingly when the regimental particulars of a soldier serving with such an installation are given, the unit which will be shown will be the unit of which he is a member. If necessary, the fact of his detachment to an F.O.D. or F.A.D. may also be stated.

3. The practice of showing a member as being "on strength" of an F.O.D., F.A.D., Sub Depot, etc., is incorrect and will

cease forthwith. Formations and Services will ensure that all ranks concerned are fully instructed in the necessity of observing this instruction.

A.280 PERSONNEL EVACUATED TO CCS & HOSPITAL.

1. Attention is directed to LAE Base Sub Area RO A63 and Q210 "Necessaries" as set out in Routine Order Q210 includes:

(a) Full change of clothing,
(b) Towel,
(c) Kessing Gear,
(d) Repellent Lotion.

2. Unit Commanders will ensure that these items are always taken by personnel on evacuation to CCS or hospital.

A.281 MINUTE OF PUBLICATION.

1. A Field General Court-Martial, convened by Brig I. G. FULLARTON, Commander, LAE Base Sub Area was held at HQ LAE Base Sub Area on 22 Feb 44 for the trial of V504733, Pte. K. G. ELMSMITH of 22 Aust Emp Coy.

2. The accused was charged with:-

I WOAS DESERTING HIS MAJESTY'S FORCES A.A. Sec 12(1)(a)
II WHEN BELONGING TO A PART OF THE ACTIVE DEFENCE FORCE WITHOUT HAVING OBTAINED A REGULAR DISCHARGE THEREFROM, OR OTHERWISE FULFILLED THE CONDITIONS ENABLING HIM VOLUNTARILY TO ENLIST IN THE MILITARY FORCES, VOLUNTARILY ENLISTING IN THE MILITARY FORCES. AMR & O 332 (b)
III WOAS CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE. A.A. Sec 40

3. The Court found the accused GUILTY of the First Charge, NOT GUILTY of the Second Charge and NOT GUILTY of the Third Charge. The Court sentenced the accused to undergo detention for ONE year. The accused was NOT held in close arrest awaiting trial.

4. The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 9 Mar 44 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 11 Mar 44.

A.282 MINUTE OF PUBLICATION.

1. A Field General Court-Martial convened by Brig I. G. FULLARTON Commander LAE Base Sub Area was held at HQ LAE Base Sub Area on 23 Feb 44 for the trial of V72894 Pte F. H. EDDY of 22 Aust Emp Coy.

2. The accused was charged with:-

First Charge A.A. Sec 41	WOAS COMMITTING A CIVIL OFFENCE, THAT IS TO SAY, COMMON ASSAULT.
Second Charge A.A. Sec 8(2) (alt to 1st)	WOAS STRIKING HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER.
Third Charge A.A. Sec 41.	WOAS COMMITTING A CIVIL OFFENCE, THAT IS TO SAY, COMMON ASSAULT.
Fourth Charge A.A. Sec 40 (Alt to 3rd)	WOAS CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE.
Fifth Charge A.A. Sec 41	WOAS COMMITTION A CIVIL OFFENCE, THAT IS TO SAY, COMMON ASSAULT.
Sixth Charge A.A. Sec 40 (Alt to 5th)	WOAS CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE.

3. The Court found the accused GUILTY of the First Charge, NOT GUILTY of the Second Charge, NOT GUILTY of the Third Charge, NOT GUILTY of the Fourth Charge, GUILTY of the Fifth Charge and NOT GUILTY of the Sixth Charge. The Court sentenced the accused to undergo detention for SIXTY days. The accused was ONE day in close arrest awaiting trial.

4. The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 9 Mar 44 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 11 Mar 44.

Q.283 ENGR SUPPLIES.

1. Sub units whose unit HQ are in this area will NOT requisition direct on Engrs for supplies. All requisitions will be personally signed by C.O. or O/C of unit.

2. Units requiring bush timber for mess, recreational huts etc., will procure same with unit labour. Bush timber will NOT be supplied by ANGAU nor will sawn timber be supplied by Engrs for any buildings for which bush timber will suffice. 5 CRE (Works) should be consulted for advice on this matter.

3. Attention is directed to prohibition re timber getting on NADZAB Road.

Q.284 SEA COURIER LAE TO FINSCHHAFEN.

1. The Sea Courier Service Time Table is as follows:-

Departs Lae (Small Craft Wharf)	0900 hrs
Arrives Finsch (Launch Jetty)	1800 hrs
Departs Finsch (Launch Jetty)	0800 hrs
Arrives Lae (Small Craft Wharf)	1700 hrs

2. Base RO Q54 is cancelled.

Q.285 SEA COURIER SERVICE LAE TO SALAMAUA.

1. The service is now:-

Departs Lae	Sunday	0930 hrs
Returns Lae	Monday	
Departs Lae	Wednesday	0930 hrs
Returns Lae		

Q.286 RETURN TO ENGR DUMP - DOMESTIC REFRIGERATORS.

1. LHQ policy regarding domestic refrigerators is that they are primarily for:-

(a) Medical installations,

(b) Units where particular circumstances prevail which warrant the issue.

2. Units other than medical units will on receipt of warning order to move to the mainland, return all refrigerators to Engr Dump.

Q.287 DISPOSAL OF WORN AND DAMAGED COMPONENTS - MECHANICAL VEHICLES.

1. Units will return replaced components of mechanical vehicles through LAD's and Workshops to Ordnance Service. Facilities exist there for their inspection, classification and repair.

2. Those components will NOT be returned to Salvage who are instructed under GRO 031/43 to refuse all components except those specified in para 6 of the GRO.

Q.288 POL ISSUES FROM BIPOD DUMPS.

1. Issues of POL from BIPOD dumps to units authorised to draw therefrom will be restricted to the following times:-

Incl. Mondays to Saturdays 0830 to 1600 hrs.

No issues will be made on Sundays.

2. Units will carry a reserve of two days supply on vehs and/or in unit lines.

Q.289 BUS SERVICE - CHARING CROSS - BUTIBUM - BUMBU - BUSU ROADS.

1. A bus service will commence on Sunday 12 Mar round main road circuit in each direction, picking up and setting down as required. Detailed time table will be advised after trial.

Lt-Col.
(O. A. KESSELS)
AA & QMG LAE BASE SUB AREA.

NOTICES.

LOST.

The following items of BIPOD Equipment were lost in transit from wharf to 54 BIPOD PL on the night of 28 Feb 44.

1 length Galv Piping 18' x 2"
1 " " " 9' x 2"
1 " " " 18' x 1½"
1 2" x 2" x 1" T Piece
1 2" x 1½" Hex. Red. Bush
1 2" F & F Union
1 2" Hex Nipple
1 2" M & F Union.

The fittings referred to were all attached to the lengths of piping. Units are requested to make a search for this equipment and if found, notify S & T this HQ.

CINEMA CIRCUIT.

Aust Cinema Circuits for week ending 19th March will be as shown in LAE Base Sub Area RO No. 12 of 4 Mar 44. Mobile Cinema No. 82 featuring "MR LUCKY" with CARY GRANT & LARRAINE DAY. Mobile Cinema No. 77 featuring "MANHATTAN MELODRAMA."

CHURCH SERVICES

C of E YMCA Hut Busu Road
0900 hrs Church Service
0930 hrs Holy Communion
OPD YMCA Hut Busu Road
1830 hrs Church Service
RC Malahang Mission Church
1830 hrs Mass.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11 / 3 /194 HQ LAR BSA (Unit)

W.E. IV /8C/ 2 OFFRS. 47 O.R's. 206 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 11 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.						ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	W.E.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength. W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required
	-	1	3	W.Os. Class I.	2	AACCWO11	- 1	1		
	-	2	12	W.Os. Class II.	10	AACC Sgt	1 3	2		
	-	-	1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	1	AACC Cpl	1 2	1		
	-	3	10	Staff Sergeants	7	AACC Pte	7 7	-		
E/R	1	3	24	Sergeants	22	AA PosCl	1 1	-		
E/R	1	4	38	Corporals	35	AAPC Sgt	1 1	-		
E/R	14	-	115	Troopers, Privates, etc.	129					
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
	16	13	203	Totals of cols. marked should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	206		11 15	4		

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.I.F. A	A.I.F. B	C.M.F. A	C.M.F. B	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL
A	137	31	33	23							218
B(1)											
B(2)											

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	3 A AIR MAINT		
1	3 A Base S A		
1	47 Bn 29 Bde		
1	133 AGT Coy		
6	Army Amenities		
1	39 Supply Coy		
2	4 Sea Amb Tpt		
13			

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
2	A.A.R.D.		
2	A.D.C.S.		
1	103 F.A.B.		
1	Port W/Shops		
2	19 L of C Sigs		
1	13 A Water Tpt		
1	43 F.O.D.		
1	10 A Graves REG.		
1	5 A.C.R.E.		
4	Town Major MADZAR		
1	14 A.C.R.E.		
17			

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

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

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA ..... Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 11 / 3 /1944

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.
Ammunition Examiners	1	1		Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Asnts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Stnry. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen	1	1		Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				NON - SPEC.			
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								BOWO	2	2	-
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								CSM	1	1	-
Fitters				Driver-Operator								COMS	1	1	-
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Storeman	3	3	-
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Hyg.Insp	12	11	1 N/R
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								AAMC	2	2	-
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				~~AA Postal Asst.~~			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Dvr H.T.	41	39.	2 N/R
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Water Duty	2	2	-
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	75	732	NR	Batmen	21	20	1 N/R
Grinder, Precision				Halo Operator				Clerks, Supply				Orderlies	25	25	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Gen Duty	11	15	(4)
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				Hyg Duties	2	2	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Conductors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter	1	1		Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AAPC Sgt	1	1	-
Operators, Examiner				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, M.T.				AA Postal	1	1	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	5	4	1	AACC	9	13	(4)
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Asnts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	3	3	-	CARRIED FORWARD	3	3	-	CARRIED FORWARD	83	80	4	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	217	218	(1)

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reinfs. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

11 Mar 44
Date of Despatch

LIEUT.
Signature of Commander
(R.W. JOHNSTONE) ACT CAMP C

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S U R P L U S T O W E.

o.	Rank	NAME		AGE	M.C.	PRESENT DUTIES	QUAL & REC POST	PRESENT WHEREABOUTS IF AWAY FROM UNIT.
QX 36300	WO 1	Wilson	B.J.	25	A1	Chief Clerk	WO 1 Clerk	
VX127519	WO11	Bayliss	W.J.	43	A2	Transport NCO	WO11 Clerk: CSM	
Q 36043	WO11	Presneill	F.J.	31	B	Gen. Duties	WO11 Gen Duties	ON LEAVE - AUSTRALIA.
~~V 4045~~	S/Sgt	McCorkell	H.H.	41	A2	Clerk	AAPC Clerk	
VX121257	S/Sgt	Taylor	J.W.	40	A1	Clerk	AAPC Clerk	DET - PORT DETACHMENT
~~VX116937~~	S/Sgt	Wa lsh	L.	25	A1	Clerk	AAPC Clerk	DET - PORT DETACHMENT
QX 19250	Sgt	Willis	L.H.W.	44	B	Clerk	Clerk Sgt QMS	"X" LIST - HOSPITAL LEAVE.
SX 21699	Sgt	Harding	R.H.	26	A2	Clerk	Clerk AAMC	
SX 16289	Sgt	Mullins	F.J.	33	A1	Gen Duty	Gen Duty NCO	ON LEAVE - AUSTRALIA
SX 25600	Sgt	Carmody	M.M.	26	A2	Driver M.T.	Transport Sgt.	
VX127416	Cpl	Waddle	N.G.	33	A2	Cpl Clerk	Clerk	(under orders to transfer)
V506394	Cpl	Howell	J.	31	B	Driver M.T.	Transport NCO	"X" LIST - HOSPITAL
QX 2558	Cpl	Hirst	G.E.	37	B	Gen Duty	Gen Duty NCO	
VX134941	Cpl	Barclay	A.W.	23	A1	Dvr M.T.	Transport NCO	
VX 64848	Cpl	Weller	E.H.	31	A1	Dvr M.T.	Transport NCO	ON LEAVE - AUSTRALIA
VX124697	WO11	Dunn	H.J.		A1	AACC	Act/Cat Adviser - awaiting appointment as Cat. Offic	
WX 89091	Sgt	Mackawa y	J.G.	30	B	Cook	Sgt. Cook	Det 10 Aust Graves Reg.
SX 20405	Sgt	Rowe	R.N.	28	A1	Cook	Sgt. Cook	Det Fort Workshops
Q 13341	Cpl	Punter	K.J.	28	A1	Cook	Cpl. Cook	ON LEAVE - AUSTRALIA

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

10/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/3/1944 HQ LAE BSA (Unit)

W.E. IV/8C/2. OFFRS. 47 O.R's. 206 OFFRS. m O.R's. 11 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL. WE	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
	-	-	1	BRIG 1					
	3	-	2	Lieut.-Colonels 5					
	3	-	12	Majors 15					
	5	-	13	Captains 18					
	-	-	6	Lieutenants 6					
				Quarter-masters					
	-	-	2	A.A.N.S. and ~~A.A.M.W.S. Offs~~ CHAPLAINS 2					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	11	-	36	47					

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by All units. Only units noted in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL.		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
	A.		34	2								36
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 30 U.K. Forces; 15 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
SX 14196	CHAP	SWAN C M	2/7 AGH	6/3/44	Off "X" List
NX 9410	CAPT	LOWE J F	2/7 AGH	4/3/44	Off "X" List
VX112 188	CAPT	HARDING E A	9 A DIV ORD DEP	10/3/44	AUTH: MI Sec MEMO NO 213079 of 3 Dec 43

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NG 2008	MAJ	EDWARDS W M	HQ ANGAU	10/3/44	AUTH: 1327 of 8MAR 44

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

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

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/3/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
BRIG	NX140112	FULLARTON	I G	COMD	YES		
LT-COL	QX 36757	KESSELS	O A	AAOMG	"		
LT-COL	NX 435	SMITH	L L	ADST	NO	LEAVE	
MAJOR	NX 12425	DUFFY	I R	DAOMG	NO	LEAVE	
MAJOR	NX 3469	MAINLAND	S L	DADMS	YES		
MAJOR	NX 6725	KATER	G B	CEME	"		
MAJOR	NX122031	FERGUSON	H F	C11	"		
MAJOR	NX 3442	STONE	R T	DADW	"		
MAJOR	VX 513	ROBINSON	R E	ADOS	"		
MAJOR	VX 19730	BIRD	H M	DADDS	"		
MAJOR	QX 42558	DOUGLAS	M H	LEG OFF	"		
MAJOR	NX 81	MATTHEWS	R F	DADH	"		
MAJOR	NX 12442	BOWEN	C A	ArtyBM	"		
MAJOR	VX48758	JARVIS	F L	DADT	"		
CAPT/T/MAJ	NX 12467	HARPER	J C	DADS	"		
CAPT	NX 9410	LOWE	J F	DADOS	"		
CAPT	QX 35769	KING	W J	AQLO	NO	LEAVE	
CAPT	VX 39020	DONALDSON	R F	SC A	YES		
CAPT	NX127356	SMITH	L B	AQLO	NO	LEAVE	
CAPT	NX105764	SWEENEY	L J	PAAG	YES		
CAPT	VX 63028	BURTON	A W	M/O	"		
CAPT	VX 85048	SMITH	D I P	CEME	"		
CAPT	Q 406	CAMPBELL	M	DADE	"		
CAPT	VX100010	OFFICER	V W	G111	"		
CAPT	VX112188	HARDING	E A	ORD/OFF	"		
LT/T/CAPT	N 146695	FENNESSEY	N J	SC A	NO	LEAVE	
LT/T/CAPT	SX 21066	HIATT	J T	SC Q	YES		
LT/T/CAPT	TX 6215	GRACE	C VN	CAPT AASC BOL	YES		
LIEUT	SX 21952	WILSON	D J	HVC	YES		
LIEUT	NX101881	JESSER	G H	C/COMDT	NO	NOCO POINT	
LIEUT	NX100965	LOCKE	F P	A OFF	YES		
LIEUT	VX108090	GINN	SWP	A/ANS	"		
LIEUT	NX127353	JOHNSTONE	R W	S/L Q	"		
LIEUT	VX112112	STEPHENS	J H	ED/OFF	"		
CHAPLAIN	NX132875	BRYSON	A		"		
CHAPLAIN	SX 14196	SWAN	C M		"		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT	NX146895	MILSOP I G	G/R OFF	27/12/43	
LIEUT	VX 60046	BUTLER J H	G/R OFF	28/1/44	
LIEUT	NX124500	MOONAN M J	ADOS HQ	NGF 8/1/44	
CAPT	QX 59038	WHARTON J T	39 SUP	COY 8/2/44	
MAJ	QX 34022	CROSSWELL C M	BUNA BSA	17/2/44	
CAPT	NX107913	MASON W H	151 AGT	21/2/44	

11MAR 44
Date of Despatch

RWJohnstone
Signature of Commander
(RW JOHNSTONE)ACE/camp comdt

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Subject:- OBSERVER PARTIES FROM LAE BASE SUB AREA TO SATELBURG-WAREO-SCARLET BEACH AREAS.

Headquarters,
LAE Base Sub Area,
15 Mar 44.
G 1376.

1. Arrangements have been made, commencing 20 Mar 44, for observer parties drawn from unit personnel under Command this HQ to visit the SATELBURG-WAREO-SCARLET BEACH areas.

2. Each observer party will comprise 3 offrs and 9 ORs. The duration of each visit will be three days (excluding time of travel). An officer will be appointed OC each party and the whole party will be quartered at 5 Aust Div Reception Camp under arrangements by 2 Aust Corps while at FINSCHHAFEN. Transport at FINSCHHAFEN will be arranged by 2 Aust Corps.

3. HQ LAE Base Sub Area will provide one NCO to accompany the first party and, on arrival at FINSCHHAFEN, to be attached to 5 Aust Div Reception Camp for the entire period of the programme, approximately 6 weeks. He will assist in the reception, departure etc of successive parties.

SELECTION OF PERSONNEL.

4. Vacancies for the various parties will be allotted to units in proportion to their respective strengths. It is desired that units should select personnel to fill vacancies allotted to them as a reward for good conduct of the personnel concerned.

5. Allotment of vacancies and details of observer parties Nos 1 to 4 are :-

(a) No 1 Party.

Departs LAE per sea courier a.m. 20 Mar
Departs FINSCHHAFEN per sea courier a.m. 24 Mar

VACANCIES.	Offrs.	ORs.
LAE Base Sub Area	1	
2/3 Aust Comp AA Regt	1	2
5 Aust CRE (Wks)		1
19 Aust L of C Sigs		1
135 Aust Gen Tpt Coy		1
151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy		1
39 Aust Sup Depot Coy	1 x	
43 Aust FOD		1
Fortress Workshop LAE		1
38 Aust Emp Coy		1
	3	9

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(b) No 2 Party.

Departs LAE per sea courier a.m. 23 Mar.
Departs FINSCHHAFEN " " " " 27 Mar.

VACANCIES.	Offrs.	ORs.
LAE Base Sub Area		1
21 Aust TMA Bty	1	
'N' Aust Hy Bty		1
5 Aust CRE(Wks)		2
19 Aust L of C Sigs	1 x	
6 Aust Farm Coy		1
52 Aust BIPOD Pl		1
103 Aust FAD	1	
22 Aust Emp Coy		1
37 Aust Emp Coy		2
	3	9

(c) No 3 Party.

Departs LAE per sea courier a.m. 26 Mar.
Departs FINSCHHAFEN " " " " 30 Mar.

VACANCIES.	Offrs.	ORs.
LAE Base Sub Area	1	
2/3 Aust Comp AA Regt		2
'N' Aust Hy Bty	1 x	
5 Aust CRE(Wks)		2
19 Aust L of C Sigs		1
4 Aust Fd Baking Coy	1	
54 Aust BIPOD Pl		1
43 Aust FOD		1
1 Aust Watercraft Wkshop		1
38 Aust Emp Coy		1
	3	9

(d) No 4 Party.

Departs LAE per sea courier a.m. 29 Mar.
Departs FINSCHHAFEN " " " " 2 Apr.

VACANCIES.	Offrs.	ORs.
21 Aust TMA Bty	1 x	
'N' Aust Hy Bty		1
5 Aust CRE(Wks)		2
19 Aust L of C Sigs		1
133 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	1	
55 Aust BIPOD Pl		1
11 Aust Mot Ldy & Fwd Decn Unit		1
2 Aust Mech Eqpt Wkshop	1	
22 Aust Emp Coy		1
38 Aust Emp Coy		2
	3	9

NOMINAL ROLLS.

6. Nominal rolls of personnel selected will be forwarded to [illegible] LAE Base Sub Area by 0900 hrs on the following dates:-

No. 1 Party.	19 Mar.
No. 2 "	21 Mar.
No. 3. "	24 Mar.
No. 4 "	27 Mar.

REPORTING.

7. Personnel will report with Mob 5(2 copies) to 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp at 0700 hrs on the day of departure of the party from LAE. 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp will arrange movement by sea courier LAE to FINSCHHAFEN.

MESSING & ACCOMODATION.

8. 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp will provide each member of the party with a cut luncheon for forward journey to FINSCHHAFEN.

9. Messing and accommodation at FINSCHHAFEN will be provided by 5 Aust Div Reception Camp under arrangements by 2 Aust Corps.

CLOTHING ETC.

10. All personnel will take blankets, mosquito nets, ground sheets and personal necessaries. Personal arms will NOT be taken.

RETURN OF PERSONNEL TO UNITS.

11. Personnel returning from FINSCHHAFEN will be met at Sea Courier Wharf LAE by unit transport.

Os C PARTIES.

12. Os C the respective parties are indicated by an asterisk (x) in sub-paras 5(a)(b)(c) and (d) above.

LIAISON AND ESCORT.

13. Capt A.WARDLE, 1 Aust ARD is attached to HQ 2 Aust Corps as from 14 Mar 44 to act as Liaison Officer and escort for observer parties until later relieved.

14. Allotment of vacancies for further parties will be advised in due course.

Major.
(H.D.FERGUSON)
G S LAE BASE SUB AREA

DISTRIBUTION

21 Aust Tk Bty
2/3 Aust Comp Am Mort
'N' Aust Hy Bty (Coast)
5 Aust CRE(Wks)
19 Aust L of C Sigs
133 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
52 Aust BIPOD Pl
54 Aust BIPOD Pl
55 Aust BIPOD Pl
6 Aust Fd Baking Pl
4 Aust Fd Baking Coy
5 Aust Fd Butchering Pl
8 Aust Farm Coy
39 Aust Sup Depot Coy
43 Aust FOD
11 Aust Mob Ldy & Fwd Decon Unit
103 Aust FAD
2 Aust Mech Eqpt Wkshop
1 Aust Watercraft Wkshop
259 Aust LAD
296 Aust LAD
Fortress Wkshops AIME
22 Aust Emp Coy
37 Aust Emp Coy
38 Aust Emp Coy
Camp
Copies for infn to:-
Adv 2 Aust Corps (3)
1 Aust Corps Reception Camp
1 Aust ARD
8 Aust Movt Control Gp
AA & QMG
'A'
'Q'
Capt WARDLE.

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CONSOLIDATED SICK RETURN

LAE BASE SUB AREA

Week Ending. [redacted]

UNIT	Total Est Strength	TOTAL NEW CASES				
		Dysentery	Diarrhoea	URTI	PUO	Skin Diseases
HQ LAE Base Sub Area	238	-	3	5	11	10
9 Amst Fd Bakery Pl	50	-	-	-	-	-
1 Amst Detail's Wshops	200	1	2	1	3	6
Portuguese Wshops AMES	180	-	1	-	3	8
9 L of C Stationery	24	-	-	-	3	-
2/2 Dental Op Coy	249	-	-	-	11	-
8 Amst Dev't Const Cp	60	-	-	-	-	-
4 Amst Fd Regt (Base Detailed)	165	-	3	-	5	5
38 Amst Sup Depot Coy	165	-	1	1	12	6
23 Amst Fd Coy	222	-	2	12	6	2
32 Amst Rep Coy	330	-	3	9	15	18
33 Amst HQRD	27	-	-	-	-	-
2/3 Amst Comp AA Regt	806	-	-	15	21	28
105 Amst F.A.D.	146	-	-	-	7	6
Amst Army Canteens	17	-	-	-	4	1
22 Amst Rep Coy	372	-	-	-	12	21
1 AMSD A.H.D.	670	-	3	9	17	18
133 Amst Gen Tpt	307	-	1	9	7	15
6 Amst Pers Coy	30	-	-	-	-	-
73 Amst Mob B/L Bty	203	1	-	4	5	6
2/4 Amst E.A.C.	23	-	-	-	-	2
9 Amst Fd AMD Det	24	-	-	-	-	2
2/5 Amst Gen Depot Staff	55	-	1	1	3	5
Convalescents	54	-	1	4	1	5
Det 9 Amst Fd Butchery	46	-	-	-	-	-
9 AMDU	18	-	-	1	-	-
37 Amst Rep Coy	388	-	3	4	6	28
19 L of C Sigs	544	-	3	4	13	20
14 AMDU	6	-	-	-	-	-
2/1 Amst Mech Eq Coy	400	-	-	-	1	11
142 Amst Gen Depot	171	1	4	1	-	3
2 Amst Mech Eq Wshops	67	-	1	1	3	4
54 Amst Const Tpt	320	-	-	12	20	20
19 Amst T/A Bty	488	-	1	-	6	20
6 Dental Op Coy	235	-	-	3	9	3
3 Amst Dev Prosecute	57	-	-	-	-	3
1 Amst Base Postal	30	-	-	1	2	-
5th Bty Bty RAA	400	-	2	-	1	3
2/14 Amst Fd Coy RAE	178	-	-	2	8	4
3 Amst GCR (Wards)	10	-	4	-	1	-
2/7 Amst Gen Hosp	300	2	-	-	7	10
TOTAL	7407	5	32	112	229	370
OTHER						
[redacted]	26	-	-	-	-	2
111 Amst GCS	110	-	-	-	4	2
2/23 Amst Bde Wshop	117	-	-	-	1	2
TOTAL	7660	5	32	112	234	376

PART II Total number of cases encountered beyond RAP of : (a) Skin Dysentery - 5
(b) Diarrhoea - 10
(c) URTI - 3 TOTAL - 18

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S. L. Hammond Major

[redacted]

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SECRET.

AMENDMENT TO LAE BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT NO 11

as at 0559 hrs 15 Mar. 44

	SERIAL NO	UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS.
Delete	36			10 4 Aust Fd Coy moved [illegible] Base Sub Area
Amend to read	38	10 Aust Fd Coy less one Pl and det	705449	Pl and Det SUM. 2/11 Aust Fd Coy moved [illegible]
Insert	43 a	No. 18 Aust Water Tpt Op Coy	LAE [illegible]	
Insert	45 a	Adv Party 43 Aust Water Tpt Op Coy	LAE [illegible]	
Amend to read	47	Det 7 Aust Docks Op Coy	709211	6 Aust Docks Op Coy moved [illegible]
Insert	49 a	1 Svy Sec 5 Aust Svy Coy less det	705342	Det [illegible]. [illegible] Unit. U/c [illegible] [illegible].
Insert	49 b	14 Aust CML Recce	[illegible]	
Delete	72			Moved [illegible]
Delete	74			Moved [illegible]
Insert	82 a	1 Aust Art Bn Sec	714416	
Amend to read	94	"A" & "B" Pls 105 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	713437	
Amend " "	113	2/7 Aust Gen Hospital (1300 Beds) less det	705473	[illegible] Unit. Det SUM.
Delete	115			Moved [illegible]
Insert	122 a	22 [illegible]	714421	Att 9 [illegible]
Insert	122 b	1 Aust Hospital Laundry	708397	Att 11 Aust Lab Laundry & Fwd Decon Unit
Insert	122 c	6 Aust Hospital Laundry	708397	" " " " " " " "
Insert	143 a	Det 1 Aust Watercraft Workshop	LAE [illegible]	" 1 Aust Watercraft Workshop.
Insert	145	333 Aust [illegible]	717420	
Amend to read	149	4 Aust [illegible] of C Postal Unit	704105	Army Post Office 220 - 713429
Amend to read	162	1 Aust Corps Salvage Unit	683477	

(H.D. FERGUSON) Maj.
G.S. LAE BASE SUB AREA.

DISTRIBUTION

as per LAE BASE SUB AREA LOCATION STATEMENT NO 11

HQ LAE Base Sub Area
13 March 44
Ref : M44/322/484

MALARIA & DENGUE INCIDENCE

WEEK ENDING 10 MARCH 44

HQ
LAE BASE SUB AREA

Malaria and Dengue incidence for week ending 10 March 1944 is as follows :

	LAE BASE SUB AREA	LAE AREA
Number of troops	9103	11,700
Malaria Incidence per 1000	5.4	5.8
Dengue Incidence per 1000		13.9

S.L. Mainland. Major
S. L. Mainland
DADMS LAE Base Sub Area

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SECRET.

[illegible] LAE BASE SUB AREA.

17 Mar, 44

LAE BASE SUB AREA LOCATION ARROW NO 1.

SERIAL.	UNIT	FROM.	TO	DATE	REMARKS.
1.	2/125 Aust Bde Workshop & HQ less det	HADZAP	LAE (Ref Map LAE 1/25000 707441	17 Mar, 44	

[illegible] (G.D. [illegible] (GUSON) MAJOR.
G S LAE BASE SUB AREA.

DISTRIBUTION.	METHOD OF ISSUE.
HQ	DRE-S
Adv 2 Aust Corps	DRE-S
Rear 2 Aust Corps	"
8 Aust Inf Control Gp	"
[illegible]	"
50 Aust [illegible]	HAND
5 Aust CRE [illegible]	DRE-S
19 Aust F of C Gp	"
29 Aust Inf Bde	"
Aust Adv Base Office	"
4 Aust F of C Tactical Unit	"
1 Aust MRD	"
1 Aust Corps Reception Gp	"
Brown Major, HADRAD	"
G S	"
Major [illegible] Base Sub Area	"
[illegible] (5)	"
A [illegible] (5)	"
Q (3)	"
File	"
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HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA.

18 Mar 44.

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59 AUST GAD FD PK COY.
4 AUST FD REGT.
3 AUST AIR MAINT.
39 AUST SUP DEP COY.
21 AUST T/A BTY.
10 AUST FD BTY.
2/3 AUST COMP AA REGT.
4 AUST FD COY.
2/11 AUST FD COY. RAE.
20 AUST FD COY.
19 AUST L OF C SIGS.
133 AUST GEN TPT COY.
151 AUST GEN TPT COY.
[redacted].
N.G. INF BN. (2).
WAR DIARY.
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RAISING OF NEW GUINEA INFANTRY BN.

Applications are invited from members of units under command Lae Base Sub Area for transfer to N.G. INFANTRY BN.

2. Conditions governing applications are as follows:-

(a). Members must be Med. Class A1.

(b). On being selected for transfer, members will be taken on strength of N.G. Inf Bn and promoted, where necessary, to the rank of A/Sgt. All personnel transferred will be under review for a period of 2 months, at the conclusion of which, C.O. N.G. Inf Bn has authority to return any personnel considered unsuitable to their original units.

(b). Personnel affected will be reverted to the rank held prior to transfer and returned to unit.

3. Authority is given Major W. M. EDWARDS, C.O. N.G. Inf Bn to contact units under command with the view to interviewing applicants and finalising transfers.

4. Applicants are required to complete the pro forma enclosed and with C.O.'s recommendation appended, the applications will be despatched by quickest possible means to H.Q. Lae Base Sub Area.

5. On receipt of applications by C.O. N.G. Inf Bn, arrangements will be made for applicants to be interviewed for final selection.

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Lt-Col.
(O. AV. KESSELS)
AA & QMG LAE BASE SUB AREA.

ENCL.

APPLICATION FORM

FOR SERVICE IN N.G. INF BN.

NO..... RANK..... NAME.....

UNIT.....

AGE..... SERVICE..... years. MEDICAL CLASS.....

ARMY SCHOOLS & COURSES ATTENDED .....

.....

.....

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH NATIVES (Give brief details) .....

.....

.....

C.O.'S RECOMMENDATION .....

STATE IF APPLICANT AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER & DATE.....

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT .....

DATE .....

(WRITE IN BLOCK LETTERS).

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA

17 March 44.

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA
Copy to:-
A.P.M. N.G. FORCE.

WEEKLY REPORT - Saturday 11 March - Friday 17 March 44.

I have to report the following activities of Provost in the LAE & NADZAB Area.

Saturday 11 March.

1. A soldier giving his name as SX15363 Pte SUTTON L.G. was apprehended today. He was without either means of identification or paybook and stated that he was A.W.L. from Puckapunyal and was endeavouring to join the 2/27 Bn. Investigations are proceeding.

Sunday 12 March.

Nil Report.

Monday 13 March.

1. A visit was paid to NADZAB in company with Capt Walker, O.C. 3 Aust Armd Div Provost Coy. A reduction in the number of personnel detached for duty in that area was made bringing the total down to 1 Officer and 20 ORs. Permanent duties now being performed are:-

2 m/c Patrols on No. 5 airstrip

1 M.P. travelling with each of three jeep patrols operated by American Provost throughout the drome area

1 Point Duty on Station Rd intersection

1 jeep patrol on Nadzab Rd

Tuesday 14 March.

1. Arrangements were made with 29 Bde HQ for the assistance of 1 Officer and 36 ORs to be provided by 3 Aust Armd Div Provost Coy. The section at Nadzab already mentioned is included in these figures.

Wednesday 15 March.

1. As from 1200 hrs today the following are permanent duties being performed by 3 Aust Div Provost Coy.

Control of No.1 wharf

2 jeep patrols operating on Buzu and Butibum Roads

1 jeep patrol on Nadzab Rd , 1 T.C.P. Nadzab Rd.

1 picture patrol

All night picquets on Butibum Bridge and Butibum Crossing in the vicinity of 106 CCS.

Point Duty Charing Cross

Traffic Control Post on the new Wau Rd (this will come into operation on 20 March 44)

Point duty previously performed at the entrance to Voco Point and outside Movement Control H.Q. has been taken over by the American Military Police.

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Thursday 16 March.

1. Arrangements were made today for billeting etc of personnel manning T.C.P. on the Wau Rd. Duties required to be performed will be set out by the engineers, and although there does not appear to be any great need for a T.C.P. at the moment, their duties should increase when the road is officially opened.

2. Cpl Patterson of 3 Aust Div Provost Coy met with an accident while riding a m/c on the main road running parallel to the Lae airstrip. It is understood that his injuries are not serious. Investigations are proceeding.

3. A visit was paid to the cinema in the area occupied by 151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy. Parking of the few vehicles present, observation of orders in regard to malarial precautions, and the behaviour of the troops generally were considered very good. Unfortunately this standard was marred by the gross overloading of vehicles returning to their unit lines after the show.

The list of authorities previously issued to units for the use of transport to cinemas is now under revision.

Friday 17 March.

1. An inspection of 3 Aust Div Provost Coy was made this afternoon. The men's quarters and general hygiene arrangements are considered good. Smartness of dress and general discipline is considered to be of a very high standard and it was explained to the men that whilst this was a good example to other troops in the area, there was room for improvement in the paying of compliments to officers when on duty.

GENERAL

1. Direction is required as to who will be the recognised authority for the issue of passes to use the Wau Rd when it is officially opened.

2. It is suggested that units in this area be instructed to clear all scrub at the vehicle exits and entrances to their lines off the main roads.

3. The movement of American coloured troops in this area can now be said to be under complete control.

4. A slight deterioration in traffic discipline has been observed in this area but the 2 mobile patrols now operating should have the desired effect.

.....Major.
D.A.P.M. LAE BASE SUB AREA.

D.A.D.D.S.
H. Q. LAE BASE SUB AREA
17 Mar 44

Ref 44/152/13

"A" Branch H.Q.LAE BSA " 1.
WAR DIARY 1.
FILE 1.

"WEEKLY DENTAL SUMMARY -
WEEK ENDING 16 Mar 44 "

LOCATION DENTAL UNITS -

Unit	No of D.O's	Site	Map ref. Lae 1/25000
H.Q. 2/5 AUST DENTAL UNIT	2	Rear 2 Aust Corps.	701409
"B" Sec 2/5 AUST DENTAL UNIT	1	104 Aust.Bde W/shop	715424
"B" Sec 53 AUST DENTAL UNIT	1	1 Aust A.R.D.	699497
2/7 AUST GEN HOSP	1	2/7 Aust Gen Hosp	705472
111 AUST C.C.S.	1	111 Aust C.C.S.	545549
112 AUST CON DEPOT	1	112 Aust Con Depot	671447

ADVICE from N.D.F. - Another section arriving this area in near future.

DENTAL STORES - Large consignment of stores arrived from mainland, estimated to be sufficient to meet normal requirements for a period of six months.

WORK PERFORMED -

Men presented for treatment	515
" made dentally fit	204
Number of Fillings	265
" " Dentures	70
" " Extractions	104

DENTAL POST LAE BASE LAE BSA - The establishment of this post is held up pending the completion of the wooden floor in the new Dental Office.

.....Major
H.MALCOLM BIRD
D.A.D.D.S.
LAE BSA

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YMCA LAE BASE SUB AREA
17 Mar 44

"A"Branch
HQ Lae Base Sub Area

Subject:- Weekly Report YMCA Activity Lae Area
Week Endind 17 Mar 44

Refreshments service to working parties was continued during the past week. At the YMCA Rec Hut Busu Road 560 Gall Cordial,
120 " Coffee were distributed.....

To working parties on the Busu Road including Hospital Sites,38 Empl Coy etc.
504 Gall Coffee was distributed.

To working parties on the Butibum Road inxluding ASD,FAD,FOD & W/Shops.
504 Gall Coffee was distributed.

To working parties on the wharf
140 Gall Coffee was distributed.

At the Coffee Stall on the Lae strip
420 Gall Coffee
150 " Cordial
168 x ½ lb Pkts Biscuits were distributed.

Other comforts issued to Units in the area during the week include:-

45,000 Sheets writing paper,19500 envelopes,200 Pks playing cards, 88 Asst Games,48 Darts,84 pens & nibs,6 Bot Clag,300 Magazines & Books, 500 Sheets Blotting paper,24 T/Tennis Balls,12 T/Tennis Bats,60 Mantles, PKs,Sweets,Socks,Powder,Boot Polish,Tooth Paste,Shaving Cream.

Church Services are held at 0900 hrs & 1830 hrs each Sunday. It is wished that this HQs inform Units of these Church Services. One Service being OPDs and One being C of E. A communion service is held after each service.

The Public Address System is doing invaluable service to the troops by providing musical evenings every night.

(R.H.Rogers) Welfare Officer
Lae Base Sub Area.

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L.L.Amenities Service,
LHL Base Sub-Area,
17/3/44

AMENITIES REPORT- WEEK ENDING 17 MARCH 44

HQ,
LHL Base Sub-Area.

I. During past week,contact has been made with the following units:-

II RCU,RAAF,21 Pk Attack Sty,[illegible],Special Services,U.S.Army AOF,Cdlv.Army,[illegible],HQ 28 Bde,5 OAD Works,131 A.G.H.Coy, I Aust A.D,2 Aust Corps,4 S.A.Section,HQ 7 Aust Div, I9 L of C Stationery,2/7 A.G.H,III C.C.S,II2 Con,Depot, 5 Aust Air Maint,75 Lab:2/2 Sty,[illegible] SCS,37 Aust Wireless Dusk Section,[illegible] S.A.D,2/4 M.A.C,5 Div Provost Coy,32 Aust DIRCD,2/6 Hvy A/A Sty,39 Aust Supply Depot, I38 A.S.C.Coy,2/9 Lt A/A Sty,47 Aust Inf.Btn.

2. EQUIPMENT - GENERAL.

I2 tons of material were received on I2 March,44,on [illegible] The cost price of this material is [illegible]3/6/-.
Finance is arranged by M.G.A,and the ~~[illegible]~~ material is issued to units.
Advice has been received of another ~~[illegible]~~ 10 cases of material consigned from [illegible]- this makes the third consignment shipped,but not yet received.

3. MERCHANDISE - GENERAL.

(a) 5 OAD Works have advised that construction of stage in 2/7 A.G.H.Area will commence shortly-siting was made in company with Lieut.SIMPSON.

(b) A consignment of musical instruments(including one piano) was received on I2 March,but unfortunately was not comprehensive enough to enable the formation of a band to proceed. Further consignment left LHL on 24 Feb.44.

4. ENTERTAINMENT - GENERAL

(a) Clearing LHL Base picture site has now been completed; this site will be opened on Sunday I9th March,with temporary screen ~~and~~ projection box.
Arrangements are in hand for the erection of permanent projection box and masonite screen.
HQ 2 Aust.Corps have been advised of change of Sunday & Sunday sites

(b) Work was discontinued on I04 workshops site in order to complete LHL Base site.Clearing of this area is again in progress.

(c) Receipt from the mainland of a new Briggs & Stratton Motor-Generator has considerably helped the efficient working of this unit.

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5. SPORTING ORGANIZATION

(a) In company with an Engineer Officer(Lieut [illegible]) of 5 CRE Works) an inspection of the [illegible] Strip area was made.
Prior to inspection 5 & 2 were contacted,and we were advised that proposed Amenities Area did not interfere with plans for Sheep run.

Engineer Officer approved proposed site,and estimates of Labour etc. are being submitted by 5 CRE Works.
Construction will include:-

6 Sports Ovals
2 Pavilions & Shower Rooms
1 Store(for material used on Recreation Area)

An area is available for the construction of tennis courts, Basketball Courts etc.

(b) The intentions of 12 Aust.Inf.Bde.with regard to future boxing tournaments have not yet been clarified,but it is hoped that definite information will be available by 20th March.
Until this information is to hand,no estimates for the construction of Boxing Stadium,or alteration of existing stadium,can be given.

6. [illegible]
L/Cpl.[illegible] arrived from N.G.F.,as chief projectionist & projector mechanic for this area on 12 March 44.Cpl.[illegible],projectionist, and Pte.[illegible],attached LOF,marched out on recreational leave on 14 March.

[signature] Lieut,
Amenities Officer,
[illegible] Base Sub-area.

'A' BRANCH,

L E G A L

WEEKLY RETURN, 2000 HOURS 17 MAR 44.

THREE FGCMs were held on 10 Mar 44 :-

NX155723 Lieut A.S. WRIGHT, 1 AUST ARD

CHARGE - WOAS NEGLECT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE in that he in the field on 22 Dec 43 did lose by neglect one .38 calibre pistol No V143377 SMITH & WESSON to the value of £6:5:- and one case pistol to the value of 7/1, on issue to him.
FINDING - NOT GUILTY. AA Sec 40

VX75847 Lieut S.G. FRANKLAND-MURPHY, 1 AUST CAMOUFLAGE UNIT

CHARGE - WOAS NEGLECT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE in that he in the field on or about 9 Feb 44 did lose by neglect one .38 calibre pistol No V87735 SMITH & WESSON to the value of £6:5:-, on issue to him. AA Sec 40
FINDING - NOT GUILTY

NX152667 Sig S.W. GALLAGHER, New Guinea Air Warning Wireless Coy (AIF)

CHARGE - WOAS CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE in that he in the field at about 1600 hours on 4 Feb 44 when on duty as a wireless operator, was asleep. AA Sec 40
FINDING - GUILTY

THREE FGCMs were held on 13 Mar 44 :-

NX160705 Pte G.E. KILBY, 151 AUST GEN TPT COY

CHARGE - WOAS COMMITTING A CIVIL OFFENCE, THAT IS TO SAY, STEALING .... ONE bundle of folding cots the property of the US Army. AA Sec 41

(Alternative to above charge)
WOAS CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE... AA Sec 40
FINDING - GUILTY on the first charge.

S.34584 Pte V.R. VOIGT, 151 AUST GEN TPT COY

CHARGE - WOAS COMMITTING A CIVIL OFFENCE, THAT IS TO SAY, STEALING .... ONE bundle of folding cots the property of the US Army. AA Sec 41

(Alternative to above charge)
WOAS CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE. AA Sec 40
FINDING - GUILY on the first charge.

NX136150 Sgt A.W.E. HEUGILL, 4 AUST FD BAKING COY

CHARGE - WOAS CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE in that he in the field on 22 Dec 43 was improperly in possession of one .38 calibre pistol No V87827 SMITH & WESSON on issue to Lieut G.J. HORNER. AA Sec 40

FINDING - GUILTY.

.....Major,
LGL OFFR, LAE BASE SUB-AREA

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AUST ARMY EDUCATION SERVICE.

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES WEEK ENDING I6 MAR 44.

LECTURES

DAY	UNIT	SUBJECT	Approx Attend.
Fri Mar I0	2/6 AA Bty BHQ	Ireland	30
	BTP	"	60
	20 Fd Coy	Burma	60
	I0 Aust Fd Amb	Czechoslavakia	40
	38 Aust Emp Coy	Aust A Nation	I20
	73 S/L Bty 4 Stns	Constitutional Framework	20
Sat Mar II	Lae Fortress W/S	Ireland	I20
Sun Mar I2	AACS	Combined Operations	40
	I04 Bde W/S	Ireland	I00
	271 MEC	Pacific Strategy	65
Mon Mar I3	I5I AGT	Social Security	35
Tues Mar I4	III CCS 4 talks	News Commentries & Ireland	I05
	73 S/L Bty 7 Sta	Pacific Strategy	I5
	6 "	" "	20
	3 "	" "	I2
Wed Mar I5	2/6 A/A Bty A Tp	Ireland	I00
	I5I AGT E Pl	Combined Operations	25
	3I2 LAD	Ireland	I2
	9 Stationery Unit	Turkey	I5
	73 S/L Bty 8 Sta	Pacific Strategy	I5
	5 "	Europe '44	25
	5 Aust CRE (Works)	Pacific Stratehy	I8
Thur Mar I6	I03 FAD	Eastern Front	I00
			II52

The absence of Sgts Sheppard and Forster, sick, reduced the lectures given during the week.

Topics Planned For Next Week - White Australia, Burma, The Wider Powers Bill, Europe.

New Units - Talks have been arranged for 2/3 AA Regt RHQ and A/A Ops Room.

News Sheet - ~~I50~~ 126 copies of the Lae Lowdown are distributed daily to units throughout the area.

Libraries - Stocktaking and reorganisation were done during the week.

Correspondences Courses - I3 applications for courses were forwarded onward for action.

Radio News Broadcasts - Facilities are available for the I900 hours news broadcast at the Centre. The audience varies between I0 and 20.

Maps - 20 maps were distributed to units for use on notice boards wtc.

General - Fresh supplies of books and materials arrived during the week. Work is proceeding with shelves for the storage of such materials. A considerable time of the staff will be required for the classification and distribution of the materials provided. At present because of staff shortages it is not possible to have someone on full time duty at Education Centre during the day and in the evenings. The early installation of a telephone at Education Centre is necessary.

M Campbell Capt

M. CAMPBELL
DAD Education
HQ Lae Base Sub Area.

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LAE BASE SUB AREA ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

BRIGADIER L. G. FULLARTON, M.C. COMMANDING LAE BASE SUB AREA

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA

18 Mar 44.

Serial No. 14.

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH

G.290 HANDLING OF CAPTURED DOCUMENTS & EQUIPMENT

1. All captured enemy documents and equipment must be forwarded through intelligence to Adv LHQ.

2. The finder of any captured enemy equipment or document may, if he so desires, name himself or some other person to whom the souvenir may be sent when no longer required by intelligence, but it is preferred that a person on the mainland be named in order to minimise transport, and risks of loss in transit.

3. If the articles forwarded are of value to intelligence the sender will be informed of the retention of the document or equipment.

4. The co-operation of all ranks is requested as such items constitute a most important source of information concerning the enemy.

G.291 UNIT CENSOR STAMPS

1. A complete census of unit censor stamps will be taken as at 31 Mar 44.

2. Each establishment, unit and sub-unit will render to HQ LAE Base Sub Area a return of the censor stamp or stamps held by it on 31 Mar 44.

3. Such return will be forwarded to reach HQ LAE Base Sub Area NOT later than 14 Apr 44 and will be on the following form:-

To:

I hereby certify that the unit censor stamps/stamps held by the undermentioned establishment, unit or sub unit on 31 Mar 44, is/are as follows:-

(Imprint of unit censor stamp/stamps to be placed here)

Dated this day of 1944

Unit.....

Signature.....

Rank.....

4. An establishment, unit or sub-unit which does NOT hold a censor stamp will render a "Nil" return.

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G.292 TIME DESIGNATION

1. NGF RO G.53 is repeated hereunder :-

1. As from 0200L 26 Mar 44 the use of Daylight Saving Time will be discontinued and Standard Time (Zone "K" time) will be re-introduced. This will be effected by the retarding of timepieces one hour at 0200L 26 Mar 44.

2. To avoid any confusion arising from the change from Daylight Saving Time to Standard Time, the following procedure will be observed:-

(a) Where the time is now indicated "L", it will continue to be so indicated until 0159L 26 Mar 44.

(b) No messages will be marked at exactly 0200L 26 Mar 44 but one minute later all messages originated in this zone will be timed 0101K. Thereafter "K" time will be used until further notice.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S BRANCH

A.293 DRESS

1. This order will be read in conjunction with G.292

2. Attention is drawn to LAE Base Sub Area RO 31 of 25 Dec 43.

3. From Sunday 26 Mar 44 Reveille will be at 0630 hrs.

4. Between the hours of 0630 and 1800 shirts may be worn with sleeves rolled up.

5. Bathing after 1800 hrs will be restricted to personnel on shift work and only allowed where mosquito proof showers are provided

6. CO's and OC's will ensure by constant supervision that Malaria control regulations are strictly enforced.

A.294 CLEANING OF UNIT LINES - INCIDENCE OF MALARIA, DENGUE FEVER.

HQ LAE Base Sub Area Signal AQ25 of 31 Dec is repeated:-

"Action will be taken immediately to clear from unit lines and for radius of at least 100 yards from Camp all old coconut husks which are lying on the ground (.) These should be burnt (.) Old tins must be collected and buried (.) Scrub will be cleared back some distance (.) Present rate malaria dengue and typhus considered due above (.) Cmds will give matter personal attention and advise when completed"

2. Many units, particularly Arty AA and Searchlight dets have failed to comply with this instruction. Medical statistics show that such units have very high incidence of malaria and dengue.

3. CO's and OC's will ensure by personal inspections that immediate action is taken to progressively extend the cleared area to 100 yards from camp site. Even a few hours work each week will result in an improvement in mosquito control.

4. Weekly progress report will be submitted to DA&QMG LAE Base Sub Area until completion of work.

A.295 ANTI MALARIA PRECAUTIONS - RECREATIONAL LEAVE

1. Attention is directed to GRO 404/43.

2. It is advised by LHQ that, due to troops not taking suppressive atebrin while on leave, deaths have occurred.

3. Units will instruct troops that neglect in this regard may have serious consequences if instructions as set out in GRO 404/43 paras 7c and 8c are not strictly adhered to.

4. CO's and OC's will specifically warn troops of these dangers immediately prior to their departure on leave:

(To be repeated in Unit ROs once a month)

A.296 ILLEGAL ABSENTEES

1. NG Force RO A49 is repeated herewith.

1. GRO A599/43 - para 7 (a) - requires units to ascertain from the nearest Record Office whether any record is held of a member's apprehension or surrender before taking action pursuant to AMR & O Part VI, Division 11 to have the member declared an illegal absentee.

2. A declaration of illegal absence is authority for stoppage of pay and adjustment or cancellation of allotments to dependants and every declaration of illegal absence erroneously made creates unnecessary work for members of the AAPC. In addition, a declaration made in error may impose hardship upon, or may result in criticism of the Service by, the member concerned and his dependants.

3. Units will ensure that, in future, the procedure laid down in GRO A599/43 - para 7 (a) is strictly adhered to. Qld L of C Area Records Office is the appropriate Records Office for enquiry by units in NEW GUINEA.

4. All investigations into illegal absence for 21 days or more will be made by an Investigating Officer appointed pursuant to AMR & O 488A, the provisions of which are repeated in GRO A613/43.

5. NGF Order 3/44 is cancelled.

A.297 PRIVATE CORRESPONDENCE

1. Frequent complaints are made that troops are being prevented from writing frequently or are ordered to curtain letters.

2. The policy in this connection is that troops are to be allowed to write as frequently as they wish and that there is to be no curtailment in length of letters.

(To be republished in Unit ROs)

A.298 PHOTOGRAPHS OF GRAVES

1. Para 4 "Location of Graves" of Instn from DGR is repeated hereunder:-

"The specific location of graves will not be disclosed when writing to next of kin or others."

There would be NO objection to a soldier writing that he had seen a certain grave so long as he conformed with the paras quoted. He could advise his addressees to inquire from DGR, LHQ for exact location of grave. There is no objection to soldiers writing of the work of G.R. units and descriptions of cemeteries, but names of

personnel or units are not allowed. Graves may NOT be photographed until after the official photograph has been taken and despatched. Next of kin may write to DGR, LHQ for photographs of graves additional to the one received free, enclosing 6d for each extra copy required".

A.299 MINUTE OF PUBLICATION

1. A FGCM, convened by Brigadier I.G. FULLARTON, Commander, LAE Base Sub Area was held at HQ, LAE Base Sub Area on 23 Feb 44 for the trial of QX14433 Cfn L.P. EVERINGHAM of 2/125 Aust Ddo Wkshops AEME.

The accused was charged with :-

First Charge - WOAS STEALING PROPERTY BELONGING TO A PERSON SUBJECT TO MILITARY LAW A.A. Sec 18(4)

Second Charge (Alternative to first charge) WOAS CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE A.A. Sec 40.

2. The Court found the accused GUILTY of the first charge, and NOT Guilty of the second charge.

The Court sentenced the accused to undergo detention for NINETY days.

The accused was ONE day in close arrest awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 9 Mar 44 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 13 Mar 1944.

A.300 MINUTE OF PUBLICATION

1. A FGCM convened by Brigadier I.G. FULLARTON, Commander LAE Base Sub Area, was held at HQ LAE Base Sub Area on 10 Feb 44 for the trial of VX45087 Bdr W.H.L. JAMES of 2/6 Aust Hvy AA Bty, 2/3 Aust AA Regt.

The accused was charged with :-

WOAS conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he on or about 9 Nov 43 in a letter written by him attempted to communicate military information to a person otherwise than in the course of his official duty A.A. 40.

2. The Court found the accused : NOT Guilty of the Charge (10 Feb 44)

A.301 MINUTE OF PUBLICATION

1. A FGCM convened by Brigadier I.G. FULLARTON, Commander, LAE Base Sub Area, was held at HQ LAE Base Sub Area on 10 Feb 44 for the trial of VX126437 Sigman R.W.K. DUFUY of 10 Aust L of C Sigs.

The accused was charged with :-

WOAS losing by neglect his arms and equipment. A.A. Sec 24 (2)

2. The Court found the accused : NOT Guilty of the Charge (10 Feb 44)

A.302 MINUTE OF PUBLICATION

1. A FGCM convened by Brigadier I.G. FULLARTON, Commander LAE Base Sub Area was held at HQ LAE Base Sub Area on 21 Mar 44 for the trial of VX75847 Lieut Stanley Gordon FRAMELAND [illegible] of 21 Aust Camouflage Unit RAE, AIF.

The accused was charged with:-

> WOAS NEGLECT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE, in that he, in the field, on or about 9 Feb 44, did lose by neglect one .38 calibre pistol, No V87735 SMITH & WESSON, to the value of £6:5:-, on issue to him.

2. The Court found the accused NOT Guilty of the Charge.

Q.303 NATIVE LABOUR

1. When the allotment of Native Labour necessitates detachment from ANGAU COMPOUND CO or CO Unit using this Labour will be responsible for:

   (i) Maintaining normal roll showing Name and Contract of Service No as supplied by ANGAU.

   (ii) Daily roll call or where not possible daily check as frequently as is possible e.g. for Natives on Barges.

   (iii) Advising DADNL ANGAU of casualties evacuations etc as for Aust personnel.

2. Records will be available for inspection by Representatives of HQ LAE Base Sub Area or ANGAU at any time.

3. Natives will not be transferred or moved from Base without approval of HQ LAE Base Sub Area or DADNL ANGAU.

Q.304 WORKING PARTY HOURS - EASTERN STANDARD TIME

1. On and from 26 Mar the hours for the day shift for working parties will be 0750 - 1600 (one hour for lunch).

2. The object of reporting at ten minutes to the hour is to preserve continuity of work and to avoid the dislocations often caused by a lag in commencement of the next shift. When a succeeding shift arrives punctually at ten minutes to the hour the relieved party may then hand over immediately.

Q.305 POL - ISSUES TO UNITS

Many indents for POL (AD 55 a) are carelessly prepared and submitted incomplete. No issues will be made unless the indent is signed by an Officer.

Q.306 RESPIRATORS ANTI-DUST

1. Respirators Anti Dust for M.T. drivers will be available shortly. These weigh approx 4 ozs and consist of a small rubber mask covering the nose and mouth with an adjustable metal loop fitting over the nose.

2. They have a plastic holder for a replaceable filter, two spares for which are provided. The respirator is secured by an air elastic headband. Units will indent on Ordnance for requirements by 28 Mar.

Q.307 DEMANDS FOR ORDNANCE STORES

1. No Quartermaster or his Representative will enquire for stores at Ordnance Storehouse unless he has first contacted ADOS, this HQ.

2. All outstanding Indents have been cancelled as at 1 Mar 44. For outstanding Ordnance requirements new indents must be submitted. These will not be forwarded to ADOS direct but will be collected by Ordnance Conductor.

Q.308 FD 8 AND 10 HP ENGINES - HOWARD 8 HP

A return is required to reach ADOS this HQ not later than 28 Mar showing types and quantities of the above engines being used with Sets Generating 5 KVA (Single Phase). Nil returns are NOT required.

Q.300 BUS SERVICE CHARING CROSS - DUTIDUI - DUIBU - BUSU ROADS

The Bus service will operate daily as follows.

Depart YMCA on the hour from 0900 to and including 1700

Three minute stops 104 Bde W/Shops

2/7 A.G.H.

A.R.D.

112 CON DEPOT.

The Bus may be hailed only at the entrance point to any Unit Lines.

LT-COL.
(G.A. KESSELS)
AA & QMG LAE BASE SUB AREA

HOSPITAL VISITING

The visits to Officer patients by members of their unit to refer correspondence and obtain signatures is causing a good deal of inconvenience to the Medical Staff in the mornings.

Matters which are so important that they cannot be dealt with by other than the officer patient should be sent to the Officers Ward during the usual visiting hours in the afternoons or evenings, which are as follows -

1400 hrs to 1530 hrs Daily
1800 hrs to 2000 hrs Daily

MOBILE CINEMA CIRCUITS

Aust Cinema Circuits for week ending 26th Mar 44 will be as follows:-

	Mobile Cinema No 82	Mobile Cinema No 77
Monday 20th	At Cnr Duribu-Busu Rds	At 104 Workshops
Tuesday 21st	At NAIZAB	At HQ LAE Base Sub Area (New Site)
Wednesday 22nd	At 2/7 AGH.	At HQ 29 Bde
Thursday 23rd	At 151 AGT Coy	At The Wrock
Friday 24th	At 104 Workshops	At Cnr Duribu-Busu Rds.
Saturday 25th	At HQ 29 Bde	At 2/7 AGH
Sunday 26th	At HQ LAE Base Sub Area	At 111 C.C.S.

'HIS BUTLER'S SISTER' Starring DEANNA DURBIN & FRANCHOT TONE
'MONKEYBOON IN BALI' Starring MADELEINE CARROLL & FRED MacMURRAY

Please note change of site from 2 Aust Corps to HQ LAE Base Sub Area.

AMENITIES

1. 29 Aust Inf Bde Recreational Area, concert platform and Stadium are ready for use and available to all units in LAE Base Sub Area.

2. Applications for use will be made to Lieut GINN, Amenities Offr LAE Base Sub Area who will make the necessary arrangements with 29 Aust Inf Bde.

3. These applications will reach Lieut GINNat least 10 days in advance of the date for whichthe programme is planned.

LOST

Rifle No 2445. Rifle was lost between 1100 hrs and 1130 hrs on the 12 March 44 from jeep travelling between Heaths Plantation and NADZAB. Finder will hand in to DAPM HQ LAE Base Sub Area.

CHURCH SERVICES

Church Services March 19 April-2 1944.

March 19
YMCA HUT
0900 Protestant Denomination
1830 Church of England

March 26
YMCA HUT
0900 Church of England
1830 Protestant Denomination

April 2 (Palm Sunday)
YMCA HUT
0900 Protestant Denomination
1830 Church of England

Services for Good Friday (April 7) and Easter Day (April 9) will be announced later.

Sunday March 19
RC SERVICE.
1830 Mission Church LAE Base Sub Area.

SECRET.

A.E.M.E. ACTIVITIES. WEEK ENDING 19 MAR. '44.

LAE BASE SUB AREA.

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1. A.E.M.E. UNITS OR DETACHMENTS COMING UNDER COMMAND DURING WEEK :-

1 Officer and 12 OR's of 247 L.A.D. arrived 17 Mar. '44 with hand-tools and P/E Set. Rear party comprising 1 Cpl. and 3 OR's are at BUNA.

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2. A.E.M.E. UNITS OR DETACHMENTS PASSING OUT OF COMMAND DURING WEEK :-

NIL.

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3. OFFICERS REPORTING IN FOR DUTY DURING WEEK :-

VX117260 Lieut. L.D. Wilmot. 247 Aust L.A.D.

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4. OFFICERS GOING OFF DUTY DURING WEEK. ;-

VX100023 Lieut. L.S. Dimsey of 2/125 Aust Bde Wkshop reported to 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp 18 Mar. for onward movement to LHQ E & ME School, EME (Instruments) No.7 Course, 3 Apr.- 20 May 44.

WX29332 Lieut. V.T.G. Stevenson evacuated 2/7 AGH, 17 Mar.44.

VX130739 Lieut. J.J.H. Dunlop evacuated 2/7 AGH, 17 Mar. 44.

NX67450 Lieut. J. Hamilton evacuated 2/7 AGH, 16 Mar. 44.

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5. UNIT HAVING EQUIPMENT BUT NOT WITH UNIT :-

UNIT.	EQUIPMENT.	LOCATION.
247 AUST L.A.D.	Vehicles & Equipment.	BUNA (with rear party.)

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6. See para 7.

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7. Developments should now cope with most repair commitments.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008 (Adapted) (Page 1) (Revised Jan., 1943)

[redacted]/[redacted] (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/3/1944 NO LAE BSA (Unit)

W.E. 37 80/3. OFFRS. 47 O.R's. 904 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 11 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Retn'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Retn'fts Required.
	-	-	1	WE 1					
	3	-	2	Lieut.-Colonels 5					
	3	-	12	Majors 15					
	5	-	13	Captains 18					
	-	2	6	Lieutenants 6					
	-	-	2	Quarter-masters A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. CHAPLAINS Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	11	2	38	47					

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of Instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL.		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A.		36	2								38
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
[redacted]	Chap	DRAKEFORD J.W.	112 Gen Depot	22-3-44	
[redacted]	Lieut	LANE R.H.	Ex 1A Force	24-3-44	

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

NO LAE BASE SUB AREA ..... *Unit*

Army Form W.3008 (Adapted) (Page 2) (Revised Jan., 1943)

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/3/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
BRIG	[redacted]	WILLARTON	J.G.	COMD	YES		
LT-COL	[redacted]	RESSELS	O.A.	AACMS	"		
LT-COL	[redacted]	SMITH	L.L.	ADST	NO	LEAVE	
MAJOR	[redacted]	DUFFY	J.H.	MACMS	NO	LEAVE	
MAJOR	[redacted]	WATELAND	N.L.	DADMS	YES		
MAJOR	[redacted]	TAUBE	C.R.	GSOI	"		
MAJOR	[redacted]	FERGUSON	HUF.	G II	"		
MAJOR	[redacted]	SHORE	R.L.	DADV	"		
MAJOR	[redacted]	ROBINSON	H.K.	AGSO	"		
MAJOR	[redacted]	REID	H.M.	DADDS	"		
MAJOR	[redacted]	DOUGLAS	W.H.	Log Off	"		
MAJOR	[redacted]	MATTHEWS	R.F.	DADV	"		
MAJOR	[redacted]	BOWEN	C.E.	A-GS/M	"		
MAJOR	[redacted]	JARVIS	K.L.	DADV	"		
CAPT/T-MAJ	[redacted]	HARPER	J.C.	DADS	"		
CAPT	[redacted]	LOVE	J.E.	DADOS	NO	LEAVE	
CAPT	[redacted]	KING	W.J.	AGLO	NO	LEAVE	
CAPT	[redacted]	DONALDSON	H.A.	SO A	YES		
CAPT	[redacted]	SMITH	L.H.	AGLO	NO	LEAVE	
CAPT	[redacted]	SHERRY	L.J.	DADP	YES		
CAPT	[redacted]	BURTON	A.E.	W/O	"		
CAPT	[redacted]	SMITH	DUP.	GSOI	"		
CAPT	[redacted]	CAMPBELL	M.	DADS	"		
CAPT	[redacted]	OFFICER	V.W.	G III	"		
CAPT	[redacted]	HARDING	K.A.	Q.M. Off	"		
LT-C/Q.M.	[redacted]	FISHER	N.J.	SO A	NO	LEAVE	
LT-C/Q.M.	[redacted]	HART	J.H.	SO C	YES		
LT-C/Q.M.	[redacted]	GRAY	O.M.	Ops Asso Pol	YES		
LIEUT	[redacted]	LANE	R.H.	Asst Off	YES		
LIEUT	[redacted]	WILSON	D.J.	RTO	"		
LIEUT	[redacted]	JESSER	G.H.	G/Cmdt	NO	KEARE WOOD POINT	
LIEUT	[redacted]	LOCKE	F.P.	[illegible]	YES		
LIEUT	[redacted]	GIBB	SMF.	A/ADC	"		
LIEUT	[redacted]	JOHNSTONE	R.W.	S/A C	"		
LIEUT	[redacted]	SIMPSONS	J.H.	MAOZZ	"		
LIEUT	[redacted]	KEPT	J.H.	A/O/Cmdt	NO	DET. REF IRP BE	
CHAPLAIN	[redacted]	BECTON	A.		YES		
CHAPLAIN	[redacted]	DRAKEFORD	J.W.		"		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT	[redacted]	HILDOR J.C.	G/R Off	27-24-43	
LIEUT	[redacted]	HYLES J.T.	G/R Off	26-1-44	
LIEUT	[redacted]	BOOKAM M.J.	ADOS HQ	REF 8-1-44	
CAPT	[redacted]	CHARTON J.T.	20 Rep Dep	8-1-44	
MAJOR	[redacted]	CROSSWELL G.E.	NGHA BSA	17-2-44	
CAPT	[redacted]	MASON W.H.	163 AGS	21-1-44	
Chap	[redacted]	SHAW O.E.	1 AASD	21-12-43	

10 Mar 44
Date of Despatch

Truth—7/48.

LIEUT
Signature of Commander
(R.W. Johnstone) Actg/Comp Comdt

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FIELD RETURN OF O[illegible]HER RANKS

11 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18 / 3 /194 4 . HQ LAE BSA (Unit)

W.E.IV / 80 / 2 . OFFRS. 47 O.R's. 206+ OFFRS. - O.R's. 11 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.						ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength	DETAIL.	WEe	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
	-	1	3	W.Os. Class I.	2	AACCWO	1	- 1	1	
	-	2	12	W.Os. Class II.	10	AACC SGT	1	3	2	
N/R	1	-	-	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	1	AACC Cpl	1	2	1	
		1	8	Staff Sergeants	7	AACC Pte	7	7		
N/R	2	5	25	Sergeants	22	AA POSTAL	1	1		
N/R	3	8	40	Corporals	35	AAPC SGT	1	1		
N/R	1		128	Troopers, Privates, etc.						
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
*	7	17	216*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	206		11	15 4		*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Ferrets, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	ATT A	ATT B	A A.T.P.	A C.M.P.	B	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A	140	31	37	23					[redacted]	[redacted]		231
B(1)												
B(2)								[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	47 BN 29 BDE		
1	39 SUP COY		
6	AMMENITIES		
2	4 SEA AMB TPT		
1	3 A BASE SUB AREA		
2	133 AGT COY		
13			

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	1A A R D		
1	ADCS		
1	103 F A D		
1	FORT/WSHOPS		
2	19 L of C SIGS		
1	11 AUST WATER TPT		
1	43 F O D		
1	AUST C R E (5)		
4	T/MAJ NADZAB		
1	14 AUST C R E		
3	ANGAU		
17			

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

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

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 18/ 3 /194 4 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Ammunition Examiners	1	1	-
Armament Artificer Fitter			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			
Armament Artificer Instrument			
Armament Artificer Radio			
Armament Artificer Signals			
Armament Artificer Wireless			
Artificer, Artillery			
Artificer, Engine			
Blacksmiths			
Bricklayers			
Computers			
Cooks, Hospital			
Coppersmiths			
Dispensers			
Draughtsmen	1	1	-
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			
Electricians			
Electricians (M.V.)			
Electricians (Signals)			
Fitters			
Fitters (Cycle)			
Fitters (Electrical)			
Fitters (Gun)			
Fitters (Instrument)			
Fitters (M.V.)			
Fitters, Railway Signal			
Fitters, Signals			
Grinder, Prussian			
Mechanics, Instrument			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			
Mechanics, Radio			
Mechanics, Typewriter	1	1	-
Mechanics, Wireless			
Millwrights			
Operators, Excavator			
Pattern Maker			
Pharmacist			
Photographer, Wet Plate			
Photowriter			
Plumber			
Saw Doctors			
Surveyors			
CARRIED FORWARD	3	3	-

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Surveyors, Engineering			
Surveyors, R.A.A.			
Surveyors, Topographical			
Surveyors, Trigonometrical			
Toolmakers			
Turners			
Watchmakers			
Welders			
GROUP II.			
Armourers			
Axemen			
Bakers			
Bty. Comd'rs. Asst.			
Boilermakers			
Carpenters			
Carpenters and Joiners			
Cooks			
Dental Mechanics			
Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)			
Driver-Operator			
Drivers			
Electricians			
Electricians (Engineers)			
Fire Control Operators			
Gun Operator			
Hatchman			
Height Taker			
Helio Operator			
Instrument Operator			
Intelligence Duties			
Joiners			
Linesman			
Linesman, Signals			
Lithographers			
Machinists, Metal			
Machinists, Wood			
Masons			
Masons			
Mechanics, M.T.			
Miners			
Moulders			
Nurses, Trained			
Observation Post Asstn.			
CARRIED FORWARD	3	3	-

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Operating Room Asstn.			
Operator, Keyboard			
Operator, Line			
Operator, Signal			
Operator, Switchboard			
Operator, Wireless			
Opticians			
Painters			
Panel Beaters			
Photographer, Dry Plate			
Predictor Numbers			
Printers			
Radiographers			
Riggers			
Sawyers			
Signallers			
Signwriters			
Telescope Identfn. Numbers			
Well Borers			
Wheelers			
Winchman			
Wireman			
Woodturners			
GROUP III.			
Battery Surveyors			
Butchers			
Clerks	75	77	(2)
Clerks, Supply			
Clerks, Technical			
Coach Trimmers			
Concreters			
Cooks			
Dental Clerk Orderlies			
Despatch Riders			
Draughtsmen, Signals			
Drivers, R.T.			
Driver Mechanics	5	5	-
Driver Typn. Plant			
Engine Hands, I.C.			
Equipment Repairers			
Farriers			
Fitters' Mates			
Gun Layers			
CARRIED FORWARD	83	85	(2)

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
G.P.O. Assistants			
Hammermen			
Leather Stitchers			
Orderlies, Nursing			
Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Plate Layers			
Sangstakers			
Sivetters			
Songhriders			
Saddlers			
Saddlers makers			
Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Stevedores			
Stokers, Stat. Engine			
Storemen, Technical			
Tailors			
Textile Refitters			
Tinsmiths			
Valeemisers			
Wagon Erectors			
Whitesmiths			
NON-SPEC			
BOWO WO1	2	2	-
CSM WO11	1	1	-
CQMS S/SCT	1	2	1 N/R
STORE MAN	2	3	1 N/R
HYG INSP	12	11	1 N/R
AAMC	2	2	-
DVR MT	41	41	-
DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
WATER DUTY	2	2	-
BATMEN	21	21	-
ORDERLIES	25	25	-
GEN DUTIES	11	20	(9)
HYG DUTY	2	3	(1)
ATTACHED BY W.E.			
AAPC	1	1	-
AA POSTAL	1	1	-
AACC	9	13	(4)
Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	217	231*	(14)*

NOTE.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reinfts. Required."
(e) Where any regiment or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

18 MAR 44
Date of Despatch

R W Johnstone LIEUT
Signature of Commander
(R W JOHNSTONE) ACTG CAMP COMDT

CONSOLIDATED SICK RETURN

LAE BASE SUB AREA

Week ending 18 Mar 44

PART I

UNIT	TOTAL EST STRENGTH	TOTAL NEW CASES Dysentery	Diarrhoea	URTI	PUO	Skin Diseases
HQ LAE Base Sub Area	264	-	-	1	13	9
1 Aust A.R.D.	855	-	3	2	18	22
55 Aust B.I.P.O.D.	28	-	-	-	-	1
103 Aust F.A.D.	146	-	-	-	8	6
2/7 Aust Gen Hosp	280	1	4	-	7	5
112 Aust Gen Depot	183	-	1	8	3	9
22 Aust Eng Coy	370	-	-	-	3	21
154 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	500	-	-	7	35	46
14 AMCU	8	-	-	-	-	1
20 Aust Fd Coy	210	-	-	12	5	1
2/3 Aust Comp AA Regt	795	-	1	23	21	55
133 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	318	-	-	3	19	19
AACS	44	-	-	-	3	-
4 Aust Fd Regt (Rear Details)	168	-	3	-	5	5
9 Aust Fd Bakery Pl	40	-	-	-	-	1
11 Camouflage Unit	3	-	-	-	-	-
5 Aust CRE (Works)	46	1	-	1	1	-
38 Aust Eng Coy	362	-	-	5	11	18
7 Aust Base Postal	34	-	-	-	-	-
11 Aust Water Tpt Coy	200	-	-	5	-	-
2/2 Aust Desert Dyg Coy	249	-	-	8	-	-
21 Tank Attack Bty	128	-	2	4	8	12
10 Aust Fd Coy	99	-	-	1	4	1
Det 9 Aust Fd Amb	19	-	-	-	-	1
2/4 Aust M.A.G.	17	-	-	-	-	1
2/1 Aust Mech Eq Coy	100	-	-	-	2	5
"H" Hy Bty	100	-	3	-	2	2
2 Aust Fd Survey Coy	50	-	-	-	1	5
3 Aust Div Provost	54	-	-	-	-	-
2 Aust Mech Eq Workshops	47	-	-	2	2	9
5 Aust Fd Butchery	15	-	-	-	-	-
37 Aust Eng Coy	305	-	-	-	-	4
19 Aust L of C Sigs	317	-	2	3	14	24
Fortress Workshops AEME	180	-	-	-	8	24
73 Aust Mobile S/L Bty	283	-	-	7	4	8
39 Aust Supply Depot Coy	186	-	-	-	9	3
9 AMCU	18	-	-	1	-	-
6 Aust Farm Coy	30	-	-	-	-	2
9 Aust Stationery Depot	21	-	-	-	-	-
NADZAB						
111 Aust GDS	127	-	1	-	10	-
10 Aust Fd Bakery Pl	19	-	-	-	-	-
27 Aust Line Sec	11	-	-	-	-	-
3 Aust Air Maintenance	302	1	-	6	6	5
Town Major NADZAB	10	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	7632	3	20	99	222	321

PART II

Total number of cases evacuated beyond RAF of : (a) Clin Dysentery - 3
(b) Diarrhoea - 6
(c) URTI - 14
TOTAL 23

A War Diary

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HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA.

21 Mar 44.

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA - ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. A/9.

MEDICAL ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION.

Further laxness has been reported in regard to hygiene and anti-malarial precautions by units in Lae Base Sub Area. This unjustifiable complacency in units is due to the failure of officers to do their duty by seeing that orders in connection with these matters are being carried out.

2. As a result of this laxness, the incidence in regard to Dengue Fever is still too high, Dysentery cases are showing an increase, and Malaria figures are far from satisfactory. Last week's figures showed 50% increase on previous week.

3. The following paragraphs point out the reasons for this unsatisfactory state:

(a) DRESS. The discretion allowed C.O.'s for the removal of shirts during HEAVY manual labour is abused, in that many troops do not resume shirts as soon as the heavy work is over but may be seen lying about at their work, or in their tents, or driving in vehicles, while not wearing shirts. Also, many shirts are being worn open right down the front, so that most of the chest is still open to insect-biting. The evening roll down of sleeves is also most unsatisfactory.

(b) BATHING. Visits to units in the evening have found many men bathing well after 1830 hours.

(c) REPELLENT LOTION. A check-over has revealed that the majority of troops are not using Repellent. It is obvious, therefore, that troops do not realise the value of the lotion in keeping off insects. All troops should be carrying at least a small bottle of Repellent every evening to apply strictly every three hours from dusk to bedtime.

(d) FLY SPRAY. Inspecting officers have found that units have not indented for atomisers and fly spray up to 20% of their strength. Except when a strong breeze is blowing through the tent, the toxic affect of this spray on any mosquitoes has been proved. If possible, every tent and building should have an atomiser which should be used frequently and especially at dusk, bedtime and dawn.

(e) TENTS, MOSQUITO PROOF. Many instances have been noticed where troops are using torn mosquito nets. In such a state they are naturally quite useless as protection from the mosquito. A strict inspection of tents, mosquito proof, will be carried out to ensure that repairing or replacing is made.

(f) WHEEL TRACKS. Vehicles are still being driven unnecessarily over kunai patches and areas where roads are not made, making mazes of wheel ruts. It is practically impossible for the Malaria Control personnel to follow up all these tracks to prevent the inevitable heavy mosquito breeding which occurs after rain. The help and consideration of MT drivers in this matter is requested.

(g) SANITATION. Many latrines have been badly constructed, others have been warped from the heat, and fly breeding is steadily increasing. Latrines should be checked over for defects allowing access and breeding of flies, and these should be corrected at

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(h) CAMP HYGIENE. A number of unit camps still show little sign of being cleared of all tins and other rubbish in which mosquitoes and flies are breeding. INCINERATION of ALL refuse, flattening and burial of all tins and NO dumping of refuse outside the lines must be very rigid unit orders.

(i) REFUSE DUMPS. The habit of dumping refuse in unoccupied areas, even near other unit camps, has been growing lately. Most cases have been followed up and action taken against the units, but as this is not always practicable, it is requested that all officers will co-operate by reporting dumping in any area, obtaining, if possible, the name of the unit, the name of the driver, and the number of the vehicle, so that disciplinary action may be taken.

4. These are only some of the evasions of orders issued, not as pinpricks, as troops appear to regard them, but as instructions for their welfare.

5. The Comd. is not desirous of referring to this matter again as it is considered that those matters are obviously the responsibility of all officers.

6. Further laxness will NOT be tolerated and officers will take steps to prevent any recurrences.

Lt-Col.
(O. A. KESSELS)
AA & QMG LAE BASE SUB AREA.

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HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA.

A10/1/1106

UNIT -

MALARIAL AND DENGUE FEVER PRECAUTIONS.

UNITS MOVING TOWARDS LAE.

Units moving from Lae towards Wau must take more than usual precautions against mosquito borne infections.

2. Intermediate camps along the road are, superficially, free from mosquitoes, but those that are infesting this L of C are predominantly the fever carrying type.

3. Troops are inclined to relax precautions owing to the mosquitoes not being in evidence in large numbers.

4. C.O.s of units moving from Lae to Wau are therefore requested to ensure that the precautions as laid down are rigidly enforced.

A/ [signature] Lt-Col.
(O. A. MESSELS)
AA & QMG LAE BASE SUB AREA.

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MALARIA & DENGUE INCIDENCE

WEEK ENDING 17 MARCH 44

Hq
LAE BASE SUB AREA

Malaria and Dengue incidence for week ending 17 March 1944 is as follows :-

	LAE BASE SUB AREA	LAE AREA
Number of troops	9088	11,979
Malaria Incidence per 1000	8.8	8.3
Dengue Incidence	17.8	16.6

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S. L. Haaland
DADMS LAE Base Sub Area

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State Sec
A/Br
LAE BASE SUB AREA
19 Mar 44

WEEKLY FIELD STATE AS AT 0600 Hrs 18 Mar 44

POSTED STRENGTH	428 x 7290
ATT ALLOWED BY W.E.	25 x 438
ATT N OT ALLOWED BY W.E.	36 x 364
TOTAL TROOPS IN AREA UNDER COMMAN D	461 x 7892
UNITS UNDER COMMAND	97
UNITS M/1	9

INCREASE OF 5 UNITS INCREASE OF 23 Offrs DECREASE OF 562 O/Rs

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DAAG LAE BASE SUB AREA

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

12 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/ 3 /1944 NO L/E BSA (Unit)

W.E. 17/80 / 2 OFFRS. 47 O.R's. 205 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 11 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.		ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.			Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
		1	3	W.Os. Class I.	2	AACC WO1	- 1	1		
		2	12	W.Os. Class II.	10	AACC Sgt	1 3	2		
E/R	1	-	-	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	1	AACC Cpl	1 3	2		
	-	-	7	Staff Sergeants	7	AACC Pte	7 7	-		
	1	3	24	Sergeants	22	AAPostm	1 1	-		
		5	40	Corporals	35	AAPC	1 1	-		
		4	133	Troopers, Privates, etc.	129					
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
	2	15	219	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	206		11 16	5		

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Detail	A.T.F. A	A.T.F. B	A.I.F.	C.M.F. A	C.M.F. B	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	* *	TOTAL
A	138		32	41	24				[redacted]	[redacted]		235
B(1)												
B(2)								[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	39 Amst Supp		
1	133 A.G.T.Coy		
6	Ammition		
2	4 Sea Amb Tpt		
1	3 A Base Sub Area		
11			

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
1	No.2 GRS Pty		
1	193 F.A.D.		
4	Town Major MADZAB		
1	A.D.C.S.		
3	A.N.G.A.U.		
1	43 F.O.D.		
1	5 A.C.R.R.		
1	1 A.A.R.D.		
1	14 A.C.R.R.		
1	Port/WtShops		
2	29 L of C Bde		
1	2/7 A.G.H.		
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Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To ..... (Unit) is Particularly Requested. ...../...../194.....

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

NO L/E BASE SUB AREA ..... Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 25 3 /194 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Ammunition Examiners	1	1	-
Armament Artificer Fitter			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			
Armament Artificer Instrument			
Armament Artificer Radio			
Armament Artificer Signals			
Armament Artificer Wireless			
Artificer, Artillery			
Artificer, Engine			
Blacksmiths			
Bricklayers			
Computers			
Cooks, Hospital			
Coppersmiths			
Dispensers			
Draughtsmen	1	1	-
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			
Electricians			
Electricians (M.V.)			
Electricians (Signals)			
Fitters			
Fitters (Cycle)			
Fitters (Electrical)			
Fitters (Gun)			
Fitters (Instrument)			
Fitters (M.V.)			
Fitters, Railway Signal			
Fitters, Signals			
Grinder, Precision			
Mechanics, Instrument			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			
Mechanics, Radio			
Mechanics, Typewriter	1	1	-
Mechanics, Wireless			
Millwrights			
Operators, Excavator			
Pattern Maker			
Pharmacist			
Photographer, Wet Plate			
Photowriter			
Plumber			
Saw Doctors			
Surveyors			
CARRIED FORWARD	3	3	-

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Surveyors, Engineering			
Surveyors, R.A.A.			
Surveyors, Topographical			
Surveyors, Trigonometrical			
Toolmakers			
Turners			
Watchmakers			
Welders			
CARRIED FORWARD	3	3	-

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Operating Room Asstn.			
Operator, Keyboard			
Operator, Line			
Operator, Signal			
Operator, Switchboard			
Operator, Wireless			
Opticians			
Painters			
Panel Beaters			
Photographer, Dry Plate			
Predictor Numbers			
Printers			
Radiographers			
Riggers			
Sawyers			
Signallers			
Signwriters			
Telescope Identifn. Numbers			
Wall Borers			
Wheelers			
Wheelwright			
Wireman			
Woodturners			

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No.	Rank	Name		Age	M.C.	PRESENT DUTIES WEEK	QUAL & REG POST	PRESENT WHEREABOUTS - IF AW. FROM UNIT.
QX 36300	WO1	Wilson	B.J.	25	A1	Chief Clerk	WO1 Clerk	ON LEAVE - AUSTRALIA
VX127519	WO11	Bayliss	W.J.	43	A2	Transport NCO	WO11 Clerk & CSM	(APPLIED FOR DISCHARGE)
Q 36043	WO12	Prosnoill	P.J.	31	B	General Duties	WO11 Gen Duty & CSM	ON LEAVE - AUSTRALIA
NX 16289	Sgt	Mullins	P.J.	35	A1	General Duty	General Duty NCO	ON LEAVE - AUSTRALIA
[illegible] 26121	Sgt	May	C.F.	[illegible]	A1	Int. Clerk	Intell. Clerk	
T255673	Sgt	Gregory	R.H.	41½	A1	Transport NCO	AAPC Clerk	
VX134942	Cpl	Barclay	A.W.	23	A1	Driver M.T.	Transport NCO	
NX 64848	Cpl	Weller	E.H.	31	A1	Driver M.T.	Transport NCO	ON LEAVE - AUSTRALIA
NX 15833	Cpl	Green	P.H.	24	A2	General Duties	AAPC Clerk	
V 30173	Cpl	Elliott	R.L.	26	2	General Duties	General Duties NCO	
T 22778	Cpl	Hammond	A.T.	25	A1	Hygiene Cpl	Hygiene Cpl.	

GENERAL DUTIES : 4 O.R's.

A.A.C.C. PERSONNEL.

VX124697	WO11	Dunn	H.J.		A1	AACC	Act/Catering Adviser	- awaiting appointment as catering officer
WX 89091	Sgt	Mackaway	J.G.	30	B	Cook	Sgt Cook	Det 10 Grutos Reg Unit
NX 20405	Sgt	Rose	R.N.	28	A1	Cook	Sgt Cook	Det Fort/Workshops
Q 13341	Cpl	Punker	K.J.	28	A1	Cook	Cpl Cook	ON LEAVE - AUSTRALIA
N392325	Cpl	Kervin	W.J.	23	A1	Cook	Cpl Cook	Det 14 Aust C.R.E.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

22 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/3/1944 [redacted] (Unit)

W.E. 27 80 2 OFFRS. 47 O.R's. 206 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 22 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
	2	-	-	[redacted]					
	3	-	2	Lieut.-Colonels 5					
	3	-	12	Majors 15					
	6	-	12	Captains 18					
	-	2	8	Lieutenants 6					
				Quarter-masters					
	2	-	2	A.A.N.S and [redacted]					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs. -					
	14	2	35	47					

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL.		A.T.S.	G.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A.		33	2								35
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
[redacted]	2/Lt.	GRACE C.V.H.	2/7 A.G.H.	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	Capt.	DEARNFORD J.H.	2/7 A.G.H.	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	Capt.	MASON U.H.	2/7 A.G.H.	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	MAJ.	FULLARTON I.S.	2/7 A.G.H.	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	MAJ.	CRESSWELL C.H.	[redacted] 29 [redacted]	[redacted]	R.P.H.

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

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

[redacted] LAE BASE SUB AREA ..... Unit

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[redacted] (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/3/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	LEAVE	
MAJOR	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	LEAVE	
MAJOR	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
MAJOR	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
MAJOR	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
MAJOR	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
T/MAJOR	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
T/MAJOR	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
T/MAJOR	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
T/MAJOR	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
T/MAJOR	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
T/MAJOR	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
CAPT	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	IL-TE	
CAPT	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
CAPT	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
CAPT	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
CAPT	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	LEAVE	
T/CAPT	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	LEAVE	
T/CAPT	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	LEAVE	
T/CAPT	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
T/CAPT	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
T/CAPT	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
T/CAPT	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
LIEUT	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
LIEUT	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
LIEUT	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
LIEUT	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
LIEUT	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
LIEUT	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
LIEUT	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
LIEUT	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
CHAPLAIN	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	
LIEUT	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	
LIEUT	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	
CAPT	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	
CAPT	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	

[redacted]
Date of Despatch

[redacted]
Signature of Commander
([redacted]) [redacted]

Truth—7/43.

SECRET
S & T SERVICES
LAE BASE SUB AREA
26 Mar 44

Subject: WEEKLY REPORT - S & T LAE
for week ended 1800 hrs 25 Mar 44

FROM REF
Copy to HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA (for info)

1 It is desired to report for the period abovementioned as follows:

A SUPPLIES

(1) ASD

(a) Building Construction

No 3 Shed - Partly floored and in use. Security bays complete.

No 4 Shed - GC Iron roofing complete, except for ridge capping, gravelling under way.

'B' Sub Depot

No 12 Shed - Construction commenced. Remaining sheds, clearing and pegging of sites and cutting timber for buildings.

(2) 5 AUST FD BUTCHERING PL

Both 5000 cu ft cold storage rooms have been taken over by this Unit.

Sheep slaughtered 1- 57 lbs

(3) 8 AUST FD BAKERY PL - LAE

Production for the week 52702 lbs

(4) 2 AUST FD BAKERY PL - BADAB - WEWAK

Production for the week - BADAB 15836 lbs

(5) REFRIGERATION

(a) ASD 5000 cu ft Room - Completed during the week and in operation.

(b) 20000 cu ft Plant - All component parts on site. Hard standing have been laid, ground plan pegged.

(6) SEA EVENTS IN

By Air Razor Blades 100000
Fresh commodities Fruit 374 cases

"MICHAEL KERR" taken on charge

From LANGAU - Fortnight ending 25 Mar

Native Vegas 2789 lbs
" Fruits 5275 "

War Diary

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(7) SHIPMENTS OUT

To BURMA — For "SM 94" Sugar, Rum, Sauce, Dehyd Pots, 1 case Wine — 80 tons

To MOROSHIM by air

Wine — 2 cases

To MADRAS by RT

Canned rations, including Native rations — 288 tons
Expense Stores — 12 "

FRESH COMMODITIES

Fruit	167	cases
Beef Boneless	16989	lbs
Butter Fresh	3200	"
Eggs Chilled	1620	doz
Hospital Foods	155	lbs

(8) SHIPMENTS EXPECTED

"SAN PEDRO", "HORTENDINE", "MONACO" and "EDWARD BAKER".

(9) RATION STRENGTHS: LAE - SALAMAUA

AMF Male	14513
Female	75
RAAF	323
RAN	22
NATIVE	6008

MADRAS AREA

AMF	1059
RAAF	3153
NATIVE	950

(10) GENERAL

Reorganisation and re-building of DID LAE is in progress.

B TRANSPORT

(1) Work on wharves has been unusually light. Only one ship "MONACO V WHITE" has been discharging AUSTRALIAN cargo, except for small cargoes of freezer and cooler commodities. Normal routine work was carried out in the discharging of small craft.

(2) Throughout the week there has been a total availability of 215 task vehs daily. This number has considerably exceeded daily demands. Advantage has been taken of this slack period to give drivers much needed rest and to carry out intensive maintenance programme, including repaints and body repairs.

(3) Brake return springs on 6 x 6 GMC's have begun to break with alarming regularity. In the absence of spares, Chevrolet return springs are being fitted and appear to be giving satisfaction. The latest design GMC return spring will be fitted to all vehs as soon as available.

(4) The two Pls of 165 AGT COY will cease to come under Comd of 151 AGT COY as from 2359 hrs 25 Mar 44. CAPT MC CLATCHEY of 165 AGT COY HQ will assume command. During the week the two Pls in question moved to camp site allotted to 165 AGT COY and are making satisfactory progress in preparing camp for complete COY. H.Q., W/SHOPS personnel and remaining Pl at MMMA are expected to arrive by air without tentage at an early date.

(5) 'Q' Branch LAE BASE SUB AREA anticipate being able to allot 30 x 3 ton 4 x 4 trucks to 165 AGT COY within a short time after arrival of abovementioned personnel. 3 x 3 ton 4 x 4's have been already transferred to 165 AGT COY plus 1 x 15 cwt 4 x 4 truck.

(6) No work was done for US FORCES during the week under review.

(7) Tonnage to MADANG again decreased to 514 tons DS.

(8) Analysis of work performed by GT COYS under comd is as follows:

Veh Tasks	Total Mileage	Total DS Tons
1062	37283	7944
Previous week:		
1039	42209	9182

C POL

(1) STOCKS

Holdings are:

Pet MT	30	days
Range Fuel	87	"
Distillate	211	"
Diesel Fuel	129	"
Lighting Kero	103	"
Power Kero	42	"

(2) CONSUMPTION

Estimates for next 30 days are same as last week.

(3) SHIPMENTS IN

(a) "H V WHITE"- completed discharge 21 Mar 44. General condition of containers fairly good. Brandings were at fault, in that as far as can be ascertained, 37 drums of kerosene were branded motor spirit. This will mean a complete check of petrol receipts.

(b) "MICHAEL KERR"- flour-type pack for grease is not satisfactory, as the lids are easily "sprung". A considerable quantity of grease was lost, amounting to approximately 1000 lbs and this can be attributed to faulty packings.

(4) BULK DUMP

(a) BULK DUMP - Roofing of CYLINDERS but not yet commenced. A start has been made on installation of electric light in this dump, which will be used for night loading. When scheme is completed, difficulties encountered in night operations will be completely obviated.

(4) (CONT)

(b) BRITISH WEST - Only a small quantity of rations remain in this area. Building of mess hut etc has commenced.

(5) (a) 34 AUST REPOD PL

This pl moved to new site during the week and will take over 'B' Sub Depot 26 Mar 44.

(b) 55 AUST REPOD PL

Further to para 3 section 7 of last week's report, of the 5 personnel under discussion with [illegible], one OR is being marched out 27 Mar 44 and another is applying for discharge under GRO 736/43. A final decision regarding the remainder has not yet been reached.

D 3 AUST AIR MAINT COY ASC

(1) OUTWARD CONSIGNMENTS

Approximately 747757 lbs gross weight of rations, expence, ordnance, medical, miscellaneous stores, POL and ammunition were despatched by air during the week.

E 6 AUST FARM COY

(1) Ploughing of block reported in last week's report has now commenced.

(2) All available labour has been diverted to the construction of the Farm road. Co-operation of the US FORCES in this work has been secured as portion of the road will be used by them.

(3) One half acre of Brown Beauty beans has been sown.

(4) Native labour is still deficient by 40 of the number allowed under HQF G/4590/MD. If this number were made available the development of the project would be accelerated.

F 5 AUST PO [illegible] PL

(1) 2 Personnel arrived from PORT MORESBY on 23 Mar 44. 2 Personnel who were evacuated to hospital at MUSA returned in 25 Mar 44. Strength of Pl in [illegible] is 1 Off and 25 OR's.

(2) The construction of shade over water trough was commenced.

(3) Sheep pens have been completed and the clearing and fencing of a new grazing paddock undertaken.

G 2 AUST MARINE FOOD SUPPLY PL

(1) Keels of 2 16 ft netting dinghies laid.

(2) 25 ft hull obtained from 1 AUST MARINE CRAFT W/SHOPS and a marine engine is being fitted by that workshops.

(3) LIEUT CARROLL departed for PORT MORESBY 23 Mar 44 in order to obtain suitable timber for boat building.

H 2/4 MAC

(1) Mileage covered by Unit ambulances for the week: 2309
Patients carried: Sitting 542
Stretcher 11

(2) Advice was received on28 Mar 44 from this HQ, that NUMA detachment were to join main body in LAE but no information available regarding 15 ambulances at present with detachment. Disposal advice regarding these ambulances would be appreciated.

(3) Warning Order for Movement of 2/4 MAC to AUSTRALIA received on 25 Mar 44.

I 4 AUST PD BAKING COY

Reorganisation of COY being complete. 8 and 9 Plts are now operating in the LAE-MADANG area.

J GENERAL

(1) CAPT C V CRACK evacuated to 2/7 AGH 20 Mar 44.

(2) MOF SE 1297 re crossposting of LIEUT WHITE WAU and LIEUT LONG MADANG received. 'A' Branch this HQ directed movement of LIEUT LONG could not take place without AGS authority. Letter was referred back to MOF, no further advice has been received.

(3) CAPT B MASON discharged from 2/7 AGH 25 Mar 44. Several days will elapse before he is fit to resume full time 'A' duties on these HQ.

(4) Under authority LHQ memo 25452 LIEUT E L STOKES of 161 AGT COY is seconded to LHQ School of Mechanisation as from 11 Mar 44.

(5) CAPT Mc CLATCHEY 165 AGT COY marched in from NUMA to assume command detachment and prepare camp site. CAPT Mc CLATCHEY will assume command detachment 26 Mar 44 unless HQ of 165 AGT COY arrives from NUMA in meantime.

(6) MAJOR CHARNOCK 102 AGT COY arrived 21 Mar and inspected AASC installations with MAJOR HARPER. Departed 22 Mar 44.

John S. Harper

A/MAJOR LAE BASE SUB AREA

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LAE BASE SUB AREA ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

BRIGADIER I. G. FULLARTON, M.C. COMMANDING LAE BASE SUB AREA

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA.

25 Mar 44.

Serial No. 15

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH

A.310 1945 ARMY XMAS BOOK

1. GRO 678/44 is repeated hereunder:-

1. As the demand for the 1943 Army Xmas Book ("Khaki and Green") has reached the maximum number that can be produced, further orders will not be placed by members.

2. Orders which have been received by the Officer-in-charge, Military History Section, or which are now in transit will be delivered in their turn as quickly as supplies can be obtained from the printer.

3. After orders now in transit have been received, the Officer-in-charge, Military History Section, will furnish to units which have placed orders a forecast of the dates of delivery of orders which have not yet been despatched.

(To be republished in unit routine orders)

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S BRANCH

A.311 INDISCRIMINATE CUTTING DOWN OF PAW PAW TREES

1. Paw Paw trees on BUTIBUM Road have been ruthlessly cut down by personnel to enable them to obtain fruit.

2. Destruction of native gardens of any description is a serious offence and strong disciplinary action will be taken on any repetition.

(To be repeated in unit routine orders)

A.312 CLEANLINESS - PICTURE SHOW AREAS

1. Troops taking tins, boxes, etc to picture shows to be used as seats will ensure they are removed after the entertainment. This applies particularly to Aust Tps who attend American picture shows.

2. Disciplinary action will be taken of any neglect in this matter.

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A.313 ANTI-MALARIA PRECAUTIONS - RECREATIONAL LEAVE

1. Attention is directed to GRO A404/43.

2. LHQ direct that all ranks will take atebrin daily, whilst on leave from NG.

3. All leave personnel will be issued with 24 atebrin tablets before leaving NG.

4. COs will order all troops, proceeding on leave, and/or transfer to the mainland to take atebrin and will further ensure they thoroughly understand the need for the continuance of such suppressive measures.

A.314 NUDE BATHING

1. Ref RO A85 of 8 Jan.

2. Nude bathing is still being carried on in Butibum River in view of roadway.

3. Units in vicinity will take immediate steps to stop this practice and offenders will be severely dealt with.

4. Nude bathing is also prohibited between Butibum River and Malahang road (near Wreck) as main road is now being constructed between these points.

A.315 SOUTH AUST ELECTION

1. Attention is drawn to GRO A82 and units are requested to make available facilities referred to therein.

A.316 QUEENSLAND ELECTION

1. Attention is drawn to GRO A74 and units are requested to make available facilities referred to therein.

A.317 DUMPING OF TINS RUBBISH GARBAGE ETC

1. Ref Adm Instn A/9 of 21 Mar 44 para 3 (i)

2. Units are still dumping tins, rubbish, garbage etc outside unit lines.

3. All tpt drivers will be instructed that it will be considered an offence to convey such refuse for dumping, and strong disciplinary action will be taken in any case brought under notice.

A.318 AFW 3008 and 3009

1. Units are still rendering the above returns to this HQ weekly instead of as at the first Saturday in each month

A.319 HEBREW MEMBERS - JEWISH PASSOVER

1. The Jewish Passover is observed by persons of the Hebrew faith during the period from sunset on 7 Apr 44 to sunset on 9 Apr 44.

2. Subject to operational requirements and the exigencies of the service, all commanding officers will permit appropriate religious observance of this period by Hebrew members of their units.

A.320 MINUTE OF PUBLICATION

1. A FGCM convened by Brig I.G. FULLARTON, Comd LAE Base Sub Area, was held at HQ LAE Base Sub Area on 10 Mar 44 for the trial of NX155723 Lieut Allan Swinton WRIGHT of 1 Aust ARD

The accused was charged with :-

"WOAS NEGLECT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE in that he in the field, on 22 Dec 43 did lose by neglect one .38 calibre pistol No V143377 SMITH & WESSON to the value of £6/5/- and one case pistol to the value of 7/1, on issue to him." AA Sec 40.

2. The Court found the accused NOT GUILTY of the charge (10 Mar 44).

A.321 MINUTE OF PUBLICATION

1. A FGCM, convened by Brig I.G. FULLARTON, Comd LAE Base Sub Area, was held at HQ LAE Base Sub Area on 13 Mar 44 for the trial of NX160705 DR. G.E. KILBY, 151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy.

The accused was charged with :-

(1) "WOAS COMMITTING A CIVIL OFFENCE, THAT IS TO SAY, STEALING, in that he in the field on 14 Dec 43 stole one bundle of folding cots the property of the US Army." AA Sec 41.

(2) (Alternative to first charge) "WOAS CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE in that he in the field on 14 Dec 43 was improperly in possession of one bundle of folding cots the property of the US Army." AA Sec 40

2. The Court found the accused GUILTY of the first charge and NOT GUILTY of the alternative charge.

Sentence: To undergo detention for NINETY days.

The accused was NIL days in close arrest awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 16 Mar 44, and promulgated to the accused in the field on 18 Mar 44.

A.322 MINUTE OF PUBLICATION

1. A FGCM, convened by Brig I.G. FULLARTON, Comd LAE Base Sub Area was held at HQ LAE Base Sub Area on 13 Mar 44, for the trial of S.34584 DR. V.R. VOIGT, 151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy.

The accused was charged with :-

(1) "WOAS, COMMITTING A CIVIL OFFENCE, THAT IS TO SAY, STEALING, in that he in the field on 14 Dec 43 stole one bundle of folding cots the property of the US Army." AA Sec 41

(2) (Alternative to first charge) "WOAS CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE in that he in the field on 14 Dec 43 was improperly in possession of one bundle of folding cots the property of the US Army." AA Sec 40.

2. The Court found the accused GUILTY of the first charge and NOT GUILTY of the alternative charge.

Sentence: To undergo detention for 75 days.

The accused was NIL days in close arrest awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 16 Mar 44,

and promulgated to the accused in the field on 18 Mar 44.

A.323 MINUTE OF PUBLICATION

1. A FGCM, convened by BrigI.G. FULLARTON, Comd LAE Base Sub Area, was held on 14 Mar 44 for the trial of NX136150 Sgt Allen William Ernest HUEGILL, of 4 Aust Fd Baking Coy (AIF)

The accused was charged with :-

"WOAS CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE in that he in the field on 22 Dec 43 was improperly in possession of one .38 calibre pistol No V87827 SMITH & WESSON on issue to Lieut G.J. HORNER." AA Sec 40.

2. The Court found the accused GUILTY of the charge.

Sentence: To be reduced to the ranks. To undergo detention for SIXTY days.

The accused was NIL days in close arrest awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 17 Mar 44 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 23 Mar 44.

Q.324 WORKING PARTY HOURS - EASTERN STANDARD TIMES

1. Ref RO Q.304 of 18 Mar 44.

2. The hours for shift workers other than Docks Op Coy, Employment Coy personnel, working on wharves, and Units working two shifts will be:

0750 - 1600)
1550 - 2400) One hour for Lunch.
2350 - 0800)

3. Units working one straight day shift will commence at 0730 and finish at 1630 with one hour for lunch

4. Hours for Native Labour will be from 0730 to 1630.

Q.325 PURCHASES FROM A.A. CANTEENS SERVICE BY OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS MESSES

1. On and from 1 April 1944 the rate of discount allowed to Officers' and Sergeants' Messes on purchases from AA Canteens Service will be reduced from 7½% to 5%.

Q.326 LABU FERRY SERVICE

1. The schedule for the LABU Ferry is as follows:-

Dep LABU	Arrive LAE	Dep LAE
0815	0845	0930
1000	1030	1130
1330	1400	1430
1530	1600	1630

2. No documentation for ferry service is necessary.

Q.327 PROTECTION OF SALVAGE MATERIALS

1. In order to effect the maximum utilisation of salvage materials such as tentage, clothing and other textiles, it is essential that they should be thoroughly dried before despatch and maintained in a dry condition during all stages of handling.

2. In some cases proper care has not been taken, with the result that quantities of salvage materials have been rendered unfit for further use.

3. The collection and the proper handling of the maximum quantity of salvage materials is of extreme importance and co-operation of formations and Units is sought, to ensure that such materials are given as much protection and care in handling as operational conditions permit.

Q.328 RETURN OF FOOD DRUMS

1. All empty food drums will be returned to salvage with lids.

2. When lids are not replaced deterioration may render the drum useless for refilling.

Q.329 CENSUS SMALL CRAFT

1. All returns for Small Craft will be submitted in triplicate.

2. Supplies of Monthly Census Return of Small Craft, T.128 are available upon application to ADOS this HQ.

Q.330 REQUISITIONS FOR SAWN TIMBER

1. To enable outstanding orders to be met and stock to be built up, no demands from units for sawn timber will be accepted by 5 CRE WORKS before 8 Apr.

Q.331 CEMENT FOR SHOWERS ABLUTIONS AND HYGIENE PURPOSES

1. A limited quantity of cement is now available for use by unit labour on above works.

2. Units requiring cement will submit S.18 to 5 CRE WORKS by 1800 hrs 30 Mar 44, showing particulars of work for which required.

Q.332 TRUCK 1/4 TON 4 x 4 UNIVERSAL JOINT JOURNAL ASSEMBLY

1. All units will inspect Trucks 1/4 ton 4 x 4 to ascertain whether modification as set out in DME Tech. Instruction C9-17, has been carried out, viz to cut oilways in the four ends of trunnion.

2. If this modification has not been carried out L.A.D. or W/Shop will be notified.

Q.333 DEMANDS FOR ORDNANCE STORES

1. LAE Base Sub Area Routine Orders Part 1 Serial 14 dated 18 Mar 44, Q.307 is amended to read:-

"No Quartermaster or his Representative will enquire at Ordnance Storehouse as to the quantity of Stores. All enquiries of this nature will be made to A.D.O.S.

Q.334 DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL EQUIPMENT ON ADMISSION GENERAL HOSPITAL NGF Q440/43.

1. Area Routine Order, Q.210 is rep promulgated. Personnel to be admitted to a General Hospital will report only with the following articles :-

   (a) Change of Clothing (2 Sets Complete)
   (b) Necessaries (Towel, eating utensils) and Belt Web.
   (c) Haversack or Pack.

2. Local conditions are such that until a further order, other articles of arms, equipment and gear will be left with the unit, either in "Q" Store or other safe custody at the discretion of the CO.

3. Arms, equipment and gear will NOT be returned to 43 FOD.

Q.335 SALVAGE OF USED LUBRICATING OILS.

1. LAE Base Sub Area ROs Q.132/44 and 223/44 are cancelled.

2. Oil will be collected and returned to 1 Aust Corps Salvage Depot (683477).

3. Gear, differential, flushing or diesel oil will be kept apart from engine oil, each group being collected in separate marked containers.

4. Applications for oils for Hygiene or anti-dust use will be made to Salvage.

Lt-Col.
(O. A. NESSETS)
AA & Q G LAE BASE SUB AREA.

NOTICES.

MOBILE CINEMA CIRCUITS.

Cinema Circuits for week ending 2 Apr 44 will be as follows :-

	MOBILE CINEMA NO. 77	MOBILE CINEMA NO. 82
MONDAY	Cnr Busu-Bumbu Rds	104 Wkshops
TUESDAY	NADZAB	HQ LAE Base Sub Area
WEDNESDAY	2/7 AGH	HQ 29 Bde
THURSDAY	151 AGT Coy	The Wreck
FRIDAY	104 Wkshops	Cnr Busu-Bumbu Rds
SATURDAY	HQ 29 Bde	2/7 AGH
SUNDAY	HQ LAE Base S Area	111 CCS

Mobile Cinema No. 77 featuring "GENTLEMAN JIM CORBETT" with ERROL FLYNN

Mobile Cinema No. 82 featuring "YOU'LL FIND OUT" with KAY KAYSER.

All units are requested to make a search of 44 gallon drums held by them for markings CY3 lubricating oil. Results will be advised to Adjt S & T this HQ.

CHURCH SERVICES for Sunday 26 Mar 44 as shown in RO No. 14 of 18 Mar 44.

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A.E.M.E. ACTIVITIES.

LAE BASE SUB AREA. WEEK ENDING 26 MAR. '44.

1. A.E.M.E. UNITS OR DETACHMENTS COMING UNDER COMMAND DURING WEEK :-

Detachment of 2/125 Aust Bde Wkshop, which was left at NADZAB arrived LAE 22 Mar. and joined main party.

2. A.E.M.E. UNITS OR DETACHMENTS PASSING OUT OF COMMAND DURING WEEK :-

NIL.

3. OFFICERS REPORTING IN FOR DUTY DURING WEEK :-

TX11011 Lieut R.L.Gillie Fortress Wkshop.
VX10105 Lieut S.G.Walshe 2 Aust Mech Eqpt Wkshop.
NX67450 Lieut J. Hamilton 2/7 Aust Adv Wkshop (ex 2/7 A.G.H.)
VX130739 Lieut J.J.Dunlop 1 Aust Watercraft Wkshop (ex 2/7 AGH)

4. OFFICERS GOING OFF DUTY DURING WEEK :-

VX92425 Lieut L.J. Bartlett 2/7 A.G.H.

5. UNIT HAVING EQUIPMENT BUT NOT WITH UNIT :-

UNIT.	EQUIPMENT.	LOCATION.
247 Aust L.A.D.	Vehicles & equipment.	BUNA (with rear party)

6. See para 7.

7. Developments should now cope with most repair commitments.

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A.E.M.E. ACTIVITIES.

LAE BASE SUB AREA. WEEK ENDING 26 MAR. '44.

ACTIVITY SUMMARY.

1. 247 AUST L.A.D.

Information has been received that the rear party of 247 Aust LAD, consisting of 1 NCO, 3 OR's and 3 vehicles have been loaded on barge at BUNA and are proceeding LAE.

2. ENGINE RECONDITIONING.

The Engine Reconditioning Section of 2/7 Aust Adv Wkshop have received their Norton Crankshaft Grinder which is at present being unpacked and checked.

3. 2/7 AUST ADV WKSHOP.

The buildings for this Wkshop are 50% complete and the remainder are proceeding rapidly. A well has been sunk 31 feet and an adequate supply of fresh water has been obtained.

4. 2/125 AUST BDE WKSHOP.

The rear party which was left at NADZAB has now rejoined its parent unit as also have the majority of the detachment at 43 F.O.D. Vehicle Pk.

5. 333 AUST L.A.D.

A Wkshop hut 60' x 20' has now been completed and this unit is in full operation.

6. M.T. INSPECTION.

Advice has been received that 12 M.T. Inspection Section is moving BUNA - LAE and is expected to arrive 27 Mar. Arrangements have been made to accommodate this Section upon arrival, with Fortress Wkshop.

7. OFFICERS.

Col. Geyton, DDME, NGF, arrived LAE 23 Mar. and proceeded to LABU and thence to WAU by road. Returned LABU 25 Mar., then LABU - LAE 26 Mar., and is to proceed DUMPU 27 Mar.

Lt. Col. Stainton, C.O. 2/7 Aust Adv Wkshop, arrived LAE 25 Mar. to visit the advance party of his unit.

Major Stewart, DADME, Watercraft, NGF, arrived LAE 20 Mar., visited 1 Aust Watercraft Wkshop with CEME and departed for MORESBY 22 Mar.

Advice received that a recommendation has been made by NGF that NX137128 Lt. D.W. Gothard be transferred to 1 Aust Radio Maint Sec., vice Capt. M.J. Marshall. NX147038 Lt. J. Fitzpatrick to be transferred from 1 Aust Radio Maint Sec. to 2/3 Aust Comp AA Regt Wkshop, LAE, vice Lt. Gothard.

Advice received that NX119488 Capt P.R. Esplin arrived MORESBY 24 Mar. and is awaiting movement LAE. The release of this Officer for return to industry has been recommended to LHQ.

Advice received that QX54647 Lt. B.S. Murphy has been reposted from 2/2 Aust Inf Tps Wkshop to 1 Aust Watercraft Wkshop to date from 21 Mar.

G.B. Kater Maj.
(G.B. KATER.)
A/CEME LAE BASE SUB AREA.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES SECRET

Subject:- LAE BASE SUB AREA TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO.3.

Headquarters,
LAE Base Sub Area,
27 Mar 44.

1. To maintain the fighting efficiency of troops under command LAE Base Sub Area, a programme for refresher weapon training of all ranks will be brought into effect by units forthwith. The minimum training time for the present will be two hours per week.

2. Initial training will cover recapitulation of lessons up to range firing practice standard for all weapons with which the respective units are equipped. The greatest possible use of range practices will be made at later stages of training.

3. Unit commanders will ensure that training syllabi and periods of instruction are arranged to provide for the progressive training of all ranks. In most cases, this will entail the squadding of unit personnel and the repitition of similar lessons to different squads.

4. Should difficulty be experienced in implementing this instruction, 'G' Branch LAE Base Sub Area will render any assistance possible.

Major.
(H.D. FERGUSON)
G S LAE BASE SUB AREA

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DISTRIBUTION

Town Major NADBAB
21 Bty 106 TM Regt
HQ 2/3 Aust AA Regt(Comp)(LE) (5)
MILNE BAY AA Ops Room
73 Aust Mob SL Bty
'N' Aust Mr Bty(Coast) HE (2)
5 Aust CRE(Wks) (7)
30 Aust F S Sec(AIF)
133 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy(AIF)
165 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
2/4 Aust MAC
52 Aust BIPOD Pl
54 Aust BIPOD Pl
55 Aust BIPOD Pl
2 Aust Fd Bakery(AIF)
4 Au Fd Baking Coy
5 Aust Fd Butchery Pl
6 Aust Farm Coy
HQ 39 Aust Sup Depot Coy (7)
2 Marine Food Sup Pl
2/7 Aust Gen Hosp
112 Aust Con Depot
111 Aust CCS(AIF)
Det 9 Aust Fd Amb(AIF)
3 Aust Mob Etomological Sec(AIF)
104 Adv Depot Med Stores(AIF)
9 Aust Malaria Control Unit (AIF)
14 Aust Malaria Control Unit (AIF)
22 Aust Malaria Control Unit (AIF)
1 Aust Hosp Laundry
6 Aust Hosp Laundry
Det LHQ Sub Depot Dental Stores
HQ 'B' Sec 2/5 Aust Dental Unit
'B' Sec 63 Aust Dental Unit
43 Aust FOD (5)
103 Aust FAD (3)
2/125 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
11 Aust Mob Laundry & Fwd Decn Unit
7 Aust Mob Arm Repair Shop(AIF)
Det 2/7 Aust Adv Wkshop
2/125 Aust Bde Wkshop
1 Aust Watercraft Wkshop
Det 2 Aust Watercraft Wkshop
2 Aust Mech Eqpt Wkshop
239 Aust LAD (AIF)
247 Aust LAD
298 Aust LAD
333 Aust LAD
Det 7 Aust Base Postal Unit (AIF)
2/1 Aust L of C Postal Unit
4 Aust L of C Postal Unit (AIF)
3 Aust Div Pro Coy(AIF)
9 Aust L of C Stationery Depot
10 Aust Graves Reg Unit
17 Aust Graves Reg Unit
Det 1 Aust Corps Sal Unit (AIF)
22 Aust Emp Coy
37 Aust Emp Coy
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A.A.Amenities Service,
LAE Base Sub-Area,
24/3/44

AMENITIES REPORT WEEK ENDING 24 March 44.

HQ LAE Base Sub-Area

I. During past week contact has been made with the following units:-

CRE WAU Construction,I Aust A.R.D,29 Bde,9 Fd.Coy, 2/6 Commando Squn,ANGAU S&S,Aust Army Canteens Services, D.I.D,HQ 7 Aust Div,73 Mobile S/L Bty,2I Tank Attack Bty, 2/9 Lt.A/A Bty,2/3 A/A Regt,2 Aust Fd.Regt,I65 A.G.T, I5I A.G.T,I33 A.G.T,2/4 Fd.Squn,R.A.E,II2 Con.Depot, 2 Aust Air Maint,2/I25 Bde.Ordnance,I04 Workshops, 3 Div.Provost Coy,ANGAU(District Office),6 Aust Farm Coy,Movement Control,2 Aust Marine Food Supply Coy.

2. EQUIPMENT:- Thirty-five cases of material were received during past week-a full statement of sporting material will appear in monthly report.

3. ENTERTAINMENT:- Advice was received from AQ through 29 Bde. of visit of one officer & 7 O R's from 3 Armd Div.Concert Party.
It is understood that the itinerary for LAE Base Units, which includes I A.R.D,2/7 A.G.H,& I04 Workshops,has been submitted to 2 Aust Corps.
Stages will be completed at 2/7 A.G.H. & I04 Workshops by II Fd. Coy.

4. CINEMA:- Arrival of Mobile Cinema No.75 is expected on 25 March.This cinema will be used to service LABU,WAU Rd,and other units,but itinerary has not yet been completed.

5. SPORTING ORGANISATION:- 29 Aust.Inf.Bde.have intimated that it is their intention to hold weekly Boxing Tournaments. It is thought that this tournament,in addition to those conducted by I Aust.A.R.D.will satisfactorily service this area.

6. GENERAL:- D.A.D. Amenities visited this area on I9/20 March 44 and it was through him that the arrangements for Mobile Cinema were made.

Noted 7 Apr 44

Lieut.
Amenities Officer,
LAE Base Sub-Area.

D.A.D.D.S.,
H.Q. LAE BASE SUB AREA.

24 March, 1944.

Ref: DEN 44/152/18

WEEKLY DENTAL REPORT

Week Ending: 24 Mch 44

1. LOCATION OF DENTAL UNITS:

Unit	No. of D.O's.	Site	Map Ref: LAE 1/25000
H.Q. 2/5 Aust D.U.	2	Rear 2 Aust Corps	701409
"B" Sect 2/5 Aust D.U.	1	104 Bde W/shops	713424
"B" Sect 63 Aust D.U.	1	1 Aust A.R.D.	699497
2/7 Aust Gen Hosp.	1	2/7 Aust Gen Hosp.	705472
111 Aust C.C.S.	1	111 Aust C.C.S.	545549
112 Aust Con Depot.	1	112 Aust Con Depot.	671447

2. WORK PERFORMED:

Men presented for treatment.....389
Men made Dentally Fit.....172
Number of Extractions..... 90
Number of Fillings.....256
Number of Dentures..... 64

3. DENTAL POST, H.Q. LAE BASE SUB AREA:

Now established and functioning.

.....Major
(H. Malcolm Bird)
D.A.D.D.S., Lae B.S.A.

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AUST ARMY EDUCATION SERVICE.

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES WEEK ENDING 25 MAR 44.

LECTURES

	UNIT	TITLE	Approx Attend.
Fri 17 Mar	2/6 A/A Bty HQ	Eastern Front.	30
	B Tp.	" "	60
	20 Aust Fd Coy.	Western Front.	70
	10 Aust Fd Amb.	Pacific Strategy.	35
	30 Aust Emp Coy.	Europe	150
Sat 18 Mar	Loc Fort W/S	(Britain (Travelogue.	120
Sun 19 Mar	AACS	Ireland	30
	104 Bde W/S	Britain Travelogue.	100
	2/1 MEG	Burma	55
Mon 20 Mar			
Tues 21 Mar	111 COS (8 talks)	News Commentaries & L of C's	210
	72 S/L Bty V Sta	Europe	17
	6 "	"	20
	3 "	"	14
Wed 22 Mar	5 Aust CRE (Works)	"	22
	2/6 AA Bty A Tp.	Seamen	100
	111 AGT B Fl	Ireland	20
	372 LAD	Turkey	12
	9 L of C Stationery	Ireland	15
	75 S/L Bty 8 Sta	Europe	15
	5 "	Pacific Strategy.	25
Thur 23 Mar	103 FAD	Turkey	100
	73 S/L Bty HQ	Pacific Strategy.	40
	No of Lectures 29	Total Attendance	1286

The lecture programme is still curtailed because of the absence of 2 Sgts in hospital.
Topics for next week:- Europe, Burma, Social Security, Turkey, Eastern Front, Ireland.

Libraries Recovering and listing AES books in the area continues. Partial lending activities have recommenced, 3 cartons of Penguins having been issued to units and many individual enquiries satisfied.

Radio News Group On an average a dozen men use the wireless facilities in the Education Hats to hear news broadcasts.

Maps Approx 50 maps were distributed to units for their use.

Correspondence Courses 6 applications were forwarded from this HQ this week

Discussion Group Material Approx 30 series of these booklets covering various topics were distributed.

HQ CRE WAU CONSTRUCTION Contact has been made with this HQ and as much educational matter as possible supplied to them.

Staff Capt Campbell DAD left for NGHQ on Wed 22 Mar for consultations with AD Education NGF.

Education Hut The improvements required for this hut have been impeded by shortage of materials and labour. What could be done, has been done. Numerous mosquitoes particularly during the evenings make the hut at present unsuitable for evening classes or lectures.

Stephenson Lieut for Capt
M. CAMPBELL
DAD Education
HQ Lae Base Sub Area.

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"A" Branch.
H.Qs Lae Base Sub Area.

YMCA.H.Qs.
Lae Base Sub Area.
24.3.44.

SUBJECT:- Weekly Report on YMCA Activity in Lae Area
Week Ending 24 Mar.44.

Refreshment service provided by the YMCA to working parties in the area was continued during the past week. This servicek has been in operation now for over 3 months,during which time the following refreshments have been distributed free to the troops:-

8704 galls of Cordial.
9192 galls of Tea.
7885 g alls of Coffee.
14465 x ½lb pkts of Biscuits.
The continuation of this service over such a longg peroid was made possible only by the very valuable assistance rendered by H.Qs Lae Base Sub Area to our organisation.

Refreshments issued to working parties on the Busu Rd including the AGH, Fld Coys. 58 Emp.Coy.etc were 360 galls Tea.

To personnel working on the Butibum Rd including the FAD,FCD,W/Shops 432 galls of Tea were distributed.

To personnel working on the wharf and ASD 240 galls Tea were issued.

At the main rec hut on Busu Rd,the following refreshments were distributed:- 540 galls of Cordial.
170 galls of Coffee.
50 galls of Tea.

Refreshments issued at the coffee stall on the Lae Strip were:-
560 galls of Coffee. 120 galls of Cordial.
328 x ½lb pkts of Biscuits.

Other comforts issued during the week to units in the area are:-
53300 sheets writing paper, 26000 envelopes, magazines, assorted games(checkers,strategy,draughts,chess,dominoes,darts and boards, crib boards,contact,etc)pen holders,nibs,pencils,ink powders, chalk,drawing pins,blotting paper and pads,socks,powder,soap,etc.

The public address system continues to provide nightly musical evenings which are very popular.

(R.H.Rogers. Welfare Officer)
Lae Area.

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HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA.

27 Mar 44.

HQ LAE BASE SUB AREA - ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION A/10.

BATHING AREAS.

1. Reference HQ Lae Base Sub Area R.O. A.314 of 25 Mar 44.

2. It has now been decided to allow nude bathing between BUTIBUM RIVER and MALAHANG WRECK.

3. The Wharf Road from ref Map Lae 703398 and Beach Road to Malahang Wreck are OUT of bounds to Womens' Services.

4. Bathing costumes must be worn EAST of Malahang Wreck to point 721391. Dressing sheds are being erected in this area.

5. Members of Womens' Services desiring to bathe in the area EAST of Malahang Wreck must proceed via ANGAU Compound Rd - Wreck Road 718417 - 716393.

6. Suitable notices are being erected and the above instruction will operate on and after Saturday, 1 Apr 44, after which date the practice of proceeding to the beach through ANGAU Compound and PIB area will not be allowed.

Lt-Col.

(O. A. KESSELS)

AA & QMG LAE BASE SUB AREA.

HQ LAE Base Sub Area
27 March 44
Ref : Med/322/336

MALARIA & DENGUE INCIDENCE

WEEK ENDING 24 MARCH 44

HQ
LAE BASE SUB AREA

Malaria and Dengue incidence for week ending 24 March 44 is as follows :

	LAE BASE SUB AREA	LAE AREA
Number of troops	8,307	11,182
Malaria Incidence per 1000	5.8	6.0
Dengue Incidence	17.1	15.9

S. L. Moulard Major
for DADMS
DADMS LAE Base Sub Area

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Hq LAE Base Sub Area
28 March 44

CONSOLIDATED SICK RETURN

LAE BASE SUB AREA — WEEK ENDING 25 March 44

PART I

UNIT	Total Est Strength	TOTAL NEW CASES Dysentery	Diarrhoea	VDT	Fever	Skin Diseases
Hq LAE Base Sub Area	351	-	-	1	19	8
22 Aust Rep Coy	275	-	1	3	15	40
1 Aust A.R.D.	842	4	5	-	19	26
2/7 Aust Gen Hosp	280	3	-	-	27	4
1 Aust Warrt's Wshops AEME	200	-	9	1	3	14
5 Aust CRE (Wks)	42	-	-	-	3	-
11 Aust Water Tpt Coy	180	-	-	-	1	-
Northern Wshops AEME	169	-	-	15	7	26
11 Aust Camouflage Unit	3	-	-	-	-	-
133 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	264	-	-	8	14	13
2 Aust Mech Eq Wshops AEME	48	-	-	3	3	14
55 Aust BIFOD	27	-	-	-	1	-
20 Aust Fd Park Coy	209	-	-	12	3	-
112 Aust Gen Depot	173	-	3	6	10	-
2/3 Aust Comp AA Regt	793	-	2	23	23	59
Det 9 Aust Fd Amb	19	-	-	-	-	-
2/2 Aust Docks Op Coy	268	-	-	-	6	-
21 Aust T/A Bty	141	-	-	1	6	8
"T" Hy Bty	100	-	-	-	1	3
8 Aust Fd Bakery Pl	40	-	-	-	2	-
8 Aust F.A.D.	148	-	-	1	9	2
38 Aust Rep Coy	360	-	3	5	16	29
4 Aust Fd Regt (Rear Details)	165	-	1	-	22	-
6 Aust Para Coy	30	-	1	-	-	-
3 Aust Div Provost	56	-	-	2	1	3
22 AMDU	11	-	-	-	-	-
7 Aust Docks Op Coy	72	-	-	-	2	10
2/4 Aust H.A.C.	18	-	-	-	-	1
8 Aust Movt Control Gp	55	-	-	-	1	-
39 Aust Corps Fd Pk	164	-	-	-	6	11
151 Aust Gen Tpt	500	-	-	-	25	12
2/1 Aust Mech Eq Salvage Coy	113	-	-	-	1	6
11 Aust Mob Laundry	65	-	-	-	-	-
2 Aust Fd Survey Coy	56	-	-	-	1	10
5 Aust Fd Butchery	21	-	-	-	-	-
335 Aust LAD	16	-	-	-	-	-
37 Aust Rep Coy	309	-	-	-	5	4
19 L of C Sigs	465	-	2	5	9	27
43 Aust F.O.D.	162	-	-	1	18	1
AMPS	36	-	-	-	-	2
75 Aust Mobile S/L Bty	209	-	-	5	4	7
11 AMDU	7	-	-	-	-	-
39 Aust Sup Depot Coy	179	-	-	-	6	4
9 AMDU	19	-	-	-	-	-
1 Aust Hosp Laundry	66	-	-	-	2	1
4 Aust Hosp Laundry	53	-	1	1	1	1
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111 Aust CCS	122	-	-	1	11	2
2/125 Aust Bde Cmd Fd Pk	19	-	-	1	-	4
2/125 Aust Bde Wshops	123	-	-	-	2	10
2/1 Aust L of C Pedal	7	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	8170	4	28	95	306	353

PART II TOTAL Number of Cases evacuated beyond RAP of :

(a) Skin Dysentery 4
(b) Diarrhoea 7
(c) VDT 4

Total : 15

Capt. "H" "H" Harding

S. L. Mainland
Major
DADMS LAE Base Sub Area

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STATS SEC
A-B/R
LAE BASE SUB AREA
26 Mar 44

WEEKLY FIELD STATE AT 0600 HRS 25 Mar 44.

POSTED STRENGTH	441	X	7559
ATT ALLOWED BY W E	20	X	438
ATT NOT ALLOWED BY W E	43	X	338
TOTAL TROOPS IN AREA UNDER COMMAND	504	X	8335
UNITS UNDER COMMAND	99		
UNITS M/L	2		

INCREASE OF 2 UNITS INCREASE OF 23 OFFRS INCREASE OF 443 O/Rs

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A.A.Amenities Service,
LAE Base Sub-Area,
31/3/44

AMENITIES REPORT WEEK ENDING 31 March 44

HQ LAE Base Sub-Area

1. During past week contact has been made with the following units:-

I Aust.W/Craft W/Shops,ANGAU District Office, 9 L of C Stationery,10 Fd.Coy,103 F.O.D, 2/9 Lt.A/A Bty,73 Mob.S/L Bty,I Aust.A.R.D, 52 Aust BIPOD,55 Aust.BIPOD,42 A/A Ops Room, 33 Aust.Wireless Task Section,11 Water Transport, 165 A.G.T.Coy,151 A.G.T.Coy,N.G.Inf.Btn, 7 Fd.Amb,111 C.C.S,112 Conv.Depot,9 Aust RADAR, 2/6 Commando Squn,2/2 Commando Squn,P.I.B, I Aust.Hospital Laundry,6 Aust.Hospital Laundry, 6 Aust.Op.Section,64 Aust Op.Section,D.I.D, 29 Bde,19 L of C Sigs,4 L of C Postal,Y.M.C.A, Canteens Services,Movement Control,104 Ordnance Fd.Park,22 R.S.U.(RAAF)

2. ENTERTAINMENT.

(a) The construction of stages in 104 W/Shops Area and in 2/7 A.G.H. area is now in progress.

(b) One Officer and 7 O.R's from 3 Aust.Armd.Div. Concert Party have arrived in this area,and are being quartered by 29 Bde.

(c) The Tivoli Show Girls have arrived in the area under contract to Special Service Division,U.S.A. SSO has advised that owing to the comprehensive nature of their engagements,no shows will be given in the Australian Area.

3. CINEMAS

(a) Mobile Cinema No.75 arrived from NGF on 29 April, and is being fitted by C.E.M.E.

(b) On 30 April Amenities Officer visited LAE,and it has been decided to erect the cinema site in I Aust Watercraft W/Shops area-transport across the lagoon will be supplied for units on the south side.

(c) New itinerary for the cinemas is as follows:-

	1.	2.	3.
Monday:-	Cnr Busu-Bumbu Rds.	104 Workshops	----------
Tuesday:-	NADZAB	HQ LAE Base	----------
Wednesday:-	2/7 A.G.H.	HQ 29 Bde.	LAE
Thursday:-	104 Workshops	2/3 Conv.Depot	111 C.C.S.
Friday:-	HQ LAE Base	Cnr.Busu-Bumbu Rds	ANGAU,P.I.B,RPC.
Saturday:-	HQ 29 Bde.	2/7 A.G.H.	151 A.G.T.Coy.
Sunday:-	112 Conv.Depot	NADZAB	The Wreck

4. SPORTING

A mixed swimming area is being cleared,and bathing boxes erected on the beach east of Malahang Wreck. This area will be ready for use on 1 April 44.

5. GENERAL

WO1 HINCHEY,AAAS,NGF,arrived 31 March 44-the reason for his visit being an inspection of all Mobile Cinemas

Lieut,
Amenities Officer,
LAE Base Sub-Area.

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D.A.D.D.S.,
H.Q. LAE BASE SUB AREA.

31 Mar '44.

Ref: DEN 44/152/19

WEEKLY DENTAL REPORT

Week Ending: 31 Mar '44.

1. LOCATION OF DENTAL UNITS:

Unchanged from last week.

2. WORK PERFORMED:

Men presented for treatment	490
Men made Dentally Fit	185
Number of Extractions	84
" " Fillings	256
" " Dentures	80

3. A.D.D.S., H.Q. N.G. FORCE, spent two (2) days in area.

4. Dental Stores now completely evacuated their old site at 104 Aust Med Stores, and is established at the rear of Transport Lines this H.Q.
This is very satisfactory - as there is no Officer-in-Charge of Stores it is easy for D.A.D.D.S. to sign certain receipts, e.g., INV's etc.

5. Two (2) Dental Officers "No Duties" for the week.

6. One (1) Dental Section arrived at Buna, will be attached to 2E Aust Inf Bde, who are at present attending 112 Aust Con Depot for Treatment. Patients at 112 A.C.D. at the same time are increasing, and the Dental Officer attached will be fully occupied.

(H. Malcolm Bird) Major
D.A.D.D.S., Lae B.S.A.

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YMCA HQs
LAE.
31 Mar 44

"A" Branch
HQ LAE BSA

SUBJECT:- WEEKLY REPORT - YMCA ACTIVITY LAE AREA
WEEK ENDING 31 Mar 44

Refreshment service for the troops was continued over the past week.

Refreshments issued at the main rec. hut on Busu Road : 216 gallons cordial; 220 gallons coffee; 120 gallons tea; 120 lbs fruit cake.

To working parties on the Busu Road including AGH; 38th Empl Coy; and Fld Coys.:- 336 gallons coffee.

To working parties on the Butibam Road including PAD; POD; Workshops and Road Gangs:- 480 gallons coffee

To working parties on the wharf and ASD:- 240 gallons coffee were distributed.

At the coffee stall on Lae Strip ;480 gallons coff 70 gallons cordial; 50 gallons tea and 320 ½ lb packets of biscuits.

Other comforts issued during the week to units in the area include:-

Writing paper; envelopes; games; cards; nibs; pens; pencils; lamps; clag; mantles; sox; P. K's; sweets; powder; soap;etc.

For information:

On Good Friday Apr 7 44 two church services will be held. At 1000 hrs the C of E will hold the service: Padre Swan will officiate; At 1830 hrs the service for all P.D's will be held to be followed by Holy Communion: Padre Dackeford will officiate.

This information is asked to be passed on to unit commanders for their information.

(Sgd) R.H.Rogers
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WELFARE OFFICER - LAE

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AUST ARMY EDUCATION SERVICE.

REPORT WEEK ENDED 30 MAR 44.

LECTURES The following lectures were given during the week.

Date	Unit	Subject	Approx Attend.
Fri 24 Mar	2/6 AA BHQ.	Japan's Perimeter	30
	2/6 AA Bty B Tp.	" "	70
	20 Aust Fd Coy (3 talks)	" " Tenaka Memorial, Ireland	360
	38 Aust Emp Coy.	Pacific Strategy.	I50
Sat 25 Mar	Lae Frt W/S.	Balkans	I30
	I ARD	News Commentary.	500
Sun 26 Mar	AACS	Balkans	I40
	55 BIPOD.	Western Front.	30
	43 FOD.	" "	50
	3 Aust Air M'tee.	" "	
	4 Aust Fd Bakery.	The Balkans - Military.	60
Mon 27 Mar	HQ LBSA (2 talks)	Ireland	45
		The Traditions of the Guard.	I0
	AA Ops Room	Pacific Strategy.	60
Tues 28 Mar	III CCS (7 talks)	The Balkans and News Reviews.	I40
	2/3 Comp A/A W/S	The Balkans - Military.	30
	73 S/L Bty W/S	" " "	I2
	73 S/L Bty 7 Sta	" " "	I2
	6 "	" " "	20
	3 "	" " "	I0
Wed 29 Mar.	2/6 AA Bty A tp.	The Balkans	I00
	I5I AGT E Pl.	" "	20
	3I2 LAD	" "	I2
	9 L of C Stationery.	Eastern Front.	I5
	73 S/L Bty 8 Sta	The Balkans - Military.	I5
	5 "	" " "	25
	5 Aust CRE (Works)	Burma.	I8
Thur 30 Mar	73 S/L Bty BHQ.	The Balkans - Military.	40
	I33 AGT	News Commentary.	I80
	No of talks 36.	Total attend	2I72

It must be emphasized that after the lecture, the subject is thrown open for general discussion which frequently lasts as long as the lecture.

Topics for next week will include, The Balkans, Burma, The Wider Powers Bill, Social Security, China.

News Sheet Publication was resumed during the week, I80 copies being distributed.

Libraries Books were supplied as follows:-

I3 L of C Sigs 50 Penguins Sufficient for 22 m'tee positions.
70 Books
I0 Fd Amb 50 Penguins
2I Tk/A Bty 70 Books. for isolated gun positions.
Port Directorate I5 Penguins.
6I Wireless Sec 4 Books.
The lending library at this centre should be available next week.

Maps I7 maps were distributed to units for their use.

Hobbies Vegetable and flower seeds were distributed to four units for gardening hobby activity.

Correspondence Courses. Seven applications were forwarded from this HQ.

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Radio News Broadcasts An average audience of 15 listen to news broadcasts at the centre.

Music. A regular series of recorded recitals was inaugurated on Saturday night. About 10 troops attended and it is anticipated that this audience will rapidly increase.

Staff The DAD Education returned from NGF on 25 Mar 44. and Sgt Forster from hospital on 26 Mar. Sgt Sheppard is still in hospital.

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M. CAMPBELL
DAD Education
HQ Lae Base Sub Area.

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31 March 44.

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WEEKLY REPORT for week ending 31 March 44.

I have to report the following activities of Provost in the LAE - MADEAB area.

Monday 27 Mar 44.

1. I returned from a visit to FINSCHHAFEN after making further investigations regarding receipt of registered packages collected and forwarded by 41 Amst Water Tpt Coy to personnel of 11 Aust Water Tpt Coy detached at FINSCHHAFEN.

Tuesday 28 Mar 44.

1. Lieut ANDERSON, O.C. of the Provost Det in MADEAB called. During the conversation he stated that arrangements for spraying of oil at the point known as Station Rd crossroads on the drome area had been very satisfactory; it had completely eliminated the dust problem and allowed the M.P. on duty to carry out his duties under reasonable conditions.

Wednesday 29 Mar 44.

1. Twelve Australian soldiers were arrested for carrying on a gambling game in the precincts of an American theatre, all of whom have been charged. Four other people who were present were Americans, three of whom came from the SS "LEONIDAS MERRITT" berthed at No. 2 wharf, and the fourth was an American officer. This matter has been taken up with the American Provost Marshal.

Thursday 30 Mar 44.

1. Lieut Scobie, acting under my instructions, left for WAU today for the purpose of investigating complaints regarding illicit gold-mining in that area. A report will be submitted on his return.

Friday 31 Mar 44.

Nil report.

GENERAL.

1. Reference to my report of the 17 Mar 44 para 2 of General remarks, no action has been taken in regard to the tall scrub which obscures the view of drivers at the exits from the main road to HQ 5 CRE Works.

2. It is requested that notices be placed close to the YMCA hut on the Buna Rd instructing drivers who intend stopping for refreshment to park their vehicles in the space provided specially for that purpose.
The old practice of parking on the main road is still being carried out by a fair percentage of drivers.

Major.
D.A.P.M. LAE BASE SUB AREA.

29 MAR 1944

HQ LAE Base Sub Area
27 Mar 44
Ref.M44/720/567

WEEKLY SUMMARY AND SITUATION REPORT
FOR WEEK ENDING 25 Mar 44

DDMS
NGF

1/8/15

1. GENERAL MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS

2/7 AUST GEN HOSP. As a result of the diversion of evacuations to 111 Aust CCS for three days during last week-end, the number of patients has dropped and remained about the 1150 mark.
The main bulk of Engineer's work is now complete as the Drainage Scheme for sullage is working. Minor works and readjustments are still being carried out.
Disposal of refuse and tins has been an increasing problem with the growth of the Hospital as material to make suitable incinerators large enough for the purpose has been hard to procure. Improvised incinerators are coping with refuse at present. The huge number of tins for burning, flattening and burying has kept more personnel occupied than could be reasonably spared. The tins are now being punctured and taken to sea and dumped in deep water daily.

112 AUST CON DEPOT. General work on this Depot has increased during the past week and building and cleaning have progressed steadily. Water supplies are not yet satisfactory owing to the continuation of the dry spell. Engineers have continued a pipe down to the present head of the Butibum.
Electric light reticulation is not yet installed but work has commenced on it.
Showers and ablutions are working satisfactorily and more are being installed.
Clearing of the Sports Ground and Picture Theatre is also satisfactory and should be ready for action soon.

MALARIA CONTROL UNITS. No change to report. The amount of oiling required is still below normal during the dry weather and more natives have been made available for clearing work.
Warning Orders have been received by 9 A M C U and 14 A M C U.
The sudden rise in Malaria Incidence advised in the last Situation Report did not continue last week and the rate returned to the level of the previous weeks.

1 AUST HOSP LAUNDRY. Commenced operations on Friday 24 Mar 44, and is dealing with accumulated linen of 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp.
The Light Laundry is continuing work until the Hosp Laundry has made up the deficit.

6 AUST HOSP LAUNDRY. Much of the equipment of this Unit is still on the Mainland and efforts are being made to expedite its forward movement.

MEDICAL EVACUATIONS. "STRADBROKE 11" has not yet been called forward but all stores have been sent on board and personnel are standing by ready for instructions.

PERSONNEL

LT COL MASTERS ADMS (Pharmacy) returned from DUMPU during the week and intends moving on to FINSCHHAFEN within a few days.

LT COL BRETHERTON (C O. 9 Aust Fd Amb) visited the area on Thurs 24 Mar 44 to inspect his detachment at BUSU Medical Post.

LT COL HALL of 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp
MAJ GRICE " " " " "
MAJ WATSON " " " " "
MAJ SHEPHERD att 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp
CAPT BIDDLE of BUSU Medical Post
have all been off duty during the week with probable Dengue Fever.

MAJ C.FORTUNE
CAPT MCKAY
arrived in the area during the week for attachment to 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp.

CAPT ROWE of 2/6 Aust Cav Commando Sqdrn visited this HQ during the week. His unit is staging here en route to AUSTRALIA.

CAPT WINDEYER RMO of 2/4 Aust Lt A/A Regt and
CAPT HAMILL RMOof 37/52 Aust Inf Bn arrived in LAE on 21 Mar 44 and continued on to their units on 22 Mar 44.

3. GENERAL.

1. DADMS visited DUMPU on 23 Mar 44 to discuss with A/ADMS (Lt-Col REFSHAUGE) future evacuations of patients, and medical supplies being received from this area.

2. Discussions have been held with 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp, ANGAU and AMCUs in reference to the native village which is situated across the BUSU River from 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp. The natives in this village were forced by Army operations to leave other villages and 5 Aust Div agreed that they should settle in the present site and that they would not be moved again. Now with the Hospital so close, the effect of the village natives on the Malaria rate has again been brought up. Examination of the children has revealed a spleen rate of 75% and it is probable that blood films will also be prepared to ascertain the gametocyte rate

3. 2/8 AUST GEN HOSP SITE. Buildings are nearing completion according to instructions given to Engineers by NG Force. The theatre and X-Ray block is well advanced and is the last building listed for erection. So far no direction has been received for the erection of a Quartermasters Store which is so very essential.

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APPENDIX "A"

	2/7 Aust Gen Hosp	111 Aust CCS	112 Aust Con Depot
Admissions - Average daily rate	72	19	9
Total Battle Casualties	5	-	2
Major Complaints :-			
Malaria	73	10	-
Dengue	167	43	-
Dysentery	26	1	-
Scrub Typhus	4	1	-
Average daily beds equipped	1416	300	351
Average daily beds occupied	1140	168	149

Dengue rate for LAE Base Sub Area for week ending 24 Feb 44 was 17.1 per 1,000 as compared with 17.8 for week ending 17 Mar 44.

HQ LAE Base Sub Area
20 March 44
Ref : M44/720/526

22 MAR

WEEKLY SUMMARY AND SITUATION
REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 18 MARCH 44

DDMS
NGF

1. GENERAL MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS

2/7 AUST GEN HOSP. The slight excess of admissions over discharges has continued and three days ago the hospital was holding over 1300 patients. As tentage for hospital wards (E.P.I.P. or Hospital Extending) are not available here, further expansion is at present impossible.

It was considered that the bed reserve was becoming too low for safety, owing to the constant possibility of a sudden influx from forward areas. As a result all evacuations for three days, from Friday 17 March, were sent to 111 Aust CCS at YALU. Exceptions were made for acute cases and also Skin and Dysenteries.

111 AUST CCS For most of the week, this unit remained as a holding post with approx 40 patients, but increased at the end of the week as the majority of LAE evacuations were diverted from 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp to this unit.

112 AUST CON DEPOT Continuation of the dry spell has kept the water supply low and the hold up in Ablution and Shower construction in addition has made it impracticable for the Con Depot to expand normally.

The urgency of completion of this Depot in view of the congestion at 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp has been pointed out to this HQ and priority has been given to all essential work especially ablutions, huttage, water supply and electrical reticulation.

2/3 AUST CON DEPOT Personnel and Stores left for AUSTRALIA on Tuesday 14 March.

9 AUST FD AMB (BUSU MEDICAL POST) RAP treatment for all units up the BUSU ROAD is proceeding normally.

104 AUST ADV DEPOT MEDICAL STORES No change to report.

MALARIA CONTROL UNITS The area is now re-divided for control work under 9, 14 and 22 AMCUs. 22 AMCU has moved to 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp site as being more central for their work.

Malaria figures, which have been reasonably satisfactory, showed a 50% increase during the week - the reason is not immediately apparent as the weather has been extraordinarily dry. Increased incidence is not confined to any one area but is general throughout LAE but not NADZAB.

AMCUs are trying to find the reason for the increase and this HQ is enforcing more rigid policing of unit and individual control measures.

1 AUST HOSPITAL LAUNDRY As much labour as can be used has been supplied to this unit to enable it to take over 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp linen at the earliest. It is anticipated that it will commence work on 21 or 22 March.

6 AUST HOSPITAL LAUNDRY has been assisting the set-up of 1 Aust Hosp Laundry. They are still short of some of their equipment which it was anticipated would precede them to this area.

MEDICAL EVACUATIONS (a) By air to MORESBY have been resumed by the U.S. Medical Evacuation Service who will accept Australian patients on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week, and emergencies on any day by arrangement.

(b) By sea from FINSCHHAFEN have not yet commenced but may be anticipated as soon as the "STRADBROKE" is called forward by 2 Aust Corps.

1. GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS (cont.)

MEDICAL POOL The absence of a reserve of AAMC personnel in this area is a periodical worry, as neither 7 or 10 Fd Ambs are under Command and may leave here on short notice. Assistance has been obtained from the Ambs for jobs which do not take the men too far away and so could not return to unit within a few days.

The only AAMC reserve left at present for any long term attachment is in 2/4 M.A.C. whose medical orderlies are not all required for work with the Motor Ambulances.

2. PERSONNEL

BRIGADIER H.G. FURNELL (DDMS NGF) arrived from FINSCHHAFEN on 16 March. Visits of inspection were made to Malaria Control Units, 2/5 Aust Con Depot, 2/8 Aust Gen Hosp Site and 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp. On 17 March he visited RMO ANGAU, 1 and 6 Aust Laundry Units, 111 Aust CCS and 2/4 Aust M.A.C., leaving for DOBODURA on the following day.

COL. J. BELISARIO (CO 2/5 Aust Gen Hosp) arrived LAE-NADZAB area on Friday 17 March. On 18 March he delivered a lecture at 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp on Skin Conditions in N.G. to all M.O's in the area.

LT-COL NOAD (of 2/11 Aust Gen Hosp) paid a visit of inspection to 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp during the week.

LT-COL MASTERS W.G. (ADMS Pharmacy) arrived in LAE on 17 March and is visiting all Pharmaceutical personnel in the area.

MAJOR GRICE was admitted to 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp on 15 March suffering from a P.U.O.

CAPTS McNEIL P.L. and GLYN-CONNOLLY H. of 7 Aust Fd Amb were attached to 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp on 12 March for two weeks duty and experience.

CAPT GRAHAM WILSON RMO 1 Aust A.R.D. left for AUSTRALIA on Wed. March 15 to commence a period of compassionate leave.

CAPT LAWRENCE K. of 111 Aust CCS is relieving at 1 Aust A.R.D. during Capt WILSON's leave.

3. GENERAL

HYGIENE To assist the investigation and control of the Native Dysentery Epidemic, three Hygiene Sgts from this HQ were attached to ANGAU on 17 March and left the area on the same day.

A CLINICAL MEETING was held at 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp on Friday 17 March and was attended by 50-60 M.O's of AMF, RAAF and U.S. Medical Services. A series of very interesting and instructive cases were exhibited in groups comprising Surgery and Radiology, Medicine, Dermatology, Entomology and Microscopy. Visiting M.O's were the guests of the Matron and Sisters for supper afterwards.

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APPENDIX "A"

	2/7 Aust Gen Hosp	111 Aust CCS	112 Aust Con Depot
Admissions - Average Daily Rate	88	14	16
Major Complaints :			
Malaria	117	7	-
Dengue	218	16	-
Dysentery	16	3	-
Scrub Typhus	-	-	-
Average Daily Beds Equipped	1414	200	152
Average Daily Beds Occupied	1257	51	98

Dengue rate for LAE Base Sub Area for week ending 17 Mar 44 was 17.8 per 1000 as compared with 13.9 per 1000 for week ending 10 Mar 44.

HQ LAE Base Sub Area
13 Mar 44
Ref:- M44/720/488

WEEKLY SUMMARY AND SITUATION REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 11 MAR 44

1. GENERAL MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS

2/7 Aust Gen Hosp. Holdings here do not appear to have stabilised yet as there have been over 1200 patients for several days. The remaining 37 members of AANS arrived on Saturday 11 Mar 44. Engineering work is proceeding and is nearly finished except for the sullage drains.
Good use is being made of the Consultants services by the RAAF as well as AMF. The Optometrist has the largest number of D9s with E.N.T. next. The optical service cannot be considered satisfactory owing to the long delays in return of spectacles. The minimum time, if the spectacles are made in NEW GUINEA, is three weeks from the time of test, and, if the prescription has to be sent to AUSTRALIA, the time is unknown as no spectacles have yet been returned. This delay in most cases causes only inconvenience, but in several cases efficiency has been much impaired during the long delays.
Ward Clinics for outside MOs commenced this week and will continue each Tuesday afternoon in the Medical wards and each Thursday afternoon in the Surgical wards.

111 Aust CCS. No change to report and the unit is functioning as a small holding post for about forty patients.

2/3 Aust Con Depot. Further delays in the work due to the shortage of labour has prevented normal expansion. Ablutions and showers are not finished and a further unforeseen hold-up has been occasioned by the dry spell as the BUTIBUM RIVER has dried up completely at the 2/3 Aust Con Depot. The water supply is insufficient to provide for the full number and it is expected that a water cart may have to be used if the weather does not soon break. It is anticipated that more labour may be available when the urgent work on the new hospital site is finished about 14 Mar 44.

112 Aust Con Depot. Personnel and stores arrived on 10 Mar 44 (20 officers and 156 other ranks). It is arranged that this unit will take over from 2/3 Aust Con Depot on 12 Mar 44. The increased number of men will enable the development of the Depot to be speeded up.

9 Aust Fd Amb Det(BUSU Medical Post). This det is becoming steadily busier as more units are switched over to them. It is anticipated that the two MOs at this post and RMO LAE Base HQ will soon be servicing practically all units under command LAE Base Sub Area who are without RMOs.

104 Aust Adv Depot Med Stores. The unloading of stores from the "MICHAEL KERR" is complete and the only shortage was one drum white spirit. The general supply position is satisfactory. The unusually heavy requests from ANGAU resulted in about 160,000 tabs Sulphaguanidine being supplied already this month, but with the arrivals expected according to DDMS advices, this temporary shortage will be rectified.

Malaria Control Units. 22 AMCU with stores arrived here on Friday 10 Mar 44 and is quartered with 9 AMCU. Their personnel are being used with 9 AMCU men to help them learn the local problems and geography. The areas controlled by each unit are now being rearranged and it is probable that 22 AMCU will live at 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp as soon as vehicles and natives are available to them.
The dry spell has eased the work of the oiling gangs and more levelling and clearing has been possible.
14 AMCU has had a special clearing gang on 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp as some Primary Malarias are appearing among the hospital personnel. Discussion with ANGAU on the question of the native village across the

BUSU RIVER from nurses' huts, gradually building closer to the river, resulted in an assurance that this would be stopped.

Hospital Laundries. 1 Aust Hosp Laundry and 6 Aust Hosp Laundry both arrived in this area during the week. It is understood that they are both AAMC. As 1 Aust Hosp Laundry has been allotted to 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp all preference in setting up has been given to it and it should be ready to fuhction in about eight days.

Medical Orderlies. To relieve the five orderlies of 6 Aust Fd Amb working for 19 Aust L of C Sigs Line Sections, three orderlies were sent down on the LAE - MOROBE run on 8 Mar 44. Two of these were detached from 9 Aust Fd Amb and 1 from HQ LAE Base Sub Area. on return of the launch to LAE the 6 Aust Fd Amb men will rejoin their unit.

M.Y. STRADBROOKE. Is reported ready for sea. Stores are being held here for safe keeping and will be returned at request.
Three medical orderlies from the "STRADBROKE" have formed the only Medical Pool available for emergency use in this area. They have been attached to units whose medical NCOs are away on leave or in hospital. It will probably be impossible to fill these vacancies without the provision of a medical pool.

Medical Evacuations. As the US Air Evacuation Service is to terminate at LAE after Sunday 12 Ma5 44, the regular evacuation of patients from 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp to MORESBY by this unit will cease.. Patients will be brought in as usual from DUMPU to LAE but arrangements are now being made for patients for MORESBY to travel by returning transport planes.

2 PERSONNEL

Medical Officer who arrived with 112 Aust Con Depot on 10 Mar 44 were:-

Maj DALTON R T
Capt RYAN C M
Capt AUSTIN H W

Lieut KENT, OC 22 AMCU, arrived with his unit on 10 Mar 44.

3 GENERAL

2/8 Aust Gen Hosp site. Progress satisfactory and completion, sufficient for occupation, should be close to the scheduled date 14 Mar 44.

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APPENDIX "A"

	2/7 Aust Gen Hosp	111 Aust CCS
Admissions - Average Daily Rate	98	5
Major Complaints		
Malaria	84	2
Dengue	180	5
Dysentery	20	3
Scrub Typhus	3	-
Average Daily Beds Equipped	1378	200
Average Daily Beds Occupied	1202	42

Dengue rate for week ending 10 Mar 44 was 13.9 per 1000 as compared with 11.7 per 1000 for week ending 3 Mar 44.

HQ LAE Base Sub Area
6 Mar.44
Ref.M44/720/448

WEEKLY SUMMARY AND SITUATION
REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 4 Mar.44

DDMS
NGF.

1. GENERAL MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

2/7 Aust.Gen.Hosp. Patients held here, have been between 1100 and 1200 during the week. The arrival of the remaining Nurses is anticipated shortly and this will help to shorten the long hours of work at present necessary.
Engineers work on Scale A including Electrical Reticulation is 98% complete. Sullage drains are 70% complete and should be finished by 12 Mar.44

111 Aust.CCS. Is still functioning on a small scale as only about 60 patients are held.
Personnel are engaged in clearing, training and repacking W.E.T. in accordance with plans formulated from experiences gained recently.
111 Aust.CCS is carrying on the R.A.P. in NADZAB and an MO visits this R.A.P. and A.N.G.A.U. daily. If 111 Aust CCS leaves the area it would be necessary for an M.O. to be available for this area, and also it would be advisable to have a small holding post for short term cases to avoid having to send them right through to 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp.
RAAF (NADZAB) have offered to supply a visiting Medical Officer for the NADZAB R.A.P. and also to hold any short term cases if so desired.

2/3 Aust Con Depot. (Map Ref LAE 671447) Opened on Saturday 4 Mar.44 for reception of up to 108 cases at present. Roads are complete except for initial maintenance. Showers and ablution benches are 70 % complete and should be ready within a week.

9 Aust Fd Amb Det. (Map Ref LAE 686423) Opened the BUSU Medical Post on Tuesday 29 Feb.44. Capt.BIDDLE and Capt CURRY are both working here and have about 25 units allotted between them - comprising over 3,000 troops. These M.O's are visiting the units allotted to them and, as far as practicable, are carrying out the duties of R.M.O's.

104 Aust Adv Depot Med Stores Unloading of 60 tons of stores is proceeding but is not far enough advanced to give any count.
The Dental Store Hut is being extended to 120' X 20' and will be taken over by Medical Stores within a few days. The final hut 120' X 20' is also under construction and this will complete the building programme for the time being.
Requisitions have not been abnormal . In non-expendables 111 Aust CCS has indented to bring stocks up to W.E.T. and in a few items is slightly above. These latter items will be discussed with the C.O. before approval is given.
A.N.G.A.U. continues to be the heaviest indenter of Expendables, especially for Sulphaguanidine which they have also received separately from MORESBY.

MALARIA CONTROL UNITS have continued on routine work. Dry weather has limited the oiling work necessary and gangs have been available for clearing near camps. Another 45 natives have been allotted to Malaria Control and these are being used as required by both 9 and 14 A.M.C.U.
A list of works needing the use of a bull-dozer and other Mechanical Equipment is being prepared and will be implemented as the machinery is available.
Advice has been received of the pending arrival of 22 A.M.C.U. but so far notification of its final destination is not to hand.

Malaria Control Units (cont) If it is to work in LAE Area a suitable site will be arranged, but meanwhile it will camp with 9 A.M.C.U. Owing to some overlap by RAAF and USA Malaria Control Units, it was considered unnecessary to retain the full native team under Cpl. WHITEMAN (14 A.M.C.U.) at NADZAB and all except 5 for duty under SMO NADZAB have been recalled to 14 A.M.C.U. in LAE Area.

2. PERSONNEL

(a) Maj.HEDBERG, E. arrived by plane on 27 Feb.44 for attachment as Surgeon to 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp.

(b) Lt-Col.BALL left 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp for MORESBY en route to VIC L of C Area on Wednesday 1 Mar.44.

(c) Maj.C.E. COOK DAD Hygiene NG Force arrived this HQ on Monday 28 Feb.44 He inspected 29 Aust.Inf.Bde Units in the morning and LAE Base Sub Area Units in the afternoon, giving his comments on Hygiene defects at the time. He returned to MORESBY on 29 Feb.44.

(d) Capt.BOURKE 7 Aust Fd.Amb. and Capt.GODING RMO 47 Aust Inf Bn were attached to 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp on 28 Feb.44 for duty and experience.

(e) Capt.WINDSOR of 111 Aust CCS left on Tuesday 29 Feb.44 for Special Leave to sit for a Senior Surgical Degree.

3. GENERAL

(a) 2/8 Aust Gen Hosp Site. Satisfactory progress is being made.

(b) RAAF. After discussion with PMO of RAAF in LAE, NADZAB Area PMO is to arrange direct with 2/7 Aust Gen Hosp for any of his personnel requiring Specialist Consultation or Investigation.

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